

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Sunday, December 31, 2006 2:58:52 PM

**Hope your New Year is a happy and prosperous one!! Love Mother and
Daddy**

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: Carole A Brunsting
Date: Saturday, January 13, 2007 6:49:40 AM

Since I can't get you by cell phone I'll try this. Wouldlike to know when you are coming over. I need somehelp with this computer and Daddy is always concerned aout the pictures. I never know wht to tell him.

P13769

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Saturday, January 20, 2007 1:50:24 PM
Attachments: [Elmer Henry Brunsting was born September 29 w pictures.doc](#)

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 5:26:07 PM

Carole: Is there a chance you could come over some time this weekend? I really need your help with some things on this darn computer! Sure wish I had my other back. I think Daddy had another small stroke last week. He's quite confused at times about where I fit in the family and if this is his house and who is here. But he does go for a walk almost every day. I usually go with him. Candy thinks your'e mad at her because she hasn't heard from you. I told her you were just very busy at work. Are you sure you have her right e-mail address?

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Anita K Brunsting](#); [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Candy Curtis](#); [Amy Tschirhart](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Happy Valentine's Day...Early
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 11:54:39 AM
Attachments: [Happy Valentine's Day...Early \(62.4 KB\).msg](#)

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: Nelva Brunsting
To: Carole A Brunsting
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2007 5:36:35 AM

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!! LOVE, MOTHER AND DADDY

P13773

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Friday, March 02, 2007 6:20:43 AM

Carole: Can you possibly stop by this weekend? I can't get my printer to work.
Mother

P13774

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Monday, March 12, 2007 1:33:22 PM

Any chance you could come by sometime this week or Sat. and look at the printer?
It still isn't working. Mother

P13775

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, March 26, 2007 11:54:23 AM

Thanks, I'll see if I can find it. The tomatoes are growing so fast I had to stake some of them and all have buds in them. I'll take a look at Lowe's. What I really need to do is get your upstairs bedroom done. I have until August to bill the insurance company. Trouble is I love the paper that's on there now. I've given up on Mario. He's probably in Louisiana or Mississippi working. Also, once we get the back corner of the house leveled I'd like to redo the bath and dressing room there.

Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Mother,
I heard about a new fertilizer for tomatoes called Howard Johnson Zoom that is supposed to double your yield. You can buy it at Houston Garden Stores. Also, I saw a wallpaper at Lowes that would look good in the bathroom you want to redo. It has the same silver/gray in the background and has sea shells in the pattern. I think it sells for \$15 for a double roll. You could probably do the whole bathroom for \$30.
Carole

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Have you'all filed for your phone-tax refund on your federal income tax already? Ours was \$40. Not much but every little bit helps!!

From: [Nelya Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Saturday, April 14, 2007 6:40:38 AM

Carole: Could you stop by sometime? I need some help with the computer and I'd like to ask you what you would like to have whenever we "downsize" in the future. I don't want any arguments over things.

P13777

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Monday, April 30, 2007 9:29:22 AM

Carole: I came across a quilt this morning in the cedar chest (I was waxing nostalgic). It has dutch windmills on it and is bound in wine. Is this one that you found at Goodwill and gave it to me to repair? I know I fixed it but I really don't remember where it came from. You can have it if you want it. There is a sunbonnet quilt upstairs too that Grandma Brunsting had the ladies in Hull quilt for you. Do you want that too?

P13778

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, M ay 07, 2007 5:43:10 AM

No occasion that I know of. They were coming sometime this summer anyway. Guess they just could get away at this time. By-the-way, it sure would be nice if you would answer your cell phone once in awhile. I was just about to call out the police this morning when I got your e-mail finally. I've been trying to call you for half the week. Couldn't you just check in once a week to see if everything is o.k.? That way we'd know you are o.k. too. Call me an over anxious mother but this is a big city and there are a lot of kooks running around.

Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I will be there. What is the occasion that they are coming in?

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Sorry, I meant the 9th not the 8th. They're arriving Friday evening and leaving Monday evening.

P13779

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Friday, May 11, 2007 6:13:52 AM

Did you have hail last night? Just as I thought we had excaped it it started to blow and hail marble-sized hail. Last for about ten minutes. So far I don't see too much damage outside, thank goodness. I haven't looked at the tomatoes yet but I think they're pretty well protected. Have oodles of tomatoes on and they're really big this year.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2007 7:50:10 PM

Thanks for the gorgeous Mother's DAY card. I'm going to try to find 3 frames and frame each section. Anita said she asked you about a mattress for Katie. She wants to get her a full sized bed. Say, if you'd rathr not come when Amy is here, Anita is coming the next day, Sunday to see C and O and they'll be here for lunch.

