

January 1991

Happy New Year to everyone!

We sure enjoyed the Christmas Holidays. Preston is quite the little town for a big Christmas celebration. We had fun at Christmas with Dad and April spending Christmas Eve and sleeping over. They didn't get any more sleep than if it were our kids having sleepovers. Grandma and Grandpa think they are too big for sleepovers, but they did it anyway. We sure enjoyed having them. We took a vote and decided that Grandma had the most fun Christmas morning. It was fun to do something out of the ordinary.

We also really appreciated having Bryan home for Christmas. That was on everyone's list to Santa. We're glad he made it. He won't be with us next year. We hope he is on his mission, but the way things are shaping up he could be putting his "Basic Training" to good use. The last few months have been interesting for him. Totaling it all up, he says it was a good experience and he's not sorry for his decision.

Mark is practicing his driving every chance he gets. He's sad that he doesn't have his license yet. His name is still on the waiting list, but there aren't enough signed up for the County to hold a class in Drivers' Ed. Soon he can get a license without it. Paul has been really good to go with him to run errands for me. (I believe somewhere it's written that teaching a child to drive is a Father's responsibility, not the Mom's.)

Talina has spent a couple of days in Pocatello with her girlfriends. Mark has also with his friends. They both have strong ties that have kept drawing them there everytime they can talk Bryan into taking them.

Shauna works a little part-time job - helping a widow in our ward with her housework. She and Talina are considering trying to expand and bring in more work and more money. I think it would be easy enough for them to do. There are plenty of little widows in Preston. And they are good workers. Talina donates time at the Sr. Citizens' center, but would rather get paid for part of her work.

Tim has been a good help when it comes to shoveling the snow. He quite often goes down to the neighbors (an elderly couple in not too good health) and shovels for them. He recognizes the good feeling he has when he does this.

Tim and Joey spent a few hours last Saturday visiting friends in Pocatello while we were there to visit Connie and Ken. It seems most of their ties are fading, with the exception of Joey's friend Brooke. I think they must be kindred spirits or something. They just really are good friends.

It was fun to visit with Connie and Ken and Warren and Sharon last Saturday. Dad and April were kind enough to have us up for dinner so we could do so. (Man, I'll have to work harder at teaching this silly type-writer how to spell.)

Loalyn and I decided that we would have people pay \$9.00 this year for the family letters. If there is anything left at the end of the year, I will send it to Loalyn and we'll go from there.

Due to the lack of high tech equipment at the Perry's, we'll be back to basics on the letters this year. What you send in is what you get! Please feel free to send any articles, recipes, hints, or anything you would like to share. I'll do my best.

Much love to you all,

Sandra & family

New Year of 1991

Dear Family,

It is a tradition in the South to eat black-eyed peas and collard greens on New Years Day for good luck throughout the coming year, but considering the flavor of these two food items, we are sticking to prayer for our help! Besides, potatoes work just as well!

We've had a wonderful holiday season with our family and friends and sincerely hope ya'all have too. We have much to be grateful for. The December Family Letter was most enjoyable (of course we did not enjoy the problems each of us have) and informative. It is something we each look forward to. David & Susan, thank you so much for your contribution of handling the letter this year and for all the extras you did to make it special. Our prayers are with you in the trials you have with your health.

Dad, we enjoyed your story of your "back catch". You have been able to pop your own back in that way I remember for many years, but had not known the source. I do remember that when I turned eight and was baptized that you could not do the baptism because of your back. Ralph Bolingbroke baptized me and you confirmed me. Our bodies can slow us down, but at the same time are wonderful in what they do for themselves.

Your letter was enjoyable, Norman, thank you and Colissa it was fun hearing from you love birds! Don't quit writing. These memories you are making now will be some of your most vivid in the years to come. Congratulations Cory on your mission call! We are very proud of you. Wendy and Kami show your picture around bragging about their good-looking cousin!

Welcome home, Bryan, and we're glad you survived basic! What are your plans now? I imagine you may have a little different perspective on life than you did earlier.

We have certainly loved the pictures sent at Christmas Warren, Connie, and Loalyn! I'm going to find a way to display them with some others. We thank the rest of you for the cards, letters and gifts. The feelings of love and concern for all were overflowing on our home and it would be wonderful to feel this way on into and throughout the year. It takes more work the rest of the time, doesn't it?

It's fun to be just far enough down the list of grown children to see and anticipate coming events, and also to re-live the ones experienced already. I look at David and Shelly especially, hearing of the personalities of their young children and thinking back on what it was like, and it reminds me that the Lord promised that He would not give us more than we could handle in the way of challenges. (It seems a lot of time that you have certainly reached the very edge of that limit, though, right?) Then I look ahead at Devon & Warren and what we have coming in the future with great anticipation of missions, weddings, grown children. I also think about Dad and the many stages he has been through and what it must be like to reminisce, seeing things more as a complete whole rather than separate incidents. Then how our Heavenly Father sees and knows all ALL AT ONCE.... May we all

realize our eternal worth and be worthy of our blessings.

All our love,

Karen, Earl's family

January 2, 1991

Dear Family,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a nice Christmas. We had a quiet, and enjoyable day, unrushed and even peaceful. We couldn't have asked for anything better. The kids didn't even really want to go play with neighbors and friends or have too many of them over here. We thought of our dear families and did miss being close-by to share the Christmas spirit with however.

We were glad to see warmer weather, after the deep-freeze that hit most of us. The snow we received the week before Christmas is now melting, and yesterday the temperature climbed to 55°. That felt wonderful after all the sub-zero weather. We are real sad that so much of the citrus crops were lost due to the cold temperatures that reached down south. There's always something driving the prices of food up.

George had the week between Christmas and New Years off. Today he had to get back to the grind though. The kids are out of school until the 15th. They're starting to become bored and restless, so I guess its go rent some more movies or go crazy. Stephanie really had a fun time at her first New Years Eve dance. Ben had a friend spend the night, and George and I had some friends over for a while. (A couple that we would really like to see become interested in the gospel.) Their daughter and Melissa are friends at school and that's how we became acquainted. Symphony starts back up on the 8th, and I've been so busy over our break that I haven't even practiced. We've all enjoyed the change in schedules and the rest that the holidays allowed. Our Church schedule changes from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., so Sunday mornings won't be quite as stressful now.

George and I spent two days looking at cars over the holidays, but he still hasn't found the right car at the right price yet. I'm sure he's frustrated, but I'm not sure he realizes how frustrated I am! I felt like I had totally wasted my time, only to get disappointed and more discouraged. I'm sure something will eventually turn up that he'll be satisfied with. At least we hope.

While Dad and April were here at Thanksgiving Dad did a lot of pruning for us. Some of the pussy willow he cut out I recently brought inside and am forcing it to bloom so we can have a touch of spring in the house. George and the kids spent New Years day cutting up the wood, trying to disperse the huge pile of prunnings. I spent the day inside doing some sewing and mending, and of course the cooking.

Thank you for your cards, pictures and gifts. Connie and Ken, we were so glad to get your picture since we had never seen little Angela. She's really a cutie. Warren and Sharon, your family is just growing up too fast. It's really amazing what a couple years does! What a handsome picture. I'll bet it was difficult getting everybody together in one place! But I'll bet it was fun.

Congratulations to Cory on his mission call. We wish you good luck and God's blessings, and to your family also. In about six years we'll be doing the same thing--sending missionaries out, since Stephanie is planning one as well as Ben. We figure they'll leave about 4 months apart.

Welcome home to Bryan Perry...bet you're glad to be finished with your training. Hopefully you won't have to go for active duty either. We keep our fingers crossed around here that George's unit will not be recalled.

Thanks to Sandra for taking on the family letter this year. We'll try hard to make your deadline each month. May 1991 be a great year for us all.

Love,
Loalyn, George, and family.

January 1991
and our family gives a hand to David & Susan
Dear Family for their super publishing job for 1990

Thanks Brenda for taking on the newsletter for 91.
We enjoyed the Dec. letters - congratulations to Cory,
what a wonderful growing experience you're headed for.
Sapi may be next? How were. Got to hear of your
health problems & hope tests & research will benefit you.
Warren suffers from almost constant back/neck pain &
headaches & is also looking for answers. The Crickets
new change of life style sounds good & we're happy for you.

With the new year upon us our new resolutions
should be in effect, altho it's hard to get going on them
& break off the old, however very refreshing when we do.

We missed seeing all you loved ones this Christmas
but enjoyed a rather uneventful time with our children.
The trip was cancelled due to -30 to -40 weather as well as
Church causing the Christmas program a one week delay,
our approx. 8" of no-moisture snow has only made things
white & provided a little promising possibility. Kevin
has rejuvenated 2 old chains & built a sled to haul wood
plus helping friends with their machines.

Christmas was relaxing & so great to have all our children
home at once, at least for a short while ^{until they had to go to work.} It is quite a
thrill to ^{be} witness all these special spirits in adult bodies
interacting in our home all at once. They really have a
great time, with sibling rivalry put fairly well behind
us, not yet delivered Christmas gift (a new couch set
will replace our ^{2nd hand} old set - resplendent 10 yrs. ago or so).

Sheldon & Norman used the High School Shop turning out
a number of wood projects, even for their girlfriends. Norm
& Kevin are now into wrestling after earning a little money
working for the school installing a new sound system.

Sharon & her crew took down the ^{city} Christmas lights
down town & was pleased with the good local
participation in the lighting contest. Utah Power & Light
donated \$50. - for prizes. She made many projects,
crafts, crocheting & sewing for gifts and now looks
forward to an adult education computer class
(plus is hired ^{on} to teach an Ad. Ed. gardening class.

Leslie & George, thanks for the gun gifts; the
angel tree topper was perfect for our tree and
the nuts, etc. came in so handy for Christmas
cooking. JoAnne did all our candy making -

dipping beautiful chocolates including truffles.
She brought home her 6' 12" 235# Ricks football
player while Lupi headed to Salt Lake to bid farewell
to her missionary ~~missionary~~ ^{called to} Scotland.

My nephew Ben Jeff gave his report from the
Philippines returning from 75° to -40° & now working
out down at the Gold Mine. He must have been
a great missionary - ended up 6 mos. on H.P.
& so humble.

May this find you all with cherished memories
of 1990 & many good new beginnings for 1991.

With love,

Sharon & Sharon & family

Dear Family

Many of you saw the news about the 52 car pile up on I 215 in Salt Lake where 3 people were killed and over 20 were hospitalized. Glen was at the scene (in the middle of) this disaster on his way to Ogden at that very time. He was "prompted" to pull off the Freeway onto the shoulder of the road immediately after entering the fog. Upon stopping the car he saw within a few feet one dead body & the severe pile up which continued behind him after he pulled onto the shoulder. Glen was "a pile of nerves" when he came to our home to tell us about it. He was grateful he was not dead and that Dodi's car was not totaled. He expressed feelings that he was definitely protected for some reason. Glen & Linette have moved to ^{Kings Row Apartments} 4020 S. 1515 W. #5C, Murray, UT 84123. Tel # (801) 975-1725

We received a nice call from Jered Christmas Day. Among many other things he enjoys what he is doing to the degree that he expressed a desire to ask for an extension of his mission. On Nov 30th he reached his halfway mark and said he has considered this request during the entire first year of his mission.

Cory is very pleased about going to PA and is measurably relieved that he does not have to learn Russian or any other language to fill his mission. Plans are still on for his departure meeting on the 24th of Feb.

Fight O'Hair

DEAR EDITOR,

Franklin County residents and your readers in other states should know that Madalyn Murray O'Hair, an atheist who's efforts successfully eliminated the use of prayer and any Bible reading from all public schools in a case before the Supreme Court 15 years ago, was granted a federal hearing in Washington, D.C. on a similar subject with the Federal Communications Commission.

If her attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services being broadcast either by television or radio, will completely stop.

Many elderly people and shut-ins, as well as those recuperating from illnesses in a hospital or at home depend on the electronic media to supplement their worship needs every week.

Conceivably, the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir broadcasts, which have been on the radio since 1929 could be halted.

O'Hair is also campaigning to remove all Christmas programming. Christmas songs and carols from public schools.

You can help this time!

One million signed letters are needed. Write the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 11th St., Washington, D.C. 20054 firmly protesting petition number 2493 and any effort to remove any radio or television program designed to enhance faith, worship of God or a supreme being or removal of Christmas songs or programs from public schools.

Be sure to put the petition number on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. FCC petition 2493. Please do not sign as Mr. and Mrs., allow each adult to sign a letter separately. Write — show you are alive and well concerned about this situation.

Kay E. Andersen, Preston

as given in the Dec. Family Letter.

Nathan has a "lead" role in the High School play, Sat. Evening Feb. 23rd (the night before Cousin's farewell). Should any of you wish to attend this play called "By the Skin of Your Teeth" please give us advanced notice & we'll get tickets for you. \$3 to \$4 each - not sure. We wish we had a bigger place so everyone could camp here. We will do the best we can!

The cold weather has taken its ^{toll} on the cars at our house. Hope everyone is finding their way through this Season.

Love, DeVan

Feb. 27, 1991

Dear Family,

As you all read this we will be arriving back home from a 2-week visit to England with Earl's parents. (March 1-14th) That gives us a day and a half to complete all the preparations in order to leave, so this will be a nutshell letter (I think). Last month I completely forgot to even write.

First, we are so happy each time we receive good news from any one in our families such as Connie and Ken expecting! You are a text-book case and how wonderful! And then Lupi receiving a mission call - congratulations! We are so proud (the GOOD kind of pride) of all the missionaries in the family!! Corey, we wish we could have been to your farewell. We lament often that we miss so many special occasions to be together. We know that you will be a special asset in your mission area.

As for our family, Lonnie leaves April 16 for Marine boot camp at Paris Island. He is beginning to get his belongings, etc. squared around in time to ship out. Greg has finally finished and turned in his EAGLE and will have his board of review when we arrive back home, and this act and good grades has provided him with a drivers licence! He is more than willing to use it to the full extent now. Wendy was presented with her Beehive award in Sacrament Mtg. Sunday having completed her Personal Progress requirements for the first two years of YW, and also spoke in church the same day. She now attends the long-awaited stake dances! She and Kami are now beginning to earn their \$ for girls camp this summer. Ashley looks forward to being baptized next October.

