



# PANTHER POSTSCRIPTS



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## Principal's Letter Matt Biggar

This summer, I will begin fulltime work as the Associate Superintendent of Instruction in our District Office. This past semester, I have held two positions as BHS Principal and Associate Superintendent of Instruction. Needless to say, I have kept busy. On a personal note, my wife Lisa and I have been blessed with a second child. John Aubrey Biggar joined us on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We call him Jack. Our daughter Katharine is almost three years old and has been very excited about her new role as big sister.

During April and May, the process will take place to select a new Principal for Burlingame High School. There is an extensive interview and selection process involving teachers, staff, parents, students and administrators. The interview committee will select a group of finalists. Our district Superintendent will select the top candidate from this group of finalists. If all goes according to plan, this top candidate will be presented to the School Board for approval on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

It has been my honor to serve the Burlingame High School community these past six years. BHS is a very special place for students to learn and grow. I have very much enjoyed my work with the staff, parents and students to build on the many strengths of Burlingame High School. The alumni of Burlingame High School are also

a very special group. Over eighty years of graduates has led to an accomplished, diverse and very large group of alumni. It has been my pleasure to meet and know many of you. Your generosity and dedication to your alma mater is wonderful. There are so many of you that I would like to thank and recognize for your contributions to the BHS Alumni Association and your continued support of the school. At the very least, let me thank the entire BHS Alumni Association and President Mike McQueen. Mike is a wonderful gentleman always ready, willing and interested to support our school. His positive nature, pride in our school and dedication are remarkable. I have enjoyed seeing Mike at countless BHS events. Every Fall, I have looked forward to and enjoyed the Alumni Association kickoff meeting and barbeque at the McQueen's house. It has always been great to reconnect with this very dedicated group of alumni at this annual event and enjoy some great food. In recent years, the Alumni Association has funded a number of projects and programs at BHS. One example is their sponsorship of the Classified Staff of the Year Award, which is now in its second year. The Alumni Association has sponsored with a beautiful perpetual plaque, a generous stipend for the recipient and recognition of the recipient at one of their monthly meetings. The award is just one example of the good work of the BHS Alumni Association. Burlingame High School has been and continues to be a very special place. Thank you alumni for reminding us of this again and again.

I would like to leave you with some accomplishments of this year's students.

In March, our BHS Drama Dept. delivered six performances of *Into the Woods*, this year's spring musical. The student actors and actresses were outstanding. The student technical crew did a wonderful job making the production go smoothly and professionally. They could not have done it alone. Our Drama Director and Teacher, Mary Blank, orchestrated the whole affair from start to finish with incredible dedication and skill.

Our Drama Boosters provided hours and hours of support to make the production possible. I have witnessed this combination of talented students, dedicated staff and supportive parents at BHS many times and in many ways over the past six years. It never ceases to amaze me. In the process, the students learn much that enriches their education and builds memories that will last a long time. Bravo to Director Blank, the students and our Drama Boosters for a production to make us all proud.

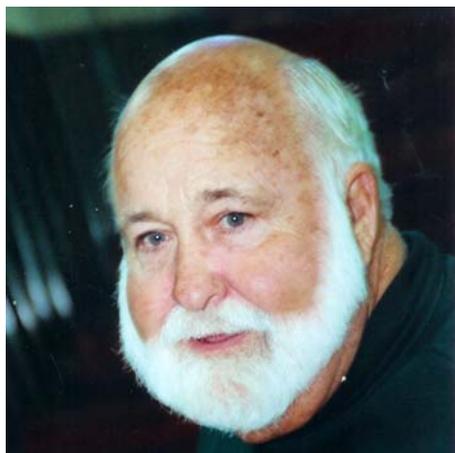
Our music program continues to excel as well. Earlier this semester, our Jazz Band won awards at the CMEA (California Music Education Association) festival. Our Jazz Band and smaller Jazz Quartet won unanimous superiors. This means they earned the highest rating from all the judges at the contest. Congratulations to the Jazz Band and Director David Kimura. In March, a number of our instrumental and vocal student musicians participated in *In Concert*, our district Honor Band and Choir performance.

