Greetings to all, First, congratulations and best wishes to all for the happy news of impending marriages, births, graduations etc. etc. Hard to keep up with, but I'll be working on a mini-family tree (from Mama & papa May on down) just to keep my own thoughts in order. AND I DO HOPE THAT MAY FAMILY PARTY AT THE FARM JULY 15,2000 WILL RE INTRODUCE AS MANY COUSINS, NIECES & NEPHEWS as possible. It would be a shame to walk down the street in an unfamiliar city and bypass one's own close relative because you just don't know them. More on the family party as time goes by. Meanwhile, we're rushing to prepare ponds for swimming and boatine, fields for camping/ playing, trails for walking etc. We've just returned from a riverboat cruise on the Danube, and stays in Vienna & Prague. Very very nice, despite a mishap in Budapest when I fell face down on a :: street leaving me with a lump on the forehead, 2 black eyes, and eventually a black, blue, purple and green face. Alas, it didn't prevent my participation in everything on the trip. I must have been jealous of Aunt Helen. In Nov. we're off to S.A. - Iguacu Falls, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay & Paraguay with Elderhostel. We're joining all the other seniors who are rushing to beat the time clock of life. It's great when this RR moves around fast. It's like a serial that makes you want to read the next chapter. Do you think one of the networks would be interested in "Tales of the May Clan"? or, Burt Claim Happy fall, everyone

Hi, folks!

10/17/99

Glad to see the resurrection of the RR! Hope the good news is still coming, and the bad news is on the wane. Another cousin grandma! Oh oh ... maybe we are all approaching middle age!

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We Drehers are keeping busy and counting our blessings. Matt is a control of the counting our blessings. senior, so we're in the midst of our last college quest. He wants to go away - but not too far. He's playing soccer and volleyball this year for WHHS. Ian is still with us and working for the import firm. He's considering a job change, grad school and a move - possibly to Baltimore- within a year. Kate wins the prize for distance. She graduated from Williams in June and she began a year's work as a research associate in Mexico this September. She is working for an international agricultural development organization ... doing economic analysis of crop production of wheat and maize to try to get the best results for crop yields. We wish she were closer to home, but it is a great opportunity for her. She is meeting people from all over the world (who come to this compound for training). She has been safe from the earthquakes and flooding so far. (She's about 30 mile outside of Mexico City.) She'd be happy to hear from you all at K DREHER@CGIAR.ORG. George and I are doing the usual and planning a trip to Mexico sometime next year. Leaves are starting to slowly turn. Happy autumn to all and God bless. Safe trip, Uncle Ed and Aunt Claire! Happy holidays!
- Barbara all Dear Family.

11/3/99

So glad to hear all the family news. I am always anxious to hear all the updates from everyone. As Madeline said earlier, Karen was engaged in July. Mike proposed to her at Shea Stadium and the whole thing was shown on the big screen. She was totally shocked. One week after her big day she moved to NC where Mike has been since Jan. She loves it there but misses all the family. Augie, Patti & I went to see Karen & Mike over Labor Day weekend and spent one day with Lorraine & John. We all met and immediately fell in love with their beautiful daughter, Arianna - what a sweetie. We will look forward to getting together with them again on our next visit since they are only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. from Karen.

Our own sweetie, Ashley, turned two last week and we are all enjoying her so much. Halloween with her was a special treat. It's amazing how quickly they learn to Trick or Treat. We are looking forward to enjoying the holidays with her this year since she is starting to like this presents thing!

I've marked my calendar for the July 2000 family reunion. It will be so great to see everyone again and to meet some of the cousin's families.

Meanwhile, all our love to everyone this coming holiday season - don't eat too much turkey!!!