Earl has been involved in preparing for our ward to be split, forming a new branch, which will take place while we are out-of-country. We sure picked a time to leave! I do believe we need this vacation, though, and we will get the utmost from our experiences back in his old mission stompin' grounds.

Well, signing off.....

Love,

Karyn, Earl & Family

P.S. Dad, hope your operation went well and you have a quick recovery.

Dear Family,

March 1, 1991

The past three or four weeks around here have been pretty much devoted to getting people well, as the viruses made their way through the whole family, some of ~~them~~^{us} getting sick twice. I held out the longest but got a pretty good case of bronchitis - which I don't think I've ever had before. I'm sure glad there are doctors and beneficial drugs. We're all doing much better. I think our weather has been much too mild and has helped the germs along in their victory.

I suppose our most notable news is that we finally got a new car to replace the "Blue Beast," that ceased to be blue a long time ago. (Primer Grey is a more accurate color description.) It now rests alongside the driveway looking tired & old with a few ^{last} life support measures hooked up to it - but to no avail. The kids, including those from other homes in the neighborhood, think it's a terrific new piece of playground equipment! Somehow will have to get it to its final resting place - and soon I hope. The new car is a ¹⁹⁹¹ sporty-looking red Ford Escort Pony. Nothing luxurious or special, but fun to drive and paid for!! and very good on gas with its fuel-injected engine. It's just what we needed and I have to admit I was in shock for about 3 days after we got it. I couldn't believe it. It has already sustained its first wounds too, from the mounted rack of deer antlers that Dad brought to us at Thanksgiving. George had hung them up in the garage, & not very well I might add, then

I used them for a hose rack. They vibrated loose ^{when} from the garage door opener was in operation and came down on the front fender making three little dents, but no scratches. That first dent seems to be the hardest to take cuz then your car isn't so new & perfect anymore. Oh well, that's life I guess. Its nickname is "Little Red."

Stephanie made it into her high school musical cast for South Pacific. They perform all next week. She's been pretty tired with late rehearsals & early seminary. She's doing good keeping up with homework, * but definately needs to get more sleep. One more week...

Ben has made excellent progress in school this quarter. He's getting all A's & B's for a change, & has art for the whole semester which he really loves.

Our Stake recently underwent a big boundary change, causing major upheaval in 6 of our 9 wards. Our ward lost 14 families, but gained 66! Now our ward is huge and it feels like we moved, only we didn't! All the people were released from their callings (except Stake jobs) & I'm waiting to see what my new calling will be. I was sick last week when they first called me to come in. I don't like the suspense. I feel they want me for Camp Director - time will tell & I may be dead wrong - so will wait & see.

Kristin, Spencer & I are going to pack up newspapers today & go recycle them, so I better get to it.

We're glad the war is over &
that George wasn't deployed.
or Bryan Penn!

Till next time,

Love, Koalyn & George & fam.

March 1991

Dear family,

It always amazes me how fast time goes by. In ways, it seems like winter was long - and in ways, it seems like things just went from green to brown. What a strange feeling!

We've had a break in the winter weather. All our snow has now melted. We got another two inches or so last week, but it was gone before the day was over. It's showing some signs of rain now. Our stake had a fast for rain on Sunday. All the farmers are becoming quite concerned about the conditions for this year. It's done a little drizzling the last day or two, but we sure need a good downpour for a few days.

Farm equipment is beginning to move a little. So all the possibilities Paul has had on hold all winter are showing some positive signs now. It's been quite frustrating for him to twiddle his thumbs and wait for the weather to break and farmers to start some activity again. He's working hard at building a customer clientele. He's got good repore with most of them and this year should be a little more successful for him. He enjoys getting out and meeting them on their own terf and isn't afraid to pitch in and help them for a few minutes in order to talk with them. He's a good guy.

Bryan has landed a full-time job in Logan. He is working at a place called Lundahl. They deal in electronic circuit boards. He knows what it feels like to be a minority now. He's the only person in his department who is not Japanese! He has to get up about 5:00 each morning to drive to Logan and be to work at 6:00. So with those early hours and learning to communicate with "foreigners" he's starting to get in shape for his mission. We were glad to see things go the way they did with the war - now he can start on his papers for his mission. Bryan was a little disappointed that his group didn't get to go help out, but his Mom and Dad were glad.

The rest of the kids are doing well in school. Shauna spent last Saturday and Friday in Logan on a trip with the choir. Mark and Timmy are advancing in their scouting. We are finding it really helps to have Dad as a scoutmaster. It's probably the best insurance Mark has of obtaining his rank of Eagle. Tim has been spending alot of time with a friend of Paul's out on the farm. Several evenings and the last few Saturday's he's been occupied with the cows, calves, etc. He thinks it's great. He has learned to head straight for the shower when he gets home so the rest of us can smell in comfort. (I don't remember it all smelling like that when we had the cows.)

Love to all till next month.

Sandra + family

March 31, 1991

Dear Loved Ones,

On this Easter Sunday my heart is full to think of the Savior and what He did for each of us. I am so thankful for the knowledge that has been given to us through the prophets of all dispensations and that we have the true church on the earth at this time and that I can partake of the blessings it offers. May we all have a desire to progress and improve daily,

President Goodman is our temple president who was at the time I was attending BYU, head of the music department. Attending Stake Conferences within our temple area is part of his schedule, and while doing so in February and on route back from Florida, he and his wife stopped at a rest area where he was attacked and beat about the head with a hammer by a black man. He is now back to an almost full schedule at the temple having suffered loss of half his hearing in one ear. What a blessing that he has recovered and is able to finish his calling.

Our trip to England was a good experience and a very fulfilling one for Earl as he was able to see people he had baptized and had associated with on his mission. I'm sure that is every missionary's dream to return and see the fruits of their labors. He used up his consecrated oil and continued his missionary work with some of these same people who are only semi-active. We saw a lot of the sights that you go see so when you come home you can say that you've seen them! It was enjoyable but I did get my fill of castles and armor. My favorite parts were listening to the people talk, comparing the lifestyles of ours and theirs, trying the food, (we actually ate way too much food--it was so good!) and just being with Earl as he relived his experiences. Earl's folks were more than gracious in helping make the trip possible and in doing all they could to see that we could do what we wanted to do while there. They are becoming anxious to get home, though. The man who was Earls' bishop when he was called on his mission is there on a genealogical mission with his wife and we were able to spend some time with them also.

We are greatly anticipating General Conference this coming weekend with the renewed commitment it always brings as we listen to our wonderful leaders. It is a blessing to be able to see it on satellite transmission rather than just hear it on the radio or have to wait until the Ensign comes to even know what was said. Many people in many countries don't have these luxuries and have to sacrifice so much to have just the most basic blessings. We feel very thankful.

May all of you enjoy spring if it happens to arrive in April! It is a beautiful and invigorating time of year. We love each of you and pray daily for your welfare both individually and collectively. Until next time-----

Love,

Karen, Earl & Family



Dogwood bloom

April 2, 1991

Dear Family,

We can feel Spring in the air and in our bones--and we welcome the feeling! The kids are able to play outside more, even without a jacket, and that puts smiles on their dreary faces. Marcelle and Aubrey are in a beginning gymnastics class, and the mildly difficult physical activity is agreeing with them it seems. They practice on their beds and are fascinated with what they can make their body do. Morgan keeps up as much as he can. Soon he'll be able to reach the pedals on his little bike and be zooming down the sidewalks at at least half the speed of sound.

We are anticipating General Conference, and hope that the kids will let us get at least something out of it...

All in all, we seem to be plugging along, doing the mundane day to day things that ya'll do everyday too. We count among our biggest blessings, health, a secure job, your good examples, and a growing understanding of why we are even here on this wondrous planet. Hoping that you didn't get taken in too deep on April Fool's Day, and wishing you a prosperous 30 more days, we subscribe ourselves

Yours truly,

The Crocketts



"Blasted recoil unit!"

*Sony,
Sick humor--
I know*



April 3, 1991

Dear Family,

I love seeing the seasonal changes occurring this time of year, but I get tired just thinking of all the yard work ahead. I've often said I wish our yard was a lower maintenance place. However, I'm so glad we have what we have. I do feel blessed in spite of it all.

George will leave later this month for his 2-week active duty. This year he will be going to Virginia Beach for another special school, and not to Pearl Harbor. His schedule at work has relaxed some--no more overtime-- so we get to see him home a little earlier in the evenings now, and he doesn't leave so early in the morning either.

I'm skipping my next Symphony concert, since they rescheduled it for Mother's Day. I'll have my Tuesday evenings free again at least through the summer. My premonitions about being the girls Camp Specialist were correct---so now I'm involved with camp and all that goes with it. It looks like I'll have around 25 girls at camp this year. I had started to refinish our piano before the calling came, so now the work on the piano is going real slow. (It was an ugly antique-green and gold...now it's half bare wood.)

Stephanie received a calling this past Sunday to be the assistant Sunday School pianist. She's really excited about it and we've been hearing a lot more practicing out of her lately too. We think she's going to do a pretty good job. Her musical (South Pacific) at school was really good. Now she's trying out for the spring production which will be a number of scenes from different plays and musicals. (Like a Broadway review.) She's trying for Becky Thatcher from Tom Sawyer. She sure loves being involved in this kind of thing.

Ben and George went on a Scout camp-out last Friday and Saturday, in the middle of one of our famous Spring Snow Storms! They were pretty miserable that evening, but Saturday the sun came out and they had a great time playing in the snow. (They came back sunburned and looking like we used to after we'd been spring skiing.) Our scouts have planned one campout a month, but George won't be able to do all of them with Ben, although we think Ben does better when dad is along.

Melissa's class at school have been doing "old school" things like dressing the way they did long ago, writing to grandparents to find out what school was like for them at the same age, field trips, and lunch packed in a real can like the old lunch buckets. She has seemed to enjoy these experiences.

Krystin had kindergarten registration today. She's really looking forward to going, and being able to walk home with Melissa (if she get afternoon session like we want). She has really enjoyed pre-school for the most part. There is a little boy that carpools with us that is a pill that she doesn't particularly care to be around. She's hoping they don't get put in the same class!

Spencer is spending a lot more time outside since the weather is getting warmer. He seems to really enjoy digging in the dirt and sand. Potty training is going okay too. He still has plenty of accidents, but some days he does terrific! We're having a hard time with his aggressive behavior...hoping to help him get it under control before Sunbeams.

Hope you all had a Happy Easter. We will miss getting the General Conference sessions on TV this time the the Public station that normally airs them in is the middle of a move that weekend. If we want to see the Conference live we'll have to go to the Stake Center.

We sure enjoy all your letters. Connie and Ken, we're excited about your news, and yours too Lupi! Good luck.

Love, Loalyn, George and family

Dear Family,

It was enjoyable to see so many family members at Corey's farewell & hope all is going well for him and Jared. Lupi's farewell is at present scheduled for May 12 and should that change, we will inform you.

Spring Break was welcome with Warren accomplishing a steelhead fishing trip with Norm (2), Kev (1), and Josh at Orofino; bringing home 3 nice fish & good memories. I spent 4 days in Rexburg with our four daughters at Women's Week, enjoying wonderful workshops by professors & noted people like Mrs. Powell (Mrs. Powell's Cinnamon Rolls); plus evening performances - Showtime, Chinese Acrobats from Taiwan & a flower/bridal show. All fresh bridal bouquets were made by students of the Horticulture Dept. Sheldon gave us a tour of the modern Hort. Dept. at Ricks - it is a wonderful environment for learning. He was chosen to represent the Dept. at a competition in Kentucky & did well - taking 2nd in bench making competition and helping Ricks to take 9th overall of 33 universities & colleges. Lupi & Sheldon should graduate from Ricks this month.

Norman is getting ready to graduate in May and is now in track competition with wrestling behind him. We were sure proud of his wrestling performances again this year with 26 wins and 2 losses and taking 2nd at both District and State. Out of 15 Butte wrestlers, he was the only one qualified for State. He lost his State championship match for 1st place by 1 pt. (10-9), and all due to referee error; but he showed tremendous sportsmanship that will qualify him for the more important things in life. He has really taught us & others a great deal about attitude. Norm will go to Ricks this Fall on a leadership scholarship from serving as Student Body President. During the summer he & Kev hope to complete refurbishing a 1969 Chevelle plus a regular job. They finished the Subaru Bratt and sold it. Kevin recently received his Patriarchal Blessing and was ordained a Priest. He works hard in school pulling honors grades. I've enjoyed the benefits of his computer coaching along with an adult education computer class I'm taking (Word Perfect 5.1). I just completed a 30 pg. Research Theme for an older college student from Arco, using my computer class skills.

I'm beginning my greenhouse again & enjoy its therapy - Spring is great. Things are greening up outside now and I've been watering off and on since the middle of Feb.; with such a draught on in our valley it looks like many trees, etc. will die. In Stk Welfare Mtg. Pres. Tibbitts jokingly said, as we were talking about gardening in the Lost River Valley, "The easiest way to get frozen vegetables is plant early."

Josh recently completed several merit badges (Aviation & Citizenship) at the Scout Pow Wow. He's getting ready for the Clogg dance recital the first of May.

Valina too enjoys Clogg dancing and competes at Ricks next week. She is running for class President against a past boyfriend and girl but is going to give it her best shot. She is back to piano lessons after 4-5 yrs off and played for Sunday School for a month while I directed. She does great!

We are looking forward to General Conference and then Stake Conf. with a General Authority (Bp. Paice). He will also do a

Fireside for the Young Single Adults in the Stake whom I work with.

Warren is much busier with his new calling of High Priest Group Leader, & getting closer to the High Priests in the Ward. He is fishing with some of them today at Mackay. He and I participated in the Community Easter Contata joining different religions in friendship. Arco has held several Ecumenical luncheons in past months & it has warmed religious relationships.

We hope all is well with each of you - until we see you next.

