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Sept 7, 1989

My dear All

Once again the letter came to hand and I must hurry so as to get it swiftly hand - to - hand

The summer sure passed quickly and now it is back to school - and vacations are all but forgotten. I had a short trip - Aunt Helen & I - to Tenn and Kentucky. Horse lovers would enjoy this - Hired everywhere and such rates. I don't mind getting them just keep me OFF them!

I am excited about Bernadette new Girl. By the time you hear from her again, she may be a little groggy - a new baby & a dog who has his snout a wee bit "out of joint"?

I must say - The Family party was quite a success - as usual. Of course, there were a few missing (who were missed) but I think they joined in in thoughts. Notably were the 3 Religious cousins but they prayed for us anyway and it was a beautiful day.

We had been to (Cousin Catharine) Sr Claire's 50th Jubilee as a religious

it was lovely - celebrated in
 St Michael's - a beautiful Mass and
 a great number of "old timers" adding
 spice (and memories) to the festivities. Last
 Sunday, the Schaefer + Sr. C invited
 me with them on a visit to Sr. Immaculate
 (my dear friend) and had another "party" -
 great! Aunt Sr. Imelda, Cateret Cathrin,
 Mary, Aunt Lucy, Franc Libold and I were
 the "Pamper" (or infamous) Social Seven

When next we contact
 Sr. Theresa + Sr. Joanie -
 they are together now in their new
 Apartment; either or both

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So far, Christine is still with the
 original Outfit.

Mairi has now moved away but I
 haven't the address yet. I believe Aunt
 Rosemary is still in the same address - altho
 not for long. More in future letters.

God bless you ALL, keep you
 And love you, better than me
 All love, kisses & hugs to you
 God bless
 Auntie Anne

9/10/89

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Greetings from the Dreher's. Let's use blue to start the next round of this here thing. Happy autumn to all. It was great seeing so many of you in June. Thanks, Nana for a swell party! We've all enjoyed reading all your contributions to this letter. I think the kids are even beginning to make sense out of the May family tree!

Anyway, since it's Sept., it it crazy around here. G is head soccer coach at Malverne this year, so he's occupied every afternoon after teaching AP Chem, Regents Chem and Comp Sci. I still work afternoons weekdays at the library and will have the thrill of taking two graduate courses this fall (which should be about as much fun as the summer school course I took. At least St. John's and the WH library are nicely airconditioned.) Ian started sophomore year with his right arm in a sling... took a dive off his bike and damaged the collarbone - hairline fracture (believe it or not, the first breakage of the kids) and moderate dislocation. Luckily, he's left-handed, so he can still apply himself to his studies pretty easily. He made his "annual" trip out to visit Uncle Frank's bachelor pad in MWKE in mid-August. Kate has made the big move up to the Middle School with lockers, changing classes, fat textbooks, etc. She seems to enjoy it. The big news from the last school year was that Kate and cousin Christa Fields performed together in the All-County Elementary Band which performed in the HUGE Tilley Hall on the CW Post College campus. I'm sure Maria agrees that it was a great experience for both girls .. very impressive for us in the audience. Oh ... Kate played sax and Christa was a clarinetist. Kate continues with her sax lessons, is playing soccer and will go for basketball in the winter. Matt is in 2nd grade; he thankfully got another good teacher. He scored two goals for his soccer team on Saturday and, at the moment, plans to be a paratrooper, pilot and astronaut (and he might be just crazy enuff to do it some day!). He most dislikes all the arrangements we make to keep him watched in the afternoons after school. And everything is compounded because our district is currently on austerity... none of the three busses is provided now. There's another vote Wed; I think it will pass.

The latest Clines family news is the arrival of Kristen Marie Zirkel... my's second opportunity to be Tante Bobsy! She's a cutie, of course, with a FULL head of dark hair and a well-developed set of lungs, and she had the good sense to come two weeks early. Oct. 15 is the christening date.

Enuff of this! Thanks for sharing all your news with us (and all the new addresses!).