P13781

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re: Beds
Date: Saturday, May 26, 2007 2:36:33 PM

Do you still plan to come Sat., the 9th or would you rather wait till the 10th.

Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

We are going to have Katie's bed shipped to her from here so no one has to try and drive it to Victoria. It is a nice pillow top queen bed. Thought it would save Anita some money. A good queen size bed is expensive. I got a Sterns and Foster display bed and set it up last night. Sleeps good especially since it was free.

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Did you have hail last night? Just as I thought we had escaped it it started to blow and hail marble-sized hail. Last for about ten minutes. So far I don't see too much damage outside, thank goodness. I haven't looked at the tomatoes yet but I think they're pretty well protected. Have oodles of tomatoes on and they're really big this year.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2007 5:57:51 AM

No, I haven't called anyone yet. I've had to spend the morningstaking care of Daddy. He wakes up hurting all over he says and gets mad the the doctors "quacks" and everyone else. I really don't know what to do anymore. He seems to feel better as the day wears on but mornings are the problem. I guess we'll go back to Dr. Fuerst, the dermatologist in Mem. City. A few weeks ago there ws nothing on him but the hives have come back. He wants to get out of this place but I don't know where to go.

Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I was 12. I turned 13 that October and got a Kodak camera. Did you call any of the contractors? I have the name of another one.

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Forty years ago today we rolled up to 13630 Pinerock, Houston!
What a lot of water has gone under the bridge! Candy was 14, Carol 13, Carl, 9, Amy 5 and Anita 4. Love Mother and Dad

P13783

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re: Turkey
Date: Monday, November 12, 2007 2:07:25 PM

I have my free turkey from Krogers but it's not organic. It's a 19 pounder that's about the smallest they had. I don't know how long it's been frozen. Just bring the coupon with you.

Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I have a \$5 off coupon for a Randalls organic turkey if you want to use it. I will bring it tomorrow.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Saturday, December 01, 2007 6:28:07 PM

Carole: The web site accepted the serial number I gave them but it said I need the Adobe Reader to get the manual. Do you know anything about this. Apparently you have to subscribe or something.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Sunday, December 02, 2007 12:46:18 PM

o.k. Here's the serial number I have: 280202533 - Model 463T. Good luck!!

Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Send me the serial number and I will download and send to you.

Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Carole: The web site accepted the serial number I gave them but it said I need the Adobe Reader to get the manual. Do you know anything about this. Apparently you have to subscribe or something.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Anita K Brunsting](#); [Carl H Brunsting](#); [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Candy Curtis](#); [Nedra Harris](#); [Lynn Kuyk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Arlington at Christmas
Date: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:33:10 PM
Attachments: [Arlington at Christmas \(87.3 KB\).msg](#)

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Monday, December 31, 2007 5:56:27 AM

Carole: JoAnns has **lots** of fleece materials for robes. They have a few terry cloth materials but not as pretty as the fleece. Do you want to go with me sometime and look?

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Anita K Brunsting](#); [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fw: 90# on your telephone
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2008 6:46:11 AM

Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 14:31:32 -0700 (PDT)
From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Fw: 90# on your telephone
To: Marta <sweetpaige2083@yahoo.com>, Ryan
<ryanhuntsman@douglaspads.com>,
Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>,
Carl <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>

Good advice from my Dad.
Drina

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

From: Rollin Gattis <RGATTIS@GT.RR.COM>
To: drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:02:36 PM
Subject: Fw: 90# on your telephone

I dialed '0' and asked the operator who confirmed that this was correct so
please pass it on . . (I also checked out Snopes.com..this is true, and also
applies to cell phones!)

PASS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying
himself as an AT&T Service Technician (could also be Telus) who was

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conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine(9), zero(0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up.

Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.

I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.

After checking with Verizon they also said it was true, so do not dial 90# for anyone !!!!!

PLEASE HIT THAT FORWARD BUTTON AND PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!!

No virus found in this incoming message.

Checked by AVG.

