

Alumni Gazette

By Martin Snapp, J.D. '72

On June 25, **Frank Ng** and **Eric Yang**, of Ourgame, a Beijing-based social gaming company, held a joint press conference in Beijing with **Adam Pliska**, CEO and

president of the Irvine-based World Poker Tour, to announce a \$35 million deal for Ourgame to purchase the WPT.

As they were sitting at the table waiting for the press conference to begin, they started chatting. They looked at each other and said in amazement, "Wow! You went to Cal, too?"

Unbeknownst to each other, they were all Old Blues. Ourgame CEO Frank got his B.S. from the Haas School of Business in 1992, and company chairman Eric earned a B.S. in electrical engineering and computer sciences in 1994. Their company has more than 500 million registered users. Adam, whose WPT hosts and broadcasts poker tournaments across the world, got his J.D. from Boalt Hall in 1999.

"It was so funny!" says Frank. "When we realized we were all from Cal, we said, 'Oh my gosh! We've got to do something about it!'" The opportunity came three days later, when they shot the publicity photos for the announcement.

"We decided to wear Cal gear for the shoot, so I called a friend of mine back in Berkeley and said, 'Get over to campus

as fast as you can and buy everything with 'Cal' on it that you can find!'" And his friend did: T-shirts, sweatshirts, pennants, decals, mugs, baseball caps—the works.

"But there was still a problem," Eric says. "FedEx couldn't guarantee it would be able to get the stuff to Beijing in time for the shoot. So we

thinking about your role in society and how things should be changed. As one of my professors at Boalt told me, 'You're not here to learn how to pass the Bar; you're here to learn how to understand the law and how it impacts society.'"

And they all return as often as they can.

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bought Frank's friend an airline ticket and had him fly the gear from San Francisco to Beijing personally."

But they all say their alma mater means much more to them than just a cool photo op.

"The biggest thing I got from Cal was to think outside the box," says Frank. "The Berkeley environment is very open and creative, and I carried that DNA with me to work."

"Me too," agrees Eric. "Anything goes. Nothing is off limits."

"Berkeley is not about 'OK, now I have a degree and now I have to cash in my chips,'" adds Adam. "It's about

"Every time I go back to the Bay Area, which is about once a year, I always go back to campus with my kids," says Frank. "And every time, I think 'Gee, I wish I could be back in school for a month or two.' That campus feeling is something I really, really, truly miss."



Congratulations to Berkeley Mayor **Tom Bates '61** and his wife, State Senator Loni Hancock, who will celebrate their

29th anniversary this November. But on what day?

"We got married on November 9, 1986, the Sunday after she won her first election as mayor," he explains. "I think we should celebrate on November 9, but she thinks we should celebrate on the first Sunday after the first Tuesday in November, in honor of her election. So we resorted to the politician's best friend—the compromise. In even years we celebrate on her date, and in odd years we celebrate on mine."

For three decades, Tom and Loni have been the East Bay's preeminent power couple. In the early years she had his current job, serving as Berkeley's mayor from 1986 to 1994, and he had hers in the state legislature from 1976 to 1996.

In 1994 Loni joined the Clinton administration, and Tom was termed out of the legislature two years later. And that was the end of their careers in elected office—or so they thought. In September 2001, while vacationing in Italy, they got an urgent summons from their supporters back in Berkeley saying Loni was desperately needed to come back ASAP and run for Tom's old seat in Sacramento, and Tom would be needed to run for Loni's old office in City Hall.

"We headed to Milan and booked our tickets, then we went to dinner," he said. "When we got back from the restaurant, we were told, 'Something awful has happened. Somebody flew some airplanes into a building.' So it was several days before Loni was able to get a flight back to the states, and another week before I was able to join her."

They finally made it back, won their respective elections, and have been reelected by a respectable margin every four years since then. Tom, who was the youngest person ever to serve as Alameda County Supervisor when he won his first election in 1972, is now the oldest person ever elected as Mayor of Berkeley. He's also the longest-serving mayor in the city's history, with 14 years under his belt and counting. But he's never taken a penny in salary.

"I had a choice: I could take my pension from my 20 years in the legislature, or I could take my mayor's salary, but not both," he explains. "I chose the pension."

So whenever he makes a tough decision or casts a tie-breaking vote at a City Council meeting, he always quips, "Well, that's what they're not paying me the big bucks for!"

As county supervisor, Tom worked to save agricultural land, funneled federal funds to community organizations, and—to the horror of the John Birch Society—introduced fluoride into the East Bay water system.

In the state legislature, he passed legislation for civil rights, the environment, children and families, and transit villages, as well as the first

legislation in the country to legalize home brewing and brewpubs.

As Berkeley's mayor, he established the David Brower Center, the Ed Roberts Campus for the disabled, and—the project closest to his heart—the sports fields (which his colleagues named after him) at the foot of Gilman Street, in the Eastshore State Park.

"Only Tom could have done it," says former City Councilman **Gordon Wozniak '66, Ph.D. '74**, who served with Tom from 2002 to 2014. "Only he had the contacts and the temperament to convince five different cities to work together to create these fields. He bumped into a lot of walls, but he made it happen. We could have spent the next decade doing it, but Tom did it in four years. It's a great facility to have as a mayor."

