

# LONGHURST

## FAMILY • LETTER

January 1993

FROM  
DEVON & BOBBY

Dear Family,

We hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a lot of snow this year, compared to the years in the past. Some times we have had as much as 6" on the ground floor here in Salt Lake. The ski resorts opened around the first of November this year—that is about two to three weeks earlier than any year I can remember since we have lived here in the valley. The snow has made the Holiday Season a very beautiful and pleasant time for us this year. It is amazing to see how the snow will stack up to about 12" on the deck railing before the weight tips it over — destroying nature's handiwork. It has been nice to visit with some of you during the Holidays.

Bobby has started a project to redo our bedroom. She has the patching and painting finished now and has plans to redecorate the whole room. It certainly has needed a major cleaning and overhaul for some time. I am so thankful for such a pretty, beautiful and compatible wife. I know of no one, no, not one person who does not admire and like to be around Bobby.

Jered has decided to attend a thirteen month automotive/diesel mechanical school at Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. He and Sherri will move there in time for the first week in May start date. During the hitch there they will decide which niche he fits into best. We are excited for them and their courage to make the move to greater horizons.

Cory has only 60 days left on his mission. He has grown a lot. His homecoming meeting will be March 14 at 9:00am. John Longhurst desires to attend the meeting because he served in the same mission, and wants to get an update on the progress there. We won't know whether he is coming or not until the middle of January when he knows what the Choir schedule is. All who wish and can attend are invited. Of course we will eat, after the block, at our home and enjoy visiting with family members and Cory's friends. We look forward to more rewarding experiences that day.

Keri is still enjoying her visit at grandma and grandpa Westmoreland's home in Hanford. She came home for a few days around Thanksgiving. We Love and support her in her new

found association with Bobby's family.

Nathan has auditioned for some movie roles recently and the bait is still on the hook to snag a big opportunity for him. We look forward with anticipation to his desired success in the pursuit of his career interests.

Roger has finished all his Merit Badges for his Eagle. He is now in the middle of his Eagle project, collecting 50 blankets and 50 sets of sheets for the homeless shelter downtown Salt Lake City. He is excited about getting his Eagle and he wants to have his Court of Honor the same week end as Cory's homecoming.

Wayne received his Patriarchal Blessing recently. He is about six feet tall now! I told him that if I had to start looking up to him, then he better set a good example for me. Warren put braces on his teeth to help keep him in line!

AJ wears glasses now. He was more excited about the prospects of the Season than anyone in our family. And rightfully so, I guess. He got new bedding, new school stuff and new toys for Christmas.

Thank you, Loalyn for your service to the Family

Letter this past year. We look forward to Glen's involvement to this end this new year.

We wish you all a prosperous and enjoyable new year.

Love, DeVon, Bobby and Family

FROM  
DAVID & SUSAN

Dear Family,

We had a good Christmas and holiday season this year, and hope yours was good too. Christmas morning we all went in the living room together and sat on the couch for a few minutes before diving into things. It was a good time to reflect back on the love and support from the whole family circle. As Christina and Jenny opened their first gifts it was good to see how content they were with what they got. We encouraged all the kids to take their time and enjoy each gift before going on to the next one. It seems logical to me that this shows more respect to the giver and stretches out the time of excitement in us all. It proved to incorporate a little self control too. I wouldn't mind dividing the number of gifts into the number of hours spent at home on Christmas day just to have that feeling longer. We wish to thank everyone who made our Christmas enjoyable.

Santa left a toboggan for the family, so we went out for a ride new years day. We had a great time together. Even Jenny went down the hill by herself. She is definitely an outdoors lover. I couldn't last as long as the rest, but still felt the trip was worth the pains it gave me.

Susan gave me a new pair of computer work clothes (sweats), and the kids gave me work boots (slippers). The slippers are nice and warm, but my favorite part about them is that they are Dog slippers. They look like pound puppies, and needles to say, the kids adore them. Both Jenny and Christina like to bow at my feet and give them a hug when I give them a chance. Jenny has always been a "spook seeker" and goes crazy when these fun little dogs try to get her.

Three years of family letters have now been collected, and the Longhurst Family Infobase is off to a good start. I

intend to keep compiling family info as long as I am able. Knowing how effective this information tool is, I believe that some day in our aged years, this will be of even greater value. For me it's already a useful source of information. I cherish the memories therein. I'M TAKING ORDERS FOR FREE COPIES of the current issue. Loalyn has been saving for me the 1992 Family Letters she has typed up for us. I liked her idea so well, of having us all submit a childhood memory, that I would like to see us submit something about ourselves each and every year. This information will be put into the Longhurst Family Infobase. It seems like such an easy way to compile, or start to compile, our own life histories don't you think? IN FEBRUARY'S FAMILY LETTER I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO PLEASE CAST THEIR VOTE AND RESPOND TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU LIKE THE IDEA!

Much love, David & Family.



Dear family

Sorry for the delay with the family letter. I've been out of town for about a week and thought I would find a straggler in my box. No more has shown so here they are. I've included DeVon's and David's letter from last month.

I was to be down in Telluride only about 5 days but ended up putting my blazer up on it's side in about 11 feet snow. The truck didn't get hurt at all, but I got a cut on my head from my briefcase. Just the day before, I had completely organized and arranged my tools and trowels etc. inside my truck, and when the wrecker got her back on all four, it looked exactly like the day just before I had done all that.

There are unbelievable amounts of snow up here. I moved some time ago from the KOA up to a resort cabin one canyon over from Aspen. The elevation here is 10,333 I've done more powder skiing this year than all other years of skiing combined. Every resort up here is having a good, good year.

\$10 or \$15 should cover expences for the F.L. says Loalyn.  
Till next month- love Glen

Warren - I assumed your "Christmas form letter" was sent out to all, so I didn't include in for Jan. If you didn't, I will for March.

April - I told Dad thanks for the \$20 while at Loalyn's - he said mention it to you, so - thanks!

Glen

Feb. 5. 1993

Dear family:

Here the sun is shining bright and pretty; the days are getting longer, and there is still a lot of snow on the ground. I guess one could say this is a normal winter. Others of late have been the abnormal. It will only be a few days till I start planting again in the greenhouse.

Some of the things I intend to do during the winter are still undone. Never before have I had to plow snow like this year. Seven times so far, and there is still time to have another storm or two. I have said I will gladly plow all that comes.

Since most of the small lakes in which they have allowed ice fishing in recent years, were drawn down too far for good fish survival, fishing this winter has been marginal in general. I still get a few, but it is not what it used to be. We are hoping that with the snow we have, and hopefully more snow and rain on into the spring, that they will be able to re-plant the fisheries all over the state.

April is still working hard on their family history book. They have thought several times they were getting near finishing it but it is sort of like a mirage. Now that every one has put in what time they had available, things move even slower. It will be a very nice history when it is done.

I was recently impressed with a little book that expresses the feelings I have had about our economy, and what we might all be thinking of in terms of the future. Maybe not as much for our own future, but for the kids that will have to face more difficult times than we have now. I bought three copies of the paper back, and am going to send them around for all to read. With each copy, will be the forwarding list. Please read as soon as you can then send it on to the next.

If I were starting over in life, I would learn a trade, then use the trade as a support to getting an education. In my day good jobs were plentiful, for those who were willing to work. A good job would support a family. With the influx of cheap labor, and skilled labor not so much in demand, we already see that it takes two incomes to support a family. More people have to work for minimum wage, or worse still, are unemployed because of jobs being discontinued, and not having other skills to fall back on.

We either face the job competition here in this country, or compete with cheap labor produced goods from other countries. It boils down to the same thing. The world economy will have an effect on everyone, and especially for those who do not read the hand writing on the wall. Any way this little book ( Career Shock ) will give anyone a few things to think of, and hopefully help all of you to see the light while it is still shining.

Wishing the best for everyone. Love, Dad

Dear family,  
Here it is Feb. already - hard to believe. We hope this finds everyone happy and successfully overcoming your trials and concerns. I guess none of us escapes them all.

We had a great Christmas, all of our family was home except Norman of course. We talked with him for about 2 hours. He got to visit with everybody. He really appreciates and enjoys his mission experiences. Our grand-daughter Chayla is walking - just turned one year old. Darrin continues in accounting at Boise State Univ. & has a coveted internship position with a large firm. Lupi has been living with Colissa and Darrin while working. She is considering going to Utah - ??

In Jan. Sharon and I were in the Seattle area during their big storm but we escaped it as we were out on the Olympic Peninsula at our property. Jolana & Travis were without electricity for 4 days like lots of other people.

Sharon is having problems again over her cancer. She's not felt well lately. Today she starts on daily radiation treatments in Pocatello. This is expected to last about three weeks and she will stay in Blackfoot with her mom during week days, then home on weekends. We're still optimistic and try to be upbeat. Your prayers are requested.

On our way back from Seattle we couldn't get into Arco because of road closures, until a day later than planned. We have lots of snow, 2 foot on the level, snow piles to 12 feet, most sagebrush covered. The valley is beautiful. We have 120% of normal snowfall and the people are optimistic for a turn from the drought conditions. A lot of wild game is down where it can be seen i.e. elk, deer, antelope, moose, coyotes.

Well I guess that's about it for now. Our love to all, Warren and family

February 1993

Dear Family;

It's already February and it's been since Christmas since we've communicated to or heard from most of you. Yet it doesn't seem like Christmas was even here, it came and went so fast. We had a nice Christmas in spite of that. The girls enjoyed it. I think Angela's birthday made more of an impression on her than Christmas though. We had a little party and invited some of her friends. Now she thinks that anytime any body has a birthday it ought to be hers. A year is going to be a long time to wait.

Angela is now in Sunbeams and seems to be getting along real good. She likes going to Primary although she missed the nursery the first few weeks. Her Pre-School teacher is also the Primary President (and a very loving "Grandma" to all the kids). I think that helped the transition go smoothly. Kimberly will be old enough this month to go into the nursery. Boy, she can hardly wait. Three hours of meetings sitting still is not her idea of having fun.