*That's it, typos + all. Take care, all.
George, Barbara, Ian, Kate & Matt*

9/24/89

Greetings from our new house at 3316 Isle of Wight Court, Williamsburg, VA 23185 - tel. no. 253-8030. We are now in our ranch type house, all on one floor, AT LONG LAST! We moved in Sept. 13 and we like it very much. We feel that this is our home. We were fortunate that Eric could take off the day we moved to help us. Then he came again Saturday and after work Tuesday. There are still more things he has to do and we have a lot of unpacking to do, but we'll get to it eventually. There's been quite a few moves in the May family -- we are always on the move! I still own the other house in Archer's Mead. How many people can say they own 2 houses? I do, but I don't want to. Some people looked at my house today-- I hope they liked it and want to buy it. The latest count is that there are about 1200 houses for sale in and around Williamsburg. Builders have just come and bought up property and built new subdivisions. Who is going to buy all these houses?? Monica lost out on the computer course for the handicapped. I can't say I'm sorry. They provide no transportation for those taking the course and it is 40 min. away from here. I didn't exactly like the idea of getting her to the place in the morning and picking her up later. They picked 10 out of 60 tested. So, we're thinking of other ways for employment... Monica has an eye dr. appointment on 10/9 to see if her cataracts are any worse - if not, she goes back in another 4 months..... Alan and Deanne are expecting their first little bundle of joy

the end of January. I hope Deanne is a few days late--an amethyst would look better in my family ring. I have too many red stones already....Alan got his papers from Rome!!! What a surprise it came so quickly! Word was that Alan would get his papers--but it would take awhile, maybe a year or more. They will be having their marriage blessed in the church. Of course, if Alan and Deanne knew the papers would come so fast, they would have waited and gotten married in church. They are coming here this weekend. It'll be good to see them again. We'll be doing a lot of talking and planning. ...Congratulations and best wishes to all of us who have moved in the last year -- and congratulations and best wishes to all who have had babies...Kathy is due any day - then Maria in December and Deanne in January (Feb.)

That's about it for now.

Love from

Dear All,

We had a beautiful Baby Girl!!
Christie Bruce 8 lbs 6 oz. 20 inches
Born on Sept 29th at 5:28 P.M.

She has lots of dark hair, and sleeps always. She looks just like Rose when she was a baby. Our family is now complete with little Christie. We are all doing well, just getting over the excitement of Christie.

Well, that's all for now.

Love
Wayne, Kathy, Rose, Wayne
Chad & Christie

GREETINGS FROM THE WESTERN REGION!

10/11/89

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THIS LETTER CAUGHT UP WITH ME JUST AS THE S.F. GIANTS AND OAKLAND A'S DECIDED TO TANGLE IN OUR VERSION OF A SUBWAY SERIES. ALTHOUGH THE METS REMAIN MY TEAM, I'M ALSO A GIANTS FAN - SINCE I'VE BEEN OUT HERE 6 YEARS ALREADY.

ACTUALLY I'M GETTING SET TO BECOME EVEN MORE OF A PERMANENT RESIDENT BY BUYING A HOUSE. TOO BAD THIS IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE MARKET IN THE COUNTRY! AS I "PREDICTED" LAST TIME I WROTE, I'VE CHANGED CAREERS ONCE AGAIN - TO BECOME A DISPATCH SUPERVISOR AT A TERMINAL FOR MATLACK, A NATION-WIDE TANK TRUCK COMPANY. I'VE GOT A NOT-SO-FABULOUS SHIFT: 10PM - 8AM ON WEEKNIGHTS, THE ULTIMATE GRAVEYARD.

MY PARENTS DROPPED OUT A FEW WEEKS AGO AND WE TOOK A BREATHTAKING WEEKEND DRIVE ALONG THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTLINE. I'LL TAKE A WEEK TO VISIT NY SOME TIME IN 1990, BUT THAT'S AS PRECISE AS I CAN GET RIGHT NOW.

TAKE CARE, AND WATCH SOME HOCKEY GAMES FOR ME!