Our student athletes had an incredible winter season in wrestling, basketball, and soccer. Under Coach Bruckner, our Wrestling team won league for the first time in many years, and a number of students qualified to wrestle in CCS competition. Our Boys Basketball team, under Coach Dowd, won league for the sixth season in a row. They made it to the second round of CCS playoffs. Our Girls Soccer team, under Coach DeRosa, had an unbelievable season. After they won the CCS Championship game, our Athletic Director, John Philipopoulos, wrote to our staff: "Congratulations to Girls Varsity Soccer for their victory over Presentation H.S. (2-0) and capturing the school's first ever section championship in girls soccer. They finished the season with a remarkable 23-0-2 record. Even more impressive was the way they carried themselves and represented Burlingame High School with class, dignity, and great sportsmanship throughout the season. Great job... GO PANTHERS!". The Girls Soccer team allowed only 8 goals in 25

games, had 18 shutouts and never lost a game. They finished the season ranked number one in all of CCS. Most importantly to all of us at BHS, they represented our school well.

Our students also continue to excel in the classroom. Before Spring Break, the BHS Administration recognized students for Rising Star (academic improvement) and Honor Roll (3.3 GPA or higher) for first semester. We were able to award a number of students the Rising Star award and over 550 students qualified for the Honor Roll.

The culmination of hard work by our seniors is happening now as they hear from colleges and universities regarding admission. Hearing from colleges for our seniors is a time of joy, disappointment and everything in between. Unfortunately for them, competition to get to many colleges has never been stronger. We know they will do well in the future and make our school proud.



**BHS Alumni Association  
President Mike McQueen**

The Alumni Association is sad to announce that co-president Carl Kuhe '48 passed away in early December. He was an integral part of the Association, active in his class and very influential with the USF Alumni group. A Mass was held in his honor followed by a reception. His last request was for donations for the permanent placement of the Burlingame High School Athletic Hall of Fame at the high school.

We continue to play an active roll in the Burlingame High School scene by working with the teachers and having a representative on the School Advisory Committee. We help by funding projects, providing supplies for teachers and fulfilling special requests. This year we funded \$1800 for cabinets that the school will use to store historical and other

memorabilia. For several years we have sponsored a bus so that students could attend workshops on volunteering. We continue to provide scholarships for students whose parents or grandparents attended Burlingame High School.

We want to thank outgoing principal, Matt Biggar, for his interest and help during his tenure at Burlingame. We wish him well in his new assignment with the High School District.

### Life Memberships

This is a list of those who have joined since the last issue of Panther Postscripts.

1939 – Constance Ryals Daniels-Idle  
 1947 – Patricia Medley Lewis  
 1948 – Merrill Anderson  
 1949 – Phyllis Agorastos Burkey  
 1950 – Beverly Stokes Stirn  
 1951 – Edward DeMatei  
 1951 – Norton Pearl  
 1953 – Diane DeMatei  
 1954 – Don Bernard  
 1956 – Sylvia Luque Monahan  
 1957 – Mary Lou Caro Baur  
 1957 – William C. Layton  
 1958 – Susan Carlson Fish  
 1958 – Paul Costa  
 1959 – Steven J. Olds  
 1959 – David J. Sire  
 1960 – Cliff H. Hoffman  
 1968 – Martha Hazelrig  
 1970 – Virginia Venturino Nagle  
 1970 – Dennis Partee  
 1972 – Clark Anderson  
 1973 – Tobi A. Mason  
 1978 – Anastasia Vasey Mandrussow  
 1980 – Yvette Marticorena Cherbero  
 1980 – Irene Lopez Hovland  
 1990 – Kristine Sterner Rogan  
 1991 – Niels C. Hirschmann  
 2004 – John M.B. Hampton

### In Memoriam

When submitting the name of someone who has recently passed away, please include the date if possible. Thank you.