With love,
Sharon & Warren & Family

Hello from the Perry's

The big news this month is Joey's! He turned eight on April 5th. That earned him his second birthday party. He had about ten boys over last Saturday for a Ninja Turtle cartoon, games, and treats. They had a good time. They were roudy and loud, but they had fun. Talina and Shauna were a big help for supervising the games and helping with the rest. I think they even kind of enjoyed it. The Saturday of May 4th. will be his baptism at 10:00 am (we think) for any and all who may be interested. We want him to be confirmed then too for the sake of Grandparents who travel. Joey is against this - he wants to do it in Sacrament Meeting the next day. We shall see --

Paul, Bryan, Mark and Timmy have been involved in a scout swim campaign for the last five or six weeks. They have had late nights, but it was worth it. Mark and Timmy both earned their swimming merit badge and Bryan and Paul had some close association with the scouts they work with. I think they all feel good about the experience.

Sandra was put in as Education councilor in the Relief Society. It looks as though it will be busy, but she's looking forward to getting to know more of the people in the ward. The first week she conducted, she felt like the visitor. There's a funeral in the ward tomorrow, so they are off and running. With the Lord's help, she feels she will be able to handle what is needed without any neglect to the family.

Talina has an opportunity to go to Denver this summer for the whole month of June. She has been invited by Vicky and Bengt, our foreign friends. We agreed to let her go on the condition that she be able to spend some time with Stephanie and their family. We think she will have fun.

Have a happy spring everyone!
With love from the Perry's

April 3, 1991

Dear Family:

I'd better take a few minutes while Angela is napping to get a letter out. It's been hard to get much done when she is awake. She is wanting to be right with me, hanging on me almost constantly. She is also starting to throw little screaming tantrums when she can't get what she wants. I'm sure you all know about those. We've decided we have to be very careful what we say and what we do. She is learning at a fast pace and is copying everything we do. Some of it is really cute. Like when she slaps her knee and claps her hands to "Old MacDonald had a Farm". She loves music and enjoys singing time with her tapes. She also loves her story books and will sit on the floor with one and jabber as she turns the pages. I think she is going to like reading. That's good.

Ken is at Youth Conference for a couple of days with the kids from the ward. He is finding it a challenge to reach out to some of these kids. We are trying to plan some things to do this summer and ways to make our home more accessible and open to them so they will feel like they can come over and hang out and have fun here. This will probably include setting up a ping pong table down in the family room and maybe putting up a volleyball net in the back yard. We are hoping this will help him develop a relationship with the kids that is more than just serious churchy business all the time.

Some days it looks like Spring is here, but today it's raining in downpours. I'm ready for the sunshine. I did get some of my garden in when we had a couple of nice days a week and a half ago. Now I'm waiting for the peas to poke their heads up. They are taking a long time. The lettuce and spinach and onions should be along any time too. My energy level has returned to normal (thank goodness) and I can get a project like this done every once in a while. My list of projects seems to be growing faster than they are getting done though.

Thank you DeVon for the tape recording of Cory's farewell. It was nice to be included in that way since it was not possible to be there with you on that day. It sounds like you can be really proud of him. He'll have some really great experiences. We pray for all of our missionaries and are grateful for their hard work and the ways they change lives.

We found we didn't have a whole lot of time to sit and reflect on the significance and importance of Easter until it was almost over. But how grateful we are for that event and others that allow us the promise and hope of eternal life and the ability to enjoy peace in our lives as we work toward it. One of our best missionary tools is to live the gospel and be happy in our lives and let that show to others around us. That lack of happiness and peace in peoples lives is becoming more and more evident in the world. When they see our lives as a contrast they want to know about it.

We're glad to here Dad is on his way to recovery after his surgery. And we are anxious to here a little about Karyn and Earl's trip to England. We pray for our families every day and we love you all very much.

Love,

Connie

THE LONIGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

June 1991

Dear Family,

We have much to be thankful for as we contemplate our situation and compare it to much of the world today. In a recent priesthood lesson there were listed on the black board, about thirty events to take place before the coming of Christ. There were just a couple that hadn't started to take place yet, but most of them were either fulfilled or soon to be fulfilled. More than half of the events listed had or are taking place just within my lifetime. It's enough to get a person excited for the second coming, yet put a little fear in him for not being totally prepared. Between the increase of natural disasters, conflicts and wars, life begins to look very fragile.

As new inventions simplify our daily life, more time is required for those things that really count in life. I think one question that we will be asked as we leave this life is "How much did you learn to LOVE others?" Every act in this life focuses to either loving others, or being selfish. It is too easy to quickly estimate "what's in it for me?" every time we are asked to do something or give something, but the "natural man" in us all must be put off if we are to live together forever.

I can't help but to ponder those thoughts as I struggle to do some of the simplest things that used to be rather easy for me before. I guess it's not enough to budget my time, I have to budget my limited energy to have go power enough to do the simple things. I pray that we all will increase our talents, or in other words do what the Lord would have us do, as he is providing for us, everything from our spirits and bodies to our ability to think and breath.

We're hanging in there as a family, trying to do our best. Jennifer is no longer what I consider a baby. Christina seems to have traded her growing energy for more learning energy. And Nicole can't decide what to do with herself since school is out.

Our garden, I mean our Farm is getting green. Not just weeds either. Since we enlarged the garden plot, and have a few neighbors helping with and eating from this "Ward Welfare Farm," we decided to go big on potatoes this year. We planted about 130# of reds. Our radishes are coming on strong at the present, they will be over with in about another week or so.

Now, about this thing that I look at for a few hours of the day. Instead of a type writer, there's the computer. Instead of a fax machine, there's the computer. Instead of an answering machine, there's the computer. Instead of a checkbook or address book, there's the computer. Instead of large filing cabinets, there's the computer. Instead of a closet full of games, there's the computer. Instead of a drafting board or an isle, there's the computer. Instead of nearly everything but someone to clean the house and cook dinner, there's the computer. Your doing a good job Susan.

As you know I have tried to incorporate the computer to do everything it can do which we need. To take the place of, or help with, every task possible in life. Someone said the day will come when our need to get around would be minimized because of the computer.

Well it's here! It has been for quite some time, and the cost of the service is less than a months local news paper or a months use of cable TV, and certainly less than the cost of gas to accomplish a months worth of our basic daily errands.

A service called "PRODIGY" has put together a system for users to get nearly everything possible by computer. It's something I recommend for everyone in the family who owns a computer, and it's enough incentive for the computer-less to invest in one of their own. To be able to get someone's message, addressed to you from anywhere in the US is fantastic in and of itself. But take a look at some of the things you could do, sitting in front of the computer:

Do your banking, take care of your insurance needs, shop all kinds of stores and merchandise, I mean all kinds. There are special buys, you can place USA Today classified ads, subscribe to magazines, check out real estate, book yourself with airlines and hotels, get education (that includes getting a degree), get personal advice and/or tips on almost any subject, do your stock market trading and tracking, send flowers & gifts on special occasions, find great recipes & even print them out, get a loan, find out what consumer reports say on nearly everything, get the freshest headline news available, there's local, regional, national & international weather reports, and news on all sports, access thousands of subjects in an on-line encyclopedia, use the bulletin boards for group discussions or clubs, and that includes virtually every subject people need to talk about, get free instant personal electronic mail messages to others who use the same service, and the list goes on and on. If you don't have a Sears, JCPenny or other major catalog, order one on line, and then after receiving it, place an order and have the merchandise delivered to your door.

The PRODIGY program is easy to understand and use, everything takes place by using a modem to transmit and receive the continually updated information. I have attracted an audience of people, or have been attracted to an audience of people with the same interests I have, and have had many questions answered for subjects I normally would never seek advice about.

Last week I learned why the Bell Pepper plants dad gave me weren't doing too well after I planted them; I learned which clothes dryer is considered the best on the market, when ours broke down and we had to fix it; I wanted to learn more about the earth's ozone since Devon is involved with saving it; Susan learned a new tip with her crafts and gave it a try, said it worked great!; we both got some advice as parents raising children in this day and age; since thousands of people read these messages on the bulletin board, I saw how some are putting their genealogy together by addressing their message to everyone; I wrote a letter and sent it to everyone on my mailing list at the same time (no paper, no stamps, no three to four days), and had returned reappplies within hours. I even found the "Blue Book" value of our pickup. Save on long distance charges by communicating with those who use PRODIGY. Everyone's service includes 30 free messages per month, each additional message sent within the same month is only 25 cents.

With the communication ability, people tend to communicate more often, and it draws thousands of people close together.

Some how I feel I can make quicker and more accurate decisions having current information only a few keystrokes away. Now I know what I will say to those paper boys who are trying to make us one of their customers. We pay just \$8.33 per month, and it looks like we can make a profit for the business we can generate. They even have games to play and contests to try. There's something in it for everyone. If we all got the service it would almost be fun to write a family letter. What do you think?

Much Love, David, Susan and Family

June, 1991

Dear Family,

The first signs of warm weather resulted in the shorts and swim suits being begged for, so, we've been digging in boxes. I'm wearing a sweat shirt in the house and the kids are (don't ask me how) running around outside in shorts if there's any hint of a nice day. (I guess the running is the key difference.) They've already got suntans.

Marcelle has been very busy this Spring learning all sorts of new things. She has done extremely well in kindergarten--especially in Reading and Math. She can both add and subtract, and is now able to read almost complete verses in the B of M. during family scripture study. She has learned to ride a 2-wheel bike, roller skate, and can play a couple of tunes on the piano (thanks to Dad's tutoring). She and Aubrey also finished up their Comm. Ed. gymnastics class--which they both thoroughly enjoyed and gained a bit of proficiency in floor exercises, balance beam and the parallel bars. Marcelle's motto seems to be, "You keep me busy or I'll keep you busy!!" She thrives on activity of any kind, but particularly new adventures. This summer brings swimming lessons and a Children's Dramatics Class.

Aubrey has discovered the wonderful world of friends here in our "kibbutz" life style and is learning the hard way about rules such as not going into people's houses without asking, staying out of the street, etc. etc. etc. She has been extremely interested in puzzles and has acquired several new ones the past few months. (She'll actually sit and do several in a row!) She seems to have a natural talent for the skills taught in her gymnastics class. She remembered detailed instructions and could execute movements methodically and correctly. She also seems to have a knack for music and can carry a tune quite well. She keeps herself busy with tactile activities--dirt, play dough, cutting, pasting and is especially enamoured with scotch tape. (Luckily the Easter bunny brought a good supply).

Morgan is nothing but perpetual motion (and, consequently, so am I!). He is into discovery and is enthralled with anything that does something (especially if it moves or makes a noise.) He has discovered that each apt. here has a doorbell. Needless to say, all the neighbors know Morgan. He doesn't run away after ringing the doorbell, he just waits until they come to the door then grins up at them and charms them with his eyes and cherubic face. The bathroom houses many "forbidden pleasures" including toothpaste, lotion, the toilet, running water etc. etc. etc. His latest "extracurricular activity" is seeing how many items and of what variety he can stuff into the washing machine while it's running before he gets caught. And of course, there's the famous fascination with plugs, outlets, switches and buttons, the refrigerator..... One thing he can't seem to get interested in, however, is Sacrament Meeting. It being held precisely at his lunch and nap time doesn't help at all, either. More than once he has set off congregational snickering with his completely audible, boistrous (or is that boy-strous) "let's go home now!" We're all worn out by the time that wrestling match is over. Bryan says he's going to have T-shirts made for both of us that say, "I survived Sac. Mtg.!"

Obviously, my time is well occupied with "all of the above" and then some. I'm going to have to get one of those bumper stickers that says "Mom's Taxi". I guess I'm not the only one getting tired of the daily trips to the school. Aubrey said the other day, "Mom, I'll just stay home while you take Marcelle to school." That's one thing that's a high priority on our "dream house" list--safe proximity to school. We have done some serious house-hunting and have quickly become seriously depressed. Someday we'll find the house in the location at the price. With the weather getting warmer we had to pull all our food storage out of the storage unit, so it's piled all over the apt. and I have no idea what to do with it. Maybe hang it from the ceiling? No, I guess that would be just as much of a nuisance for Bryan to dodge it!! Speaking of him, Publishers Press has finally felt the impact of the recession. For the first time in 10 years they've had to let people go and cut back wages. Thankfully Bryan's no longer the "new kid on the block" so he feels he's in a more secure position, however his \$\$, too, was "pinched back."

You've heard it said, "Out of the mouth of babes,"--the other day Marcelle saw a picture in Newsweek of the Gulf War and Saddam Hussein and she asked, "have they caught Satan yet?"

Well, I guess that's about all I can think of to ramble on about. Happy summer "vacationing" to everyone.

Love,
Shelly, Bryan and family

Just as Ben did, I am going to make you guess on who is writing the family letter this month!

Joey just started up school again. He has been off track for a little while, but he just started again. In about a month and a half though, he will be in third grade. He is the only one in the family that has to go to school year-round and he doesn't like it very well. He is always going to bed early to get up early while the rest of us are still up. That is what ~~his~~^{he} hates the most.

Timmy is still going out to the farm with one of Dad's friends. He likes that very much. He is on a baseball league with one of his friends. He really likes the coach. He won't be playing much ball now though. The other day he went with Dad to mow a lawn, and a piece of metal flew out and sliced two of his fingers. Mom got both of them bandaged together, but today when they went to Pocatello, one of Mom's friends said it looks like the finger might be broken. They are going in in the morning to see if it is.

Talina is in Denver spending some time with some friends, but I'm sure Hellewells already know that. She has been staying weekends with them. She sure is doing alot more babysitting than she expected, because the lady she is staying with is in for surgery. But I'm sure she'll survive!

Mark has recently started working at a local burger joint here in Preston. That pretty much takes up most of his spare time. That and the jeep that Dad and he are fixing up (it will take up alot of time) .

Bryan is heading to Arco tommorrow to get his dental work done. He already has had his physical, and ordered his suit. They are starting his missionary paper work now. Soon after September he ought to be heading out.

Mom hasn't been doing all that much besides being a mom. But even then I'm not sure she is because now that she is in the relief society she sure is busy with every one else.

Dad has been traveling to Montpelier now for quite some time. He likes the drive, even the occasional deer spottings, but not the deer meetings. He sure did a fine job on the front of his truck though coming from Montpelier one day . He just happened to come across a rather large deer in the middle of the road. That one ought to have hurt!

Well I have told you about everyone else, and if you know who all is in my family, then you probably have figured out it is me! Shauna!

