

From: [Amy Tschirhart](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Phone number
Date: Saturday, January 08, 2011 7:34:13 PM

Hi Candy,
Could you send me Owen's phone number? I wanted to ask him a question about private investigators.
Thanks,
Amy

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From: Marta Brunsting <sweetpaige2083@yahoo.com>

To: Candace Curtis <ccurtis@erscorp.us>

Sent: Thu, January 13, 2011 3:01:30 PM

Subject: Re: Your Dad

Dad has seen several doctors the past couple months, including the Chief of Neurology and Chief of Rehab at St. Luke's hospital. The Chief of Rehab has written an order for him to attend outpatient therapy. Mom is following up on that now and he will go as soon as insurance approves it. He is gaining weight, sleeping better and his anti-depressant seems to be helping his outlook on things. He also has an appointment to see a psychiatrist that was recommended by both of the doctors at St. Luke's.

His condition is very complex and changes constantly. This has been the worst 6 months of our lives and we are mourning a living man who was our father and husband. He has improved, but this has been and continues to be a slow and very painful process.

There is no simple solution to this. He claims while at his stay at TIRR, (which is supposed to be one of the best rehab hospitals in the country), that he was abused by the night staff. Of course, they denied any mistreatment that and we had no actual proof. While at TIRR, he got hooked on prescription medications, didn't sleep at night and had hospital acquired infections one right after the other.

He will not be staying with your mother any longer. He is coming home and HIS FAMILY will figure out what next steps we need to take to get him better.

I find it hard to believe that any of you actually care about his welfare. All this family knows how to do is gossip, back-stab and conspire against one another. It is all completely sick and dysfunctional. Someone called Adult Protective Services on my mother and I don't doubt that it was one of your sisters. Anita called CPS on Amy years ago because she felt she was an unfit mother. If it were not for my dad telling Anita that she had made a terrible mistake, Amy might not have her kids. To my knowledge, Amy is not even aware of this.

You have not been down here for any of his recovery.

You have not spent endless hours with him in ICU and the hospital.

You have not witnessed the change in his mental & physical state as well as his personality.

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No one wants him back more than my mom and I.

I am not answering any more emails or phone calls. This is harassment.

--- On Wed, 1/12/11, Candace Curtis <ccurtis@erscorp.us> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <ccurtis@erscorp.us>
Subject: Your Dad
To: sweetpaige2083@yahoo.com
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 5:25 PM

Dear Marta, Happy New Year! I hope you, Ryan and your beautiful daughter are doing well. All of the California clan are looking forward to a great 2011. Being so far away from the situation with Carl has its advantages and disadvantages. I only know what people tell me and what I can gather from the brief, infrequent, phone conversations I have with Carl. I am sick to death by what I have been hearing since Carl was stricken with encephalitis MORE THAN 6 MONTHS AGO. My concern stems from the fact that Carl is not receiving the care and rehabilitation he needs to get his life back. He is floundering, literally and figuratively, and NO ONE seems to have the time, energy, or wherewithal to make the next phase of rehabilitation happen. Carl cannot do it alone, even if he wants to, which apparently he doesn't. Consequently, he needs to be in a facility, RIGHT NOW. The longer he goes without a neuropsychological evaluation and proactive rehabilitation and therapy, the harder it will be for him to recover his brain function. I care very deeply about my only brother and find that I can no longer just stand by and wait for someone to move forward in getting him the help he so desperately needs. Unfortunately, without a court order, my hands are tied. In my very narrow view, it appears that the rest of the family, including your Mother, cares only about money and how others live their lives. I WANT MY BROTHER BACK. I WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR FATHER BACK. I WANT HALEY TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY HER GRANDPA. I WANT YOUR MOTHER TO HAVE HER HUSBAND BACK. I WANT YOU TO HELP ME MAKE IT HAPPEN. PLEASE. I know you are busy with work, home, and family. I've been there and done that - twice. I'm only asking for your support in my efforts to get Carl on track to recovery. Carl's future and well-being is ALL that matters to me and I will do whatever it takes to get him back! XOXO, Aunt Candy
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From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thu, January 13, 2011 5:20:31 PM
Subject: Re: stop harrassing our daughter

Drina, you ignorant slut, since Marta is the product of both you and Carl, I had hoped she would have more sense than you. Now I know she takes after her Mother. You two obviously need counseling. Please tell Marta I'm so sorry to have bothered her and it will never happen again.

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: candy curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>; Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thu, January 13, 2011 1:26:12 PM
Subject: stop harrassing our daughter

To all of you ;

Do not email our daughter again with any of your so-called phony concerns regarding her father. The only thing any of you are concerned about is money. She has been through enough. Leave her alone. I repeat. Leave our daughter alone.

From: Carole Brunsting
To: Candace Curtis
Subject: Re: APS
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011 7:10:10 PM

Carl called Mother tonight, but you probably already know that.

--- On **Thu, 1/20/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: APS
To: fvaquera@hotmail.com, r.cantu1970@gmail.com, "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011, 10:38 AM

All --

I called Tuy at APS just now. I asked him to go to Carl's house and see with his own eyes that Carl is okay and not cowering in a corner with a dirty diaper. He was unaware that Carl had gone home last Friday, although I called him last Friday and told him. He keeps reiterating that he has talked with everyone and does not see any sign of medical neglect. I explained that another concern is that he is being abused in other ways, since no one has heard from him in almost a week. He has agreed to go to their house, although he would not give me a date certain. I'm going to call him again towards the middle of next week. If he has not gone over, and we still have not had any type of contact from Carl or Drina, I will escalate this to the next level and speak to Tuy's supervisor.

Later,

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From: Carole Brunsting
To: Amy; Anita; Candace Curtis
Subject: Re: PI
Date: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:57:21 PM

I drove by their house today on the way home and their plants were covered.

--- On **Thu, 2/3/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: PI
To: "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2011, 9:56 AM

I think we should hire a PI to "find" Carl. If he's at home, he's got to come out sooner or later. If he's in a facility, Drina will have to come out to visit him sooner or later. The problem is, no one knows when these comings and goings will occur and it could cost a lot of money to find out. It's entirely possible that Drina has put him in a facility that is covered by insurance. This makes sense because there have been no requests for money and Carl hasn't called anyone but Mother since he left her house. In any event we have to find out what is going on. If he's in a rehabilitation facility we can celebrate, but she could have stuck him in a nursing home, where none of his needs will be addressed and they will keep him doped up all the time.

The more legwork we do, the cheaper the PI will be. Any ideas on how to find out when his therapy appointments are? If the PI can film him leaving the house and entering the facility we would be able to assess his physical condition and possibly his mental state. If he's in a facility somewhere the PI would have to catch her leaving the house on her way to visit him and if she leaves she could also be going shopping, etc. I would be willing to call rehab facilities if necessary.

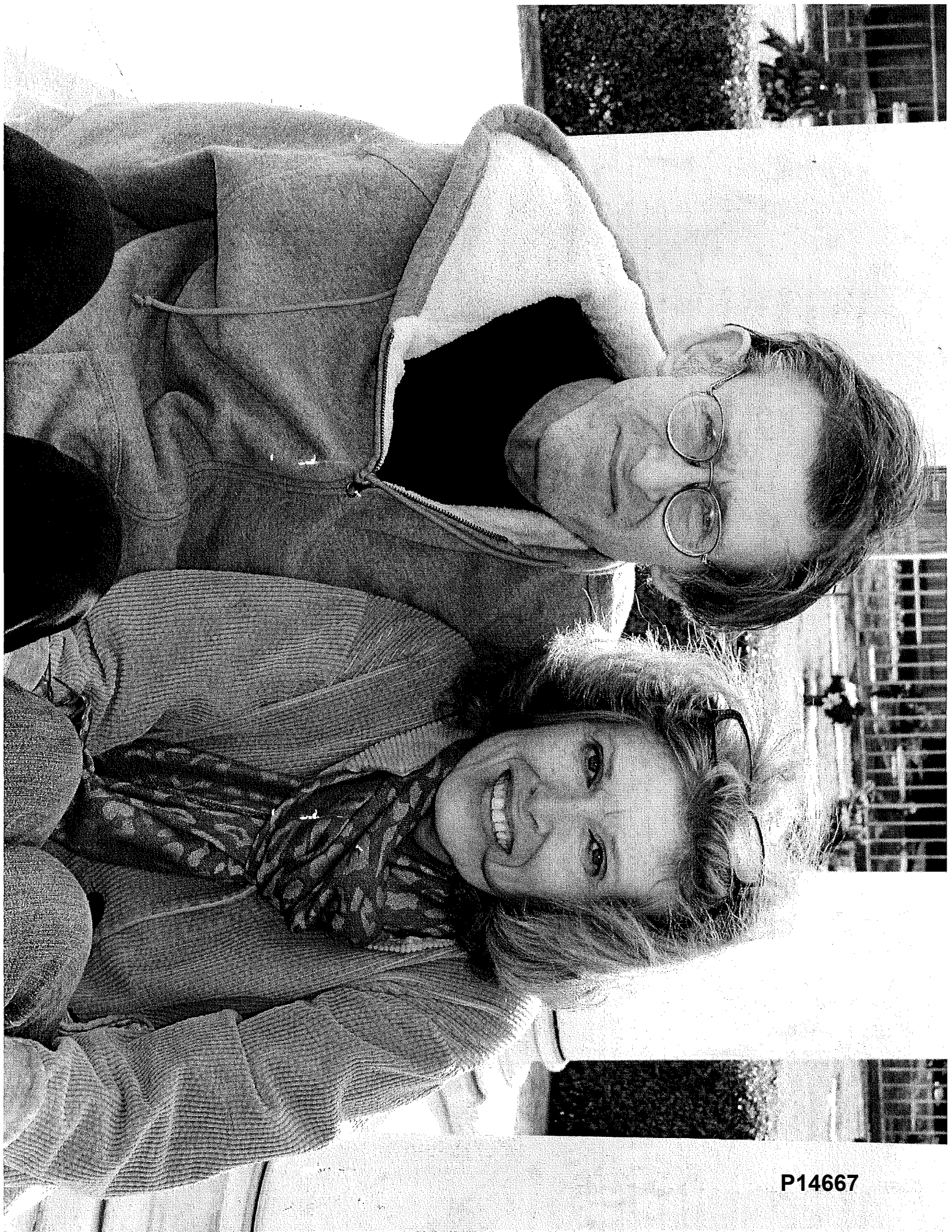
I don't want to let too much more time lapse before we find out.

From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Cc: ["Amy Tschirhart"; Candy; Mom and Dad](#)
Date: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:24:01 PM
Attachments: [carl and carole xmas 2010.jpg](#)

Here's the pic of you and Carl.

Anita

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From: Amy Tschirhart
To: Candy Curtis
Subject: Info
Date: Friday, March 04, 2011 7:47:04 PM

Hi Candy,

I spoke with Anita about talking to Drina. She is going to work on getting me some numbers so I know what amount is available for Carl. We want to ask Drina to provide us with some documentation of their finances before we decide on what amount she could have on an annual basis. Could you help us make a list of what we need to ask her for?

I was doing some rough calculations. Carl is 53 right now. If he lives to be 85, that is 32 years. If he inherits \$300,000, he could receive \$1386 per month assuming that the account earned an average of 4% per year. That is no where near what Drina is expecting to get.

Call me if you have any questions or comments. Thanks.

Love, Amy

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From: [Amy Tschirhart](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#); [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Number crunching
Date: Friday, March 04, 2011 8:06:02 PM

Hi Candy and Carole,

We are trying to determine the amount of money that Carl can withdraw from the trust. It's hard to determine this since there are so many variables - we don't know how much Mom is going to need for her care, we can't predict the future value of assets, etc. I did some rough number crunching, just so we'd have some place to start. I sent these numbers to Anita and I thought you might have some input about them as well.

If we assume that Carl inherits \$300,000, he lives to be 85 (32 more years), and the account earns an average of 4% interest over the lifetime of the fund, Carl could withdraw \$1386 per month and have enough money to last.

If it were possible for him to inherit \$500,000, he could withdraw \$2310 per month for the rest of his life.

Just to put things in perspective, to receive the \$4000 per month that Drina says they need, he would have to inherit \$865,600, which is not possible. I know if I try to explain this to Drina it will be like talking to a brick wall. It will never be possible to give her the amounts that she wants.

Amy

From: Amy Tschirhart
To: "Candace Curtis"; "Carole Brunsting"; Anita Brunsting
Subject: RE: New Development
Date: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 9:47:30 PM

I think we need to send two separate letters. One to Drina telling her she can't come in to Mom's house or contact her by phone or email, and the other to Carl regarding money from the trust. The letters deal with different issues and should be directed to the specific person.

I'm trying to think of some verbage for Carl's letter. This is all I have so far:
"If you would like to borrow money against your inheritance to pay for your living expenses and medical care, you may borrow up to \$13,000 per year. To receive the funds, submit bills you would like paid from the trust funds to Anita. She will pay them up to the amount of \$13,000 per year. Please sign the enclosed document indicating that you understand the amount you borrow will be deducted from any possible inheritance you may be awarded in the future."

--- On **Tue, 3/8/11, Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>** wrote:

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Subject: RE: New Development
To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 7:15 PM

I got the same TM from Tino. I hesitate to promise them anything in writing about money. Rather than a monthly payment, I would rather grant them a certain amount each year, but only through the direct payment of their bills - for example; mom could gift Carl \$13,000/year, but only if they send me the bill statements to pay directly, and only for bills for living/medical expenses - when the trust has paid \$13,000 in bills for the year, that's the end of the money for that year. We could ask them to sign for this money against his inheritance, but then we'd have another form that we'd have to get them to sign (probably notarized), and as we don't know if she's had Carl declared incompetent, the validity of any form he signs might be questionable.

I do like the idea of a letter telling Drina that she may have no contact w/ mom (physical, verbal, visual, phone or electronic means) and she is not to enter mom's house. She can bring Carl to visit mom, but she must remain outside the house - any violation of this letter will be considered harassment and the police will be called if she does not comply. I would also like to add in the letter that Carl's inheritance will be put into a Personal Asset Trust for his care and living expenses - I think this information might be enough to tip her hand.

I would also like to ask Candace, what this letter would do for us legally - like if we did end up calling the police would the letter lend any credence to our case?

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I won't do anything until we can come upon an agreement as what to do - I can also write this letter in the role of mom's power of attorney (which she signed last year).

I spoke w/ mom about the whole situation; she listens to reason and can understand our concerns for Carl, and will sign the changes to the trust next week. I have been very forthright in explaining the changes in the trust to her, and that they would be done in order to minimize any pathway that Drina might have to Carl's money. The changes are not to penalize Carl, but to ensure the money goes for his care. I told her to "just say No" to Carl or Drina if they brought up the trust or money and to refer them to me. I reminded her that she isn't trustee anymore and doesn't have access to the trust accounts - she seems fine w/ everything, and expressed no desire to put Carl back on as a trustee. I told her that in the event she did that, that it would not be fair to the rest of us, as we would end up having to deal w/ Drina, not Carl. Mom begrudgingly admits to knowledge of the unpleasantness of this whole situation and Drina's past behavior since Carl has been ill, but I think she is really naive regarding the lengths to which Drina may go through to get Carl's inheritance.

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 5:31 PM

To: Amy; Anita; Carole Brunsting

Subject: New Development

Hi All --

I'm sure you've heard by now about today's incident. I received a TM from Tino who said Carl and Drina went over to Mother's today and that I should call Robert, so I did. As we were talking he kept remembering things that had been said. I told him to write that stuff down because it was all important and all of us need to know what was said.

The time has come to deliver the news to Carl and Drina. Please put your heads together and quickly calculate what CARL would receive monthly for the next 30 years. Since you cannot be sure they receive the information if you email it, and you cannot reason with the moron on the phone, certified mail return receipt requested is the best way to send the information. Put in your correspondence that the first check will be sent on such-and-such date. You can offer to automatically put the \$\$\$ into their account each month.

It's that simple. Once that is done we can all wash our hands of it and just wait and see how it plays out.

I know we would all like to have some visitation and/or phone privileges, but, frankly, the only condition should be that they have to stay away from Mother. I suspect she might actually run off when she realizes that she will have to make some major changes. She probably tells Carl that she WILL

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leave if he can't get his money, causing extreme duress and mental stress. The bitch told Mother that Carl worries about the money all of the time, day and night. I still don't think he has regained much cognitive reasoning, so whatever he worries about and says must come from her. We can continue to hope that one day Carl will recover some of his brain power. Maybe he'll wake up one morning and she'll say something hateful about his family and that will be it. Bye, Bye Drina.

I understand Mother has actually gone without her oxygen bottle attached for a couple of hours here and there. Robert said she was a little upset after the visit. This breaks my heart. She said something to Robert about never having children. It is unfair to Mother to even allow Drina in her home. If there's a next time Robert or Tino should make her wait in the car.

After you have written the letter to Carl (I wouldn't even put Drina's name on it), one, two, or all of you should meet at Mother's to show her the letter before Carl and Drina have a chance to start harassing her over the contents of the letter. It's really not an option for Carl to submit bills to be paid and Mother has spent enough of her own money on his care already. Just give him his monthly stipend and let them worry about how they are going to live within their means. It is what it is.

Call me with your thoughts. ...

Love you all,

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From: [Carole Brunsting](#)
To: [Amy](#); [Anita](#); [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Newest Developments
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011 1:40:44 PM

After I get off work I am going to pick up Tino and go over to Carl's and see if I can get him out of there.

--- On **Thu, 3/10/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Newest Developments
To: "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011, 1:04 PM

All --

Please let me know if and when you want me to do something. I will call APS if you think it is appropriate. I guess we're all just waiting to see what happens. In some ways it might have been good to have the PI there when they leave the house to go to the doctor. If she's beating him and screeching at him all the way to the car, etc. we would have it on film to support our case. Maybe we can work this out to finally take over as Carl's guardian(s). Then, if she walks, we can get them divorced due to abandonment and she is out of the picture entirely. If he has enough brain function to call Mother a second time and ask for Marta's number, the light bulbs may be starting to come on in his head. My heart is breaking for him all over again.

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: Happy Birthday
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2011 4:30:36 PM

Til hamingju med afmaelisdaginn!

That's Happy Birthday in Icelandic!

Love, Anita

From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"; "Amy"; "Carole Brunsting"](#)
Subject: RE: Conference Call Info
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 3:45:57 PM

I'm pretty open all week.

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 3:10 PM
To: Amy; Anita; Carole Brunsting
Subject: Conference Call Info

I have a conference call account here at work that I am allowed to use for personal business. We can schedule a time to talk and catch up on what's happening. This saves numerous text messages, phone calls, and emails.

Call 1-866-212-0875 and when it asks you for the "participant" pass code enter 132003#

Maybe we can try it towards the end of the week or on the weekend, after someone gets an activity report from the PI.

Love you guys,

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Amy Tschirhart"](#)
Cc: ["Carole Brunsting"](#); ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: RE: Attorneys
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:58:52 AM

Talked to Warren Cole's firm ; am waiting on a call back from Burgower and Bosker (the one Vacek gave me).

Cole's rates: initial consult: \$750, hourly rate \$500. He's been practicing for over 35 years. I talked to an associate and after I explained our situation, she said very confidently that he's seen everything and that this case would not be unusual to him. She even started rambling off some procedures that we'd probably have to start w/ - so I felt pretty good about this one - just don't know about the costs.

I've looked all of them up on the internet, Bosker's only been practicing a little over 10 years, and he's not board cert in anything, so not sure about him - though his firm is family law.

Burgower looks good; she's been practicing since 1985 - family law; teaches at South Texas College of Law ; but I'm waiting on a call back.

From: Amy Tschirhart [mailto:at.home3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Anita Brunsting
Subject: Attorneys

Hi Anita,
Here are the two names my attorney gave me. Both are certified Family Law Specialists.
Warren Cole 713-275-4444
Wendy Burgower 713-529-3982

Ken suggested calling Warren first. Is Carol going to contact the attorney or do you want me to? If I do it, I need to know when Carol is available to meet with him. I also would like a list of question from everyone so I can cover all the bases. If you or Carol contacts the attorney, please tell them that Ken Brazle (pronounced Brazz-ul) referred us to him.