We've had some real Spring weather the last couple of weeks. Even though it's early, it sure feels good and no one is complaining about it. I even got out and dug up the carrots and beets that wintered in the garden. While out there I could see a hundred other things that need to be done in the yard and garden. If this weather stays, maybe I'll get some of it done before time to start planting little seeds.

We've been making plans to redo our bathroom. We need a new floor, or part of it at least. We've got some dry rot around the tub. So we decided now was a good time to re decorate. We'll be putting in a new tub and toilet, re-tile the wall around the tub, remove the awful wallpaper and repaint the whole room, replace the vanity cabinet, mirrors, light fixtures etc., and put down new vinyl on the floor. I guess you could say we are gutting the room. Only we are leaving all the walls in tack except enough to fix the leak in the shower pipe. It will be refreshing when it is all complete.

Not much else is happening around here, except fighting all the flu and cold bugs that come along. At least we didn't eat at Jack in The Box and get that deadly food poisoning that has become an epidemic here. Did you read about that in your papers? We haven't had any fast food since then. Cook your hamburgers well! I also read almost every day about drive by shootings. One last week was really sad. A car was going in the fog and someone behind thought they were going too slow so they pulled up beside them and shot the driver and sped off. The man died leaving his wife of 15 months who is expecting their first child. Our streets aren't safe anymore.

Well, I don't want to end on a sad note! Ken will be attending Rep meetings in Arizona at the end of the month. Since that's his old stomping grounds he will be taking a couple of extra days to visit family and check things out on the home he owns there (which is being rented) and do any maintenance etc. needing to be done. While the cat's away the mice will play. I am planning to take the girls and fly to Salt Lake. (Ken is sad he won't be with them on their first plane ride.) We hope to visit who we can and to make it up to visit Grandma and Grandpa for a few days. We made the mistake of telling Angela too soon. She can hardly wait and is having a hard time understanding why we are not going "today".

Hope things are going well for all of you. We love you and look forward to hearing from you each month. Sorry we all missed out on January.

Love, Connie, Ken, Angela and Kimberly

Dear Family,

We are still plugging along down here. We are having our share of the crud that's "going around." First Nicole, then Christina, and now Jenny seems to be effected. The kids are making good use of the snow out side. Nicole has put some miles on the family toboggan, while the other two like playing out front. While the snow was fresh and plentiful several weeks ago, we even had a few snow cones.

Nicole is taking computer lessons from Dad, and has had fun so far. She's learning how to scan and color line art graphics. The time seemed right for a bigger hard drive at our place, and we now have room for some of the fun stuff that has been waiting for a place to be included in the computer. With the old 40 meg. drive, there was too much unloading and loading to be able to use a variety of the big stuff. Not all the goodies are in place yet, but we're looking forward to having some other components that should prove worthwhile with education, business, and a little entertainment. We're going to be ON TOP of things now. Prodigy is still the main source of education and information on our computer, but we DO have other interests. Brent & Sue, we're glad to have you on Prodigy, I hear there are other family members who have hooked up too. April, isn't your sister online? I'll bet the phone bill will be less this month (grin).

We missed most everyone's letters last month, I hope we see more action this time. Thanks Glen, for your contribution to the Family Letter.

With love to all, David & Family

Dear Family,

I nearly forgot it was time to do this again. It was a nice surprise to get the Family Letter in the Mail from Glen. Thank you Glen!

Congradulations and welcome home Cory! It doesn't seem to us like it's been two years but we will find out in a few months what it's like to mark those days off! We are looking forward to it.

Sandra, how are things in Preston? And Bryan? I get a tiny bit as Talina and Wendy communicate, but it's usually very brief.

Sharon we have had you in our prayers and your name in the temple for quite awhile and continue to do so. I hope you will be willing to share pertinent info with us as you see fit since all of us girls may face similar circumstances someday. We'll be anxious to hear how you're doing.

Connie, I don't know if you got my message at dad's or not, but I sure appreciated the letter! Hope you had a good time your whole trip. Your girls are beginning their memories with cousins and it's great, I think.

Shelly, I'll bet it was good to see them all playing together too! How are things with you guys? Has it been forever since we've heard from you or am I loosing it? (Probably some of both!)

We'll be anxious to hear abot the newest little Longhurst when HE arrives. David & Susan! I'm sure you are getting very anxious!

And how are things in Glocomora (woops Pocatello?) Has all the snow melted yet? We have above 70 degrees today and the forsythia is blooming, the dogwoods are budded out and will plaster the area with white and pink blooms in 2 weeks, so we are enjoying spring after what seemed like a long winter to me. The rain (in Spain)woops again in Atlanta has become very tiring and I'm craving this sunshine we have today (while the sun shines.) What a humorous little soul I am today!

We don't seem to have much new news this time. We have had a tiny bit of sickness with some of our family, and it caused Wendy to forfeit her long running perfect attendance record at school, but we are doing well. Kami and I need to go to a store one of these days to replace her wardrobe. She has been growing UP at a fast pace and nothing she has is long enough any more. At my rate of sewing lately by the time I finished something it wouldn't fit her! Then one of her only 2 pair of pants that were even close to fitting her were cut off of her and ruined by the EMT's in the ambulance so...

Update: Had my second enhancement and was seeing 20/60 before. It's about 20/ 35 I'm guessing. The doctor told me I will be glad he's doing it in stages in the long run to illiminate severe glare. It's worth the patience!!  
Love, Maryn & Family

# LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

March 1993

FROM  
DEVON & BOBBY

Dear Family,  
The snow keeps coming. As everyone knows it has been a wet Winter this year. Cory returns at 10:30am. Friday, March 5th. He will be here for the week end and then fly to LA to meet Kerl on Monday. They will drive back in time for his homecoming Sunday, March 14th at 9am. We will serve a lunch after the block, about 12:30pm at our home. All who would like to come and share this special time and experience with us are invited and welcome. See you all then!

Love, DeVon & Family.

FROM  
LOALYN & GEORGE

Hi Everyone,  
hope this letter finds all well and happy. I've been drafted into writing this month since I don't seem to write well and I can type rather fast since that's all I do at work when I program. I'm still employed (and thats quite good in these days of shrinking aerospace budgets, Democrats in the Whitehouse, etc.) but don't know how much longer owing to the fact that TRW is competing the contract for this fall and even if we win, there is litte more

development work coming out of Washington these days, leaving about 200 of the 400 TRW people here in Denver without work! Oh well we have a roof over our heads and should be grateful. We in America seem to think we have so little at times when there are others around the world and even near us who have nothing. I'm still taking college classes but only a Japanese class this semester. I'm scheduled to go back east for Active Duty this May for 2 weeks on the 17th through the 29th.

Loalyn is fast aproaching the arrival of her foriegn exchange students and is somewhat nervous about teaching them English, but I think she'll do fine. It will be fun and keep her occupied during spring break when the kids are home and usually driving her up the wall. Stephanie just finished her "Music Man" play last night and now maybe will get some sleep and spend some time working to affort to keep driving. She is doing well in school and actually starting to think about college!

Ben is now the teachers quourm president, organizing the sacrament each week. He didn't do too well this past mid-term, but was encouraged to apply himself and turn in all his

work or maybe not see so many dances, etc....He has learned to juggle balls and bowling pins and helped out at a grade school last saturday in their midevil days festival. Ben, Stephanie and Loalyn went to Les Miserables play downtown yesterday and really saw a professional production - really enjoyed it.

Melissa and Krystin have now signed on to Prodigy (krth21d and e respectively) so cousins send them a line if you'd like and your parents say OK. Both the girls (Steph too I think) are lookin forward to the coming of the Japanese student (Fumiko) in a week or so, since they are usually willing to play with them as they find it hard to speak with adults in complicated English all the time.

Spencer is ALL BOY and is growing up fast and will be five in a month or so. I thing Loalyn is looking forward to Kindergarten (and possibly all day, if you know what I mean) this fall for him.

Well out of space and time—be good and write, stay out of debt and do the right thing. Life is short and does have a purpose!  
George & Family

FROM  
DAVID & SUSAN

Dear Family,  
It's A boy! No it's not  
here yet, but since our  
January Family Letter  
didn't make it around, I'll  
say it here too.

Susan is on the final "S T  
R E C H" now and has one  
month to go. I have learned  
a lesson lately about being  
examples to others. I think  
I have taken on a few of  
Susan's good attributes,  
but I'm afraid I have  
taught her a few bad ones  
of mine.

Maybe too, it has something  
to do with the chemical  
change of having a  
different gender of a baby.  
Then again, what could I  
teach the rest of you about  
having children? Anyway,  
we'll see how things are  
down the road a ways.

Love, Dave & Family



Don't EVER give up.

Dear Family,

This may be too late for David to send to Glen but I'll try it anyway just in case. Life is so busy most of the time that I still forget to check the mail on Prodigy. I have been doing some community service work in addition to giving music lessons and the regular church work and family responsibilities. So I haven't been a computer person very much lately. Also we have a backed-up sewer system that we have spent many hours on trying to fix. Someone has to be hired to fix the hard part now but they are all so busy that we are on a waiting list. It's getting a little hard to cope with at times. But it won't be much longer now.

Wendy is now "legal" as she says now that she is 16 and has been on her first date! It's been pretty exciting around here to have a daughter come of age. She keeps company with good people and seems to have lots of interested friends! Nothing much has changed for the rest of the kids and Earl and I. Doug is still here with us and things are getting closer for his family to get moved out here he thinks. The sale of their home in Utah fell through but they have several offers being made so they are sure that a sale is coming soon. They may move the family out anyway and make double house payments for a couple of months since they have been apart for so long.

Earl's mom is arriving this Thurs. 11th for a 12 day stay so we are looking forward to her visit. Earl is taking some time off to spend with her.