I am just heading to camp Wednesday morning. Finally a day off from babysitting over here. Lately I have been watching three little kids. They sure are a handful!

Well Devon and Bobby and kids just left from here!

Hope to see you soon, or at least hear from you all.

P.S.

I hope you didn't read this very closely, or you would have already noticed all my

LOVE,

The Pery Family

(Congrats to Sheldon and Lupi)
(and all who graduate!)

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Dear Family,

June 1991

It has been quite an eventful month of May. We have been on the go to keep up with everything and still missed some important events.

We are both on the mend and are feeling like our (old) selves again. Thanks to all of you who helped in any way while we were slowed down. The spuds the Coopers helped plant are coming up good now despite the wet and cold weather for so long. It was a great help to have Warrens family clean up the limbs from the pruning I had finished the day before surgery, and help in the greenhouse. The Perrys have helped often and offered to help more.

Things are looking good as for the prospects of a crop. We are glad to have apples on the trees again. The other fruit didn't make it. Even lost a couple of trees.

After much prayer in the area, we have for the past three months had more than double the normal rainfall. The water was only turned in the canal a couple of days ago. That is six weeks later than last year. They had calculated we would be out of water by the middle of July. Now with the rain we have had, even though it did not add to the storage, it watered the crops and hills so we haven't had to irrigate. Things really look green and vigorous. Every prayer I have heard has given thanks for the rains. Many farmers will harvest grain and at least the first cutting of hay without having to water.

Thanks to everyone. We have been remembered for our birthdays, anniversary, mothersday, and even get well sentiments. We are not always that alert with the numbers of you that there are now, but we love all of you and thank you for your many kindnesses.

We sure wish the best for each of you in what ever you are doing. I feel we are a blessed family. Our prayers are with you. We love all of you and pray for you always, Love Dad

(A Note from April) It's been really fun to watch Dad work with his sore shoulder. He gets more done around here than most people would with three good arms. He is outside from sun up until sundown every day that it is not raining. In fact one day he got caught out in the field in a real downpour. He was cultivating and near the end of the row when it started sprinkling so decided he just as well turn around and cultivate up the row. By the time he got to the top it was POURING down. Our neighbor even said he thought of coming over and telling him to come in out of the rain!

Roy Hoots died last week. Leona asked Dad to speak at the funeral as he has been their dear friend and home teacher for many, many years. She called and asked if she could come over last night and when she got here she said she was going to write a thank you note, but just had to tell him in person (where she could look him in the eye) how much she and the family liked and appreciated his talk.

It was warm and personal and very comforting for the family. One woman (who is new in the ward) told me after the funeral that after hearing his talk she felt like she personally knew Roy.

We look forward to the bussiness of the summer and getting to see many of you (we hope). Catherine, Sue my mother and I are going to Alaska on July 4th for a short visit with Dan. Shortly after I return Dad will go fishing with Warren for a few day's.

Love Dad & Carol

Notes from the Mecham's from a phone call:

School's out. The weather is hot and the air conditioner burned out! They have had their first "garden dinner" with peas, carrots, and potatoes. Their garden is inflicted with different challenges than around here. They have slugs, flea beetles, and different bugs to deal with. Their beans grew tall and spindley, requiring stakes to promote good growth. They are working at it and are feeling some hard earned accomplishments.

Gregg has had his Eagle Court of Review and is now waiting for all the processing to be completed to be presented with the coveted award! Congraduations, Gregg! He is also working full time now.

Karyn has been extremely busy with a piano recital (now over - whew!) She had 14 students perform. She just returned from a Leadership Camp where she certitied all four years of camping requirements. She had alot of fun with good company, learning some new things and reviewing some old things. It seemed a little strange to all of them for Mom to go off camping for a few days and leave the rest of the family behind. Next week she and Wendy and Kami will be off to Girls' Camp leaving the rest to fend for themselves. They are looking forward to it, but Ashley is feeling quite left out!

Kami was presented with a Sportsmanship trophy from the 6th grade PE teacher. They felt that was quite an honor. She is headed for middle school this fall.

A new toy - they have bought a trampoline for the kids. They will even be allowed to put it up after the project downstairs is finished. They are building shelves and a fruit room. Family fun!

The family is hoping to be able to fit in some little weekend camping trips, etc. through the next couple of months so the summer doesn't go by without a little diversity and memery building as a group.

They send their love for all of us and recognized Connie's "over-the-hill" birthday.

Next month the letter will be from them and they can correct any thing I may have got mixed up on or left out.

Dad asked for a note to be added for him. He wishes to thank DeVon, Roger, A.J. for all their help in his yard June 10th. And a thank you to Mark and Timmy for the couple of hours time they donated. Dad says that a boost like that once in a while really is appreciated as then he can keep up pretty good with the rest of it.

P.S. Glen + Linette have a new baby girl! Things look fine. Congradulations.

June 5, 1991

Dear Family:

First of all, Congratulations to all of the graduates, new missionaries and newlyweds. It looks like it has been a busy summer already for some, especially those in Warren's family. We're happy for all the special occasions and wish everyone well as they begin these new milestones in their lives.

I suppose our biggest news at this time is that I was just released as Relief Society President. The release always comes with mixed feelings. Although I will feel somewhat lost for a while without being on the "in" of everything happening in the ward and the close association with all of the sisters, the extra time for self and family is surely welcome. The job was hard with one baby, two would be almost impossible. Although there are some who I'm sure have done it.

My gardening efforts sure have fallen by the way side this year. I do have a nice batch of Spinach and some peas are coming on now with lettuce, onions and carrots to follow. But some of the rest (corn, beans, etc.) may not even get planted. It's getting harder to bend over. I fear even if I do get all that I want in the ground, I may not be able to harvest it. Ken's "at home" time is so limited what little effort he can put into it doesn't go very far. His mom is trying to help, but she tires easy and both of us need frequent rests.

I'm sending a copy of a petition that is of interest. If any of you feel like making copies and distributing or getting signatures and presenting it to your local theaters, you are encouraged to do so.

My old sewing machine finally started breaking down. I had a major tune-up on it a year ago and now parts are starting to wear out and break. A gear broke and the repair cost more than the machine lists for in the blue book. So instead of paying for costly repairs continually, we traded it in on a new one. The sales ladies at the store couldn't believe I'd had it for 22 years. It has a lot of mileage on it. I got a new Bernina and I think I'm really going to like it. I was right in the middle of making a net to go along the wrought iron grating (the iron bars are about 5 or 6 inches apart) on our balcony to keep little people from falling off. Now I can finish it. Angela is chomping at the bit to go "bye" all of the time. I just can't let her play outside without something to keep her out of trouble and safe.

Well, happy summer to everyone. Ken will be attending Rep meetings again in July, but I don't think I'll feel up to going along this time. It will only be four weeks before the baby is due so we will plan to stay here and try to stay comfortable.

Love to you all,

Connie + family

** I found a new way to fry tortillas for tacos without a lot of grease. Spray each tortilla on both sides with a little vegetable spray. Stack them together on a paper towel and cover with another paper towel. Microwave until soft. (Don't over do it or they will be tough)

A Petition to Local Theaters Requesting They Refuse to Show Movies Rated NC-17, the new Rating for Pornographic Movies Formerly Rated X

We, the undersigned, ask that you refuse to show movies rated NC-17 in your theater. NC-17 is the new movie rating issued by Motion Picture Association of America and applied to movies formerly rated X. We understand that MPAA will no longer give pornographic movies an X rating but will now give them an NC-17 rating. We don't want pornographic movies to be shown in our community.

According to an article in USA Today (6/12/90), over 80% of children ages 11-16 were allowed entrance to movies rated R. We see no reason why theaters would refuse to allow these same children into pornographic movies rated NC-17 (formerly rated X).

The new NC-17 rating is an effort by the "mainline" Hollywood

studios to make pornographic movies socially acceptable. The new NC-17 rating is an attempt to take the money out of the pockets of pornographers and put it into mainline studios. In fact, the first studio which released a porn movie with the NC-17 rating was Universal Studios, the company which also released the anti-Christian movie The Last Temptation of Christ.

If your theater shows movies with the new NC-17 rating, it indicates you are not concerned about our community. We will no longer patronize your theater if you show movies rated NC-17.

We don't want any porn theaters in our community, and we will also encourage our family and friends to permanently boycott any theater which shows NC-17 movies.

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Make copies of this petition and distribute among your friends, church members, Sunday School class, etc. Run the petition as an ad in your local paper. When complete, make copies of this petition and mail them to theaters in your community. You can find the addresses in the Yellow Pages of your telephone directory.

Petition produced by American Family Association, Tupelo, MS 38803

July 1991

Dear Family,

How is everyone's summer going? We sure do like hearing all about what each of you do. As for us Mecham's, it has been a full, busy and eventful month and summer will be over when school begins on Aug. 26!

The most noteworthy event was that of Greg's Eagle Court of Honor on July 27th which was a double one with his best friend Andrew! What well-pleased parents these two boys have. The honor in itself is great, but the fact that Greg does his best to live by the scouting laws and oaths and the standards of the church far outweigh any award. It was a grand night (literally since they planned a party and dance for immediately after with a lot of people who came.) Secondly, all three girls wanted to tryout for parts in a play at an LDS owned and operated theater about 20 miles from here, so we went and did it. I even did some reading for a part as a family matriarch just to help out in the auditions. Well, Wendy landed a part and also one of her friends in our ward was chosen! We're all pretty tickled for her. They are going to do A Christmas Carol during the holidays and include the rest of us in that, also. It's not just a po-dunk theater, either; they charge \$8 a seat for theater-in-the-round. (By the way, I forgot to mention that Earl's mother was here for a few days for Greg and we had a good time with her.)

We've also survived this month another Youth Conference with 9 teenagers in our home for 2 days and nights, being with them the whole time as their "parents". I enjoyed it a lot more this year than the times past probably because of my own attitude. One of the boys happened to be seated on my piano bench when it shifted sideways and collapsed to the floor into several pieces, embarrassing him. I almost cheered because we have been pounding it together for years trying to keep it usable, and now I have a legitimate excuse to get a new one!!

I will soon have a published piece of music for each family. The song I gave you copies to last year when we were out there will be in print and I would like the photocopies either destroyed or sent to me. This is so exciting to me to be able to contribute something worthwhile to the music world. I'm not sure how it will be sold yet except from me personally, so you may get an order form along with it.

A few more tidbits: We traded labor for labor to have our new air conditioner installed and we have been picking peaches. I sure like it when it's possible to barter like this. Not only did we save money, but we were able to provide a needed service in return and make some good friends of people in our stake. It was a true blessing. (Don't think the kids saw it quite that way.) Also, our garden continues to bless us and several other people who need beans! They rejuvenated and have begun their cycle all over again which we didn't know they would do. We pick 5 or 6 12 inch cucumbers every other day also, and tomatoes are coming on fast just a little smaller than softballs. One of the ladies that comes to pick beans says they are going to have Earl give a blessing on their garden!!

Earl has officially left for Camp Benson (finally after 1 1/2 yrs in the planning) and Greg will go tomorrow for the 8 day Priesthood Encampment. I think the girls and I will play a lot while they are gone. I need some relaxation time. Womens Conference is coming up the middle of Aug. and I will be helping to put on some quilts for us to do to donate to shelters. We take things that we have made during the year to display, also, so I will take my new comforter I quilted last winter. Finally I have made the bed ruffle and still have the curtains and pillows to make to finish my project. More sewing projects are planned and continue to perpetuate as we shop, try on and look at price tags.

There is a type of mud-wasp that has taken over the front porch of our house building strange mud nests which are very difficult to remove. There are some 30 of them we need to get rid of. They are each about 6 inches long and 3/4 inch wide being built in ridges by the wasps transporting mud and somehow forming it into their shapes. It's as fascinating as how the bees make the perfect honeycombs. It also sounds like a very busy dentist office (with MANY dentists in it!)

Last but not least, we want to congratulate Bryan on his mission call to Columbia! But we were wondering if maybe your basic training was secretly a part of your mission training and do they issue warfare equipment in Provo for your mission area? What a surprise! Have you seen Romancing the Stone?

Seriously, we pray everyday for each member of our extended family and want you to know of our love for you. Remember that there is an open invitation to any and all in Acworth, Georgia. Just let us know when you are coming!

Love, *The Mechams*

A phone call from Connie tells us that they are still waiting - and waiting - for their new arrival. The doctor said it could still be another week or so. She is feeling fine, but miserable. She is involved in canning fruit. She hasn't had any trouble getting peaches up there. She said she paid \$8.00 for a box about 3/4 bushel size.

Ken is busy. He was supposed to go to a computer show this week in Oregon, but got someone to cover for him, just in case. Angela is walking, trying to run, says a few words, and climbs. Sounds like life is pretty typical at the Masons. We wish them good luck and hope April enjoys her visit with them shortly. They send their love to everyone.

Glen's new address: Glen and Linette
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-no phone yet.

August 8, 1991

Dear Family,

My goodness! How fast the summer has gone! It seems like just a couple of weeks ago when the kids were getting out of school. Now they go back in a couple of weeks! Joey has already been in the third grade for three weeks. He likes it and really likes his new teacher. She is a young gal and this is her first year teaching, so she will do really good I'm sure.

Bryan is off to his two-week summer camp with the National Guard. We hope he has fun. Who knows, Karyn, maybe his training will come in handy in Columbia. We just leave all that in the Lord's hands and trust that he will watch over him. His farewell will be October 13. Our sacrament meeting starts at 9:30. We invite any and all to come and spend the day with us!

At the end of July Paul, Bryan, Mark and Timmy all went to scout camp for the week. They had it over at Bear Lake. It was hectic getting ready - Bryan and Paul had to do all the organizing, etc. Bryan and Talina did all the grocery shopping for the whole troop for the whole week. They got quite the looks and comments in the grocery store - Bryan felt like he was signing his life away when he charged the bill to the ward. It was a good experience for them. I think they will remember it for a long time. They had a good time at camp, too. Mark and Timmy each earned five merit badges and came close to rank advancements. We are proud of all of them.

