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Happy Thanksgiving 2011 (tomorrow)
to all

What a year this has been - snow + icestorms, hurricanes, floods, tornados and major windstorms. Lots of power outages. Thank God, we've survived them all with no permanent damage. Our garden has had both successes and failures, but always interesting. ex. - Pumpkins and 50 squash not planted, but due to last year's compost. Tomatoes popping up wherever they pleased, etc. etc. Luckwood. Lumber is still going strong, and new projects always on the drawing board. I celebrated Nov. with a 16 day trip to Poland, and Germany - with 7 days on the ELBE River. I was very impressed by the amazing reconstruction that was accomplished in the aftermath of WW II that left nothing but rubble in so many places. Everything has been replaced exactly as it was originally

Love,
Aunt Claire

Dear Family

December 7, 2011

Glad to hear mostly good news from our ever growing family. I have some more to add. I'm honored to be the first to announce the nuptials of Steve and June which took place last Saturday, December 3. It was a very small affair...just immediate family and close friends...and a very happy day indeed! June's two teenage sons compliment Steve's two teenage daughters perfectly and my kids are thrilled to have two more cousins.

The Klein household continues to be as crazy as ever. I apologize fore keeping this RR a little longer than I should have but this letter has a certain knack of always coming at the pinnacle of busiest-time-of-the-year for my family...either the Spring/Summer with all the school/sports activities in FULL swing, or Christmastime!

Here's the update on the kiddies: Arianna (13) has been having a tough time as of late...actually it's been coming on for quite some time, but has finally reached a breaking point. With the help of the school psychologist, we've been able to intervene and are now on the long road to helping her. She's currently in a special short-term program (at a different school) where she will hopefully get caught up with her schoolwork and receive direct and group counseling. Upon returning to her regular school, the plan is to continue with a visiting social worker, psychiatrist and of course, the school psychologist. Please keep her in your prayers.

Kaylin (11) continues to thrive in 6th grade...a report card full of A+ and a well-rounded schedule of after-school activities. As for Matthew, Mark and Luke, now 6 and in 1st grade, they are doing well too. They're each in a different class and are at very different levels academically. This keeps Mom and Dad especially busy with at least 1 1/2 hrs. of written HW per night (approx. 1/2 hr. each, done individually) in addition to "book-buddy" books that they have to read to us (all different of course), library books for enjoyment, site and spelling words to be studied...you get the picture. Do any of you miss these days?

All is the same with me and John, running around like busy parents of 5 should be doing...also still teaching 8th grade CCD. This is the only year that all five of our children are in CCD with Arianna being in 8th grade (Confirmation year) and the boys in 1st.

Blessings and prayers go out to all, especially those in the younger generation who are graduating college and trying desperately to find work in these difficult times. We really have to pray for the future of our country.

Love, Laraine, John, Arianna, Kaylin,
Matthew, Mark + Luke XXXXXX

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Greetings all! The holidays derailed my hopes to turn this over quickly. Sorry!

George is in his second full year of retirement - and I've given up 95% of my household duties to him! He is a chef/lauderer/cleaner par excellence. He doubled our garden size to bring homegrown food to our table nightly. Ask him about kale! He's started another indoor track season. I continue full-time at the library. In September, Bun and I went to a 42nd anniversary HS reunion in DC. What a hoot! We both jumped on to *Facebook* to connect with alums so you can look for us both there. (Bun is much more active on *Facebook* than I am.)

All of us Drehers - including Carolyn (sans George) joined Frank for his 11-11-11-11 party at Paddy's Pub in Milwaukee. Memorable!

Ian has moved to an East Rockaway apartment, but we see him regularly. He's a team leader at Expeditors (a stress-fest!), but also managed some volleyball time and a Vegas trip.

Kate is still working in Palo Alto. Grants get more problematic each year, but she still attended conferences in Boston, Minneapolis and Montreal. She trained home cross-country for the holidays - with no broken foot this year.

Matt and Carolyn are in year 2 at their Maplewood homestead. Carolyn has taken her HR prowess from Penguin to Harper Collins (literally an uptown move). Matt's company morphed into AMC Channel this year and he's picking up more responsibilities. M & C traveled to Prague, Munich, Amsterdam, Buenos Aires and Santiago this year! Ole!

