

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Sunday, December 31, 2006 2:55:36 PM

Happy New Year!!!! Hope it is a prosperous one.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: status report
Date: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 11:10:19 AM

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

So... you have a new email address? No wonder I have not heard from you. I thought maybe you had been abducted by aliens.

We have been having really cold temperatures 32 -36 overnight and in the early morning for the past several weeks. I'm hoping all of my plants, trees and bushes make it. It usually warms up to around 68 by mid-afternoon, but I'm tired of scraping ice off the windshield every day. We're looking for low 20s Thursday or Friday and rain, so maybe we'll have snow on Mt. Diablo next weekend.

Owen is recuperating nicely. He's been able to go back to the gym over the last 3 days. He's lost the most weight in his Weight Watchers group, including almost 8 pounds over the holidays.

What's up with you guys?

Please let me know you got this.

Love you both,

Candy

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 1/30/2007 7:38 AM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Carole and Carl aren't mad at you. They're just very very busy. We hardly see them either. Carl works at the office most weekends and Carole too works a lot on Saturday and sometime Sundays, I think. The Matress Firm apparently is being what shall I say, an investment group is interested in buying it and she has to do a lot of calculations work, etc. Carl is just busy with clients. He did take off a half day last Saturday, (I think he felt guilty). Anyway he drove us down to Wharton to a little museum he heard about on the radio. It was raining when we started out but was over when we got there and it turned out to be a lively day. The museum is housed in an old jail, the first walls were built in 1888. It's run by a retired couple and as called the technology museum. They had all sort of things starting with the first that were made, such as radios and washing machines, and gradually working up to the modern things. Of course, Daddy and I recognized a lot of the older items that were there. Unfortunately, the place is rather small or they would have a larger display but it was very interesting. They said they're always getting offers from someones estate to give them things. Then we had a delicious lunch at a restaurant down the street called The Pat-A-Cake. It was nice just to ride along instead of having to be the driver for a change. On the not so pleasant side, I think Dad had another small stroke last week sometime. He's been confused a lot again and sometimes doesn't know how I fit in the family or if this is his house, etc. And then again he can bee almost normal. Dr. White said is could the the effects of a medication and took him off Lipitor for awhile or he may just have had another small stroke. We go for a walk around the block on nice days and even rainy days if it isn;t too cold just to get out of the house. I noticed the spring trees are beginning to blossom and the caroline jasmine is loaded with buds so spring can't be too far away. Stay well, Love Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 6:05:05 AM

My ears are plugged inside my head or in the sinuses. Guess I'll have to go see Dr. Dickey if they don't clear up in a few days. We're having the most beautiful spring weather. Hope a late spring freeze doesn't spoil things. Have you written Amy lately? I don't think she's talking to me anymore.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I think it's uncanny how women seem to find these things wherever the men left them. They would all be lost without us.

Plugged ears huh. Kevan had to get his cleared by the doctor and then had to keep using the little bulb to clean one out for a few weeks.

Andy refuses to use the little bulb so we bought some over the counter stuff to soften the wax and one day a big glob just came out. Everyone has some remedy, but if it's an ear infection you need to go to the doctor. Does it hurt or are you dizzy? Maybe it's doctor time.

Love you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 5:36:54 PM

HI Glad you had a good birthday. Carl isn't mad, he's just so durn busy at work and home. Trying to get their back yard in shape. I can't even get him to come over here so we drove over their the other Sun. and he was shoveling dirt in the back yard. We don't see much of Carol either. Sure wish you were back here. All my tomatoes have blossoms on them. Put them in about 2 wks. ago. Lettuce is coming up and the green beans are just sprouting. We had a lovely rain Mon. and that hurried things along. The azaleas are all in bloom and the spring trees (all except Carl and my redbuds). Rodeo is in town now. Think this is the last week. New Braunfels had 6 inches of rain Mon. or Tues. We're going to have the lawn aerated and the back corner of the house lowered a bit where it has been worked on before. That's about all from Podunkholler". How about sending a picture of you'al!!! We've almost forgotten what you look like!!!!

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

Thanks for the birthday card and the \$\$\$\$\$. I plan to use it for spring color of some type. My mood has brightened considerably since the time change, so that was a good birthday gift on its own. I wish they'd leave it like this once and for all.

Another year, another wattle and as the weight comes off the wrinkles show up. I've been swimming a lot for exercise because I heard that swimmers develop a thin layer of fat right under their skin. Something like that would appear to keep the skin smooth. I can't see paying good money for wrinkle creams when fat comes free!

I received birthday greetings from everyone except Carl. I hope he just forgot - but he hasn't written or called for some time now, so it's possible he's mad about something.

Things are greening up quickly so I better get busy planting tomatoes and other vegetables. I had to wait until almost August year to start picking and then everything came at once.

Love to both of you,

Candy

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 5/1/2007 5:48 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hi: Was reading some of your old e-mails today and wondered how your job with the brilliant scientists is working. Have you learned all the lingo already? Have you cleared all the papers off the boss's floor? Everything is really green around here right now. We've had several nice rains. Have escaped the really bad weather they've had further north. The tomato plants are loaded and we've had several meals of beans and have given some away. Would you believe?! Marta and Ryan put in a 160 sq.ft. garden in their back yard last weekend. Carl and Ryan carried in a bunch of railroad ties for it. Carl said they almost ruined their hands even with gloves on. Marta said they planted squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, and a bunch of other things. (I think she's a vegetarian). Hope they last through the summer when it really gets hot and humid. I've offered her some free flowers that need thinning out. Daddy and I spent the morning going through all the photo albums of everyone. I thought it might help him recall some things. Anyway it was fun. Gosh, how the grandkids have grown up!! By the way, I reread an e-mail of you from back in Jan. and we're still waiting for that picture of Kevan with his short hair. Did you ever get a picture of Marta and Ryan? A foundation company is coming tomorrow morning to work on the northwest corner of the house that has been adjusted already twice. It caught the Spring Branch fault that went through the back yard. The last time we had it worked on was 1993 and since they don't use the wells west on Memorial anymore for water the ground hasn't subsided all that much but Dad's closet has a big crack along the west side and if we ever sell the house it would have to be fixed. I read this morning in the paper that a lot of Californians are migrating to Phoenix for cheaper housing. I think they said they get an average of about 9000 a year. A real estate woman here said she can't find enough million dollar house for her clients from California. I guess they can afford a million or 2 house here for what they get for their smaller in CA. But oh the ambience isn't the same is it??? Write when you have time. It gets boring around here once in awhile. Love Mother p.s. Got nostalgic yesterday and went through my cedar chest and labeled everything in it. There are some of my baby dresses, and a couple of baby toys and 2 quilts made by a friend of the folks and my baby sitter, Mrs. Sas. (Saas). Did *ever tell you I found a partial ration book of mine from WWII? Also Dad's grades from grad school. I put them in the 4 drawer file in the office here. I'm working on my memoirs, such as they are, maybe I'll get them done this summer. Do you hear from Amy at all? We don't unless I e-mail here or call her about something. I would like to go up there and see the kids but Daddy doesn't want to go anymore so I guess I'd have to get Carole or Carl to stay with him. And I thought growing old would be easy. Ha!!*



From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 5/6/2007 12:27 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Well, Here's the setup. Everyone except Anita (haven't heard from Carole yet) (it's like pulling nails to get a reply out of her) can come on Sat. for lunch and Anita can come on Sunday. Maybe we can have lunch here or something. I'll try to get hold of Carole. Sometimes she works on Sat. then maybe she can come on Sunday too. Anyway that's the way it is now. Can't wait to see you'al. Mother p.s I'll send Perrine back with you if you have room in your backpack.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2007 6:04:13 AM

So good to hear from you again. Thought you got lost between here and Calif.! I think you'll love your new Prius. Wayne has one and we had a ride in it when Amy came for Marta's wedding. Does yours have a television to see what's behind you when you back up. I think that's so neat! Old houses are a pain aren't they? It's always something here too. The garden is a big mess with all this rain. We've had rain almost every day for the past two weeks and it's supposed to do the same through next Sunday at least. Or did I write this to you already? It must have been Amy who called Sunday afternoon then. It was a very short conversation. Yes, Daddy got your beautiful card!! I don't know what's going on with Amy but we don't hear a word from them unless I call like for Ann's birthday. She used to call or e-mail about the kids but now nothing. I don't know if Ann liked the birthday present we gave her or not. I guess we won't see much of them from now on. Love, Mother

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

I miraculously have the house and some time to myself, so I can catch up on emails. Owen went to SoCal for a workshop/meeting and K and A were not at home when I came in from work. It's somewhat pleasant but a little too quiet. I think I'll turn some music on and putter around after this.

We are having a hot one today after a beautiful cool 70s weekend (the second one in a row). I managed to pull some weeds Saturday and take the clippers to the stuff growing on the fence. I made a big mess on Saturday and then cleaned it up on Sunday. Fortunately everything is finally coming back after the freezing we had, but needs some attention to become lush again.

We've been having a plumbing leak for 10 days or so. We had to get a new shower/tub faucet. Now we have a hole in the wall to fix too. IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING.

My VW (Matilda) was experiencing starter problems and I finally gave up on her. Kevan has been throwing his hands up for months now, but he and Owen tried to wrest her from me and I just couldn't let go -- until now. I bought a little Toyota Prius, a hybrid. It's almost like driving an enclosed golf cart and it's so quiet. Supposed to get around 60 mpg. Wouldn't that be something? I'll keep you posted.

Work has been hectic and it makes me want to scream periodically, but overall I think I'm happy there for now. As long as they keep paying me...

By the way, it was not I who called on Father's Day. Did Dad get the card I sent? Owen wanted to go to a free concert in Golden Gate Park so we went

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down there and got sunburned. I'm glad I brought a hat or I'd be in trouble.

Love you,

Candy



From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 7/28/2007 7:16 AM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hi: I have a question for you Candy. Would you be willing to serve as co-trustee with Carl? Amy is on there now but I'm going to take her off because I don't think she is stable enough. I'll think of a good excuse so she won't get her feelings hurt. It might entail a trip or two when the time comes(doesn't that sound ominous???) but you would b paid for your traveling expenses. I think you have a better relationship with your siblings than she. Let me know.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, August 08, 2007 5:41:04 AM

I'm concerned about the card. I enclosed a 50 check in it for your ann. dinner. Maybe i should stop that check. I sent it in plenty of time, Let me know today if you get the card.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

Yes, we had a very lovely anniversary, but no card yet. We went to Las Vegas with a coupon for 3 free nights at the New York New York Hotel/Casino. A luxury spa suite no less. \$200 in free play on the slot machines and discounts on our meals. Southwest has good airfares so we decided to go and see another Cirque de Sol show. We had a good time and now it's over.

Talk to you later,

Love,

Candy



From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 9/1/2007 3:00 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hi: Still waiting to hear from you!! What are you doing this Labor Day weekend? Just don't go to Southern Calif. It's hot down there as you've probably heard. Today started out with a nice shower which I'm sure some people didn't appreciate, including us. We were going to work outside while it was still comparatively cool but a 3/4 inch rain shower fixed that so we went out this afternoon instead. Wasn't too bad but a little humid. I think fall is on the way. It's supposed to stay rainy thru most of the week. So much for the weather report. How are things going at work. Apparently Carole isn't too happy. She didn't tell us that but Carl told Anita and she told me. Something about sexual harassment. She said she was coming over this weekend but that remains to be seen. You never know with her. She had a sore throat and fever last weekend so I sent some chicken soup to her via Carl. Haven't heard if it did any good or not. Daddy is very vague about everything this afternoon. I ran out of namenda pills which he takes for his memory and have some mor on order. I don't know whether that is the reason or not. Sure will be glad when they get in next week. Well, time to make hamburgers and malts. Done that sound familiar. Take care. Love Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: status report
Date: Tuesday, September 04, 2007 6:16:44 AM

O.k. You're forgiven. Sounds like you had a great time.!

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

So sorry you have no email to read. We've been at Burning Man and just got home today. Left last Sunday morning. No cell phone reception, no internet... We had a wonderful time. Kevan and about 20 of his friends came and for the first time ever, Owen and I managed to convince Gary Glade and Bob Wintringham to come with us. It was a fabulous reunion and EVERYONE had a wonderful time. We were a diverse group age-wise and it was great the way people interacted with each other. The weather was more grueling than usual, which made the experience that much better for some reason. We must have had 80 mph winds one day. But at night...on Tuesday we had a total lunar eclipse, Thursday a double rainbow that went all the way across the sky, and on Friday a meteor shower with over 100 per hour.

Anyway, we just got home and I have millions of things to do to get ready to go back to work tomorrow. Owen is able to take a couple more days off. I'll write more later -- I just wanted you to know where we've been. I'll work on the pictures too!

Love to both of you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 6:07:04 AM

Carol said that flower is called the angel's trumpet around here. There are a lot of them in her neighborhood so I guess it grows well here too. A neighbor gave her a slip. She's going to give me one. They are really gorgeous!!! She transferred your pictures to my computer so now we can see the enlarged ones. Like your house color.! I think they used volunteers in the Valdez spill. I don't know why they can't use them in the Bay spill. The trouble is that what is left floats to a place in the Pacific kind of like a dump for trash and just stays there, Read about it the other day.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Good Evening,

Those magnificent flowers are called Brugmansia and the fragrance is unbelievable. We have 4 of them. The two in the back yard are pink and white and bloom like crazy but don't smell much. In front there is one on each side (creamy yellow and a double white) and if you stand just right you can turn your head from side-to-side and actually smell the difference in the perfume. I wish I could bottle it, I would make a fortune.

I think Kevan is having a professional hair cut tomorrow. Don't hold me to it (ha ha) but we may just have a family photo op soon.

The oil spill is gross and it just the heck out of me that it happened. It matters not who is to blame. They just need to clean it up as quickly as possible and quit using that type of fuel. The other thing that makes me mad is that there were quite a few people who volunteered to do ANYTHING to help and they were mostly sent home and made to stay out of the way of the experts.

Everything is moving right along here. We're going to drive thru and pick up our turkey and fixin's. Mmmmmmmmm!! Wish you could be here.

Love to both of you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2007 6:35:13 AM

The only thing I can think of is I deleted your e-mail that had the pictures on it because Carole transferred these to My Documents and I didn't need to save it anymore. Maybe I hit the wrong key or something.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

Did you send an email this morning or late yesterday that was nothing but an attachment? If not, I think it is a virus that went to everyone in your address book. I have virus protection so I tried to open it and couldn't. That's usually what happens. Anyway, if you actually sent something let me know and send it again.

Love you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Happy Thanksgiving
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2007 5:54:18 AM

HI: Anita and kids are coming and Carol for dinner. Carl and Drina and Marta and Ryan are coming over later for dessert. Ryan is deep frying a turkey for their dinner. Amy and children have apparently invited some friends over that are moving or something like that. We've had over 3 and one half inches of rain during the night. It's damp and chilly out today. For some reason the trees did not turn color yet but the spring vines and trees are blooming again. Blame it on global warming!!

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

What a nice surprise when we got the Thanksgiving card. Thank you from all of us. No cooking - yeah.

What are your plans?

Love you,

Candy

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Status Report
Date: Monday, December 24, 2007 1:46:31 PM

Whee! Got two e-mails from you today. Don't know what happened to the first one but I never received it. Glad your party went well. Sounded like they were having a good time. Tomorrow Carole and Anita will be here for Christmas dinner and Carl and Drina are coming for dessert. Tonight we're going to Carl and Drina's for dinner. We're going to have a chicken and stuffing casserole tomorrow (Neva Kelpner's receipt from K.C.), homemade rolls cranberry salad (made with whipped cream) and pumpkin and pecan pie for dessert. I was going to have prime rib but I'm never sure the meat is going to be tender. Wish we had a real butcher shop around here again.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

I thought I'd take a minute out of my clean up to resend this message. Maybe you did get it, I just thought it was more recent. Anyway, the party was a big success.

Thanks for the check. I haven't been shopping yet, it's only Christmas Eve. I think I'll give gift cards to the boys so they can pick their own clothes.

We're so proud of Andy! He just finished the semester with Bs and Cs. He took a full load for the first time and had history and social studies. He's really doing well and actually contemplating transferring to Berkeley to go after a BA rather than the AA at the junior college. We'll see.

Kevan is taking on more and more at the dental lab and is now being paid a percentage of the work rather than hourly wages.

I've been so busy at work I can't see straight. I had to go in for a couple of hours this morning just to get a big report out. We're doing our Christmas dinner the way we did Thanksgiving only we're having prime rib this time. So much nicer not to have to cook and clean up after.

The weather has been gorgeous. Rain was called for all week last week but we only saw some on Monday.

Who's coming to your house tomorrow?