LOVE,

Ray

10/26/89

Dear Gang,

What a family -- always on the move! I'll have to get a new address book in my stocking this Christmas to keep up with you all. I received this letter from Ray a day before the earthquake in San Francisco, and since I knew Hayward was near that city, was quite worried about him. Finally saw a map in the News showing where Hayward was and heard that Ray was okay, thank God.

It's been quite a year since I last wrote. Brian Joseph Lynch's arrival made for a great Christmas - he's a doll - even though he suffered his first croup attack while he and Eileen spent a week in W. Hemp. in May. Kristen Marie Zirkel's arrival on August 30th (what a head of black hair [Brian has light fuzz] she has!) was a real blessing for the Clines family. Do I sound like a proud grandma? I AM!!!

Aunt Lucy's death and Uncle Charlie's hospitalizations were real downers, but Alan and Deanne's wedding was a real happy event - so very happy he has received his papers from Rome.

I'm still working at St. Thomas Rel. Ed. Center, and even with a computer, I think the load gets heavier. We've had quite an influx of new residents and an awful lot of them are way behind in their religious education and need tutors which presents a problem for us since so many of our former teachers have taken full-time jobs. Still with the choir (singing an octave lower than all the other altos) and we're preparing for Advent & Christmas -- can't believe we're so close to the holidays and holydays. Keep this letter moving. I enjoy reading all the news.

Much love to you all.

Aunt Helen

P.S. Congratulations, too, to Kathy & Wayne on Christie Bruna's arrival! Now I'm a proud "great godmother," too!

Dear all,

36A 14 November 1989

I don't have the opportunity to type this, so you'll have to put up with my handwriting. I am visiting Mom this week (with Brian ~~to~~ of course) while Joe is at another scientific meeting (American Heart Association in New Orleans). Brian is a bit out-of-sorts being in an unfamiliar place, but we're both much better off than we would be by ourselves.

Other than these "business trips" of Joe's, there's not much news to report from our family.

Brian is 11 months old now, not quite walking but I think he will be soon. He almost doesn't seem like a baby anymore. We're coming to the end of our first year as parents and as homeowners, and we've found both conditions to be more time consuming than we expected. Brian seems to me to be more active than the average kid, and less likely to nap. But he's easier to take care of now that he has more command over his body. He's not as frustrated because he can get where he wants. He's also starting to be a lot of fun!

It's been really nice for ~~us~~ us to have a house and a large yard to explore ~~with~~ with Brian. However, because he's so demanding, we've gotten none of our planned improvement projects done. My immediate concern is leaf raking, because I expect the yard to be blanketed by the time we're all back in PA this weekend!

Hope this letter finds everyone well.

Love,
Eileen

Hi and Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Since my last newsy bit to you Joannie has come to join us here in the South Bronx which makes our number up to 6 - On Sunday we will be receiving our new postulant whom Joan will direct. It is a true blessing from God. Please keep us all in your prayers since it is a difficult task to begin a Religious Institute especially here in Fort Apache -

God Bless you all and have a Merry
Christmas -
Love,
Theresa

Greetings One and All!

Deanne and I are very much in tune with the Season of Advent this year.

- We are awaiting the birth of our child sometime within the next month. D. has had a relatively smooth pregnancy so far: not much sickness, and the aches + pains are only beginning to keep her awake.
- We are awaiting the full healing of D's Mom, who broke her leg on Oct. 29, was hospitalized 3 weeks, and is now home. We moved into her home Thanksgiving Week to assist her (even tho we hosted her family at our coop!) By the end of December, we should be back at our home, ready for the baby.
- We experienced fulfillment of our waiting for word from Rome on my dispensation. In record time, I received word that it was granted. Everyone involved was amazed at the speed with which we received it, and we wasted no time having the Marriage consolidated by the Church. A friend, Fr. Jim Gavin, a Capuchin, celebrated the Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday Dec. 3. It was a very simple and beautiful Mass with only a few people present. We credit both D's Father and mine for helping us set our lives straight so quickly.

So, this branch of the May Family is very happy, grateful and looking forward to more blessings in the near future.

