



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

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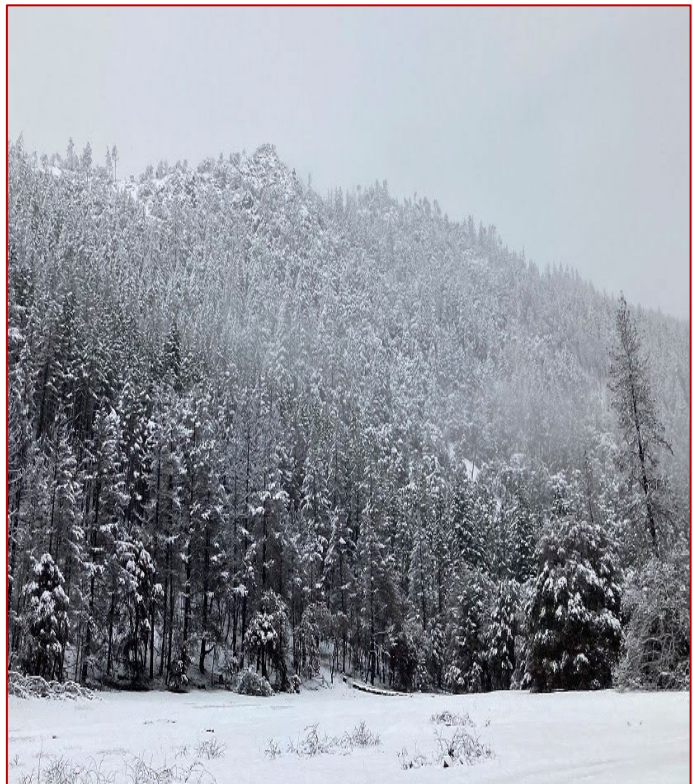
I started this newsletter in July, 2019 because I was getting monthly necrology reports from the HAA that I thought I should be sharing with you. Happily, we've grown beyond that; let's keep it up! Some of you tell me that you have nothing to report; I don't believe it. You write stuff in the red books every five years. Think of this vehicle as a way to chronicle events between those times by sending your thoughts to: tblack@post.harvard.edu.

Now the news:

Robert Brothers:

Snow was here, in extreme form, the soaking wet, branch-sticking, tree-toppling kind. The pendulum of extreme weather is starting to swing as far to the wet as it did to the dry last summer.

Coincidentally, lol, the electricity here went out on Christmas Eve. Meanwhile, the one person who could fix it, my young land partner Nathan, was snowed-in and tree-blocked at his place in Willow Creek, along with his wife Brittany, children Alexandria and Isaac, dogs, chickens, goats, etc. It was a disaster for many days there, since the snow brought the power lines down, but the community pulled together wonderfully, as they had last summer when the fire came lapping at the edges of the town and people cleared a big fire protection line behind the gas stations. Now, without power, the issue was firewood, so people shared what they had and made it through, despite some crushed trucks and crushed bedrooms. Some kids would be parentless if their mom and dad had not chosen to sleep with them in their room that night. One of the local tow truck drivers was killed outright by a falling tree.



Here's Nate's report: "We had very heavy snowfall here at my house and throughout town which caused massive tree falls, maybe 500 trees in just my neighborhood. Bunky's truck was crushed under a huge oak, and a large oak came very close to getting my truck too. Many of our neighbor's homes were badly damaged. It took us 2 days to cut the neighborhood out to allow everyone access to town and some streets are still needing saw work. We are all chipping in together to help the neighbors without generators or firewood to stay warm. To make it even more interesting Renner's and Chevron ran out of fuel so there was a line to get gas yesterday that went all the way to the Hwy 96.... we are warm with the woodstove and have my small generator for keeping food in the fridge and freezer from being spoiled, so we are good."

The only station left open was Patriot, but then their electricity went off just as Nate was getting up to the pump. So the Bangladeshi owner ran out and called for someone with a big diesel to come up and jump start one pump from its battery. So someone did, and pretty soon people were helping each other load the jerry cans of gas into each other's trucks from the single pump . . . and on we go! Teamwork is the dream work. It's so wonderful to see it right here in our community!
Snowed in and peaceful at home:

Henry Frisch:

In response to one of Harvard's pleas for funds, for the second year in a row I've donated \$10 to the 'Alan Dershowitz- He Kept His Pants On' fund (this year I tried \$5 initially, but it turns out there's a \$10 minimum). The citation was for keeping alive the tradition of James Watson and Larry Summers (see the book *Because They Could*, by our classmate David Warsh), among an interesting list of others.