Love you,

Candy

----- Original Message -----

From: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)

To: elmemelva@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 7:22 PM

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Subject: Status Report

Hi,

Thanks for the Arlington Cemetery story. I thought it was a virus at first because it took 5 times to open it. That's what happens when you forward things rather than saving them on your computer and then attaching them fresh. Anyway, I like heartwarming stories this time of year - people get so mean. There's a young woman I work with, Amelia (age 23), who is smart, stunningly beautiful, and so sweet. She rode her bike from San Francisco to LA in the annual aids ride and has all kinds of things like that she's involved in. She's worked on a research vessel in New Zealand and has done other charitable work in third world countries (a lot of stuff for being so young). Anyway she's going off to graduate school in Colorado and everyone at work is just heartbroken to lose her. To make a long story short, I'm throwing a going away party for her and I think there will be a lot of people because everyone just loves her. It's next Sunday afternoon and I'm getting hostess anxiety because I've never really had a party larger than two or three couples here for dinner or something. I'll let you know how it comes out.

This week has been grueling at work. We had to send in a proposal to the Santa Clara Valley Water District to bid on a consulting job. It had to be uploaded to their website and guess who had to do that?? Anyway, I was anxious about that too, but it went very smoothly and I got a receipt for the submission at 2:49 (it was due at 3:00). I hope we get the job. I found the solicitation so I would get a fat bonus if we do.

Kevan and Andy are the same as always. Owen too for that matter. He's had 2 holiday events at work today and our holiday dinner is tomorrow night. The neighbor across the street is having her annual shindig Sunday evening, so I need to make something for that. I took deviled eggs last year and I think I'll do that again.

Gotta run,

Love and hugs to both of you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report
Date: Wednesday, January 09, 2008 6:28:31 AM

Haven't heard from Laurie for several years. The last Christmas card we received had one of the boys in a Naval uniform. It's been years since we heard from the Clarks. Don't know if they're still living or not. I don't think the quilt lady is the Jane that I know. Anyway she didn't say anything about it. I'll ask her the next time I see her. Had a nice surprise yesterday when a prairie falcon landed on our backyard fence and just sat there for several minutes surveying the area. It was beautiful with a stripey tan and white breast. A first for us. Did I tell you they're tearing down the Brown's house behind us and the builder is putting up a \$900,000 2-story house complete with theater and game room?!!!! The Browns retired to The Terrace at Mem. City when they couldn't take care of themselves anymore. The lot on the corner of Barryknoll and Yorkchester has been leveled too but I understand the owners are putting up a new house for themselves.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

A late Happy New Year! to you both. Work has been grueling and I've been staying late and working on Saturdays, so I haven't had much time to write. I just couldn't work any more today and came home a few minutes ago. I thought I'd let you know that things are about the same with the California Curtis Clan. Now I should probably start on household chores, but I think I'll let those slide as well.

The storm was nothing compared to what you guys get on a regular basis. We remain dry and toasty. It's been raining off and on for most of today but things are starting to green up, which is what I've been waiting for.

We didn't have time to send out cards this holiday season and I'm contemplating sending a spring "newsletter" and card instead. We got a few cards this year and I've decided that most people generally send them to us only after they've received ours.

Do you have any idea what has ever happened to Laurie Shaw Sinclair or the Clarkes. It's been at least 5 years since I've had anything from Becky, but I thought you kept up somewhat with Martha and Buddy.

I was reading in Texas Monthly about a quilt lady named Jane Hall. Isn't that your friend Jane's last name? If so, is she the quilt lady?

We're all very healthy and haven't had any of the flus going around. Knock wood for that. I think I told you how well Andy did in school last semester, but did I also mention that Kevan is now getting a percentage of the work he does in addition to his hourly pay? He's still in somewhat of an apprentice position, so he's learning new things, but I think his boss is starting his long range

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retirement planning and that's why the change in pay structure.

Love you guys,

Candy

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 2/5/2008 11:36 AM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Are you still there? We're still here mosre or less houseboud altho Dad can get out for a short walk. My flu turned into pneumonia so its' taking me longer to get over it. We have someone here day and night. Our helpers have been from Nigeria, Iran, Africa and San Sal Vador. I love here. We have a real gem today. She's older and goes to Prairie View Wed and Sat. for a Masters Program.. She's so nice Hope to here from you later. Mother



From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 2/16/2008 7:59 AM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hi from Houston: Sometimes I think I'll never get backon my feet but I am getting stronger every day. I can help make meals a little now altho' I'm rather winded when I'm done . But I've got to keep going to gain more strength. This pneumonia sure took the stuffing out of me. Hope everything is o.k. in Calif. Mother

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 3/1/2008 3:06 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hope you are having as lovely weather as we are. It got up to 77 today as is did yesterday. The carolina jasmine and azaleas are in full bloom as are my petunias and snapdragons. Sometimes I think flowers do better when you neglect them. I'm doing a little better every day. Have dismissed the caregivers and are on our own. Seems like I told you this already. It's slow going but we're making it. Are going to try and go to S.S. tomorrow morning for the first time since early January. If I don't take a benadryl before I go to sleep I'm not as groggy all morning. Some nights are kind of up and down. Say Candy, do you mind if I make Anita as the alternate trustee.? I was trying to spread the jobs around evenly but I now realize Anita has a handle on everything from the insurance policy and the trust better than anybody. Besides the trustee book is so big and heavy it probably would cost a bundle to get it to you. I don't know how much there is to being a trustee but I suspect there will be several times you would have to be here and that might be difficult for you. Since Carole, Carl and Anita seem to be handling most of the stuff anyway and they're not far away I think it would be best if I do that. Anita has already talked to our broker about the policy, etc and she seems to have a handle on it. Hope you won't feel hurt. It's just that it seems the best way to handle things. Hope everone is well there. Did you hear of the flu in your area. This kind the flu shots didn't help. Hope I never get pneumonia again. Take care. Love you. MMother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 7:07:24 AM

Always great to hear from you. But you don't tell us about the boys!! Our temperature jumps around like a yo--yo. But as long as the sun is shining I don't mind. At least it's shining for election day. Who did you vote for or shouldn't I ask. This is the first time, and I think the very first time I am not going to vote. We should have gotten an absentee ballot but I think at that time we were both too bleary-eyed to decide on whom to vote for and I want to stay out of crowds for awhile lest I get the same thing over again. Boy I sure don't want that again!! The spirit is willing but the knees are still a little shaky especially in the morning but I am doing some light housework again. The spa, etc. sounds wonderful. They have those here too. Maybe I should try one. Daddy is doing pretty good. Just sometimes he doesn't know what to do so I have to direct him. Other times he's pretty sharp. Right now he's shredding stuff. I have found since our illness the kids have kind of come together and are concerned about us. **The way things are set up in the trust there shouldn't be any fuss. Everything is divided equally.** Have 5 tomato plants in that Carole got for me. That will be the extent of my gardening this year. Anita and the kids are coming up one day next week during spring break to go a few things around here. Kind of reminded me of the mission trps she used to go one to help the po" folk but that's all right. I will be good to see faces other than ours. We made it to S.S. last week and it was **so** good to see everyone again plus we have a marvelous teacher for 6 weeks! Well, enough yakking. Love you'al.
Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Owen and Candy Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report No. 2
Date: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 6:59:29 AM

Thanks but I'll wait till I have a few more vitamins in my body before I go amongst the crowds. The memory of the pneumonia scares the bejeebers out of me.

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hello Again,

About the boys...

Kevan is moving right along there. His boss has been in once or twice since his appendix thingy. Other than that, Kevan has been running the lab. When Dave has recuperated he is going to show Kevan one or two more things about dentures and then turn the denture department over to him. He's decided he really likes that aspect of the lab and he's very good. The receivers of the dentures comment on how comfortable they are. Kevan has been working a lot more recently, so he doesn't have time to pursue the rehabilitation of Matilda, my VW Beetle. It's sad, she's sitting in the garage. Since I canceled the insurance I can't even take her out for a spin. Oh well, some day.

Andy is enjoying Geography and Biology this semester, along with some other classes I don't recall at the moment. He's very pleased with himself and Owen and I are very proud of him. He should be finished sometime in this decade...

I believe you had some strain of flu. Everyone around me is getting something awful and by the time they realize they are sick their germs are everywhere. I think I have good resistance, bolstered by my daily swim workout and some time in the steam room and sauna. You can't really hide from it and getting out in public and exposing yourself to germs in general helps you build up resistance, just like the flu shot, which is actually the flu injected into your body. I'm totally against flu shots for many reasons, but that's just me.

Love you both,

Candy

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 4/2/2008 5:59 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Got your e-mail about the lab. You didn't specify any numbers or anything like that . I think Anita has the best idea about going to the Small Business Bureau. That's what they're there for. She went to the one in Victoria one time when she was thinking about going into business and she said they were more than helpful. So it's a lot of paper work.! How often are you going to do this? Maybe the best idea for now would be for that company to buy the lab and Kevan **demand** a good salary and benefits if they want him to work for them. The Then maybe later he can buy the place. Did you send this to Owen's family too? I can tell you the kids can't help him out. They've got enough on their plate. We spent a lot on care-givers while we were sick. (They're not cheap by any means). and right now we're about to pay income tax. I lost close to 15 lbs. when I had pneumonia. I don't recommend it as a way to lose weight. I'm eating a lot but not gaining any back. Guess I'll ask Doc White for suggestions. I drink Ensure every day. My work periods are still rather short as I tire easily but I hope that will get better as time goes along. Hope to hear from you again. Mother

Subject: Re: Status Report
From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: 4/12/2007 6:38 AM
To: Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Gee!!What a nice long letter. No!! But in a conversation with Carl I juse think it's a good idea that if you'll really want something it should be put down in writing so there is no dispute about it. I don't plan to sit around an do nothing including microwave dinners (well, maybe once a week). But, let's face it we're not getting any younger and if we keep putting things like this off they won't get done. I'm sure you can have everything you listed except may be the glass fronted case. There may be others who are interested in which case you may have to draw straws or bid the highest for it. that's what Berdella's family did with a few things. Of course, they had only 3 kids in the family. I'm still vacuuming and using Pledge, I think they'll have to carry us out feet first. We're not interested in retirement homes, as yet. Can't wait till you'al come. Hope you make it a weeks stay. AND BRING SOME PICTURES, PARTICULARY OF KEVAN'S SHORT HAIR!!!!!!

Owen and Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

Hope you had a nice Easter. We had lovely weather all weekend but it rained pretty good today and now it's colder and windy.

So is "break up housekeeping" a common phrase somewhere or did you make it up and either way, what does that mean exactly? I'm not in a panic, but I imagine you putting the vacuum and Pledge away, selling the laundry appliances, cooking TV dinners in the microwave, eating and drinking from disposables, and leaving everything to pile up around you. Anyway, I hope that's not the case.

I would really like to have:

- Uncle Bud's things
- Daddy's older slides, particularly from his Navy days, (like Gitmo, etc.) and any older family photos if there are enough to go around. At the very least I would like an opportunity to digitize as many of them as possible
- "The Adventures of Perrine"
- The seashells
- The smoking stand Daddy made that was referenced in his autobiography and his college papers

Two other things I cherish, that one or more of my siblings may probably want too, are your George and Martha Washington silver and that glass fronted case in the kitchen.

And as long as we're on this subject, I volunteer to keep safe and maintain the family archives, with letters you have saved, the genealogy information, and any other historical documentation. The story of your side of the family, the collection of Christmas letters and Daddy's autobiography are some of most treasured writings I have (all four of us have enjoyed them over and over) and I still need a copy of the story of Daddy's uncles.

Re: Status Report

Okay, enough about this already. We (Owen and I at least) hope to make it to Houston in a couple of months (we want to wait until it's really hot there of course) and Southwest is having a special now. I'll keep you posted.

Hugs and kisses!

Love to both of you,

Candy



From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 4/12/2007 12:29 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hi: It's me again. It's close to summertime here today. To continue where I left off this morning. I think I have enough shells that more than one could have some. Of course, the biggest ones are yours. You gave them to me and the Shell book is yours too. I've started cataloging my shells, over 60 already. They are all over the house! Did I not send you the collection of Christmas letters? I'll wait with the one about the 5 uncles till you get here. There's plenty of copies of genealogies to go around. I don't think everyone is interested in them. I think there are enough pictures to go around too. Anyway these days you can copy them so easily. I'd also like you to have the fruit bowl and sauce dishes that Grandma Rensink got from her kids for a wedding present. Daddy doesn't have any slides of his Navy days, just pictures. Also there is a picture of a girl in the bedroom that I want you to have. I bought it in Tulsa years ago because I thought it looked like you. Also there are some doilies left. Very windy and warm today. Good day to go to the beach.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:elmernelva@sbcglobal.net)
To: cbrunstung@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fwd: Re:
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2008 1:21:18 PM

O and C <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: "O and C" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 11:39:50 -0700

Hello,

It's been really crazy around here for the last 3 weeks. First I wrecked my Prius trying to avoid hitting a kitty in the road. I just got it back after 15 days in the shop. We don't have rental coverage on our insurance, so I had to foot the bill or not have transportation during that time. I can always ride the bus to and from work, but it's difficult to get to the gym and then to work via bus and my morning swim is much more important than money. I had my annual physical last week and my doctor is so proud of me! All of my systems are in great shape and I've really got a handle on the diabetes. I can probably stop the medication in a few more months. Yeah!!!!

The reason I haven't written is because our computer crashed and we lost all of our data. I'm glad you wrote me so I can start collecting email addresses again. If you would, please send me my siblings' current email addresses. It is rather depressing to be an IT wizard and not have a backup of my own computer, so I've ensured that it will not happen again.

Dave got his liver and has been home from the hospital about a week or so. Kevan and I went over there Friday afternoon and ironed out the details of the deal. Dave is not allowed to stay outside for any length of time, or see his grandchildren for 6 months due to bacteria they may be carrying. I'm not sure why we were allowed to be there but I guess adults don't have the same bacteria???????? He will NEVER be allowed back in the lab. Being around all of the acrylic and other lab related substances puts a big strain on the liver if it's not in good order. Anyway, Kevan will take over officially on May 1, although he has been running it for the last several months. He's in on the ground floor of a new denture implant product and is one of the few who knows how to make it. Dave and Dr. Silva (the surgeon in their group) have been giving lectures about this twice a month to other surgeons who are interested. Kevan will have to take over Dave's lectures at some point and it's opening the door to big money for him. The thing about this type of work is that the cost of materials is minimal (about 2% of the total price to the customer), so Kevan is really just selling his talent. Basically, if he keeps doing only dentures and denture implants he will be all right income-wise. If he buys a particular machine he can expand his practice to crown and bridge. He can do crown and bridge now, but has to do it by hand and it takes much longer and comes back for fitting and small adjustments. The machine would alleviate these issues. The main thing is, the doctors in the group would do anything to keep Kevan and are very pleased that he's going to take over the lab! Any business he brings in over and above what he already has will make him very comfortable financially. He's already dreaming of where he wants to buy a home.

Talk to you later,

Love to both of you,

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Candy

----- Original Message -----

From: Nelva Brunsting

To: Candy Curtis

Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2008 8:29 PM

It's rather late (10:18) but I'm not sleepy so I thought I'd write. Hope everything is o.k. and that you aren't too upset with me. I think Carol if she sent you an e-mail probably had some good thought on the matter. Anyway, I hope Kevan gets the lab in one way or another and that he makes a go of it. Maybe we can help later. I still have vestiges of the pneumonia and from what I am told it will take several months to get over it. I've had all the chest x-rays, cat-scans and echocardiograms I can take for one year. It seems like all we do these days is go to a doctor's appt. Monday Daddy has his 6 mon. visit with Dr. Fleming his neurologist. Some days are better than others. He can always recall your names if he names them from the top but he has trouble with my name and my relation to him sometimes. It's a weird feeling. We went to N.B. last week Sat. It was a beautiful but the bluebonnets were practically gone. Amy and the kids seem to be doing o.k. The kids are nt as bouncy or as responsive as they used to be but they are growing up. Ann has a birthday in June and she will be 10! They both had to play their violins at the Fok Festival held there every year. We heard them last year and this year Amy had a dvd of them. They're really good. Jack is playing little league baseball, He's catcher and is a natural born athlete I think. Well, I guess I'd better hit the hay. HOpe to hear from you soon. Love, Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [O and C](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report
Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008 11:29:17 AM

Wow!!! Congratulations Kevan on your new business. I know you'll make a success of it. But you may look up the word "indentured" before you use it in your logo. I don't think it means quite what you want it to mean. You Mom's title is cute but you may get some static from Toys R Us!! All I could think of is C & B by K. Crowns and bridges by Kevan. Too corny? You need something easy that people will remember. Anyway, good Luck!! We're real happy for you. Grandma and Grampa Brunsting p.s. As to new clothes. It looks to me like everyone wears t-shirts these days no matter what they do.!!