Thanks,
Amy

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Amy Tschirhart"; "Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"
Subject: more on attys and guardianship
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 2:13:29 PM

<http://www.texasguardianship.org/guardianship.html>

The link above is a good source of info if you haven't seen it yet.

I talked w/ Bret Bosker and he said we needed someone w/ experience in Probate Code, because Probate Court is where guardianship will be argued/decided. I gave him the 2 names of the attys Amy gave and he said they're both excellent (and expensive), but he said he was not sure as to their experience w/ guardianships/probate, but he said we could talk to them about that. He was also going to see if he could find me the name of an atty w/ direct probate experience. So it looks like we have to do 2 steps, 1st get guardianship and 2nd do the divorce if it comes to that. Unfortunately, if you read the website, the spouse is considered 1st in line for guardianship which is why it could be messy to sue for guardianship while they're still married. However, if she plans on divorcing him, then next of kin would be inline and that would be Marta - I think we could talk her out of it as she has expressed no interest in taking care of her father - so after Marta, it would be one of us.

I did tell him that everyone says getting guardianship is expensive, and I asked him "how much is considered expensive" \$50,000 or a million? He said he couldn't answer that, but that the atty we went with should be able to give us an idea.

Still waiting to hear back from Cole and Burgower.

Anita

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"; "Amy Tschirhart"](#)
Subject: guardianship assessment form
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 2:18:10 PM
Attachments: [CapacityAssessmentAffidavit.pdf](#)

Just thought you'd find this interesting, this is the form that we'd have to have a physician use to assess Carl and possible a MHMR psychologist as well. I just thought it would give you an idea as to what they're looking for - Carl definitely fits the bill -

Just fyi, you may have already known this.

Anita

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From: [Carole Brunsting](#)
To: [Anita Brunsting](#); [Amy Tschirhart](#); [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: guardianship assessment form
Date: Friday, March 18, 2011 8:40:41 AM

They are there right now according to the PI. And Michael took him on Wednesday.

--- On **Fri, 3/18/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: guardianship assessment form
To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, March 18, 2011, 10:33 AM

Do you know if he went to therapy at all this week?

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri, March 18, 2011 8:26:05 AM
Subject: RE: guardianship assessment form

we're continuing the pi over the weekend or unless it looks like she's headed toward Beaumont - will also use him through next week. \$750 is for the lawyer's (Cole) initial consult not a dr. If she divorces him then someone needs to sue for guardianship - Marta would be considered next in line by the law, but if she doesn't sue for it then I don't think she'd be considered. If Drina gets him to sign divorce papers that give him any less than 50% of their assets then a guardian can countersue her to recover those.

From: Candace Curtis [<mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Anita Brunsting; Carole Brunsting; Amy Tschirhart
Subject: Re: guardianship assessment form

\$750 an hour FOR WHAT? The woman is abusing him and negligent in his care. Have they been out even one time this week? Last I heard, Monday and Tuesday there was no activity other than a visit from Marta. APS said that once they confirmed she was following doctor's orders, they closed the case. If the instructions were 3 times a week and he hasn't been, or only goes once or twice, SHE IS NEGLIGENT, and they better reopen it or start a new one. Let me know if you want me to call.

Any doctor who has seen Carl would most likely say NO to all of the questions. I would, just based on past phone conversations with Carl.

What if Drina files for divorce? Would that be abandonment? Would the trust even be an issue if SHE divorces him?

If I could have anything I wanted for Carl, I would have him assessed by the neuropsychologists at the place I found in Houston. I don't know if he could handle long periods of testing, but he has got to get some cognitive brain function back OR HE WILL NEVER EVEN BECOME CLOSE TO WHOLE AGAIN. It's a good sign that his

behavior has improved, but is it because she beats him with a stick and mentally assaults him to get him to act right?

Maybe guardianship is the wrong approach. Maybe we should go after Drina and have her declared incompetent to care for him, or criminally negligent for not obtaining proper rehabilitation. There has to be a reason why she doesn't want her husband of almost 30 years to recover.

Let me know if he will be staying at Mother's again over the weekend. If so, we might want to extend the PI over the weekend so we can see what the hell she does. The more "evidence" we can amass, the better.

Love you guys,

C

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>; Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thu, March 17, 2011 2:18:05 PM
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Just fyi, you may have already known this.

Anita

From: Carole Brunsting
To: Anita Brunsting; Amy Tschirhart; Candace Curtis
Subject: Re: atty for guardianship
Date: Friday, March 18, 2011 11:58:47 AM

I think that Drina has always projected her own family issues onto ours. She was completely distanced from her own family until a year ago when her brother passed away and now she talks about the relationship with her dad like they have been close forever which has not been the case.

She must have had some very bad things happen to her in her childhood and slowly but surely she twisted Carl's mind to go along with everything she did and said. I think you are right that this will have to play itself out to see what she does. She has been waiting for the day she and Carl get the "big" trust payout and then it will be see you later chumps!

--- On **Fri, 3/18/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: atty for guardianship
To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, March 18, 2011, 1:49 PM

The Brunsting family has never been very demonstrative of their love for one another, but I chalk that up to being Dutch. What I cannot seem to wrap my arms around is the extreme coldness of Drina and Marta. They have always been limp when hugged and hugging is one of the best things in the world. One power hug and all my cares fly out the window. I believe it must be a genetic brain chemical imbalance in Drina's family. She has spent her life with Carl trying to distance HIM from his family and turn him into a cold fish like her. How did she ever get pregnant in the first place? Maybe we should try to get some DNA from Marta and Carl and do a paternity test. Wouldn't it be something if he wasn't her father??????????
LOL

Frankly, as long as the trust is safe, we should probably just let nature take its course and sooner or later we will get Carl out of their clutches and into ours. He might be pissed off for awhile, but I have some small faith that once he can reason better he will see that we only seek what is best for him in the long run BECAUSE WE LOVE HIM. Once he is able to reason and be reasoned with, and has regained some control of his life, if he chooses to go back to his moron wife and their moron spawn, I will mourn him as if he were dead. Until such time I will assume that, somehow, at some point in his recovery, he will realize how miserable the bitch has made his life. He might see that all she has ever cared about is money and how to avoid having to go out and earn some.

If asked, Carl would probably say no to coming out here to live with us, even though it might be the very best thing for him. He should never feel like he has been "dumped" on anyone. I think he would have a lot more stimulation out here. He does love the Bay Area and after a short time he might gain some real incentive to

get well.

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>; Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri, March 18, 2011 8:59:24 AM
Subject: atty for guardianship

Ok, I think I may have found an atty who could handle the guardianship issue. She was recommended to me by the Burgower firm that Amy's lawyer had given her - the Burgower firm does not do guardianship cases. This atty's name is Ellen Yarrell; her offices are in the Galleria area; she charges an initial consult fee of \$350 for 1 hr of her time, and probably requires an retainer of \$2000. Her paralegal (Elizabeth) said that she's handled cases like this before (where an impaired person has been divorced by their spouse). I asked about the expense and she said that Yarrell could give us a better idea after the consult and it depends on whether the guardianship would be contested (so that depends on whether we fight Drina now, or wait to see if she'll divorce him and then we're facing Marta (if she pursues it)). I got the feeling that "expensive" meant more like \$50,000 not \$1 million.

I thought of another plus on our side if Drina divorces him - Drina will probably expect him to come live w/ mother - so if he's w/ us and not his daughter that lends more credence to our side for guardianship (possession is 9/10's of the law?).

I also talked to mom last night and told her what was going on. I asked her if she was ok w/ using her money to pay for Carl's legal fees and of course she said yes.

From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: RE: bb credit union bill
Date: Friday, April 01, 2011 7:48:23 PM

sorry this was meant to go to carole. the BB credit card is mom's regular visa card that she charges her meds to.

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 12:28 PM
To: Anita Brunsting
Subject: Re: bb credit union bill

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From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thu, March 31, 2011 8:12:05 PM
Subject: bb credit union bill

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Candace Curtis"
Subject: RE: bb credit union bill
Date: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 7:33:03 PM

Sorry, I just read the 1st sentence about my mistake and didn't read further, how much do you need? I think I can do a transfer to your acct from the trust acct.,

Love, Anita

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: RE: bb credit union bill
Date: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 7:37:19 PM

don't you have a bank of america acct? If you send me the acct# I can do a transfer.

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Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 12:28 PM
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From: Carole Brunsting
To: Amy; Anita; Candace Curtis
Subject: Re: Mentis
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 7:24:00 PM

Drina confirmed that Carl is supposed to be going there on May 11th or 12th. Shamika took him to the driving range yesterday and he hit a bucket of balls and seemed to enjoy it. Tino and I may take him golfing on Friday. Carl is still not sleeping more than a few hours each night so maybe this place can fix that for him.

--- On **Wed, 4/27/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Mentis
To: "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 1:14 PM

All --

I just finished reading the Mentis information on their website. WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE. Reading about it brought tears to my eyes. This is the type of facility we have all been pushing for since Carl got out of TIRR. Carole, you even suggested that this is where TIRR recommended Carl go when he left there. If this is true, Drina did not and is NOT following orders. If that moron had hooked up with these people from the get go, she wouldn't be experiencing the meltdowns and Carl might be halfway to good as new. It would have saved the tremendous amount of money spent on caregivers. Once he is released from Mentis he most likely would be able to go home and live on his own, with or without the moron. He still has his family as support, despite all the water under the bridge today.

Please, please, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help get him in there. I will contact APS again if you can give me any new facts to report. If Carl could be evaluated by a real neuropsychiatrist and not the moron's own shrink, I believe the Mentis (or similar) recommendation would be reiterated and then, if she failed to follow doctor's orders AGAIN, we would have our evidence for APS.

Review of the previous APS fiasco leads me to believe that Drina was following doctor's orders of the doctors SHE chose for Carl - none of which were appropriate for his situation. He should have his own personal neurologist/psychiatrist who would have been seeing him regularly, in or out of a facility. With the moron sailing the ship Carl has been denied even basic medical care.

Amy and I talked about me kidnapping Carl and bringing him home with me. As silly as this sounds, it is still an option. I am sure there are equitable facilities here in California. The difficulty would be getting the insurance information out of the moron and keeping me out of prison. The moron is the one who should be in prison - seriously. If the homeless woman who used her friend's address to put her child in a good school gets 20 years in prison and a \$1,000 fine, it will be a travesty of justice. I have no doubt this will happen, so how is it that the moron can get away with real

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crimes against her husband, that may ultimately cause his demise, and not have to answer for it in court?

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: anita.brunsting@victoriacollege.edu; "Candace Curtis"
Subject: FW: Mother's bloodwork
Date: Thursday, May 05, 2011 8:01:37 PM

sent this before I put your emails in

From: Anita Brunsting [mailto:akbrunsting@suddenlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 10:01 PM
To: 'Carole Brunsting'
Subject: RE: Mother's bloodwork



This is what I sent mom for mother's day from all her "little stinkers" - betcha didn't know you could still be a little stinker after 40 (or 50 :-P)

From: Carole Brunsting [mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:39 PM
To: 'Candace Curtis'; Anita Brunsting; Amy Tschirhart
Subject: Mother's bloodwork

The doctor called today with the results of Mother's blood work and she is hypothyroid. Her TSH was 6.98 so she will start on Synthroid in the morning. This could explain why she never wants to get up or do anything.

In 2010 her TSH was within the normal range so this makes sense. I hope we see a big enough change to where she will start going outside again, and working the daily crossword puzzles.

--- On Wed, 5/4/11, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Homework request
To: "'Candace Curtis'" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 3:14 PM

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Today I called Cameo to have a woman come by a couple of times a week to help Mother take a bath/shower and fix her hair. She will not do it herself anymore, so they are going to have someone come by tomorrow afternoon. We should have the results of the bloodwork back to late today or tomorrow. Mother was looking better today.

From: Carole Brunsting
To: "Candace Curtis"; Anita Brunsting; Amy Tschirhart
Subject: Re: Mother's bloodwork
Date: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:29:22 PM

Mother was a little bit better tonight. She has a touch of attitude and was more alert. She got her first dose of Synthroid this morning. The Cameo caregiver helped her take a bath but Robert let her leave before she had a chance to wash and style Mother's hair. So Mother has a stand by appt at Sylvanna's tomorrow.

I just found out that Carl goes to Mentis on Wed.

--- On **Thu, 5/5/11, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Candace Curtis"
Subject: RE: The Farm
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2011 10:16:39 AM

what's your mailing address now?

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Amy; Anita; Carole Brunsting
Subject: The Farm

All --

Interesting article attached. Rik and I are already putting together a seed bank of heirloom seeds, including flowers. The entire back yard is almost planted after tilling in loads of horse manure. Some plants have been chosen to attract butterflies and song birds. We already have quite a few lady bugs and bees, but I think we're going to put in a couple of beehives and a small chicken coup. What we don't grow can still be obtained from local farmers, although "someone" is trying to regulate them now.

We are EXTREMELY lucky to have the farm. If the rapture comes on Saturday I'll meet you there next week. LOL

Love you guys,

C

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: RE: The Farm
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2011 10:22:37 AM

If you're into all that, then you might like these books: **World Made by Hand** - by Kuntsler (fiction) - about a small town after a nuclear war; more about their life and living w/o conveniences than the war; and a non-fiction book called: **Made by Hand** by a guy in CA who tried to get back to a more DIY world - inspiring and funny (he tried bees and chickens too)

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Candace Curtis"
Subject: RE: how I spent my memorial day weekend - at lease sunday
Date: Monday, May 30, 2011 7:44:00 PM

Well your weekend was a lot more interesting than mine. Yes, we have clif bars here, the kids have had them before, but I find them a little too "proteiny" for my taste - meaning the texture overrides the flavor and the flavor could stand some improvement.

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 7:08 PM
To: Anita Brunsting; Amy Tschirhart; Carole Brunsting
Subject: Re: how I spent my memorial day weekend - at lease sunday

Nice photography Anita. Thanks. If I didn't get emails from my siblings, I would get NO emails at all. I had a somewhat musical weekend. Friday afternoon I took off work early to get Rik up to St. Helena by 3:00. Tia Carroll is one of the singers Rik plays with (we went to Switzerland with her) and she works for Clif Bar in Berkeley (A/R department). The Clif Bar "family" had the grand opening of their winery and she asked Rik to play with the Clif Bar band - all Clif Bar employees, including the owner Gary Erikson. Do you have Clif Bars in Texas? I particularly like the white chocolate macadamia nut ones. The music was fun, but most of the people there were snotty. Snotty people are hilarious when they're smashed, but otherwise I'd like to kick them to the curb. Sunday evening he played with Alan "Ace" Vega and the Hurricanes, at a dive bar in downtown Martinez. I dropped him off and picked Andy up, and Andy and I went out for a very enjoyable dinner together. We have never done that with just the two of us before. He dislikes dive bars and drunks so he passed on the show, but I had a good time trying to avoid dancing with drunks without hurting their feelings. One guy was extremely smelly (like vomit - yuk), although he was actually very sweet and considerate. Martinez is a refinery/biker/artist town, so you can let your imagination take you there. Today Rik was asked to play with a band he had never really even heard before, at a little blues festival in San Francisco. It was a block away from the "famous" Fillmore auditorium, across the street from the original Jim Jones church (which is now a brand new post office), in a park. Mostly people of color, I was amazed that I knew some of them by sight and exchanged nods of acknowledgement with them. I have seen them at a particular jazz club on Sundays, where they get all gussied up and go there just to dance and mingle with their friends. I find myself in places like that quite often these days. It's fun! But I'm getting old and sometimes it takes days to recuperate from a late night out.

Love you guys,

C

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Candy <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, May 29, 2011 8:46:03 PM
Subject: how I spent my memorial day weekend - at lease sunday

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You're stuck getting these emails because you're my sisters and I don't have anyone else to send them too. (to which to send them?) - maybe I should be a pet photographer - the cats are mine - the dogs are my friend's in dallas (keller doesn't have any eyes).

I hope your weekend is more exciting than mine! Anita

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2011 8:32 PM
Subject: Carl

Sounds like he is doing well. It should not be a problem if Michael needs to drop him off from 10-2.

--- On Sun, 6/5/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Carl
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2011, 2:25 PM

Last night much better.

Michael is available to stay with him next week except that he looks after some man who knows your family (went to Chapelwood) on Tuesday from 10-2. He does not think it will be a problem if he takes Carl over there for that time, but if it is could he possibly bring him to your mother's for those hours on Tuesday and then Michael can pick him up? Marta is not available that day or it would not be a problem. Michael really seems to think it will be ok, but I would like a back up if it falls through.

Carl is drawing again and he is much calmer now. He tries his best to be quiet when he gets up at night. He closes the bedroom door and goes into Marta's room or the den. I got him up at 1am to go to the toilet and he actually went.

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, June 5, 2011 1:26:50 PM
Subject: Carl

Drina,

How is Carl doing? Is he sleeping any better now that he is home?

Carole

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2011 11:28 PM

Subject: Re: question about rate of pay

We moved Mother into a re-hab facility per the doctor's recommendation. She is not getting enough physical therapy at home so she was moved into a really nice facility near I-10 and Fry Road. She will have therapy 3 times a day. I will send you the address and phone number in case Michael would like to drive Carl out there one day next week.

--- On Wed, 6/8/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: question about rate of pay

To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 1:41 PM

OK.

Carl is doing great. I kept asking him to design a house for us. He is doing actual plans now. He wants to move out of Houston and build a house. The plans are looking good and he is now doing the elevations.

Last night we sat and talked about architecture and he started talking about his heroes like Corbusier and Aalto like old times. We were looking at the computer last night and he figured out how to rotate an image on his own. He talks about working again. I told him to keep drawing every day and work on our house and it will wake up his brain so he can have clients again. He talks about past projects he has done and how he wants to put together another brochure like Marta did for him while he was critically ill. He is remembering his projects more.

He is getting better at a remarkable rate and it is so good to see. He just wanted to come home. He tells me every day he is so happy to just be home again. I think everyone is going to be very surprised when all of this is said and done.

He does all sorts of things around the house. Today he went to the driving range. Marta and Haley and Buster go to see him during the day and he loves that. He is happy again. It is miraculous.

Drina

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tue, June 7, 2011 9:40:37 PM

Subject: Re: question about rate of pay
we were paying Michael \$15/hour.

--- On Tue, 6/7/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: question about rate of pay
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 9:06 AM

What was the rate of pay fro Michael when he worked for your mother?

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2011 10:26 PM
Subject: Re:

Ok. It look like Mother will go over to skilled nursing either Sunday or Monday. Robert will be at Mother's Thur night thru Sunday morning if you change your mine.

--- On Wed, 7/6/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 8:05 AM

I asked Carl about it and he does not want to go to your mother's. Thanks, anyway.

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tue, July 5, 2011 10:08:53 PM
Subject: Re:

Mother may be going into a skilled nursing facility soon but I don't yet know when or where. She is qualified for 30 days of skilled nursing and she made such good progress at the Katy rehab facility that I am hopeful that she will continue to get more therapy in skilled nursing. But if she does go in it will more than likely not be until the first part of next week. So if he wants to come one day this week or early part of the weekend. We have a new caregiver that comes in on Sunday morning and stays thru Monday and I don't know if she could handle two people. Just let me know and I will let either Tino or Robert know.

--- On Tue, 7/5/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 3:51 PM

Carl called your mother last night and said your mother told him Tino was there. Is he still going over there sometimes? If he is I was wondering if Carl could go there sometime for a night or weekend.

Carl called your number the other night when he thought he was calling Marta's.

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From: Carole Brunsting
To: Amy Brunsting; Anita; Candace Curtis
Subject: Re: Mom
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 7:51:00 PM

We go to the oncologist tomorrow. If they have to draw blood for anything I will ask them to do the tests.

