



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

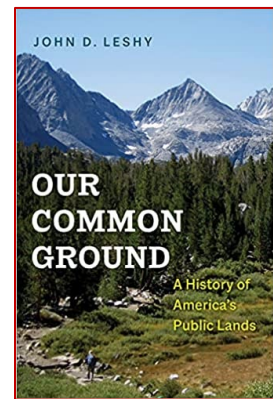
December 2021

Enclosed is our yearend newsletter. I've had some technical issues with getting all the pictures to fit properly (I think we're testing the Harvard program). I've included the pictures that Virginia Morris and Alan Venable sent us at the bottom of this newsletter with captions. Also, you'll notice that some names are centered on the page; I have no idea why it keeps doing that, but I've fooled with it long enough, and I'm running out of time if I want to call this the December newsletter,

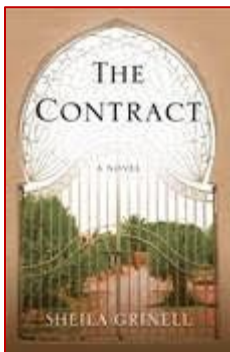
John Leshy:

I couldn't pass up this opportunity to flog my book, due to appear in a few weeks. To that end, I would appreciate including this item in the December newsletter as well as *Harvard Magazine*.

John Leshy's new book, *Our Common Ground*, a history of America's public lands, will be published by Yale U. Press in February. These lands comprise nearly a third of the nation's real estate and are mostly managed for conservation, education, inspiration and recreation. The book explains the political decisions that yielded this result, a surprising one in a nation whose culture esteems private property and distrusts government, especially the national government



Sheila Grinell:



For classmates who multiplex, my novel, *THE CONTRACT*, is now available in audio book, narrated by actress Amy J. Johnson. A work of contemporary fiction, it is about a passionate and determined designer who seeks success by developing a museum in Saudi Arabia; she soon discovers that the project will change her life in so many ways. You can order from your favorite audio vendor or go here: <https://sheilagrinell.com/the-contract/>.

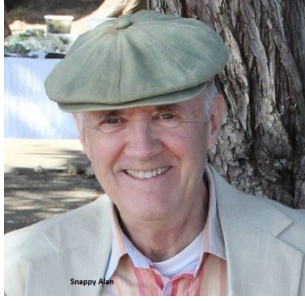
Have a safe and productive New Year.

Ross Snow:

After 53 years in San Francisco, I have moved to Coachella Valley desert. This Friday, 12/31, the keys to my new home in Rancho Mirage will be turned over. And a new adventure begins

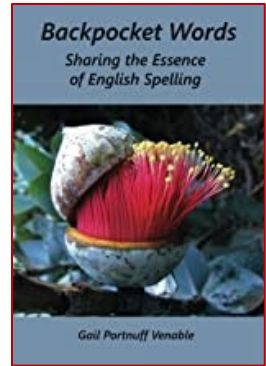
Alan Venable:

At supper in Adams back in the day I remember blithely pitching our since departed classmate Kevin McMahon with Mark Twain's proposal to "simplify" English spelling along phonetic lines. Kevin was appalled at the thought. How right he was I came to realize through my wife Gail's recent



completion of *Backpocket Words: Sharing the Essence of English Spelling*, just published by my One Monkey Books press.

For the past decade, Gail has been watching students unlock the secrets of the spelling system. They start to ask questions about why words are spelled the way they are. They gain confidence that they are capable of finding those answers through their own research.



