

## Alumni



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# Beverly High: Back in action

*The grand opening of Buildings B1 and B2 adds to excitement of returning to campus after lengthy pandemic break*



Above left: The BHHS Administration (Principal Mark Mead and assistant principals Drew Stewart, Torray Johnson and Kim Decatrel) in the new facility. Above right: Students in a state-of-the-art classroom

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*On Highlights' masthead is the phrase "Today Well Lived." It is excerpted from the following poem:*

**Salutation of the Dawn**

Look to this day,  
For it is the very life of life.  
In its brief course lie all  
the verities and realities of  
your existence;  
The glory of action,  
The bliss of growth,  
The splendor of beauty,  
For yesterday is but a  
dream and  
Tomorrow is only a vision;  
But today well lived makes  
every yesterday a dream of  
happiness,  
And every tomorrow a  
vision of hope,  
Look well, therefore, to this  
day.

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## President's Message - Josh Gross '91

Hello fellow Normans:

After many years of construction, Buildings B1 and B2, which face the historic front lawn, have been completed (see photos on p. 49). Buildings B3 and B4, which include the KL Peters Auditorium and Salter Family Theater, are still under construction, but hopefully will be completed by next year.

For those who have driven by the campus and complained to me about how it looks, bear in mind the lawn is currently being used for staging and construction. But rest assured—it will ultimately be returned to the distinctive, rolling lawn that we all remember and love when construction is completed.

Unfortunately, we lost a few

prominent Normans this past year. The irreplaceable Betty White W'39 is remembered in an obituary on p. 64. I had the pleasure of meeting her when she was honored at a Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association dinner in 2012. She even got up and sang the fight song in front of the whole audience! Former BHHS Alumni Association President Bob Fox W'46 passed away as well (see p. 50). I learned a lot from working with Bob, and he will be missed.

Once again I've had the pleasure of working with Melanie Anderson on the production of this edition, which was completed before its deadline and under budget. Melanie previously served as editor of *Beverly Hills Weekly*.

Because there were only a few reunions in 2021, it's especially important you keep us posted of any address changes or developments with your class.

The Alumni Association was founded in December, 1977. Our organization has grown significantly since that time. We now mail this *Alumni Highlights* to over 18,000 graduates living all over the world. The financial support of graduates like you has allowed us to become the biggest contributor of alumni scholarships. This year, as in years past, we awarded \$18,000 to several deserving graduating seniors. See the many prestigious universities they are now attending on p. 7.

In closing, don't forget that you graduated from the most

famous high school in the country—probably the world. We need your continued financial support as we



**Josh Gross '91**

help take our alma mater to even higher places. So if you enjoy reading your *Alumni Highlights*, please consider making a contribution and sending in a class note today.

Until next time my friends,  
Go Normans!

*Josh Gross '91*  
President,

*Alumni Association*  
[josh@bhweekly.com](mailto:josh@bhweekly.com)

## Greetings from Principal Mark Mead

Dear Beverly Hills Alumni,

These are exciting times at Beverly Hills High School. For one, we are back to school and so grateful for that. While we can't see students' smiles in the classroom, it is remarkable how much a smile can be transmitted through the eyes. In this way, we still see students enjoying being in classes

again and returning to the rigorous, rewarding academic Beverly Hills High School tradition.

Speaking of exciting, we've opened the new B1 and B2 building. The B2 building boasts nine new classrooms with state-of-the-art technology and a new ASB room on the third floor. By the way, the views from the northeast side of the second floor of the B2 building are absolutely fantastic. The B1 patio is a charming combination of the College/Career Center, Media Center, and three English classrooms. We are watching the continued progress in the B3 and B4 building with hopeful anticipation for the new World Language and Performing Arts wings. We've seen the drawings. The Peters auditorium is going to be amazing. From a facilities perspective, this is a truly exciting time.

The kids are also back in action and we are excited about that, too. Our athletics program appears to be reenergized, probably as a

**For more photos  
of BHHS's new  
facilities,  
see p. 49**

result of students having missed most of last season, but also as a result of our new middle school sports program. We had more freshman athletes this year than we've seen in years. Our performing arts department is back on the stage, having presented *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* and *The Great Gatsby*. We have both band and choir practicing in full again and they are preparing for their seasonal shows. In September, we enjoyed hearing our choir sing the "Star Spangled Banner" and the band play the Norman fight song live for the first time in 18 months.

Our Career Tech Education program remains another area of success and growth at our school. Our robotics team remains packed with students of all ages; in fact, we just saw our robotics lab get



**Principal Mark Mead in the newly opened B1/B2 Building**

a complete facelift, including new tools, tables and other build items. KBEV and culinary programs, long popular and successful options, are back up and running with weekly programs and anticipated success in state and national competitions. Our

*Cont. on p. 45*

### Corrections, 2021 Edition

The obituary for **John Roesch W'43** (p. 48) inaccurately reported his date of death and included an incomplete list of his survivors. He passed away Nov. 20, 2019 and he is survived by his seven children, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.



## Capt. Wolff W'40, earns French Legion of Honor, inducted into BHHS Hall of Fame



Captain Robert H. Wolff W'40 has been inducted into the BHHS Hall of Fame. The 100-year-old distinguished World War II veteran was recently honored with the highest award that France bestows on its citizens and foreign nationals.

Wolff was awarded The National Order of The Legion of Honor in the rank of Chevalier (Knight) at a Veterans Day ceremony hosted by Julie Duhaut-Bedos, Consul General of France in Los Angeles, at the Residence of France in Beverly Hills on Nov. 11, 2021. Two other World War II veterans, ages 97 and 99, received the award as well.

In December, Wolff was hon-

ored with a proclamation from the Beverly Hills City Council.

Wolff enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet following the attack on Pearl Harbor. He trained as a pilot at Roswell, N.M. and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt.

Following B-17 training he deployed to Scotland in July 1943 in his "Wolff Pack" aircraft and joined the 418th Bomb Squadron of the 100th Bomb Group.

Wolff was on his eighth bombing mission near La Rochelle, France, when his aircraft lost three engines and he had to bail out into the English Channel.

Fortunately, the crew survived, but they were captured by a German patrol boat after their initial rescue by a French fishing boat. Wolff was held as a prisoner of war for the rest of the war. He was liberated on April 29, 1945.

After his discharge from active duty on Nov. 30, 1945, Wolff remained in the U.S. Air Force Reserves until 1957, achieving the rank of Captain. His numerous decorations in-



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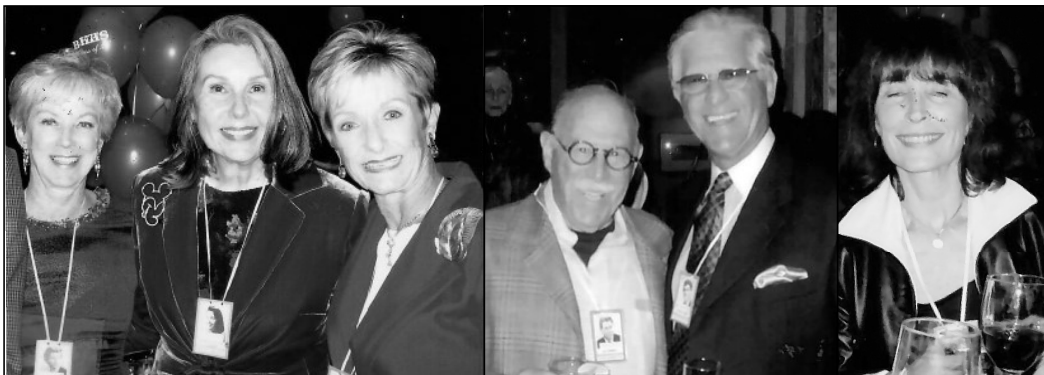
**Capt. Robert H. Wolff W'40 (center) was awarded France's highest honor at the Residence of France in Beverly Hills on Nov. 11, 2021. He is pictured with his son John Wolff (left) and BHHS Alumni Association President Josh Gross '91 (right)**

clude the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

After the war, Wolff had a 35-year career as an insurance agent, retiring in 1985.

Wolff and his wife of 76 years, Barbara, have lived in Oxnard since 1987. They have four children, John, Charles, Nancy and Paul; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

## Class of '54 backs scholarship fund



The '54 Reunion Committee, left to right: Lynn Morris Kreinman\*, Sharon Factor Glaser\*, Barbara Eisendrath, Gil Dembo\*, Stan King, Gloria Cummings Sherwood

*\* indicates committee heads*

The Class of 1954 is proud to make a donation of \$1,293.00 to the BHHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Our class has had reunions every decade since graduation—the 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th! We were also the class that created a new tradition at BHHS for graduating in caps and gowns so that all of our classmates could participate in their milestone event.

As we look back over the years, we realize what a special opportunity we had: great teachers who really gave us their all, wonderful classmates who went on to become leading citizens and of course, the friendships that continue to this day.



## Upcoming Reunions

### Class of 1950

Date TBD

Class rep: Carol Blanchard  
carolblanchard@gmail.com,  
949-837-5558

### Class of 1952

June 26, 2022

Location:

Brentwood Country Club

Class rep: Elliott Wolfe

ipry4u@gmail.com

### Class of 1961

Date TBD

Class reps: Frank Ponder  
and Anne Rosewald Epstein  
(awabbit@pacbell.net)

### Class of 1964

75th Birthday Celebration

Date TBD

Class rep: Marty Nislick

MrMartyN@aol.com

### Class of 1970

Aug. 6, 2022

Skirball Cultural Center

Class rep: Rob Feldman,  
dodgerrob6@gmail.com,  
562-225-7356

### Class of 1971

Oct. 2, 2022, 5 p.m.

Bel Air Bay Club upper club

Oct. 2, 2022, 11:30 a.m.-2:30  
p.m.

Beach Day at Bel Air Bay

Club lower club

Class reps: Robin Radin  
(RWRadin@sbcglobal.  
net) and Debbie Brouman  
Schellenberg (Debbie@  
Dschellenberg.com)

### Class of 1990

Date TBD

Class rep: Doran Adhami,  
doran@ugadvisors.com

### All other classes

TBA

***For current info about upcoming reunions, please visit [bhhs.bhusd.org](http://bhhs.bhusd.org), select the "Resources" tab at the top of the page and click on "Alumni."***

## Beverly Hills High School Hall of Fame

Edwin L. Artzt S'47  
Amb. Nicole Avant '86  
Robert E. Badham S'47  
Josh Berger '84  
Lili Toren Bosse '79  
Lloyd Braun '76  
Willie Brien, M.D. '75  
Jacqueline Orgell Briskin W'45  
Albert Brooks '65  
Ed Brown '57  
Joe L. Brown S'35  
Barry Brucker '75  
Richard Chamberlain '52  
Molly Cosgrave Chappellet S'49  
Laura Newman Chick '62  
Liz Claman '81  
Louise Brough Clapp W'40  
Gene Corman S'44  
Roger Corman S'43  
George Cotliar '50  
Donald W. Crowell '52  
Cally Curtis S'41  
Don Davies S'44  
Ian Dawson '85  
Walt Dougher '53  
Brig. Gen. Frank M. Drew S'48  
Richard Dreyfuss '65  
Walter H. Dunn S'40  
Ed Edelman S'48  
Blake Edwards W'41  
Mark Egerman '60  
Delia Ephron '62  
Nora Ephron '58  
Mike Fenton '52

Betty Hughes Fladager S'41  
Joyce Marcus Flannery '66  
Michele Flournoy '79  
William F. Fore S'46  
Robert L. Fox W'46  
Bonnie Franklin '61  
Daniel Fried '70  
Nolan Frizzelle S'39  
K. Hiroshi Fujimoto S'39  
Ronald M. George '57  
Lunda Hoyle Gill S'46  
Joanna Hall Gleason '68  
Jonathan Gold '77  
Wendy Howard Goldberg '57  
John Guedel W'31  
Adrienne Kosches Hall S'44  
Charles Hamilton S'32  
Aljean Levin Harnetz S'47  
Robert T. Hartmann S'34  
Jim Healy S'41  
Duvall Y. Hecht W'48  
Michael Higginbotham '75  
Robert V. Hine W'39  
Dr. William H. Hindle W'48  
Adrienne Applewhite Jones S'34  
Natasha Chapro Josefowitz S'44  
Harris Katleman S'46  
Herb Katz S'48  
Dr. Jerome Harold Kay S'39  
Ken Kreisel '69  
William Krisel '41  
Ann Reiss Lane S'47  
Serge Lang '43  
Laurence Lesser '56

Mel Levine '60  
Stanley W. Levy '59  
Michael Lloyd '66  
E. Ellsworth Lohn S'43  
Maj. Gen. William Lyon S'41  
Justin T. McCarthy Jr. W'41  
Frank Mankiewicz S'41  
Alejandro N. Mayorkas '77  
David Mellinkoff W'32  
Dr. Sherman Mellinkoff W'37  
John Mirisch '81  
C. Robert Moore W'38  
Frank Morriss W'46  
Terrence O'Flaherty W'35  
Charles H. Older S'35  
Bob Osgood W'37  
Elinor Awan Ostrom '51  
William R. Pagen S'39  
David A. Paige '75  
George M. Pardee S'33  
Hoyt S. Pardee S'36  
Jerry Paris W'44  
Robert L. Patten '56  
Maj. Gen. Carl D. Peterson S'41  
Joel Pressman '67  
André Previn W'46  
John E. "Jack" Randall W'42  
Peggy Rea S'38  
Rob Reiner '64  
William Reppy W'30  
Vicki Behrstock Reynolds '53  
Robert Gore Rifkind S'46  
Will Rogers Jr. W'31  
Jay Sandrich S'49

Michael Schlesinger '60  
Richard M. Sherman S'45  
Robert B. Sherman S'43  
Richard E. Sherwood S'45  
Alan Sieroty W'48  
Mona Simpson '75  
Gerry Curley Somers S'46  
Lynn Stalmaster S'45  
Walter J. Stoessel, Jr. S'37  
Robert L. Street '52  
Maj. Gen. Michael P. Sullivan '51  
Maria Tallchief S'42  
Marjorie Tallchief S'43  
Robert B. Thieme, Jr. S'36  
Josh Trank '02  
Betsy Roberts Ulf S'49  
Frank Ulf S'49  
Tom Van Sant W'49  
James H. Warsaw '65  
Steve Webb '63  
Idelle Feinberg Weber '50  
Loretta Isaacs Weinberg '52  
Meg Whittle Whitcomb S'48  
Betty White W'39  
Jim Wiatt '64  
Wally Wolf S'47  
Capt. Robert H. Wolff W'40  
Robert D. Wood S'43  
Barbara Edelston Yaroslavsky '65  
Daniel Yergin '64  
Richard S. Ziman '60  
Marlene Sudmin Zimmerman '50

## Classmates honor Sturr '78 with Alumni Assn.'s first-ever endowed scholarship

### *Announcing the Diana Isaacs Sturr "Be Positive" Endowment Fund*

BFF (Best Friends Forever) is a small group of friends from the Class of 1978 that have remained close throughout the 44 years since we graduated. The group includes Joanna Fields Stingray, Lisa Hackett, Alicia Saver Goldsmith, Debby Klein Marcus, Diana Isaacs Sturr, Deborah Louchheim Watson, Marc Selwyn, Daniel Leanse and Mark Rosenthal. Our paths through life took all of us in different directions, but no matter where we were in the world, we would make time to connect and would reconvene at an annual Holiday Dinner hosted by Joanna. While our individual friendships remained strong, in truth, the bond that held us most tightly together was our love and adoration for Diana.

Diana Isaacs Sturr (aka Dee, Dee Dee, Deedster, Ace and more) was born on March 28, 1961, the middle child of five in the infamous Isaacs clan of Beverly Hills. All of the Isaacs children went to El Rodeo

and graduated from Beverly. By all rights, given her age, Diana should have been in the Class of 1979, but her precocious intellect allowed her to skip ahead and join the rest of us as part of the Class of 1978.

At BHHS, Diana let no opportunity to participate pass her by. She was an honors student, Speaker of the House for the ASB, a competitive diver on the swim team, a sprinter and high jumper on the track team. For all her scholastic success, she was more than a bit of a troublemaker. She was a total free spirit, completely at ease with being herself regardless of the situation or anyone's opinion. If you were a touch uptight, you might not "get" her, but her friends knew that her love for them was unabashed, and we all returned it in spades.

Upon graduation from Beverly, she attended Brown University and, to this day, remains a beloved alumna of that school. In 1987, she met the love of her life, Geoffrey Sturr, and



**At left: Diana Isaacs Sturr and Daniel Leanse in 1978. Above, left to right: Marc Selwyn, Sturr and Mark Rosenthal in 2019**

he soon became her husband. His career took them to Phoenix, where Diana quickly became a fixture in that community, both as the host of a local radio talk-show, *Valley Views*, and as a college placement counselor for hundreds of children. Speaking of children, she had her own amazing kids, Elizabeth ("Lizzie") and Charlie Sturr, both of whom followed in Dee's footsteps and are alumni of Brown University.

When Diana was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2014, all of us in the BFF group were shocked that this disease would have the audacity to attack the single most vibrant human being we knew, and we united in our love and support for her. Though her days were cut far too short, the zeal with which she lived and the love she shared with us all, without abandon or pretext, is an inspiration.

In tribute to her, and her friendship, the BFF group, and even more of Diana's lifelong friends, established an endowment in her name to fund scholarships for Beverly High students.

Each year, the endowment will bring the BFFs together to select a BHHS senior whose positive attitude and values reflect the best of Diana's spirit, and award them a scholarship to assist in their journey through college. It is the least we can do to honor the memory of our treasured friend and show our appreciation for the laughter, joy and love she brought to our lives.

*To date, we have raised over \$100,000 for this endowment. If you would like to join us in honoring Diana's memory and help future generations of BHHS graduates, please donate to the BHHS Alumni Association and earmark it for the Diana Isaacs Sturr Endowment.*

*The BHHS Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible.*

*— Mark Rosenthal '78*



**Cheryl Doherty, Lisa Hackett, Diana Sturr, Joanna Stingray, Alicia Goldsmith, Debby Klein and Deb Watson in 2019**

**For a list of inaugural donors, see p. 11.  
For Sturr's obituary, see p. 61.**

## Alumni Association presents scholarships to Class of 2021

The BHHS Alumni Association presented scholarships to the following members of the Class of 2021 at a virtual Senior Awards Night ceremony on June 7, 2021:

Celine Boudaie (Michael J. Libow '81 Scholarship)

Parsa Farnad (Class of 1954 and 1955 Scholarship)

Esther Goldberg (Tobey Cotsen '76 Scholarship)

Naomi Jeng (Bradford Jeffries '49 Scholarship)

Jacob Khorsandi (Lazer-Lewis Family Scholarship)

Bradley Moon (Michael J. Libow '81 Scholarship)



Top row, left to right: Celine Boudaie, Parsa Farnad, Esther Goldberg. Bottom row: Naomi Jeng, Jacob Khorsandi, Bradley Moon

## About Our Scholarships

The Beverly Hills High School Alumni Association was established in December, 1977 to raise funds to support scholarships for deserving Beverly graduates. The Alumni Association's Board of Directors represents graduating classes from many decades.

The BHHS Alumni Association is the largest donor of scholarships in the district, offering six scholarships at \$3,000 each. Scholarships are awarded to top students based on a number of factors including merit, academic achievement, engagement in

extracurricular activities, financial need, involvement in the Beverly community and more. Recipients have been AP distinguished scholars and National Merit Scholarship finalists and admitted to selective colleges, including Ivy League institutions and top-ranked UCs. Their talents, areas of interest and academic strengths stretch across disciplines, and students are well respected by their peers.

We are excited to continue recognizing the incredible efforts of our students, and continue engaging with the alumni community.



**Michael Libow '81 presented Alumni Association scholarships during the virtual Senior Awards Night in June**

## Where do our scholarship recipients go to college?

BHHS Alumni Association scholarship recipients from the classes of 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 have gone on to:

Grinnell College

Harvard

Harvey Mudd

Princeton

Rice University

San Diego State

Santa Monica College

Stanford

UC Berkeley

UCLA

UC Santa Cruz

UC San Diego

University of Chicago

University of Maryland

USC

Vanderbilt

Washington University in St. Louis

Yale

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# Family Ties: 2nd & 3rd generation grads

Members of the Class of 2021 who appear in these photos have parents and/or grandparents who also graduated from Beverly.

*Photos courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*



Michelle Delshad '88, Deana Delshad Schwartz '84, Alex Rothman '21, Eli Schwartz '21. Alex attends the University of Arizona and Eli attends Indiana University



Ian Goldstein '21, Juliet Oken Goldstein '83, Gabe Goldstein '17. Ian attends the Center for Media and Design at Santa Monica College



Robert Miller '86, Shannon Miller '21, Haley Miller '21, Meridith Siegel Miller '88. Shannon attends University of Alabama



Marc Schwartz '85, Alyssa Schwartz '21, Jason Schwartz '17, Liela Marcus Schwartz '57. Alyssa attends the University of Connecticut



Nick Walker '21, Tristen Walker-Shuman '91, David Shuman '88, Jeremy Shuman '21. Not pictured: Cynthia Court '66. Nick attends Columbia University and Jeremy attends Syracuse University



Vonzie Paysinger '79, Reina Paysinger '21. Reina attends California State University San Marcos



Nina Kleinert Dveirin '83, Aidan Dveirin '21. Aidan attends the University of Washington





Yonatan Kashanian '21, Yehezkel Kashanian '90. Yonatan attends the University of Southern California



Ayton Zinati '21, Sharona Aminpour Zinati '94. Ayton has joined the Israel Defense Forces



Lori Chasin Fienberg '88, Ian Fienberg '21. Ian attends Purdue University



Jonah Farahmand '21, Farhad Farahmand '90, Julien Farahmand '18. Jonah attends the University of Southern California



Nicole Nourmand, MD '90, Joshua Neidلمان '21. Joshua attends Tufts University



Jill Goren Cogan '85, Hannah-Karen Cogan '21. Hannah attends the University of Arizona



Erika Butler '21, former Beverly High AP History teacher Herbert Dodge, Karen Dodge '77. Erika attends Fordham University



Lorraine Shaby Eastman '86, Shayna Eastman '21. Shayna attends Tulane University



Ari Maman '21, Eric Maman '88. Ari attends Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



Ella Barkhordarfard Omid '90, Michelle Omid '12, Josh Omid '21. Josh attends the University of Southern California



Steve Katz '81, Elliot Katz '21. Elliot attends the University of Washington



Barney Volk '66, Garrett Volk '21. Garrett attends Arizona State University

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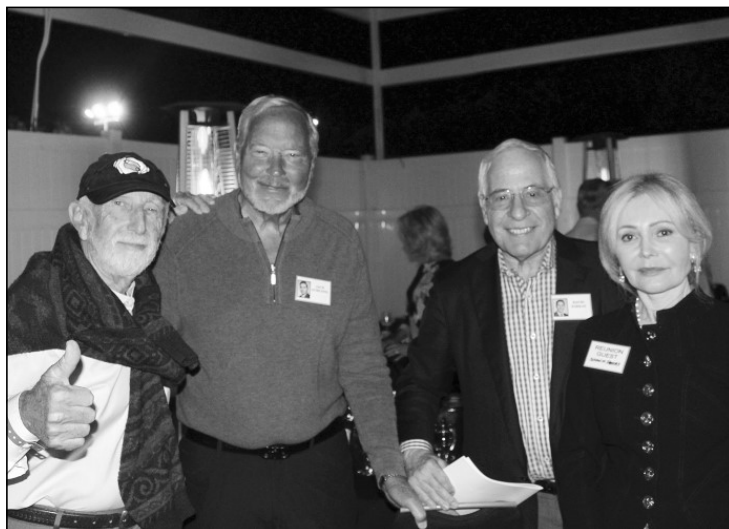


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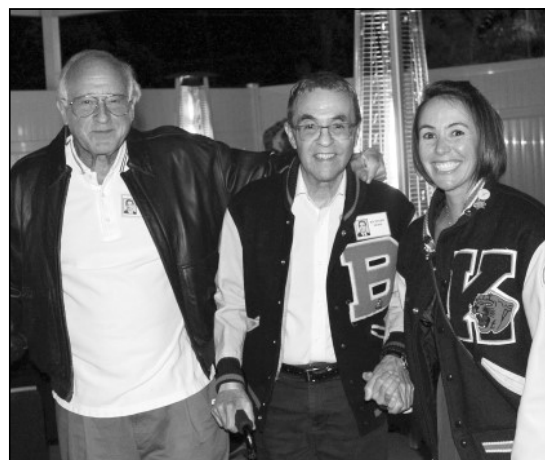
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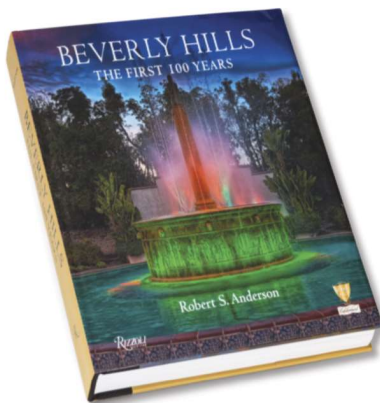


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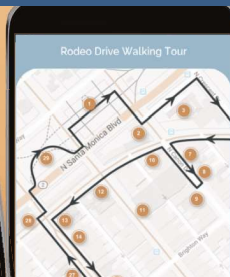
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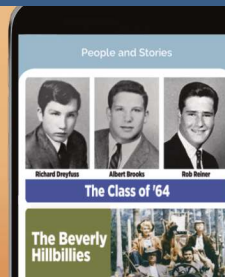
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## 1940

**Mary Osgood Mayor S'41** Mary says 98 is an interesting year. She finds she is getting more reflective on the past: graduating just as WWII began; losing a few friends at the time; surviving two loving marriages; having three great children, seven grandchildren, and eight greats. She feels life has been so good. Looking back at her four years at BHHS, eight years at Beverly Vista, and all the wonderful friendships, she finds there is truly so much to be grateful for! They can always be proud of their days and years at BHHS!

**Audrey Strowburgh Burge '42** Audrey is at La Costa Glen in Carlsbad waiting for the pandemic to be over.

**Arline Horwitz Herbert S'43** Arline doesn't think there are too many of her class left but she has fond memories of her four years at BHHS. She truly loved high school!

**Richard Rowson S'43** Richard worked 75 years in the international field in the east and in Germany with Radio Free Europe. He was also president of several publishing houses and spent five years as president/CEO of the Council for a Community of Democracies, consisting of 120 nations, which he helped found in Washington, D.C. and Warsaw, Poland. He and his wife, Elena Louise, took up residence in the Belmont Village retirement home in Albany, Calif. in the San Francisco Bay Area. The rest of the family all live nearby.

**Aaron Eshman '45** Aaron retired in 2009. He is enjoying life by occasionally traveling and spending time with his six grandchildren, two of whom are married. He's involved in philanthropic activities and enjoys giving back to help others.

**Herbert (Bud) Constine S'46**

Herbert is still enjoying life at the Marina, but at a slower pace. Hi to the few '46 graduates still around.

**Harris Katleman '46** Harris' book *You Can't Fall Off the Floor* was released last year and was on the Amazon best seller list for the summer. Simon and Schuster asked him for a second book. He's thinking about a subject so stay tuned. He feels very fortunate to have three children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One of his grandchildren, Henry Katleman, is the starting kicker for the Oregon Ducks. He chose number 90 in honor of Harris' birthday.

**Pierre Kern S'46** Pierre can't believe he is still alive at 92-1/2! He is still married and has two great-grandchildren.

**Armond (Buddy) Lisle '46** Armond and Kathryn continue to live a good life in Indian Wells. He is more active now and spends more time in the gym. His sons and family visit often and he and Kathryn feel very blessed and grateful. They enjoy the *Highlights* immensely. His email is [trojan52@dc.rr.com](mailto:trojan52@dc.rr.com).

**Lester Wertheimer S'46** Lester and his wife of 45 years, Elyse Lewin, have fortunately been vaccinated and survived the coronavirus pandemic by going nowhere, seeing few friends and relatives, and continuing to work at home. Not quite as fortunate were his oldest BHHS friends, Bob Fox W'46 (former BHHS Alumni Association president), who was infected and died in January 2021 (see obit, p. 50), and Bob Herts S'46, who died a few weeks before that. The downside of getting older is losing those with whom we have shared so many happy memories. That's life, he supposes, but sadly, far from the best part. He continues to hope for better days ahead.

**Oliver Berliner S'47** Oliver has just signed with Revue, recently acquired by Twitter, as a columnist who will use his inside knowledge acquired from his grandfather and father to reveal undercurrents af-

fecting our lives yet of which we are unaware. His newsletter under the heading "Cabbages & Kings" promises to hold nothing sacred.

**Kenneth H. Bleifer W'47** Kenneth remarks the Covid crisis has limited his lifestyle more than his age, but he still tries to stay active. There will be a new normal when the virus is no longer a lifestyle risk. The internet will play a more important role in our daily activities. Uber and Lyft have already made the yellow cab obsolete. The electric vehicle is also for real and will help with climate concerns. Our democracy is on the edge right now. It worries him to think that the popular vote is no longer a guarantee of victory in state and federal elections.

**Selvyn Bleifer W'47** Selvyn wants to take this opportunity to wish all the BHHS alumni who have endured this pandemic good luck as we move forward into uncharted territory but to keep faith because we shall endure.

**Susan Redding Gettle '47** Susan is sorry to report that her best friend, Joan Junge McGovern '47, passed away (see obituary on p. 52). They had been friends since the eighth grade at Horace Mann. They continued through Beverly High and then UCLA. They were Alpha Delta Pi sorority sisters at UCLA and remained so for the rest of their lives.

**Joan Cox McKenna '47** Joan has been living in San Diego for the last 36 years. Her husband Dick passed away 12 years ago. She is lucky to have three of her five children living within 20 miles; her eldest son lives in Palm Springs and her youngest daughter lives in Portland, Ore. The Covid lockdown kept her confined to her apartment at Merrill Gardens this past year and she is looking forward to getting out more for family gatherings and celebrations. She has 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren (so far!). She has many fond memories of BHHS and keeps in

touch with Joanne Rice Killam, Rita Montjoy (Lynn's wife), Karen Edwards (Jim's wife), and recently connected by phone with Jack Shoemaker, thanks to *Highlights*.