Version: 7.5.519 / Virus Database: 269.22.0/1344 - Release Date: 3/26/2008 8:52 AM

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:51:24 AM
Attachments: [First2.doc](#)

Fwd: Re:

Subject: Fwd: Re:
From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: 5/1/2008 1:21 PM
To: cbrunstung@sbcglobal.net

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,

Candy

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2/12/2012 1:24 PM

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: Carole A Brunsting
Subject: Fw: corrected instructions
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008 3:56:51 PM

--- On Fri, 10/24/08, cbarch@sbcglobal.net <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: cbarch@sbcglobal.net <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: corrected instructions
To: "mom" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, October 24, 2008, 11:16 AM

Sorry - I said right when I should have said left - see corrected below

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

From: cbarch@sbcglobal.net
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 11:08 AM
Subject: Re: Emailing: Moss family gathers to celebrate Century Farm

I'll see if there's another way to send the list, but try this: Double LEFT click on my e-mail where it's listed in your inbox - then in the window that opens you'll see "Attach:" and a slot that says 'agsales.pdf' - double LEFT click on that and it should open it and let you see the list.

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

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: cbarch@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 9:55 AM
Subject: Re: Emailing: Moss family gathers to celebrate Century Farm

Sorry to be so stupid but how do I get to the list. That Rensink farm might be one around Boyden. Some of them had big farms or it could be Grampa Rensink's original farm.

--- On Thu, 10/23/08, cbarch@sbcglobal.net <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: cbarch@sbcglobal.net <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Emailing: Moss family gathers to celebrate Century Farm
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2008, 7:51 PM

On a website about Iowa farms. Also saw a listing of all property sold in Sioux Co in the last three years - one farm was sold by the Rensink Family Trust, for \$935,000. I'll attach the list - you'll like seeing all the Dutch names.
I think the land values are going to plunge soon and not recover for decades.

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

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: cbarch@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:34 PM
Subject: Re: Emailing: Moss family gathers to celebrate Century Farm

Where in the world did you find this stuff???!!!!

--- On Thu, 10/23/08, cbarch@sbcglobal.net <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: cbarch@sbcglobal.net <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Emailing: Moss family gathers to celebrate Century Farm
To: "mom" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2008, 3:13 PM

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Moss family gathers to celebrate Century Farm

By Jeanne Visser
for [Sioux County Index](#)

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October 23, 2008

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HULL, Iowa (STPNS) -- Over 50 Moss relatives gathered at the family farm, one mile west of Hull, to celebrate after the farmstead was recognized as a Century Farm at the Iowa State Fair in August.

"Some family members were in Des Moines for the ceremony at the Fair, but we thought it would be great to have a big family reunion at the farm over Labor Day Weekend," said Arlan Moss, who lives on the Century Farm.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey recognized Century Farm families at the Fair. To qualify, a family must have owned their farmstead for 100 years or more. The Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has partnered with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation since 1976 to recognize families that have owned and worked a farm for 100 years or more.

This year 344 farms were recognized, making more than 16,200 farms from across the state that have received this recognition.

The award meant a lot to Arlan and his wife, Ruth, and was especially meaningful to his mother, Harriet.

In 1908 Cornelius and Tryntje Moss purchased their first farm, 240 acres, from the Brunsting family. Previously, the couple had rented a farm one mile south of the Moss farm.

Later, their son Jacob and his wife, Lena, took over the farm and their son, Art, along with his wife, Harriet, followed.

In 1976, Art and Harriet moved to town after Arlan and Ruth were married.

The farm has expanded as more land and buildings were added. Technology has changed farming methods.

All the Moss families milked cows until 2000, when the cows were sold.

Today Arlan and Ruth, along with their son, Craig, grow corn and soybeans, finish hogs and raise cattle, including Holstein bull calves and beef cattle. Years ago they raised hogs, farrow-to-finish, and now are part owners of a farrow-to-finish business, Long View Farms, in Wagner, SD.

During the Labor Day Moss family reunion all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Art and Harriet returned to the farm.

"It was a very special time and a good reason to have all the family get together," said Arlan with a smile. "They'd all spent time on the farm and had fond memories. That might have included getting in trouble or something as like riding the 4-wheeler."

Arlan, Ruth and their daughter JoElyn put together a farm scavenger hunt, which they described as a 'memory walk through the farm'. The scavenger hunt included questions like 'where did we go to gather eggs' and 'where was the old outhouse'?

"Some of the grandkids didn't know what we were talking about," said Arlan. "But it gave all us of the opportunity to tell some good stories."

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009 9:13:33 AM

Carole: I'm sorry you are upset with me. Remember, this isn't easy for me either. I really would like to know what you would do. I don't know why you would be upset with Carl. All he did was bring the Hospice brochure over because he knew I was thinking about it. I'm disappointed that you can talk to everyone else and not me. All I know is that I don't want him stuck with anymore needles! He's been through so much of that already and any more blood work isn't going to do any good anymore. There is a doctor assigned to the case so it's not like he won't be getting medical attention. I don't know what else to say except I wish you would come over and talk with me instead of Toni or the doctors or Robert and others. I have a tremendous interest in this too. Love Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](mailto:Nelva.Brunsting)
To: cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009 6:23:55 PM

You still haven't answered my question about what you would do in this case. I really would like to know.