But it's all going to come to an end next year, when Loni is termed out of the legislature. Although Tom could easily win reelection, he has decided to call it a career, too, and they can finally enjoy that long-delayed retirement. Which means they'll probably be busier than ever, including leading a drive to restore the historic old Berkeley City Hall and Veteran's Building.

In addition to his political career, Tom can claim another distinction: He was the starting right end (in those days, players played on both offense

and defense) on the 1959 football team, the last Golden Bears squad to go to the Rose Bowl. He says he still holds the school record for most fumbles recovered in a season—11 in 10 games—although his line coach, John Ralston, used to joke, "Yeah, but most of them were your own." (Which wasn't true but still makes a funny line that Tom loves to repeat.)

Although he downplays his athletic abilities—"I was small but slow"—his teammates say he played an important role in motivating them to victory.

"I was sitting next to him on the flight down to Los Angeles to play USC," recalls left guard/linebacker **Pete Domoto '60**. "Our team was still basking in the glory of decisive victories over Utah and Washington State the previous two Saturdays. Tom was thumbing through the in-flight magazine and quietly pointed to an ad for the 1959 Tournament of Roses. We didn't say anything; we simply looked at the magazine and chuckled. It was a typical example of Tom's ability to dream, his optimism and confidence ... and his sense of humor."

Not all of them share his liberal politics, and more than a few scratch their heads whenever he clashes with the University administration over town/gown issues. But they all have his back.

"I've been a Republican most of my life, but I still support my teammate," says tight end/defensive end **Bob Duey '61**. "Blue and Gold is more important than blue state/red state."

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Class Notes

Class Reunions

Details are included in your class's section.

Class of '50 Planning for Nov. 20

Class of '54 Picnic Oct. 3

Class of '56 Planning for 2016

Class of '61 Planning now for 2016

Class of '68 Quarterly gatherings on Sept. 19 & Dec. 5

44 Our last HURRAH! provided by the University and the Cal Alumni Association was first-class from start to finish. The driveway was festooned with blue and gold balloons, and a huge arch of balloons bore a large '44 at the top. Inside the Garden Room on the Clark Kerr campus a "crew" of young Bears were helpful, kind, and attentive. We had an hour to socialize before lunch was served. It was impressive to have a provost, the ASUC president, and Jefferson Coombs, executive director of CAA, actually have lunch with us and stay for a visit. Entertainment was provided by the Men's Octet; Oski made an appearance, and was followed by a contingent of the Cal Band and the Oski Dolls, who helped to lead us in song. More than one of us had teary eyes. It was thought that our 65th reunion was our last, but the 70th was a delightful surprise for us by the University and CAA. We were pleased and grateful. Although it was a happy event in every way, there was ineffable sadness in knowing, except for meeting on these pages, it was our last reunion.

After five years in the writing, **Tom Allen** has published *Growing Up in the Santa Clara Valley: From Picking Prunes, to the Submarine Service*, an autobiographical work. Tom and his wife, Patricia '46, have lived for 63 years in the same house near UC Davis, where he teaches chemistry. They enjoy their 4 children, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. **Jack Hofmann** and Molly Macdonough Hofmann '49 recently flew to Moscow, ID, by way of Seattle, for graduations of two grandchildren. Jack continues to commute almost daily from Belvedere to his San Francisco office. **Fran Allen** is relaxing at his second home in Borrego Springs, after shipping off his latest herd to market from his 30,000-acre Oregon ranch. He feels this rest period is an important part of the cattle business. Former Napa Assemblyman **John Dunlap** recently enjoyed a conducted tour of Holland and Belgium. He was surprised at how much walking was involved. He still competes in the Napa Bocce League.

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50 Class President **Roger Thompson**, along with a hard-working committee, announced final plans for our 65th Reunion. It is to be held (as our tradition dictates) the day before the Big Game: Friday, Nov 20. The reunion will be at the Claremont Country Club, where rooms for a special luncheon have been reserved. Please plan to attend and mingle with classmates one more time! The University is providing help. Want more details? Please contact the University or Class Secretaries.

Congratulations to **Bill Wooley** and lovely Gini on their 60th wedding anniversary, celebrated in San Miguel de Allende.

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52 **Mary Lou (Willis) Berg** continues in the ophthalmology practice in Berkeley where she has worked for over 30 years. **Bonnie (Ritzenthaler) Wilson** lives in LaJolla and keeps her law license current; she occasionally assists her son with his practice. **Eileen (Flaherty) Vohs** returned from a trip to Holland to view the tulips, and left soon after with her husband, **Jim**, for New Orleans to see the World War II Museum there. **Russ Levikov**, Cal Crew in the Ky Ebright era, informs us that crew is the oldest collegiate sport in the U.S. In April, Cal's women and men's crews rowed in the 104th annual competition, and won in all categories. **Betty (Weaver) Glazier** wrote about the joy of watching children and grandchildren grow and achieve multiple advanced degrees. Her immigrant parents reached the equivalent of eighth grade. She expressed her gratitude for all Cal has given her. I think she speaks for all of us.

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53 For our 50th Reunion we erected our Gateway at the south end of the semicircle drive. Both the Gift Committee and University architect felt that a matching gate at the north end of the semicircle would enhance the west entry to campus. The cost has risen sharply to \$500,000, so to proceed

with this project we need committed donors now. If you can help, contact Class Secretaries Beth Mott or Ollie White, as soon as possible.