1925 – James Trimmingham 01/94  
 1930 – James Scott 05/07  
 1933 – Ida Ribero Micheletti 10/07  
 1933 – Jane Blum O'Connor 02/08  
 1934 – J. Richard "Dick" Best 03/08  
 1934 – Dorothy Bennetts Mazella 01/08  
 1934 – Margaret Miller 11/03  
 1936 – Henry G. Eschen 2004  
 1936 – Bradford Evans 11/06  
 1937 – Arthur J. "Bud" Belton 12/07  
 1937 – Roy "Casey" Muetzenberg 02/08  
 1938 – Frank Bettencourt 12/07  
 1940 – Edward Lewis Alpen 2007

1940 – David "Dave" Stubbs 10/06  
 1941 – Pierre G. Bouret 12/07  
 1941 – Charles A. Duchman 02/08  
 1941 – Robert Rubin 09/07  
 1941 – R.C. "Chuck" Walters 10/07  
 1942 – Robert F. Lindstrom 01/08  
 1942 – Paul G. Nystrom 08/07  
 1942 – Virgil "Vic" Winters 03/07  
 1942 – Richard Wood 01/98  
 1943 – Robert "Bob" Ashe 10/06  
 1943 – Margaret Voss Bjork 01/07  
 1943 – Marjorie Tuttle Smart 02/08  
 1944 – Robert "Bob" Kane 12/07  
 1944 – Audrey Rose Laskin 03/08  
 1945 – Donald G. Westcott 02/08  
 1946 – Samuel "Sam" Ezell 10/93  
 1947 – Mary Ellen Laird Powell 03/08  
 1947 – Roberta "Bobbie" Martin Rodgers

– 2007  
 1948 – Carl F. Kuhe 12/07  
 1948 – Gloria Bennett Olson 11/07  
 1949 – Lois Raisin Brinck 01/08  
 1949 – Geoffrey T. Tayler 02/08  
 1950 – William D. Leavitt 09/07  
 1952 – Maralee Cerri Hosmer 12/07  
 1952 – Jonathan "Jon" Shoop 10/06  
 1954 – Robert S. "Bob" Biggs 12/04  
 1958 – John C. Brawner 12/07  
 1958 – Don Patterson 08/07  
 1960 – Susan Costa Shideler 08/07  
 1965 – William "Bill" Strauss 12/07  
 1971 – Jeffery M. Scott 12/07  
 1975 – Scott William Smith 06/07

### Donations in Memory of Carl Kuhe

1941 – Bill & Joan Selby Bardet  
 1948 – Peter & Patricia Dinkelspiel  
 1948 – Polly Hoover Taylor  
 1953 – Mike McQueen  
 1958 – Jo-Ellen Arnaudo Ellis  
 Kirby West

### Donations

1941 – Bill and Joan Selby Bardet  
 1945 – Ann Day Peter  
 1948 – Clayton Westbay  
 1957 – Joyce Crichton Preston  
 Dorothy Evans – In Memory of her husband Bradford Evans '36

### Class Reunions

If your class is planning a reunion, please let us know so we can pass information on to your classmates who contact us.

**CLASS OF 1947 PAST REUNION Pat Medley Lewis '47** provided this message to her fellow graduates. The **Class of '47** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on September 15, 2007 at Dominic's at Poplar Creek restaurant in San Mateo

thanks to some great organizers, Cliff Donley, Gordon Campbell, and Pierre Bouquet. This gathering was not just the 6<sup>th</sup> reunion but actually the 12<sup>th</sup> reunion as members of the class have managed to have a Big Ten Year and Mini Five Year get-together ever since graduating over 60 years ago. The '47ers have been a close group and plan to continue their reunions as long as they can. So let it be known that anyone from or related to the **Class of '47** is invited to a no host luncheon at Dominic's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of April, July and October at 11:00 am.



