



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

July 2023

Here is our July news:

Julie Cheever

Alice Abarbanel, Julie Cheever and Suzy Underwood '72 gave an update on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project at Harvard's second annual Alumni Day on June 2. The program was a hybrid combination of in-person presentation and Zoom. It lasted 35 minutes and was recorded. If you are interested, here is a link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/EYggAJ9GsAY>. Alice, the project director, talked about interviewing women from the classes of the '60s. Suzy, the deputy project director, talked about women of the 1970s and Julie described the progress of the project, which is expected to be completed in June 2024.

John DePodesta

What a marvelous recognition of our classmate and friend **Tim Lepore**, from the Nantucket islanders. He is a treasure! Please share with our classmates.

<https://www.ack.net/stories/dreamland-honors-tim-lepore-with-fred-rogers-good-neighbor-award,32780>

Stephen Bergman

My new "doctor" novel has just come out: *Our Hospital*. It is the last of the series of *The House of God*, *Mount Misery*, *Man's 4th Best Hospital* – and now *Our Hospital* (in the Covid). With this I close the four books that started 50 years ago with *The House of God*. I'm calling it "The Healing Quartet" *Gratitude!*
SHEM (Steve Bergman)



William Neaves

Photographing wildlife in Northwest Texas continues to distract me from less pleasant matters. On 7/2/2023, a greater earless lizard (*Cophosaurus texanus*) was posing on a rock at my daughter's ranch in Crosby County, Texas.

Virginia Morris:

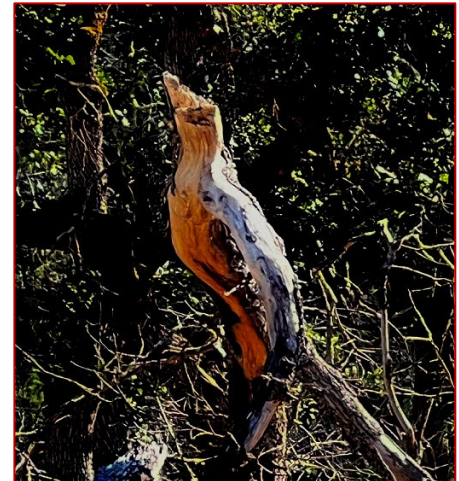
My daughter Miranda took me across the Bay for a walk and a delicious lunch near Crissy field today, to celebrate the birthday: feeling very grateful for love, life- and this beautiful world we live in.



Robert Brink

Not a very intellectual or introspective addition, but something of note: My wife took this photo after spotting this broken tree from a distance and wondering how it could have happened this way:

A broken tree pretending to be a bird



T.D. Allman

The Panama Hat Principle

As I often have noted about life in Lauzerte, "The More You Need Something, the Closer to Home You Will Find It." It's one of my Fundamental Principles for Survival in France Profound. I call it the Panama Hat Principle, because after a Notre Dame pigeon defecated on my original Panama hat, the one I'd bought while sailing through the Panama Canal, I didn't have to go back to Panama to get a replacement. An authentic high-quality replacement hat appeared right in front of my house, for sale at the Saturday market.

At a recent Saturday market, this principle again vindicated itself, In my experience no household is complete with just one Chinese cleaver, yet for some time I found myself in that situation. What to do? Trying to bring one from New York might arouse the curiosity of the N.S.A. Search out one in Paris? Not during the Covid epidemic! All I had to do was wait until – presto! -- the auxiliary Chinese cleaver I needed, complete with a matching carving knife, appeared right in front of my house

The replacement Panama hat I got in Lauzerte cost no more than the one I had purchased in Panama, This time I got the cleaver for free. Well, I told the guy, now that we've reached a deal on those old junky hand-blown antique wine vials no one else wants, why don't you throw in that useless cleaver? You know no French cook will ever touch it.

The actual phrase, once you've sealed the deal, is:

"Alors, maintenant qu'est-ce que vous me donnez pour me faire plaisir?" Then point to what you want.

Another useful phrase, when the asking price seems to high, is:

"Mais vous me prendriez pour un américain!"

This, thanks to the pervasive role of irony in French discourse, is particularly effective if you happen to bean actual American.

Happy Bastille Day, y'all!

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In Memoriam

'65	Robert Hanf	3/22/2023	Worthington, Ohio
'65	Michael Long	5/16/2023	Beaufort, SC
'66	Alex Whiteside	5/16/2023	Milton, MA
'66	Martin Vidgoff	6/19/2023	Portland, OR
'67	Richard Bowers	5/24/2023	Mishawka, IN

Being the editor, I get the last word:

Tom Black

We had the third annual family get together a week ago at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, ME (27 of us!):



Until next month, stay safe,

*Tom Black
co-class secretary*