Gordon Phillips received his M.A. in history from Sonoma State University in May after practicing law for 40 years. He served three terms as the city attorney of Redondo Beach, and taught in China for four years.

Bios gleaned from our 65th Reunion: **Grete (Lindeke) Egan** followed the fine arts path as a member of the Walnut Creek Arts Commission. She and her husband, Cliff '52, started the Diablo Theatre Company 54 years ago and are still on the board. Following her Cal degree **Pilar (Cartan) Geis** obtained an M.A. from SFU and taught at CCSF. Her art has won 2nd Prize at the Monterey Jazz Festival Art Show. She is very active in the Commonwealth Club. After obtaining an M.A. in school administration/special education from Furman University, **Sally (Mcdowell) Jess** retired as secondary school principal and faculty member of St. Mary's College. She was also the Learning Disabilities Consultant for the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation. Following 3 years as a Naval officer on a destroyer and 20 years in the Naval Reserve, **John Jess** retired as a LCDR. Along the way he obtained an M.A. in management from the Claremont Graduate University and was a chemist and consultant for wineries and environmental companies and general manager of a San Jose winery. **Chip Wray** received a teaching credential from SFSU after serving in the Army. He retired after 20 years in the Army Reserve.

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54 We're planning a picnic at our Gate during the kick-off this fall, on Oct. 3! Time, cost of game tickets, and lunch will arrive soon! If you couldn't make our 60th Reunion last year, come this year for all the campus Homecoming events. Meet us at the 1954 Gate on Northside, at Hearst and Euclid. Golf carts with student drivers are available to take you anywhere on campus. Contact either Class Secretary with questions.

A recent letter from Chancellor Dirks informed us that our projected \$600,000 gift was a little short, but by the end of last year we made up the deficit and then some. The grand total is \$847,990—give yourselves Blue and Gold pats on the back!

Our 1954 Scholarship Student, **Robert Guzman**, who graduated in June, sent the following note: "I would like to thank you for your kindness and support during my time here at Cal. You have given me

the opportunity to be the first in my family to graduate from a university, and to make my fundraising goals come true. It is a bittersweet moment as I write my last letter to you as a Cal student; but now I am embarking on my new journey as an alumnus. I can only hope to be as significant to and as much impact on people as you have done with me. Once again, thank you for your support.”

We also inducted two new Classmates into our Class of 1954 Hall of Fame: **Leo J. Pircher** and **Thomas B. Dutton**. Leo founded Pircher, Nichols and Meeks in Los Angeles and Chicago, one of the country's premier real estate law firms. He has received the Trustees' Citation for his service on the Boalt Hall Alumni Association board. In 2005 he helped establish the Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy. Leo and his wife Nina '64 have been recognized as Builders of Berkeley and Builders of Boalt for their philanthropy.

Tom combined a rare gift for athletics and academics, receiving Academic All-America Team honors as starting guard on the 1953 squad and a Lifetime Achievement in the field of education. Tom spent 21 years as Vice Chancellor at UC Davis, where he built one of the country's most comprehensive and successful student affairs programs.

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55 Fred Brenner retired last December after 56 years in international commercial banking. He and his wife, Mary, have lived in Miami for 44 years. Their two children and four grandchildren keep them young, happy, and amused. **Gwen Whiteford Regalia** retired after 21 years on Walnut Creek's City Council, including five terms as Mayor. She also served for 19 years on the board of the Association of Bay Area Governments, including 2 years as president. She and her husband of 59 years, Edmund L. Regalia '52, have four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

We held our very successful 60th Reunion in the University Club in Memorial Stadium, with a lunch on April 17, almost 60 years to the day since our graduation ceremony in the original Memorial Stadium! Nearly 150 classmates attended. We saw the Linebacker Room, which our class donated as part of our 50th Reunion Gift in honor of classmate, All American **Matt Hazeltine**. We saw all the facilities and current football coach, Sonny Dykes, who spoke with us. The Cal Band entertained us and lunch followed, with a Welcome by event co-chairs **Bob Leslie** and **Rosemary (Meehan) Mein**. Mick Hellman, son of **Warren Hellman**, spoke for his family, in appreciation for our tribute to his father. Our 60th Reunion Gift is to establish a CAA TAAP Scholarship in Warren's name. Our last speaker was Pedro Espinoza from Peru, a delightful young man,

who someday hopes to be President of Peru. He won the CAA Leadership Scholarship that was our 45th Reunion Gift. We finished the lunch by singing "Hail to California," led by **Mary (Aulwum) Dresel**. A big thank you to our wonderful committee and all of you who attended. A special thanks to **Gerry and Clark Wallace** for the lovely decorations, replicas of items seen from the University Club.

On a final note, **Lila (Sankowich) Rich** and **Ron Kaufman**, co-chairs of the fundraiser, would love to see your name on the 60th Reunion Honor Roll of Donors. It is not too late! If you would like to donate, please contact Lynn Nakada at University Relations by emailing lynnnakada@berkeley.edu.