L to R. Cliff Donley; Ann Christiansen Dorst and Kirby "Skeet" Taigen (all '47)

**CLASS OF 1958 REUNION** Plans are underway for a gala weekend celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class of 1958. The weekend of Oct. 24, 25 and 26 has been set aside for the special events that will mark the milestone. Festivities kick off Friday evening with a "meet and greet" social aboard the restaurant ship Sherman. Saturday evening, a gala dinner/dance will be held at Dominic's at the Poplar Creek Golf Course. (An evening of fun and memories is guaranteed.) On Sunday class members and guests will tour the BHS campus. After the tour everyone's invited to a barbeque lunch in Washington Park. For more information go to the Class website at [www.bhsclass1958.com](http://www.bhsclass1958.com). You'll be able to check out plans and even catch a glimpse of the 50-year-old class portrait taken on the front steps.

**CLASS OF 1967 PAST REUNION** Shelley Graham and **Roger Graham '67** reported on October 21, 2007: "We had our reunion last night...what a success! We had a great turnout...about 125 people (almost 100 grads)."

**CLASS OF 1978 REUNION** Reaching out to the Burlingame High School "**Class of 1978**"...We are compiling a list of our classmates and would appreciate your submitting contact information to Mike Prozan: [mike@mgcgroupp.com](mailto:mike@mgcgroupp.com) as soon as possible. We are considering September, 2008. Looking forward to a wonderful trip down memory lane!

**CLASS OF 1988 REUNION** Saturday, August 2, 2008 -- Dominic's Restaurant,

San Mateo -- Dinner, drinks, and dancing to the 80s! Other events being organized for the reunion weekend include a Friday night get together with classes of late 80s alumni, and a lunch in the park on Sunday, Aug 3. To receive an invitation, please send your mailing address to the organizers: Erin Murphy Macias [usborne\\_books@comcast.net](mailto:usborne_books@comcast.net) or Suzanne St. John-Crane at [suzyst@charter.net](mailto:suzyst@charter.net)

### Athletic Hall of Fame

The 1940 Varsity Football team has been selected by the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee to receive the Athletic Hall of Fame Award in November 2008. The committee is seeking names of students who played on that team. If you have information on any of the 1940 players, please contact the committee. The committee will also honor other students who excelled in sports during their years at BHS. If you would like to nominate classmates for this award, please submit a resume of their sports accomplishments while at BHS. Nominees must have graduated at least 10 years ago. Information and nominations can be sent to: BHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, BHS Alumni Association, One Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 or call Mike McQueen at 650-591-3194.

### Yearbook Donations

We are grateful to **Virginia "Sue" Halldorson Fuller '48**, **Al Facchini '49** and **Joan Marion Lawler '54** who generously donated their yearbooks to the Alumni Association. **Lesle Jean Johnson Wenzel '36**, donated several yearbooks and shared some history. The 1932 and 1933 yearbooks had belonged to **Marcel Wenzel '33**. Marcel was a track star at BHS. He was a paratrooper in WWII and died in the D-Day invasion and is buried in Bayeux, France. The 1935 yearbook belonged to **Harold Burkhead '38** who is also deceased. The 1936 yearbook is Jean's and she is still here. She ends her message "I'll be 90 this year, still traveling, still married, still interested in reading about classmates". Dorothy Evans donated a yearbook that belonged to her husband, **Bradford A. Evans '36**. Thanks so much to each of you!

The Alumni continues its effort to establish a library of yearbooks. If you would like to donate yearbooks to our collection please contact Jo-Ellen Ellis at Burlingame High School or [BHSAlumAssoc@aol.com](mailto:BHSAlumAssoc@aol.com).