--- On **Tue, 7/19/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Mom
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Brunsting" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 8:47 PM

Thank you Carole. I talked with Mother around her dinnertime this afternoon and she sounded pretty good. Said she came home on Friday. She said she felt pretty good except she didn't have much "pep".

I am mollified. For now. BUT, I hope that all of you will read the following article and agree that if Mother goes to the hospital one more time, for anything without a crystal clear, proven diagnosis, that she have some of these simple tests done, to rule these things out once and for all.

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http://www.ehow.com/how_6328858_test-person-see-mold-poisoning.html

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To: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Anita <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, July 17, 2011 8:53:05 PM
Subject: Re: Mom

Candy,
Mother has been home since Friday night and has been doing good even without her oxygen. Anita bought a dehumidifier and a hepa filter and the room is very comfortable and Mother has not coughed once since she has been home. Mother is a little weak and tired but she is eating good and hopefully will gain some weight. This week we go to see the neurologist and oncologist. This time last year mother was starting on oxygen and will almost full time using it by October. Now she can go all day without it. She took a swallowing test at the hospital and if she drinks water there is a little flap that does not close fast enough and this will cause mother to cough sometimes. Now we are giving her liquids that are thicker than water and she has been fine. If you want to contact Dr. Mauk's office or Dr. Pohil, one of them was the doctor that did the lung biopsy and they could tell you everything they checked for.

Carole

--- On **Fri, 7/15/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

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From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Mom
To: "Amy Brunsting" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "fvaquera@hotmail.com" <fvaquera@hotmail.com>, "r.cantu1970@gmail.com" <r.cantu1970@gmail.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, July 15, 2011, 10:06 AM

All --

YOU CANNOT SEE BLACK MOLD. IT IS INSIDE THE WALLS AND THE CEILING. IF YOU HAD READ THE OTHER MATERIAL I SENT, YOU WOULD KNOW THIS. IT MIGHT NOT BE BLACK MOLD THAT IS CONTAMINATING HER ENVIRONMENT, *BUT SOMETHING MOST LIKELY IS*. VISUAL INSPECTIONS DO NOT REVEAL THESE HIDDEN INFESTATIONS. AIR SAMPLES HAVE TO BE TAKEN! REMEDIATION HAS TO TAKE PLACE!

I AM NOT PUSHING FOR A TEST AT THE HOUSE, BUT MOTHER SHOULD BE TESTED.

HOW YOU CAN DISPUTE THE FACT THAT SHE EXHIBITS A MULTITUDE OF SYMPTOMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MOLD POISONING IS BEYOND ME. DUE DILIGENCE WOULD BE TO HAVE HER TESTED. IF YOU GET THE SAME RESULTS TWICE YOU CAN ACT ACCORDINGLY. NOT TO HAVE HER TESTED IS JUST PLAIN STUPID. IF ANY OF HER DOCTORS DISPUTE A REQUEST FOR A TEST, FIND A DOCTOR WHO WILL DO IT. THERE ARE SPECIALISTS OUT THERE! AGAIN, IF YOU READ WHAT I SENT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND WHERE I AM COMING FROM.

DID YOU SEE THE PHOTOGRAPH TINO TOOK A WEEK AGO? THAT WAS NOT A MICROSCOPIC DOT. COME ON AMY, YOU ARE HIGHLY EDUCATED. READ AND COMPREHEND THE FACTS.

IF NONE OF YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH THIS I SUGGEST YOU GIVE ME THE AUTHORITY TO DO SO.

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Sent: Thu, July 14, 2011 9:55:33 PM
Subject: Re: Mom

Candy,
There is not a mold problem at mom's house. I looked at every air register in

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the house. One had a few microscopic dots of mold on it. Robert wiped the register with a bleached rag. I painted over any old stains on the ceilings with 3 coats of oil-based Kilz to seal the surfaces. I inspected the air ducts as far as I could and couldn't find any mold. The ductwork is sheet metal which is not prone to mold growth. In the article you sent, it said that a Level I mold problem was 10 square feet or less. There is not even 10 square inches of mold staining anywhere in the house. The inspector that Carole had check out the system several months ago said the same thing. If the air filters are not being changed monthly, mom may be having a dust problem. We should be using the Filtrete filters or something similar. I will check the filter next time I'm in town.

Amy

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
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Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 11:07 PM
Subject: Mom

All --

<http://www.mold-survivor.com/symptoms.html>

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE read this material. It will take 5 or 10 minutes unless you are like I am and follow the links. It appears Mother is exhibiting symptoms of mold poisoning. If true, she is suffering needlessly. She can be tested and treated for this, although there might be permanent problems like short term memory loss. If the tests come back negative I will drop the subject of mold. If they are positive, then we can decide how to handle the issue.

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Carole Brunsting"](#); ["Amy Brunsting"](#); ["Candy"](#)
Subject: RE: Mom's Recipes
Date: Friday, August 05, 2011 7:39:57 PM

I have mom's recipe for zebra meat - we really love it. - I love to make the rest into bbq pork sandwiches

From: Carole Brunsting [mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 9:16 PM
To: 'Amy Brunsting'; Candy; Anita Brunsting
Subject: RE: Mom's Recipes

I loved porcupine meatballs and zebra meat which was actually bar b qued pork roast. And chocolate souffle that such a special dessert. And coffee cake on Sunday morning. And prime rib back when it was really good prime rib.

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To: "'Amy Brunsting'" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Candy" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, August 5, 2011, 5:46 PM

I hated porcupine meatballs - never understood why you'd ruin meat w/ rice. Go meat! :-D
Loved pickled beets, I think I have Grandma R's recipe somewhere - go beets!

From: Amy Brunsting [mailto:at.home3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Carole Brunsting; 'Candace Curtis'; Anita Brunsting
Subject: Re: Mom's Recipes

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: "Candy"; "Amy Brunsting"
Subject: FW: Mom's Recipes
Date: Saturday, August 06, 2011 4:10:52 PM

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To: [Amy Brunsting](#); [Anita Brunsting](#); [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Mom's Recipes
Date: Saturday, August 06, 2011 6:48:05 PM

OK. I think there is an age at which you should no longer eat corned beef casserole. And it is probably around 35 - 40. Now what I am aware of fat content and healthy eating, I felt like I had an IV hooked up to my veins just pumping in the bad fats. Mother did not really enjoy the casserole that much but did enjoy the sweet corn that was delicious. Maybe next time I will substitute chicken for corned beef. Robert kept asking me what that was as I was digging the corn beef out of the can into the casserole. I told him it was dog food because it looked just like it. He said he was not going to eat it but he did.

So next week maybe applesauce meatballs with sweet corn and jello with whipped cream. Mother is putting on so much weight that her shorts are tight.

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From: Amy Brunsting
To: Carole Brunsting; Anita Brunsting; Candace Curtis
Subject: Re: Cancer treatment
Date: Monday, August 08, 2011 7:41:59 PM

Wonderful news!

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2011 9:36 PM
Subject: Cancer treatment
Took Mother to see this doctor today.
<http://www.houstonprecisioncc.com/doctors.html>

Very nice doctor. Mother will have radiation treatment five days a week for 15 minutes each time which is actually only about 5 minutes of actual radiation for 6 weeks. Plus chemo. See link:

<http://www.xeloda.com/>

The goal is to shrink the tumor as much as possible with the end goal of getting rid of it completely but given the size he cannot guarantee that. Side effects are fatigue. They will make a mold of Mother tomorrow and she will lie down in the mold every time and have marks on her sides that laser how to line up the radiation.

Mother answered most of the questions herself and in her head she does a lot more for herself than she actually does. The prep work is this week and radiation will start next week. He said all tumors act differently and they do a cat scan of it every time so lets hope and pray that it shrinks quickly and into oblivion.

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Candace Curtis"
Subject: RE: I have hummingbirds, how about you?
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011 11:47:43 AM

Hummers are naturally territorial and aggressive - they act like that even when the tank is full. I'm glad you'll be able to see mom, I know she'll love that. Frankly, I've given up any hope of improving Carl's situation as long as Drina's in the picture. We're trapped by the stupid "system" I'm especially upset w/ Marta who had done nothing other than visit him - she's not been an advocate for his care - He's not going to any kind of therapy, I feel like Drina is essentially holding him hostage for the money. Have a fantastic time in NOLA!

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We love hummers too, but have not had 5 yet. We have only been feeding them for about 4 months. Yours are getting po'd, there is no nectar in the feeder. Do they fuss at you about that? Ours go to the gladiolas first, but I guess that's too much work for them. Thanks for sharing the pix.

Rik has been invited to sit in as a special guest with Brian Lee at a club on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. We're going to fly to Houston on October 10th, rent a car and stop by and see Mother for a couple of hours. Then we'll drive to NOLA until the 16th and drive back to Houston to come home. I'm not sure if we'll have time on the way back to stop and see her again, but I'm really happy to be able to spend an hour or two. It's been a long time since I've been there. It's thanks to you that I can afford to pay my half and I cannot thank you enough.

I talked to Carole for a few minutes last week. She said Drina had shingles and is working from home now so she let the caregiver go. What do you think about Carl's situation? Will we EVER be able to see our brother alive again? I understand that that guy Michael was never forthcoming about Carl's situation. Does anyone know why? Will we ever get the truth? I don't want to give up hope, and as time passes I find it difficult to put any type of closure on the Carl Henry Brunsting limb of the family tree.

Love you,

C

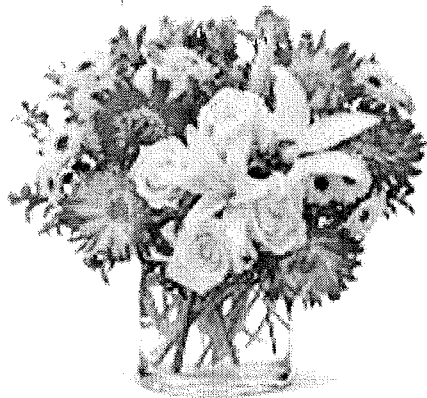
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To: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sat, September 10, 2011 3:46:55 PM
Subject: i have hummingbirds, how about you?

They are so cool! This is in my back yard - it's like watching a bunch of siblings feed, b/c they beat up on each other and yell (chirp, tweet, birdspeak) at each other.

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"; "Amy Brunsting"
Subject: flowers for mom -
Date: Monday, October 03, 2011 7:28:10 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Recipient: Nelva Brunsting



I ordered these for mom to arrive on Friday (Happy 50th
Ameceee!!!)

Anita

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: Mom's Recipes part deux - w/ coffee cake recipe
Date: Friday, October 14, 2011 7:59:42 PM
Attachments: [Mom's Recipes part deux .docx](#)

I added mom's coffee cake recipe to the end of this file.

Happy Baking!!!!

Anita



From the Kitchen of: Mom

Chicken Soup & Creamed Chicken

1 whole fryer (take out giblet and fatty part)

Enough water to cover bird in pressure cooker

Cook chicken in pressure cooker (15-20 min). Cool down and remove chicken.

Add some chopped onion, celery (w/ leaves) and rice - cook slowly

About 45min- 1 hr - about 15 min before it's done add vermicelli

Creamed Chicken

Melt 1-2 T butter in pan

Cut up cooked chicken

Place in frying pan and pour over some half n half or whole milk.

Enough to make it kind of juicy if you know what I mean.

Let it simmer for a while. Just before serving, push chicken to the side and stir in with a whisk or fork about 1 T. of flour. Salt a bit, Pepper if

You like. That's all. Add seasoning as desired.



From the Kitchen of Mom

Bread Pudding

2 c. dry bread cubes	3/4 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp cinammon
4 c. milk, scalded	4 slightly beaten eggs
1 T butter	1 tsp vanilla
1/4 tsp salt	(don't skimp on vanilla)

Soak bread in scalded milk 5 min. Add butter, sugar & salt. Pour Slowly over eggs & vanilla & mix well. Add 1/3 c raisins if desired. Pour into pyrex or other pan. Bake in a pan of hot water 350° 35-40 min.



From the Kitchen of Mom

Agression Cookies

Combine 1 c br sugar w/ 1 c butter, 1 c flour, 1 tsp soda and 2 c quick cooking oatmeal. Mix all ingredients with your hands (or you can mix the br sugar and butter 1st w/ a mixer) till nice and soft like pie crust. Flatten 1 inch balls on ungreased pan. Bake at 350° about 10 min. Makes 4 doz



From the Kitchen of Mom

Butterscotch Brownies

1 pkg butterscotch morsels	2 eggs
1/4 c. butter	1 c. flour
1 c br. sugar	1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp vanilla	1/2 tsp salt

Melt morsels & butter over low heat. Cool a bit. Beat till light the br. sugar and eggs and vanilla. Stir in melted mixture. Then add sifted dry ingred. Pour in greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle w/ chocolate chips. Bake approx 25-30 min in a 325° if a glass pan and 350° if metal. Don't bake too long, they get too dry then.



From the Kitchen of Mom

Gingerbread Cookies

Bake at 375° for 10 min

3/4 c shortening	1 c sugar
4 tsp molasses	1 egg
2 c flour	1 tsp soda
1 tsp cinnamon	1/2 tsp cloves
1 tsp ginger	

Beat shortening and sugar till light; mix in molasses; Sift spices w/ dry ingredients and add to mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls or form into 1" balls and smush a little flat w/ a juice glass dipped in sugar (smush glass into dough 1st to get sticky)



From the Kitchen of Mom

Raisin-filled Cookies

Bake at 375° for 10 min.

Dough:	Mix in order - chill til stiff (about 1 hr)
1/2 c. margarine	Roll about 1/8 " thick, use larger circle for
1/2 c br. sugar	top to cover raisins
1/2 c white sugar	
2 eggs	
1tsp vanilla	
2 c flour -sifted	
1/4 tsp salt	
1/2 tsp soda	



Raisin-filled Cookies (cont)

Filling

1 c raisins
1/2 c sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 Tbsp cornstarch (w/ enough water to just cover raisins (about a cup)
mix til smooth then pour over raisins)
Cook until clear; chill until thick, about 1 tsp filling/cookie



From the Kitchen of Mom

Coffee Cake

Bake at 350° for 20-25 min

1/4 c butter, softened	1/2 c sugar
1 egg	1 c flour
1 Tbsp baking powder	1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon	1/2 c milk

Beat shortening and sugar till light; beat in egg; Blend dry ingredients in a bowl. Stir in dry ingr. w/ milk alternately til smooth. Pour in greased square pan - sprinkle heavily w/cinnamon and sugar.

From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"
Subject: tips for coffee cake recipe
Date: Friday, October 14, 2011 8:01:20 PM

The keys making mom's coffee cake nice and light are to beat the crap out of the butter and sugar and then repeat that when you add the egg (and use fresh free range eggs, they bake up better)

Even Happier Baking!!!

Anita

From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: RE: Medical Bills
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 7:05:34 PM

Mom can manage that, I'll transfer it tonite. Love you

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 8:59 PM
To: Anita Brunsting
Subject: Re: Medical Bills

I cannot imagine what the ER bill will look like. Plus the ENT specialist. Those charges alone could be MORE than the deductible. I'll just have to pay that one off monthly. \$2,000 ought to do it for the next 8 to 12 months. I'll have to see the doctor and do labs quarterly until everything is squared away. Let me know if that's a problem.

Thanks!!!

XOXO,

C

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tue, October 25, 2011 2:13:23 PM
Subject: RE: Medical Bills

Can I send you a lump sum? How much do you think you'll need?

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 10:42 AM
To: Anita
Subject: Medical Bills

Hi Anita,

I need some financial help with my medical bills until I can get my diabetes under control. I think I told you I had to take my company insurance when Owen canceled me from his at the end of the year. It's got a \$3,500 deductible. My annual checkup was covered, along with a portion of the blood work. The doctor said I was heading for a heart attack and gave me an EKG. My heart is fine, but the charge was not covered. Some of the blood work was not "routine" and I have to pay for that too. Under Owen's plan I paid about \$10 a month for medications. Now I am taking generic brands but it still costs me \$75.00 a month.

After the fiasco in the ER and stopping the ACE inhibitor I have to go back to the doctor at the end of November and I will have to pay for the visit and the associated labs. I'm going to dispute the ER bill and any related expenses because it was entirely unnecessary. Two doctors failed to notice and point out that ACE inhibitors cause tongue swelling. The first question they asked was what meds are you taking and the nurse entered them into the computer. I was pumped full of steroids and filled a prescription for more before I got back

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to the office and discovered the correlation. The steroids caused other reactions for two or three days after I had them. I was finally able to swim this morning and spent some time in the sauna and steam room to try to sweat everything out. I feel 100% today.

If you can help me I can send the bills to you for payment direct, or I can scan them and send them as they come in and you can put money in my account so I can pay them.

It's open enrollment, so I was thinking about changing plans at an increase of \$350.00 per month out of my pocket. I simply do not have it.

Any suggestions would be appreciated.

I was so happy to talk to Carl on Saturday. I hope there is no fallout from Drina if she finds out. Hes sounds happy in his little world. When I asked him how he was feeling he said fine, "all back to normal". He appears to be somewhat stable at this point, but I don't see how he will ever be able to live without a lot of assistance, with Drina or without.

Love you,

C

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From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2011 9:21 PM
Subject: Re: Chronicle obituary

The funeral home prepares and submits what is published in the Chronicle and this is what was given to them to submit. <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Nelva-Brunsting&lc=2673&pid=154573950&mid=4883280&locale=en-US>

I read through this and do see that Rensink is spelled wrong. I just logged onto the Chronicle.com and do not see the obituary listed. --- On Sat, 11/12/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Chronicle obituary
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011, 8:31 PM

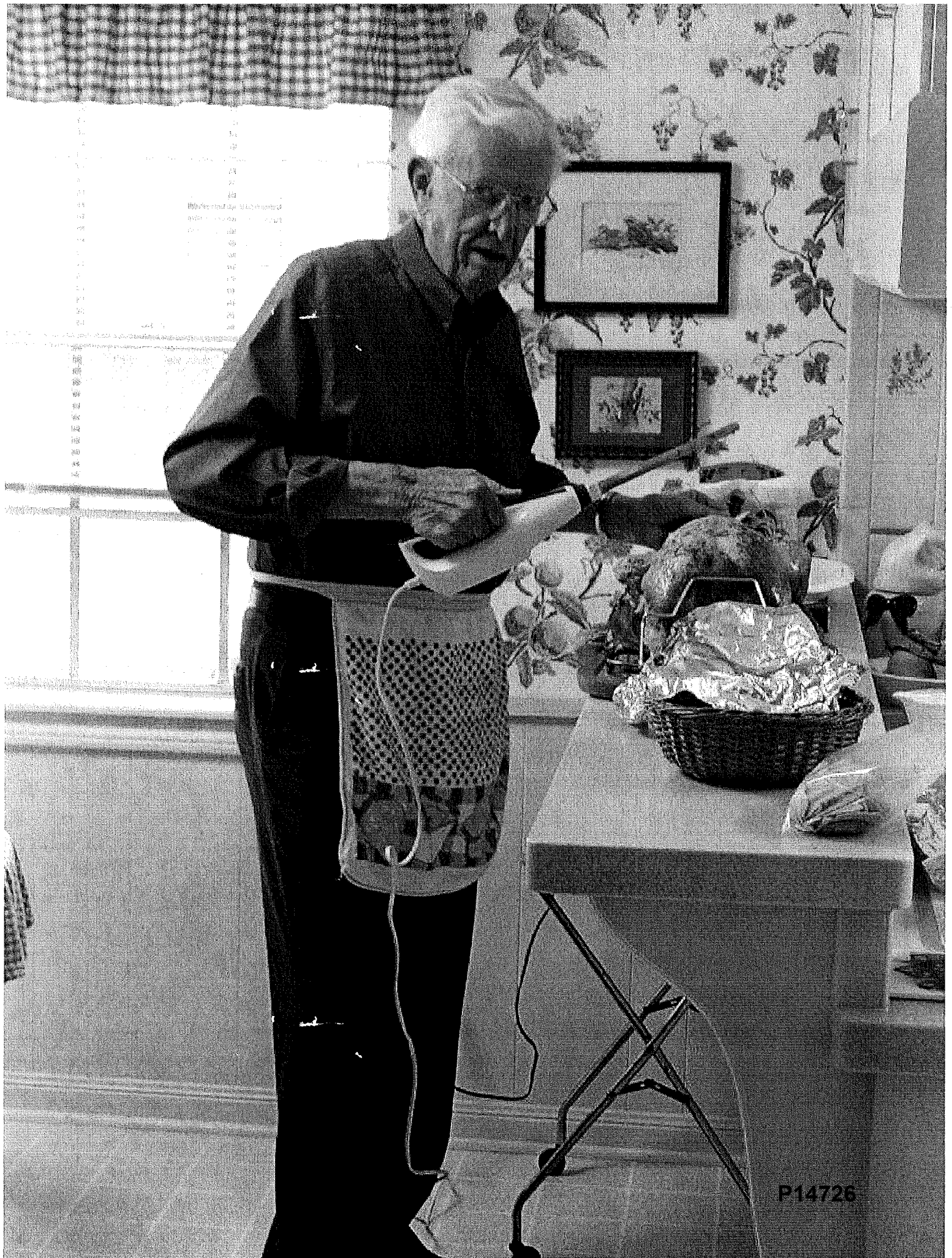
Carl would like to know why he is not mentioned as a surviving child in the Chronicle obituary.