O and C <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Greetings Everyone,

I wanted to bring you up to date on the dental lab. IT BELONGS TO KEVAN AS OF MAY 1!!!!!! So far he's had a steady flow of work, nothing really big. He still has moments of anxiety and panic. The major issue now is what to call it. If you want to weigh in, please do so. Indentured Services is currently on top. Kevan wouldn't go for my suggestion, Dentures R Us ;-). He has some work to do to make the lab his and I need to install his bookkeeping software and show him how to use it. He needs to pack up Dave's personal stuff and take it over to him. Dave is doing great. This is a big relief to Kevan, as Dave is his mentor and close friend.

Once his money starts to come in, the first thing he needs is some better clothes to go to work in. He was called up to the surgeon's office to consult with the doctor about a patient. He actually had to look in the patient's mouth. When he called to tell me about it I asked what he was wearing -- sweat pants and a t-shirt. I had to laugh.

Wish him luck,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [O and C](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report
Date: Monday, May 26, 2008 11:37:33 AM

Does Kevan still have his pony tail or did he cut it off? Try to get a picture of him in a tux. Would love to see it. I made the first potato salad of the year today. Just thought you would like to know. I don't think you ever cared for Dutch potato salad.

O and C <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

Glad your incident turned out to be nothing serious, although a spot on your lung is not good. I hope it goes away with the antibiotics. Will you go back for a recheck and an xray to make sure it's gone?

Kevan is doing great and has many good ideas to make money. His periodic anxiety/panic attacks have subsided and he goes around with a big grin on his face. This is a good thing.

He will be his friend Ryan's best man June 7th. We're all going up to Oroville for the wedding. Kevan will be unable to avoid being photographed at the event and I can't wait to see him in a tux. The girls will be hanging all over him I'm sure.

We're spending today catching up on domestic duties.

Take care of yourself.

Love to both of you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [O and C](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 7:01:16 AM

Thanks for the photos. My, Kevan looks handsome!! I don't think I would recognize him with his new beard. It's hot, hot, hot here and dry, dry, dry. Have lots of tomatoes on but they're slow in ripening.

O and C <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

If Marta wishes to have them she may. We've become minimalists and our china cabinet is already filled with shells and other dried marine life. I have your checklist filled out and keep forgetting to mail it. No, we're not getting together on Father's Day. I suppose Carl will come over but that's about it. I don't think Elmer even realizes it will be Father's Day unless I remind him over and over. p.s. I was going to give you a fruit bowl and dishes Grandma R. received for their wedding but maybe you don't want them since your china cabinet is full. Also had some crocheted doilies I was going to give you. Just let me know if you want them.

We had a great weekend up in Sutter, CA at Ryan's wedding. I'm sure you guys met him when you were here on two separate occasions. He and his brother Chris were Kevan and Andy's first and best friends. Kevan was the best man. I attached some pictures - he looks really handsome.

Andy starts summer school next week. The dental lab is doing okay. Owen and I are working harder than we care to and I'm helping a contractor friend keep his accounting straight, so the house is a dusty mess and I'm hoping the neighbors will want our yard to look nice and do something about it.

Are you guys getting together on Father's Day?

Love you both,

Candy

----- Original Message -----

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:39 AM

HI; Say, would you like your large shells back that you gave me years ago. I think you brought them up when you went scuba diving or something. Let me know because Marta would like to have some of my shells.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [O and C](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 1:09:48 PM

NO, I mean verbally. I just let him go outside knowing he probably won't go anywhere and he doesn't, and pretty soon I can talk him into coming inside. I don't know what causes this. Fortunately it isn't too often. Truthfully, I haven't felt like going anywhere for too long a time. We do get to S.S. and that's about enough right now. I have to get some energy somewhere. Glad your weather has cleared.

O and C <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi,

The smoke was bad for days but I had a little touch of asthma and that's all. When the wind blew all the smoke away it brought whatever I'm allergic to and my nose has been dripping since Sunday morning. It's about 76 now and the days have been lovely.

Things are about the same here -- everyone is busy with their respective pursuits. Kevan's lab business increased about \$300 for June. Pretty good for the second month. It's only July 1st and he made \$490 today. He has 4 or 5 more big jobs too, so if it keeps going like this he might do really well for July. Andy is taking English over the summer to get it out of the way, although I think he really likes it. O and I are working harder and longer -- not much time for play. ERS is growing and we just hired 3 more scientists, so we're up to 15 total. When I started there were 6 of us. I love my job and it's not really stressful, but I get annoyed at times with the younger staff -- they do such careless things.

Mother, I cannot imagine what your life must be like with Daddy the way he is. When you say combative do you mean physically? or argumentatively brushing you away when you try to take him inside? Please, if it becomes too much for you, get some help. When you had the home care workers it was because you were so ill, but why can't you just have them for Daddy anyway. Then you can get out and socialize or shop, or just go for a nice walk in a park somewhere. It's only money and you can't take with you when you die. Use it now while YOU still have all your faculties.

I love you,

Candy

----- Original Message -----

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2008 6:56 PM

Just wondering how you are faring. Saw a shot of a pall of smoke over S.F. and the Bay area. Such a shame. We're still having weather in the 90s but we did get a nice shot of rain this afternoon, over a half inch. but Carol didn't get but a few drops in their area. Supposed to get more tomorrow. Not much going on over here Daddy stays about the same except that this evening he wanted to leave about 8 and di go outside. Found him in the front yard and he didn't object to coming back in. Before

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|| he was a bit combative so I let him go outside. He's in bed now. Sleeps
great at night. Write when you have time. Love, Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [O and C](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, July 08, 2008 7:21:40 AM

Hang in there. Maybe between Curtises and us we can help you out but I think they should know. I'm not going to tell them. I'm not sure where we could get the money right now but we'll try.

O and C <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Mother and Daddy,

This is a very difficult email to write. It's 100 degrees outside which makes it even more uncomfortable. However, if I do not get some financial assistance real soon, our lives will fall apart and we could lose a lot, if not everything.

Owen has been unhappy for quite some time now (at least a year) and has tried antidepressants and therapy to deal with his misery. He's very rigid with his diet and exercise and his doctor thinks he's doing so well that when Owen asked to go off his medication the doctor gave him the okay. He did not like how it made him feel and wanted to find the cause of his unhappiness and fix it, not mask it with drugs for the rest of his life. It's not me, or Kevan, or Andy (so he says) that is causing this. His job is stressful, but always has been. Who knows, maybe it will turn out to be a mid-life crisis, although I would have expected that 10 years ago - not now. I do not know if he's discussed it with his folks or his sisters so please keep it to yourselves. Also, please use MY cell number to call me if you can't reach me on the house phone. 925-759-9020 (it's on my business card too).

Three weeks ago Owen packed up and left. We were unable to talk about it at that moment because we were both crying. Since that time we've talked on the phone and he came over once for a few minutes to get something he needed. He told me he had his own apartment near work. He is getting money from somewhere and he has taken more than usual from our joint account. He is putting a very big strain upon our finances just when it is most dangerous. I don't know why it is, but it seems like all the annual bills like car registrations, taxes, and insurance premiums come due around the same time - now through August. Kevan's business is picking up, but he has to wait for the doctors to pay him within 30 days. He does not yet have enough operating capital to pay the rent and buy supplies. We have been helping him with those things and if we stop it would cripple him.

I'm terrified of what will happen when Owen and I sit down to discuss the finances. I don't know what his plans are. It's making me very anxious and I don't even have enough money to get a haircut right now.

What if I need a therapist too? My health insurance does not cover that. All of this and I have not even discussed my own mental state, my ability to cope with this, not to mention how Kevan and Andy feel. My health is precious to me and I'm healthier than ever before. My doctor is very proud of how I have everything under control. But I can lose that control just having stress. I've been testing my glucose level religiously and it seems to be okay, but I don't know for how long. I love Owen. I want him to be happy and there is nothing more I can do for him. I cry myself to sleep every night and valiantly carry on at work. I don't know what to tell people, because I'm not sure of anything other than Owen does not live here anymore. I need \$10,000 in a bank account under my name only. Kevan is so close to complete success I cannot jeopardize that. Andy is almost through with his AA degree and will be able to get a good job. I need some time to figure out how I am going to manage with a lot less income. And I need a haircut. I would not ask if I was not desperate, but I have

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nothing to fall back on and I'm scared. Please, please help me.

Candy



From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 7/9/2008 6:45 AM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Cndy: I am sending you a check for 2000 which is all I can pull out of our money market. You have to keep a certain amount in it or they chare you. As soon as it builds up again I can send more if you need. Hope this plus the others will help. Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Thanks
Date: Monday, August 04, 2008 4:49:13 PM

They don't have drivers ed in high school there and she doesn't think there are any driving schools. Vance was supposed to take him out one night but it was raining. It's probably just as well he doesn't go with Vance.

Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

We taught neither son to drive. They both took driver's ed class in high school during the day and got their learner's permit, but they had to take a behind the wheel course to actually get the license. I recommend more formal training. Of course, we let them drive us around once they got their learner's permit, because practice makes perfect!!!

I'll try to remember to write Anita. I managed to call Carl but didn't have his home number so I left a message.

I let you know when the check arrives.

C

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I'll get the check out today, late afternoon, so you should have it in a few days. I don't know how long it takes to get to CA. The mailman has already gone by. By-the-way, your baby sister will be **45** on the 7th. She's teaching Luke to drive which apparently is rather hair-raising.

Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi Mother,

Yes, it would be an absolute lifesaver. I'd just as soon have both of Andy's wisdom teeth out so it doesn't happen again at some point. I would think it would be less expensive to have them both done at the same time. Anyway, thanks a million! I honestly do not know what we would do if not for you. Please let me know when to expect the check so I can look for it in the mail.

Give Daddy a big hug for me!

Love you,

Candy

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hi: Will \$1500 help right now? I can do that. We

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have income tax to pay in Sept. so I need to save a bit for that. In Oct. and Nov. the crop money will come in then if you need more we can help.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:elmernelva@sbglobal.net)
To: cbrunsting@sbglobal.net
Subject: Re: Nelson's book for sale on eBay
Date: Monday, August 25, 2008 6:50:17 AM

WOW!!!!!!!!!!

--- On Sun, 8/24/08, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbglobal.net>
Subject: Nelson's book for sale on eBay
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2008, 7:22 PM

http://cgi.ebay.com/History-of-Sioux-County-Iowa-Siouxland-1983-Signed-Bk_W0QQitemZ110098220416QQihZ001QQcategoryZ378QQrdZ1QQssPageNameZWD1VQQcmdZViewItemQQ_trksidZp1638Q2em118Q2el124Z

Nelson's book about Sioux County is for sale on eBay for \$150.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, September 04, 2008 6:49:04 AM

Candy: I don't think you quite understand our situation here. Daddy is 86 and has dementia which is not improving. I'm 81 and just learned the other day I might have to go on a drug regimen for 2 years to try and clear up a lung problem so you see all is not rosy here either. If we can help you out I'll be glad to do so but I have to talk to someone first who knows about these things. Doesn't Calif. have a communal property law and why was everything in Owen's name?

--- On **Wed, 9/3/08, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 9:59 AM

The "new" Owen is a selfish, lying, coward. The "old" Owen was a sweet loving husband and father who changed overnight into someone I don't know and don't want to know. I'm trying very hard not to hate him. Maybe he did get tired of living in a house with two grown boys, but he should have said so. Some families expand their home with each generation and I, personally, like having my sons around. Don't bother about the co-sign, I'll figure something else out.

--- On **Wed, 9/3/08, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 6:59 AM

What do you mean "the new Owen"? Maybe he just got tired of living in a house with two grown boys. You haven't been by yourselves in a long time you know. Well, I'm sorry you can't work things out. I don't know about the co-sign. I'll hve to talk to someone.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Status Report
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 6:37:46 AM

I guess we'll have to wait till Ike passes by before we get any cool weather altho the mornings have been quite comfortable lately. In the 70s. Dr. McGowan tells me I have an a-typical form of tuberculosis (non-contagious) called simaie or something like that. It's so rare there is very little info on it The only treatment for it is a regimen of 3 or 4 drugs for two years, some of which may have rather unpleasant side effects. He recommended I try them for 2 or 3 months to see how I tolerate them. I have decided not to go that route and just build myself up with vitamins, etc. I'm almost 82 and the progression is rather slow so who knows how long I can last. The cure rate for that treatment is 65%. I am so tired of having a bad taste in my mouth from these other things I've been taking I would just like to get back to normal and have food taste the way it should. So that;s about it. Love, Mother

--- On **Tue, 9/9/08**, **Candace Curtis** <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candmace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Status Report
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 8:44 PM

Hi,

It's 56 degrees here at 6:36 p.m. Rather chilly after temps in the 100s last week. Last Friday night there was an earthquake - 4.0. I was in Emeryville on a BIG boat docked there and I was sitting alone on the top deck looking up at the stars when I felt the boat shudder briefly. I'm talking about an 80 foot wooden boat that generally creaks at the moorings. There was no sound at all and the water was glassy flat. It was almost spooky and I couldn't figure out what had caused it until 2 days later when I heard about the quake.

What did you decide about your medical issue? Are you feeling okay or still tired all the time?
I wish you would tell me what the name of the disease is so I can research it.

Love to both of you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, October 10, 2008 10:11:39 AM

Maybe Kevan and Andy can help you put the back yard in shape. It's a little like what's going on here after the storm. I know several families who have had to move out while their house is being repaired, including I believe the one across from us. I've had to take on all the responsibilities here too but you are a lot younger than I am. We are going to rent the farm land for cash from now on. Rick Ridders is handling it for us. I don't think Rich Byers is too happy about it but that's his problem. He wants his 19 yr. old stepson to work it for a year but I said nothing doing. Apparently Rich has let the land run down and it needs to be built up again. Did I tell you Dad's cousin Joyce (Brunsting) Vander Well passed away? I don't know if you ever met their kids Leah, Lynn and Steve or not. They lived up in Wash. in their younger days and the girls still live there. Joyce has had many problems during the years including Alzheimer's at the last. They live in Holland, Mich. in a retirement home.

Dad's caregiver, Robert Cantu, is off this weekend to go to his 20th high school reunion at El Campo. He said if it was like his tenth he'd be back Sat. nite. He is an amazing person!. He took care of two of his neices when their mother showed up at his door one day and dumped them off on him. They're twins. He cared for them till they were three then she took them back. I don't know what her problem was. But he bought them both a boutique (?) for the homecoming game. They are so excited!. He comes from a family of 6 children I think, some stepchildren involved but they all get along. His mother had diabetes and lost her legs to it. He took care of her till she passed away at 58. His dad was disabled by an accident. They all learned to take care of themselves. Robert is a really good cook. He could open a restaurant. Right now he's studying for an LVN license but it's been so many years since he's had math and reading comprehension that he's having a hard time getting started. Anita said she could help him find math tutoring on the internet. Well it's almost time for lunch. Hope things look up. Mother

--- On **Fri, 10/10/08**, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Friday, October 10, 2008, 11:04 AM

I'm only down because there is a lot of responsibility in keeping up the house alone. The county has dug up our back yard to replace the sewer line and even though they are going to put everything back as it was, the mess is overwhelming to look at. The days are getting shorter quickly so it's dark when I leave and gets dark soon after I get home.

Frankly, I'd appreciate it if you would not keep suggesting that the "breakup" has anything to do with Kevan and Andy. If I did not have them I would have a much harder time. They've been doing Owen's "jobs" around the house for years. WE ARE A FAMILY. If it bothered Owen he should have said something instead of just walking out. If that's what he told his parents then he lied to me. Either way, he's the one who needs help, not me.

I have two sailing buddies, Jay and Heidi. I've been sailing almost every

weekend with one or the other for the past few months. It makes me happy to be on the water in the sunshine and I'm getting to be a pretty good sailor. Owen does not care that much for sailing, so I'm lucky I'm a free girl now and can do as I please without guilt. It costs me nothing, wind is free. I have new friends that I made on my own and at times I feel sorry for Owen. He sits alone at his apartment and watches TV. Maybe he likes that, but it sounds like serious depression to me. Until he is honest with himself and others about how he really feels, he'll never get well or happy. In any event, I'm going to move on with my life, and I plan to keep my family around me as long as I possibly can. The day they leave I'll be happy for them and sad for me.

--- On **Wed, 10/8/08, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 1:49 PM

Sorry to hear you are so down. Maybe you are the one who need help. I still think Owen left because he got tired of having to share the house with two grown men which is what Andy and Kevan are and his folks know about it. I've talked to Billie and we are all upset about it that after 36 years you are splitting. There's always two sides to everything you know. Whose sailboat are you sailing on? Must be lovely. At least be thankful you still have a job. I read about all the people in Santa Barbara who are living in their cars. Unbelievable. It seems the world has turned upside down. I just hope Obama wins the election. We had a hospital bed brought in today for Dad. It should be easier to get him in and out to his wheel chair because you can raise and lower it. Robert is a godsend!!! He has to go out of town this weekend but Carole and Carl are going to help. Hope we can do the job. He sleeps a lot. Wish he was awake more of the time. Give Jenny a call, she'll probably appreciate it. She's had so much to deal with in her young life and now this. Such a shame!!