Love,
Alan + Deanne

Happy Holidays to all!

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12/27/89

I'm sorry to hold this letter more than a week, but the holidays are much more complicated - although also much richer! - this year, due, of course, to our 3½ month old Kristen. It's amazing how much our lives have changed since the Round Robin was last at the Zirbels! Kristen's first three months were at times very trying, as she's not what you'd call an "easy" baby; she went through some bad bouts of colic, and seems to be what we've heard referred to as a "high demand" baby. But in the last few weeks she seems to have been coming into her own - smiling, sleeping better during the day, playing nicely, etc. Although we certainly always loved her, we're starting to really enjoy her now. But at the same time, I'm beginning to feel sad that she's growing out of her newborn status so fast! She's big for her age - in the 95 percentile in both length & weight! - & she's starting to look like a child instead of a baby. I actually cried when I packed away her newborn clothes!!

(From here, this letter will go on to Maria, who has just had her little one. For those of you who have lost count, our Kristen was #30 in the "new generation" of Mays, Kathy's Christa was #31, and Maria's Robert #32. Alan & Deanne's baby will be #33. Quite a number of great-grandchildren for Joseph & Rose May!)

Besides the arrival of Kristen, this was a banner year for us in that Bill finally finished his MBA after 10 years of part-time courses. His graduation night was a memorable one for Grandma Clines, who watched 6-week old Kristen for 6 hours of excitement. (Ask her about it!) As for myself, I'm going to TRY going back to work at Northwest Airlines part-time, starting Jan. 6th. They won't extend my maternity leave anymore, so it's now or never! I'll be working 10AM-3PM with Mon. & Tues. off. We have a babysitter Wed.-Fri.; although she seems very sweet, of course I'm very nervous about leaving Kristen, so please say a prayer that it works out. Bill will watch her on Sat./Sun. - although I wouldn't be surprised if the minute I round the corner he packs Kristen & the dog in the car & heads for his mother's!! I also will take advantage of as much vacation time & unpaid leave time as they'll give me, to try to reduce my hours some more.

Not only will this entry be the last of the year, but also the last of the decade! Although we lost some dear family members in the 80's - Fr. Eric, Uncle Bill, Tommy May, Ted Krause & Aunt Lucy - we also had many blessings in the family during this decade. Let's all pray that the 90's are very good to all of our family!

Much love, "Bunny", Bill & Kristen

Dear Family,

Happy New Year to Everyone and may God Bless us all with a good year. The Fields Family has been pretty busy these past couple of ~~months~~ with the move into our "new" home in New Jersey and our new son Robert Andrew born on Dec 12. It was not an easy move for us. You would be surprised how much stuff you collect over the years with a large brood and then have to "shlep" it into another state. Besides the packing, our moving date was the day before school opened.

The children adjusted well in their new schools and made many friends fast. There were times they missed home and Grandma + Grandpa but being near Kathy and her family made it easier. We are really happy with this split-level home, for we needed the room desperately, especially with another on the way.

The move Christmas, and the new baby, has made 4 months go by very quickly. Robert has been such a joy to all of us and with 3 older daughters, there is the comfort of so much help. The holidays were quiet and that gave us time to reflect on all the blessings our family has. That's all for now

God Bless You all

Lore
Marie, Alex + G

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Dear Family, Jan 8, 1990 (11)

Happy New Year!

Just had a good visit with Debbie May & her sister Jackie. They'll be in Orlando for the remainder of the week.

We're all great here. Had a most wonderful Christmas & are looking forward to a good year ahead.

Brant will graduate High School & go on to St Pete Jr College for 2 yrs until he (hopefully) knows what he wants to do. Get his basic courses out of the way. St Pete JC is rated among the top 10 in the country. Also, they have a Swim Team there. Jalen will grad 8th Grade at Blessed Sacrament & go on to high school in August. Janna is in 4th. Am I getting old or what?

So good to hear everyone's happy news.

