

April 10, 1995 Bryan Weight family letter  
Dear Family,

This month has whizzed by!! Willis' Little League team has started practices. We've had some heavy rains and a couple of practices had to be cancelled. Willis checked out some books from the school library on Origami and our house is now decorated with pretty paper birds, fish and etc. Sarah's guitar teacher was here the other day for lessons and Willis sat down and made a paper fish for him. I had him teach the cub scouts how to make some. He checked out a third book yesterday that shows how to make flying Origami. I went to walk up stairs and found the stairway cluttered with Origami projects. He was probably using the landing as his take off point!!

Hannah's track practices started this week. She informed me that she needs a high carbohydrate diet and that she isn't suppose to eat any candy during track season. I served oatmeal for breakfast and she ate about two bites. I pointed out to her that oatmeal is an excellent source of carbohydrates. She replied that it was a very bland source. Maybe I should add some tabasco sauce. (Did you hear that story about the breakfast cook that added tabasco sauce to two state troopers' eggs!)

Hyrum is very serious and diligent about his priesthood responsibilities. I (Bryan) have been privileged to be his driver for fast offerings. Hyrum has taking over the Sunday morning nag duty and has been successful in helping us get to church on time. He was able to go to the temple for the first time last week and do baptisms. Bryan, Sarah and Hannah went also leaving just Willis and I here at home. I can feel that we are moving into a new era in our lives.

Sarah no longer has mono. She is all caught up in school and is optimistic about her grades. The quarter will be over in two days.

That's all for now. We hope and pray that Mom Weight's eye surgery goes really well. You are still in our prayers Tracy and we hope your hip is healing fast.

Love: Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum and Willis

\* News from conversation with Betsy:

Mary has a 2 hour lay-over at the Portland airport. (we hope to be able to visit with her while she is here! I had hoped to see Robert at a transfer meeting that I was at a few weeks ago. A missionary from our ward was being transferred and needed a ride into the transfer meeting so I took her. Robert received a new companion but since he is way out in Bend, they didn't have him come in.) Mary arrives home on the 21st of this month.

Alex is in Seattle on an A Capella tour. Zina won 3rd place in a David O. McKay Essay contest. She wrote about her mother's friendship with her Jewish friend. She won \$750 for her entry. Betsy sent the essay to her friend and her friend loved it. (I'll include a copy of the essay in the next Hallmanac!--congratulations Zina!!) Zina graduates with an English degree on the 27th.

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Tracy (younger) is working as a programmer for Info Vision. He has been able to pay off all his school debts and his services have been so valuable to the company that they are going to help him with his tuition.

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Betsy went to Mardi Gras in New Orleans with a college roommate. This friend has 8 boys. The friend's brother wanted her to bring his daughter home for a visit so he rented a van and told his sister to bring his daughter and any friends she wanted with her to New Orleans. All we had to pay for was food. I got to see the Monet exhibit that for the first time ever has been out of France. It was a great experience. There are two sides of Mardi Gras. There are family activities and the wild activities. We went to restaurants where they had dancing and grandpas were dancing with granddaughters and it was a wonderful time. People would ask us how long we were staying and we would say that we had to leave on Saturday. They would reply that that was good because we wouldn't want to be here on Tuesday. That's when all the really wild stuff goes on particularly in the French Quarter.

Lilly got in the Show and Chamber choir at school. It is really unusual for a junior girl to get in. She cleans offices and makes really good money.

NOTE FROM TRACY:

THANKS TO MOM FOR THE LOVELY ORCHID AND DAFFODIL ARRANGEMENT AND TO ALL MY "SIBS" FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS, WHICH I RECEIVED WITH TEAR OF JOY IN THE HOSPITAL. THE FLOWERS FOR BETSY WERE ESPECIALLY THOUGHTFUL. MY LEFT HIP IS NOW REINFORCED WITH THREE 4 1/2" STAINLESS STEEL BOLTS AND I HAVE AN EXCELLENT PROGNOSIS OF FULL RECOVER. THE PAIN HAS NOW SUBSIDED TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN THINK ABOUT OTHER THINGS, TO MY RELIEF. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS OF SUPPORT AND YOUR PRAYERS IN MY JOB SEARCH, ALSO. HOW THANKFUL I AM FOR MY FAITHFUL FAMILY AND THEIR FAMILIES

LOVE, TRACY JR.