**Jack Shoemaker S'47** Jack's class has lived at a great time in history and could not have chosen a better time to see the growth of our state and country. He and his wife Louise are very lucky to live in a wonderful home in Rolling Hills overlooking the Los Angeles basin. They have two children and seven grandchildren (ages 25 to 34) who all live nearby and make Jack and Louise proud. They have been vaccinated, wear masks and keep close to home with family and friends as best they can. In fact, Jack just learned how to make delicious zucchini bread from Joan Cox McKenna who was his classmate at Horace Mann. He wants everyone to keep safe in this changing world.

**Audrey Bledsoe Speights S'47** Audrey was overcome with joy over the outcome of the presidential election. All of the work and marches paid off for our country to be united at last! She was saddened on Jan. 6th to see our Capitol under attack and for the entire world to view! We have so much work ahead to re-unify our nation. Her prayer is that we work together to end this divisive group that is poisoning our country. We must and we can overcome bigotry!

**John Landau W'48** John has been



retired from fabric sales (Hoffman International Fabrics) for 18 years. He has lived in Encino with his wife Norma for over 67 years. They are great-grandparents of three-year-old Fred, and on March 26, 2021 they became great-grandparents again. Fred has a little sister, Allette. John has a unique hobby of doing jigsaw puzzles of famous paintings.



### Tasso, a Great Pyrenees, brings joy to Eleanor James Sneddon '48

He frames them to hang and gives them away. He has done over 160 puzzles with a total of 129,600 pieces!

**Margot Wiesinger Smith '48** Margot says writing a book is what she did to have fun while sheltered in place! *From Czernowitz to China and Beyond: A 20th Century Life* is a book about her mother, Ethel Wiesinger, in her own words taken from audio tapes she recorded in 1984. She told a good story. Ethel was born of Jewish parents in 1890 in Czernowitz, then a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. She describes her life in Czernowitz as a child, China in 1910 at age 20, New York in 1912 and Shanghai again in 1924. Ethel Liebman Wiesinger tells of being married to a German entrepreneur in pre-revolutionary China and how politics affected her life. Her husband Otto Wiesinger, a German citizen, fought in Tsingtau, China during WWI and later sought to import arms to support warlord Chang Tso-lin. In the 1930s, they had an Asian arts store in San Francisco that went

bankrupt during the Great Depression. In 1938 Otto returned to Nazi Germany to support Hitler. Now on her own, Ethel opened the Beverly Hills Hotel Gift Shop and knew many celebrities. After retirement she lived in Charlevoix, Mich., until her death in 1984. Margot and her sister Edith '36 wrote additional stories of the family's life in the 20th century: *My Shanghai--At Age Seven* (Edith) and *Growing Up In Beverly Hills* (Margot). The book is available at Mrs. Dalloway's Bookstore in Berkeley and online at <https://www.mrsdalloways.com/book/9781587905537>.

**Eleanor James Sneddon '48** Eleanor is still in Temecula, home of vineyards, avocados and hot air balloons. Denise, her daughter, lives with her and takes care of all the horses. She has three riding horses. If you can ride, really ride, they have a large "working" arena and facilities for all three horses. Eleanor's home is in Glen Oaks Hills, country area of Temecula. Their latest addition is a Great Pyrenees dog. He is such a joy and a lot of work! She has browsed the latest *Highlights* and enjoys each edition. All her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are near her. She feels like a lucky lady!

**Nan M. Corman S'49** Nan's husband, Gene Corman S'44, passed away on Sept. 28, 2020. He was

in the BHHS Hall of Fame. **Ralph Marx '49** Ralph and his wife Helen have given up sailing their beautiful catamaran sailboat. They have decided on living in their dirt house and starting to travel as soon

as the pandemic restrictions are lifted. Over the summer, they took some road trips closer to their Arizona home. At the time of writing, they were planning some international trips and hoping to have their family join them for Thanksgiving. **Betsy Ulf S'49** Betsy is still in good health and each day she continues to cherish her years at Beverly High. All that she learned from those four years has enabled her to have a most blessed life. She and her husband Frank shared a fairy book life at Beverly and went on to celebrate 63 years of a very happy marriage. He passed away five years ago. His was a life well lived, and hers is as well. Their picture hangs proudly on the Hall of Fame (a little dusty after so many years). It saddens her to have lost all but a few of their outstanding classmates. The Forty-Niners were the greatest!

## 1950

**Barbara Hyman Spitz '50** Barbara's grandson David '23 is a junior at BHHS. He is excelling in his academics, in advanced orchestra, and on the tennis team and the soccer team. He's 6'3" and movie-star handsome!

**Florence P. Chinskey '51** Florence says all is well in Woodland Hills and she is enjoying life. Last June, she went to the East Coast and saw all of her 14 great-grandchildren.

**Joan Rubin Coakley '51** Joan is so sorry they were not able to have a 70th reunion and hopes for one sometime soon.

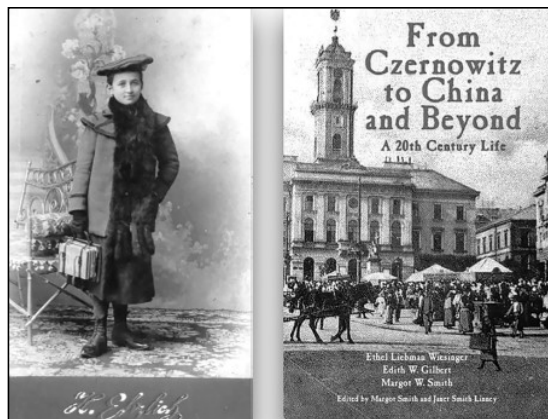
**Carole Wayne Foran '51** Carole says Covid hit them hard. She and her husband Bud came down with it before vaccines were available. They recovered well and she is still working half time as a family therapist. After a stroke in February, Bud came back to achieve the No. 1 national ranking in his age group in doubles tennis (USTA). He lets Carole be his partner on the court occasionally. They have been in their home on N. Elm Drive for

over 50 years. They see neighbor Ann Hecht Saltzman '51 often, as well as Naomi Zimmer Feldman '51. They hoped there would be some form of a reunion, but it looks like that didn't happen. She is grateful for BHHS and sends hello to those who remember.

**Ardyth Eskin Freshman '51** Ardyth has lived in Beverly Hills most of her life. Her husband Sam Freshman moved to California from Michigan to attend Stanford, so it was easy to convince him to live in Beverly Hills. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren. She's very proud that they are a three-generation BHHS family. One of her daughters, Allyce Freshman Balson '79, lives in Beverly Hills. Allyce's two daughters, Michelle Balson '18 and Brooke Balson '20, both graduated from BHHS. After Beverly High, Ardyth attended UCLA. She went on to teach school and get married. She retired to raise her family and she and Sam both love living in Beverly Hills.

**Jeanne Curry Laye '51** Jeanne is still doing taxes as traveling was limited to local areas due to the virus. She saw Ingrid Johanson Steigenga in July when she went to Seattle to join her daughter and Ken's family for a week's visit. She also visited friends in the Los Angeles area in September. At time of writing, Jeanne hoped to get back to traveling abroad by August, but she felt it was doubtful, as Russia was not giving out visas yet. She hopes all are staying safe.

**Art Stauffer '51 and Peggy Albin Stauffer '52** Art and Peggy are buying a place in a retirement community in Palo Alto to allow them access to "continuing care" if necessary. With a few starts and stops, they are managing pretty well. They love having family come to visit and recently visited their son Wes in Maui where he built a new home. Granddaughters are in Davidson, N.C., Wake Forest, N.C., and a grandson is at UCSD



**Margot Wiesinger Smith '48 published a book about her mother, Ethel Liebman Wiesinger**

as a freshman on the water polo team. Art's sister, Betty Stauffer Fore '46, and brother-in-law, Bill Fore '46, recently passed away (see obits, p. 51). Art has chatted on Zoom with Don Rosen '51 and Fred Brown '51 and they both seem to be doing alright. Peggy was recently in touch with Barbara Mason Hofer, who seems lively and in good health. Peggy says last time she wrote about friends from the Class of '52 she did not include a classmate to whom she speaks more often than all the rest. Peggy and Lorraine Shahan Long, who lives in Southern California, connected again about 30 years ago when Peggy and Art lived in Manhattan Beach. Lorraine and her husband George, who has since passed on, attended Peggy and Art's son's wedding, and Peggy and Art attended Lorraine's daughter's wedding. They had visits and walks in Manhattan Beach as well as couples' dinners together. Lorraine has become so familiar that Peggy forgot to include her in her paragraph about connections in the last *Highlights*. Peggy couldn't believe she did not mention her as they have attended reunions of the class and visits when they traveled to Southern California from Palo Alto. Peggy and Lorraine talk every few weeks and compare notes on Netflix, health, family, past experiences, and annoyances

experienced during the Covid shutdown. They have witnessed the loss of several very close friends (see photo). Lorraine is a true friend who, with her usual wit and humor, is a conversational delight. Nothing like old friends!

**Shirley Seams Chestnut S'52** Shirley and her husband Mike still live in Denver. She hopes all classmates are safe after the devastating fires in California in 2021. Shirley keeps in touch with Mike Glick who emails her news about their classmates. She and Mike have known each other since the first grade at El Rodeo. Shirley also corresponds with her best friend in high school, Shirley Wood Lee, who lives in the state of Washington near her daughter and son-in-law.

**Bob Street '52 and Norma Ensminger Street '55** Bob, a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame, and Norma live at the Forum at Rancho San Antonio in Cupertino, way south of San Francisco and just north of San Jose. Norma was the school secretary at Palo Alto's Gunn High School for over 20 years. Bob was first a student from 1952–1957 and 1960–1962 and has been a faculty member in the School of Engineering at Stanford since 1962. From 1957 to 1960, Bob was a Navy officer in the Civil Engineer Corps. He is still active at Stanford, focusing on applied

mathematics as used to study the turbulence in clouds in the atmosphere using supercomputers. He is also co-author of a book on elementary fluid mechanics and one on computational methods for fluid dynamics. In February 2019, Bob and Norma touched on their seventh continent on a cruise to Antarctica (eight, if you count New Zealand). Now, while Bob is still trying to figure out what retirement means at 86, sadly Norma is an advanced Alzheimer's patient and resides at the Forum's Skilled Nursing Facility. In this day and age, it is useful to know that both Bob and Norma have had both Pfizer vaccination shots and are tested regularly. During the pandemic, the Forum management officially declared Bob to be a caregiver, as such he was the only independent living resident allowed to go over to Skilled Nursing, and so be with Norma each day; this was a blessing.

**Elliott Wolfe '52** Elliott muses that here they are exactly 70 years from graduation and he's still part of the reunion committee which has been meeting three times a year for all of these years ... reunions every five years! The 2022 reunion is to be held at the Brentwood Country Club on June 26 (see p. 5 for details), and because all their classmates are approaching 90 years of age, they hope for a reasonable turnout. With 92 classmates deceased and another 80 unaccounted for, that leaves 84 that are known to be living and have been invited to attend. As for Elliott, he is still living in Santa Clarita with his wife of 34 years and supporting the local sheriff's station these last several years; retired 26 years from a long private investigation career; and surrounded by six kids (three from each of their first marriages), 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. There is a celebration of some kind almost every week. Life is certainly interesting!

**Douglas "Buddy" Epstein '53** Douglas wants to know if it's too late to tell Dr. Williams in Biology that he collected half the frogs that Peter Shayne used to raise his grade.

**Judy Nelson O'Beirne '53** Judy says not much new has happened since the last issue of the *Highlights*. She has lived in Coronado for 50 years and has been married to Bill O'Beirne (Stanford '56) for 64 years. Travel is now pretty much limited to Hawaii once a year as well as family weddings. Señor Linsalata's class led her to completing a Spanish major and Mr. Quandt led her to selecting Stanford. Four from Judy's class went. No regrets.

**Peter Bentler '54** Peter is retired from UCLA after 55 years as a professor of psychology and statistics and has moved to Seattle. He has been enjoying watching his 21-year-old grandson, Jenson Brooksby, move up to No. 56 in the world in his first year as a tennis pro. At the 2021 US Open, he took the first set from Novak Djokovic, decisively.

**Phyllis Korentajer Dimant '54** Phyllis' year has been very rough and living in a "retirement" community didn't make it any easier. NO company (not even family) and NO socializing of any kind. One very wonderful personal event was the birth of her 13th great-grandchild! She finally got to meet him in the spring of 2021 when visitors were allowed again.

**Norman Ross '54 and Gloria Stolaroff Ross '56** Norman and Gloria celebrated their 63rd anniversary in August. Obviously, the pandemic slowed down their travel plans, but they are doing OK. Their dog Tarpy keeps them busy. Two of their grandchildren are now married and another is engaged to be married in June of 2022. They have one great-granddaughter and another one due by the end of 2021. It is so hard to believe what their years at BHHS would have been



**Peggy Albin Stauffer '52 (front) and Lorraine Shahan Long '52 (far right) have remained close friends. They're pictured here with their late classmates Verna Billard Gruendyle, Virginia Berger Meriwether and Barbara Tuthill Stroup**



like if we had had this pandemic in the '50s. They feel so lucky!

**Stan King '54** Stan worked remotely the entire year because of COVID, but he completed his 61st year as a financial consultant at Oppenheimer & Co. Every Saturday, he and Dianne went to dinner at a different restaurant with Michael Berman and Renee Sperling. It became a ritual. He had to miss his annual Maui trip because of Covid, but in May 2022 they are going again. He retired from being a USA Track and Field official after 19 years. He and Dianne have been married 53 years and counting!

**Peter S. Spencer '54** Peter says he is still alive and breathing. He's not driving anymore, but now being driven by his partner of 35 years!

**Dee Witt Stone '54** Dee's husband, Stanley S. Stone, died in September 2019. He was a very brave man having had his first open-heart surgery at age 41. Over the years he had more heart surgeries and many times he was an experimental patient leading the way for others because of risks he was willing to take for himself. The last three years he suffered with his lungs. Finally, his death came instantly. It was a blessing for him. With all of it, he lived until over 90. He stayed to see, talk to and hold his great-grandson. What strong wills we humans have. He was a very successful insurance agent and broker for 50 years. He often wrote insurance policies for companies who had never written

certain kinds of policies before. On a more personal note, Stan had a beautiful voice. He often sang and played the piano. Music was very much a part of our lives as well as his wonderful quick and funny humor. We will never forget his wonderful stories. Dee's future is a mystery at the moment. A very dear friend gave this writing to her when Stanley died and she refers to it often as the days go by: "Now is the Only Time. The past is over; the future is not yet here. Live in the Moment of Now." She's trying.

**Bob Yates '54** Bob lives in Newport Beach with his wife of 62 years, Ellie. They have three children, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Bob enjoys racing/sailing his Harbor 20 sailboat with his friends on Lido Isle and at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club. He and Ellie still go to Mammoth on a regular basis where he skis and hikes in the beautiful Sierra mountains. He finally retired this past year after 70 years in the engineering field. Now he has more time for his photography and other hobbies and for enjoyment of a wonderful lifetime.

**Elinor Olden Caplan '55** Elinor finds there is not much new since the pandemic. She is still living in the same Encino home in which she raised her three children, entertained her two grandsons, and, she guesses, after 56 years will continue living in as her "retirement home."

**Terry Feigenbaum '55 and Gail Freeman Feigenbaum '58** Terry

and Gail were enjoying retirement until 2020 took its toll on all of us. Gail, a retired teacher/calligrapher, and Terry, a retired optometrist, were enjoying traveling and spending time at their second residence in Newport Beach. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during the lockdown at home. Their son, Eric '86, lives in Orange County with his wife and three children. Fortunately, they are all well and look forward to a return of better times.

**Joe Friedman '55** Joe sends greetings to the Class of '55! He and Stevie found this to be a challenging but great year. They celebrated their 55th anniversary. They went on a Silversea Cruise in July and a Crystal Cruise in October. All were great and safe. They are fortunate to have four great kids and nine grandchildren, all healthy. He hopes everyone is doing well and stays safe and vaccinated.

**Barry and Linda Jaffe '55** Linda and Barry just celebrated their 35th year of marriage.

**Peggy Ach Hansen '55** Peggy says that thanks to Suzi Pepp Gilbert's willingness to learn how to initiate Zoom, Peggy (Pacific Grove), Suzi (Brentwood), and Sue Diamond Lifschiz (Santa Rosa) are able to see each other and chat regularly. Who says grandmas can't learn new tricks!

**Sharon Wanglin '55** Sharon is maintaining radio silence!

**Craig Zobelein '55** Craig's contributions to society since graduating in 1955 are: 1) electrical engineer who worked on Surveyor moon landings; 2) elementary school teacher; 3) CEO of Zobelein Corporation in California; 4) actor, dancer, singer, composer. His music CDs are still sold around the world. For more, he can be Googled and found on Amazon,



**Terry Feigenbaum '55 and Gail Freeman Feigenbaum '58**

Spotify, etc.

**Cathy Jacobson Palermo '56**

Cathy and her family are doing well with the grandchildren moving ahead in school. Chris had a virtual graduation from Middlebury College in 2020 and completed his first year in a graduate Chemistry program at the University of Washington. Kathryn is a junior at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Cathy and Pete went back east for Karna's high school graduation from Beaver Country Day School in Boston, and she is going to attend UCSD in September. Cole, a high school junior, is active with soccer, volleyball and cross-country skiing. Along with visiting Mark and Lisa in Wellesley, Cathy and Pete were at Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire and visited friends at Cape Cod. Cathy's sister Leone turned 99 in September 2020 so she has had many visits with her in Rancho Bernardo. Cathy and Pete have been blessed with good health, wonderful families and a few travels. They were fortunate to travel with National Geographic in February 2020, arriving home a week before the lockdown. The *Sea Cloud* was first, sailing for a week in the Caribbean, beginning and ending in Barbados. The next part was on a small N.G. ship in Belize, seeing and snorkeling the reefs which were beautiful, as well as visiting the ancient Mayan ruins in Guatemala. They also traveled cross-country in August 2020 with safety precautions in mind for a wonderful adventure.

**Robert Patten '56** Robert is still



**Peter Spencer '54 (center) with his daughters, Kelly Finkel and Jill Spector, in 2019**

writing articles and books about Victorian literature and print culture. He had a great time in NYC with Judy Jordan Warren and Aimee Brown Price, both '57, in September.

**Natalie H. Aran '57** Natalie says it has been a hard two years for everyone. We have all experienced loss, and she is trying to live through the loss of her loving husband Bob from Covid-19 on Oct. 5, 2021, two months before celebrating their 50th anniversary. He was completely vaccinated and the only way he could have been exposed was if a caregiver brought it in. Also, her best friend Fern Litt MacKenzie '57 passed away from West Nile virus two weeks after Natalie's husband (see obit, p. 58). She is back at work trying to make a difference by giving the Covid vaccination and also doing the testing. She is still performing biometrics for large firms and wishes she could laugh and smile again, but this will take time. She loves Scottsdale and the Troon community and is getting back to playing golf, which she learned at BHHS.

**Bob Bard '57** Bob and his wife Marian recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They



**Cathy Jacobson Palermo '56 with her husband Pete**

are still living in Rio Vista, a small town in Northern California near Sacramento. Their two adult children, Cathi and Jim, and five grandsons live in nearby cities. He wishes all the best for all his high school classmates.

**Thomas Grollman, MD '57**

Thomas' review of the last couple of years included planning the trip of a lifetime: a 128-day Grand Voyage Around the World Cruise that would depart from Fort Lauderdale. They embarked on the Holland America ship, the *Amsterdam*, on Jan. 4, 2020. Their cruise took them through the eastern Caribbean, down along the east coast of South America touching on the Falkland Islands before a four-day cruise in Antarctica. They then went around Cape Horn and traveled along the west coast of Patagonia. After stopping in Chile, they visited Easter Island, Pitcairn, Tahiti, Rarotonga, Tonga, New Zealand, before docking in Sydney harbor, Australia. They proceeded north with two stops in Queensland before heading for Darwin, which refused their docking because of the announcement of the pandemic. They were stuck at sea about a week with no place accepting them. After being allowed to disembark in Perth they obtained flights all the way home to Lihue, Kauai, with stops in Sydney and Honolulu. They were told at the Sydney airport that they were closing down the next day and that their flight to Honolulu was probably the last flight out. Thomas' subsequent stay-at-home year included:

- retiring from his medical-legal consultation orthopedic practice;
- sharing a home with the love of his life, enjoying their isolation together;
- producing many iPad paintings based on thousands of photos from their travels around the world;
- reading or listening to Audible books;
- continuing to live on Kauai;
- and receiving their Moderna

vaccinations by February 2021.

**Arthur D. Kraus '57**

Arthur is preparing for the 70th reunion. He's shedding excess weight, dying his hair and doing regular exercise walking to the bathroom each night. He is looking forward to seeing everyone if he can find his glasses and remember when and where the event will be held. As Ms. Schmidt told him, "The future belongs to those who prepare."

**Adrienne B. Leibovitz '57**

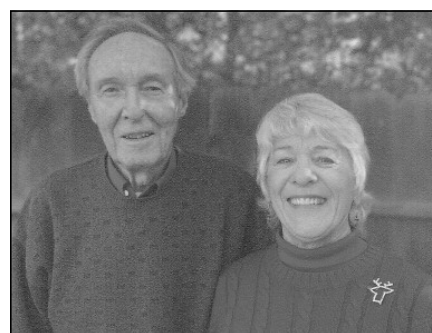
Adrienne knows firsthand that Beverly Hills schools are unparalleled in offering a grand education to their students. Her daughters attended private schools because once out of Beverly Hills, educational institutions don't hold a candle in comparison to the education she and her brother received attending Beverly Hills schools. Beverly Hills offers a world to be savored and appreciated by the entire family for a lifetime. Her children were raised in Baltimore, Md. Her granddaughter attends the same private school as her mother and aunt attended.

**Betty Porter Bagdasarian '58**

Betty is thankful for the continuation of the Alumni Association magazine. Friends who did not attend BHHS are quite impressed with the overall coverage. She feels very blessed to have had such a wonderful education, as well as lifelong friends that she has cherished through the thick and thin of life.

**Thomas Bleakley '58** Thomas advises us he is now 82!

**Dr. Steve Glaseman '58** Steve and Mary Jayne are going on 20 years as residents in a small, remote village in the SoCal mountains, about 90 minutes from a proper supermarket! They celebrated their 60th (!) wedding anniversary in 2021. Both of them continue to



**Bob '57 and Marian Bard**

volunteer for their local sheriff's office and are trained members of the local emergency response team. Mary Jayne continues her prize-winning quilting projects and Steve is still pretending to play guitar with the village Celtic music group. Their children and grandchildren are all healthy and happy. Importantly, their whole family has been fortunate to have avoided the pandemic these past couple of years. They hope all their '58 classmates have been and will remain as fortunate as they have been.

**Tom Moore '58 and Ann**

**Spellman Moore '59** Ann and Tom Moore were blessed with the birth of their first great-grandson in December 2020. Ann and Tom continue to travel while they are able. Ann plays bridge and Tom plays golf.

**Jack G. Morgan '58** Jack feels he got a bit long-winded with his notes in the last edition of the *Highlights*, but with the help of COVID-19 he promises to keep this much shorter. This past year he did nothing and went nowhere! The only form of excitement he had was



**Dr. Steve '58 and Mary Jayne Glaseman**



**Irwin Zeke Warsaw '58 celebrated his mom Anne's 105th birthday in Newport Beach in August**

undergoing surgery for a full left hip replacement in October 2020. A month later he was driving their RV back to the villages in Florida where they have been wintering for the past six years or so. As the hip began to improve and heal, he started feeling the same pain in his right hip. Sure enough, in February 2021 he had the very same surgery done on his right hip! His grandmother had an expression

that she used quite often while he was growing up: "If these are the golden years, why are they so tarnished?" That expression has become more and more clear to him in the past several years!

**Irwin Zeke Warsaw '58**

Irwin sends greetings to his fellow classmates and hopes that 2022 is the beginning of the end of our miserable COVID-19 era. May the days of unmasked social gathering return soon, so we can all resume enjoying each other's companionship and start to have fun together. For the most part they spent 2021 in semi-

isolation, trying to avoid becoming a COVID statistic. The best thing to happen in 2021 for the Warsaw family was celebrating their mom Anne Warsaw's 105th birthday in August. Fortunately, they were also blessed to celebrate Channukah with Mom and to see her usher in the New Year of 2022. How special and sweet that was! On the other hand, they decided to play it safe and cancel their annual Hawaiian

vacation. They are hoping that if circumstances allow, they'll be able to have a small 64th class reunion in October. By this spring, their reunion committee probably will be able to notify everyone if that is possible or not. He is sending best wishes to everyone for safety, vigilance and good health.

**Nancy Schwartz Young '58**

Nancy found the articles in the *Highlights* about the achievements of our grads so interesting. She bought *The New Map* by Daniel Yergin '64 (see p. 24) and found it fascinating. She sends her best.

**Baret Fink '59**

Baret says it has been about 60 years since graduation and life has had all types of experiences, but the days at Beverly set the course of his life and are remembered with gratitude.

**Laura Leventhal Soloff-Geller '59**

Laura's class held its 60-year reunion in 2019 and it was great to see so many classmates. Along with Carolyn (Fabrick) Saltsman, Laura was co-chair of the event. The proceeds from the reunion (\$2,666) were donated to the BHHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. She retired in 2012 after nine years

as president of the Art Institute of California located in Santa Monica. Prior to that she led the start-up of the Orange County Campus of Art Institute in 2000 for three years as a member of the executive team of EDMC, located in Pittsburgh, Pa. Prior to that she worked in Human Resources at SONY Pictures, FIDM and Broadway Dept Stores after teaching in Culver City for three years. With a background in Human Resources, she did some consulting work following retirement for private school owners and also worked as Acting VP of HR for Otis College of Art and Design for five months in 2017. She is a widow and has one son who works for Warner Bros. She had a wonderful career and is enjoying retirement.

**Leona Walden '59**

Leona has been living on the beautiful and cool Mendocino Coast of Northern California for 50 years. She is grateful for friends and family nearby. She and Toby celebrated 21 years together with joy and fulfillment. Mostly retired, she finds her passion in her Asian-English garden and nonprofit

**Reflecting on a cherished friendship**

*Gay Hubbard Durward '63 remembers Allan Cameron '63 (see obituary on p. 59):*

First, a disclaimer: I have been joyously married to the love of my life for 53 years. This is not about him.

A freshman in high school, I had just finished an all-day public speaking and debate tournament and was absolutely exhausted. I staggered onto the bus, found a seat and leaned into the cold window to nap on the 30-mile ride home. I was barely aware when someone sat down beside me but, after a few miles, I heard a velvety baritone say, "Shoulders are available." He didn't have to say it twice.

Several weeks later, he asked

to escort me to the first formal of the year, which happened to fall on my 14th birthday—the landmark my parents had set for dating. I put on a lovely, full-skirted blue taffeta dress with matching necklace and earrings, modest heels, and a capelet. The older girl downstairs had done my hair and makeup and I truly felt royal as I floated down the stairs to greet him. There he stood in a perfectly tailored charcoal suit, holding a gardenia corsage (how did he know it was my favorite?) and a huge bottle of Chanel No. 5! We danced the night away to the romantic doo-wop of the late fifties. It was magical.

We shared a lot of interests, especially singing. He was a prodigy with a fully mature baritone voice that ranged from

a sonorous bass to a *Jersey Boys*-worthy falsetto. Although he could have been mistaken for a "bad boy" with his height, pompadour and leather jacket, he was the gentlest of souls who loved to laugh, starting with a rumbling belly guffaw, passing through a rather wicked sounding chuckle and ending with a high nasal wheeze. This was all the more remarkable since, as I later learned, he faced some very difficult situations at home.

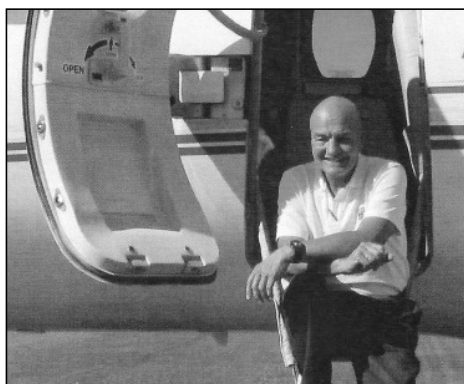
We never became a couple ... teenage angst would have ruined a wonderful friendship; but we loved each other in the way you love someone who makes you smile just by walking into the room. On a concert tour in our senior year, we were hosted by two wonderful young people who remain our

friends to this day, with the four of us running amok between concerts! It was there that we saw his version of the Twist ... a version that would have made Chubby Checker blush!

As people will, we grew apart after high school. We went to different colleges, got married and started careers, but we did stay in touch. Every so often he would call to check on me and my mother, who was one of his favorite teachers. I never had to ask who was calling ... there was no mistaking the voice. When I called to tell him that my mother had passed away, I could hear the tears in his heart.

Four days ago, I received word that he was gone. Wherever he is, I hope he can hear the tears in my heart!





**Charlie Hutter '61**

volunteering. *Country Women, A Handbook of the New Farmer* was republished last year, a thrill for Leona, who illustrated the *How to Live in the Country* book with over 150 drawings. Life is still excellent.

## 1960

**Phyl Taub Greenleaf '60** Phyl is enjoying living in Santa Cruz with her partner, Stan, a magician and spirit-energy healer. She continues being an activist for democracy and our planet Earth, supporting the CA Green New Deal, and being Greenleaf the Clown for all ages. For 10 years she coordinated her mom's care team in her own apartment near the Pacific. Her Mom died at 103 years! Phyl's daughters, both teachers, live in New Jersey and Bend, Ore. Her grandsons do theater and technology. The whole family supports Bernie Sanders' values. Their BHHS history teacher, Mr. Occhipinti, was right when he called her "a Utopian Socialist"! She still loves to dance and swim. At 78, she is a healthy, older and bolder woman. Hooray, life!