### Blanche's Corner Alumni Update



Blanche Dibelka Duffey

### BLANCHE'S CORNER

**20s** **Paul Lorton '26** tells us that at the age of 98 he is probably the last of those who can claim to be alumni of both San Mateo and Burlingame High Schools. In 1922-1926 while Burlingame was still a branch of San Mateo High School, he went to San Mateo in the morning and took the school bus to Burlingame for his afternoon classes. He goes on to tell us that San Mateo had the athletes and Burlingame had the pretty girls and that he was in love with half of a dozen of them. He was on the soccer, lightweight basketball and tennis teams and was assistant editor of the school paper. After graduation, he went to San Mateo Junior College where he edited the school weekly, played more soccer and tennis. He graduated with Distinction from Stanford where he played more soccer and was associate editor of Chaparral, the humor magazine, was on the staff of the Stanford Daily and the Quad (the annual). Paul is the proud father of four sons all of whom have Stanford degrees. Paul added this PS: "Lorton Ave. in Burlingame is named after my uncle Fred. He had the money; my father had the children. Guess who they named the street after".

**30s** **Harry Miller '30** thoughtfully included a note along with his dues. Harry tells us that he enjoys reading Panther Postscripts as it brings back memories. He passed 94 this last September and is feeling well. He stills drives and visits family and friends from Chico to San Luis Obispo. Sadly he tells us of the recent death of his sister, **Margaret Miller '34**.

Betty Best, wife of **Richard "Dick" Best '34** wrote to tell us of his death: "Please include the information of his death to those in the graduating class of 1934. From 9<sup>th</sup> grade (1930) until his graduation in 1934 Dick was well known for the 'Dick Best Orchestra' composed of 8 BHS students that entertained at school functions and in the Burlingame community. It played music of the thirties

as well as orchestral classical music as each member played one or more instruments. Dick enjoyed your newsletter so much. We retired from the Peninsula area to Rogue Valley Manor in Medford, OR December 1999. Dick so enjoyed BHS. He is greatly missed."

Dorothy Evans wrote telling of the passing of her husband, **Bradford "Brad" Alden Evans '36**. He was a retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. After retiring, he was the Public Affairs Officer at NASA's Ames Research Ctr. His wife, Dorothy and son, Bradford, survive him.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Crockett Fitzgerald '37** still hears from **LaVerne Custer Ball '37**, **Viviane Marshall Ignacio '33**, **Wini Trippil '37**, **Lora Wood Dauterman '37**, and **Bernice Costa Wade '41**. With letters and photos they keep in touch and share family news. All were "stay-at-home moms" and loved it. Betty would be interested in reading more from her fellow classmates.

**40s** **Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson Wade '41** tells us: "The Burlingame Bridge Club still meets every year in a different location and has a great time!" After being formed in 1940 to learn how to play bridge, the girls still meet – but it is "no bridge – just talk". We have lost a few members, but the current members **Barbara Stallings Gorman '41**, **Nancy Lyford Content '40**, **Evelyn Jory Clawson '44**, **Lois Miller Robinson '41**, **Helen Anderson James '41**, **Marjori Saunders Edwards '41**, and **Betty Johnson Wade** are very loyal.

Charles Smart wrote to tell us of the passing of his mother, **Marjorie Helen Tuttle Smart '43**. She graduated from San Mateo Junior College in 1946. She performed in the San Francisco Ballet, Peninsula Little Theater, participated in USO tours and was a member of the Stage Door Canteen of San Francisco.

**Lois Fishel '43** writes, "I have moved to the Land Of 10,000 Lakes Minnesota, to live with my daughter, her husband and two dogs in St. Paul. We have had more snow this Christmas than they've had for 20 years!! After 82 years in California (all my life) it's quite a change. I love reading about our class in the Panther Postscripts. I hear from **Ted Roeder '43**. and his wife who live in Montana."

On November 15, 2007, **Joe Rodgers '47** wrote: "My wife, **Roberta "Bobbie" Martin Rodgers '47** and I have always enjoyed reading Panther Postscripts to hear the news of our class and the school. Unfortunately, this time I have to report some very sad news. Just over two weeks ago, Roberta passed away after battling melanoma cancer for 3 long years. We were married 56 years."

**June Hirschey Somerville '43** wrote to wish everyone hope and health in 2008. She also told us that she will have a book, the "Legend of a Road" published this spring.