Love to all, Lounie

Dear Family,

November 15, 1999

It's so nice to hear all the news of the family and even better that most of it is good! We are really looking forward to actually seeing as many of you as possible next July. It will be great! 🗼 i mari i liperavio escu visitoj mil isonia vidi). Lennever redni estrifaciono diven (ma arreice castillania).

aus religios de trabada, colo 1973 AV com tradición com producto a que trabado de como trabación como trabació As is the case with all of us, we too have been leading very hectic lives. John has been promoted to Global Accounts Manager at his job (Panalpina – an international freight and Associated forwarding company) and I continue to work full-time from home writing apartment and a second partment. being reports for a local commercial real estate research company. John still puts in very long at all and seed hours, often even bringing the job home with him and working on his laptop until the wee hours of the night

As if this is not enough, both of us working our tails off with our careers, home and family (the #1 priority of course), we spent the entire summer building a screened in porch, all by ourselves, onto the back of our house. We had it done just in time for Labor Day weekend when Ronnie, Augie, Patti, Karen and her fiancé Mike (nice guy) dropped in for the afternoon. We had a great day with them and can't wait for them to come back!

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Arianna is now 20 months old and doing wonderfully. She's at that age where she's absorbing the world like a sponge and is learning something new every day. It's even better that she can't talk back yet, although she can punch in a few good screams once in a while. It's most fun when she decides to show off her lung-power in church. (I literally thank God every Sunday for the church's cry-room.) รับเห็นสมาเราที่เป็นได้เสียเป็นสมาเดิงได้เกิดเลี้ยงเรายนาย ไรเลี้ย์ที่ ขนายยอดเราไ

Y2K blessings to all. Can't wait to see you next year at Mom and Dad's place!

Love,

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Great to hear from everyone! Things out here are pretty routine; the summer was filled with baseball games to cover and visiting relatives to welcome -- brother Joe AND nephew Joe, nephew Matt and niece Kate.

My latest trip back east included a visit to Gettysburg, a place I'd always wanted to see. I'm fascinated by Civil War stuff, and walking around the battlefield was awesome. The next trip will be for Christmas, but the newspaper has ordered all of us to be on hand for Dec. 31 in case Y2K stuff goes kaflooey -although if it our electricity goes down, how will we put out a paper in the first place?

Next year there's a trip to Mexico on my schedule -- I've never especially wanted to go there, but with Kate working down there I can stay with her, and she's close enough to Mexico City that I can get a good sampling of all the attractions.

And I see that I better keep a certain weekend in July clear on my schedule. I hope the Milwaukee Brewers cooperate by being on the road!

That's it from the great Midwest! God bless you all.

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Dear Family,

Looks like I was caught with my pants down! Usually, I start working on the next installment for the letter soon after the letter leaves my house (I just keep adding and revising until the letter returns.) This time, I'm totally unprepared! Hmm...let me think!

We just came home from a weekend trip to Radford and VA TECH (Go, Hokies!!!) with Danie's parents. The primary purpose of the trip was to watch Claudine perform in the title role in Radford's Children's Theatre production of Snow White. Claudine was wonderful (of course!) in her first starring role. After the play, she and the other cast members came out to the lobby to meet the children who were in attendance and it was great watching them crowd around and gaze in awe of the heroine of the show. The cast and crew have a grueling schedule of eight performances in four days. The timing of the play, during the last week of regular classes, makes it even worse. Besides acting in the play, Claudine prepared several of the costumes and helped out in stage preparation.

This year has been a busy one for her! She is continuing to work in the costume shop, however, she is now the assistant director (a paid position!). In addition, she was selected to participate in an actors

troupe that will tour local schools, performing short plays, during the Spring semester And, of course, she will continue to try for other parts. She was recently inducted into the Alpha Psi Omega, an Theatrical Honor Sorority.

We are anticipating the graduation of our first-born from college on December 18. Incredibly, four and a half years have gone by since we first left Chris at the dorm at VA TECH (My body clock doesn't believe it, but my wallet knows it's true!). He is graduating with a BA in Graphic Design. As for the future, I know very little. He plans on going to Orlando, FL to work at the headquarters for Campus Crusade for Christ as a staff member for a few years. The group he worked with over two summers is greatly expanding its multi-media campaigns, especially on the Web, to get out The Word. So the work is right up his alley. The catch is that he must raise most of his salary through financial support pledges. That will take some time to line up. So, in the meantime, Chris decided that he wants to stay in Blacksburg and find a job out there. If you're interested in the work he's been doing lately, just check out his web site at http://chris.may.org/

We finally took advantage of his student status and attended the VT/Clemson football game in October at Blacksburg. The energy in that crowd was incredible! We were horse for days after the game!