--- On **Wed, 10/8/08, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 10:11 AM

Hi,

Happy Birthday again. It's a gift to have Daddy home!!!! I'm glad Robert is going to work out for you. The rapid improvement shows that Daddy's glad he's home too.

Some days I'm so down all I can do is cry. I have to stop and realize that my problems are nothing compared to what you are going through. At least you have someone to care for and

are not totally alone.

October is such a beautiful month weatherwise. I'm going to cheer myself up by sailing on Saturday. It's Fleet Week and the Blue Angels fly at 3:00 p.m. I'll be laying on my back on the front of the boat soaking up the sunshine.

I have never heard from Bill and Billie since Owen left. I talk to him rarely these days. I suspect he's never found "happiness". He suffers from depression but refuses to address it with medication. He's filled with negativity and over the years things have balanced out because I always find the good in things and look on the bright side. He has really changed. I think the depression has taken over and now rules his life. He called yesterday to tell me his sister Jenny has breast cancer. I'd like to call her but I don't know what he's told his family about our situation. I suspect it's the lie he tells everyone - that we have been having problems for awhile and decided to separate. Makes me look like the bad guy, etc. Apparently it's hard for him to admit that he's unhappy or depressed.

Anyway, enjoy your newfound freedom. Go shopping.

Love to both of you,

Candy

--- On **Tue, 10/7/08, Nelva Brunsting**
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 6:59 AM

Amy's is today, mine tomorrow. I'm so glad we brought Daddy home. He's improved already. Robert is a godsend!

--- On **Tue, 10/7/08, Candace Curtis**
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 8:27 AM

Good Morning Birthday Girl,

Or is it tomorrow? Happy Birthday early then!

Let me know how the recuperation is going and

how you are holding up. It sounds like you have the help you need.

All retirement homes are gloomy. If you can stay out of them all the better.

Love to both of you,

Candy

--- On **Fri, 10/3/08, Nelva Brunsting** <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis"
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, October 3, 2008, 6:28 PM

Hi: Well, we're bringing Daddy home tomorrow morning, for better or worse. We have all the equipment needed and Robert Cantu, Carol's friend at her job is going to come and stay with Daddy for several hours whenever we need him. (He took care of his boss'es father when he had Parkinsons. Now he looks after the mother. Gerland's home health care is going to do the therapy and the bathing here. We had them when Dad hurt his back and they're good! It will be easier for me because going back and forth ev ery day was very tiring, for one thing it was a long walk to his room. If this doesn't work out we can always take him back but I certainly hope it will. I also am having a lady come and help with the cleaning. She'll start Oct.,the 9th. Evelyn Roberts is moving to Treemont, a retirement home on Westheimer. I've called on a lot of people there. Frankly I think it's rather gloomy but they say the food is good. It's one of the older retirement homes in the city. She wants to stay here because of her church connections. I thought sure she would gc to Kathy in Round Rock. Two bits they'll tear her house down and put up another \$900,000 house on her lot. Her place is not in the best of condition. Well, there goes the neighborhood. Love. Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:elmernelva@sbcglobal.net)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, October 27, 2008 9:52:19 AM

I don't know what has happened to you two and I don't know what to say to help you'al. I wish you lived closer so that we could talk. Owen's folks feel just as badly as we do about the whole thing. There has to be **some** way to resolve this problem!

On **Mon, 10/27/08, Candace Curtis**
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Monday, October 27, 2008, 10:19 AM

I'm still here. I have nothing good to write. Life sucks and I'm sick of peanut butter and jelly and being broke. I'm going to have to get a second job to keep from losing our home. Owen has no solutions to offer, just more problems and the suggestion that I seek counseling since I'm so depressed. He feels guilty for ruining our lives but thinks I'm wrong to expect him to come back and be miserable. He won't go to marriage counseling because he says it's not our marriage that makes him unhappy. He won't go to family counseling because he says it's not Kevan and Andy that make him unhappy. He also said it has nothing to do with them living at home either. I'd rather be miserable with money than miserable and broke, but the situation is not my choice. I'm just really scared right now and have nowhere to turn. It's getting worse every day as the holidays approach. I understand despondency much better now and feel even more empathy for the homeless these days.

I'm sorry you have more issues to deal with as far as Daddy's health. I hope you can find a way to keep him comfortable with whatever else you discover is wrong with him. Hopefully the blood count thing is an anomaly that will disappear as he gets his blood chemistry back to normal. Lots of germs and bacteria in hospitals and nursing homes that he probably picked up and his body is now fighting.

It was 46 degrees when I hit the pool this morning. I like the cold, it's the dark that bothers me.

Love to both of you,

Candy

--- On **Sun, 10/26/08, Nelva Brunsting** <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2008, 8:51 PM

HI: Where are you??? MIss hearing from you. Daddy seemed a lot more alert today than other days. Robert and Carole think it may have been his flu shot that made him so drowsy. we're going to see Dr. Fleming tomorrow(his neurologist) which probably is a waste of time, then some time this week we're going to see an onocologist. The doctor from the nursing home who Carol has been in touch with thinks he might have Leukemia, the beginning stages of it. His white blood count was 20,000 at the hospital and 18,000 at the nursing home. Those numbers are well within the range of the problem number but the doctorsaid if it was his dad he would check it out. Can probably be taken care of with pills not chemotherapy. We're getting a real cold front tomorrow mmorning, down in the thirties some places. It's o.k with me. Hope you are getting along o.k. Love Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 7:03:04 AM

Crying gets you nowhere Candy. Are you still working for the scientists? Try to get yourself together and figure out a solution, if possible. There must be something that can be done. You always had a solution to other peoples' problems. Let me know if we can help. Wish you were closer so we could talk face to face.,

--- On **Tue, 11/4/08**, **Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:01 PM

I'm glad things are working out with Daddy. All I do is cry these days.

--- On **Mon, 11/3/08**, **Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, November 3, 2008, 6:54 PM

Miss hearing from you. Took Dad to an oncologist today for possible leukemia but if he has it it is probably the chronic type and may not need any medication of any sort. His white blood count was rather high in the hospital, a little lower at the nursing facility and in between the two today at the doctor's office and he didn't seem very concerned. Very nice doc. Robert said he's Vietnamese. Name is Nuygen (Winn). There's about 500 of them in the phone book. Pretty soon we'll know every type of doctor in Houston. We're having the most beautiful fall weather now. Reminds me of the time we were at your place in Sept. and the leaves were turning.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:elmernelva@sbcbglobal.net)
To: occurtis@sbcbglobal.net
Subject: Re: Happy Turkey Day
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 7:50:38 AM

Glad to know that Owen is still coming over. Hope it's for the long run sometime. We're just going to have 6 for turkey day. Carol, Amy, Ann and Jack. Amy and the children are coming in today. I hope she doesn't try to take over making the dinner, altho' I can use the help. Anita and the kids are going to Dallas to be with Anita's friend, Corinne who lives near Dallas. They're going to stop in Sat. on their way back to Victoria. So far we have had beautiful fall weather altho' not enough rain. The trees are not yet really turning. We're going to be without Robert (Daddy's caregiver) Friday, Sat. and Sunday. It's going to be a long weekend, altho we do have someone from Cameo coming in for a few hours in the morning and evening, but she's not as capable as Robert. It's costing us a pretty penny but we sure couldn't do without it right now.

--- On **Tue, 11/25/08**, **Candace Curtis** <occurtis@sbcbglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcbglobal.net>
Subject: Happy Turkey Day
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcbglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 9:18 PM

Hi,

Thanks for the cards you've been sending. I'm sorry I've been noncommunicative, but work is busier than ever before. I'm a little overwhelmed by the demands put upon my time by everyone. It's hard to make a priority list when everything is a priority.

We're all fine. Pretty much hunkered down for the winter. Less than a month until the shortest day. I think we'll make it without going crazy.

Kevan and I are cooking the turkey and stuff. Owen is coming over. It will be the first gathering of the family since he left. He comes over periodically to get mail, or trade vehicles (if he needs the truck for something). We talk occasionally and exchange a few emails here and there (mostly the funny things people forward around). Things have settled down somewhat. He was over here Sunday to return the truck and he and Kevan and I were talking about Thanksgiving. Saturday someone ran into the utility pole on the corner and our power was out until 2 a.m. Sunday morning. We got the generator out and had power to run just about everything but the fridge. Kevan's girlfriend was here and we sat in front of the fire watching the Food channel on TV. The guy was carving the turkey in a neat way so Kevan and I decided that was how we were going to do it. I mentioned it to Owen when he was here and he admitted that he sat in front of the same show at his house. ALONE. I wonder if he thinks about that. He won't commit to Christmas plans. It may be that Thanksgiving will cause us each to have our own personal emotional train wreck. I'll keep you posted.

What are ya'll doing? I hope you're able to gather up the Texas family

members for some hugs and time together. It's what Thanksgiving is for.

Love to both of you,

Candy

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Saturday, December 13, 2008 6:47:20 PM

Hi: Well, Daddy is in the hospital again. When the physical therapist was here Friday his blood pressure was all over the place, mostly low. We called the fire house ambulance and they took him to the e.r. They did a lot of testing and decided he still had a urinary infection and were going to give him some stronger medication for that and he was dehydrated and are giving him intravenous liquids. Also put him on a soft diet. No more low-fats. Somethings to gain weight. I guess I have to do that too. So it's whole milk, regular ice cream, etc. He'll stay in the hospital for a few days at least. Ethyl, our cameo lady goes there in the morn and helps him with his breakfast and Carol helped him with his lunch today.. He's eating pretty good. They've taken him off a lot of his medicines for now.

He seems to be pretty content in the hospital but I don't think he really knows where he is. As for me I saw another pulmonary man Friday and he wants me to go to a pulmonary rehab on Gessner for 12 wks, 3 times a week for 2 hrs. I tire very easily and am short of breath if I do anything. So I'll give it a try. And so it goes. When Amy was in kindergarten here she didn't like the lunches. We took her to a child psychiatrist because she didn't want to go to school. The lady said let her eat PB & J sandwiches every day if that's what she wants. It's good for her. Don't remember what we finally did Turns out later she was allergic to eggs and yeast. We really had a time with her. I see the west coast is in for a cold spell that's going to go through Iowa. Glad I live in Texas altho' the snow was fun to see the other day.:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2008, 7:26 AM

PB and J is peanut butter and jelly.

--- On **Wed, 12/10/08, Nelva Brunsting**
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 6:30 PM

IT SNOWED TODAY~!!!!!! Really felt like Iowa for awhile!. I think it will still be cold tomorrow and then gradually warm up toward the weekend. 've been trying to get out a few Christmas cards and gather a few decorations. The door is trimmed but that's about it. Robert helped me with that. I don't have the energy I used to have some of it because I do not sleep well at night, listening for Daddy and sometimes he's awake at 5:30 on and I have to make sure he doesn't get out of bed. Robert usually gets here about 9. A good nights sleep would do wonders for me. I went to a pulmonary specialist today. Carl insisted on going along. He's just across from Cornelius nursery on Dairy Ashford in a big building. He wants me to try a pulmonary rehab place on Gessner to get more strength in my

lungs so I'm not always so tired. If that doesn't work I guess I'll have to go the anti-biotic route of 3 anti-biotics for 2 years. Not looking forward to that. Daddy stays about the same. Frankly I don't think he'll ever master the walker. With his dementia he doesn't grasp the necessity of exercise. Three houses across the street are all decorated and they really look nice at night. Sy, I'm having something sent you for Christmas. I didn't know exactly your size but I'm sure you can return it for another one. Hope you like it. Say, who is PB and J.? I was hoping you and Owen were patching up your differences but I guess not.. Well I have to write a Xmas note to several people. Not much merriness in it this year. Maybe next year will be better.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:elmernelva@sbcglobal.net)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re: Have A Very Merry
Date: Friday, December 26, 2008 6:29:53 PM

Hi:Had 19 ! messages on the e-mail this evening. Have neglected to ead them the last day or two. Most are sale notices anyway except yours. Christmas Day Carole came over in the morning and helped start the dinner. Anita , Luke and Katie arrived a little before one. Anita brought a pumpkin pie and rolls and yams. I propvided the cranberry sauce. Carl, Drina, Marta and Ryan arrifved about two, earlied than I expected them. I made a rum cake but no one was interestd in coffee and dessert. Amy and the children came today about 11:30. Had a good time. She doesn't know exactly where Wayne is but child support payments hae begun again. The kids got a Wi for Christmas so we played that awhile. That's quite a game, if you can call it that. Of course, Ann and Jack have pretty much mastered it already. I thought they'd turn up their nose at what I go them but they enjoyed it too. It was a duck shoot like they have at fairs. I thought maybe Amy would object to the gun that went with it but she didn't I sent for almost all the presents this year because I didn't feel like running all over. The kids had fun playing with the kids across the street too. They have a boy named Jack also. I am so tired of this gray drab weather. You don't know whether to have the air cond. on or the heat. It's colder inside than out. It's supposed to cool off Sunday, at least for a few days. Daddy really doesn'trealize too much wht is going on. He sleeps quite a bit and sleeps well at night, thank goodness. I've had 2 sessions at tha rehab and will start again Mond. I think it will help me. He gave me breathing apparatus to take home his week arid I've been using that. Well, that's about it for now. Haen't heard from a number of friends I'm concerned about. One is Nedra Harris. She has cancer of the spine, and another is Iza Reynolds/ A year can make quite a difference healthwise, ask us about it!--- On **Wed, 12/24/08, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Have A Very Merry
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, December 24, 2008, 2:23 PM

Good Afternoon,

They let us out today at noon. It's a rainy Christmas Eve. I'm glad I'm not on the road.

I hope Daddy is reacclimated to "home". Are you all getting together at some point in the next few days? I thought I would call and maybe get to speak to my siblings when you're all in one place.

Only got a few cards this year. I'm on to that game now. You don't get unless you send. I guess with email, holiday cards are passe.

Have you had any respiratory treatments yet? If so, how is it working for you?

Big hugs and kisses to both of you,

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Love,
Candy

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: 1/1/2009 8:47 PM

To: Candy Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Hi: Hope it isn't too late to wish you and yours a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I'm hoping the same for us. Robert has been off for the last 4 days and I can't wait for him to get back. We've had a short fat girl named Shemeka looking after Daddy and she really isn't capable or strong enough to handle him. I don't know where Robert met her but I'm not going to have her again. We'll have Ethel from Cameo Caregivers on Sat. and Sunday for several hours and Carol and Carl will be over so that will help. Our weather continues to go up and down like a yo-yo. It's supposed to be in the 70s tomorrow and then get 20 degrees colder on Sat. Rain we could use. The back yard looks like a mole went thru it. We had about \$5000 worth of work done to replace a tile that was laying uphill, I guess, They said that was what causing the stoppage and it could be. Dad relaid it at least once. Daddy is usually in bed by 7 and sleeps till about 8:30 or 9 the next morning. Robert never gets here till a little after nine. Shemeka gets here about 8:30. She has to take a bus from the Jersey Village area so I have to admire her for that. Her mother still lives in Calif. with some of the family. Shemeka came here last year I think. She had a run in with a semi so doesn't have a car right now. I'm supposed to have cataract surgery sometime in the near future. I can tell my eyesight is getting worse. I told you I'm going to a pulmonary rehab 3 times a week and I think it's helping. I'm not as short of breath as I was. Well, it's way past my bedtime but I feel asleep while watching tv so I'm awake now. Take care and I love you. Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 2:35:52 PM

HI Again: Say did you return that outfit to the Serengti catalog? I guess I can look on the last mastercard bill. That will tell me. I have an outfit that I'm going to send you. I've lost so much weight that a lot of things don't fit anymore. Do you know what size you wear? I tink the skirt is one size fits all. Daddy does nothing but sleep the last few days. We're going to take him to the doctor tomorrow. They're also going to take some blood and send it to the lab. If it isn't one thing it's another. Nice and sunny but sold.

--- On **Wed, 1/28/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 2:24 PM

Andy is looking for a job, full or part time. He only goes to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He can't go for an interview in the clothes he has. I told you what I spent the money on. We all buy what we can at Goodwill, but if Andy makes a good first impression he can get whatever job he goes after. He'll have the confidence if he looks sharp, so some brand new pants and a shirt are in order here. Thank you for everything.