After having an enhancement done on my eyes I am pretty close to seeing normal now. I will have to have one more touch-up for sure then we'll just wait and "see" after that. I'm really happy still that I had it done and now forget often that I don't have glasses on. It's fun wearing a cheap pair of sunglasses from the drug store! I have some recommended names of doctors in your areas if anyone is interested in checking them out. It of course is a very personal decision to have this done.

We are looking forward to hearing from all of you again soon in the form of the family letter. Glen we encourage you to keep this up. It is a commitment and some work but is very satisfying to do this service for the family. Love, Karyn

Dear family,

March 1, 1993

Boy, are we glad to get February behind us! Our trip down to So. California caught us by surprise, but it was very enjoyable. The clouds chased us back, but the weather was very agreeable while we were there.

We are a bit unsettled in our house as we have attached the big bedroom, and we're trying to turn it into a laundry room. It is taking longer than we had planned, but with part of it as cheap labor, we can't do a whole lot about it.

Aubry and Marcelle are still practicing their Suzuki piano lessons. Aubry is progressing quickly. Marcelle is not such a fast track, and doesn't take too well to the formality of practice and lessons. I think it will grow on her after a while once she can begin some actual melodies, instead of obnoxious exercises.

We are glad to have Connie and Angela and Kimberly visiting with us. Grandma and Graddpa's visits during the cold dreary months are fun for everyone. We welcome visits from all of you!  
We are looking forward to Cory's homecoming in 2 weeks -- time does fly!

My Grand-father Arrington (sp?) passed away last week, so we took a trip to Twin Falls for the funeral. The visibility was almost zero, & in fact they closed I-84 right behind us, but we got through even though it was scary. My grandfather was 105 (106 this fall). He had a long and good life. Even last fall he said "I've tried to obey the commandments". A long life makes for some good stories we'll have to share sometime.

Her'es hoping you'll have an enjoyable spring.

Love - The Crockett's

March 3, 1993

Dear Family,

It was really good to get the family letter! Thanx, Glen! It probably is more fun for those of us who don't have access to Prodigy. It really is a good way to keep in touch, even though the letters are more general information and not too personal. It's good to know what is going on in the lives of those whom you love and care about.

Bryan is now serving as Zone Leader. He says he doesn't much care for the babysitting job. He is serving in an area near Bogota. He likes the companion he has at present. That always helps, I guess. He is looking forward to coming home and starting school at USU in Logan this fall.

Mark has enlisted in the Army Reserves and will go this weekend for his first time. He is signed up in a unit in Logan that deals with water purification and the like. He seems quite pleased with it. His basic training will start in November. So he will delay his mission for a few months to accomplish that.

Talina is busy with school and work. She doesn't babysit much any more. You know how it is when you have a job, date, etc. Pretty soon you find that the Moms quit calling you and start using the younger girls. Shauna still does some tending, but is busy with her own things (sometimes even I wonder what things) and many of the mothers don't call her any more either. She has been busy selling popcorn for a fund raiser for a choir trip this summer.

Tim has now gotten all of his merit badges for his Eagle. He now only has his project to do. I suppose Roger will get his Eagle before Tim does as his planned project requires summer weather. Congratulations Roger on your achievement. It really is good to hear of the progress and interests of each of the cousins. Joey has earned his awards in cub scouting and is waiting for his birthday in April so he can be advanced and begin again.

Paul has been spending three out of four weeks of each month lately in sunny (sometimes) Prescott, AZ. They can hardly keep up with the houses they are selling and trucking in. He is interested in the work they are doing, but gets tired of the travel and of being gone. I'm glad the kids are as old as they are. It doesn't seem as difficult as it was when they were all little and he traveled with the Harvester Company. But we are tired of not having him home.

I enjoy working only three days a week this tax season. I can keep up with my church calling and with things around the house pretty well with that type of schedule. The months have gone fast, though and in six more weeks it will all be over again for another year.

I hope spring brings wonderful new things for all of us.

Love to all of you.

Sandra and family

from  
Elder Bryan Perry  
3-22-93

Dear Family,

Hola from Columbia, S.A. I guess it's past my turn to write, so now I'm repenting. First of all I want to thank everyone for the family letters I have recieved while I've been here in Columbia. It's been great to follow the events in everyone's lives. Very interesting.

Well, things down here are going pretty good. I am currently in my sixth area which is called Suba and with my twelvth comp. His name is Elder Scott from LaVerne, CA. This is actually the second time I've been companions with him. I am also serving as zone leader. Two weeks ago my zone was perfectly devided, 6 gringos and 6 latins. Now, after recent changes, there are only 4 of us left. I feel like an endangered specie. It will be interesting to see white people again.

It looks like I have one more area after this one. I should be home near the end of Sept. So, anyone who wants to write, you only have afew months to do it.

The work here is going good. We are teaching some really great families. As a matter ar fact, we have a baptism tonight. I will definately miss some aspects of missionary work!

Best wishes of luck for Sharon and for Norman.

Lone, Elder Bryan Perry.

WARREN Q. LONGHURST, D. D. S.  
LOST RIVERS DENTAL CLINIC

March 30, 1993

Dear Family,

It was good to get the family letter yesterday. Apparently we didn't receive the last one and I'm not sure when you last heard from us. Our two feet of snow is about gone, the season seems about four weeks late. It has been a long winter and we received much of the moisture we've prayed for for so long.

The last three months have been pretty much a blurr to me. Last Sept. Sharon discovered a lump in her neck, a malignant lymph node, and there was a spot on each lung according to the X-ray. In Jan. it was discovered in the bone, sternum to be exact, then the ribs in back. A new discovery every week or so, the eye, brain and skull

made it seem like an uncontrolled freight train or something. Attempts of treatment obviously not stopping it. Sharon has had various medications both conventional and "alternative" methods. She has spent about 6 weeks away in either Pocatello or Blackfoot while receiving radiation therapy at Poc., coming home on weekends. Twice we had to fly her out of Arco because the highways were

closed by snow and drifting snow. (I need a new typewriter)

Just when we thought she was through, it was discovered in the head and has had to start another month of therapy. As of now, someone is driving her down and back each day so she can be home. The pain is in control now and she is comfortable pretty much. She doesn't really feel like she is "all there" but feels her best while functioning at home with the daily routine. She is weaker and requires more rest than in the past. I'll say ~~she~~ she is doing remarkably well in view of the scope of it all.

We have done all that has been recommended by Drs., and more. The priesthood blessings, faith, prayers and fasting by family, friends and the whole ward last Sunday have helped. We appreciate all of that and what everyone has done for us. The same nightmare is there every morning but we are reconciling the situation and learning to adjust. Sharon is quite at peace within. Jolana has just spent a week with her Mom and the other children away have come for visits.

The good news is that we have a new grandson; Sheldon and Candy's' cute little boy born March 24th. He will be blessed on Easter Sunday in their ward in Salt Lake and named Jacob Evan (Jake) He was 6lb. 14oz. 20" born at 7:15 a.m.--Karyn's birthday. Candy and Susan were running a close race!

Valina was elected Student Body Pres. for the coming year. She puts in several hours a week as a 'Candy Striper' volunteer at the nursing home, and all the other busy things and Jr. class president. Josh is trying hard to finish his Eagle requirements before school is out. Kevin had a 4.0 last semester, has been nominated to the Nat. Honor Society. He will not be valedictorian of his class as there are a few real brainy girls in his class but he is far ahead of all the boys in his class for G.P.A. He saved the school \$700. by fixing a compressor, asked for a free yearbook as compensation. They said no. He got one anyway through the new Renaissance program

of academic merit. Kevin has housing and acceptance to Ricks College in the fall.

Norman is assigned as office staff in the mission home. Media supply, orders etc., proselyting evenings and accompanying the Mission Pres. to all Zone conferences and inspecting all the vehicles and service records. He awards extra miles or penalizes according to the care the missionaries give their cars. He really likes it, gets to drive a new Aerostat Van and has no mileage limit himself. (and a phone in his Apt.)

New address: Elder Norm Longhurst  
13153 No. Dale Mabry Suite 109  
Tampa, FL 33618

I had a nice time with 'Grandpa' as we went ice fishing together and tried to 'feed the multitudes'. Nice fish, willing to bite, beautiful weather.

With spring break we plan to take a trip to Washington (State) together. Sharon will take a one week interlude from the radiation monotony. We all look forward to the trip and hope it isn't too hard on Sharon.

We are sorry we didn't make it to your homecoming, Corey. Congratulations for a successful mission and the best to you in post-mission life. We certainly missed seeing everybody who was there.

May you all be blessed, we love you all, and Happy Easter as we remember and honor our Savior and the Ressurrection.

Love,

*Stan & family*

Dear Family,

I'm going to take the liberty to lay down a small rule about the family letter. If I had gotten this out to everyone earlier this month, one of the letters would'nt have been included. Between me holding out for a straggler I think will come and that being reenforced by one that does arrive late - the month slips away. So, excluding Della and the missionaries I am going to ask that by the 1st of each month, either your letter or a post card be mailed to me. If it is a post card it should inform me as to wheather 1. your letter will be late (in which case I will wait for it) or, 2. no letter coming that month. Then I won't hold out on the whole project watching for letters that aren't coming. Please help me help everyone else. Post cards cost only pennies and minuites if you are not going to write and mail a letter, and it's a good way to still say at least hello to the whole family.

March was a rough month for me. I had a back attack which was worse than any in years. The doc says I better get out of the marble and tile business before I don't have one left. I had a minor one while Lonnie was here working with me, but this one was 5X as bad. I was very busy right at that time trying to get away to Utah and Idaho, to bless Taesha. Also at that time, one of my workers lost the end of one of his fingers at a second job he works at. I was down for about a week and he was gone for good and customers were put on hold, as well as the trip.

