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Telephone conversation with David:

Stephen has his date for coming home--it is April 27th. His mission is going to be cut in half. They are going to half the number of missionaries and close down a lot of areas. He is assistant to the Pres. and is busy helping make the changes. His president doesn't speak English so he does a lot of translating for the mission pres. Stephen was the one that took the call informing them to cut the mission in half and he had to go tell the pres. The church is opening up new areas world wide and they need missionaries for other areas.

Mark and Michael come down about once a month. Last month they stopped and had dinner at Grandmas' with the other cousins. Mark is going to go year round at school and try to get it done. Michael will leave spring term and then come home and go on his mission.

Emily's in Las Vegas right now at a volleyball tournament.

Barbara won her school invention contest. She is in the 6th grade. Her invention was called spray and mop. She took the plastic top of the steel handle of the mop and then stuck a spray bottle in there and it just happened to fit. Soap sprayed down the handle and into the mop. In April she takes her invention to district. She won this same contest in the fourth grade too.

Karen is pretty busy with tax season. She has hired a full time master degree accountant that will start full time in May.

Novatek is going through real hard times. We are still not approved on our product by Hycalog.

VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995 - Today Mom and Dad came to our home in Orem in the middle of a snowstorm to deliver a plate of Mom's delicious cookies, an "I LOVE YOU" balloon, a gardenia plant with buds getting ready to bloom, and two bottles of artichoke hearts and this recipe. Mom served this salad last week when Liz (Neil) came to visit from California and invited all her local daughters and daughters-in-law to join in. Nancy (Mecham), Betsy (Hall), Karen (Hall), Liz, and I feasted. Later my daughter Laura, who had just returned from a mission to Ecuador, dropped by, and we were also visited by Emily and Erin Neil. I had asked Mom for this recipe--what a clever idea to tie the artichoke hearts in with Valentine's. We chatted a while around a fire in the fireplace and then, since I was without a car, Dad and Mom drove me around to deliver Valentines to those I visit-teach, and then they drove Laura over to BYU where she planned to meet Daniel to join in his service project with handicapped children. A DAY TO REMEMBER!

Sherlene's Mom's Artichoke HEARTS TO YOU Chicken-Rice Salad
(Serves 8):

- 6 oz. box of chicken-flavored MJB rice mix (prepare as directed on box)
- 4 C cubed chicken breasts, cooked (2 whole breasts)
- 1/2-1 diced bell pepper
- 1 can (small) sliced black olives
- 3 green onions (including greens)
- 12 oz. marinated Cara Mia artichoke hearts

Drain artichokes - retain marinade - and cut up in bite-size pieces

- 1/2 C mayo (No fat is OK, or best foods)
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/2 C toasted almond slivers or slices

When rice is cool, mix mayo with curry powder and combine everything. If more liquid is needed, add some of the marinade. Garnish with cherry tomatoes and extra slivered almonds.

I like to add a stalk of diced celery to the salad. This is great served on curly lettuce leaves and accompanied by fresh dinner rolls and a platter of sliced apples, pears, and pineapple. Homemade hot pecan pie with vanilla ice-cream dessert makes up for the fat-free mayo - ho!