

Aaron Goodman: Life is full of black swans. I had no way to afford college; but Sputnik came along, and Columbia offered me a full scholarship. While there, I met and married my full of wonder and fantastic wife. Then, I joined a relatively unknown company in an emerging technology ... IBM. Who knew?? After 9 years in New York, I went to Palo Alto to evaluate a new project ... then moved there to lead it. And in 1989, I chose to retire with my last project in the nascent field of AI (Artificial Intelligence). We have traveled and enjoyed the rest of the world since. All these unexpected and unplanned life twists. So, a Great Neck boy became a westerner. We have a home in Los Altos, and one in the high desert of Oregon. We have two sons and four grandchildren; three in college, and one with an advanced degree in physics and computer science from Stanford. My parents fled pogroms in Europe; I'm first generation. As Bruce Springsteen says, "*God bless the USA.*"



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