Danie continues to work with her buddy cleaning houses. They have become so popular that there is a waiting list for their services. She also continues to make quilts in her "spare" time. Recently, the quilting "circle" that she belongs to made an applique quilt that they donated to a Mennonite Relief organization to auction it off during their annual show in October. We attended the auction, in Harrisonburg, VA, and watched as the bidding took place. The winning bid was for \$1600 (one of the top five quilts).

If she's not quilting, she's tole painting or making glass jewelry or involved in some other craft.

As far as my little world goes, I became a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus at a weekend event in Williamsburg in November. There were 309 brother Knights in addition to myself, all dressed in our tuxedos, for the conference of the degree. It was quite a production!

During a recent general physical examination, I complained to my doctor about being tired all of the time and nodding off to sleep at work. Danie's descriptions of my loud snoring and occasional gasping for air at night were symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), a condition where one stops breathing during sleep because their airway (i.e., the back of the throat) closes up. I was referred to a sleep clinic, where I had a sleep evaluation performed during an overnight session. I was fully instrumented with electrodes, microphones, oxygen sensors, airflow sensors strain gauges before I was sent to my room to get some "sleep". Well, all the gadgets confirmed that I do have OSA (I stopped breathing over 20 times per hour!). The "fix", at least for now, is to use a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine, essentially an expensive, calibrated blower that pushes air into my nose while I'm asleep to keep my throat from closing. The contraption looks unwieldy, with an blower the size of a shoebox attached to an air tube attached to a nasal mask which is strapped onto my face, but I've actually gotten used to using it. Danie can actually get some peaceful sleep for a change, now that I'm not snoring and gasping. In the long term, hopefully I will lose enough weight that the fatty tissue in my throat will be reduced to the point that my airway will stay open on its own. But that's going to take some time. (I did lose 20 lbs in 6 weeks, but hit a brick wall and have been struggling just to keep my weight at that point - especially with the Holidays upon us!)

Work is getting exciting again. Virginia Power's holding company, Dominion Resources is merging with Consolidated Natural Gas. This merger will make us one of the five largest energy companies (gas & electric) in the United States. The merger will have little affect on the Nuclear Business Unit, but other portions of the company are bracing for the expected consolidation of personnel between the two companies, and the inevitable layoffs. What will affect us more is the recent deregulation legislation that was passed in Virginia. In 2002, Nuclear and Fossil & Hydro will cease to be part of Virginia Power and will become Dominion Generation as the generation assets are spun off. The non-regulated generating assets of the current Dominion Energy will be combined with the former Virginia Power assets and new generation that is being built for Consolidated Natural Gas to form one big generating company.

A special welcome to the cyberworld for Aunt Claire, who now has her very own e-mail address! (I never thought I'd see the day!!) We've "conversed" several times.

I can't believe that my godchild, Stephanie is getting married! And Ria & Alex are gonna be grandparents!? I'm glad I'M not getting older!! I'm glad to hear that everyone is so excited about the family reunion next year. Danie and I have put it on our calendar, but I can't speak for the "kids". Lord knows where they'll be come next July!

dear Family, the middle of package inrapping, shopping, singing with the chair and running around trying to get myself together for the big day! Lomehow I don't think I'm doing too well! I saints be letting things slide juntil the last minute - red age creeping up But sim looking farward to the year 2000 if I can make it to may 30th, I'll be able to pay I'm now 75 years old - I don't believe it! Donehow I don't really feel that old - yet naw and then I do. Ourtie area is great to pead all your news. On having than, pressing herself "up there on having thought up this idea of family history. I de mist gon all a very Blessed Ehristman and a wonderfiel sun grave seem to be real "younger growation" all the mays seem to be real Thoopers, I'd say we were all chips of the old thoopers, I'd say we were all my with for you block. Keep up the good work! My with for you all is a very plappy new year to all;

Dear Family,

I'm writing this just before New Years, when all computers will stop working and we'll have to go back to pen and paper (kidding).

Gina, myself and the kids are all in good health and we shared a nice Christmas splitting time with Ginas family and mine. 1999 was a good year overall, although only weeks ago Ginas Father passed away. He will be missed, but led a good life and brought up 3 wonderful daughters.

