

January 9, 1992

Dear Family,

I'm looking forward to doing the family letter this year, and I'm also hoping for your support of it, especially in the way of sending your letters for circulation. As a reminder, the dues this year are \$10.00 for each address the letters are mailed to which will cover the copying and postage. George and I will pick up the extras like mailing labels, envelopes and other incidentals. I think this is going to be a fun experience, especially since I'm becoming more proficient on the computer with the help of some classes I have taken. Currently, I'm taking a short Word Perfect class from Accelerated Computers. It's really fun and the 2 1/2 hour class seems to fly by.

We had a nice Christmas and New Year's Day...it was really nice to have the time to just slow down and have fun together. George worked on going through boxes and boxes of accumulated papers and rearranging our office area in the basement. He kept himself busy and accomplished a lot in his time off from work. We now have available the space to put in a bathroom in the basement...all that remains is the funds and the skills and the time. Starting next week George will be going back to school to obtain his Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering...a 4-year program attending class two late afternoon classes per week. It's going to mean some adjustment for all of us.

We had a fairly severe snowstorm over here two days ago. Here where we live it wasn't bad at all, but 30 miles east where George works it was really bad. So bad that they closed schools, etc., and at TRW they sent everyone home early. Unfortunately it wasn't so good for George; he was involved in a car accident which banged up the new little red car pretty bad. No one was injured, which we're very grateful for. It really shook George up however. The next day TRW remained closed, so he was able to get over the shock of the whole thing and start the process of insurance assessments, etc. As of yet we still don't know how much the damages are.

The kids have all thoroughly enjoyed having a vacation from school. They've been busy playing at home and with friends, having friends sleep over, seeing movies, playing games and sleeping in! Ben turned 14 last Sunday and was ordained a Teacher the same day. He got to have a New Year's Eve party which we somehow managed to survive. Stephanie attended the bi-regional dance, enjoying the last stake dance as the only eligible teen-ager from this family. She has some reservations about Ben being old enough to go to them! School starts up for them again on the 14th. They finished 2nd quarter before Christmas vacation.

We're confident the new year will bring changes, growth, ups and downs, happiness, and all that goes with them. We hope we will all grow closer together through sharing our lives via the family letter. Remember to update me with address changes and mail your letters by the 5th of each month. Have a terrific 1992!

Love, Loalyn, George and family

February 2, 1992

Dear Family,

We apologize for not having a letter in last month's Family Letter. I'm sure we are not any busier than everyone else but it was too late when I even realized it was time to do it.

Our December was very full. A damper was put on our celebrations when we received a call from Earl's mom on Dec. 5 that Grandpa Wilcox had just suddenly died from a heart attack there at home. It was not feasible for all of us to drive that far at that time of year in that big of a hurry so Earl hopped a plane and spent a week with his mother. Wayne was a loving man who took such good care of Lelah and accepted all of us as we were and we will miss him.

Our lives went on with Kami playing in the band, Ashley performing with the Primary at a Nursing Home, Greg working his shift every day (except Sundays and holidays) at Nu Skin, Kami having a birthday and turning into a teenager, Christmas parties and lots of performances of "A Christmas Carol" which we enjoyed so much! There were a total of 30 shows done in a 5 1/2 week period and we did half of them minus a couple. We finished up three days before Christmas and Earl's mom decided to go ahead and come for Christmas as she and Wayne had planned which we were very glad for.

We enjoyed her being here for a week, meeting some friends of hers from England, having them for dinner and an evening; then the Andersons (Devon, you and your family know them don't you?), Marae and Bernise came and stayed with us (at least they tried to) but he had a problem arise with his Diabetes and spent a few days in the hospital, and then Earl had met some people while in D.C. at some training and they came and spent some time on their way back from Disney World. After the kids went back to school I spent a couple of days doing nothing and had quite a let down, but fortunately it didn't last.

January has disappeared in a big way! I can't account for it like I can December! Report cards were issued and we are very pleased with what was on each of them. Earl has become a referee for church and Jr. High/High /school basketball (I asked him why he wants to be abused) and I am continuing Institute Old Testament class. Wendy has landed a part in a High School play and Kami lugs her French Horn around (and I thought a violin was a pain to carry!). Greg has a date or spends time with his guy friends nearly every weekend and we all fit in our church responsibilities somehow. Our stake schedules the first Saturday of each month as family Saturday with no stake or ward activities planned, so we take advantage of that each month, sometimes working here at home to catch some things up or going and doing something fun. Usually it's a combination. Yesterday was such a day where we spent a leisurely morning, did the housework in the early afternoon and then did a little shopping, went out to dinner together (that was our reward to ourselves for finishing reading the New Testament together) and attended the current play at the Village Center Playhouse which was wonderful! (And since we have season passes now after performing there.)

Greg was just called as co-chairman of the Stake Youth Committee, putting 3 Mecham voices at those meetings since Earl and I are still in Stake YM/YW Presidencies. Hope they know what they're doing! Wendy turns 15 in 2 days - time to learn to drive. HELP!

Your letters are very important to us. We love each of you.

Karyn, Earl & family

February 1992

Dear Family,

January seems to have passed us by in a haze, literally. We've taken advantage of the Jan. thaw the past week and done some yard work. Sure was nice to be out in the fresh air and sunshine peeking through. I figure anything that can be done now gives us a jump on spring and all the jobs it will bring. The kids enjoy being out when they can, too.

I guess we're "officially" moved into our ward now, since we had to talk in Sacrament Meeting last week and we've been put to work. Bryan is teaching the Blazer A class, coaching the Young Men's basketball team and Home Teaching. I'm teaching the Valiant A class and Visiting Teaching.

Bryan is also playing on the Men's basketball team and plays once a week with some guys from work. The exercise is keeping him healthier this winter, I think.

We're still moving boxes around and trying to get somewhat more organized.

The kids are all busy; Marcelle with school, homework, and an Art class through Community Ed. which she is enjoying a great deal; Aubrey is loving her Pre-School and dance class. Morgan is now in Sunbeams and feeling very grown up. He's also in a little gymnastics class and is learning to go potty (some days!).

I guess I'm the coordinator for it all. I do enjoy seeing them learn and grow. This time of year I always get anxious for warm weather to come. I enjoy looking through the seed catalogs & planning what I'd like to do outside.

We've been blessed to stay reasonably well this winter, for which we are very grateful. It has been a real challenge to stay warm, however. We hope to make some improvements in insulation, etc. before next winter.

We enjoy hearing from all of you!

Happy Valentines Day!!

Love,

Shelly, Bryan & kids

CORY'S MISSION HOME ADDRESS:

2589 WASHINGTON RD. #410
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

He says this is the address everyone should use to write to him.

February 2, 1992

Dear Family,

Our visits during the holidays were the highlights of our activity in the past while. We began with a visit to Warren's family while they were all at home except for Lupi. Then we were at Sue and Brent's Christmas eve and morning, after which we visited all the Utah families.

We spent a couple of days with April's sister Helen and husband Bill at their condo in S.L. Bill, I and his son-in-law went skiing at Solitude. We saw the new year in, then watched the rose parade and Rosebowl game the next day before driving home.

My half-sister Myra, passed away on January 1. I flew from here the morning of the 3rd where Brandon met me at the Phoenix airport at 11:00a.m. We drove to Mesa, had lunch, I changed clothes and it was time for the viewing. There were very few people at the funeral which was held at the mortuary. Ashton and Ruth were on a tour and could not be contacted. I was asked to conduct the service and also speak.

I visited with family at Brandon's after the funeral, then visited April's sister Ann and husband Ralph. I stayed at April's mother's. April's brother Silas took me to the airport the next day. April drove down and met me at S.L.C. airport.

Next morning we drove out to Glen's at Dugway, for blessing of their baby, Kaela Tanae. We had a nice time, a big dinner, then came home.

We are redoing the bathroom downstairs. Glen and Linette are here for the weekend. He is the project engineer. We are getting better acquainted with their little family.

It was delightful to have Connie and Ken and their little ones here with us for a few days and wish they could have stayed longer.

One of my winter projects has been overhauling the jet unit and making other modifications on the boat. Now, on nice days, I have begun pruning trees; on some other days I work hard out on the ice to supply fresh fish for the family. April says "nobody should have to endure that to put food on the table".

We thank all of you for the very lovely Christmas presents, calls and letters. We did miss seeing Karyn and Loalyn's families and Dan. We are both greatfull for all of you, for our good health and the prospects of another good year.

Much love,
Dad and April

*Hello!
I did as you said
April + tore up the first
check. Funny thing - they both
got him on the same day... (13th).
One question - you paid \$200...
who is the other \$100 for?
Also... do Sue + Brent want
to participate? I don't
even have an address
for them. Catherine + Dan
are both receiving letters.
I sure hope the
reunion works out so
that we can all be
there. A family picture
would really be great!
Love ya,
Loalyn*

February 4, 1992

Dear Family,

In catching up last month in thoughts; I remember a good year starting after a wonderful get-to-gether with Dad & April and all our children for Christmas including all talking to Lupi for 2 hrs. on the phone. At that time there was much fascination by all the children taking turns sitting by Colissa watching & feeling her tummy movements from the unborn child. On the 14th of January a beautiful little (6# 13oz. & 22" long) girl was born naturally to Colissa & Darrin in Boise. Colissa did a great job at delivery with Darrin & his sister Terena & their mom coaching Colissa with the Lamaze breathing. I wanted so badly to be there but was out of town that day so I was grateful to spend a week with them following delivery. Chayla is a good baby & is healthy & strong, nursing very well & sleeping good nights. I so enjoyed sewing her blessing dress and crocheting a white baby afghan. Darrin did a fine job blessing her on the 2nd, in spite of her fussing a little. She was blessed in the old stone church at Ellea, ID near city of the rocks, where we once attended a mtg. when we went pine cone picking when David was with us in 1977 while Colissa was 10 years old. I'm finding it's great being a Grandma. We now have a 4 generation picture with my mother being there for the blessing. Afterwards we took my mother to her old alma mater "Albion State Normal School" campus where she received her teaching degree. It brought back lots of memories for her although the pigeons have taken over the buildings now.

We have enjoyed our two skiing trips for the season, Jared's fine homecoming, Connie & Ken's visit and visiting & touring Shelly and Bryan's house.

Norm is starting to make ready his missionary paperwork while at Ricks, and Lupi is almost to hump day. In Eagan, MN the work is slow still & she spends part of each Friday working at a community food shelf helping the starving.

Kevin now has 2 snowmobiles running & is working on a 3rd, plus bringing home straight A's for the 1st semester. He has won 2 wrestling matches but suffers from sore ribs.

We had a tragedy in the valley last week when a 37 yr. old active member lost his life in a freak car accident just out of Arco involving an older couple who were returning home from the temple. He left a pregnant wife & 5 young children behind & lots of relatives to help her weather the storm. Many spiritual experiences have been witnessed to help all our testimonies grow. Valina has experienced giving compassionate service due to this happening through the oldest girl as a friend. Such a trial of faith for both these families involved.

I hope you are all finding joy in life & wish Bryan and Cory well on their missions.

Love,
Warren, Sharon & Family

Dear Family,

February 3, 1992

How interesting it is to see the unfolding of the prophecies in these last days. Reading the Book of Mormon and watching a few special news reports on TV causes one to find just how close the two sources of information coincide with each another. I hope this month's Family Letter finds us all well. From the sounds of things in just our own family circle the effects of the so called "Recession" are not few. To some it is better considered a "Depression." I wish I had a way out myself.

Survival mode is still the game around here. Susan babysits to help out with the income while I continue to do my best in "first gear" trying not to allow the "RPMs" to get out of hand. While juggling several computer projects at once, I can sometimes put in eight to ten hours a day. Although that may sound good, it takes place at some rather odd hours, and intervals, and never being the same from week to week. Nevertheless I am crawling right along. You'd not believe some of the experiences that I've had spiritually through all this, not to mention those physically. I think I am getting to know WHO my guardian angle is. Let me just say that genealogy has become more interesting to me lately. So here goes...another adventure in the computer, as if I haven't had enough yet, right?

Speaking of computers (and herein will most likely conclude this letter), Nicole has taken an interest in learning some things. She has her own PRODIGY ID number which is one of the six ID numbers that any given household has for subscribing to PRODIGY. If she can find time when Dad isn't on the thing, she is able to hop on and go to town using the Service in her own interests. Since I showed her an area just for kids, she has delved into reading the on-line stories in Weekly Reader and National Geographic. And has learned how to start a new hobby. She will soon be writing to a few of her cousins on-line like her Dad and DeVon's family does. HINT, HINT.

She was able to be the spokes person at Christmas time when the family gathered around to write Santa Clause an E-Mail letter. And as user friendly as the system is, she has quickly picked up on all the major navigation commands. She loves to read, and is one of the top readers in her school class. For the lack of new reading material around the home, the PRODIGY service has become more and more of the preferred source for all kinds of stories, entertainment, news and other information.

Susan too has let down her guard, and has her own ID number now. She and Nicole spend a little time together exploring the Service while I am in lying down. And where Mom is, there are the little ones. I have evidence that Christina and Jennie "was here" by the doodles on the pieces of paper which I have on my desk. We all put the computer and this PRODIGY SERVICE to good use.

I hope I don't wear anybody out by saying this, but with the price of an internal modem for less than \$50, us computer users that can dial the service locally with out it being a long distance call, would actually FEEL closer than we have ever been able to do, just by putting the PRODIGY start up kit to use. Go ahead, put it in... A 30 day FREE trial can't be too painful. <Grin>. Tacoma, Atlanta, Denver, Pocatello, Salt Lake and Provo are eligible for free calls.

Hope to see ya there!
Love Dave and Family

February, 1991

Dear Family,

Lots has been happening in the Hellewell home during January. We had a lot of snow early on in the month and its still melting off in dirty piles everywhere. We have snow in the forecast for this week sometime. When the weather is mild it makes me want spring to hurry up and get here!

George has started school...he has class two late afternoon a week, so he's home about regular time everyday. His biggest challenge is fitting in enough study hours at home. A pretty big job in this noisy house!