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56 Carlos Cortes's four-volume *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia* has been published by Sage. He also just completed his first novel and first book of poetry. **Bill Floyd**, our great Class Gift chair, was presented with a Wheeler Oak Meritorious Award at UC Berkeley's Foundation Awards program in May. **Peter Van Houten** received a Trustees' Citation during the Foundation Awards program. **Sharon White Lyons** and husband are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year! Our class will be celebrating our 60th reunion in 2016. Please send me your memories of your time on campus. Perhaps it was of a class, a professor, a sports event, an adventure, or coffee at Jules. Your classmates would love to hear from you. The Reunion and Gift Committees need your input so please volunteer if able. It will not take much time and email meetings are easy to attend. Let me know!

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58 Albert T. Chandler writes that he left Berkeley in June 1969 to move to Bangkok for two years but stayed on. He's had a fun journey with his business law practice that covers Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar. Daughter Kim won gold in the U.S. Special Olympics in 2014. Children Nima and Siri are working in Bangkok, and daughter Virginia completed a two-year posting in Mongolia with the Peace Corps. Daughter Sierra is with BBC America in NYC. He is looking forward to visiting Cuba in June, having spent time in sanctioned countries Vietnam and Myanmar. Wife, Susan, retires this month after 41 years teaching middle school math and science.

Merrill Bobele informs us "after 38 years living in El Granada on the San Mateo Coast, Joanne and I moved last year to San Diego. We downsized from a big two-story to a condo half the size. Since I am a collector, it was no

small job. Fortunately, Joanne and friends forced me to give up some treasures. Our daughter Heidi died over two years ago, and we needed a fresh start. Our oldest son, wife and two granddaughters live in Maryland; and the youngest son, wife and two grandsons live in Australia. So they remain about the same distance away." Merrill asked if there is planning for a 60th reunion and yes, rumor has it that the usual cast of planners is working on it! Please, all you great '58s, let's hear from you!
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61 While many of us are getting new body parts, downsizing residences, and filling out another row of descendants on the family tree, some are exploring new places and writing books. We will have a lot to discuss at our 55th reunion in 2016. To see what is being planned visit the website www.kaneprod.com/Classof61.

After 20 years of writing, **Frances Fong (Gim) Chin** published her book, *Lemon Drops: A Bittersweet Memoir*. Her book is packed with memories of her childhood and her four years at Cal. Frances has moved to Rossmoor to be closer to friends and family. **Roland Gangloff** is living in Sonoma with his wife, Judy '65. He's spent years writing *Dinosaurs under the Aurora*, which explains his findings from many years studying dinosaurs in Alaska. (How many other classmates have a species named for them? See *Alaskacephale gangloffii*.) **Jim Stonehouse** recently returned from a Crystal Symphony Cruise from Hong Kong to Vancouver. On the cruise, Senator Alan Simpson and Congressman Norman Mineta '53 spoke.

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65 Stanley F. Schmidt has just had his 54th book published (Polkadotpublishing.com). His *Life of Fred* math series begins with arithmetic, going through a college calculus and three upper-division math books. There are four *Life of Fred* language arts books, a chemistry textbook, and a book of 104 illustrated prayers. He wrote and produced five years of weekly public-access TV programming. Videos of many of his 36 Sunday sermons are at Stanleyschmidt.com. He has planted 139 fruit trees at his Reno home. Stan can be reached at stanpizza@yahoo.com.
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66 Oskar Gruenwald continues to thrive as an independent scholar, author, and consultant in interdisciplinary studies and the philosophy of science and religion. He is editor of the *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, published by Institute

for Interdisciplinary Research. Oskar is organizing a symposium in Pasadena this August. **Daniel Victor** is the author of yet another Sherlock Holmes pastiche, *Sherlock Holmes and the Baron of Brede Place*, which will be published Sept. 30. Dan is also contributing a short story to an anthology titled *The MX Book of New Sherlock Holmes Stories*, also to be published in September. He is proud to report that his older son just graduated from Cal and has already joined the alumni association.
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68 Alums and friends, join in the '68 Quarterly Gatherings! The June Quarterly Gathering was held in the South Bay on June 13, attended by Cal alumni from several class years. Professor Bruce Cain shared an overview of his recently released book *Democracy More or Less: America's Political Reform Quandary*. The next Gatherings are Sept. 19 and Dec. 5, both on the Cal campus. All Cal alumni and friends are welcome! Email Cal68@blueconnect.org to receive information on each of the quarterly Gatherings, now in their 12th year.

Make a contribution and get involved. Fundraising for the Center is ongoing. Many thanks to Class of '68 members and others in the Cal community for their generous support. For more information visit gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde/give-to-the-center.
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69 In June, **Richard Carter** went to an artists' reception at the Piedmont Center for the Arts to see the works of classmate **Joanne Palamountain**, a.k.a. Bonnie Bonner. On display were Joanne's botanical art, succulent wreaths, gourd art, botanical aprons, note cards, and even bug hotels. Joanne was also honored recently by the National Park Service and S.F. Garden Conservancy which used one of her paintings for the cover of a brochure about The Gardens of Alcatraz Island. You can pick up the brochure at the S.F. Alcatraz ferry terminal on Pier 33.
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75 Rabbi **Morley T. Feinstein** became the President of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California.
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76 **Wendy Cilman** is now Director of Education of Santa Rosa Symphony. She is also executive director of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra in Berkeley,

and holds positions with Piedmont Choirs and Mills College. Wendy created the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival in 2009, a day-long benefit for homeless youth now presented biannually by the San Francisco Symphony.
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79 **Betsy R. Rosenthal's** fifth children's book was published in April. *An Ambush of Tigers, a Wild Gathering of Collective Nouns* (Millbrook Press) garnered starred reviews in *School Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Kirkus Reviews*. A reformed lawyer, she lives in Pacific Palisades with her husband and suffers from the revolving door syndrome with her adult children.
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80 **Susan Wilcox** is director of development of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy and moved to Rancho Palos Verdes. After 29 years in various leadership positions at USC, she now works for the organization that owns land that she has been hiking for many years—thus combining her personal passion with her professional skills.