A sign company over in Avon (next to Vail) offered me sales exclusivity on the whole Roaring Fork Valley from Glenwood Springs to Aspen, if I want it. I wouldn't mind having more ability to market and test market some of my own projects by being on the road anyway if I take the job, but would mean less pay for now. There is great money here in remodeling. If the diversification in that is enough of a load off my back - compared to packin' box after box of ceramic tile and marble - then that's what I'll do.

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The sign business isn't nearly as fun as it used to be. The fothcoming of computer-cut vinyl machines has turned alot upside down. They devalued sign work, because of their speed, to the point where you have to be so volume - concious just to stay in the black, that you burn out. And that's if you do OWN ONE. You simply can't even compete without one, because what I used to get 300 dollars for with a day's lettering, their nockin' out in one hour and charging 80 dollars. I spent a decade mastering a several century-old trade which is now all but obsolete. It's not even a craft any more. A person learning how to letter signs, naturally and consequently learns about signs even before he has mastered the lettering. Those important elements like line rythem, format, layout, color scheme and the deeper sciences of sub-concious graphic eye appeal and communication, are, for the most part ignored in alot of sign shops these days. Somebody with a high-school art class under his belt, and a daddy with the cash for a vinyl machine, suddenly becomes a sign man. I have a mawl stick I used for lettering for years which I think I will put in a glass case because 8 out of evey 10 sign shops today don't have even one can of paint in them.

I guess once in a while I have to moan about it. Untill next month - love Glen.

from Shelly  
3-29-93

Dear Family,  
If anyone finds an extra month hanging around, I think it belongs to me.  
I'm just sure I lost one. I feel like were caught in a whirlwind called  
"life" and it's picking up speed with every turn.

Our huge piles of snow actually have all melted to reveal a thousand  
more things to do outside. I don't think I'm quite ready for tackling  
it all again this year. If I could figure out where to put the kids and  
the food storage, a condo would be real tempting right now!!

Bryan played on the Veterans (church) basketball team and they went all  
the way to win the multi-region. He enjoys the "out" and the exercise is  
good for him.

We enjoyed conference - I only wish it were once a month.

For family home evening one week, we drove past the new Bountiful temple,  
in construction. It's way up on the hill as far as it could be. It'll be  
spectacular when it's done.  
Not too much new - just trying to keep our heads above water most of the time.

Love, Shelly, Bryan and family.

# LEONIGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

April 1993

FROM  
DAVID & SUSAN



Dear Family

It has been a joy having a new baby at home. Susan and Jeffery are doing great and the girls are adjusting to the change. Jenny is the most disrupted of all because she is no longer the youngest. Susan was able to watch the birth for the first time since she didn't have so much pain. This was her first time to have an epidural.

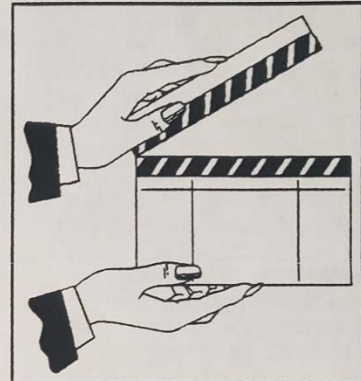
This was also our first time to have a child with medical coverage. We have been on Medicaid for nearly 12 months.

From trees to condos the field out back is having a thorough face lift. I felt

obligated to get a hold of the man who bought the land, and discuss with him the possibilities of using our garden plot one more year. It looks like I would have a better chance at it than not since completions dates usually get pushed ahead. However, the weekly irrigation could pose a threat to the construction sight so the water has to be turned off for good. There will be no water at all. This forces us to not have a complete garden this year, but we will be able to harvest a crop of peas before the water is needed, and before they need to tear up the land. So this is the year of the PEA!

Dad, we'll have to forgo the tomatoes and corn this year, but put us down for 15 doz. of the Ivrian Gold for the fall.

It's been an interesting process with the Feds these past few months. As some of you know I have applied for Social Security Disability. I know I will eventually get it, but it's not uncommon for one to get denied up to three times before they award the benefits. It has been 5 months since I applied, and after all the red tape I just received my first rejection letter. There could be a cure before these guys believe there's a problem.



In San Francisco a public awareness movie about CFIDS is being produced for TV. The movie will air sometime around July of this year. Thanks Dad & April for your donation to the production of this film. I can speak for all Persons With CFIDS (PWCs) when I say, it will be a great day in history to be able to just say "I have CFIDS" without having to explain or validate the illness. The numbers are few of those who don't have the illness, and are critical to it's existence. Like the movie that educated the world about AIDS, our movie "LIVING HELL" should help greatly to educate the world about CFIDS.

As you know, I attend a CFIDS support group regularly. The numbers of PWCs in the valley have grown consistently since I started attending. There are now over 300 people who are know to be effected by

CFIDS in Utah Valley. April has agreed to speak at our April 24th meeting. Since I am in charge of the group discussions at these meetings, I have branched off to a different location to hold another monthly group discussion meeting. This new meeting offsets the original monthly meeting by two weeks for those who need the support of the others more frequently. The group therapy offers the most help since medicine has not solved the problem yet. This is one of the most rewarding sacrifices I have ever been involved with.



Warren and I made a trade this past month. He will have my old computer, and I will have his old station wagon. Having a computer without a hard drive, has been frustrating to Warren's kids, and not having enough room in a car has been frustrating for us. It was a straight across trade, and now Warren will be able to make an appearance on Prodigy soon. And our BMW (Big Mormon Wagon) fits our family of 6 just right.

We are looking forward to General Conference, and

hope to be able to hear it all. Usually this letter is written after the event and I would have something to say about it. We hope you will benefit from the conference too.

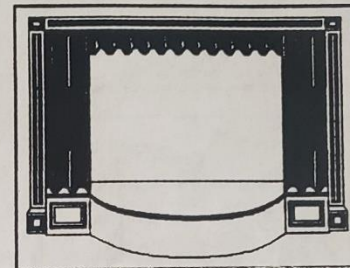
Well, I think I'll go out and plant some peas today. The ground is about right, and the weather seems to be about right.

Sharon, we hope things are doing well for you. I enjoyed the time I got to spend with you while I was there in Arco. Our prayers are with you.

Glen, thank you for your diligence with the family letter. We look forward to hearing from everyone each month, and your service is greatly appreciated.

May the Lord be with all!  
Much love, David & Family.

#### NOTE FROM DAD



The Chief theater burned last week. There had been a lot of money spent to restore it in the last several years, and was hoped to be a boost for the down town area.

While sentiment is high and people feel a loss, there is an immediate push to re-build it. There was only 500,000 insurance on it, and estimates are at three times that to re-build it.

If the project flies, it will turn out to be the best thing that could have happened to re-vitalize the down town area.

The Chief was completed in the spring of the year I came to Pocatello to work in the beet harvest. 1938

Your mother graduated in the class of 1939 and her class was the first to have graduation in the big new theater.

April 1, 1993

Dear Family,

Spring brings with it this year the opportunity for us to plant a garden. I am looking forward to having the space to do so for the first time in three years. I am kinda surprised that I have missed it.

Spring also brings yard cleanup for the family - especially Paul. He has been busy this trip home trimming trees and doing general cleanup. Tim has been his right hand man and Joey, the little apprentice. The girls are in charge of raking the lawn, but so far things have been too wet to do that job.

Spring has also brought Mark a new puppy. It's even cute (if dogs can be.) It is a cross between a cocker spaniel and a dachshund. So at least it will stay small. It will also stay outside, so things will work out okay. The kids (neighbors included) are having fun with it, and it with them.

Talina is gone to Boise for a few days with FHA. Shauna is involved in the school play this week. We will go see it Friday night. (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers)

Preston was blessed with a good amount of rain and snow this past winter. Now we are all blessed with water in our basements. Some homes have really had problems with flooding. Our home has a sump pump down in the basement and we were very grateful for the job it did (and is still doing every ten minutes.) It sits below ground level and pumps the water out before it has a chance to soak the floors. The foundation is good with no water seeping in through the walls etc, so we have counted our blessings on that point.

Congratulations David & Susan and Sheldon & Candy on you new little baby boys. That really is neat for all of you. And the family continues to grow...

We are planning a trip over Easter time. We are going to go down to Prescott, AZ and see the housing project Paul has been involved in building. It will be nice to get away for a few days and fun to see what he has been up to. We hope to be able to go over to Mesa and see the Easter Pageant at the temple.

Love to all until next time.

P.S. Della Mineer  
416 N. State St.  
Hurricane Ut. 84737

April 1993

Dear family

I had thought with the lateness of the previous letter that there would likely not be one in March, so had intended to get one out early for April. Oh well we'll get it together--- maybe.

I had a nice visit on the phone with Della the other day. Bless her heart, she is, in spite of her condition, in good spirits and still has her sense of humor. As most of you were able to visit with her at times before she moved, it will be less frequent now I'm sure, but keep in contact. She loves all of you and is happy to hear from you individually and in the family letter, even though she can't answer many letters. She sends her love through the phone visit I had with her, and asked how every one is doing.

We hope to be able to get down there and see her and her new home before too long. She told of the peach and apricot blossoms all out and pretty. That was about Mar. 25th, and all I could see around here were snow drifts.

It has since warmed up a lot, the snow in the valley is gone and things are beginning to look like Christmas--no-- spring.

There are some very good results from the winter we have had. The big thing is that in each month since Oct. we have had more than double the normal moisture, and in this month, which is not quite over, we have had over three times the normal.

I took my little spring drive out to the ramp across the dam ( American Falls ) yesterday to get sand for mixing my potting soil. There are always piles of nice clean sand where they have pushed it off the ramp as the water gets low in the fall. Well to my surprise there was no sand. There was still a big snow drift along the cliff, but any sand was deep under water. The lake is only two or three feet from being full. It is up to the level that was the high water mark before they re-built the dam several years ago. Real exciting to me. Now with the spring run off only starting, it will allow them to retain water in the higher lakes, and fill them all. Certainly the many prayers have been answered.