Stephanie tried out and landed a part in "Annie Get Your Gun", the musical her school is doing this year. She has the part of Nellie, a nine year old girl. She's real pleased, and busy every day after school now until at least 5:00 p.m. Her schedule will get more hectic as time goes on.

Ben is now being home schooled by myself and George. We're still working the bugs out of our schedules, and it really still remains to be seen how it will work out since we just started doing it. Ben has wanted to do this for some time, so we're giving it a shot. Things were not going too well at school, so we figure we don't have anything to loose. Our Middle School here is very overcrowded and they can't help every kid with every problem, so a lot of the time they end up contributing to kid's problems instead of helping them. That is the case with us. Wish us luck!

We've been pretty fortunate this winter and haven't had a lot of illness. I've had bronchitis and a couple other minor illnesses; other than that there's only been a couple colds at our house.

We should be getting the new car out of the body shop today or tomorrow. It will be nice to have it back in new condition again; the loaner we were given is pretty bad! We hope everything went well...no hidden stuff, etc.

Melissa has two new teeth coming in which have really been slow. She is in the art club at school and Krystin is wanting to join it if she can. The two of them remain together in a bedroom since Stephanie moved to the basement in the space George had cleaned out over Christmas for an extra bathroom. It suits her fine, especially since there's no money for the addition right now anyway. She's loving having her own "space".

Spencer is having a hard time adjusting to Sunbeams. Our time slot is at 1:30 for Sacrament Mtg. and Primary follows that, so the kids are really tired after sitting for so long already. The first Sunday on the new schedule he fell asleep in Sac. Mtg. and was real grumpy when I woke him up for Primary. That may have started the whole experience off on a bad note. Now he cries every week when we leave him in opening exercises. George and I both have Primary jobs, so it makes it a little difficult to stay with him.

George was recently accepted into the Attache Corp. of the US Naval Reserves. This will allow him to someday work in Japan and use his foreign language skills as well. It's the main reason he got into the reserves in the first place. He's pretty happy about it. I guess that's one good thing that's come his way! He was scheduled to do his active duty the end of May, but that will now change; he thinks it will be July 13 - 24th, but doesn't know for sure yet. We'll keep you posted as soon as he has definite dates.

Love you all,
Loalyn, George and family

P.S. Congratulations Colissa and Darrin on the birth of your little daughter. We were glad she wasn't as little as the doctor thought she might be. What a blessing to have a healthy baby. Hope you're settled in to your new surroundings, and enjoying your new bundle of joy!

February 5, 1992

Dear Family,

We've had a few days here that if you didn't know better you would think it was spring! One day it's warm, the next it's cold again, etc. The nice thing is that the snow-pack in the mountains is 104% above average. (Of course the ski resorts are packing it in this year and will have an extra long season.) We're hoping to go skiing in March when we have the Japanese girls here...we'll take our "one" student with us.

I'm almost all through recruiting the host families...14 down, 3 to go. I'll finally get to direct my attention to other aspects of the job like planning the parties and the daily classes. I'm finished with the itinerary and the teachers wrote back from Japan saying it was the best. (I only have a third of the whole group that's coming over...the other 2/3 are going to Colorado Springs.) I feel I already know these girls after reading their applications and letters to their host families and looking at their pictures. It has been a big help in matching them with families with similar interests, personalities, and characteristics. Our family had the opportunity of "first pick", but then changed our minds later.

George got in over his head in a college class this semester and had to drop the class. His "advisor" didn't notice there was a prerequisite to this P H D class....he's going to hold out till next semester when he has a better choice to choose from. (Starting in January last year threw him off a semester.)

Stephanie has recently changed jobs from Arby's to a nice buffet restaurant called Country Buffet. We decided to try it out this week and did not go home disappointed! She's in the school musical again this year...The Music Man. No major part, but has a part in both casts. We look forward to seeing the performance, as usual. We couldn't talk Ben into trying out with his good voice. Maybe he'll go for it next year.

We were glad to have visitors over the holidays...Glen, Lonnie, and Dad. Any time we get to see family it is a treat. Too often though we don't get to sit and visit for long...such was the case this time since I was working, Glen and Lonnie were busy with a motorcycle paint job, and Dad didn't get to stay long. We were glad you were able to come anyway.

My 20-year class reunion will be sometime this summer and I'm trying to make plans to be able to go...so we may get to see some of you again this year.

Hope the new year finds things going well for each of you. We really enjoy hearing about all our missionaries and their experiences, and what is new and special in everyone's lives. Keep the news coming and help Glen out with his job!!!

Love to all, Loalyn and family

1. Do away with Christmas gift exchange.
2. Do away with Christmas party.

Have a Family Reunion in the summer every other year.

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Catherine says she enjoys reading all the family news and feeling the strong beautiful spirit of the letters, even though she doesn't write and contribute very often. She especially enjoys the missionaries faith and testimonies! They are all happy and healthy.

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Dad sent this clipping

Carl Frederick Worth, 80, a lifetime resident of the Pocatello area, died Monday, January 27, 1982, at his home on Ronald Road from causes incident to age. His wife preceded him in death just five days earlier.



army during World War II, was captured and imprisoned in a German prisoner-of-war camp.

He was married to Nita Winn on August 17, 1934, in Pocatello. She died on January 22, 1992.

He was a member of the LDS Church, and a 'union carpenter', one of the founders of Carpenters Local No. 808. He enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles and playing bridge in his spare time.

He is survived by a son, Craig V. Worth; two brothers, Grant Worth of Blackfoot, and a half-brother, Leo Cox, of Rock Springs, Wyo. He was preceded in death by sister.

According to his wishes, cremation was arranged through Packman's Grove City Crematory in Blackfoot. Since no formal services were planned at this time, the family suggests that friends and associates choose a few moments for private meditation in his memory.

Those desiring to make memorial contributions may donate to the Pocatello Free Clinic, 429 Washington, Pocatello, Idaho 83201.

Dear Woody and April;

If you knew how much we look up to you, you would appreciate more what I mean when I find out that I have one more thing in common. I mean really how many people have shot their own home. At least yours was just one neat little round hole. It begins to be fun to look over a life of funny events. It must be funny to be the Lord and see all of the funny things that happen. I recognize that it is not good to be light minded but I hope we can continue to smile at ourselves.

You mention your children are pretty much scattered and away from home. With two in college and another leaving next year I am already beginning to feel lonely. Somehow you don't even think that they are going to leave while you are still having young ones and your oldest is only 10 or 12. The reality of being home alone starts to become real. I guess we will just have to have fun with out them. Worse yet is when we get to the stage that my parents are to of being less able to get around and then you really are dependant on visits. I home teach one sweet brother who's wife passed away 4 years ago (wow time passes, I was the Bishop and handled the funeral) and at Christmas time he wasn't interested in doing much of anything. He wasn't going to even set up a tree but we got him one and decorated it for him. Actually I think he enjoyed just watching the children decorate it more than the tree itself.

While we lived in Pocatello we used to watch to see what you had done to have such good children. We finally decided that it was a number of things but that one key was that you had them involved and working. I even asked you several times what you had done and I have always remembered your comment about the boys being Eagle Scouts. You said that to work on scouting was the treat or privilege after the other things were done. I remember thinking then what a difference that was from some who beg and plead with their children who have spent the younger years watching T.V. and in general being bored. I have been with the scouts on some camps and 50 milers and have found it only takes about 20 minutes in camp to determine which ones watch T.V. all of the time. They have not the slightest idea of what to do or even how to have fun and worse yet sit and become bored with the whole program.

I probably better run but we will look forward to seeing you and hopefully it won't be to long before we get the chance.

*But wrote [↑] & said to add if I wanted
& mail it... I'd love to, but I just don't
have time right now, & I know if I wait to*

note, it'll be days before this gets mailed, so I'll
just mail it... I'd love to take Gospel
Doctrine class to you, April! Isn't it just the
best job in the whole Church?? I hope
they never release me! I've learned so much
more than I've ever taught anyone.

We heard from Elda Taylor at Christmas
I suppose you know her cancer has spread &
is terminal.

We do think of you often. Why don't
you come over? My raspberries & grapes
could sure use your help! Love you
Jun at home

Love you!

Gene

LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

March 1992

FROM
DAVID & SUSAN



Dear Family,

We continue to enjoy the family news each month and look forward to the positive side of the continuing saga of the Longhurst Family. We miss the association of those not so close, as the occasional visits with those that are near come to pass.

Our family enjoys life together. We share some choice opportunities with one another that seem to make life special. I still battle with things physically, but over all I'm still hanging in there. I was just given a video tape today by a friend in the ward, who has had similar health problems as mine. The tape showed a series of news clips from the CBS "This morning" Show of the miraculous scientific study of how common fruits & vegetables can treat and cure diseases. The story

was entitled "Meals That Heal." They had commentary from a visiting FDA spokesman who said that there is a serious study of this underway and that although they have not found the correct dosage of the various healing elements in these common groceries, they highly recommend that people with certain diseases, or people trying to prevent diseases to basically "Eat Your Vegetables."

Using the more scientific approaches to this whole idea they briefly outlined that Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, and Brussels Sprouts are best to fight or prevent Cancer. All in all it seemed to be another "SHOCKING" piece of evidence where science agrees with God. My thoughts went back to when the "SHOCKING" news came out that the Surgeon General declared Smoking, harmful to our health. For quite some time I have heard people say how they think Medical Science and the Naturopath Ways need to come together and make the Science of Natural Substance a proven and accepted form of health care. Maybe this is it!

On another note Nicole is anticipating her Baptism which is scheduled to take place Saturday, March 28th at 11:00am. We invite all those who can make it down for this, and will reward them with a Turkey Dinner

afterward. Susan needs to know who will be coming so she can make plans for everything involved. Please call us ASAP to RSVP.

Nicole has joined a Brownie Troop in Girl Scouts, with Mom as one of the Troop leaders. She thinks it's pretty neat to belong to such a club. She also continues to take advantage of every moment to glean the abundant sources of information and entertainment on the Prodigy Service, and has found it to be something to look forward to quite often.

All three of our Girls are looking forward to spending a little time with Grandma and Grandpa Longhurst in the near future. We plan to have a Birthday Party there for Jenny and Nicole as their birthdays will be on the 14th and 16th respectively.

We have been blessed with many needful things for the past few months, and know it has come as a result of your faith and prayers. We thank you deeply for these things and pray for your needs as well.

Love to all, David and Family.

FROM
DAD AND APRIL

March 1, 1992

Dear Family,

The months keep flipping by. It seems the hurrier I go, the behinder I get. Maybe my hurry isn't as fast as it used to be. But here it is, at least looking like spring. My adrenalin gets a boost every day the sun shines.

I got the peppers planted on my birthday; they are up and growing. Now it is time to get tomatoes and other things planted.

The part of the tree that the lightning blew up last summer was worse than I had supposed. It was shattered inside, and the bark was popped away from the trunk, so I had to cut it down. That left quite a gap there between trees, which I determined was good in that it gave room, now that the trees are so large, to branch out at a lower level and fill in the space. So I did likewise with the others; cut out one main trunk limb from each tree. They not only look better, but we have our year supply of wood. I just finished cutting and splitting it last evening.

Ice fishing ended early and abruptly this year...too warm. I had to quit early last year to have surgery; this year though was even shorter. Skiing wasn't even worth mentioning here locally.

We sure enjoyed the letters last month. Like home teaching, it seems the time to write comes around often, but for the effort it takes we sure feel rewarded when your letters are included.

Our Taj Majal bathroom is almost finished now and it sure looks good. We really appreciate all of Glen's hard work in making it so beautiful. He is certainly talented and laying tile is only one of them. Also we enjoyed getting better acquainted with the little children while they were here. Shaeli is a very active, intelligent little girl and it takes a lot to keep up with her. Kaela is one of the best natured and mellow little people we've been around and we enjoyed all of them.

We are expecting more family this week (Warren's children) and David's family next week. We went to Preston Sunday for a short visit with the Perry's. We are glad they are as close as they are, but we sure miss having them here in town. We dearly love all of you and want you to come when you can.

Much Love, Dad and April

Message from
Karyn via phone call

March 8, 1992

Congratulations to Colissa and Darrin!

Welcome home to Jered!

New Skin warehouse here is closing down and Greg no longer has a job. That is a sad thing for him...he's looking for another job now.

We sold our computer to Earl's mother and are shopping to upgrade what we did have. It's been quite a job with everything that is available these days. (Not to mention confusing!)

The dates we are looking at for the reunion are the week and weekend of July 6-11. By next months letter we need to know if a weekday reunion or weekend reunion is better for your particular family, and if you want it to be a one-day or a two-day reunion. We want to make it at the easiest time for as many as possible. So let me know.

We send our love, Karyn, Earl and family

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FROM  
DEVON AND BOBBY  
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March 6, 1992

Dear Family,

The weather is turning to Spring. The Crocus are coming out and the Sun is coming up earlier. It is the best time of the year for me, I enjoy it so much. No wonder the Savior chose to be born in Spring!

Bobby is now giving voice lessons two evenings each week and has 7-8 students. She has achieved very good

results with her students and they show it! She will do well with this. She is the Choir director in the Ward now too, and has been able to give a few free lessons at choir practices.

I was called to serve as the High Priest Group Leader last Sunday. The duties are very much the same as those I did as Elder's Quorum President 18 years ago, but with more emphasis on Temple and Family History. I didn't think I would like it when I was first told about it, but it seems it will be okay now that the stress of the change has subsided. The Executive Secretary calling was the easiest calling I have ever had in the Church.

Jered is settling in after returning from his mission. He has a job distributing fruit juices to stores all over Utah and is already looking for a move up or across to increase his income. He and Sheri, whom he met a few days after returning home, spend time together daily. One time they made a trip to Zales...what do you think they might be up to? Sheri is a receptionist for a credit union, vibrant, and on the go! Among other things she is very athletic and is a star basketball player.

Cory reports that the baptisms are few in Oil City, PA. They spend a lot of time planting seeds which may take root and some day grow and produce fruit.