--- On **Sat, 3/14/09, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009, 1:27 PM

You don't get it. This is not about you and it is not about Carl and that is how you view this. Being in charge of health care is not something I take lightly and knowing about Hospice and being informed about Hospice is something that has always been part of the equation. Mother, you never want to talk about anything because you say the time is not right or you want to wait until some such thing happens. I was doing the leg work to know when the time might be right for Hospice. It must be now because Dad is qualified, so it is done. I am not upset with you. **Now, can you please just let me grieve in my own way without making this about you and Carl and just let it be.**

I am no longer involved with any health care decisions, because those now belong to Hospice, so I will try to stop by every weekend until Dad passes to check on both of you and see if you need anything.

From: Nelva Brunsting
To: cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re:
Date: Monday, March 16, 2009 8:13:10 AM

Carole" Thanks for answering my question. Unfortunately Dr. White and Amy have not seen Daddy for some time, especially Dr. White. They haven't seen how his condition has deteriorated in that time. If you had just read the book that Hospice left with me you would know he is already in the first stages and has been for some time. Hospice does not stop his medical treatment and I will continue to have Robert and Tino to help. But I would like to have hospice help me with matters toward the end. I'm sorry you think I'm so callous and have not prayed about the matter because I have. But I can't afford to break down now because there are so many things I have to take care of including getting our tax info to Rick and making sure we have enough money in the bank to pay for the caregivers. When you get to our age you think about death a lot and try to prepare yourself for it. There was a time, particularly when I had pneumonia that I thought I would go before Dad and I tried to figure out what he should do if I wasn't here. So I have to keep a cool head, or try to, right now. I hope you understand. Love Mother

--- On **Sun, 3/15/09, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009, 11:02 PM

For the past two months I have spoken with Dr. White and Amy from Girling about when it might be time to consider Hospice. From their medical opinion, they felt he was not ready. Because I knew that you and Carl wanted to bring Hospice in, I asked Tony to make a recommendation to you but she never did. What I would have done differently, was made the appt on Friday a consultation only. I would have gathered all the facts and then I would have prayed about it. I would have spoken to Dr. White about it and I would have also gotten Tony's opinion. If at that time I believed in my heart that this was the right thing to do, then I would have proceeded with signing any paperwork. Had this been reversed and Dad was having to decide if he could sign you up for Hospice, I truly believe that he could not have done it so quickly and especially without some display of emotion.

This is not about you and it is not about me or Carl. This was deciding that all medical help for Dad is ending and he is now in the care of Hospice. To me it was a big decision and one not to be made lightly. If you listened to what the nurse was saying even many doctor's do not embrace Hospice so quickly. I have worked so hard to try and assist with the medical decisions to keep Dad with us and in one afternoon over coffee, that was all signed away. Like I said in my previous email, it may be the absolute right thing to do. But you asked what I would do differently. I would have thought and prayed about it over the weekend and on Monday I would be in Dr. White's office to get a medical opinion from the doctor that spent the most time with Dad and if he felt the time was right, I would have taken comfort with that and proceeded.

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This is not me not accepting that Dad is going to pass. It is me taking the time to gather the facts so that I am comfortable with the decision.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009 6:29:12 PM

Carole: If you would like to talk to someone on the Hospice team that is treating Daddy you should call Paula Gillespie. She is the social worker part of the team. She was here this afternoon and we had a long talk. She has three grown children in their middle twenties I guess. She could explain what Hospice does better than I can. The number to call is 713-468-2267. Dr.Zimmer was here also this afternoon. Sh's a really nice person too. She checked Daddy's vitals and took down a lot of info that she didn't have already. The nurse was here the other day. Her name is Swannell Crim. I'd say she's in her fifties. All 3 are white women. They are all on the team that is looking after Daddy . These people meet every morning to review each case they are in charge of. Love MOTHER

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re: Marriage Certificat
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2009 10:10:24 AM

I'm sorry but the wedding certificate of Grampa and Grandma was hung over the bed in the east room. The hanger is still on the wall. But it's not a matter to be argued about. You are welcome to the certificate any time you want it. I took those pics from the shelf in Carl's closet to look at them. Amy didn't want those folding chairs so I brought them back with me and gave them to MAM. p.s. You still haven't given me back the letter I sent out to the five with a list of things you'al might be interesting in having. I stated that you get your bedroom set. Other than that I don't know what you want.