The prospects of a good year seem very bright. I have rented more ground ( Carlsen's field ) in the hopes of not having to haul so much corn , that not being very profitable or pleasant. I also got a used gas heater from Pocatello Greenhouse to better produce early plants to set out in the field when the season is nigh.

April and her sisters have the family history book they have been working finished and to the printer. It should be done by Easter. That is a happy occasion for them. They have really worked long and hard.

Well before I get delayed and put this document on hold, I'll wish you all a Happy Easter.

Love to all , even the new ones that we are so happy to add to the family list.

Dad and April-----Grandpa and Grandma L.

April 1993

Dear Family,

The girls and I sure enjoyed our trip to Salt Lake and Pocatello. The airplane ride was no big deal to them. All they could see was having to sit still in a confined space for the hour it took us. They both slept the last 20 minutes over Salt Lake and Angela slept the whole flight back. Coming back we were crowded into two seats and I was glad she slept. Kimberly was a handful as it was. But, the best part of the trip was visiting with family again. The girls had a great time with their cousins. Angela was pretty bored our first few days back home. She kept asking if we could go to Morgan's house or Aubry's house. She couldn't understand that they were too far away.

My ski day with dad was a real treat for me. I wasn't sure I could even still ski, but it came back quickly and I had a really good time. I think I could really get into it again if I had the time and the freedom to do so.

We've got our bathroom almost finished. We thought remodeling was a great idea. It turned out to be a frustrating endeavor. With some setbacks it's hard to say how soon it will be in full service. We have the toilet and the sink working. We still shower downstairs and the girls bathe in the kitchen sink. Now Kimberly wants a bath every time I'm doing dishes.

I don't know how it's possible, but Ken just seems to be getting busier and busier. His work objectives are requiring some extra hours. Sometimes we wonder where the extra hours are going to come from. We're trying not to let the family suffer because of it and that is a real challenge. The girls sometimes miss spending some playtime with their daddy.

Angela wants to say hello to all of her cousins. She is standing here while I am writing this letter. She had fun with Valina, Kevin, and Josh last night. They were here with Warren and Sharon overnight on their way up to Sequim. It is nice to have visitors once in a while. She hated to see them go this morning.

I have been called to teach Primary. It's been a long time since I've done that. I am teaching the Valiant A class. I should be a nice change for me although it will be a challenge to prepare a lesson every week.

As usual we enjoyed conference. It was surprising to me to see someone I knew being called as a general authority. Neil Anderson (Lyle Anderson's son who is my age) was called as a member of the seventy and spoke in the last session.

Spring has come, but we are still getting a lot of rainy days. We're getting tired of it and would like more sunshine. (Angela thinks she wants snow. Although she asks me every day if she can go swimming outside.) I got a few seeds in the ground, but don't know if they will come up. I neglected to bring my bag of seeds in after last year's planting and I'm afraid they are not any good anymore. If the peas and beets don't come up I guess we'll buy all new seeds.

Goodbye to all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Love, Connie and family

*Congratulations to David + Susan and Sheldon + Candy on the additions to their families*

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WRITE A MESSAGE

04/06/93  
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SEND TO: RDJV40B

SUBJECT: Family Letter April

Dear Family,

I almost let the time slip away without getting in a letter this month. It seems there are always more projects to complete than there is time to do them in. But I'm sure you are familiar with that scenario.

I am pleased to report that I had a real rich and rewarding experience with the Japanese girls. I did stay up too late most nights preparing for the next day, but that's just because I was not familiar with the material. Next time will be better. We really enjoyed the girl we had here with us...Fumiko. She had a real sweet disposition and would just pitch in and help out, and wasn't afraid to try and talk to us. The group as a whole were very eager to learn, very respectful, tidy, and fun to be with. I was hard to see them get on the plane and leave...but it was a relief also. It was a VERY busy 16 days! I'm glad I don't work in that intense of a situation all the time. I would wear out pretty fast, and get little else done.

George had an interview today with a corporation called Metrum. We're keeping our fingers crossed that it will be a way for him to get out of the aerospace industry. He fit ALL their qualification...including speaking Japanese. They deal in high tech computer stuff and work closely with the Japanese companies. He would get to go to Japan fairly often....if he lands the job that is. Send a prayer in his behalf. This is the kind of thing he has been hoping for for years!

Stephanie is gearing up for Prom. We went and bought fabric last night...she is so excited. She met this guy from a different High School at the last Stake dance and he asked her to his Prom. (He is a senior, and she says he is a BABE!) We haven't met him yet...but will soon.

Ben is going to usher at the school's spring play, and intertain with a juggling act. He's waiting for me to make his jester costume. (Like I said, so many projects...)

We were all prepared for Conference on Sunday...then found out the 10:00 session was delayed till 12, the the 2:00 live right after it. Well, we understood the afternoon session, but the TV station goofed and recorded the morning session in SPANISH! We'll be looking forward to the conference Ensign so we can read what we heard in Spanish. I wonder if the Nephites felt as we did when they heard a voice and couldn't understand what it said. I don't think I would be able to understand that session even if I watched it three times! (Even though many of you could.)

Please send us any news on Sharon's progress...Sharon, we think of you often and you are in our prayers.

Have a Happy Easter. Love, Loalyn

from Glen  
4-15-93

Dear Family,  
Dad suggested that I set a date for a family letter deadline. That date will be the 15th. The letters that have arrived by then get published. Ones that come after that, will be included in the next month.

It was an assorted set of events that made up my last month. After taking nearly a whole month off to heal my back, I then ended up on crutches from a foot injury. The x-ray told us that it wasn't broken, but it might as well have been, bad bruise on one of the bones was all it was. I thought it was broken because the symptoms were identical to when I broke my left foot in boot camp 12 years ago. The medics there in sick call, put me in a cast after 4 days of marching and running on an unknown fracture. It's doing fine now with the help of anti-inflamitories and an ace wrap.

The month wasn't all bad though. The pursuit with my singing got a nice punch in the arm when I was contacted by Bluefield Studio Where I recorded my last demo. An aspiring writer, a woman, who lives a couple blocks down from the place, had asked David the owner, if he knew of a male country vocalist who would be interested in recording one of the songs she has written. He happened to have a copy of the tape I did last year, and handed it to her. After listening to it, she hired me without even meeting me or talking to me. She finally got ahold of me and offered me \$50 an hour for my time at the mic. She is very serious about promoting herself as a writer and after having the song mixed in L.A. she is hand-carrying it to Nashville. I would have sung the thing for free, just for the chance to be heard in the city where it matters, but she spoke first. After the first song was done, she went and got a second one. That one is now done also which has, together, regained my original costs - plus, in producing the demo which she hired me from.

With my fingers crossed, I am trying to go see Linette and the girls this weekend. If dad's ward can slip us in, I'll be blessing Taesha in Pocatello.

Thanks for the postage \$ from those who have sent it.  
Hope to see some of you Westward soon - Love Glen.

from Colissa and Darrin  
4/27/93

Dear family,

This year is nearly half over so we should get a family letter off "on time" at least once.

Darrin has been busy this semester with two accounting classes. He was hoping that each semester would get easier as he builds upon what he has learned, but ---. It looks like that is not the way it is. He did an internship this semester with an accounting firm. Tax season gave him some real-life experience which he did enjoy.

I have been trying to keep up with these two. Staying one step ahead of Shayla isn't always easy. She turned 1 in January and has been walking ever since. She loves to go everywhere I go and cries if she sees me go without her. I guess you can say she's been a mama's girl lately. She tries climbing onto anything she can lift her leg up to and she stands up in the shopping cart every chance she gets. She loves people. So when tenants stop to talk to her while she's behind her gate in the office, it really makes her day. There are several people who like to be entertained by her, so they come out into the hall when she is there and they often bring things for her to play with. She is a joy to all.

Rent just went up in Boise. Our apartment included. A two bedroom is now \$565. I don't know how people afford it.

I guess you need a roommate who works full time. Boise is growing so fast that the housing market can't keep up. It seems there is never a dull moment around here. One weekend while we went to Salt Lake, for the blessing of Jake, someone pulled the fire alarm. We weren't here to shut it off, nor to tell the fire department that it was a false alarm, so the fire trucks came and had the building evacuated. All the tenants had to line up out on the curb at 2:30 am in their p.j.'s. It was a great mixer, many of them met their neighbors for the first time. I'm sure it wouldn't be too funny if I had been here and would have had to be out there with them. It's a good thing most of the tenants are young, they can handle it. We have been gone nearly every weekend for the last month. Visiting family etc. Our home ward thinks we have become inactive. We thought we'd show up last Sun. and were even 10 mins. early, but to our surprise not one car was in the parking lot. Just our luck--- it was stake conference! Luckily, our ward is at 9:00 am so we were early. Darrin is 1st councilor in the Elders quorum and I have a new calling as a Stk. missionary.

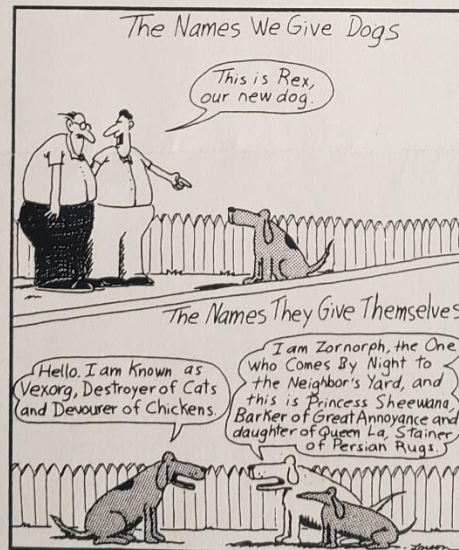
We think of mom each day as I'm sure you know of her situation.