Ray, Ken Aunt Claire and the Klein clan came to the Clines holiday party at Joe's house. Lots of fun!

Hoping we all have a quiet and bright year - devoid of medical surprises, but filled with gentle joys.

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"God bless us, everyone"
Barbara et al

2/5/12

To all my dear family.....

GUILTY - So sorry but the letter literally arrived the day before our 6 am flight to Denver for a family wedding. Upon returning there was laundry, laundry, laundry to deal with plus back to work. There were obligations to attend to and then a wonderful visit from Madeline & Ralph. My head is finally sitting a little straighter on my shoulders so here I am. I am so very sorry for holding up the letter for so long.

We here in NC have NO complaints about weather. Feels like we are still in fall and now the daffodils are starting to bloom. The dandelions are starting to pop along with some height to the grass and here we are still waiting for winter to begin! Our family is all well, just a few minor things here and there. The grandkids are all growing in leaps and bounds and most are enjoying their school days. Only 2 preschoolers left in the whole gang.

Our congrats to Steve and his new bride. Also glad to hear the final results on Danie and Maria are good news!! Think of you all so often and do keep you in my prayers. By the way, the cruise to Alaska last August was WONDERFUL and very memorable.

Love to all.....

Ronnie

2/15/12

Hi, everyone,

The round-robin was waiting for me when I returned yesterday from a visit with niece Kate in California. As usual, the improvement in weather over Milwaukee was wonderful! I got to swim once more in Stanford's 50-meter outdoor pool, make sure Kate stopped working long enough to see some good movies, and dined on exotic stuff including Afghani and---yes, there is such a thing---vegan Chinese. But the highlight was a day-trip to the fabulous coastline of Big Sur. If you haven't been there, go!

Thanks to the relatively tame winter (so far), it's getting real easy to start thinking about the two best things about warm-weather Milwaukee: baseball and the less-than-50-meter pool at my apartment complex. And of course there'll be several trips back East in the next few months!

Adios for now!



February 19, 2012

Dear Family,

The challenge that was 2011 is thankfully ended, with a little bit of good news.

Danie had thorough six-month and nine-month checkups following her 'skirmish' (my word, not hers) with breast cancer. After hours of multiple examinations, using most of the gadgets that these doctors have at their disposal, and another MRI-guided needle biopsy to chase a small 'shadow,' her doctor finally proclaimed that she's "good to go 'til the next 9 month checkup."

Unfortunately, Danie's father has not moved past a simple daily existence, following Nanny's death last year. Danie calls him daily and visits him weekly, usually on Thursdays, to make sure his bills are paid and he is getting by, but he has done little to seek outside interactions. Thankfully at least one neighbor has taken the initiative to look in on him from time-to-time.

Danie's job at Quilter's Corner continues to be quite demanding, considering the rather paltry wage she receives. The new owner is big on trying to build a team spirit among the employees, but fails to recognize that, aside from being a job in a challenging economy, there's really nothing 'in it' for the employees. For example, the new owner made product demonstration assignments to several of the 'team' members, to be presented on *New Year's Day*. Danie had to prepare her demo on her own time, and had to drive in (19 miles / 20 minutes each way) only to give the 1½ hour demo. For her effort, she got 1½ hours' pay. And while these demos were sold by the owner as being very important to the 'team's' success, the owner never showed up (after all, it was a holiday!). Danie has informed the owner that she will ONLY be working 2 days a week in 2012 (well, not including New Year's Day). We'll see if that continues. Meanwhile, Danie has four weekend trips planned during the next two months for quilting related activities.

Claudine & Laughton continue to do well. Claudine has become disenchanted with her job, as her unit is being squeezed by budgets. In order to deal with budgets and production, management changed the compensation structure, so most compensation is performance-based. This is negatively affecting some of the staff (as apparently it should), but because of Claudine's position as the team leader, and her performance (e.g., picking up the slack from underperforming or absent staff), she should be making 1½ times as much as she has been. Management doesn't want to pay her that much, so she was told that she is excluded from the performance-based compensation structure. She's starting to look elsewhere.

Chris & Kristy are also doing well. Chris has a new job with Timmons Group (an Engineering firm) where he is currently working on interactive website for the US Forestry Service. Kristy is now working full-time again for the same company that laid her off, then brought her back as a contractor. This new position is a more senior one, so she should be less susceptible to fluctuations in staffing levels, should they occur in the future. They just came back from a 10-day vacation trip to South Africa.