--- On **Sat, 7/25/09, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Marriage Certificat
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2009, 10:45 PM

Mother,

All the items that were in Carl's closet were labeled with the name of the person who wanted them. Last year you asked me to come over and find out who wanted what from upstairs because you wanted to clear out what was up there. My name was on all the pictures that were in the top shelf including the marriage certificate. No one else said they wanted the pictures or the certificate. Unless there is a reason why you want to hang onto it, I would like to pick it up. I will also pick up Grandpa Brunstings diploma. There were two other pictures or certificates that were part of that group but I don't know exactly what they are now that they have all been pulled off that shelf.

Carole

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Monday, October 05, 2009 9:48:30 AM

You'll have to come over and see the gorgeous pictures of a village in Holland that John Moederzoon sent me. It has no roads and people get around by rowboat.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Don't bungee jump naked-----funny!
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 9:05:59 AM

This is hilarious!

--- On **Tue, 1/12/10**, **Drina Brunsting** <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Don't bungee jump naked-----funny!
To: "Carl" <cbarch@sbcglobal.net>, "Marta" <sweetpaige2083@yahoo.com>, "Rollin Gattis" <RGATTIS@GT.RR.COM>, "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 9:41 AM

This is hilarious!!! (click on Utube link below to watch).
drina

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

From: Joseph Fernandez <kahuna77007@yahoo.com>
To: Christy B <celestialdancer2060@yahoo.com>; Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>; Cynthia Buckingham <CnPatterson@yahoo.com>; Todd Coleman <tcoleman758@comcast.net>; Stevan Contreras <unknown_id_08@yahoo.com>; Michelle Contreras <micnelé_contreras05@yahoo.com>; John Cummin <jtcummin@mdanderson.org>; Eloise Daigle <daigle.e.tx@iomosaic.com>; Marilyn Dommell <mdommell@comcast.net>; Linda Gibbs <zlk01@sleh.com>; Idalia Gutierrez <igutierrez@ci.mocity.tx.us>; Diana Hardy <dhardy@bcm.edu>; Nels Hill <nhill002@comcast.net>; Nik K <comingintolight2002@yahoo.com>; Patricia Lewis <plewis1@sleh.com>; Susan Norville <sdnorville@comcast.net>; Jennifer Sanner <Jennifer.E.Sanner@uth.tmc.edu>; Elaine Schnur <eschnur1@att.net>; Trudie Staffa <trudie_staffa@swn.com>; Beverly Tubbs <zbpt01@sleh.com>; Felicia White <fwhite@sleh.com>; Dorothy Wilson <lwilson2130@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tue, January 12, 2010 8:00:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: Don't bungee jump naked-----funny!

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10**, **fredkathi@aol.com** <fredkathi@aol.com> wrote:

From: fredkathi@aol.com <fredkathi@aol.com>
Subject: Fwd: Don't bungee jump naked-----funny!
To: cassandracurtis@yahoo.com, silverc1@sbcglobal.net, corliss.whelton@att.net, pamchu@sbcglobal.net, kahuna77007@yahoo.com, tcoleman758@comcast.net, ewbishow@bishorb.com, phcarter@sbcglobal.net, lynnschoenb@comcast.net, fILTERMAN@uh.edu
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:46 PM

She is funny

Love, Kathi

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

From: Jim Lawnick <Jlawnick@seg.org>

To: khilterman <fredkathi@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Jan 11, 2010 9:04 am

Subject: FW: Don't bungee jump naked-----funny!

If you have never heard Jeanne Robertson, she is obviously from the south, she is 6 foot 2 inches tall and she tells stories about herself and her husband whom she refers to as "Left Brain" - never mentions his name, he's always Left Brain. That's enough of an introduction. Now, kick back and laugh for a little while.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1_W0LCHwK4

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re: Lifeline
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:49:11 AM

Thanks. Mother

--- On **Mon, 2/15/10**, **Carole Brunsting** <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Lifeline
To: elmernelva@sbcglobal.net
Date: Monday, February 15, 2010, 4:02 PM

<http://www.lifelinesys.com/content/lifeline-products/slimline.jsp>

Here is the product you were talking about. This one comes in a watch type style and one you can wear around your neck.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Monday, August 30, 2010 8:09:22 AM

thought you were going to e-mail that doctor's number or the receptionist? Mother

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Carl
Date: Sunday, September 05, 2010 5:50:33 PM

Here's the email from Drina

--- On **Fri, 9/3/10, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Carl
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Friday, September 3, 2010, 6:24 PM

He is coming along in the rehab program.