Keri finished her last day of Cosmetology College yesterday. I am happy about that for several reasons. No more tuition for one. She graduated with a 4.0, top of the class. She has been hired full time by The Haircutter, a barber shop in Sandy where I have had my hair cut for over ten years. They have a salon there too, two doors down. She will do mostly mens cuts in the barber shop section, which is exactly what she wanted. She takes her State Boards, Monday, the 9th of March. I will board the Amtrak train Monday, the 9th and arrive in Hanford, CA. 22 hours later, to drive a car given to Keri (for \$600.00) from Gma & Gpa Westmoreland, (Keri's graduation present from me is to drive the car to Utah for her). Hopefully, by the 15th of March she will be "all set" in her "new lease" on life!

Wayne passed his Board of Review for his Eagle a couple of weeks ago...Roger is working harder than ever to get his "in the bag". He has 3 or 4 more merit badges and his Eagle project yet to go. The whole Ward encourages him as do we also. He will achieve his goal.

Nathan and A.J. are the computer whizzes in our family. The system David put together for us is becoming more and more useful to us as we learn how to implement and use it for good. There is hardly an hour that goes by but what I do not use it. One thing I have learned, David knows

his stuff! His career is computers...and that is where he will eventually make it good financially. We have sent information back and forth over the modem which has been beneficial to our business and our family. Dave and I have become closer too as a result of the frequent communication.

We love you all. And we look forward to the Family Reunion this Summer.

Love, DeVon and Family

FROM
SANDRA AND PAUL

Feb. 29, 1992

Dear Family,

It seems as though it were spring here in Preston. I imagine many others of you have enjoyed beautiful weather the last half of February. Joey, Tim, and Shauna are loving the chance to play outside without coats! They have been roller skating, playing softball and basketball. It sure is nice to have the park behind us with facilities for these things. Tim and a neighbor were over at the ball diamond one evening last week. They are even able to turn on the big overhead lights for their convenience. As long as they don't abuse their privileges they will have plenty of leeway. All these things make up for not having a back yard to play in. We have been walking to church, school and work,

too. It seems nice, but we suppose sooner or later we will get the rest of winter-hopefully in March instead of April.

Paul has been working quite a bit in Arizona with his brother who is building a subdivision of homes down there. The traveling has brought back memories of when he was on the road all of the time. He is also working on building a business dealing with used farm equipment - Farmers Hotlink. David has done some computer programming for us and we hope to get it rolling this spring and summer. It's taken longer than what he anticipated.

My work downtown for a CPA has been interesting. It is very busy this time of year with taxes (which is why he hired me in the first place). The days go by fast because it is so busy. The hours are good. I go in when the kids go to school and usually come home when they do, too. So it is convenient that way. And it is only three blocks away so I generally walk. I will be ready to back away from full-time when April 15th gets here. Then I will probably work one or two days a week.

Talina has her drivers license now. She is my errand runner and is anxious to go. Mark has earned his Eagle (and a Palm). So we will be scheduling his court of honor whenever the paperwork is run through. We are proud of him. Actually, we're all doing

pretty well for the shape we're in. We hope everyone of you are doing well too and that your goals and dreams are being realized.

Love, Sandra & family

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FROM  
CONNIE AND KEN  
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MARCH 3, 1992

Dear Family,

I know it's been too long since we've sent a letter. I can always think of a hundred other things to do or that must be done when it's time to write. But we enjoy everyone else's letters so much I have to make time to get a letter out.

Our trip to Idaho and Utah in January went a lot smoother than we were anticipating. Both Angela and Kimberly traveled quite well. We were really pleased with them. We kept snacks, drinks, books and music on hand for Angela and that kept her happy for the most part. We stopped about every two hours for food, gas or bathroom and gave everyone a chance to get out of their seat and stretch their legs. The weather cooperated very well. We didn't have any snow coming or going. We got in at least a short visit with nearly everyone. We're sorry we did miss a few. Angela had a great time playing with her cousins and she still talks about "Morgan" and "Snowman".

Angela has started asking for her friends every day. She wants to know where they are so she can play with them. She knows about six of them by name and I'm answering her inquiries about them all day long. I've started taking her and Kimberly over to a sitter one morning a week where she can play with the kids there for a while and give me a few hours to do errands, jobs, or just get out. Although she and Kimberly are starting to play together, Angela still gets bored with being at home. Now that warmer weather is on it's way we can do more outdoors or go to the park playground, etc.

Kimberly is growing like a weed. Except for her height, she is the same size as Angela and probably weighs the same or more. I've started putting some of Angela's shirts on her and that sometimes doesn't go over well. Kimberly is a happy baby. She's wanting to get around on her own so it won't be long before she figures out how. She watches Angela all the time and laughs and squeals at any attention she gets from her big sister. They like each other and get along really well. Angela calls her "Kimmy".

We had a nice visit from Jolana and Travis on President's Day. They spent the afternoon with us and stayed for dinner. We showed them a few sights

around Tacoma and had an enjoyable visit.

Our ward, along with the other wards in our Stake, is "adopting" a new plan for calendaring meetings and activities. For a full week following Fast Sunday every month there will be no meetings, activities, or anything else planned by the stake or wards; and nothing is to be planned on any Saturday. Saturdays are for families. It is suggested that the family spend half a day working together and half of the day playing together. The free week can be used for temple attendance and more family time. I welcome this new plan. It will be nice to have Ken around once in a while. We've got so many home projects that aren't getting done that we're getting buried. It's time to start thinking about garden so now we've got to get our re-landscaping done and a fence up (and the list goes on).

We've been blessed like some of the rest of you have mentioned. We had only one spell of colds (and of course, the resulting ear infection) and flu this winter and that was it. We've been real cautious about letting Angela around anyone with a cold. I know some probably think we are over protective, but she really has a time getting rid of the ear infections that come every time she gets a cold. All in all it's been a healthier winter and we are glad for that.

We send our love to all,
Connie, Ken & girls

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FROM
JOLANA AND TRAVIS

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Travis and I are in the process of moving right now; we are going to live with his parents (15 miles from here) for a couple of weeks or so, just until we find something cheap or free like managing apartment duplexes. We love it up here, it's so beautiful.

Our new temporary address is:

24659 S.E. 36 Court
Issaquah, WA 98027

FROM
ELDER CORY LONGHURST

Hello To All,

I hope all is grand! I am fine! It is so nice to receive the Family Letter and read on how all of you are doing! I confess it's about time I started writing! Well, I'm in a small town called Oil City. The weather is getting much better here...the high has been 75 degrees here the past week, the low has been 55 degrees. So spring is springing soon.

We have Elder Busha from the Quorum Of The Twelve coming this next week to talk to us! I'm really excited.

I hope all is well with everyone. From the Family Letter everyone is up &

running and excited about life and that's good! Everyone should be excited for life! I definitely am.

I want to share what my companion has taught me. I don't know what everyone's thoughts are on the aspect of love, but I have found out, to me, what love means and I hope this sparks a cord with you all! Love to me - is the desire for someone to be happy. Our Heavenly Father loves us, therefore he wants us to be happy. I want you all to be happy, therefore, I love you all! May the Lord bless you in all aspects of your lives. Please, feel free to write anytime. I'm always here!!

Love, Elder Cory Longhurst

P.S. SMILE!

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FROM
LOALYN AND GEORGE

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Hello and Happy Spring!

Aside from the freaky weather, muddy shoes and melting snow, it's looking a lot like spring here. I'm always afraid of a mock-spring and the fruit blossoms getting zapped. We get a crop of apples about every third year it seems.

Life goes on at a busy pace here, just like at your homes. Lately I've been giving Melissa and Krystin's bedroom a face-lift. Spencer had drawn on the walls with a marker that I couldn't get off (a dry

erase marker) so we repainted the whole room in pale pink. Their headboard will be white with stenciled pink hearts, and I got them a white wicker hamper, night stand and trash basket. Now I just have to make the new curtains and reorganize the closet...then it should be a more manageable room.

Stephanie still like her little cubby-hole in the basement. She is counting the days until she turns 16 and is hoping for a Prom Date! Am I ready for this? She did an excellent job in Annie Get Your Gun last week. The play was cute and she really enjoyed being involved.

Ben is doing pretty good with his home-schooling. He pretty much manages his time and learning efforts. He wants to do the BYU High School home study program next year. He really likes being in Varsity Scouts. It's a better atmosphere for him, and he gets excited about his projects and camp-outs.

Melissa has a friend who broke her leg in a fall from a horse a few weeks ago. I've been coordinating efforts for volunteer help for them. She came home from the hospital today after 20 days of traction, and is in a body-cast...totally immobile for 8 more weeks. I'm helping to get people over there to help during the day with personal care and assistance while her parents are at work. I hope we get a lot of support from the school

and Relief Society. I can't help but think what a great missionary tool...especially since the mother is my friend and comes to homemaking, and Ward parties, etc. It will at least help the mother-in-law who is staunch Catholic and thinks Mormons are evil...she will learn differently I hope.

Krystin and Spencer love to be outside when the weather is good, and sometimes when it's not so good! I'm so sick of muddy shoes already! We've had one kite-flying excursion so far. They don't like having to be quieter at home while Ben is studying...some days are tough when they get real bored.

We're looking forward to the Reunion this summer and hope we see everyone there. Let Karyn or Shelly know if you have any good ideas on activities, etc. We're going to work out our vacation so that the reunion is one of the highlights!

It's good to hear how so many of you are doing, and what you are involved in. God be with you and help you in the good things you're doing!

Lots of Love,
Loalyn, George & family

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~Thanks for the Family Letter format Dave...now I need to figure out how to do the graphics, etc. They really spruce it up!  
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* a lot of resources anyway.

April,
Sorry I ditched out of
Fed-Net
Ed said
on you... he would get the
package back to you.
It just can't be
a priority in my
life, so I hope
you will understand
and be able to find
someone else to
sponsor. No harm
intended, but I
wouldn't have done
you any good being a
member, and it
really isn't all that
advantageous that
where we have *

LEONIGHTURST

FAMILY • LETTER

May 1992

FROM
WARREN & SHARON

Dear Family,

Here we are in the spring of the year and as usual is one of the busier times of the year but always so refreshing with the new counsel from General Conference and the new buds of spring coming forth. Our brave little apricot tree has frozen blossoms again but my little seedlings in the greenhouse are thriving with hopes for good sale.

Grandma here has especially been enjoying every minute with little Chavla that I get. She is a precious little cutie that has totally changed the lifestyle of Colissa & Darrin.

Kevin's big day has arrived...he received his Eagle Scout Award April 12, and with that comes his long awaited driving privilege. He took a cute blonde to the Jr. Prom after a nice candle light dinner at our house for 5 couples which Valina and her girlfriends served. Last semester Kevin was one of three straight A Honor Roll students and hopes for the same this semester.

Valina, after much campaigning, has won the office of Jr. Class President, and Varsity cheerleader. She was up against Warren's receptionist's son for the class office.

Josh has graduated from dish detail to garbage detail and he is very grateful. He has been trying pretty hard to pop some noisy rambling dogs from the neighborhood with his pellet gun and wishing it was a .22. He's doing great with piano, and he and Valina both recently participated in the festival at Ricks College, both doing piano solos. Josh also recently received his Star rank in scouting.

Norman was ordained an Elder on Easter Sunday, and is now waiting for his mission call. The tentative date for his mission farewell is July 12, (if his call comes when we expect it), right after the family reunion. He and Sheldon were Kevin's Eagle Escorts. It was special to see our 4 boys in scout uniform dress to celebrate another Eagle.

Our trip to Washington was delightful - it is so beautiful up there - I can see why Jolana likes it. Our three youngest had a very nice week with Grandma & Grandpa and liked the special privileges & attention.

We have been doing a lot of spring cleaning, painting (inside and out), and general maintenance everywhere. The weather has been real good, and the selling of greenhouse plants will start this week.

Lupi is in a productive area right now & just sent her recent 6' companion back

to Holland who will look up Lupi's girlfriend from Arco, serving 15 miles from her home in Holland. Her new companion is a Korean Boise Idahoan barely 5' tall. Her last baptism was a 19 yr. old black male, and now several more prospective baptisms.

About two weeks ago Warren, Dad, DeVon, David and Glen all got together at Lava Hot Pools for a nice visit with each other. It sounded like they enjoyed themselves.

We hope life is going well for all of you and enjoy so hearing from each of you through the family letter.

We send our love,
Warren, Sharon & family

FROM
COLISSA & DARRIN

May 6, 1992

Dear Family,

Boy does time fly - before I know it it's time to write another family letter.

Chavla is growing like a cute little weed. She has grown out of several sleepers and her toes touch the ends of several others. She smiles a lot and she laughed for the first time 2 weeks ago! It was so funny! All 3 of us were laughing so hard we couldn't quit. We expected her 1st laugh to be a little one, so we were very surprised when it was a big one that lasted for 45

seconds at least. She must have forgotten how to do it because she hasn't done it since, but I'm sure one of these days she will get it figured out again. She brings a lot of joy into our lives. She watches everything we do and we take her everywhere we go. She and her Daddy have developed a close bond as he has taken an active role in caring for her. The only things he doesn't do much of is change her diapers and bathe her. Oops, and feed her...I do that for now, but it won't be long until she will be eating new things. Darrin can't wait, he has already introduced her to a few things like jello, koolade and has let her suck on oranges and fruit. Chayla's grandparents, aunts and uncles have let her taste a few new things too.

This management job keeps us fairly busy. I enjoy having this extra task to do. It is something I can do to help out financially, yet I can still be at home with Chayla. When I have to work in the office I take Chayla with me or Darrin watches her; it works out pretty good. A sprinkler system was just installed outside, so we don't have to worry about changing the water - it's so nice. We have 40 units in this building and over half of them are now rented, so things are picking up. Lots of people want to move in, but not everyone who looks at them can afford it. They are all new units so they are nice and clean.

Darrin took his 2nd final today which he did

well on; one more and he has another semester behind him. This has been a crazy semester for him with us moving to Boise, having a baby and everything else that has come up the past few months. We feel we are very blessed to be where we are and to have what we do have, especially to be together as a family and to have such loving parents and relatives. There is nothing more precious than life itself, to have someone to share each and every day with. With the passing on of Darrin's Grandmother it made us realize once again how close we are to the other side. What a blessing to have the gospel and to know what lies beyond. The task is up to us to work for what we want most when we get there.

