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We belong together



After pandemic postponements, 2022 was a big year for reunions

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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:

Construction continues. Buildings B3 and B4, which include the K.L. Peters Auditorium and the Salter Family Theater, are still being rehabbed, with no end in sight. Beverly without a functional theater is not the same place we remember.

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. I have discussed this issue

specifically with newly elected Board of Education member Judy Kermani Manouchehri '98 (see p. 52), and she is committed to restoring the lawn to its original shape and function.

This past year we lost some veteran BHUSD faculty.

Rhoda Sharp (see p. 70) was the longtime ROP director from the 1970s to the late 1990s. More than a teacher, Rhoda became a friend after graduation and we stayed in close touch for many years until she passed away. She used to joke that I was her “other” favorite former student (trivia: John Carroll '83 was really her favorite!). In retirement, she stayed active as a member of the Beverly Hills Rotary Club and serving on the

Beverly Hills Human Relations Commission. Rhoda will be dearly missed.

Cheryl Katz (see p. 71), a beloved middle school teacher, taught many of you mathematics at Horace Mann. I had the opportunity to attend her memorial service where several people spoke, including former Horace Mann principal and superintendent Steve Kessler '71. Rhoda and Cheryl are two educators who truly made a difference in their students' lives.

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*.

The Alumni Association was founded by the late Board of Education member Bernice Hutter in December, 1977. Our organization has grown significantly since that time. We 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

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Josh Gross '91

Greetings from Dr. Michael Bregy, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Beverly Hills High School Alumni,

You know better than most that nationwide, families are attracted to Beverly Hills for its world-class offerings, including our exceptional School District, Police and Fire Departments. During the pandemic, we were concerned with what seemed to be never-ending steps back in progress; however, I am more confident than ever that we are officially gaining forward momentum. Instructionally we are poised to see strong results from our outstanding Strategic Plan approved by the Board in September. BHUSD is committed to Educational Excellence as our newly revised Mission Statement articulates.

Last year, Beverly Hills High School was just moving into two new state-of-the-art buildings housing modern, student-focused facilities including a Media Center, Career Center, College Center, NormanAid Wellness Center

exclusively designed to support every student's mental wellness, and fully integrated technology-centered classrooms ensuring the innovative delivery of rigorous academic instruction. This year, I have seen our staff, students, parents, and wider Beverly Hills community leverage these spaces to truly support each and every learner.

The impact of reconfiguration is being realized with the over 44 elective offerings at BVMS (see p. 5 for list) feeding robust programs at BHHS. Students are able to explore their interests in subjects including Robotics, Audio Media Production, Entrepreneurship, Foreign Languages, and more. Our BHHS Athletics program is offering new sports with growing numbers thanks to the foundation BVMS provides now being consolidated. Buildings B3/B4 are starting to really take shape under the leadership of our new Executive Director of Construction Services, Will Karrat. The Performing Arts

Center will be nothing short of state-of-the-art. Our teachers and leaders are more involved than ever to ensure that every space will optimize the needs of our students to achieve educational excellence!

BHUSD has reached new heights of protection, risk prevention, and crisis management procedures through the reimagined safety and security structure. We have addressed three critical areas of concern: 1. Accountability, 2. Transparency, 3. Proactivity. Helmed by Mark Mead, Executive Director of School Safety (who previously served as principal at BHHS), we have fostered a team who prioritizes a hard exterior and



Dr. Michael Bregy

soft interior approach to school safety. The Command Center is fully functional which enables us to centralize and leverage surveillance tools, an integrated CCTV camera program, radio channels district-wide, investigation technology, and crisis monitoring working hand-in-hand with the Beverly Hills Police Department. We have built a bridge of connectivity to our immediate BHUSD community, residents, graduates, the City, and the wider Beverly Hills community which ensures real-time information is disseminated in a crisis. I remain steadfast in my decision to appoint Mr. Mead to this position and equally as sure in the decision to appoint interim leaders to BHHS. BHHS has thrived under the leadership of Co-Principals Kim Decatrel and Drew Stewart. The continuity in leadership and strong partnership have maximized the outstanding instructional, operational, and dynamic leadership both Mr. Stewart and Ms. Decatrel exemplify.

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Alumni Association presents scholarships to Class of 2022

The BHHS Alumni Association presented scholarships to the following members of the Class of 2022 at the Senior Awards Night ceremony on June 1, 2022:

Georgia Evensen (Tobey Cotsen '76 Scholarship)

Joseph Finazzo (Michael J. Libow '81 Scholarship)

Juliana Finazzo (Michael J. Libow '81 Scholarship)

Maya Goldkorn (The Diana Isaacs Sturr Endowment Scholarship)

Emma Newman (Lazer-Lewis Family Scholarship)

Tian Yang (Robert Grossman '75 Scholarship)

Top row (left to right): Emma Newman, Georgia Evensen, BHHS Principal Mark Mead. Middle row: Juliana Finazzo, Tian Yang, Joseph Finazzo. Front: Mark Rosenthal '78, Michael Libow '81



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.

Where do our scholarship recipients go to college?

BHHS Alumni Association scholarship recipients from the classes of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 have gone on to:

Grinnell College

Harvard

Harvey Mudd

Loyola Marymount University

Pomona College

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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Above: Maya Goldkorn '22 (second from left) received the Diana Isaacs Sturr Endowment Scholarship. She missed Senior Awards Night due to illness, so members of the endowment committee recognized her later at a brunch. Goldkorn is pictured with (left to right) Marc Selwyn '78, Joanna Stingray '78 and Mark Rosenthal '78. At right: Mark Rosenthal '78 and Michael Libow '81 speak at Senior Awards Night on June 1, 2022



President's greeting

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alumni scholarships. Under the direction of Lilly Lewis '74, we awarded \$18,000 to several deserving graduating seniors. See the many prestigious universities they are now attending at left on p. 4.

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 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
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Beverly Vista Middle School Elective Course Offerings

ASB (Associated Student Body) – Leadership

ASB
WEB (Where Everyone Belongs)

Audio/Media Production

Audio Production

Business

Personal Finance: Beginning
Personal Finance: Advanced
Entrepreneurs

Dance/Physical Education

Sports and Fitness

English Literary Arts

Creative Writing

Journalism

Journalism – Newspaper
Yearbook

Social Studies

History Through Film
Current Events
U.S. History Through Sports

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM Foundations: Engineering
STEM Foundations: Robotics
STEM Extensions: Electrical Engineering/Engineering Sciences
STEM Extensions: Flight and Space
STEM Extensions: Green Architecture and Energy in the Environment
STEM Extensions: Computer Science for Innovators and Makers
STEM Extensions: Medical Detectives
Robotics
Coding/Web Design: Beginning
Coding/Web Design: Advanced
Forensic Science

Visual and Performing Arts

Art: Beginning
Art: Advanced
Animation
Photography
Photography: Advanced
Digital Art
Ceramics
Choir
Theater/Drama: Beginning
Musical Theater 1
Musical Theater 2
Band: Beginning
Band: Advanced
Orchestra: Beginning
Orchestra: Advanced

World Languages

Spanish 1A
Spanish 1B
Spanish 2
French 1A
French 1B
French 2

Other Offerings

Teacher's Aide

Athletic Alumni inducted into BHAAA Hall of Fame

The Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association Hall of Fame classes of 2021 and 2022 were honored on Oct. 29, 2022 at Sofitel. The honorees spoke with Beverly Hills Weekly prior to the ceremony about how athletics influenced their lives.

2021 HONOREES

STEVIE BELKIN '90

Baseball

"I'm humbled and honored to be selected into the BHHS Hall of Fame. My time as a student-athlete at BHHS was an impactful and positive experience that provided many life lessons, opportunities to grow as



a young man and make lifelong friendships and relationships with so many wonderful people. I also loved my time as a coach and teacher in the district and enjoyed sharing and teaching so many of these same lessons and experiences I had throughout my playing days and beyond to my students. Go Normans!"

KEVIN BELL '79

Football and Baseball

"I am truly honored, humbled and blessed to be remembered, and included, among such a stellar group of athletes."



ALISON MUNZER '05

Volleyball, Soccer, and Track and Field

"I am honored to be inducted into the BHAAA Hall of Fame and included among a group of such stellar athletes. Playing volleyball, soccer, and track and field for BHHS had a transformative impact on my life, opening doors to play volleyball at the collegiate level for Amherst College. I am deeply grateful for the investment BHHS made in women's athletics and immensely thankful for the enduring relationships I have with former teammates and coaches. I look forward to



contributing to BHAAA in the future."

MIKE '75 and MAURY '77 (posthumously) ORNEST Baseball

"On behalf of my late brother, it is a thrill and honor for both of us to be elected to the BHAAA Hall of Fame. We were very competitive baseball players but never against each other."



MICHAEL SUTTON '88

Football

Sutton was profiled in Sept. 2020 discussing *Cont. on p. 54*

Now accepting: Contributions and Class Notes online!

A NEW DIGITAL OPTION FOR CLASS NOTES AND CONTRIBUTIONS IS AVAILABLE!

For those of you who prefer doing things electronically, we now have options for Class Notes and Contributions.

If you would like to email your Class Notes (and include a photo if you want), please send to:

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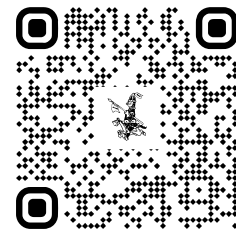
If you would like to make a contribution by credit card online, please use the following link or QR code at right:

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We will continue accepting Class Notes and Contributions by mail as well. Please mail to:

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QR Code:



To scan the QR code, select the camera app on your phone and focus on the image above. A link should appear, leading to a form to make your contribution.

***Thank you for
your support!***

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1961

Date TBD
Class reps: Frank Ponder
and Anne Rosewald Epstein
awabbitt@pacbell.net

Class of 1963

Aug. 5, 2023
Pepper Salter Edmiston's
home in Pacific Palisades
Class rep: Jane Lipson Stiglitz
mamastiggy@aol.com

Class of 1964

Summer 2024 - Date TBD
Class rep: Marty Nislick
MrMartyN@aol.com
310-488-3890

Class of 1973

Oct. 14, 2023
Annenberg Community
Beach House
Class rep: Diana Berman
Murphy
deepinkdiana@gmail.com

Class of 1983

Oct. 14, 2023
California Yacht Club, Marina
del Rey
Registration & Cocktails: 6 p.m.
Dinner: 7 p.m.
Class rep: Nina Kleinert
Dveirin
ms.nina@verizon.net

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. Find the menu on the right side
of the screen and click on the "Alumni" tab.**

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
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Maj. Gen. William Lyon S'41
Justin T. McCarthy Jr. W'41
Frank Mankiewicz S'41
Alejandro N. Mayorkas '77
David Mellinkoff W'32
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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
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Maj. Gen. Michael P. Sullivan
'51
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Marjorie Tallchief S'43
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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
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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

Normans forever: 2nd & 3rd generation grads

Members of the Class of 2022 who appear in these photos have parents and/or grandparents who also graduated from Beverly.

Photos courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



Sienna Wolfe '22, Michele Kalt, M.D. '82, Justin Wolfe '20, Brandon Wolfe '18. Sienna attends George Mason University.



Scott Redston '74, Lisa Redston Kay Schwartz '75, Mark Schwartz '74, Miles Platt '22, Robin Redston Platt '79, Ben Platt '80, Marc Platt '78. Miles attends Berklee School of Music.



Emma Mauer '22, Jenny Gordon '89, Diana Monter Gordon '63. Emma attends Muhlenberg College.



Farshid Khazan '92, Jonathan Khazan '22. Jonathan attends Santa Monica College.



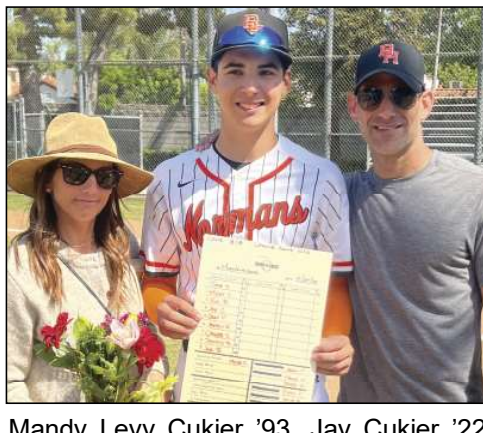
Marty Halfon '76, Sam Halfon '22, Eden Small Halfon '83. Sam attends the New School.



Hope Levy-Biehl '92, Eli Biehl '22, Chris Biehl '85. Eli attends Chapman University.



Eli Hacker '22, Adi Hacker '85. Eli attends the University of Denver.



Mandy Levy Cukier '93, Jay Cukier '22, Scott Cukier '93. Jay attends West Los Angeles College.



Vanessa Goldman '22, Stephanie Nankin Goldman '90. Vanessa attends Loyola Marymount University.



Allen Shadgoo '92, Celine Shadgoo '22. Celine attends Santa Monica College.



Todd Okum '86, Eli Okum '22. Eli attends USC.



Maxim Liker '22 and Celina Nadelman, M.D. '86. Maxim attends UC Santa Barbara.



Leia Gluckman '22, Judy Friedman '90. Leia attends Columbia University / Tel Aviv University.



Andrew Austin '90, Alex Austin '22. Alex attends the University of San Francisco.



Don Rosen '82, Melina Rosen '22. Melina attends San Francisco State University.



Frances Barenfeld Boxer '58, Ella Revivo '22, Allison Boxer Revivo '88. Ella attends the University of Colorado, Boulder.



Laurie Strassner Maybaum '92, Samantha Maybaum '22. Samantha attends UC Santa Barbara.



Greg Bell '82, Liza Bell '22. Liza is taking a gap year before college.



Camille Weintraub Bergher '89, Gabe Bergher '22, Manuel Bergher '86. Gabe attends the University of Texas at Austin.



Jessica Smiler '22, Kimberly Klausner, M.D. '86. Jessica attends George Washington University.



Mary Corey '61, Molly Corey '90, Georgia Evensen '22. Georgia attends Loyola Marymount University.

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LUNER	DAVID	86		SCOTT		EBBERT	ELISE	53	HEICHMAN	SUE	53
MANN	SUSAN G.	59	SHAPIRA	CYNTHIA	73	ERENBERG	HOWARD	66	HERTS	EUGENE	60
MARCUS	BARBARA	68	SILL	JOHN R.	51	EVEN	RANDOLPH	61	HIATT	SAMUEL	66
MARX	RALPH	49	SIMON	RUTH	54	FALLENBAUM	RUTH	67	KADES	JOHN	83
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PINCUS	ROBERT F.	62	ZYCHER	BENJAMIN	68						
PLATT	BARBARA	54									
PONDER	FRANK	61									
POP	JEFFREY	65	ABRAHAM	JERRY	62						
PRICE	PAMELA A.	79	BEERMAN	JOAN	57						
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	"BUD"		BLAVIN	MARGERY	68						
RATNER	WILLIAM	66	BOECK, M.D.	WILLIAM	46						
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ROTH	ROBERT A.	59	CARROLL	BRUCE	57	GREY	RICHARD	52	LEVINE	JEFFREY S.	73
RUSSELL	MARC	69	CASEY	SEAN	80	GRIMES	PAMELA R.	82	LEVINE	SUSAN	66
SCHOENFIELD	MARK L.	77	CAVIGNAC	FRANK G.	49	GROSS	HUGH	73	LEVY	BETSY	71
SCHRIEBMAN	RUTH	68	CHESTNUT	SHIRLEY	52	GUTMAN	KAREN D.	58	LEVY	JOEL A.	52
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SEIZER	STEVEN	75	COLEMAN	WILLIAM	72	HAHN	PETER	67	LOUCHHEIM	MARK	73
SHORE	SUSSAN	70	COOPER	CRAIG A.	84	HARGRAVES	CARRIE M.	84	LOVETT	MARLENE	53
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STABLER	STEVEN B.	72	CURCIO	HARRIET	65	HEIFETZ	RONA	84	MALVIN	JENNIFER	75
SWARTHE	ROBERT	60	CUTLER	CLIFFORD J.	73	HELGANS	NANCY	58	MARANTZ	TOBY	55
SWEENEY	PAMELA	66	DAVIDSON	BRUCE	71	HELLMAN	SANFORD	52	MARCUS	JACQUE-	88
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YATES	ROBERT W.	54		CYNTHIA		HOFFMAN	GARY B.	70		HOOMAN	
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	PETER		ERMAN	JILL	57	JARVIS	ROBERTA J.	56	MONOSSON	AVIVA MAY	63
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NEFFELER	STUART	50	RICE	DEAN	68	SHEINBEIN	RANDALL	74	WEISS	BONNE	53
NEMIROFF	MAXINE	52	RICHMAN	MICHAEL	78	SHOEMAKER	JACK	47	WEISS	KAREN	69
NEWMARK	DON	44	RICKLES	RENA	62	SHOLEM	FRANKIE	75	WITTENBERG	CARL H.	48
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NICKOLL	PATRICIA	61	RIVERA	SHIREEN	84	SILVERS	GENISE	75	WOLFF	LOUIS	78
NISLICK	MARTIN L.	64		HELIA		SIMMONS	DANIEL	77	WOLFSON	ALAN	69
NORMAN	ANDREA	81	ROBBINS	MARILYN J.	55	SIMMONS, JR.	MICHAEL L.	43	WRIGHT	SONI	55
NOSKIN	MICHAEL	78	ROBBINS	RONALD	54	SMOIRE	RON	72	ZIERING	AMY H.	79
O'NEILL	MARCIA	58	ROCKFORD	PAULA	48	SOLNIT	JAY	74	ZIEVE	ANDREA	72
OBERMAN	MARK L.	79	ROESCH, JR.	JOHN	75	SPEIGHTS	AUDREY	47	ZIFF	LLOYD	60
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OKHOVAT	JENNIFER	07	ROSEN	RHONDA	67	STANLEY	ELIZABETH	68			
OMANSKY	ARTHUR M.	64	ROTH	KENNETH J.	61	STAUFFER	ARTHUR	51			
PACK	MARC	83	ROZZEN	MICHAEL	89	STAUFFER	MARGARET	52	BECKER	GERALD	57
PALMER	MARK	58	SAGAN	MARIAN	58		A.		BLEECHER	SUSAN	61
PASQUINELLI	JUDITH	57	SALENGER	DR. GARY	58	STEVENS	JEFFREY	60	CHINSKEY	FLORENCE	51
PATTEN	ROBERT	56	SALTER	MIKE	67	STIER	SERENA A.	57		P.	
POLLOCK	RANDY	67	SANDLER	GUY	61	STIGLITZ	JANE	63	GORDON	RICHARD S.	82
	SUE		SANTO	JOHN	68	STINGRAY	JOANNA	78	GROSS	DAVID	75
POND	JUNE	52	SAVAGE	CHRISTIE	65	TERCEK	HANS	14	KORNBLUM	LORI	75
PORTER	MYRA	68	SCHULMAN	MARION L.	55	THAYER	SCOTT N.	73	MAYOR	MARY	41
PRAGER	STEVEN S.	82	SCHUSTER	WALT	52	TROESCH	HANS	67	MERMEL	DR.	74
PROVISOR	CAROL	53	SCHWARTZ	EDITH	58	TYLER	ELIZABETH	80		LEONARD A.	
RACE	JUDITH	75	SCHWARTZ	LES	60	UDELL	THOMAS	68	RICHLAND	JORDAN H.	73
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RAMZI	AZMI	85	SCHWARZ-	AARON	04	VILAS	LINDA	54	STERN	ALFRED	51
READ	NICOLE	06	KOPF			VITTI	LINDA	56	TROSTLER	FLORA	63
REED	ALAN	54	SEIZER	FERN	52	VOLK	BARNEY	66	ZUKOR	JAMES R.	49

Superintendent's greeting

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forward to narrowing our search for the best possible candidate to lead BHHS. I am grateful to our community, staff, and students for their ongoing participation and support in this process. My continuous commitment to you is to select a person who will build on the culture of trust, respect, and excellence at BHHS.

Thank you for your ongoing support of BHHS. As we look toward the official openings of our building we would love to include you! If you would like to join us please sign up for our Alumni Updates email list here: bhhs.bhusd.org/alumni/.

Respectfully,

Dr. Michael Bregy
Superintendent, BHUSD

Beverly Hills time machine, at your fingertips

Beverly alumni of all ages have been enjoying a new way to connect to our Beverly Hills past.

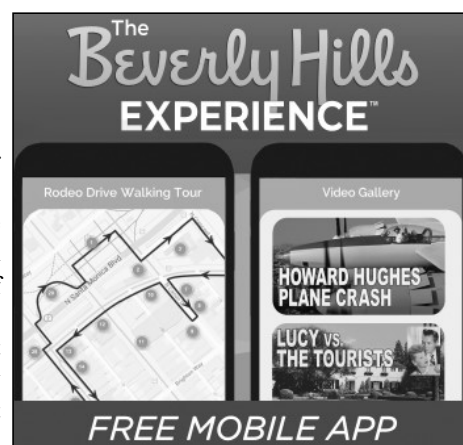
The Beverly Hills Historical Society offers two free self-guided walking tours that allow residents and visitors a Covid-safe way to enjoy Beverly Hills' legendary past. One tour highlights the former homes of our historic movie star neighbors. The other focuses on classic Rodeo Drive and the architectural landmarks of the Golden Triangle. The tours can be accessed on the Historical Society website and through a mobile app called The Beverly Hills Experience.

In the words of longtime Beverly Hills resident and Historical Society president Phil Savenick '69, "The tours are not for the Gucci-smoochie crowd. It's about our memories of The Luau, Uncle Bernie's

Toy Menagerie, The Daisy Club, and dozens of other vanished treasures. We honor the movie stars who lived on every block of Beverly Hills. Yes, Lucy did live next door to Jack Benny and across the street from Jimmy Stewart. How do we know?

We trick-or-treated on that street!"

The walking tours feature maps, an audio track, then-and-now photos, and videos of some of the most spectacular points of interest including the sites of the Howard Hughes plane crash, Bugsy Siegel's murder, and the bridle path that hosted horses up the middle of Rodeo Drive. The mobile app also includes the "best selfie spots" in town. It's the perfect way to act like



an "expert" for visiting guests.

The Historical Society's online sites and videos are designed for the people who grew up and lived in our City and the stories they have to tell. Visit beverlyhillshistoricalsociety.org and download the mobile app from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. (See QR codes on p. 64.)

Remember and relive "Our Beverly Hills" for fun and for free.

Class of 1952

Brentwood Country Club—June 11, 2022



Constance Schuster Abell Ehrmann, Arline Kabrin Goldberg, Fern Victor Seizer



Standing (left to right): Judith Licker Cohen, Brenda Flaster Wohlstadter, Fern Victor Seizer, Peggy Albin Stauffer, Vera Imbach Mackenzie. Seated: Nancy Wolvin Turnier, Constance Schuster Abell Ehrmann

Class of 1950

Laguna Woods—
Oct. 29, 2022



Saul Snyder, Carol Goshaw Blanchard, Sonia Snyder



Mumsey Kessler Nemiroff, Maxine Mirisch Siegel



Dick Grey, Joel Levy

Class of 1962

Beverly Hills Tennis Club—Sept. 17, 2022



Anne Firestone, Bruce Joffe, Bob Teitlebaum



Les Mayers, Celia Davidson



Diane Nosseck, Jill Winner



Midge Covey Hilman, Lois Morse Reinis



Neal Weiner, Nancy Filgate



Ingrid Staal, Margie Blatt, Marc Yergin



Les Mayers, Dr. Jon Kaswick, Rich Reinis



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Class of 1965

75th Birthday Celebration

Fantasea One Yacht , Marina Del Rey—Aug. 5, 2022



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Class of 1970

Skirball Cultural Center—Aug. 6, 2022

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Reunion Committee: Jeff White, Lynn Weisman, Marcy Frazen Toschi, Rob Feldman, Ellen Bloom Underhill, Debbie Pearl Girard, Gary Moore, Dianna Hyman Weiner, Deborah Chodos, Gayle Bowman Rosenberg, Karen Greenhouse Schwartz, Lou Korell



Coach Chuck Kloes (center) with former students. Top row (left to right): Alan Bernstein, Barry Berkett, Bruce Steinbaum '69, Larry Kaplan, Tony Jonas, Vincent Hung, Claude Zachary, Rob Cole, Jim Gilson, Bob Stein, Gary Moore. Front row: Hank Klein, Jeff Hammerling, Coach Kloes, Glenn Stevens, Phil Savenick '69



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Class of 1971

Bel Air Bay Club—Oct. 10, 2022



Ron Swan, Chuck Eberly, Leslie Stevens



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Robert Waxman, Mark Smith, Scott Broffman, Judy Treusch Swatt, Cheryl Gartsman Abel, Jeff Harmon



JoAnn Goldman Greenberg, Richard Greenberg, Scott Broffman, Eileen Tomson, Scott Harris



Francis Smith Wolfson, Robin Lowy Radin (Reunion Co-Chair)



Stewart Wilson, David Feder, Debbie Brouman Schellenberg (Reunion Co-Chair)



Stewart Wilson, Janet Rasak Graham, Brad Wiseman, Eileen Tomson, Jeremy Swan

Class of 1972

Annenberg Community Beach House—
Sept. 10, 2022



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Class of 1981

Griffin Club LA—Oct. 22, 2022



Todd Irmas, Scott Tobin, and Mitch Weinberg



Lou Rosenberg, Farnaz Abrishami, Greg Krentzman



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Jeanine Kabrins Canter, Greg Krentzman



Treva Brandon Scharf, Karen Fineman Roberts, Alex Berliner

Class of 1982

The California Yacht Club—Sept. 10, 2022



Jono Kohan, Andrea Paskal, Darren Paskal, Jeffrey Politi, Richard Gordon



David Brodsky, Chris Davis, Danny Pinchasi, Bob Sternshein, Donna Isaacs Combest, Tally Espar, Joe Brodsky, Dan Shapiro



Franco Mortarotti, Nina Kleinert '83, Spencer Richlin, Michelle Kleinert '83



Julianne Wassermab, Bob Sternshein



Andrew Krasny, Scott Bickman, Amber Bickman, Spencer Richlin



Peter Chomsky, Jeffrey Politi, Brad Weinstock



Daniel Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes, Kyle Mansfield, Brenda Mansfield, Laurie Fisher, Aerica Ostrov



Rupert Grant, Tom Hierholzer



Andrew Krasny, Rhonda Rago



Nancy Cohen, Lisa Heiman



Debbie Millard, Deborah Zafman

Class of 1992

The Bourbon Room—Sept. 17, 2022



Aviva Bercovici Sax, Karen Winshman Liebrecht, Cathy Jebejian Kagan, Rebecca Soffer, Liv Eisaman Long



Back row (left to right): David Sarraf, Bobby Zoleikhaeian, Sydney Schwab Meller, John Beradino, Ashley Powell, Greg Roach. Front row: Jordana King Reiner, Kim Stein, Gaby Reims Alexander, Stella Sarraf, Liv Eisaman Long, Autumn Haagen-Konheim



Nicole Hess, Jordana King Reimer, Nicole Toplitzky LaCombe



Greg Meyer, Greg Lorber, Michael Tanenbaum



Hugh Terlinden, Roy Choi, Jason Harrow, Andy Alexander, Brandon Crosby, Alex Provda



Ziv Gottlieb, David Sarraf

Class of 2002

Porta Via—Sept. 24, 2022



Yang Hamudot, Jonathan Basiri, Omid Omrani, Robin Songhorian, Andrew Shabtai, Matt Zahabian, Ariel Rashti, Michael Sabet, Farbod Farzinfarid



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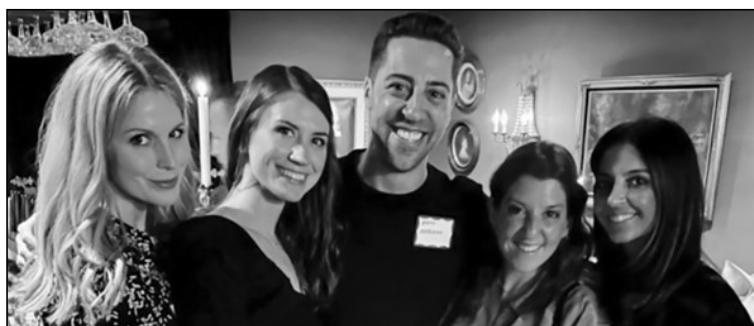
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Orly Zargar Gozarkhah, Michelle Halimi Dar, Debbie Zadeh Shoghi, Dina Rezvanipour, Natasha Eshaghzadeh Hakakian, Candace Tour Samadi



Barak Diskin, Alex Feldman, Elan Lamden



Aimee Richter, Lauren Schumacher White, Matt Massman, Dani Needleman Cooper, Candace Tour Samadi



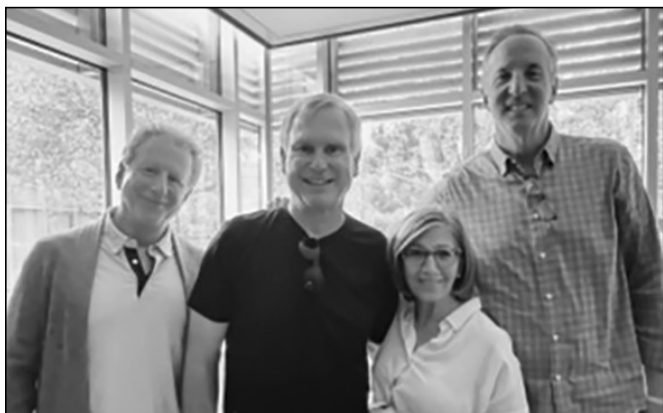
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Sean Shahamfar,
Saba Harouni
Lurie, Gilda
Haroonian Nassir

Beverly Vista '72

Roxbury Park—Oct. 16, 2022



Jeff Morton, John Anderson, Andi Brook Waks, Dan DeWitt



Donna Bernstein Steger, Diane Steinberg Kopit, Andi Brook Waks, Susan Seizer, Cathy Miller



Carla Gittleson Morris, Cathy Weiss, Diane Steinberg Kopit



Front row (left to right): Cheri Kaminsky (retired faculty), Linda Brod Reiser, Donna Bernstein Steger, Diane Steinberg Kopit, Susan Seizer, Elyse Gunter, Andi Brooks Waks, Carla Gittleson Morris, Jessica Pompei Jacobs. Back row: Louis Desser, John Anderson, Robbie Seiden, Jeff Morton, Dan DeWitt, Cathy Miller, Russell Repp, Cathy Weiss, Bob Weber, Dan Seligman



Louis Desser, John Anderson, Elyse Gunter

50-Year Reunions

All four elementary graduating classes from 1972 held reunions over the same weekend

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El Rodeo's Class of '67 at the BHHS '71 reunion. Front row (left to right): JoAnn Goldman Greenberg, Richard Greenberg, Judy Treusch Swatt, Cheryl Gartsman Abel, Scott Harris. Top row: Debbie Brouman Schellenberg, Susan Shapiro, Janet Rasak Graham, Tami Valenta, Jackie Snyder Herzig, Mark Smith, Richard Reiner, Jeff Harmon, Peter Belanger, Dave Feder

El Rodeo '72

Roxbury Park—Oct. 15, 2022



Charlie Isaacs, Lorin Schlesinger Ohayon, Dawn Harrow Fischer, Anne Shutan, Caren Claman



Reunion Committee: Steve Cohen, Victoria Scott, Dawn Harrow Fischer, Lorin Schlesinger Ohayon, Randy Lapin



Randy Lapin, Tobey Cotsen, Victoria Scott



Michael Firestein, John Schwimmer, Jonathan Prince



Valerie Landsberg, Madeline Stewart, Nicole Yorkin



At left: Caren Claman, Eddie Greenberg, PK Fields.

At far left: Woody Knapp, Charlie Isaacs, Dan Gunther, Scott Freshman.

Below: El Rodeo Class of '72. Attendees included approximately 60 alumni and retired faculty members, Eloise Haldeman and Angie Templer-Moore



Hawthorne '72

La Scala—Oct. 15, 2022



Sam Konugres, Lauren Petkin, Cathy Haymes Baker, Craig Fazekas



Sam Konugres, Cheryl Factor, Mark Feldman, Steve Spitz, Phil Morris



Greg Kaplan, Cheryl Factor, Larry Lerman



Frank Weiss, Paul Gomborg



Mark Feldman, Andrew Berman



Sophie Katz Alpert, Rita Magidson Haft



Hawthorne Class of '72. Forty-three alumni attended the reunion weekend, which also included a gathering at Roxbury Park and a tour of Hawthorne. Cathy Haymes Baker, Cheryl Factor, Craig Fazekas, Sam Konugres and Michael Saltzman served on the Reunion Committee.

Horace Mann '72

Factor's Famous Deli—Oct. 15, 2022



Reunion Committee: Anita Hirsch Rodal, Herlene Lew McLees, Elyse Rothstein Beardsley, Patti Raymond Pearlman

Mike Karon, Jedd Dunas, Robert Freeman, Jonathan Gold, Paul Raskin



Jonathan Parfrey, Brett Warburton



Kendall Schmidt Roclord, Mary Crouch Newman, Robert Freeman



Nancy Boraz Friedman, Lanye Dicker, Patti Raymond Pearlman



At left: Leslie Walton Ransdell, Mike Kichaven.

At far left: Jonathan Gold, Peter Fung.

Below: Horace Mann Class of '72. The reunion was attended by 31 people and only three were spouses.



Hawthorne '71

Factor's—Nov. 17, 2022



Back row (left to right): Andy Licht, Alan Grossbard, Albert Arouh, Debbie Olshan, David Ross, Caron Schwartz, Jennifer Malvin. Front: Jodie Robinson, Linda Gersh, Kay Liberman, Chris Marks, Lisa Schwartz, Vicki Unger

Baseball - Class of '88Porta Via Palm Desert
—Nov. 4, 2022**Class of '91 - Now & Then**

Top, at prom in 1991. Bottom, in Camarillo in 2022. Left to right: Tara Wise, Corrie Golant Schoenwetter, Dana Berman Marks, Jennifer Kleinert Misher, Amy Goldman Hoffman, Jill Brachman Levy

At left: David Bronte, Ryan Karp, Andrew Berlin, Richard Fahn, Danny Swartz, Patrick Kunody, Jason Goldberg, Mike Glazer, Steven Fenton, Damon Marshall, Richard Rogers, Chad Cohen

**Cheer Alumni**BHHS Homecoming Game
—Sept. 23, 2022

Left to right: Nicole Nourmand, M.D. '90, Rose Lai Kaiserman '90, Sophia Rumanes '88, Lori Shaw Marks '90, Candace Edwards '88, Neely Margo Irwin '92, Laura Hornwood Margo '87 (Norman mascot), Laura Saul '89

Class notes received after Jan. 1, 2023 will be published in the next edition.

1940

Captain Robert H. Wolff W'40

Bob says howdy from a guy who is 101 as of August 2022. The last few months have kept him hopping between lawyers, stock-brokers, doctors, deliveries and well-meaning visitors. Bob will not discuss the broken water main down the street or the erratic electric power, the rain or politics.

Jacqueline White Anderson W'41 Jackie sends her greetings. She reached 100 years of age on Nov. 27, 2022.

Mary Osgood Mayor S'41 Mary has reached 99 years and she wants to thank the BHHS Alumni Association Board of Directors and everyone that through the years have kept them connected and informed about their beloved BHHS community where her heart has always been.

June Wallace Donovan '42 June's 80th class reunion is this year! BHHS will always have a very special place in her heart because of its wonderful community and the many friends she made while there.

Robert Nate W'43 Bob celebrat-



Captain Robert Wolff W'40 turned 101 in August 2022. The retired WWII Army Air Corps pilot holds patches with the slogan, "Oh, to B-17 Again."

ed his 98th birthday in July. Those attending included Bob's wife Anne, his daughter Debbie, his son Jim, Marlee Morriss (Frank's wife), Shirley Woo, Herb Constine (still living at the Marina), and Art Liberman (still living in his Beverly Hills apartment), Bob Lewis (with his daughter Gwen and her boyfriend), and Stan Zimmelman and his wife Karen. There is real friendship between Marlee, Shirley, Gwen and Karen. They never stopped talking, laughing and enjoying sipping wine. They



Jacqueline White Anderson W'41 (front right) turned 100 in November 2022. She is pictured with her daughter, Karen, and her four sons, Neal, Craig, Scott, and Kevin

were fun to watch. Bob's wife Anne had her restaurant put together a good Thai lunch. Two things stood out—all of the men required walking aids to stand up and walk; not one of the gals required a walking device. The City of Simi Valley sent out a police patrol car and captain along with a firetruck and crew to wish Bob a happy birthday. They were joined by 15 to 20 of Bob's friends and neighbors. It made for a great day. **Shirlee (Blossom) Wineberg W'43** Shirlee says yep, that's

right! 97 in January. She has twin grandchildren for whom she waited a long time! They're planning to go to UCLA after graduating from BHHS. She loved being a Norman although she hated her first name, Blossom. It was a great school!

Aaron Eshman '45 Aaron is enjoying retirement by taking Zoom classes at UCLA and occasionally traveling, spending family time with their six grandchildren. He's still active in community service as a life trustee at Cedars-Sinai.

He and Sari were honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at their country club in December 2021. He hopes to travel more this year.

Arnold Kornfield S'45 Arnold and Harriet continue to live a good life in Woodland Hills. They had a full year celebrating family birthdays. That



Bob Nate W'43 celebrated his 98th birthday in July. Above (left to right): Bob Lewis, Bob Nate, Stan Zimmelman and Bud Constine visit with City of Simi Valley firemen. At right: Bob and his guests enjoy Thai food for lunch



included Arnold's 95th and Harriet's 91st. They feel very blessed to have family and friends taking them for dinner and other activities. They want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Herbert Constine S'46 Herbert is still enjoying life in the Marina and looking back in time to the '40s, '50s and '60s. He feels they were very lucky to experience those years in his city and country. He sends greetings to those who are still around.

Carol Herrick Jauregui S'46 Carol says it has been a long time since she was at BHHS, but she remembers it all: the buildings, the students and especially the teachers. She had some very good teachers and remembers so much of what they taught her. She was in school during WWII which is something she will never forget; before that, there was the 1933 Long Beach earthquake. She lived on Spalding Drive at the time. Carol always thinks if she went back to school tomorrow all would be the same, but in truth, she probably wouldn't recognize it at all. "Today well lived" made a big impression on her and she can still see it over the doorway carved

in cement. BHHS did a lot for her and she is very proud of herself and her high school!

Pierre Kern S'46 Pierre can't believe it. He graduated S'46—is now 93 ½ years old—and out of 14 friends, only he and one other are still kicking! He has two great-grandchildren and he's in good shape! It's hard to believe!

Armond "Buddy" Lisle S'46 Armond and Kathryn celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. They continue living in Indian Wells and still work out in the gym regularly. They cut traveling way back and stay pretty close to home. They look forward to *Highlights* every year.

Lester Wertheimer '46 Lester is a retired architect who continues to offer construction advice to those in need. Some years ago, he began writing about his various life adventures, and he continues writing as the years pass on. His latest published book consists of several essays written for his many grandchildren. The title is "That's Life" and it reflects a variety of personal experiences from his year as a merchant seaman to his encounter with Frank Lloyd Wright, and his

adventure climbing the ancient Great Pyramid. Many Beverly High friends are no longer around, but memories of wonderful early adventures remain.

Selvyn Bleifer W'47 Selvyn survived the pandemic without getting Covid. The secret: 1) Covid vaccinations; 2) mask in closed environment; 3) active exercise; 4) good nutrition. Good luck to all Normans!

Louise Kermode '47 Louise is still with us at 92!

Jack Shoemaker '47 Jack muses that another year has passed and we are all still alive and kicking. Even at the age of 93, life is still very exciting and interesting as there has been a lot of good things going on in his family. He's still playing competitive bridge with some of the masters and he and his wife Louise are holding their own. He enjoys being in communication with his dear classmate John Cox McKenna and the 1948 alumni Kegan brothers, Bob and Eugene, who are his partners in business. Go Bruins!

Audrey Bledsoe Speights S'47 Audrey is so happy we are back to participating with family and friends. She thoroughly enjoys



Betsy Ulf S'49, feeling fabulous at 90

her three great-great-grandsons. Family functions are so special. She stays busy participating in new voter registration as we must protect voting rights and women's rights! Audrey looks forward to receiving *Highlights* each year although the list of 1947 grads is very small.

Kenneth Bleifer W'48 Kenneth says not much has changed since he last penned a note for the *Highlights*. At the time of writing, the Ukraine war was six days old, and Russia was making an all-out offensive on Kyiv. (It used to be

Allan Ryskind '52 reflects on influential media career

Allan Ryskind '52 graduated from Pomona College with a degree in political science; served two years in the military, then two years in the Army Reserves; and received a Master's in journalism from UCLA. Here, he reflects on his career:

I moved to Washington, D.C. to become a writer for Human Events, a prominent conservative political weekly founded by Frank Hanighen, who teamed up with an Ohio newspaper publisher, Jim Wick, to make it a serious conservative weekly. Tom Winter, a graduate of Harvard and its business school, came to *HE* shortly after I had arrived. We eventually bought the publication

after the owners died and ran it from the mid-1960s through the mid-1990s. Though the publication went through various owners after we sold it, we managed to hang on as editors until 2015.

My major duties at *HE* were journalistic: covering Congress, the Pentagon, the State Department and the White House. I also traveled to many countries overseas, usually Cold War hotspots. Among my more interesting assignments: the Soviet Union, Castro's Cuba, Pinochet's Chile, and pre-Mandela, pro-Apartheid South Africa.

HE was a major force in the political arena, but especially in GOP presidential primaries when we frequently backed a candidate

we liked, Goldwater over Rockefeller in 1964, for example, and Reagan over Ford in 1976.

We could customarily support the Republican nominee against his Democratic challenger in the general election, but fiercely oppose his policies if we thought he didn't follow a generally conservative line: limited government, a strong defense, an anti-Communist foreign policy, conservative court judges, etc.

Richard Nixon, for instance, found us a constant burr under his saddle after he won the White House in both 1968 and 1972, though we supported him each time he ran. But we were also instrumental in rallying conservative lawmakers to block

several of his big spending, big government programs (such as his energetic attempt to federalize welfare).

Chuck Colson, Nixon's key political aide, told me at a meeting at the Old Executive Office Building that the major concessions the president intended to offer the conservatives included keeping Vice President Spiro Agnew as his running mate, increasing military spending and abandoning his crusade for the federal takeover of welfare. The White House promises were all kept and Nixon won the nomination overwhelmingly.

We began to receive widespread publicity when the media learned that *HE* was Ronald Reagan's

Kiev when he went to BHHS.) He hopes all his classmates and graduates of BHHS remain well.

Beverly and Chester Firestein '48 Beverly says though they no longer live in Beverly Hills, it's still their hometown. They keep track through the *Courier*. Their next anniversary will be #72. They are blessed with four children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, and two newly arrived great-grandchildren.

John Landau W'48 John sends thanks for the paragraph on page 17 in the last *Highlights*. Since then, they have added another great-grandchild and she is adorable!

Margot Wiesinger Smith, PhD '48 Margot speculates as she's living in Berkeley, trying to keep busy while isolating under Covid. There are still things to write about which she does. She joined Ashby Village, an organization designed to keep elders in their homes. They throw socials which she enjoys, as well as provide good people to visit with, and she has no responsibilities. She used to volunteer there until she turned 90, at which time she figured it's time to join. She's running a writer's group

with them. Is the Class of '48 ever going to have another reunion? Is anybody left? She still remembers how their science classes in the '40s during WWII used old textbooks from the '30s. There was a paper shortage during the war and no new textbooks were printed. She'll never forget her shock going into a college classroom in the '60s and seeing the Periodic Table of Elements all filled in with new elements like Berkelium, Californium, Einsteinium. Are there any new movies being filmed at BHHS? She remembers being an extra in *The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer* with Cary Grant and Shirley Temple. She lasted about five minutes before becoming bored. Then there was *Chueless* ... Any more? She's looking forward to the next *Highlights*.

Eleanor Sneddon '48 Eleanor was stunned to see her wonderful Tasso, Great Pyrenees, in the *Highlights* last year, but certainly pleased. He is a sweetheart of a dog. Nothing else has changed. She's still in Temecula and has no plans to leave. She loved the article re: Betty White W'39. The Bliss Hayden Little Theatre was just around the corner from where

she lived and attended BHHS. Eleanor just had her 92nd birthday. In horse years she's already glue! **Nan Morris Corman S'49** Nan can't believe another year has passed. Gene '44 died over a year ago and they had a wonderful condo in New York for 25 years which she just sold as neither of the boys wanted it. Todd '75 and Jennifer moved to Boise, Idaho and have a beautiful five-acre home. Craig '77 and Karen live seven houses up the street from her. Nan has had a wonderful life with Gene and his numerous films in Europe and now she's alone remembering their good life together.

Mary Hahn Hudson S'49 Mary is the oldest of four siblings who all attended BHHS. Did you know that Margaret Meserve presented their diplomas in June of 1949? Her movie star name was Margaret Hamilton and she played the Wicked Witch of the West in *The Wizard of Oz*. She was very nice, and she served on the Beverly Hills school board.

James Lieberman '49 James is getting close to 90 and has given up running 2.5 miles every day (3,200 consecutive days!). He now jogs 1.5 miles five times a

week and does Krav Maga!

Ralph Marx '49 Ralph and his wife Helen have returned to their home in Wickenburg, Ariz. since their retirement from their sailboat. Wickenburg has become the "Team Roping Capital" of the U.S. They have about 5,000 teams descend on their small town to practice and compete for the world championship held in Las Vegas. Top prize money is a million dollars. The cowboy ropers double the population of Wickenburg.

1950

Carol Goshaw Blanchard '50 Carol expresses her sincere thanks to the volunteer 1950 Reunion Committee members throughout the last 73 years. Many in our class of 1950 have received their wings and graduated to Heaven. But for those of you who are still here, her sincere thanks for your loyal support for all these years! Carol's family has made her so proud! Her eldest daughter Belinda has a son who has served in the US Army and since college has served as a deputy sheriff in Orange County. He is also a husband and father

favorite publication and had been when we backed him for governor of California and highlighted his successes. As president, he had the paper delivered to him personally, read it religiously and scribbled notes in the margins, tasking his aides to look into the matter. A great number of our recommendations on personnel and policy were carried out as a result.

When I once criticized him in a front-page editorial on his administration's spending policies, he summoned Tom and me to the White House from Air Force One to meet with much of his Cabinet and top aides whose instructions were to disabuse us of our view and where he famously quipped that he was "reading us more but

enjoying it less."

Much of our influence on the 40th president has been detailed in the late Richard Reeves award-winning biography, *President Reagan: The Triumph of Imagination*. Reeves, a prominent author and biographer, was also a syndicated columnist and a professor at the Annenberg School for Communication at USC.

Odds and ends: I have written two well-received books: *Hubert*, a biography of Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and *Hollywood Traitors*, on how the Communists in Hollywood came close to taking over the movie industry. (The subhead: *Blacklisted Screenwriters: Agents of Stalin, Allies of Hitler*.)

I have been married for 56 years to Jaime Adams, a teacher, a leader in the home school movement, and a first-rate singer and musician. She is also the mother of our three children, Sam, Rebecca and Anna Ruth.

My late sister, Ruth Ohman, was also a Beverly graduate and became a highly regarded editor in New York. My mother, Mary House Ryskind, was a major Republican political figure in California who was honored at a major dinner in Beverly Hills addressed by Ronald Reagan.

My dad, Morrie Ryskind, was a prominent writer for the stage and screen, who, along with George Kaufman, wrote a number of Marx Brothers movies and stage plays.

He and Kaufman also wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, *Of Thee I Sing*, with George and Ira Gershwin crafting the music and the lyrics.

My dad passed onto me, not his writing skills, but his conservative politics and his strong opposition to communism both here and abroad. As a result of his views and having fought the Communists in the Screenwriters Guild, I met very well known anti-Communists such as Sidney Hook, Freda Utley, Nathaniel Weyl, and Edward Dmytryk, each of whom had been Communists themselves at one time.

— Allan Ryskind '52

of four kiddies, ages 10, 7, 4 and 1. Belinda's daughter Brooke, graduate of San Diego State and her husband Nash have #5, Atlas, who is almost 1. They live in Citrus Heights (Sacramento). Carol's daughter Diane moved to San Francisco after her USC graduation in 1975, married and they produced two wonderful children who graduated from Stanford. How lucky can one lady be? Carol's oldest Greats live one hour away and both daughters have made her so proud of their contributions to their communities. Carol is wishing all her classmates a happy 90th birthday year and a long and happy life. She is grateful for your friendship through these years!

Frederick W. Palmieri '50 Frederick celebrated his 90th birthday in October with his lovely wife of 40 years, Judy, as well as with his son Carey, his daughter Caroline, and son-in-law Roy John. Frederick is still working at El Segundo-based Raytheon Intelligence & Space, but he gets to work from home in Las Vegas. He is an Engineering Fellow aspiring to become a Principal Fellow in a month or so. He performs structural and dynamic analyses of aircraft electronic devices. Fortunately, he

seems to have retained his recall and cognitive resources of his job. They are all in good health, as much as advanced age allows, thank God! Here's to Beverly High, current attendees, as well as to all the surviving members of the Class of '50!

Barbara Sherman Topkis '50 Barbara celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends.

Joan Rubin Coakley '51 Joan is so sorry they were unable to have a 70th reunion. She would have enjoyed seeing her old classmates and honoring those dear classmates they have lost.

Jeanne Curry Laye '51 Jeanne has visited Tanzania, Poland, Baltic Capitals, and Finland, as well as a week in Hawaii. She has Zoomed with Art Stauffer and Fred Brown. She has chatted with Ingrid Johanson Stiginza, Bill Pratt Miller and Toni Pizer to mention a few. She just got back from two days at her Stanford class reunion where she was the only BHHS person this time. Jeanne is still doing taxes to keep busy, and her health is good. She enjoyed her time at BHHS.

Shirley Seams Chestnut S'52 Shirley enjoyed reading all the biographies of the talented classmates in the "Memory Book" that Elliott Wolfe put together.

She's sorry to have missed the 70th reunion but heard it was a great success!

Mumsey Kessler Nemiroff '52 Mumsey says their 70th BHHS reunion was joyful and memorable for everyone who attended (see p. 14). There was a lovely dinner on Saturday evening preceding the Sunday brunch at Brentwood Country Club.

June Ferrer Pond '52 June is enjoying living on Balboa Island. She wishes her classmates a healthy and happy year. She also wishes a happy 70th reunion to all.

Susanne Kauffman Heichman '53 Susanne has downsized and moved to Los Alamitos in a gated senior housing. Her husband of 60 years died two years ago. She enjoys books, travel, bridge and leisure.

John M. Anderson '54 John sends greetings and best wishes to the Class of 1954.

Phyllis Korentajer Dimant '54 Phyllis says it has been another good year! The 14th great-grand arrived in January 2021! Wow, not bad! She was an only child (born just before the start of WWII in Poland). She arrived in the U.S. in 1947 and now has three daughters, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She sends kindest regards to all.

Stan King '54 Stan is still employed at Oppenheimer but has not been in the office in two years. Working from home remotely is terrific! He went to Maui in February 2022 to go whale watching with his daughter Karen and Stefan. In April he had an angiogram to check on his 11-year-old aortic



Linda Price Vitti '56

valve and passed the test with flying colors, but shortly after got Covid which caused them to cancel their annual family Maui trip with their children and grandchildren. He went to Cedars and got monoclonal antibodies and recovered in three days! Unfortunately, Dianne got Covid one week later that required a full cancellation to their holiday. He sends best wishes to all their classmates.

Barbara Eisendrath Platt '54 Barbara has lived in the Palm Springs area for 52 years. It was a small sleepy town back in 1970. In the meantime, many former BHHS alums have moved there, and it is always a delight to reminisce. Her "sleepy town" came alive and is now a big "valley" and growing every year. She loves being there and her family loves to visit. She has 13 grandkids and two greats. What a blessing!

Norman Ross '54 and Gloria Stolaroff Ross '56 Norman and Gloria have been married 64+ years. They have a Havanese dog named Tarpy, who is very happy to be with them every day as their overseas travels have stopped because of the pandemic. They are happily living in a community in Calabasas. They've been there for almost 30 years. They are enjoying the wonderful lives of not only their children, but their grandchildren as well. They now



Barbara Sherman Topkis '50 (front) celebrates her 90th birthday with her children and grandchildren

have two great-grandchildren, one of whom they share with one of their lovely classmates, Barbara Eisendrath Platt '54.

Lynne Shapiro '54 Lynne would like to make her contribution to the Scholarship Fund in honor of two outstanding teachers (now deceased) who opened her eyes and ears to the world, launching her career and her happiness:

– Victor Seine – Spanish teacher in whose classroom Lynne taught after returning to Beverly with both an undergraduate and a master's degree. Realizing that after three years of Latin, she did not belong in a beginning Spanish class, he sent her to the library where she was able to read Spanish novels. She was "hooked" and became a Spanish major in college and took her junior year in Spain.

– Frances Griffin – Latin teacher who not only taught the language and literature but also showed wonderful slides of Roman ruins all over Europe and opened her students' eyes to what lay east of the U.S.A.!

Peter S. Spencer '54 Peter has nothing to report. He doesn't drive. He lets his partner do that. He's homebound, but still his days and evenings are full.

Bob Yates '54 Bob and Ellie are still hanging in there. He frequently races his Harbor 20 sailboat around Balboa Bay. They go to Mammoth often where he can hike and do photography. Unfortunately, skiing is a thing of the past. His wife Ellie has slowed down in recent years but they still enjoy the "good life."



Jill Braverman Erman '57

Beverly Black Angarella '55 Beverly has moved from Tarzana to the lovely little town of Camarillo, Calif. It has wonderful weather and is close to the beach. She hopes they can make plans for a reunion so she can see her high school friends again.

Peggy Ach Hansen '55 Peggy lives in Pacific Grove and meets regularly with classmates Suzi Pepp Gilbert (Brentwood) and Sue Diamond Lifschiz (Santa Rosa) on Zoom.

Barry Jaffe '55 Barry and Linda are still living in the Napa Valley region. They just celebrated 34 years of marriage!

Arthur Stauffer '55 Art writes that the Corsairs, Marcons and Friends held their annual reunion in April of 2022 via Zoom. This was about their 65th get together since graduation! Attendees included: Gen. Mike Sullivan (Virginia), Col. Bob Butterfield (Virginia), Gene Abrams (Idaho), Sheldon Appel (California), Fred Brown (California), Miles Coleman (California), Chuck Coleman (Michigan), Don Rowson (California), and Art (California). In addition, Fred Spector, Howi Rubin, Herb Rice, Fred Stern, Jim Morrow, John Sill and Mort Gerson sent their regards. There was a lot to catch up on but the friendships from high school continued to be strong and the individual lives were fascinating for all to enjoy.

Dr. Marshall Zaslove '55 Marshall is continuing to live the quiet life in Napa with his wife Nina. They just made 50 years together. Since retiring from practice, his time is taken up by teaching, practicing meditation, writing and delighting in grandparenting. He sends best wishes to all '55ers, wherever you are!

Robert Patten '56 Robert and two colleagues edited *The Oxford Handbook of Charles Dickens*, which is now out in soft cover.

In February 2023, *Charles Dickens, Death and Christmas*, will appear also from Oxford. All royalties have helped them acquire a beautiful painting by Loretta Guthrie, his classmate. There is a lot of life left in their class.

Linda Price Vitti '56 Linda lives with

her husband of 37 years in Aspen, where she has lived for 54 years. She still enjoys skiing, biking, hiking, reading and staying in touch with family and friends. They have frequent visits from deer and bears in their front yard.

Bob Bard '57 Bob and Marian send greetings from Rio Vista, Calif. in the heart of the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta ... unique inland estuary leading to San Francisco Bay. You remember Rio Vista, right? When he and his wife Marian moved there from a houseboat on the Willamette River near Portland, Ore., it was 1972, and they had recently gotten married. They are still there, both of them. This spring will mark his 50th year with the Rio Vista Rotary. Time flies when you're having fun! They have five grandsons living within an hour of his house. He sends his very best to all his classmates of 1957!

Dan Epstein '57 and Phyllis F. Epstein '59 Dan and Phyllis have been living in San Diego for over 50 years. Dan is in real estate, and she volunteers for many nonprofits. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Jill Braverman Erman '57 Jill is very happily married to Mike Erman and has two stepdaughters and five grandchildren. One is about to get married. Jill and Mike have traveled extensively all over the world. She has had a career in retail gifts and antiques which has



Bob Bard '57 and his wife Marian recently celebrated 51 years of marriage

been her passion. They live half the year in Century City and half in Omaha where her husband is from. Life is great and she doesn't want to change a thing. She loved growing up in Beverly Hills and still runs into schoolmates.

Adrienne Biren Leibovitz '57 Adrienne observes that after two years of isolation plus masks, it is lovely to be out and about again. Maryland went on shutdown the day of her husband's funeral, March 19, 2020. They were allowed six people in attendance at services: a strange time. However, she's now feeling travel is safer; her two darling daughters have given her permission to visit cousins in California. She'll stay with Cousin Howard, with whom she grew up, had parties and all the rest. Daughter Danielle Bengier Gorgas (husband Ken) lives in Manhattan and is a chief advertising specialist at a publishing company. Daughter Dr. Victoria Magi Berger is founding principal of Pittsburgh's only alternative school and has recently returned to live in Baltimore. She has an 8-year-old daughter, Lexi, Adrienne's precious only grandchild.

Richard A. Barton '58 Richard sends best wishes to all! He also sends thanks for all our hard work keeping the Alumni Association up to date. The *Highlights* are appreciated! Happy New Year's 2023!

Karin Orloff Gutman '58 Karin has strong family ties to Beverly.

Her husband Tom Gutman coached football and wrestling there from 1964 to 1967. Their children Ted and Nick Gutman graduated from BHHS in 1984 and 1988, respectively. Karin and Tom live in Morristown, NJ.

Roberta Hara Kampner '58 Roberta has been living in Century City since 2002.

Jack Morgan S'58 Jack and his family remained pretty much hunkered down for the first two-thirds of 2021 at their home in Illinois. Finally, in September, they couldn't stand it anymore and decided to take the long way back to their winter home in Florida and revisit Las Vegas, which was their home for 15 years from 1965 until 1980. They were able to locate several friends and/or business associates that still live there. The highlight of their entire month's stay was finding a former musician of Jack's that had just celebrated his 105th birthday. They would never have known about him if it weren't for the fact that his wife, Bonnie, saw the story on Facebook, and after several days of intensive investigative journalism was able to arrange for his daughter to bring him to their RV Park where they spent an hour and a half recalling all the stories they shared of life on the road as traveling musicians. It was a great visit with plenty of laughs. They left Las Vegas on Oct. 22 and a week later arrived at The Villages in Florida where they stayed until the end of April. They had two trips planned for 2022. The first was on June 28th when they boarded a cruise ship in Portland, Ore. and traveled eastward along the Columbia and Snake Rivers to Lewiston, Idaho. The second trip was in September when they went to Africa and joined a safari for 10 days.

Edith Weinstein Schwartz '58 Edie still remembers that Beverly gave her a good high school education. Life has

given her 40 years of teaching English, husband Marty for 57 years (so far and still counting), three perfect children, six perfect grandchildren, old friends, a love of the French language and Paris, joy in reading and learning, fun doing needlecraft, and gratitude for living in a democracy.

Linda Gilbert Thieben '58 Linda is so glad the world is getting back to the new normal and that she is able to travel to continue her bucket list! At the time of writing, upcoming travels included the Mississippi River, Christmas markets in Germany and Austria, Australia, New Zealand, and, hopefully, Egypt (fourth try) and Israel. Her family is doing great, staying healthy and keeping busy. Sadly, she said farewell to her dear cousin, Robert Perel '57, this past spring. He will be missed. She would love to hear from former classmates at rangodog@aol.com.

Zeke Warsaw '58 Zeke sends greetings to his '58 classmates and fellow Normans. He is hoping that 2023 will see the diminution of Covid-19 and the resumption of safe social gatherings as they used to know them. Hopefully, they will be able to have a small class reunion sometime later this year and their reunion committee will notify everyone, if and when that might occur. 2022 was a healthy year for his family except for the unexpected passing of their 106-year super-centenarian mom who was in great shape. She was unfortunately given Covid by a caretaker. She had a wonderful life and they were so blessed to have shared so many sweet years together. Soon they will be looking forward to start socializing more often. He sends his best wishes to everyone for a safe, joyous and healthy 2023!

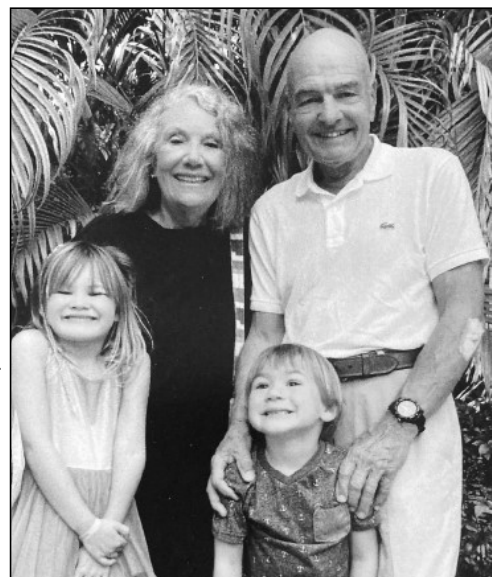
Nancy Schwartz Young '58 Nancy keeps in touch regularly with Jackie (Wilkes) Hinkston '58, Wilma (Pollock) Peterson '58, Maria (Pinney) Lewis '59,

and Nancy (Nessheim) Hudson '58.

John Melnik '59 John has finally retired. He is looking forward to dinner with friends, playing bridge and traveling.

Howard Rosen '59 Howard and Carol (Hamilton High W'63) enjoy time with their two daughters, son-in-law and three grandchildren (2, 13 & 16). They're mostly retired and traveling as much as possible. In 2022, they enjoyed their Cabo San Lucas timeshare, Belgium and Holland, Alaska with the two older grandchildren, then Norway and Iceland. Their 2023 plans include a month from Singapore to Japan, then a 22-day cruise from Rome to Istanbul. To all their friends in the Class of '59, they send sincere hopes for a happier and healthier 2023, and brighter economics in the coming year and beyond.

Leona Walden '59 Leona continues to reside in Albion on the Mendocino Coast of Northern California. She and her partner of 21 years, both retired, support the many nonprofits there. Toby Wade has been president of the Mendocino Rotary Club and now is on the County Grand Jury. Leona once again is involved with the Mendocino Art Center in an advisory capacity and is an active member of the Rotary Club as well. They are both in good health and loving their life in that beautiful part of California. She sends best wishes to all the Class of '59 and beyond!



Collie and Charles '61 Hutter with their grandchildren

1960

Anita Sharpe Aratow '60 Anita says she and her family are still very much alive. Her husband, Arthur, is a retired family practice physician and is 90 years old. They have two sons, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Anita is a retired physical therapist and changed careers and retired as national sales manager for a company manufacturing medical products. Since retirement, she has been volunteering for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) where she advocates for the foster children assigned to her. Also, she delivers Meals On Wheels to the soldiers that were homeless and now live in studio apartments on the Brentwood campus of the VA West Los Angeles. For at least 30 years, she has chaired the Bel Air Ridge Fitness Committee. They have a complete gym and try to work out each day. She hopes she can continue this volunteering for many more years.

Murray Fischer '60 Murray muses that it's hard to believe he is in his 50th year of practicing real estate and business law in the city of Beverly Hills, including

entitlements, land use, and permitting. He is so fortunate, as he has represented so many major entities that come into the city like Chanel, Hermes, Armani, O'Gara Coach, and many homeowners who wish to build their dream home in the city. However, he could never have done it without his wife, Bunni (Stone) Fischer '61, who has been by his side for 54 years. It is a dream to live and work in the city for over 65 years and they are very proud of the fact it all started at Beverly High.

Ken Gillen '60 Ken writes that sadly, his wife of 56 years, Diane, passed away in August 2020. Since all of Ken's close relatives live in California (identical twin brother Keith in Mountain View; daughter Jill, husband Joe, and grandkids Selma and Jack in Burlingame; and daughter Jennifer, husband Pete, and grandkids Julia and Ben in Southern California), he left Albuquerque after 56 years and moved to Burlingame, where he bought a condo (half the size of his Albuquerque house at twice the price). He is enjoying being close to family and he hopes that once Covid is over he can start enjoying the Bay Area and its many attractions. He is still doing scientific research, publishing around one paper per year and giving occasional scientific talks at conferences. Someday soon, he hopes to start writing his novel on identical twins, for which he has a 20-page outline of the plot.

Gene Herts '60 Gene notes they are all turning 80 this year. They are entering their golden years ... ha, ha!

Melanie Nourse Jolly '60 Melanie traveled with 14 members of her family from Winchester, West Hills, Pacific Palisades and Dayton, Nev., who treated her to a wonderful birthday weekend. In Lone Pine, Calif., they had dinner at Seasons Restaurant, toured a movie museum and drove to Mt. Whitney Portal. They also played

Apples to Apples, a silly, hilarious game, especially when 15 people are playing it. Melanie thanks her family very much. Now it's November and she's back in Carson, Nev. and it's snowing—very pretty.

Les B. Schwartz '60 Les notes that a small group meets monthly for dinner. Call 310-666-4264 if interested. He will schedule one more reunion in 2025 for the 65th, which will probably be their last. Once again, please call him if interested at the above number or 310-559-4544.

Jeffrey S. Stevens, M.D. '60 Jeff, now retired and living in Portland, Ore., was given the Western Pioneer Award for trailblazing leadership in nuclear medicine by the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. His wife, son, and grandchildren are all doing well.

Robert Swarthe '60 Robert and Kathy enjoyed the delayed class reunion even though it was a strange experience. They look forward to one more!

Charles Hutter '61 Charles and his wife Collie have retired from management of their family-owned manufacturing company and are spending their time on world travel for the fun of meeting new people in strange places and unusual circumstances. Recent trips to New Zealand and Europe and upcoming trips to Indonesia and Africa are examples of their chasing the good weather to desirable locations and conditions. They are maintaining good health and physical activity appears to be their major remaining goal in life, along with telling their grandchildren about these adventures. *[Editor's note: Hutter's late mother, Bernice Hutter, served on the Board of Education and founded the BHHS Alumni Association.]*

Judith Miller Laska '61 Judi and her husband Paul just celebrated their 50th anniversary. They

enjoy living in Indian Wells and have three grown children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Frank Ponder '61 Frank says a funny thing happened on the way to their Reunion Committee. Many of them barely knew each other at Beverly but became acquaintances and lifelong friends over the past 60 years. They have had a very active Reunion Committee. They've gotten together many times to just have a drink, as well as to celebrate birthdays, the births of grandchildren, and weddings. Unfortunately, too many of the committee members and their class alumni have passed away, and they are missed. They worked very hard to have a 60th reunion, but Covid interrupted their numerous plans. Hopefully by the time this is published they will have a place and date. Personally, Frank has been married to Helen Randall (Fairfax '66) for 15 years. After 18 years of dating, they decided it was time to get married. Helen owns ART ONE GALLERY at 309 North Robertson Boulevard in Beverly Hills, featuring the works of 3D pop artist Charles Fazzino. Frank and Helen have three daughters between them, and they have two delightful granddaughters who bring joy to their lives. To overcome being surrounded by women, they adopted two male dogs. One of the dogs, named Bradley Cooper, is often featured on the TV show *Lucky Dog* with Brandon McMillan. His stage name is Bruno. Frank retired after 45 years in the retail business and is now a commercial property manager. He keeps busy by giving back to the community through philanthropy and volunteer work.

Guy Sandler '61 Guy writes there is no escaping your past—though he has tried. He has been a dishwasher, hamburger cook, community organizer, lawyer (public defender, 30 years). One

son, Nick, is a public defender in Sonoma County. The other, Ben, lives in Moraga with his wife and two kids (Guy's grandkids). Guy paints pictures with other seniors and plays the piano.

Sherry Berk Tedeschi '61 Sherry turned 54 this year, has the DNA of Benjamin Button and is growing younger. She and Bob are spending much time with their kids up north. Their daughter, Denise '84, and son, Gary '87, graduated from BHHS. Gerald, their son-in-law, is from Chicago. Gary and Gerald are very high tech. They're both electrical engineers and Sherry and Bob don't understand a word when they talk. Denise and their daughter-in-law, Miyuki, understand them. Their grandson, David, is studying psychology. He's already figured them out ... Oy! Their granddaughter, Jennifer, wants to be a chef. (They love her meals!) Kylie, their youngest granddaughter, is into music and basketball. Their family makes their life full of love and laughter. Sherry and Bob are involved with Just in Case, which helps to create a neighborhood of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). They were at the homecoming of a Fallen Angel



Frank Ponder '61, with his dog Bradley Cooper, who appears in the show *Lucky Dog* under the stage name Bruno

("Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"). What a heart-wrenching experience. So young and no more life to live. Hells Angels and police from many neighborhoods led a huge caravan to the gravesite. Bless the military and all the young men and women who sacrifice so much to protect our freedom. The Historical Society board president, Phil Savenick '69, is a wizard. Ask him anything and he knows the answer. He can tell stories about the lifestyles of the rich and famous and he will have you mesmerized with every word he speaks. The board has had walks by all the old movie star homes. Phil, with much fervor, tells the history of these places. He and the team put together an app, The BH Experience. (By the way, it's free.) You can view all their history and even catch Phil speaking. The best thing about the good old days was she wasn't good and she wasn't old!

Lloyd Barton, Col. Ret. '62 Lloyd (Butch) is living the dream on island time. Fish are biting and living is easy.

Michael Dicker '62 Michael retired as Professor of Bassoon from Illinois State University on May 31, 2022. He is currently performing as principal bassoonist of Peoria Symphony Heartland Festival Orchestra and contrabassoonist of Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

Ingrid Staal Glancy '62 Ingrid loves her pre-reunion online visits and, at the time of writing, was looking forward to seeing her classmates in September 2022.



Barbara and Joel '62 Goodman

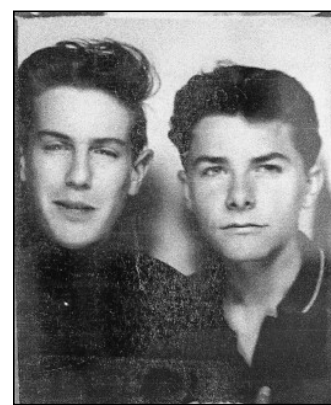
Joel Goodman '62 Joel and his wife Barbara are enjoying their retirements by playing a lot of golf and bridge. They spend their winters in Rancho Mirage and summers in Irvine. This past September their class celebrated their 60th BHHS reunion at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club (see p. 15). It was great to see so many of the people with whom he had grown up. He had fun being on the planning committee chaired by Rich Reinis. Joel and Barbara and have two children and four grandchildren.

Barbara Mills Dreyfuss '63 Barbara says for her, 2022 was on the repeat button mirroring the past 2+ years. She remained in Southern California while dreaming about entries on her bucket list she still wants to complete. She was reminded that they include travels to Japan, Greece and Italy (to visit Eddie Laurenti, a participant of the BHHS Foreign Exchange Student Program). Eddie became a member of the Lorin Dreyfuss family while he attended BHHS—and remains a brother. Eddie regularly corresponds with our family and the lifelong friends he made. Barbara continues to live in Ventura, near her son Justin '87, his wife Gloria, and her grandson Ukiah. Barbara and Gloria are the "support" staff for Justin at Coastal Postal and Video. The shop celebrated 20 years under his ownership in August 2022. He has made many improvements while remodeling the shop during down time. It looks great! Barbara and Ukiah celebrated his 16th birthday in September with an exciting helicopter ride over Ventura County. He is now a member of the Young Eagles. EAA, the parent organization, is recognized worldwide. His mentor pilot, Lisa, took him on his first in her four-passenger plane as her co-pilot. What a fabulous experience! Thanksgiving was celebrated by sharing thanks with

our Southern California family at the home of Cathy Dreyfuss '69 in Venice. Always Barbara's favorite holiday! Her 1928 Model A Ford that she regularly drove to BHHS is still in her family. The Pink Slip has Justin's name on it, and it will eventually be deeded to Ukiah. If you travel to Ventura, please stop by to say hello: 2419 Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA 93001.

Gay Hubbard Durward '63 Gay says 2022 was quite a year for all of us, so let's see what 2023 has to offer. We had many joyful events in our life ... marriage, births, family fun ... and several sad events ... the loss of dear friends, illnesses and national tragedies. The bottom line, though, is that we are all well, active and pursuing our goals. Gay and Don participated in a glorious concert tour of Scotland last summer, singing in ancient cathedrals and beautiful landmarks and even visiting Urquhart Castle, home of Don's ancestors. The relocation of his entire company to a new facility was a major challenge for Don, but that appears to be in the final stages. All of their children and grandchildren continue to make them happy and proud, with the third one now headed for college. Two more to go! They are grateful for every day and the opportunity to enjoy life to the fullest.

Robbie Freeman '63 Robbie confesses that each day on the way to the gym on Camden Drive he takes Rodeo Drive and goes past Ellen Sherwood's old house. She was his high school crush and Robbie wonders who is in the house now? She was his first and greatest love!



Two rebels with a cause. Robbie Freeman '63 (left) and Bob Goldenberg '63 (right) hiding from Vice Principal Mr. M., who has \$2 for them to get a haircut

Eric Snow '63 Eric and Marguerite took a nice vacation to Hawaii to celebrate their 53rd anniversary in September 2022. They stayed at the Hale Koa Hotel, or the old Fort DeRussy, at Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. They enjoyed the great luau show at the hotel and a nice visit to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. At the time of writing, they were looking forward to a 10-day Caribbean cruise. They are retired and planning more traveling.

Jane Lipson Stiglitz '63 Jane says three years of pandemic have



Eric '63 and Marguerite Snow celebrated their 53rd anniversary. They are pictured above at the Las Vegas Marine Corps Ball

succeeded in keeping her at home, which has given her time to help plan our 60-year reunions. That is plural. They planned a mini reunion in January with a few attendees from out of state and a few more who live close by. The real deal is later in August (see p. 7). Both will be hosted by Pepper Salter Edmiston. Both will be pretty casual and laid back. Jane hopes to see a lot of old friends.

Robert H. Whittaker '63 Robert says to hell with Covid! He is vaccinated and had Covid. It wasn't a big deal. He is still traveling the world and can't live his life in fear.

Gordon Evans '64 Gordon saw a photo of his old flying buddy, Wayne Handley, in the Jim Kunkle profile in the 2022 *Highlights* and it brought back some great memories. Gordon has been a pilot for almost 55 years and still, for the past 30 years, actively flies with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He served in the Marine Corps (1965–74) and had tours in Vietnam as an Attack Pilot, Forward Air Controller (FAC) and also was an Infantry/Air Liaison Officer with the Korean Marine Corps. He pursued a career as an investor in commercial real estate. Now he's mostly retired in Napa with his wife Jean. He has two sons and two grandchildren. His oldest boy owns a very successful vertically-integrated hemp (CBD) operation in Oregon, and his brother has six Rocket Fizz franchises (selling soda, candy and novelty items) in the Denver area. Gordon is living the good life in wine country and looking forward to the next reunion.

Leland Faust '64 Leland's fourth grandchild, Sarah Taylor Faust, was born on May 30, 2022. He is still doing triathlons. He was the oldest finisher in his two most recent competitions.

Marty Nislick '64 Marty sends greetings to the '64 Normans and hopes this note is finding everyone

in good health and enjoying life (i.e., sore knees, forgetting things, bad back and pickleball). Mark in your calendars for Summer 2024 the 60th high school reunion. It has been way too long to connect with old friends. In the meantime, he encourages everyone to reach out to someone from '64 just to say hi. Contact: mmmartyn@aol.com.

Daniel Yergin '64 Daniel observes this is proving to be a very intense year with the global energy crises, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the need to rethink energy policies. In addition, he has a new job as Vice Chairman of S&P Global, Inc. whose primary areas of business are financial information and analytics.

Eva Eriksen Murray '65 Eva graduated in 1965. Her brother Roger graduated a few years later. Randy Bookasta, Richard and Garrett Murray also attended BHHS. Eva just celebrated 43 years of marriage to David Murray. They have resided in Valencia since 2003. Last year was an exceptionally difficult year. David, a cancer patient, contracted the Delta Covid-19 and endured a four-month hospital stay. Upon his discharge in December 2021, Eva took a fall and had a horrific femur break. She likes to say that she broke her leg sky diving (makes for a better story). Both Eva and David are recovering and on the mend. They send best wishes to everyone. Stay healthy and be happy.

Paul Rabwin '65 Paul celebrated 50 years in television last year. Currently he is Vice-President of Postproduction at ABC Signature, and is a proud cast member of the Walt Disney Company.

Susan Schuster Bacon '66 Susan worked with special needs children for most of her career. Currently, she is a professor at Pepperdine and Antioch universities. In March 2020, as a result of the pandemic, Antioch University opened a remote clinic for individuals 14



Happy birthday, Cathy Jo! Left to right: Sharon Lee Criswell Walker '64, Gail Lynn Dershewitz '64, Cathy Jo Cozen '64, retired BHHS Art Chair Joan Marie Love Allemand, PhD, and Andrea Joan Engel Caren '64 celebrate Cozen's 75th birthday

years of age and older. The clinic provides no-cost psychotherapy to clients in California. The therapists are graduate students under supervision by licensed professionals. Susan is the director of this clinic (Antioch Community Therapy Services, aka ACTS). The clinic has reached more than 1,000 people since the pandemic began.

Antoinette Watson Leos '66 Antoinette and Mark still live by Century City. She is a docent at the Los Angeles Zoo a couple of times a week and Mark is busy with his projects. It was good to see old friends at the "75th Birthday Reunion." There was more gray hair, but they are still "truckin' along."

Sharon Block Litwin '66 Sharon's year has been unusual. Completely by accident her doctor discovered that her husband needed open heart double bypass surgery. He is doing very well now and they're very happy the surgery is behind them. Their only grandchild Jonathan, 23, is a police officer in Olympia, Wash. She heard there may be a reunion in 2023 and she hopes it happens. It would be great to see everyone!

William Ratner '66 William and Mary remain in the "go-go" years in retirement. Being a three-time grandparent is their biggest thrill. He wishes all his fellow Normans a wonderful holiday season and New Year!

Bert Weiner '66 Bert counted up to 13 pills today, support socks, knee brace, toe wraps! Getting old is not for sissies! But his eighth trip to Burning Man was the best ever. He feels we have to keep doing whatever we can to enjoy with whatever is still working!

Stephanie Wildman '66 Stephanie became Professor of Law Emerita at Santa Clara University and began writing children's books. In 2022, her debut picture book, *Brave in the Water* (illustrated by Jenni Feidler-Aguilar; see book cover on p. 38), celebrated its first birthday. Her second book, *Treasure Hunt* (illustrated by Estefania Razo), came out in November from Lawley Publishing.

Ronald Block Betten '67 Ronald moved with his wife Janice to Southern Highlands Golf Country Club in Las Vegas to be closer to their grandson Milo, now age two. His new office is Raymond



Brave in the Water by Stephanie Wildman '66

James Beverly Hills, and they opened another office for him in Las Vegas. He commutes to his Beverly Hills office every couple of weeks and yes, he still manages his clients' financial affairs, as he has for 40+ years. He loves what he does and feels it is not work, just a new number. He can be reached at 310-595-2978.

Joan Goldstein '67 Joan found a beautiful house in The Villages, a retirement community in San Jose, during the summer of 2021. She is on the 7th hole of the golf course with a beautiful view. Retirement gets better and better.

Brad Treusch '67 is a practicing attorney in Beverly Hills practicing primarily in the fields of family law, personal



injury, and real estate. He has also been teaching at the Beverly Hills Adult School in the areas of family law and real estate. In addition, he is appointed by the Los Angeles Superior Court to handle conservatorship and guardianship cases. Brad has been married to his wife, Susan Treusch, who is a marriage family therapist, for over 30 years and has two children, Maren and Justin. Maren has performed as a singer in many shows in Las Vegas at various top hotels. Justin is active in real estate,

putting together real estate deals. Brad and his wife are very proud of both of them.

Ruth Bassman Schriebman '68 Ruth finds it so sad to hear about how many of her 1968 classmates died over the past year. She had surgery for a benign brain tumor and is happy to say she is doing well and is back to work. Life is

good and she loves watching her granddaughters grow.

Daniel Burstein '69 Dan, who graduated from Beverly at the age of 15 and is the author of 14 nonfiction books, has written his first children's book, *The Ivy Hero: The Brave Life of Sergeant William Shemin*. The book, which was published in the fall, was co-written with Dan's cousin, Sara Shemin Cass. *The Ivy Hero* tells the story of the authors' World War I hero relative, who fought bravely for America and its Allies on the battlefields of France in 1918, but was denied a Medal of Honor because he was Jewish. It also tells the similar story of Henry Johnson, an African American soldier who was also a hero of 1918 and was similarly denied a Medal of Honor because he was African American. President Obama righted both these century-old wrongs by awarding both men posthumous Medals of Honor in 2015. *The Ivy Hero* tells the exciting story of Sgt. Shemin's adventurous life. It also serves as a clarion call to young people—as well as adults—to join the fight against discrimination and intolerance of all types. The book is available on Amazon.

Marc Russell '69 Marc celebrated his 70th birthday by increasing the number of push-ups he does every morning. Along with his sister, Amanda, he has a major contribution to the latest in Tom Weaver's series of *Scripts from the*

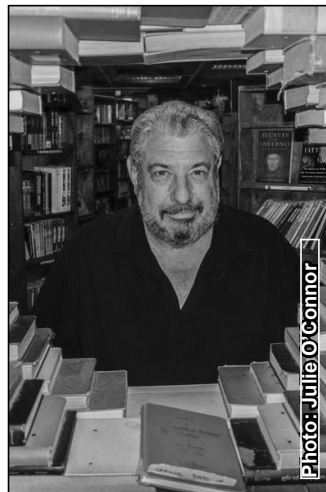


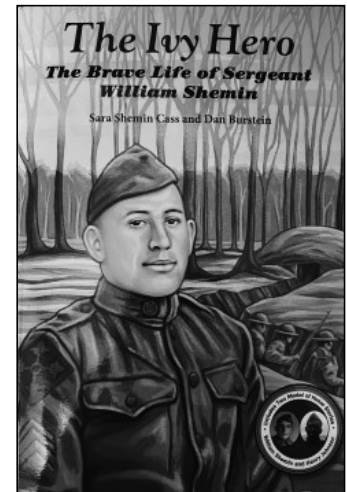
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Dan Burstein '69 (above) wrote *The Ivy Hero* with his cousin about their relative, a World War I veteran who earned the Medal of Honor posthumously

Crypt books. He is semi-retired, with a fairly soft part-time job in Century City.

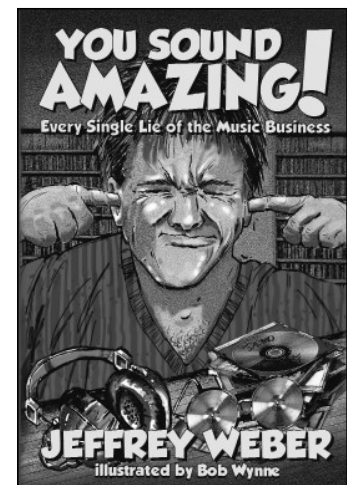
Lynn Moyer Smith '69 Lynn is enjoying retirement by spending time with her lovely rat terrier puppy, Ravi, as well as her human friends in the Bay Area. She keeps in touch with many of her high school classmates. She sees some classmates who live in the Bay Area and frequently chats with those out of the area. She still volunteers with Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy—without Ravi. (He is a handful.)

Jeffrey Weber '69 Jeff writes that after graduation, he went to UCLA and then to Southwestern Law School. After graduating law school, he decided to become a music producer and that's what he's been doing since 1978. He has been widely recognized as a music, concert and festival producer for over 45 years. He has produced dozens of concerts and music festivals as well as having produced over 200 CDs to date. His projects have yielded two Grammys, seven Grammy nominations, at least 17 top ten albums and two No. 1 albums. Along the way, he has written four books and he is working on his fifth. His first three are humor



books about the insanity of the music business. The fourth is a humor book about the nonsense of the pandemic. He has donated three books to add to the Alumni Collection at the BHHS Library. (One book was published electronically only.) He is hoping they will be enjoyed.

Alan Wolfson '69 Alan and his wife Michelle have been happily living in Carlsbad since 1989. He still has his CPA practice and they welcomed their first grandchild, Emily Sophia Wolfson, on Sept. 1, 2022.



Jeffrey Weber '69 has published four books, including the above title

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Dianna Hyman Weiner '70

Dianna and her Class of 1970 finally had their 50th BHHS reunion following two and a half years of planning (due to Covid restrictions). It was at Skirball, and it was a magical evening of visiting with old friends and meeting a few new ones (see p. 17)! She and her husband Victor '67 just celebrated their 51st anniversary. They are enjoying life together with their three kids who graduated from Hawthorne and BHHS and their five grandkids. Her house is filled with toys, laughter and fun times.

Jacques Behar '71 Jacques says, and the beat goes on—another generation! That's right. He and his lovely wife are now great-grandparents to a bouncing baby boy, Ashton. In addition, by the time everyone reads this note, they will be great-grandparents for the second time. Raising kids was tough because for the most part he was a single parent. Playing with the grandkids is a blast because he can sugar them up, spoil them, and then send them back to mommy and daddy. However, great-grandkids are really something special. Both his grandmother, but a blessed memory, and his mother had/have the pleasure of being a great-great-grandma. Now, that's



Retired BHHS art teacher Joan Allemand and Diana Berman Murphy '73 celebrate Joan's 91st birthday

real joy!

Arnold Anisgarten '72 and Hope

Gribow Anisgarten '72 Arnold and Hope recently had their 50th class reunion (see p. 19). They were both part of the committee and worked hard to make it a success. Hope is retired and Arnold, a CPA, retired from a national firm in 2019. Naturally, plans changed due to the pandemic but they hope to get on track in 2023. Their two daughters (40 and 35) are thriving and working in the financial field and fashion copywriting. Arnold and Hope are currently raising a 2-year-old Maltipoo or should they say he is raising them.

Richard Keilson, DDS '72

Richard was able to retire from pediatric dentistry a year ago in June. It was fortuitous as his oldest daughter gave birth to his first grandchild, Owen Patrick. That has allowed him to enjoy a great deal of time with him. He has taken up the sport of pickleball and is enjoying it immensely. There is much less wear and tear on the old body versus racquetball. They are doing some traveling and just enjoying life.

Andrea Zieve '72 Andrea shouts out to Hope and Arnold for planning a great 50 reunion!

Barry Grey '73 Barry writes, it was a big year at Chez Grey. In July, he and his wife Ann Warren

celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Two months earlier, their beloved daughter, Lulu, graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in theatre. Oh yeah, and Barry finally retired; the world rejoiced as workplaces everywhere declared a paid holiday. He's still available for gig (gag?) writing assignments.

Diane Holland '73 Diane continues to do her artwork, media-based imagery grounded in pictorial traditions of painting and collage, and continues to exhibit locally and internationally. In summer

2022, she participated in the 21st Japan International Art Exchange Exhibition at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, and she will take part in the 22nd Exhibition in June 2023. In April 2022 her work was featured in the exhibition "Songs on Fire" at the Kranzberg Art Foundation in St. Louis, Mo. In December 2022 she participated once again



in Tufenkian Fine Arts' holiday group show, followed by inclusion in Tufenkian's thematic show "Color & Form," in January–February 2023. Last fall she produced and debuted a video-collage based on a performance and film she'd originally realized in the 1980s, and also in 2022 the Getty Research Institute acquired a copy of *Amari Marbu*, the artist's book she created in 1997. Meanwhile, she continues to enjoy the frequent company of dear friends from BHHS.

Diana Berman Murphy '73

Diana is celebrating BHHS former art teacher and longtime dear friend Joan Allemand's 91st birthday (see bottom left)!

David Roman '73 David had a great Thanksgiving with his kids in Colorado. They do Thanksgiving in October to avoid holiday travel. Hopefully, by the time this is printed he will have retired. He's looking forward to seeing all his friends at their 50th this year (see p. 7)!

Andrew Frank '74 Andrew is now a full-time ceramic sculptor.

Alexis Strauss '74 Alexis and classmate Andy Gunther both serve on the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Alexis is the vice-chair of the newly established California Board of Environmental Safety,

created to oversee the state's hazardous waste program.

Steven L. Jager '75 Steve married the love of his life, Janice, in 1983, and they have two (now grown) children, Jonathan and Robbie. Steve followed his passion—after being inspired in high school by business education teacher, Mr. Bart Wigge—to become a CPA. He attended UCLA for a B.A. degree and then went on to business school to study accounting and started working in public accounting in 1980 at several very prestigious CPA firms before striking out on his own in 1988. Steve went back to school to get a Master's degree in taxation at CSUN while running a successful CPA practice. Along the way, he began teaching at UCLA Extension and at CSUN in both the Masters in Taxation and Masters in Public Accountancy programs. In 2016, Steve accomplished his crowning goal of passing the examination for admission to the United States Tax Court. Fewer than 300 non-lawyers are admitted to practice in the Tax Court across the U.S. More recently, Steve merged his accountancy practice to become a Tax Partner with Fineman West & Company, LLP, where he is proud to represent clients who are engaged in conflict with the Federal and State Taxing Authorities, including litigation in the Tax Court. This work is exceedingly fulfilling and gratifying, and Steve spends a fair amount of his time giving back to the community by representing clients through the Low Income Tax Clinic at Cal State Northridge, where he mentors students.

Lori Kornblum '75 Lori was proud to be appointed to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals as one of 16 judges statewide. She served through July 2022. She is now back to being a law professor at Marquette University Law School and Northeastern University Law School, and an instructor in the Paralegal Department

at Milwaukee Area Technical College. She also has a part-time law practice.

Deborah Dunbar Lyon '75 Deborah has retired from teaching Kindergarten/1st grade as of 2018!

Jennifer Malvin '75 Jennifer continues to be immensely grateful for the health of family, and very happy to know that her high school friends and families remain active, engaged and optimistic. She finds learning as exciting as it was in high school and maintains an ongoing passion for Judaic studies as well as for her miniature poodle, Gracie. She hasn't used her oven for over 30 years, so her lack of interest in cooking provides more time for Zoom classes. Most of all, Jen wishes everyone a year of health and joy!

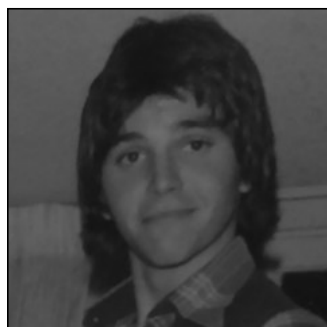
Frances Eisen Miller '75 Frances is still happily living in Beverly Hills. She has become active in the Beverly Hills community. She currently serves on the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance Commission and is a participant in this year's Team Beverly Hills class. She is also loving her role as grandmother to nine delicious grandkids!

Cathy Haymes Baker '76 Cathy's year 2021 was a monumental year. Covid kept her very busy as Chair of the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission. She is grateful for 2021 for having access to a Covid vaccine, a trip to Hawaii and then to the East Coast to visit her daughter. She bought a new car for the first time in 15 years—a plug-in hybrid. Her dear mother, Bette, passed away in January and is now in a pain-free world. At the time of writing, Cathy was looking forward to celebrating their 50-year reunion for Hawthorne's Class of 1972 (see p. 26). She sends love and friendship to her fellow classmates of BHHS 1976!

Elyse Rothstein Beardsley '76 Elyse has owned her locksmith company in El Segundo for 38 years now. Amazing how time

flies. It is still fun but a lot of work. She is hoping to travel more this year with her husband, Jim. They have been married 21 years. She is now a great-grandma with seven grandkids and one great-grandkid. At the time of writing, she was looking forward to her 50-year Horace Mann reunion (see p. 27)!

Nathan Zasler, M.D. '76 Nathan is founder, CEO and medical director of Concussion Care Centre of Virginia, as well as founder and medical director of Tree of Life Services. He is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R), fellowship trained in brain injury, and subspecialty certified in Brain Injury Medicine. He is an affiliate professor in the VCU Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. He is Chairperson Emeritus of the International Brain Injury Association (IBIA) and currently serves as its Vice-Chairperson. He has published over 200 peer reviewed articles and authored over 60 book chapters. Nathan has published and lectured extensively on TBI related neuromedical issues and has edited eight textbooks including *Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice*, now in its third edition. He is co-chief editor of two international peer reviewed journals, *Brain Injury* and *NeuroRehabilitation*, as well as co-chief editor of *Brain Injury Professional*. Nathan serves on over 20 international journal editorial boards. He is active in local, national and international organizations dealing with acquired brain injury and neurodisability, serving or having served in numerous consultant and board member roles. He has received numerous awards, been repeatedly recognized by "Best Doctors," and has also received numerous community patient awards for his clinical services. Nathan is an advocate, educator, clinical



Mike Vanoff '77 is the creator of *Godspell BHHS: The Amazing 70s at Beverly Hills High School*

researcher, inventor, entrepreneur, and busy practicing clinician who is involved with community-based neurorehabilitation, chronic pain management, and health care consultation, both clinical and medicolegal. Nathan is happily married to Lisa and has four children.

Brett Rubin '77 Brett has decided it is time to ride off into the sunset after 43 years in the steel distribution industry. It was fun to own his business for 31 years, but now it's time to travel. He can be found on Facebook (his picture is a lion) or keep in touch at his business email: brettmanofsteel@aol.com.

Mike Vanoff '77 Mike writes, his episodic series *GODSPELL BHHS: The Amazing 70s at Beverly Hills High School* can now be read on phones, tablets or PCs. The multipart series brings back wonderful memories at Beverly—the music of Peter Frampton, *Rocky*, Jag jeans and platform shoes. Michael wrote it with his new name (as an author), Michael An'gileo. Part "coming of age," part spiritual journey, it's a memorable ode to the greatest high school in the world—all from 1975 to 1977. Thank you for being part of that memory. The reception has been amazing and heartwarming.

Jules Freeman '78 Jules and his wife Jodi had a great time reuniting with several BV friends in Manhattan Beach last summer. They are looking forward to doing it again soon. Let him know if you



would like to join them.

Michael Noskin '78 Michael observes this is very likely the first time he's written of his doings. A few of you might remember one of the guys always working at the Media Center (now KBEB) and Radio Airlift (He can't believe Dave Stiles is STILL there!!). After graduating from BHHS he actually tried the broadcasting industry for a few years. He found that his brain (and his liver) were suited for better things. He married and moved to Fort Worth, Texas. He raised two great kids ... daughter now 31, a graduate of Texas Christian University and successful in the insurance industry. His son graduated from University of Arkansas in 2019 and is a business development partner for Splunk, Inc. Michael has spent the last 30 years in the aerospace industry as a mechanical design engineer, working on mostly military programs, but now building business jets for Gulfstream Aerospace in Dallas. He got his bachelor's at the University of Texas at Arlington and his master's at Texas Christian University. He is now blissfully single (20 years is enough to give for king and country) and he enjoys fine wine, cooking, golf and travel. He'll always have fond memories of Beverly and all the great things that happened there, when he truly didn't have a care in the world. For those who remember him, here's to ya! For those that don't well... here's to ya!

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Andrea Alenick Norman '81

Andrea is the proud mother of 15-year-old twins, Alex and Noah. Alex is on the Northwood High School baseball team as a pitcher and Noah is on the track team. Andrea will be celebrating 19 years of marriage and is writing a book about entertaining elegantly at home and in the garden and living with beauty. Her Instagram is Twigs.n.Things. Please follow! She is still doing catering and party planning.

Nathan Phillips '81 Nathan says 2022 was one for the records in his family. First, his father, Joe Phillips, died March 28 of cancer. Second, his wife died Sept. 8 of heart failure. Nathan never thought he would be a widower at the age of 59. They were married for 36 years and raised two healthy sons. He is still making adjustments to his life without her by his side. He has three grands, ages 18

years, 7 years and 6 years old. **Jeff Tilem '81** Jeff is still running Pioneer Hardware, the oldest family-owned store in Beverly Hills since 1926. Been here 30 years now!

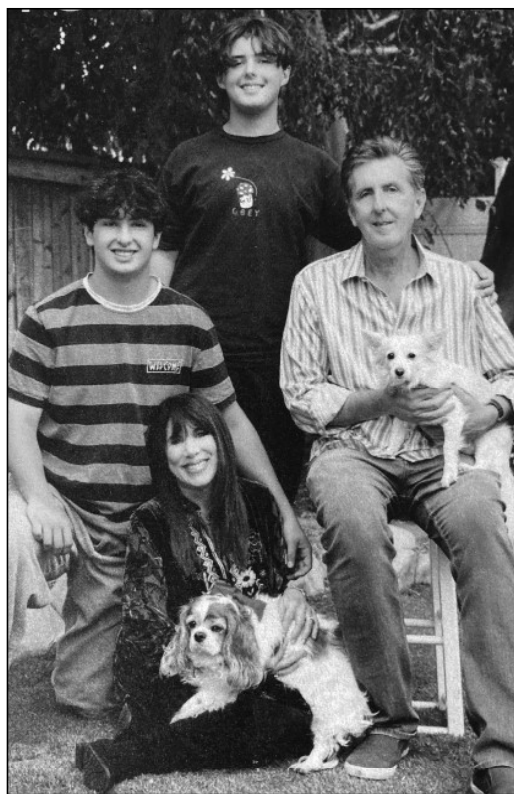
Charles Levy '83 Charles is looking forward to attending his 40-year reunion. As we get older, the memories of good friends, teachers, coaches and families keep us younger. Be there Sat., Oct. 14, 2023 and make some more memories! (See p. 7 for details.)

Andrew Ehrnstein '87 Andrew recently celebrated his 25th anniversary with Cynthia with their kids thriving at college (NY and IL). He's enjoying life, skiing, and independent solar business in Colorado. They now have over 1,200 installations coast to coast. He's doing what he can to protect our environment. Wishing you all well!

Stephanie Bloomberg Faunce '87 Stephanie and her husband Bill have been married 22

years. They just purchased a home in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

They have officially become snowbirds, living in Steamboat Springs, Colo. in the summer months and Florida the remainder of the time. Their two boys, Thomas (20) and Christopher (18), are both going to Southern Methodist University in Dallas. They have a 9-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback named Buddy.



Andrea Alenick Norman '81 with her husband Ron, twin sons Alex and Noah, and dogs Lily Paisley and Twinkle Jedi

Ziff '60 documents earliest portraits of Mapplethorpe and Smith in new book



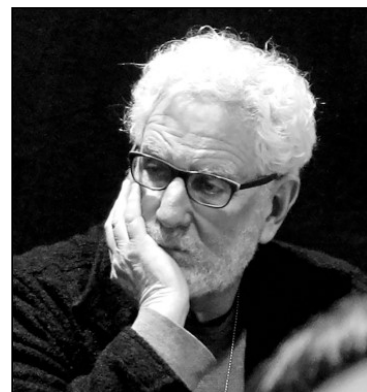
Lloyd Ziff '60, acclaimed art director and photographer, has published a new book, *DESIRE, PORTRAITS of ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE & PATTI SMITH, 1968-69*. The book documents the first time the

iconic duo was photographed together.

Ziff photographed Smith and Mapplethorpe in two sittings—one in 1968 at their Hall Street space in Brooklyn and the second one in 1969 at Ziff's apartment in



A new book (above left) by Lloyd Ziff '60 (above right) includes over 65 unpublished works. At left, one of Ziff's 1968 portraits of Robert Mapplethorpe and Patti Smith



the heart of Greenwich Village on Charles Street. Lloyd and Robert were students together at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in the 1960s.

The book features more than 65 unpublished works, along with original contact sheets and

personal notes. The portrait above is from 1968.

Last fall, Danziger Gallery in Santa Monica exhibited a selection of prints from *DESIRE* and Ziff appeared for a book signing event.

'02 grad comes home to perform in "Come from Away"

Sharone Sayegh '02 performed in "Come from Away" at the Ahmanson in 2022. The musical tells the true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them after planes were forced to land during the aftermath of 9/11.

Sayegh spoke with Beverly Hills Weekly prior to the production's stop in Los Angeles.

You are in the touring production of *Come from Away*. Tell us about that.

It's a really beautiful Broadway show. They like to say it's a 9/12 musical rather than a 9/11 musical because it's all about [how] there were many planes in the air when 9/11 hit that were rerouted because they couldn't land in the U.S. So, it's about this story in Gander, Newfoundland, which is an island off of Canada. And in a matter of a couple hours, 38 planes landed in this tiny town that had about 9,000 people in it and 7,000 passengers landed in it in a matter of a couple of hours. So, it almost doubles the population of the town. And they

were stranded there for five days. The story is all about these people in this town of Gander who literally opened up their homes, had them stay with them, cooked for them, clothed them, fed them, and took care of these people for five days. It's about amidst really terrible tragedy, how wonderful we can all be to one another, help each other, and how we are all one, which is really beautiful. It's a completely true story, too.

Tell us about your performing arts career.

I grew up in Beverly Hills and when I moved to New York City I made my Broadway debut in *Mamma Mia*, which was really

"This show is all about connection, human kindness and helping each other. And I think that's a story that we all really need to hear right now."

fun. I did that for a couple years. The next Broadway show I did was the original Broadway cast of *The Band's Visit*, which won the Tony Award for best musical. Then a whole bunch of off-Broadway things and shows throughout the county. After *The Band's Visit*, I joined the tour of *Come from*

Away.

You were in the Beverly High Madrigal Singers. In what ways were you influenced by the late [choral director] Joel Pressman?

He was a really big influence on my life. I loved him as a teacher and I had him for all four years because I was in the regular choir, then Minnesingers, and then Madrigals. I also worked on all the musicals with him throughout my four years. He taught me about ensemble singing, which really has helped me. He introduced me to a lot of musical theater: material, music, and composers, and really brought out my joy of music. I really loved him.

How did you get involved in Broadway productions?

After Beverly, I went to study musical theater at Syracuse University and I studied it there for four years. I always knew that was my goal in life, I just wanted to be on Broadway. That was my dream. After college, I moved to New York City and I started auditioning. I auditioned for everything I could. About two years after I moved to the city I got *Mamma Mia*. So, that was an exciting first Broadway show.

What's it like to perform in your hometown of Los Angeles?

I am so excited. [May 31, 2022] was our first performance here. Most of the shows I've done have



Sharone Sayegh '02

been in New York, so family has had to travel to come see me. It will be really cool to perform here and have a bunch of my friends and family come see me at the Ahmanson. I am also interested to see what the LA audience will be like. Performing across the country, every city the audience is a little different. Some audiences are more responsive, some are more reserved. Different cities and different audiences find different things funny. I am really interested to see how the LA audience reacts to the show.

What do you want people to take away from this show?

Especially after the last two years after the pandemic, we've all been really isolated from each other. This show is all about connection, human kindness and helping each other. And I think that's a story that we all really need to hear right now. I think people are really craving connection. I want people to just remember that we are all the same, and we are all one. We should help each other and love each other no matter who we are, what our differences are, where we come from and what we look like. And to just remember we are all here on this earth in the same way.



Ode to Motown. Karla Gordy Bristol '82 (not pictured) created, produced and directed *Motown: Celebrating the Music, the Magic, the Love*, which premiered at The Wallis on Oct. 1, 2022. The sold-out show highlighted the early days of Motown Records through stories and songs. Above (left to right): Susaye Greene, Scherrie Payne & Lynda Lawrence (Former Ladies of The Supremes)

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

Rosen '96 serving as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

Paul Rosen '96 is serving as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security. He was nominated and confirmed in 2022.

At the time of his nomination, Rosen was a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP, co-chair of the firm's national security practice, and a cybersecurity and government investigations lawyer.

At the Treasury, Rosen oversees the work of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, an interagency group that reviews foreign investments in American businesses for national security threats.

According to the White House, Rosen has more than 15 years of experience in national and homeland security, investigations and law enforcement matters, including a dozen years in public service. During the Obama Administration, Rosen served as Chief of Staff to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson.

Rosen's previous work also included serving as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Criminal Fraud Section. During this time, Rosen received the Investigative Award of Excellence from the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

At the beginning of his career, Rosen clerked for U.S. District Judge Gary Allen Fees (Ret.) in the Central District of California and went on to serve as Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Rosen received his law degree from USC and his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado.

According to Crowell & Moring, Paul served on the boards of nonprofit and professional organizations, including the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, the Los Angeles chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, the Los Angeles chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and Bet Tzedek



Paul Rosen '96

Legal Services, which provides legal services for people living in poverty and victims of discrimination and civil rights abuses.

Simon's Secret Sauce: Q&A with Simon Mashian '02

Simon Mashian '02 began production and started selling Simon's Secret Sauce from his home in October 2020. The sauces are now available for purchase online, with shipping throughout the U.S. They are vegan, gluten free, nut free and non-GMO.

Beverly Hills Weekly spoke with Mashian in May 2022.

You Founded Simon's Secret Sauce. Tell us about that.

I have been in the restaurant business since I was 16. After many years of looking for a location to open up my own restaurant, my wife said, "It is already hard enough to open up a restaurant." With COVID happening she said, "Why don't we see what else we can do?"

I used to cook for us all the time when we were dating and I make the sauce with everything that I cook with and she said, "Why don't you bottle this stuff?" We started bottling it and we were selling it to friends and family and people were picking it up at

our house. We then expanded to a local delivery in LA and now we are shipping all over the US and Canada.

You have worked in the food industry for 20 years. Tell us about that.

My first job was at Johnny Rockets in Beverly Hills when I was 15-16. I really developed a passion serving people and just making people's days better with

and other restaurants. I was their director of operations until November or December of 2020.

How did you come up with your sauce recipes?

When my parents cook they don't really look at a recipe or anything, everything is with feel. We all know what tastes good. I kind of just put things together. I wanted to create something that was mustard-based. There

"[You can] put it on a sandwich, you can put it on a salad, you can cook with it, [and] you can marinate with it. I wanted to come up with something that is all in one."

food and service. I then went to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where I studied hospitality management. While I was in Vegas, I ran a local restaurant that had several locations and helped them franchise out to different parts of the state. When I came back I worked for Coral Tree Café in Brentwood and I was their general manager. After five years, they created a position for me to oversee all their operations

are not a lot of mustard-based sauces out there. Everything is just full of sugar or there's mayo in it. I wanted to create something different and something you could use more than just a dip. [You can] put it on a sandwich, you can put it on a salad, you can cook with it, [and] you can marinate with it. I wanted to come up with something that is all in one.

How do you plan to expand the business?



Simon Mashian '02

I am looking to gather enough funds to be able to buy more in bulk to get my cost lower and be able to sell it at a lower price. Be able to get into a co-packer, a company that makes the sauce for you and packs it. They in turn distribute it to supermarkets and chains. So, that's the plan.

What do you hope to accomplish with your business?

I would love to eventually sell it and let somebody else handle it [and] just have a royalty from it. I would like the sauce to be a sauce that everyone in this country has had, like a household item.

simonsecretssauce.com

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

“The Lion” Roars Again

Solomon Margo '17 discusses *The Tokens* reboot, “Wimoweh”

Beverly Hills Weekly spoke with Margo prior to the band's Concerts on Canon show last August in Beverly Hills. The Tokens is best known for the #1 hit song, “The Lion Sleeps Tonight.”

[Update: In February, the band played their #1 hit at the memorial for LA's famous mountain lion, P-22, at the Greek Theatre in Griffith Park.]

You are one of the key members in the band Wimoweh, which is the Tokens reboot. Tell us about that.

I am the grandson and great-nephew of two of the founding Tokens members [the late Phil and Mitch Margo]. After their passing, we couldn't quite sit with the thought of never hearing the Tokens' music on stage again. Even though their major hit single “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” will echo in the musical halls of fame for decades and possibly even

centuries in the future, we knew that most of my family's musical legacy would be erased. While the majority of the show will still be the songs you have known and loved for the past 60 years of touring, we really wanted to include some of the deep cuts that never made it to the public's eye.

We last spoke in May of 2020, where you told us you had just released “Shelter,” your first single as a solo artist, and planned on creating an album one day. What came of that single?

I am definitely still in the throes of finding an audience and haven't quite aced the whole “marketing” aspect of the music world, which is a bigger part of the music business than most would want to admit. I have released 11 singles to date and produced and engineered for many other artists as well. When we last spoke, I think I was strictly writing songs on guitar. Since

then, I have acquired a strong taste for computer-based music production, and that has allowed me to spread my wings to other opportunities. I met some awesome people while I was in New York for college [at Fordham University], and I am excited to see who I will meet and work with here in Los Angeles.

What made you want to continue the musical legacy of the Tokens?

Phil was the best grandfather one could have. He had unconditional love for all of his grandchildren and never ceased to be so vocal about his love. When I was a kid, we would watch westerns and talk about the Cosmos. I would watch him perform and bask in the

a whole lot of butterscotch candies. He had undying support for my acting career, and I wish he could have seen where I will take music.

Phil used to say “If you hang around long enough, you can grow your own band.” Would you say that has come true?

I definitely don't need to explain much on this one. It has come true in a beautiful way. My cousin [Ethan Ginsberg-Margo] and I are both new members of the band, and my father Noah '86 is still on the drums. It is sad but also beautiful to see new leaves grow where old ones have fallen.

What can we expect to see at the Concert on Canon? What's in store in terms of the playlist?

“The Lion Sleeps Tonight” will echo in the musical halls of fame for decades and possibly even centuries.”

awesomeness of my family's history. Phil did so many things in his life. He rode horses, hang-glided, was a cop, a pilot and a creative prodigy. He wrote films, music and novels. His bedroom was filled with gold records, memorabilia and

The playlist will consist of old songs you know and love like “Tonight I Fell in Love,” “Knock Three Times,” and of course “Lion.” We will also be playing many of the amazing songs from Phil and his brother Mitch that fell off the radar. Phil and Mitch released some incredible albums like “Cross Country” and “Intercourse” later in their career. Many of these songs truly deserve to be played religiously, as in so much because the art is so good. **Tell us about the other members of the band. Who does what?**

My cousin Ethan Ginsberg-Margo (who is technically my half-brother due to our fathers being identical twins and having the same DNA) is taking over the keys. He has a background in jazz piano and electronic music production. We have been best friends since we were children, and now we finally



Left to right: Nico Wicklin, Solomon Margo '17, Ethan Ginsberg-Margo, Noah Margo '86, Rebecca Curci

live together as roommates, chasing a similar career together, and complementing each other's talents. Next up is Rebecca Curci. Becca has actually performed with the Tokens at previous shows, as she was a part of one of Phil's passion projects, "Those Girls." Rebecca is holding down the background vocals and singing lead on many songs as well. She easily has the most well-trained vocals in the group, and we are super lucky to have her on board. We are also very lucky to have bassist Nico Wicklin. He is a true magician on the bass, and he even came to the first band rehearsal completely off-book. That's some dedication right there. Penultimately, we have previously existing Tokens one-man-horn-section and musical genius, Jay "Jaysie" Leslie. Last but not least, my father Noah Margo will still be slamming away on those drums, and we really owe it to him because he conceived of this entire tribute.

Having heard "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" thousands of times in the past, does performing it have a new meaning to you today?

Well, here I am on stage trying my darndest not to mess it all up. Some of those 1950s and 1960s singers really had some amazing falsettos, and honestly, some of these ridiculously high "Beach Boys" type notes are somewhat difficult for me to hit. But, the more we rehearse and practice, the more confident I become about the material, and I hope to deliver a nearly flawless performance for everyone in the park. The sooner I can gain confidence over the singing and guitar playing, the sooner I can dive deeper into the true essence of these songs.

'19 grad stars in "Vampire Academy"

Andrew Liner '19 discussed his new role in a Q&A with Beverly Hills Weekly in August.

How did you get into acting?

I got into acting chasing a girl in middle school. She wanted to be in the musical, and I had a crush on her. I did the musical and then I kind of fell in love with it a little bit there. But really, I fell in love with acting at Beverly High where it became less of a hobby and more of a passion. I felt the nuance in it and I felt the human discovery in it. And through watching movies with my dad every weekend. It all kind of came to fruition for me when I was in my sophomore

emotions and a lot of growth and independence on my part. I am proud of the work.

The show is centered around a bunch of different types of vampires. I play Mason Ashford. He's a fun, cool, loving guy who is friends with benefits with Rose Hathaway. He loves her though. He's got this whole love triangle going on there. It's a fun story.

You have also been an actor in *Grown-ish*. Tell us about that.

I got my manager from doing *Mamma Mia* in my senior year [at Beverly]. My manager saw me my junior year in our musical and he came the following year because he liked me. He saw me in *Mamma Mia*, got a hold of me and we started working

"I fell in love with acting at Beverly High, where it became less of a hobby and more of a passion."

year of high school where this is what I wanted to do with the rest of my life.

You are starring in *Vampire Academy*. Tell us about that.

Vampire Academy is based on a book series. Julie Plec and Marguerite MacIntyre are the showrunners. I had auditioned for 180 different projects since the last time I booked something and then I auditioned for *Vampire Academy* and they wanted to see me again for a callback. I did a callback and I ended up getting the part. The rest is kind of history. It all feels like a dream right now. I got involved with it maybe around a year ago and at the beginning of September, I flew out to Spain and started the journey. Which was an insane roller coaster ride. High

together right after that. Three months later I booked *Grown-ish*. Working at the Disney lot was insane. I was 18 at the time. Being that age, going to the Disney lot to film *Grown-ish* was all so big and new to me. It couldn't have been more of a joy. I am really thankful that I learned how production should be run with how *Grown-ish* was run. The leadership, crew, my fellow actors, and everyone were just so sweet and on schedule. It was just a very beautiful thing.

Tell us more about your involvement with the performing arts department at Beverly.

I was in theater in all four years of high school and I was in choir as well. I was a Madrigal singer. I also played tennis, football, wrestling, and I ran cross country a little bit. I think



Andrew Liner '19

that was a big reason why I wanted to go to Beverly; I knew tennis was good there and I knew theater was good there. Those were the two things I was keen on doing. Having that knowledge of those things being great at the school definitely made me want to go to Beverly.

Were there any teachers that inspired you?

[Choral teacher] Stacey Kikkawa was a great inspiration for me and David Saul Lee as well. Choir was an interesting test to my character because I didn't know how to read music but I loved to sing. It was my first time really singing in a group. The feeling that it gives you is so special, it's so full, and it's very spiritual. You learn through your mentors and you get vulnerable and you learn how to be vulnerable. Through the two of them, we learned how to get there. Also, [drama teacher] Kaz Chandler was a great help. She taught me a lot of the basics—learning a bunch of different techniques. We really spent four years doing that. That gave me a leg up and helped me fall in love with it. Choir and theater—

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'94 grad leads D-1 men's basketball program

By Steven Herbert '78

[Editor's note: This story appeared in Beverly Hills Weekly in March 2022. At the time of printing the 2023 edition of Alumni Highlights, Michael Schwartz's first season at East Carolina University was underway.]

Michael Schwartz '94 has been hired as East Carolina University's men's basketball coach after being on Tennessee's coaching staff the previous six seasons, the last three as associate head coach.

Schwartz said in a Zoom news conference March 16, 2022 he was "extremely, extremely excited to have the opportunity, honored and humbled and so thankful to Chancellor [Philip] Rogers, [athletic director] Jon Gilbert, the executive leadership staff to have the belief in me to help build a special program at ECU."

Schwartz replaces Joe Dooley, who was fired after posting a 44-67 record in four seasons in his second stint as the Pirates' coach, including a 15-15 mark in the 2021-22 season. (Dooley also coached East Carolina from 1995 through 1999.)

Schwartz has been the Volunteers' defensive coordinator the past five seasons, with his schemes resulting in Tennessee leading the Southeastern Conference in scoring defense three times in the past five seasons, including the past two. The Volunteers were 27-8 in the 2021 season, their fourth-most victories in a season, and won the SEC Tournament for the first time since 1979. Tennessee was seeded third in the NCAA Tournament's South Region. The Volunteers' season ended with a 72-68 loss to 11th

seeded Michigan.

The hiring reunites Schwartz with Gilbert, who was Tennessee's executive senior associate athletics director from 2011 through early 2017. Gilbert's son Kent is a guard for Tennessee.

"Mike is highly regarded in the basketball industry," Gilbert said. "I really feel like we're fortunate to have him on board to lead the program. He has an infectious personality and he brings a lot of enthusiasm and positive energy daily."

"He really is going to emphasize accountability, academics, player development. He and I have talked long about engaging our community and region and making sure that we build a program for sustained success."

Located in Greenville, N.C., East Carolina has played on the Division I level since the 1964-65 season. The Pirates reached the NCAA Tournament in 1972 and 1993, losing in the first round both times. They have had non-winning records for nine consecutive seasons.

Schwartz began his college career playing two seasons at Division II Sonoma State, then transferred to Texas, beginning a long association with Rick Barnes, then the Longhorns' coach, who Schwartz said he considers "a father figure to me."

"I owe him everything," Schwartz said. "Coach Barnes, as great of a coach he is and as special of a coach he is, he is even a better person, a better man and he's taught me that. He's given me that foundation for coaching but he's also provided a foundation for me for the way I live my life as a father, as a husband."

Barnes called Schwartz "the

total package and one of the sharpest basketball minds I've known."

"He's been prepared to lead his own program for several years now," Barnes said in a statement released by East Carolina. "He's had multiple opportunities, but he's been very deliberate in waiting for the 'right' opportunity."

"Jon Gilbert's vision and leadership align perfectly with Mike's, and I have no doubt that they will build a championship culture in short order at East Carolina. Mike is going to put together an incredible staff, and they'll be relentless in recruiting and developing outstanding players who are high-character young men."

Schwartz began his coaching career in 1999 as a graduate assistant under Barnes, keeping the position through 2001, when he moved to Long Beach State as an operations/video assistant.

Schwartz returned to Texas in 2002 as a video coordinator. He was an assistant coach at



Michael Schwartz '94

UTSA in the 2004-05 season, coordinator of basketball operations at Miami from 2005-07 and an assistant coach with the Hurricanes from 2007-11, assistant coach with Fresno State from 2011-14 and the Bulldogs' associate head coach in the 2014-15 season, and an assistant coach with Tulsa in the 2015-16 season before being reunited with Barnes in 2016.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

'91 grad serving as Supt. of San Francisco schools

Matt Wayne '91 is serving as the new Superintendent for San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

According to the SFUSD website, the district currently has about 52,000 students. It is the seventh-largest district in California.

Wayne, who previously served as the Hayward Unified superintendent, began his new position on July 1, 2022.

"I am proud to be a product of public schools and an outstanding school district like BHUSD," Wayne said. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the



Matt Wayne '91

students in San Francisco so that they may have a similarly engaging and enriching experience."

City Greens: Putting down roots in Beverly Hills

Jen Levy '94, Hope Levy-Biehl '92, and Gaby Reims Alexander '92 are the co-founders of City Greens, which was originally called Beverly Hills Community Farm (BHCF). The nonprofit has been building an educational farm in Beverly Hills where it strives to increase wellness, food security, environmental stewardship, and community connection.

In May 2022 (before BHCF changed its name to City Greens), Beverly Hills Weekly spoke with Jen Levy, who previously taught first grade at Temple Israel of Hollywood.

You are a co-founder of City Greens. Tell us about that.

There are three founders of the farm [Hope Levy-Biehl '92 and Gaby Reims Alexander '92]. Basically, I was an educator here in Los Angeles for a long time and started a school garden program in the school that I was teaching at. And the more I was farming and gardening, the more passionate I became about it. I spent a couple years living away working on some farms. I spent two years in Ohio working on a farm and a couple years in Colorado working on a farm.

But my goal was always to come back to my hometown in Southern California to figure out how I could farm here. We felt that we could really make an impact in Beverly Hills, in the city that we grew up in, and change the blueprint of what the food within the city looks like. And so really trying to reevaluate how we grow food in a sustainable way. But in addition, we envisioned creating this space, a gathering space for people of all ages, religions and cultures to really come and learn, share, teach and really just

be within nature to hopefully change some of the negative impacts of farming that we hear about all the time and really turning it into a positive.

You worked two years at Lettuce Heads Farm in Wellington, Ohio. Tell us about that.

That was pretty remarkable. Lettuce Heads was an aquaponic farm. Similar to hydroponics, which is how we are growing now, but instead of adding nutrients to the system, you use fish as the nutrient source. In a place like Northeast Ohio, it's pretty important because the weather is so bad. Ninety percent of the year, you can't

"We want to create community connection and environmental awareness. We see [our farm] as an outdoor classroom and a community center, a place where [everyone] can gather, from students to seniors."

grow outside. I got to really learn the entire system of how to run an aquaponic farm. In addition to aquaponics, they had about a 3-acre outdoor production farm. So I went from running a 10 x 10 school garden to working on a 3-acre farm where I got to learn all the ins and outs of farming—everything from the soil, to clearing the beds, prepping the beds, irrigation, nutrients, literally everything you could learn. We also had a CSA program. We sold to restaurants [and] we did farmers markets, so I got to learn the business side of farming as well. **Why did you decide to switch careers from teaching to farming?**

The more I was in the school garden, the more I felt like that was where my passion was moving to. I loved the idea of

an educational farm. I didn't have any examples of what that looked like but I also knew that I didn't know how to actually be a farmer. Leaving education to go learn how to farm was pretty important to me if I wanted to come back and try to do that on my own. So, really figuring out a way to combine my two strong passions, one for education, and one for farming and local food.

What are some events your organization does with the Beverly Hills community?

For every equinox and summer and winter solstice, we host yoga events for whoever can come of all ages. We try to hold things like that surrounded



Jen Levy '94

We see a space where people can gather, whether it's for a yoga class, book club, cooking class, or just to volunteer at the farm or just to be surrounded by nature. We want to create a space where people can connect and we really want to create an educational urban farm in the heart of Beverly Hills.

We know that there are so many restaurants, so many residents, and grocery stores, all within the city limits. If we could help lower the footprint of where the food in the city comes from, that's one of our goals. We really want to be a forum to create community connection and environmental awareness for ourselves, for younger generations, and for older generations. We see it as an outdoor classroom and a community center, a place where different members of the community can gather, from students to seniors, all working together. They will be able to help with the growing process, potentially get their hands dirty and really tap into a world of wellness resources. Not just for food, but for overall health and wellness.

beverlyhillscommunityfarm.org

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

Good Form

How Coach Susan Stevens Changed My Life

By Darla Himeles '00

A small moment: my PE teacher, Coach Susan Stevens, ran up beside me, with her sun-browned skin and ringlet curls and white tennis visor, as I ran the required mile around the Beverly Hills High School track. For several seconds, not more than one minute, she ran right next to me, and her few pointed words changed my life.

Like a lot of teenagers, I'd been cultured by peers to "hate running," but my relationship to running was more complicated than that. My childhood panic disorder had been misdiagnosed as "tip of the iceberg" asthma by a well-meaning asthma doctor, which then caused me acute anxiety about exercise, especially running. Over time, I became so anxious about having an asthma attack that I would often need to quit a run after mere minutes to suck on my inhaler in vain. Hyperventilating from panic and wheezing from asthma are hard to distinguish from one another when you don't know the former is possible.

You Look Like a Runner

But on this day, in this year, I'd been struggling so intensely in the rest of my life that my body's need to move forward, and my ego's need to be seen as a "good student" who would dutifully run the mile, overrode the profound resistance I had built up to running. As I slogged through it in the hot Southern California sun, my head likely pounding from a migraine condition I also didn't yet know I had, my body forgot to hate itself, to hate running. Keeping pace beside me, Coach Stevens said, "You know, you have naturally good running form. You look like a runner." She pointed out my

posture, my arm swing, my foot strike. She encouraged me, jogged back to her post, and cheered for me as I ran the remaining laps.

On the track that day, I think Coach Stevens saw in my face that I needed encouragement and, importantly, decided to offer it. She indirectly told me that running is a place where I am naturally strong. I don't mean fast, as I've never been that, but powerfully me, in motion, propelled by my own muscles and breath. It was one of the most important moments of high school for me.

Not a Mess

As I have written about elsewhere, including in my poetry book *Cleave* (Get Fresh Books, 2021), my life as a young person was chaotic, painful, and overwhelming. While I was a high-achieving student, I was psychologically muddled by trauma and often dissociated from my body. Insomnia darkened bags under my eyes, I wasn't eating well, and I carried a lot of self-imposed pressure to succeed at school so that I could build myself a more stable, secure life.

My mental health script from around age 10 to 38 was as follows: I am a mess, and everyone in my life is inches away from discovering it. And when they do? I will die of shame.

Untangling this storyline required (requires!) years of hard work and therapy, but Coach Stevens unwittingly played a crucial part in my healing on this day. Because you know what isn't a mess? A body in motion, in sneakers, being told by her PE coach that she looks like a runner. Every time from then on that I ran, I gathered a little more proof that I am worthy of movement, fresh

air, post-run stretching, and a hot shower. I gathered proof that as a person who runs, I am a runner. And running became self-care, self-assurance—an activity that stopped causing me to wheeze, or panic, or cry in shame clutching an inhaler. When depressed, or caught in an anxiety spiral, this basic reminder of self-worth and identity is powerful.

When high school ended, I moved out of my family's apartment and began to slowly figure out who I was as an individual. I made silly mistakes, like smothering Domino's pizza in garlic salt and ranch dressing. And painful mistakes, like when I tried to be a straight Christian instead of a Jewish lesbian and ended up marrying someone of the wrong gender, causing pain in multiple directions at once. I had depressions and panic attacks and perfectionism and paranoia and pain. Running couldn't solve these things, but it was a dependable reminder of my self-worth and of my ability to keep breathing and moving forward through these life-storms.

In the rhythms of running, I began to trust my body and trust myself, which has made available to me a life more beautiful than I ever could have imagined in high school.

Good Form

As a poet, I mostly write my

Liner '19

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both of those avenues helped me fall in love with what I want to do today.

What are some of your career goals?

I want to produce, direct and write as well. I just started my own production company and I guess you can say my mission statement is something along the lines of "I want to make amazing movies that have a colorful



Darla Himeles '00

way through my life. "Good form," for me, often has to do with finding the right arrangement of words on a page or in the air. It is a part of my craft.

But sometimes, or many times, my body needs me to stand up, leave my desk, and run. And every time I run, there is a high school Darla deep inside of me who hears her coach tell her she has good form. That she looks like a runner. That she is worthy of encouragement. That she can move herself forward.

This essay was originally published in March 2022 by Still I Run, a nonprofit community dedicated to promoting the benefits of running for mental health and defeating the stigma of mental illness. For more info, visit stillirun.org.

Coach Stevens passed away in 2017.

cast" and give representation to kids that do not usually get representation. It doesn't have to be this "LGBTQ" movie, or whatever it may be, it can just be a great movie that happens to have mixed people in it. That's the world we live in, and it's the most real and accurate. I think that having good movies but giving representation to those that don't get, is my biggest goal.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

'05 grads team up to teach at Southwestern Law

Will Brien '05 and Brandon Soleimani '05 have returned to Southwestern Law School to co-teach a class they created for the second time.

"Brandon and I co-created and co-teach a course at Southwestern Law School, called 'Drafting Real Estate Transactions,'" Brien said. "This is our second year teaching the course. The course focuses on something that's often overlooked in law schools:

practical, hands-on transactional experience. Teaching this course fulfilled a goal we had when we first started our law firm, Monument Legal Group, LLP. It has been a fun challenge and deeply rewarding."

The course covers purchase and sale agreements, joint venture agreements, financings, deal structuring, contractual drafting techniques and negotiation strategy.



Will Brien '05



Brandon Soleimani '05

Alcatraz *Cont. from back page*

recipient, 2010), who was a teacher at BHHS from 1965 to 1986 and head cross country and track coach for most of those years, and a few other friends from his hometown gym.

A large celebratory dinner took place the night before at the Radhaus in Fort Mason, where the swimmers filled up on Bavarian sandwiches and beer in preparation for the cold water. Much talk of earlier glory days at Beverly lifting conference trophies and memories of fallen athletes filled the air. The only person missing was Coach Douglas' partner Coach Ron Crawford. Spirits were high as pitchers of beer were downed.

The plan was hatched. Mike and Greg talked about sur-

rounding the supposedly fragile Coach to protect him from the bay sharks. Alex would stay in the back of the pack. All would wear the full neoprene swim wetsuits to protect them from the very rough 62-degree water and to get a little additional buoyancy. Mike and Greg would have others complete their 7-mile run while Alex would run with Douglas.

The next morning, they boarded the ferry to Alcatraz. Like all good plans, as soon as our four swimmers jumped off the ferry boat into the cold choppy water, the plan went to the bottom of the bay. Mike and Greg took one look at each other and torpedoed to the finish line, evidently forgetting about Coach Douglas, both in under 42 min-

utes.

Coach Douglas took off after them knowing he couldn't maintain the Greg/Mike speed but wasn't going to slow down for anybody or any shark. This left Alex wondering why he agreed to this silly male testosterone adventure.

However, the event coordinators and the bay had a different plan for our Aquaman wannabes. Unlike the previous times Mike, Greg and Alex swam Alcatraz, the Bay created a current slowing the swimmers. Mike and Greg wouldn't be slowed by any act of nature. They kept going full speed, coming in one-two in their age category.

Douglas kept passing much younger swimmers and finished strong in under 50 minutes in

these unfavorable conditions.

Alex, still looking to make sure Coach Douglas was safe, stood up on the marina sand at the 52-minute mark only to see Coach Douglas starting his run. Within a flash, Alex was side by side with Douglas. Each runner now encouraging the other to complete the 7-mile run. By this time Mike and Greg were congratulating each other on a strong swim while eating the free bananas.

It didn't matter, the 7 miles went by quickly and the hot San Francisco clam chowder at Fisherman's Wharf was all that was left before Coach Douglas and Coach Kloes headed back to Manhattan Beach to continue their much welcomed and well-deserved retirement.



Coach Dick Douglas, Alex Schroeder '78, Greg Nelson '78 and Mike Richman '78 (pictured left to right) competed in the 2022 Escape from Alcatraz Swim/Run

'15 grad's musical explores social media's influencer culture

Jackson Prince '15, who spent the last four years writing his new musical "1660 Vine," spoke with Beverly Hills Weekly in September.

You wrote the book for *1660 Vine*. Tell us about that.

1660 Vine is about a group of influencers who have all landed in this apartment building where it has a reputation for being the place to go if you go viral and you went to Los Angeles to collaborate and build your following. It's [about moving] through this new landscape of entertainment and social media.

We are releasing it as a movie musical but the plan is to release it as a stage show as well—not one you just go watch but you actually participate in. It's been a really exciting four-year process of writing it and this will be the first time we see audiences far and wide.

Did your involvement with Beverly's performing arts department influence writing this musical?

Oh absolutely. I started doing theater at Beverly High in my junior year. I really fell in love with the community there and in my senior year, I got even more involved with TAW, which is a theater arts workshop. They brought Shakespeare and we got to do *Guys & Dolls* that year. That really solidified that I

wanted to be in theater but the other part of me really wanted to live in LA and tell stories about Los Angeles. I am a third-generation Beverly High graduate and so my roots are in Los Angeles.

When you think of musical theater, you think of New York and Broadway. I really love that the first musical theater story that I got to tell is a Los Angeles story. Funny enough, I wrote this musical at Duke University and the co-songwriters on this project are from all different parts of the country. What's exciting about having so many different writers and perspectives on it is I got to see what the outside perspective on Los Angeles is like. It definitely is inspired by my time at Beverly High and my time growing up in Los Angeles. But I think it was really enhanced when I met my fellow co-songwriters and we got to tell this universal story together.

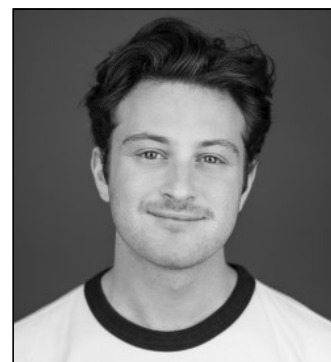
Which teachers inspired you?

I was definitely inspired by the English Department as well as the Theater Department. I never did choir but ... I had a very small relationship with [the late vocal music teacher] Joel Pressman and [vocal music teacher] Stacey Kikkawa. And of course with [theater teacher] Brad Vincent and the teachers who were there and [band director] Mr. [Bill] Bradbury.

In addition, I was really inspired by my love for writing. I was actually in the Journalism Department. My biggest mentor in that way was Gaby Herbst [Doyle '01]. She did *Highlights* when I was the editor-in-chief my senior year. That's where I really grew my love for writing and I sought to become an English major because I saw there was a lot of power in writing.

How did Paula Abdul become the musical's choreographer?

[When] I met with Paula for the first time, we were having dinner and we were talking about social media. What's interesting about her is she's dealing with TikTok dance. A lot of the conversations that we had were about 'what is dance for on social media? What does it mean to be a TikTok dancer v. a non-TikTok dancer?' I think that was a way for her to connect with the piece. In addition to that, just the constant stress and anxiety of being a woman in this industry and how hard it is to make sure you have the right light on you and your angles are right for every photograph. Social media can be a very exhausting place. Paula really connected to those elements and we were able to bring her on and there are some truly spectacular dance sequences in this movie. It is not just social media dance, it is dance that is inspired by social



Jackson Prince '15

media but of course has that Paula Abdul flair that she is loved for.

Do you hope to bring it to Broadway?

... While I definitely want people to experience it live because I think there's something special about watching actors [in person], I think that a lot of people are going to get to watch this online. Hopefully, this will open people's eyes to make theater more streamable and more accessible. Not every show has to go to Broadway to make a difference. I would love to go to Broadway but I also recognize that there is so much more going on in the theater world and I feel very fortunate to be a part of it.

What do you want people to take away from the musical?

... The interesting thing that we can really talk about is that if the next generation is going to live for the most part

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'59 grad heads to Northwest Territories to study the polar bear diet

Michael J. Mehren, PhD '59, a livestock nutritionist, reached out to Alumni Highlights prior to beginning a one-year project in Canada's Northwest Territories. He received his PhD in animal nutrition from Oregon State University. During his career, he has consulted beef cattle, sheep, and equine producers on feeds and feeding management in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia.

The plan at the present is to

fly from Vancouver, BC to Yellowknife, NWT. While in Yellowknife, we will get outfitted and make plans to spend a year at Sachs Harbour, which is on the southern border of Banks Island, which is surrounded by the Beaufort Sea.

Our understanding is that some polar bears have been fitted with RFID tags that transmit their location. Hopefully we will be able to find some via dog-sled, snowcat or boat. Our plan is to spend about a year there

so we can document their diet throughout the year. Due to the nature of the trip, our guide and I will be armed at all times, because the study will require us to camp out many times, and we hope to prevent our inclusion in the bear's diet.

— **Michael J. Mehren, PhD '59**



Michael J. Mehren, PhD '59 and his wife Diana on their 55th anniversary

'91 grad wins "Weakest Link"

Justin Bauer '91 appeared on the TV game show, "Weakest Link," on June 6. He spoke with *Beverly Hills Weekly* about his experience.

You recently appeared on *Weakest Link*. Tell us about that.

It is kind of funny how it happened. I get a message on my Instagram from a talent agency, and they say, 'Hey, we are looking for contestants for a game show.' I always thought you try out for a game show. ... So, I look up the guy's name on Facebook and we have a mutual friend. I message her and [ask] 'is this guy for real?' She [said] 'yeah, he does casting for talent.' ... They had me do a video and they said they really liked me. So, they called me and they said 'we would love for you to be on the show. Can you come down to the studios?' I grew up in Beverly Hills and I was a teacher at Beverly. But I live in Redlands and my lifestyle

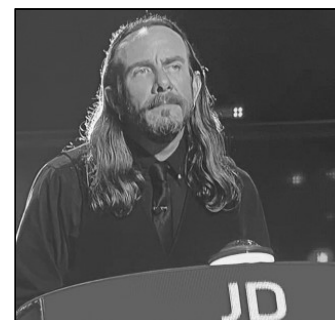
out here is not very Hollywood, it's very desert. It's a nice area, but it's almost rural. I felt like a fish out of water. It was almost a surreal dreamlike experience. It was so weird that the day after it happened, I was not sure it happened.

I went just for giggles. I [thought] 'this would be so much fun to see how they film the show. I am going to order chicken and waffles from the craft services and I will just have a fun day off and mess around.' So, I get down there and they had a little parking spot for me. I go into their waiting room and ... they whisk us away into this room that looks like a UFO. I feel like I am on another planet. I couldn't sleep the night before. I didn't prep at all because I wanted to go in cold. I [didn't] want to stress out and think I had to study this or that.

So, we start the show. I am a nice guy and I don't like to hurt people's feelings or be abrasive. And if I have to be mean I am low-

key about it. But [in] the show you literally have to vote people off right in front of them and tell them why you are voting them off. So, I am immediately uncomfortable. We go into the show and it just starts happening. I didn't think I really had a shot. There were six different rounds and in the first round everyone was like 'you're so calm, cool and collected.' And it was because I didn't care. I didn't think I was going to win. I was just doing it for chicken and waffles. And I started doing really well and I didn't realize until the sixth round that I really had a good shot. It was just the most bizarre, surreal experience and it was the easiest money I've ever made in my entire life. It was amazing.

The whole thing was a miracle because I have a business [JD Bauer Botanicals]. I recently quit teaching, and I started my own soap business. All-natural, vegan, medicinal soaps. And it's taken off really well. So, I had a lot of people wanting to invest. And like I told you, I am a nice guy. I do not want to take somebody's money and lose their money. And taking people's investments in my company petrified me. And what if I failed and lost somebody's money? I couldn't live with myself. So I need capital to start building my company. And then I get on this game show and I win.



Justin Bauer '91

How much did you win?

I won \$79,500. It's a good little start-up fund.

What advice do you have for people hoping to get on the show?

Don't ever go into something thinking you can't do it. You can do it. I will say it's 80-90% mental. That was a big one for me. I've done some things in my life—I've joined the Marine Corps. This was the most intimidating experience I've ever had. It was scarier than boot camp for me. You just go into this foreign environment, you're on the spot. There are no go-backs. The thing that helped me the most was just going in there with a positive attitude, don't take it too seriously [and] enjoy yourself. That's my advice. If you're going to go through it, please go through it smiling, even if you lose. I didn't go there expecting to win. If you watch it, I am utterly surprised at the end.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

Prince '15 *Cont. from prev. page* online, what can we do to make that experience fulfilling, connective and authentic? We have not had the conversations yet to guarantee those things and we left it in the hands of people who do not necessarily look out for kids learning how to use their iPhones. I really hope that peo-

ple have conversations about social media. Even if there are things we don't understand, parents can talk to their kids about them and ultimately [I hope] that this show can bridge some gaps—not only with our generation but also with Gen Z and the millennial generation.

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Siegman family celebrates late father's contributions to the State of Israel and International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

Michael Siegman '92 (pictured at left) recently celebrated his late father Joe Siegman's recognition by the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, which Joe founded in 1979. Joe was posthumously awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for significant contributions to the State of Israel and society through sports.

Siegman founded the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame with the concept "It's not about the best Jewish athletes, but the best athletes who were also Jewish." The theme was: "The Deeds of the Past Shall Inspire the Achievements of the

Future."

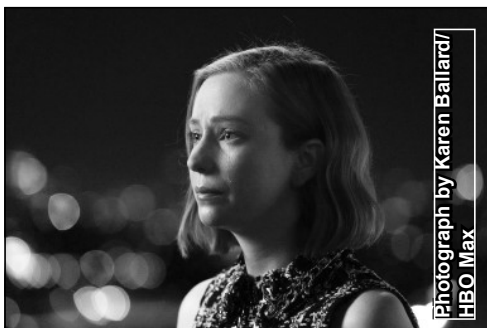
"I'm grateful to have opportunities to honor my dad for his accomplishments," Mike Siegman said. "My whole life I saw how hard he worked. I think about the time—hours, days, weeks, months and years—my dad devoted himself to the passions he had. He loved what he did, and he believed in his heart and mind, the deeds of the past inspire the achievements of the future."

Joe, who passed away in 2021, had three children: Mike '92, Laurie '82 and Steve '83. Steve passed away in 2020.

Einbinder '13 earns 2nd Emmy nomination

In 2022, Hannah Einbinder '13 earned her second consecutive Emmy nomination for her work on the HBO Max series, *Hacks*.

Einbinder was nominated for Outstanding Supporting Actress



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HBO Max

Hannah Einbinder '13 in the HBO Max series, *Hacks*

in a Comedy Series in 2021 and 2022. On *Hacks*, she plays Ava, a young writer hired to create new material for a legendary Las Vegas comedian, Deborah Vance, played by Jean Smart. A dark mentorship forms as the duo hits the road to try out Deborah's new act.

For her work in *Hacks*, Einbinder was also nominated

for Golden Globe awards in 2022 and 2023.

Hacks has won six Emmys, including Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for Smart (2021 and 2022), Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series (2021), and Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series (2021).



Judy Kermani Manouchehri '98 (left) was sworn in by retired Judge Rich Stone '74 (right) as the newest Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Education member in December.



Family of Letters



Gerald (Jerry) Factor '50, Steve Factor '75, Cheryl Factor '76, David Factor '77, Sandy Factor '78

Gerald Factor '50, who recently turned 90, and his four children donned their letter jackets and sweaters to commemorate their years at Beverly.

Meeting Sweet Lorraine was the most important event of my four years at Cal. We were married shortly after I entered the Army. We lived in Augusta, Ga., and Tacoma, Wash., where I trained radio operators on their way to Korea.

After the Army, I went to work for IBM as a programmer on the model 650, a computer that required massive air conditioning for its several piano-sized components. Today, I have that much and more computing power in my wristwatch! My last job at IBM involved marketing "talking computers."

Three of our four kids were born in Spokane, Wash. Cheryl (the second in sequence) was born in Gallipolis, Ohio.

We moved to Beverly Hills

in time for me to work in apartment management and our kids to attend Hawthorne and Beverly High, which is the basis for writing this story. In the spring of 2022, I was blessed to celebrate my 90th birthday (and 67th wedding anniversary). To remember my grand years at Beverly High and the kids' years too, we retrieved our letter jackets and sweaters, which still "sort of" fit, to take the picture above. Our picture shows myself (1950, Track), Steve Factor (1975, Wrestling), Cheryl Factor (1976, Cheerleader and Terpsies), David Factor (1977), and Sandy Factor (1978, Swimming and Water Polo).

We appreciate the fine education we received at Beverly during those years, and we send our best wishes to all our friends among the graduates. We are still in contact with many today.

— Jerry Factor '50

Norman spirit runs in the family. At left, three generations of Beverly grads celebrate Passover 2022: Tobey Marantz '55 (mother and grandmother), Nancy Marantz Ross '79 (daughter), Gary Ross '77 (son-in-law), Jack Ross '13 (grandson) and Eric Ross '16 (grandson)



Remembering a Norman tennis legend and four-time Wimbledon champ. The Beverly Hills High School Athletic Alumni Association (BHAAA) donated the late Louise Brough's Wimbledon trophy for display at Beverly. Brough graduated in the winter of 1940 and died in 2014. A stellar athlete, she won Wimbledon four times in 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1955.

Left to right: BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy, BHHS Alumni Association President Josh Gross '91, BHAAA Executive Director Julie Steinberg, BHUSD Athletic Director Tim Ellis



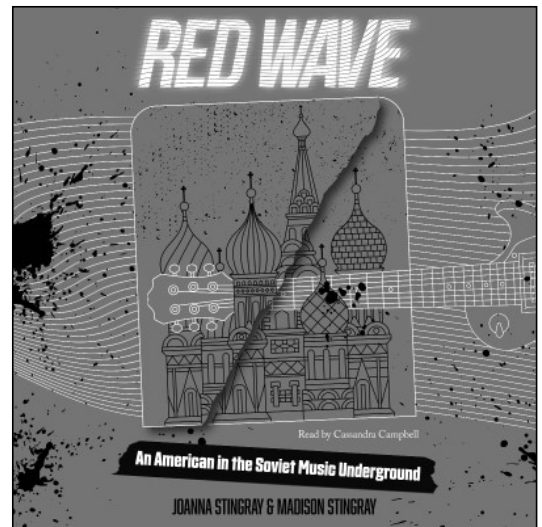
Hart of Gold. Craig Isaacs '80, Donna Isaacs Combest '82, Dorothy Isaacs Emerson '75, Charlie Isaacs '76 and their father Hart Isaacs at the Huntington Library in Pasadena celebrating Hart's donation of his Bonsai collection.



Girls Trip! Alicia Saver Goldsmith '78, Lisa Hackett '78, Joanna Fields Stingray '78 and Deb Louchheim Watson '78 took a girls' trip to Las Vegas for Deb's birthday.



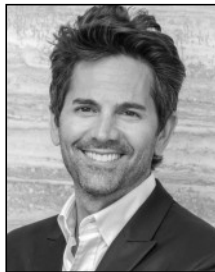
A starry night for Cedars-Sinai. Wendy Goldberg '57 (left) and her son Beverly Hills City Councilmember John Mirisch '81 (not pictured) presented Jamie Lee Curtis (right) with the 2022 Hollywood Icon Award at the Women's Guild Cedars-Sinai Disco Ball! benefit gala at the Beverly Hilton on Nov. 30, 2022. The gala raised \$1,084,038.



Red Wave - An American in the Soviet Music Underground, the memoir by BHHS Alumni Association executive director Joanna Fields Stingray '78, has been released in an audiobook format recorded by the award-winning narrator Cassandra Campbell who has recorded more than 700 titles including *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

BHAAA**Hall of Fame***Cont. from p. 6**the Joe Sutton
Scholarship**named after his late father. "The*

idea was that [as an A Y S O and Little League coach] he helped shape this generation and this [scholarship is] continuing to give back in the same way he gave while he was alive for his legacy moving forward. He [was] the type of coach who engage[d] with everybody and all those kids became his students, his sons [and] his proteges."

**LESLIE WINICK '89****Volleyball, Soccer and Softball***"BHUSD cemented an excel-*

lent foundation for my life, and athletics was a major part of that development. From Al Scates at Hawthorne to countless hours with teammates and coaches at Beverly, the positive impact of competitive sports, especially for young girls in the '70s and '80s, cannot be overstated. Some of my most fond high school moments include sports, so it brings me great pride to be among the 2021 BHAAA inductees. This honor is also validation to continue to live the values that were instilled in me as a member of the Beverly Hills community: humility, collaboration, openness, tenacity and grit."

**RIZA ZALAMEDA '04**
Tennis

"The saying, 'it takes a village [to raise a child],' couldn't ring more true for me at Beverly High.

Everyone wanted me to succeed: the school board, faculty, coaches and my peers. I

surely would have led another path if it weren't for their unified passion for athletics and open-minded leadership. As a world-class tennis coach, I emphasize the value of attending public high schools and playing on the tennis team. Immensely grateful, thank you to BHAAA and colleagues for recognizing me with this great honor."

**2022 HONOREES****ALLISON
BISHOP BRAGARD '91**
Volleyball and Soccer

"It is a privilege to be honored in this way. Sports was such an essential part of my life as

I grew up playing soccer at Roxbury and La Cienega Park and then later competing in soccer and volleyball at the high school. While I appreciate this award, I think the true people to honor are the amazing coaches and sports programs that allowed me and so many others to reach their full potential and thrive."

**MILLER JOHNSON '75**
Football, Basketball, and Track and Field

"When our children's children ask what these stones [with names on the Hall of Fame wall] mean let them be reminded of the gifts and talents displayed for The Norman."

**GRANT LEVY '80**
Swimming and Water Polo

"I am deeply honored that B H A A A choose me as a member of the 2022 Class of the Athletic Hall of Fame, because it brings back so many fond memories of being part of some great swim and water polo teams composed of my lifelong friends which we were honored to be coached by two amazing individuals in Dick Douglas and Ron Crawford."

**RANDI SMITH '98**
Track and Field

"It is such an honor to be one of this year's recipients. This award reflects hard work, discipline, perseverance, determination and resilience not only by me but also my parents, family, coaches and countless other supporters. I am accepting it for them!"

**JULI VACCARI BASORE '74****Volleyball and Basketball**

"Looking back, my years at Beverly provided the best foundation for life's journey. I'm incredibly honored to be included in this esteemed group and can't wait to reminisce with my fellow inductees."

**JACQUELINE WOODS '77**
Track and Field

"Bittersweet. Sweet to share with loved ones, gratitude for a l u m n i who nominated me, but deeply disappointed that diversity permit applications no longer exist of which I am a beneficiary. BHUSD graduates deserve a diverse and inclusive student body to address today's challenges with equitable solutions."



Other honorees included: Vonzie Paysinger '79, baseball and football; CJ Fulwilder '83, football, basketball, and track and field; Mike Margolin '71, tennis; Cynthia Warner '77, track and field; and Matt Humiston '92, soccer and baseball.

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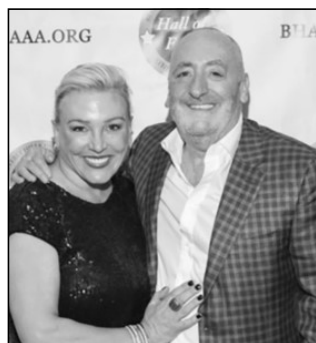
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Honoree Vonzie Paysinger '79, Maya Paysinger, Coleen Davenport, Amy Golden Malone



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Dani Elitzur '19, Honoree Leslie Winick '89, Tanis Harris, Justine Elitzur '17



Alan '75 and Tobi Nierob, Marie Osmond, Steve Craig '75



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Gisela Oliviera, Honoree Kevin Bell '79



Honoree Matt Humiston '92, Scotty Myers '91



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'76 grad's social enterprise nonprofit brightens lives through mosaic art



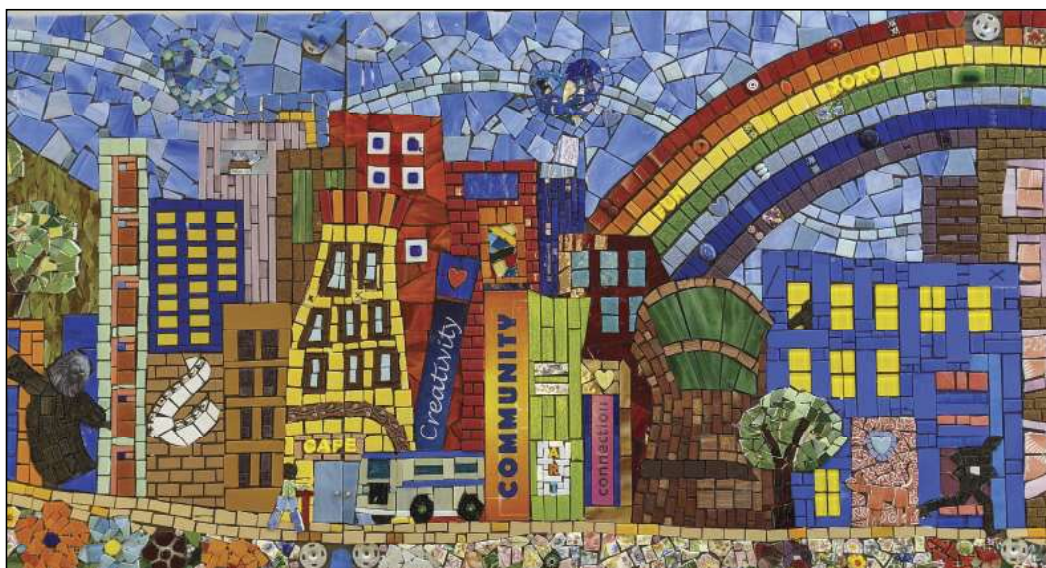
Sophie Alpert '76

Sophie Alpert '76 is the founder of Piece by Piece, a social enterprise nonprofit organization which empowers residents of underserved Los Angeles communities who have experienced homelessness or are living with economic insecurity by providing free mosaic workshops. These classes enable participants to learn marketable skills and earn supplemental income, build self-esteem, promote wellness and an improved quality of life.

The organization, founded in 2007, has grown from creating frames and garden pots to include commissioned artwork, corporate gifts, custom awards, large scale murals and public art. Artworks are created using primarily recycled materials in an effort to be environmentally responsible.

piecebypiece.org

Photos: Piece by Piece projects at Village Well Books & Coffee in Culver City (top) and Broadway's Blooming Garden in South Los Angeles (bottom)



Jeannette Pierson Herron '41 passed away Dec. 20, 2021. She was 98 years old and died after a brief illness at her home of 62 years in Pasadena, with her three sons at her side.

Patricia Corrick Houser '41

passed away at home on May 14, 2022 at the age of 99. Pat was blessed in life to

have as her best friend her sister, Bette Volk. She went to USC



where she became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Her next venture took her to the San Francisco Stock Exchange. She loved working there and became proficient in the financial world. While in San Francisco she was introduced to a dashing Air Force pilot, Captain Alan "Bud" Houser Jr. The two fell in love and were married in 1945. They moved to Bud's hometown of San Diego, where they started a family and raised two daughters, Susan and Nancy. Pat offered her volunteer service to the Naval Aid auxiliary. She was a member of the Junior League, a Girl Scout Leader, PTA member, and a founding member

of MADCAPS, an organization of mothers and daughters assisting philanthropies. Her true loves were her family and friends, and bridge was her passion. She was an avid player and known for her great card sense. She was kind and generous with a great sense of humor and a fabulous sense of style. Pat was preceded in death by Bud, her husband of 56 years. She is survived by her daughters Susan Houser and Nancy Houser (Ken Sauder), three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Barbara Freed Saltzman '42 passed away peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 1, 2022. She was a lifelong Angeleno and attended



U C L A , making many lasting friends in her Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. She

enjoyed 33 idyllic years on her Malibu beachfront estate in Paradise Cove's unique Escondido Beach. Her passions included long walks along the seashore, music (everything from Ella Fitzgerald to Debussy), reading novels and history, colorful sunsets, Sunday family dinners, and old movies

'44 grad, 1st woman to join and lead San Diego Zoo's Board of Trustees

Betty Jo (BJ) Fitger Williams '44 (nee Elizabeth Josephine Fitger) passed away peacefully on Oct. 8, 2022 with her children by her side.

BJ shared an idyllic and remarkably rural childhood with her younger sisters Dodie and Susanne on Foothill Road where she recalled seeing horses on the center median on Sunset Boulevard and being fascinated by the menagerie of birds and farm animals in their north and south gardens. BJ and her family spent blissful summers on Schultz Lake in Minnesota where her father would return to help with the running of the Fitger Beer Company, a multi-generational brewery on Lake Superior which is now a state monument.

BJ was a graduate of Stanford University (Class of '48) where she earned a BA in Economics and was elected to the Cap and Gown Honor Society and the Cardinal Service Committee.

On the first day of her junior year, she met Harold "Hal" Williams who became her husband and the love of her life until his passing in 2011. They shared a strong Christian faith, love of country and optimism about life.

BJ moved to San Diego in 1953. In civic life, BJ was known for her

intelligence, elegance, practicality, even-tempered nature, strong executive skills and her large smile. She was also a common pick as the "first woman" choice of all-male boards that were accepting the growing need for females in their leadership ranks at that time.

In 1979, BJ joined the San Diego Zoological Society Board of Trustees as its first woman member. The San Diego Zoo became her great lifetime passion project. The Board dealt with many major issues at that time, including shaping the then-new Safari Park, initializing plans for the Frozen Zoo that now contains the genetic material of over 10,000 species, and the initially controversial captive breeding program that brought the California condor population back from its low of only 22 birds to its present population of over 500. These successes firmly cemented the Zoo's reputation for global leadership in innovative conservation programs.

BJ was the Zoo's first woman president of the Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1989. With her leadership, the Zoo started work on a master plan to reorganize the entire Zoo into ten bioclimatic zones, putting the animals in naturalistic settings. The Tiger River Exhibit

was the centerpiece of this plan, and its success changed zoos forever, making naturalistic settings the new norm. At this time the Chinese leadership reached out to explore the possibility of sending two giant pandas for a stay in hopes of helping to address the issues facing this dwindling population. BJ, with Executive Director Doug Myers, led a delegation to China, which after weeks of intense negotiations managed to secure a 200-day visit from two giant pandas to the San Diego Zoo. The visit was successful and laid the groundwork for longer term visits for panda breeding and research programs at the Zoo.

BJ personally initiated a number of changes that remain with the Zoo to this day. She is credited with reframing zoo membership as a mechanism to enable "visitors" to become "owners" in attitude, information and benefits. The zoological society grew rapidly. It was also of great pride to her that she funded the first solar-powered gate at the Safari Park, an innovation which is now employed throughout the property and helps ensure the safety of people working around the animals.

BJ continued to visit both the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Sa-



Betty Jo Fitger Williams '44

fari Park into her 90s. When told of BJ's passing, Paul Baribault, the current president and CEO for San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance said, "An inspirational conservationist and cherished friend for more than 40 years, Betty Jo transformed San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance—not only with her vision, tenacity, and passion for the world's wildlife, but also as the first woman to serve our Board of Trustees and the first woman to become chair in our organizational history. ..."

BJ is survived by her sons Arnold Williams (wife Kathryn) and Bob Williams (wife Luann) and daughter Elizabeth Shoemaker (husband Peter), and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Hal and younger sisters Dodie Fitger Haight and Susanne Fitger Donnelly.

(particularly her father's movies). Her father was Arthur Freed, lyricist of songs including "Singin' in the Rain," "You Were Meant For Me," and "I Cried For You," and 4-time Academy Award winning musical movie producer of 46 films including *The Wizard of Oz*, *An American in Paris*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Showboat*, *Gigi*, and *Light in the Piazza*. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin L. Saltzman, with whom she was a life partner in marriage (65 years), parenthood and business. They spent 15 years as owners-publishers of renowned advertising magazine *Media Agency Clients* (today aka *Adweek*) and 24 years as owners-publishers of the world's leading train travel book *Eurail Guide to How To Travel Europe and All the World By Train*, during which time they set the record for the longest train ride in history from

Lisbon to Kyoto. Barbara lived an active and adventurous life playing tennis until 70, Mahjong into her 80s, walking 3 miles a day until 90, Saturday night poker games and gin rummy, player of crossword puzzles, and dedicated volunteer with UCLA Hospital's Emergency Room, the Braille Institute, and as an Elder Care Ombudsman. She is survived by her son Stephen; daughter Marie; daughter Kathryn (Michael Bishop); and two grandsons.

Patricia Young Sargeant '42

passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2022 after a two-month battle with cancer.

Born in Los Angeles, she proudly graduated



from Beverly, served in the Navy WAVES and worked at the Naval Air Weapons Station in China Lake. She later received her bachelor's degree from Cal State Long Beach and worked as a cartographer at Unisys Corp. She was a brilliant designer, having designed all the houses in which her family lived. Most recently, Pat designed a beautiful mission-style home in Los Olivos where she lived with her husband of 65 years, Melvin J. Sargeant. She had an indomitable will, brilliant mind, encyclopedic memory, skill at *Jeopardy!*, and in-depth grasp of history and politics. She is survived by her three children, Dinah Sargeant, Bonita Sargeant, and Lauren Burton; sons-in-law Nick Lombardo and Richard Burton; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Irene Taenzer Moore '43 passed

away Jan. 8, 2022. She resided in Los Angeles at the time of her passing.

Bonnie Cox

Brauel Butler '44 passed away Aug. 2, 2022. She and her sister Joan Cox McKenna '47 lived in Merrill Gardens Senior Living in San Diego. Bonnie played tennis until age 90. She was a great lady and will be missed.

Ruth Rykoff Coleman '49 passed away Jan. 1, 2022 at home in Los Angeles. She was the first child of Saul E. Rykoff, founder of L.A. foodservice company S.E. Rykoff & Co., and Saragrace Rykoff. Ruth attended the University of Michigan and then UCLA, where



Sheila Benson '48, former LA Times chief film critic

Sheila Franklin Benson '48, who served as *LA Times* chief film critic from 1981 to 1991, passed away Feb. 23, 2022. She had been living in Bellingham, Wash.

According to the *Times*, Benson's parents were in show business. Her father, Dwight Franklin, was a Hollywood costume designer and her mother, Mary C. McCall Jr., wrote screenplays and novels and served as the first female president of the Writers Guild of America.

Benson was in UCLA's Drama Department, along with classmates James Dean and Carol Burnett.

The *Times* reports Benson reviewed films at a Marin County newspaper and radio station and for the Microsoft publication *Cinemanía*, before writing for the *LA Times*.

During her career, Benson served as a judge for film festivals including Berlin, Sundance and Seattle; contributed to pub-

lications including *Variety*, *Film Comment*, *Premiere* and the *New York Times*; and was a member of professional associations including the National Society of Film Critics, the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, and the Alliance of Women Film Journalists.

"No matter what Sheila wrote, whether it was a positive, lukewarm or negative review of a film, you could always sense that she had a tremendous love and affection not only for the art of making movies but also for the people who made them," Barbara Saltzman, Daily Calendar editor during Benson's time at the *LA Times*, told the publication.

Todd McCarthy made a similar observation in *Deadline*: "Unlike more cunnudgeonly or circumspect critics, Benson fundamentally had an open mind and, I truly believe, hoped to like any film she went to see. Of course, there were many films, notably during the not-so-hot decade of the 1980s, that didn't make the grade, but she

always gave what she saw a fair shake and her knowledge of the medium was imposing."

The *LA Times* obituary noted that Benson, in her review of *Return of the Jedi*, predicted the Star Wars series' enduring popularity. Early on, she championed the work of Michael Mann and Laura Dern.

"Benson was, in a word, exuberant. I shared screening rooms and cinemas with her many times, and she always seemed eager for a nourishing, energizing, even revelatory experience, or at least a good time," McCarthy wrote in *Deadline*. "We all know that this will often not be the case. But it was always clear that she loved her job and, when you're a critic, the next film is never very far off."

LA film critic Chuck Wilson, a mentee of Benson, also used the



Sheila Franklin Benson '48

word "exuberant" to describe her. "Sheila lived brilliantly. Sheila lived so fully every day. Sheila loved the movies, but she really loved living. She taught you that life was always better than the movies," he told the *LA Times*.

According to the *LA Times*, her survivors include her third husband, businessman Herman Hong; her daughters, Eden Umble, Ann Brooke Ashley, and Caitlin Hartford; four grandchildren; and her sister, Mary David Sheiner.



she graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1953. Ruth was a goodwill ambassador for the Rykoff company as it expanded across the country. She was devoted to her family, enjoying a special relationship with all four of her children. Ruth loved flowers and gardening and was an expert at identifying varieties of roses. Long walks with friends were part of her daily routine, and she relished her many travel adventures. A keen Anglophile, England was a favorite destination. She was an avid reader, a knowledgeable antique

and art collector, and she loved the symphony. An independent woman, Ruth took tremendous pride in her desire to self-train on the workings of financial markets. Ruth had four children with Roger W. Coleman, whom she married in 1951 and later divorced. She is survived by three of her children: William T. Coleman (Deborah Teltscher), Wendy Coleman Wood (David Petersen) and Eric Roger Coleman. She was preceded in death by her son Paul Rykoff Coleman, as well as her brother Thomas R. Rykoff. She is survived by her brother Stephen R. Rykoff (Sara Rykoff) and sister-in-law Sondra Rykoff, as well as five grandchildren.

Charles F. Sill, Jr. '49 passed away Dec. 8, 2022 in a hospital near Fallbrook, Calif.

Fred '47 & Ruth '48 Talmage

Ruth Rae Dunlevy Talmage '48 passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Feb. 11, 2022.



Frederick Edwin Talmage Jr. '47 passed peacefully in his sleep on July 18, 2020 in Pacific Palisades.

Ruth was born in Chicago. Her family relocated to Beverly Hills when she was 5 years old.

Fred was born in Riverside and grew up in Beverly Hills.

Ruth and Fred met at Beverly High. After attending USC, they were married and started their life in Pacific Palisades. They had three children, Rick, Diane and Tammy. Ruth was happiest when surrounded by her family and traveling with her grandchildren.

Ruth was a talented lyricist

who wrote songs for Motown artists including the Jackson 5. She was deeply religious and taught Sunday School for many years at St. Matthew's Parish.

Fred graduated from USC with a BA in English and began working at Warner Bros on the show *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* parking cars. He then worked his way up as an editor working on motion pictures like *Finian's Rainbow* and ultimately became the Vice President of Warner Bros Post Production from 1981 to 1995.

Fred never thought of his job as work, he had a passion for movies and enjoyed working with his team at Warner Bros. He loved spending time with his family and playing golf with his friends.

Ruth and Fred were preceded in death by their son Rick Talmage and daughter Diane Van Iden. They are survived by their daughter Tammy Almquist, son-in-law Scott Almquist and six grandchildren.

Alan E. Berlin '53 passed away April 28, 2022 at his home in Beverly Hills. He attended Horace Mann and Beverly. He kept in touch with many of his classmates and participated in all his class reunions. He was an avid reader of the *Highlights*. Alan received a BS in Business from USC in '57. After his father's untimely passing, he took over the family business at the age of 27. Under his guidance it has become the oldest and largest insurance agency in Beverly Hills with an unmatched reputation. He was very proud that it is now a fourth-generation family business. Alan was a lifelong Trojan and was at the highest level of both academic and athletic support. He enjoyed attending home football games with family and friends and had the same eight seats on the 50-yard line for many years. He had a close affiliation with the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, serving as their past chairman. Alan was a lover of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars, fine tailoring, well-aged Bordeaux and Cuban cigars. For 34 years, he was an active member of Hillcrest Country Club, where he regularly enjoyed lunch with a close group of friends. Alan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Frieda Taubman Berlin '57; son Joshua '82 (Ronna); daughter Dori '87; and three grandchildren.

Lenora "Lenny" Luber Kelton '53, a resident of Brentwood, passed away Dec. 22, 2022 after suffering from heart failure. Lenny was born in Milwaukee, Wisc. and her family lived in Detroit before moving to Los Angeles in 1944. While attending Beverly High, she began dating her future husband, the love of her life, David Kelton '53. Lenny and David attended UC Berkeley, where she was a member of the AEPhi Sorority. In 1957, Lenny and David were married at the newly opened Beverly Hilton. Lenny asserted that they were the first to be married there. A few

days before they were married, David was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. In 1959, shortly after David was discharged from the Navy, their first daughter Denise was born, followed by Cheryl, Lisa and Jennifer. Lenny was thrilled to be fully occupied raising their four daughters. Lenny became involved in charitable activities. She helped organize the first food fair in Los Angeles for Planned Parenthood. She served on the board of directors for Windward School and as president of the UCLA Hospital Auxiliary. Lenny and David enjoyed frequent vacations with their daughters and six grandchildren. She especially enjoyed annual trips with David and just their grandchildren. They became subscribers and supporters of cultural institutions in Los Angeles including Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Opera, Pasadena Playhouse, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Geffen Playhouse and Hollywood Bowl. In addition, Lenny's life was filled with many friends and she enjoyed playing Mahjong with "the girls." Lenny's survivors include her husband of 65 years, David; her four daughters, Denise (spouse Paho), Cheryl (spouse Andrew), Lisa, and Jennifer; her six grandchildren; and her brother Donald (spouse Susan).

Beverly Trebow '53 passed away Jan. 21, 2023. After earning her special education certificate, Beverly worked devotedly with pre-school special education students in LAUSD. She was involved in B'nai B'rith and many other charitable organizations. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred. Beverly's survivors include her daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Trebow, and sister, Dr. Arlene Price.

Kenneth B. Cutler '54 passed away peacefully at home in Columbia, S.C. on Oct. 11, 2022. He loved BHHS and always supported BHHS. He is survived



Betty Greenstein Greene '54 and her husband Rabbi Barry Greene

by his wife of 54 years, Geri.

Betty Greenstein Greene '54 passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2022 in South Orange, NJ. She was the widow of Rabbi Barry Greene and is survived by their daughters Rabbi Lisa Greene and Jackie Greene (Joshua Orenstein), and five grandchildren. Betty was an AEPHi at UCLA, majoring in elementary education. A teacher by profession and in life, Betty taught countless lucky children throughout Essex County, NJ schools, particularly kindergarten which she taught for decades. Betty was an active board member of the Theresa Grotta Center for Rehabilitation and the New Philharmonic. As a volunteer she taught inclusion for the National Council of Jewish Women and was a kindergarten reader at a local school after her retirement.

Edward Lazarus '54 passed away July 31, 2022. Edward 'Eddie' Lazarus—also called 'Steady' or 'Laz' by his friends—was born in Wilmington, Delaware, the youngest of three children. He was preceded in death by his sisters Ann Sterling '48 and Ruth Singer '50. He attended Tulane University for one year, then transferred to University of Alabama where he met his first love—Bear Bryan—and developed a passion for Alabama football. Eddie also cherished Dixieland jazz and all things New Orleans. Eddie went on to UCLA Law School and started a law practice in LA. It

didn't take him long to discover he really hated practicing law, so he quit. He spent the following years skiing, traveling, listening to jazz and collecting wine. Eddie was committed to living the life he wanted on his own terms, exploring his passions and interests, always with his unique sense of humor. Eddie's true passion was wine. He began collecting wine in the 1960s and became a renowned expert in Bordeaux, Burgundy and early California wines. He was known for his knowledge and his collection of wines from the 1800s. He built relationships around the world to find the rarest of bottles. He loved to share and enjoy his wine; and he became a mentor to many

young sommeliers, collectors, restaurateurs, and winemakers, including his grandnephew Gavin Chanin whom he was especially fond of.

Charles Dolginer '55 passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2022 surrounded by family. Charles, the first in his family to graduate from college, graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA degree and then graduated from law school at University of Colorado. Charles practiced law for over 50 years. He was a highly respected attorney, mediator and family man. Charles was known for his love for his family, knowledge of the stock market, amazing negotiating skills, charitable nature, quick wit

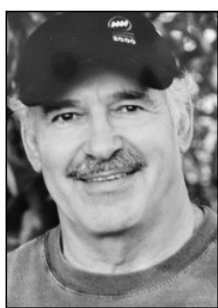
and kind spirit. He is survived by his wife Dayle Dolginer; his daughters Samantha Forshpan and Amy Stoops; his stepchildren Eric Futoran and Dana Futoran; his sons-in-law Darryl Forshpan and Moe Shulman; his daughter-in-law Kristine Futoran; and eight grandchildren.

Dr. Irene Janofsky Hartzell '56, mother, psychologist, mediator, educational consultant and author, passed away Feb. 1, 2023 at Ivy Park Assisted Living in Simi Valley.



Golden '49, UCLA professor emeritus of medicine

Joshua S. Golden, M.D. '49, a psychiatrist who trained generations of doctors and therapists as a professor of medicine at UCLA, passed away May 4, 2022 at his home in Pacific Palisades.



As a clinician and researcher, Joe's interests ranged from forensic psychiatry to family therapy and human sexuality. He was a pioneer in the treatment of sexual dysfunction among people with physical disabilities. He was also an early advocate of teaching the art of "doctoring" to young physicians to help them to better understand and treat their patients.

Joe was a great husband and an extraordinary father. He was also a cherished mentor and friend to younger physicians, the children of friends and the friends of his children.

Joe was born in Chicago. Like his father—a Ukrainian Jew who crossed Europe as a child refugee and ran booze from Canada during

Prohibition—Joe was raised to be tough and self-sufficient.

The family moved to Southern California after World War II and Joe hitchhiked from the Valley to attend Beverly, where he excelled as a student and on the football team.

At UCLA, he entered an accelerated program with the UC San Francisco Medical School, earning his bachelor's degree with honors in 1952 and his medical degree in 1955. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and completed his residency at UCLA School of Medicine.

In 1957, Joe fell in love with Margaret (Peggy) Eagan, a beautiful blonde probation officer whom he met on a bus to Mexico. It was the start of a romance that would last 65 years.

Joe joined the faculty that established UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute and was the medical school's assistant dean of student affairs. He directed the school's human sexuality program for nearly two decades, training hundreds of residents and professionals.

In 1971, the Goldenes moved from the beach in Venice to Madrid, Spain, where Joe co-directed

the foreign study program of the Universities of California. The experience fueled a passion for travel that Joe and Peggy pursued for the rest of their lives.

For years, Joe resisted the lure of private medical practice, believing he did more good by treating more seriously ill patients. While at UCLA, he evaluated inmates at the LA County Jail and treated veterans at the Wadsworth VA hospital.

Later, Joe and Peggy did establish a successful private practice in Santa Monica and taught marital therapy for years. Joe also volunteered at the Venice Family Clinic and the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey. As an emeritus professor, he continued to teach doctoring to UCLA medical students.

Joe loved nothing more than spending quality time with family and friends—over good meals, hiking in the Eastern Sierra or traveling abroad. A fine athlete, he especially loved tennis, beach volleyball, skiing and golf.

Joe is survived by his wife Peggy, his daughter Lisa, son Tim, son-in-law Jonathan Balfus and his four grandchildren.

Irene grew up in Beverly Hills and attended Hawthorne and Beverly. She knew from a young age she wanted to pursue a career in counseling, specifically psychology. Irene attended Reed College in Oregon and Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. She completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of California, Berkeley and pursued her Ph.D. at the University of Oregon, Eugene. Irene worked for Kaiser Permanente as a clinical psychologist for 20 years, where she was Director of the School Problems Screening Clinic. After retiring from psychology, Irene became a certified mediator and educational consultant, and published *A Wizard's Guide to Study Skills: Middle School Edition*. She married Charles Timothy Hartzell in 1971. Irene is survived by her son, television editor Mark Hartzell '90, and son-in-law, Aaron I. Butler.

Richard Paul Ross '56 passed away Aug. 15, 2022, surrounded by his family. Richard graduated from Beverly, UCLA and Loyola Law,

practicing as an attorney through his last days. Richard's quick wit, humor and strong intellect endured to the end. Richard loved all the arts; Broadway was always his great delight. He was preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence Ross '50.

Patricia Shannon Adkins Kessler

'57, known by family and friends as Pat, passed away Oct. 9, 2022 in Rancho Mirage. Born in Shreveport,

La., Pat was raised by her mother in Louisiana and Florida before moving to Los Angeles at age 14. She attended Belmont High and later Beverly, where she met her future husband, Richard ("Rick") Kessler '57. While in high school, she worked the counter at Mort's Deli at the Farmer's Market on 3rd and Fairfax. After graduating, she worked briefly in public relations. She and Rick married in 1960 at Temple Emanuel. Shortly



afterward, Pat converted to Judaism. Between 1962 and 1971, Pat and Rick had four children: Ron, David, Elizabeth and Mike. Pat was known as a no-nonsense, fun-loving, approachable matriarch who loved her kids—and her dogs (she had no fewer than 10 over the course of her life). While raising children, Pat still found time to sing with the choir at Stephen S. Wise Temple and to participate in other temple groups. In 1990, Pat graduated Summa Cum Laude from Mount St. Mary's University, where she earned her B.A. with a major in English and a minor in Psychology. She then worked at the school, giving guidance to others pursuing degrees later in life. Pat loved riding horses, square dancing, playing mahjong with friends, Baskin Robbins ice cream and travel. She spent as much time as she could with her grandchildren, who meant the world to her, and whose photos are all around her house. She is survived by her husband, Rick; four children, Ron, David, Elizabeth, and Mike; three daughters-in-law, Alyson Kessler, Sandy Kessler, and Sarah Fuss

Kessler; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Stanley Morton Lederman '57 passed away Dec. 3, 2022, following a stroke he suffered in mid-August. Born in Los Angeles, Stanley attended USC, finishing at the top of his class and earning a bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1962. His survivors include his wife, Bobbi; his children, Evan and Trisha; his twin sister, Marilyn Kourilsky '57 and her husband Greg; his daughter-in-law, Mari Lederman; his son-in-law, Matthew Cramer; and six grandchildren.

Teri Arbiter Berkoff '59 passed away Jan.

1 in Los Angeles. Teri met the love of her life a n d soulmate, D a n n y, when she was just 17 years



old. This led to a 62-year blissful marriage filled with devotion and love, serving as the central pillar to their immediate and extended family. Teri made it her priority in life to have very special and close relationships with her two daughters as well as her four grandchildren, who adored their "Nana" and looked to her always for her sage advice and wisdom. Teri was a people person, always asking questions and genuinely interested in the many details. This unique characteristic led her to become a certified Paraprofessional Counselor at Stephen Wise Parenting Center for 15 years, reading to 1st grade children at Roscomare school for 10 years, and serving as a Cedars Sinai hospital volunteer, which gave her the most fulfillment. Teri walked through life with gracefulness. She had a passion for all things intellectual which included her

Joel Rapp '50, Hollywood writer and executive turned gardening expert

Joel Rapp '50, a film and TV writer, studio executive, and gardening expert, passed away Sept. 14, 2022.

Rapp came from a prominent Hollywood family. According to *Deadline*, he was the son of Philip Rapp, who created the radio series *The Bickersons* and *Baby Snooks*, and the godson of actors and singers Fanny Brice and Eddie Cantor.

Rapp was only 15 years old when he graduated from Beverly. He went on to USC and graduated at age 19. His first girlfriend, Judy, later married Dick Carroll of the iconic Beverly Hills men's clothing store, Carroll & Co. Joel and Judy remained friends until his death.

Deadline reported that Rapp worked frequently with director Roger Corman '43 and Rapp's TV writing credits included *Gilligan's Island*, *The Lucy Show*, *McHale's Navy*, *My Favorite Martian*, *The Patty Duke Show*, *The Joey Bishop Show* and *The Donna Reed Show*.

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, Rapp became a vice president at Universal Pictures where he focused on comedy development in the 1960s.

In 1969, he left Universal to focus on his passions, cooking and indoor gardening. Rapp, who wrote 14 books on the topics, earned the nickname, "Mr. Mother Earth, Plant Man to the Stars." He appeared for more than 10 years as a gardening expert on *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee* and shared



Joel Rapp '50

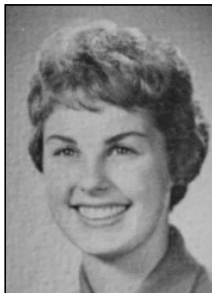
his expertise with WABC-AM listeners in New York.

Rapp's survivors include his wife of 36 years, Susan Stoller Rapp; his daughters, Lisa Stanley '78 and Danielle Lawrence '82; son-in-law Michael Lawrence; two grandchildren; and his brother, Paul Rapp '55.

love of reading, book club, Woman's Auxiliary group, Women of Wisdom, movie group and talk radio. She had a wealth of knowledge, allowing her to converse on many subjects. She was spiritual to a degree that allowed her to live by a belief that "Life is a journey to our ultimate and final destination." Teri is survived by her husband Dan (Danny) Berkoff; her daughters Jill Kort and Marci Dulberg; sons-in-law Lee Kort and Jeff Dulberg; and four grandchildren.

Bonnie Curland Ratner '59 passed away April 11, 2022 at Vista Del Mar Assisted Living in Long Beach, after a long illness with dementia. Bonnie was born in Los Angeles, the third of five siblings

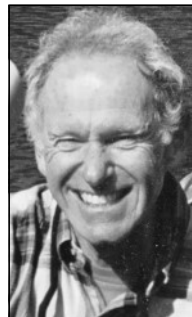
who were raised in Beverly Hills by their adoptive grandparents. She graduated from Beverly, where she participated and won the Southern California Cherry Pie Baking Contest and she was the leader of the Drill Team. Known



for her domestic skills, she made the State Street parade gown that she wore when she was honored as Homecoming Queen at Santa Barbara Community College. Bonnie led a unique life that was often challenging, but also very

rewarding. She is survived by her son Rick Yatman (Marie), granddaughter Rinah, and sister Julie (Dennis) Saffro. She was preceded in death by her brothers Bill, Bennett and Jerry.

Leland Schwab '59 passed away in 2022. Leland will be best remembered by his adoring children, wife, brothers and their families, a n d community for his spunk. An incredible storyteller, joke-teller, adventurer and all around goofball,



Leland made the most of every minute. He didn't just live until 80, but thrived—taking advantage of every opportunity to travel, connect deeply with family and friends, help lift others up, and give back to his community. Throughout his full life he dabbled in running the famous Schwab's pharmacy, a rust prevention business, camping and canoeing, gardening and landscaping, carpentry, and—of course—running Schwab Realty for over 35 years. Along the way, he and Paula met, fell madly in love, and raised two boys together during the course of their 41-year marriage. Leland was an incredible son, brother, uncle, husband, father of four and grandfather of four. His humor, love *Cont. on p. 65*

Selwyn '51, Beverly Hills community leader

Paul Selwyn '51 passed away on Feb. 16, 2022, just shy of his 89th birthday.

Paul was born in Belgium but as the Nazis approached, his family fled to the United States in 1938 when he was 5. On the advice of a clerk processing the family's visas, they headed straight to Beverly Hills after hearing "they had good weather out there."

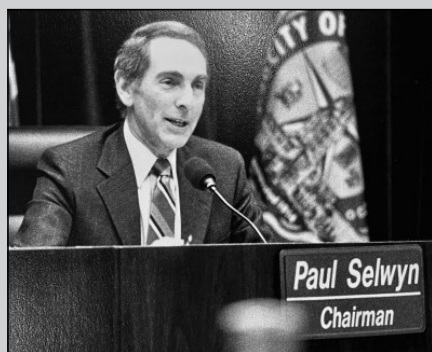
He attended El Rodeo, BHHS and UCLA. While at Beverly, he played on the tennis team, which went on to win the California State Championship his junior year. He continued playing tennis at UCLA and

later joined their cricket team. Paul enrolled in the NROTC and was stationed in the Philippines after graduating.

Once out of the Navy, he went to work in Hong Kong to learn about business. He was soon called back to California after his father suffered a heart attack. Paul took over his father's jewelry business, Pauling & Company, and turned it into a successful company with international sales.

While back in the U.S., Paul met his wife-to-be (Joan Gordon) on a blind date. Just six weeks after meeting, they were engaged, and six weeks later they eloped to Palm Springs where they began a 62-year marriage.

Joan and Paul traveled the world together and were rarely apart. They had countless adventures and enjoyed skiing, zip lining, skydiving, golfing and fishing. Somehow, they found time to raise two children, Marc Selwyn '78 and Laura Selwyn Wyatt '80.



Paul Selwyn '51 chaired the Beverly Hills Planning Commission

Giving back to the community was a theme throughout Paul's life. He was part of the original group that brought the LA Children's Museum to downtown Los Angeles and served as founding president. While living in Santa Barbara in the early 2000s,

he spent his decade there helping to launch MOXI (the Museum of Exploration and Innovation) and serving on the Board of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

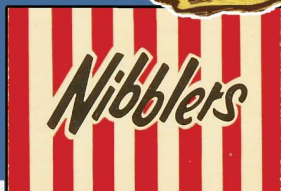
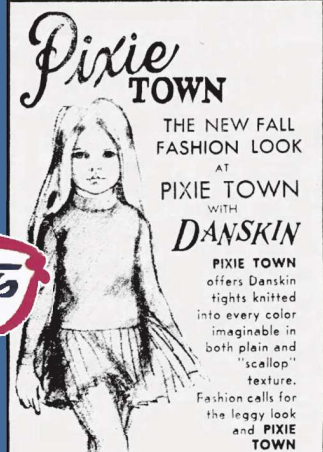
Returning to Beverly Hills, he set his sights on converting the old Beverly Hills Post Office into The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. With the help of other community members (including former Beverly Hills Mayor Vicki Reynolds '53) and



Marc Selwyn '78, Paul Selwyn '51, Joan Selwyn, Laura Selwyn Wyatt '80

after 19 years of tenacity and hard work, the curtain finally went up in 2013 as Paul watched with tears of joy in his eyes.

Paul served his beloved City of Beverly Hills on the Architectural Commission for four years and the Planning Commission for eight years. Paul left his mark on Beverly Hills with his vision, his ability to work with others and his optimistic outlook on life.

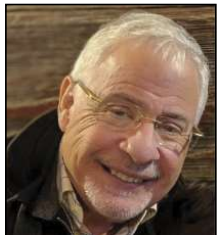


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Daniel A. Farkas '60, of Beverly Hills, passed away Feb. 8, 2023. Daniel graduated from USC for both his bachelor's and dental degrees and



had a dental practice in Montebello for nearly 50 years. He studied in Israel for a year between his undergrad and dental degree and earned his Associates degree in Jewish Studies at the (formerly known as) University of Judaism. Daniel was on the board of L.A. Hebrew High School throughout much of his adult life and was actively involved in the Jewish community, including in Israel

Bonds, the Jewish Federation, and the Technion. He was devoted to supporting Jewish education and the state of Israel. Daniel enjoyed seeing movies and musicals, as well as listening to cantorial music. He was also a gifted story and joke-teller. Daniel is survived by his wife Dalia, two daughters Ronit (Fred) and Keren (Philippe), four grandchildren, and his brothers Teddy '55 and David '60.



Miriam Kessler Warshaw '60, known to family and friends as Mimi, passed away Dec. 29, 2022

in the San Fernando Valley. She had been suffering for years with

Marlene Sudmin Zimmerman '50, artist



Marlene Sudmin Zimmerman '50

Marlene Sudmin Zimmerman '50, an acclaimed artist and lifelong Beverly Hills resident, passed away Jan. 15 at age 89.

A graduate of UCLA ('66) and member of the BHHS Alumni Hall of Fame, Marlene showed her work in exhibits from Los Angeles to New York to Zagreb, including at the Skirball Museum, the Downey Museum of Art, the San Bernardino County Art Museum, the Westwood Center of the Arts, the LA Craft and Folk Art Museum, the Museum of Tolerance, and the Museum of Women in the Arts.

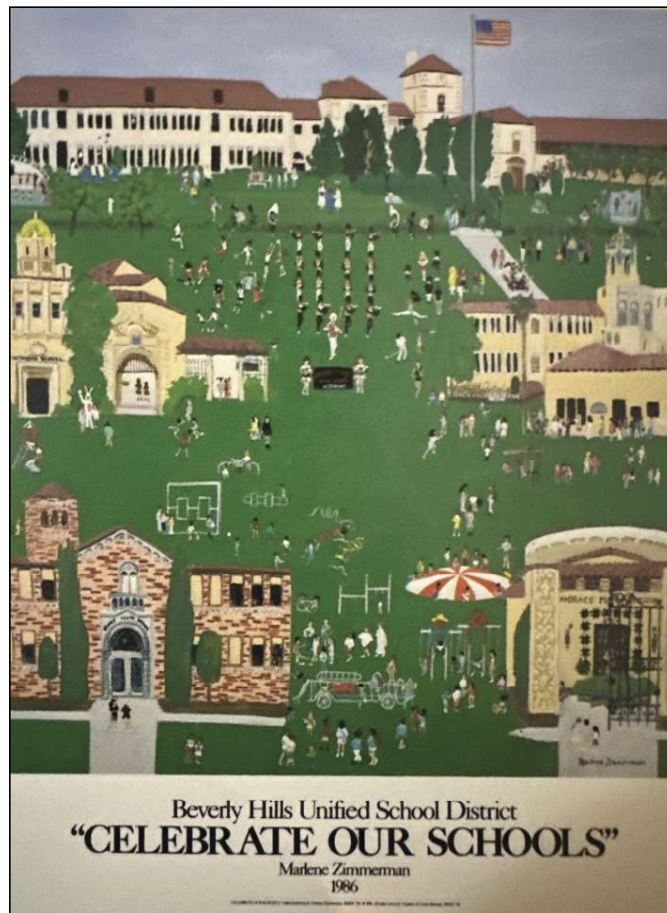
She has works in the permanent collections at the Skirball and at the Clinton Presidential Library. In 1999, a ceramic menorah that she created as a tribute to the historic Breed Street Shul in Los Angeles

was selected by Hillary Clinton to exhibit at the White House and led to an invitation to celebrate the holidays in Washington. The Clintons used the menorah in an Oval Office Hanukkah celebration, and the photo of that menorah lighting is shared each year by the Clintons to welcome in the holiday.

The National Women's Political Caucus published posters of two portraits she made of prominent women from American history.

Her art made her a constant presence in her hometown. Her portrait of major historical figures, *Their Presence was Felt*, was featured at the Beverly Hills public library for decades. Her painting of the Beverly Hills schools was used as the cover of the district directory for many years. She designed her 1980 work *Celebration of the Peoples of Los Angeles* specifically to highlight the diversity of her city, through small portraits of people from every national or ethnic group she could identify. She was a founding artist at the Beverly Hills Art Show (originally the Affaire in the Gardens), where her work was represented at every show, twice a year for 49 years.

She was recognized with many awards over her career, including winning first place out of 3,000 entries in the national Ladies Home Journal Grandma Moses Competition (1974), and being



Zimmerman's painting of Beverly Hills schools

honored at the Malibu Art Festival, the LA Street Scene, the Beverly Hills Art Show and the Santa Monica City Art Show. She earned the "Mayor's Purchase Award" at the Beverly Hills Art Show many times. In 2002, she was inducted into the BHHS Alumni Hall of Fame.

Marlene was preceded in death by Fred, her husband of 70 years, and is survived by her children,

Shelley Galant '73 (Jerome), Bonnie Zimmerman '75, Cindy Dubin '80 (Mark), and David Zimmerman '88 (Liz), and her grandchildren, Zachary Galant (Hilary), Sophie Galant, Jake Galant, Anya Zimmerman-Smith, Alex Dubin '09, Josh Dubin '11, Ellie Dubin '14, Ryan Dubin '20, Julia Zimmerman, Drew Zimmerman and Charlie Zimmerman.

Alzheimer's. Born in Seattle, she moved to Los Angeles in 1946 when her folks took their three children there to start a business, Rose Marie Reid swimsuits. By 1950 the Kesslers had moved to Beverly Hills, where Mimi attended El Rodeo and Beverly. At 18, after finishing her first year at UCLA, she married Michael Nissenson, a friend of her elder brother Rick, and they started a family. In the early 1970s, with three children—Margaret, Elaine and John—they divorced; in 1977 Mimi and her kids moved to Leucadia in North San Diego County, where they lived for three years in a house on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

She enjoyed her work at La Costa Crystal shop and at Hoehn Motors, a Mercedes Benz dealership where she was among the first women to sell cars. Her second marriage, to Henry Warshow in 1980, took her and her kids to New York City and a Park Avenue apartment where she remained with Henry, working as his personal assistant in his family textile business, H. Warshow & Sons, long after her children had returned to California. After Henry's death in 2015, she returned to California. She was conversant in Spanish and loved Mexico and Mexican food. She also loved animals, especially her dogs, and was a generous donor to the SPCA, as well as to the

Democratic Party, the ACLU and other human rights organizations. Her kindness and generosity were above all shared with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her youngest child, John. Her survivors include her daughters, Elaine Kates and Margaret Hayward; her stepchildren, Michal Bluestein, Douglas and Rebecca Warshow; her brothers, Bruce '54 (and his wife, Joan), Rick '57 and Stephen '64 Kessler; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Hellstrom '61, a 50-year resident of Camarillo, passed away Oct. 23, 2015. Born in Wisconsin, Jackie moved to Beverly Hills during her



high school years. She had a passion for horses and raised her own horse "Jester."

Animals

were always in her home including cats, dogs and a rabbit. She worked for Applied Industrial Technologies in Ventura for over 30 years before retiring in 2012. Upon retiring, Jackie enjoyed the excitement of the Chumash Casino, where she made many friends. Jackie was preceded in death by her husband Richard Hellstrom in 1978. She is survived by her daughter Kerry

Bassler '53, CSUN professor emeritus of art



Bob Bassler '53

Bob Bassler '53 passed away Aug. 29, 2022. He was an artist and professor emeritus of art at California State University, Northridge.

Bob was born in New York City and lived with his family in London in his early years. In the early 1940s, his mother and grandmother introduced him to drawing and watercolor painting. Family vacations at Lake Arrowhead imparted a strong appreciation for the natural world and a Christmas gift of an electric train sparked his fascination with building model environments.

Throughout his childhood and adolescence, Bob drew and painted at school and at home. He received increasing

recognition for his art and won a high school scholarship to attend Chouinard Art Institute.

He earned his B.A. at Bard College, where he discovered sculpture and studied with Professor Harvey Fite. He went on to earn his MFA at USC, studying sculpture with Merrell Gage and Harold Gebhardt, figure drawing with Francis deErdely, and painting with Edgar Ewing. During this time, he served six months obligatory reserve military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri acting as the company artist.

In the early 1960s, he shared a studio and living quarters in Altadena with sculptor George Baker and became a part-time sculpture instructor at Occidental College. He worked with metal and wood, emphasizing constructivist methods. He exhibited his work in various juried museum competitions and had his first solo exhibition at the Comara Gallery in Los Angeles, 1961.

In 1964, he married Occidental College art student Lynn Marie Allen. They moved to Encino where Bob built a

studio adjoining the house using recycled materials. That same year, he began teaching full time at San Fernando Valley State College, which became CSUN.

In the early 1970s, he took a one-year leave of absence and traveled to Europe where he exhibited his art and delivered lectures. In the 1980s, he organized CSUN Sculpture Park Associates to promote projects on campus and installed large-scale works on campus.

He also executed a proposal for the Peace Garden, Washington, D.C., in collaboration with artist David Feininger and landscape architect Steven Ormenyi. In the '90s, he was elected to an administrative role, coordinating the reorganization of CSUN's four Art Departments into a single entity.

With curator Sharon Emanuelli, he organized a 36-year survey exhibition, "Changing Light," for Fall 1997 and simultaneously presented a related solo exhibition at the Orlando Gallery.

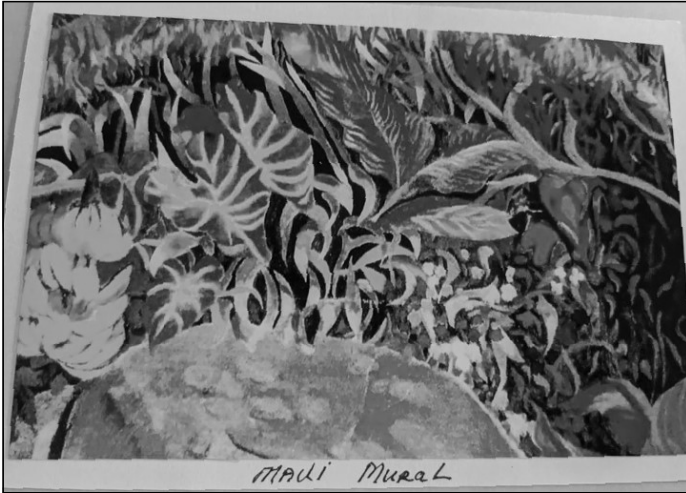
Bob retired from his CSUN teaching position in December 1997. In retirement, Bob's studio emphasis continued with

oil paintings based upon his photography. He collaborated with architect Craig Townsend to construct a new family home in Northridge that won an AIA Honors Award for the year of 2002.

In his 2015 Class Notes, Bassler noted, as Professor Emeritus of the Arts at CSUN, he served on the Dean's Circle for the College of Arts, Media and Communication. That position allowed him to work as an active consultant on a variety of issues, especially as they related to his longtime interest in the development of a sculpture park on the campus.

He also described his involvement as an elder with his Presbyterian Church, The Kirk O' The Valley, where he served as building and grounds consultant. He regularly took and shared many photos portraying the life and people of the church and created slide projections for the services. He was a baritone member of the Kirk choir for years, and regularly took voice lessons.

Bob's survivors include his wife, Lynn Bassler.



Maui Mural by Peggy Jo Heller Imhoff '62

Hellstrom and granddaughter Elida, of Camarillo, and her son Rick Hellstrom, wife Anne-Marie and grandchildren Brianne, Gunner and Hailee, of Simi Valley. Jackie's grandchildren were the light of her life.

Daniel Cytron '62 passed away April 25, 2022 due to metastatic cancer. Daniel attended Horace Mann, Beverly Vista and Beverly, where



he sang with his guitar in talent shows, was a member of the Chess Club and was instrumental in putting together the school-year footage in the Norman Newsreel. A talented artist, he created colorful abstract paintings as well as fine watercolors. He earned his MFA from Otis Art Institute and showed his work in various collections, galleries and museums. He had his own business, Fine Artist Color and Ink, and bridged analog to digital technology with cousin Len Horowitz at History of Recorded Sound. An eclectic guy, Daniel was also a sommelier at the Typhoon

Restaurant. He is survived by his sister Sally Cytron Gati '59, her husband Frank and their son David.

Peggy Jo Heller Imhoff '62, artist and photographer, passed away Sept. 3, 2021. Peggy was born in Cleveland and moved to Beverly Hills in 1954 where she attended Hawthorne, Beverly and thereafter UC Berkeley from 1962 to 1965.

P e g g y belonged to a sorority and was later chosen to be an "O s k i Doll," one of 40 official hostesses for UC

Berkeley. Upon graduation from Berkeley, Peggy attended The San Francisco Art Institute and worked with Ansel Adams in his photography laboratory. She subsequently went on to become a courtroom artist in the Patty Hearst trial while living in San Francisco and later painted many beautiful paintings and murals, among which included the Maui Mural displayed on the outside of a popular store in Maui (see photo).



Her artistic work brought her attention from Industrial Light & Magic when she was living in Marin County. She moved back to Los Angeles and later to Santa Monica. She was an active skier while spending part time in Aspen and thereafter she settled in Palm Desert with her two sons. Peggy is survived by her two sons Alexander and Tyler Imhoff who reside in Bermuda Dunes and her sister Carole Heller Solomon '59 of Los Angeles.

Jacob Sperber '64 passed away Sept. 10, 2022.

Jacob first attended El Rodeo, then Beverly Vista, and after graduating from BHHS, he attended



UC Berkeley, graduating in 1968 with a degree in sociology. After initially studying for a doctorate in that area, he attended medical school at Columbia University, where he completed a residency in psychiatry. He went on to become a specialist in substance use disorders, practicing privately, as well as in hospital settings in New York. He later became the director of the Psychiatry Residency Training Program at Nassau University Medical Center on Long Island, where he developed a devoted following of former trainees, as well as hundreds of patients who adored him. Throughout his career he fought for many who had become trapped in inadequate mental health care systems; and he frequently battled hospital, community, or regional bureaucrats who wouldn't or couldn't understand the complex needs of people with insufficient mental health care and support systems. Jacob also was an

'54 grad dedicated career to recording traditional Native American music



David (Tony) Isaacs '54

music, passed away suddenly on June 21, 2022.

Tony's love of traditional Native American music started when he was in a Boy Scout troop in California and was asked to learn and perform a Native American song. Cap-

David (Tony) Anton Isaacs '54, who focused his career on recording traditional Native American

tivated by this type of music he later moved to Anadarko, Okla., to further his self-guided education. He went to various universities to further his academic career, eventually settling in Taos, NM.

In 1966, Tony and his wife Ida founded Indian House Records, which earned a reputation as a label committed to respectful, selective, high-quality recordings of traditional Native American music.

In 1954, Tony made his first field recording of Oglala Lakota singers at the Flagstaff Powwow in Arizona. The Society for American Music selected Tony in 2009 as Honorary Member of the Year. Fellow members include compos-

er/musician John Cage, country singer Loretta Lynn, Bluegrass musician Bill Monroe and many others.

Tony was a selfless, loving father; a man who supported everyone he knew; and a beacon of kindness. He was buried beside his wife Ida Lujan Isaacs at Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo), NM.

Tony's survivors include his two sons, Gregory David Isaacs & Brian Santiago Isaacs; his brother, Jeffery Isaacs; and his sisters, Judy & Janice Lujan, Martha Oestreich, Dorothy De Laune & Leona "Pinky" Johnson.

accomplished musician, having played the clarinet and saxophone in the BHHS band and orchestra. He especially loved jazz. Jacob and his wife Linda spent many hours at jazz clubs with classmate Richard Quint '64 and his wife when they visited New York. Jacob also loved literature, art and engaging in conversations. Jacob is survived by his wife Linda Kenyon and his daughter Elizabeth.

Christopher Mentzell '65 passed away Nov. 20, 2021 in Los Angeles, where he lived for most of his life. Chris was a Westside residential realtor for many years and for the last several years he was with Rodeo Realty. Chris will be remembered for his sarcastic sense of humor, sharp mind, loyalty, work ethic and generosity. He was honest to a fault. Chris was preceded in death by his wife Gloria Herrera Mentzell who died in late 2020.

Jaclyn Eskin '68, of Fairfield, Conn., passed away March 22, 2022. Jaclyn was a graduate of Beverly High and UCLA and was a computer consultant. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Art Finkle; her daughters, Michelle Finkle and Dana Finkle and her husband Noah Gordon;

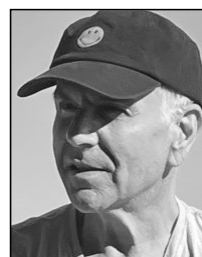
and her sister, Shelley Brass.

Terry D. Avchen '69 passed away March 13, 2022, with his wife Denise and son Brian by his side. A long-time resident of Beverly Hills, Terry attended El Rodeo and Beverly. He received his BA at UCLA, and was a 1978 graduate of UCLA Law School, where he was a member of Law Review, Moot Court and Phi Beta Kappa. Terry, a founding partner of the law firm Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen and Shapiro, is credited for building the firm's Environmental and Energy Department, recognized as "Tier 1" in the categories of Energy Law, Environmental Law and Natural Resources Law. For over four decades, Terry represented companies across the environmental and alternative energy spectrum. Terry will be remembered for his brilliant mind, indomitable charm, unrelenting loyalty and endless kindness. Family was his priority, and nothing made him happier than being in the presence of his wife and son. They were known for the countless parties they hosted in their backyard. Terry loved hiking in nature and traveling. Devoted to protecting and cleaning up the

environment, he was awarded an "AV Preeminent" rating. Since 2004, he was recognized among the Southern California Super Lawyers. Terry was honored in 2013 as a "Top Rated Lawyer" in Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources and continued working up until days before his death. Honored throughout his life for his passion for helping others, Terry and his wife Denise received founder's awards for both P.A.T.H. ("People Assisting the Homeless") in 1998 and New Roads School in 2011. In 2009, Terry and Denise also co-founded Environmental Research Advocates, a global nonprofit platform to fund research and education in cutting edge sustainable science. The nonprofit foundation has received wide acceptance at the United Nations, as well as at the Department of Energy. Terry is survived by his wife, Denise Avchen; his son, Brian Avchen; his mother, Sandy Avchen; and his sisters, Kathie Davis '74 and Patty Avchen '71. He was preceded in death by his father "Tex" Avchen and his brother Michael Avchen '68.

Brian Fields '80 passed away Oct. 11, 2022 in Oak Park. Brian's survivors include his wife of 28

years, Diana; adult children Daniella, Jake and K y r a ; mother Judith Feder;



brother Stacey Fields '78; sister-in-law Julie Fields; sister Karyn Silver '74; stepbrother Todd Feder; and stepsister Sherri Feder. Brian was a devoted dad who would do anything for his kids. He shared his feelings freely and was always ready for the next adventure. His family and friends were a huge part of his life. A sport fanatic at heart and a diehard Trojan, he would dissect every game, play by play, with his Phi Delt frat brothers. He loved the beach, history, gardening and hiking along the hills of Oak Park with the family dog, Mrs. Nuts. Brian was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Beverly, received his B.A. in History from USC in 1984 and his J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1988. He began his legal career as an associate attorney at Lynberg & Watkins in Los Angeles, before moving to an in-house counsel position at Thrifty Corporation. He subsequently

Miriam Berke Persoff '55, pioneering broadcast journalist and Beverly's first female class president



Miriam Berke Bjerre Persoff '55 passed away in 2021. Miriam was a pathbreaking woman broadcast journalist.

She was a reporter and subsequently, the first woman anchor and editorial director for KNX News Radio and a reporter for CBS television.

She received a Golden Mike award for excellence in broadcast news and a Sigma Delta Chi Award for excellence in professional journalism.

At Beverly, she was the first woman to be elected class president. She served as senior class president in the spring of 1955. She received a BA degree in Art History at Smith College and Master of Journalism from UCLA.

She married Mads Bjorn Bjerre and had two children, Carl and Ellen.

Miriam was happily remarried to restaurant owner Jon Persoff '53, whom she knew well when they were at Beverly, from 1982 until his death in 2010.

In later years, she volunteered as a docent at LACMA and attended film school at UCLA.

She made a bold PBS television documentary, *Out Loud*, chronicling an historic tour of Central Europe by the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles in the midst of the AIDS crisis.

In her later years, Miriam

lived in Olympia, Wash. and Eugene, Ore. near her adult children. She continued to connect with friends, enjoy her sewing hobby and keep up with the pulse of politics, with a smile on her face and a joke to be told on her lips.

Miriam is survived by her brother David Berke, son Carl Bjerre, daughter Ellen McKinley, granddaughter Davin McKinley, niece Molly O'Brien and nephew Zachary Berke. She was preceded in death by her sister Ruth Ellen O'Brien '60 and her husband Jon Persoff '53.

moved to biomedical company Alpha Therapeutic Corporation, before his appointment as Deputy General Counsel and Compliance Officer for Wellpoint/Anthem Insurance Company. Brian was subsequently appointed as General Counsel of Public Storage, followed by his position as General Counsel/EVP of Health Data Insights in Las Vegas. He returned to California when he became Deputy General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Privacy Officer for Healthnet Corporation. Most recently, Brian was Chief Compliance Officer for FFF Corporation in Temecula.

Anthony Kontzer '84 passed away Dec. 27, 2021. He was born in Los Angeles on Jan. 20, 1966 to Jo Ledner Kontzer '58 and Edward Kontzer. He is survived by



his parents; his brother, Greg '81; his sons, Jackson, Maxwell, and William; his stepchildren, Alexandra and Owen; one niece; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Tony received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1988, and returned to California where he lived the remainder of his life. He was an avid jazz saxophonist, playing at various San Jose jazz clubs. In 1992, he met his first wife, Roxann Cardinale, with whom he had his first son Jackson. Tony then worked for years as a journalist for

the *San Jose Business Journal* and the magazine *InformationWeek*, shifting into freelance work after the untimely death of his first wife. In 2008, Tony moved to Albany, Calif. where he met his second wife, Sarah Erwin, with whom he had his sons Maxwell and William. The family moved to Grass Valley to experience a more rural lifestyle, where he pursued his interest in carpentry. Tony was a modern renaissance man and a conversationalist of the first order. He loved to entertain, playing sax while visiting many countries both in Europe and Asia, and creating many family favorite culinary delights. He was also a huge sports fan, never hiding his love for the Patriots, White Sox, and 76ers. Tony made the best of the all-too short time he had. His close and

loving family is heartbroken by his untimely death.

William "Billy" Miller '86 passed away Feb. 14, 2022 in Lake Arrowhead, Calif. after a brief illness. Billy attended UNLV and quickly moved into the casino world. He worked as a casino host and in other executive positions, most notably for Caesars Palace, The Mirage, and MGM Grand. He was an adventurer and traveled the globe looking for mountains to scale and summit. He reached the top of many including Mount Everest and Mount Kilimanjaro, the world's largest free-standing mountain at 19,340 feet. He made friends wherever he traveled and was able to visit his beloved Nepal one last time in December 2021. Miller loved horse racing. His mother and father, Susan and Gary Hallman, operated the successful Winning Ways Stable from the late 1970s into the 2000s. His brother Peter Miller '84 has been a leading trainer on the Southern California circuit for many years. Billy's survivors include his mother, Susan; brothers, Peter and Joe; sister, Elizabeth; stepsister, Kim; and stepbrother, Jason.

Clifford Timsit '88 passed away Sept. 23, 2022. Cliff was a husband, father of three and grandfather of one.

Turbow, M.D. '57, oncologist and expert on end-of-life issues



Myron (Mike) Turbow, M.D. '57

Myron (Mike) Turbow, M.D. '57 passed away Feb. 3, 2022, of T-cell lymphoma. He was known affectionately by family and friends as "Tubby" (Grandpa Tubby, Uncle Tubby, Doctor Tubby), a nickname he acquired as a child, which he relished as a term of endearment.

He was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Beverly, Stanford University, and UCSF Medical School. He met his wife Ellen when they were Stanford undergraduates at Stanford-in-Germany in 1960; they were married in 1963. Their shared

experience abroad led to a lifelong love of travel. Of their far-flung trips around the globe, Mike's favorite was rafting through the Grand Canyon down the Colorado River, a "spiritual experience" he repeated three times.

Mike practiced oncology for more than 40 years, treating patients with cancer and helping them and their families come to terms with this disease. Ironically, he contracted a rare cancer for which treatment is rarely successful.

Mike was passionate about many things, three of which stand out: First, his love for the traditions of Judaism and the importance of passing them to the next generation.

Second, education about the process of death and dying, and the impact of dementia on families. He spoke widely on end-of-life issues and was a successful advocate for the passage of the End of Life Option Act in California. He was the founder of California Cancer Care in San Mateo. Concurrent

with his medical practice, he was also medical director of Pathways Hospice and medical consultant to Bay Area Cancer Connections.

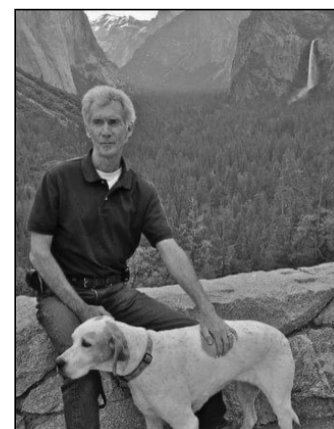
Finally, his third passion was his love for his second home—his "little corner of paradise"—in Carmel, which went hand in hand with the maintenance and preservation of Carmel River State Beach.

Mike spoke to many audiences about medical aid in dying, citing his own philosophy: "If I can't be me, I don't want to be." He practiced what he preached, and chose to utilize medical aid in dying before lymphoma could strip him of the elements he found essential to a life well lived.

Mike was preceded in death by his son, Matthew. He is survived by Ellen, his wife of 58 years; his son Jason; his daughter-in-law Laura; his two grandchildren; his sister Jackie Gottlieb '50; and brother Sherwyn Turbow '53.

Retired Faculty

Craig Davis '63, longtime Hawthorne faculty member who



Rhoda Sharp, longtime BHHS faculty member & Beverly Hills ambassador

Longtime Beverly High faculty member Rhoda Sharp passed away July 21, 2022. The Beverly Hills flag was lowered at half-staff in her honor. Rhoda was a Beverly Hills resident for over 50 years. She worked at Beverly High for 28 years where she created the Regional Occupation Program. She was an active member of the Rotary Club and chair of the Human Relations Commission. She was married to her late husband Dr. Jim Sharp for almost 30 years and was the proud mother to sons Roger Hyman '79 and Robert Hyman.

In a February 2022 interview with *Beverly Hills Weekly* she was asked about her former students. She replied:

“[Television Producer] Andrew Glassman [’85] was one. He went on to work for NBC. Daryn Kagan [’81 went on to work for CNN as an anchor]. And [men’s clothing retailer] John Carroll [’83]. He was such a perfect kid. He never did anything wrong. The bulk of [my students] did go into television, newscasting, [and] news programming.

“Many years ago this lovely young man with long flowing hair, dressed in his band uniform—he was the leader—would come into my office once weekly to turn in his work, always perfect and he was always so polite and pleasant; we bonded. Seniors Awards Night was always exciting because obviously, the kids did not know who would win the awards. My mother [Lillian Jacobsen] had recently passed away, so as a tribute to her, I established a memorial award in her honor and the counselors selected the honoree. I was so thrilled that your publisher for this newspaper [and BHHS

Alumni Association president] won the first year, Josh Gross [’91].”

In July, her former students and colleagues shared their favorite memories with the *Weekly*:

“...You always knew where you stood with Rhoda. If she loved you, she made you feel like you were the most lovable person on the planet, but if she didn’t like something, you’d know it beyond a shadow of a doubt. We would debate each other as to who loved who more. She had the biggest heart, kindest soul, and was a marshmallow inside. I am forever changed by the bond she and I shared. I know that I will continue to hear her ‘Rhoda-isms’ advice in my head and heart forever.”

– **Lili Bosse ’79,**
Beverly Hills Mayor

“Rhoda Sharp was a treasured member of the Beverly Hills school staff. Through her efforts, she built bridges to the community that brought a new dimension to the school curriculum for the benefit of our students. Rhoda knew countless people in this city she loved which enabled her to place generations of students into internships and work experiences. This program gave our students the opportunity to explore potential career options. It was a program that touched and shaped their lives. ... As her principal and superintendent of schools, I have no doubt that her success was built on her personal philosophy of life which put simply was ‘kindness and caring matter.’ Dear Rhoda, as personal friends, Marilyn and I will miss you and know that your legacy and good deeds will live on through the achievements and success of your students.”

– **Sol Levine, former BHUSD**
superintendent

“I can’t tell you how much she did for me in high school and what an impact she made. I doubt I would be a doctor if it weren’t for her! May her memory be a blessing.”

– **Kimberly**
Klausner, M.D.
’87, pediatrician

“... Rhoda was my high school counselor. I was lucky enough to have my last name begin with a ‘C’ which slotted me into her domain. She gave invaluable advice along with kindness and a sense of humor which was often lacking with many of my high school teachers. We connected again later in life as she frequented our family business, Carroll & Company. She always said I was her favorite student. Now, I’m sure she has said this a number of times about a number of students, but she never stopped. She would tell the employees in the store each time she came in. A few customers heard about it. My wife, of course. My kids one day, when she happened to be shopping—‘oh, if you could only grow up to be just like your father.’ Even my mother got pulled aside one day for a little chat with Rhoda. If I was indeed her favorite, or even one of them, I feel honored. We’ve lost a great ambassador for Beverly Hills. She will be missed and remembered by many.”

– **John Carroll ’83**

“... I met Rhoda in 1995 when I was a first-year [science] teacher at Beverly. She immediately provided lots of advice on who to date, where to go, how to navigate Beverly, how to improve teaching ... it was all full of love and caring.



She was an integral part of the amazing leadership team of Principal Ben Bushman, Assistant Principal Rick Munitz, Tanis Harris and Chuck Kloes with Head Counselor Vivian Saatjian-Green. She connected generations of BHHS students, families and staff. She had unparalleled passion and energy. She was a true Norman through and through.”

– **Dan Stepenosky, Las**
Virgenes Unified School
District superintendent and
former BHHS principal

“Rhoda Sharp has been a true friend and mentor through the years. Rhoda Sharp cared for her students as a mother, offering guidance and sharing her wisdom to guide her students and give them wings to soar. She was a true advocate for her students, and truly cared for them, and the future of the community. As a Rotarian, she deeply cared for making the world a better place. It is truly the end of an era. I feel so lucky to have called Rhoda my teacher, my mentor, and my true friend.”

– **Jennifer Chadorch**
Yadidi ’96

taught math and computers, has passed away. His survivors include his wife Lisa.

Cheryl Katz, beloved former math teacher at Horace Mann, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 8, 2023.



In addition to her uncanny math skills, Cheryl loved to dance and sing, was a talented artist, played piano and was a downhill skier. Bump into one of Cheryl's former students and you're likely to hear that she was like a mother to them. If students were having problems at home, trouble adjusting to becoming a teenager, or feeling lost, Mrs. Katz always had an open door, broad shoulders on which to lean, and sympathetic and encouraging words to help support her students. She is survived by her brother Stu Masters and his family. The Alumni Association donated to Katz's scholarship, and we encourage other alumni to do the same.

Nancy Radin, retired BHHS drama teacher, passed away in 2022 after a courageous 20-year

battle with breast cancer.

Her son Josh and daughter Dani wrote: "She was surrounded by family in her final days and was the definition of a fighter. She was an amazing mom, the best grandmother our kids could ever ask for, a devoted sister, aunt and friend..."

Dr. David Reinstein, who served as principal of Beverly Vista from 1982 to 1988, passed away Sept. 17, 2020. He was 89. He was born in the Bronx. He met



his future wife Phyllis Jacobowitz when they were teenagers, and they were married on July 4, 1955. The sparkle and sizzle never left their marriage, which lasted for 65 years. They moved out to California in 1958, settling in the San Fernando Valley. David was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a Corporal in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and earning a



Remembering Leah Stephanie Newman '06



In January, Leah Stephanie Newman's family and friends, community members, and BHUSD administrators and staff gathered at Beverly to dedicate a bench in celebration of her life. Pictured above are Leah's mother, Cindy Newman, and her daughter, Beatrice Violet. Leah passed away Nov. 24, 2021.

Good Conduct Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. After his honorable discharge, David began a long and distinguished career in education. He was a junior high school teacher and an administrator in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and an administrator at both the school and the district levels in the Beverly Hills Unified School District. As the director of Camp Runaround, based out of a Jewish Community Center in West Los Angeles, David provided enthusiastic teenagers a chance to experience the culture

of the city through visits to various venues, as well as the chance to admire the beauty of nature and develop cherished friendships. After his retirement, David supervised student teachers at California Lutheran University. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, sons Alan and Gary Reinstein, and grandson Matthew.

Rachael Zanka, a longtime member of the Horace Mann faculty, passed away April 20, 2022 in Orange County, Calif. Her survivors include her sister Bobbie Bertelsen, who writes: "She loved teaching and she cared deeply for all her students. You all brought her a great deal of happiness. Thank you for recognizing her."

Thanks to Don Rosen '82 for calling our attention to some of these obituaries.

In Memoriam

There was limited or no information provided regarding the Normans listed who have passed away:

Doris Schneider Soghor '49
Robert Perel '57
Wendy Capen Allen '69

Stuart Newmark '69
Nancy Siebuhr Littell '72
David S. Lubin '73
Craig Gordon '74
Bill Stoller '74
Jack Turton '74
Christopher Brandt '01

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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.

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ALCATRAZ ADVENTURE

'78 grads escape Alcatraz with coaches Douglas and Kloes

The last time Greg Nelson '78 and Alex Schroeder '78 visited Mike Richman '78 at his home in Marin County just north of the Golden Gate Bridge was on July 22, 2018. On that Sunday morning, the trio did not drive over the bridge but swam the 1.7 miles under it in 57-degree choppy water in less than 45 minutes.

Two and half years later, Mike drove down to the Rose Bowl to watch some UCLA football with Coach Dick Douglas, who played on the UCLA water polo team. It was here that Mike eagerly exalted his San Francisco Bay Area swimming abilities to his former coach.

Coach Douglas was famous for encouraging his swimmers with his catch phrase "That's Dogmeat." Many of his swimmers and water polo players would not only compete at NCAA Division 1 schools but also go on to the Olympics.

Most readers know him as the Montecito Union District superintendent and as the interim superintendent of BHUSD where he had to refrain from his phrase "That's Dogmeat" and encourage the school board in a civilized manner while wearing a suit and tie, leaving the casual gym clothes behind.

At the Rose Bowl, Mike told Coach Douglas, "I have an idea: You should swim the San Francisco Bay with us." Within a few weeks it was agreed Coach Douglas and Mike would enter the Escape from Alcatraz swim/run event on Aug. 20, 2022. This time it would be a 1.5-mile swim, then a 7-mile run to and from the Golden Gate Bridge back to the marina.

Mike recruited other BHHS alumni to swim and support Douglas in his quest. Alex and Greg would join Mike and Coach Douglas in the water, while Larry Lotwin '78 and Aaron Schechter



Greg Nelson '78, Coach Dick Douglas, Coach Chuck Kloes, Larry Lotwin '78, Aaron Schechter '78, Mike Richman '78, Alex Schroeder '78



Above left: Coach Dick Douglas, Mike Richman '78, Greg Nelson '78. Above right: Alex Schroeder '78



'78 would be his land cheerleaders. Douglas would bring his own inspiration in his wife

Sheila, Coach Chuck Kloes (McCarthy Lifetime Achievement award *Cont. on p. 49*



Coach Dick Douglas

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