He has another UTI that is being treated with antibiotics.

The expected discharge is targeted for the end of September.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 4:22:00 PM

What did Rosalind send you. I accidentally deleted the info she sent me. Would you send me yours? I know its on the 27th at 9 in the morning. I hope I an make it down there.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Anita K Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Re:
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 6:53:23 PM

--- On **Sun, 9/12/10**, **Drina Brunsting** <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 6:03 PM

OK. I ordered from the same place and they were way too short. Hope yours aren't. Thanks.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, September 12, 2010 10:41:29 AM
Subject: Re:

I ordered a gray long knit pants and some t-shirts from L.L. Bean. I ordered a tall in the pants but they still might be a little short for Carl. But if they are o.k. I can order another.. They come in Navy too. I can either drop them off at your house or bring them down when I go to see him. They're not heavy sweats, just knit.

--- On **Sat, 9/11/10**, **Drina Brunsting** <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Saturday, September 11, 2010, 6:25 PM

Yes, they can wait. There is no income right now. Whatever you feel like doing is ok with me. Just let me know. Thanks.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sat, September 11, 2010 3:54:02 PM
Subject:

Drina: Can any of these bills wait till the end of the month, I think I should be getting a check for the farm rent the end of Sept. and also my soc, sec, payment-I think it is. I don't believe you have any income from Carl's business so you probably need some help paying elec., bills etc. Just let me know. Nelva.

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Anita K Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Re:
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 6:59:53 PM

--- On **Sun, 9/12/10**, **Drina Brunsting** <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 6:15 PM

I have added the bills I have so far. They total \$17,833.00. There is one that I have already gotten a second past due notice for. It is for Carl's Life Flight helicopter transport. The bill was \$10,000. The insurance only paid \$1,500. That leaves us responsible for \$8,500.00. It is considered to be out of network so insurance did not pay much at all.

I have not gotten a past due yet on any of the others. So many of the doctors from UT who saw Carl at Hermann (and there was a different batch of them weekly because it is a teaching hospital) were out of network and the insurance did not pay because our deductible for out of network doctors is very high.

When you get your funds at the end of the month it would be easiest if you just mailed a check to me so I can deposit it and then I will pay whatever bills I can.

I know Carl will appreciate not having this loom over us whenever he returns home.

He actually remembered our house today and drew a plan of it. I have been working on him remembering this house for weeks and weeks and today I kept at it and all of the sudden he started to remember everything about it. It was very, very exciting!! He still is unable to void and has a test to check his bladder in the morning.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, September 12, 2010 10:48:41 AM
Subject:

I don't know why you thought I had such a negative reaction to that bill. I was just trying to figure out in my head how much money I had in my account. I'm a little slower these days. You'll have to forgive me. As for the rest of the family, they all are just interested in helping. Your best bet is probably just to talk with your CPA.

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Please don't take things so personally. We'll get thought this. If you get your bills added, let me know.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Anita K Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Re:
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 7:02:16 PM

--- On **Sun, 9/12/10, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>**
wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 6:24 PM

No problem.

You have to forgive me also because I have gone on very little sleep this past two and a half months. Not to mention being so fearful of losing Carl several times due to so many numerous complications and different infections.

I just could not deal with all of the advice that was being thrown my way in a single day when all I could think of was Carl was going to die. The timing of their barrage was rotten, heartless, cold, and uncalled for. Period.

This has been a complete and total nightmare and I just can't wait for him to get well and strong and come back home.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, September 12, 2010 10:48:41 AM
Subject:

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From: Nelva Brunsting
To: Carole A Brunsting; Anita K Brunsting
Subject: Fw: Re:
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 7:05:02 PM

--- On **Wed, 9/15/10, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 6:39 AM

I thought you meant for me to add up the medical bills, so I did. I guess I misunderstood you again. You can send whatever you want or you can send nothing. I sent you the total for the medical bills because I thought that was what you were going to help with.

I have the household bills covered at the moment and my dad is helping Carl with his office bills for now because we don't want his office to close.

If you want to send something for the medical bills that is fine. If you don't that is fine too.

We do not have room for another chair.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tue, September 14, 2010 3:52:26 PM
Subject: Re:

I don't think these helicopter life flights ever expect to get their full payment. We were on Medicare so I just let them fight it out. We never received any more notices. Maybe if you tell them you cannot pay that amount they'll do something about it.