C

--- On **Wed, 1/28/09, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 8:44 AM

Some money is on the way. By-the-way, Couldn't Andy have bought some new clothes out of that Christmas check I sent you? Can't Andy get a part time job? He doesn't go to school all day, does he?

--- On **Wed, 1/28/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 9:47 AM

Thank you. I don't understand Owen either. He's increased the monthly obligation \$2,000.00. \$2 K times 8 = \$16,000.00. The money has to come from somewhere, so he takes it out of our joint earnings. He makes twice what I do,

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so if he diverted his paycheck to his personal account I would be up a creek without a paddle. He should have planned better. What he did was impulsive, selfish, and just plain wrong. He abandoned us and now I have no choice in the matter. The three of us just do without, so we can pay the mortgage and the bills. Please pray that none of us get sick or have an accident.

If you want to transfer \$\$\$ into my personal B of A account the routing number is 121000358 and the account number is 0224572272. Please let me know about the other. If I had that much money I would be able to hire an attorney and file for divorce. The court will award spousal support and make sure my insurance benefits continue. The court will also see that I receive half of his pension and retirement when the time comes. At that point I would be able to get on with my life and not be so scared all the time. If I let it get to me my health will suffer, so I just try to keep smiling.

Love you,

C

--- On **Tue, 1/27/09, Nelva Brunsting**
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 8:13 PM

Candy: The "last to die" policy is one where you 5 will receive 50,000 after we with are gone. I believe you can take your share now. Each year you sign a letter tht Anita sends you saying you do not want it now, but I think you can arrange to get it now but as I said that's it. You will not receive it later. I'll look into it. In the meantime I'll see if I can send you maybe a thousand or 2. I really don't understand Owen. Isn't there anyway you can make him help with the finances?

--- On **Tue, 1/27/09, Candace Curtis**
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 9:49 PM

Mother, I will take all the help I can get. I know nothing about a "last to die" policy. What the heck is that? Seems like I probably need it now

rather than later. Owen left us at the worst time possible. Right when Kevan bought his business. He's been struggling mightily since then, because Owen told him when he bought it (before Owen left) that we would be here to keep him propped up until he was doing well. He can't even get ahead enough to pay for all of his supplies. He takes nothing for himself except for gas to get to and from. The rest goes to rent and to finish paying off his old boss. I have \$3.92 to my name right now. Luckily there is a big jar of peanut butter in the cupboard. I'll use crackers when the bread is gone. I know you're thinking I'm being a drama queen, but it's not funny anymore. With the current economic crisis in America, I can't even get a loan. My clothes are all falling off of me I've lost so much weight. Andy needs some new pants and a couple of shirts so he can find a job - if there's even a job to be found now. Kevan needs health insurance because he's genetically predisposed to diabetes and it's started to affect him. I've been giving him my medication because I have mine under control with diet and exercise.

I'm starting to get scared and have nowhere to turn. Again, the economic crisis in America. I printed and gave your birthday wish to Andy. I told him I could not get him anything for his birthday, because we'll be lucky to have milk tomorrow. He made me cry when he said he didn't care, he understands. Owen calls up all guilt ridden because WE can't get Andy anything for his birthday. What the hell am I supposed to say to that? It's not WE anymore.

He's hurt because they don't call him to talk about what's going on in their lives. Seems to me he should be calling them.

I'm sick to death of struggling, starving, and sleeping in the freezing cold because gas is so high. WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE? Oh, that's right, no choice at all. I didn't ask for any of this and did nothing to cause it. Kevan, Andy and I are all trying very hard not to hate him, but his stupid, selfish, stubborn actions are very hard to forgive. If he didn't go off half cocked we could have done some advance planning to split up. But no, he never stopped to think about the three lives he ruined by walking out

to be happy. HE'S NOT HAPPY, but we don't ever want him back here.

I have a good mind to write Bill and Billie and tell them the truth. I doubt seriously that Owen did. Why doesn't he ask them for money? Because he would have to tell the truth. Lose face in front of his parents. Disappoint them because he just walked away from his family and his responsibilities.

I've been more than fair with the finances, but he continues to take more than his share. His apartment rent is as much as the mortgage and he's got utilities on top of that. HE should get a second job since he stuck me with all of the household responsibilities. He expects me to pull money out of the air so he won't be embarrassed if he doesn't pay his rent on time. When there's not enough he says "what am I supposed to do?" Well, Owen, you should have thought about that before you placed us all in jeopardy. Be a man.

I hesitate to ask you for help because I know you are paying a lot for Robert and you DESERVE it. Besides, I don't want you to think I'm scamming you. It really hurt when you said that before. I held out hope as long as I could that Owen would default on his lease and return, even if he slept in Kevan's room, but gave up hope in December when he was guilt ridden because WE had no money for gifts. I took that money you sent and spent it on underwear and socks for K and A and an ink cartridge for the printer so I could send out Kevan's bills. We also had a very nice turkey dinner. The splurge was a new bathing suit for me because the other one ripped AND I WILL NEVER STOP SWIMMING EVERY DAY. It's all that keeps me sane and healthy and is the best thing I ever did for myself. I used the rest to pay for another haircut and have the oil changed in my car - it was overdue.

Sorry I went off like that. Please forgive me. Frankly, I have no one else. Thank you for listening.

I know it's not good that Daddy will probably never walk again, but it's not all bad either. The bright side? He won't wander, so maybe you'll get some rest. How is your respiratory

therapy going? You sounded great on the phone last time I talked to you.

Love you mom,

Candy

--- On **Tue, 1/27/09, Nelva Brunsting**
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis"
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 8:37
AM

Candy: I'm sorry you're having financial problems. I could probably help with a thousand or so but paying for help is taking a big bite out of our bank account. We also have some other big bucks things coming up. However, if you wanted your share out of that "last to die" policy we could probably arrange it. But that means you won't get it later. Hang in there. Love Mother. p.s. I don't think Daddy will walk again. He's losing the strength in his legs, if he ever had any, Looove, Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:nelva.brunsting@sbcglobal.net)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re: Didn't want his Grandpa to have all the fun
Date: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 6:45:31 PM

So sorry to hear about Kevan. Hope he won't be in the hospital for long. Does this mean he has diabetes? Hope he takes of himself. Carol called a short while from the hospital and said Daddy wants to get out of there and said hi when she came in. I was there about six so he sure perked up since then. I told you they didn't put in the feeding tube-just dilated his esophogus and stomach a bit. They're going to see if that does the trick. Hope you got the check. Let me know.

--- On **Wed, 2/4/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Didn't want his Grandpa to have all the fun
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 7:54 AM

Kevan is in the hospital. I took him to the emergency room last night. Very high blood sugar. He's going to be kept over night again tonight in the intermediate ICU. He had a cat scan to check for pancreatitis, but I don't know the results yet. They have him on fluids and insulin and are waiting for a bed to come open in the unit.

Unfortunately, he's as hard headed as I am and it took this incident to have him address what has been going on for quite some time. Hopefully, if he's insulin dependent it will only be for a short while and eventually he can go to pill medication. (This is a wish of mine, but I'm not always right).

I will keep you posted and await news about Daddy.

Love you,

C

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Sunday, February 08, 2009 11:35:14 AM

Hope this is a wakeup call for Kevan to pay attention to his health. He'd better if he wants to continue in the business he's in. Tell him Grandma said so. Love to All, Grandma and Mother.

--- On **Sun, 2/8/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Sunday, February 8, 2009, 12:29 PM

Yes he drank a lot two weeks ago. Girlfriend issues. The pancreatitis caused his blood sugar to go out of control. Then, BAM, he's in the hospital. It's the best thing that could have happened. Now he'll pay more attention to his health and I won't have to harp on him. The money for the insulin came out of our joint funds. Kevan does not have insurance, but we do have a health savings account that we could have paid for the insulin from. Owen has the card and I couldn't get ahold of him when Kevan got out of the hospital. I suppose we can make a claim to be reimbursed. I don't know how long he'll have to take insulin injections. They were hoping to wean him off before he left the hospital. He follows up with the doctor on Wednesday, so we'll know more then.

Thanks again.

Love you,

C

--- On **Sat, 2/7/09, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009, 2:55 PM

Hi" I'll take care of the transfer on Monday. Unless I can get someone to help me do it online but I guess it wouldn't get there any quicker anyway. Why isn't Owen helping pay for Kevan's insulin????? Afterall he's his son too!! Does Kevan have any health insurance? Does he have pancreatitis besides diatetes? Did he drink a lot?

--- On **Sat, 2/7/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

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Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009, 2:28 PM

My B of A account has routing number 121000358 and the account number is 0224572272. If you use online banking you can do it that way - from your B of A account to mine. It's a little involved but would be one way. The other is to go to B of A and ask them to transfer from your account to mine.

Kevan came home yesterday and I had to pay \$135.00 for his insulin. Now I have barely enough for food for the next two days and Kevan has to eat regular prescribed meals. I can't believe this is happening to me. I hope I don't stroke out from stress before it gets better.

Keep me posted on Daddy and THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HELPING ME.

Love you,

C

--- On **Fri, 2/6/09, Nelva Brunsting**
<**elmernelva@sbcglobal.net**> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, February 6, 2009, 8:23 PM

Sprry you didn't get the check. How can I get it directly in your bank account.?

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, February 09, 2009 7:56:36 PM

I'll take care of the check Tues. tomorrow. If you do get the chek destroy it Don't any of you have any money? Why is everything falling into your lap. I just don't understand it. I think Daddy will come home tomorrow. The surgery went well altho' he was down in Endoscopy a long time. Apparently they had to retake an exrY. Robert said he ate a good dinner this evening but then he hadn't eaten for 24hrs. either.

--- On **Mon, 2/9/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Monday, February 9, 2009, 9:28 AM

So does that mean I need to wait until tomorrow for you to transfer the money? I'm not complaining, just trying to plan. I have enough gas for one more day, but other than that it's back to less than \$5 to my name.

--- On **Sun, 2/8/09, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, February 8, 2009, 8:10 PM

Hi: HAVE BEEN LOOKING UP PANCREATITUS ON gOOGLE. yOU PROBABLY HAVE TOO. hAS KEVAN HAD A LOT OT PAIN? IT LOOKS LIKE A CERTAIN KIND OF DIET IS ONE WAY TO TAKE OF IT. dADDY IS GOING TO BE ON A SPECIAL DIET TOO WHEN HE GETS HOME. SO HE AND KEVAN CAN TACKLE THEIR PROBLEMS TOGETHER. tHERE IS CERTAINLY ENOUGH LITERATURE ABOUT IT AND ENOUGH RECIPE BOOKS. gOOD LUCK. LOVE, Mother.p.s. I'm going to wait one more day before putting a stop on that check. If it doesn't come tomorrow. let me know and I'll take cae of it Tues.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re: Rain, rain, go away
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2009 9:08:43 PM

I think I wrote that Toni the nurse from Gerland's health care was here yesterday morning. She's really a neat person. Has a daughter in Afghanistan in the army. Anyway she was very pleased with Daddy's vital signs yesterday morn. His blood pressure was good and his breathing is good. He is awfully thin tho'. I gave him some chocolate pudding this afternoon and he really liked that. Tino took him outside on the front porch this afternoon. It was so nice and warm, almost in the eighties! There is a lot of construction work and stuff going on in this street so he had a lot to watch, plus kids. Evelyn Roberts house has been sold twice and now they're fixing the foundation so at least we don't have to worry about a 2 story monstrosity (?) going up next door like we have in the back yard. You should see it. They said he wanted a million dollars for it, but there are so many houses like that for sale he may have trouble getting rid of it (I hope). The neighborhoods are really changing! Especially the Spring Valley area. I have to be really careful nowadays when I back out of the garage. Sylvy takes care of her daughter, Michelle's, little boy- he was 1 the last of January and walks all over. She has a Mexican lady who takes of him. Anyway, I was backing out yesterday-I saw his stroller on the drive so I figured he was around somewhere. I backed out soooo slowly and when I got to the end of the driveway he was on our front porch with his nanny!. He loves to run over here and gets away so fast. But he is the most gorgeous baby you've every seen. Curly black hair and brown eyes. and the cutest smile. But he'll probably be the most spoiled child on this earth! Michelle married an Anglo-they're both becoming doctors and Sylvy takes care of Caden most of the time so they've got it made. They're both in Houston now. Well, that's all the news from "pumpkin holler". Be good and don't take any wooden nickles. Love, Mother

--- On **Thu, 3/5/09**, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Rain, rain, go away
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009, 6:06 PM

If you wrote me via email I didn't get it, so if there's more to report please tell me. I'm wishing rain for you.

--- On **Thu, 3/5/09**, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Rain, rain, go away
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009, 7:34 AM

Hi: Please send some of that rain this way. We really need it. The whole of Texas is under a fire watch I think. It's so terribly dry. Anita said there was a fire in Victoria somewhere the other day and it was smoky outside. She and the kids were bothered by it. I don't think the wild flowers will be much this year. I wrote you'al last nite about

Daddy and he;s holding his own altho' he's very thin. We have a hospital bed set up in the living room and an air mattress to make sure he doesn't get bed sores. Robert and Tino take very good care of him. It's spring here already. Going to get up to 80 today. I wonder what the summer will bring! Love, Mother

--- On **Thu, 3/5/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Rain, rain, go away
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009, 9:12 AM

Hi,

I haven't heard from you in awhile. Is everything okay? Things are status quo here. We're all just waiting for spring. The pear trees all up and down the street are blooming and dropping their blooms to turn the street white. It's beautiful. We still haven't had enough rain, although it's been raining every day for 3 weeks straight. The weather report says it will dry and clear up for the weekend. I hope they're right, I need to get outside and pick lemons and clean up the camellia blossoms.

How is Daddy doing? How are your respiratory therapy sessions going? Any real relief yet? I've managed to avoid getting sick this year (knock wood). Everyone around me is dropping like flies. I seem to suffer only from allergies, but when my nose starts dripping it's miserable. Kevan is slowly working his way back to robust health. That's a good thing -- his work is picking up!!!!

Love you,

C

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: [Candace Curtis](mailto:Candace.Curtis)
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, July 06, 2009 9:14:14 AM

I hope you know what you're doing. I'd rather you and Owen would get back together again. After 36 years you must have had something going for you'al. Take it easy on looking for someone else. Mother

--- On **Sun, 7/5/09**, **Candace Curtis** <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, July 5, 2009, 7:36 PM

That's a nifty piece of advice that just came in handy! What have you been up to? It's been 70 degrees every day for a week and then gets down in the 50s at night. I was in San Francisco Saturday morning and it was freezing though. I've been hanging out with a saxophone player I met. He's 5 days younger than I am. He also plays the flute and sings. There are two bands he plays and sings with and I've been going to some of the shows. I get special treatment when I'm "with the band" like free food and beverages and a table right around the stage. It's fun to watch the people dance and have a good time. I'm always on the lookout for a handsome, rich man! No such luck so far, but I've had some great dinners.

Everything else is pretty much status quo.

Love you,

C

--- On **Sat, 7/4/09**, **Nelva Brunsting** <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Anita K Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Cc: "Carl H Brunsting" <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>, "Carole A Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2009, 1:21 PM

For what it's worth: A fix-it man or woman needs only two products: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2009 8:49:49 AM

HI: Instead of the registered mail I sent the letter by certified mail. That way if you don't get the letter it can be traced and no one has to be at home to sign for it. So if you don't get it by the weekend let me know. I sent it Wed., July 29.

--- On **Wed, 7/29/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 2:01 PM

Okay. Thank you. I'll have to tell Andy to be sure and answer the door when the postman comes, since I'll be at work (unless it arrives on Saturday).

--- On **Wed, 7/29/09, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 9:50 AM

I'm sending a check by registered mail this afternoon so I'll know if you get it or not because you'll have to sign for it.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Thursday, August 06, 2009 8:18:49 AM

Did you say you never got a copy of "From the Netherlands to the USA? It's the story of Dad's great great. grandfather Lucas Brunsting bringing his 4 sons and one daughter to the USA : ***If you didn't I'll send it to you. I've got my "memoirs" done and just waiting for Anita to print some pictures for me.***

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 8:19:44 AM

Something must be wrong with my e-mail. Amy said she had sent me a couple of e-mails too which I never received. Can't think where I was on Friday. Carole said she called too. These days I don't go out unless it's a doctor's app't or to the grocery store during the day or rehab. I's just too darn hot.!

--- On **Tue, 8/4/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 9:10 AM

Yes! I tried to call you Friday when it came. I was home from work to sign for it. I almost cried. THANK YOU THANK YOU! I sent you an email, but I guess you didn't get that.