Nicole (6 years old, 1st grade) loves school and has Sister Anne as a teacher. She is one of the nuns who taught at Our Lady of the Snows when I was there 30 years ago!!! Megan (4 years old, Pre-K) also loves school and both have lots of friends there.

Now that Megan is going 5 days a week Gina has started working again and is office manager for a small delivery company only minutes from the house. She got it through a friend, and it's working out really well for her. I am still at the Times, and the construction here in the Times square area is amazing. New hi-rises everywhere. Nothing like the seedy area it was years ago.

I'll end this now, but we are looking forward to seeing all of you at the FAMILY REUNION on July 15.!!!!

Love to all,

Horen; Gina, Nicole + Megar

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went so well that she no longer has to wear any orthotics at all ! Unfortunately surgery on her eye muscles in June did not go well at all and may actually have made the situation worse; she'll probably need more eye surgery in the near future. There are so many areas we have to work on with Michelle! But near future. There are so many areas we have to work on make First Reconciliation she is keeping up with her religious ed, and was able to make First Reconciliation she is keeping up with her religious ed, and was able to make First Reconciliation.

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too happy with his job right now, and he has had to travel more often and for longer periods than either of us would like. We were lucky enough to have a trip to Disney World at Thanksgiving, but spent more time than expected in the trip to Disney World at Thanksgiving, but spent more time than expected in the trip to Disney World at Thanksgiving, but spent more time than expected in the trip to Disney World at Thanksgiving, but spent more time than expected in the hotel room when Danny came down with strep throat. As I said ups "especially downs! Let's hope the new century brings us all only "ups"—especially downs!

the weekend of July 15th 2000! Love, Bernadette & Bill Kristen, Michelle, Danny

Hi all,

Ofter reading through the adventures of all the "may clan" our news does seem a list drab. Joan and I just got own a 3 week cold which affected not only our head, but chest as well. Our mission and retreat work is really wonderful and you, lileer will be able to participate in one of them because in Dec. 2000 we and Fr. Pir will be giving a mission at Corpus Chioti parish in Landsdol.

All are invited. Anyone interested?

The only pregnancy and birth in this household was that of our terms. Shepherd doy, thebe. In June she gave birth to 9 beautiful pups - 7 males and 2 femiles. Although they are pedigue, we gave them as gifts to our benefactors. Two priests took a pup - one of them is Fr. Pir. Little "Pepe" in big now that he is almost as tall as his master!

Well that is about it from this side. In looking forward to the RR again. Be assured of our prayer for all your intentions.

Stay worn. Love, There & Joan

January 31, 2000

Greetings from Williamsburg,

A whole month has gone by in the new year already.

Here in Williamsburg we got about 10 inches of snow lsast week. Monixca and I were snowbound/housebound for 3 days until our neighbors shoveled us out. Then on Friday I got the car out and went shopping. Eckerd, the pharmacy, was not too bad, just a little patch of snow or ice here and there. But Winn-Dixie's road in front of the store was not even shoveled. But I got a spot not too bad and an empty cart was across the road so I took it to help me get across to the store. Coming out with a filled cart a nice young man helped me to the car. He said to me, "You're from New York!" I said, "Yes." He was from Long Island - in Smithtown. I told him I was born in Brooklyn - he was born in the Bronx. I thanked him for his help and he said, "It was a pleasure!" We Northerners stick together and help each other.

We were to have another storm this past weekend. But all we got was a dusting of snow and light rain. We were lucky - the storm veered to the west and skirted us.

Since I last wrote in the RR last March, I started bowling, but only I game a week - the doctor sliad - slow and easy. When Monica was hospitalized in October for emergency colon surgery, I stopped bowling during that time and I had hoped to start up again after the first of the year, but the weather did not cooperate - maybe next week!....I am still active in church activities - but still have not gone back to choir....I did go to NY April 28 and stayed a week. I was there for Alan's and Deanne's 10th anniversary and for Billy's First Holy Communion on May 2. I flew up - left Monica home alone. She did okay - friends did some shopping for her and one visited her two times. It all worked out very well. Alan has invited me to be with them for Gillian's First Holy Communion on May 7. I would love to go again.