I would be delighted if others could chip in at this level. Last year I got back a nice note thanking me for helping keep our memory of Alan's accomplishments alive (didn't give a list, but keeping his pants on ranks high). It really is the least we can do for our alma mater. (it's truly minor, but it did feel good).

Best wishes to all.

Neva Goodwin:

Just before Thanksgiving "The Conversation" published a piece I have wrote with my colleague, June Sekera. Our goal is to daylight the realities of efforts to use mechanical or chemical methods to draw carbon dioxide from the air and store it ... somewhere. Here is the link:

<https://theconversation.com/why-the-oil-industrys-pivot-to-carbon-capture-and-storage-while-it-keeps-on-drilling-isnt-a-climate-change-solution-171791>

To give some background – I come to this topic first as an economist, and more recently through my work with the EcoHealth Network. Originally my main interest was in getting the word out about the potential for ecological restoration to play a strongly constructive role in mitigating climate change. However, as June and I looked into the data, we became increasingly concerned about the diversion of resources and attention to mechanical/chemical efforts that may do much more harm than good, and away from the promise of biological sequestration of CO₂. Congress has been successfully lobbied to pour a great deal of money into these technologies, but there is beginning to be awareness of the contradictions between these activities and more direct efforts to address climate change through the transition away from fossil fuels.

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"I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." — E.B.White

Gail Morrison:

For my unplanned trip when my cruise canceled after I was already in Dubai, I got my PCR test and then the visa for Saudi Arabia via internet then booked my flight and the NEXT night's hotel in Jeddah. I stayed in the hotel for 3 nights then with a Couchsurfing host. We visited his friends and a street festival for food. Then on to Riyadh and again, booking the hotel and flight the night before. This time a day host alerted me to a Coffee and CHOCOLATE Exhibition to sample and buy as much as you wanted. After another CS visit, it was on to Hofhuf, booking the train and hotel the night before. Hofhuf (or Al Ahsa) was great. You should go if you can. Then on by train to Damman and another CS host in Al Khobar. Another PCR test and on to Bahrain. Oops forgot they required a visa. No problem. VOA at the border crossing from Saudi. (Booking of bus and hotel the night before.) I got the Oman evisa by the time I arrived in Bahrain. Up til then I wasn't sure if I would be flying to Dubai or Muscat the next day. Christmas day I arrived in Muscat, Oman.

The next morning I went out on the ocean with a local woman who is a CS host. We saw lots of dolphins, including a baby. Then she took me to a fish and vegetables market and through the winding lanes of the souk. Then we had an incredible lunch. I have never traveled quite this way, "winging it", so much before. I don't even have a flight home (USA) yet. British Airlines canceled my flight home from South Africa, where my cruise was supposed to go.

Elinor Gollay:

(Tom's note: I persuaded Elinor to let me publish the following. She has a long history of public service, so I thought it relevant):

I do hate purists regardless of which side of the political spectrum. Hate might be too strong a word. But they harm the political process that is predicated on compromise in the best sense of the word -- finding common ground among people who come from a variety of very different perspectives.

Here in Oregon I live in a bit of a blue bubble but the state will be targeted by the crazy Republicans and we can't take anything for granted. There are large swaths of the state that want to be part of Idaho. I say -- move on over! I so miss the days when there were two parties taking different perspectives on how to solve difficult problems. I was registered as an "independent" in MA because the Republicans were -- as often as not -- as good or better than the Dems who often were corrupt. And, I'm from NYC so there were many progressive, competent and committed Republicans -- Javits, Lindsay, etc etc. Even our former classmate Weld. Those days are totally gone as far as I can tell. I might not have agreed with everything they did, but at least they were committed to making things better. I enjoy listening to true conservatives who hate what is happening to the country and what has happened to "their" party. I learn from them because they see the world differently. Often, they have a religious lens that I don't have.

We have many races here in OR to hold my attention. We have a totally messed up city government. The structure is all wrong and a change in the city charter will, I believe/hope/expect be on the ballot in Nov. That should help. We have a governor's race. Time will tell if Nick Kristof will be able to run. It's with the Supreme Court. (Questions about whether or not he is an Oregon resident). I've given money to him and to Tina Kotek his biggest Dem opponent in the primary. She's been the Speaker of the House. The problem with him -- no government experience. The upside for him is a fresh perspective and relatively little political baggage. The problem with her -- lots of problems that will be difficult for her to distance herself from. The upside for her is that she knows well what needs to be fixed and can articulate it well. I'm still deciding who I think would not only make the best Governor but would have the best chance of winning. Sigh. If the Republicans nominate a crazy person, then maybe we'll be able to hold the governor's spot.