**Eugene (Gene) Herts '60** Gene says hi to everyone. His group is still meeting on Thursdays. They welcome anyone who would like to join them. Call Gene at 818-342-6540 or Les Schwartz at 310-559-4544. They will give time and place at their next dinner. He notices they are losing classmates. What a shame.

**Pamela Newmark Reed '60** Pamela finds great learning, appreciation and mind expansion from friends. They look forward to traveling again in 2022 to South Central America and in 2023 to the South Pacific to Shanghai. They managed a nature cruise to Alaska in July 2021!

**Jeffrey Stevens '60** Jeffrey is now retired.

**Rick Sylvester '60** Rick's son Terry, as an associate guide, is a few hours from the summit of Mt. Everest. He says Rick should go next year and Rick feels that would be a barrel of monkeys considering he is in the "one and three quarters feet in the grave" age group. For the past year and a half he's been supplying, and more recently DJing, "Rick's Picks," which is an approximately 15-minute playlist on "Blues Spectrum." It's a radio show that airs the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. California time. It can be accessed at [KVMR.org](http://KVMR.org), including for two weeks following the air date at [archive.KVMR.org](http://archive.KVMR.org). Be there or be square!

**James Conti '61** James is the author of two books of essays and observations from his life experience of seeking truth and higher awareness. *Let Me Remember This*, his first book, is provocative, practical, and generously infused with humor and heart. *And This Too*, his second book, is more of what this life is about. Both are available from Amazon. James publishes under his spiritual name, Surendra James Conti. He is also the spiritual director of Ananda Portland and its live-in community, temple and teaching center.

**Anne Rosewald Epstein '61** Anne says the Class of '61 attempted to organize the 60th reunion

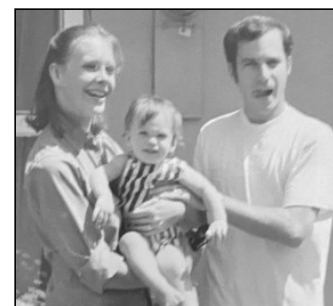
during the latter part of 2021. Unfortunately, they never got to first base. The Reunion Committee will convene in 2022 to plan what she hopes is their 61st reunion.

**Charles Hutter '61** Charlie's 2021 has been another great year although quieter and lacking much overseas travel. He and Collie spent a large part of the summer at their beach house in Rhode Island with periodic visits by their children Karl and Kate and their grandchildren. He has semiretired from Click Bond, Inc. but remains leader of Physical Systems, Inc., the parent corporation, and remains an active inventor specializing in aircraft fasteners and mechanical hardware. Collie remains active in the financial management of both organizations. They are proud of the accomplishments made by Click Bond, Inc., resulting in their fasteners and structural products residing on the surface of Mars and orbiting the planet Earth.

**Elizabeth Marley Siegel '61** Elizabeth advises that not much has changed for her in the last year except that she is finally retired from Quincy College! She misses it greatly, especially being with the students and other faculty and attending school events. As she gets older the winters get harder to endure and she misses California more and more. (It takes longer for her fingers and toes to thaw in the spring!) People here still don't believe she went to BHHS until she shows a picture of herself in her senior yearbook. There's not much resemblance but apparently enough so they can tell it's her.

**Lloyd "Butch" Barton '62** Lloyd is chillin' on the third coast. Boating, fishing, beaching—come visit, you will want to stay!

**Ellen Winkler Ohms '62** Ellen and her husband Roger are still enjoying their Arizona home. Yes, it's hot, but not too much! They have a Class C motor home and continue to check out a variety of camp sites in Arizona and



**Barbara Mills Dreyfuss '63, Justin Dreyfuss '87, and Lorin Dreyfuss '62 in 1970**

California. They have met some awesome people and their pets!

**Barbara Mills Dreyfuss '63** Barbara says, like many, she spent the 2021 year in semi hibernation. She is still helping her son, Justin Dreyfuss '87, in his shop in Ventura, and they are thankful to have survived another year of "THIS." Sadly, Justin's father, Lorin Dreyfuss '62 passed away in 2021 (see obit, p. 59). He was living in Oregon at the time of his passing. The entire Dreyfuss family misses him greatly. Barbara had known Lorin since she was 12 years old. Their marriage was only seven years long, however, their friendship lasted up until the day he left us. Take care, fellow classmates.

**Gay Hubbard Durward '63** Gay hails her fellow Normans with a big hello and says she has survived the turmoil of this year quite well, as have all her family members, thank goodness! The move to a new house kept her and Don very busy and now with all of them having been vaccinated and boosted, they are enjoying a busy season with many family celebrations and events. It is wonderful to be able to sing again (although masked) and enjoy their friends' company. She now has a dedicated studio where she can work and make a creative mess with complete abandon and that is a real treat. She was recently featured in a documentary put out by the Arts Council of Torrance, celebrating the award-winning poets of the South Bay.

It is available on YouTube in case you want to see what this aging, but young-at-heart Norman is up to. [Editor's note: Visit [youtu.be/FnRzVSqGA58](https://youtu.be/FnRzVSqGA58)] Don continues to work full time and their son Derek has taken over the presidency of the company, continuing the tradition of a family-run business. Their son Douglas is an attorney with Napa County and doing very good work there with troubled families. Both her daughters-in-law continue to amaze them with their dedication and abilities, and their grandchildren (aged 11 to 24) are each taking very special and interesting paths in life. They are a tremendous blessing. Gay was devastated to learn of the passing of Allan Cameron '63 (see p. 22), who was very dear to her and a wondrously unique person. She wishes peace, health, love and joy to you all.

**Jay B. Fineman '63** Jay is totally retired. He took a month visiting his older son in BC, spent one month in Sweden, and one month in San

Francisco for surgery (for Ann, not him). At the time of writing, he was hoping for snow and a cold enough winter to do some skiing! Onward! **Robbie Freeman '63** Robbie misses cruising, Dolores Drive-in on Friday nights and eating a Jumbo Jim's hamburger with a cherry coke!

**Lois Kalinsky '63** Lois says like nearly everyone else, there were no trips in 2020. In addition, her daughter who lives in Toronto, canceled the two trips she had planned to visit Lois and her husband. She feels very lucky that there is technology, especially FaceTime, so they can see their grandchildren. She and her husband are able to see their daughter, who lives nearby, for visits and meals outside. Lois turned 75 and her husband turned 80 in 2020. They had COVID-appropriate small, but really nice celebrations. They also had small, outside, careful, but lovely Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. At home she plays Mah Jongg online, does

jigsaw puzzles and plays ping pong with her husband. Fortunately, they are busy and healthy.

**Vic Schultz '63** Vic has two degrees from UCLA and worked in Special Ed. He is married, no kids, and his hobbies are tennis, paddle tennis (never pickleball) and traveling. He is retired, healthy and happy. Go Bruins!

**Robert H. Whittaker '63** Robert is still traveling the world as best he can in spite of Covid.

**Michael Dellar '64** Michael reports that his One Market Restaurant at the foot of Market Street in San Francisco has remained alive and well during the pandemic in part due to the launch of a new pop-up, Mark 'n Mike's NY Style Deli, inside the venerable SF dining institution. Now, Mark 'n Mike's is here to stay. Matzo ball soup, latkes, or a Reuben anyone? The welcome mat is out for all Normans visiting the City by the Bay. [www.onemarket.com](http://www.onemarket.com)

**Mike Dolgin-McHenry '64** Mike says this will be his last full-time

### Attn: Class of '64

Dear BHHS Class of '64,

You look marvelous! You are 75 years young and don't look a day over 72. It is our goal to hold a celebration in 2022 where the only mask we'll be wearing is one from a beauty salon.

Continue to stay healthy and remember age is only a number, albeit a relatively high number. You are in our hearts forever.

**Marty Nislick and the '64  
Reunion Committee**  
[MrMartyN@aol.com](mailto:MrMartyN@aol.com)

year of private investigation work anywhere, including the past 20 years in the middle of Mexico at San Miguel de Allende. It is excellent living there, however, he does miss the 20 years spent doing this work while living in Anchorage, Alaska. Mike married into a large Mexican family and is now accustomed to being addressed as Don Mike. Adele "Dodie" Kornberg, a friend since BV kindergarten, also lives there. Visitors have included lifelong friends Stan Gordon and Phil Weintraub. Friends are welcome. Mike's guest studio apartment is available for you, and you'll do lunch at Hank's Bar & Restaurant. He has a respectable number of grandchildren—American and Mexican. Life is good. Another water polo/swim team reunion would see him in Beverly Hills!

**Leland H. Faust '64** Leland's wife, Susan, retired from her job as a children's librarian a few years ago. She continues to write children's book reviews for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. His son Aaron's wife, Blye Pagon Faust, produced a documentary for Amazon. It is titled *LuLaRich* and is an exposé of a pyramid marketing scheme for women's clothing. Good news: It is the highest rated documentary ever

### Pulitzer winner reflects on new book, English class at Beverly

I am very pleased to report that the new edition of my new book, *The New Map: Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations*, came out in the fall of 2021. With all the focus on climate and an energy crisis in Europe and China and high prices here in the U.S., the book is proving to be very timely.

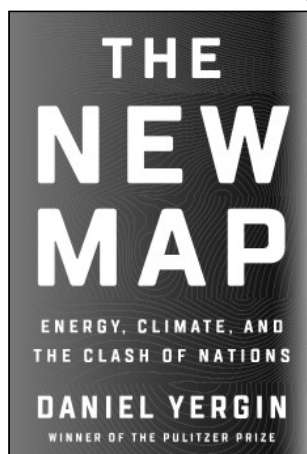
Given all the work that one puts into a book, its reception has been very satisfying. NPR called *The New Map* "a master class on how the world works," and *The Washington Post* described it as "a tour de force of geopolitical understanding." We really are on a new and confusing terrain, and that's how I came to call the book *The New Map*!

In 2020, both NPR and *USA Today* chose it as a best book of the year. It is also being published so far in 10 additional languages.



It covers everything from climate change and energy transition to the tension with China, the shale revolution and its economic impact, to the dramatic changes ahead in the auto industry and what people will be driving—or whether their cars will be self-driving.

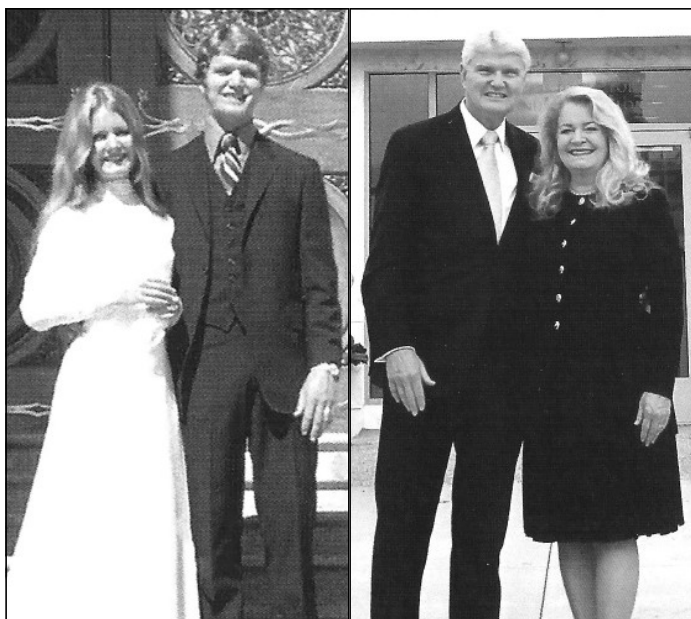
My education at Beverly has been the basis for what I've been able to do in my career. What I learned about writing in English



classes at Beverly Hills, especially Miss Lowry's, has stood me in particularly good stead ever since.

— **Daniel Yergin '64**

*Yergin was awarded the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for his book, The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power.*



**Melinda Cummings Cameron '67 with her husband Kim in 1970 and 2020**

on Amazon. Leland's son, Jeremy, an emergency room physician, has been involved in research and academic medicine his entire career. He is now publishing articles on [insidemedicine.bulletin.com](http://insidemedicine.bulletin.com). Leland refuses to grow up or give up. In July 2021, he won his age group in the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon.

**Stephen Kessler '64** Stephen recently published his 12th book of poems, *Last Call* (Black Widow Press). His op-ed column appears every Saturday in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

**Richard Morgan '64** Richard retired after 41 years of medical practice exactly one month before the pandemic! While multiple

plans (travel, volunteer work, etc.) were put on hold, he's enjoying his freedom and opportunities to spend time with family and friends, staying physically active, reading, and avoiding scheduling everything. They now have four grandchildren, two in Tel Aviv and two in San Francisco. He's happy to visit with alums when they are in the Bay Area.

**Marty Nislick '64** Marty and his beautiful wife, Lynn Koff, are both proud members of the Horace Mann family. Marty graduated in 1960 and Lynn was a teacher there for 20 years. There is no truth to the rumor that Lynn was Marty's teacher and he begged her to wait for him. He's looking forward to

a 75th birthday party for the entire class. Stay in touch: [MrMartyN@aol.com](mailto:MrMartyN@aol.com).

**Carren Auster Shagley '64** Carren is still selling real estate and has two grown daughters and two wonderful grandchildren. She lost her true friend and partner in September 2018.

**Anthony J. Mohr '65** Anthony retired as a Superior Court judge after 26 years. He is currently a fellow at the Advanced Leadership Initiative at Harvard.

**Ron S. Friedman '66** Ron has five grandchildren, with the newest named Chase Friedman, who was seven months old at the time of writing. There is nothing better than having grandchildren. His oldest grandchild shot his first 88 golf score and is only 11 years old. Ron is still a partner at Marcum LLP and has no plans to retire. It is just too much fun to think about retirement!

**Sharon Block Litwin '66** Sharon has had several classmates visit her in the Pacific Northwest. What a joy it has been to see old friends! Her one and only grandchild, Jonathan, graduated from college in May 2021 and fulfilled his dream to become a police officer. He was hired by Thurston County Sheriff, which is based in Olympia, Wash. She hopes he has been well trained and uses good judgment and stays safe. Sharon is looking forward to her next reunion.

**Sandy Stahl '66** Sandy says after 33 years selling real estate in

Montecito/Santa Barbara, she has now been joined by her son, Jake Longstreth. Being there since 1982, she is reminded of Beverly Hills in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s with their current lifestyle.

**Melinda Cummings Cameron '67** Melinda and her husband Kim recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have seven children and 25 grandchildren.

**Randy Sue Pollock '67** Randy reports that on May 20, 2021, she received the Judge Learned Hand Award from the American



Jewish Committee for "exemplary leadership, commitment to the principles of justice and fairness, and numerous contributions to the legal community." Also, in February 2021, she was named the Oakland VP for the Northern District of California Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She is still enjoying the practice of law!

**Shirley Kennedy Selkin '67** Shirley is happily living in New York City, which is slowly getting back to pre-COVID liveliness. She is retired from the fashion business and is enjoying her precious family, especially her three delightful grandchildren.

**Geri-Ann Galanti '68** Geri-



**Sharon Block Litwin '66 enjoyed visits with several classmates. Above left (left to right): Litwin, John Isen '66 and his wife Shirley. Above center: Morrie Weisbart '66, Litwin, Jay Fiske '66. Above right: Lolly Melnick Krissman '66, Litwin**



Ann continues to live happily in Venice, Calif. with her husband of 41 years. After 30 years of teaching Anthropology at Cal State University, she has almost completed a certificate in photography at Santa Monica College. She specializes in Fine Art Portraiture. She's happy to still see several classmates from Horace Mann.

**Ruth Bassman Schriebman '68** Ruth is happily still working in her therapy practice in Redondo Beach. She is also spending time in San Diego hanging out with her kids and granddaughters. Thankfully her family is healthy.

**Lynn M. Smith '68** Lynn is happily retired in San Jose (Willow Glen area) and is keeping in touch with many of her friends from the memorable days which brought her much joy and happiness! Her friends are too many to name, but they all know who they are!

**Alan Harris '69** Alan is launching his patented electric adjustable motorcycle handlebars—RockIt Bars from RockIt International Corp.

## 1970

**Dr. Scott Chandler '70** Scott is looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion this summer (see

p. 5). He has one more year until retirement from UCLA faculty!

**Gary Hoffman '70** Gary and Marcelle have had the most incredible good fortune, happiness and joy in their lives. BHHS is a big part of the foundation upon which his success rests. Their four children also credit their Beverly High educational experience as being an integral part of their lives. His memories of his friends and teachers at Beverly travel with him every day. No words of thanks can express his gratitude.

**Lynn Bazilauskas Redd '70** Lynn figures it's about time she writes a little something! In 2019, she retired from a career of mostly public health nursing. She's enjoyed life with her husband of 43+ years, John "Pepper," and spent most of those years in Vermont. His lovely gardens have kept her busy in the summers and early fall. Their sons, Derek and Damon (and his wife and three children), are "living the life" in Colorado. She visits the kids and skis, hikes, and rafts in Colorado and enjoys the beach of Longboat Key, Fla. as often as possible. She is healthy and active and loves to hike (especially in the woods behind their house), as well as read, make art (when in the mood), and

cook (most of the time). Won't her August 2022 reunion be her 52nd?

**April Celena Sally Russell '70** Sally will retire in May 2022 after 36 years of teaching and directing theatre at Salem State University in Massachusetts. She is ever grateful to John Ingle, her greatest drama teacher at Beverly. Sally and her husband Paul are excited to retire to their new home in Florida. She is eager to see everyone at the 50th reunion—finally!

**Scott Broffman '71** Scott muses that this past year was not the best yet! Not only did Covid keep all of us on edge, but the reunion was canceled, his elementary school reunion was canceled, and his travel plans were cancelled. At the time of writing, he planned to go to Brazil because, well, he wanted to. He hopes everyone is doing well and to all a great year!

**David Rosten '71** David is executive producer of the upcoming feature film, *The Falconer*. The movie was inspired by true events and filmed in Oman. The movie is produced by Seanne Winslow and Adam Sjoberg. He is still on the board of the Center for Citizen Peacebuilding at UC Irvine and working for a new startup called the Center for International Experiential Learning. David has

three children. The oldest daughter is in graduate school and the youngest is a junior at Corona Del Mar High.

**Arnold and Hope Anisgarten '72** Arnold (recently retired) and Hope (never retired) live in Westwood and are still friends with most of their high school buddies. Their kids are out of the house, but the dog isn't!

**Clifford Cutler '73** Clifford turned 66 on Sept. 26, 2021! Wow, the 50th reunion is not far away! He is still in touch with several classmates.

**Barry Grey '73** Barry and his wife, Dr. Ann Warren, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in 2022. Not to be outdone, their daughter, Lulu graduates from Northern Illinois University in May 2022. It's shaping up to be a big year. Barry is a freelance nonfiction book editor and Ann is an English professor and college administrator. But it's their daughter Lulu who deserves your attention. A theater major, Lulu leaves friends and family stunned and slack-jawed with her gifts for acting and singing. Check her out at Lulu Grey Sings on YouTube.

**Donna Hoffman '73** Donna says strange times, no? Still a dual-career academic—working and



**Bulldogs reunite.** Beverly Vista's Class of '71 gathered for its 50-year reunion in 2021. Bottom row (left to right): Cory Brent, Julio Macat, Cathy Nagel, Mike Horowitz, Stephanie Heyman Baker, Mark Weiss, Kathy Bronte, Jeff Sloane, Sarah Catz. Middle row: Andi Weiss, Keri Stone Moret, Joy Soll, Warren Huff, Steve Seizer, Tom Sabol, Barrett Stambler, Kevin Marks, Bonnie Zimmerman. Top row: Gilda Braunstein Evans, Bruce Soll, Larry Ziff, Buddy Lindman, Sue Brucker, Barry Brucker, Elliott Zimmerman, Ed Amos, Randy Brody, Leslie Beauchamp, Josh Goldstein, Robert Koenig, Paulette Koenig, Alan Gittleston, Brad Green, Eric Chomsky

writing with her clever husband Tom Novak on consumer perceptions of AI. They've been married 42 years now! Their son Nic, an entrepreneur, lives in Hawaii. Aloha Oe! They are safe, healthy, and happy and hope it stays that way. They've been at GWU for eight years. In a conflicted relationship with DC, but living in the District has its advantages. She can walk to work and before the pandemic hit, it was clean, pretty, and the restaurants were fantastic. They're starting to think about what they'll do for their third acts. She would love to connect with her dear classmates. She's interested in how retirement journeys look after a long and successful professional career. What's next? What are you doing to stay active and find meaning? How are you giving back? Do all roads lead back to SoCal? The siren song of El Dorado is strong. They'll see us there one of these days. In the meantime, reach out!

**Diane Holland '73** Diane's artistic career continued to expand and diversify in 2020. At the beginning of the year, she participated in the second "That Layered Look" exhibition curated by Peter Frank at Tufenkian Fine Arts in Glendale. In May, her work was part of "Going Home: a picture show," organized by TZ Projects, an innovative art display designed to circumvent the pandemic by being projected on the windows of a large storefront near West Hollywood. "Going Home" was received so well that the city of Beverly Hills invited TZ Projects to create a similar project for the west-facing windows of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. This show, "Visions in Light: Windows on the Wallis," was mounted in late November and also received an enthusiastic response. Diane's recent artwork was also discussed by Peter Frank and filmed by Eric Minh Swenson in @RtScene, a new online

publication that "support(s) local artists and art workers by giving them the exposure, connections, and resources they deserve." The discussion can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz\\_eqYQTORo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz_eqYQTORo).

**Andrew Frank '74** Andrew says he is doing ceramic sculpture, just like in high school.

**Deborah Fried '74** Deborah muses that as we all age she hopes we manage to survive and even thrive in this chaotic world!

**Deborah Koons '74** Deborah has been living in Fairbanks, Alaska, the far North, for the last 39 years. It's a love/hate place in which to exist—very hot in June/July and very cold in December/January—but it suits her. She and her husband of 35+ years are happy. She still tells her co-workers of her experiences at Beverly: teaching movie stars' kids how to drive their Jaguars, stick shift BMWs, etc., all the while she never had her own vehicle! She chose surfing over skiing because she couldn't afford the lift fees and loved the mates she met. At the time of writing, she was 64 going on 65 and couldn't imagine herself anywhere else. She hopes all the grads of '74 are well and staying safe.

**David Saltzman '74** David has blissfully reached grandfather status to Lily. Also, Perry Wright '74 is overdue to be elected to the BHHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Halle Boyar Fetty '76** Halle and her husband finally closed their motorcycle shop in Indio and moved to the Prescott area of Arizona! They're loving the beautiful weather, meeting new friends, and learning how to take care of 40+ fruit trees and drive a tractor! Did she mention learning how to can fruits and veggies?

**Mark Schoenfield '77** Mark never left school, having been a professor at Vanderbilt (Nashville, Tenn.) for the last 30 years, teaching some of the poems he first read on the patio at Beverly, adapting Gil

Chesterton's writing advice for his freshman seminars, and trying to emulate Hall of Fame Coach Jack Gifford when he coached high school wrestling. Some of the songs from way back then (Don McLean playing as he writes) that used to make him smile now also make him cry, especially this last year, and the friends he's still in touch with keep him breathing. His brother Steve '79 is a public defender in L.A. and the funniest storyteller and kindest person Mark knows. When he gets back to visiting him, Mark has had the great pleasure of getting to work out with Coach Ryan Faintich's Beverly wrestling team. Mark's not as fast as the kids, but he's a lot sneakier, and when they ask, "how'd you do that?" he often can only answer "flow." His brother Howard (state champ in tennis during the couple years he was at BHHS and had a beautiful backhand) died in the summer of 2020, a victim of COVID (see obituary, p. 61), and Mark misses him every time he hears Dylan or Bowie. Having written a couple books and a bunch of articles on poetry, law, and periodicals of the British Romantic Period, Mark teaches romanticism and existentialism to wonderful students, and hard as teaching has been, he has learned some new skills like editing in After Effects and generosity as pedagogy. Working on his next book, *The Culture of Litigation*, has taken him to the Huntington, NYC, and Edinburgh, with the help of some fellowships, although this year has been a journey through databases instead. He and his wife Sarah have three terrific kids, two living in L.A., Diana, a professional dancer, and Josh, and Michael in Nashville. The latter two are doing computer things Mark doesn't understand. He's still learning!

**Kyle McWeeny Studebaker '77** Kyle says that retirement planning is on her to-do list and is looking forward to relocating

to Bellingham, Wash. where a house is waiting for her. In the meantime, she's enjoying working at Loyola Marymount University, volunteering with Lions International and Special Olympics, and best of all being grandmother to Charlotte and Alice. Her kids Jonathan, Matthew, and Kathryn are all healthy and happy. Life is good!

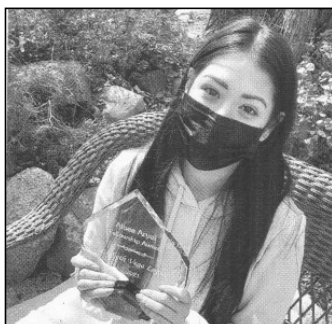
**Michael Collins '78** Michael is a lifelong resident of Beverly Hills, graduating from Beverly, where he was active in the Theater Arts Department, specifically production lighting and set design. Entering the work force after



college, he changed his last name from Steinitz to Collins, his mother's maiden name. He was initially attracted to

the entertainment business, working in public relations, then personal management and finally as a television casting director. However, more than 30 years ago, Michael settled down as a residential realtor in Beverly Hills, where he works at Coldwell Banker on Canon Drive, just blocks from where he was raised. He is one of the top agents in California. He lives with his husband of 22 years, Daniel, two rescue dogs and the occasional foster pup, in a home built as a "studio/gallery" for their extensive collection of art. He is a supporter of the arts. His office is located directly across the street from the old Thrifty's where you could buy an ice cream cone for 5 cents. Michael can be reached at [www.MichaelCollins.com](http://www.MichaelCollins.com).

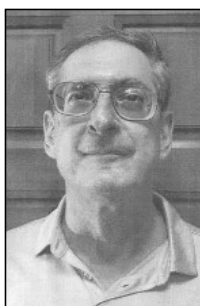
**Adrienna Hernandez Johnson '78** Adrienna has been married 26 years and has five sons: Joseph, Blaze, Michael, Mitchell and Maxamilian.



**Lizbeth Vega Lopez** received the 2021 Albee Aryel Fellowship Award, launched by Ron Aryel '79 in memory of his mother. Lopez graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a B.S. in psychology and has been admitted to the Master's degree program

**Marlene Sturm '78** Marlene is looking forward to moving back home to Los Angeles in 2022!

**Ron Aryel, M.D., MBA '79** Ron



serves on the City of Reno's Covid-19 Task Force, and since his last update, he has launched the Albee Aryel

Foundation, named after his late mother, to formalize an activity that started five years ago. The foundation supports

young men and women with high potential who are from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds who want to attend college. Their first Albee Aryel fellow graduated in May 2021 from the University of Nevada, Reno (see photo at left).

**Barbara Berkowitz '79** Barbara thinks one of the best parts of COVID quarantine is that Stacy Benon Gray started a bi-monthly Zoom call with BHHS '79 classmates. Regular attendees include Stacy Benon Gray, Barbara Borowitz, Lori Bernstein, Pam Bromberg Appleby, Jill Black Zalben, Jodi Landers, Ruthie Zekaria Levy, Lauren Beck, Audrey Tannenbaum Darin, Cheryl Rosenthal, Allyce Freshman Balson, Jane Semel, and Jill Janger.

## 1980

**Linda Mermel Fishberg '81** Linda wishes everyone a Happy New Year! She is a hairstylist and in these crazy times it's difficult, but she feels we will get through it. Her kids are ages 27 and 24 and are doing fabulously and thriving.

**Nathan Phillips '81** Nathan says God is good all the time and all the time God is good. He has kept us thus far and he expects nothing less in the days to come. Hard times await us, but He will see us through it all. Be gracious and kind to one another. In Jesus' name.

**Kari Maxwell Campano '82** Kari lives in Fairfield County, Conn.



with Michael, her husband of 24 years, and their three children, Gabrielle (22), Ava (20), and Jack (17). Their oldest daughter recently graduated from Northeastern University and began attending grad school at Syracuse University in the fall. Their second daughter is in her senior year at Penn State, and their son is in his senior year in high school. Kari, a Cal State Northridge graduate who has worked in event planning and marketing for 37 years, has spent the last 31 years coordinating test movie screening events for entertainment market research firms, studios, production companies and filmmakers. She currently works exclusively

with client Screen Engine/ASI conducting screening events on the East Coast and across the United States in addition to serving on their marketing team.

**Don Wildy, Jr. '82** Don is now enjoying his retirement in Palm Springs after 30 years of service with the City of Los Angeles.

**Gabrielle Gordon Adelman '83** Gabrielle's production company, Ocean Twilight Films, recently released its first feature film on Amazon Prime. Look for *Thunderbird* (2019). She's still enjoying nonprofit work and flying her helicopter.

**Peter Shulman '83** Peter has settled into his mid-fifties comfortably, confident and mostly content. He's lived in the same place in Playa del Rey since 1994. He still works for Culver City Police Department in the Traffic Bureau. He's been with the City almost 23 years. He's worked in the highly rated ICI Detective Interrogation Courses for LAPD for 22 years. He also has a small stained-glass business creating any design a customer can dream up: [www.shulmanator.com](http://www.shulmanator.com). He still enjoys traveling—31 countries and



**An electrifying evening.** Michael Libow '81, frontman of Rod Lightning & The Thunderbolts of Love, performs in Beverly Canon Gardens on Aug. 4 in the Concerts on Canon series.



**Together again.** A group of classmates, most from the class of '90, reunited for lunch in May 2021. Bottom row, left to right: Tina Fuller Pomerance, Nancy Pritikin Ruttenberg '90, Rose Lai Kaiserman '90. Top row: Dana Licker Goodman '88, Kelly Silberkleit Prather '90, Sherly Shooshani Daneshgar '90, Candie Sraberg Weitz '90, Rachel Weissman '90



29 states so far. Last year he was lucky to visit Tennessee, Alaska, South Dakota and Honolulu. He finally saw the Aurora Borealis and Mt. Rushmore. He finds it hard to grasp just how many years have flown by since his graduation—almost four decades! Getting older is not as awful as he used to believe!