We love you lots & look forward to a great summer.

Love,

Colissa, Darrin & Chayla

FROM
LUPI LONGHURST

Dear Family,

Hello from Minnesota! Don't you all be too shocked or surprised that you are finally getting to read a letter from a Sister Longhurst! I really enjoy reading what you all have to say each month in the family letter. It's the best way we can all keep in contact with one another & share our experiences, growth, happiness, joy & whereabouts.

My mission has been such a wonderful experience and I truly love this work

which I've been called to do; it's the greatest! Right now I'm serving in an area called Plymouth which is probably my favorite area so far. The ward members here are so wonderful, as they are very supportive & involved in the missionary program.

Members involvement is so essential in the fellowshipping & retaining of new converts & potential converts! This past month we've been so blessed to have a young man who was totally prepared & golden seek us out to learn more about the gospel! He just came walking into the church house on General Conf. Sunday, wanting info. about the church, so naturally we were more than happy to give him a copy of the Book of Mormon & talk with him. This young man - Mark, has had some problems of his own to work through, but he hasn't let that stop him. Over the past few weeks of teaching him, he has come to a greater understanding of the Atonement of Jesus Christ, and how he can benefit from it. He has been so faithful at studying and coming to Church each week and while he sat through our Stake Conf. he received his answer that led him to the decision of baptism! I am always so excited to see the change that comes upon these people and the added happiness they receive as we teach them the gospel and they humble themselves to accept God's will for them.

I am so very thankful for the gospel of Jesus Christ that is upon the earth today and for our knowledge of the

great eternal plan that our Father in Heaven has provided for us so that we can someday return to his presence. How lucky we are to all be members of God's only true church on the earth that has the Priesthood Power to bless our lives and provide us with those essential ordinances that are pertinent to our salvation. I know that Joseph Smith was a man called of God to restore his church to the earth and bring forth the Book of Mormon. The Book of Mormon is such a wonderful book of scripture that we all need to study out daily to draw strength, knowledge and guidance from. There is so much we can learn from these ancient prophets and I love sharing these stories and principles with others. I am also so grateful for our living day prophet, Ezra T. Benson who is the mouthpiece for God, giving us advice and council to lead us through these last days as the coming of our Savior is close at hand. I know I need to continually prepare myself for that great day that I'm looking forward to!

I like this little saying from Pres. Monson: "Learn what you should learn, Do what you should Do, Be what you should Be!" We are all constantly learning throughout our lives, but if we don't DO what we need to do, we can never become what we want to be. Do is the keyword!

Hope you all have a great day & wonderful month!

Love,

Sister Lupi Longhurst

FROM
CONNIE & KEN

May 3, 1992

Dear Family,

I better take advantage of a few quiet moments while kids are napping. And wouldn't you know, as soon as I get started I hear one waking up. Kimberly's "talking" to herself.

Ken's Rep meetings are scheduled for July the 6th through the 10th. We will be around but it looks like he may miss seeing some or attending some of the activities. Hopefully we can maybe spend the 4th with some of you or hang around a little bit the following week. We still need to decide on our dates of travel. We do look forward to seeing everyone again.

I recently took out the video that dad produced for us two years ago with all of the old home movies on it. (My purpose was to prove that Kimberly looks like me. There is quite a resemblance.) It was fun to watch again. It renewed by pride in such a wonderful family. Thanks again Dad for giving us all such a cherished gift. We do have a family to be proud of. And there are a lot of good memories. Hopefully we can and are providing those kind of memories for our children now. Don't forget to record them (or take pictures). They will enjoy watching it again just like we do.

We got our Rhododendrons pulled out finally. Boy, did it open

up our back yard. We had two loads of topsoil brought in and then Ken borrowed a rototiller and worked it all up good. I was surprised at how much of a garden spot it gave us. We have room for all we want to grow and then some. We are sharing some of it with a family in the ward. They were delighted with the opportunity. They came over and planted their garden yesterday. They have four little girls and boy was Angela in heaven! I've never seen her play so well and for so long. She missed her nap and after playing hard outside for so long she was totally worn out. She hated to quit and come inside and was pretty cranky until we got her fed and to bed. (She had been too busy to eat or sleep - you know what that does to littly tykes!) We need to figure out now where to plant some of the things that are more permanent like grapes, berries, etc. We put in a little peach tree last year and it now has 50+ little green peaches on it. Hopefully they will make it to harvest. Our plum tree hasn't done so well yet.

Life is busy around here and I guess it doesn't get any different. Everyone is at least healthy and well now. That makes life a lot easier. Better weather and longer days help make it seem like you have more time in the day to get things done. (Maybe I just feel more like doing it when the weather is nicer.)

Better get dinner on, Ken has invited someone to eat with us. We love you all

FROM
DAVE & SUSAN

Dear Family,

DeVon and I planned a "Prodigy Priesthood Meeting" with our computers. I'll explain. Since Glen is temporarily in Pocatello, we had Dad, Glen and Warren car pool to Lava Hot Springs, as DeVon and I met them there. What a hoot! I think it brought us all a little closer together, as we splashed in the pool and shot the bull. Dad pointed out that it was April's Birthday that day, and, that it was good that we got to celebrate the occasion even though she was clear down in Arizona. Happy late Birthday April, your party was great fun! Sorry we missed ya!

As we talked about this years Family Reunion, it was decided that we let the sisters decide on "what to do where." The idea of parasailing sounds okay to us boys, I think most of the grand kids would get a "high" from such an activity. If the weather doesn't seem to cooperate I have an alternative idea. We could use a picnic site up American Fork Canyon, and take a little hike up to and into Timpanogos Cave. Have you seen that place? It's worth the trip!

Nicole was finally baptized today, she has anticipated the occasion for years, then had to have it postponed because of the chicken pox last month. She has been a hard worker at home, and a great student at school, and she has learned

many valuable lessons as she observes others whom she interacts with.

Christina is also learning a few things about how to act etc., I guess she is at the age where she can comprehend some things although she still tries to get her way at times.

Jenny is still a laugh-a-minute with her cute ways. We get a kick watching her entertainment sessions. She can really pour it on when she knows she's "on stage" with a captive audience.

Susan continues to tolerate paint for people, it surprises me to see such a demand for painted wood. She loves that, almost as much as I love to do my thing on the computer.

I have joined with a friend, in business, to compile and market a "Wholesale Source Guide" which consists of a brief business guide and hundreds of Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Closeout Specialists, Surplus Dealers, and Distributors of hundreds of thousands of products. It helps people get started with such suppliers to buy things wholesale and sell them retail. Many people are turning to such income opportunities as they pick one or two unique items which they can see they have an exclusive on in their area, and then sell at their own pace to friends, relatives and others. Our listed sources are usually pretty much all people need to get started.

I hear Colissa & Darin are doing it, they are selling Rainbow Vacuum

Cleaners, and are "cleaning house." I didn't realize I was doing it, but that's what I've been doing with the water storage barrels for the past three years. Even Sheldon & Candy have had some success with the barrels. Now, as I plan to phase out with the barrels I am moving into selling information, via computer disks and catalogs. (Easier to lift) We just finished compiling our first 2500 sources which my partner (Troy Swain) has spent years collecting and researching. Troy seems to be the type of business partner it takes to make things happen. It's hard at first in this type of situation as TRUST has to be developed.

All in all our family keeps on plugging as we try to get over the bills each month. Hope everything is on the up and up with you and yours.

Love, Dave & Family

FROM
LOALYN & GEORGE

Hello Everyone,

Not too much new has been going on here. George is through with school for this semester and will resume in the fall. We had a lot of his family in and out over Mother's Day weekend for his nephew's wedding which was a real nice affair, so it was pretty busy around here for a few days. The kids were happy to see grandparents, aunts, uncles & cousins. I even survived teaching R.S. on Mother's Day...all the women in the ward get to attend on that day while

Priesthood takes over Primarv, etc. We had to use the cultural hall to fit us all in.

Della sent me a little note a while back. She has taken up water color painting and the little card she did was real pretty! Thanks Della.

Stephanie has been in demand for babysitting, and may be able to rely on that for her summer job. Ben on the other hand has tried without any luck to locate a job...most places require them to be 16 or older. He's kind of discouraged. He doesn't want to work out in the sun, so that limits what he can do.

Melissa is looking forward to signing up for gymnastics soon, and Krystin starts t-ball next week. I will probably get Spencer in an appropriate activity too, like swimming or something. Stephanie goes on a two day training to be an outdoor education counselor for the 6th Grade outdoor lab program. She's having to give up a Y.W./Y.M. trip to the Sand Dunes (a National Park in S. Colorado) in order to get trained. The last training was during the musical she was in...

We're looking forward to summer and the relaxed schedule it brings. I rented us a van for our trip to California, Nevada and Utah. It will be nice not to have to worry about our own car making it!

In a phone conversation with Dad, he says he has been pretty busy with the garden. April has been involved in her family history that they are going

to publish in book form. That sounds like a big job!

Glen was with them there for about a month and is now in Aspen, CO working for a Tile and Marble company. (I haven't heard from him yet, even though he's not that far away.) While he was at Dad's he repainted the big sign out front and some of Dad's apartments. He and Dad made some rounds in Utah when Nicole was baptized, and saw several relatives.

Dad has hooked up with Prodigy and has had more communication with David since. Dave is coming up for decoration day.

He sends their love and is looking forward to seeing everyone this summer.

I've been waiting for Karyn's letter with the Family Reunion information. Now that it's here I can get the letter finished.

I have decided there will be no family letter published in July, since that is when the reunion is, but I would like to do the following: Would each of the Longhurst Children please write up a childhood memory you have, send it to me in your JUNE letter, and we will reproduce them into a Family Reunion booklet of some sort, with one booklet for each family for your Book of Remembrance. If anyone wants additional copies, I'll need to know. We are leaving on our vacation June 27th, so I will need all of June to get the booklet done. Thanks everyone! I think this will be a fun addition to our reunion.

The weather has been quite mild so far this spring and we haven't had any hail yet...but then I don't have any garden in yet to get destroyed! Our apple tree did bloom, but very sparsely...so we won't have too many apples if they make it. The grapes look very promising however. There's lots of clusters starting. I need to get out there and start planting soon since George has tilled twice. (The 2nd time to chop out weeds already!) They grow extremely well!

We send our love to each of you and wish you well in all of your endeavors.

Love always,
Loalyn and family

FROM KARYN & EARL

Family News:

The girls & I will be leaving Georgia for Idaho & Utah the day after Father's Day. Jerilynn (Earl's sister) is flying out to drive back with us. I go to physical therapy 3 times a week & do a home program to help the degenerative disease and arthritis I have in my spine primarily ... doing better. Getting family portrait taken end of May with Lonnie. Kids get out of school June 5th.

Reunion news follows on next page.

FAMILY REUNION NEWS

We're looking forward to it!
See you all there!!

- July 10, 1992 (Saturdays were taken)
- CREEKSIDE PARK 10:00am - 10:00pm.
- Reserved all day:
 - Lighted, covered pavilion (several tables)
 - Volleyball nets
 - Horseshoe Pit
- Also there but can't reserve:
 - Playground
 - Frisbee golf course
 - Restrooms
 - Drinking fountain
 - Hill for Ice Blocking (riding ice down hill)
 - Grass for lawn games

BRING:

- Food & drink for your family for 2 meals & snacks
- Table service, tablecloth, paper plates, cups, towels, etc.
- Lawn chairs, loungers, blankets, etc.
- Frisbees, nerf balls & bats, volleyballs, horseshoes, lawn darts, other lawn games, etc.
- First Aid Kit
- \$2 or \$3 each family for reservation (\$30.00 total).
- Someone please bring a tape recorder boom box. I'm trying to get a tape put together for some old fashioned group dances. (Virginia Reel, etc.)
- Bring lots of energy & your best attitude.
- * Near the park is an Albertson's, Cottonwood Mall, other stores, restaurants.

THE LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

June 1992

FROM
DAD & APRIL

May 28, 1992

Dear Family,

The months keep flipping by. It seems the hurrier I go, the behinder I get. Maybe my hurry isn't as fast as it used to be. Here it is almost summer. Spring came so fast this year, and there has been no reprieve. They are telling us we will be out of water this year before the crops are mature if we don't get a lot of rain.

I have most of the planting done. There is some risk of frost involved in planting so early, but if we win, the gamble will have been worth it. We will be on the market early, and may even get more of the harvest over in the event we run out of water.

The big cottonwood that was damaged by lightning last summer was much worse than I had thought. The main trunk was shattered internally, and the bark separated for about 40 feet, so had to cut that part of the tree down. That left quite a gap between trees, so to even up the appearance and allow room for all of them to spread out, I cut out one main trunk limb from each tree. They not only look better but we have our year supply of wood.

Glen was here for a month, having been laid off at Dugway. There were jobs here at home that I felt needed done so had him put a new roof on the apartments, re-do the sign out front, paint the pickup, as well as two of the apartments that became vacant while he was here. He had a job offer over in Aspen, Colorado, so as soon as he could get finished here, he left. We had planned to take the boat out and give it a shake down after the alteration I had given it this last winter. His job was waiting, so he had to get gone as soon as he could.

Ashton and Ruth were here last week end. They had been in Tacoma, Washington and were to be at a mission farewell for Joan and Blair's second boy, so on their way, planned to come by here for a couple of days. We and they enjoyed the visit. Shelly, David and families will be up this week end for Memorial Day.

There are very few apples left on our trees. They got frosted three times. The early warm weather caused them to bloom much too early. So far we have not had frost on the garden. At this point it would be a disaster. There are five plantings of corn up, four hundred tomatoes and one hundred peppers set out, not to mention squash, cucumbers, eggplant, spuds, and flowers all very frost sensitive.

Dad

P.S. Dad goes from sun-up to sun-down every day. He still works harder than anyone I've ever seen and much harder than he should have to, but he seems to thrive on it. We are looking forward to seeing all of you for the reunion.