Love, Colissa, Darrin & Shayla.

from Shelly

Dear family,  
Spring has sprung and so has everyone's hay-fever! (as well as Spring fever!)  
The shorts are out of the boxes and boots and gloves packed away again. (Didn't I just do that not long ago? )  
Thanks to phone calls for my birthday, baby blessings home-comings etc. We've been able to visit with most of you lately. The kids have thoroughly enjoyed all the cousin company. They're always comenting how they wish all thier cousins lived down the street so they could play with them whenever they want.  
Looks like our upcoming summer will be spent gardening and piano-ing. Both endevs tripling in quantity and intensity starting immediately as I just finished planting the huge garden area in our neighbor's yard and how all 3 kids and myself will be involved in piano lessons. I thik I'm excited, but ----. Our laundry room project continues to drag on. We're experiencing a terrible shortage of time.  
Morgangave his first talk in Primary and did a great job. The girls are looking forward ~~to~~ the end of school soon.

Love to all,  
Shelly & clan



THE FAR SIDE

APRIL

26  
MONDAY

from Warren

Dear family,

Maybe I can get a brief note and update off today. It's been hard keeping everything together but I believe we're doing it. Sharon is still fighting. She was 8 days in the hospital with double pneumonia, and seems to have won that battle. Now it's more radiation therapy to control the severe pain of bone cancer.

Success is marginal on that front.

Lupi left Provo and her job to come take care of her mom.

She is a special little nurse, and her help is a great service at this time. Collisa and Jolana have come to help and be with Sharon some. Right now, they've been at Sharon's mother's place in Blackfoot and commute to Pocatello for radiation. We were all together at Mother's day there and Norman called and had a great visit with everyone.

I've managed to get some garden in and yard work. The kids have helped a lot with that and the household chores. Kevin has a summer job lined up in a carpenter shop here that builds precision storage containers for the site. His high school graduation is May 26th. The day after that is Josh's 8th grade grad. Valina has a parent in Boise the 22nd and all the other school winding-down activities.

We love you all and do feel the strength from many prayers.

Thanks, Warren

# LEONIGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

May 1993

FROM  
DAVID & SUSAN

Dear Family,  
We wish to thank all who came to Jeffrey's blessing Sunday, it was good to see most of the rocky mountain family parts. It was also good to see Glen and Linette as they blessed their youngest in Pocatello the previous Sunday. I went to Idaho without the rest of the crew to witness the event. Susan and the kids wanted to be there however.

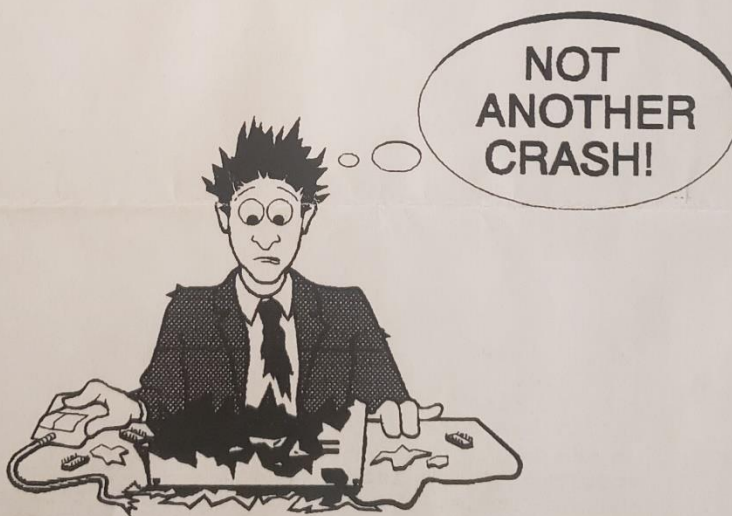
Part of the reason I left the family home was due to car problems. Thanks to DeVon's technician, I was able to get things taken care of last week. A tune-up with new electrical parts, timing, and a fixed exhaust leak has made the station wagon purr like a kitten. If you're going to be poor, you might as well do it with class. Our pea patch is making headway thus far into the growing season. We are hoping we can get a full crop without needing irrigation water. As you know, the construction out back has taken precedence over our garden. The kids look forward to pea pick'n days.

A new computer news column will appear on the Prodigy Family ID (FID). I have decided to keep computer news out of the family letter (at least to a

minimum), and post such information on the FID. This ought to make my letters a bit less boring for those who don't need the information. Look for the subject entitled "Computer Corner 01." Prodigy users may want to print/save this stuff as it will usually have application to our family's computer needs etc. The numbers "01, 02, 03" etc. will be put on each new note/article so we can refer to them as volumes.

DeVon and I are at it again. We are putting finishing touches on his REPAIRMASTER database as we brainstorm for a new database that will keep control of his customers and inventory of a new PARTS DEPARTMENT. After qualifying to get parts from the big distributors, REPAIRMASTER will sell appliance parts to local and mailorder customers now. We hope for some success in the endeavor.

With Love from all of us,  
Dave & Family



from Linette  
5-8-93

Dear family,

I wanted to write and say thank you to everyone who helped or attended Taesha's blessing.

Dad and April, thank you for the great food you served everyone and for letting us stay at your house.

Warren and Sharon & family, I really appreciate you coming to Pocatello to see us, I know it was difficult for you.

Also, thanks for the little sweat outfit, she has worn it 3 times already. Valina, thank you for helping tend Taesha at Dad and April's

Paul, Sandra and family, thank you for coming, and I really appreciated your children who played with and helped tend my kids.

David, Susan and family, thank you for letting us stay at your house, and for all the meals you fed us. Thanks David for coming to the blessing.

Devon, Bobby and family. Thank you for letting us stay at your house as long as we did. For all the food, and I really appreciate all of you who helped watch the kids, so Glen and I could go on a date.

Sheldon and Candy, thank you for letting us stay the night at your house also!

Brian and Shelly, thanks for the popcorn and letting the kids watch Pinocchio!

Thank you everyone! I hope I didn't miss anyone. I can't begin to describe how good everyone made me feel. It really impressed me that no one was judgemental towards me. I felt that you all loved me and cared for me no matter what I have done. I will never forget this.

The girls and I had a wonderful time with Glen and I thank you all for making it possible.

Love, Linette and girls

May 3, 1993

Dear Family,

It was good to see several of you the last weekend of April. Between two trips to SLC and one to Pocatello, we were able to have varied lengths of visits with Warren and Sharon, DeVon and Bobbi, Shelly and Bryan, Glen and Linette, David, and alot of the kids. That was a good, busy and unusual weekend.

Our trip to Prescott, AZ. was fast and fun. (aside from a lot of driving.) We stayed with Paul's brother Steve and his family. The housing project that Paul has been working on down there looks really nice. There are lots and lots of manufactured homes through that area and of all the ones I saw, the homes they are building are the nicest. They have a bit more class to them. No wonder they are proud of the work they are doing.

We were able to go over to Phoenix and see the Easter pageant on the life of Christ. It was amazing. The cast was so large, and things just clicked like clockwork. It was a very special evening for all of us. We went to Grandma Barton's house (only a block away from the temple.) April was there visiting. She and Grandma came over and sat with us during the pageant. It was very nice to see them.

Paul is home now for a few weeks as things are slow on the project. So we have kept him busy around here with hunny-do's and daddy-do's. He has the garden all fertilized (easy to come by in this dairy farming community) and tilled up nicely. The family has worked together a couple of times and we have all the early vegetables planted now. It will be good to see things grow again to harvest and eat.

May 23rd brings Mark's Seminary Graduation and the 26th, his High School Graduation. Time seems to be slipping by quite fast. We are proud of him and the grades he has been able to maintain. The rest of the kids are getting anxious for school to be out, too. Some of them have heavy summer schedules planned and some are just ready for a break.

We pray that the Lord's blessings will be with each of you through your trials and your joys. With much love,

Sandra and Family

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READ A MESSAGE

05/11/93  
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From: KARYN LONGHURST (RDJV40C)

Subject: ~~REUNION~~ Family Letter

Sent on: 05/02 at 04:35 PM

Dear Family,

We missed getting a letter on Prodigy last month or sending one to Glen but we have one now. I didn't expect much of a spring after the heavy snow storm we had when the South was budding out, but the trees and flowers are more magnificent than they have been in the past 7 years. They even set a new record pollen count in the air! Pollen doesn't seem to bother us much which I'm thankful for. Some people are quite miserable from it. Today Kami received her patriarchal blessing - she's been talking about it since she was twelve and now at 14 has had a sweet experience having it. Also today Earl was released from the High Council and called and set apart as the High Priest Group Leader in our ward. I remain in the Stake YW at 3 1/2 yrs now. This is the longest both of us have been in a calling.

Lelah was married yesterday to Lynn Reiman and they are off on a 2 week temple-hopping honeymoon. They will be living in the house Leleh has. We wish them a lot of happiness.

Wendy has just finished up performances of a school play and all the kids are anxious for school to be out in a few weeks-June 4 which is also the recital date for my students then I will be through for the summer also. We plan to take a week for a vacation at one of the coastal beaches the end of July when Greg can take time off. This will be our last vacation with him until he leaves home. He has 2 more friends left to go on their missions and he will be the last one in about 5 or 6 months. Last night Ashley needed a blessing and for the first time we didn't need the home teacher or someone else to come help. Greg was able to help Earl in blessing her. I am so thankful we have the priesthood in our home and that it is honored and used.

David, about now you are blessing your new little Jeff. Do know that we are there in spirit, wishing we could be there in person.

We want all to know that each of you are in our prayers daily. We grieve when you do, we sorrow when you're sad, and we celebrate all happy events with you. May Heavenly Father bless each one of us with the righteous desires of our hearts and with our needs to be met. We love you all.

Karyn, Earl, & family

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WRITE A MESSAGE

05/13/93  
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SEND TO: RDJV40B  
SUBJECT: family letter

Dear family,

Since my mom is in Idaho visiting Sharon and several other family members, I got stuck with being the mom. Well, one of the things she does is write the family letter, so I adopted that responsibility too! I have been keeping busy with studying for school, and registering for the ACT test that I am going to take on June 12. Along with school and being a mom for a couple of days, I have been busy helping to plan our Stake Youth Conference for June 4 and 5. I am on the Youth Activities Committee and we have arranged for some of the speakers from EFY to come speak to us for a couple of days.