Your Class Secretary, **Kevin Johnson**, attended his son Tomas's econ department graduation at the Greek Theatre in May. After the ceremony they celebrated in the old Larry Blake's Rathskeller, now known as Pappy's. Among those in attendance were Old Blues **Mike Neal** and **Vik Amar**. Oddly enough, Governor Edmund Brown signed both Kevin's diploma in 1980 and his son's in 2015.
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90 Attorney and author **David W. Tollen** has just published *The Jericho River: A Novel About the History of Western Civilization*, a book that uses fantasy to teach history. It has won multiple awards, including first place at the London Book Festival and the Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

Arthur Cook, principal at global sales and marketing firm ZS, just completed the second edition of his book *Forecasting for the Pharmaceutical Industry: Models for New Product and In-Market Forecasting and How to Use Them*. To contact Arthur or purchase the book, visit <http://bit.ly/1OBLiWp>
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95 **Shirish Gupta** has joined JAMS as a mediator/arbitrator in San Francisco after practicing law for 16 years. He also coaches youth soccer with Foster City AYSO and teaches negotiation at UC Hastings.
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97 **Robert A. Doles** was recently promoted to Director of Operations for the Department of Labor western division.
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03 The National Bar Association has announced **Andrew W. Houston** as one of the 2015 recipients of its 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates awards.
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05 **Ansel Halliburton** has joined Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP, a San Francisco-based law firm. Ansel's practice covers advising startups and entrepreneurs on IP strategy, data privacy and security, export controls, corporate formation and governance, and securities law issues.
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06 **Nicholas Ponticello** received an honorable mention from the 2015 Green Book Festival for his debut novel *Do Not Resuscitate*. A high school math teacher and STEAM coordinator at Flintridge Preparatory School in Los Angeles, he is interested in the intersection of science, sustainability, business, and education. Nicholas resides in Los Angeles with art historian Nico Machida.

09 **AJ Shankar** is proud to celebrate five years as CEO of Everlaw. The litigation prep company was just named an ediscovery Vendor to Watch by Gartner.

15 **Mondee Lu** and **Clair Lee** have joined legal technology company Everlaw, as sales development associate and office manager, respectively.

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Submissions deadlines:

Spring 2016 issue: **January 9**
 Summer 2016 issue: **March 25**

In Memoriam

40 Clyde N. Moore, Jr., May 1. Clyde worked for the California Water Department in Long Beach for 37 years, serving as the general manager and chief engineer. Clyde was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Water Works and many other water utility groups. He is survived by his children, Clyde III, Carol, Phyllis, Betty, and Steve.

41 Josephine J. DiGiorgio, Jan. 9, Carmel Valley. Jo was born in Des Moines. She studied international politics and French while at Cal and joined the Delta Gamma Sorority. She joined the American Red Cross with the 228th US Army Hospital Corps in France. She and her husband Joseph enjoyed 33 years of marriage. She is survived by her daughters and grandsons.

42 Ralph T. Fisher, April 4. Ralph was reared in Oakland, graduated from University High School, and went on to Cal. In 1957 he became a professor at the University of Illinois in the History Department. Ralph married Ruth Meads '43, and they enjoyed 73 happy years together and had three children: twins Tad and Meg and son Alby.

Elizabeth Sauer FitzSimmons, Nov. 26, 2014. A resident of Berkeley for 90 years, Elizabeth worked as a teaching assistant in Latin American History, was a member of Gamma Phi Beta, and was active in Cal skiing activities. She served as a WW II intelligence analyst with the Office of Strategic Services. She was a director of the Berkeley Day Nursery, Junior Bach Festival Association, and Alta Bates Hospital Volunteer Association. She was a founding member of Save the Bay and a longtime member of the UC Women's Faculty Club, UC Alumnae Hostesses, Town and Gown, and others. She traveled widely, including with Bear Treks. The Elizabeth Sauer FitzSimmons Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship has been dedicated in her memory by Drs. Klaus Porzig and Ellen FitzSimmons Porzig '71. Elizabeth Sauer FitzSimmons is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Theophilo Edwin Regello, Feb. 7, San Carlos. Born in San Pablo, Theophilo attended Cal as a member of the class of '42 but joined the Air Force during World War II. He later received his teaching credential. He and his wife were happily married for going on 33 years.