Love
Ralph, Madeline } Brant 17
Jalen 14
Janna 10

1/21/90

Hi, all,
So great to read this NEWSY letter...if we could only keep it moving more rapidly and the news was fresher, all the better.
We really have a travelling family, as evidenced by the many eras ures and white-outs in my pooraddress book. As for theChristensens, Ken is presently on a 20 day sail to Honduras, following his 4 month sojourn in Diego Garcia, returning via the Philippines and Japan. Steve just returned from a Club Med vacation in the Bahamas. Lorraine, Grandma C. and we drove to Ohio for a brief visit with the Doctor Zonas, and to meet their 13 mo. old baby, stopping to see the Joe and Eileen Lynchs on our return.
One of our objectives in "retirement" - which came about Oct. 1, 1989is to do a lot of travelling, and yes, we hope to visit all of you, and soon. However, we've been thwarted a bit by an ongoing move of our belongings from Fl.Pk to Lackawack hill, winter weather, and the continuing "settling in", which is finally beginning to "come together".
Steve and Ken bought the Fl.Pk. house in October, and it is a relief to us to have just one house to worry about now, after all these years.
As mentioned at Christmastime, we are hoping for a family weekend at the farm in late August. date to be announced, but we are accepting suggestions. There's lots of room in the house, barn, garage and tentsin which to bunk, and it would be great to have as many of you as possible come together. More later on this. Of course, should any of you care to stop by in the meantime, you are most welcome. Our love to all,

Jack Ed & Aunt Clara

February 9, 1990

To all our wonderful "growing" family,

Congratulations to all the new Parents, grandparents, Aunts, uncles, Cousins etc etc and all our best wishes to everyone with a new address. All things considered, everything is fairly quiet at the Kiefer household. I am picking my bags right now + will leave on Mon. to spend a week with Madeline and her family. I am making the trip to be Taler's sponsor for her Confirmation (and also for the visit!) Auzie will hold down the fort up here while I'm away.

Everyone here is doing well - and growing up so fast. Karen is our newest "teenager" here (God help us all) and Andy is winding up his last few months as a "teen".

For those of you who didn't know, Kristine Krause was married on Dec 1. It was so nice to see all of the kids again.

Till our next reunion our love

to you all

♥♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥♥

Love,

Auzie + Roxie
Andy, Patti, Paul, Karen + Michael

Lincoln's Birthday 2/12

Hi to all!
Since every day is a holiday since retirement, it's hard to keep track of holidays - just another day! Anyway, as the days again get longer, things are looking up from these quarters. Both Betty and I seem to be feeling better for a change. Perhaps it could be due in part to the fact that we're now in contact on the sale of our house and our definite plans to relocate in N. Jersey are finally on the front burner. We expect that it should all happen sometime in early May. Finally we'll be off the Island for good and on the Continent!

So happy to see the most recent increases in the family - and especially that all are well! As I tell Anna, we are the grandparent generation. And as such, we must take a back seat. You children are the present generation, and must keep the closeness and traditions alive - otherwise your children will miss out on the richness that you've inherited from the grandparent generation. So keep it up!

Charles is our fourth child to abandon teaching. He is now employed in tourism in the Schweiz, and it seems to be right up his alley - what he always liked. over

We fully expect a tug of war between Kathy & Maria to have us settle closer to one or the other when we relocate, but since they're only 30 minutes or so apart now, we'll try for in the middle. And we've been acquainted with the area for so long now, it shouldn't be hard to do. Although Charles will have a bit more trouble coming home bi-yearly. Kennedy was so handy. And although for years we planned a move to N. Jersey because "our 3 girls in religion would always be there" - now that the time is here, the 3 of them have vacated N. J. It just goes to show you! But Maria & Kathy & their 10 kids should surely take up the slack.

In any event the next few months prove to be exciting ones for all of us, and the grandchildren get a great kick out of the theme song I've adopted for myself, copied from the song in "Saturday night fever" - Wah Wah Wah, staying alive - staying alive!!

Well God's blessing to all of you - Betty & Charles

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Feb. 25, 1990

Hi, everyone, from newly re-frozen Milwaukee!

Just passed my first anniversary as a sportswriter, and things are still going well. In recent weeks I've been doing mostly basketball stories-- talked to Michael Jordan the other day, and more importantly got to see him play close-up for the first time. The commercials that show him soaring all over the place don't do him justice!

Now if they can get this baseball stuff settled, I'll be on my way to Florida for a couple of weeks of spring training stories. I'll be the second-string baseball writer for the Journal, and the Milwaukee Brewers are good enough to get to the World Series this year. Of course, they were supposed to be that good last year, too. Anyway, it should be a fun season.

The big event looming for me is April 17, when I will turn f-f-f-f-f-f-forty years old. You're right, it's impossible that little Frankie Boy could be so old. So I've simply decided not to believe it. And I'll be back on Long Island in April (and May) so that my beloved kinfolk can help convince me that it's not true.

God bless, everyone.



March 29, 1990

Dear Family,

(Unfortunately, the letter arrived at our house this round without an installment from the Sharps. We hope that all is well! Maybe on the next round . . .)

First, for anyone who is not aware, Alan and Deanne now have a son! William Martin May, a healthy lad and definitely a May, was born on January 3, 1990. We traveled to NY (Yuk!) on Friday, February 16, planning only to visit with Danie's brother and sister-in-law in their new home in Maspeth and to partake in the celebration of Billy's baptism on Sunday, February 18. Just prior to leaving for NY, however, we were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mom's brother, John Metzner, who succumbed to a heart attack on February 14. The weekend therefore became an emotional roller coaster as we shared the grief of Uncle John's family at his funeral on Saturday and the joy of the new parents on Sunday.

I spent much of Sunday carefully taking a multitude of pictures of "Billy's" baptism, Billy with his parents, Billy with his Grandmothers, Billy with his cousins and just plain Billy and I would be happy to show the pictures to one and all . . . if I could. Unfortunately, it seems that I forgot to put film in the camera and . . . uh . . . sorry Alan and Deanne!

Mom finally sold her old house, and just in time! Two weeks after they closed on the house in late November, the weather in Virginia turned very cold. Although the new owners kept the heat on in the vacant house, which they were preparing to rent, a water pipe in a poorly-insulated "dead" space above the ceiling of the first floor froze and subsequently burst, resulting in widespread destruction on the first floor. The new owners were alerted to the problem only after neighbors noticed water flowing from beneath the front door! Anyway, Mom is happy owning only a single dwelling again.

My efforts during the past year in support of the restart of the Surry units were rewarded (???) in November when I was promoted to Supervisor of the Mechanical Engineering Dept here in Richmond. Unfortunately, the responsibilities of being a Supervisor of an Engineering group involved in nuclear work in this company still require that I put in a couple of extra hours a day at the office, even though all four of our units are on-line. At least I generally have the weekends free.

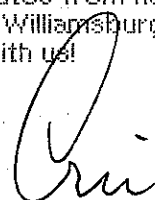
These days, Danie's time is occupied as an assistant Girl Scout leader for Claudine's troop (cookies anyone?) and a Room Mother for Claudine's class at school as well as the usual duties as taxi driver.

Chris, now in the 7th grade, has earned a position on the honor roll this marking period after a rough start this year. He has been playing basketball (his team won second place) and is involved in Boy Scouting. Additionally, he has finally made some good friends in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, he just learned that his best friend is moving after Easter.

Claudine continues to be a solid performer and honor roll student in school, is a Girl Scout and has been involved in roller skating, gymnastics, after-school art at various times during the past half-year. In most of her social settings, she generally stands out as the "leader of the pack".

Aunt Claire & Uncle Ed were in the Old Dominion last week for a few days to visit his sister, Kay, and her husband who live less than 15 minutes from here in Ashland, VA. They stopped by on Sunday to visit with us and drove to Williamsburg on Monday to see Mom & Monica. I hope that they enjoyed their brief visit with us!

That's it for now!



April 5, 1990

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Hello Again,

As you already know, Mom + Dad are on their way to being in N Jersey. They are happy and their home is beautiful, just right for them. They needed a lot of help packing and I am glad I was home to do some work for them.

I was given an opportunity here in L.I. to work with pregnant teenagers, something I love to do, so I took it at least for this year. I will be working and living in Regina Residence. My new address is on the sheet of addresses. God is so good and we must always praise Him for His love. A Most Blessed and joyfilled Easter to all of you. You are in my prayers - Keep me in yours.

Love,
Jina

5/90

Hi,

Well, LAST YEAR WAS NOT SUCH A GREAT YEAR FOR ME. MY NEPHEW DEREK & HIS WIFE KATHLEEN SPLIT UP. KATHLEEN & HER DAUGHTER KRISTIN MOVED BACK TO HER MOM'S. WHICH NEEDLESS TO SAY, I MISS THE BABY A LOT. DEREK MOVED OUT & GOT HIS OWN APARTMENT. WELL, I GUESS YOUR NOW SAYING THAT I'M FINALLY ALONE, BUT YOUR WRONG, MY SISTER SACKIE SPLIT UP WITH HER HUSBAND & MOVED IN WITH ME ALONG WITH HER TWO KIDS. SO, I'M BACK WITH A FULL HOUSE AGAIN. I ENJOY HAVING MY SISTER WITH ME. WE VISITED MADELINE IN JAN. & PLAN ON GOING TO ARIZONA IN OCT. WELL, BESIDES THE ABOVE, EVERYTHING ELSE IS GOING PRETTY GOOD UNTIL NEXT TIME.

Love
Lebbie

5/11/90

Dear Family,

All is well at the Christensen residence in Floral Park. Ken and I bought the house from Mom and Dad this past Nov. and things are going great so far. Lorraine is living with us as she continues at Queens College where she is doing very well. Ken is now out at sea, cruising the Gulf of Mexico on an Oil Tanker and plans to be home by mid July. He has been working a lot the past year but is looking forward to 6 months mandatory vacation that will take him to the end of 1990. I am now in my 5th year at the NY Times and currently working as a Systems Support Coordinator. It's a fabulous job, the only drawback being the hours I work. Friday and Saturday, midnight to 8AM is certainly not beneficial to my social life, but things will get better eventually.

Mom and Dad are adjusting to their new life on Lackawack Hill quite well as the house is finally complete. After taking a few weeks vacation, one to the Bahamas and one to Cancun, I will be going upstate this coming week to help Dad out with a few projects. Hopefully the family can get together up there this August for a party. That's all for now.

Love,

Steve

5/15/90

Dear All

This batch of letters were delivered to me "BY HAND" by Steven - one sure way it couldn't be lost in the P.O. I had a hell reading it. Since I have all in my archives, I want you all to "come on up to my digs" to have a look-see - from the beginning 2/7/86 - a long time or very interesting "all around" happenings! just the best of a... - make a complete story + themselves. ah please! all of you, don't let it ever stop!!!

I have it any real news - except that anything I can write will all come to light as you go on and on - to all the real news. Am going to Michigan (Great Lakes) for vacation with Aunt Helen in July. Am still terribly sorry I didn't go to Oberammergau (OBERAMMERGAU), which I really wanted to do - always! - now no more chance the only play every 10 yrs. - by then, I sure hope you will have had the party - and bid me bye bye - I'm falling apart now.

(over)

In going over the letter note that pages 11-12-13 never come back to me - however, I have 10 - 4/12/87 and jumped to pg 14 - 4/21/87 - that's when I addressed it. Not sure what happened there - but if any stray sheet is around - well - Page 23 also missing - also 25; plus 32 -

Well, here's the rest.

Anytime we come to your spot, please try to send me back what has gone before.

Now, little note - go on your way again -

One day you will all have to read this letter over so very much has happened - and so many changes of address. However, I won't let it out of my sight - & let me know when you are ready to visit on - - - -

God bless you all - I love you - I do!!

Auntie Anne

Please excuse the writing - I am getting rough on a pen!

+++xxx 000000

By now I could fill 2 pages with only x o - gee!