Bowling has not been great this season, as the tension, stress and frustrations from my work, and Danie's Thursday visits to her father, are further amplified by our inability to throw the @*#\$\$% ball with any consistency. The only time we relax, is at Friendly's after the games. (Many a night, we seriously thought about ceding the games, and going directly to Friendly's, but that would be so wrong!)

In the last letter, I spoke about the impact that the earthquake and subsequent tsunami that severely damaged the Fukushima Daiichi complex was having on the US nuclear industry. Little did I know what was to transpire on August 23rd. The Magnitude 5.8 Mineral VA earthquake that happened that day automatically tripped both Units at North Anna, and negated any plans that I had for work, or in my private life until November 11th.

On the day after the quake, a local radio station DJ asked listeners to call in with the first words that came to mind as they experienced the quake. Actually, they knew what the first *two words* were, but the ones after those two. I didn't feel compelled to call in, but I clearly remember the words I spoke as I stood by my desk, watching the suspended lighting system sway: "*Boy, am I going to get a lot of phone calls...*" (I am, after all, supervisor of the group that is responsible for maintaining the seismic qualification of equipment for Dominion's nuclear plants). That was the understatement of the year.

While there was absolutely no damage to any nuclear safety-related systems, structures & components (SCCs) at North Anna, and only superficial damage to non safety-related stuff (i.e., hairline cracks in unreinforced masonry block walls), the effort to restart the units was herculean. It turns out that there is an NRC Regulatory Guide (RG) that was written more than ten years ago, to provide a roadmap to restarting a nuclear unit that was shut down because of an earthquake. We did far more in the way of analysis, inspection and test than that RG required, and through it all, no damage was found. However, one wonders about the mental picture of the plant of the NRC staffers, given the 140+ requests for information we had to answer before they would allow us to restart. But alas, on November 11th Unit 1 returned to power, followed behind by Unit 2, which underwent a refueling during the shutdown. While giving permission to restart, we had to commit to performing a significant amount of analysis over the next 1½ years. Most of it, naturally, falls in my lap.

Meanwhile, I've started a countdown clock to my retirement. Two years from last January 16th puts me at 30 years of service and 61 year of age. That's good enough for me!

Eric & Danie

Dear Family,

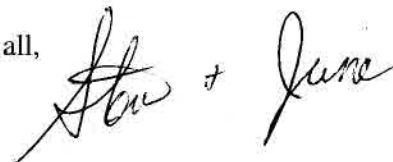
March 6, 2012

Big news from New Hyde Park...June and I just celebrated our 3 month anniversary!!! As mentioned in Ray and Lorraine's entries, we were married Dec.3 with about 45 close friends and immediate family sharing in our Joy! Megan (16) and Nicole (18) accompanied me down the aisle, while June's boys Tim (15) and Billy (17) escorted my beautiful bride.

June is a NYC schoolteacher currently with 2nd graders and working in College Point. While I'm renting my house I moved in with her in New Hyde Park and we're currently looking for a bigger house in the area. Her sons Billy and Tim both attend Molloy High school, Senior and Freshman respectively, and Billy is looking to attend either SUNY Buffalo or Stony Brook in the fall. They're great kids and we've managed to get along really well during this adjustment period.

Nicole has enjoyed her first year staying on campus at FIT and pulled a 3.65 gpa her first semester while juggling some office work at the school. Megan has really excelled in her Junior year making high honor roll, and she's now working weekends at a dress shop and taking drivers ed. Since the kids get along so well we're planning a Bermuda cruise in late July, right before the 2 oldest head back to college. Life is hectic....but life is GOOD!

Love to all,

 Eric + June

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

3/16/12

We were glad to read the mostly-good news from everyone, and to hear that some of last year's problems are on the mend. Many of you are writing as empty-nesters, or down to one kid, with the rest off to college. Well here in Bethpage we still have quite the full house, with 4 drivers fighting over 3 cars, everyone having crazy schedules that just somehow never mesh too well, and chaos incarnate in the form of our very-hyper new sheltie puppy, "Kallie". (We sadly had lost our 11 ½ year old sheltie "Cassie", who passed away right in our backyard last September.)