#### **Carrie Jachnuk-Hargraves '84**

Carrie lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. with her wonderful husband Scott and beautiful daughter Amanda, who is 14. She has been a prominent voice teacher for over 20 years in Colorado Springs and would like you to visit her at [coloradospringsvoiceteacher.com](http://coloradospringsvoiceteacher.com) to say hello.

**Dan Levinson '88** Dan has been living in Minneapolis for the past 24 years. Happily married and raising their 13-year-old daughter, Dan and his wife Dana focus their attention in the disability arena helping ensure those with disabilities live life to their fullest potential. For several years, Dan has served on the Board of PACER Center ([pacer.org](http://pacer.org)), a nonprofit that champions for families with children with disabilities, and



Dana has helped found the Kabuki Syndrome Foundation, a nonprofit to support medical research. They love taking advantage of the outdoors that Minnesota offers and traveling to see family and friends. Having spent 18 years at General Mills and Best Buy doing new product development and marketing strategy, Dan now works at UnitedHealth Group. If you're ever passing through Minneapolis, be sure to look him up. He'll buy you a Jucy Lucy!

### 1990

**Sima Lowy Friedman '90** Sima has been working as a teacher in the Mamaroneck schools in New York for 25 years. She and

her husband Robert sent off their eldest son Matthew to Penn State University. Charlie, 17, is a high school senior and Rebecca, 13, is in 8th grade.

#### **Eric Meyer '90**



Eric is a U.S. diplomat who just completed an assignment as U.S. Consul General in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

He is currently the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, North Macedonia.

#### **Nicole Nourmand, MD '90**

Nicole graduated from Northwestern Medical School in 2003 and Cedars Sinai Medical Center Residency Program in 2006. She is a founding partner at Premier Pediatrics Beverly Hills. She has been an attending physician at Cedars Sinai for 15 years and is very grateful to be practicing medicine in the community in which she was raised. She is active in her

synagogue, IKAR, and is on the IKAR Covid-19 task force. She is married to Jason Neidleman, who is a professor of Political Science at the University of La Verne. They have two children, Joshua '21 and Eva Neidleman '24. Josh graduated last year from BHHS (see p. 9) and is currently a freshman at Tufts University and Eva is a sophomore at BHHS.

### 2000

**Brendan Doyle '08** Brendan got married last May to the love of his life, Kaye Malenfant. They have spent the last year working remotely and wintered here in Beverly Hills. They now have an apartment in DUMBO and are enjoying it.

### 2010

**Zachary Antin '16** Zachary graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, lived in Revelstoke, B.C. winter of 2020 and became a certified ski instructor. He is currently in his first year in law school at University of Michigan.



**Drive for generosity.** Dr. Nazy Daneshmand '91 (far left), president of the Miracle Babies Los Angeles Chapter, held a "Breakfast on Rodeo" fundraising event to maintain transportation services for Children's Hospital Los Angeles on May 5, 2021. The event raised \$80,000. Miracle Babies is a nonprofit that provides transportation and supportive services to families with critically ill newborns in the neonatal intensive care unit. Dr. Daneshmand is pictured with Touran Daneshmand and Sean Daneshmand.

## Retired Faculty



**Frank Scott**, who served as El Rodeo's principal from 1954 to 1984, writes: As I near my 93rd birthday, here is a wonderful photo of "the coffee gang" of El Rodeo. This is in honor of dear Rita Creagh, who passed away in January 2021. She was our Boston Jewel!

**Clockwise from left front: Rita Creagh, Jac Killan, Eloise Haldeman, Toni Staser, Rachelle Marcus, Sandra Porter, Angie Templer Moore, Karen Boyarsky**

### Letterman sweater fits perfectly after 76 years



Arnold Kornfield S'45, who played basketball at Beverly, writes:

*I thought you might like to see what a 94-year-old BHHS alumnus looks like wearing his 76-year-old BHHS Lettermans sweater. It fits well, and no moth holes.*

*My wife and I celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary (second marriage) in December. The last two years were very hectic with COVID confining us to our home. One happy thing was the birth of my great-grandson Liam in 2021. We're having fun with our seven great-grandchildren between us.*

In 1945, Kornfield's undefeated JV basketball team won the league championship.



**Catching up at the Swim Gym.** Former Beverly High administrators gathered at the Swim Gym Dec. 13. (The sign in the background was still being painted.) Left to right: Former Principal Dan Stepenosky, Former Assistant Principal Tanis Harris, Sharon Stepenosky, Kearston Stepenosky (Calabasas High '22), Former Assistant Principal Amy Golden, Former Assistant Principal Toni Staser, Artie Harris, Former Principal Carter Paysinger '74

### Same guys, different times



**Beverly High's 1964 varsity water polo team.** Standing (left to right): Coach Walt Puffer, Chuck Bergman '65, Gary Ezor '64, Jerry Jolton '64, Jeff Peters '65, Lee Harris '64, Richard Haft '64, Andy Miller '65. Seated: Gordon Evans '64, Larry Ach '65, Jacques Leslie '64, Leland Faust '64, Norton Wisdom '65, Phil Weintraub '64, Dave Schumann '64. *From the 1964 Watchtower*

Courtesy of Gordon Evans '64 and Leland Faust '64



**Reunited, poolside at the Beverly Hilton, in 2016.** Top row (left to right): Norton Wisdom '65, Larry Ach '65, Coach Walt Puffer, Jacques Leslie '64, Mike Dolgin-McHenry '64, Jerry Jolton '64, Dave Schumann '64. Bottom row: Gordon Evans '64, Rich Haft '64, Gary Ezor '64, Stan Gordon '64, Leland Faust '64, Phil Weintraub '64

# Flying High at 99

**'40 grad's path to becoming a decorated WWII fighter pilot began during his senior year at Beverly**

Capt. James Kunkle '40 regrets missing the prom. But in those days, flying came first.

"There were a couple pretty girls in my class and I really wanted to dance with them," he says with a chuckle. "But I was up in the state of Washington on maneuvers."

During his senior year at Beverly, Kunkle joined the California Air National Guard and began training to become a fighter pilot.

"Unfortunately, my time at Beverly High was kind of spoiled. I went out for football and I think I only played in one game," he says. "But you know, in September of 1939 the war started and I just had the idea that we were not going to be able to stay out of it and so I decided that I was going to get some experience."

Kunkle spent much of his time

training at the Guard's airfield at Griffith Park (where the Autry Museum of the American West is located today) and working toward his goal of qualifying for the U.S. Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Training Program.

"To qualify for the aviation cadets, you had to be 21 years of age and had to have two years of college minimum, so I was working towards that, and I went to some night school," he says. "I just set my sights on being an aviator and that's where I was going."

Still, Kunkle formed strong friendships with classmates and remembers feeling inspired by his math teacher, who was a Navy pilot.

Kunkle's dream of becoming a pilot started when he was growing up in Pennsylvania.



**Capt. James Kunkle '40 sings fighter pilot songs with fellow veteran pilots at his 99th birthday party in October. Left to right: Corey Pritchard (retired Navy), Kunkle (retired Army Air Corps), Denny Wisely (retired Navy), Charlie Plumb (retired Navy), Wayne Handley (retired Navy)**

"My father was in World War I and his biggest desire was to be an aviator," says Kunkle. "Unfortunately, he was in an accident and he passed away in 1932 when I was 9 years old."

Kunkle's father never got his pilot's license, but Kunkle cherishes memories of taking chartered flights with his father. "It was just unbelievable," he says.

After his father's death, Kunkle and his mother moved to California. Starting around the time he was 10, his mother took him to airports where he watched planes. As a teenager, he spent most Saturdays at airports, observing and pitching in however he could. "At the end of the day, if [anyone] had a few gallons of gas, why, I might get a free ride and a free lesson," he says.

Kunkle took his first solo flight out of Glendale. "That was a big day when you got to solo, but I soloed in a very light aircraft and it was [a] tremendous feeling of freedom," he says.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the aviation cadets program changed its requirements, lowering the age minimum to 18 and the education requirement to high school. "I went in immediately after that, along with 500,000 other young guys that wanted to be a fighter pilot," says Kunkle.

As a cadet, he reported to San-

ta Ana Army Air Base, where he qualified for pilot training. He trained in Tulare and Lemoore in California and Chandler, Ariz. He figured the likelihood of getting his first-choice assignment—serving as a Lockheed P-38 Lightning pilot in England—was "slim to none," but that's what happened.

"I went to the 9th Air Force, which was the tactical Air Force that was going to support the invasion," he says. "It was a great moment of my life to fly and to be in England, and to be a part of what ... they call the Great Crusade. To me it was a great experience."

After D-Day, Kunkle's squadron moved on to France. "I operated off of A-1, which was the first fighter strip at Omaha Beach," he says. "From there, we just followed the Army as they took and moved toward Germany. We went across France and up into Belgium and into Germany, actually."

On Sept. 16, 1944, during a mission over Aachen, Germany, Kunkle spotted enemy aircraft, but his radio alert did not reach his squadron.

"I got into a mixup with a number of German aircraft and the squadron kept on going, and so we ended up in quite a fight," he recalls. "Supposedly it lasted six minutes, which seemed like a lifetime."

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## Stepenosky honored as Supt. of the Year



**Left to right: BHHS Alumni Association President Josh Gross '91, retired Beverly High ROP teacher Rhoda Sharp, Las Virgenes Unified School District Superintendent Dan Stepenosky**

Former BHHS Principal Dr. Dan Stepenosky, currently the superintendent of Las Virgenes Unified School District, was recognized as the 2021 Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year.

In a surprise ceremony, the Los Angeles County Office of Educa-

tion celebrated Stepenosky as a leader who modeled how schools could respond to the needs of their school communities during the pandemic by championing their educational mission and following public health guidelines.

Stepenosky served as Beverly High principal from 2003 to 2006.



## Q&A: Miss Teen Universe USA Alana Morgan '21

*Beverly Hills Weekly spoke with Morgan in September 2021.*

### Tell us about how and why you got involved in pageants.

I started off doing pageants because of my mom [Tina Perkins]. She never really did one herself, but her and her family always wanted to growing up, and they loved what these women represented and they loved how it showcased more than just beauty, as well as having the brains to back up your beauty. She kind of inspired me in a way to join them by educating me, and we watched them together. I started off in 2015 when I joined the Miss West Coast Pageant [directed by Tara Rice] and I ended up winning. So I really got started into all of this because of my mom.

### Tell us about the [Fall 2021] pageant in Dubai you will be competing in.

I am currently Miss Teen Universe USA. I will be representing the USA in Dubai. It will be for around two weeks, I believe Oct. 25 is when I leave to November 7th. It will be held [at the] At-

lantia [in] Dubai. So, I am really excited because my pageant journey has been absolutely amazing and incredible, and I've been able to inspire so many people across the country for being able to represent the USA in Dubai. It has been an absolutely amazing experience as well as my platform.

### Tell us a little bit about your platform.

I have the platform of kindness. Kindness covers everything that's going on in our world today, that's why I picked it. It's a universal topic and so I worked with a kindness organization and one thing that we did is we created a kindness wall at Beverly. We did it in honor of a teen story we heard on social media. We got a proclamation made in his honor because he [Lesandro "Junior" Guzman-Feliz] was brutally murdered in New York. We also got kindness pins from the mayor of Beverly Hills at the time and everything to create this whole kindness wall at Beverly.

Some other acts of kindness that we've done recently is I was able to give out over 5,000 toys

to children for Christmas. I also partnered with Helpful Honda Dealers to give out free ice cream to different communities, pay for people behind me. Just different acts like that. I just feel like kindness goes hand in hand with anything that's going on in the world today, and it would really help with a positive word, or just saying something kind to someone would really make their day. You never know what someone is going through, so I really wanted to choose a topic that was universal and could connect to everyone.

### Tell us about the work you have done with the Matthew Silverman Memorial Foundation and the weRpossible Project, and how you got started with them?

When I first started doing pageantry I became a board member for the weRpossible Project. The Matthew Silverman Foundation and the weRpossible Project are all projects to help [prevent] teen suicide. I started working with them from the amazing person who helped run it all behind the scenes, Candace Yoder. She really helped put it all together and so

I just became at the forefront to help those who were struggling with mental illnesses, or to be at the forefront of different teen issues to let them know that they should never make a temporary decision permanent and to just kind of be their light at the end of the tunnel when they needed it.

[Editor's note: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255. The Crisis Text Line (text HOME to 741741) is also available 24/7.]

### In a previous interview with the Weekly, you mentioned that bullying had a lot to do with you pursuing pageants. Can you elaborate on that?

Yes, so growing up I was bullied and it was really hard for me at times. I wouldn't say it was extreme ... but I definitely [experienced] people saying negative things to me to bring me down and they would often try to get my head out of the game and just make me feel as if I were worthless. So, it definitely played a big role in my pageantry journey because I was able to use that story as a sense of the way I overcame and became the amazing girl and



Above left: Alana Morgan '21 (center right) at the 2021 Beverly Hills Tour d'Elegance, with (left to right) Rodeo Drive Committee President Kathy Gohari, Councilmember Les Friedman and Mayor Robert Wunderlich. Above right: Morgan partnered with SoCal Honda Dealers to pass out free ice cream in Marina Del Rey, Fox Hills Park, and The Westwood Tennis Center & Dog Park as part of SoCal Honda's Random Acts of Helpfulness campaign

woman that I am today, and the amazing queen that I am today. ... They're words, they can't hurt you, don't let it affect you, and to use those words as a platform to become bigger and better, and to use it as motivation to be able to reach your goals, to not let it get you down overall.

**You're a recent high school graduate. Are you currently in college?**

***"I have the platform of kindness. ... You never know what someone is going through, so I really wanted to choose a topic that was universal and could connect to everyone."***

I was doing the University of Florida online. It's what I've been really focused on. I will be pursuing that after the pageant. I was going to start next semester but I've also had the amazing opportunity to join the Azusa Pacific University track team. So, as of right now I will be on that track team and I will continue the University of Florida later on as well.

**You recently joined the Next BH Committee. Tell us a little about that.**

I got started with that from

the *Weekly* itself. [Publisher] Josh [Gross '91], he's amazing, he actually helped me get on to the committee and I also worked with [Chair] Noelle [Freeman], she's helped me as well. So, I've recently been doing that. I've only had two meetings so far, but I love it because it's an amazing way for me to be involved in my community, and to know the different events that are happening,

and to use my title for the better, to be able to overall just spread more positivity and share who I am as an individual.

**Tell us about some of the other volunteer work you have done in the community.**

I worked with #HashtagLunchbag where we helped to feed the homeless. We created bagged lunches [and] helped give them out on Skid Row. I also worked with the Skid Row Carnival of Love and there was a whole day where we were in booths and we gave out blankets

and anything anyone needed, [including food, diapers, toiletries and other necessities].

I also have my own organization called Behind Fences, where I help animals come from behind fences and cages and bring them into great homes. We were also able to do so many other things, like write letters to Children's Hospital, and recently me and my sister [Kristen Perkins] just came out with a book called *Queen Beans* that is available on Amazon, and it's really just to help kids become more confident and to learn more about themselves and help them embrace who they are as well. It's a book about confidence and interacting with others.

**What is one goal you have for Dubai?**

Definitely becoming Miss [Teen] Universe, of course. Just because I am going there to be able to represent the USA in the most amazing way and to be able to get my platform out to a larger audience. I think that's extremely important and it's definitely a goal to hopefully become the next queen. To be able to share my platform on an internation-



**Alana Morgan '21**

al level, and to be able to help beautiful young girls all across the county and be there for anyone who needs help, or who may need that happiness or just something to be there for them, and so that's definitely another goal for me to give my platform out on an international level.

Visit <https://www.alanamorgan-missteenuiverseusa.com> to learn more about Morgan's journey to Dubai.

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*

## '98 grad pens timely debut novel

*Manflu*, the debut novel by Simone de Muñoz (Simone Berkowitz '98), explores a world in which men have been weakened or killed off by a pandemic and women have moved into all societal roles, including those traditionally dominated by men.

"I see *Manflu* as a counterpoint to *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood," says de Muñoz. "I started writing it in the summer of 2019, prior to the COVID pandemic. The 'Me Too' movement was in full swing and I was looking for a way to sideline men (fictionally) and give women a turn at power."

Told in the voice of Dr. Morgan

Digby, a married scientist on the quest for a vaccine to save her bedbound husband, unborn baby, and all mankind, *Manflu* explores societal and political issues of ethics and identity with prescience and precision. Hailed as sexy, smart, gripping, and eerily timed, *Manflu* is a compelling look at a future that most definitely needs to be seen.

De Muñoz writes dystopian, or perhaps utopian, fiction, depending on your perspective, where women drive the story and sometimes run the world. She holds a master's degree in public policy from UC Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in economics from MIT, which



**Simone Berkowitz '98 writes as Simone de Muñoz**

she uses in her day job as a data analyst at a nonprofit. At Beverly, de Muñoz was a 1998 faculty cup winner.

Based in Silicon Valley, she



lives with her patient husband, their two young sons, and a grumpy dog named Fish.

[www.simonedemunoz.com](http://www.simonedemunoz.com)

# Flipping the Script

## on single-use plastic

**Cohen sisters' global coalition takes a creative approach to resolving the plastic pollution crisis**

Dianna '83 and Julia '86 Cohen frequently harness the power of storytelling to inspire change.

The sisters are co-founders of the Plastic Pollution Coalition, a global alliance of 1,200 organizations, businesses, and thought leaders in 75 countries working toward a world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impact on humans, animals, waterways, oceans and the environment.

An early storytelling success was a 2010 TED Talk in which Dianna, a visual artist, explained how her own artwork set her on the path to combating the plastic pollution crisis.

She had been using plastic as her primary material for years when she noticed plastics in her art breaking down over time.

"I thought, 'Great. It's ephemeral just like us,'" Dianna said in her TED Talk. "Upon educating myself a little further about plastics, I actually realized this was a bad thing. It's a bad thing that plastic breaks down into smaller little bits, because it's always still plastic. And what we're finding is that a lot of it is in the marine environment."

Initially, Dianna wanted to clean up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, but she quickly shifted to addressing the source of the problem. "We need to cut the spigot of single-use and disposable plastics, which are entering the marine environment every day on a global scale," she said in her TED Talk.

Dianna connected with others who wanted to make a difference and discussed how to approach the issue with Julia.

"I worked in coalition politics for years ... and I said, 'It sounds like you need a coalition. This is a really big issue and it touches all

kinds of groups and locations and the solutions are going to need to come from a lot of different aspects,'" says Julia, who has a Master of Public Health degree and lives in Washington, D.C.

That was the beginning of the Plastic Pollution Coalition, launched in 2009 by a small group of artists, activists, scientists and leaders.

"Now, more than 10 years later, we are a big broad tent with organizations, businesses, individuals and policymakers working together to change business as usual and support policy and legislation and advocate for and promote solutions," says Julia. "We have tens of thousands of individual members in addition to our business and organizational members from 75 countries, all working toward a healthier, more just and equitable world."

Members include individuals and groups advocating for the wellbeing of animals, environmental justice, breast cancer prevention, and frontline and fenceline communities, to name just a few. "This is the issue that connects the dots on everything, [including] climate, justice, water, infrastructure and jobs," says Julia.

For Julia and Dianna, this work is personal since their mother passed away due to breast cancer shortly before they started their freshman and senior years at Beverly. "The majority of breast cancers are endocrine related and all the chemicals in plastic are endocrine disruptors," says Julia.

Experiences at Beverly helped inspire the sisters' creative approach to advocacy. Both Julia and Dianna led the Art Club and Dianna gained television production experience



**Julia '86 and Dianna '83 Cohen**

at KBEV as a producer for the *Careers* show under the direction of Linda Wolf. (Dianna's *Careers* colleagues included Josh Berger '84, who went on to lead Warner Bros. UK, Ireland and Spain, and Jill Mazursky, a prominent writer and producer.)

"Work that we've done as part of the Plastic Pollution Coalition is producing films—short and long," says Julia.

These films have included *Open Your Eyes*, a 4-minute overview of the coalition's work narrated by Jeff Bridges, PSAs screened for Virgin Airlines passengers, and the documentary feature, *The Story of Plastic*, which won an Emmy in 2021.

Through a new initiative called Flip the Script on Plastics, the Plastic Pollution Coalition is helping the entertainment industry model solutions to the plastic pollution crisis, on set and in storylines. "There's lots of science and research that film, television and social media tell stories and model behaviors that have the power to deeply influence popular culture," says Julia.

To establish a baseline, the coalition commissioned a report from the USC Annenberg Norman Lear Center focused on the 2019–2020 season of popular television dramas and comedies. "[Researchers] watched hours and hours of television with an evaluation key to recognize ...

uses of single-use plastic visually in storylines," says Julia.

The report found single-use plastic items were highly visible and ubiquitous on television, but solutions were rarely acknowledged or modeled in narratives.

"In all the shows, what the research found was in only a couple instances was there ever a mention of recycling or throwing something away," says Julia. "It's like it just magically disappears and that's kind of how most people feel in their lives anyway. We've all been kind of brainwashed to think that it does just go away or that you can recycle it. [But] the majority of plastic isn't recycled and can't be recycled."

The Flip the Script initiative involves working closely with production teams from a handful of shows to introduce storylines that showcase solutions.

"There have been lots of throwaway lines—no pun intended—about throwaway items or making jokes about straws," says Julia, "but in the past year and a half there have been storylines in shows that have been much more in depth."

Julia cited the series premiere of *Mr. Mayor*, in which the Los Angeles mayor (played by Ted Danson) and his teenage daughter, who's running for class president, each launch campaigns to ban disposable straws. (Danson serves on the board of Oceana, a Plastic

Pollution Coalition member.)

Julia says it has been encouraging seeing alternatives to single-use plastic featured on screen. In *Superstore*, for example, America Ferrera's character uses a Hydro Flask reusable beverage container.

Behind the scenes, the coalition continues to advocate for zero-waste sets. "There's been a lot of progress in that and we have some coalition members who have been working on that for years," says Julia. "The Green Spark Group, [which is] out of Canada, has been working for years on greening productions. ... There are sustainability directors at most of

the production companies now."

Another coalition member, the Environmental Media Association, works with sustainability directors

***"Film, television and social media tell stories and model behaviors that have the power to deeply influence popular culture."***

and presents Environmental Media Awards to productions for storylines focused on environmental issues.

The coalition also supports including sustainability measures in contracts. "We have sample rider and contract information not only for actors and film and television production but also for music tours," says Julia. "We have a lot of

musicians and performers involved in the coalition [who] helped create BYOB, which is 'bring your own bottle.' That is another coalition of

folks in the music business working with venues, producers and artists so that their contracts and their tours are more sustainable and free of single-use plastic."

After a couple of years, the coalition plans to commission another report to measure Flip the Script's impact.

"We know ... there will be a

different story to tell," says Julia. "... There are lots of opportunities for showing solutions and modeling the positive behavior and not just scaring people about the plastic pollution crisis, which is the climate crisis. Plastic is slated to release more greenhouse gases than coal, ... and to tie it back to the personal, it is affecting our health."

"We're super excited about the Flip the Script initiative and the power and potential of that to reach millions if not billions of people who are affected by Hollywood's influence," she adds.

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**Kunkle '40** *Cont. from p. 31*

During those tense minutes, Kunkle shot down at least two enemy aircraft. The *Lompoc Register* reports he may have taken down or damaged as many as three others.

In the process, Kunkle's plane was hit and heavily damaged and he narrowly escaped disaster twice: First, when he deployed his parachute moments before his plane blew up. Second, after touching down in a German town.

"The Germans were on one side of town and our first infantry division was on the other side of town, and I came down between them," he says. "The fellows who we supported came out and got me. I thought I was going to be a prisoner. I was positive that I was behind the German line."

"So that was probably my greatest moment in Europe," he says.

To Kunkle's dismay, that mission was also his last in Europe, since he spent months in the hospital recovering from significant injuries. When he finally left the hospital, he expected to rejoin his squadron. Instead, he was sent to Paris, where he received orders to return to the United States for medical reasons.

Somewhere between Europe and California, Kunkle misplaced

his medical records, but he did not return home empty handed.

In Paris, he had also been presented with the Distinguished Service Cross for his courage in combat and his efforts to protect his squadron. Decades later, on the 55th anniversary of D-Day in 2009, Kunkle received France's highest award, The National Order of the Legion of Honor, in the rank of Chevalier in Normandy.

Having misplaced his medical records, Kunkle was able to retake his physicals upon his arrival in California and once again qualified to fly.

***"There's nothing better than to fly in the evening just before dark. ... It's the most relaxing thing you could possibly do."***

"We were getting ready to go to Japan to cover the invasion," he says. "We would have been the escort for the heavy bombers over in Japan, but the war ended and that was the end of that part of the story."

It wasn't the end of Kunkle's military service, however. He remained on active duty until 1948 and in the Reserves for an additional 10 years.

"I wanted to fly the jets," he says. "I was very fortunate. I got



to fly our first three jets, the P-59, the P-80 and the 84," he says. "I was doing the tactical test flights on the 84

when I got off active duty."

The work was exciting and dangerous. "We had a lot of accidents with the early jets, so I lost a lot of friends," he says.

Unfortunately, Kunkle was al-

ready familiar with loss because of the war. "My best friend at Beverly High was Bill Cater, and Bill was lost on his very first mission. He was flying out of Italy in a P-51 and he went down in the Adriatic Sea and they did not pick him up," he says. "A number of [classmates and friends from Beverly] didn't make it."

After retiring from active duty, Kunkle ran a paper products company and enjoyed flying his own aircraft. He transitioned to real

estate development, building and leasing airport facilities, and running a fixed base operation at airports around California.

Kunkle has passed his love of flying to his son and grandson, who fly their own aircraft and run an aviation-focused business on the Central Coast.

Kunkle maintains friendships with retired fighter pilots who flew in more recent conflicts and occasionally speaks to fighter squadrons at Naval Air Station Lemoore. "It's an inspiration to be with these young people for what they do, and gosh, they keep you young," he says.

When Kunkle celebrated his

99th birthday in October, four fighter pilot veterans of the Vietnam and Afghanistan wars were among the 150 guests in attendance.

Kunkle continues to work in the airplane hangar industry and can be found at his Santa Ynez Airport office nearly every day. Remarkably, he still flies a small biplane.

"There's nothing better than to fly in the evening just before dark and here in the Santa Ynez Valley, where everything is so beautiful," says Kunkle. "It's probably the most relaxing thing you could possibly do."



## '12 grad's sendit app soars in popularity

Hunter Rice '12 founded the popular iOS & Android app sendit, a new format for people to spark conversations through interactive augmented reality (AR) games. Sendit is based in Santa Monica. Rice spoke with *Beverly Hills Weekly* in October.

### How did you get into tech?

I've always been interested in the idea of connecting people and helping people find a place where they are comfortable being themselves. Attending El Rodeo and Hawthorne, and eventually Beverly High, I found a great group of friends that made my experience growing up in Beverly Hills that much better. I wanted to take that same feeling with me when I went to Dallas for SMU [Southern Methodist University]. I think I was able to do that in a great way. I started a chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi which is now the Jewish fraternity there. I was really proud

of the impact we had on campus but I knew I wanted to accomplish that on a much bigger scale and in order to impact millions the network needs to be digital. That is sort of what led me down the path to get into tech and ultimately starting sendit.

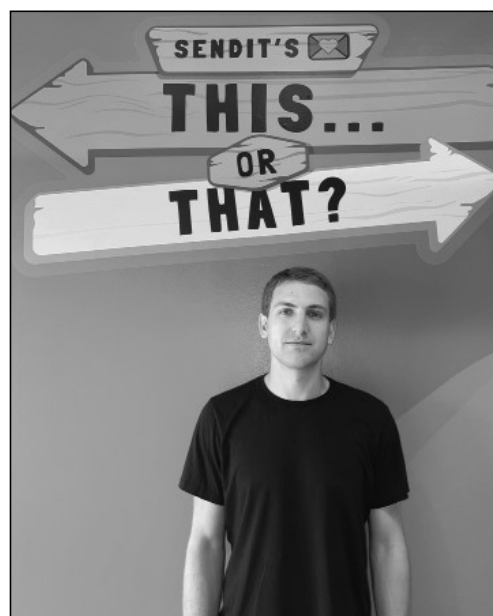
### Tell us about your platform and app.

Sendit is this brand new format of communication that uses augmented reality (AR) to spark conversations with your friends, your favorite creators, maybe your crush. The way it works is you open up [the] sendit [app], you find an AR experience that you want to use and you share that with your friends. Your friends can then interact with you, send you fun messages and the AR world around you ... transforms based on those interactions. It's a really fun and easy way for users to get to know one another.

Over the last year we have

grown quite a bit. Six million people are using the sendit app each month. Our focus has primarily been in the U.S., where we are currently [October 2021] ranked No. 3 right after Tinder. We are also ranked in the top 10 on the app store in 25 other countries. It's really been incredible to see how well the product has resonated internationally.

I think when you look at how social media has transformed and how this younger generation interacts with each other on it, they are a lot more focused on one-to-one connections and we have seen that through products like Snapchat.



Hunter Rice '12

The behavior that's driving the younger users to post content is no longer about posting and showing off your most polished self. The younger generation sees this content as more of a medium to spark conversation

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## Brucker '75 releases bagel scooper in his mother's memory

Longtime Beverly Hills resident Rita Brucker, who passed away in 2016, believed everyone should be able to enjoy a bagel with all of the schmear but less of the carbs.

Now her son, former Beverly Hills Mayor Barry Brucker '75, is releasing a product in her memory that'll let people do just that.

"Bubbe's Bagel Scooper" is a device that allows people to scoop out the inside of bagels but leave the outer crust. The patented product claims to reduce the calories and carbs of bagels by up to 50%.

Brucker, who owns several patents, invented the bagel scooper with his mother before her passing. He said the experience brought them closer together.

"[Rita] created and patented

her scoop [to] combine her love for bagels and her love for living a healthy lifestyle," Brucker said. "We wanted to make the product not only useful, but we wanted to make it sort of a fun product and a legacy item for her."