Shauna has had the opportunity of going to Phoenix, AZ for a month. The daughter of a couple in our ward lives there and was up visiting her folks. Shauna babysat for her a few times so the mother and daughter could spend some time together. They all "fell in love" with Shauna and wanted to take her home with them. After alot of deliberation, she finally got to go. They are enjoying her still. The mother tells me they are making plans for next summer and that she will go through withdrawal when she leaves. (Her brothers and sisters wonder who the Shauna is that is down there - certainly not the same one they were anxious to let go!) However, her Mom and Dad know of her capabilities. We're glad she is having a fun time. We expect her home by the 13th, if not sooner.

We have had what seems to us alot of company this month. We had friends here for a few days from Sacramento; Glen and Linette, David and Susan, Shelly and Bryan, and Englands from Pocatello. Englands and Crocketts were here for the rodeo. We sure enjoyed the visit with Shelly's family - wish it could have been longer, but they are as busy as all the rest of us.

Talina has gone to Pocatello to help Grandpa in the garden and store for a couple of weeks. It's that time of year and the harvest days are upon us. We send love to you all,

From The Perrys

Dear Family,

It's been quite a busy month, and the summer has seemed to zip right by. Girls camp is behind us at last, and was a good experience even though it rained on us 4 of the 5 days we were there. (It didn't rain all day of those days, but enough to make it quite wet, muddy, and cold.) Our girls fared quite well and there were a lot of positive things that happened toward the end of the week. Our ward was the only ward that stayed the whole time; everyone was given the option to go home Friday evening if they wanted to because the forecast was more and more rain. Well, it cleared up so we could fix dinner and have an unrushed testimony meeting, then started to drizzle again around 2:30 am, and continued to mist and drizzle through the morning as we broke camp and made our way home. As we approached Denver, the rain was worse than it ever had been at camp. George and Ben have had a difficult time being able to get the roof resingled because of the wet weather.

Most everyone knows that Melissa, Krystin and Spencer stayed in Idaho during camp week. Right now I am at Sandra and Paul's on our return trip from coming to get them. It's been an enjoyable week and we've been able to see many of you. We really appreciated Shelly rounding up a group on Pioneer Day when we were in Utah dropping the kids off. It was a real treat to be able to visit with all of you!!

Krystin was excited to have a fishing trip with Grandpa and Grandma and cousin Aaron Done. She's filled us all in on all the little details of the trip complete with how she fell into the creek. Spencer was really happy to have his Mommy back, and hasn't let me out of his sight much. Melissa has just taken everything in stride and has had a great time.

Stephanie thought camp was pretty good, and certified her fourth year. Now she wears her medallion almost all the time. The rain didn't seem to bother her much. She's getting a perm from Sandra right now to get her ready for school, which starts Aug. 15.

George and Ben have seemed to do fine without the rest of us around for a while. In fact Ben wanted to know when I was going to go get the kids about the minute I walked in the door from camp, and how long I was going to be gone. He had had a fun week "baching-it" with his dad.

Once we get back home it will be a busy week getting the kids ready for school...and we've probably missed all the school-supply sales. I plan to do a little sewing for some of their school clothes. I will also be quite busy now as a Mia Maid advisor, doing my job, and taking over for the counselor who just moved. I have been given the task of coordinating things for our Young Women in Excellence Program, something I've never done and am not quite sure of what to do. I do enjoy working with the other women in the Young Women's organization; we get along real well.

We send a big THANK YOU to all of you who so warmly extended your hospitality to us as we made our way to Utah, Idaho and back. We really appreciated all you did for us. Maybe the next time we get over this way it will be as a whole family. Please know that our door is always open to any of you and you are welcome to come and visit any time!! Love till next time, Loalyn and family.

October 4, 1991

Dear Family,

What a beautiful fall we have had so far. Just a few cold, miserable days. Most of them have been sunny and quite warm. I would like to hope that it stays this way for another month!

We are looking forward to Bryans's farewell on the 13th. It was a neat experience to take him to the temple a little while back. He seemed so little to me. It was a choice moment to be able to stand with him in the prayer circle. Grandpa Longhurst was able to be there as was his G&G Perry. It was a pleasant evening, one I hope I will remember forever. I can't believe how fast they are all growing up.

The guys are all looking forward to going hunting on opening day, which is the day before we got to the MTC. I hope they treasure the moment. The girls and I are interested in doing a little with ceramics this fall and winter. Shauna is involved with many things at school - trying to keep herself occupied. Talina was signed up for drivers' training, but they canceled because of not enough students enrolled. I hope she will be able to take it soon. Mom will need another driver very shortly.

Tim has just completed a Hunters' Safety course. They offer it here for just \$2.00! He is out to the shooting range today for the grand finale. Joey is off track right now so has been able to go to work with his Dad a few times and with Mom occasionally. Mark still likes his job and is buying himself some new clothes. He's turning into a pretty sharp looking teen-ager. He and Bryan have enjoyed a double date or two lately.

Paul is getting a little tired of driving to Montpelier every day, but enjoys the view and the store over there is a little slower paced than here in Preston. So it does have some benefits. He doesn't know how much longer he will be doing this - eternally?

Our tiny patch of garden we borrowed from the neighbors was good to us. We bottled alot of salsa and alot of tomatoes. We still have about five bushels of tomatoes downstairs ripening. We'll see how many we end up with after sorting every few days and throwing a few out and bottling again. I think it will turn out that we wouldn't have needed to buy the two boxes we did.

All in all things are going well. We've had a couple of different families in the ward tell us lately what good kids we have. It makes us think that we must be doing Something right anyway, and we hope that we can hang in there with the Lord's help to endure to the end of it all.

We hope to see most of you on the 13th.

Love to you all from the Perry's

PS. (Oct. 14) Bryan's farewell went o.k. We enjoyed visiting with all those that were here and missed those that weren't. Loalyn, well send you a tape of it as requested.

Dear Family,

First off we want to congratulate Connie and Ken on the arrival of little Kimberly, even though she's not so new anymore. Hope all is still going well. Also, we wish Jolana and Travis our congratulations and best wishes for a happy life together. It sounded like everything went nicely and that you had a beautiful wedding day.

At times like these we wish we lived closer so we could participate more frequently in family events. Bryan we hope preparations for your mission are going smoothly. If you think of it, record your farewell and send us a copy. We appreciated DeVon and Bobby doing this at Cory's farewell. We hope all our missionaries are doing well and growing through their mission experiences.

Fall is certainly here in Denver...we see the changes all around. Looking up at the foothills rewards us with a beautiful sight. Our garden is about gone...most everything has been nipped by frost. I'll be canning pears tomorrow, then canning is finished for the season too. (Unless I decide to dehydrate some apples.) Unfortunately, we won't be getting the apples from our own tree.

On Labor Day we took a drive over the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountain National Park. There we saw the first herd of elk I had ever seen. In fact, the only elk I had ever seen at all was in the zoo! There was one bull and about twenty cows. The bull was kept busy trying to contain all those cows for rutting season. We were glad we had our binoculars along!

I will be starting a computer class on Tuesday evening. I'm looking forward to really learning about computers. Right now I only know how to do a few things on ours. Of course the kids all know more about them than I do!

Ben got sick with strep last week, and he was the first one to get sick since the beginning of school. I figured it had to happen sooner or later. Now Krystin has been sick too. Guess we're on the warpath going into fall and winter!

Stephanie has auditioned for a part in the fall play at her school. They're doing "A Midsummer Night's Dream". We watched a video of it for family night last week. We got a different view of Shakespear ... Ben had only known he'd done tragedies like Romeo and Juliet, and Hamlet. This one, a comedy, was really quite silly. Tomorrow is the day Steph finds out who got what part. *(She didn't get a part ... which she says is fine.)*

Our stake is doing Theme Plays in October, and she wants to be in that too. This used to be Road Shows, and only for the youth, but now the whole ward can participate. Melissa and Krystin are signed up too. The theme for the plays is around the Book of Mormon. It will be fun to see all the different ideas. George and his committee are all involved and working hard to organize the whole affair.

I appreciated the phone calls and birthday wishes for my birth__day. It made for a bright spot in a busy and hectic day. George was real sweet with a beautiful bouquet of roses that lasted for two weeks!

George has a new calling in the ward in addition to his stake calling...he now team-teaches a Valiant A primary class. I was recently released from Young Womens and do not have another calling yet. The break feels great, but I'm sure they'll put me to work soon. Of course I'm still a visiting teacher.

Ben is doing ~~real~~ well in school this year; a welcome change. He has an organized binder, is getting good grades, and is trying to accelerate in Math. His scout troop just went on the Fall Camporee. They got to cut down trees for their service project.

I recently fixed our portable dishwasher that had been stored in the garage for years. (George helped me.) Then I tore out the one in our kitchen that isn't worth fixing! The poor old thing can rest in peace now. (By the way, the old car still sits by the side of our driveway, and still runs even! It may never rest in peace!)

Well, such are the going-ons of our family. We send our love to each of you. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Stay close!

Love, Loalyn, George and family

P.S. Thanks, Karyn for the copy of your published music. It's great!

Oct 1. 1991

Hello Everyone

I hope this finds each of you well and happy. We are for the most part. Life for us at present seems much more relaxed now that many major happenings are behind us. Only three children at home on a regular basis. This past year or so has brought more of a sweeping change than any other time period. We are happy with our children's achievements and their desire to do what's right and become the fine individuals that they are.

Work and school and church and the daily routine goes on of course. The year of the apple. - We have most of the fruit bottles filled for the year. With the lack of many fruits and the abundance of apples we now have 200+ qts. of applesauce, besides apple pie filling and lots of juice. Thanks to dad for use of the cider press and other people who had apples going to waste. The wild current crop was also fantastic. Last year we got at least a 3yr. supply of choke cherries. We had a good garden year except for cucumbers.

Last Saturday Sharon & I with Colissa & Darrin took a beautiful river run from Heise to Palisades Dam & back, with charcoal grilled steaks along the way. The fall colors were in their prime and it was gorgeous, It rained part of the time but that didn't hurt anything. This was Darrin's first time for such and now is a jet boat convert I think. The dampening feature is the numerous drift boat guides now on the river, with their unanimous attitude of resentment towards motor boating. I feel this resentment is being cultivated among themselves and propagandized to their clients. After over 30 years of jet boating on the beautiful South Fork of the Snake River I fear for the future of it.

We look forward to seeing Connie & Ken and new baby next week as we go to a Dental Convention in Seattle. We will also see Jolana & Travis nearby in Kirkland. Also we hope to see many of you in Preston at Brian's farewell.

Lupi certainly is enjoying her mission and having some choice spiritual experiences- especially regarding one of the most recent converts she & her companion taught & baptised. We also recently said good-bye to our good friends the Andersons who left for an 18 mo. mission to Washington D.C. North. She is the mission secretary and her husband I guess an assistant to her. They will run all the fiscal and office business of the mission.

We also pray for the other missionaries- especially the Longhurst Elders. I will sign off for now, wishing each of you the best. *SOME OF YOU HAVE STAYED IN THE ANDERSONS' HOME WHILE HERE IN ARCO.*

Love, Warren

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October 21, 1991

Dear Family,

Hello again from the sunny state of Arizona! I hope this letter finds you all in good health, both physically and spiritually. I enjoy reading the Family Letter and learning of your daily experiences in "enduring to the end." Many of you I haven't seen for years and I don't know some of my cousins, but it's still exciting to hear how everyone's doing! Many things have happened in the family in the last while. It's surprising to think of how many are married, on missions, advancing in scouting or young womens, and going to college. I share in your feelings of happiness as I read your letters.

As I serve my mission I see many who live around Arizona State University. They are many who come from diverse backgrounds, countries, and cultures. But they're all looking for happiness. In their search it's mostly the pleasure of the world they find. There are even those hardened against the truth that brings happiness everlasting. It reminds me of a quote that I heard not long ago: "A wise man doesn't need lots to be happy, a foolish man does." It requires a lot of pleasure to sustain one who has no lasting happiness, for pleasure is but temporary. As I share in your monthly experiences, I know that your advances, accomplishments, and perseverances coupled with the gospel of Jesus Christ are what bring the "real" happiness to be found in this life. This is the only way we can progress, grow, or be happy. What a blessing to know and live truth everyday! What a glorious day we live in! How blessed are you and I to share the happiness of the gospel with our brothers and sisters around us! What a beautiful plan an all-knowing father has offered to us all! I love to share it! I love my mission! How sweet are the scriptures! My heroes are those great men chosen by God to lead the saints in centuries past and now in our day. They give us scripture. I so enjoy their inspired messages given us at General Conference. It's my favorite time of year! I've had the pleasure of meeting many of those great men during my service here in Arizona as they've come for Stake, Regional, and Mission Conferences. I know they are men of God.

To all, I thank you for the many things you teach me. I do learn from you. I feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful family! Continue to write in the Family Letter. I know there are others in the family, whose lives you also touch. Thank you for being such a great family. I feel of your love. I love you! May the Lord bless you all with success.

I testify that this is the work of God. The Book of Mormon is true! The priesthood has been restored. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and that we have a living prophet who is Ezra Taft Benson. God lives! Jesus is the Christ. Of these truths I testify in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Love,

Elder Jered Longhurst

Nov. 4, 1991

Dear Family,

We enjoy reading the family letter to hear of your happenings.

We are getting along well here in Rexburg and are staying nice and cozy warm in our trailer in spite of the freezing weather. Darrin's classes are challenging this semester. He studies a lot in statistics and accounting 202 which does pay off. He will be graduating next month which we are looking forward to.

I am picking up more hours at the Beauty College while we are here. My work is enjoyable as I am kept busy everyday. I enjoy working on patrons, but have requested a little less of a demanding schedule now that I tire easily.

Only two more months until the baby is due! January 6th is our due date, as each day passes we get more excited. The last two appointments I have been measuring small - So Dr. Crouch wanted to take an ultra-sound this time to be sure the baby is growing properly. Darrin came with me and we brought a video tape. People at school tell me everyday I don't look 7 mo. pregnant and they are right, we are now 6 wks. behind in tummy measurement. The ultra-sound showed that there is enough fluid for the baby and that its stomach and abdomen are proper size, its head also, so all is well. We will have a healthy, little baby. It should weigh about 6 lbs. when it is born, we can deal with that! It's breech right now, so it's hard to determine the sex; we want it to be a surprise anyway.