Ben has been keeping busy with trying to bring his grades up along with his normal job of bugging the heck out of everyone! I'm not too sure what else he does because I'm not home too much because I'm always at work.

Melissa has just finished with her honor choir. She had a fun time. She has also been keeping busy with school and spending time with her friends and doing homework.

Krystin is keeping busy with school also. She enjoys helping wash the dishes now that our dishwasher went kaput. Mom has been trying to save up to remodel the bathroom, but with everything else breaking, who knows how much longer until that dream comes true!

Spencer is being his normal little annoying self. He constantly is getting into trouble. Along with cutting holes in everything he can get his hands on, drawing on everything else, and oh, his new one of stealing everyone's money to put into his new doggy bank he got on his birthday, he enjoys going to preschool. (Mom enjoys it too!)

Dad is going on active duty starting Sunday the 16th. He will be in Washington D.C. for two weeks. While he's gone, I will be able to have a car! WOW! I'm excited.

Mom is being a busy mom! Along with running after Spencer, cleaning up all the messes, and cooking great meals, she always has time to listen to everyone's problems, along with helping a close friend of ours in cleaning her house to help her get ready to move.

Well, all in all, we are getting along pretty well. Our prayers go out to Sharon and her family. I hope my mom had a good visit with them.  
Everyone have a good month!

Love, Stephanie (and family)

from Glen  
5/16/93

Dear family,

I, like Linette, have to thank everyone who put us up and fed us etc. for the time we spent in Utah and Idaho. I'll be back in Utah in a couple of weeks to move her and the girls here to Colorado. Aprox. the 7th or 8th of June we will be remarried by my bishop here in the Aspen meeting house. A couple of days will be spent in Salt Lake, following the 4th so Shaeli can recoup. from her surgery, then we're hittin' the road. After the trip here, and all moved in, we are off to Lake Powell for four days. Aspen Tile and Marble's annual company party will double as our honney-moon. As a matter of fact, our first honney-moon was at Lake Powell also. It is a little hard to believe that I've been with them long enough already for this to be the second one I've attended. Too bad the bash is not at the same place as last year, because I live only 4 miles from Lake Rudi, which has, and got to ski last year, a slolom course. The owner of the company makes enough money to have 5 or 6 of these a year easily. Paying for all the every thing; speedboat rentals, all the gas, catered food, camp sights etc. Anyway, good things are happening. I'm buying a nice three bedroom place in El Jebel, a quiet **little** dot on the highway between Aspen and Glenwood Springs. The work hasn't let up since I arrived here over a year ago. Right now, I'm in the middle of 4500 sq. feet of Z-brick, going up on a hotel in Aspen. In the mean time, waiting on 3 bathrooms worth of tile to arrive, and came home tonight to a phone number on my door, for several feet of granite which needs put in. Just this morning, Tim, the owner of Aspen tile hired me to paint one of his fleet trucks and a trailer to match the rest of his vehicles. So, I'm busy. That's why the family letter is a hair late. The up's are not without their downs though. A couple of days ago I took a nice chunck out of my leg working up on a roof. I'm getting used to having a good owy every week. I had the chance to go kyacking (sp.) last week but had stuff to do. However I still plan on my second bungee jump this spring. My first one was a heart stopper! Thank you everyone for the well-wishes for Linette and I. Answers to a years worth of prayers have finnaly come.

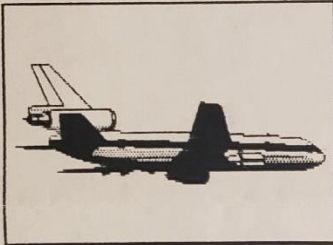
Love to all, Glen

p.s. Sharon, don't give up. Miracles happen!

# LONGHURST FAMILY • LETTER

October 1993

FROM  
DAVID & SUSAN



Dear Family,

Let me give a report of the "Warren Longhurst" Family reunion. Dad & April invited me to join them and Sandra to fly down to Phoenix Arizona for the event. Everyone seemed to have a good time in general, we were an hour late getting to the park where the reunion was held because of complications with a rental car etc.

Brandon Longhurst hosted the event and all four of his daughters were there. With both Ashton and Dad present the event was balanced just right. I met several cousins for the first time, but most of them remembered me when I was too young to remember. We ate pot luck, sang songs, watched a few skits, and talked for hours. I was able to capture parts of the get together on video for Dad. Paul met Sandra there at the reunion since he was

there in Arizona working. The two of them drove back to Idaho together Monday.

It was my first time in Phoenix or in Arizona for that matter. I was surprised to see things so green. The green was unusual for the area, but then again the whole country has received more than the usual rainfall this year. Sunday Dad and I took a walk around the Mesa Temple while visiting at April's mothers place. We saw pictures of the temple in the visitor's center when it was first dedicated. Dad was able to tell me a head full of stories from his childhood when he moved there around 1929. I was intrigued with the variety of plant life that grows in that area. There wasn't much of what is common around here. Dad seemed to know what everything was, and I got a brief education on some of it.

Before returning to SLC Monday evening, the three of us drove to Tucson to visit an old Air Force aviation museum. There too, Dad was our tour guide as he rattled off the model number of the familiar aircraft he trained on and flew during his military service, before we could read the signs.

All in all it was a treat for me, even the warmer climate was more enjoyable than the Fall weather of Utah. The courtesies and accommodations of Brandon and his family left a positive impression in my mind of their family and the whole experience.

Aside from the reunion, Susan and the kids are doing well. Jeffrey is starting to get around by rolling on the floor, he enjoys real food over baby food and formula. I'm trying to occupy my time with a variety of activities to keep from going stale, some of which are nocturnal. Susan is determined to make Christmas a four month event this year, she has been laboring long and hard with her toile painting and crafts.

Some of you will find enclosed your family group sheet(s). For Christmas I would like to send each of you an updated, printed copy of the Longhurst, four generation genealogy. I must have your family information completed and turned in by Thanksgiving Day in order to keep this agreement. Please check your documents and your church membership records for updated info, and fill in all missing data.

Much Love, David & Family

Nov. 15, 1993

Dear Family

Linette and I are doing well. We've been waiting for more letters to arrive for distribution. The very few that are included here are a two month accumulation. The commitment to publishing this family letter goes on but I find it less of a joy when only one letter is submitted for a given month. The beginning of the year yielded an average dozen letters each month. I'll be happy to re-up for another year of publisher if we can all participate like we used to!

Winter has already arrived in force here in the heart of the Rockies! The purchase of snow tires and the tuning of skis has come to pass. If the snowfall this year amounts to anything close to last years' the valley here will see even a nicer punch in the arm economic-wise.

Shaeli is in K-grade now and loves it beyond words! She attends school here in Carbondale where we live, and is as smart as they come. Her heart condition tires her occasionally during PE, but seems to be doing well otherwise.

Kaela, (going on 3) is our tom-boy. Actually all-girl but will not hesitate to tell you off. She is virtually out of diapers now, and is learning to talk in short sentences.

Taesha gets on my nerves. At a present fourteen months, she produces constant noise only. She is as cute as any baby, but I wonder sometimes why my patience is not tested so, in another manner. Truthfully though, we love her so very much.

Both my sign business, and tile & marble business are doing well. The money flows much more freely here than in S.L.C. Soon my landlord (on my sign shop) will be expanding my building for me. I've outgrown what space I have, and by late spring will have triple the room.

We hope everyone is well. Congrates to Cory and Lupi! Drive safe during Thanksgiving, we would rather talk to you than about you.

Much love, Glen and Linette and girls.

November 2, 1993

Dear Family,

It's November already. We hardly had a summer and now we're back into fall with cool, wet weather. Although it hasn't been too wet yet. We're hoping it will hold off a little longer.

We came back from our "summer" vacation (in October) right into the cool weather. Summer or not anywhere else, it was where we were. Ken had some frequent flyer miles to use up so we took the girls to Florida. Ken was at Rep meetings in Richmond, Virginia the last week of September so I took the girls and flew to Atlanta and met Ken there. We had a nice visit with the Mechams for a few days, and we thank them for putting us up while there. Then we drove on down to Orlando and stayed with our good friends, the Kalinoskis, while we visited around and took the girls to see Mickey Mouse at Disney World. They loved it and Mickey has become a new favorite at our house. I think we all enjoyed the beach about as much as anything. It sure was a lot less work keeping track of the kids, much more relaxing, and the girls were in heaven with all that sand. Kimberly was like a little sandpiper skittering across the sand at the edge of the waves. They played 'till they dropped. Angela keeps telling me now that she misses her friends Christopher and Sara (Kalinowski's kids who are 4 and 5 years old). They had fun playing with them. Two weeks was a little long with the little girls. We have decided that future vacations will be much shorter until they get somewhat older.

Anyway, we are back into our routine now. Angela has started up her Pre-School again. She's just like an old pro. I drop her off and she goes right in. She participates real well and is doing very good. Her teacher told me that Angela is so well adjusted that she forgets sometimes that she is only three years old. That's nice to hear. It indicates that she is doing well developmentally. She also gave her first talk in Primary and participated in the Primary Sacrament meeting program. She sang the songs and said her part very well.

Kimberly is getting to be a real character. She is so dramatic in all she does. She is beginning to talk real words and she lets you know she has a mind of her own. That's part of being two isn't it? She was two in August. She almost had us splitting our sides one night. We had friends over and were playing a game at the table. There was laughter and excitement. She didn't want to be left out so she was sitting on her Daddy's lap. She would slap the table and laugh her cute little laugh, cover her mouth and throw her head back. She had us all laughing at her. she didn't think she was performing she was just being part of the party.