I'll bet you're not the only ones that it happened to. Why don't you add up bills like elec., water, telephone, etc. and I'll send you a check for those so they don't become overdue. Relax the Back has chairs that automatically help you up. Would you have space in your den or bedroom for one.?. They come in 3 different coverings and several different colors. They come in tall but even then they'd be a little short for Carl You might talk to your CPA and see what he suggests on the helicopter bill. Do you know of anyone else that had that occur.? I guess your dad

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was on Medicare already when needed an ambulance wasn't he? I think they always overcharge in hopes of getting some part of it. Let me know how that turns out. If I sound like I'm rambling I probably am. My head feels like a stuffed balloon today. Sinus, I guess. Nelva

--- On Sun, 9/12/10, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 6:15 PM

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To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun, September 12, 2010 10:48:41 AM
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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#); [Anita K Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Re:
Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 7:13:42 PM

--- On **Wed, 9/15/10, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 7:02 PM

You are putting me over a barrel by :

When you called me way back in July when this whole nightmare started and stated:.

1. not to worry about the medical bills. You said that you can cash in some bonds or cds or Carl could borrow from his inheritance (as I know Candy HAS RECENTLY DONE, which, by the way makes me curious as to why you are so eager to help her out, but when your son is in a catastrophic medical crisis, you go back and forth AFTER YOU ASK ABOUT THE BILLS, and vascillate about it and end up not helping with his bills at all)

2. Then, when I went to you about the first stupid bill, you vascillated and I didn't need that at the time so I later told you to forget it.

3. Then you come to the hospital and tell your son to NOT WORRY about anything, and you proceed to send me an email asking me to tell you how much the bills were, so I did.

4. THEN you vascillate ONCE AGAIN and say oh, sorry I just meant the utility bills, etc. You have got my head turned around and I don't know WHAT YOU MEAN when you say you are going to help, and then you back out of it.

I really don't care anymore what you do with your money. I am not up to these games . I just learned that Carl will be in until the middle of October. If you want to help your son you can either:

1. Send a check for any amount you wish, or
2. Keep your money.

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From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wed, September 15, 2010 6:17:30 PM
Subject:

Drina: I wish you would stop putting me over a barrel. But someone has to talk to the helicopter company to find if they would consider some sort of payment plan. As I said we had medicare and let them figure it out. Surely they know you can't pay it all. Maybe they'll accept 25 or 50 a month. If you want to give me a number I can call them. All I wanted to know was that if your dad was on Medicare when he needed an ambulance. If he wasn't how did he handle that? I want to help with your bills but I have to know where to start.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw: Re:
Date: Sunday, October 03, 2010 4:40:31 PM

--- On **Sun, 10/3/10, Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>**
wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, October 3, 2010, 9:46 AM

I am confused. My understanding was that you were going to get money this week after you had just talked to the woman to give us 25,000.

That is what you just told me the other day on the phone and it is what you told Carl as well.. Is that not the case now????Now you seem to be changing it all around again.

Is there not a check for \$25,000 coming for Carl and I now, or is there?????

Please clarify.

I really need to know the truth about this because Carl just told me this morning that he called you and you promised him the check would be given to us this week.

I am really busy with trying to get things in order for Carl and I have to also go out of town to check on my father. I don't have time for this and I really need to know if you are sending us the check like you promised Carl or not .Just please tell me YES or NO if you are sending the check like you said.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sat, October 2, 2010 5:10:41 PM
Subject:

Drina: I'd like to help you and Carl with some of your bills. If I just give you a check it counts as a gift and they tax me for it. I really don't need any more taxes. but if you just bring the bills over here we can go over them and I can help you out with them. I hope you will. Carl doesn't need to be worrying about bills. Nelva

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Sunday, October 03, 2010 4:45:10 PM

Drina: My "chuckle" was not at your expense!. i jsut know candy and she can be very dramatic if she wants to. Quite frankly I'm tired of everything and believe it or not I couldn't have made it to see him because of the long walk. I was so short of breath I couldn't even make my breakfast without sitting down a time or two but that's neither here nor there. I have a turmor on my liver that I'm trying to ignore because I,apparently am not a candidate for surgery. so as I said I don't care what you think of me but I will help out when you get all the things settled as much as you can with the hospital bills. I know it's hard on you. None of us expected something like this. The important thing is for Carl to get better and I'm sure he will. Robert is going to take me to see Carl Friday since I don't know where the rehab is.

I understand you don't have to wear a gown and a mask anymore. It's the mask that I couldn't have stood. So I won't bother you anymore. Do what you think is best and as I said if you and Carl are happy that's the main thing. NELVA

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, August 22, 2010, 6:52 AM

Glad to know you were able to have a chuckle on our expense. I hope it made your day.