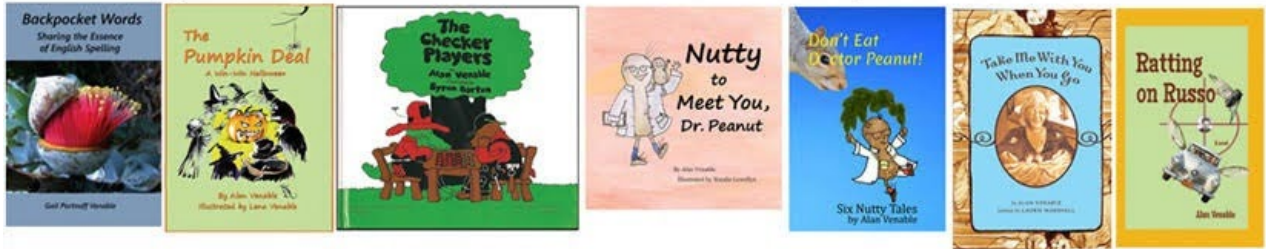
Do you know, for example, how *perspire* and *inspiration* are related? Well, of course you do. But perhaps you don't know whether to write *innoculate* or *inoculate* or why *chrysanthemum* starts with *ch* while *crystal* doesn't. Do you know why there's

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an *rh* in *rhythm* but sn an *rrh* in *arrythmia* and *diarrhea*? What vowels belong in the middle of *pand_monium* and *sacr_l_gious*? This book will help anyone understand and share the logic and coherence of the English writing system.

Backpocket Words is a delightful read for people like us. It's also part of a newly emerging literature about the true (morphological, not phonetic) nature of English spelling, with future promise of better (and truer) elementary schooling in reading and writing

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Harriet Katz:

Recent performances of 2 pieces of mine:

In My Mother's Garden for string quartet

In loving memory of Rosalyn Rossoff Katz

<https://youtu.be/AVdViLOoeH4>

After Long Silence for mezzo, baritone and piano

(text by Yeats) <https://youtu.be/DQkU6HJEiW8>

Loulie Kent:

Greetings to all of you in this holiday season!

Our daughter-in-law has been making gingerbread creations for the last 14 years - cathedrals, temples, famous structures all over the world where they lived. This year they chose Harvard Yard. I thought you might enjoy seeing this video with music from Harvard. This afternoon (Dec. 23) they are driving the gingerbread up from Virginia to Cambridge. If it survives we will take it over to the Memorial Church tomorrow afternoon before the Christmas Eve service.

Enjoy! <https://youtu.be/nNp49v8IUgY>

Part II:

Merry Christmas to all! The gingerbread made it to Mem Church and delighted all the people who came to the Christmas Eve service. Third photo is of our son and his family who all participated in the gingerbread making.



Ann Peck, Ellen Leopold, Roz Williams:

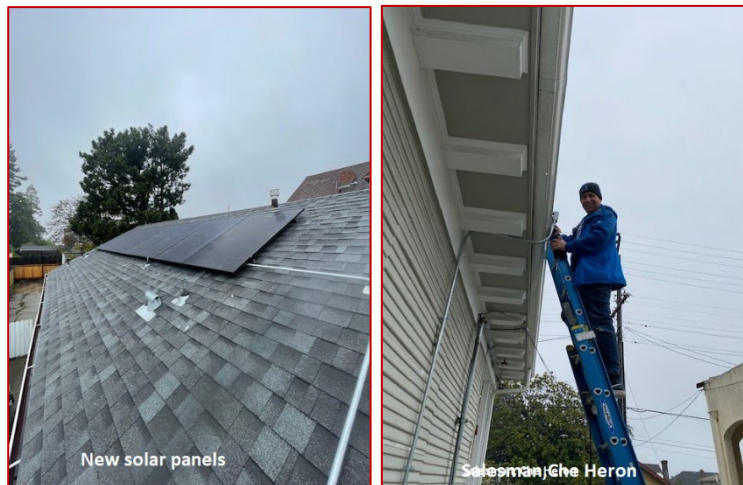
We think our classmates will enjoy listening to the new podcast from the Crimson's Matteo Wong. Its three segments provide an incisive history of Radcliffe, including interviews with many of those that influenced recent developments. The link is <https://open.spotify.com/show/4SEKJBgf6YAja6uEIJrLaD>.