Meanwhile, we have three "interesting" House races. We added a new district and that not only means a new seat but reconfigured existing districts. Not surprisingly a ton of people are running for

the new district. The most viable candidate -- the one apparently with the best chance -- is being challenged by another Hispanic woman entering. Another sigh. Long-time Representative Pete DeFazio is retiring leaving another totally open seat. And there a woman challenging Rep Schrader whom I like a lot. So very busy indeed although not in my district.

Senator Wyden should be fine but he called me for money and claimed that his advisors are telling him to be concerned because of the anti-incumbent sentiment. Good fundraising line! In the last Senate race the Republican candidate was a QAnon person. Let's see who runs this time around.

I gave him money even though most of my national contributions and activism these days is through J Street -- a political organization right up my alley because it is -- as you put it -- pragmatically progressive. Don't let me rant about what's happening in Israel/Palestine. That's another sigh you're hearing.

Oh. The good news: People are genuinely energized. Progressive organizations such as J Street are not going it alone -- they are joining forces with each other to make the most strategic investments of time and money they can. And I keep hoping that when the Jan 6 committee issues its findings; when the DOJ indicts; when.....Maybe the Republican Party will lose enough that they will return to being a party of pro-constitution pro-democracy conservatives instead of what they have become. They got into bed with the racists and white nationalists -- quite a while ago. That needs to end. I'm hopeful that we can save our democracy even though there are many signs that we're teetering on the edge. I plan to do my little bit.

Ottis Layne:

In November, 2020 I got my third board certification. My first was Emergency Medicine in 1989, then Addiction Medicine in 2000, Now Lifestyle Medicine, which utilizes evidence-based lifestyle changes in the areas of whole food plant-based diet, movement, proper sleep, stress management, avoidance of risky substance use, and social connection for the prevention, treatment, and reversal of the full range of chronic diseases that afflict us in the twenty-first century. Then in November, 2021 the American College of Lifestyle Medicine published my book, *The Lifestyle Medicine Practitioner's Guide to Burnout*, which is available at <http://www.healthylearning.com>. This is a different type of book on burnout. It teaches a method of dealing with burnout (based on mindfulness) that does not require taking time away from work for therapy or recuperation. One of the cover notes for my book was done beautifully by my Harvard roommate Bob McKelvey.

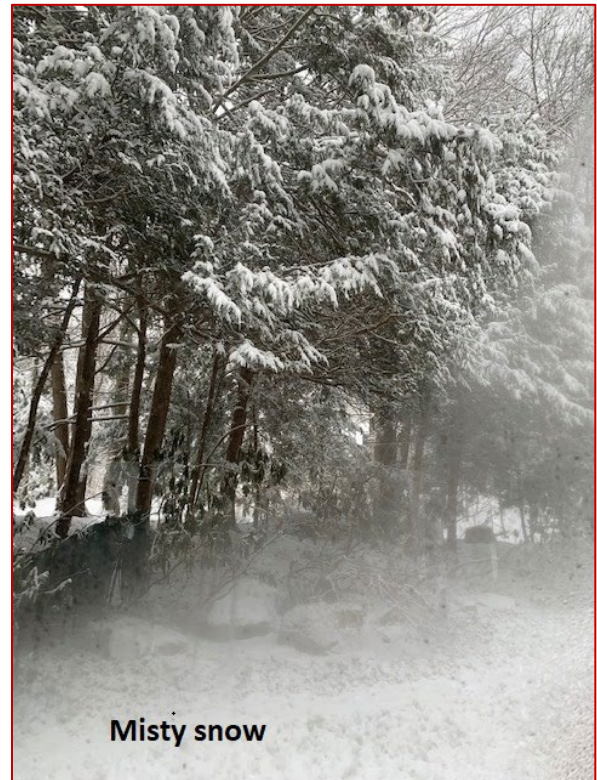
William Neaves:

Photographing wildlife
Priscilla enjoyed watching on
our mesa-top home in
Northwest Texas continues to
console me in her absence.

Here is a gray fox on 13
January 2022.



T.D. Allman:



In Memoriam:

John DePodesta:

I regret to inform you that my dear friend, roommate and classmate, **Jim Kindler**, passed away on 12/16/21. Attached is an obituary for Jim that captures the human qualities and distinguished career of this public servant and devoted family man.

<https://www.lohud.com/obituaries/wjn164859>

Respectfully submitted,
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