Much Love, Dad & April

FROM
WARREN & SHARON

May 31, 1992

Dear Family,

Happy Birthday to Connie! Today is her day. It appears we will have a long, warm & dry summer. This 6th year of the drought here looks to be the most severe so far for needed moisture. Summer still seems to be too short for all we would like to do. Valina is spending most of her time in Boise tending Chayla while Colissa finishes her beauty college hours. With only Kevin and Josh at home things seem more different all the time. Norm stayed in Rexburg and is working until mission time.

Some of you may not have heard - Norman is going to Tampa Florida Mission. MTC date is July 8th. He will just miss the family reunion. This sooner - than - expected departure date makes it necessary to move his farewell to June 28th.

Sacrament Mtg. is at 10:00, our first meeting. All who can make it are certainly invited and lunch will be served around 1:30 after our meetings. The menu this year will not be Salmon Steak (I am sorry to say) unless someone else provides the fish!

We do look forward to seeing as many as possible on July 10 (reunion) and June 28th.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Love, Warren & Family

FROM
KARYN & EARL

May 31, 1992

Dear Family,

Howdy! Howdy! Howdy! Since it was time to write the family letter again, I asked Mom if I could do it. So just bear with me. Well, we're all very much looking forward to seeing everyone this summer. It's about all this household can talk about.

Mom is still going to physical therapy and getting herself in shape for the long drive out. She's a little skeptical about driving out, because all of us are (and I quote) "Females". But I think we'll be o.k. She wasn't too sure about my aunt coming to help us drive, but then I suggested to her that I drive. She immediately called my aunt and made arrangements. So much for that!

Dad is sorry he can't come out, but I think he will be content here with

his garden while we're gone. It's in good shape, and hopefully I'll be able to say the same about the house when we get back!

Greg went to the prom and had a whopping good time. (Lucky.) He took out the daughter of our stake president. She's a real funny girl and has a sweet spirit. Greg is pretty cool and I'd just like to say, (ahem) Greg, I think you're pretty cool, and I love you!

As for me, this is the last week of school, and I must say I am very glad to see it. I have tried out for clubs and it looks like I will be very involved with dramatics and debating next year! It's nice to see the day when you're not called a freshman anymore, but I hate thinking about the fact I still have three more years in "jail".

Kami and I have been working dutifully on selling candy bars for girls camp. We almost have all our money in and it will be a relief to see the job done. Kami is looking forward to her second year of camp and is glad she is not called a "weeny" anymore. (That is the term for the girls who are going to camp for their first year.)

Ashley is very excited about the summer coming, and can't wait to see all her cousins! She is doing a wonderful job in her AIM program in school and gets good grades. I, as her older sister, am very proud of her. And I'm glad she's in our family!

The weather down here has been quite peculiar lately, and it's been

feeling like winter instead of summer. It says in the scriptures that one of the signs before Christ's coming will be that we won't be able to distinguish between the seasons. This time is getting closer and closer. It's scary, but if we have followed the commandments, we have nothing to fear. You're in our prayers, and we love all of you.

Love,
Wendy & Family

FROM
CONNIE & KEN

Dear Family,

Summer weather is here, the garden is doing well. We're trying to (once again) bring our food storage up to par. Churchwide goal is to have 70% of all families have a complete years supply by the end of the year. Pres. Benson said it will be as important for the members of the Church to have a year's supply as it was for Noah to get on the ark. Sounds like we better Do It.

We have a ward campout this week end. We're planning to take the babies. It should be interesting. None of us will get any sleep. Kimberly has been waking wide awake at 3:30 or 4:30 every morning. She doesn't cry, she just wants to talk and play. Someone has set her volume level on high, so she doesn't do either very quietly. I hope she will outgrow this.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone.

Love, Connie

FROM
SHELLY & BRYAN

Dear Family,

Time seems to race by so quickly that I sometimes feel caught up in a whirlwind.

Our garden is actually producing this year! We've had lots of spinach, some peas, and other vegies are on their way. This is the first real success we've ever had even though we tried hard before.

Aubrey is finally out of Pre-School (which means I'm through helping at school, car-pooling etc., etc.). She enjoyed it, but is ready for the vacation. (So ~~and~~ I!!) Marcelle finishes up this week and has had a good first-grade year.

We've enjoyed the beauty of our neighborhood this Spring. All the trees in bloom were so pretty. I guess the surroundings continue to out-weigh the challenges of this house. We've been doing lots of yard work. Bryan has taken several trips to the dump again. The kids are less timid of the yard now and like playing house under the trees, digging in the dirt and generally tracking mud everywhere. Aubrey loves to catch butterflies and is quite adept. She told me yesterday she was glad I planted the pink flowers because the butterflies like those best and she can always find them there. Morgan and Marcelle join in once in awhile but aren't as enthusiastic. Morgan likes the water and Marcelle (as

usual) wants her friends and to wear her swimming suit.

Morgan is into "tantrums" these days and tests our patience constantly. He gets pretty physical as well as vociferous!!

I'm hoping to get a lot of projects accomplished this summer - as well as sneak in some "vacation time". We'd like to take a few trips, but don't know if Bryan can work it out. He continues to stay busy and "beat the bushes". The other printers in the area (and from the east) are stiff competition for their company.

The fresh air and sunshine has been good for everyone. In fact the kids are literally growing like weeds. I have a hard time keeping the fridge stocked - their appetites have really picked up. The seemingly monthly ritual of sorting and passing down clothes continues as well.

We look forward to seeing many of you this summer!

Love,

Shelly & family

P.S. We're also keeping the Band-Aid company in business!

FROM
LOALYN & GEORGE

June 7, 1992

Dear Family,

I was pretty bored today, so my mom asked me if I wanted to write the family letter. I have only done it once before (and regretted

everything I said about Ben) so I decided that I might as well. School is out and boy am I glad. Actually school wasn't that bad for me until finals week came up, boy, let me tell you, that was a pain.

There have been several things going on around here lately. Such as... um... oh! I got one! A Robin built its nest in our apple tree. It's kind of neat watching the bird bring food for it's family!

Dad is done with his first semester of school, and is, as always, working, working, working! He is going to be leaving for two weeks to Washington D.C. for his naval reserves active duty. He leaves July 13, the next day after we get back from our vacation. His birthday is June 15. He will be 41! Wow! Is he getting old or what?

Mom has redone part of our front yard. She put in a little landscaping in around our little lone tree out in front of the house. She built up a rock wall all around the tree, filled it with soil, and planted a bunch of flowers. It looks really pretty. Mom is busy planning our vacation. She is getting really excited about seeing everybody again.

As you know, school is over for me and my brothers and sisters. This year I lettered in music! I had to earn 300 points and get an A in my music class. I made it into the second highest singing group again for next year. I am looking forward to being a junior next year.

(Especially since Ben will be a freshman!)

My rabbit, Snuzzle, is going to have little baby bunnies! They are due any day and we are all excited. Since I am now sixteen, and a Laurel, I am jumping into the projects required to get the Young Women's Recognition award. This coming week I am running a day camp for all the little neighbor girls plus my own sisters. That makes six kids in all. I have projects planned for each day. I am really looking forward to it!

Ben is still faithfully working on his paper route. He is working on trying to find a job during the day for the summer. Even though he keeps saying he doesn't think he will like High School, I secretly think he is looking forward to it! I know I am going to regret this, but, Ben has found himself a new girlfriend! It's kind of funny really!

Melissa is going to be in gymnastics this summer. She is really excited about it! She is now helping with the paper route. I think she enjoys the thought of getting money every month. Her birthday is June 21, which happens to be the first full day of summer AND fathers day!

K r y s t i n i s participating in T-Ball this summer. She has gone to three practices and played in one game already. She really enjoys it! I help her practice once and a while; she does really good at catching grounder balls!

Spencer; oh boy! What about Spencer! He is just the same as always! Busy, noisy, happy, sad, laughing, crying, etc. etc. etc. He loves to play outside with the little neighbor boy. If we let him play in the backyard, he simply climbs over the fence and plays in the front!

All in all, we are doing pretty good! We are really looking forward to seeing you all this summer! Hope you all travel safely (at least those of you who need to travel!) See you this summer. Take care.

Love,
Stephanie and Family

Hello everyone. Included in this letter are the directions to the park where the reunion will be held. Also, Warren sent the notice about the William Henry Longhurst Reunion.

I'll thank everyone in advance for supporting me in the Childhood Memory project. It's been fun for me to read them and get them ready for publishing. I think you're really going to enjoy them also.

Shelly has mentioned that the Mormon Miracle Pageant in Manti will be running July 9 - 18 except Sundays and Mondays, so that is available for any of you that are interested. It's about a 2 - 2 1/2 hour drive from Salt Lake.

Here is Glen's new address in Aspen. He says business there is great! He has all

the work he can do and is getting paid like he should.

P.O. Box 9115
Aspen, Co 81612

See you all soon, Loalyn.

P.S. Remember...no Family Letter in July.

FROM
DEVON & BOBBY

Dear Family,

Cory found a friend with a computer and they were playing with Prodigy when they decided to look in the membership list. They found my name and Cory has been communicating every other day or so by computer. I found out that his friend has been influenced greatly by Cory and has been inactive in the church for ten years or so. I bore my testimony to him via computer and received a warm thank you. He has decided to return to church and his two daughters will be baptized on the 21st of June, Father's Day.

We look forward to the family reunion next month.

Love, DeVon & Family

FROM
SANDRA & PAUL

Dear Family,

What a busy time of year. I suppose it is for everyone. With part-time jobs for several kids, ball games for several others,

the days and evenings continue to fill right up.

The girls are preparing for Girls' Camp. They are involved in skits, decorations, etc., along with passing off requirements. They even tried to have a pre-camp overnighiter to pass off skills, but it got rained out and blown away. They are getting excited to go. Tim goes to scout camp the week after the girls get home. The kids are after their Dad to take us all as a family and go do some camping this summer, too. We'll see how far we get with that one.

Bryan has been transferred to a place in Colombia called Cucuta. He seems to be doing okay. He does say that if he dies anywhere in the mission field, it will be there in Cucuta.

The daily temperature is 105 and about 99.9% humidity. He writes, "I can give you an example of the weather...open your mouth and put your hand in front of it and say 'hah!' Don't laugh because I'm not kidding. If you do that here, you won't even feel it. The majority of the people sleep by day, and do their work at night, which I think is very intelligent! For the people here it's just a normal way of life, but for an Idaho boy who has been working in a cooler climate for the last 5 months, it's torture."

Talina went to Washington for a week-end with Grandma and Grandpa Perry. (Dale was blessing a new baby up there.) We expect her home today. I'm

sure she had a good time, with the exception of the long ride.

Shauna has been busy promoting herself. She is Miss Preston City Queen. She is becoming involved with projects through the Chamber of Commerce to accomplish some good this summer under that title. She was also one of ten city queens chosen from Idaho to go to Los Angeles in August to compete for State and National titles. So she is trying to round up sponsors to help finance that trip.

Mark spent a weekend up in Pocatello with his old buddies. Other than that, he works a lot and dates a little.

We're looking forward to the family reunion and seeing everyone. We hope everyone is able to make it.

Love, The Perrys'

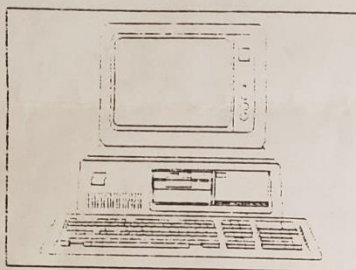
April,
just thanks for the book... el had
Erroneous Zorus - so el have plenty
of reading to do. Things are
going pretty good right now.
See you at the reunion.

LONGHURST

FAMILY LETTER

September 1992

FROM
DAVE & SUSAN



Dear Family,

It was a thrill to have everyone at the Family Reunion to be able to visit with and catch up on the latest news. I regret not having time enough to make my rounds to everyone, but I am wanting to cure that with Prodigy if you let me.

As a family we are trying to make some good memories of FAMILY relationships, and we hope you are too. This past week we attended the WILLIAM HENRY FAMILY REUNION at which I was elected to serve as the Treasurer for a couple of years. I have been rubbing shoulders with the computer users of the Longhurst name, and am trying to tie up all existing genealogy information that exists on computer, that all of us can benefit from. At first I thought it would be a cut and dried thing where I could simply combine the existing information and give you all a copy on disk. But

as I get into the process, I have realized that there IS NO END to this stuff. Rest assured that your 4 generation work is done, and has been for some time. I would venture to say that even 6 generations have been completed, and in some lines the work goes back for 12 generations in the Longhurst line and the Quinn line too. I can now see how people get addicted to genealogy.

Although I have caught the spirit, I have decided to concentrate my efforts toward the present day information, and maybe later go digging in the archives for the past generations information. Make no mistake that because a pedigree chart starts with one individual and traces his parents and his parents' parents etc. that the number of people increase in a backward direction. On the contrary, the multiplication of people go in a forward direction into the future. Yes you probably knew this, but did you have any idea at how fast they multiply? The estimated current count of dependents from only 4 generations back, starting with our Great Grandfather, William Henry Longhurst (Dad's Grandpa), is over 3,500 individuals. Quite amazing what two people are responsible for. The life long effort of gathering and compiling the present day names is something I am seeking to do with the

Church's Genealogy program, "PAF." I am letting those persons, dedicated to the extraction work, to work in the other direction for now. At the present, I am compiling from three major sources, the information of both directions, of both the Longhurst and the Quinn lines. This is becoming a very involved and tedious type of work as the records of these sources which have some of the same information on common ancestors have to be matched up, verified, and them combined manually to retain common information and add any new information that the two different sources may have found.

At the time of the Reunion, Warren and I talked about preparing a copy of this information for each one of us, to put on the PAF program either at your Stake Building or on your own computer. He has figured that \$20 from each family would be sufficient compensation to me to gather and compile from the three computer sources I have to date. I have no contest with this kind of deal, especially since it puts food on the table. This would allow each of us to have something to start/continue with, as the Spirit of Elijah finds it's way in our hearts, or the hearts of our children.