From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Candace Curtis"](#)
Subject: Emailing: DSC00738
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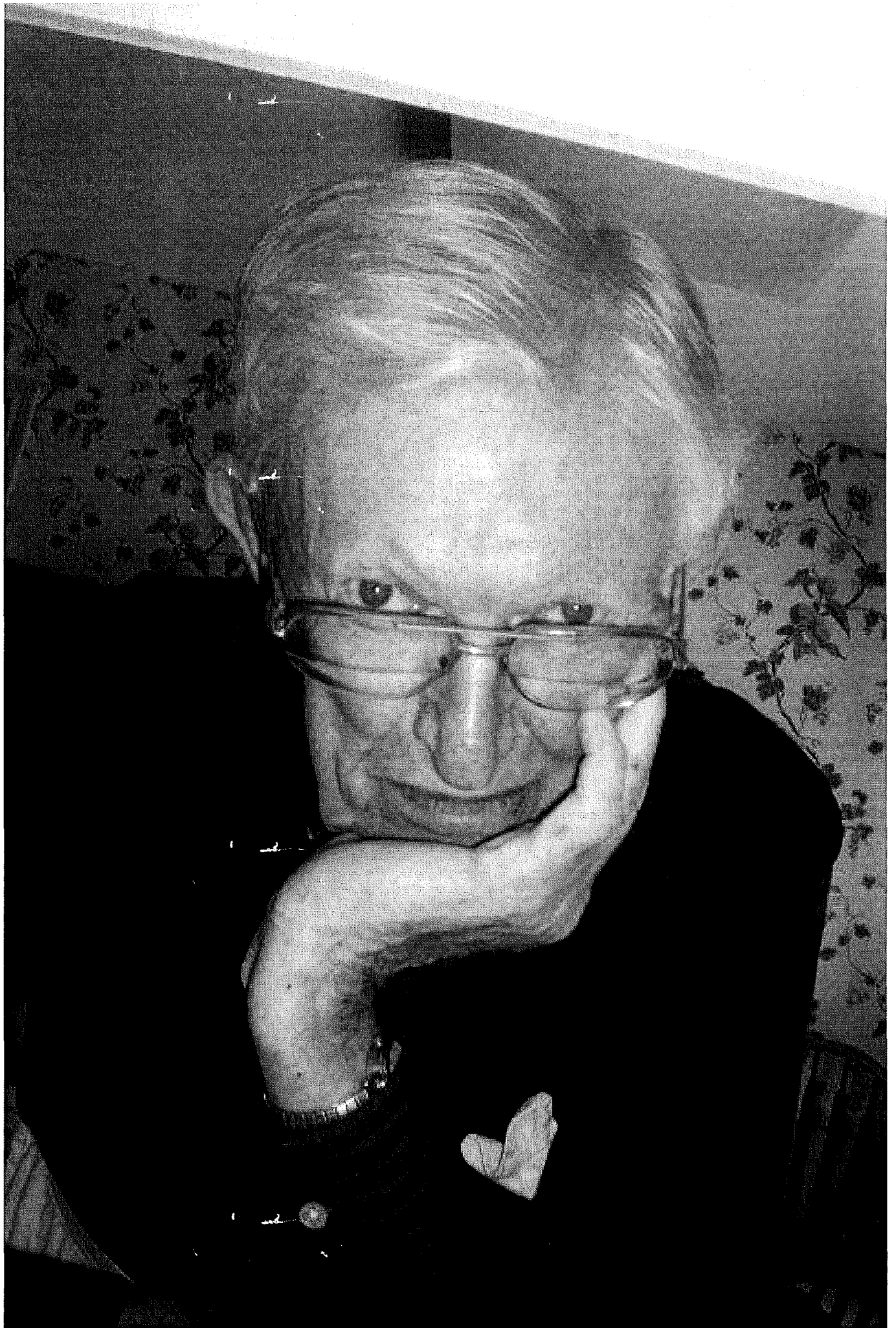
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To: ["Candace Curtis"; "Carole Brunsting"](#)
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To: ["Candace Curtis"; "Carole Brunsting"](#)
Subject: Emailing: mom and dad
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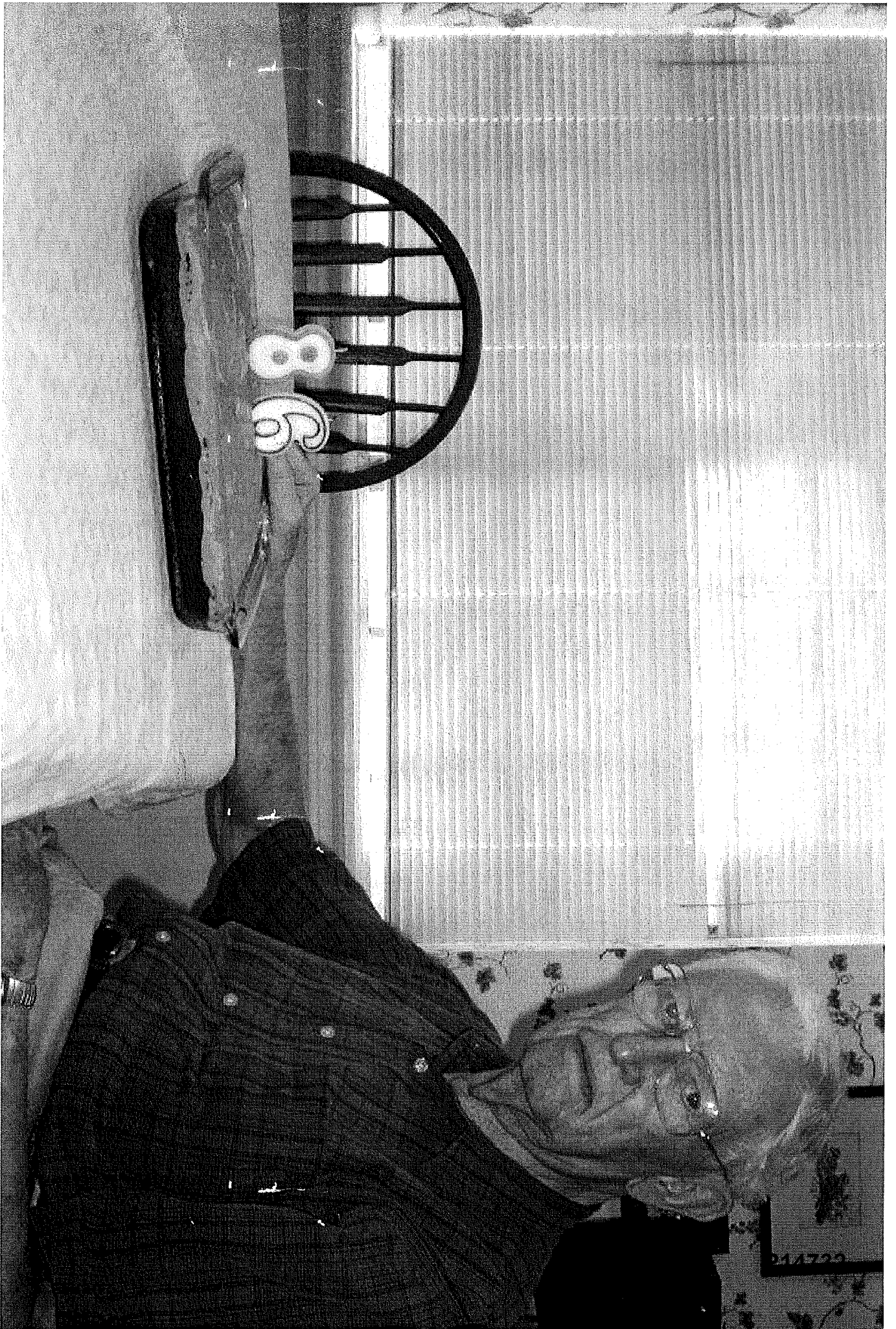
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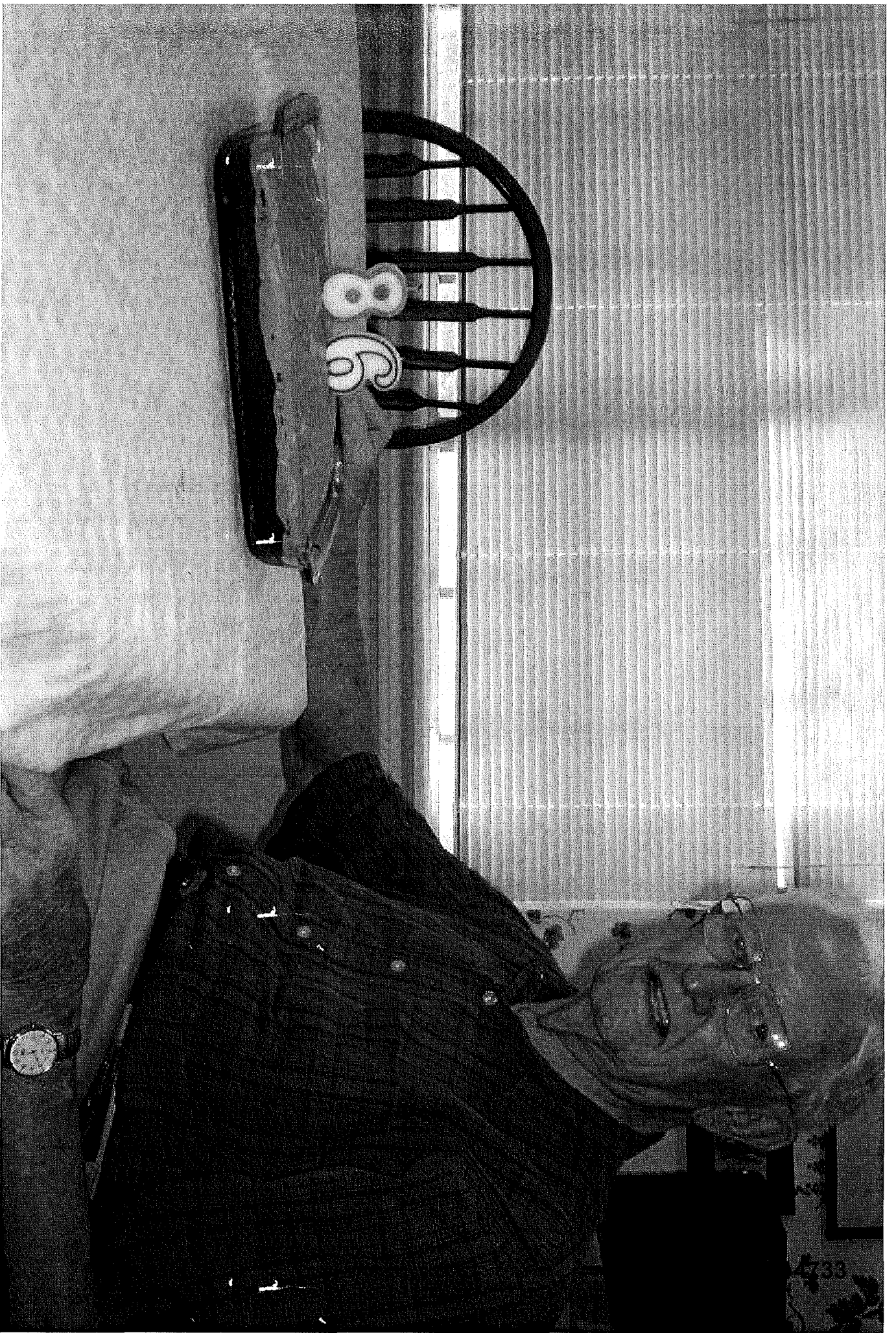
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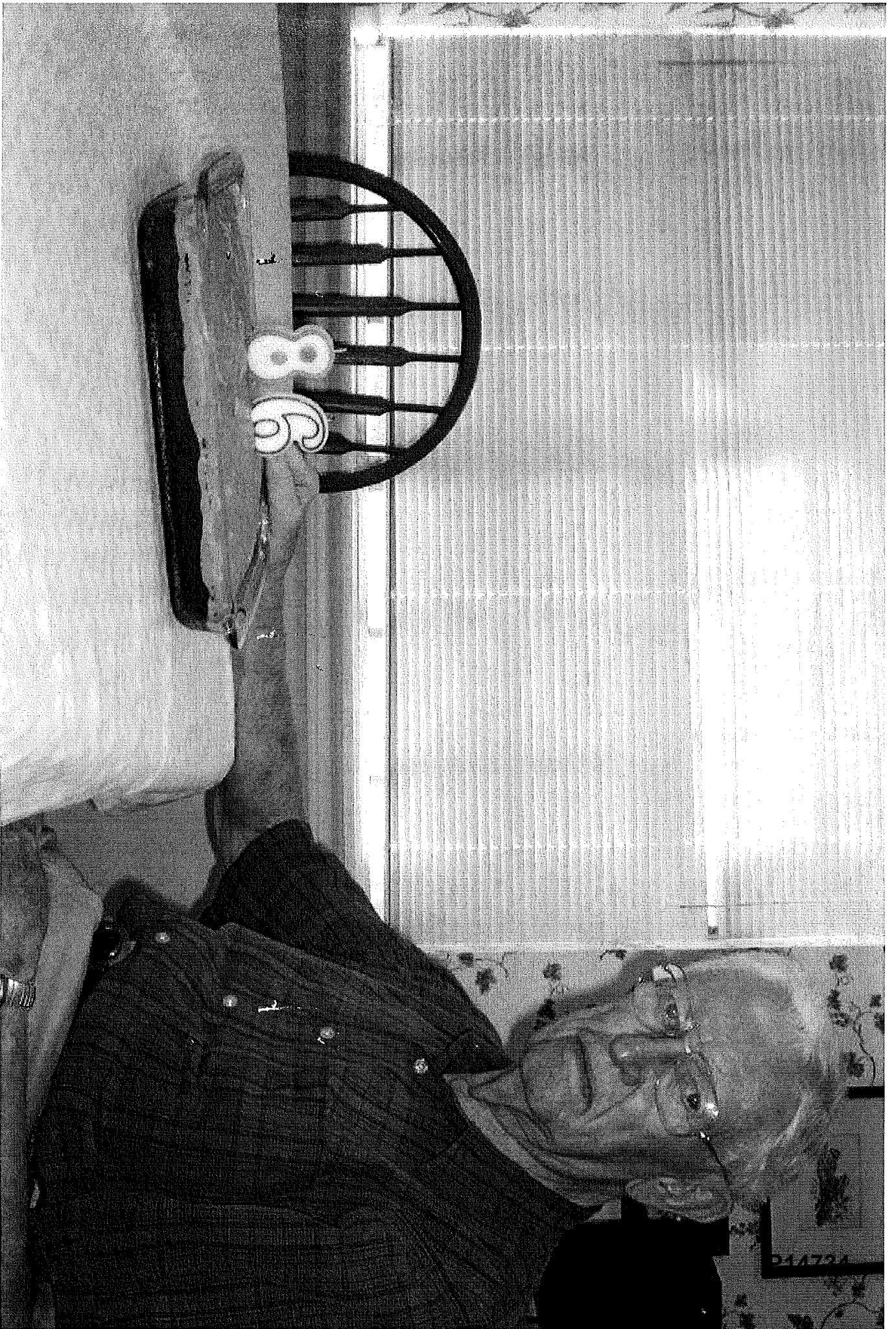
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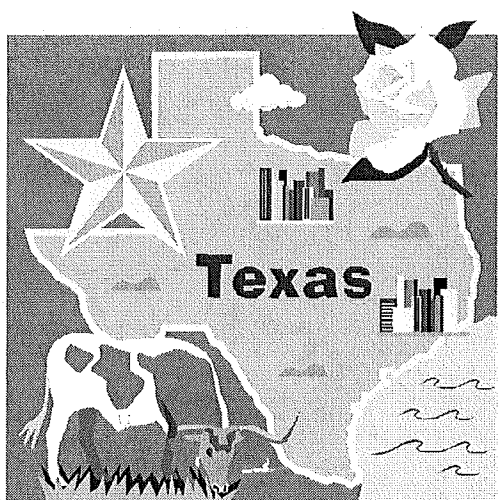
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To: ["Carole Brunsting"](#); ["Candace Curtis"](#); ["Amy Brunsting"](#)
Subject: Mom's memoir
Date: Monday, November 14, 2011 10:17:39 AM
Attachments: [Mom's memoir.doc](#)

I think mom made printed copies that are somewhere in the office, but here's the e-file.

Anita

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The Memoirs of Nelva Brunsting (nee Rensink)



First, a bit about my grandparents I never knew except Grandma Rensink, who I remember as a lady in a black dress. Grampa Rensink died in 1923 before I was born. Grandma died in 1932 when I was six. Grampa and Grandma Koolbeck, I think, lived in Alton till her death. However Mother was born in Pipestone, MN. They had 5 children, Aunt Ethel, Mother, Uncle Jake, Uncle Jim, and Uncle Kenneth. I believe Grandma (nee Nellie TeStroete) died in childbirth when Mother was 9. The children were parceled out to various relatives as was the custom in that day. Mother went to live with Aunt Annie and Uncle Albert Nieuwenhuis in Hopers which is why I considered Aunt Annie as my grandmother because in many ways she was. My Grandfather Koolbeck apparently worked as a drayman in Hopers for awhile and then went to Florida. Aunt Ethel received a letter from him one time that said he had remarried. Other than that no one heard from him again. Uncle Albert was a carpenter and built a lot of the barns around Hopers. They had one son, Nelson, who will be 100 years old in February 2008 and resides in the Pioneer home in Orange City, Iowa. I have 6 cousins on Mother's side.

Dad was the youngest of his family until they adopted Bernie. Dad always said his mother was such a kind person, which is probably why they adopted Bernie. He had 4 brothers and 4 sisters, Uncle Albert (who I never knew because he died in 1908), Uncle Ed, Uncle Arthur, Daddy, and Uncle Bernie. His sisters were Aunt Emma I never knew), Aunt Jennie, Aunt Ann, and Aunt Dena. They lived on a farm near Newkirk and I gather his father was a rather prosperous farmer. He built a big barn that said Gerrit John Rensink on the hayloft door and the year it was built. The farm is still there and the original home. A grandson lived on it until he died this year, 2007. I have approximately 10 cousins on Dad's side. I say approximately because I'm not sure how many of the Wegters are still living.

Mother was in the first graduating class of the Hopers High School. She later went to Iowa Normal College in Cedar Falls to get her teaching certificate and taught for many years in Hopers area schools. Every time we went to Sheldon we would run into someone who had her as a teacher.

