



## HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

May, 2020

### Marian Bennett:

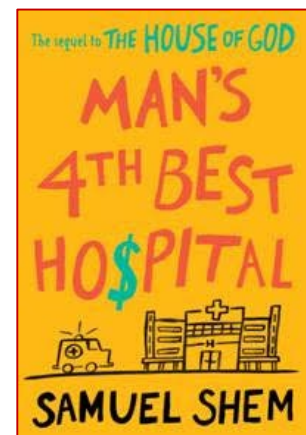
In January this year, before the health crisis, Marian C Bennett hosted three Cabot Hall friends for the Women's March. Rona Goodman, Annette Marcus, and Nona Walker joined Marian for the march and DC sightseeing on the coldest days of the year. Since the health crisis, the four helped organize a regular Zoom meeting with a dozen plus other friends from Cabot Hall. Some of us hadn't seen each other since graduation. It's been great to catch up!



### Stephen Bergman:

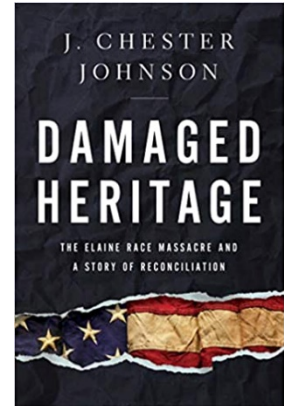
I was giving talks in NYC hospitals for my new novel (pictured here) and caught the corona, and gave it to Janet, and 6 weeks later, we're ok. Here's a brief note:

Steve Bergman, pen-name Samuel Shem, just published a satiric novel called *Man's 4<sup>th</sup> Best Hospital*, a sequel to his classic first novel *The House of God*. While *The House* was about abuses of medical training, *Man's 4<sup>th</sup>* is about abuses of our whole health care system—as we 75-year-olds know.



**J. Chester Johnson:**

My latest book, **Damaged Heritage: The Elaine Race Massacre and A Story of Reconciliation** (publisher: Pegasus; distributed by Simon & Schuster), was released on May 5<sup>th</sup>. One of fifteen writers selected to be showcased for the inaugural Harvard Alumni Authors' Book Fair (Harvard Coop: October 26, 2019).



**Thomas Humphries:**

Although rejected by JAMA, I still think the attached is current and worth reading.

**Pandemonium 2020**

Life seems mired in a misty fog  
Each day, trying to move forward  
Becoming lost, not knowing direction  
Clear the fog to continue life

Flash! Another pierces the fog  
A stalwart lighthouse ahead?  
Flashes that guide one forward  
Out of fog, a life to restart.

A flickering glimmer  
A light or something grimmer?  
We all need to see a beam  
A beam of hope, not a dream

Science must be our only guide  
With truth as it develops, we must abide.

### John Fitzhugh Millar:

I would like to give a Shout-Out to classmate Bill Weld, whom I have known since he was thirteen. After serving as a successful prosecutor, and one of Massachusetts' best governors, as well as making many other solid achievements, Bill ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for president against Trump, a seemingly thankless aggravation. Whenever any of the numerous Democratic candidates opened their mouths, it made headline news, and yet you'd never know from the media that Bill was even running. Shame!

When we were both sixteen, I pointed out to Bill how impressed I was: he was a genius in the classroom (I imagine that he maintained A+ in every course from kindergarten through graduate school); he was a good athlete (squash and tennis); he was an all-around nice guy, and he had a generous gift of common sense. He replied, "You should meet my sisters – they run rings around me!" Well, here's a warm thank you to Bill for all he has done (and to his sisters, whose example he was presumably trying to follow; I never did meet them).

Best wishes,

### John Diamante:

San Francisco, May 4--

(Attached not my lot; unlike shut-ins, prisoners, refugees, slummed, most of us [if not hard-quarantined up country, on islands] have plenty of space, walk outdoors at will...in this ghastlyland of unknown unknowns.

To think we've thought we'd lived through signal lifetime events, Korea/Vietnam to 9.11 to POST HOC\*.)

### In Memoriam

Class	Name	Date	Place	Spouse	Address
65	Mrs. Virginia Savage McAlester	04/09/2020	Dallas, TX		
65	Donald R. Adair, Esq.	04/06/2020	Fairport, NY		
66	Ms. Anne Mihelich Knight	03/25/2020	Palo Alto, CA		
66	Mr. Peter W. Coogan	04/09/2020	Newton, MA	Mrs. Deborah W. Coogan	287 Langley Road, # 25, Newton Centre, MA 02459
67	Ms. Mary Susannah Robbins	12/27/2016	Cambridge, MA		
67	Mr. Wayne M. Hansen	05/02/2019	Sterling, CT	Ms. Marilyn Hansen	1080 Plainfield Pike PO Box 154, Oneco, CT 06373
67	Mr. Parrish Kelley	08/31/2018	East Rochester, NY	Ms. Kathleen Kelley	804 Madison St., E. Rochester, NY 14445-1544

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