Besides Monica's colon surgery in October, Monica went 'blind' one Saturday in September. She could see things on the left side, but not on the right side. After seeing doctors and many tests taken and all 'fine', it was decided that Monica is prone to get 'ocular migraines'. Now that we know what it is, we'll know what is going on - but it is scary!...At the end of February we should know if she needs a hysterectomy - we think, yes!....Oh yes, I almost forgot, right before Christmas, she fell in the bathroom up against her wheelchair and fractured a rib. She's

still recovering from that.

We will not be at the family reunion. I'm telling Eric and Alan to take a lot of pictures and write down the names of whose picture it is. Maybe Alan's video camera will work and he can take pictures and them person can say who they are. All of you - have a grand time at the reunion - get to know each other again and really have a fun time getting to know each other again.

Love to all -

DEAR FAMILY: WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE RECENT C-MANS CONCERNING The Francy REVINION. Hope to SEE you ALL There (at the FAMM) JULY 15th. I DIRECT YOU ALL TO A FABULOUS WEB SITE THAT RAY 14AS PUT together. ENTIFELY DEVOTED TO THE FARM, IT IS A LABOR OF LOVE & QUITE KNOWNER, htp://ackawack. #tripod com. GREAT WOKK, KAY All is well here in MALVERNE. WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SARING SO THAT WE CAN SPEND MORE TIME OUTSCORS. JOSEPH (ALMORT 8) & TERRIBE (ALMOST 5) WILL SOUN BEGIN THEIR LITTLE LEAGUE SEASONS. KIRA (ALMOST 4) IS ATTENDING HEE SCHOOL 3 DAYS AWEEK. IT'S NICE FOR HER TO BE AROUND SOME GIRLS FOR A CHANGE. HER BROTHERS AND ALL THE KIOS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, ARE BOYS. MARY TO is WORKING ALMOST FUL TIME at a Kigh Same in SOUTH HUNTINGTON, SO THINGS ARE QUITE HEETIE WHEN SENGOLIS IN SESSION ONCE Again, WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE REUNION.

SAVE A FEW "GENNY CREAMS" FOR ME.

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Dear Family,

First, let me thank cousin Joe for his kind words about my *Farm Website*. Check it out! It'll be updated periodically with Reunion info. I'd be grateful for any family photos you'd like to submit, since the 'May' page will remain even after the party. Any hard copy photos will be scanned and returned.

Things are fine with me. I've got a couple new roommates again. I'm still searching for the perfect job. Just got back from an exciting March ski vacation at my brother Ken's "outpost" in Wyoming! He's now in NY visiting and working on some farm projects. Was I the May Family representative in Times Square to watch 2000 come in?

The low point of my year came when hurricane Floyd flooded my basement. But now I've got a sump pump with drainage system to protect my new carpet downstairs. I always find a weekend here and there to get up to Lackawack Hill or to Queens to visit. Luckily, Lorraine's been up a couple times, since I haven't gotten to Charlotte in a year and a half. I did get down to D.C. a couple times to visit an old navy buddy who's now a Commander. Looking forward to the warm season. See you in July!

Best wishes, april 3, 2000 Dear Family Ralph & are planning to go to the reunion with Ronnie & largie & possibly Januae, but just for the day of served see the letters so I can refer to who's who in Lachawack Ny. Now I'm getting excited about July 15th Nont remember when I left aff last RR. But Brain made it to Hosper Ferry on the Appalacian Trail xhopes to finish is Inneday Talean joined him for the last 100 miles. I greese art is in the May family blood because James to hoping to get accepted to the Graphic arts course & just submitted her portfolio. Inly to are accepted out of 200 so I have "the girls" working on it (St Theresa & Pleased Norther) There Chris is gring to be in Orlando & Januar gres to line of Central Harida in Orlando, so you'll have to Contact her. Maria, it's NOT FAIR you will be a grandma before me Who is the OLDEST. Ralph & Lgot to Lus Vagas for our 30th aniversary & it is an amonging place. Went to mo Zion Nat'l Park & really, really liked that. Here Theresax Joan, 9 perpeis are also to take care of Jaleens puppy is my "grandchild" HA! Well it won't he long now, and wait to see you at but Clavis I me, Vadeline Ralph of hu. Dear Family, 20 April, 2000

For a change, the Family Letter has reached us in Baseball/Softball season instead of Soccer season. We must be getting speedier. We're also knee-deep into mud season, with all the rain we've been having. It's a never-ending battle to keep the mess out of the house.