We are looking forward to Dad and April visiting us in a few days. It will be nice to have them come up and spend a little time here. We love having company.

We send our congratulations to Greg and Nathan on their mission calls. We wish them the very best and are excited for their upcoming experiences. It's great to be a missionary!

We also wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving this month. We are very thankful for all of you. Friends may come and go, but family is always there, and We are glad for that. Happy Holidays to all of you.

Love, The Masons

November 1993

Dear Family:

I'm giving my Mother's new computer a test drive: 0 to 60 (words) in less than 10 minutes. Morgan and I came up to Twin Falls for the weekend to help out alittle, leaving right after all the kids filled up their grocery sacks with processed sugar--all in the name of Halloween. What ever happened to pillow cases, anyway?

We had the home teachers over last week, and after about 10 or 15 minutes Morgan piped up and said "When are you guys leaving??" ...right on que. Aubrey and Marcelle are practicing diligently on their ever broadening list of piano songs. Trouble is, they can play better than both Shelly and I. It does get to be a bit much sometimes, however, when we all have to listen to their cassette tapes for a long stretch every day. I just hope they keep it up long enough to get on the David Letterman show or something.

My home repair skills (*skills* used liberally) are on display as we are now attacking the other two bedrooms upstairs--trying to frame out the walls and insulate. Being warm in the winter is a new feeling we are looking forward to experiencing. I am also pretending to know how to build a fruit room in the garage. If it works, our house may begin to take on less of a chaotic look--we hope! Shelly is being a good sport about how long it is all taking, but we are hoping to finish with the current mess before Thanksgiving. We plan to start the next phase of fix up after Morgan graduates from high school.

I taught a lesson in priesthood meeting last Sunday, and as part of the lesson, I had each person write down (anonymously) how much food storage they had. Among other things, I was surprised to learn that the average was just under a 3-month supply, with the low being 1 day and the high being 2 years. After reading through some of the quotes in the back of my brother Barry's book A Year's Supply and some weighty discussion, I am hoping that maybe it will help a few more people to do what we all should be doing.

Well, enough rambling. 'Til next time, we hope all of you are doing well and enjoying it one day at a time!

Adieu,

B,S,M,A and M

11-7-93

Dear Family,

It's been a while since we have sent a formal letter. Now that we have to do it the old fashioned way instead of on Prodigy it will take more effort to put a stamp on the envelope and put it out in the mailbox but I daresay we can handle it! Thanks for the fun times we had communicating on the computer because of you, Dad and Dave. Maybe we'll take it up ourselves.

Just as I put a short note on Prodigy about Greg's mission it call it disappeared, so I will formally send this letter to Glen so that all who haven't heard about it will know. I guess we didn't get everyone called. Greg has been called to the California, Fresno mission and was told he will be learning the discussions in Cambodian. On Jan. 12 he enters the MTC. There is still some question whether his "farewell" will be Dec. 26 or Jan. 9th. Of course we'd love to have you all come! Possibly a number of you will be able to see him when he flies out. (That is not solid yet either.) Any offers to transport him to the MTC from the SL airport? This is all quite "foreign" to us! But we are really pleased that Greg wants to go and is willing to serve for 2 years. We know there will be great blessings for many people in Cal. and our family too.

We enjoyed a visit from Connie and Ken and their girls over conference weekend and attended all of the sessions at our building. It was fun having a couple of little girls around again for these big girls and boys to enjoy. Ashley had a chance to do some mothering for a change. We hope they enjoyed their visit with us as much.

Greg is soon to be finished at his job (at least he wants to be) so he can have some social time before he makes his big commitment. He's been very diligent in his work and saving his money for his mission and we are very blessed with him.

The girls are all trying hard to make good grades at school and fit in some fun things too. Of course there is always dramatics and Ashley is interested in grade school cheerleading but we'll see about that. Wendy works 3 days a week for a couple of hours at a time entering computer information for a woman with her own business in graphics. Kami will probably play church basketball this winter and the 2 of them are involved in a school one-act play that will be performed for competition in the county in a couple of weeks.

Earl is now a full-fledged temple worker on Saturday mornings and is enjoying it along with being High Priest ~~Group~~ **LEADER**. Wendy has been serving as the S.S. pianist for the past 3 months or so and will be out of a job the first of the year when the church goes back to no opening exercises. It has been stretching her severely so she won't be sad. We are glad she has had the experience and someday she will be too!

Christmas and theatre just seems to be a thing with me even though I had decided that this year I wouldn't be in anything. So I went to no auditions this fall. But, alas, I was called any way and offered the part as Mrs. Cratchit in Dickens "Christmas Carol". I figured they either were very desperate or I was more able than I think of myself to be able to do it; I didn't ask which. After consideration with the family we decided this was

an opportunity that I should take in spite of the time commitment and they would support me. They have all been true to their word and I am thoroughly enjoying myself! It was a struggle initially but now that my lines and motions, etc. are all learned and we are heavy into rehearsals it is much better. I seem to have a pretty good knack for the English accent especially having done it this summer. The show opens in 2 weeks which is the week before Thanksgiving and runs until 2 nights before Christmas. Hopefully when it and the holidays are over and Greg has left I won't have too big of a let down. I'm afraid I'll need to jump right into something else, though.

This is longer than intended so we will close. A happy Thanksgiving to each of you and your families! May our blessings be acknowledged and thanks expressed to our Heavenly Father by each of us. Until next time...

Love, THE MECHAMS

READ A MESSAGE

12/11/92

From: KARYN LONGHURST (RDJV40C)  
Subject: christmas  
Sent on: 12/11 at 09:53 PM

Hey-that's great news that you are coming! But we will miss April - won't you? When I was gone so long this summer people were asking Earl if we were having marriage problems so be careful who you tell you are "splitting" up for Christmas!

We will need to know what airline you are coming in on, the flight number, and the city the trip originates from. If you have to change planes we need to know that too, and the flight number that you will be on when you arrive in Atlanta. That information will help us get to the right place at the right time for you. Will you be going to Loalyn and George's before you come here or after? And how long will you get to stay? We hope it's long enough for a good visit. Earl has a lot of time off between Christmas and New years so we ought to be able to "do the town" some! We'll be waiting to hear your answers to all these requests. And yes, there will be room in the inn. Doug is leaving the 21st to go home for 2 weeks.

Lonnie called late yesterday afternoon saying he was leaving on a bus in an hour for Colorado. The fellow he was going to travel with had his rear main seal blow on his camper van they were going to take so... Better here than in the middle of nowhere! I don't know what he's got arranged for when he arrives in Colorado except to hook up with Glen at some point. They must just be two of a kind. So he has already had his Christmas from us and will be completely untraditional this year. That would seem very strange to me to do anything too much out of the ordinary for the holidays. Anything particular you would want to do while here?

As for things for you to bring: if it's convenient and easily available, we do have some requests. 3 things that I haven't been able to find here that would be nice to get ahold of are some regular old Postum (they only have coffee flavored here and in tiny bottles), Pero (a lot like Postum) and Mapeline (Crescent brand) that you make maple syrup out of. Any and all of these in quantities of 6 or so would be great! Be sure to bring the receipt so we can pay you back for them. Don't put yourself out too much to do this. Just if you can. And thanks for bringing the knife we left. That's pretty good for how long we were gone to only leave a couple of things!

It's too bad you won't be able to see the show I'm performing in. You would enjoy it - but it ends the 23rd. Oh well you can read the story and hear the music here at our place.

Tonight I played in a little orchestra at a Baptist church for their Christmas Cantata and will fo another concert Sunday morning. I've been hired several times to help a church out at Christmas and Easter (for \$).Reply soon.Love,Karyn

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WRITE A MESSAGE

12/12/92  
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SEND TO: KARYN LONGHURST (RDJV40C)  
SUBJECT: christmas

Well it's been only an hour since I got this whole thing cast in stone, so I'll give it to you while it is still warm.

Not exactly what I wanted, but it is the best there was at this late date.

Delta-Flt: 306 LV SLC 9:AM

AR Dallas 1225PM

Delta-Flt: 298 LV " 101 "

AR Atlanta 405PM

That is Christmas eve!

Not at all pleasing, but that's breaks.

LV Atlanta Flt 445 837AM Tue.

AR Denver 950AM

LV Denver-- Sierra Pacific Flt. 695

" " 155PM Wed.

AR SLC 310PM

I feel bad to not be able to stay longer especially at Loalyn's. I couldn't even it up, and it was not till the agent called me back that I even got what I did.

Well that is it I'll live with it.Dad

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WRITE A MESSAGE

12/18/92  
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SEND TO: RDJV40B  
SUBJECT: sad news

To all that can reach Prodigy, and for all others in your area that cannot, please give them a call on the phone.

Paul Perry's mother passed away last night about 11:PM. The funeral is tentatively set for 11:AM Monday.

Paul's parents were down to Snowflake for thanksgiving, and because she got to feeling like she was coming down with something, they had decided to return a day early. They got as far as Cedar City when she became worse with a terrible head ache. They took her to the local hospital, and after examination had her life flighted to the University Hosp. in S.L. It was determined there was a brain tumor, and did surgery the next morning. There was little they could do, so after her recovery from surgery, they brought her home to Idaho Falls. They were not sure how long she could last, but after fluid built up in her head, it was indicated that it would be only a matter of hours till she would be gone.

All of the family came to her bedside as soon as they could, and were able to talk with her and give her their love. That was Monday and Tuesday.

We had a call from Sandra this Fri. morning to let us know of her passing.

We will be seeing you all sometime on, or about, Christmas day. I'll be in Atlanta, then Denver, and April coming your way. I will leave S.L at 9:AM the 24th. Return on the 30th.

Love Dad

Thin, like the "old violin" not a great <sup>total</sup> wash of air  
but the sweetest tones of all are those from the heart  
whether from the height of life's tempest  
or in the calm breezes that blow  
may these tones remind you  
we love you so.

Merry Christmas  
Dad and Aunt