In the meantime, I am with Carl all day trying to get him to draw, write, read and talk as well as work his legs and arms to regain his strength so he can eventually stand up (yes, he is so weak he is unable to stand at this point). He is also so weak that I have to feed him his 3 meals a day. I hope you are all having a fun time together talking about this whole sistuaion and how things should be run.

He came very close to dying and lapsed into a coma for several days,could not breathe on his own and acquired pneumonia not once, but twice.

For every day he has been in that bed, the doctor says it will take 3 days to regain strength.We are talking months.

I must say I am rather astonished that he has been in so long now and not one visit from you.The only parameter I have regarding that is when my brother was in critical condtion for 2 weeks and my handicapped father got rides from 3 different people to drive him over 100 miles so that he could see his son.

Also,I did not use the phrase 'freaked out' - that was what Carole said to me. You don't have to worry about me ever asking you for any help again with Carl's bills, because it has become blatantly obvious that you did not really mean it when you offered to help.Carl and I will just have to navigate through this together whenever he is home and better.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

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To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sat, August 21, 2010 9:48:00 PM
Subject:

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To: [Carole A Brunsting](mailto:Carole.A.Brunsting)
Subject: Fw: Re: your son
Date: Sunday, October 03, 2010 8:37:59 PM

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To: "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
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To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw:
Date: Sunday, October 03, 2010 8:39:44 PM

--- On **Sat, 8/21/10**, **Nelva Brunsting** <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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--- On **Wed, 9/8/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Carl
To: "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 10:13 AM

I'm so sorry Carl is having all these problems. I hope they get the infections under control soon. He must be miserable. I'm going to see if Robert can take me down Thursday morn to see him. I guess we'll just have to take it one day at a time for awhile. If I can do anything to help just let me know.

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Subject: Carl
To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 6:29 AM

He is still having urinary retention and unable to void on his own. He

has to be cathed every 3 to 4 hours. He also has bowel incontinence. This seems to be indicative of spinal cord involvement. The urologist is supposed to order a urodynamics study on him sometime in the near future. The infection is already being treated with antibiotics and the course will end soon, but that really is not the cause of his retention..

I am hoping that he regains enough strength to be able to come home at the end of the month because if he does not it is possible he will have to go into a skilled nursing facility which will only complicate things. I do not know if our insurance will pay for TIRR much longer, and I will not be able to care for him at home unless he gets strong enough to stand, walk, dress himself, and go to the bathroom on his own.

From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: Fw:
Date: Sunday, October 03, 2010 8:45:21 PM

--- On **Thu, 9/9/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
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Subject: Re:
To: "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Saturday, September 11, 2010, 3:44 PM

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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
To: [Carole A Brunsting](#)
Subject: FW: Re:
Date: Sunday, October 03, 2010 8:51:44 PM

--- On **Sun, 9/12/10, Nelva Brunsting** <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re:
To: "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 10:51 AM

You probably haven't heard from Anita because I told her just to let you alone for awhile till yo had time to figure some things out.

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Followed by a phone call from Amy saying I should just ignore all of the medical bills, and a message from Candy said Carl and I should go ahead and declare bankruptcy.

Then I tried to email Anita to get some clarification about your offer to help because I was so confused, but she never even answered and has not to this very day.

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To: "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 3:52 PM

I don't think these helicopter life flights ever expect to get their full payment. We were on Medicare so I just let them fight it out. We never received any more notices. Maybe if you tell them you cannot pay that amount they'll do something about it.

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I have not gotten a past due yet on any of the others. So many of the doctors from UT who saw Carl at Hermann (and there was a different batch of them weekly because it is a teaching hospital) were out of

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network and the insurance did not pay because our deductible for out of network doctors is very high.

When you get your funds at the end of the month it would be easiest if you just mailed a check to me so I can deposit it and then I will pay whatever bills I can.

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He actually remembered our house today and drew a plan of it. I have been working on him remembering this house for weeks and weeks and today I kept at it and all of the sudden he started to remember everything about it. It was very, very exciting!! He still is unable to void and has a test to check his bladder in the morning.

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Sent: Sun, September 12, 2010 10:48:41 AM
Subject:

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Date: Monday, October 04, 2010 7:45:37 PM

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Subject: Halley, Marta's daughter and great-grandmom Nelva
Date: Sunday, November 07, 2010 2:44:15 PM
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From: [Nelva Brunsting](#)
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Subject: tomatoes.
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plants Carole put in for me, mother