Dad just went through the 6th grade which was common in those days because the boys were needed to help with the farm work. I think Mother roomed with their family while teaching in a school nearby. This was also the custom then. I think that's how she and Daddy got together.

They were married at Aunt Annie's house on March 12, 1921. At that time women were not allowed to vote. They lost a boy at 6 months (Nelson Earl), then I came along in 1926 and Bud in 1928. I'm not sure which farm he was born on. I only know he was very young when we moved to the farm on the Newkirk road.

I was born on a farm near Sheldon that my Dad was renting at the time. But the earliest home I can recall is on the road several miles north of Newkirk. (None of the original buildings still stand). We had a huge front lawn and Dad would often let Dolly and Rex, our team of horses, graze on the grass. They were so gentle Bud and I would walk

underneath from one side to the other. Now the thought makes me shiver. The house, as I recall, had a big living room (of course when you're small everything seems big), 2 bedrooms downstairs, a kitchen and just one big room upstairs where we would play. Mother had a dresser with materials in it and she told me I once cut pieces out of some to make clothes for my dolls. She didn't say if I got spanked or not. Speaking of dolls, I got one each year until I was 13. I'm not sure when they gave me the doll buggy, which was an exact replica of a real baby buggy), but I would put them all in the buggy and take them for a ride down to the mailbox. Aunt Annie made a sunbonnet quilt for the buggy. Some of their names were Boots, Betty, Lavonne, Ann of Green Gables, Shirley Temple, Baby Jean (a life size doll) and last of all Nancy who came in a little steamer trunk with a wardrobe of clothes plus hangers. Uncle Jim gave her to me. Somewhere along the line I even had a little black doll I called Topsy. Uncle Jim usually gave me a book for Christmas with just a girl's name. Perrine, Nadita, Heidi, Cricket and Pinocchio (only non-girl book) are some of the books I still have. Early on when I was about 7 the folks gave me a blackboard that I could turn into a desk. I still have it and I believe it was my favorite gift.

I started school when I was 4 going on 5. No kindergarten. My teacher was Miss Cleveringa. The first school was about a mile away. My cousins, Ray and Gerrit Diekevers went there too and in good weather Mother, Bud and I would cut through the cornfield to their house and we would go from there picking up some other kids on the way. Ray and Gerrit lived just around the corner from us so we spent a lot of time there.

Bud and I were very close. He was 2 years younger so I was very protective of him. I saved him from drowning in the stock tank one day by grabbing him by his coattails. A farm wasn't always the safest place for kids but we made it. Gerrit and Ray were our closest playmates and Berdella another cousin would come over sometimes also. Mother taught us how to embroidery and I still have a pot holder I worked on. One Halloween Mother dressed up like a ghost when Ray and Gerrit were at our place. Scared us silly. Then she hid our lunches around the farmyard. I had the chicken pox when I was about 5. Don't know if Bud got it or not, but I suppose he did.

We had rabbits at one time and always a dog. One of them, a little terrier, was killed on the road in front of the house and I can still see Bud and me walking back up the drive bawling our hearts out. When I was about 7 I broke a few ribs falling out of a play wagon that Ray was pulling. It was threshing time. I think he turned a sharp corner and I fell out. Dr. Lynn Myers in Sheldon taped me up and I spent several uncomfortable days and nights. The day he took the tape off probably hurt more than the broken ribs.

During the Depression a gang of workmen fixed roads and bridges in the county. One crew camped on our front lawn and at night the folks invited them in and Daddy would play his guitar and some other men had accordions. In the 30's sometimes a hobo would stop by and ask for some food. It was a very difficult time for a lot of people. How they found their way to our farm clear out in the country I don't know.

I remember Mother let me use table boards to set up a corner in the kitchen to play house. On Easter Sunday and usually other Sundays we'd have dinner at Aunt Annie and Uncle Albert. Bud and I had aprons than Mother made and we just left them there. I still have them. At Easter Aunt Annie would hide jelly beans for us to find. If it was nice weather she'd hide some outside. The folks would supply them with butter and cream which they appreciated.

I went to the Newkirk School for the second grade. My teacher was Mrs. Overhaul. So nice. I guess that year the teacher in the other school wasn't very good. Berdella and I were in the same grade. One day Berdella said I was supposed to come home with her after school so I got on her bus with her. It turned out I wasn't supposed to but Mother let me spend the night there. Berdella is the sister I never had.

I went back to Lynn #3 for the 3rd grade. Had two very good teachers, Miss Landsman and Nelson Nieuwenhuis who took over for her when she had to quit. During the spring, in March, we moved nearer to Hospers, on what was always called, Uncle Reikel's place. Dad rented from him. He was related by marriage to Mother's aunt. We lived there till I was married.

I think it was that spring Dad had a very bad accident falling off a disc which ran over him. Mother wasn't home at the time but he managed to walk to a neighboring farm where the hired man took him to the hospital in Sheldon. I learned from Mother that we almost lost him. She was sitting by his bedside, called his name. He opened his eyes and said "Why did you call me? I t was so peaceful", and he described angels to her. He was unable to work all summer. I can still see him sitting in a comfortable chair at home. The neighbors all pitched in and helped with the field work. That was a very rough year for both of them. As a child I didn't realize how tough. The folks always had company and if there were children we'd play Old Maid or Authors or pick-up sticks. Dad played the guitar very well and also the mouth harp and company would always ask him to play. When I learned to play piano I would accompany him. As a matter of fact, when Mother was in the nursing home in Hull in later years and I was up in Iowa we would go to the nursing and entertain the residents.

We didn't have electricity until I was a sophomore in high school. I can still see Dad lighting a lantern to go to the barn when it was dark. Sometimes I'd get up and make him a cup of cocoa before he went to milk. It was done by hand till in the late thirties when he bought 2 milking machines. The milk was put in a separator in a small room next to the cows. Some of the milk was used for drinking and cooking and also to feed calves (no 2% in those days, only whole milk). The cream went into cream cans and was sold to the Boyden Creamery which sent a tank truck around every week. We kept some cream out for coffee and whipping and making ice-cream (in the summer). We bought butter from the creamery and later they had Land O' Lakes cheese. Dad put the cream cans in the stock tank to keep cool. The house milk was kept in the cellar which was cool. I never really cared for milk until we had a refrigerator.

We always had a big garden and in the summer I had to help pick beans after supper, and other veggies. Hated to do that. Now I would love it. We'd get apples from relatives who had apple trees and Mother would make "appleties"(applechees) from the little crab apples that were so good. In August and September she would buy boxes of peaches and pears and sometimes apricots and can them. Also the extra tomatoes went into jars or she would make homemade chili sauce. All of these went down in the cellar for the winter.

Mother ironed first with flat irons that were warmed on the cookstove. Later she had a gas iron and of course, later an electric iron.

Our stove was a large cookstove which had a reservoir on the end which was kept full of water to use for bathing, dish washing, etc. The fuel for the stove was corn cobs and sometime wood. Our job as kids was to keep the "cob box" filled. The bin where the cobs were kept was dark and you never knew when mice would be running around. That and getting eggs were not my favorite jobs. It's amazing what good meals were made on the stove and in the oven. Mother later got a gas stove. The other stove was moved to the summer kitchen next to the house. There she did the canning and heat water for laundry use.

As you probably remember, Jell-O was the "All American" dessert in Iowa. In the winter we'd set the Jell-O on the porch which was closed in. It was cold enough to set Jell-O. I don't really know how we got it to set in the summer but we always had Jell-O. Aunt Annie had an icebox.

Heating in the rest of the house was done by a coal stove which was in the living room. In winter Mother would make hot chocolate by setting a pan of milk on top which had an open grate. The fire was "banked" during the night to keep it warm during the night (an open grate was put in the ceiling to let the warm air rise into the bedroom above. But by morning it was pretty chilly in the house. Uncle Albert had a real old fashioned heating stove with ising glass windows in it which fascinated me.

From 4th through 8th grade Bud and I went to Lynn #4 2 miles away. Dad was director for several years and had to hire the teacher. I think the only teacher we had there was Miss DeSmet from Rock Valley. She was very good and taught us manual training. Several things I made, including the bear bookcase upstairs won a prize at the county fair. She would also take us kids who wanted to go to a movie every now and then and afterward for hamburgers at a little place next to the Woolworth store. They were so good!!! I guess there was a total of about 8 or 10 students at the most in grades from 1 to 8. Miss DeSmet roomed with a family who lived about a ¼ miles from the school. They were Catholic and so was she so it worked out well. During nice weather we'd walk to school along with a neighbor boy whom we detested. He was always bragging about something. The last farm before school had a big red bull in the pasture and we were always afraid of it. Also in those days gypsies still roamed around and by that time they had cars. In winter Dad would take us or if the snow was too bad he and the neighbor put runners on the corn wagon and took the fences down and rode across the section to the school. The fields had less snow than the roads. We kids would sit down in the wagon

covered with blankets. One time the car quit about a half mile from home and we walked the rest of the way holding a blanket in front of us. Came close to having frostbite that time! One year we had a family of 4 children, the Meyers kids, who were quite poor. The oldest, Annie, was a large girl and wore men's shoes to school. The funny thing was that no one made fun of her. We were just kids together. During recess we'd play softball or once in awhile we'd go into the neighboring alfalfa field and drown ground squirrels. Some one would pour water down the hole and when they came up somebody else would "bop 'em in the head".. They were a nuisance to the farmer. We also played different games but mainly softball. In winter we'd play in the basement of the school and some of us had roller skates and took them to school. Also in winter the mothers would take turns bringing a hot dish for our lunch. Usually it was soup or something similar.

At the end of my 8th year I had to go to high school in Hospers and I was scared to death to go to such a **big** school. Fortunately, cousin Berdella was in the same grade and her brother Henry and Cousin Ray were already there. There were 17 in our graduating class!

My favorite time in the summer was threshing in July. Oats was grown then and had to be cut with a binder and the shocks had to be stacked in the field like little tents. That's when farmers had hired men if they didn't have help of their own family. When I was old enough(24 or 15) I would run the binder sometimes. Got a good sunburn that way. Someone in the neighborhood would own a threshing machine and go from farm to farm with his machine. All the neighbors would help each other but the best things were the lunches and dinner served the workers. The ladies would pull out all the stops. In the mid morning and afternoon we'd bring the men a big kettle of coffee or lemonade to drink in between time, sandwiches, cookies, cake, etc., but dinner was the best. Mother would always check with Daddy to see what the last lady served the day before. She didn't want to serve the same thing. When it was our turn the aunts would come over and help cook and serve. Since it was during the summer there were always tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage salad, and everything else. Usually pie for dessert. Sometimes the men would eat in 2 shifts.(Some artist painted a picture of that very thing. It was either Hart or Grant Wood). There were those who brought in the shocks from the field in hay wagons and others tended the machine and the blower and stacked the straw (terrible job), others would bring the oats in the wagon to the elevator on the farm yard where it would be put in the bin . When one place was finished the men would go to the next place. The women always ate after the men were through. We would do the cooking in the summer kitchen so as not to heat up the kitchen where the men ate. When I was a teenager I helped with the blower sometimes. After it was all over we'd have a party at someone's house where the men would settle up the cost they owed the thresher man, I guess. Dad had several different hired men during the years. Those were lean years for a lot of people so many young men went out looking for work. One we had was from Wyoming (Don Kipp). He drank a lot and didn't last long. Another, Neil Rupke was from Kansas. Very nice man. He married and moved to Michigan and worked in one of the car plants, I think. We kept in touch with them for years. Our favorite was from

South Dakota, Lawrence Naminga. He married and went back to South Dakota to farm.. We also kept in touch with him for many years.

In the early 40's I guess, maybe late 30's Dad bought his first tractor, an Oliver. He was very proud of it. Later he bought a John Deere.

There was a creek in the pasture where we played in the summer and "skated" in the winter. When it snowed Dad would pull on our sled behind the car. Lots of fun!!!

Our drinking water came from the windmill in the pasture or soft water from the pump by the house. I didn't care much for the soft water(the cup we used is in the bookcase in the kitchen., it's which enamel). We had another well on the yard but the water was too hard, they said, to drink. But every year Dad and Mother would make homemade root beer and put the bottles in a pail down into that well water which was very cold. Best root beer I ever tasted!!!!.

On my birthday in my teens mother would take me to a drugstore in Sheldon for a banana split. There was a special smell in drugstores in those days that was so pleasant. That's where I also bought my movie magazines. Had my bedroom walls covered with pictures of Clark Gable, Joan Crawford, Van Heflin and all the big stars of the day.

I loved Christmas, although I didn't realize until I was a teenager that we weren't very rich. When I was 9 to 12 I'd take the Sears Christmas catalog or Montgomery Ward and go through them and make a list of the things I wanted to get everyone in the family. Of course, I didn't, but it was fun. My favorite store in Sheldon was Starretts. Every Christmas they turned the basement into a toy and gift store. The tricycles were stacked up high. That's where my Anne Shirley and Shirley Temple dolls came from. I bought Mother a cookie recipe book that had a wooden cover on it. Bud bought her a pin cushion (upstairs on the window sill). Sheldon had a lot of nice stores, dress shops, men's shop and jewelry stores. Penney's, Wolfes, the White House, Ellerbrooks, etc. They're all gone now.

Mother always bought a box of chocolate covered cherries for the family. That was our special treat. I believe they were \$.25 a box then. Later went up to \$.50. We didn't always have a Christmas tree but one year Dad and Mother bought a lovely one and set it up in the living room which faced the road. Mother had **real** little candles (no electricity) which she carefully placed on the tips of the branches and let burn for a little while. One evening she lit them and told Bud and me to go outside and look at the tree through the window. We did and to our amazement each candle had a complete halo around it. It was just like in the pictures we had seen. I still have some of the candle holders and early decorations she used. We usually went to Aunt Annie on Christmas and exchanged presents with Aunt Ethels' family and Nelson and Isabel, Aunt Annies' son who lived in Hospers. Our church always had a program that the little kids took part in and afterwards we would get a bag of candy which also contained an orange and some nuts. The best things were the several chocolate drops they put in. My Dad taught me to chord on the guitar and when I was about 10 they asked me to accompany the smaller kids while they

sang "Silent Night". We practiced on Saturday afternoon. When we were finished the kids asked me to play something else so I played one of the songs Dad taught me "Show me the way to go home. I'm tired and I want to go to bed. I had a little drink about an hour ago and it went right to my head. Wherever I may roam, on land or sea or foam You will always hear me singing that song, show me the way to go home." Afterward I told Mother the kids asked me to play something and I told her what I played. I will never forget the look on her face. She said "NELVA, you shouldn't play that song in church."!!!! I really couldn't figure out why she was so upset. Grampa was a teetotaler so I really didn't know the song was a drinking song. Anyway , they let me play for the kids so I guess word didn't get out.

We always went to The First Reformed church in Hospers even when we lived near Newkirk. Aunt Annie and Uncle Albert also went there. Sometimes we would sit with them and Uncle always had a supply of pink or white peppermints (we called them peppies" in his pocket which he would pass to us during the service. Somewhere I read that it was a Dutch custom in Holland too so that's where it must have come from. I loved to sing with Dad and Mother. Dad had a really nice baritone voice, and Mother would sing soprano and I alto. During those years they also had afternoon services in the Dutch language. Sometimes we would go with our folks. I never could figure out how they could sing those Dutch psalms. Then there was a church member who was very bald and short. His name was Mr. Haack. He would often give a prayer which went on and on but I rather enjoyed listening to the cadence of his voice. When he went real high I figured he was asking God for the forgiveness of our sins. The Dutch services stopped somewhere in the 50's I think because the young ministers couldn't speak the language.

I loved Sunday School. My favorite teacher was Mrs. Dick Kreykes When we were small Bud and I were in the same class. One year they wanted to separate us and we both cried so they let us stay together. We had a little red song book and got a card with a picture on it and a Sunday School paper. And one year a chart that each Sunday we put a picture of one of the apostles on it. When I was a teen we sometimes had Nelson as a teacher. He was excellent. Maybe because he was also a History teacher.

Bud and I first learned to ride bikes on a neighbor's boy's bike. The road from our house to the mail box about a ¼ mile away sloped downhill so it wasn't too long before we were riding well. Later Dad and Mother bought us bikes. I never had a girl's bike. When I went to high school I rode bike in nice weather. Since I lived furthest out I'd stop at Virginia Kersten a mile away and later we'd pick up some others. Sometimes we'd walk too. It was about 5 miles. Dad would take me to Kerstens and Virginia and I and a couple of the Boender children walked from there and picked up 1 or 2 other along the way. Sometimes Virginia and I would be the only ones riding our bikes. She was my best friend during high school days.

Thanksgiving was always special too. I especially liked going to Aunt Ethel and Uncle Herm Moret in Orange City. They would always have turkey and had a big living room and dining room. After noon dinner we kids would go to a movie downtown. They

always would have a good kids' movies like Little Women or a Shirley Temple movie. That was the Koolbeck side that got together at Orange City.

For the 4th of July Dad's side or at least the Diekevers and Uncle Cornie Rensinks and sometimes even Uncle Jake Koolbeck and Aunt Ethels would come over because Dad would order fireworks from a company in Indiana. In the evening he would shoot off rockets, etc. and we'd have homemade ice-cream. Dad would order rockets, twirlers you tacked to fence posts, sparklers, snakes and cherry bombs and firecrackers which we would put under a tin can to blow it up sky high and Roman candles. We were always very careful because Mother would remind us of a boy she knew who lost a finger or two by being careless. Dad made a trough for the rockets and angled it so they would go up in the air. He'd put it in the middle of the road. Of course, we had very little traffic on the country road. But one time the trough fell off its perch just as he lit the rocket and it went zigzagging down the road. Highlight of the evening!.

We had relatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin. We went to see them several times and they would come to see us at times. They were relatives on Aunt Annie and Mother's side. If we went to Wisconsin we would leave about midnight for some reason. Aunt Annie and Uncle usually went along. I remember seeing a full moon over a lake somewhere along the line. I still have Portage, WI chocolate milk bottle that we bought along the way. No cartons in those days. We stayed at Aunt Annie's half brother one time. They lived not too far from Lake Michigan. We got up early one morning and drove down to the shore to see the fishermen bring their catch. We had fresh fried fish for breakfast. Deelish!!!! While there we had a new cereal, Cheerios. After we got back home the Wisconsin relatives sent us a couple of boxes. Bud and I were probably the first ones in Iowa to have Cheerios.

Hog butchering was a big deal. It was always done in the winter to keep the meat from spoiling. Usually our neighbor helped with it. He may have gotten half for all I know. In early days the meat was canned and Mother made what is called headcheese for use as a bread spread. Balkenbrei was made from cracklings, buckwheat flour and a few other ingredients and molded in a pan and sliced off and fried for breakfast and eaten with syrup. So good!! In later years when meat markets had coolers we'd buy a cut of beef from the market and store it in their freezer. When Mother wanted some we'd go to Hospers and get what we wanted out of our locker.

I realize now the education I received in Hospers wasn't a very good one. In fact, Mother probably had a better one in those first years than I did. She had Latin. However, the exception was music. We had an excellent music director, Mr. Thostenson who later became music director at Central College in Pella. He directed the band and mixed chorus and girls' glee club, all of which I participated in. I also sang in a trio and did solo work at contest time..

Both Berdella, her brother Henry and I played clarinets in the band. Our favorite time of the year was going to music contests. One year our band went to the National contest in Minneapolis and won 1st for bands for school of our size. I bought Mother a cameo pin at a dime store that I still think was worth more than the \$1.98 I paid for it.

One year the girls took woodworking for 6 wks and the boys took Home Ec. My second cousin, Nelson Nieuwenhuis was shop teacher. I can't for the life of me remember what I made but I do remember working on the lathe.

We had algebra (made an A as a freshman and F as a senior as did my best friend Virginia). Mr. Bomgaars had us repeat it till we passed. Also had American Lit. which I loved, History, English, and Science (which was a joke). Somehow I made salutatorian of my senior class. There wasn't too much competition, I guess.