Darrin starts school in Boise January 13th, so we'll have to pull a fast one! Hopefully we can find a place to live up there. Housing is hard to come by in that area - Something that's reasonable anyway.

Take care to you all.

Love,

Colissa & Darrin

THE LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

November 1991

Dear Family,

My how the time has past. I think we have missed a few months or so too. We are back into barrels since we found a reliable source again. This time thanks to Warren's suggestions we may be able to stick it out for a longer period of time. Things are not going too well at the moment, but it sure has given me a little more of a secure feeling financially.

With our make-shift root cellar which I built recently, we should have some home grown potatoes and carrots year-round this year. I took several shipping pallets and framed in a box 5 or 6 feet deep under a leaning pine tree (adjacent to the garden), which will help keep things as dry as possible. The top section of the box is built to hold 4 bails of straw for insulation. Since this is my first time at building a root cellar, and since I am going from theory here, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Before winter set in, we took our family up to Snowbird to see the colorful leaves in the canyon, and take a ride on the Tram. You should have seen the faces on Christina and Jenny. It will be a memorable experience.

As of now I am "free game" for a Church calling as I was released last week as Scout Committee Chairman after serving for three plus years. I'll miss working with

those leaders, but will probably get more "opportunity" to work with the youth.

Had a chance to go down to Las Vegas to attend Fall Comdex, which is one of the largest computer shows anywhere. We stayed in St. George with Susan's Sister.

Sandra called and asked that I send a copy of the Family Christmas Gift Exchange List with my letter this month. It looks as if I committed to writing a letter to accompany the list since she said "with your letter."

For those with computers, I hope to make your computer more useful for things like this. I

have put together a "Longhurst Family Infobase" to make it easy for us to research family history etc. (as of 1990). The Family Christmas Gift Exchange List is in that Infobase. Some of you already have this infobase, but it is of course out-dated. I will update the Infobase every year for starters. The information within this compilation of data is probably of little use right now, but some day will be a valuable item to have for the computer. The things that will make this most valuable is our family letters, stories, personal histories, journals, plays, songs, poems, you name it... If it can be written, it may as well be included.

I know this sounds presumptuous for the most part, but I need not tell you that the world is coming to this form of

FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
WARREN	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Karyn	Connie Dan	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie
DEVON	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Karyn	Connie Dan
CATHY	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Karyn	Connie Dan	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra
KARYN	Glen David	Warren Devon	Cathy Dan	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue
CONNIE	David Warren	Devon Cathy	Karyn Dan	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue
DAN	Warren Devon	Cathy Karyn	Connie Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue
SANDRA	Devon Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue
LOALYN	Cathy Karyn	Connie Dan	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen
SUE	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen
SHELLY	Connie Dan	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren
GLEN	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren
DAVID	Sandra Loalyn	Sue Shelly	Glen David	Warren Cathy	Karyn Connie	Dan Sandra	Loalyn Sue	Shelly Glen	David Warren	Devon Cathy

information retrieval. The only catch is, it is up to us to record the information. If this recording could take place on the computer then it will save us from having to input it later. What I mean to say is, "Everyone send at least your Family letters to me in electronic format (on disk), and I will be glad to include them."

I know that anyone acquainted with WordPerfect Corp. knows what I am talking about. Nearly all of the information recorded at WPCorp. for their customer support service is put in an Infobase just like the one I am promoting here. The magic of such a system can only be experienced by one so I will spare you the story (for now). Personally I am not going to include my Journal to this infobase until the time seems right. But for now, all of my life experiences are being put in a separate Infobase, or is at least kept in the same WordPerfect format

on disk until they will be joined with the Family Infobase. I hope we can all do the same.

In a past Family Letter from us, I told you about Prodigy, a computer service. I mentioned how easy it was to get up to the minute information at your finger tips. Shortly after that letter I received a public bulletin sent to me from Loalyn and George (who had just got their computer incidently). The bulletin made mention of a file on a persons hard drive that acted as a data storage file which the Prodigy program uses to keep track of services accessed by the user himself. This file contained some information which had become the center of attention to most all Prodigy users. The problem was, that, recorded in this file had been found, a

users "private" information. This person felt that his "privacy" had been intruded into, thus creating a big stink about the program all together.

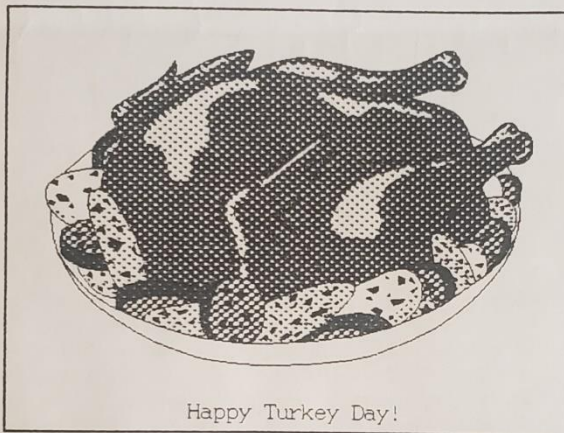
Although I have not heard of anything negative to further the allegations made, I do know that this file on my hard drive as well as that of a local friends, could not find anything that we considered "private" within this file. Just weeks ago I came across a utility supplied by a computer bulletin board service which goes through two of the files in question, and strips any information from them that has been considered

controversial. If there was a problem it is certainly taken care of now. And I'll just bet that computer users everywhere are keeping their eyes open to this scary concept. I can even think of ways for all data to be checked both coming and going through a telephone line; and usually, if I can think of it, then someone is already

doing it. So my point is, I feel safe about using the Prodigy Service.

Recently the Prodigy Service offered to it's users, a free start up kit to be sent to potential users. This seemed like a bargain to me since their best offer use to be a start up kit for \$29.00. So to everyone in the family who can access Prodigy with a free local phone call, and who has use of a computer, I have sent for a start up kit for you to try (without obligation). I still think it would be the best way for us all to stay in touch. I will give you all some time to get acquainted with it, and then talk more about it later.

Love David & Family

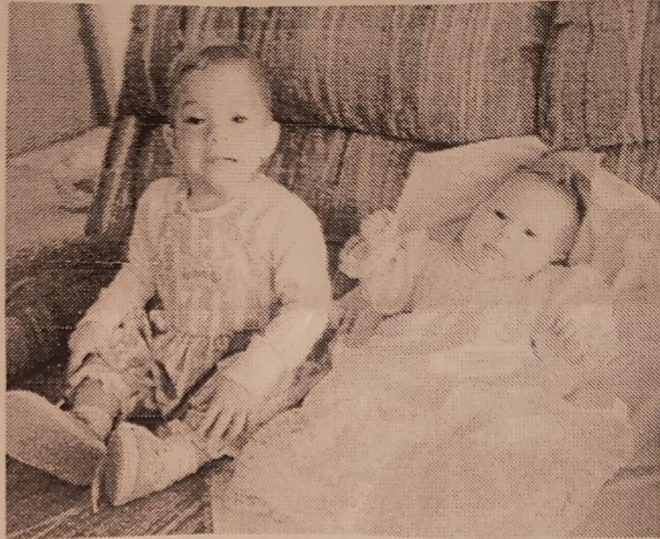


Happy Turkey Day!

November 1991

Dear Family,

Ken scanned a picture of the girls into the computer so you could all have a look at them. I don't know how well it will photocopy, but we'll try it. Kimberly wore the white satin dress for her blessing that I made for Angela when we took her to the temple (six months after we got her - she was almost a year old then). There is a big difference between the two of them as far as size goes. Two weeks ago, at her two month check up, Kimberly was over 13 pounds already. Angela is still barely 20 pounds and that's with all of her clothes on. Soon Angela won't be able to whollup her any more. She likes to play with the baby and gets a little rough at times. She is also at the stage where she wants to help do everything that Mom is doing. Dishes and bathing the baby have a particular attraction for her. Each job takes three times as long to do with her "help". Her vocabulary is picking up and it's nice that she can now ask for some of the things that she wants instead of just cry and whine.



We love our little girls and are grateful for them. As we are for all of our family and all of our blessings. As Thanksgiving approaches and we take the time to reflect on how blessed we are we can't help but feel a great deal of love for a Heavenly Father who has been so good to us.

Ken (and the Relief Society) were very busy this last week with two funerals to conduct. One of the ladies was my secretary in the R.S. Presidency. She had cancer in her liver that progressed quite rapidly and was gone before many people in the ward even knew she was ill. She was a neat lady and friend. I'll miss her. We have again been reminded of how short and fragile this life is, but also how great is God's plan and blessings of eternal life with our families and loved ones.

We express our love to all of you, our dear family, and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. The year is quickly coming to a close. How fast they come and go!

Love,
The Masons

November 1991

Dear family,

Thanks to David for the updated list for the gift exchange. We will do 1991 as outlined. There have been a couple of suggestions made for the future. Everyone needs to consider their desires and put in their vote so we know what to do. The suggestion has been made to do away with the gift exchange altogether for reasons of money and not knowing what to get one another. The suggestion has been made to leave it as it is. Another suggestion was that we only exchange when we have a Family Christmas Party and then everyone brings a useful white elephant and we make a game out of opening and exchanging the gifts. Please voice your opinion so that we can do what the majority wants.

Would you like to plan on having a Family Christmas Party in 1992? If we want one, we are willing to have it here in Preston at the Robinson Building. This may be a good middle-of-the-road place to have it, and the Robinson Building worked out wonderful for Bryan's farewell. The cost on the building is \$50.00. Please also give us your input on this too.

I've enjoyed doing the Family letter but will be glad to pass it on to Loalyn. A year is just the right amount of time. We need someone to do it in 1993. Who will volunteer?

Bryan is enjoying his time at the MTC. He likes his companions and his roommates. The opportunity he has of going to the temple every week is a good one for him also.

Paul was sustained yesterday as chairman of the activities committee. Now they will have to find someone to replace him in the scouting. That seems to be a job very few will take. We like our ward, we like Preston and our family seems to be doing fairly well over all. We hope everyone else is doing well also.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

The festival of lights will begin in Preston at Thanksgiving time. Anyone traveling through one way or the other should really take time to swing around this way after dark. We are called Idaho's City of Lights. It really is amazing for a little town.

Love to you all from the Perry's.

November 3, 1991

Dear Family,

The last week has felt like mid-winter instead of fall. The arctic cold fronts left us with about nine inches of snow and temperatures close to zero, quite a change from shirt-sleeve weather just a week before. Consequently, out came the heavy coats, mittens, hats and the sleds! Several of us reacted to the weather changes by getting colds however. (Spencer, Krystin, Mom and Melissa.) Flu shots don't help there. Halloween was very cold this year with snow on the ground. George took the two little kids to the mall to do trick-or-treating there. The others weathered the cold. Ben made quite the haul this year...enough to last the whole year and then some!

Over the last year George has been running during his lunch-breaks and is really getting in shape...in fact he needs practically a whole new wardrobe! He has dropped over twenty pounds and none of his pants fit him any longer. He says he didn't expect this benefit and really wasn't trying to loose weight, just tone up. I, on the other hand have added a few pounds over the year, so none of my pants fit me either. Actually, I don't mind...I've needed to get back a little after my bout with giardia two years ago when I lost ten pounds and didn't really have any to spare! (My weight isn't toned up however.)

Stephanie was just called to be her Mia Maid class president. I was just called to serve in the Primary nursery. I was glad to have had a period where I could attend Relief Society, and I will miss Sunday School a lot...we have an excellent teacher in Gospel Doctrine. Now George and I both are in Primary.(He team teaches Valiant A.) I'm sure Spencer will love having mommy in his class with him!

I have one class remaining of the computer class I've been taking. It has been okay, but not what I was really expecting. I imagine the instructor can make a big difference there. This guy is pretty crude. I don't care for his method of teaching...but I've been learning a few things anyway. He doesn't give assignments, just tells us things. If I really want to learn things thoroughly, I'll have to study them on my own from the manuals and by experimenting on our computer. There are still some things I haven't figured out on our computer.

Melissa will be singing "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" this year. She's currently missing three teeth and has three more that are loose. She would have made a great Jack-O-Lantern this year. (She dressed up as Pippi Longstockings and was really cute.) Most of the kids her age have their permanent front teeth in, but hers are taking their own sweet time. All of our kids loose their baby teeth late, which I understand is good.

Life seems to be quite normal here...with its ups and downs. We hope things are going well for each of you and look forward to your letters. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Love, Loalyn, George, and family

ARTICLE OF FAITH

14. We believe in being subject to meetings. Indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of our leaders: We believe in meetings, we hope in meetings, we have endured many meetings and hope to be able to endure all meetings. If there is anything of interest (or even not of interest), deserving, praiseworthy, or of good report we seek after early morning meetings, evening meetings, all-Sunday-long meetings, in-our-home meetings, over-the-phone meetings to discuss these things.

This manuscript lost with the 116 pages (or perhaps with the Ten Tribes) or in some other meeting.

November 5, 1991

Dear Family,

Our last letter must have disappeared in the mail and I did not save it on the computer so we will play catch-up here if possible. We are doing quite well. Ashley turned 8 on Oct. 4 but it was a sad day for her -- she broke out with Chicken Pox 2 days before, causing us to cancel her big party with her friends and her baptism. Earl's mom came out because this was her last grandchild and we almost didn't get it done before she had to go back. Her flight back was very early on Sat. Greg's birthday was the 10th (17) so Ashley was healed up enough to have a small, private baptism on that Thurs. pm at 9:00. We have yet to reschedule her party because of all of the commitments the rest of us have had, but we will be able to have it this weekend, I believe. Ashley has also been accepted into the AIM program at school which she will begin next week. She really is a special little girl and has such a desire to learn.

Kami has chosen the French Horn to play at school and seems to have some talent for it because of her fast rate of progression and how good her tones sound in just a few short weeks. (7th grade) The High School band teacher has called a couple of times to talk about private lessons and I wanted to give it some time to see if she will stick with it. Well, she practices on her own and is good enough already to go into the high school band if she could, so she is now taking lessons from him. I look forward to the day when she and I can play in a symphony together!