That's part of the downside of having a big yard, I suppose.

Brian and Emily have just finished their third marking period at school. They got fine grades, but I dread reading the report cards because their school has revamped the marking system and now has several subcategories for each subject. For instance, the 2nd grade report card for Emily has 8 subcategories for Reading, and the 5th grade report card for Brian has 11 subcategories for Math! Just matches their ages. They have each moved up a degree in their baseball/softball league. Brian is now in Majors baseball, and Emily will be in Minors Softball. There are a lot of other 8-year-olds on her team, and this year the girls will be doing the pitching. This will make for some tedious games, I think, lots of balls and walks.

Colin has just turned 4. I think he's happy about it, but it took us an awful long time to convince him that he's not 3 anymore. I signed him up for an intro to soccer class for 3-4 year olds, thinking that he would really like the idea of having a "team" because he's always seeing Emily and Brian go off with their teams. I'm impressed with the way the "coaches" try and get these little kids to follow directions, but in the end, most of the kids do whatever they want. The soccer coaches are from an organization based in England, and Colin thinks they sound like <u>Kipper</u>, the dog on the Nick Jr. cartoon who has sort of a Cockney accent.

There have been no big changes for Joe at Merck lately, but a couple of other Pharmaceutical companies in the Philly area have been through mergers and consolidation/layoffs. Merck's stock has been zigzagging(mostly zagging), so we do get

some excitement watching our retirement funds ride the roller coaster.

The Clines branch of the family has many things to celebrate this Spring: Milestone birthdays (Mom is turning 75), two First Communions (Michelle Zirkel and Joseph Clines) and a High School graduation (Matt Dreher). Makes me realize how fast time passes.

Love to All, Elen + Family

April 30, 2000

Dear One and All,

By the time many of you receive this, the reunion will be history! We look forward to being re-introduced to many of our relatives! We're grateful for the work that the Christensens are putting into making it an even more

enjoyable event. The website is great, tool

Like many who wrote before us, we are in the midst of a lot of good things: Billy in 4 grade, Gillian in 3, Shannon looking forward to beginning preschool in Sept {or is it just Mom and Dad who are looking forward to it?!} Billy is doing great in school, a little less great at Little League. At 10, this is his first attempt at sports apart from his soccer. We're patient! Gillian is doing okay at school, but doing great in Irish dancing. Her recital is in a few weeks: we can't wait! Her First Communion is May 7. Both are progressing at their clarinet, and having fun scouting. Shannon rules the world, whether at the sitter or home. She has the best {or worse} of her German / Irish background temperaments. If she weren't so darn cute, we wouldn't put up with a lot of the antics!

Deanne & I had 11 years on Saturday. We "celebrated" the night before by hosting an annual fundraiser for the parish schools with 150 guests. That was fun, though a lot of work in advance. This is the second year we did it, and we hope someone else will take the reigns next year. D now is part of the administration for the Learning Disabled student programs at Mercy College, while also doing Fuller Brush, other side jobs, and various committee work for the parish. I'm still plugging away at Deutsche Bank, and doing Scripture Study programs at the parish (in honor of Fr. Eric!) I take the kids around the back of the Church to 'visit' Fr. Eric and smile to think of what he, Dad and others would think of the new generation of Mays! I'm sure they'll be looking down on us all

on July 15!

Near 7 ances forry it took almost 2 weeks to send this rur. So much his happened in the past mouth here, and all very good news. Stephence was married on april 2th to Corbon her beau for the pass 3 years. At was a somel affair and was quite he sujoisse Everen for all On April 26 also and of become sprondpoints for the very first time - Joson + Tricio had a lite surprise spocking a mond larly - Victoria Jan (only 3 ll. 14 og was born. Both doing fine. It is so had to believe as it seems only yesterly when I have Joson who turned 27 ysterly - they are going a little too fast for the new Ste are anxios to see Everyone in July. Attacking will be allo + I and the 2 box More + Rober They both lone coming to Clear Clove's! I ques we'll file in you wit the rese when we see all of you soon. Marin Wex + formily -