During my sophomore year Bud and I contracted scarlet fever. We seemed to have been the only ones in the county to get it. I recovered shortly but Bud developed a strep infection and had to be taken to Sioux City and put in isolation for awhile. Mother stayed with him. Doc Galman, our local doctor in Hospers drove her to Sioux City. I looked after Dad. Later we had to have the house fumigated. Bud also had measles when he was younger. I never got them but I did have my appendix removed when I was about 10 or 11. Spent some time in the hospital in Sheldon. We always blamed it on green apples I ate at a friend's house the day before.

Every year the seniors had Skip Day. For ours we went to Sioux Falls and toured the newspaper plant and went to a movie. It was Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart in Casa Blanca. That was a big day for us! Another big day was going to Sioux City to have our senior pictures taken. That also was a day away from school.

In the winter when the weather was bad or when we had an out-of-town basketball games I stayed with Aunt Annie because for 2 years I was one of the cheerleaders. Virginia Kersten, my best friend, and second cousin Lavonne Raak were the other two. The upstairs bedroom at Aunt Annie wasn't very warm and I would take a warm flat iron to warm the bed. But by morning the room was frigid. As simple as they were I always liked the meals Aunt Annie served. For supper we'd often have fried potatoes, a boiled egg, macaroni salad or something like that. Then afterward we'd play Chinese checkers.

December 7, 1941 was the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. It was Sunday and we heard the news on the radio. I went to bed that night and cried because I thought sure the Japanese were going to take over America. FDR was president at the time and he was a steadying influence, I think. He was the one who said "We have nothing to fear but fear itself". Food, tire rationing went into effect very quickly. Sugar, butter, coffee were the main foods. Also nylon stockings. That's when leg painting came into being. It wasn't too successful because it would rub off on the clothing. Speed limit was 45 mph. Living on the farm we weren't as badly affected as those in cities and town because we had a garden and Mother sometimes churned butter. Bud and I went through the grove looking for old iron which was collected by the government to make tanks, etc. I do remember making cakes with Karo syrup. I don't remember if oleo came into being then or later. Anyway the first oleo came as a white stick with a yellow capsule that you mixed with it to give it some color. I think Sanka came in about that time. It was supposed to take the place of coffee but tasted horrible. We didn't have a problem with

meat because Dad did his own butchering. We ate a lot of Spam though'. I rather liked it. Some of us high school girls were pressed into service when people had to apply for ration cards, etc. They'd come to the gym to register.

I don't know but it seems to me we had more snow than they do now in northern Iowa. I can remember snow plows coming past during the night to open the roads and the banks would be so high you couldn't see the top of a car passing by. We had high snow banks on the yard too.

After I graduated from high school I decided to go to college. The PR man from Central came and talked to us. I was the only one that signed up for that college. Nelson had gone there too. Actually only 3 or 4 others from my class went to college. I had applied to a nursing school in Sioux City but was too young to get in then. (I graduated when I was 16). Virginia, my best friend, did get in and became a nurse. At that time the Sioux County kids going to Central took a train from Hawarden to Des Moines and from there on a bus to Pella. Gas rationing was still in effect so it was too expensive to drive very far. I met two girls from Sioux Center who were also going to Pella and I stayed overnight at my Aunt Elsie Koolbeck who also lived there and rode with them to Hawarden. She made me a box lunch. That's when I had my first tuna sandwich. We stayed overnight at a hotel, went to a movie, and got on a bus the next day to finish our trip. Elmer was on that train too but he was a big important senior and didn't notice me. He talked to the Hull kids who were going.

The dorm at that time was taken over by the Navy who housed cadets training there in some sort of program, I think it was flying. So they put us up in private homes. I lived at Mr. And Mrs. Herbert Van Wyck's home (he was the Bible professor) along with 3 other girls. Donna Davis, my roommate, Harriet Ten Boer and Dorothy Busby. It was several blocks from the college campus but sometimes I would go over for breakfast, particularly when they had coffee cake. Meals were absolutely delicious. We had from scratch chocolate pie with real whipped cream and pineapple Bavarian cream, etc. No wonder I ballooned to 175 that first year!!

I sang in the glee club and a small madrigal group. We did the Messiah at Christmas time and when I was a sophomore I had the alto part in a quartet that sang the section, "When In Adam All Men Die". Much to my surprise Mother showed up at my room late the afternoon of the performance. She had taken the bus to Pella. I had no idea she was coming!. I think it was the nicest surprise I ever had with her in the audience that evening!

There was no dancing on campus but we did do the Virginia Reel at a get acquainted party. That night Elmer walked me back to the house where I stayed and it kind of went on from there. We went to movies, etc. and by the time we went home for Thanksgiving I was wearing his class ring. He gave me a set of pearls for Christmas and left for the Navy the end of December.

The dorm was returned to the girls by sophomore year. My roommate was Harriet Ten Boer who lived at the house the previous year. She was a senior and very sweet girl.

Elmer and I became engaged in the spring when he was through with basic training in Plattsburgh, New York.

Dad couldn't see sending me back to school since we were going to be married when he got back and Mother had a very bad case of eczema so I stayed home to help her.

Before he went overseas he came home on leave and we discussed getting married. Our fathers got in on the discussion and we decided it wouldn't be the best thing at the time. Elmer was overseas about 14 months.

In April before Elmer came home in May of '46 we had a very bad tornado in the area. We had been making hay that afternoon and the sky in the northwest was very dark all that time. About chokes times Mother happened to listen in to the party line and heard someone say there was a tornado coming. Bud tried to back the Model A out of the corn crib and got it hung up so we ran down to the neighbors who had a basement. The tornado came down out of Minnesota and crossed over the highway south of Sioux Center going east. (My Uncle Jake saw it cross the road). It ruined several farms around Newkirk and Hospers. The tornado finally went back up into Minnesota. If it would have taken the usual path it would have hit our farm. The next day was perfectly beautiful but hot. Everyone was out to see the damage that had been done. Fortunately no one was hurt as most people had basements to go to.

Elmer came home in the middle of May and was supposed to have a long leave but he was alerted they were going to decommission the ship so we decided to get married so that I could go to California with him. We had about 2 weeks to get ready. Fortunately I already had my dress. Mother called our relatives and Elmer's mother called theirs. A lady in Orange City who Aunt Ethel knew made our cake. Our minister was out of town so we asked Rev. Harry Van Kerhoff who preached in Elmer's church to do the ceremony. That was just as well with us. Our minister was such a boss at weddings, telling everyone how to walk etc. Aunt Mic who had come to Iowa with Elmer was my maid of honor, Berdella was my bridesmaid. We borrowed dresses for both of them. John Fonkert, a close friend of Elmer's was best man. Evelyn Brunsting played the organ and her sister, Lucille, sang. We had ordered flowers from a Sioux City florist but because of a train strike they couldn't ship them so we hurriedly got some from the Sheldon florist. We drove to Sioux City to get our napkins. Our reception was at my Aunt Ethel in Orange City. It was cold and rainy the day we got married but the next day was bright and sunny.

We drove to California in the '40 Ford that Elmer purchased before coming home. He found a wristwatch inside the door when he took it off to fix one of the windows. The motels in those days were not as modern as they are today. We ran into a sandstorm in New Mexico and our clothes were covered with pink dust. The car wasn't exactly air tight.

After the ship was decommissioned we drove to L.A. and stayed with Uncle Bert Rikkers and Aunt Eleanor for a few days. Went to the Capistrano Mission, Knotts Berry Farm, and spent a few days on the beach, stopping at The Grand Canyon on the way back. Stayed in a log cabin that had no heat. It was cold!! Ran into a rain and hail storm south of Sioux City on the way back and spent some time under the roof of a gas station.

Elmer applied to Iowa State College for graduate school and was accepted that fall. We bought a secondhand trailer from someone in Sheldon and lived in West Court at Ames along with all the other GIs who were going back to school. I got a job along with several other girls typing addresses for the Reuben Donnelly Co. who had an office in Nevada about 10 miles from Ames. The company was actually in Chicago. At Thanksgiving we were given a fresh turkey from the butcher shop in Nevada. The most delicious bird I have ever tasted. We cooked it at Elmer's folk's house. The last two years I worked in the Math Dept. on campus. Really enjoyed that. We could go home for lunch.

We bought a typewriter with chemical key symbols on it and I typed Elmer's thesis on it. He graduated in the spring of '50 and took a job with Vulcan Copper and Supply in Cincinnati, Ohio. We first lived in a quadruplex in Pleasant Ridge area and later bought a new little house in North College Hill. In 1953 we added Candy to our family.. The first night we had her home I got up every half hour to see if she was still breathing. One of the fellows whom Elmer really liked was leaving the company and going to Niagara Falls to take on a job with Olin-Mathison. Elmer wasn't too happy at Vulcan so we moved to Niagara Falls too. We rented an apartment on Grand Island between Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The best thing I can say about that period is that we did get to see the Falls. Elmer's job was government work and he couldn't talk about it besides we didn't particularly like the area.

In January we got the call that Bud was lost at sea. Candy and I got on a train at Buffalo and headed for Iowa. She was 10 months old at the time. Entertaining a 10 month old on a long train ride was quite an adventure. We had an upper berth for sleeping. Had to change trains in Chicago in the morning. Candy had her breakfast in the train station. I believe it was oatmeal. Elmer came a few days later and really took charge of things. A sailor accompanied Bud's body. He stayed at Aunt Ethel's overnight. It was a difficult time for all of us.

While we were in Iowa Candy learned to walk by pushing a footstool over the folks dining room floor. It was linoleum. I have a picture of her doing that. Elmer went back to New York before Candy and I so we made the long trip back again.

Shortly after we got back Elmer saw an ad by John Deere looking for chemical engineers at a new urea plant in Pryor, Oklahoma. Since we were none too happy in New York and wanted to get back to the Midwest he answered it and was hired. Elmer preceded us to Pryor and my folks drove Candy and me down there. He had rented a small new house

there so it was all ready. Later we built a larger house in a circle where several other Deere employees lived. I think it was probably the happiest time of our lives. The rest of the family were born there. Carol in the old hospital, Carl, Amy and Anita in the new hospital. And as they say "The rest is history."

Mom and Bud



Mom and Bud



Snow



Kids by creek



Young Bud

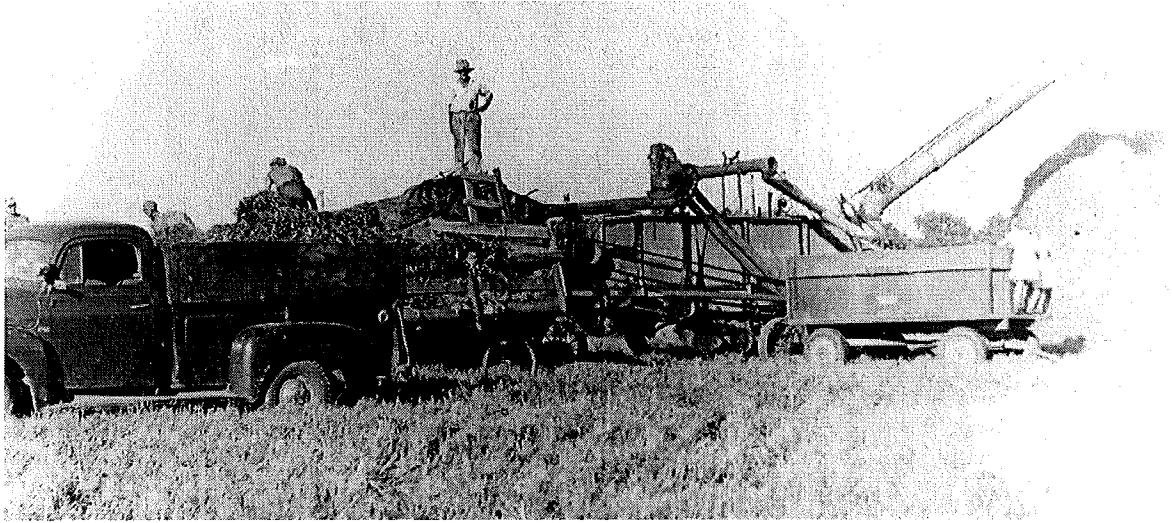


Mother + Dad

Grandma and Grandpa
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Harvesting



Young Mom and Dad

Grandmother and Grandfather Ames 1946 to 1950



Mom and Dad's
Trailer at Iowa State
(Ames, Iowa)

Candy w/ Aunt Annie
and Uncle Albert



From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: "[Candace Curtis](#)"; "[Carole Brunsting](#)"; "[Amy Brunsting](#)"
Subject: FW: mother
Date: Monday, November 14, 2011 3:23:40 PM

From: Rich Ridders [mailto:richr@kk-cpa.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2011 9:21 PM
To: Anita Brunsting
Subject: Re: mother

Anita,

You have my deepest sympathy. Please express my sympathy to your siblings. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Rich

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4GLTE Phone

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From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Rich Ridders <richr@kk-cpa.com>
Sent: Mon, Nov 14, 2011 02:50:52 GMT+00:00
Subject: mother

Rich,

Mother passed away late Friday afternoon (11/11/11). We will be holding the funeral on Tues, Nov. 15 at 3pm.

Anita

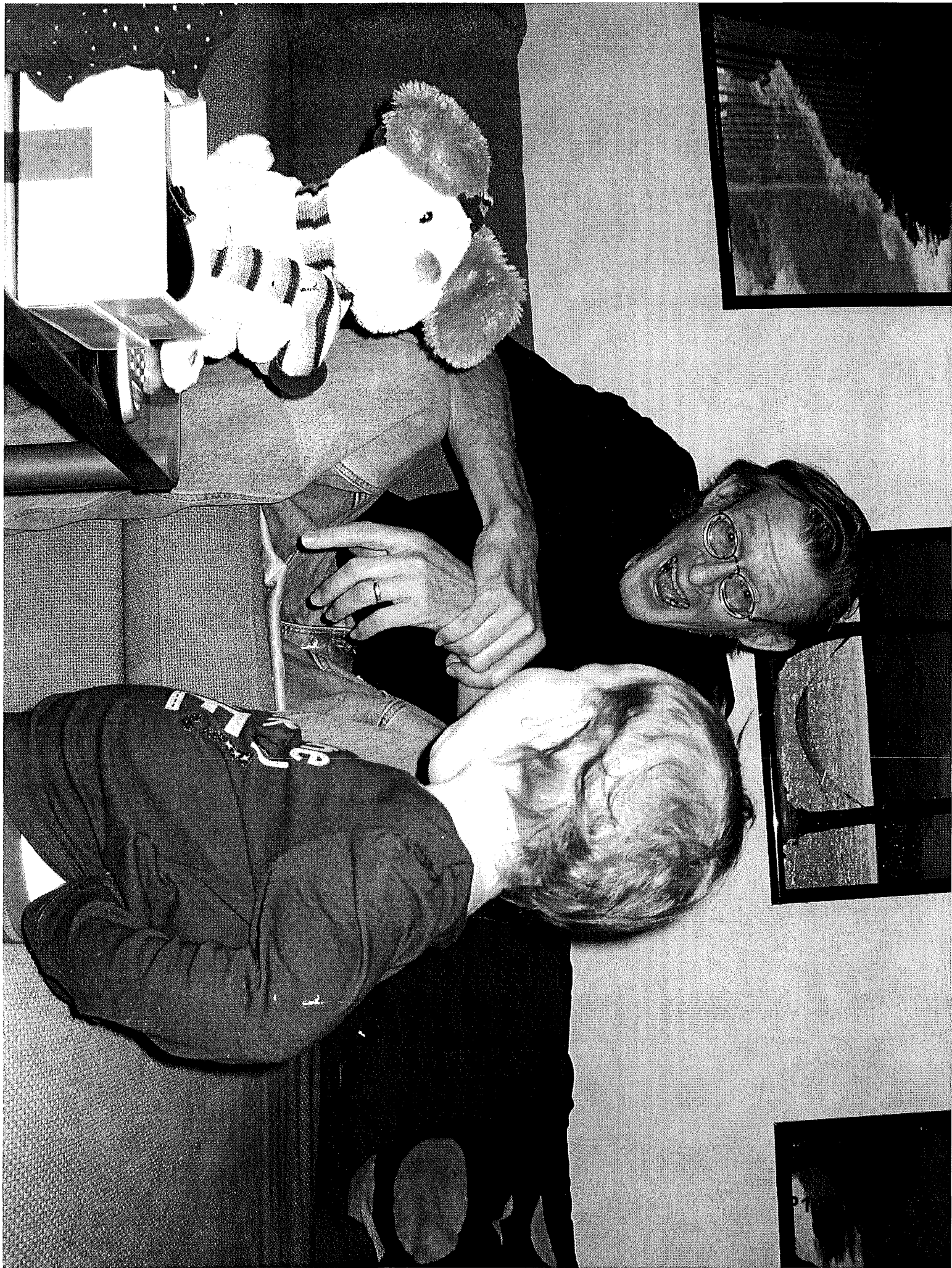
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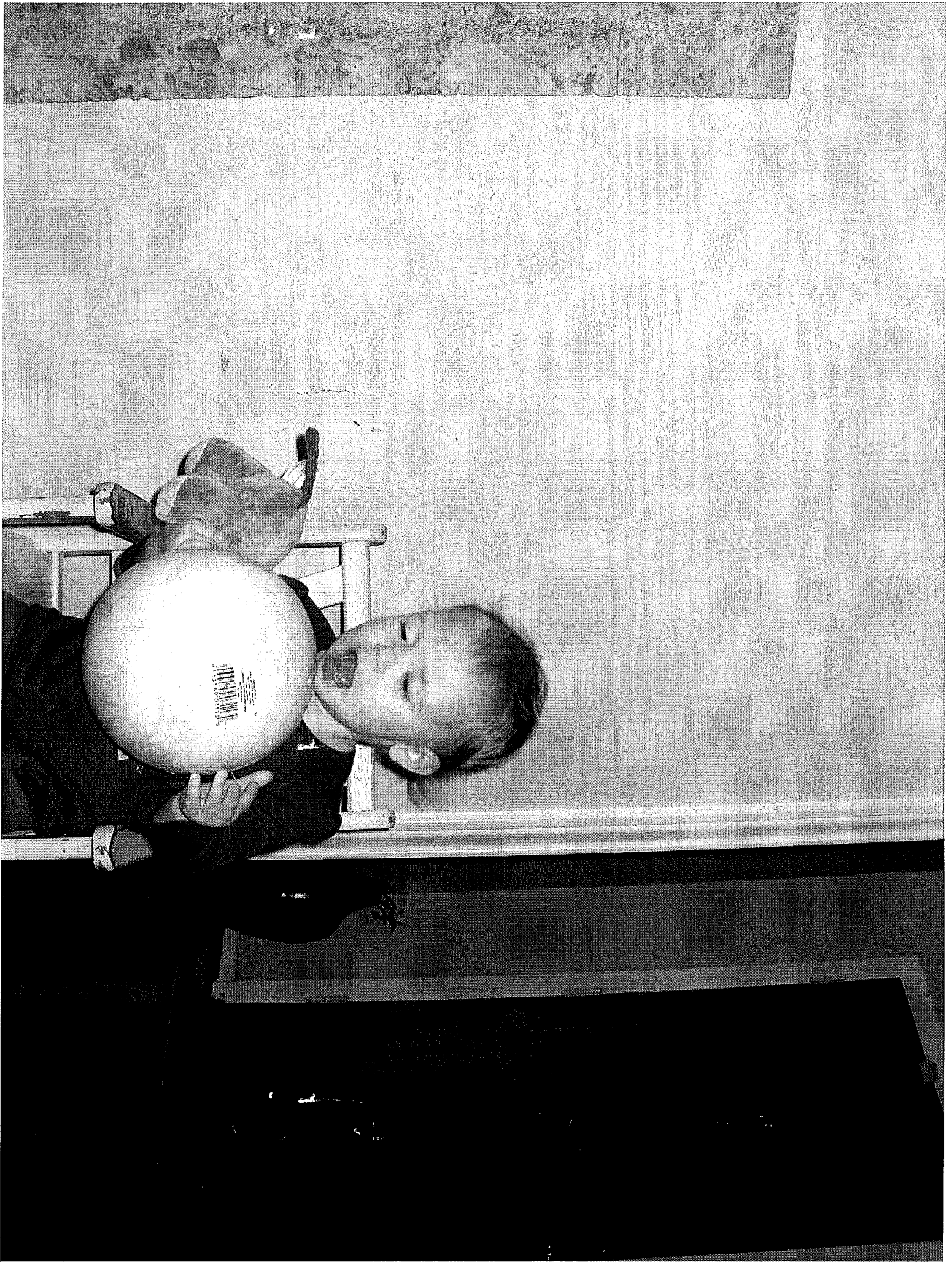
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To: [Rollin Gattis](#)
Cc: [candy curtis](#); [Marta](#); [Carole Brunsting](#); [Ryan Huntsman](#)
Subject: Thanksgiving pics
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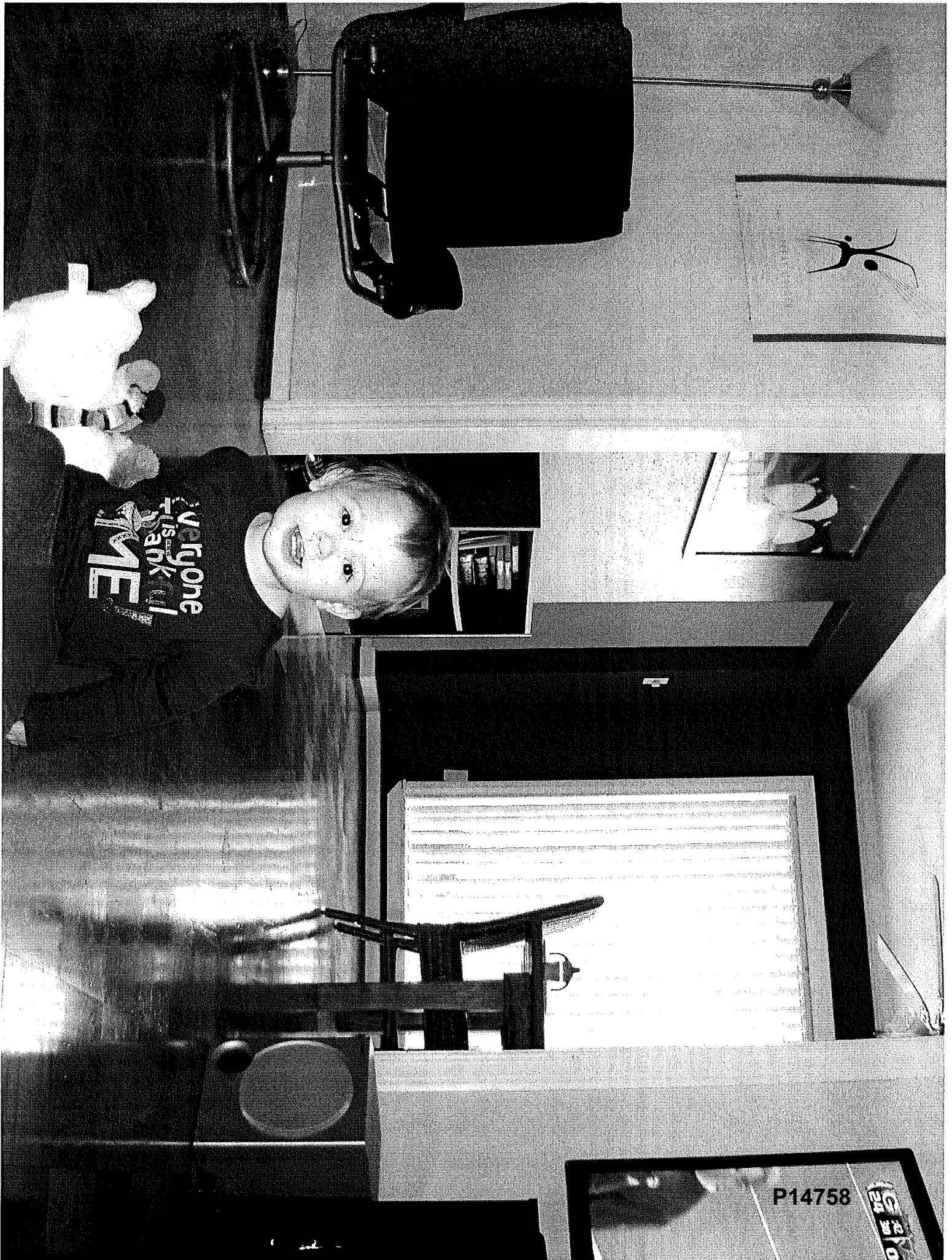
Pictures for you from Thanksgiving.