Wendy is a star in her own right in "The Educated Heart" which has been running for the past two months and will be over with in a couple weeks. She's had a really good time and it's right up her alley since she has been making up and performing little sitcoms for the family since she was quite little! This theatre is a fine opportunity for amateurs to have a place to gain experience and learn. "A Christmas Carol" begins at Thanksgiving time and all three of the girls and I will be participating in the music part of it. As it is a theatre-in-the-round, there is no place for a piano or orchestra, so most of the music if any is used is taped. For this production they use a single violin as accompaniment with the group singing around a lamp-post and mingling with the audience, so I get to do that and the girls will sing! A couple of songs are a-cappella so I will sing those with the choir. All in all, we have to memorize about 15 songs which is a huge challenge to this brain that hasn't done any of that for SO long. Anyway, we are excited to be involved as a family with this one. Greg and Earl can't/won't sing so they will be our cheering section, I guess.

I have been asked to donate some time to playing the organ at the temple, so I go once a week and play for an hour and a half and do a session during the day while everyone else is gone. It's a sweet experience for me. Last year I was able to do 23 sessions and it looks like I will just about match that by the end of the year. We try to go twice a month or more, Earl and I and have found it to be a great blessing to us. Between attending the temple and reading and studying for Gospel Doctrine

and Institute class, I am learning a lot more than I knew was there and experiencing the thirst to know more. Putting it all to use as I should is even more of a challenge sometimes. Please go to the temple often if you are not doing so already.

Earl has finished another large project he was assigned to take care of - a Stake Preparedness Fair - which was a success and he is ready for a rest now from huge projects. There are many unfinished home and family things that he wants to concentrate on now (which will make me happy to see completed.) He is leaving today to go hunting for 3 days with a friend and will go fishing with another friend on Sat. He needs the break. I'm glad I'm not going, though. It has turned very cold here all of a sudden, us getting the after-effects of the weather you all had last week and it feels mighty good to have the heat going!!

Greg has been working at Nu-Skin now for a year and plans to continue there after he graduates until time to leave on his mission. The kids in our stake who have worked and saved their mission money with the company receive a large sum via their bishops when they get their calls and are ready to leave. It is such a neat way for the kids to earn their money and what they do save Nu-Skin kicks in 5%. We're happy that Greg has that goal and is pursuing it.

Lonnie just spent a week up in Massachusetts and New York with a girl he knows who sent him frequent flyer tickets. Evidently he had a good time, but with his schedule at work and ours here at home we haven't heard a lot about it yet.

I'm sure there are a lot more little details I would like to share if I sat here long enough, but this needs to get in the mail being as it's late anyway. We wish each of you a thankful and happy Thanksgiving and will miss being with you. I have some wonderful memories that we have incorporated as traditions in our family which makes it feel not-so-lonely during the holidays. Our prayers are with each of you daily.

Greetings from the Crocketts via a phone call. Things are pretty hectic for them as they have just purchased and moved into a new home. Well - new to them. Actually it is an older home that needs quite a lot of cleaning and some work. They are up to their necks (or higher) in those projects right now. Their new address is: 1975 E. Gunderson Lane, SLC, UT. 84124. Phone #: (801)278-0583.

We will hope to hear more about them next month!

November 6, 1991

Dear Family,

An early winter has hit suddenly with 3 snow storms & 2 wks of freezing & -0 degree temps. Til mid-Oct. it was Indian Summer & too hot to store potatos & carrots & the next day winter was here so we harvested in the cold. We are now enjoying from the 30 bushel of apples we processed in various ways, plus the box of fresh red delicious apples Dad brought from his tree. We enjoyed the nice visit from Dad & April over charcoal grilled salmon steaks from Warren's & Norman's 60 pounders.

Football season is over for Kevin & Josh for the year but they can still enjoy the videos of their games - especially Varsity Homecoming when Butte whipped Challis. Valina was chosen Sophomore Princess so rode in the Royalty and also performed in the 24 member Treasurettes Drill Team. I offered to make the drill team uniforms & with a little help from 4 other mothers, completed all 24 in 2-1/2 wks in time for Homecoming. The drill was excellent & they looked stunning in their bright metallic blue & white with sequins uniforms - they plan to go to competition this Spring.

Halloween brought 150 trick or treaters to our door for the traditional toothbrush handout. Josh was sick so he enjoyed being the trickster scaring our visitors & handing out toothbrushes. His picture was also in the paper with our homegrown 75# pumpkin he carved into a dental jack'O Lantern with cutout molar eyes & toothbrush nose. Josh just completed his cinematography, atomic energy and citizenship in the world merit badges at the Ricks Pow Wow. He will perform in the Ricks Monster Concert (10 pianos synchronized to the same renditions) this Sat. playing a duet. He has had some fun times between practices with Darrin & Colissa at Rexburg. Colissa's last Dr. appointment with ultrasound determined the baby will be small but looks healthy & is presently breach. She has one more month of schooling on her current grant & has been going 6 long days/wk on her feet. She will deliver at Rexburg before Darrin starts his continued education at Boise State. I'm getting excited for them & also to feel the granparent joy that so many talk about.

Sheldon & Candy are diligent at their jobs, (in cabinet shop & dry cleaners) in Salt Lake preparing to get back into college. Norm is enjoying Ricks tremendously with all the nice facilities, auto-body classes, upholstering his fixeruper car & dating a lot, working out & intramural football. Lupi is doing great in MN, serving in the same area for 6 mos. & has had several very choice baptisms. A partial letter is enclosed.

We sure enjoyed being with the family for Bryans Farewell and hope he is enjoying the MTC. Our friends the Andersons, are loving their secretary work (harder than they've ever worked) at the D.C. Mission Office. Warren & I enjoyed our trip to Seattle's dental convention & staying with Jolana & Travis. We watched her at work & toured the mortuary & rode in one of the company limos. The weather was wonderful, enjoyable ferry rides & stunning view from the 60th floor of the AT&T Bldg. We saw some beautiful Olympic Peninsula scenery and enjoyed a stay with Connie (missed Ken).

Kimberly is a cutie & Angela too, obviously keeping everyone busy.

One 2 pt. deer is hanging in the garage freezing in our cold weather. Norm sorta missed out on hunting this year & Josh tried, but Warrren was the only successful hunter at our house.

My eldest sister Veneita & Duff Stender visited from Coos Bay Oregon - She is now retired from grant writing for their community college & will work more with Duff in his retirement at their art gallery located in Bandon Beach, Oregon. They are artists & woodcarvers & antique collectors.

We are grateful for all of you & keep you in our prayers.

With love,
Warren & Sharon & Family

Message of Lupi's from the Field:

Oct. 30, 1991

Hello from Minnesota again! It's starting to get colder & colder here now and live up to that Minnesota cold that everyone talks about. All we hear lately is Twins this & Twins that from the World Series.

Thomas Scepaniak was baptised this Sunday! His baptismal service turned out really nice & we had a decent amount of people show up too. Thomas was so nervous yet excited on Sunday, it was written all over his face. Before his baptism he made the comment that nothing or nobody could stop him now, not even a gun to his head! He also said the he would be at peace with himself if he were to die tomorrow, knowing that he had done what is commanded of him. He is so Awesome & has such a strong testimony, we're trying to get him to write up his conversion story, which I think would make an excellent article in one of the Church magazines or church News. His wife & son still haven't committed to baptism yet, but through his example, I know they'll come around soon. Eda, his little wife from Honduras has such a hard time sitting through 3 hours of Church, since she's expecting a baby in 6 wks, but she still comes out with Thomas. When we went out to visit them the next day, Thomas said he is planning a trip back West to visit us & go through the temple, when we get home from our missions! I'm so excited, I wish I could bring all, these people home with me that we teach & baptize! They are so awesome.

LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

December 1991

Dear Family,

Happy Holidays!!! It seems like the season sneaks up rather quickly. We apologize for not contributing a letter for so long. For a couple of months there wasn't anything newsworthy to share - just waiting for our house deal to come through. Since that time we've been busy trying to make the house liveable. The structure itself is in good shape, but there's tons of fix-it projects and cleaning to do, as the former owner was 96 years old and she wasn't able to do much for the past 20 years or so. In some ways it's a "Money Pit" (if you've seen that movie) and in other ways it's a "dream home." We have a beautiful view of Mt. Olympus, and now with the snow we have a Christmas Card Yard and neighborhood. The ward has been extremely friendly and accepting. There are plenty of elderly people with younger families moving in from time to time.

Marcelle is doing extremely well in her new school. She is finally being challenged and it's great to see her not bored with everything. Her creativity is blossoming, as well as her academics--like her mind has been sparked. I hope it continues.

Bryan seems to like his new job as a Salesman. He likes being out of the office more of the time and meeting new people, and developing new skills. Every minute of "spare time" is spent fixing things around the house. Luckily he enjoys the "handyman" role and what he lacks in expertise he makes up for in his determination.

I sometimes get overwhelmed at the magnitude of this "project" and when I start getting discouraged I have to go for a walk to enjoy the surroundings and remember why we moved here!

The kids are taking advantage of more space to play in--especially now that bad weather has hit.

We were thrilled to discover the other night that our fireplace actually works!! (It's about the first thing in the house that does!) It had never been used, so we were apprehensive, but it's got a good draw (course, we could probably build a fire just about anyplace in the house and there'd be a draw!). We enjoyed the atmosphere of the fireplace and it'll probably get some good use this season!

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy, and productive New Year!
Love, The Croketts

P.S. We've sure enjoyed hearing from the missionaries and "newlyweds." Our love goes to all of them, as well. Best wishes to Colissa and Darrin on their up-coming arrival.

Dear Family,

Dec.1, 1991

More and more April and I are becoming aware that, because of the numbers in our great family, it is difficult to do all in the life of grandparents that would be appropriate for each and every occasion and person involved. Every person and event is important to us. I so appreciate April for attending to so much of that which is needful. She is an angel. If there is any lack, or feelings of being neglected, you can pin that on me. She has a heart of gold and loves each and every one.

We have had some good experiences of late that we want to report on. Recently we were able to attend the opera in S.L. in which Bobby performed, "Samson and Delila". Opera is not my favorite pastime, but I really enjoyed the performance, especially to see and hear Bobby perform. I could hear her clearly enough to pick her out immediately.

We had planned to go to Mesa and maybe further at thanksgiving time for two or three weeks. Well it turned out to be only one week, and four of those days on the road. It was a nice trip though. We got back last night. I needed to be here this morning to help with Stake leadership training. While there we stayed with Ann and Ralph Mitchel, April's Sister and brother-in-law. We had a nice thanksgiving with them and one of there families. The day before, Ann and Ralph went with us. We got together with Bessie, Brandon and Betty Jean, and Myra, at the care home where Myra lives. We had a brief visit, I played the harmonica and we had a sing along. Even a few of the other tenants enjoyed our visit. As it was then, dinner hour at the care home, we said goodbye to Myra and went out to dinner to a nice Buffet.

Ann came back with us to have some dental work done in Bountiful. While she was having some of it done yesterday, we visited with Shelly and family. Ann came on home with us and will have the rest of the work done next Friday. We tried to make contact with Glen and Linette. We did however Leave some things for theme at Shelly's.

Well in comparison, it looks like we are going to have a long winter. It has already been winter for a month. We had some bad travel on our way home and it is snow covered and very cold here.

It is near time for church so will sign off for now.

Love to all, and Merry Christmas!!!!!!

I'll just add a quick note to Dad's comments...We had a nice phone call from Connie last night. She is feeling much better and the children are doing well. It was so good to hear from them, ... we are disappointed that they are not coming for Christmas. We are extending an invitation to any who can come...We are planning to stay home this year.

We dearly love all of you and pray for each of you daily. May you feel of our Savior's love at this special time of year.

Love, Dad & April

December 1, 1991

Dear Family,

Jered will return from his mission on January 8, 1992 which includes a one-month request for an extension - granted by his mission president nearly a year ago! We will be hearing his report on January 12, 1992 at 11:00 A.M. Block Standard Time in the building just west of us (off Redwood Road) Sac. Service first, S.S. second, and Priesthood meeting last - ending at 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 2:30 at our home. All family members are invited to attend the meetings and lunch as well as an Eagle Court of Honor for Wayne at 5:00 pm- if his application is processed by that time. As far as we can tell, Jered plans to attend the University of Utah here in Salt Lake.

Cory has grown very much and is enjoying his mission - presently assigned to Olean, New York. He was thrilled with his recent baptisms.

Keri will graduate from Salt Lake Community College of Cosmetology in February. This has been a two year hitch for her. She has turned 18 and no longer fits into the Young Womens' Organization in the ward. She received her Y.W. Medallion on her 18th Birthday, Sunday, Sept. 22. The presentation was much like an Eagle Court of Honor but caught me by surprise having to "say something" about her with only a 30 minute warning - even though there was a pre printed program!

Nathan just finished a 4-month run as a lead performer as Mr. Lundi in the High School Play - Brigadoon. He has received countless excellent reviews and positive affirmatives to continue in such things. He is an officer in the Drama Club, still works at McDonalds, is the Bishop's first assistant in the Priest's Quorum and helps me with my Bishop's Ex. Sec. duties which are varied and routine.

Roger is growing and brought home a 3.0 report card. He does the dishes for the family and is looking forward to everything.

Wayne has completed his Eagle requirements and was ordained a Teacher by Nathan last Sunday.

A.J. is well tutored by all his older siblings and the T.V. He is as "sharp as a tack" and comes for a hug three times a day.--once when he leaves for school, once when he comes home from school and once when he is tired and goes to bed.

Bobby has had a "first hand" education in the Opera Business and has successfully memorized and performed 80 pages of French! in the "Sampson & Delila" production. She was one of three chosen for the next production.

Our business is expanding. David has put together a large capacity computer system for us to track customers. We have changed the name of the business to REPAIRMASTER, and we have commissioned a sales/marketing person to bring in the business. (bacon) Our first sales came in on the last day of November, and we are excited about the prospects.

Ozone Saver Industries is going and growing. My position is a silent partner, board member, and a director. The manufacturing of three models of Refrigerant Recycling devices have been sub-contracted to Natter Mfg. and OSI is the Marketing entity for the machines. Very strict Federal laws take full affect in July 1992 which are causing the whole thing to lean toward success.

Our testimonies have grown this past year, we have worked hard to support two missionaries, one college goer and the regular needs of our family. I feel better than ever and I can "see light at the end of the tunnel" and I am grateful for all blessings we have received. Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season, we are glad to be a part of the Family.