44 Marjorie Dawn Guichard Adams, Feb. 14, Portland. Born and raised in Oakland, Dawn's lifelong triple career in art,

music, and environmentalism began with violin instruction at age 6 and continued into the final months of her life. After graduating valedictorian from Oakland High, she attended California College of Arts and Crafts prior to enrolling at Berkeley. In the final days of WW II she met her future husband, Bob, at a USO dance at Oakland's YWCA. She spent two years as a designer-weaver in the San Francisco studios of noted fabric designer Dorothy Liebes. She received national recognition for a fabric design submitted to the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan. She studied botanical illustration in Denver and created a commercial line of greeting cards featuring her botanical art. When Bob retired they moved to Oregon, where her interest in environmental protection led to further education and certification as an Oregon Master Gardener. She is survived by her husband, three children, and four grandchildren.

45 Flora Everding Maclise, Nov. 21, Sonoma. Flora was born in Pasadena in 1920. After graduating from Cal she served as a member of the board of directors for the Katherine Branson School and as president of the Audubon Canyon Ranch in Stinson Beach. She is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

46 Elizabeth Rabak Scott Burns, April 28, Shoreline, WA. Elizabeth lived a full life as an elementary school teacher, children's librarian, landscape gardener, and Bible teacher. She was 91 and leaves behind four children.

47 Fern Halstead Katte, Feb. 11, Tallahassee. Fern married Walter Joseph Ottenfield '47 after graduating and spent a lifetime working throughout California. She finally retired from Willamette Industries at age 70. Fern was a voracious reader, enjoyed traveling, and spent many years supporting and attending the San Francisco Opera. She is survived by sons Bob '80 and John and two grandchildren.

John Wayne Higson Jr., March 12, Lafayette. Jack was the second of three generations to attend Cal. After enrolling, the war required his service in the V-12 program at I-House, and then out across the Pacific. After the war he returned to Cal to finish his degree. Wanting to spend even more time at Cal, Jack then enrolled at Boalt Hall. He married Eleanor '49, and they honeymooned to Europe for a month but stayed a year. Upon their return the couple set up life in Lafayette. Jack worked in the insurance brokerage business.

He and Eleanor often traveled to Europe. He is survived by his wife; sons John, Howard, and Richard '78; and two grandchildren.

Paul Edward Kilkenny, May 26, Lafayette. While completing his bachelor's degree in civil engineering, "Tink" lived at White Shingles Boarding House and played frosh football. He unknowingly worked on the Manhattan Project (strengthening runways to hold overloaded B-29's) and once painted the Big C red to rile up Cal students. After graduating, he eventually became Assistant Public Works Director for Contra Costa County. He gave to many charities and believed that paying taxes was how one bought civilization. Paul is survived by his wife, Eunice, four children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

49 Albert M. Lapedes, June 14, Los Angeles. Al was a member of the riflery team and was a coxswain for crew. He joined the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, becoming president in his senior year, and was in the ROTC (U.S. Army Air Corps / U.S. Air Force). He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sherry; children Larry '80, Ira '84, and Robbie; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Constance Elizabeth (Hartwell) Petrie, Feb. 15, Alamo. After graduating from Cal, Constance went on to get a teaching credential. She spent several years teaching, including one year in Germany. In 1958 Constance married Robert Petrie; together they enjoyed traveling to many countries. She is survived by her daughter, Jane, and three grandchildren.

Howard J. Martin Jr., March 19, Lafayette. At Cal, Howard played on the freshman basketball team and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Howard enlisted in the Navy and attended preflight at Saint Mary's College in 1943. After Navy preflight he returned to Cal, where he met his future wife Barbara Ann Atchinson on Big Game Day in 1948. In 1951, he was called to active duty for the Korean War, serving as a fighter pilot on USS Bon Homme Richard for over two years. Later he served in the Naval Reserve, advancing to Commander. In 1957, he cofounded Schell and Martin, Inc. Civil Engineering in Lafayette.

Rod Geddes, April 15, Dallas. A WW II veteran, Rod was a licensed petroleum engineer and spent his entire career in the oil and gas industry working for a number of companies in California, Utah, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife,

David Littlejohn was a brilliant arts critic, world traveler, television host, author, and professor emeritus of journalism at

Berkeley. He was born in San Francisco in 1937 and died June 4 at his home in Kensington at the age of 78.

A diving accident at age 14 left him partially paralyzed, but Littlejohn never let it stop him—whether from pursuing his dream job as a Cal professor or traveling all over the world. “He was here, he was there, he was everywhere,” said William Drummond, professor of journalism at Berkeley. “I kept trying to imagine how was he doing that. I’m able bodied, and I struggle getting out to the backyard.”

Littlejohn was known for his brilliant work as an arts critic. He wrote for international media such as *The Times* of London and the *Wall Street Journal*, hosted *Critic at Large* on local public television, and published 14 books. Littlejohn also earned a Fulbright lectureship to France, an honorary membership to the American Institute of Architects, and the Distinguished Teaching Award from Berkeley.

“David was a great fan who wanted to enter into a topic deeply,” said Tom Leonard, a close friend and colleague and former University Librarian. “If it was a sport or a cultural event, he wanted to be there, even though he would have more trouble getting to an event or a performance than anybody else.”

According to his son, Greg, David Littlejohn was also very involved with his students’ education, once taking them on a trip to Las Vegas so they could contribute writing to one of his many books, *The Real Las Vegas: Life Beyond the Strip*. Afterward, he threw a party for them at his house, and as a token of their appreciation, they gave him a box of poker chips with a plaque.