MOM'S NEWS:

Dad just finished planting 300 more trees in pots. He had 100 Blue spruce, 100 Eastern cedar and 100 Austrian pine. He went out on Saturday and had a crew of kids and got them all done in 1 day. He has some more plants coming and they are coming from a nursery that has done him dirt before. I'm going to open them before the delivery person leaves and check them out.

I listened to Rush Limbaugh and everyone was bashing him today about his smoking. Everyone was really giving him a bad time.

We replanted the area where the tree came down. We planted an Austrian Pine. We hope it survives because the boy that was doing it removed all the dirt from the roots when he planted it.

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I don't think we will have any fruit at all. We had a beautiful March and then had frost this week. It looks like the apricots, peaches and some of the apples have been affected. I won't have to do any canning.

I had the grandchildren for dinner this Sunday. I had them come for conference and then we had lunch at noon.

*X* NEWS FROM NANCY:

Doug and Nancy flew to Atlanta, San Juan Puerto Rico and then to St. Martin. We got on a small sail boat with 120 passengers. They were all just a bunch of drunks. The first thing they did each morning was have a Bloody Mary and continued drinking all day. We went back to the boat only when we had to. We rented motor scooters and toured the island ourselves. We would get lost but the islands are so small that we could find our way back. We snorkeled and I saw a bright yellow sea snake about a foot from my face. Most these snakes are very poisonous but I didn't know that until I got out of the water. We saw sea urchins, and one person saw an octopus. I also saw a sting ray about laying on a rock 2 feet below me. I saw rock fish, lots of tropical fish--blue and bright yellow. They couldn't get me out of the water it was so pretty! We body surfed and jet skied, para-sailed which is being pulled behind a boat with a big sail. You go up about 600 feet above the boat. I thought I would be scared but it was really quite peaceful. We saw a dolphin, and some of the people in nearby sailboats would jump in the water and swim with the dolphins. On one island called St. Barts--it's a French island, the road were so steep that the scooters front tire would come off the road. We found a couple of nude beaches (we didn't go nude ourselves)

We had a blast. Every night the ship had a steel band. They make drums out of steel barrels to give it a tiny-unique sound.

We had Liz here for a week it was really fun having her over. They are the perfect guests.

We came home to snow on the ground. Carli watched Chelsea and D.J. and she did a really good job. On the weekends we had friends come and Carli could have a break.

I let D.J. sluff school so I could hug him all day because I missed him so much. About every ten minutes we say to each other "I need a hug," and we hug.

Doug is doing hazardous waste for the Government. It is class C work. He has to be fully suited with a completely sealed mask with special air filters. Sometimes he has to have oxygenate air pumped in. He took a course in Denver on Hazardous Waste and he passed the test. He also has his heavy equipment operators license so he can run the machines. They found high levels of arsenic in Midvale. A mining company used arsenic in their extraction process about 20 years ago and dumped it. It's getting into ground water.

I worry about him but he loves it because it's exciting and dangerous. When he comes home I always make him get in tub and remove his clothes. I vacuum the spot his clothes were on. He says that he gets decontaminated at work and I shouldn't worry about it.

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Chelsea is doing really well in school. She's trying for a 4.0 and her Dad promised her she could go on a trip if she got it.

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Carli is working as dental assistant and making pretty good money. She got herself a speeding ticket last week for the first time.



NEWS FROM KAREN:

Steven will be home on the 27th. He is working very hard as an assistant and rarely even has a P-day. He has a possible job offer to serve as a translator for a race car driver who wants to get on the car race circuit here in the USA. Steven loves cars and this would be his dream job!! He is registered for school at Utah State.

Barbara is practicing dancing 2 1/2 hours each day. She does ballet, tap and jazz. She especially likes the tap and jazz. She has 7 performances soon at a competition. Her solo is going to be a Charleston. Emily has been to Las Vegas, Boise, Denver and will soon go to Sacramento for Volleyball tournaments. Michael has done very well at school and is now getting his mission papers ready.

FROM WORK

Nathan Wood has been accepted to Ricks!  
The kids have Spring Break this week.