**50s** In February **Joan Marion Lawler '54** and her husband Gene traveled to Thailand to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. This adventurous trip's itinerary was put together by **Don Bernard class of '54** who has built a home over in Chiang Mai, Thailand with his wife Deanna. The Lawler's said this was the trip of a lifetime. Besides going to cooking school for 3 days, having their own guide and driver, riding the elephants through jungle and river, all of these adventures will be memories for a lifetime.

Susan Lankenau McCreary '56 tells of the death of her sister, **Joan Lankenau Petersen '54** on October 27, 2007, the day before her 71st birthday. She is survived by two daughters, Kristin Hayek and Amy Tavss; four grandchildren; her mother Dorothy Lankenau of San Rafael; and sisters **Judith Lankenau Keeler '53** and **Susan Lankenau McCreary '56**.

**Douglas "Budd" Odell '54** wrote to tell us of the passing of two "exceptional people, wonderful friends and proud alumni of BHS". He recently realized that the passing of **Robert S. "Bob" Biggs '54** had not been noted. Many will remember Bob's father, a math instructor and coach at BHS. His mother now over 100 still lives in the family home. Budd and Bob remained friends and stayed in contact for fifty years. Bob was a major factor in convincing Budd to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2004. While in San Francisco they spent that Saturday together. Bob talked about an upcoming trip to Africa he and his wife had planned for December. Sadly, he passed away in Cameroon while on that trip. In September 2007, Budd's brother-in-law, **Bill Leavitt '52**, passed away. While at BHS Bill was student body president and went on to distinguished academic achievements at Stanford University and Johns Hopkins University. Bill and **Joni Odell Leavitt '52**, Budd's sister, lived in Texas where their daughter and her family are "just around the corner". Budd included the photo on pg. 5.

**Jack Greene '57** shares the following news: "Sold my interest in a Soils Engineering and Geology firm (GeoSolutions) last year and stayed on as an employee, where my wife also works. We bought a LEED (i.e. Green) rated home in Paso Robles this winter after returning from vacationing with our daughter in Costa Rica where she is working for World Teach."

**60s** **Paul Costa '58** informed us of his sister's death. **Susan Costa Shideler '60** passed away August 10, 2007. She was

the wife of Bill Lasley and devoted mother of Deirdre Ann and Elizabeth Leigh. She pursued an academic career at UC Berkeley before completing her PhD in Physical Anthropology at UCLA. She published several research reports in reproductive endocrinology and completed field projects including the successful use of PZP to contracept Tule Elk populations in Point Reyes National Seashore. After retiring from UC Davis in 2003 she pursued studies at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo with the hope of working as a hospice chaplain to guide and support others through their end of life.

**Martha Rees Reinhard '62** sent this message: "**Karen Jedin Sears '62** and I have stayed in close touch with one another since our years together as Panthers in the class of 1962. We have shared many memories of our senior assembly when we recreated commercials from television between the acts. Our portrayal culminated with the commercial for the snail bait Buggetta when Karen, as the gardener, fed me, the green slug, the bait and cheerfully swept me behind the curtain after my gruesome poisoning! Wearing a green slug costume complete with feelers on the headpiece was a far cry from my Friday uniform of white pleated skirt and white middie top complete with red tie which all of the AGS (Associated Girl Students) cabinet members wore weekly!"

We received the following email message from **Jay Gandolfi '64** telling us that he continues to teach and direct research in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arizona. Jay has been in Tucson for 30 years - enjoying the mild winters and trying to avoid the hot summers. He was recently promoted to Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and received the Findley E. Russell, M.D., Ph.D. Distinguished Professorship - the highest honor his College can bestow to a non-alumnus. He enjoys reading the newsletter to see what is happening at BHS.

**John Poimiroo '65** writes: "Alumni from the Class of '65 would like to establish a fund in memory of classmate **Bill Strauss '65** in order to provide supplementary funds so that BHS can provide programs and services not otherwise funded by the school board." If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact John Poimiroo at [john@poimiroo.com](mailto:john@poimiroo.com).