In the last years of his life, Littlejohn went to the Burning Man festival, intending to write a book on the art there. He stayed at the disabled camp, where his wheelchair was modified with a 1970s recliner and royal decoration. “He got to ride around Burning Man in a throne!” Greg said. Although there wasn’t time to get the book published, Littlejohn made a special copy of it for Greg’s birthday last year.

Littlejohn is survived by his son, daughter Victoria Schmidt, three grandchildren, one brother, and three sisters.

—*Krissy Eliot*

Lou Geddes, two children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Eugene Share, April 7, Rohnert Park. A life-long teacher starting at the high school level, he was hired in 1957 to establish the Theater Arts program at East Los Angeles College. He taught speech and ESL and also directed at ELAS for ten years. He is survived by wife Jeanne, one son, and two stepchildren.

50 Daniel L. Nay, Jan. 7, Pasadena. After graduating from Cal and Bowles Hall with a degree in history, Dan taught briefly at Morgan Hill. He joined the Marines in 1951. Dan graduated from Quantico as a Second Lieutenant and then served in Korea as a Mortar Platoon leader. He remained in the Marine Corps for several years, resigning as a Captain. He was married to Joan McNeilly ’51, whom he met at Stern Hall. The couple moved to Whittier, where he became an enthusiastic and honored teacher of political science, history, and civic responsibility for nearly 40 years.

51 David M. Blakemore, April 18, 2014, Seattle. Born and raised in Berkeley, David graduated from El Cerrito High School. During both World War II and the Korean War he served in the U.S. Army until he retired from the Reserves as a Colonel. He was largely responsible for a Korean War Memorial rock on Cal’s campus, dedicated Sept. 29, 2001. He had a fruitful career as a marine property and casualty insurance underwriter. He owned and raced several sailboats and was active with Sea Scouts. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, four children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

K. Lynn Hall, M.S., Jan. 23, San Rafael. Lynn was a physical chemist and studied radiation chemistry at Michigan. Following graduation Lynn worked for Chevron Research Corporation for 31 years where he specialized in lubricants. A trombone player, he co-founded the Jubilee Jazz Band. He was married to Jacqueline Tucker Hall for 50 years. He is survived by his children, Randall ’84, Mark, and Kristin; and eight grandchildren.

James E. Snowden, Feb. 6, Naples, FL. Born in Oakland, James joined the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Cal. He proudly served 32 years in the U.S. Army and cherished his wife of 32 years, Bette Smith Snowden.

53 Carol Blakemore Prock, June 6, 2013, La Mesa. Born and raised in Albany, Carol graduated from El Cerrito High School. She served as a commissioned officer for the U.S. Navy. In San Diego she taught and later became a librarian. She is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

54 Donald J. Moulin, May 19, Davis. Don was born and raised in San Francisco, coming to Berkeley to attend Cal. His graduation was delayed when he went to serve in the Air Force during the Korean War. At Cal, he was president of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He earned his B.S. and completed graduate executive education programs at Stanford, Harvard, and J.L. Kellogg business schools. He served as deputy commissioner for the State of California, appointed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan. He completed a long career as senior partner of KPMG Peat Marwick working in the San Francisco, New York City, and Washington, D.C., offices. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara, his two daughters, and four grandsons.

F. Joseph Gwerder, April 4, Stockton. A walnut grove farmer and cattleman, Joseph earned his degree in agriculture economics while also serving as president of Delta Tau Delta. He served on the boards of River City Bank and Federal Land Bank of Sacramento. Joe is survived by his wife, Carol Goodwin Gwerder ’55; children Caroline, James, and Ann ’83; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

55 Nancy Gwerder Newell, Feb. 22, Lincoln. While at Berkeley, Nancy was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and earned her B.A. in education. She resided in Tahoe City and Lincoln. Wife of Pete Newell ’55, mother of four, and grandmother of eight, she is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Robert Doyle Firth, March 15, Piedmont. Born in Australia, Bob was an engineer by training, working for General Motors, Stanford Research, SRI, and CPM, a division of Ingersoll Rand. He is survived by his wife, Ellin Anderson Firth, and two children.

59 Nazir Ahmad, M.A., December 11. Born in Battal, Pakistan, Nazir attended San Francisco State University then Cal, and in 1968 he obtained a Ph.D. in anatomy from UCSF. He is survived by his loving wife, daughters, and grandchildren.

Ronald A. Bergman, May 28, Oakland. Ronald was a key sportswriter covering the Oakland A’s baseball career during the 1970s. While at Cal Ronald was a sports editor for the *Daily Cal*. Sigma Delta Chi, the honorary journalism fraternity, also honored him as Best Journalism Student.

62 John Thomas, May 19. John was born on April 11, 1939, in San Francisco, where he attended St. Ignatius College Prep High School. He graduated from Cal as a member of both the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the Cal crew team. In 1980 he formed the Cal Alumni Club in Houston. He supported Cal football attending the Cal/

Sonya Rapoport, M.A. '49, groundbreaking conceptual and digital artist, died June 1 at the age of 91 in Berkeley. Rapoport is renowned for her experimentation with early computer technology and digital media in conjunction with traditional painting.