Although making and mailing a copy of this information is not that easy, would be better if you were to "Buy Rights to the

information" with your donations, and let the information be added to as it trickles in. Then when you are ready to do something with it in your own family, I can quickly make a copy of it for you, and send it your way. I say this because the information will continue to trickle in, and be added to these files, and I think you would want current files to start with, instead of old ones. In other words, if I send you a copy now, and you don't plan on doing something right away with the data, you will most likely ask for an update of the information later anyway, which would cause this first copy to never be used. I have found that it is more difficult to merge information together where most of it is the same, only to update a handful of the records therein, than it is to make a copy when it is needed.

The other part of this deal is for you to put together a family group sheet of your decedents (children with their spouses...etc) and send it to me with your donations so it can be added to the files of other active genealogists in the Longhurst or Quinn families to stay current. I do not intend to make a copy for ANYONE until our own family information is recorded in the files. This means you need to act NOW so you don't become the road block that everyone else has to wait for.

At the Reunion in Woodruff Utah, people were selected to gather ALL of the present day information in each of the branches of

the Family so records could be updated. This came as a charge that can not be taken lightly. Dad's half brother, Brandon, volunteered to gather all the present day information in this branch of the family (the Warren Longhurst branch, our Grandfather). I started to understand the magnitude of the task, so I let Brandon know that I would send him our current data of Dad's posterity, as soon as I get it all. So the heat is on each of us equally now.

For me to make a fair trade with the other Computer Genealogists, and get their updated info. I need our info to bargain with.

On another note, I want to thank Dad for his contribution to ALL of us. As you know Dad has found it to be a monetary savings as well as a benefit to all of us computer users, to subscribe to the Prodigy Service, and let everyone who is able to use it, have an ID number of their own FREE. He has let both Karyn and Connie have one of his 6 ID numbers so it is of greater value to him. Now with Devon, and myself already using this System we are to find the service to be even more valuable to us.

When I used the word ALL above, I meant ALL. Dad has donated yet another one of his ID numbers to ALL of us. We call it the "Family ID Number" or FID. What this allows our family to do with the FID is READ THE FAMILY LETTER ON-LINE. Any IBM compatible or Macintosh computer with a modem, can

be used to read the family letter and other announcements, etc. The way this works is very simple. The Prodigy software can be installed on such computers (without copyright violation), which enables anybody who has an ID number and it's corresponding password, to go on-line and use the service. This being a secondary ID number for those of us with personal ID numbers, we can write our family letter and send it to the FID (think of it as another person). Then since ALL of us will know the ID number and the password, we can gain access to the system, from anywhere in the USA and read what has been sent to the FID.

We realize that those persons in an area where it would be a long distance phone call to tie into a Prodigy Hub would have to pay for the time using the phone line. You will have to decide whether you want to use the system or not, but for the majority of us, we can use Prodigy to read the family letter the second it is sent to the FID and not have to pay for Prodigy or for the subscription of the Family letter.

Now don't tune me out here, let me tell you how this can work in a simple way. Six of us in the family are fully capable to use this method, while the other four are partially capable. I don't mean to put you on the spot Shelly but in a matter of days you will be the only family w/out a computer, but you do live where you don't have to pay a long distance charge. As for Warren,

charge. As for Warren, Sandra, and Glen your limitation IS the long distance toll. We are anticipating Connie and Loalyn to join us on-line soon as they only lack a motive to install the software on their \$2000 investment which is really nothing more than another use their investment can serve.

Here is the scoop! Beginning with the Month of October, Prodigy users will no longer need to send their family letters to the person who is compiling it. Instead, they can write their letters to the FID where the rest of us Prodigy users can read them. Those who are limited in using Prodigy, can still send their letters to the designated person in charge of the Family Letter.

The person in charge of the Family Letter sees to it that the completed compilation of letters are printed out on paper for Non-Prodigy users, and are sent to the FID for the Prodigy users. This will save that person quite a bit of work even though there are two formats that have to be published.

In reality the person in charge of the Family Letter will not have to type or re-type the various letters on Prodigy, because they can be saved to a file to be used in WordPerfect. Instead, this person will only have to type the letters that he/she receives in the mail. Once these "hard copy" letters are typed, they can be printed out along with the Prodigy letters and distributed back to the other Non-Prodigy users

(this is the same way it is currently being done). Then the Non-Prodigy users' letters that were typed, can be imported into Prodigy for the Prodigy users to read. That's it! It will save time, save money, be faster, and easier. If the Prodigy users want a hard copy of the Family Letters they simply print them out from the computer.

This very letter you are reading has been distributed both on the Prodigy FID and the hard copy of the Family Letter so everyone will be aware.

There are a few minor details to follow concerning the FID which can be reviewed in the mail box on the FID. Two of these details are necessary to post here.

1. The Family ID "FID" Number is: RDJV40B and the corresponding password is: REUNION. Write them down! These are the only things you will need besides the Prodigy Software to access the FID on Prodigy with a computer.

2. You need to know that when a message is sent to a given destination (or user) it's life span is 14 days. After the message is read for the first time, it's life span is automatically changed to about 5 days. Messages can be retained after they are read the first time for a maximum of 14 days. What this means is, if you are the first to read a new message, you are the one who should RETAIN the message for the 14 days allowable so the rest of us have a chance to read it too. With this simple rule, all FID users should be able to read

everything sent to the FID by going On-Line at least once every week. Since the anticipation of "NEW MAIL" is usually a reason to go On-Line almost every day, this shouldn't be a problem.

When using the FID, please keep in mind that you should go into the Mailbox whether the "NEW MAIL" indicator is visible on the Highlights screen or not. There could be mail that someone else has read first that you may wish to read too, but since the mail has been "opened" the "NEW MAIL" indicator will not show.

Another noteworthy item is: If you type a message, the readers consider uppercase typing to be YELLING! Use your YELLING for emphasis when needed, but please don't yell your whole message. This rule applies to most all E-Mail systems and some type-written messages.

We should not use the FID to brows the Prodigy Service, send messages FROM, or anything else other than reading the messages in the Mailbox. From time to time I will extend a message in the mailbox by forwarding it to an invalid ID number. The message will be "Returned to Sender" automatically by the Prodigy System. This will not count toward the 30 messages per month limit, but it will be listed in the mailbox as "Return to Sender." This is a back door approach to retaining a message for another 14 days, so if you see such a message, it probably needed to be

retained for a longer period of time.

For Dad's protection, please DO NOT give the FID Number or Password to anyone outside our (Dad's) family. And please offer your suggestions to me concerning any rules about the FID. I will see to it that the FID works for everyone who uses it. I will be available to those who have questions about the use of the System.

Here are the ID numbers in the Family:

Dad & April RDJV40A
FID RDJV40B
Karyn & Earl RDJV40C
Connie & Ken RDJV40D
Loalyn & Grge RDJV40E

Devon & Bobby FWDC05A
Nathan FWDC05B

David & Susan FWGP97A
Nicole FWGP97B
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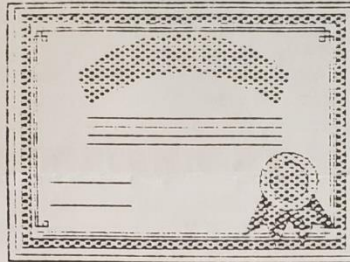
Reed Longhurst is our relative in Idano Falls who I'm getting with on the Genealogy issue.

I can remember 25 years ago when a Television Set was considered just a Luxury, and now it's a necessity. Since the Space-Age began, technology has not just been added to every year, but has multiplied every year. And today people are not asking the question IF they will join in, but WHEN? With your computer, this is a GOOD reason to "join in" NOW.

I promise, you won't be disappointed with what it has to offer & I'll shut up now.

With Love, David & Family

FROM
KARYN & EARL



Sept. 1, 1992

Dear Family,

Now that school has begun again we may get back to a somewhat normal routine at our house. It seems like it has been quite difficult adjusting back into "real" life after being on the road all summer. I've found myself in a nesting mode, cleaning and organizing probably to help settle back in. As for the kids, it seems that they did not have a summer when they look at all they didn't do here: out of school 2 weeks, and then left; home 3 weeks and started again! But we still revel in the fine time we had with each one of you.

Greg leaves for work at 1:30 p.m. and gets home after midnight each night and is now driving a 1972 VW Beetle painted the blue and pink you see at baby showers! He hates the colors and wants to paint it but Wendy will soon be driving it occasionally too.

We gave our Silver Slug to Lonnie to tinker with.

Having many very sincere prayers offered in our behalf in our travels this summer Heavenly Father granted us a miracle to go the distance of 6 thousand miles without a breakdown. Since we have been home we have replaced the carburetor, a burnt valve, and just this past weekend 4 rings were discovered broken in the engine so it has been overhauled again at the garages' expense. The parts must have been faulty because we could find no fault in my driving nor the shops' work. The van is humming now and sounds and acts very different than I am used to. Hopefully that is a good sign - I know they do not want to have to do any more work on it at their expense but have promised to make it all good and are following through on it so I have to have faith. I'm not very nice to live with when I don't have transportation so I have been extremely thankful and will continue to be so.

Earl's job is going well and is grateful to have it. We pray for all of you in your trials especially in the employment area. Being able to teach music has been a blessing to us and I begin my schedule tomorrow with 11 students and about 3 more are "thinking about it". We're trying to get Ashley into gymnastics; Wendy will be involved in debate and drama; Kami in Symphonic Band at school. "Chords Of Faith" is the name of a singing group that has just been created in our region

(16 people) and I was asked to be a part of it. My first performance was Sunday eve. The emphasis is on missionary work with us being a traveling fireside bearing testimony of Christ, the gospel, and the prophet Joseph Smith in song and spoken work. I feel very privileged to have this opportunity and it is a wonderful experience to rub shoulders with such talented yet down-to-earth LDS people. Music was created to uplift people and this group does just that - and we sound darn good! Next week I'll be starting institute class again. Earl and I helped build a house last week for Habitat for Humanity - a blitz home built in a week. It was fun.

Wendy and Greg both received awards for Seminary last year as Master Scriptorians of the New Testament plus attendance awards, receiving nice plaques we will hang in our family room. Greg was just called as a stake missionary! We're really proud of the kids and the efforts they are making in their spiritual progress, for we know the great importance of a strong testimony.

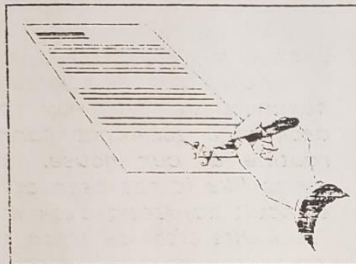
Congratulations Jared and Sherry and may the Lord's greatest blessings be with you as you begin your lives together! And Norman, we hope you have made it safely to Florida, being glad you were not in Miami! (Much help is being sent from this area in those peoples behalf.) Connie and Ken - did your mom make her move to Arizona yet? Sandra - how was the trip

to L.A. with your girls? I know Talina and Wendy are keeping in touch but she hasn't shared anything with me. What did you do about your car that kicked the bucket while we were there?

We are thankful that we are part of this family and pray for the Lord's blessings to be on all of you.

Love, Karyn and family

FROM GLEN



Real Estate Contract

Sept. 3, 1992

Dear Family,

I resolved to start participating in the Family Letter and now is as good a time as any while I'm waiting for people to clear out of the hot tub area so I can close it up.

Most everyone learned at the reunion that I live at a KOA Campground which is owned by my bishop. I help maintain the place on weekends in trade for my rent. Two mobil homes sit on the property. I have one and the bishop has the other right next door.

I was in Denver a couple Sundays ago and went by Loalyn's for dinner.

I drove over in a nice Jeep Cherokee I had use of, as I took the bishop's nephew to the airport. A few weeks before that I was in SLC for a week getting my Blazer on the road and then drove it back here to Colorado towing the Tercel behind which I drove out in. In a couple more weeks, I'll be flying to N.C. for some unfinished business in Raleigh; then closer to the holidays I'm planning a trip to Thailand. Believe it or not I still have time to throw in some marble and tile now & then!

Much thanks to Devon and Sheldon for snackin' me up while in Utah. Sheldon provided a place for me to work in my truck, and Devon & family were good company while Sheldon and Candy were gone for the week. Sorry I didn't make it over to see Shelly, but we talked a while on the phone.

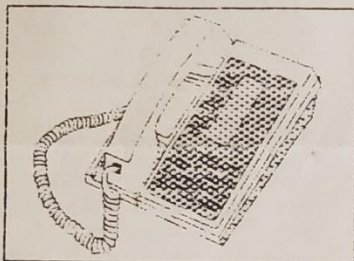
I'm studying for my Real Estate License and have some plans for it a little later here in Aspen.

A couple weeks ago, the bishop's nephew (Cameron, who was here for the summer working at the KOA) and I went bungee-jumping! What a rush! They say adrenalin is the most powerful drug known to man - and it's free! We threw ourselves out of a hot air balloon, 300 feet above the ground. You gotta do it! My life has been before, in the fate of things and/or people who I trusted a lot less than that 1" thick rubber band, so I didn't see a problem.

Since my letter will be the one Loalyn is waiting for before she can "publish" I'll

end here. More next month.
May the Lord bless all, as
he has done me so lately.
Glen

FROM SHELLY



Sept. 3, 1992

Shelly called me for my birthday and wanted me to pass along this slogan from a cute bumper sticker she saw:

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY,
IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL...(AND MOTHERS ARE
DANCING IN THE STREETS!)

Thanks Shelly, it's great!

FROM
SANDRA & PAUL

Sept. 7, 1992

Dear Family,

Fall is definitely here in Preston. The drive up through the canyons around our valley are the showiest this time of year. It is amazing to think that there can be so many different shades of leaves. It truly is beautiful. And of course, with fall comes the cool weather and the beginning of a new year of school.