Best — and Happy New Year

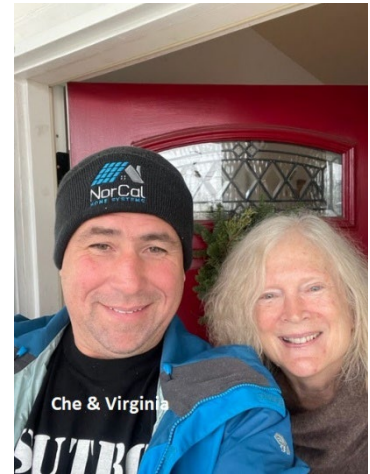
Virginia Morris:

Going through portal to sustainable energy-installed last week: 8 solar panels on roof of little house- see solar salesman on ladder (friend, Che Heron of NorCal Home Systems, Concord CA .

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Then photo with Che at front door of little house (after installation) - then granddaughter, Zoe Jung , and grandson, Leo, this past Saturday checking out what Santa brought (and then one w. their parents, daughter, Miranda, and son-in-law, Mike Jung). Sharing these as Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas fotos (after opening presents and eating Chinese takeout). Am sending out a Happy New Year, and love, to all!



T.D. Allman:

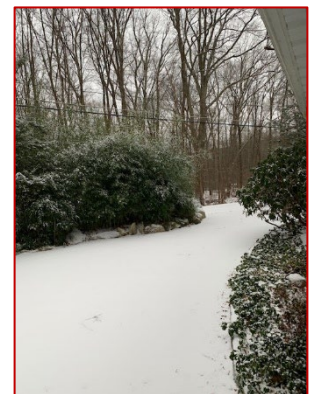


Lake House

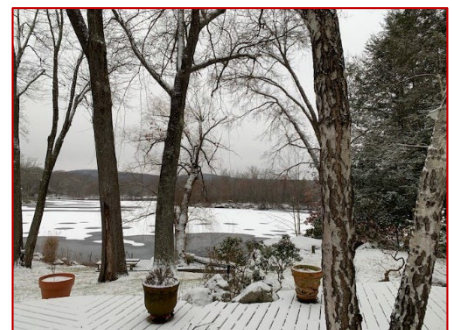
Pearl Harbor Day 2021

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The attack on Pearl Harbor, eighty years ago today, set off a U.S. nationalist and militarist explosion that would propel us, along with millions of other Americans, into a penetration -- a violation -- of Asia that, but for Pearl Harbor and its deformed sibling, the nuclear attacks on Japan, might otherwise have remained ahistorical.



We Americans set the scene. All those battleships would not have been in Pearl Harbor had the U.S., just forty-three years earlier, not seized the former Kingdom of Hawaii. It had been subverted, like Florida, California and Texas before it, by Americans on the make in the name of "freedom." (See my last book, "Finding Florida," notably the chapter on the Florida Butterfly Effect, for a fuller explanation.)



Réveillon de Noël en Amérique profonde // Christmas Eve at Lake House

Well, as I need not remind you, Butch, it is an ill wind that does not blow some good to someone, including us. Kennedy's "go anywhere, pay any price" pronouncement was the most extreme and silliest enunciation of the universalist approach to U.S. foreign policy to emanate from World War Two. A portmanteau excuse, it could be used to justify killing millions in Indochina -- while simultaneously sending off a bunch of privileged elite youths to enjoy themselves in Nepal. So here we are today! Fond memories for us, as opposed PTSD for those not clever and privileged enough to have escaped the draft.

Oddly enough, it was boring old Dwight David Eisenhower, not the revered glamorous JFK, who told the truth about the danger of militarizing American society and culture back in 1961. Ike's Farewell Address is as insightful today as it was then. Ever earlier, John Quincy Adams defined the threat we posed -- to ourselves.

America ought not go abroad seeking monsters to destroy, Adams warned. She might because dictatress of the universe, he conceded. She no longer would be the ruler of her own spirit, he foresaw. (See my first book, "Unmanifest Destiny," for a peroration on that.) To quote the title of another chapter in another book: "Circumspice." Look Around You, to seen how right Eisenhower and Quincy Adamas were.

Butch, I sat down to compose this message intending to express my admiration for your courage. After the above prologue, I do so now.



I also want to say how much I admire you. I should have said that earlier, but how can one enter the date 7 December innocently, without considering who we are, and how we got to be that way? Our experience of Nepal, in and of itself, was sufficient to reveal that the world was not made, nor meant to be made, in our image.



William Neaves:

Photographing birds that Priscilla enjoyed watching on our mesa top in Northwest Texas continues to console me in her absence. Here is a northern cardinal on December 26th.

Caroline Balderston Parry:

Dear Classmates,

I'm happy to report that I'm in a good period of remission from pancreatic cancer diagnosed in late June. I did opt for no chemo but chose to have SBRT radiation in September plus several alternative therapies. I'm not sure how they are working together or independently, but for sure I am doing well and I really enjoyed this Christmas period with most of my family coming to Ottawa... Anyone who would like further details can check out www.caringbridge.org & search for my name - I update my journal entries every week or two, and send warm wishes for 2022 to all.

Yuletide blessings,

Simple gifts: cat's purr,

Balsam scent, feet crunch fresh snow

As I walk this path.

Caroline Balderston Parry, mostly in Ottawa

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Mike Abram:

Vivian and I are delighted to report the birth in early December of our third granddaughter, Isabella Ray Covell, first child of my daughter, Sarah Abram Covell, and her husband, Andrew Covell. Isabella Ray was named for her maternal great-grandmother, Isobel McBride Fisher, and for her grandmother, Sarah's mom, my late wife, Rachel Fisher Abram, '69, of blessed memory. Isabella is thriving and we are all in love with her.

Vivian and I now share three wonderful grandsons (on her side) and three wonderful granddaughters (on mine). Life very enlarged.

We are once again hiding out from The Virus as much as possible here in our home in Lakeville, CT. And buying as many antigen tests as we can to enable us to visit Isabella in New York. So far we know of three instances of fully (triple) vaxed individuals who tested positive in PCR or antigen tests but who, fortunately, remained asymptomatic. So this thing shows up as it chooses, and then you can be a transmitter, even if less so than the, sadly, unvaccinated.

Hunkering down doesn't keep us from being busy, and not only with the obligatory "long walks on country roads," though we are enjoying those. Vivian has been appointed a member of two commissions for the Town of Salisbury, one to promote affordable housing (always needed and always controversial) and the other to protect our many lakes, rivers, streams, fens, vernal pools, and wetlands (ditto). This second post fits perfectly with Vivian's former career as an environmental lawyer and district director for the State EPA in central Florida.

As for me, the board of Music Mountain, Inc., our wonderful summer venue for chamber music and jazz in the hills of Falls Village (www.musicmountain.org) recently elected me board president, and I'm on a fast learning curve in the perils and pleasures of not-for-profit cultural institutions.

So "retirement" in our case means we're hard at work and glad of it.

J.D. Tew:

Next year at some point June and I will move to Chestertown MD on the Upper Chesapeake. . Not as cold in NE, not as hot as FL .Happy Medium.

In Memoriam:

AB66	John C. Dutton Jr.	07/26/2021	Raleigh, NC	Marylin Miller Dutton 705 Merwin Rd Raleigh, NC 27606
RAD66	Jane <i>Cummin</i> Sargent	10/26/2021	Philadelphia PA	

There we are; have a happy holiday season.

Tom Black
co-class secretary

Attachments

YouTube videos Harriet Katz - In My Mother's Garden / After Long Silence



YouTube video Gingerbread 2021 Harvard Yard