Love you,

C

--- On **Mon, 8/3/09, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, August 3, 2009, 7:57 PM

Did you get the moola? Let me know. I sent it certified letter so I can trace it if you didn't.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Thursday, August 06, 2009 5:36:42 PM

Have you heard by the grapevine that I'm going to be a greatgrandma in the middle of March. Yep, Marta is pregnant. That means you will be a great aunt. Tch! tch! Right now she's in the yucky stage but she'll get over that soon. Another day of scorching hot weather and no rain in sight altho' they do have a severe thunderstorm alert for the counties to the north but that probably won't make it down here. Everybody is getting kind of cranky. Anita has a birthday tomorrow. Your're 56? That means she'll be 46!! My baby!!!!!!!

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009 7:47:07 PM

Hi: Did you by chance watch the Ken Burns film on National Parks tonight? The first was on Yosemite and John Muir. Did you know his in-laws has a fruit farm -at that time- "near the little town of Martinez"? Apparently he at one time took care of his wife's father's farm. He was married and had two children. The farm wore him to a frazzle and his wife sugested he go back to the mountains for awhile. If you haven't seen the program watch for it. It's good. It also took in Yellowstone. It's on PBS. p.s. We had a few days of lovely cool fall weather but it was back to the high 80s today. This time of the year always makes me rembmer when we'd buy your fall school clothes and then it would be too hot to wear them to school because at that time a lot of times the air conditioning would go off at school. ----I saw on the internet this evening a number of jobs that just take an Assoc. Degree and make \$25 an hour. One was in electrical and electronics engineering techician. Assoc degree in engineering or a trade school. The other was in Human ResourceCenter (I've been dealing a lot with that dept. these last few months trying to get the insurance business figured out. The last one was a Police Officer which takes an Assoc. Degree in law enforcementor criminal justice. All pay \$25 plus as salary. Well, that's all for tonight. Night-night. Sleep tight!!!

P13913

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: Candy Curtis; Lynn Kuyk; Amy Tschirhart
Subject: Fw: A Village in Holland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2009 8:34:13 PM

--- On **Sun, 10/4/09**, john moederzoon <JMOEDERZOOM@austin.rr.com> wrote:

From: john moederzoon <JMOEDERZOOM@austin.rr.com>
Subject: Fw: A Village in Holland
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Sunday, October 4, 2009, 1:23 PM

----- Original Message -----

From: KENNETH.FAGAN
To: JOHN & MARGE.MOEDERZOOM
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 12:19 PM
Subject: Fw: A Village in Holland

--- On **Wed, 9/30/09**, Jim Murray <murraykids@abbmissouri.com> wrote:

From: Jim Murray <murraykids@abbmissouri.com>
Subject: Fw: A Village in Holland
To: Undisclosed-Recipient@yahoo.com
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 7:58 AM

A Village in Holland

Another place to add to my bucket list...

This looks like a beautiful place.

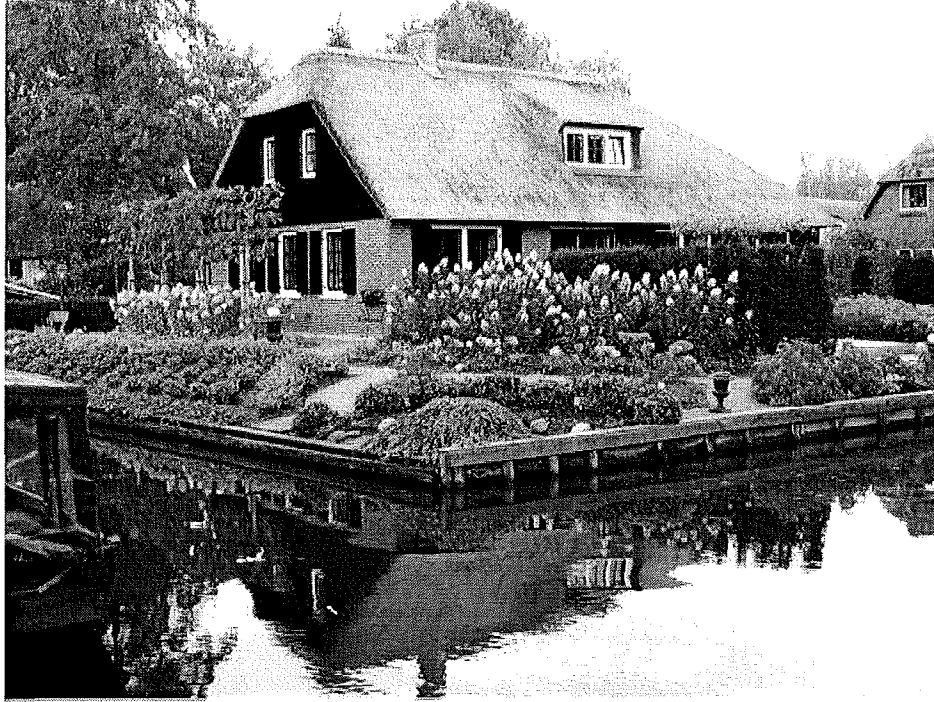
**A Village in Holland ... With
no roads AT ALL!**



A Village in Holland wherein you can't find a single road...

All transportation is done by boats along the river.

But it's not a problem as it is so beautiful!













Hard to believe such tranquility!!

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Happy Birthday!
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 7:27:04 PM

Thanks!! Amy's is today, mine tomorrow on the 8th. I had the pleasure of watching the World Series in bed when Amy was born. My friend Jane is going to take me to lunch at the new built Olive Garden Restaurant. I love their soup and salad lunch. They tore down the one in Memorial City. I guess it was to difficult to find a parking place anymore there.

--- On **Wed, 10/7/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Happy Birthday!
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 7:06 AM

Happy Birthday to you...

I know it's today or tomorrow.

Have a good one!

Love you,

Candy

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: Candy Curtis; Daloris Rensink
Cc: Lynn Kuyk
Subject: Fw: Fun (& usless) facts about Texas
Date: Friday, October 09, 2009 1:21:09 PM

--- On **Tue, 10/6/09, Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>** wrote:

From: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fw: Fun (& usless) facts about Texas
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 8:52 PM

--- On **Tue, 10/6/09, Amy <arrowsx5@gmail.com>** wrote:

From: Amy <arrowsx5@gmail.com>
Subject: [HomeschoolHappenings] Fw: Fun (& usless) facts about Texas
To: homeschoolhappenings@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 3:00 PM

This is a must read for all Texans, used-to-be Texans,
adopted Texans or wanna-be Texans,

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Here is what Jeff Foxworthy has to say about folks from Texas ...

If someone in a Lowe's store offers you assistance

and they don't work there, you may live in Texas ;

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time,
you may live in Texas ;

If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with
someone who dialed a wrong number, you may live in
Texas ;

If 'Vacation' means going anywhere south of Dallas
for the weekend, you may live in Texas ;

If you measure distance in hours, you may live in
Texas ;

If you know several people who have hit a deer more
than once, you may live in Texas ;

If you install security lights on your house and
garage, but leave both unlocked, you may live in
Texas ;

If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife
knows how to use them, you may live in Texas

If the speed limit on the highway is 55 mph --you're
going 80 and everybody's passing you, you may live in
Texas ;

If you find 60 degrees 'a little chilly,' you may live
in Texas ;

If you actually understand these jokes, and share
them with all your Texas friends, you definitely live
in Texas ..

Here are some little known, very interesting facts
about Texas ..

1. Beaumont to El Paso : 742 miles
2. Beaumont to Chicago : 770 miles
3. El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas
4. World's first rodeo was in Pecos , July 4, 1883..
5. The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in
North America built over water. Destroyed by
Hurricane Ike -2008!
6. The Heisman Trophy was named after John
William Heisman who was the first full-time coach at
Rice University in Houston .
7. Brazoria County has more species of birds than
any other area in North America
8. Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of
North America 's only remaining flock of whooping
cranes.
9. Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.

10. The worst natural disaster in U.S. history was in 1900, caused by a hurricane, in which over 8,000 lives were lost on Galveston Island .
11. The first word spoken from the moon, July 20,1969, was " Houston ," but the space center was actually in Clear Lake City at the time. (Still is)
12. King Ranch in South Texas is larger than Rhode Island ..
13. Tropical Storm Claudette brought a U.S. rainfall record of 43' in 24 hours between Friendswood and Alvin in July of 1979...
14. Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by TREATY, (known as the Constitution of 1845 by the Republic of Texas to enter the Union) instead of by annexation. This allows the Texas Flag to fly at the same height as the U.S. Flag, and may divide into 5 states.
15. A Live Oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.
16. Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in the state.
17. Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period in Dr Pepper ..
18. Texas has had six capital cities:
Washington -on- the Brazos, Harrisburg , Galveston , Velasco, West Columbia and Austin ..
19. The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington DC (by 7 feet).
20. The San Jacinto Monument is the tallest free standing monument in the world and it is taller than the Washington monument.
21. The name ' Texas ' comes from the Hasini Indian word 'tejas' meaning friends. Tejas is not Spanish for Texas ..
22. The State Mascot is the Armadillo (an interesting bit of trivia about the armadillo is they always have four babies. They have one egg, which splits into four, and they either have four males or four females.).
23. The first domed stadium in the U.S. was the Astrodome in Houston ..

Cowboy's Ten Commandments posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie , Texas :

- (1) Just one God.
- (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- (3) No telling tales or gossipin'.
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
- (5) Put nothin' before God.
- (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- (7) No killin'.
- (8) Watch yer mouth.
- (9) Don't take what ain't yers.

(10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

Y'all git all that?

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 8:30:40 AM

Candy: Did you get the letter with he checks for the boys. If not, I'll have to put a stop payment on because I think you should have received them by now. Love,
Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, October 18, 2009 1:56:01 PM

Got the nicest note from Kevan-almost made me cry. We're having the most beautiful fall weather right now. Wish it would last. I haven't had the air conditioner on for four days now. That ought to save a little electricity. I thought Carole was coming over this afternoon but I guess she isn't. I wanted some help on deciphering some of these letters I'm getting about Medicare. Never did understand it fully. Berdella and Albert are moving to Sioux Center where one of their sons lives. That's a shock! I bet it's hard for them to leave their farm. She always had the house decorated so lovely. Her brother Henry and wife Daloris are in a retirement home in Sheldon. He has trouble walking and has a cart that he rides in. Her older brother, Gilbert and his wife Katherine passed away last year. They also lived on the farm east of Hospers. Some organization gave the people at that retirement home a wish for whatever they wanted. Daloris was taken up in a small plane to fly over their former farm which is now run by one of their sons. Her picture was in The Des Moines Register. Well, that's all the news from Lake Wobegone. Or don't you ever listen to Garrison Keillor on the radio.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, November 06, 2009 7:52:50 AM

Great!! As soon as I can get someone to help me a bit more ,and I do have SKYPE, I'll let you know and we'll connect with each other. That makes two that have webcam. Maybe I'll get into the 21st century afterall. Love Mother

--- On **Fri, 11/6/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, November 6, 2009, 8:35 AM

Hi Again,

Yes, I do have a webcam. You need to install a program called Skype. I can send you the program. Then we can talk online for free and it's live. You can see me and I can see you. Yahoo Instant Messenger has a webcam option too, but you can only see each other as you type messages back and forth while you "chat". Skype is more fun. It's easy to do so if Robert gets stumped I can help you.

Love you,

C

--- On **Thu, 11/5/09, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2009, 7:02 PM

Hi: Robert had an idea that he drive me up to Iowa and that I could let him off at Omaha where he has a brother living. I almost took him up on that but then I happened to remember that I might have workmen some time soon to do the residing and painting of the house and I'd kind of like to stick around for that. Also this is a rather risky time of year to go up there because of the weather. They've already had a hard freeze. Our weather has been gorgeous for the past week and a half but we could use some rain again. I wrote a note to Albert and asked him to show it to Berdie. I don't know if she is conscious or not. She is in hospice care right now and Albert is in a retirement home nearby and he stays with her most of the day. One of their sons also lives in Sioux Center and the other in Lemars not too far away. Don't know what we're going to do for Thanksgiving yet. If Anita has the kids we (Carole and I) may go

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down there. I'm not sure if Amy would or not. She gave me a web cam for my birthday. Robert set it up somewhat the other day but I still can't use it. Do you have one? I think Amy is the only one I know with one. She tutors one of her students with it. Well, I guess that's all for tonight. Take care of yourselves. Love to all, Mother and Granmma.

--- On **Thu, 11/5/09, Candace Curtis**
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2009, 7:28 PM

I'm so sorry to hear about Berdella. I know how much she means to you. If you'd like to go and see her, I would take you. Of course I don't have the means to get there, but if you fly me to Houston we could drive or fly up together and rent a car. I can take time off work between the 17th and 25th of almost any month. You should call her and tell her you love her.

I'm in the doldrums with winter coming on, but the time change has made a little difference. At least it's light when I'm swimming in the morning. Weather has been great for the last week or two, but the rain appears to be on its way today. We all continue to avoid the flu and the flu shot. Other than that things are pretty much the same as always. Work is busy as ever.

Have you seen Grand Torino with Clint Eastwood? Clint Eastwood's character reminded all of us of Daddy. It was really a good movie.

Love you,

Candy

--- On **Wed, 11/4/09, Nelva Brunsting**
<elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 8:17 AM

Yoo-hoo! Are you still there. In other words I haven't heard from you in awhile. We're having the most beautiful weather we've ever had right now. Wish it could stay this way thru the winter but then we wouldn't really appreciate it so much. My cousin,

Berdella, is in hospice right now. Apparently she didn't
was any further treatment such as a feeding tube but I
still don't know what her real problem was. All that
Dalois (Henry's wife could say that her bladder and
bowels had shut down. She doesn't seem to know the
mdeical term for that. Berdella and I were almost like
sisters. I'll really miss her letters and the newspaper
clippings she always sent. Write when you have a
minute.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 8:24:44 AM

I'm really sorry you and Owen are calling it quits. I was hoping you two would get together again. After 36 years you should have most of the stuff ironed out. For me, this is the first time I have lived by myself - almost 63 years! It still seems strange at times I keep a snapshot of us on the kitchen table of when we were in Holland. I'm having the house siding repaired and then painted. The men have been here the last two daays pressure washing and scraping. Then they'll replace the siding that needs replacing and paint. Mr. Traylor, the contractor, said it should good as new then. Carol and I are going down to Victoria Thanksgiving day, Carl and Drina are with Marta and Ryan (Ryan is going to deep fry a turkey apparently he's an expert at it). Amy is going to have some friends over and that's about it. It's supposed to be sunny and cool Thurs. It,s kind of chilly right now. Have a nice day and we'll be thinking of you. Love, Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, December 07, 2009 9:03:08 AM

Me too!! The last thing I need is the flu. So far there doesn't seem to be much of any here. I remember Mt. Diablo. It was so pretty.

--- On **Mon, 12/7/09, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, December 7, 2009, 10:36 AM

There's snow ALL OVER Mount Diablo this morning. It's about 48 degrees here in Walnut Creek. It was a big surprise, but I'm glad the rain has started - we need it.


Hope you're managing to avoid the flu this season.

Gotta get to work.

Love you,

C

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Friday, December 25, 2009 8:40:25 AM

 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!!!!! WE'RE HAVING A SUNNY BUT VERY CHILLY DAY!**
maybe it's a good thing you didn't come. You might have been stuck in an airport like hundreds of others are! It got down to freezing last night.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010 1:18:24 PM

Hi: Got your e-mail. Am sending something. Hope is will help a bit.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 9:39:35 AM

Thanks for the recipe. Going to make it tonite. My mouth is watering already.

--- On **Wed, 2/3/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 9:43 AM

Hey,

We're doing good. Everyone has gotten over the cold or flu that went around. It didn't hit me too bad, but Kevan was down for weeks. We're in for a few more weeks of rain. Very much needed but I'm tired of being damp all the time. The mold and mildew bothers me a lot and my asthma acts up once in a while.

Stuffed peppers huh? First you need to remove the insides and then blanch them briefly in boiling water. These days I would use ground turkey instead of beef, but you brown the meat. If you like onions go ahead and put some in there. Remove the grease/liquid and stir in some spaghetti sauce or plain tomato sauce along with some minute rice. I just "eyeball" the quantities. Add grated American cheese until you like the consistency and then spoon it into the peppers. Put a little more grated cheese on the top and then bake it at about 350. 30 minutes should do it. You need to bake it long enough to cook the minute rice. It took me 2 or 3 tries to get it right initially.

Hope you're avoiding the seasonal illnesses. I just try to stay out of public places and doctor's offices where all the germs are. I'm not a hand washing fanatic, but if you remember never to put your fingers in your mouth you ought to be okay.

Finally I have some new pants that fit. Thank you again.