It boggles my mind to think that we have five teenagers in this family. Some of you know how that feels. To see all of them grow and change is a rewarding experience for me. The classes that the children have chosen in school this year makes me believe that they will have fun learning many new things. Mark, a Senior this year, is taking electronics, drafting, art 3, and computer programming (along with Seminary and his required courses). So far he is enjoying them, though a couple are pretty challenging. Talina (a Junior) has opted for chemistry and bookkeeping. Shauna (a Sophomore) is in A'Capella choir and Tim (8th grade) is in Young Timers (middle school choir). School started here Aug. 26 so they feel like they are in full swing. Joey started 4th grade the end of July. He likes his teacher - anyone he got would have had to prove their worthiness because he liked his third grade teacher so very much.

Paul is in Arizona working for his brother again for a couple of weeks supplementing the skinny income. We hope someday to be in a better situation. Not this month though, as we are faced with a move. Our landlord sold this house out from under us. The pickin's are no better for rentals now than they were two years ago. We're not sure where we'll be. It is looking more and more like we will be moving across the street and a half block north. The home is smaller and it would only be a temporary move

until something bigger is available. (Come to think of it though, I guess all of our moves seem temporary!) The kid's don't want to move out of the ward, and there is certainly nothing better anywhere else to merit uprooting the kids schooling at this point. I guess we'll continue to work through things one day at a time. We do feel the Lord is mindful of our needs.

We're through canning at this house, unless we decide to do some pears. I hesitate doing too much for fear of not having room for it anyway. The water situation has been about as bad here as it has been in other parts around the area. Our lawn watering privileges had been cut to two days a week, certain hours in the morning and evening. That crisis is now over since the irrigating is done on the farms and we are back to every other day, morning and evening hours. I've been glad that we haven't had a huge yard to deal with.



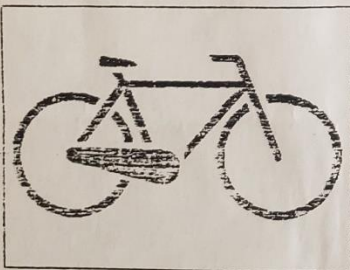
Talina, Shauna and I had a fun trip to Los Angeles. Shauna had really worked hard on selling raffle tickets to fund it and also worked very diligently in preparing for the pageant. Although

she came home empty handed, she did place second in Idaho. The gal who won the title from Idaho was a 19 year old from Ricks College who had won several pageants before. Shauna's scores actually beat out the scores of the winners in three other states, so she did very well for a 13 year old at her first pageant. It gave her a good feeling. Talina and I just plain had fun. We met some very nice people and had some unique experiences.

We do hope everyone is doing well and that everyone is healthy. We hope things go well for Sue and Brent as they bring another little spirit into their home. Our prayers are with all of you in your daily doings.

Love, The Perrys

FROM
LOALYN & GEORGE



Sept 11, 1992

Dear Family,

It has really been a joy to receive your letters each month. However, since we do not yet subscribe to Prodigy, please still mail in your letters until further notice. The problem is not a

lack of motivation here, but an already stretched budget.

Fall has hit us here in Denver a good three to four weeks earlier than in the past years we remember. But then the weather has been off all year anyway due to Mt. Pinatubo. We had a severe hail storm the middle of August that surprised even the meteorologists. Some of the things in the garden recovered, others couldn't take the shock and gave up. We understand that S.E. Idaho has already had killing frosts!

My fruit room was full of mostly empty jars...but we have changed that to mostly full jars now. It's a nice feeling to see it stocked with the fruits of our labors. Spencer learned how to peel tomatoes...since he is the only one around to help during the day! I've felt lucky that we've been able to get the things we've needed, and at fairly reasonable prices for around here. Applesauce and grape juice are still in the line up.

Thank you for the calls, cards and letters for my birthday. I'm so grateful to be part of a family that really cares about each other. I have friends who joke that they can't even have a reunion without practically needing a lawyer! Sad, but true in so many cases. I love each of you very much, and thank you for your expressions of love to me!

George is hitting the books pretty hard for his Advanced Engineering Math class, and will soon be adding a Japanese class that

the Navy wants him to take. He and his buddies did their annual fourteener climb a couple weekends ago. They did Pike's Peak this year.

For Labor Day we got busy around here with a few jobs that needed done, then lubed up the bikes and took an afternoon ride over to the foothills and back via dirt roads, paths and sidewalks. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves...it was a beautiful day too. Too bad those 3-day weekends don't come along more often!

Next week marks mid-term in school...that means conferences and exams for the kids. So far they all seem to be enjoying their classes and are doing well. Krystin has missed a few days from being ill; she got sick a week before school started and is fighting to not catch everything that comes along from already being run down...she hasn't been too successful.

Spencer started pre-school on the first, and is liking that. It's a good diversion for him since there's no one around to play with anymore. Some days he's really good at home, but others he fusses, whines and gets destructive! Shelly and I have a lot in common with our little boys! Some days it's a race to see if I can keep ahead of him...and sometimes he wins if I'm involved in other things!

Stephanie is looking forward to Homecoming and her date...next weekend. She bought a nice dress with some of her earnings from Arbys. She's finding there are lots of things that

use up her salary, and that it's not as easy as she thought it would be to have spending money. She's almost to the point where she can pay for auto insurance and get her license. (However, she dented the fender of the red car in a parking lot...my mistake for leaving the wheels at an angle...it put her into a light pole when she tried to pull out.) Her best friend moved to Arvada, two towns to the north (still a suburb of Denver). She has been bummed about that, but still gets to see her; they managed to get brothers for dates to Homecoming...do you wonder how that happened? (Lots of phone calls, that how!)

I, like Karyn, am taking institute this year. It works out that Spencer is at preschool during class, so that worked out pretty good. I still plan to get the rest of the piano re-finished sometime this fall.

I like what you're doing with the genealogy, Dave. We'll get our current info. to you, and hope everyone else will as well. I toured the library at our stake center, so I know more about what you are involved in. You could become a genealogist for hire, even, outside of our family.

It was good to see Glen when he came to the airport with Cameron. We didn't get to visit too long...George and Stephanie had a fireside that night and their visit was even shorter.

We've had the same problems with our car again (that warranted the rebuild

of the carburetor), so the shop re-did everything again...there's still something they can't find, however. Next step is a different carburetor...they think there must be a hairline crack they can't find...somewhere there's still air getting in around the throttle shaft after it being re-bushed twice. I'm learning a lot about throttles...even if I didn't want to!! Maybe when its all said and done it will run nice again like Karyn's van! The shops reputation is real good and I feel we can trust these people; something we haven't felt in past experiences. The guy at the shop says the reason we're having the problems is because we're both members. Some of his biggest problems have been with members' cars; never a Catholics'! I had to laugh...even though it was true. The Lord knows where to test us I'm sure!

Well, I best get this to the print shop so I can get it mailed today. Good luck with your move, Sandra.

Dad, Warren, & Ken, let us all know how the fishing derby was!

Till next time,
Loalyn and family

P.S. George took me to a nice dinner theater for my birthday...we saw Phantom of the Opera. I really enjoyed it all.

LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

FROM
WARREN & SHARON

Oct. '92

Dear Family,

I guess we have sorta fallen behind in our news writing. Oops - we were just interrupted by an ambulance call for Kevin. The real thing - stretcher and all and a trip to the hospital. All for a shocking way to deliver an invitation to Saddle Hawkins (from a girl whose mother is an EMT). They almost started an IV to get him to respond and say yes, ha.

We rented a log splitter yesterday and all pitched in and split our 2 year supply of wood. The valley has an enormous amount of dead cottonwood.

Josh and Warren have elk permits to harvest 2 cow elk this fall. Our neighbor saw over 1000 head all in all during the archery hunt - up Antelope Creek. Sharon and I went up Pass Creek to see the fall colors one evening, hiked up a side canyon, heard elk bugle and saw a few. There was a little water in the creek. Boy is it ever dry here.

We are buying 2 1/2 acres in Washington, about 60 miles West of Seattle and 15 miles East of Port Angeles. It is our intention to develop this little 'hay field' and

perhaps someday move out there. It has a pretty mild climate and most anything will grow well there (except citrus & tropical plants). I recently bought a little tractor to get ready to take out there. At times there has been good fishing near there but I understand it was very poor this year.

Lupi will be home from her mission just in time for Thanksgiving. Her homecoming will be Sunday Nov. 29th at 10:00 a.m. for all who can make it. The usual lunch or dinner afterward. (If you want salmon, please bring your own.) Maybe we can fix that in the future.

When there is a football game, Kevin plays, Valina cheers, and Josh is official videographer for the school. That leaves no kids home!

Norm and Lupi are both reporting good things to us and we're thankful to have them out on missions.

Our love & best wishes to all,

Warren et. al.

P.S. Our missionary's addresses:

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8001 N. Dale Mabry Hwy N.
Tampa, FL 33614-3262

Sister Lupi Longhurst
1052 Hadley Ave. #209
Oakdale, MN 55128

FROM
CONNIE & KEN

October 1992

Dear Family,

Time sure gets away from me and I've missed too many months getting a letter written. Already it's October. The rains have started off and on. I'm dreading it because it means the kids can't go outside to play. They sure have enjoyed the sand box I fixed for them on the balcony. It has been one of their favorite things to do all summer. On wet and cold days now they are getting pretty restless. I guess it's time for Mom to get creative and find some fun things for them to do. Ken's mother has moved. She is temporarily in Kanab at her daughter's. She is looking to get a trailer and have it so she can move it around and still be close to one of the kids. Now the girls can play downstairs without getting into Granny's things so we would like to turn the large room into a play area for them.

We've started Angela in a little pre-school. Because she is not quite three yet, I started her out just one day a week to see how she did. The teacher said she is doing fine so we're going to try two days. She really seems to like it. She was so excited when

we bought her little school box and supplies. The days she goes to pre-school are easier days on her and me. Because she has to get up earlier than she is used to in order to make it there on time, she is tired enough to take a nap after lunch. So I get almost a full day without whining and crying. Therefore, I have a better day.

Kimberly started walking yesterday. Now she prefers to be on her feet. She's pretty pleased with herself and likes to practice. She's already trying to run and keep up with Angela. I think she likes her new freedom. I'm glad I won't have to carry her so much. She was 24 pounds on her 1st birthday in August. Her appetite has slowed down a little now so maybe she'll stall for a while.

Ken's had a pretty hard schedule the last few weeks. This must be the time of year everyone likes to have computer shows. He's been out of town for three and four days at a time almost every week all through September, and October isn't going to be any better. He'll be in Portland this week, Lake Tahoe next week for area Rep meetings, and then Spokane the third week. The girls really miss him when he's gone that long, and after 2 or 3 days I start to get a little cranky with them. October 23rd our Relief Society is planning an overnight retreat. Ken is on the calendar to be here with

the kids that night and the following day. I'm looking forward to that!

We again enjoyed general conference. It's easy to see how many things we need to be doing that we are not doing. I have to be careful not to get overwhelmed or discouraged. There were some really good talks that are very pertinent and helpful. We do need some extra concentration and effort in some of the areas. I guess that is what conference is supposed to do — help us recommit to doing better. We found that we both get much more out of the conference if just one of us goes to each session and takes good notes for the other. We took the girls to the last session and none of us got much out of it. Two hours is a very long time for little people to sit and be quiet in a crowded room.

We send our love to you all and hope all is well in your families.

Love,
Connie, Ken & girls

FROM
SHELLY & BRYAN

October 6, 1992

Dear Family,

I thought I would take advantage of the time as I wait here at the Capitol for a bid opening on some printing work I'd like to get from the State.

We are enjoying the

cooler weather and of course, are still spending time outside fixing up the yard, etc... I finished blowing in insulation in our attic, which was an experience (1500 pounds of fun!), and I am working of insulating the garage now.

We went on a small hike up behind the Univ. of Utah a while back at a place called Red Butte Gardens. The kids really enjoyed it (at least as much as Shelly & I did!) and we plan to go back next week with a picnic.

Marcelle and Aubrey are enrolled in a gymnastics class and clogging class once a week. They don't stand out like they were born to do it, but they enjoy it, and we think it gives them some breadth of experiences to choose what they want to pursue more.

We enjoyed Gen. Conf. and almost wish we could listen to it alot more frequently than twice a year.

That's about it for now!

Love,
Bryan & Shelly & the 3 stooges.

P.S. I enjoyed my visit with Loalyn & George while in Denver last week. It was nice to talk with them and their kids in their natural habitat!

P.P.S.

To everyone:

Marcelle would like to invite you to attend her baptism on Sat. October 31st. (Hallowed'een!) at 9:00 a.m. The address is approx. 4400 S. and 2100 E.

Afterwards, we'll have a light brunch at our house.

LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

November 1992

FROM GLEN

October 31, 1992

Dear Family,

It is snowing as I write this letter! The trick-or-treaters will earn their candy tonight for sure, because it's coming down heavy. The only time I can remember flakes being this big was at Grand Targhee. If it doesn't stop soon, I'll have 2" of it on my truck before the hour is up. I'm watching the store for a while and the only people here at the campground are hunters. They are glad to see it. I didn't get my Colorado drivers license soon enough to buy tags, so my invitation to the elk hunt came and went. Bummer too - because I recently got a nice rifle just for the occasion.

Since I mentioned my blazer, the body work is nearly done and I'll be squirtin' it in a week or so. The fellow who subs all my marble & tile work to me in Aspen also owns a fabrication plant with plenty of room and air capacity to paint vehicles. All the granite and marble dust from the work which goes on in there, obviously forces me to paint on the weekend. That's perfect, since the slow season is upon us at the KOA, and normally devote myself to the cause on Saturdays during the summer. Marble

and tile work is my mainstay but not the only way to make good cash around here. Buying, painting and reselling cars fits the consumer attitude nicely. Anything that sparkles or shines sells. In fact just this morning I bought an Audi 4000-S. It handles as nice or better than the Camaro I had. Mechanically sound and cosmetically shot is the secret.

My trip to North Carolina is nice to have out of the way.* It was fun though to visit the sign shop in Raleigh where I was trained a decade ago and walk the same path of sidewalk from there to the house I lived in a few blocks away. I'll bet I stood across the street for 15 solid minutes staring at it before I walked up to it. It was an emotional experience for me, for it was that very house in which I decided to serve a mission. It was that very house in which I made "the call" and surrendered myself to the Feds and turned my life around.

