

On to the next round - beginning this one with holiday green in keeping with the season.

We Drehers are in the midst of our usual activities. Let's see ... it's almost winter so that means that Ian is playing basketball and Kate is running indoor track. Matt is taking this season off after playing well for "our" soccer team this fall. (I coached his team again.) It was interesting moving up to a more competitive level (older kids, bigger field). We came in second place, and are now enjoying the respite from games and practices. Matt will play baseball and soccer in the spring. He's also started trumpet at school - and, wonder of wonders, really seems to like it and even practices without being told to. Maybe he's got some recessive May music genes like Kate does. She'll be playing sax in the all-county band as well ~~as well~~ as keeping up with the flute. Kate also had a good cross-country season. She got fifth in the county championship and then flew up to snowy Buffalo with the Nassau County team to compete in the state championships. (came in 35 out of 130 in her division).

Ian is a senior, so we're in the process of getting a college decision made. Budget realities are limiting him to state schools or St. John's. We have a feeling that he'll end up at our alma mater (SJU). He'll be finishing driver ed soon, so we are looking for another car to accomodate the extra driver. [All this stuff with Ian makes us feel much older than celebrating our 4-0's.]

George has finished coaching his hs soccer team, so now he's just teaching hs and community college and tutoring. I'm still p/t at the library. I really enjoy the work, and it couldn't be anymore convenient (3 minutes by car).

It's great to catch up with everyone. Such interesting news ... and Eagle Scout, pilgrimages, new homes, new kiddies, new jobs, new schools, Mid-east sea duty, an engagement ... so, who's going to write the great American epic about the May family???

Best wishes to all in '92 -
Barbara, George, Ian, Kate + Matt

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

EILEEN HAD A BABY GIRL - EMILY LOUISE DEC 4. 5:30 AM
AT HOME! (NOT PLANNED THAT WAY!)

12/10/91

Again, Greetings from Virginia!

Now this is how we like to receive the Round Robin...twice in one year. We had it last back in May after I turned 65. That's great! Let's keep it going that way. As usual, it's great to hear what is going on with everybody.

Congratulations! Eileen and Joe. It sounds like Emily Louise came so fast that you couldn't get to the hospital or the midwifery house...OR, was it the weather! Emily is #35 of all the May cousins' children.

We did have Bernadette, Bill and Kristen visit us back in May. I found out recently that somebody else was visiting us, too. He or she will make his/her appearance in January, I believe, that is when Bernadette is due with #2.

Eric had the Round Robin letter at the appropriate time to announce the arrival of Alan and Deanne's daughter, Gillian Eileen, born Nov. 4th. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs., 19" long and made her appearance at 10:27 p.m. Billy and Gillian are #33 and 34 in the long list of May cousins' children. Eric is Gillian's godfather and he, Monica and I drove up to NY for the baptism which was held Sunday, December 1st. Billy loves his little sister. He pats her on the head and shared one of his teddy bears with her... he went and got one and put it in her bassinet. She is a darling and a good little girl.

It's nice to visit Alan and family now that they have their new house. We park the car in the driveway and we can all sleep there...no problem! Yes, they still have painting and wallpapering to do - even landscaping the back yard -- it'll be done, in time.

Congratulations, Steven, on your engagement. We're looking forward to meeting Gina.

Monica was fitted or molded for a set of splints that will be made of thin plastic which will fit right into her shoe. They should help her ankles feel more steady and help her not to turn her feet inward - and, hopefully, help her with her balance and not fall so much. She is back taking the muscle relaxant medication to help her spasms.. and it does help.

We heard from Sr. Joan that she will be separated from Sr. Theresa. Joan will be in another house in the Bronx - for novices, I believe. Joan also told me that Sr. Tina is in Poughkeepsie doing the same kind of work she did in Merrick. We'll hear more about that later.

The May family is continually growing and changing -- all for the good. Please God keep it that way.

That's about all the news from us..everything is the same. We're in this house over 2 years already - and enjoy it.

Christmas will be in 2 weeks. Where did 1991 go?