Rita was around 89 years old when she began testing out the prototypes for the bagel scooper.

"We spent a lot of time testing out different size configurations and different patterns of tools to be as efficient as possible," Brucker said. "I [would] bring these to her house and sit around the breakfast room table with a bag of bagels."

According to Brucker, Rita passed away six months before the patent office awarded the patent for the bagel scooper.

She never got to see it, but her name's on the patent because



Above left: Barry Brucker, Sue Brucker, and the late Rita Brucker. Above right: Bubbe's Bagel Scooper

she was the primary inventor, Brucker said.

"I've designed and developed a lot of products—none with my mother," Brucker said. "For her to design and actually do most of the heavy lifting, certainly the creative side, at the age of 89 ... it's inspiring that creativity



doesn't start or end at any age if you put your mind to it."

*Bubbe's Bagel Scooper is available at Factor's Famous Deli, The Nosh, Beverly Hills Market and online at [www.bubbiesbagelscooper.com](http://www.bubbiesbagelscooper.com).*

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*

## '81 grad mounts campaign for California Attorney General

Nathan Hochman '81, former Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Justice Department's Tax Division, has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for California Attorney General in 2022. *Beverly Hills Weekly* interviewed him in April 2021.

### What made you want to run for Attorney General?

What made me want to run for Attorney General was the desire and passion to serve others. It's something that I've been doing my whole life. It's something that my parents did their whole lives. To the extent that I'm able, through the state Attorney General job, to meaningfully impact others' lives in a positive way by sharing my ideas and energy. To do so, it would be one of the highest callings and greatest honors that I could aspire to.

### If you are elected, what would you hope to accomplish in the role?

My number one focus would be ensuring public safety and justice for the people of California. Right now, the agenda that the current establishment has—in Sacramento, San Francisco [and] Los Angeles—is an agenda that is focused more on defunding the police, treating the police as our enemies, and not focusing on victims and the harm and damage they're suffering. I believe that that is an overcorrection or an overswing of the pendulum.

My goal would be to reestablish both the balance to criminal justice issues and to establish independence for the Office of Attorney General. The current establishment has been run, in all phases, by one party for years. They control the state legislature, they control the governor's office, they control every statewide

position. And I believe that better ideas come from the competition of ideas. When you have just one party controlling all levers of government, ideas get played out like the ones currently being played out in the criminal justice realm that are flawed and result in public safety being compromised.

### What do you see being the key issues in this race?

The number one issue will be the issue of criminal justice because it's an issue that permeates most other issues. Whether it's someone having their car broken into, their house broken into, their identity stolen, whether or not they're being shot at, their buildings are being not cared for, the issues of criminal justice and public safety permeate every community up and down the State of California. So I believe that that will be the central issue the voters will look at and



Nathan Hochman '81

compare to significantly different approaches.

The [approach] of Attorney General Rob Bonta, who advocates the policies of the [district attorneys George] Gascon and [Chesa] Boudin—which is a far left agenda focused on defunding the police, treating the police as our enemies and focusing on defendants rather than victims—versus what I believe is a much more balanced approach. [One] that looks at public safety through the lens of putting the people who need to be in prison, who constitute threats to our public safety in prison, and looking towards policies of rehabilitation, restoration, and a path back from lives of crimes to lives of productivity as the balanced approach.

### Can you elaborate on what you mean by "rehabilitation"?

If someone commits, for instance, certain nonviolent offenses and there are ways that instead of putting them in jail you can create conditions of punishment that allow them to perform community service rather than being incarcerated. That allows them to get back to their jobs, earning a living for their families, and pay back any restitution or damages they have caused.

I think that the ability to pay back to society, in something other than going to jail, is appropriate in certain cases. Where I differ with Mr. Bonta is that his focus is expanding to cases that actually threaten our public safety and doing it in a way that does not respect victims' Cont. on p. 40

## '76 grad's candle co. honors son's spirit while benefiting cancer research

By Terry Castle '76

Our son, Will, passed away from cancer at the age of 17. I began to think about a way to honor Will's spirit. I decided to design candles that would burn as bright as his enduring soul and use his name, WILL, as an affirmation of strength and love with the hope that the flicker of light from these candles WILL affirm peace, compassion, strength, comfort, wisdom and spread good WILL into all-pervading space.

My company's single mission is to inspire, empower and encourage others through the gift of candlelight.

Each candle is a hand-pour in

Los Angeles, using sustainable soy wax, a cotton wick and is infused with phthalate-free perfume oils.

Most importantly, every candle purchased WILL result in a donation to help find a cure for cancer, as 100% of profits from the business are donated to cancer research at City of Hope, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Concern Foundation.

Candles are available for purchase at [www.findingwill.com](http://www.findingwill.com).



Clockwise from top right: Terry Castle '76, her son Will, and candles honoring his spirit



## Q&A: Gabriel Halimi '00

### How to open a preschool during a pandemic

By Tiffany Majdipour '11

*Beverly Hills Weekly spoke with Gabriel Halimi '00 in June. He was appointed to the BHUSD Board of Education in November. A graduate of UC Santa Barbara and Loyola Law School, Halimi served as the student board member during his senior year at Beverly.*

**Tell us about how COVID affected your family, and how this inspired you and your wife to start a preschool.**

My wife [Shirley Hay Halimi] came up with the idea once COVID hit. We were struggling to figure out what we were going to do with our kids. We wanted to give our kids the opportunity to engage with other kids. We also spoke to my sister Michelle [Halimi Dar '02] who was the principal of Hawthorne for a while, and was also an assistant principal at Beverly High. She has a lot of administrative experience. Her son

is also around the same age as my kids, so we just started thinking about putting something together for our own family.

So, it was my wife's idea but my sister and I put the plan in execution. One of my cousins, Melissa Nass '11, is in early education as a teacher and she wasn't going to work in the pandemic, so it was perfect. And that's when we decided to start the "Or Shemesh" family daycare program. That's what we called it. And it really started as a program for our own family. It ended up being nine kids and two teachers.

A lot of my passion for education comes from me and my sister's background of going to Beverly Hills schools. We were both very involved at Beverly. As soon as we had the opportunity to start our own school program, we jumped straight into it.

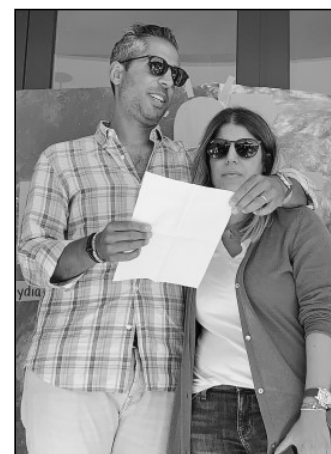
**Tell us about how you ended up having Melissa Nass '11 as a teacher.**

Melissa is my cousin and she

is such a wonderful person and makes for an amazing preschool teacher. She had been teaching at Valley Beth Shalom and we couldn't send our kids all the way to the valley for preschool since we live in Beverly Hills. We were bummed that our kids could never be in her class. The big silver lining around COVID was that we got to put my kids, my nephews, and my cousins' kids in a program together for a year at my parents' house with my own cousin as the teacher. It was a complete dream that we brought to reality.

**Were you concerned about starting a preschool in the middle of a pandemic?**

From a safety standpoint, we were very careful. We were following CDC guidelines on how to do things. It was really the parents and their commitment that allowed us to feel comfortable. We all immediately shut off our social circles and we decided we wanted to create a type of environment we felt safe sending our kids into. In order to do that, every family had to make their own personal commitment to themselves and all



**Gabriel Halimi '00 and Michelle Halimi Dar '02**

of the other students to limit contact with others outside of the circle. We obviously fell on challenging times and had to be very careful. No one got sick all year.

It really was a risk that we felt, to some extent, was worth taking. It is such a vulnerable age for kids in that preschool age to have some type of education and experience. We had to give these kids some sort of experience, and I think we gave them a stellar experience. Honestly, we were only able to do that with the commitment of parents and the teachers. Melissa Nass and Tara Schwartz, who was an early education teacher at Temple Isaiah, were phenomenal. They dramatically limited their own personal encounters with anyone else just to keep their students safe. It was a huge commitment by everybody to make it work.

**How did you develop the curriculum for your students?**

The curriculum for the students was developed by the teachers. Both Tara and Melissa have a decade of experience each in early education. They handled all of the curriculum and we could not have asked for more from them. From human anatomy to learning about poetry to doing plays, it was just phenomenal.

**What challenges did you encounter in setting up a preschool?**



**Gabriel Halimi '00 (center) was sworn in to serve on the BHUSD Board of Education on Nov. 16, 2021, after he was appointed to fill a vacancy by Tristen Walker-Shuman '91. Halimi's term lasts through December 2022. He is pictured with (left to right) Board member Noah Margo '86, Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy, Board member Dr. Amanda Stern, Student Board member Eli Ramer '22, then-Board Vice President Mary Nakae Wells and then-Board President Rachelle Marcus**

We were very lucky. We didn't really run into any non-COVID related challenges and we had a great division of responsibilities.

***"Setting up a preschool reinforced my passion for education and gave me great gratification."***

The most challenging part was the strictness we had to enforce because of COVID.

Setting up a preschool reinforced my passion for education and gave me great gratification. I was a BHUSD

student board member when I was a senior in high school and since then, up until now, haven't had a hand in education. My sister

has been in school administration for a long time now so for her, it was more her bread and butter. But for me it really reinforced my passion. I would have loved to do more. This preschool was more of a family program for licensing

reasons, but I would have loved to expand it outside of our family to our community. I would love to start a school one day or at least be further involved in some type of educational program. I don't think there's anything more important than educating our youth and giving them the values they need to succeed.

**What advice would you give to others who want to start their own school?**

I'm a big startup guy so I love to solve problems. I think we make our own reality. During this

COVID pandemic, it would have been very easy to sit back and think "Gosh. This is a complete bummer. Our kids are going to be home for the next year." But instead, we took those lemons and made lemonade. We took matters into our own hands. We started a school. And so I think my advice would be less about education and more about taking your passions and making your own reality. Don't just be a passenger in life. Get behind the wheel and drive.

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*

## Ziering '79 garners three Emmy noms

Amy Ziering '79 received three 2021 primetime Emmy nominations for her work on the four-part HBO documentary series, *Allen v. Farrow*.

*Allen v. Farrow* received seven Emmy nominations, including for outstanding documentary or nonfiction series, which gave Ziering one of her nominations as an executive producer. She also shared outstanding directing for a documentary/nonfiction program and outstanding writing for a nonfiction program nominations.

*Allen v. Farrow* is a new

investigation into accusations of sexual abuse against Woody Allen involving Dylan, his then seven-year-old daughter with Mia Farrow; their subsequent custody trial; the revelation of Allen's relationship with Farrow's daughter, Soon-Yi; and aftermath. It also includes in-depth interviews with many people speaking publicly about the events for the first time.

*Allen v. Farrow* is streaming on HBO Max.

In 2016, Ziering received an Emmy nomination for exceptional merit in documentary filmmaking for her work on *The Hunting Ground*, the CNN documentary on sexual assault on college campuses.

Ziering received Emmys for Best Documentary and Outstanding Investigative Journalism – Long Form in 2014 and a best feature documentary Oscar nomination in 2013 for *The Invisible War*, a documentary on the epidemic of rape in the U.S. armed forces.

*Courtesy of  
Beverly Hills Weekly*



**Amy Ziering '79 and her collaborator Kirby Dick arrive at the Television Academy's 2016 Creative Arts Emmy Awards**

**Rice '12** *Cont. from p. 36*  
with their friends. During a time when we may not be going to gatherings or have as many exciting things to do, sendit has really come in and served this community in a big way. Now instead of

***"The main objective of sendit is to get people closer to those they care about."***

having to go to big parties or cool vacations to post content and invoke these messages with friends, our sendit community can basically post from the safety of their own house and attain the same results. That's what enabled us to pick up in a big way.

**Can you explain some of the games that are available?**

A lot of our games are near the games we were very used to as kids growing up. You'll see common titles like "Truth or Dare" or "Never Have I Ever" or "This or That," which is one of our most popular ones, sort of a "Would You Rather" type of experience. All AR experiences that are offered on the platform are simple, quick, lightweight, and they are just a fun way for users to interact and get to know each other.

**Were there any specific classes or teachers at Beverly High that helped you pursue that?**

I graduated Beverly High in 2012. It was a little too early for actual coding classes. I know they

offer those now. Unfortunately I didn't have a specific teacher that got me into coding or the tech side itself. There were many classes offered on the business end. I had a great economics teacher [Catherine Pincu]. A bunch of different

experiences led me down the path.  
**What do you hope to accomplish from your app?**

The main objective of sendit is to get people closer to those they care about. I decided to do this by innovating around the entry point of conversation. I was thinking about a product that focused on an initial ice breaker, kind of removing all friction from sparking conversations. When I look towards the future I think about where those conversations continue and currently they are happening on Snapchat, Instagram DM [direct message], text message. While we're focused on the entry point of conversation I am always thinking about brainstorming with the team how we can continue that conversation on sendit itself to create interactive and engaging ways and new ways to harness that interaction and conversation.

Visit [www.getsendit.com](http://www.getsendit.com) to download the app.

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*



## '95 grad's debut children's book celebrates bonds of family and humanity

Rachel Montez (Collins) Minor '95, an accomplished dancer, singer and actress, adds children's author to her list of achievements with her debut children's book, *The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars*. It's a lyrical storybook that celebrates the connections between children, parents and the universe.

Highlights of Minor's career as a performer include Broadway's *The Producers*, the movie musicals *Rent* and *The Producers*, and TV shows such as *Mistresses*, *Nip/Tuck*, *Brothers and Sisters*, *Without a Trace*, *The Mentalist*, *Key & Peele*, and *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*. She has performed at venues including the Kennedy Center, Radio City Music Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, and Royal Albert Hall.

In November, Minor spoke with *Beverly Hills Weekly* about her new book, which features illustrations by Annie Won.

### Tell us about your book.

My children's book is called *The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars*

and it came to me in a dream while I was pregnant with my daughter.

Fun fact: It turns out there is a magic number of pages that all children's books are and usually the editor has to guide you in that direction. This book that came to me was the perfect number of pages that children's books are supposed to be.

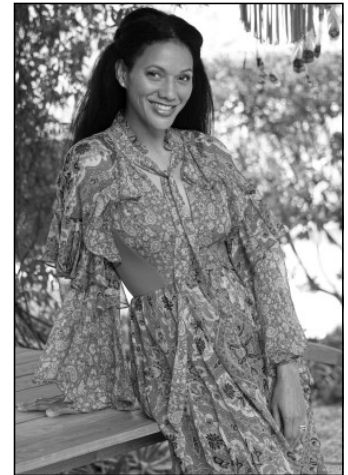
The message of the book is really from the stars and the universe and it's about how we are all connected. We are all one. We are connected to each other, we are connected to the sun, the moon, the stars. We are connected to the universe. I think that it's a really important time for this book right now, especially coming out of the COVID pandemic to remember that we are all human, we are going through the same struggles and journeys. And it's also the importance of family and reading to our children and reminding them that they are connected to nature and they are connected to each other regardless of if they look different.

In the book we have different characters. One is an African American family, we have a mixed cultural Asian and Latina family, and a caucasian family. That was really important to me to have diversity in the book to show that we are all living the same experience with our families, with each other, and underneath the sun, the moon, and the stars, it doesn't matter what we look like in our skin tone.

**At Beverly, you were heavily involved with dance and performing arts. Can you tell us about that?**

I was a dancer, singer and actress and that started at a very young age. In my freshman year at Beverly I was already in the dance company which was really rare at that time to get involved that early in the advanced dance company program [directed at that time by Janet Roston].

I got involved in musical theater and I was the lead in the musical *Pippin* and I really credit Beverly High with nurturing my creativity



**Rachel Montez Minor '95**

as a performer. I really blossomed so much and that's when I realized that's what I wanted to do with my life. I ended up doing the Broadway show *The Producers* and both national tours, and the film *The Producers*. I was able to dance at the Kennedy Center and the Hollywood Bowl and perform all over the world. It [was] in high school when I started to realize I could really do this as a career.

### Hochman '81 *Cont. from p. 37*

suffering and the damage that people have caused to victims.

**You grew up in Beverly Hills. Tell us about that.**

I was very fortunate to grow up in Beverly Hills. The high school gave me a tremendous education, gave me opportunity, it gave me direction, as well as a commitment that has been lifelong to public service and to remain curious. I only wish that the public education that I received could be received by everyone.

[Beverly Hills Councilmember] John [Mirisch '81] was [editor of *Highlights*]. At the time, I was president of the student body. I was very fortunate to be surrounded by tremendous individuals.

In my class was Dr. Paul Natterson, who recently was the head of Saint John's Hospital. In my class

was Jon Turteltaub. [Turteltaub] is one of the premier directors in Hollywood. In my class [were] Jon Brooks and Michael Fries, two titans of business. In my class [were] Elizabeth Claman, Daryn Kagan, and Claudia Cowan, who have gone on to have tremendous careers in TV. Steven Katz is one of the head lawyers of the [Los Angeles] District Attorney's office. Richard Schwartz—he is one of the leaders in the new media world. I was fortunate to be surrounded by such incredible people, who kept pushing me to be better, to work harder and to do what I could to make the most of myself.

**Your mother, Harriet Hochman, was one of the founders of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation. Can you tell us about her and her role in the school district?**

My mom is a force of nature. She sees a problem and immediate-

ly jumps into action, gathers a team around her, leads that team, and finds solutions. She has been an incredible role model. I've always been in awe of her. Equally, my late father [Bruce Hochman]. He was my mother's match in all ways. He was one of the preeminent tax lawyers in the United States. He was the head, as my mother was, of the Jewish Federation here in Los Angeles. The United Jewish Federation, the ADL, United Way and a whole number of other charitable and community-based organizations. They each instilled in me the Jewish notion of *tzedakah*, which is defined as charity but more appropriately defined as justice. And the idea of *tikkun olam*, which is the need to repair the world. They really believed in the idea that you basically help one person, it's as if you're helping the entire world.

**California's voters are predominantly registered as Democrats.**

**Why do you think a Republican should have a chance at the role?**

I think that, for this particular job, what people are interested in are your qualifications, experience, whether or not you will be independent, and have independent ideas from the ideas that currently exist and for the most part are failing. As far as qualifications and experience go, I believe that I have served in all aspects of the courtroom. I've worked for a judge. I've been a federal prosecutor, I ran the United States Department of Justice's Tax Division. I've been a defense attorney. I've represented individuals and organizations, asserting their constitutional rights. And I've even represented victims. I believe those qualifications and experience give me a perspective that's unique amongst the people running for the job.

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*



### Tell us more about your career on Broadway.

*The Producers* is [a] Mel Brooks musical and I did both national tours of the show. I also did the film *The Producers*. When Mel Brooks got honored at the Kennedy Center, which was during President Obama's first year. I was able to dance there and I got to meet and shake Obama's hand and Michelle Obama gave me a hug. It was an incredible experience. Then

I got to do *The Producers* at the Hollywood Bowl and I got to dance at the Dolby Theater when Mel Brooks got the AFI honor.

So I was really part of the Susan Stroman-Mel Brooks family for a decade. They kept me employed for many years. I have so much gratitude for both of them. It was so incredible to be a part of such a huge successful show. We were the number one Broadway show and I still think to this day that *The Producers* has the most Tony Awards, even

more than *Hamilton*. I don't think *Hamilton* broke the record, which is incredible because I am obsessed with *Hamilton*. It was so awesome to be a part of that show at such a young age. I think I was 25 when I booked the show, so it was an incredible experience that really shaped my life.

[Editor's note: In 2001, *The Producers* won 12 Tony Awards—the most ever—and earned 15

nominations. *Hamilton*, which won 11 Tonys in 2016, holds the distinction of the most nominations ever, with 16 nods.]

**You are married to musical director Rickey Minor. Tell us about that.**

Rickey and I met on a television show I was dancing on. It was a

***"I hope that it becomes a children's book classic so that every generation can be reminded of our connection to each other, and to the universe, and to our oneness."***

Christmas special on CBS and he was the music director. We are about to come up on our 10-year anniversary of when we met. We have a daughter together, Brodie Nakia. She's three years old.

Rickey and I wrote a song together, a lullaby that I used to sing to her when she was an infant. The lyrics just came to me and I sang it to her every evening. And Rickey said, "That's a song," and he ended up writing the melody out. We ended up recording this lullaby to be a part of the audiobook. When

you purchase the audiobook you'll be able to hear *The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars* children's book, and afterwards it will go into the song. You can put it on in your car or you can put it on at home to help the little ones fall asleep.

**What do you hope to accomplish with this book?**

I hope that it becomes a children's book classic so that every generation can be reminded of our connection to each other, and to the universe, and to our oneness. I am hoping that grandparents, parents and children can spend this time reading this book and remembering that we are all one.

Visit <https://www.rhcbooks.com/campaign/books/7119/the-sun-the-moon-and-the-stars> to order the book.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

### Historical Society premieres interactive app

Beverly students and alumni from classes spanning over 60 years gathered to debut the Beverly Hills Historical Society's new mobile app, "The Beverly Hills Experience," at the Beverly Hills Art Show in October. Packed with interactive features, the free app lets you access the history of our beloved city right on your phone or tablet.

Normans who helped showcase the app included Bob Rubin '60, Sherry Berk Tedeschi '61, Phil Savenick '69, Larry Ziff '76, Jennifer Rose '87, Galaxia Miller '19, Alexis Sanchez '19, Ori Raab '23 and Eugena Lee '23. The Historical Society booth also offered book signings by local legends Robbie Anderson, Marc

Wanamaker and Suzanne Lloyd.

The Beverly Hills Experience app features 18 videos of the Beverly Hills we remember, 25 biographies of our famous neighbors, and two curated walking tours that are a fun, Covid-safe activity to share with friends and family. One tour features "The Former Homes of the Great Stars," which takes you back in time to when movie stars lived on every block. The "Rodeo Drive/Triangle" tour includes 29 points-of-interest including the long-gone Luau, Daisy Club and Brown Derby. Visit rare treasures like Frank Lloyd Wright's only commercial building and the chocolate shop that inspired the most famous episode of *I Love Lucy*.

The app also includes favorite

landmarks, selfie spots and rare photos. The augmented reality feature lets users explore a 3D replica of our "Celluloid" monument that honors the movie stars who founded Beverly Hills. The app allows users to pose next to the sculpture anywhere in the world. The app also links to the Beverly Hills Historical Society website which offers free access to Robbie Anderson's 408-page, lavishly illustrated book on the history of our hometown. For those of us who grew up in Beverly Hills, it is a magical history tour back in time.



**Jennifer Rose '87, Eugena Lee '23, Sherry Berk Tedeschi '61 and Ori Raab '23 (left to right) move the Historical Society's "movie star" monument to a virtual spot in Beverly Gardens Park**

**Download the app at the Apple app store, Google Play store, or [beverlyhillshistoricalsociety.org](http://beverlyhillshistoricalsociety.org) OR scan the QR code on p. 16.**

## Former Normans excel in elite competition

### Uptagrafft '89 competes in second Olympics

Sandra Utasy Uptagrafft '89 had never fired any firearm until having to qualify on the M16 rifle in Army basic training.

In July, she competed in her second Olympics in shooting.

Uptagrafft helped the United States to a 10th-place finish in the field of 20 in the qualifying portion of the 10-meter air pistol mixed team event in the Tokyo Olympics on July 27.

Uptagrafft scored 290 points and partner James Hall 283. The maximum score for each shooter was 400.

The team total was 573. The top eight teams advanced to the second round. Iran had the eighth-highest score, 575.

Uptagrafft also finished 33rd in the women's 25-meter sport pistol and 49th in the women's 10-meter air pistol.

Uptagrafft previously competed in the 2012 Olympics in London. Her husband Eric Uptagrafft was also a member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team.

At the 2015 Pan American Games, Uptagrafft won the silver medal in the women's 25-meter pistol competition, a finish that guaranteed the U.S. a spot at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

— Steven Herbert '78

### Comanche '15 named MVP as pro basketball team wins championship

Former Beverly High standout Chance Comanche '15 was selected as the MVP of The Basketball League playoffs after scoring 42 points as the Enid Outlaws completed a sweep of the best-of-three finals with a 120-107 victory over the Syracuse Stallions July 24 in Enid, Okla.

Comanche scored 26 points and pulled down a game-high 15



Photo: USA Shooting

### Sandra Utasy Uptagrafft '89 at the 2015 Pan American Games

rebounds as the Outlaws won the series opener, 129-108, July 21 at East Syracuse, New York.

The 6-foot-10-inch Comanche was also selected as the regular-season MVP after leading the league in scoring, averaging 27.3 points per game, and was second in rebounding, averaging 12.7 per game, as Enid compiled a league-best 22-2 record in its first season in the league, which began play in 2018.

In his lone season at Beverly High, Comanche was the 2015 Southern Section Division 3A Player of the Year, leading the Normans to the division championship. He played two seasons at the University of Arizona, then with the Memphis Hustle and Canton Charge of the NBA G League.

— Steven Herbert '78

### Petrie '18 participates in Team USA Hockey selection camp

Dominique Petrie '18 was among the 40 players participating in the 2021 U.S. women's national hockey team selection camp, which was conducted to assist in selecting the nearly 30 players who will train together as part of a residency program as part of preparations for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

The week-long camp began May 31 at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minn.



### Dominique Petrie '18 at 2018 BHHS Senior Awards Night

Petrie, a 2018 BHHS Alumni Association scholarship recipient, is a forward who plays college hockey for Harvard. She was a member of the U.S. team that won the 2017 and 2018 IIHF Under-18 world championship in 2017 and 2018 and finished second in 2019.

Petrie was not among the 27 players chosen for residency. From that pool of players, 23 will be chosen to represent the U.S. at the 2022 Olympics.

— Steven Herbert '78



The Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association (BHAAA) honored the Hall of Fame Class of 2020 at the Homecoming football game on Oct. 29, 2021. Left to right: Katherine Caulfield Newall '87 (cross country, soccer, track and field), Deborah D. Roberson '73 (track and field), Adorium Williams '85 (football, basketball, track and field), Kent Seton '88 (tennis), David Sarraf '92 (football, soccer, track and field)

## Catching up with California Democratic Delegate Daniel Bral '11

By Tiffany Majdipour '11

*Daniel Bral '11, a recent Loyola Law School grad, sat down with Beverly Hills Weekly in June to talk about his recent appointment as a California Democratic Delegate as well as his position as campaign manager for Rob Wilcox, a candidate for 2022 Los Angeles City Controller.*

**When we last spoke to you in [December 2020], you were in the midst of running for a position as a California Democratic Delegate. Tell us about your role as an appointed California Democratic Delegate.**

My role is to represent the people in my assembly district (the 50th). When we last spoke, I was telling you about how I was in the midst of the race and although I came up short for a first-time candidate, I made it pretty far and was eventually appointed by Assemblymember Richard

Bloom (D - Santa Monica).

Now, as one of his appointees, I am representing his interests but also pushing forward my vision for changes in the California Democratic Party, whether that is meaningfully addressing homelessness or having a more empathetic policy towards our unhoused brothers and sisters. As I said in our first interview together, I would also like to see some changes made on our foreign policy strategy as well as criminal justice reform.

Now, when I speak to officers who are running or have run to represent the California Democratic Party, whether it's [Party Chair] Rusty Hicks or [former Superintendent of Public Instruction] Delaine Eastin, who both ran for a position as chair of the California Democratic Party, I ask them what their stances are on important issues to me because they're seeking my support.

**How did you first get involved in politics?**

I was always interested in politics but more so as an outside observer by keeping up to date with what was happening at the national and local level, but I began really immersing myself and being an active participant when I went to law school. I realized that I wanted to live a life of meaning and I found meaning in politics because I found that that is the best way to make a difference in somebody's life. That's when I thought that it would be great to go work in Mayor [Eric] Garcetti's office and maybe run for local office one day. I guess I did so on a small level by running for the California Democratic Delegate race. I really just wanted to do something where I can affect policy and have an impact on people's day-to-day lives.

**You recently became campaign manager for Rob Wilcox, who is running for Los Angeles City Controller. Tell us how you came into the position and what it entails.**

Rob Wilcox was my former boss at the city attorney's office. You know, it was funny actually. He asked me out to lunch a few months ago when I was still looking for a post-bar exam job and he just surprised me with the position. He said, "Look. I'm running for Los Angeles City Controller and I'd like you to be my campaign manager."

When he asked me that, frankly, I told him he was out of his mind because to be someone's campaign manager is one of the highest ranking positions on a campaign and requires previous



**Daniel Bral '11**

campaign experience. I gladly accepted but I knew, and I still know, that it was going to be, and has been, a challenge. It is such a learning opportunity for me and it is something that I cherish. Having worked for him for over two years now, I see the quality of character that he brings to the table. Being a campaign manager is like being a CEO of a company. You are overseeing operations of a campaign, you are hiring staff, you're establishing infrastructure, you're fine tuning messaging and strategy, and you're planning for a year of non-stop outreach, persuasion, and ultimately, success at the ballot box in June 2022.

**How did your education as a law student inform your political views and aspirations?**

Being a law student, you are exposed to a lot of history and the trajectory of not just American legal jurisprudence, but also American history. You see the evolution of race in our country, from Dred Scott to where we are today. It has shown me how so much change can happen both as a lawyer, but also as a lawyer-activist. I think that's a role where I fit most. Law school provided me with a lot of the tools for becoming somebody who is involved in politics because you learn how to think sharply, your communication skills are honed, everything is fine tuned. ...

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## '21 grad writes to uplift others

Sophie Szew '21 is making her mark in the literary world. Last year, the Poetry Team at BreakBread Literacy Project selected the young poet as a literary apprentice. She has been published in numerous literary journals including *Tipping the Scales Literary Journal*, *She Speaks Anthology* and *Teen Authors Boot Camp Poetry Collection 2021*.

Szew is a first-generation Latina-American from Los Angeles who discovered her interest in poetry and literature while struggling with anorexia. Now fully recovered, she uses her writing as a platform to advocate for justice in the mental health community. Her writing can also be found on the website



**Sophie Szew '21**

for Demystified, the advocacy organization she leads.

Her poem "Staying Afloat" was published in FEAST in 2020: <https://www.feast-ed.org/staying-afloat/>



## Paysinger '74 appointed interim '10 grad featured in Forbes 30 Under 30 principal at Palos Verdes High

Former Beverly High Principal Carter Paysinger '74 was appointed interim principal at Palos Verdes High School, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District announced in August.

Paysinger began serving as interim principal on Aug. 20 and assisted the PVPUSD until a permanent replacement for a principal was found.

"I am thrilled to serve as the interim principal of PVHS," Paysinger said in a press release. "The PVPUSD has always been highly regarded and I am honored to have the opportunity to assist in its continued success."

Paysinger boasts over 40 years of experience, most of which he spent at Beverly High, serving as a coach, teacher, department chair, athletic director, assistant principal, and eventually principal from 2010 to 2015.

Previously, Paysinger was



**Carter Paysinger '74**

president of the CIF Southern Section and was recognized by the BHUSD for his success as a teacher and administrator in 2003 and 2013, respectively.

"I am honored to have Carter Paysinger join our team as he is someone I have always looked up to as a mentor," PVPUSD Superintendent Alex Cherniss said in a press release. "His compassion and his dedication to students are unmatched."

Cherniss is a former principal of Hawthorne Elementary.

Justin Brezhnev '10 is one of the nation's most influential young leaders, according to *Forbes*. Brezhnev, founder and executive director of Hacker Fund, has been included in the business magazine's 30 Under 30 Class of 2022 on the Education list.

Brezhnev's Los Angeles-based nonprofit, Hacker Fund, provides critical S.T.E.M. education to children across the United States.

According to *Forbes*, Hacker Fund connects middle and high school students with mentors at more than 150 companies including Apple, Google and Microsoft. Since 2014, the nonprofit has served more than 50,000 students in all 50 states.

Hacker Fund's initiatives include providing student hackathons, educational workshops, mentorship and more. Hacker Fund



**Justin Brezhnev '10**

is partnering with another local nonprofit, LA Tech, to place 1,000 students in tech internships.

In 2017, Brezhnev, a UCLA grad, was featured in the *Jewish Journal's* 30 under 30 list.

### Bral '11

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gained most from law school is confidence. ... I formed relationships with so many people, especially many of my professors. They showed me all of these opportunities and experiences, whether it was going to fundraising events or meeting politicians in Sacramento, to just talking about politics and the ability for movements to make change. The people I met and the experiences these people led me to, more than anything, helped me build the foundation for where I am today. **You also served as an economic opportunity policy intern for Mayor Eric Garcetti during law school. What was this like and what were some initiatives you worked on during this time?**

... I went in as just an intern but

I was afforded the latitude to take on any initiative or project I wanted. To this day, I am so proud of what I got done, like drafting the right to counsel motion, which guaranteed legal representation to

***"Maybe one day, I'll take that leap of faith and run for office."***

low-income tenants facing eviction. ... I also was able to help establish one of the bridge homes, as part of the mayor's A Bridge Home program. It's called Casa Azul and it's on 1920 West 3rd Street. It opened its doors to over 40 women and children and it's a state-of-the-art facility. ... These are facilities that are safe and provide a roof for families.

I think that being able to say that I helped over 40 women and children get off the street and into a home is something I will forever be proud of. I look back on my

time at the mayor's office with nothing but smiles and pride.

**What kind of issues are you most passionate about as a young political activist?**

I would say there are two. One

being homelessness, obviously because of my past experience, and the second being civil and human rights. In the richest country in the world, there should never ever be anybody sleeping in the streets or dealing with mental health issues by themselves without having the support of their so-called government. It is inexcusable. And then when we talk about general civil rights, we see the mistreatment of people of color to this day in America. I can't live comfortably in a system that treats people differently based on

their skin color or circumstances of their lives. That's why I want to work hard to fashion a system that is there to benefit everybody, irrespective of what they bring to the table.

**Where do you see yourself politically in five years?**

Honestly, I really don't know. I'm the type of person who likes to plan ahead and have things mapped out for myself. But I realize that in politics it's hard to do that. ... What I do know is that I want to be involved in politics in the foreseeable future. Whether that is continuing to be behind the scenes or taking the leap to run for office myself, what I know is that I want to be involved in some way. And maybe, one day, I will take that leap of faith and run for office.

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*

### Beverly High: Back in action

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audio production class is bigger than ever, boasting a brand new custom-painted "Sing for Hope" upright piano and state-of-the-art Music Industry Center (see story below). We have also added new programming for fashion design and added a classroom set of sewing equipment for a hands-on experience.

Lastly, and most significantly, Beverly Hills High School continues its tradition of academic success. Last year, despite COVID

and distance learning, our teachers maintained a rigorous curriculum as closely aligned to our normal standards as was possible. We even maintained AP courses and curriculum, providing students an opportunity to complete AP coursework and participate in AP exams. 96% of 2021 graduates continued on to higher education. Students were accepted to all UC campuses at rates that were higher than the state average. The Class of 2021 currently attends universities all over the state, country and world, including universities

such as Washington U, Harvard, Brown, Columbia, and Yale. We have students representing BHHS in the UK, Canada and Spain.

Last year, Beverly Hills High School was able to organize an outstanding prom and graduation for 2021 students and their families. This year, we are looking forward to offering all students the events they missed out on last year and revisiting all the wonderful traditions that began way back in 1927. We are so grateful for those who came before, for those who crafted our storied traditions. This

year, Beverly Hills High School looks forward to continuing our long-standing tradition of enriching academic, social and co-curricular excellence.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this fall's Homecoming, around Beverly Hills, and anywhere else Norman Nation continues to represent.

Sincerely,

**Mark Mead**  
Principal,

**Beverly Hills High School**

## Beverly High debuts state-of-the-art Music Industry Center

In December, Beverly High held a ribbon cutting ceremony showcasing The Michael J. Libow Music Industry Center, made possible by a \$50,000 donation by Michael J. Libow '81.

The Music Industry Center (MIC) is a three-room suite, consisting of a creative space with instruments such as a drum set, piano, keyboards, and synthesizers for writing sessions; a production space with 30 tech stations of audio production equipment; and a state-of-the-art recording booth.

Beverly High's Arts Media Entertainment pathway offers a series of three Audio Production courses. Throughout the program, students learn to compose, record, produce and eventually publish music.

The course is team taught by Alex Breitman and Rodney Mitchell, who first collaborated on a track at Breitman's home studio in 2009 and envisioned offering an audio production course at Beverly ever since.

"My vision for MIC is to provide BHHS students with a safe, interactive, creative space to learn how to make, edit and mix music, to explore musical ideas and collaborations, to

learn from professionals in the industry and to become career-ready all using the latest equipment emphasizing the importance of quality," says Breitman. "You have to have a dream to make a dream come true and this has been my dream from the beginning."

Helping students gain real-world experience is central to the program.

"As is the standard for all stellar Career Education Pathways we work hard to provide students in Audio Production with several levels of project-based learning courses, the opportunity to obtain industry certifications, as well as industry-related real-world experience (guest speakers, field trips, career exploration activities) to equip our students



**Standing (left to right): Alex Breitman, Principal Mark Mead, Rodney Mitchell, Todd Johnson, Tiffany Davis, Councilmember Lester Friedman, Student Board of Education member Eli Ramer, Superintendent Michael Bregy. Seated: Ari Meade**

to pursue production now, during or post-college," says Cindy Dubin '80, BHHS Career Education Coordinator.

The MIC also provides programming to BHUSD elementary and middle school students.

According to BHUSD, the MIC started with several years of federal and state grants, school district matching commitments, and ultimately became the cutting-edge facility it is today

thanks to Libow's donation.

"As important as the Core Standards are, I have always felt that it is imperative for students to exercise the creative side of their brains," says Libow. "The mechanisms for doing so in schools have been sorely diminished over the years due to a lack of funding. My intention is to help supplement that funding in any way possible."

*Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly*

**Betty Lee Duncan Mott W'36**

passed away Sept. 11, 2020. She was 102. Betty loved her years at Beverly and continued to attend reunions

and get the newsletter into her 90s. She was a popular and active student who was in the Honor Society, Valedictorian of her class and *Highlights* editor during her senior year. The BHHS motto, "Today Well Lived," became her

mantra and every day of her life she aimed to make the world a better place. She maintained friendships with at least six of her friends from Beverly. The last remaining one, whom she had known since 5th grade at Beverly Vista, attended her 97th birthday party! Though accepted at UCLA she did not go due to the Depression and a need to support her widowed mother. She became the manager and buyer for the better sportswear department of Wilson's Department Store in Van Nuys. She married her longtime friend George Mott in 1948 and they had their daughter Bonnie in 1951. George and his mother decided to open the Kathleen Mott Nursery

School, when preschool was not a common part of education. Betty took on the role of director after taking classes on early childhood education at UCLA. For the next 30 years she was deeply involved with providing a foundation of early experiences for children to learn how to explore their world and engage with each other. She helped establish the Child Development Department at Santa Monica College and the North Bay Chapter of the Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children and served as its second president. It was her idea to set aside a week each year as The Week of the Young Child. April 15, 2021 marked the 50th anniversary

of this program, which spread across the country. As a result of the work that Betty and her colleagues did, preschools became part of the mainstream educational system. She was co-founder of the California Heritage Museum in Santa Monica and volunteered there, giving tours into her 90s. She served on the board of Santa Monica Family Service and was awarded Woman of the Year from both the Museum and the YWCA. She pursued her love of art with painting and sculpture classes and writing her autobiography. She was a world traveler and devoted follower of Paramahansa Yogananda and Self-Realization Fellowship. She was a loving and

**Rafferty '31, one of our earliest grads, passes at 106**

Lois Mullins Rafferty '31, of Santa Paula, passed away in the spring of 2021 at age 106.

She had a happy childhood in Los Angeles. When it was time for Lois to go to high school the family moved to Westwood so she could attend the newly opened Beverly High and was one of the first graduates in 1931.

"University High School had not been built, so everybody that lived in Westwood went to Beverly Hills," Lois told *Beverly Hills Weekly* in 2012. "We went on the electric car. I walked about nine blocks to get to the car."

In that 2012 *Weekly* article, Lois reflected on her three years at Beverly. She recalled friendships with Marjorie Morse and Ruth McCurdy and favorite teachers, including Mr. Hardison (music) and Miss Helms (history). She described Bill Rogers, who was Will Rogers' son, as "a kick" who sat behind her in Spanish class.

"I loved going there and I was always proud of the fact that I graduated from there and had good friends," she said.

Lois went on to UCLA, graduating in 1935. Many of her Alpha Phi sorority sisters were lifelong

friends. At UCLA, she met her future husband Tom Rafferty who started on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Bruin football team. Tom earned lifetime season tickets to the home games, which they enjoyed regularly.

Tom and Lois were married in May of 1937 and their first daughter Patty was born the following year. They settled in Santa Paula, Tom's hometown, where he worked as a chemist. While at UCLA Tom was in the ROTC so as it became more obvious that America was going to be involved in what was to become WWII, Tom was called up by the Army as a 1st Lieutenant. Their second daughter Kelly was born in July 1945 while Tom was fighting his way through Austria and witnessing the horrors of the concentration camps.

When the war ended Tom stayed in the Army for the next 26 years and the family moved to many assignments around the country and two tours in post-war Japan. One of everyone's favorite assignments was when Tom became an instructor at West Point. With Tom's retirement in 1966, they returned to the Rafferty

Ranch in Santa Paula.

Lois loved everything about living in Santa Paula, the weather, her friends, the Presbyterian Church, and the food. (She had an affinity for burgers.)

Lois and Tom loved to travel and because their daughter Kelly worked for United Airlines, they qualified for all kinds of travel discounts from airlines, ships and hotels. They spent many years seeing the world.

"It was just marvelous," Rafferty told the *Weekly*. "I never got over appreciating it."

After Tom passed in 1994, Lois joined the Saticoy Country Club and said it was one of the best things she had ever done. She started playing bridge in college and played once or twice a week and the Club was perfect for this. She was a frequent dinner guest and enjoyed many special occasions there, including her 100th birthday in November 2014, with over 100 friends and family. She drank a little wine and danced some, too.

Lois had been living alone in the house she loved until a fall in the driveway broke her femur. She did well with the operation and re-

**Lois Mullins Rafferty '31**

covery, but needed to have live-in assistance, and like everything else in her life she made the best of it and kept moving forward.

In November 2019, she celebrated her 105th birthday at the country club. She frequently said, "I want to live forever," and she had quite a few believers it could happen. Then Covid came along and cut off her physical connection to most of her friends and the activities that made her life so enjoyable.

In the spring of 2021, she started getting quieter and quieter and about 15 minutes after her best friend Frank Corona came over to say goodbye, she closed her eyes and set off on that next adventure.

Lois' survivors include her daughter Patricia Rafferty Lee and her daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Robert Armstrong.

supportive wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and loyal friend.

**Ruth Lyons Friedman '41** passed away Oct. 14, 2021 at her home in Los Angeles surrounded by family. She was 98. Ruth attended El Rodeo and Beverly High and earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA. She married her husband, Ernest J. Friedman, in 1945 and moved to Tulsa, Okla. where Ernest was stationed as Lieutenant in the Army Air Force. Soon after their marriage, they moved back to Los Angeles and raised their three children. Ruth had many skills and passions. She was a ping pong champion and a talented pianist and singer. Ruth was an early

advocate for health and nutrition. She was appointed to the LA County Task Force on Nutrition to provide nutrition guidance to all the citizens in LA and in particular young people confined to various juvenile detention centers. Ruth is survived by her children John Friedman (Jean Gold), Diane Friedman, and Jill Martin (Tom Martin); her eight grandchildren; and her five great-grandchildren. Her greatest joy and devotion in life was family.

**Patricia Sullwold Warren S'42**, passed away peacefully in September at her daughter's La Canada home. The last of the "Snotty Nine," she was proud all her life to have gone to BHHS, and

right to the end would cheer Beverly High (and UCLA) on any excuse. Her two daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren miss her very much.

**Helen Osgood Yeoman S'43** has passed away. She was the mother of four daughters and one son and the sister



**Patricia Sullwold Warren S'42 (center), with her two daughters, Judy Warren and Gale Musker**

## **Robert '41 and Kathryn '42 Caliva**

**Kathryn Porch Caliva '42** passed away March 13, 2016. After Beverly, she went on to the University of Redlands and earned her B.A. and made several lifelong sorority friends. She developed hobbies of many handicrafts and enjoyed horseback riding.

**Robert "Cal" N. Caliva '41** passed away Dec. 13, 2017. After Beverly, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy active duty in February 1942. He became an Aviation Radio Technician Second class and earned a two-year college degree before his honorable discharge in December 1945.

The high school sweethearts eloped in April 1946 in Santa Barbara. They moved to Venice, Calif. and settled into their first home. Bob joined the Los Angeles Police Department in August 1946. Their son Nick was born in July 1947 and along came their daughter Jeanne in October 1949.

In 1950, they moved to a bigger home in Sherman Oaks. They raised and showed Doberman Pinscher dogs, traveling to many dog shows around the country with several winning Dobies.

In 1951, Bob left the LAPD

and bought a liquor store on Ventura Boulevard in Sherman Oaks. Since there was already a Bob's Liquor store in the area, he named his store Cal's Liquor. In 1955, he sold the store and started working for his Kiwanian mentors in San Fernando Valley where he learned his craft and built a career in construction.

Bob and Kathryn became very involved with community activities, joining the local Kiwanis Club. They conceived and started the rebuilding of Rancho Del Valle, a rehabilitation and recreation center for 500 children that still exists. Bob became a Boy Scout leader while Kathryn continued her sewing and crafts, making things for charities.

In 1960, the family moved to Wrightwood, Calif. and built their dream home, designed by Kathryn and built by Cal. He commuted to work in the San Fernando Valley. While living in the mountains, he learned to ski which became his passion. Kathryn went back to college in Riverside to study fashion design.

In 1970, while working for Hefler Construction Co., Cal was transferred to Denver. After

finishing the project, they found a home in Frisco, Colo. They soon settled in and started Caliva Construction Company. Cal took up his hobby of raising horses and making chocolate candy.

At age 67, Cal semi-retired and bought a rig-crane to work part time. That allowed him to ski in the mornings and do crane work in the afternoons. They became very supportive of the Rocky Mountain Ski Team and involved in local activities.

In the '80s, Kathryn started her fabulous doll collection. She joined several doll clubs and attended doll conventions.

In July 1990, they sold the Frisco home and moved to Rifle Creek Ranch, a 33-acre ranch in Rifle, Colo. There they had enough room to have their horses in the field and grow hay for other ranchers. In June 2000, they found a seven-acre lot a stone's throw away in Rifle Estates and built their second dream home, which Kathryn designed and Cal built. They settled in with their



**Kathryn '42 and Robert '41 Caliva at the 1988 Ski Ball in Colorado**

two favorite horses and six cats.

Due to Cal's heart health issues, in Summer 2015 they moved to a lower altitude home in Robinson, Texas. Kathryn's health deteriorated as her rheumatoid arthritis accelerated. After a few months in a care center, she passed away at age 92 in March 2016.

At 94, living alone trying to maintain a home and his own poor health, Cal needed to make a change. In January 2017, he moved to a senior center in California near his daughter Jeanne.

Trying to adjust to many things, at 95, Cal said, "I have had a good run." The next day, Dec. 13, 2017, he peacefully passed away.





**Helen Osgood Yeoman S'43, Bob Osgood '37, Mary Osgood Mayor S'41**

of Mary Osgood Mayor S'41 and Bob Osgood '37. Helen and Mary enjoyed traveling and line dancing together. Helen was involved with the Girl Scouts for decades, starting with her own experience as a Girl Scout in Beverly Hills. She later became involved as an adult with her daughters' troops. She was a volunteer, troop leader, organizer, consultant, troop committee chairman and the association chairman for Sherman Oaks. Eventually, she served multiple terms as president of the San Fernando Valley Girl Scout Council. In addition, she was involved with United Way, serving on various committees.

**Sonia (Sunny) Baron Grossblatt '44** passed away July 2, 2021, one



day before her 95th birthday. She was born in Philadelphia. Together with her brother, Don,

the family moved to Beverly Hills, where she graduated from Beverly and entered UCLA. On a blind date she met Alvin, who nicknamed her Sunny. She initially disliked the name, but it perfectly described her personality. Alvin and Sunny were married in 1947 and enjoyed a union that exceeded 74 years. Sunny's competitive instinct was honed on the tennis court, where she played until she was 91, and at the bridge table, where she complained of getting bad cards

until a week before her passing. Somehow she found time to be a world traveler, skiing fanatic, docent at LACMA, and long-time volunteer at both William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Sunny built a wide network of dear friends to whom she was not shy about dispensing unsolicited advice. Survivors include her husband, Alvin; children, Susan (Howard) Korn, Nancy (Leon) Chalnack, and Fred; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

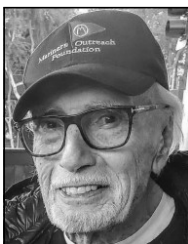
**Richard LeWinter '44** passed

a w a y peacefully on Nov. 19,

2021 in

Marina Del Rey. Richard created a life where he pursued his

talents and passions. At Beverly, Richard excelled in acting and starred in the school's radio show. From high school, he went directly into the Navy. With his acting background (not to mention his Frank Sinatra look), he was assigned to be in the Navy's film unit. Moviegoers in 1944 and 1945 saw Richard in the War Bond shorts that helped raise millions of dollars to aid the war effort. He was also involved in training films for the military as an actor, camera operator and assistant director. After the Navy he met the love of his life, Marion Zuckerman. They



married in 1946 and enjoyed 53 years of marriage. Richard's main passion was bringing his family and friends together. They participated avidly in Marion's cousins club, which adopted Richard as one of their own. Richard and Marion created a furniture business based upon a collaboration of Richard's artistic talents and woodworking craftsmanship and Marion's skill as an interior decorator. Richard began by building television cabinets in his garage. The enterprise grew into a high-end custom furniture manufacturing and decorating business, which catered to many of Hollywood's biggest stars and A-List interior designers. Upon retirement, Richard pursued his passion for boating. Richard was elected as the commodore of both the Marina City Yacht Club and the Del Ray Yacht Club. Richard enjoyed taking friends and family on the boat to various places in Southern California, especially Catalina. The highlight of his boating life was the years-long trip he and Marion took entertaining family and friends as they traveled down the Intercoastal Waterway and through the Caribbean. In his later years, Joanna Bogos unexpectedly came into Richard's life and for the last five years provided love, companionship and comfort. Another great joy of Richard's final years was the time he was able to spend with his daughter, Judi, who came to temporarily be with him when Covid-19 hit and then stayed to take care of him through his passing. Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Marion, and their son, Jeffrey. Survivors include his son, Anthony (Julia) LeWinter; daughter, Judi (Mary Ellen) LeWinter; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Marcia Garbus Burnam '45** passed away April 1, 2020 of COVID-19 at her home in Los Angeles. An extraordinary woman

of dignity, intelligence, generosity, kindness and personal courage, hers was a productive, fruitful life of helping countless people and many organizations. Passionate about justice, interfaith and interracial understanding, in the 1960s she headed the Portraits of American Women panel. Serving as Western Regional President and then National Vice-President capped three decades of dedication to the American Jewish Committee. She also served on the national board of overseers of Hebrew Union College where she mentored many students at the School of Jewish Communal Service. She was a groundbreaking leader in interreligious affairs, working closely with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles over several decades and was an outspoken voice against domestic violence. She was particularly proud of the work of her son, Dr. Tewodros Gedebeu, who built and heads in her honor a state-of-the-art reconstructive surgical hospital, The Marcia Surgical Center, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Marcia cherished lifelong friendships, was devoted to her family, and delighted in the accomplishments of her grandchildren. Survivors include her daughter Beth (Monte Tomerlin), son Bruce (Hope), son Tewodros Gedebeu (Yewlsey), seven grandchildren, and her half-brother Emanuel Joel (Noelle).

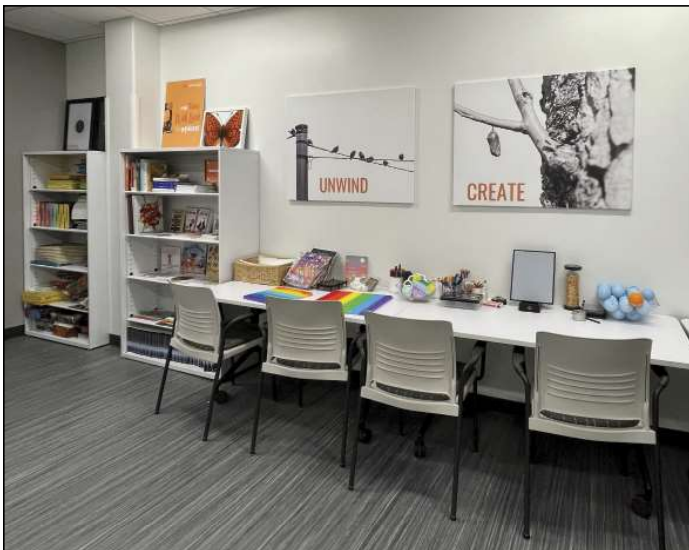
**Jack Carroll Cameron '46**



p a s s e d a w a y peacefully on Aug. 9, 2021. In his final days, he was surrounded by his wife

of 64 years, Barbara, and their children. Jack was a true Renaissance man: an accomplished businessman, physics and math whiz, and talented athlete. Most importantly to

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*Cont. from p. 48* his family, he was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He had a tremendous gift for telling stories and jokes. At Beverly, Jack excelled academically and athletically. He broke the school's mile record and basketball scoring record. He continued his education at USC where he became a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Jack's education was cut short when he was drafted into the Korean War. After the war, Jack returned home and began his lifelong career of building homes. He formed JCC Enterprises (later JCC Homes). As founder and CEO of the company for over 50 years, JCC built 5,000 homes throughout Southern California and Hawaii.

In 1957, Jack married the love of his life, Barbara. As newlyweds, they lived in Manhattan Beach before moving their growing family to Rolling Hills Estates in 1961. They lived there for over 60 years and raised their four daughters and a son. Jack built the Palm Desert Tennis Club in 1973. In 1977, he built the Los Caballeros Racquet and Sports Club in Fountain Valley, which his family still owns today. Los Cab has become the home away from home for generations of families. In 1979, Jack created the American Speedsoccer Association at Los Cab. This version of soccer was a fast-paced, high-scoring game that was played in an outdoor hockey rink-type stadium. Jack started a

semi-pro league that attracted top pro talent. In addition, NCAA college teams, recreational and youth teams played in leagues and tournaments at Los Cab through the 1980s. Jack loved all sports and was a competitive tennis player, avid golfer, cyclist and outrigger canoe paddler. He was also a popular and successful youth coach. Jack was an inspiration and role model on how to live life to its fullest. He is survived by his wife Barbara; children Valari (Jerry) Simison, Lori (Greg) Delgado, Teresa Halo, Carri (Chris) Baar, and Jon (Kate) Cameron; and 11 grandchildren.

**Amy Hart Ewing S'46** passed away peacefully in Littleton, Colo. on July 8, 2021 with her daughters



by her side. At Beverly, she met her future husband, Bob Ewing S'46. At U C L A , she was an active

member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and went on to teach 3rd and 4th grades. Amy was a dedicated teacher and loved being a role model to her students. During the winter holiday of 1952, she reconnected with Bob Ewing, who was on leave with the U.S. Air Force. After only a few weeks of *Cont. on p. 52*

### **Fox W'46, broadcasting leader, past Alumni Association president**

Robert L. Fox W'46, a broadcasting leader and past president of the BHHS Alumni Association, passed away Jan. 10, 2021. He served as BHHS Alumni Association president from 2002 to 2004 and was inducted into the BHHS Hall of Fame in 2006.

During high school, Bob played C basketball and ran on the B track team. He was also a member of the Spartans Hi-Y club.

Following high school, Bob attended UC Berkeley and received his B.A. in 1950. He studied psychology and zoology, was a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, and ran on the varsity track team. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college, and he never took his education for granted. He was a lifetime member of the Cal Alumni Association and a member of the Class Council.

He married the love of his life, Valerie Barker Fox, in 1953. They were devoted to each other until they both tragically died of Covid in January 2021.

Bob defined self-actualization.

As the noted psychologist Albert Bandura said, "If you look at my life path, you try to make the most of whatever is there, and to do that you have to believe that through your actions you can influence the course of your life."

Bob was an entrepreneur and successfully ran KVEN Broadcasting Corp. for over 30 years. He was a man of considerable energy and commitment and made an impact on the numerous organizations on which he served.

Bob was deeply involved with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), serving as the association's director from 1984 to 1988 and from 1990 to 1994. He served on numerous NAB committees, including as Chairman of the Radio Board and the Marketing Task Force and as a member of the Congressional Relations Committee, the Membership Committee, and the First Amendment Committee. He founded the National Association of Broadcasters Educational Foundation and served on its Board of Advisors.

Bob's many broadcasting leadership roles also included

serving as Chairman of the Southern California Broadcasters Association, Finance Chairman of the Radio Music License Committee, President of the National Leukemia Broadcast Council, Co-Chair/Founder of the Southern California Advisory Board of the Museum of Television and Radio, member of the Board of Directors of Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters Association, and Committee Member of the Electronic Media Rating Council.

In addition, Bob spent 20 years on the California Senate Advisory Commission on Cost Control in State Government, serving from 1986 to 2006.

Bob received numerous awards, including Broadcaster of the Year from the California Broadcasters Association in 1993, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern California Broadcasters Association in 1994, the Grover C. Cobb Memorial Award from the NAB in 1996, Pioneer Broadcaster by the Broadcasters Foundation in 2007, and the Diamond Circle Award for service to the



**Robert L. Fox W'46**

industry from the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters Association in 2011.

For many years, Bob presented annual lectures to Horace Mann students about World War II and Pearl Harbor.

Bob and his wife are survived by their two daughters and many cousins. If one wishes to honor Bob and Valerie, donations can be made to Stanford University ([give.stanford.edu/?utm\\_source=giving\\_site&utm\\_medium=button\\_how\\_to\\_make\\_a\\_gift\\_page](https://give.stanford.edu/?utm_source=giving_site&utm_medium=button_how_to_make_a_gift_page)), Lucile Packard Children's Hospital ([my.supportLPCH.org/honor](https://my.supportLPCH.org/honor)), or St. John's Hospital ([saintjohnsfoundation.org/support](https://saintjohnsfoundation.org/support)).

## Rev. Bill Fore '46 and Betty Stauffer Fore '46

**Rev. William F. Fore, Ph.D. '46**, a BHHS Hall of Fame member and longtime advocate for open media and the public interest, passed away July 30, 2020 in Dallas.

Bill was a talented pianist and organist and performed at over 300 weddings. He composed the BHHS alma mater and counted renowned composer and pianist Andre Previn W'46 among his classmates. At Beverly, Bill was voted most popular, most likely to succeed, and student body president. His high school sweetheart, Elizabeth (Betty) Stauffer '46, was also voted most popular and served as Alpha president. They married in 1952.

Bill earned degrees from Occidental College, the American University in Cairo, Yale University Divinity School, and Columbia University. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church. William

Romanowski, writing in his book *Reforming Hollywood*, noted that Dr. Fore "worked tirelessly throughout his career on behalf of the public interest and film and broadcasting."

For 25 years Bill was the Director of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. Throughout the '60s, '70s and '80s, his unit produced more than 100 network programs annually. He negotiated with the Federal Communication Commission, members of Congress and the heads of the networks to improve the balance of news and information on TV and increase the amount of quality children's programming.

From 1972 to 1975 Bill served as Chair of the National Advisory Council of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, testifying on behalf of the public interest and thus helped secure adequate funding for PBS and NPR. He joined the United Church of Christ

in a suit that required the FCC to give standing to all legitimate public interest groups. He secured interdenominational support for the famous WLBT suit in which the court revoked the station's license for failure to meet the needs and interests of its black listeners and viewers. He also participated in the landmark Red Lion decision, which required stations to provide all sides of issues of public importance.

In 1971, Bill co-founded The National Coalition Against Censorship, and served as chair for 17 years. The Coalition continues to aid local libraries and other organizations facing censorship of books and films.

Bill served as president of the World Association for Christian Communication from 1982 to 1988. From 1984 to 1989 he taught communications at Yale Divinity School and in 1998 and 2001 he taught communication at United Theological College in



**Rev. William F. Fore, Ph.D. '46**

Bangalore, India.

One of Bill's projects continues to this day. Seeing the need for quality books and articles for use in developing nations, he started Religion Online in 1997. Today [www.religion-online.org](http://www.religion-online.org) continues to attract more than a million visitors per year.

Bill was an inspiration and a joy to all who knew him with his bright intellect, deep wisdom, good humor and moral focus.

**Elizabeth (Betty) Stauffer Fore '46** passed away Aug. 11, 2021 in Dallas.

Betty attended Beverly along with future husband William F. Fore (Bill) '46. Betty was president of the Alphas and organized and performed with the synchronized swimming team. She demonstrated high academic achievement and was elected to the Ephebian Honorary Academic Society. She and Bill were both voted most popular their senior year.

She then attended UCLA where she continued to excel academically and was president of the "Tri-Delt" (Delta Delta Delta) sorority. She graduated summa cum laude with a BA degree in philosophy and a teaching certificate. Following graduation, she became a public-school teacher.

In 1952, she and Bill married. They had full, loving and wonderful lives together for 68 years. Betty created and maintained a well-organized, tasteful and caring home environment for their family of four children.

She was Bill's behind-the-scenes help mate. Early on, she assisted him in the preparation and editing of his book, *South Americans All*. She developed children's educational programs through the Methodist church. When the children were mostly grown, she returned to the work world for several years as office manager for the National Council of Churches. Her additional income allowed the family to support college expenses. In retirement, she was a significant contributor to Bill's "Religion Online" website.

She was a gracious entertainer,

an innovative, healthy cook and a social fixture in the community. She volunteered generously including teaching literacy skills to underprivileged children. She also taught English as a second language. She was an active lifelong PEO member and officer supporting education programs for girls and women.

She and Bill greatly enjoyed international travel to Europe, Africa and Asia. They spent an extended sabbatical in the Philippines where Bill taught at a seminary. In retirement, they spent a year in Bangalore, India where Bill taught communications at United Theological College. Bill and Betty loved family camping in Cape Cod with close family friends when the children still lived at home. In later years they loved reuniting with the family in Estes Park, Colo.



**Betty Stauffer Fore '46**

*Bill and Betty are survived by their four children, Christine, Peter (Sharon), John (Toni), and David (Jane); eight grandchildren; Betty's brother, Art Stauffer '51; and their sister-in-law Peggy Albin Stauffer '52.*

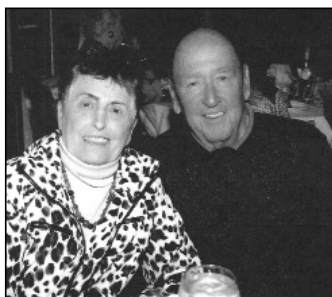


*Cont. from p. 50* dating and a few months of beautifully written correspondence, she took a chance and flew to London and married her sweetheart in a simple but dignified military ceremony. The newlyweds honeymooned in Paris, Geneva, Rome, Capri and Nice, traveling by convertible through the European continent. In 1953, the couple returned to the states and settled in Phoenix. They spent the next 63 years raising a family and building a successful business, the Ewing Construction company. Amy was involved in several charitable organizations and dedicated much of her time volunteering for the St. Luke's Board of Visitors and the Junior League of Phoenix. She was a competitive tennis player and an avid bridge player. Bob and Amy continued their love of travel, sharing countless adventures and rendezvousing yearly in Kona, Hawaii with their Beverly High crew, whom they remained close friends with throughout their lives. After Bob passed away, Amy relocated to Colorado to be close to her youngest daughter and family. She will be remembered as a wonderful mother, loving wife, loyal friend, kind grandma and a classy, elegant woman. Amy is survived by her children, Robert "Bob" Hart Ewing, Leslie Ewing (Andrew Gaupel), and Katherine "Katie" Ewing Worden (Neil), five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Charles Jacobson '46** passed away in January 2017 in Denver, Colo., where he had lived for many years. Chuck played water polo and swam at Occidental College before transferring to and graduating from UCLA. He was a CPA. His survivors include his sister Cathy Jacobson Palermo '56. **Ellen Kathryn Espy Roesch '46** passed away Feb. 22, 2021. Born in St. Louis, Mo., Ellen and her family moved to Beverly Hills where she attended school and

lived nearly her entire life. She graduated from UCLA, married and raised her four children, two of whom also attended BHHS. She leaves behind a legacy of love and light and is deeply missed. She is survived by her four children, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

**Myron Jarman '47** passed away in July 2021 from MDS. For the last 63 years he lived in Northern California, but his heart was still partly in Southern California. He often spoke fondly of Beverly High and the lifelong friends he made there. He was never quite ready to report any news in this publication, so his wife, Patti, is doing so here. Some of his last words were, "It's been a good life." He retired from Lockheed in 1988 as a business manager in ocean mining, enjoying his last years there in "some interesting programs." He then took up his "second career" maintaining their rental properties. When this career ended he took up gardening, often chatting with neighbors and strangers while tending to his plants. He had a passion for football, following it from August through mid-February, local teams as well as the beloved Southern California ones. He played golf most of his 63 years in Northern California, scoring one stroke less than his age at 89. He was especially proud of his twin daughters Kathi and Vikki, their husbands, and his four grandchildren. When Myron and Patti were married they eloped to Reno and returned to San



**Patti and Myron '47 Jarman**

Francisco with 10 cents between them. They went a long way from there and Myron was proud of all that they accomplished together.

**Joan Junge McGovern '47**



passed away March 12, 2021 overlooking her beautiful garden. Joan graduated from UCLA in 1952 with

her teaching credential. She taught second grade until the birth of her children and returned to teaching once the children were attending grade school. Joan formed lasting friendships everywhere she went, maintaining contact with childhood friends, Alpha Delta Pi sorority sisters, members of The Assistance League Spinnakers, her teacher "stitchery" group, Sandpipers, members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Preschool, as well as neighbors in her Hollywood Riviera and Palos Verdes neighborhoods. Joan met the love of her life in 1951 when a



volleyball rolled across her towel at Sorrento Beach in Santa Monica and John McGovern retrieved it to introduce himself. They married in 1952 and moved to Hawaii for a year while John served on the *USS Winston* during the Korean War. Joan immersed herself in the lives of her two children, Blair and John,

supporting their interests and celebrating their accomplishments. She was an avid gardener, antique collector and volunteer. She was also a natural athlete, coaching all of her grandchildren to "keep your eye on the ball and follow-through." "To thine own self be true" by William Shakespeare was her favorite quote. Her survivors include her daughter Blair Ann Contratto (Anthony), son John Edward McGovern, and her five grandchildren.

**Robert Berliner '48** passed away at home on Oct. 2, 2021. The son of Edgar and Fannie Berliner, Robert was born in Montreal. They were Americans living in Canada where Edgar and his family ran the Berliner Gram-o-phone Company of Canada, manufacturing gramophones and disc records invented by Robert's grandfather, Emile Berliner. The family moved to Southern California in the late 1930s, settling in Beverly Hills. Robert remembered riding the Red Line around the city with great freedom at a very young age. After Beverly, Robert headed to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, where he focused on finance and economics. Early in his sophomore year he met June Flamberg of New York, a student at nearby Drexel Institute of Technology. They were together ever since—with one exception: Robert, who loved flying and aviation, served in the Air National Guard reserves and had his college education interrupted when his unit was activated. He relocated to an Air Force base near Spokane, Wash. and served honorably. Shortly after Robert's discharge, he and June married in New York and settled initially in Pomona, where Robert completed his undergraduate studies at Claremont Men's College, while working one to three jobs in the afternoon and evening. June and Robert started a family, with the arrival of Patricia, then James, and later Paul. Robert



### Robert Berliner '48

was a serial entrepreneur. He spent many years in aviation, operating helicopter charter services to a variety of industries and later was involved in the leasing of Lear jets. He worked in corporate finance, helping numerous companies raise capital. He spent over a

decade in oil and gas production. Finally, just over 30 years ago, he teamed with his son Jim to found Westmount Asset Management, one of the earliest firms to pursue the independent advisory model, eliminating conflicts of interest, and pursuing a wider range of investment exposures beyond traditional stocks and bonds. Westmount

has become one of the largest independent investment advisory firms in Southern California and has received considerable national recognition for its innovation and growth. Throughout his career Robert was known for his integrity

and for being a worthy steward of his capital and that of his partners and investors. He was also known for his warmth and caring and he served as a mentor to many. Robert received his joy from spending time with June and his family, reading, and playing with his dogs. Robert's survivors include his wife June; his children Patricia (John Fritchie), Jim (Diane), and Paul (Cheryl Aloff); his three grandchildren, and his brother Oliver S'47 (Ginny).

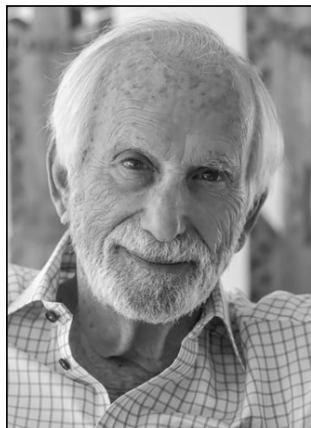
**Patricia Heim Carr '49** of Boise, Idaho, passed away Aug. 15, 2021, just shy of her 90th birthday (Sept. 3). Patty was born in New Jersey and spent most of her life in the Los Angeles area. She was a graduate of Beverly and UCLA (Kappa



Alpha Theta), where she studied painting and art history. She loved traveling,

enjoyed meeting people and delighted in exploring new places. She raised four children: Wendy (Evan) Ellis, David, Nancy (Jerry) Concha, and John. She loved her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. After raising her family, Patty began a career with Bullock's/Macy's. She sold men's suits for many years, retiring from Macy's at age 77. Upon retirement, Patty moved to Boise

### Jay Sandrich S'49, acclaimed director



Award-winning television and film director Jay Sandrich S'49, whose career spanned over 50 years, passed away Sept. 22, 2021.

Jay was born and raised in Beverly Hills, the second son of film director Mark Sandrich (*Shall We Dance*, *Holiday Inn*, *Top Hat*, *So Proudly We Hail*) and Freda (Wirtschafter) Sandrich. He attended El Rodeo and Beverly High, where he was Summer '49 Class President, voted Most Likely to Succeed, and met his first love, Nina Kramer '49. They married after he graduated from UCLA and entered the U.S. Army. The

warm weather-loving Beverly Hills boy was sent to create survival training films in Big Delta, Alaska, a comic juxtaposition that foreshadowed his later career.

Returning to Los Angeles after the Army, Jay was accepted into the Directors Guild of America, following in his father's footsteps. He began to build a career, and a family with Nina. His first job in television came in 1956, as a 2nd assistant director on *I Love Lucy*. This was followed by work on other significant early series, including *The Danny Thomas Show*, where he was eventually given his first opportunity to direct. He continued to develop his craft on multiple episodes of *He & She*, *That Girl*, and others. Offered an opportunity by Leonard Stern, he served as producer on the first season of *Get Smart*, but missed the experience of working on stage and decided to focus exclusively on directing.

His finely honed sense of comedy, expertise with camera placement and ability to create a genuine and joyful sense of creative collaboration on set soon made him a favorite with producers, actors and crew. And his reputation

was cemented by a seven-year run on the iconic *Mary Tyler Moore Show*, where he directed 119 episodes, winning three Emmy awards in the process. Jay went on to direct the series pilots of (among many others) *The Bob Newhart Show*, *WKRP In Cincinnati*, *Benson*, *Empty Nest*, *The Golden Girls* and *Soap*, staying on to direct the first two seasons of that groundbreaking show.

He took time off from the sitcom world to direct the Neil Simon feature film, *Seems Like Old Times*, with Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase, but preferred the immediacy and pace of television and returned to be involved in what would be another landmark series.

Jay and Nina had divorced in 1976. In 1984 he married Linda (Green) Silverstein. That same year he was approached to direct the pilot of *The Cosby Show*. The show was an instant success and widely credited with reviving the family sitcom format. Jay went on to direct 100 episodes, earning several more Emmy awards.

Through the years he was known as a mentor to new generations of rising directors, strongly advocating for women and mi-

norities in the director's chair. He was also brilliant at casting, switching the roles of Betty White W'39 and Rue McClanahan for the pilot of *The Golden Girls*, and giving such young talents as John Ritter and Henry Winkler their first screen jobs.

In addition to his five Emmy awards, he was honored with several Director's Guild and People's Choice Awards, and the Humanitas Award. In 2020, he was named to the Television Academy Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame.

Jay and Linda loved traveling and their love for the beauty of Switzerland led to a home in Colorado, where they spent summers and winter holidays, often with their extended family and friends. He participated extensively in the Aspen Institute where he was a Lifetime Trustee, and directed productions for Theatre Aspen.

Jay was preceded in death by his brother Mark Sandrich, Jr. '47. Survivors include his wife Linda, children from his first marriage, Eric, Tony and Wendy, and four grandchildren.

where she enjoyed her house and garden by the river, her friends at St. Michael's Church, and time with her son John.

**Sandra Marie Shelley Gibson '50** passed away Sept. 8, 2021 following complications from a heart attack. She is survived by her children, Shelley Selle, Dennis Gibson, and Dale Gibson; her two grandchildren; and their families. Sandra was born in Denver. The family eventually moved to California where Sandra graduated from Beverly. She attended college where she studied art before marrying Richard H. Gibson in 1952. Sandra and Richard raised their three children together in

Northridge.

**A f t e r** Richard's death in 1976 from cancer, Sandra continued living in Northridge, spending over 60 years of her life there. She was an outgoing woman with many friends and social commitments and was a believer in community. She previously served as president of the Northridge Junior Women's Club and worked as a docent at the Getty and the Los Angeles Museum of Natural



History. She loved traveling abroad and did so often. She was a lifelong yoga enthusiast and enjoyed square dancing. Her love of art extended to music; she played the guitar and often sang folk songs. Sandra was a voracious reader and an avid animal lover. Sandra spent the last few years of her life in the Prescott, Ariz. area, close to all of her children. She will be remembered for her outgoing personality, generous spirit and her love of the world.

**Gayle Schlanger Prince '50** passed away Dec. 12, 2021. She died as she lived—in her home, surrounded by her children. She always said she led a “blessed



life.” She counted among those blessings her Schlanger/Prince/Grinstein family, the Bella Vista teachers and students, and her pals from Beverly Vista, Beverly High and her USC Sorority. She counted herself blessed by the years she had with our father, Marty Prince, and the cup-runneth-over spectacular years she spent with the love of her life,

### ***Luanne Cosgrave Wells '51, champion of California arts, education and environmental institutions***

Luanne Cosgrave Wells '51, a lifelong supporter of the arts, education, animals and the natural environment, passed away at her home in Beverly Hills on July 15, 2021. Luanne, beloved wife of the late Frank Wells and devoted mother of Kevin and Briant, became an active philanthropist supporting numerous arts, education and environmental programs in California.

Most recently, Luanne served on the Board of Directors of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. She joined the Board in 1998 when the organization was known as The Beverly Hills Cultural Center Foundation and served as a director and member of the Executive Committee for 23 years. She was an active member of several Wallis committees and was a devoted and passionate steward of the beautifully designed campus gardens and landscape enjoyed by Wallis Center visitors today. As the namesake of the Wells Family Education Courtyard, she steered generous support to The Wallis early and consistently, allowing the Center to plan ambitiously to include not only performing arts, but also arts

learning, education and community service in its programming.

Luanne was also a dedicated volunteer and supporter of the Getty, making an indelible mark on the institution through her generosity and leadership. Luanne was a longtime member of the Getty Conservation Institute Council and a founding member of the Getty Villa Council. In 2008, Luanne established the Wells Family Herb Garden Fund to support and enhance the herb garden at the Getty Villa. This garden, long a favorite of guests and staff alike, remains a lasting tribute to her generosity and commitment to making art and culture accessible and enjoyable for all.

Luanne was also a long-standing member of the California Institute of the Arts' Board of Trustees, serving on the board from 1996 to 2019. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Blue Ribbon, the Los Angeles Music Center's premier women's support organization.

In 1989, Luanne and her husband Frank Wells, former President of The Walt Disney Company, founded Environment Now, a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to protecting and restoring Califor-

nia's natural environment. Among Environment Now's many achievements has been the establishment of a “picket line” of five water keepers in Southern California protecting the coast from the California-Mexico border to Santa Barbara. Luanne served on the Board of Directors of Environment Now since its inception, and also on the Board of the Los Angeles Water Keeper for many years.

Luanne supported many educational institutions—including Pomona College, the California Institute of Technology, and Stanford University—and individuals seeking higher education.

Luanne attended Brigham Young University and UCLA. She lived in and was an active member of the Beverly Hills community for most of her life. She spent much of her spare time designing and cultivating a large garden that included unique flowers, trees, plants, native grasses and vegetables from around the world. This “ranch,” as Luanne referred to it, was a place of reflection, peace and beauty which brought her great joy.

Luanne was an avid fan of the Los Angeles Lakers for more than three decades and she enjoyed



sharing the experience with family and friends.

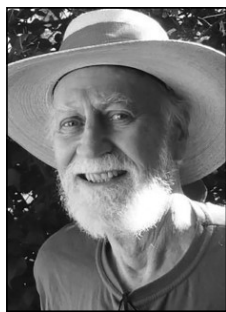
Luanne's mischievous spirit, boundless energy, unabashed love of animals, and sense of beauty and design that created magical landscapes were unique and never ceased to amaze or enlighten. Both an idealist and a realist, her spirit was wise, courageous, determined and generous. And she always maintained her sense of humor.

Luanne Wells is survived by her son Kevin, his wife Stacia, daughter-in-law Mary Nakae Wells (BHUSD Board of Education president), sisters Jayne Cosgrave Unander '47 and Molly Cosgrave Chappellet '49, and five grandchildren.

Mike Epstein. And of course, she felt most blessed by her children, Laura '74, Jonathan '76, Amy '79, Joanne '80, and Elizabeth '83; her nine grandchildren (including Jackson Prince '15); and her five step-grandchildren, whom she welcomed as her own. Her many roles included: Den mother, Girl Scout Troup Leader, PTA volunteer. Short order cook to the numerous kids who ate at the house on Bedford. Giving standing ovations at every game, performance, bar mitzvah, bris, wedding and graduation. Co-skipper of her husband Mike's sailboat. Peanut butter connoisseur and unabashed chocaholic. She taught her family to always "Look for the Pony" and to remember that she will forever be "in our pocket" and to be grateful-grateful-grateful. She demonstrated how to open your heart and your home to any and all. She wrung out the juice of life, and then found use for the rind. Gayle had—and gave her family—a blessed life.

**Bernard S. Shapiro '50** passed away July 24, 2021, in Phoenix.

A longtime Los Angeles resident, Shapiro moved to the city as a teenager from Detroit, attending Beverly High where he made friends who he would lunch with once a week for the next 70 or so years. Shapiro enlisted in the army in 1954, serving as a first lieutenant in the intelligence service. He attended UCLA, then UCLA Law School, and became a lawyer, practicing for the next four decades. In 1973, he competed in the Maccabiah Games in Israel, representing the United States in cricket; despite losing every match,



it was the highpoint of his athletic career. With an ever-present twinkle in his eye and a kind word always on his lips, Shapiro was beloved by those who met him. He is survived by his sons, Bill and Dean, and their partners Naomi Wax and Haim Ainsworth, as well as his three grandchildren. Shapiro was preceded in death by his traveling partner and wife of 30 years, Vicki Gutin Shapiro, the long-time Legal Affairs Director of the Screen Actors Guild. He was a kibitzer extraordinaire and truly a gentle man.

**Robert P. Gordon '52** passed away at his home on April 11, 2021 with family by his side. Robert was the only child of James B. and Ethel Gordon. James was a Hollywood cameraman and earned two Academy Awards for his work. Robert was always proud of his father's accomplishments, which likely inspired his passion for watching films and collecting countless DVDs. Robert attended UCLA as an undergraduate and went on to USC Law School. He remained a devout Trojan Football fan throughout his life. He collected USC football programs going back to 1939. He was a brilliant attorney, specializing in bankruptcy, and was a partner in the reputable firm of Goldman, Gordon and Lipstone for 30 years. He had the special quality of being both a respected and feared attorney who practiced law with integrity and honor, as well as compassion and humanity. Robert loved traveling and visited many countries. He spent most



**Robert P. Gordon '52 with his son Michael '84**

of his summers in Avalon, Calif., with family. He found it tranquil and rejuvenating for his spirit. He enjoyed games, particularly backgammon, bridge and chess. His fondness for these activities rubbed off on his children. He was also a fan of fine art and music. He was very fond of the music of the 1960s, particularly The Beatles, which also rubbed off on his children. Robert enjoyed comedy movies and sharing laughter and humorous stories with friends and family. Robert could always be relied upon to support his family members in whatever capacity he could help them. Robert is survived by his two sons, Bruce '81 and Michael '84; his daughters-in-law, Tami and Lauri; his son-in-law, Juan Yanez; and his three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Gordon; his eldest daughter, Leslie; and his youngest daughter, Julie Gordon Yanez '94 (see obit, p. 62).

**Marcia Sebel Shainock '52** passed away Aug. 6, 2019. Marcia was born in Indianapolis and spent the better part of her youth in Beverly Hills. After a brief stint at UCLA, Marcia attended the University of Texas where she met her husband and soulmate, Victor Shainock. After two years of dating they realized that they were meant for each other and spent the next 62 years raising their family in Houston. Marcia and Vic were blessed with two daughters, Lisa and Julie. As time progressed, Lisa and Julie were married and had families of their own. Marcia was a devoted grandmother who spent countless hours entertaining her grandchildren in the kitchen, at the zoo and in the museums. Her quest to learn and to teach was boundless.



Marcia was often self-quoted as a "general in search of an army." Marcia was preceded in death by her sister Joan Sebel Goldweitz '48 and her brother Richard "Dick" Sebel '54. Her survivors include her husband Victor, her sister Rita Sebel Weissman '45, her children Lisa and Joel Bender and Julie and Scott Pearson, and her six grandchildren.

**Nathaniel J. Friedman '53**

passed away June 6, 2021. Having moved in 1946 with his parents and siblings, Marvin and Saralee, to Los Angeles, he graduated

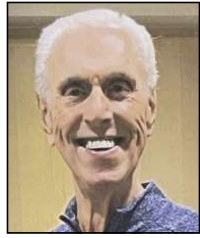
from Beverly High, USC in 1957, and Southwestern Law School in 1962. After taking the California State Bar exam, Nate took off on a classic tour of Europe and Israel, while awaiting the formal Bar Exam results. Then followed a decade of various areas of law practice, primarily representing defendants in criminal cases. Nate settled down to full-time law practice to the delight of his first wife, Judy. After Barton was born, a second child, Bonnie, came along in 1974. Today she lives in New Jersey, along with her husband, Angus, and Nate's granddaughter, Lily. Nate moved into medical malpractice, fully understanding medicine's intersection with law and politics. The next 40 years brought victories (and defeats) in trials, arbitrations and in settlements with high dollar cases. In 2004, Nate hired a paralegal, Tatiana Fraijo, who remained his rock to his last day. In 2006, Nate made his final trip to "Mitteleuropa" with Rabbi Dennis Eisner's Wilshire Boulevard Temple tour (which House of Worship Nate joined in 1968 and remained a member until his death). Nate purchased interests



in a number of thoroughbred racehorses, as racing had been a passion of his since high school. In 2012, Nate authored a book, *Medical Malpractice Litigation in the 21st Century*, which was well received in the legal community. Until the pandemic, Nate lived with Darlene, his second wife. They were married in 1994 and divorced in 2001, only to “click” the second time around in 2011. On March 28, 2021, Darlene died. Nate was devastated and never fully recovered. Nate wanted the world to heed the words of the great mid-20th century Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, who wrote:

“Go not gentle into this good night, but rage, rage against the coming of the dawn.” And so Nate did.

**Dr. John M. Grenner '53**, a gifted therapist, passed away Sept. 21, 2021 from natural causes surrounded by family.



John was born in New York City. He moved to Southern California as a young teen where he attended Beverly and got his undergraduate degree at USC. It was at USC that John fell in love with the love of his

life and wife of 62 years, Linda Froehlich Grenner. He served in the Army during the Korean War, stationed in Carmel with his young family. When they moved back to Los Angeles, he got his Doctorate in Psychology at USC. He was very well respected in his field. John was preceded in death two years earlier by his wife Linda. He is survived by his two sons and their families: Robert Keith Grenner, wife Lauri and their daughter Devyn; Victor Michael Grenner, wife Deirdre, daughters Rebecca, Alexis, and Jessika, and son Arthur; and his four grandchildren.

**Roger W. Behrstock '54** passed away June 22, 2021. He is missed by his family and friends who referred to him as “quite a character.” His death was unexpected but peaceful. He had just spent Father’s Day with his family. Roger was born and raised in Los Angeles and spent most of his years living in Beverly Hills. He graduated from the UCLA Anderson School of Business in 1959. During the course of his career, he held licenses for insurance, securities, real estate and aviation. He was forever an entertainer, in life as well as work. Roger studied acting and was a cast member in several feature films. As

### **Walt Dougher '53, former Manhattan Beach mayor and longtime community leader**

Walton Richard Dougher '53 passed away peacefully on Oct. 15, 2021, of complications of a stroke. His life was dedicated to leading and serving his family, friends and community. He had a passion for volunteerism, local sports, and all things music, sand, and surf.

Walt and his wife of 64 years, Barbara Butcher Dougher '53, invested their lives in the Manhattan Beach community for 54 years. Walt, who was inducted into the BHHS Hall of Fame in 2012, served his community in myriad ways, including as mayor.

At Beverly, Walt’s leadership roles included serving as captain of the football team. He was awarded a four-year scholarship to Pomona College, earning a bachelor’s in economics in 1957. During college, he served as president of his fraternity, Men’s Honor Society, captain of his track team and commanding officer of the Pomona-Claremont Men’s ROTC. He was selected Distinguished Military Graduate and was twice selected to play All-League collegiate football.

After graduation, he served active duty in the U.S. Army Artillery as a training officer

at Fort Ord until April 1958. He was aide-de-camp to two generals, General Staff Secretary, and Secretary to his 200-member chapter of The Reserve Officers’ Association, 311th Logistical Command, until 1965. He left the Army Reserve in December 1968.

He joined Southern California Edison in 1958 as a business trainee, and held numerous positions including computer programmer, credit manager, operations manager, personnel manager and district manager. He concluded his 38-year senior management career with the top position in Regional Public Affairs, where he secured local business collaborations to install the 586-foot Wyland mural at Redondo Generating Station in 1991.

Following his retirement in 1997, he was elected to a four-year term on the Manhattan Beach City Council, serving as mayor in 2001. He oversaw the groundbreaking of Metlox Center; the completion of Marine Avenue Sports Complex, the Creative Arts Center, and the South Bay Regional Public Communication Facility; and garnered approval for Manhattan Beach’s new police and fire facility.

His license plate, MBDOER, summarized his love for Manhattan Beach. Spanning from his days as Little League and Youth Football Commissioner, to serving American Martyrs Parish as Council President, his love for community was boundless.

All told, he served on upwards of 40 commissions, councils, panels, boards, advisories, service clubs and capital campaigns.

Walt loved music, singing, dancing, the theater, gardening, food, parties, people, church, sports and serving others. Though he kept his Pomona College connections close, Walt loved his UCLA Bruins. He attended hundreds of games at Pauley Pavilion, the Rose Bowl and the Coliseum. The fact that Barbara was a USC Trojan made for a lot of fun conversations. Walt loved music and Broadway musicals. He went to hundreds of live shows and musicals. Even to the last day of his life, he could be heard singing



**Walton Dougher '53 and Barbara Butcher Dougher '53**

along to Elvis, the Beach Boys, Frank Sinatra and, of course, *Carousel* and *Les Mis*.

Christmas was Walt’s favorite season as he showed off hundreds of ornaments. He possibly made thousands of pounds of holiday English toffee over his lifetime. He was a natural Santa Claus to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a giver of gifts, joy and love.

Walt is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons Bill (Carla), Tom (Ellen), Jim (Diane) and John (Traci); 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Shauna.

a passionate volunteer, Roger gave his time generously to Vista del Mar, Cedars-Sinai and Beverly Hills Education Foundation. Along with his wife of 59 years, Fran, his family was his greatest achievement. His three children, Tony '85, Laura '86, and Joey '93, his son-in-law Nate and daughters-in-law Julie and Amy Levy Behrstock '95, and seven grandchildren were his pride and joy.

**Henry Metzner '54** passed away Nov. 13, 2021 in Cincinnati.

**Marilyn Tuch Brown '55** passed away Oct. 11, 2020

shortly after a cancer diagnosis. For her entire life, Marilyn



lived in the Los Angeles area, surrounded by a wide circle of family and friends. She married "Bud" Brown '52 and they had three children who survive them, Laurie Brown Craig, Steven and Linda Brown, and Bruce Brown. Among Marilyn's passions were parenting education, counseling, and women's health. She broke ground by creating educational programming that would become widely known as "Mommy and Me" groups. When that model proved successful, Marilyn collaborated with area professionals to expand other similar program offerings that included children with disabilities, divorce, and adoption and widened family involvement to include grandparents. She was instrumental in assisting area non-profits such as the Cayton Children's Museum (formerly known as the Zimmer), LA's Best, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Stephen S. Wise Temple, Brandeis-Bardin, and the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging. Marilyn led with enthusiasm on every occasion, social and professional, lifting

people's spirits wherever she went. She was a true connector who created a ripple effect in this world and brought light to those she touched. She is survived by her children, her sister Brenda Tuch Jacobs '58 and brother-in-law Bart Jacobs, sister-in-law Joan Schaeffer, eight grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

**Robert L. Greene '56** passed away peacefully on June 10, 2021, surrounded by family and partner Helene. He is survived by his children, Amanda, Greg (Daniela), Evan, and Megan; his sister, Carol; and his two grandchildren.