Similar feelings were present when attending the temple the following week because the Denver temple is, fittingly, very similar to the Idaho Falls temple where I was endowed. It was no less than awesome, to go back for the first time in five years. On the lighter side, an endowment session is no place to lose a contact lens! Try going

through the veil with one of those under your tongue!

I'll be recording my fourth demo tape on the 11th. Remember a band from the 70's called Three Dog Night? A man here in Aspen, a former member of that group, will be on the "other end of the mic". He has an outstanding studio and know his stuff. He said he was always more of a technician than a musician. He charges quite a bit per hour, so I'll only be doing two on this one.

The airline bumped me back two weeks on my trip to Thailand. That disappointed me because I wanted to be there for Son-gran, which is the giant, nation-wide, all-out water fight! If I can get a refund I'll fly with another carrier, but if not, at least I'll be there for mango season!

Some of you may have seen the television advertisements for Tony Robbins' "Personal Power" tapes, a 30-day program for unlimited success. I bought that program and am on my 4th time through it. I would highly recommend getting that, for anyone who wants to jump-start their life. He is very learned in human patterns, and teaches how to condition your sub-conscious to succeed at anything., He adds a lot of "human science" to beliefs which we already have as Latter Day

Saints. He is about my age, and went from despair to dynamo using what he teaches. I think his teachings, coupled with the Saviors' can create an unstoppable person.

May the Lord bless us all in our trials.

Love, Glen

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scouting and school, you guessed it wrong, because I am not Tim.

I am not the smallest in the family, who has attended the "Pumpkin Walk" just recently, where pumpkins were carved to resemble many things such as Cinderella, Ross Perot, and countless others. I have not, not too long ago, gone back "on track", and no, I am not Joey.

I am also not the other employee of the burger joint at our home. I haven't been busy with this, and it wasn't me who had a fender bender between the Mustang and dad's parked truck, the poor thing. No, that was Talina.

Now do you know who I am? The choices left are incredible, I know. Well, I am Shauna, for those of you who did not get the clues. I have been busy tutoring, and involved with "drug-free", not to mention the preparation we have been doing in A Capella for numerous concerts scheduled.

The family as a whole is doing great, and as far as we are aware, so is that big brother of mine in Columbia, even after the recent earthquake they had. Like I mentioned earlier, we are not down with the weather, and have recently been busy with a move, and are all a little disappointed with the choice of our loving landlord. Oh well, such are the trials....right?

We wish you all well in the

cold seasons already hitting most of you, but coming up for others. Enjoy the holidays, and keep in touch.

Love,
The Perry's

FROM
DAD AND APRIL

11-4-92

Dear Family,

In the quiet cozy confines of home, we are trying to get readjusted to the throws of winter. Our above normal temperatures for most of the fall, have been replaced with below normal weather. Once winter is her, to me, it is enjoyable. Making the transition seems to take a little time and adjustment.

We are glad the election is over. I don't know that there was a good choice in the options for president, or maybe better stated, I am apprehensive as to whether any of them would be able to put things back to what we would consider normal. My feelings are very strong that we will have to adjust to a different world, and that we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. We will have to be better prepared, and better educated. We will have to work harder, longer, and smarter. We should learn to get by with less, learn to share, and learn to enjoy the more basic things of life.

Our government is the best example of what not to do. They have run up debt in

the best of times, and now that we are faced with maybe some of the worst of times, there is interest to pay, and debt that even future generations may not be able to liquidate.

My feelings are now, more than ever, that we need to re-evaluate our status in light of the teachings of the church. Our children need to understand, and begin to prepare now, so they will be able to cope, even in the worst of time.

Whether we are taxed more to pay for the government hand-outs, or whether there are fewer freebies for the less fortunate, makes little difference, the effects will eventually be in our laps, unless we are prepared. We can rely only on our own resources.

It is exciting to practice the concepts of preparedness. All of you have had experience; some more than others. It is a way of life for many people. It is said "Some people can't make it no matter how much they earn; others seem to get along no matter how little they have".

April had to have more foot surgery and will be hobbling around for a while. I had hoped we could both be on our skis again this winter. We haven't done much skiing the past several years. She has been working long and hard on the family history book she and two sisters are going to publish. It is near completion. They hope to have it printed by

Christmas.

Well, so much for this discourse.

Love,
Dad and April

FROM
LOALYN AND GEORGE

Dear Family,

I've been quite busy around here lately and am a day late getting this letter published and in the mail.

I started working part time a week and a half ago at a little specialty shop at our Mall called Sante Fe Impressions. It is a fun little shop with a lot of Indian and Western stuff, especially artwork and jewelry. Time usually goes by speedily at work...there's either a lot of customers or a lot of other things to do. For me its still learning the ropes and getting familiar with the things we sell. I'd love to do some decorating in our home with some of the neat stuff there. They hired me on for the holiday rush...which will be a help to us also.

George has the garden all tilled under, ready for winter and next spring. He has "borrowed" bags and bags of the neighbors leaves to mulch into the soil. The yellow jackets have finally all died...we hope we don't have the same problems with them next year.

Nothing much new has happened for the kids.

They loved Halloween, naturally. It rained a lot on that day, with the threat of snow, but it all quit by the time they went out. It was cold, but dry. They got their sought rewards, and are still enjoying them!

We're hoping Glen will come down for Thanksgiving. There's been enough snow in the high country that the ski resorts are already opening. (Most before they had planned.) That can make traveling tricky here... there is increased traffic and activity around resort towns as well as slick roads.

I've had to sort out the kids drawers to make room for warmer clothes...a job I'm not especially fond of. Goodwill is getting a huge bag this month!

I've been monitoring a pain I'm having in my abdomen; the doctor is scheduling an ultra-sound for me to check it out. I'll let you know if it's anything.

Warren called to tell everyone hello and to let everyone know about Lupi. The information is as follows:

She is being released Nov.20. She will arrive in SLC at 10:26 a.m. on Delta Flight 1171B. She lays over till noon, then will arrive in Idaho Falls at 12:50 p.m. Homecoming Report is still scheduled for the 29th at 10:00 a.m. Welcome to all who can come.

Also, he says Sharon's spirits are high after her third surgery for cancer

about six weeks ago. This tumor was in her neck, and was found to be malignant also. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sometimes life throws us all kinds of curve-balls...my prayer is that we will each do all that we can to make our lives be in accordance with the teachings of the gospel so that we don't have to suffer unnecessarily, and that we will learn and profit from the trials we do face. I love and appreciate all of you and your love and support.

Glen has tentatively offered to do the family letter for 1993...we'll keep you posted.

Love,
Loalyn & family

FROM
DEVON AND BOBBY

Dear Family,

It has turned very cold here in the Salt Lake Valley. I do hope we get a warm spell so I can finish the garden and back yard projects I have started for next year. We had a very good year for canning...we were able to fill nearly all our bottles this year.

I voted for Perot. I think our country IS in deep voodoo, especially the deficit with large interest payments. Wouldn't it be something if they found out that the election returns were electronically "fixed" to landslide Clinton? Frankly I

am quite pessimistic about the whole thing.

Cory reports, and we got a letter from his Mission President that he has been called as an Assistant Zone Leader and District Leader of what they call the "model district" in his zone, whatever that all means, I am not sure. He also reports that his travel plans to return home have been confirmed for March 5th, 1993. His homecoming is planned for Sunday, March 14th.

Nathan is changing jobs from McDonalds to a place called Office Max, an office supply store. (Plus he is on call for acting jobs).

Roger now has one more merit badge and his project to do for his Eagle. Wayne is a big help with my home improvement projects. Keri is still on sabbatical in California.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Devon and Family.

FROM
DAVID AND SUSAN

Dear Family,

I was disappointed with the selection of Bill Clinton for President. It seems to me that the majority of the nation is too liberal minded now days. Clinton scooped up votes from even the despicable type lifestyle people. I fear what this type of mentality will bring upon our nation. President Benson said it best when he said "we are under condemnation." The natural disasters are already

setting new records and are projected to get even worse. Hang on!

Sharon, we're sorry to hear of the misfortune with your health. I hope the book we sent you (The Cancer Answer) is helpful to you. Our prayers are with you. I listened to Al Carter speak just two months ago here in Orem, and his information about the immune system was moving. Thus I bought his book. The book is considered to be on the "Black List" and can not be found in book stores since it points out how the FDA has been keeping secrets from the public about the immune system. You'll have to judge for your self whether or not it speaks the truth. I still have to finish the book myself and can only read three or four pages at a time before I slip into a mental trance and fall asleep.

Our family seems to be doing OK considering our circumstances. Nicole is enjoying school, Christina and Jenny get plenty of attention from Mom, and we are all looking forward to the new addition in April.

I don't want to sound like a broken record with this next bit of information so don't take it as such. In reading the section concerning CFS on Prodigy and other sources, I understand that there are more CFS sufferers out there than we realize. The figure is something like one out of every 200 people experience symptoms of CFS. I recently attended a meeting in SLC with the leading doctor in the study

of CFS from North Carolina (Dr Paul Cheney). I learned some startling new information about CFS vs CFIDS which I then reported to the Prodigy users interested. There was a great deal of interest as people from all over the country were posing questions about it. We hope there is some help soon.

We are stocking up on what food storage we can. This year we did some trading of tomatoes for some concord grapes. The grapes were a bit old and some had started to shrivel up, but the juice seems sweeter than usual.

The sugar cane is about as prime as it will ever get this year. We finally had our first frost the other night, so if I can't find a set of juicing rollers soon, I will have to let it die standing. Devon and I are about drunk from trying to consume what we can tolerate. I'm trying to harvest some seed from the project to be able to count the crop useful. Dad, should the seed be left to dry on the stalk or can it be taken while still a little green? The seed has filled out to proper size, but is still green.

Congratulations Mark for getting your Eagle award. Wish we could have made it to your court of honor. Paul and Sandra, I heard an ad on the radio of an on-line advertizement company like yourselves but this was called Dial-An-Ad where one could call for anything. It was a local business here in Utah County and I couldn't help but think of your business venture. If it

sounds like something of interest to you here are some phone numbers. local: 375-3013, toll free: 1 800 286-5922. They said the 800 number was for utah residents outside of the county so it may not work for you.

Hope all is well with each of you, have a happy Thanksgiving, Love Dave, Susan and Girls.

READ A MESSAGE

11/24/92

From: KARYN LONGHURST (RDJV40C)
Subject: NEW EYES!!!!
Sent on: 11/21 at 09:38 PM

Dear Dad and April'

At 4:00 yesterday afternoon I received a literal new set of eyes! I no longer wear glasses after wearing them since 5 years of age! This is a miracle at the hands of a very skilled doctor to see like other people do within a 5 minute period because that's all it took for the actual procedure. (Maybe 6 or 7). You may be familiar with it--Refractive Surgery or Radial Keratotomy. It corrects near-sightedness and now they can also do far-sighted people. I've been interested in this for many years and have been in close contact with Gay Parvis (mom in Saturday's Warriors) since she had her eyes done a year ago by this same doctor (he was in our stake before it was split). She and I are in The Forgotten Carols together this year and I so much wanted to be able to see without glasses to not stumble up and down stairs during scene changes, etc. so I went and had it done yesterday after saving, saving, and saving for it. I am SO happy I just can't believe it. Here I am typing on the computer, reading, watching TV, cooking, etc, only the next day! My eyes are watering less now and will be even better tomorrow when I will sit at the piano and try reading music. They need to be closed a lot to hasten the healing. If you have any communication with Sandra in the near future tell her, OK? She and I went to a seminar on this procedure years ago together and it was still in the experimental stage then. This doctor has taught many others the procedure and it has become quite high-tech so he may be able to refer people to other doctors in other areas if others are interested.

My letter missed the prodigy deadline because I was so caught up in rehearsals, but I enjoyed yours very much. I consider it prophesy for the benefit of all in our large extended family. Thanks for (listening) and sharing in my joy of this exciting change in my life after 37 years of glasses! I hardly know myself looking in the mirror! I'll have to learn some different make-up techniques to make the most of the real me since my face has essentially been hidden all along! I just can't believe it!

Off the subject-- do you happen to have an extra sandwich knife at your house? After looking for it off and on I believe we may have left it there. If so just keep it till we see you next or something because I don't need it bad enough for you to send it special. I'm also missing my BROWN handled paring knife that doesn't go with that black handled set but I don't remember if I even took that on the trip. No biggy-- thought I'd just ask. April I hope your foot surgery has fixed you up right and good this time. Dad did you get the problem you had in yours this summer fixed? Gonna go rest my NEW EYES! WOW! K

READ A MESSAGE

11/24/92

From: REY LONGHURST (FWDC05A)
Subject: fast food
Sent on: 11/23 at 12:00 PM

I printed a copy of your note for Bobby. She will appreciate that.

I was able to finish the fence along the back of the yard before the snow came. It looks nice. I bought some top soil but we only got 25% of it in before the snow pushed us into the house. We are wheel barrowing it into the back from the side by the office. I have one load in place, the second is sitting under a foot of snow next to the office. It will take two more loads to complete the project.

I plan to do some more to the kitchen now until I can get back out there in the yard.

Last Nov I had only one tech for the business. This year we have been blessed with enough work to keep three full time.

I have not been able to locate a used furnace. We have replaced about 8 or so but they have all had severely cracked combustion chambers---not really suitable for anything but scrap and too large a size. I will keep looking.

We met Lupi at the airport when she came through. We will not make the trip on Sunday the 29th for her homecoming.

We will be going up to Warren's for a dental appointment on Wed the 2nd of Dec. at 9:00am. Nathan will have his wisdom teeth out, Wayne will have braces put on his uppers and I will have a filling replaced which has fallen out from eating sugar cane!!!

We would like to stay over Tuesday night Dec 1st to jump start to Arco Wed morning. We would arrive in Pocatello some time between 7 and 10pm Tuesday evening.

Please send me a note and let me know if that would be ok to stay there Tuesday night. I sure hope the roads will not be a problem for us.

Say Hi to April for us. We hope she is getting around better after her foot surgery.