Love you Mom,

Candy

--- On **Tue, 2/2/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 3:59 PM

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Hi: Will you please e-mail me your recipe for stuffed peppers. I got hungry for one but can't find a recipe like yours. I remember we had it when you were at North Tx. It was so good. Kind of crumby weather here but it's supposed to get better this weekend. Hope you 'al are o.k. Love Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Thursday, February 04, 2010 1:58:01 PM

Hi: I was watching a program on Channel 8 last night about the National Parks and they featured Yosemite and Robert Muir. They showed his house and mentioned Martinez, Calif. So you're on the map. I remember we stayed at Muir Inn or Lodge. Was that the original house? I don't think so. I guess that was still in Martinez wasn't it? I remember there was a nice shopping center there too. Did you feel the tremors of the last earthquakes? Said they off the coast of Eureka, I think. We're having cold, rainy and nasty February weather right now. Feels colder than when it snows. I went to a funeral this morning and should have worn my winter dress coat. Sure hope I dont get a cold. Guess I'd better drink lots of orange juice! Received an invitation to a baby shower for Marta. Don't imagine you'll get one. Given by some of her friends.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Friday, February 05, 2010 10:01:25 AM

HI: The green pepper was a little drier then I would have liked but I may have baked it a little too long. Tasty tho'.The 15 bean soup sounds good but how do you find 15 different beans? Just kidding. The sun just came out in full force and it is absolutely blinding! It's been gray for so many days. I guess we'd better enjoy it will we can. The back yard looks terrible. Cant' wait for some warmer weather so I can get it cleaned up. Well, I'd better get cracking. Didn't sleep very good last night so was very slow this morning.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, February 07, 2010 8:27:54 AM

***I see they're recalling the new Prius. Must you have yours fixed.?
Something about the brakes.***

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 1:24:12 PM

HI: I see Toyota is recalling Prius. Is yours on the list? I'm going to have a \$4100 bill for my car tomorrow. they found shredded metal in the transmission. so I'm going to need a new transmission. If it wasn't david Lindner who told me he's helped us for almost 40 years there, I would be suspicious but I know he's very honest and wouldn't tell me that if it wasn't true. Did you get an invite to Marta's shower?

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 1:58:20 PM

Hi: It's a **beautiful** day here but cold and chilly. I'll be so glad when it gets up in the sixties and stays there for awhile. Just wanted to tell you that Max Kuyk, Evelyn Brunsting's husband died of a massive cerebreal (?) hemorrhage yesterday. I think you probably remember the 4 girls (Evelyn, Lucille, Joyce, and Bette). They lived in Charleston, W. Vir. and wintered in Naples, Fla. because Evelyn couldn't take the cold weather. They tried to sell their condo down there but housing situation is very slow. Joyce passed away last year sometime. She had alzheimers disease. I bought one of these upside down tomato plants at the drugstore. I'm going to try it this year. Cost me 9 bucks so it better be good. Did you get an invitation to Marta's baby shower? I doubt it. Anita is coming in from Victoria and she, Carol and I are going together. Amy is coming in the day before because she can't Sat. Marta only has about a month to go. They won't reveal the name. It is going to be a girl, that we know. Drina has quit her job so she can tak care of the baby, altho' Marta does work at home. Drina never seems to stay at a job very long but that's her business.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 10:15:04 AM

Hi: Amy just called and said it's snowing there. The kids are really excited!. Marta's shower is this Sat. Hopefully she'll be able to attend. I, too, am concerned because she's so small but I hope she makes it past Thurs. Drina never lasts very long at any job. I don't know why. Marta has taken off work for awhile. She's been working at home for several months which makes it convenient for her. Hopefully she can continue to do so after the baby is here. Sorry you haven't been feeling well. I'm trying very hard to stay healthy because if I get a cold it will probably turn into pneumonia and I certainly don't need that! But it's almost March so I think I'll be o.k.-I hope. We're supposed to get rain and colder today but so far nothing much has transpired except that it's a bit colder. Did I tell you that Evelyn (Brunsting) Kuyk's husband Max died this past week. He had a massive cerebral hemorrhage. She lost her sister, Joyce, this past year and now Max. They live in Charleston, W.Va. and have a condo in Fl. but haven't been able to sell it. Somehow I think I've told you this already. I bought one of these contraptions that you grow a tomato plant upside down (you've probably seen them on tv. Silly me, I thought you got the plant, soil and everything but all you get is the container. I have to provide the plant and soil. I was going to return it but Carole said other people have had very good luck with it. So we'll see. It cost me 9 bucks.

--- On **Tue, 2/23/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 9:57 AM

Did she have her shower already? She's such a skinny thing. No wonder she needs to stay off her feet.

Why does Drina have to quit her job to care for the baby? Is Marta going back to work?

I finally went back to the gym this morning to swim. It's been almost two weeks that I've had this crud. I've only missed a few half days of work, but weekends I've slept most of the time. I don't think it was the flu, I think it was just a bad chest/head cold, but when I get sick it hits hard.

The weather is getting nicer, the days are getting longer, spring is almost here and my disposition is improving slowly but surely. I really don't like winter.

Love you,

C

--- On **Mon, 2/22/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Anita K Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
Cc: "Carole A Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Candy Curtis"
<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, February 22, 2010, 7:27 PM

Carl called today and said the doctor ordered Marta to bed. If she's
o.k. till thursday it will be a regular pregnancy. If it is born before
thursday it will be considered a preemie. Say a prayer for her.
Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010 8:36:16 AM

In case no one mailed you, Haily Marie Huntsman arrived around 4:30 a.m. on Feb. 26, 2010. Mother and baby are doing fine. Amy and the kids came in yesterday and we drove over to the hospital and saw them. Haily weighed 6 lb. and I think 1 oz. She's so cute and tiny. Looks like Ryan now. Proud papa was there too. I'm glad Jack and Ann got to see her. They were kind of awed, I think, that she was so tiny. Feb. 26 is also Bud's birthday. It's still very chilly but sunny here. I'm ready for some warmer weather.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Saturday, March 06, 2010 2:05:30 PM

We must be having the same kind of weather. I just can't get warm in the house. But it is lovely outside today. Marta and Haley are home now. They don't keep them in the hospital very long these days. 3 at the most. I was going over today but Anita didn't come in because she still feels lousy. You two must have the same thing. Carol came over this afternoon to tell me she's being laid off at the end of the month. They brought in a CFO and don't have enough money for she and Richard McDougal who owns 25% of the company. She's feelin' pretty low right now because there are no jobs for people her age. She's gone back to school to get her CPA but that costs money too. I guess Jodi treated her pretty badly when he left and she had to pay all the rest of the mortgage and outstanding bills. She's still going to keep trying. Several in her class say they're having the same problem. No one is hiring right now. So if you have a job you'd better be thankful. How is Kevan doing? Did I tell you Max Kuyk died of a cerebral hemorrhage? I think I did. He was Evelyn Brunsting's husband. They lived in Charleston, W.Va. and Naples, Fl. in the winter.

--- On **Sat, 3/6/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 3:25 PM

Hi,

I'm still cold in the house too unless I'm in front of a window with the sun coming in. It's usually in the high 50s here these days and it's still raining more than not.

I've seen some of the photos of Haley on Marta's Facebook page. She's tiny and soooo cute. Does she have to stay in the hospital or have they gone home already?

I've been fighting a head/upper chest cold for almost a month now. I thought it was allergies, but I'm coughing up green so it must be a cold or infection. I need the sunshine.

All the hills are emerald green. The early flowering trees are almost done and I'm waiting for the second wave. The hills and dales in Napa are bright yellow with mustard. It's beautiful.

Hang in there. Summer will be here soon and then we'll be complaining about the heat.

Love you,

C

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--- On **Fri, 3/5/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>**
wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Subject:

To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Friday, March 5, 2010, 6:04 PM

Hi: It's supposed to be springtime here and all the flowering trees are in bloom but I'm still cold in the house. It got up to 60 something today. How's Calif.? Did I tell you we saw the baby at the hospital last week? Looks a lot like Ryan, especially around the chin and mouth. Carl said she's already gained weight. I think I'll go over tomorrow and bring Marta her shower present. It's a diaper (fancy) pail.. I imagine she'll need one these days. Anita was going to come in tomorrow but she still feels lousy so she's going to wait til' spring break in a few weeks. How's everything in Calif.? Haven't heard from you'al for awhile. Love, Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 8:45:42 AM

Well, it seems that one of the important things is to get new tires. I can help you with that if you'll let me know how much it will be. About the property tax, I can probably help you with that also. About the loan provision, I kind of doubt it, but Anita can probably tell you. I haven't looked at the policy in a long time.

--- On **Mon, 3/8/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, March 8, 2010, 10:26 PM

Hi Mother,

I'm not concerned, I just want information about what it is that I'm waiving when I sign blank forms. I've been asking her for two years now for a copy of the policy or the number to call to get information. I would like to know if there is a loan provision.

I do need money, but I don't like to ask all the time. If Carole loses her job, she'll need money too. It's always something. The tires on my car are bald and I need 4 new ones. I need a root canal and a crown. It's so painful sometimes I want to scream. The property taxes are coming up April 10th. A raise will not be coming on my 4th anniversary at ERS. We're lucky there have been no pay cuts. I've been under the weather for weeks and right now I have the chills and the cough is starting up again.

I'm getting by. I'm just crabby because I don't feel well. I still have some of your last gift, and I'm going to get the dental work done. The sun will come out for good sooner or later and I'll cheer up.

I don't talk to Owen much these days. Kevan and Andy don't either. We still don't know where he lives. I guess he travels quite a bit for work now.

Love you,

Candy

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To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, March 8, 2010, 6:31 PM

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Candy: I understand from Anita that you are abit concerned about the Living trust and the insurance policy. Everything in both is divided evenly by 1/5. Your share of the insurance policy is 50,000 if you wait. If you want your share now it will be just what the policy is worth now. Your share would be about 16,000. It can be done but it's quite a hassle. The stocks and stuff will be divided evenly. If you need money let me know. Did you know Carole has been let go her job.? I feel so sorry for her because she's at the age where most companies want younger people. She's gone back to school to get her cpa but that will take some time.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:24:45 AM

Hi: Do you have a Discount Tire place in Calif? I think they're nationwide. We've been dealing with them for 40 plus years and they're very honest and have good prices. Let me know how much you need. By-the-way, is your Prius safe to drive? There was a story in the paper this morning about a man in Calif. whose Prius' gas pedal stuck and he went barreling down the freeway at almost 100 mph. . He finally managed to stop it thanks to some patrolmen who helped him along the way.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Friday, March 12, 2010 8:34:32 AM

Good Morning: \$800 for a set of tires. Boy, you should move back to Houston!! You could probably get them for 1/2 that. Anita said she paid about 400 for her Camry but that didn't include alignment. Well, when you know what it will be let me know and I'll send you the money. Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:28:54 AM

Candy: Check for the tires on its way. Let me know when you get it. Lovely weather here-just a bit chilly in the mornings.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: '
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010 4:19:43 PM

Candy: I'm going to put \$7000 directly in your acc't tomorrow, morning if possible, altho' I'm a little slow in the morning but it will get there sometime tomorrow.

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Thank you for everything you do.

Love you,

Candy

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Subject:

To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:08 PM

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: [Candace Curtis](mailto:Candace.Curtis)
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 9:17:28 AM

Sorry, I didn't mean to imply you weren't truthful. I just meant you weren't telling me really how much you needed. ill go th the bank this morning. Gorgeous weather here altho a bit on the cool side.

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From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 7:27 PM

Thanks Mom. Of course it will help. I don't like to say it saves my life, but it helps more than you could ever know. I'm going to go outside and enjoy the last rays of sunshine. I heard rain was on the way.

Love you,

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 4:33:25 PM

My first letter suddenly disappeared so I'll have to start over again. I said I found 3 other letters that didn't get sent. 2 to charities and one to a mag. I guess I laid the whole workks down by the telephone to put stamps on them and got distracted. Easily done these days. Monday Jane and I had lunch at The French Bakery (it was her birthday Sat.) I bought 6 raisin-pecan cookies before we left. Yesterday I was gong to have one and I couldn't find them anywhere, not even in the car. I still have my tab so they knew I paid for them. When I went back today I explained what happened and she didn't say a word but started to give me 6 more. When she turned around she noticed a bag on the shelf beside her. It was my bag of Monday so I took that instead. I really have to keep my mind on one thing at a time these days. I guess Jane and I were too busy yakiing which when Jane does when she is with you . She has hearing aids and doesn't always hear what you say and keeps chatting along but I just butt in. New York had 90 degrees yesterday!! It's getting dark so I'm hoping we get some rain. We need it. Love, Your ditsy Mother. p,s. The azaleas are beautiful this year!It's too bad spring flowers are so short lived.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Saturday, May 01, 2010 4:50:46 PM

Hi: Anybody home? Have't heard from you in awhile. Hope your are having as nice weather as we are altho' I wouldn't mind a few showers. I've been out in the garden hand removing the nut grass. Robert used Anita's tiller but it all came up again so the only way to remove it is by hand. A little area at a time. A nice peaceful job. Hope you'al are o.k.Love Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: [Candace Curtis](mailto:Candace.Curtis)
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, May 06, 2010 12:59:08 PM

Wish I could help you with your cold or flu. If you were here I could make some homemade chicken soup. That cures everything. It's turned summer here and has been up in the nineties! Hope it cools down just a bit before summer really does arrive. If I can do anything let me know. How much does Andy have left in community college or has he graduated?

--- On **Thu, 5/6/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, May 6, 2010, 12:52 PM

Hi Mother,

The stress comes from all sides. Work, home, finances, you name it. I have not been taking care of myself and have come down with the worst cold or flu I've ever had. I've been home from work all week, which just adds to the stress level. Anyway, I'll try to write more later, I just didn't want you to think I was ignoring you. Good luck with your biopsy. Hope it's nothing to worry about.

Love you,

Candy

--- On **Sun, 5/2/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, May 2, 2010, 2:40 PM

Got your e-mail. What's causing the stress? Is Kevan doing o.k.? When does Andy graduated from community college? Inquiring minds want to know. I'm going to have a biopsy on my liver, I still have a lung infection and cysts on my pancreas. Other than that I'm doing fine. I'm going to hear a performance of "The Creation" by Haydn at the Mem. Dr. Presbyterian church tonite. Taking Evelyn Roberts along. She doesn't drive at night anymore. We're having gorgeous weather but it is climbing higher and higher during the day. Love, Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re: Happy Mother's Day
Date: Monday, May 10, 2010 6:13:21 AM

HI: Sorry I didn't see your message. This machine just blinks, doesn't make a noise when there is a message and I didn't notice it till I put the phone back in the cradle last night but I saw that it was only 8:30 your time and decided to call. You sounded awful, I'm really worried about you. I'm with the doctor. You've got to take care of yourself! Wish I was there to help. Not that I could do anything except maybe feed you chicken soup.

Kevan sounded good. Hope it works out to have his lab in the basement. Please take care. Love Mother

--- On **Sun, 5/9/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Happy Mother's Day
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2010, 9:19 PM

Hi Mom,

I left you a voice mail early this morning and I just got home so it's probably too late to call. Back to work tomorrow after a week in bed. The doctor shamed me for not taking care of myself, so I'm not going to push it.

Hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day.

Love you,

Candy

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010 7:08:13 PM

Call me old-fashioned but I can't see you going with someone overseas to The Netherlands or anywhere else. You still have plenty of time to globe trot. Why did Kevan have to move home. Couldn't he make the payments or what? I suppose I could help some. It would depend on how much he needs.. Isn't there anyway you could come back here? Living is sure cheaper and Kevan could probably get a job with a lab here. He does really good work. Owen could live in your house by himself if he wanted. Sorry, I'm just spouting off. You know us mothers.! It really does bother me to see you getting in with a sax player, tho'. That's not how I raised you.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010 7:10:03 PM

The village of Brunsting is nothing but a street with a few houses on it now.

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To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, May 21, 2010 8:56:08 AM

rt attack while at Methodist recovering from a triple bypass surgery. He weighed over 300 lb.s and had diabetes. the funeral is at Port Neches near Beaumont Sat.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, May 23, 2010 2:30:08 PM

Candy: Apparently I sent you a transfer check for \$7000 the last of March. Do you remember what this was for? I know I sent you \$1000 for the tires for your car but I don't remember what the 7 g's was for. Would you refresh my memory? Thanks.
p.s. Summer is upon us. 90's almost everyday.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:15:23 AM

HI: I'm meeting with Candace (our attorney ay Vasek) on Tues. the 8th. Then I'll know better what you need to do. How can Owen squeeze you financially?

--- On **Thu, 6/3/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2010, 12:12 PM

Hi,

You had said that a woman named Candace could draw up the papers. Owen wants a divorce and is squeezing me financially to compel me to do it. I'm sick to death of struggling and I have no safety net.

Please let me know what I need to do.

Thanks.