Born Sonya Goldberg on October 6, 1923, Rapoport grew up in Massachusetts. In 1944 she married organic chemist Henry Rapoport, who would go on to teach at Cal. After graduating from New York University in 1945, she went on to attend Cal, attaining an M.A. in art in 1949.

Rapoport's prolific career as a pioneering digital artist took off in the early 1980s when she began to experiment, incorporating computer printouts in her artistic media. At the time, abstract expressionist painting had been the reigning school of art in the Bay Area for some years, and Rapoport's combination of computers, mathematical patterns, and bizarre artistic narratives broke new ground in the art world. Farley Gwazda, MFA '14, a close friend and director of the Sonya Rapoport Legacy Trust, praises the way the artist explored "a medium that at the time didn't seem that interesting to a lot of artists but went on to completely change our society." Rapoport's art displayed an interest in "complexity and systems," including computer printouts and scientific influences.

After moving to Berkeley with her husband in 1946, Rapoport was surrounded by influential scientists and mathematicians. This scientific immersion came through in her art, resulting in pieces such as *Horizontal Cobalt*, in which she colored designs over computer printouts of Berkeley Lab research on cobalt and gold. This innovative blending of traditional media and computer printouts caught the art world's attention. Daughter Hava Rapoport describes her mother as a woman who led a very complex life, which was mirrored in her artwork. According to Gwazda, Rapoport's work can be described as intellectual, complex, and the "opposite of minimal."

Rapoport's career as an artist spanned 65 years, sustaining her until the end. She had approximately 50 solo exhibitions; the last one, completed shortly before her death, will run November 14–December 12 at Krowwork gallery in Oakland. Krowwork owner and director Jasmine Moorhead says that Rapoport's influence "will continue to grow as the world seeks out ways to understand and visualize the fundamental philosophical shifts of the last 50 years, the roots of which Sonya recognized and helped map in her art from the very beginning."

Rapoport's daughter says that her mother didn't want to be anything but an artist, from a young age. To Hava, her mother's life and art were intertwined. Gwazda recalls that Sonya would spend "12 hours a day, every day" in her studio.

Rapoport is survived by her daughter and two sons.

—Sohayla Farman

Stanford Big Game for 40 successive years, from 1974. John earned his master's in business from San Jose State, proudly served his country in Germany, and wrote five books. John completed 21 marathons, was an avid backpacker, and hiked Mt. Whitney five times. He leaves behind the love of his life, Sandy, and a multitude of family and friends.

68 Anne Elisabeth Harding, June 15, Corvallis, OR. After dropping out in 1964, Anne returned to Cal in 1968, when she earned her degree. By 1984, Anne was married to geologist Robert Scott, with the USGS in Denver. She began her master's candidacy at the University of Colorado, studying geologic mapping for her master's in 1991. She helped Bill Hood and her husband Bob create the geologic map of Colorado National Monument, which won the international prize for a digital geologic map in 2000. She and Bob moved to Corvallis in 2007, where Anne died of lymphoma at 68.

Madelon Mae Powers, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '91, April 18, in New Orleans. Madelon taught history and women's studies at the University of New Orleans, from 1992 until her retirement in 2011. She was chair of the History Department from 2008 to 2011. She was a dedicated teacher, especially to nontraditional students. She was a survivor of and refugee from Hurricane Katrina, a traumatic event that she met with her usual good humor, good sense, and joie de vivre. She was a storyteller par excellence, a guitarist, and a composer of ribald songs. As E.B. White wrote of Charlotte, "It is not often that someone comes along who is a true friend and a good writer." She is survived by her brother, Thomas, and her "Little Sister," Jay Kim.

70 James A. Estrada, March 4, Stockton. James received a B.A. in sociology with distinction in general scholarship. He minored in journalism while at Cal and wrote for the *Daily Cal* during the People's Park Movement. Jim retired from the Social

Security Administration after 30 years. He and his wife, Carolyn, were avid Cal Football fans, holding season tickets for more than 30 years. He spent his retirement years traveling and volunteering as a docent at Stockton's Haggin Museum. He never met a person he didn't like, was a talented writer, and is missed by many. He is survived by his wife.

71 Carolyn Ingrid Saarni, Ph.D., June 8, Berkeley. Carolyn grew up in Berkeley eventually earning her Ph.D. from Cal. She went on to become an internationally recognized scholar in the field of children's emotional development. She taught for more than four decades at New York University and Sonoma State University. She is survived by her two children and two granddaughters.

73 Thomas James LeBrun, M.S., Sept. 4, in Long Beach. Thomas was born in Los Angeles. He received his B.A. from Loyola University and enjoyed a career as a civil engineer in Los Angeles County. He leaves behind a large extended family.

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Andrew Lee, July 7. Andrew worked for UC Berkeley as an Assistant for the Berkeley International Office. He was born on October 17, 1989, and worked for Cal since 2008.

Ernest Kuh, June 27. Eugene was born on October 2, 1928. He was a professor and Dean Emeritus for Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at Cal, first hired in 1963.

Stephen Tollefson, June 5. Born on Feb. 19, 1949, Stephen passed away in his home. He worked at Cal since 1977, and was an Emeritus still working on campus as a member of the College Letters and Science at the time of his death.

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