**Richard Heymann '56** passed away in 2020. Dick played basketball at Beverly. His survivors include his sister, Stephanie Heymann Lesser '63.

**Judith Snyder Solomon '56** passed away at her home in Palos Verdes on June 15, 2021, surrounded by her family. Judith was born in Brooklyn and moved with her family to Los Angeles

at the age of 14. After attending Beverly High, she studied industrial design at UCLA where she was the only woman in most of her classes. She worked as the lead knitwear designer at Phil Rose of California until 1966. That same year she married Stan Solomon. They had two children, Steve and Cara. Judith became a fiber artist, exhibiting in galleries and craft fairs, and created designs for Better Homes and Gardens and Bucilla. She was a



member, exhibitor and avid supporter of the Palos Verdes Art Center. Judith was also an opera lover, supporting the LA Opera and the Metropolitan Opera. She and her husband traveled



**Robert L. Greene '56 and his daughter Megan**

widely. Appreciative of the art of all cultures, she collected artwork and artifacts from all over the world. Judith will be remembered most for her sharp wit, endless creativity and mountains of yarn in every color. She is survived by her husband, Stanley; children, Cara and Steve; their spouses, Daniel and Kristine; her six grandchildren; and her brother Allan.

**Margery Ann Melnik Gould '57** passed away peacefully on April 28, 2021 in Los Angeles. Born in Beverly Hills, Margie was proud to



**Remembering Marilyn Tuch Brown '55.** Marilyn's lifelong friends Rhoda Rachelson '55, Miriam Berke '55 and Toby Klasser '55 wrote that they will miss Marilyn, especially at their bi-annual birthday celebrations that they celebrated over the past 65 years. At left, the four friends at age 15; at right, the same ladies at age 75.



be a fourth-generation Californian. She grew up at Wilshire Blvd. Temple and remained

in touch with many of her friends from her Confirmation class. She graduated summa cum laude from Stanford and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She lived in the Los Feliz area for her entire adult life. She adored her two children, Jill Franklin and Adam Gould, and grandson, Benjamin. Margery had a wonderful, groundbreaking career at Los Angeles County. Among her many achievements, she co-chaired the Telecommuting Advisory Council, which developed the first telecommuting program in the country, and for which she won local and national awards. She later became the executive director of the Commission for Children and Families—working to protect the county's most vulnerable children—until her retirement in 1999. She mentored many young women beginning their careers in Los Angeles County government. She traveled the world but was perhaps happiest spending time with family and friends in her house in the Hollywood Hills and at the house on the beach in Cambria. Margie was a lifelong champion bridge player, having achieved the rank of Sapphire Life Master with more than 3,500 master points. During the pandemic, she learned how to play via Zoom and continued to enjoy the game and win tournaments. Margie loved reading and learning, theater and movies, shopping and dining (especially sushi and dim sum) and doing it all with her friends. Margie was also a passionate, active, lifelong Democrat, and an advocate for social justice. Margie will be remembered for

her big brown eyes and her bright, beautiful smile; her intelligence and quick wit; her sophisticated taste and style; her sociable nature and boundless generosity; her kindness and concern for others; her willingness to move heaven and earth to help, nurture and protect those she held dear; and her love for her family and friends. Survivors include her brother John Melnik (Judie), her children Jill and Adam, and her grandson.

**Fern Litt MacKenzie '57** passed



away Oct. 21, 2021. While residing in Phoenix, she was bitten by a mosquito carrying the West Nile

virus. West Nile encephalitis took her life in a few short weeks. Fern passed peacefully in her sleep with her family by her side and holding her hands. Fern was as sharp as a tack, as smart as a whip, as stylish as a monarch, and as generous as Santa Claus! Fern was a real estate icon who came into the industry in the days when women were less commonly seen in the workforce. She had an intuitive knowledge about homes and market cycles, allowing her to soar in the industry for over five decades. Real estate sparked her passion, fueled her soul, and provided her an opportunity to support her clients at the highest level. Her biggest personal loves were her family and close friends. In addition to her own three children, she had many others who thought of her as a "second mom." She was always there to provide motherly love, guidance and support, and even a room in her home when someone was in need. Her friends knew her as the most loyal and supportive person a friend could be. She loved to travel and collect art. Fern loved to give with no expectation for

anything in return. She found joy in sharing gifts with others and making the lives of those around her better (and more stylish!). Fern and her husband of almost 20 years, Render Crayton, met later in life, through introduction by dear mutual friends. They enjoyed their time together traveling, living in Sun Valley, vacationing in Hawaii, curating wonderful homes and properties in many states, and retiring in Phoenix. Fern is survived by her husband, Render; her three children, Cindy Biedeback, Brad Rowen (Raquel), and Lysi Bishop (Scott); stepson Doug Crayton; and stepchildren she helped raise, Andrew MacKenzie and Jocelyn MacKenzie Harrison (Jody); six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; a great-grandson; a step-great-grandson; and her sister, Adrienne Litt Brent '58.

**Heatherly Woods Conway '59** of Woodstock, Va. passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2021 at her home. Born in Stockton, Heatherly graduated from Beverly and continued her education, obtaining multiple degrees. She was an accomplished educator, author and speaker. As a champion for children and their families, she was committed to developing a collaborative program among the schools and community agencies in Prince William County. Her work also extended to the Menominee Tribe as an educator and friend. She will be remembered for her loving heart, joyful humor and compassionate endeavors. She is survived by her daughter Dana and granddaughter Allyson. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack.

**Steven Kaplan '59** passed away due to Covid on Jan. 28, 2021. Steven, his brother Michael '64, and his sister Bonnie '67 started ARKA Properties Group in 1987 and worked and vacationed together since forever. He will be missed.

**Lynn Zagon Kaufman '59** passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2021. Lynn cared deeply for others and dedicated her life to her family. Growing up, Lynn and her brother Ron Zagon spent every Sunday with their large extended family, a tradition Lynn continued with her own three children and five grandchildren. Lynn and Bruce Kaufman married in 1962 and shared a beautiful life together. Her survivors include Bruce, sons Mitch (Michele) and Lee (Tracy), son-in-law Darren, five grandchildren, and brother Ron (Linda).

**Enid Lois Dershowitz Kantor**

**'60** passed away July 5, 2021 in Los Angeles. Enid was conceived before Pearl Harbor but born into a world at war.

Her immediate family (father, mother, grandmother and two younger sisters) moved from Pennsylvania to California when she was six, leaving a larger extended family in Pennsylvania and New York. Enid attended public school and was an active congregant at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. Her childhood was marked by the tragic passing of her younger sister Lita from cancer. Enid was spirited, strong willed and a lifelong non-conformist. She welcomed and embraced all. She was married to Igo Kantor, an independent film producer and native of Vienna, Austria, for 57 years until Igo's passing in 2019. Enid and Igo moved to Studio City in 1963 where she raised her family. She spent several years with the California Employment Development Department and worked as a public opinion surveyor, a cocktail waitress, and an entrepreneur. She eventually became a production coordinator



in Hollywood, working on independent films such as *Reservoir Dogs*, and several television projects with her good friend, producer Art Seidel, including the series *Alien Nation* and *My So-Called Life*, as well as several movies for television. She is survived by her eldest son Loren David Kantor, his wife Gabrielle Anderson, her second son Mark Daniel, his wife Lijian Zhao, her youngest daughter Lisa Deborah Fannin-Kantor, her wife Renee Fannin, her two grandchildren, and her younger sister Gail Lynn Dershewitz '64. She will be remembered for her laughter, her compassion and her vibrant spirit.

**Rita Krasnow Siegel '61** passed

away March 7, 2021. Rita graduated from UCLA and started her career as a teacher.



She eventually took a position as principal at Bais Chaya Mushka Jewish School. Rita was an outstanding scholar who loved to teach and pass on her knowledge to younger generations. She constantly volunteered, serving her community. Rita was a fierce woman who brought joy to all those around her. She believed in spiritual connections, continuous education, and hard work, which she instilled into her two sons while raising them as a working single mother. She was a devoted grandmother and loved spending quality time with her grandchildren. Rita is survived by her two sons Stephen Siegel and Ross Siegel, her daughters-in-law Judith Siegel and Darci Siegel, and her three grandchildren.

**Lorin Dreyfuss '62** passed away Aug. 21, 2021 in Bend, Ore. after a decade-long illness. Lorin was raised in both New York and Los Angeles with his brother Richard

'65, sister Cathy '69, and fratello Edoardo Laurenti. A graduate of Horace Mann, Beverly, UCLA and

USC School of Business, Lorin served in the Navy Reserves during the Vietnam War and worked with his father in business. Afterwards, Lorin enjoyed a long and wonderful career in TV and film comedy writing, producing, advertising, voice overs and acting, partnering with the late David Landsberg, making friends everywhere he went. Funny, witty, and talented, he was a Laker fan, poker player, motorcycle enthusiast, collector of cars and every phone, camera, remote, computer, T-shirt and shoe he ever had. He never turned down a good steak, always asked the cook to burn the fries, and hosted many fabulous parties. Lorin had a long and rich family life, married three times, first Barbara Mills Dreyfuss '63, then Patty, and the last several years to Elizabeth. Over the years, Lorin and his family traveled to many places in the U.S. and Europe, especially to his beloved Italy. He and Elizabeth lived a full active retirement in Rancho Mirage, Temecula and Bend. He loved his kids, Justin '87, Allyson and Natalie, his grandson Ukiah, his stepsons Ben Woods and Devin Sims, and doted on his two pups. Lorin's survivors include his wife Elizabeth, brother Richard, sister Cathy, son Justin and his wife Gloria and grandson Ukiah, and daughter Allyson and partner Ryan Munesato, and daughter Natalie.

**James R. McNeil '62** passed away Jan. 5, 2021, shortly after he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Jim's childhood with his sister Cathy and brother Bill was filled with days at the beach, sports, model trains,



and carefree shenanigans and passions that expanded and lasted throughout his life. Jim attended Fairburn Elementary, El Rodeo, and Beverly High, where he played golf, football, and basketball. He earned a BA in economics from USC, was a member of the Phi Psi Fraternity, and played on the golf team. After graduating he served in the Navy, stationed in San Diego.

His career in financial services included mergers and acquisitions and venture capital, and he



concluded his professional life as Executive Vice-President and CFO at Renaissance Insurance. In 1971 he met and married Sue. They raised two children, Lindsay and Stephen, in Pacific Palisades. Jim was a super-fan at his children's sports competitions and school performances, and he did it all over again with his grandchildren. Every evening after he returned from the office, he changed into his "work clothes" and went to his shop, which was an active hub for projects and adventures. He might clean the birds from his last hunting trip, organize his fly box for the next fishing trip or polish his golf shoes. The shop was where he would blow up basketballs, repair bicycle tires, and rewind kite strings for his kids and grandkids. His survivors include his wife Sue; his daughter Lindsay (Rick Commons); son Stephen (Skylar); his four grandchildren; his sister Cathy (Gary Redman); and brother Bill (Linda Head).

**Richard Plattner '62** passed away Dec. 7, 2020. He and his wife of 56 years, Ina Klein Plattner '64, met at Beverly and were together from high school until Richard's death. Richard was a wonderful husband and father to two children, Deborah and Gregory. He also



**Ina Klein Plattner '64 and Richard Plattner '62**

relished being part of the lives of their four grandchildren, Sydney, Zachary, Abby and Elijah.

**Allan Cameron '63** passed away Dec. 26, 2020. According to the *Santa Clarita Valley Signal*, he was well known for his advocacy, baritone voice, and passion for his community and the environment. The newspaper said his legacy includes the annual Thanksgiving feast he and a friend organized for local seniors through the Castaic Lions Club. His wife Karen told the *Signal* he aimed to bring people together through community organizing and events. She said he was a musician—baritone singer and drummer—who worked with R&B singer Esther Phillips, as well as others. According to the *Signal*, Allan's local advocacy efforts included supporting Santa Clarita's bid for cityhood in the late 1980s, opposing a proposed major mining project in Soledad Canyon, and advocating on behalf of local water users. (See p. 22 for a reflection from Allan's classmate, Gay Hubbard Durward '63.)

**Terri Konheim Cooper '63** passed away Nov. 28, 2021 of complications from cancer. She was a

beloved mother to Joel (Dorit) Cooper and Andrew (Meryl) Cooper; grandmother to five; and sister to Bruce '59





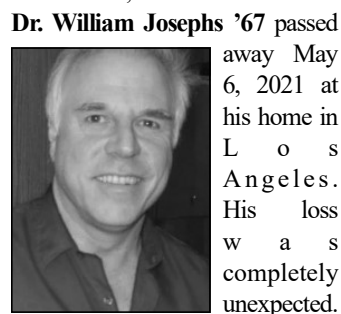
(Susan) Konheim and Lyn '66 (Laurie) Konheim. She loved her family dearly and treasured family vacations and celebrations. In 1947, Terri and her family moved to Los Angeles from Canton, Ohio. She integrated into the Jewish community at Temple Beth Am on La Cienega where she became a bat mitzvah, got married, and celebrated many simchas with her children and grandchildren. Terri attended Beverly and continued to reside in Beverly Hills for over 50 years. She loved her weekly lunch and movie outings, summer concerts at the Hollywood Bowl,

winter vacations with the grandkids, and getting everyone together to celebrate Hanukkah. She was a doer and longstanding member of The Friends of Vista Del Mar leadership group and will be dearly missed.

**Parke W. Little '63**, of Dickinson, N.D., passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 14, 2020. A celebration of life was held at Parke's home, where military honors were presented by the Dickinson American Legion Post #3 Honor Guard. Parke grew up loving the outdoors, hunting and fishing with family. He was a bit of an adrenaline junkie and



loved to push the limit. He was known in his younger years to be so daring as to water ski barefoot and water ski with his daughter Shanon on his shoulders. Parke started his military career at age 18 when he enlisted with the United States Marine Corps. He was recognized for his adventurous spirit and his love of country. After two back-to-back tours in Vietnam with the Marines, he joined the Army Reserves and found himself serving his country in Iraq. He continued to serve his community as a police officer. In 1985, Parke met and married Linda Shepard in a whirlwind six-week courtship. They began their life together with her son, Justin, in Longmont, Colo. In 2001, Parke and Linda moved to Dickinson, N.D., where Parke found all his passions. Through his hobbies, friendships and numerous community organizations, Parke was truly at peace. He was a provider of comfort, protection, and unconditional love. Parke is survived by his wife, Linda; his daughter, Shanon Little; and his twin brother, Frank Little.



**Dr. William Josephs '67** passed away May 6, 2021 at his home in Los Angeles. His loss was completely unexpected. Bill attended Horace Mann and Beverly and was passionate about

swimming, music and history. Bill received his bachelor's degree from UCLA, where he majored in Psychology. He began treating psychiatric patients in 1975, initially post-master's at the Veterans Administration in West Los Angeles. That was followed by five years of community-social psychiatry/psychology at the Mid-City Community Clinic in San Diego. After receiving his doctorate in 1981, he began doing evaluation and treatment of chronic pain patients and in 1983, founded his psychological corporation, Clinical Consultants and Psychologists. Simultaneously, he was involved with the Van Nuys Breast Center clinic, learning for more than a decade and doing needs assessments with cancer patients. Throughout his career, he evaluated and treated persons with problems in living, chronic pain, and other medical and psychological problems. For over 43 years, Bill worked tirelessly on behalf of his patients with enthusiasm and love. Bill was a devout Jew who profoundly loved the state of Israel. He was grateful for the fellowship and community of Chabad of Mt. Olympus and the teachings and friendship from Rabbi Sholom Rodal. Bill loved attending blues festivals and discussing all things Bob Dylan. He was the life of the party who struck up conversations with strangers and convinced friends to try new adventures. A true mensch, he was always there for a friend or loved one in need. Survivors include his sister Linda Sullivan, his brother Emory Josephs '58, his ex-wife Marlene Kassel, and his stepson Josh Maxman.

**Debbie Friedman '69** passed away in August 2020 in Hawaii due to pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband Paul and her brother Mark Friedman '66.

**Eugenie "Geanie" Rosner Fishbain '70** passed away in January 2020. She often

### **Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein '72**

Morley T. Feinstein '72, Jewish scholar and longtime Los Angeles rabbi, passed away in April, 2021. Rabbi Feinstein, who served for 17 years as Senior Rabbi of University Synagogue in Los Angeles, died from complications of cancer.

Rabbi Feinstein was honored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles with its Rabbinic Award. He served as President of the Southern California Board of Rabbis and was a Treasurer of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Born in Chicago, Rabbi Feinstein grew up in Beverly Hills. He graduated from UC Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1975. Ordained in 1981 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Rabbi Feinstein served as the assistant and then first associate rabbi of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, Texas. From 1987 to 2002, he was senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Indiana. During his tenure there, he received Indiana's highest citizen honor—The Sagamore of the Wabash—from the governor for his efforts in promoting peace and justice.

A Senior Rabbinic Fellow of Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman



Institute, Rabbi Feinstein was known for his passion for Torah, zest for learning, and his love of music. For 34 years he taught at summer camps of the Union for Reform Judaism, including Greene Family Camp in Texas, OSRUI in Wisconsin, and Newman in California. Dedicated to interfaith dialogue, Rabbi Feinstein served on the Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Margarete Myers Feinstein, a historian and professor at Loyola Marymount University, and their twin daughters, Eliana and Renata; his first wife, Nancy Lichtenstein, and their two sons, Aaron (Shira), a physician, and Ari (Rachel), a Jewish Educator; three grandchildren; and his brother, Dr. Barney Feinstein, and his sister, Sheila Merewitz.

reminisced of her time at Beverly and remembered her high school days as both wonderful and mischievous.



She never changed from that caring and creative person. While making new friends was always easy for Geanie, she never left her high school friends behind. They remained lifelong friends and became friends of her husband of 45 years, Mark Fishbain, who remains in contact with them today.

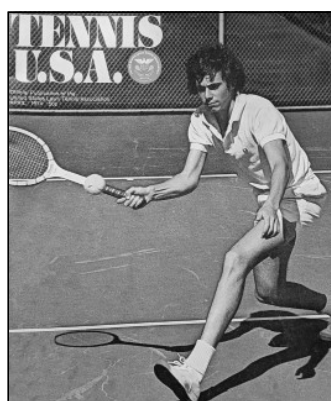
**Doug Gerson '71** passed away March 16, 2021. He attended Beverly Vista and Beverly High and remained close to friends that he made during his school years. He was a generous person, always willing to help out his friends and family. Doug became a restaurateur and, at one point, owned four



International House of Pancakes restaurants. Survivors include his mother, Jeanne Gerson; his son, Damian (Misty); his daughter, Brittany; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sister, Linda Delaney; and brother, Mike Gerson.

**Howard Schoenfield '75** passed away July 8, 2020. He arrived in Beverly Hills with his family from Rochester, Minn. in 1972, and immediately found a home on the tennis courts of Beverly High. He played on a legendary California high school State-championship team, winning the individual title by beating his friend and

teammate, Perry Wright (who would go on to win it the following year) in the finals. He and Wright also teamed up to win the Boys 16s 1972 USTA Indoor Doubles Championships. He enjoyed the friendships he formed at Beverly, although—in part because of his tournament schedule—he left for Rexford High and eventually earned his GED. He honed his singles and doubles abilities, winning a dozen USTA national titles and many other tournaments. In 1973, he won the Boys' 16s Clay Courts; two years later, the Boys' 18s Hard Courts. He was the number one ranked player for his age group both years. His fellow



players fondly remember him both for his aggressive and artistic play and his kindness off the court in his younger days. Accompanying these successes, however, Howard was increasingly anxious and

depressed. He was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia shortly after his mother's death. Despite his health issues, as an adult, Howard won a 1980 Grand Prix tournament in Tulsa, Okla. and rose to a ranking of 68th in the world. He moved to Miami Beach, Fla., and although he had given up tennis, he still found pleasure in the outdoors, especially walking along the beach. Although seeking a secluded life, he did connect with family and recalled fondly his devoted friends. In 2018, in consequence of a stroke, Howard moved into assisted living. He loved listening to Bob Dylan, whose poetic outlook resonated

**Diana Isaacs Sturr '78** passed away June 9, 2021 at her home in Scottsdale, Ariz. She was 60 years old. She had been diagnosed with lung cancer in November 2014 and lived life fully and joyfully thereafter, as she had her entire life. Her memory is an enduring blessing to her father, Hart Isaacs; siblings Dorothy Emerson '75, Charlie Isaacs '76, Craig Isaacs '80, and Donna Combest '82; her husband Geoffrey Sturr; her children Lizzie Deaver and Charlie Sturr; and countless friends whose lives she touched in so many ways. Diana's mother, Patricia Levi Isaacs '53, died in August 2015; her memory is likewise a blessing to many.

*Classmates have endowed a scholarship in Sturr's memory. To learn more, see p. 6.*

**Top (left to right): Geoffrey Sturr, Diana Isaacs Sturr '78, Lizzie Deaver and Charlie Sturr in 2019. Bottom: The Isaacs siblings in 1973 (left to right): Dorothy '75, Craig '80, Diana '78, Charlie '76, and Donna '82, with Fudgie the dog**



with his own. Two days before his death from COVID complications, by internet video he listened with his brother Mark to "Blowing in the Wind." He is survived by his brothers Mark '77 and Steve '79.

**Tom Rose '78** passed away Dec. 31, 2021 after battling cancer. Tom was "Tuff Tuff Tom" to his El Rodeo buddies. He was Daddy to



his 7-year-old, Sage. He was in love with his amazing wife, Patty. He ran like the wind. He played a

mean game of tennis. He put his heart into Little League at Roxbury Park. He made incredible art that moved the senses.

**David B. Oberman '81**, of Los Angeles, passed away Sept. 24, 2021.

**Robert Kurtz '86**, of Las Vegas, passed away March 14, 2021 from cholangiocarcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. Robert was an active child who loved sports, especially baseball. He played for several little league teams as well as for the Beverly High and San Diego State University baseball programs. After college, Rob became a valued team member at Coldwell Banker Real Estate



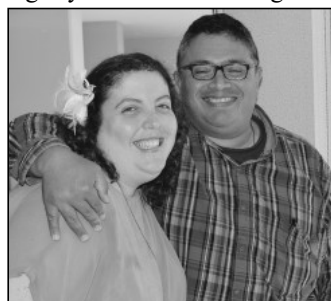
in Beverly Hills. Robert moved to Las Vegas in 2004, where he built a strong

community. He was dedicated to his work as operations manager at Drai's After Hours Nightclub, where he cultivated lasting friendships. His greatest love was his son, Jayden. Rob was devoted to raising a strong, confident and kind young man. They shared a passion for baseball and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Rob loved coaching Jayden's baseball teams and offered guidance and support to many children. His survivors include his parents Joel and Eileen Kurtz, his son Jayden, his sister Mindy Straus, and his brother and sister-in-law Steven and Lisa Kurtz.

**Josh Humiston '90** passed away March 3, 2021. A partner and music agent at the Agency for the Performing Arts (APA), Josh began in the APA mailroom in 2005. In 2007, he became APA's first-ever agent to rise from mailroom to partner. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, his clients included Flogging Molly,

X, Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, Dionne Warwick, Smokey Robinson, Judas Priest, Skillet and Everclear. He enjoyed golf and was a fan of the Los Angeles Kings, Lakers and Dodgers. Survivors include his wife, Jaime, and their daughters, Isabella and Juliana; his parents, Jan and Robert; siblings Alison '95 and Matthew '92; and sister-in-law Lisa.

**Julie Gordon Yanez '94** passed away at her home on Feb. 19, 2021. Her husband was at her side, holding her hand when she passed. Julie was diagnosed with ovarian cancer approximately eight years earlier. Although the



cancer went into a brief remission, it returned several years ago. Julie was a graduate of Beverly and was awarded an academic scholarship to attend USC and became a proud member of the USC Helenes. Julie possessed a keen intellect and had an unquenchable thirst to travel and to play games with her friends and family. Julie had the unique ability to meet people and build strong friendships wherever she went. She will be remembered for being an incredibly sweet, caring and thoughtful person.

Julie's survivors include her husband, Juan Yanez; her brothers, Bruce '81 and Michael '84; her sisters-in-law, Tami and Lauri; her brother-in-law, Gustavo; her sister-in-law, Evelyn; and her mother-in-law, Marta Umanzor. Julie's father, Robert P. Gordon '52, passed away in 2021 (see obit, p. 55); her mother, Joanne Gordon, passed away in 2003; and her sister, Leslie, passed away in 2017.

### Retired Faculty & Staff

**Helen Walder Rogaway**, retired



Beverly Vista librarian, passed away Oct. 14, 2021 at age 86, surrounded by family in Portland,

Ore. Helen is remembered by generations of Beverly Vista students as their beloved school librarian, a job she held for 25 years. She also served as the librarian at Beverly High, Stephen S. Wise Elementary and the Beverly Hills Public Library. Her love of reading led her to amass a collection of hundreds of autographed children's books and to found the Caldecott Club.

**Thanks to Don Rosen '82 for calling our attention to some of these obituaries.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are aware of a number of websites claiming to be Beverly High alumni sites, but they are not affiliated with the Beverly Hills High School Alumni Association or Beverly Hills High School.

Please note our official website, [www.bhhsalumni.org](http://www.bhhsalumni.org), our official email address, [BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com](mailto:BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com), and [bhhs.bhusd.org](http://bhhs.bhusd.org), where you can find reunion information.

Some alumni have inquired why we send out so many letters. Please note we have two mailings per year; one is *Alumni Highlights* and the second is a

letter mailed late in the year in which we request class notes and contributions. That's it.

Any other sites (especially [www.bhhsalumni.com](http://www.bhhsalumni.com)) are not affiliated with the Alumni Association or the high school. If you provide that website with any information, we will not receive it. Some of these sites request fees to join.

Again, please note our official email and web site, [BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com](mailto:BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com) and [www.bhhsalumni.org](http://www.bhhsalumni.org), and [bhhs.bhusd.org](http://bhhs.bhusd.org), where you can find information about reunions.

## In Memoriam

*There was limited or no information provided regarding the Normans listed who have passed away:*

Marianne Reis Jesberg '38  
Joyce Roodberg Snyder '46  
Elinor Jane Treiber Lynn '48  
Lois Pivar Rich '48

James L. Decker '54  
Peter Rothschild '58  
Gary Kapin '64  
Sharon T. Gaffney '70  
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## **Betty White W'39 passes at 99**

Television legend Betty White W'39 passed away Dec. 31, 2021, less than three weeks before her 100th birthday.

Best known for her roles on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *The Golden Girls*, White won eight Emmys, including three for those two shows and one for hosting *Saturday Night Live* when she was 88. In 2010, SAG awarded her a Lifetime Achievement Award. She also won a Grammy.

White's 2010 award-winning *SNL* hosting gig came during a career resurgence that began in her 80s. In her later years, she appeared in the *The Proposal*, *Hot in Cleveland*, and a 2010 Snickers Super Bowl ad, to name a few memorable performances.

"It's so ridiculous at my age to have all this going on," White told the *LA Times* in 2010. "I'm loving it."

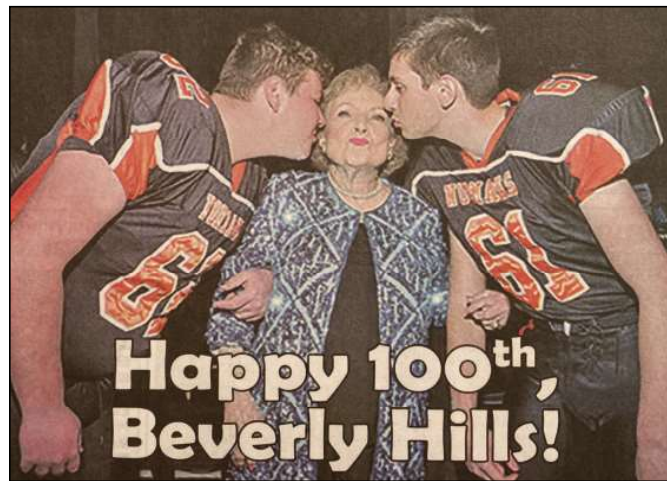
White was often called America's sweetheart and President Biden described her as "a cultural icon" in a tweet after learning of her death.

She was also beloved by her hometown, where White became interested in acting and made her stage debut at Bliss Hayden Little Theatre. In recent years, the BHHS Hall of Fame member delighted audiences at local events.

In 2012, when she was honored at the Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association Hall of Fame dinner, she performed the Beverly High fight song. She sang it again in January of 2014, kicking off the year-long City of Beverly Hills centennial celebration.

Sadly, White did not live to celebrate her own 100th birthday. She was looking forward to a nationwide screening of a documentary titled, *Betty White: 100 Years Young — A Birthday Celebration*. On her birthday, Jan. 17, the screening took place with a new title, *Betty White: A Celebration*.

In 2021, White was named Woman of the Year for the 50th California Assembly District. She was recognized for her trailblazing entertainment career, as well as her commitment to animal welfare advocacy.



**Betty White W'39 at the Beverly Hills Centennial Concert in 2014. This was the Alumni Highlights cover that year**

White, who started her own production company in the early 1950s, is recognized as one of the first women to hold positions both in front of and behind the camera. She produced and starred in *Life with Elizabeth* and *Date with the Angels* in the 1950s.

She also frequently appeared on game shows, including *Password* hosted by Allen Ludden, who became her husband in 1963. They had been married nearly 18 years when he died in 1981. They have neighboring stars on the Holly-

wood Walk of Fame.

White was a longtime trustee of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association and a longtime trustee and past president of the Morris Animal Foundation.

In 2006, she was honored by the City of Los Angeles as Ambassador to the Animals. She was proclaimed an honorary forest ranger by the U.S. Forest Service in 2010 and made an honorary zookeeper by the keepers of the Los Angeles Zoo, two occupations she considered as a child.



**Normans shine in *Gatsby*.** The cast of Beverly's 2021 production of *The Great Gatsby* poses with *Gatsby* playwright Simon Levy (center). Levy told the cast he has seen many high school productions of his show, and "Beverly High was the best."

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