Love you,

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tomatoes and they're not doing very well. Carole gets hers from some man in the country who raises lots of them. I just get them from her. I can't work in the garden anymore now that it's so hot. I'm going to turn most of it back to grass. A man who helps the Suhendras is going to help me with it. He does landscaping during the week. Very nice man. That's about it. Love, Mother

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Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 10:25 PM

Hi Mother,

I'd like to take out a loan against my inheritance now please. \$20,000 would be good. Please let me know who to call, or you could give my cell number 925-759-9020 and they could call me at their convenience.

Now that that is out of the way, how are you? Any news on your health issues? Carole told me you drove to New Braunfels to see Amy, Jack and Ann. How are they doing? I never hear from Amy much. Or Anita for that matter. Carl writes me every so often, but not much information about your great granddaughter. Do you see the baby much?

Kevan is much more productive in his basement lab. More work in Martinez to be had, he just has to market himself a little. His girlfriend designed nice business cards, so I think she should do his marketing for him.

Andy went into business with a friend hauling junk to the dump for people. They are starting to bring in some money. Lots of people have broken appliances and other trash they don't have any way to get rid of. He has an ad on craigslist and they can either call him or email him. A lot of stuff can be dumped for free at a recycling place, otherwise the customer pays the dump fee. It's interesting to watch this hatch. He does still have a couple of classes before he's awarded the official associates degree, but they are not offered every semester so it may be another six months away.

My work is going to be very intense for the next 45 days. We are putting a new accounting and project management system in place. I will have to do that right along with my regular ongoing duties. Might be some late hours at the office. We'll see what happens. I'm not going to let myself get sick again. I feel great now and have been back to my daily swimming routine for a more than a week. It's amazing the difference it

makes in my energy level at work.

The weather has been beautiful and I spent most of the 3-day weekend outside in the sunshine. It averaged about 72 degrees and summer is almost in full swing. I'm waiting for tomatoes and it will be another month before they're ready. I suppose you have more than you can eat.

Love you,

Candy

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, June 06, 2010 3:36:43 PM

I don't understand! Your last e-mail you said you were feeling fine. Now your're all stressed out again. I'll let you know what to do after I talk to Candace on Tues. She's the one who will have to arrange the loan. That's about the best I can do.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 9:16:39 AM

Candy: Your loan is in progress. You will probably receive it next week sometime. The law office has to send some sort of letter with it. I'll get the check first and then take it to Vasek's law office for them to enclose the letter since this comes from the trust. Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, June 13, 2010 2:13:22 PM

I'm sure you have heard or read about the oil spill in the Gulf. Today Jim Gossen made the Sunday paper. I think you know him too since he was connected with Louisiana Foods. I'll send the article to you. It's rather interesting.

P13975

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Monday, June 14, 2010 9:45:44 AM

You will probably get the check some time next week. It has to come from St. Louis and will probably get here Wed of this week. The I have to take it to Vasek's law office and they have to send some sort of letter with it. Right now I can't find the rest of the article on Jim Gossen (isn't that always the way)? but I'll keep looking. I've got the picture that was on the front page. We're already in the summer doldrums!

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2010 8:34:13 AM

Hi: I got the check yesterday. Since it's made out to me I think I'll just deposit it in my account and just send it over to your account Monday. but there is a letter that you have to sign and send back to Vaceks. The envelope is included. Love, Mother p.s. I think we're in for a real hot summer

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 8:50:54 AM

I'm sending the letter you have to sign and send back to Vacek's office and that ought to take care of everything. Mother---

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, June 21, 2010, 6:24 PM

LA??????????? Yuck! Okay, I'll check my bank account tomorrow, or you can just email me when you get home from the bank.

C

--- On **Mon, 6/21/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, June 21, 2010, 3:47 PM

It's me again. I deposited the check in my account today but the teller said it would have to clear before ***I could send the money on to you so Tomorrow I'll go back and transfer it to your account. Anita and the kids are flying to Calif. Friday but they are going to the L.A. area. Brenhan is going to drive them to where they're staying and then anita is going to rent a car , she can have L.A. I never want to drive there again!!!!!!! They're going to see capistrano. we stopped there 63 years ago when Daddy was discharged from the Navy.***

P13978

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:42:34 AM

It's me again. Carl is still in ICU all hooked with tubes, IV, etc. They finally found a massive infection in his lungs and are draining it. He was running a fever and I guess the infection was the cause. But his fever is coming down and his blood pressure is stabilizing so that's good news. Tino, one of Daddy's caregivers stayed with him last night and will again tonight. That's such a big help! It's still hot and humid here. We're supposed to get more rain tomorrow. The lawn mowers weren't able to mow Fri. so I can almost bale hay in the front yard. I sure hope they come today!!!!!!

--- On **Mon, 7/5/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, July 5, 2010, 9:55 PM

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Love you,

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|| Be glad you don't live on the East coast!!

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2010 9:07:34 AM

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candace Curtis](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, July 16, 2010 3:59:57 PM

Thanks for the letter. I try to be not to hard on Drina. She's had her share of problems with her dad, brother and now Carl. Unfortunately they took him to a teaching hospital which is why he has so many different doctors none of whom really know the previous diagnoses from the other docs. They gave him some sort of calming drug the other night which he didn't need and put him in sort of a stupor. I hope Carol finds a good doctor or can get him moved to another hospital. He is making small progress tho'. Carol and Anita are better with doctors than Drina. She gets too emotional. I can't keep paying for the night caregivers like Tino and Shimeka. It's breaking me up in business. I think they could use shorter hours. Anita is coming in Monday to go with me to Dr. Wheeler, the surgeon. What I can't figure out is Dr. More-Quesada, the oncologist, wants to see me in SEPT.!! The bronchoscopy gave me a sore throat for several days. It's just starting to go away. Carl had one too. I hope his throat wasn't as sore as mine! Poor guy!! It's also quite difficult for me to walk any distance-I usually need a wheel chair. I hope Owen stops by altho' I imagine he'll plenty busy with his dad. I thought Bill was getting worse but apparently not. That's good!!

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, July 16, 2010, 12:22 PM

Hi,

Thank you for the update! I talk to Carole regularly, so I'm aware of Drina's ME syndrome. I have done a lot of internet research on encephalitis and it appears that if his recovery is handled properly he will come out close to 100%. The problem is that he does not have his "own" doctor on the case. He's a victim of America's healthcare crisis. Carole is working hard to find a neurologist for Carl. Drina is a big problem. I understand she complains constantly and threatens the health care workers with lawsuits, etc. Carole said Carl was being given a very strong drug for his agitation which is a symptom of encephalitis. Drina complained about it so now he's not getting anything. Frankly, I think she's the one who caused the misdiagnosis of stroke from the get go. Because she decided it was a stroke she gave him aspirin immediately. This covered up the fact that his temperature was elevated. When they got to the hospital she did not mention any of Carl's recent health history that did not pertain to her stroke theory, so they were unaware of his fever and the fact that he had recently had a sore in his nose. When she was questioned about Lyme disease she got ugly with them. I heard that she was going on and on about what was she going to do without him? when she should have been assuring him that she would do everything possible to get him well. I'm sick of her and what I'm hearing about both she and Marta. They are selfish women who care nothing about

anyone but themselves. Carole has been a rock of stability and, along with Anita, led the medical people to encephalitis before it was too late. Drina and Marta EXPECT Carole to compromise her own health and her job stability by spending all of her free time at the hospital with Carl so they can stay home and sleep. Drina should be there 24 hours a day until he's out of the woods. I would do it for Owen, even now.

Speaking of Owen, he's in Houston for a couple of weeks. He's supervising the remodeling of his parents' bathroom for when Bill comes home. He was planning on stopping by to see you and going to see Carl too. Bill is making very slow progress, but progressing none-the-less.

Love you,

Candy

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Friday, July 30, 2010 9:54:04 AM

HI: someone told me Kevan was in the hospital because he didnt take his meds. I didn't know he had diabetes! He's got to take care of himself! Hope he realizes that. Don't mean to preach but I am concerned! Carl is getting better by degrees, so I am told. I haven't been down to see him yet because I am short of breath and can't walk very far. I guess I'll have to get a wheelchair if I go to see him. I'm going to rehab again to try and build up my strength. They're moving him to the fourth floor where he'll get occupational therapy as I understand it. Carole said he looked very good yesterday. I'll be glad when he can talk again. It's going to be very hot tthis weekend, up in the high 90s. I guess Robert is going to take care of Bill Curtis after today. I didn't know he had emphesema. Bill, that is. Well, I have to get ready to go to rehab. Write sometime. Love, Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: [Candace Curtis](mailto:Candace.Curtis)
Subject: Re:
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 9:15:26 AM

Hi: I got 3 new meds from the doc yesterday to help my my stamina problems-a nebulizer whihc I haven't receievd yet except the connectand tube, a different inhaler (Cymbicort) which you mayhave seen avertised on Tv. and prednisone which I take just one tablet a day. (I know, I've bem warned by Carol and Robert already about the prednisone but the pulmonary doc knows my condition and I'm sure she wouldn't prescribe it if there was a problem with it). Went to the cardiac doc yesterday and didn't learn too much. They did an eeg, and ekg and took a blood test to test for anemia. So far haven't heard anything. We're having our typical summer hot weather and I can't wait till it cools off. I'm sorry to hear about Andy's car problem. If he finds somethin g maybe I can help a little bit. He needs to have some income. Carl is getting soft foods this week so things are looking up. He's also looking at magazines. I think he's in a really good place. I'm going to see if Robert has time to take me down next week. You don't need to put on a gown or mask anymore. After I know where it is I can drive myself down. I don't think Drina will hire an attorney. If she did I would try to discourage her. I have Nicolas, who helps Suhendras quite often cleaning out beds and he's also going to pressure wash the patio. He's so nice but I don't see how he can work in this heat but I guess he's used to it and I noticed he does have a carton of water. He charges \$14. an hour but for me it's worth it. He' usually does landscaping work. That's about it. I/m glad Kevan is doing o:k. but he's got to keep up with his meds and eat the right meals. I know 2 people who have diabetes and one of them is Vance's dad. The other is a gal I worked with at MAM. She does really well. Glad you have nice weather-send some this way!!!! Love Mother

--- On **Fri, 8/13/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, August 13, 2010, 10:43 AM

Hi,

I've been meaning to write every day for a week now. It's been really busy at work with people taking vacations, etc.

Kevan is doing well with everything. His blood sugar has been coming down steadily. It's still not where it should be. Never has been. He's going to the doctor today for a follow up. Hopefully the doctor will encourage him to keep up the good work. He has business so maybe he can avoid stress. Stress is bad for everyone, particularly diabetics.

Andy's truck is most likely dead. It probably "threw a rod". I haven't decided just what to do about it. We're looking for a cheap "disposable" car that will run long enough for him to find a real job. I told him we would buy him a brand new car if he gets a decent job and can make the payments.

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I was very excited to hear that Carl has started the road to rehab. It does sound like a nice place, but I hope he doesn't have to stay there long. People tend to do better in their own homes. I heard through the grapevine that Drina has an attorney and she plans to sue. Is she an idiot? She needs to focus her attention on getting Carl back together. Based on my limited information she's the one who insisted it was a stroke and failed to inform the medical personnel of other recent symptoms that would have led them to encephalitis. It seems to me they actually saved his life once they realized what it was. 75% of those stricken with encephalitis die because treatment is not started early enough. Carl is one of the lucky ones.

The last time I talked to Owen he said his Dad had had a setback. Apparently he was taking prednisone (?) before his stroke. They stopped giving it to him for some reason and it caused further problems with his mobility. He didn't have much news about Robert and Company other than how thankful everyone is to have them. Billie is getting more and more forgetful and confused these days. I think it's the early stages of dementia. I started noticing it a few years ago. She needs to see a doctor in case there is anything they can do to stop the progression, but she simply refuses to do so. She is very stuck in her ways. The remodeled bathroom is apparently quite nice but has a big shower instead of a bathtub. She refuses to use it and now goes upstairs to use the bathtub/shower.

The weather is fantastic. It's been in the low 70s during the day for weeks now. I've been expecting the few nights of really hot temps but so far - nothing.

Please let me know what the doctors have to say about you and keep up the therapy. It takes a long time to notice any improvement, so hang in there.

Love you Mom,

Candy

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject:
To: "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2010, 6:13 PM

Hi: The Astros aren't playing tonight and there are no other good programs on so it seemed like a good time to send you an e-mail. Haven't heard from you in awhile so I thought I'd find out why. I think your'e living in the best part of the country as far as the weather is concerned. It's still 90 degrees here at 8 in the evening. Even Iowa isn't escaping the hot weather this year. Carl has been moved to a nice rehab near Hermann Park so Carol tells me and he said a few words yesterday which makes us all very happy and thankful. I think they're going to try to give him some food to eat and wean him off the feeding tube-I hope! I haven't been to see him yet because I

couldn't walk that far in the hospital but I'm going to try and have Robert take me down when you don't have to put on a mask and gown. I haven't seen Carl since he went in on JULY 3. It sounds as tho' Robert and Tino are working for the Curtises now. They'll like both of them, I mean the Curtises will. Someone else comes earlier in the morning. How is Kevan doing. I hope he is staying on his meds. That's very important. He'll do o.k. as long as he eats the right foods. Hope his business is doing well. Has Andy gotten the truck fixed yet? Hope he gets his business going. Wish he could stop here and pick up some of the stuff in the garage. I had "Got-**STUFF?** once already. Paid them \$185 bucks. Most of it was on the rafters in the garage. Extra boards and stuff. Amy and the kids are coming in tomorrow. She said she was going to paint Carl's room. I think she meant the new bathroom he fixed up. Enlarged it. This street is SO quiet! The only kids I see playing outside once in awhile are the boys across the street. I guess it's just too hot. I'm going to pulmonary rehab three times a week. I'm rather short of breath and it does help some. I'm also going to my cardiologist Monday and will see my pulmonary doc Tuesday. The therapist at the rehub thought maybe a nebulizer might help rather than the inhaler they gave which isn't doing squat!! Talk to you later. Say hi to the boys. Love you'all!!! Mother

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: rensink@nethtc.net; [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 9:00:02 AM

You must have a new e-mail. My last one came back. Anyway , what I said is I think our hot summer is just about over-I hope. You and Hermina are about the only connection I have anymore with Hospers and I don't suppose you get over there much. How is Hank doing? I still cant believe Berdella isn't here anymore. As for us, we're doing o.k. except I think my "get up and go" has got up and went. I'm very slow these days altho' I pick up by evening. Our biggest concern is Carl. He was put in the hospital on July 2 with encephalitis and it was touch and go for awhile but he's slowly regaining his strength at a rehab and is eating regular food altho they do give him extra nourishment. He lost so much weight. He talks very softly but that will come back also. It's going to be quite some time before he can get back to work unless he surprises us all. Say a prayer for him that he regains his health please. Nelva

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 9:04:52 AM

Hi: It's been a long time since I heard from you. Hope everything is o.k. As for Carl, he is now in a very good rehab place and they are giving him intensive therapy. He still has a long way to go, however. Lost so much weight! I think our real hot weather is about over. We had a nice rain last nite. Really need it. I must call Billy and see how Bill is doing. I think Jennie was coming in. You did know Carl has encephalitis, didn't you? How he got it I don't know except I think he was rather run down. He works much too hard!

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Candy Curtis](#)
Date: Thursday, September 09, 2010 1:11:25 PM

I'd ease off telling Drina what to do. She doesn't take instructions too kindly. Carol is taking real good Care of Carl. Goes up almost every night. He's been hungry after his supper so she brought him some fid newtons and I'm going to bring him some pound cake that kind of melts in the mouth. Someone will have to give it to him because he can't open his drawer or doesn't realize there's something in it. He's having urinary and incontinence problems and that worries me. I hope they get that cleared soon. Part of the problem is having a catheter in so long. He's got over 20 lbs. to recover. Don't worry, they're not going to be out on the street! Carl doesn't need anything to worry about just now. He just needs to get well and no he doesn't need to be moved way out to Calif. He didn't remember his house the other day but maybe he'll remember this one. We'll just have to see how he gets along. We're back to humid summer weather. Had a lot of rain yesterday.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Anita K Brunsting](#); [Carl H Brunsting](#); [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Candy Curtis](#); [Lynn Kuyk](#); [Amy Tschirhart](#)
Subject: Halley, Marta's daughter and great-grandmom Nelva
Date: Sunday, November 07, 2010 2:44:20 PM
Attachments: [hailey and great=grandma 02.JPG](#)

From: [Candace Curtis](#)
To: [Anita Brunsting](#); [Carole Brunsting](#)
Cc: [Amy Tschirhart](#); [Mom and Dad](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 9:59:11 AM

What a beautiful picture. Thank you for sharing! I'm going to print and frame it.

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>
To: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com>; Candy <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>; Mom and Dad <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Mon, February 28, 2011 8:23:36 PM
Subject:

Here's the pic of you and Carl.

Anita