Love to all,

Rosemary and Monica

12/23/91

Dear Family -

Happy Holidays! '91 was a great year for me. Not only did each and every member of my family come out to visit (on separate occasions) to see my new place, but two weeks before Christmas, I bought myself a new car. Unfortunately this means no XMAS gifts for anyone for about 5 years or so. My job is still stable - which is becoming more vital every day for my budget. Speaking of money, How 'bout those interest rates!! I'll be singing at Midnight Mass with my new choir, so I'm feeling quite at home after 6 months here. I'll be praying for a meaningful and Happy New Year for us all.

Love + peace,
Ray

Happy New Year to all!! 11/5/92 [p60]

Boy, it's been an exciting month of December for the Clineses! Barbara reported Emily Louise Lynch's arrival on the 4th and I'll let her mommy clue you in, except to say she is beautiful, of course, and very much a Clines in looks, I think. Visited with her and her big brother Brian for 4 days before she was a week old - great fun. Then started the usual Christmas shopping and preparations etc. Lengthy rehearsals with the choir took a lot of time, especially with Christmas being in the middle of the week. We sang Sunday morning, rehearsed that night, rehearsed Monday night, then from 10:30pm we were "on" Christmas eve, got home at 1:30 am. Christmas day and sang at the 10:15 again. I slept late on the 26th. And then came a miserable 5 days of fever, coughing, etc. I finally came out of it by New Year's day. (Actually, the family party on the 29th was slightly curtailed, since grandma wasn't able to make dinner for the tribe, but we had a great time anyway.) New Year's Eve started out calmly, until we heard the news - Michelle Anne Zirkel decided to make a 3 week early appearance on the scene - and Bernadette can clue you into that. Michelle is a real little doll, really cute until night falls and then typically Clines, she's all slept out. I know because I was with the Z's for 3 days starting from her return from the hospital until last evening when I came home for some R & R. As of now I've done my wash and am preparing for work tomorrow. But I'll be back "visiting" later this week. Now not only will I have Christmas to contend with in December, but there are 3 grandchildren and 2 sons in - law who have birthdays that month. Guess I'd better keep working!! Can't say it has been very dull here - keep me informed by the letter making the rounds - Love you all!

Aunt Helen

11/14/92

Dear All,

As you've found out from Barbara and Mom, we have a new baby! Emily will be 6 weeks old tomorrow and is doing very well - she has that chubby baby look already. Obviously I don't have much time to write, but as the beans were spilled

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About her precipitous birth, I'll have to provide some details. The gist of it is that I had a very long early labor (including a couple episodes of what people call false labor) followed by a very short active labor - only two hours. I had had symptoms of early labor off-and-on for 3 days. That was very frustrating. I finally went into active labor in the middle of the night. I called the birth center a couple of times, but they felt that nothing was happening very fast & told me to continue at home for awhile. I had just decided that things were starting to happen and that we should leave home when all of a sudden I felt the ~~the~~ urge to push and the baby was born just a few minutes later. Obviously, Joe delivered her - Joe's mother, who is a nurse, was there too and she helped. (We had called her to come up and take care of Brian when I first thought I was in labor). It all happened so fast that we didn't have time to get scared about it until later, after it was all over. But it certainly was a very different experience from the one I had with Brian. That would have been true even if we had made it to the birth center in time!

The baby is settling in pretty well with us. She is pretty mild-mannered but I wish she slept more. (She did sleep through the night last night, however). Brian is doing very well with her, but lately he has been taking his frustrations out on us. In other words, he doesn't seem to blame the baby for taking up all our time, but he is mad at us for not spending as much time with him as we used to. That's life!

Love to all, Eileen

Greetings from the Bronx!

Jan. 21, 1992

Theresa and I have been doing well even though we are apart. Our biggest news flash has been the opening of our new Novitiate house in Hastings-on-Hudson. All of us have helped with the work and it really looks great.

Our house here in the Bronx, is our apostolic house where we work with our poor families and the homeless. We have also been working with the youth and having retreats. Traveling and working on the missions has also kept us busy - but such a wonderful work!!!

Love to have anyone for a visit.

(See what you are missing in the South Bronx?)

Love & prayers
E. Jean

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Feb. 7, 1992

Hl Guys & Gals!

Life Survives! - our last writing was of the three points of stress in a person's life: moving, having a child, and changing jobs.

We are now 90% settled in the house - (and know never to expect 100% as there is always some thing to be done.) We tried to paint and wallpaper all the "necessary" rooms before we moved last July, but the weather was not all that cooperative. The New York humidity kept first coats of paint damp for what seemed like days. By the time the weather cooled in Sept., I was moving a bit slower than I would have liked (I was 7 mos. along by then.) We finished what we had to and decided the rest would wait 'til after the baby.

As I've assured, Gillian's delivery arrived on Nov. 4th we had a rather "uneventful" delivery compared to Jolie's & Joe, but all went well and Gillian is a very healthy little girl. She has the same cheerful disposition as Billy and is now at that joyful stage of smiling at faces - particularly Daddy's. (Yes he is wrapped around a tiny finger.) She is sleeping through the night, so Mom & Dad are doing much better!

Billy just celebrated his second birthday and while he seems to choose not to speak the English language other than "no, no, no," he has learned to communicate in his own way. He has adapted to his big brother role with little difficulty. As a matter of fact, he seems to enjoy being protector. Billy goes running to let me know Gillian

is crying or to help with a diaper change. He is taking after his Daddy, uncles + cousins, in that he is tall for his age, so we're checking on colleges with good basketball teams.



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Bear Stearns and Alon are plugging along - everything seems to be status quo there. Alon just started another MBA course at Pace in Finance (which is why I'm writing the Round Robin while he's studying). My odd jobs are still going strong and combined they let me play home with the kids.

Not much else is new in Yorkers, and we look forward to some peace and quiet for awhile. Let us know what you want to do for the reunion this summer so we can help.

Love

Alon Deane, Billy + Gillian

Dear Family,

2/22/92

As you've already heard, Michelle Anne surprised us all - especially her parents - by deciding to arrive in 1991 instead of waiting till her due date of Jan. 23rd. After Eileen's exciting delivery, everyone had asked me what I was going to do to "top" her story! Well, although Michelle did catch us totally unprepared, her delivery went very smoothly, & we were at the hospital with a few hours to spare. I guess we did push our luck though, as we were driving around at 1:30 AM looking for a store that might be open & sell photographic film, with my contractions already 4 min. apart! We didn't have a name for little sweetie till 2 days later, with "Michelle" being a "compromise" by "Anne" being chosen in honor of Auntie Anna. Having Michelle is a very different experience from our early days with Kristen as she sleeps much more & cries much less - which is just what I need with Kristen now being a "terrible" two in earnest. She's also more of a Clines in looks whereas Kristen was more of a Zirkel. Her christening will be at the end of March with Frank & Barbara as godparents - very fitting as Barbara came in the middle of the night to watch Kris when I went into labor, & Frank had spent that whole day of Dec. 30th with us. (In fact, he thanks God I didn't go into labor 7 hours earlier when Kristen & I were alone with him!)

Unfortunately our upstairs renovations are 3 months late, but we'll finally be moving up to our new bedrooms next weekend. Bill's job is safe for the next year, but then - who knows? - so I'm keeping my "leave" status at the airline as long as possible. Take care, all! Bernadette, Bill & girls

March 7, 1992

Dear Family,

It sure is something how this letter contains a chock full of news. Congratulations to you all especially you dear Gordon Steven. Everyone here is doing well. We all survived the doldrums of winter and are all looking forward to the spring. Status gas here, nothing new to report - Marc receives First Communion on May 2 5 down one more to go! Robert nearing 2 1/2 keeps us going all the time.



In June I will be working 2 yrs with the Pediatric Group and still no benefits. Oh well, I'm glad I at least have a job. Alex was transferred to Securus in Nov. and his shift still does not conflict with my working. As for a plans for the summer, we probably will be looking at College for Stephen and hopefully include a long awaited trip for Alex + I alone on a remote island to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary. Watch it be Long Island!

Not much more to say -

Love to all especially
all the new babies -

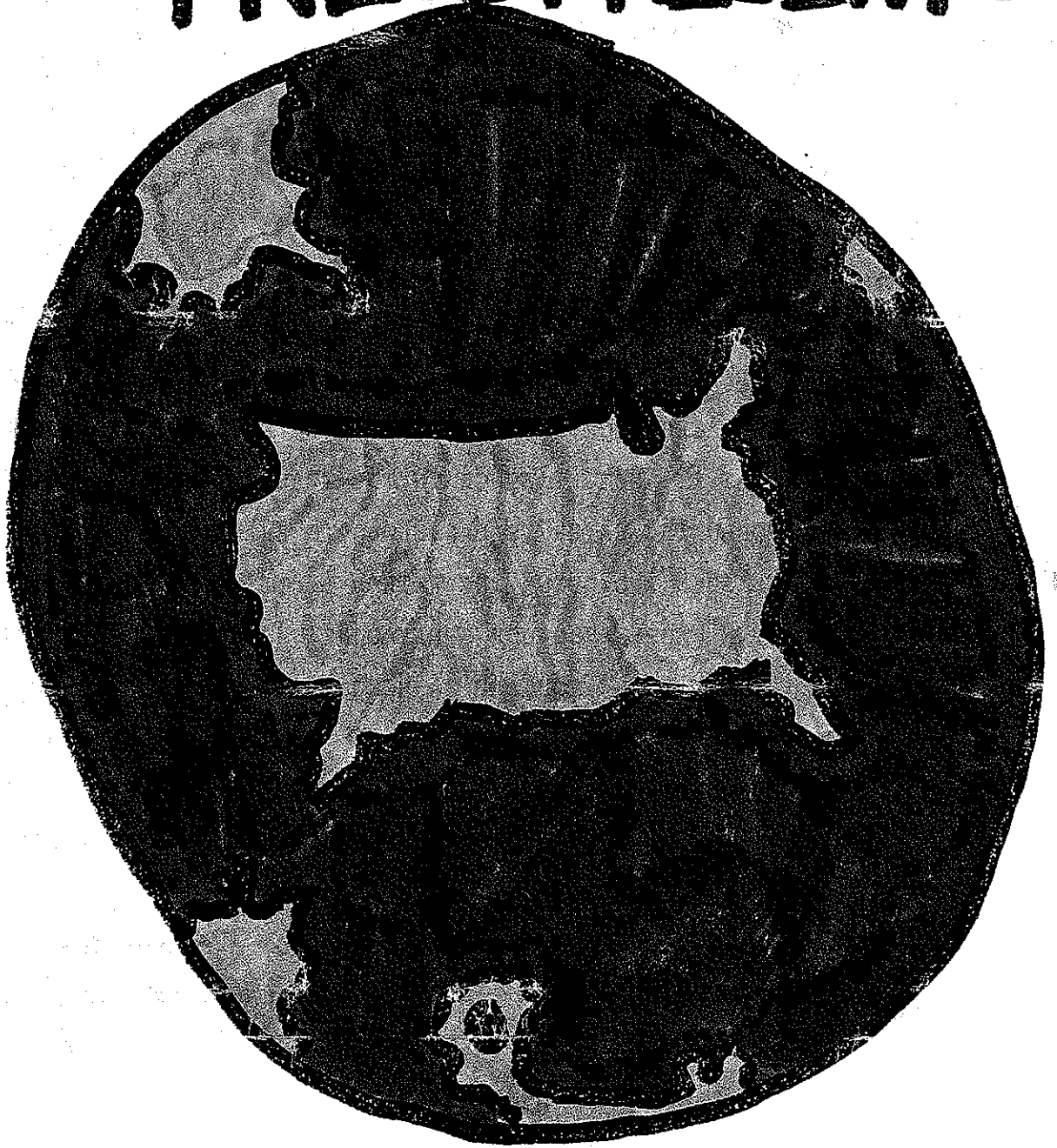
Alex, Maria + kids

Dear Family,

Hi, what's  I thought I might write you all because it looks so fun to write chain  letters. I miss you all very much. We should all plan a family reunion. That would be awesome. School is fine, and I'm getting A's & B's on my report cards, to me that is very good. This year I'm on a softball team but we stink we haven't ~~no~~ won a softball game yet! Well anyway, I have a lot of friends at school. There always calling me even boys (yuk!) I love drawing so I entered a NO SMOKING contest but still don't know if I won. I'll keep you all updated. I just got over a cold but then gave it to my mom, but other than that we are all fine. My friend taught me a way to fold letters as I folded one to show you isn't it neat?

GREEN PEACE PRESS PRESENTS

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LOVE IT

OR

LOSE IT

By: Amanda, Robert,
Jannae, Liz, Colleen,
Jenny, Jodi, Kathy,
& Maria

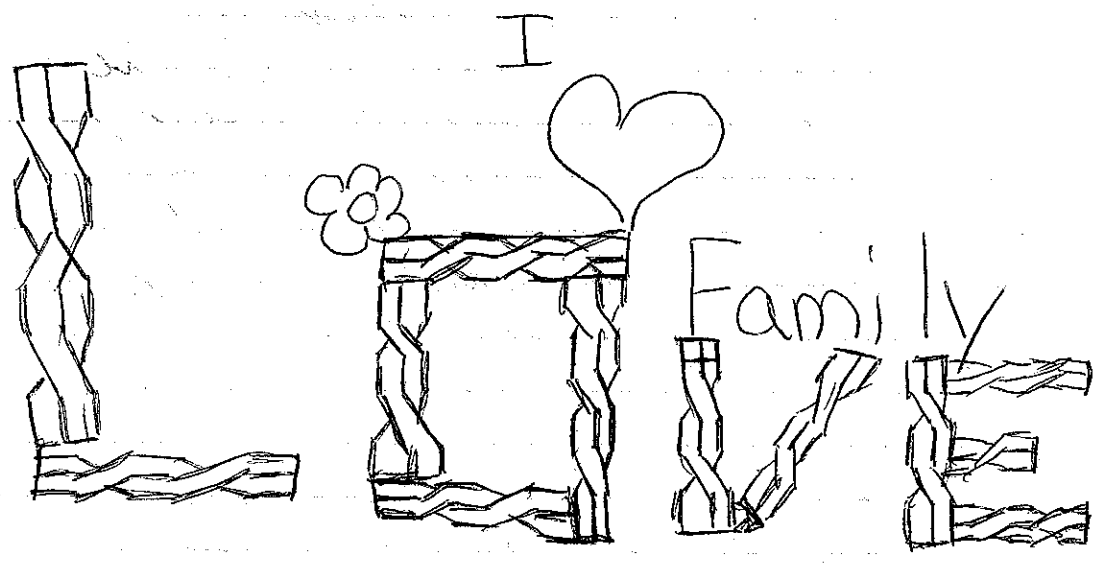
Oh ya, and if you are wondering about that Green Peace Press = Love it or ~~lose~~^{lose} it newspaper it is about how you can save this earth some of my friends and I wrote it. Hope you like it.

Love you all. ♡

Love Jannae

PS, I colored the front of the Green Peace Press = Love it or lose it cover.

doodling pictures



PS He couldn't read the entire newspaper
PPS I couldn't enclose the folded page so it would be seen bulging at the top of two others.

The one time we need to
conserve paper, Janice
decides to get into the act! HA.

She could see me enjoy
the letter, looking up with
all the great news, exciting
news, happy news = I guess
my enthusiasm got to her
because she asked if she could
write "the letter" this time.

We got to see Aunt Rosemary &
Monika & Aunt Claire & Uncle Ed
& we enjoyed our short but
sweet visits. Everyone here is
fine - our house is it though.
After re-routing our plumbing,
getting a new AC & heat pump,
we now have Carpenter Ants
in the roof & will be replacing
it - so, we'll practically have a
new house - HA! Love you all
Madelene Ralph Prout Talen Janice

P.S. Uncle Charlie sent a video of all footage from
all the "youngins" = what a delight to see those
baby faces & smiles & family all together at Mardi-
Gras!

Mar. 19, 1992

Dear all,

What a pleasure to receive the family letter this morning as 4+ inches of snow fell...the day after we returned from our sunny 10 day Panama Canal cruise on the Royal Princess. Transversing the Canal is a thrilling experience. It took 6 hours for the 50 mi. journey thru 2 triple sets of locks. The peace and ease of travel belied the 30,000 lives lost in building the canal. An engineering masterpiece. Was delighted to read Jannae's contribution to our letter. What a great idea for the next generation to join in -- after all, they're part of the family, too.

We were happy to meet Jannae & family, and also spend some time with the Eric Mays and Rosemary and Monica on our January trip South. We visited CA with Ray in October, took a short driving trip with him to Oregon, where we VISITED, but did not SEE Crater Lake due to an early blinding snowstorm that obliterated everything from arm's length on. Good excuse to repeat our visit - but in the summertime. Next week we're off to Detroit for the wedding of Ken's K.D. roommate. (Ken is an usher). While in MI, we will visit the Carmelites in their new monastery in Grand Rapids, and ask for their continued prayers for all our family. They remember and love us well via Aunt Anna. Did some of you mention a family party this year? Steve's wedding on Sept. 27th will be a good get together, but for any and all who wish to, our place is about the right size for a family gathering (and the pond is all fixed up again). Sooo, if anyone has a suggestion, let us know. We'll be around most of the summer, and would love to see you all.

*Love,
Aunt Claire*

Dear All,

April 8, 1992

Finally, we've got some great news-- Mary Jo is expecting (and very soon, I might add.) The due date is June 24th, and she is growing by the minute. This will be grandchild number 8 for Mom, but number one for my in-laws, so they are very excited.

Not only that, but my job situation has changed. I'm going to be working full-time for Channel 5, after three years of part-time duty. So, that means I will be giving up radio, after ten years of devoted service. On my last day, I plan to destroy my alarm clock with a sledge hammer, as I will not miss those 4 o'clock am wake-up calls.

Mary Jo is doing fine. She's hoping to finish up her work at Sacred Heart Academy before the baby comes. And with my new job situation, hopefully we will be able to enjoy our new life as parents.

*Love
Joe & Claire*

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL! APR. 19th

Since Kathy is off the list (she gets to read all when I get the letter) and since Christina is changing addresses so often - I guess it's up to me to try to keep you all informed about them too!

As with Kathy & Wayne, their family is really growing like you all are. They now have a teen aged. Diana reached 13 already! The other 3 are well & happy too. Wayne amazes me with his building power. (They've taught those subjects at W. Point. They just added another 12x18 enclosed portion to their beautiful backyard deck. (Now there's almost more deck than house area! And for the first time, they used their 2 weeks vacation to take the whole family by plane (helped by frequent flyer tickets), to visit his family in Chicago - It was a real success and a beautiful reunion for them!

Christine, after several disappointments with jobs that were thwarted by bureaucracy, is now awaiting an opportunity she always wanted - to start a house for abandoned and abused children, nearby in N.J. So far the State has been cooperative, but she hopes by the summer that the Diocesan & Parish bureaucracy will also inure the project - that she can finally get started.

My 'But the clan is expanding - three new babies - God bless them! And congratulations to the proud parents as well as applause for keeping the family tradition. Charles is home with us for the Easter season (he's informed up that this summer after having worked in Switzerland for 10 years now, that he's allowed to be entitled to all the benefits and privileges, practically given a citizen, except to serve in the military or politics) and since he's home, we are planning another rare family get-together, which become more & more precious to us as time goes on. While both Betty & myself are becoming more & more incapacitated due to our health problems, and must forego traveling etc., we more than make up for it in the great joy & happiness that we are blessed with, in being so surrounded with our loved ones. If ever our own comes with age, we certainly appreciate that no worldly joy can substitute for the joy of being surrounded by loving children, and share in their success!

I am sounding a bit like a family Patriarch (now that Anna has bequeathed her honor) & suppose it is the euphoria of this Holy day, and what it holds for us all - and promises for us all! If so - so be it! Of this, at least, I can be sure, that if indeed I were the true Patriarch of this - our wonderful family, and I had the authority of the Patriarch: of old, my sincere blessing would be that of utmost thanksgiving that all you dear ones of the clan have persevered and remained so constant in fidelity to God and the Church, as to be an exemplary example to this poor battered world. And that this continuity of fidelity will insure you our individual joy & happiness in all your children and your children's children until the ultimate joy and happiness that is promised us by the memory of this great feast of Easter.

Love,
Betty & Charles

ALLELUIA !!

4/28

Hi from Milwaukee!

Big day here - it's over 40 degrees! One thing about my usual vacation in NY in May - I get to see real flowers and green trees a lot earlier than I would here.

Things much the same - I've altered my job somewhat, concentrating more on editing sports stories than writing them, but I still do some writing. I'll be covering the Braves at Yankee Stadium during my vacation.

Big highlights of the year so far have been the christenings of Emily and Michelle two weeks apart. Any chance to get back East is great, and these are the two best reasons of all! With all these nice and warm days, it's easy to stay unmarried!

Love to all,

Dear Family,

5/12 Frank

A quick hi from Ct. - Everyone is fine and looking forward to summer vacation.

I can't believe this school year is almost over! Jeff is doing well with the new job at MCI and continuing

his passion for flying. Spring has just been beautiful here in New England. Unfortunately along with the beauty come alot of yard work! Well, that's it for now.
Our love to you all. Patsy

May 19, 1992

Dear Family,

I've got to get this letter out in a hurry, or its going to sit around for several weeks. We've got a few things going on that have been and will be keeping us busy for the next few weeks.

First a bad news/good news story. Danie's father was operated on last week to remove a cancerous tumor in his colon. The good news is that the doctor reported that he believes that he "got it all" and "Poppy" is recovering quickly. He will undergo "mild" chemotherapy just as a precaution, but we're hopeful that we have seen the last of the cancer.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, we will be visited by a couple who we met on our honeymoon (16 years ago!) and became friendly with, but with whom we lost contact 10 years ago when we both moved at the same time. We had tried to locate them a number of times over the years but were always unsuccessful. Last January, however, they "found" us on the Prodigy interactive computer service and we have been "conversing" with them and planning this trip ever since.

Assuming that Danie's father continues to make good progress, Danie and I will be flying off to Aruba with her brother and sister-in-law for the second week of June. They have a time share there and have been there several times, but for us, it will be our first visit to the Caribbean.

The children have done well during their first year in their respective schools. Chris is finishing up freshman year in high school(!!!) and Claudine is completing sixth grade in a brand new middle school. Chris recently won second place in a county-wide arts and technology fair for his drafting portfolio. Chris, by the way, is now just one inch shorter than me and has bigger feet! He hasn't stopped growing yet!

We will be among a fairly small group of pioneers to start a new parish here in this relatively fast growing part of town. The new parish will be named St. Micheal's, but the facilities will be little more than an old small house and a post office box for a few years. Until the church is built, we'll be celebrating Mass in Claudine's school on Sundays and most other functions will have to take place at parishioners' homes and other meeting places as they are available . . . kinda like the way the Church started out!

Well, gotta go! Take care!

Eric, Danie, Chris and Claudine

May 27, 1992

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Dear All,

My, but isn't it wonderful to receive the letter with "fresh" news. Thanks for sending it on quickly! On April 2nd Cardinal O'Connor came to the Bronx for a Mass and brunch with the community. At that time he gave to the sisters his official approval of our rule of life which we had been working on for the past year. That makes us "canonical" now! It's a wonderful blessing from the Lord for this little group of Franciscans!

The diversity of news contained in this round robin letter reminds me of the different calls each of us have received. The beauty of the new births, new job opportunities, new marriages and new religious institutes is a sure testimony of God's love for this unique May clan. Let us continue to rejoice in His blessings and truly enjoy them!

God Bless all!

Theresa

6/03/92

Dear Family,

Hello from Floral Park, NY. Nice to hear of all the new additions and the ones on the way. Sorry to hear of Uncle Charlies recent illness and hope he's feeling better.

All is about the same here as it was 7 months ago when I last wrote. Ken is back out at sea with a run along the east coast and down to Puerto Rico. He'll be back in early Sept. Lorraine is finishing up her first year of teaching and looking forward to full time work next year with second graders.

My time has been consumed with work and wedding plans. Gina and I set a date of Sunday, September 27. We'll have a full afternoon mass at Our Lady of Snows here in Floral Park and a reception to follow at Chateau Briand in Westbury LI. I really hope many of you can make it as it would be a real nice family get-together. You can expect invitations in August.

Not much else is new right now....hope to see you all in a few months.

Love to all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Steve', written over a horizontal line.