Love,
Drina

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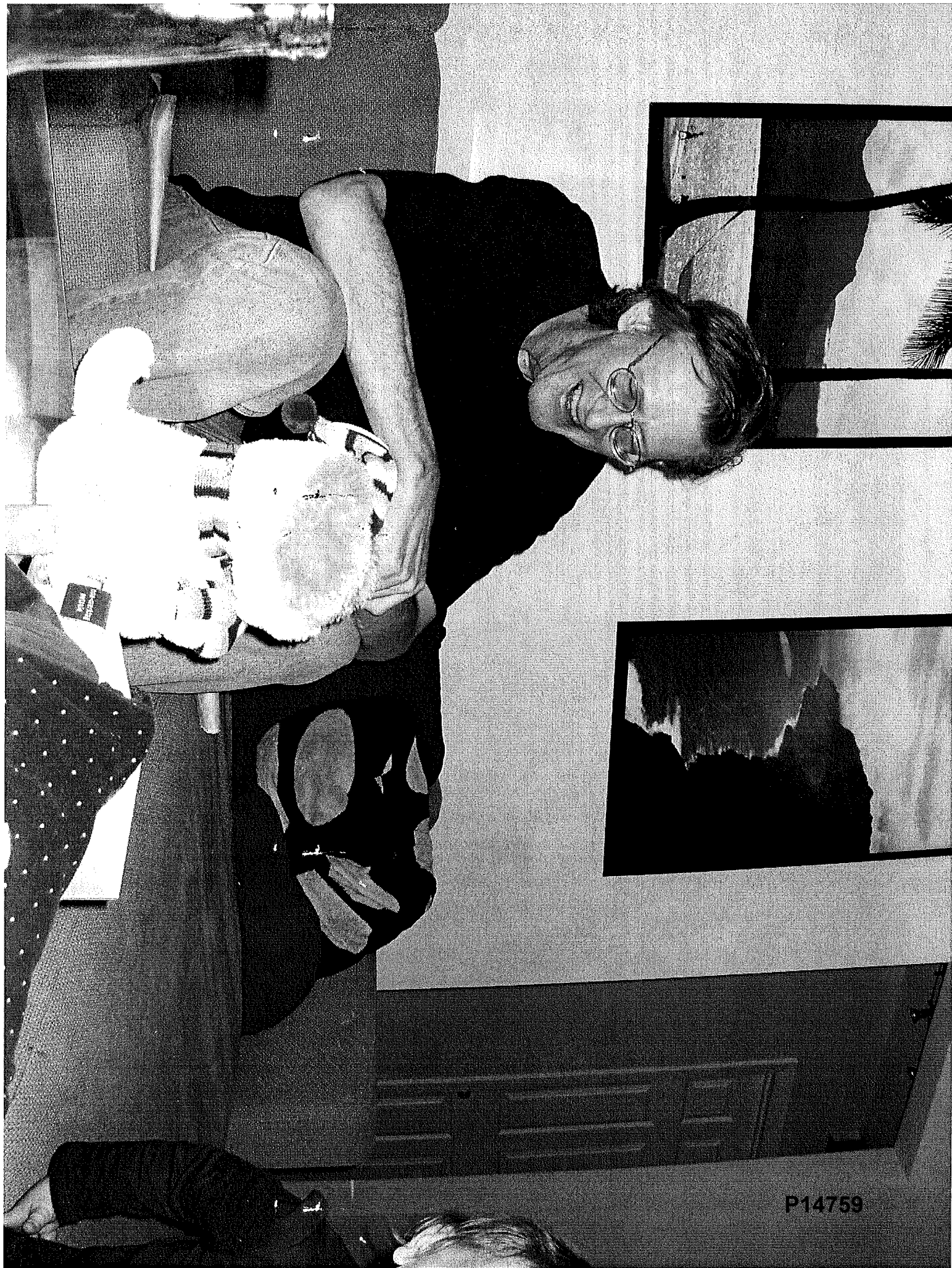






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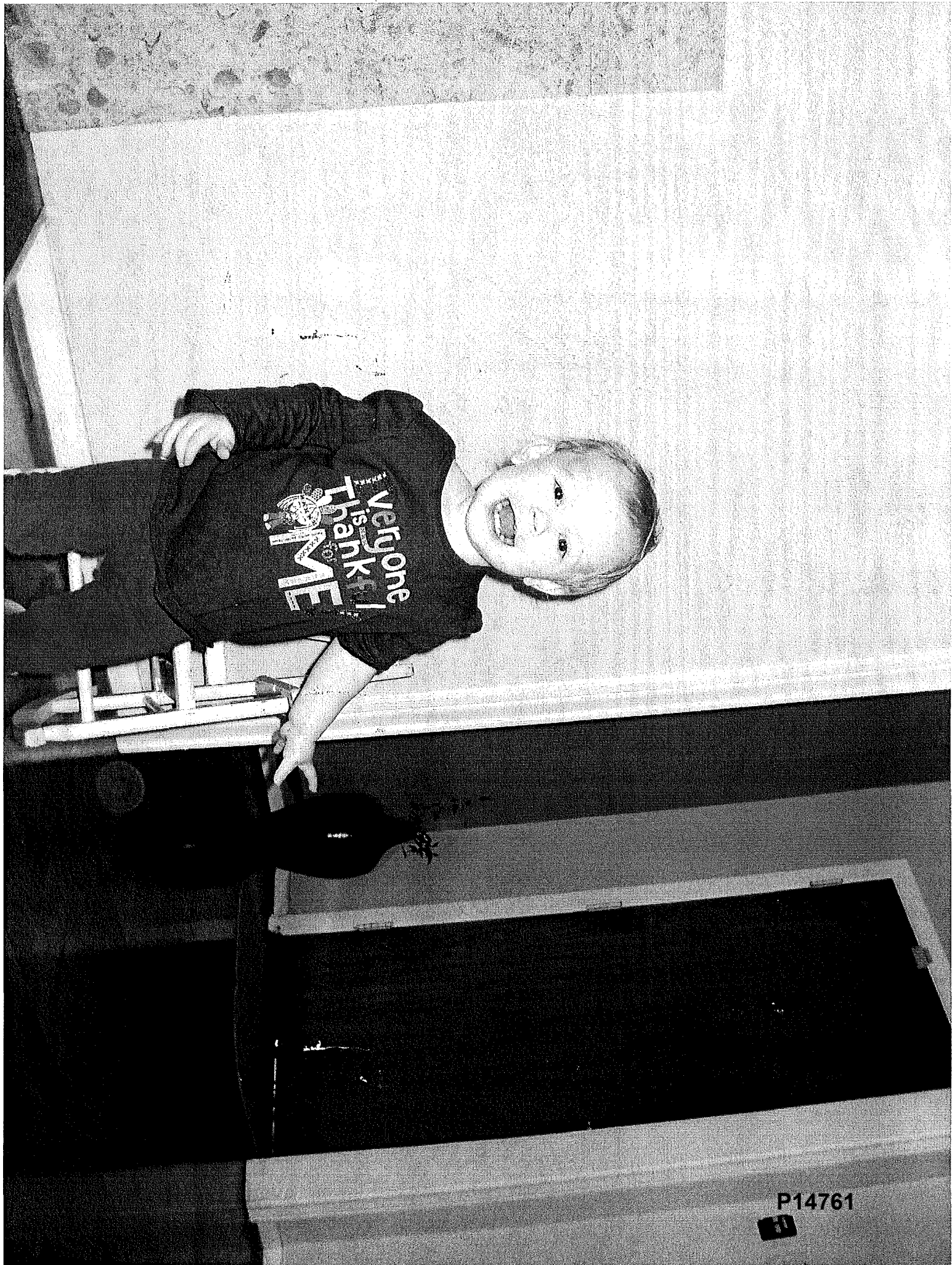






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From: [Carole Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Being Alone
Date: Monday, December 12, 2011 12:39:57 PM

You are welcome. I stayed home from work today because of my kidney infection and have been asleep off and on. This is the first time I have been on my computer. I talked to Anita yesterday and she said she is working on everything.

--- On **Mon, 12/12/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Being Alone
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, December 12, 2011, 1:05 PM

Dear Carole,

For as long as I can remember, going back to when we were in elementary school, we used to get money from someone at Christmas. Last year Mother sent the smallest amount ever. I didn't think anything of it at the time, but now I know why.

Not knowing what is in store for me financially means that this year I will buy NOTHING for anyone. I need to keep the stock intact for my property taxes and emergencies. I was going to have a nice tree with all the ornaments I have been collecting over the years, but I'm not going to do it now.

Amy and Anita's behavior towards all of us is cruel, particularly at this time of year, with Mother's passing only a month ago.

My stomach is in knots. I don't really know what to do, if anything. I simply want to crawl away and die.

Thank you for answering my text this morning. I can probably make it through work today because of that.

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 3:50 PM
Subject: Re: Clock

Others want it but it was on the list as something Carl asked for and I have it now. I will try and drop it off this weekend and will give you an update. I have a mover going by the house on Saturday to get the furniture I want out of the house. I could have them load up Carl's office stuff and move it to my storage facility on Hillcroft.

--- On Wed, 12/14/11, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Clock
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 9:00 AM

Carole;

Yes, Carl would like the clock if nobody else wants it. Thanks. You can bring it by anytime.

I just asked him what else he wants from the house and he said nothing.

What about the life insurance or the the sheet I gave you with the financial info on it - have you gotten anything from them regarding the meeting and the finances? Are there any discrepancies that you know of? We really need to know if they are holding anything back from Carl.

Has anything been mentioned about Carl?? He keeps talking about them and he said he hates them for what they have done to him. He is really furious about it all and their betrayal.

His attorney is involved in a huge trial out of town but is going to meet with us when it is over.

Thanks again.

Drina

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tue, December 13, 2011 7:58:33 PM

Subject: Clock

Drina,

I found out that the clock that the reindeer was sitting on was one of the things that Carl asked for. There are other things too, but the clock is the only thing I have in my possession that I can bring by one day if you would like to have it.

I have had a few conversations with Anita and I do not know much other than I am being told they are working as fast as required. I was also told that they want the house emptied out by the end of Dec or Jan (it keeps changing) and I know Carl has office things there. And is there anything else you wanted before it is all gone? I am trying to arrange for a truck.

Carole

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From: [Drina Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Cc: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re: Demand Letter
Date: Monday, December 19, 2011 10:21:37 AM

Hi Candy;

Yes, the rights for beneficiaries paper makes everything justifiable on yours and Carl's behalf as far as the ability to squash the bitches once and for all. I would love to be a fly on the wall when they all receive their copies of your demand letter.

And this is a Christmas vastly superior from last when Carl was riddled with super-bug infections, suffering from terrible side effects from meds and, in his own words, 'just plain crazy.' I had been blind-sided from the whole terrible experience as was Marta. We were truly grieving for Carl and suffering so much. There are no words to describe our fears or loss. We did not know him. Our whole world had been ripped apart. I lost 25 pounds. My father, who had just lost his only son, was fearful of losing me as well.

But all of that was not adequate in their eyes, so I was then blind-sided and eviscerated by the actions of two of the most devious, destructive, deceptive and demonic human beings on the face of the earth whose only motive was avarice. When Carl was cognitively clear and realized what they had done to him and his family, it actually set him back in his recovery - which is another point that can be made from all of their actions:

It was then that I vowed to my husband and daughter that I would see Amy and Anita in Hell before I let them do this to Carl while he was critically ill, jeopardizing his very future as well as the future of his daughter and grand baby, and no matter what it took, I would go down swinging.

I am the product of German intellectuals, Cherokee healers and Chickasaw warriors, who were known as the 'unconquerable and the unconquered' I am also the descendant of Pennsylvania Quakers who were here in the early 1700's, and who later helped right the wrongs of the slaves by running the underground railroad. My ancestors on the other side fought in George Washington's army before this was America. If nothing else, I owe it to my ancestors to not lay down when a heinous wrong has been committed against my family and my husband of over 30 years, who has already suffered through something most people cannot even imagine. I come from a long line of fighters.

Before all is said and done, they are going to know my name.

Drina

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Mon, December 19, 2011 11:02:04 AM
Subject: Re: Demand Letter

Good Morning To All,

I have the letters ready and I'm putting them in the mail as soon as I send this. I want to point out a couple of things that we all need to remember. Beneficiaries have rights/Trustees have obligations. If it is a will under scrutiny it would be done in probate. Since it is a trust it will be discussed in EQUITY. This means the judge has the authority to DECIDE based

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upon fairness.

My letter is my quasi-Christmas gift to all of us, since I cannot afford much else. Since I don't have a college degree, and I would have received one in music therapy - not business management, I think Anita has always "sold me short" on intelligence. It was quite apparent during our few conversations when I was in Houston. She thinks she is the smartest person in the world. Mother AND Daddy knew different, as I hope all of you do. I have not had a successful career managing and growing small businesses due to my looks, or academic credentials, but because I know what I am doing. If I don't know - I FIND OUT. After more than 30 years of education by osmosis, I am proud to say I have NEVER said anything that I could not support with facts and figures. I have been instrumental in growing not one, but two small companies to \$10M plus in revenue and they are both still successful today. Over the years Mother has said more than once, "boy, you should have been an attorney, or boy, you should have been a doctor, or boy, you should have been a therapist". Well I'm none of those things. I'm just someone with a heartfelt wish to help people, especially those that I love.

One slight difference between our situation and many others is that Anita and Amy have ALREADY breached their fiduciary duty, both administratively AND financially. We don't just suspect it, we have written proof. If you have the time to just skim that beneficiaries' rights paper you will start feeling better and better about our position. I hope eventually you will see, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we WILL prevail. Once Candace gets her copy of the letter the shit should hit the fan and splatter Amy and Anita in the face, especially if she is smart enough to realize that Anita has sent her and her bar card up a creek with a spoon for a paddle. Curiosity as to what will happen next might keep me awake at night, but it will be because I can't stop laughing, not because it worries me in the least.

I am going to continue my demands as set forth in that rights paper. I may even go so far as to file an injunction or restraining order, which I can do online. I will just have to hire a process server to serve them and show up for the hearing 14 days after. If ANY of the assets have already been "distributed" without notice to all of us, that will be the end of it. Carole, please see what you can find out about Mother's car without tipping our hand. I could use that as the basis for filing. Otherwise I'll just have to be patient until I get the accounting. That is when the real fun will start if Candace is not smart enough to cover her ass right now by making Amy and Anita do the right thing.

Have a great day everyone,

C

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; candy curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Mon, December 19, 2011 6:37:43 AM
Subject: Re: Demand Letter

Good Morning Guys:

Yes, this is exactly right. It is deceptive in so many ways and the fact that the attorney took Anita's word concerning Carl's condition is appalling and totally unprofessional. She should be selling used cars for a living.

Candy, your letter is amazing and we are hoping it makes their Christmas that much more enjoyable.

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Thanks for the other documents as well. The one in particular is very enlightening regarding beneficiary's rights under the law.

Yes, we have the complete trust copy from Candace with that June 15th document which basically states as far as we can tell that:

the trustee - at the time of your mother's death, "shall distribute the balance and net, undistributed income from ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST not previously distributed, as set forth in Roman Numeral I, Section A of this document."