Love,
DeVon

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The Perry's wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & prosperous New Year!

Bryan leaves for Colombia after midnight Mon. the 16th.



December 3, 1991

Dear Family,

I have a habit of forgetting to sign my letters when I type them. Sorry about that in my last letter.

We had a nice quiet Thanksgiving by ourselves, not being successful in finding someone to share it with us. We are so blessed and are becoming more and more aware of that fact as time progresses. I know the Lord is watching out for us all.

We certainly enjoyed the last Family Letter from so many of you! Keep it up! All of your family members certainly make their own headlines and lead interesting lives, Warren & Sharon. It was sweet hearing from you, Colissa; It sure brings back a lot of memories of when we were in almost the identical situation you and Darin are in and how happy and poor we were. You are going through some real marriage-solidifying experiences that will sustain you for the years to come. Congratulations early for when that little baby arrives! Lupi's letter was a joy to read, also. We're very happy about all the exciting things going on in the family. Elder Jered, we are confident that you are doing as you should while serving the Lord and are an important instrument in the Lord's hands. Thank you for your letter. Your spiritual growth is an inspiration to us. We do pray for you daily along with each member of the entire family.

Connie and Ken, the pictures of your girls came out quite well copied! What a pair they must be and what blessings! I still have a lot of excitement for you! Sandra, thanks for doing the letter this year - we all appreciate it very much. David, thank you for the Prodigy Kit. That was very thoughtful of you. It may be awhile before we are able to try it out since we don't have all the equipment necessary to use it. Do you have a modem?

As for the question of keeping the gift exchange--- With us not being able to be home at Christmas time our giving of gifts to family would be shortchanged if it were discontinued. We enjoy thinking about the family whom we have each year and choosing something to show our love and remembrance, even if it isn't much. As for the \$, it can be earmarked and set aside like you do when saving for anything else. We love to send the packages and feel it is a tangible tie to the extended family at a time when we would like to be with everyone and are so far away. So we vote to keep it but will go along with the majority.

Georgia weather has sure been interesting this past month with some bitter cold like the rest of you got, and now on the 3rd day of December -- It was 70° at 11:00 last night and we put up Christmas lights and did yard work in our short sleeves! Now it will turn cold again, but it tied a record of high temperatures for this date. We have been in the Christmas spirit and mood very early this season because of our involvement in "A Christmas Carol" with the music. We've been practicing the carols since mid-Nov. Now our tree is up and are enjoying the atmosphere here at home too, anticipating Earls's folks arrival on the 22nd.

May the Lord's most choice blessings be with each of you as you serve and give this season. Love, The Mechams

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Merry Christmas

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to every
one of our dear
family. The Season is
well upon us and each day
is filled with a project or two.
We decided to enjoy some of the events
happening around town and put a little more
fun into our lives so we went to see Disney on Ice
a couple of nights ago. We didn't enjoy it as much as we
thought we would. Angela is still a little young for that kind
of stuff yet. And Ken hurt his back carrying Kimberly in her car
seat. We had to walk quite a ways (and uphill to boot) and Kimberly
is no light weight. She's now over 16 pounds. (Angela tries to lift her.) So
that will slow things down a little. Ken's mother is in Hawaii visiting another son
for a few weeks. She was planning to go for Christmas but they called just before
Thanksgiving and said their new baby died in the night. He was just 10 days younger than
Kimberly. I held Kimberly and cried all day the day we got the news. Things can happen so
quick. We are so glad to have our little ones and so thankful for the Savior and what he has done
for us that we might have them with us forever. We send our love and wishes
for a very
Happy
Holiday
to all.
Love,
The Masons
Ken, Connie, Angela and Kimberly

P.S. We vote for having a family party next Christmas and also think it a good idea to discontinue
the gift exchange except at the party. A white elephant exchange would be fun as long as it was
something useable or enjoyable (no junk). We look forward to seeing those of you we can as we
head down to Utah for Ken's Rep meetings again in January. (Don't know how the trip will go
with two babies this time. We are hoping to keep everyone well and healthy at least. Being sick
does not add any fun to a vacation.) Thanks to Sandra for doing the letter this year.

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December 1991

Merry Christmas Everyone,

As I write, the holidays don't seem as close as they really are, but by the time you receive this the season will truly be upon us. It is our hope that the Spirit of Christmas will truly be upon us all as this special time of year comes around once again. We rejoice in our Savior Jesus the Christ as we reverence His name and count our many, many blessings.

At the close of another year we reflect on events in our lives in 1991. We have been blessed with better health and prosperity (at least in our posterity). Our family has gained a new son Travis and a new daughter Candy as Jolana and Sheldon have married. Around the first week in January Colissa expects to enter motherhood and they say that makes Sharon & I grandparents. Sharon will then have to sleep with grandpa! Norm graduated from high school and went on to Ricks College. Sheldon and Lupi graduated from Ricks and went on to even greater things. Sheldon a married man, and Lupi to a mission in Minneapolis, Minn. Suddenly it seems, we now have three children at home instead of what used to be eight!

We all keep busy with the usual family, school, church and work activities, time for play and recreation too. Some of you have shared a part of these things with us which makes those events even more special to us.

As a new year approaches we renew our hopes for an ever brighter future with more joy, love and peace. We wish these things together with greater achievement, understanding, and self fulfillment upon us all in the coming year. Your friendship and love adds to our richness of life!

Warren & Sharon & Family



Season's Greetings

The year is suddenly coming to a close and it's time for us to stop and take account of the things and people that have touched our lives and just catch up on things in general. This Christmas season finds us still in our home at 6380 36. Jellison St. in Littleton Colorado and welcoming anyone who happens to traverse this way (which have been a few this year, but not nearly enough). We would like (especially Loalyn) to have something bigger as we feel cramped with only one bathroom and 7, count'em, 7 people now with the youngest one going on 4 and the oldest 40! Well, with the unsteady market for engineers in general and Aerospace engineers in particular, we don't feel it wise to extend ourselves right now, so we will try to weather the so called demise of the "Evil Empire" and just try to keep employed and maybe fix up another bathroom in the basement.

As for the "going on 4", Spencer is just beginning his terrible 2's a couple of years late -- hope we (and he) can survive. He is in the nursery at church and seems to enjoy it. He plays with his older sister in the A.M. till she goes to school and then by himself in the afternoon till the others start to come home (by 2:30). He can turn on the computer and bring up the paint pallet or a game called "Dave" at will, and it is really quite cute to see a 3 year old not intimidated by a computer but so wrapped up in it!

Krystin, as I said is in kindergarten and really is starting to enjoy letters and words, forever writing notes like "I "draws a heart" you!" and then someone's name. I think she is on the verge of really reading! She is really a deep thinker and feeler. Every evening she greets me with "you forgot my hug and kiss and dollar!" - what a gold digger!

Melissa is in third grade and loves to read. It is quite often that one can catch her curled up with a book like Super Fudge or the like. She needs to work on her penmanship, but is in the process of learning cursive. She and her older sister Stephanie played some prelude music today for church. She really can say that "all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" as she is not only missing the front ones, but several others as well!

Benjamin is almost 14 (Jan 5) and in the 8th grade. He is working on his Star scout rank and will probably get it this year. He still does his paper route in the early morning (with dad's help) and is saving half of it for his mission / college education with a substantial amount in the bank already.

Stephanie is a sophomore this year and is doing quite well scholastically. She is also one of the Sunday School pianists! She loves to go to the bi-monthly Stake dances to meet the "boys". She

hasn't gotten her license yet and was astounded (as were we) by the amount of insurance increase that would be required (a doubling of our present amount) even with a good student discount, female, and successful completion of a drivers education program (\$200 for the drivers ED program as well!!)

Loalyn is being run ragged by all the commotion and cramped living quarters, but is holding up quite well. She was just released as a young women's advisor and put in the nursery and is trying to learn Word Perfect 5.1 and take computer classes and put up with me and keep track of all of us. We really appreciate her and don't say so enough. She is also almost finished with the restoration of the piano she bought a few years back. It was painted antique green? and really looked bad, but with the refinishing, being mahogany it looks really great!

George is still at TRW and wondering if he'll be by next year with the changes in the world which he doesn't believe are as good as they might appear, but hopes the "peace" (whatever that means) can last for the world's sake. He is still on the Stake activities committee and team teaching the Valiant A's. He is trying to learn Word Perfect 5.1 and Quick C at home while trying to keep his Japanese up while learning Hebrew. And - shock shock - he sold his precious 66 Ford Falcon that had only 297,000 miles on it! It seems that a sister of an employee of his little brother had a desperate need (it would have to be desperate to need a car in need of so much work) for transportation, and George knowing that he'd never really get around to fixing up the ol' blue (now primer gray) beast, sold (really gave it away - as a good cause) it to a new home. The lady needing it had a father that was retired and able to do body work, so ...it's space at the side of the driveway is now vacant. He looks over there with sad eyes now and then.

May God bless you each through this Christmas season and through the coming year. We think of our families often, wishing we could see everyone more than we do. Thank you for your love and your letters throughout the year.

Love, Loalyn, George
+ family

P.S. Family letter dues for 1992 (\$10.00) should be sent with your January letters. Try to have your letters to us by the 5th of each month. Thanks

GREETINGS FROM THE PERRY'S

For this month, I, Shauna, was talked into writing the letter. All is fine around this household. The holidays have been great! Christmas morning we received a call from Colombia. Bryan was calling to let us know how everything was. From what I understood, he spent the night of the twenty fourth of December, out in the streets with some of the other guys there, and some of the people that live nearby, lighting off fireworks. They celebrate Christmas, or shall I say, Navidad, on the twenty-fourth, because everyone has hangovers on the twenty fifth.

He says that his flight down was rather interesting. On their layover in Miami they found that the airline they were supposed to depart from was on strike. He said the airport was so big, that they were running around for hours trying to find a plane to Bogota. There were seven missionaries in the group to go to Bogota, and when they finally found a plane to Bogota, it had been booked since August. When the lady checked, there just happened to be seven seats available scattered throughout the plane. He recognized that it wasn't just coincidence, and that someone had been helping them through it. When they passed through customs, the man running the line Bryan was in asked about his missionary badge, and when Bryan told him about it, he let him pass through without even checking his luggage. He was very surprised and pleased when Lonnie met him at the Atlanta Airport for a visit.

His mailing address was changed, of course, and all he asks is that when you address it, you write Bryan Perry and not Elder Bryan Perry, because he has to show ID to get his mail and the "Elder" just causes problems.

As for the rest of us Perry's, we had a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Years Day. Although Mark had to work on New Years Eve, and Talina and Shauna babysat. Our vacation from school was alright for the first couple days, but then it got really old staying around the house, so I am glad that we are back in school.

The term for this semester ends on the ninth of January, so we will be off of school again in a few days. Hopefully all is well with grades. I guess we'll find out soon.

Thank you all for the Christmas cards that were received from you, and thank you very much David and Susan for the Perry sign and the computer disks, we have put them to much use over our break.

Connie and Ken are coming down to visit today, and we are looking forward to it.

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Love to All,

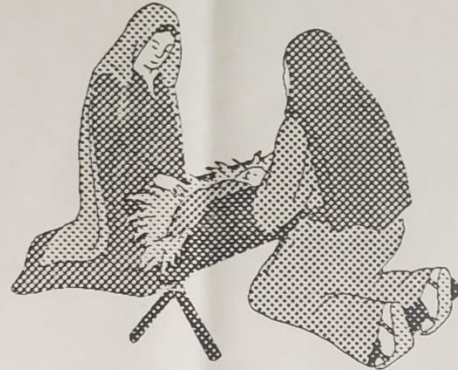
The Perry's

P.S. Did you know Satan is a woman? D&C 52:14 (from Bryan)

Merry Christmas 1991

I am enjoying the Christmas Cards and letters from so many of you. In fact, I found so much pleasure reading about what you have been doing I decided to write a brief letter about us!

Orrin is in a sixth grade Spanish Immersion class. This summer he learned how to slalom water ski. In the spring he got to help Grandpa Woody plant potatoes and in the fall he helped harvest the potatoes and make cider. December 1st Orrin turned twelve, and now is a Deacon. Collecting stamps, coins, rocks and building things with Lego keep his room crowded! A tram, like the one at Bridal Veil Falls runs from runs from the train base on the floor up to his top bunk bed. He is an engineer!



Conner is in second grade, reads well, and has a nice teacher. At seven Conner likes to copy his dad. His Christmas list read "a mountain bike *like my dad's*, waders *like my dad's*, a pillow *like my dad's*, etc." When we go to the lake he likes to kneeboard.

Andrea, our beautiful daughter is nine already and in fourth grade Spanish Immersion. Like her brothers she also roller skates with gusto - luckily we now have three pair of skates, two of which we found second hand (my favorite way to spend money is getting a deal at a garage sale!). She likes to sing, dance and create dances, read, and write stories. The younger children in the neighborhood often get dancing, reading, or music classes. They also like to have Annie babysit - her new favorite pastime.

Larry's life revolves around 3 H's - Home, Hospital, and Hunting. He has spent a great deal of time this year repairing things around the house. We have been in our home nearly nine years and expect the amount of time we will be spending on repairs, fixing up, painting, and the like, to continue to increase. (I've lived in this house more than twice as long as I have lived in any other house.) Larry spends his time at work in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. He is a Primary Respiratory Therapist, which means he is **very good** with sick babies and their parents. Larry hunts deer (two this year), elk (none this year), and pheasant (tasty), among other things.

I got to go to Alaska this summer, with my grandmother, mother, and sister, to see my brother. Dan and Bill are a wonderful hosts and Alaska is a beautiful place to visit. We also made several short trips to Pocatello and Flagstaff to visit family. I am working six hours a day and continue to like my work at WordPerfect.

Home, school, work, and church are where we spend our time. We live in a great neighborhood, like the children's schools, and our work. Larry is Elder's Quorum Secretary and I teach Gospel Doctrine. We value the gospel of Jesus Christ and love the Savior. We appreciate his example and teachings. We are trying to follow him. This Christmas season, as we think about our blessings, we count among our choicest blessings our faith, our family, our friends.

Love,
Cooper's