Kristen is straddling two worlds, as she works almost full time in a business capacity, but also substitute teaches an average of twice a week, and drives out to SUNY/Stony Brook 2x/week for graduate classes to extend her teaching certification. She continues to apply for teaching jobs, but sometimes wonders if she should just choose to stick with her "bird in the hand" office job for now. Danny is rarely at home, he's involved in so much, finishing up his senior year. He was accepted on "early action" at his 1st choice, Princeton University, so most probably he'll be heading there in Sept., to study mechanical engineering. (Meanwhile he's busy applying to every possible scholarship competition he can find!) I try to keep Michelle busy with various social activities, and I've started to investigate adult programs for when she leaves high school in June 2013. But you're supposed to have a service coordinator to help you in the search, and there are so many disabled students graduating THIS June, that I can't find anyone to help me prepare for NEXT June!

Bill and I are at busy points in our jobs (his f/t, mine p/t). Right now we're all enjoying one of Frank's east coast visits. Not only does everyone like Frank's company, but he is a terrific help to us all. He does Michelle's homework with her, chauffeurs for anyone who needs it, held down the fort last week when I had an extra tutoring job, (including setting the table for dinner!!), and even volunteered to stay here in April when Bill and I have to accompany Dan to a Princeton orientation for 2 nights. I know he's done much for his other siblings' families also, and is the quintessential uncle! It reminds me of how Auntie Anna used to help out all her siblings with kids. So—at the risk of embarrassing him when he reads this—I'll just end by saying that when we count our blessings, among them is our being blessed with Frank!

Blessings to all of you, too! Love, Bernadette and Bill, Kristen, Michelle, Dan

Hi All,

Here we are again in this wonderful Easter Season! God certainly did choose a great time of year to Rise from the dead - All creation is waking up to give Him glory. Here in Tunkhannock the flowers are in full bloom - so early!

All is well here - May you all have a Truly Blessed Easter and

Summer -

Love,
Theresa

Greetings from Gloucester and Williamsburg,

April 16, 2012

Nine months ago I received the Round Robin – not too bad. Monica is happy having her own room – but she wishes she had a little more room – then she could have a “desk”: just two 3 drawer chests and a wooden board to put across the top and make it a “desk”. Yes, it would be nice, but not conceivable. She is still waiting for work on her teeth to be done. When visiting her last Saturday, I spoke with one of the head nurses and she told me they are going to start with plans to have Monica measured, etc. to get a new power chair. The one she has is on its last legs - she's had it almost 7 years.

As for me – I have lost 65 lbs. – am on “maintenance”- I watch what I eat and still do the exercises. I have received injections of Euflexxa in both knees and I will be starting another series of the injections – why not? – they do help.

Well, that's it for now – it is still nice to read all what is going on with the family. Keep healthy and happy and keep in touch. We keep you in our prayers – keep us in yours.

Love to all of you - Rosemary and Monica”

OH WELL! I THOUGHT I HAD THE PAPER IN RIGHT.

JUNE 1, 2012

GREETINGS FROM MALVERNE,

I AM SLOWLY GETTING OVER THE RANGERS' TRAGIC PLAYOFF LOSS. MY MIND TOLD ME TO EXPECT DEFEAT, BUT MY HEART FELT THAT THIS WAS THE YEAR. GOOD THING THAT I AM USED TO SUCH FAILURES.

WE ARE GEARING UP FOR SUMMER NOW. JOSEPH IS NOW HALFWAY THROUGH FORDHAM U. AND TERENCE IS NOW OFFICIALLY LICENCED AS A DRIVER! HE & KIRA ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT COLLEGES.

MARYJO & I JUST ATTENDED OUR OWN COLLEGE REUNION. FOR THOSE OF YOU COUNTING, IT WAS OUR 30TH REUNION. I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE TIME WENT.

WE ALSO JUST CELEBRATED OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY WITH SCOTT PEULEY AS ANCHOR OF THE CBS EVENING NEWS. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THINGS ARE A THOUSAND TIMES BETTER THAN WHEN THE PRIOR ANCHOR WAS HERE. WHAT WAS HER NAME, ANYWAY?

Love
 Joe Clines,
 MaryJo, Joseph,
 Terence & KIRA

Hi Family!

June 28, 2012

Just got off the phone with my mom at the Farm and we discussed how this entire Spring has been hot or cold & not much in between. This weekend temps will approach 100 here in Wilmington. I've now been in this house for 17 years. Trees transplanted from the Farm are over 20 feet tall. My schedule has gotten overcrowded. Web design business is decent, although I've been plagued by some technical problems lately such as client email being down & a migration of accounts to an upgraded hosting server that's not gone smoothly.

Of course running relieves stress. I ran a pretty trail marathon next to some retired railroad tracks in York, PA. Earlier in Spring I took a long weekend in Memphis to run a Half Marathon while attending Road Runners Club of America annual convention. The BBQ was delicious! But running has brought it's own stress due to time commitments of arranging our banquet, races, fun runs, volunteers, etc. as Prez of my club. But I better not complain loudly since at least I've been injury-free.

So to get away from both job stress AND running stress, I take the 4+ hour drive to the Farm every 3 weeks or so. Besides sneaking away for an occasional hilly 7 mile "Lackawack" run, I report for duty to Steve or Ken. We continue to sometimes mill hemlock lumber for customers (see cool videos at www.LackawackLumber.com) while taking down trees as part of Ken's forest management plan. We only planted 100 hardwood seedlings this spring. Steve & Ken each built themselves beds with lumber from our trees. We even use the "slash" (any part of the trees cut away and not large enough to mill) as fill in some areas. We dig out mud and sand from the "front pond" and transport it in the dump truck to help create roads through the property. God smiles since nothing is wasted.

Ken's authentic timber framing techniques can be observed in the new milkhouse that's slowly being built between other projects. I just finished a few weekends of repainting mom's log home with preservative. The barn is about to get a new roof and soon new framing, doors and siding, using our own trees. Work makes beer much tastier and being tired at the end of a workday is a good feeling when we've accomplished something.

Take care!

Ray

Dear Family — July 18, 2012

I just got permission from Ronnie to tell everyone that her Michael is engaged to a sweet girl named Kelly, & will be married this November! We're so happy for them & all the fun that goes along with the planning & anticipation of a wedding.

For Ralph & me, our new cabin is complete in NC & better than we ever anticipated. Ralph had surgery on his nose for cancer but is doing well now & keeping out of the sun. Our newest granddaughter Skyler is a beauty & our oldest grandson turns 70 on Saturday. So we're happily looking forward to November & hope we all have a

Good rest of the year 2012. 2-277

PS. Thank you Ray for the best page & nice note on a safe hurricane season. Love Madeline + Ralph XOXO.

Dear Family,

29 July 2012

There isn't much exciting news from PA. We have a full house for the summer, as our two oldest are back home. Brian has graduated from college and gone back to the part-time job he's had for years at a retirement community. He is working as many hours as he can get while pondering his strategies for a career track in this economy. He continues to like the job, so that is a plus. Emily, meanwhile, has completed two years towards a nursing degree at Boston College. She had hoped for a nurses' aide job this summer, but was not able to secure one. She did find employment at Wal-Mart, eventually. She's not thrilled with her job, but is grateful to have one. Meanwhile, Joe is commuting once or twice a week to northern New Jersey, two hours each way, for his newest position at Merck. I won't comment on how much he likes that. We all have different schedules, so while it's good to have everyone at home this summer, we are rarely at home together.

Brian went back to his adult baseball league this summer, so although Colin and Emily are not playing, we continue our "streak" of returning to the same baseball/softball complex every year since 1996 as parental fans. It's more enjoyable to watch an adult son play, in my opinion, and not worry about how he will feel if he doesn't make the catch! Emily, meanwhile, is training for a half-marathon, with pledges for charity, and is pretty exhausted between her Wal-Mart job and all the running she is doing. The race will take place in mid-August.

Colin has a lot on his plate this summer as well. He's taking driver's ed and digital photography, completing required summer work for his upcoming Junior year at North Penn HS, and he is volunteering in a lab so that he can get research experience. He sort of lucked into the lab experience. He likes science and has entered the county science fair for years, presenting projects he's done at home or in school. This spring, the science fair advisor at the HS hooked him up with a former student who is affiliated with a research lab in Philly. He's excited to be working at a real lab, and I'm sure it will be a good experience whether or not he gets a science fair project out of it.

Since Bernadette sang Frank's praises as an uncle in her letter, I close with a picture of Uncle Frank and Brian, taken at Brian's graduation:)



Love to all,
Eileen

Today is the 31st anniversary of Uncle Eric's death! Hard to imagine! I visited his grave today.

Halfway through our summer, we are again going with Plan B for our vacation. The Pocono house was rented rather late in the season, for the whole month of August. We had planned on several projects to complete on the house over the summer, but instead had to get them done in a few weekends, and be ready to hand the place over in good shape to a couple from Florida. We did it! Barely!

So, we are now planning to visit the family in Virginia during the two week vacation after the girls finish summer camp, and before that dread school bell rings in September. My Mom is undergoing several tests having to do with lymph nodes and bone marrow. We don't know much more at this point, so I will leave it to Eric to inform you of the outcomes since he is seven stops after me on this Round Robin Express. I don't want to hold this up till we hear anything.

After Virginia, we plan to stop in DC for a few days. We have never been there as a family, other than being snarled in its traffic. This time we will aim for the place on purpose, and take in some of the sights. Hopefully we will not be taken as a terrorist cell and given a tour of a federal penitentiary. Maybe we'll stumble upon Dan Brown's "Lost Symbol"! I'd rather just do the touristy stuff and get on with life.

Will graduated from Iona with a Bachelors in Computer Science. Near the end of the semester, IBM notified him that they would not be extending his internship as expected. So, late to the game, he has been unable to get a job in his field, although he has had a number of interviews. He took 2 summer courses toward his Masters, and will do the same in the Fall & Spring, graduating yet again in May. He was just in Chicago to see his best friend from Iona.

Gillian has spent a chunk of her summer as counselor at the Yonkers day camp once again. She will continue her pursuit of a Bachelor in Math at Mount St. Vincent, leaving the Education part of her coursework to the side. The Education program caused her such grief last year, so she decided that since she is nearly finished with all she would need for certification anyway, she would do that after graduating if she really wants to. Meanwhile, she's exploring where Math can take her.

Shannon is a CIT at the same Yonkers camp. She will return as a Junior at Sacred Heart High in a month. She hovers near the top of her class, and is determined to stay there. But she doesn't miss many opportunities to be involved in myriad activities as well. I think she is somewhat relieved that, since Will is now home, she will not be the only kid with her parents. It will be odd to have Gill out with the other two at home.

Deanne is as involved as ever in many different activities, mainly centering on Sacred Heart. There have been cutbacks at both the parish and the schools, while there have also been capital improvements to the various buildings. There is some hope that the old school building will once again be rented, which will help stabilize the finances. In just a few short weeks, all the youth programs in which we are involved will come to life again. No rest for the weary. She's also experiencing a pain in the neck (*no - not just me*) and shoulder. She's in therapy, and we'll see if that suffices.

Alan plods along at Deutsche Bank. There are the perennial announcements of layoffs that come from the recession and general malaise in the banking sectors. It's not a happy place. But having time to be with the family and going on vacation soon should help get me through. The family bought me a pair of kayaks (inflatables) so that I can do some new, more exciting exercises. We bought them when we thought we had the Pocono house (and lake) for August, but I still may take one out on the Hudson River soon. Maybe someday I'll even kayak to work!

Listening to a wide range of podcasts during my commute, I stumbled across two talks given by none other than Sr. Theresa. They are named "The Church is Catholic" and "The Church is Apostolic". You can find them at <http://www.ipadre.net/>, episodes # 194 & 195. The sound quality isn't great at the start, but it gets better. Terry's humor comes through loud and clear, as does her conviction!

While there are certainly some real health and financial concerns among the various parts of the family, I have to say that it sounds like we are all doing pretty well these days (marriages, births, life. . .). I'm sorry we couldn't have the Christensen Farm party this year (*though I hear the results of the construction are very nice*). We do have plenty to celebrate, and be thankful for.

Dear Family -

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8-16-12

Well the news here is the arrival of a new grandchild, a boy, Roman Alexander born to Adrienne + Philip on May 24. (their 3rd) Looking forward to a 2 week vacation to Seattle to visit with Stephanie + Corbin and see the 3 grandkids there. Probably next time, that trip to Alaska will be planned. Robert is out of Calley now, landed a job with Barclay's Bank in NYC and is living there. Marc still works for Bloomberg and has his studio there. They come home occasionally to get a break from the "jungle". Will write more later and fill you in with other news -

God Bless you all
Marin