And : "All other provisions contained in the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended, are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall be in full force and effect except to the extent that any such provisions are amended hereby."

D&C

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, December 18, 2011 5:48:53 PM
Subject: Re: Demand Letter

Something occurred to me this afternoon now that we are looking at the time line of how this all happened. When Mother requested the change in August to the lawyer, Mother had never even seen Carl. The lawyer never corroborated what Mother was telling her and never even tried to contact Carl to make sure Mother was not making this change without his knowledge.

Anita was the one that contacted the lawyer originally and then told Mother what to tell the attorney. I know this because I caught her in so many lies. How could Mother's lawyer who is suppose to be looking out for her best interest not even check out what was fact? Also, Mother spoke with Betty Brunsting who had the same thing 40 years ago and knew that Betty recovered so why would Mother do this with Carl's money when in Mother's mind Carl was going to recover.

This was all Anita's doing and the fact that neither Carl or Drina was contacted to at least make sure Mother was correct in her facts about Carl being ill cannot be right. Carl was with Mother and Daddy at all meetings from the beginning in 1995 and she knew Carl. But the lawyer was taking everything as truth from what Anita told her. The lawyer was doing everything Anita told her to do and was bullying Mother in the process.

--- On Sun, 12/18/11, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Demand Letter
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, December 18, 2011, 5:08 PM

Greetings,

Drina, thank you for your earlier email. You will see where I used some of the language in my letter (attached).

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I also attached the "valid living trust agreement". Keep the barf bucket handy, it will make you sick if you can manage to get through it. Otherwise, please look at page 36 at the bottom, where it talks about another one of these dated June 15, 2010. I can only assume it was for Daddy's side. Carl, do you have a copy of this?

So, basically, when Anita gave herself control over Carl's and my trust property, she not only created a conflict of interest with herself as a beneficiary, she clearly showed her fraudulent intent when she created a paradox by virtue of the Prohibition Against Contest Section on pages 22 - 24.

It works like this. When she gave herself control over our property she essentially claimed ownership, and then added no contest clauses saying that if we object to her taking our property away from us, WE LOSE IT.

Nice try Anita 

Now is the time for us to start putting together our "litigation files". The last attachment I am sending sets forth how we should go about asserting our rights. This is GREAT stuff. If you don't want to read the whole thing right now you should just go to page 35 and start with F.

Call me if you want. I'm free now that I have my demand letter out of the way.

Love you guys,

C

From: [Carole Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust
Date: Monday, December 19, 2011 7:44:36 PM

Here you go

--- On **Thu, 10/14/10**, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust
To: "Candace Freed" <candace@vacek.com>
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2010, 1:01 PM

Candace,

I didn't realize they taught cat herding in law school. Since you also advise our Mother in HER best interests, I wanted to give you a little history along with my two cents worth.

As the oldest child (now 57), our Dad made a point to inform me of his wishes regarding his estate and his thoughts on structuring the Brunsting Trust. At this juncture, I am compelled to express what I believe to have been his intent, based on family history and our conversations over the years.

His Father died in a nursing home. I was a teenager at the time. The few times I visited Grandpa there, I vowed never to put my own parents in a place like that, or to end up in a place like that myself. Dad did everything he could to keep my Grandma in her own home until she passed away.

Mother's Dad also spent his last months in a nursing home after being declared a pauper of the state.

Dad told me, in no uncertain terms, that the trust ensured that my Mother would have plenty of money to take care of herself if he predeceased her. He said that if her half ran out she could tap into his. Then, when she passed away, the remainder would be evenly divided among the remaining beneficiaries. He told me on more than one occasion that the money would help me when I retired. In other words, "don't squander it" and end up penniless in a nursing home, or worse.

Since July, when Carl was stricken with encephalitis, I have talked with my sisters more than I did the entire time I lived in Houston (30+ years). The worst has come out in some of them. It's downright nasty at times.

Based on my siblings' behavior and comments over the last few months, for the record, I think Carole should have the means to ensure that Mother stays in her own home until she dies. If Mother wants something different she will say so and Carole can facilitate whatever Mother chooses to do. If, at some point, Mother requires around-the-clock in-home care, so be it. She can afford it. She should not have to ask permission from anyone if she wants to tithe to her church, or have her hair done, or buy something she wants. She is fully capable of handling her own personal finances. However, in the future, if and when funds are required for Carl's long term care, it will be too much for her to deal with and, at that point, Carole should be able to step in.

Carole is an angel in my book. She has set aside her personal life for the last 5+ years in

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order to see that our parents, and now Carl, receive the best care and quality of life available to them, from medical treatment down to their favorite ice cream for dessert. She is devoted to Mother and Carl. There are no words to express my gratitude to her.

I anticipate an interesting conversation with everyone on Monday. Thank you for your efforts in pulling it together.

Regards,

Candace

--- On Thu, 10/14/10, Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com> wrote:

From: Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com>
Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust
To: "Summer Peoples" <Summer@vacek.com>, occurtis@sbcglobal.net, "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net, at.home3@yahoo.com
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2010, 6:25 AM

Dear Brunsting family,

Due to the inherent problems with having a day teleconference coordinating the schedules of 6 people, I am proposing that we have a conference call at 6 pm on Monday, October 18th at 6 pm Central standard time. Please let me know if this will work for each of you.

Sincerely,

Candace L. Kunz-Freed

Attorney at Law

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We have moved! Our new office address is as shown above. We are one exit west of our old office building. Exit Dairy Ashford. Turn south on Dairy Ashford. St. Mary's Lane is a side street one block south of I-10 Katy Freeway. Turn west on St. Mary's Lane. Our building is in the northwest corner of the four-way stop.

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From: Summer Peoples

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 8:43 AM

To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net; Anita Brunsting; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; at.home3@yahoo.com

Cc: Candace Freed

Subject: Brunsting Trust

Importance: High

Dear Brunsting Family:

Attorney Candace Freed would like to coordinate a teleconference call with you and your mother for sometime next week. Currently, she has the following time slots available (all times are Central Standard Time zone):

1. Monday, October 18th @ 11 a.m. CST
2. Monday, October 18th @ 2 p.m. CST
3. Monday, October 18th @ 4 p.m. CST
4. Thursday, October 21st 10 a.m. CST

I am reserving these times for you until I hear from you to confirm one of them. Please coordinate with each other as soon as possible and contact me today (or tomorrow, at the latest, since our office is closed on Fridays) so that we may set this on the calendar as a confirmed appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Thanks,

Summer Peoples, CP

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From: Anita Brunsting
To: "Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"; drina
Cc: "Amy Brunsting"
Subject: trust updates
Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 2:41:20 PM

The life insurance paperwork is being processed. It was under a separate trust. The trust will receive the \$250,000 in a bank account set up by the life insurance company. Once the deposit is made, you will receive a check sent to you (or the beneficiary) by certified mail with a signature required. If electronic transfer is available on this account I will transfer it that way. I have no idea how long it will take the life insurance company to disburse the funds.

As a beneficiary of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, you (or the beneficiary) are entitled to a copy of the trust which you will be receiving in the mail shortly.

Anita

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From: [Anita Brunsting](#)
To: ["Carole Brunsting"](#); ["Candace Curtis"](#); [Carl Brunsting](#)
Subject: happy holidays
Date: Saturday, December 24, 2011 7:32:29 PM

Hope everyone has a merry christmas.

Anita

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From: Carole Brunsting
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fw: RE: Conflicts
Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2011 8:39:31 PM

--- On Wed, 11/10/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Conflicts
To: "Dee Manuel" <DManuel@craincaton.com>
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 10:32 AM

Dee,

Was Sarah able to speak to my sister before she left for Europe. I have not heard anything back from anyone and wanted to follow up as the issues with the trust are started to get very heated in the family.

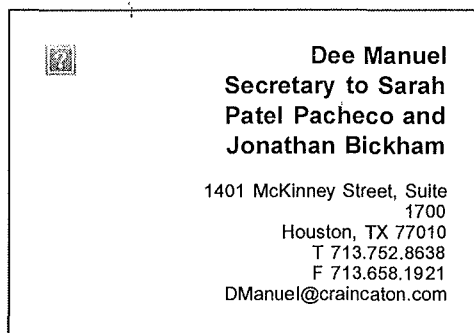
Thanks

Carole Brunsting

--- On Fri, 11/5/10, Dee Manuel <DManuel@craincaton.com> wrote:

From: Dee Manuel <DManuel@craincaton.com>
Subject: RE: Conflicts
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, November 5, 2010, 4:45 PM

Yes, that would be find. Thank you!



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From: Carole Brunsting [mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 4:40 PM
To: Dee Manuel
Subject: RE: Conflicts

Dee

My sister is leaving for Europe Saturday. Would it be okay if I had her go ahead and send the documents today as she knows them better than I do?

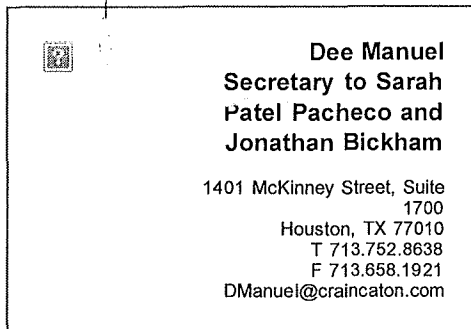
Thanks

Carole Brunsting

--- On Fri, 11/5/10, Dee Manuel <DManuel@craincaton.com> wrote:

From: Dee Manuel <DManuel@craincaton.com>
Subject: RE: Conflicts
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, November 5, 2010, 3:52 PM

Got it! Thank you! I will give you a call to schedule a meeting time as soon as conflicts check clears.



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From: Carole Brunsting [mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 3:48 PM
To: Dee Manuel
Subject: Conflicts

Here is the list for conflict checking

Carole Brunsting
Candy Curtis
Carl and Drina Brunsting
Anita Brunsting
Amy Tschirhart
Elmer and Nelva Brunsting

<http://www.vacek.com/index.html> group that put the trust
together from Elmer and Nelva Brunsting

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>

To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2011 6:23 PM

Subject: Latest

Are Amy and Anita allowed to sell the assets (car and now the house) without telling us first. I thought they had to disclose the list of assets and their value before anything was sold or disposed of. They are cleaning out the house like their pants are on fire. And the car will be sold by the end of this week.

The house could be sold by next week. And we are just suppose to sit back and assume they know best? It took them an hour just to figure out that they did not need to buy tags for the extra bags of trash.

Does the law really allow the trustee and co trustee to work under a cloak of secrecy. And the stack of papers we received that is called a copy of the trust is a joke. Not in a binder, names crossed off on one page....the guts of the thing is missing. Where is the rest of the trust? Where is the listing of the assets?
It

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From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: Carl and Drina Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>; Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>;
Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thu, December 29, 2011 11:23:33 AM
Subject: Fw: mom's house

This makes me sick! Why would this not stay my email address? Ulfinian Way is my home, why would I want her to use another address?

Carl, Carole, has she asked you guys what you want? What year is the farm already rented for, 2011? What is the income for the year in question? Isn't it payable in advance? If it's 2011 she's talking about, "a little more time" is 2 1/2 days.

BTW, a spreadsheet that lists the assets IS NOT an accounting, and the two documents we received ARE NOT a complete copy of the trust documents. If Candace thinks THEY are going to get away with the "fraudulent concealment" she should have her head examined.

I wonder what Anita will think if/when she notices that I cc'd Candace (and the rest of you) on my reply.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed, December 28, 2011 8:13:20 PM
Subject: mom's house

Is this going to stay your email address? Also, do you want me to keep sending any certified/registered mail materials to your house on Ulfinian Way or do you have another address that you want me to use? For some of this mail, it will have to be you that signs for it.

We have almost finished cleaning up the house and we will have everything moved out in a few weeks. We've engaged a realtor and she said the house looked well taken care of (she was very impressed based on a lot of others she has seen in the same age range) and didn't think it would be a tear down, just something for someone to update. Said the floor plan and large amount of storage was a big plus. The fault is the only detractor, but I found daddy's records of all the repairs and it has a transferrable warranty, so the realtor said that was a really good thing. We hope to get it on the market next week - she said that would be a good window to start as there's not much on the market right now, but more should come on by the end of the month.

After we get the house sold, we'll figure out the farm and the remaining liquid assets. Just double checking, you still want to hold onto your portion of the farm right? If so, are you interested in

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"trading" some of the liquid assets (like your portion of the remaining stock/mutual funds or cash from the sale of the house) for more farm land? I'm just trying to get an idea of what everyone wants. The farm is already rented for this year, so we'll just divide the income from that by 5, so this gives us a little more time to figure out the farm in the long run.

We're still working w/ the lawyer to get a final tally of the worth of all the assets, when that's complete, you will get a spreadsheet that lists them.

Anita

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From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: trust updates

I understand.

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed, December 28, 2011 10:16:18 PM
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Anita

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From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 11:22 AM
Subject: Re: your office equipment/furniture

You can give it all to charity.

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wed, December 28, 2011 9:59:44 PM
Subject: your office equipment/furniture

Carl,

What do you want to do w/ your office furniture? We need to get it out of the house as it will be on the market soon. The trust will pay for movers to deliver it to your house if you'd like.

Anita

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From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Cc: at.home3@yahoo.com; candace@vacek.com
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 11:41 AM
Subject: Re: trust updates

Anita;

I need to ask you why you tried to trick Mother into signing a paper last year while I was hospitalized, in an attempt to disinherit our daughter Marta in the event that I died before Mother?

By the way, how is church?

Your brother,
Carl

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Anita

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From: [Carl Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: trust updates
Date: Thursday, December 29, 2011 1:01:55 PM

Just getting started.
Carl

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thu, December 29, 2011 12:10:28 PM
Subject: Re: trust updates

 It's about time you started voicing yourself! Keep it up. You have the right to demand, they have the obligation to answer. Have fun with it. You have nothing to lose.

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Thu, December 29, 2011 9:42:46 AM
Subject: Fw: trust updates

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From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Cc: at.home3@yahoo.com; candace@vacek.com
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Anita

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Cc: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>; Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com>
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2011 9:26 AM
Subject: concerns and questions about impartiality of trustees

Amy;

As a beneficiary in the state of Texas, I am entitled to have a 'competent, loyal, and impartial trustee (s) who is willing to act in my best interest. This means that the trustee (s) should be 'free of significant conflicts of interest.' (Slay v. Burnett Trust lawsuit, Texas)

That being said, neither yours or Anita's actions have offered me that right.

I need for you to explain a few things to me regarding recent actions on your part.

Why did you repeatedly harass Drina with phone calls while I was in ICU with questions regarding our personal finances? I also want to know why you repeatedly parroted the phrase "Drina needs to get a job", during a lengthy conference call among you, my sisters and the attorney Candace, in the summer of 2010 regarding my 'welfare' (what a joke!!). During that same conference call, when the question was posed as to who exactly was going to take care of ME, your response was merely 'I don't care.'

That one statement is the first true thing that has escaped your mouth in all the years I have known you. Because you truly did not care about me or who would take care of me, and neither did Anita, for the simple fact that you both wanted me dead.

You need to tell me why you thought Drina's employment status or our own personal finances were remotely any of your business.

Did you also call APS on Drina? I suspect you did. Upon learning of this, I was appalled by your pious arrogance and complete and total ignorance. Do you know I saved you from losing your kids to CPS a few years back??

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Carl Henry Brunsting

From: [Carl Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: concerns and questions about impartiality of trustees
Date: Friday, December 30, 2011 1:49:07 PM

In the words of Winston Churchill: "KBO; Keep Buggering On!!"

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From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Fri, December 30, 2011 11:17:33 AM
Subject: Re: concerns and questions about impartiality of trustees

 YESSSSSSSSSS!!!! High Five! High Five! HIGH FIVE!  She has to answer you. It's the law! 

You now know and understand the LAW (better than many attorneys - including Candace *apparently*). Knowledge is power. You are using that power to assert your rights as a beneficiary. YOU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH THIS EMAIL. No attorney could have done better.

XOXO,

C

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Fri, December 30, 2011 7:26:37 AM
Subject: Fw: concerns and questions about impartiality of trustees

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From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Cc: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>; Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com>
Sent: Fri, December 30, 2011 9:26:08 AM
Subject: concerns and questions about impartiality of trustees

Amy;

As a beneficiary in the state of Texas, I am entitled to have a 'competent, loyal, and impartial trustee (s) who is willing to act in my best interest. This means that the trustee (s) should be 'free of significant conflicts of interest.' (Slay v. Burnett Trust lawsuit, Texas)

That being said, neither yours or Anita's actions have offered me that right.

I need for you to explain a few things to me regarding recent actions on your part.

Why did you repeatedly harass Drina with phone calls while I was in ICU with questions

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regarding our personal finances? I also want to know why you repeatedly parroted the phrase "Drina needs to get a job", during a lengthy conference call among you, my sisters and the attorney Candace, in the summer of 2010 regarding my 'welfare' (what a joke!!). During that same conference call, when the question was posed as to who exactly was going to take care of ME, your response was merely 'I don't care.'

That one statement is the first true thing that has escaped your mouth in all the years I have known you. Because you truly did not care about me or who would take care of me, and neither did Anita, for the simple fact that you both wanted me dead.

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Carl Henry Brunsting

From: [Carl Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Now that I think about it
Date: Friday, December 30, 2011 1:50:45 PM

perfect.

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: Carl and Drina Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>; Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Fri, December 30, 2011 1:39:57 PM
Subject: Now that I think about it

Candace may already know (or be thinking) in her own mind that since the beneficiaries did not receive notice of the "changes", said "changes" would be considered by a judge as never having been made, IF the matter goes before a judge. If the matter never goes before a judge they would have succeeded in the fraudulent concealment with no one being the wiser. She has positioned herself to go either way if she's smarter than I give her credit for. Who knows, she may already have had enough of Amy and Anita's crap and is looking forward to telling them both that, unfortunately/fortunately for them, the changes are invalid and it will revert back to the original trustee terms. If I was Candace, I would also recommend that Amy resign as co-trustee with Carl and let me assume the position as rightful, legal successor to Amy.

As I am fond of saying, this just keeps getting better and better. 🤔 I love this emoticon. Can you tell? 🤔 Here is the progression for Amy and Anita 🤔 🤔 🤔. Imagine the 3rd one as if it is behind bars. 🤔

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
To: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Cc: Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com>; Amy Brunsting <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2011 3:43 PM
Subject: further concerns regarding impartiality of trustees

Anita;

More facts have come to light which only add further concerns on my part regarding your ability to act with stellar conduct as trustee to the Brunsting family trust to which I am a beneficiary.

As incredible as it seems, I have learned of your attempt to withhold information as to my mother's location while she lay dying in hospice care. I was told by many people that Mother asked to see me repeatedly, yet you kept telling Carole not to reveal Mother's whereabouts to me without any regard whatsoever to Mother's last wishes.

Carole finally thought better on this repeated request from you, and called Drina to tell me to get there as soon as possible and gave Drina the location of the hospice.

We then raced across town in Friday afternoon Houston rush hour traffic, to arrive at Mother's bedside just minutes before she passed away. Had we been just a few minutes later, I would have been denied the opportunity to say goodbye to Mother and her request to see me before her death would also have been denied.

I want you to tell me just what in God's name you were thinking and how you can in any way justify the fact that you attempted to keep a son from his dying mother's bedside??

I can only speculate that your actions were also greed-motivated as all of the others have been, and even perhaps some pathological attempt to thwart any possibility of a bedside statement from Mother to me regarding the trust.

I also need for you to tell me why you 'begged' Candy (her words, not mine) to not reveal any information whatsoever to me regarding the trust after Mother's death.

What you need to know is this: eventually I am going to find out every single rotten thing you have done or attempted to do to me and my family since the day I got sick in July 2010.

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In light of these further developments and revelations I feel it is necessary to go on record with my grave and valid concerns of the inability for you or Amy to handle anything of mine. As a beneficiary in the state of Texas, I have the right to a fair, impartial and unbiased trustee (s).

Therefore, for the record, let it be known that I do not trust either of you as far as I can throw you.

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING