Neither of our grandchildren was accepted at Harvard this year and Dick did not win the Pulitzer Prize. Of course, our grandchildren are ages 12 and 8 and Dick does not work for a newspaper.

Daughter Kris and her fiance Jim Lynch have moved their nuptuals to January so Anne can officiate at their ceremony. They will hold the ceremony at home with just a few friends and family in attendance; a bigger party is scheduled for next summer. Anne's term as a J.P. ends in February.

We now have a young and, according to Anne, studly Canadian dentist. This has proven a great wallet preserver since we both had a lot of work done as well as giving us hope that we won't have to break in another new doc for years.

Anne flew out to Wisconsin for some quality time with her folks this summer and Dick spent 6 good weeks in Florida before his mom died.

We have also spent this year on a new leach system for the house, a replacement for Manly Truck in the unlikely event that it snows again, and building a growing list of photos Dick is showing and (occasionally) selling.

As usual, commiseration, visits, job offers, or long phone calls welcome. Merry Christmas, friends.

Anne and Dick Harper