**Jane Delehanty '68** wrote: "On page 9 of the Fall/Winter 2007 issue of Panther Postscripts, you had a photo sent in by **Maurice Norstrom '38**. The first man in the top row was my father, **Richard Delehanty '40**. I was pleased to see the picture and wanted the gentleman who sent it in to know how my siblings and I

appreciated seeing our father's picture in the Postscripts; particularly because my father passed away in 1962 when I was just 12 years old. My sister was 10, and my brother was 8. My mother Ann Delehanty, went on to work at the high school briefly in 1964 as the school nurse, the year I was a freshman. I also wanted you to know that I purchased the video of the 10 years, 1930-39 in hopes I would see my father in the clips, which I did. He was shown in a science class and one other group picture. Thank you for what you do. I enjoy the newsletter.

**70s** After 21 years of service, Major **Matt Paige '77** retired from the Army on 1 November 2007. Matt served in Panama, Desert Shield/Storm, as well as two tours in Iraq. Retired in Michigan with his wife

and two children, he continues to work with the Army as a civilian.

**Anastasia "Vasey" Mandrussow '78** says "hello" to all her classmates and is looking forward to seeing everyone the 30<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2008. She is an Occupational Therapist and has been at San Francisco General Hospital for 6 years. Her husband, Greg, is working at Kaiser in San Francisco. Their daughters, Antonina (22) Maria (21) and Lydia (20) are in college.

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### Help Wanted

We are looking for a Panther Postscripts editor to create two newsletters annually. As editor you will be a member of the Board of Directors. It is not necessary to be in the Bay Area as all can be done by email. MSWord or WordPerfect skills and a scanner are required. Judy will be available to assist during the transition. Please contact Mike McQueen at BHS Alumni Association, One Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 or Judy Chiasson at [Pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com](mailto:Pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com).

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### Mark Your Calendar

To be considered for the Fall/Winter 2008 Newsletter items must received by Sept 15. Please send them to BHS Alumni Association, Attn: Panther Postscripts, One Mangini Way,



### Senior Hi Jinks – 1954

**Budd Odell** sent this photo of some BHS natives. (Bob Biggs sent it to him years ago.) What's in the boxes?? Booze, Booze, and more Booze!! The cast of characters are (l to r) **Douglas "Budd" Odell** (who doesn't want to admit it), **Tom Wheeler**, **Bob Biggs** (back), **Landon George**, and **Don Hibson** who is holding a box that says: "Milk is good for you". Budd says: "I think I know why I didn't keep a copy of this picture in the first place."

#### *Panther Postscripts*

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**THE CITY OF BURLINGAME TURNS 100**  
1908 – 2008

The following activities have been planned by the City of Burlingame and the Burlingame Centennial Committee to celebrate Burlingame's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. All BHS grads are invited to attend any or all of these special events.

**Wine & Hot Chocolate Walk** – Friday, May 2, 2008 – 5:30 to 9:00 PM – Burlingame Avenue

Burlingame Avenue will come alive with history for this fun event. Anson Burlingame, Dashiell Hammet, I. Magnin, and many other characters will be on hand to take the town back in time. The Great Fire, movie theaters, go-go dancing and Mummy's Cave are just a few of the sites on this walk. Scrumptious hot chocolate and a wine tasting will make the night complete. Special parking for vintage cars. A souvenir program, wine glasses and mugs are part of the admittance fee.

**Centennial Passport Tour** – Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Burlingame is full of many special places and areas. The Carlos Storybook houses, Hillside Circle and Steps, Burlingame Railway, the old 40 Line electric Railway, Creek Magic – they all tell a story about our town. Visit Burlingame's greatest sites and learn about our town's unique history. Ride the bus or drive to sites yourself. Over 20 sites and docents dressed in character will be part of the tour. There will be entertainment, vintage cars, and prize drawings. A souvenir Centennial Passport is part of the admittance fee.

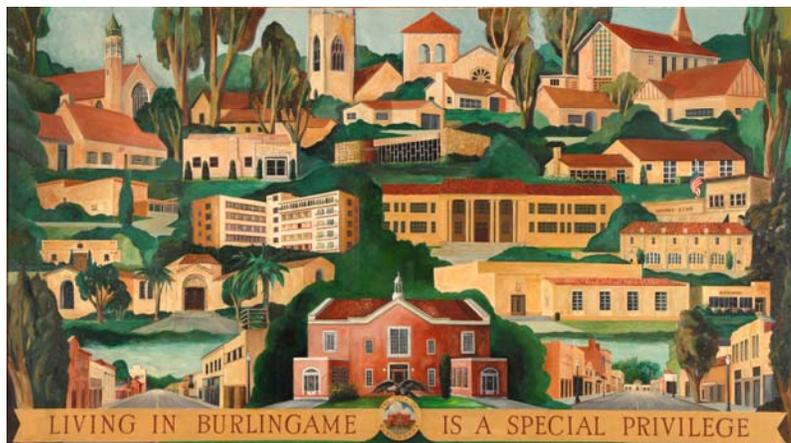
**Centennial Gala Dinner/Dance and Fireworks** -- Friday, June 6, 2008 -- 6 PM to 1 AM

The birthday party of the century is coming — and you're invited! Join your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate Burlingame's Centennial Anniversary in grand fashion at the Hyatt Regency Hotel! Burlingame original, comedian Danny Marona, will be there to entertain us all with remembrances of his time in Burlingame. The Emcee for the evening is BHS graduate, Diane Dwyer, who was awarded the BHS Alumni of the Year award. The gala dinner (black tie or costume optional) is the final celebration of Burlingame's 100th anniversary. It will be an event to remember for the entire Burlingame community and will include dinner and dancing. The land of living skies will take on a new meaning on this final night of the centennial celebrations. Using the night sky as our canvas, we will wrap up the party of a century by launching the most spectacular fireworks display the city of Burlingame has ever seen. When people walk away from the awe-inspiring June 6 festivities, we hope they will be proud to say they are from Burlingame.

A reservation form for the Centennial Gala can be found in the Burlingame Recreation Department Summer brochure or on the City of Burlingame's Website: [www.burlingame.org](http://www.burlingame.org) (Click "Centennial"). Call 650-558-7300 for further information about these events.



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As part of Burlingame's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, a new coffee table styled book about Burlingame has been released. The book describes each decade of Burlingame, from its birth as a small community that surrounded the first country club west of the Mississippi in 1893 to the present-day modern city of 28,000. Many stories about Burlingame High School are included such as: The first Little Big Game in 1927; the WWII war bond drives that resulted in the purchase of a P-38 plane named "The Burlingame Panther"; the orchestra's trip to Europe in 1958; the addition of science labs during the 1960s' space race; the drive in 1970 to save the high school from closing; BHS' 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party in 1973; the birth of the Burlingame High Alumni Association; the birth of

*Taste of the Town*; and the acquisition of a new pool and track in the 1990s. Beautiful color photos from each decade are included, most of which have never been seen before. To order your copy of this book, please mail your check for \$70 to The Burlingame Historical Society, P.O. Box 144, Burlingame, CA 94011. Persons living outside Burlingame (or its nearby suburbs) should add an additional \$6.50 for postage. Be sure to include your mailing address along with your check. Questions can be directed to the author, Joanne Garrison, at [MsJGarrison@aol.com](mailto:MsJGarrison@aol.com) or to the book's producer, Jean Silveira at [JLSilveira@comcast.net](mailto:JLSilveira@comcast.net). The book is a must-have for everyone who loves Burlingame. A limited number of books have been printed and they are selling fast – so don't delay!



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- Enclosed is my/our check for Life Membership, \$100 per alum.
- Enclosed is my/our donation for the Burlingame High School Endowment Fund (tax deductible).
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Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Your BHS Class Year: Jan \_\_\_\_\_ Jun \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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