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Dear family,

I am writing this on Liz's typewriter at her home in California. Since I am not used to typing on a typewriter that you have to be correct on you will have to excuse the errors. We are on vacation and have been gone since the 23rd of April. We first went to Carlote and Brians and then to Disneyland and down the coast to San Diego. We then slowly worked our way up state parks along the beach until we arrived at Liz's and Marty's place today. We are traveling in a rented 24 foot motor home that gets only 8 miles per gallon and eats us out of hous and home. Other than the gas we are enjoying the trip. Like Brian said it is Karens way of camping (the closet I can ever hope to get her to roughing it)..

The legal cases with U.S. Syn and B.J.P.ope have been settled (last I heard anyway). I am not allowed at this point to disclose the settlement terms but In my opinion the hassel accomplished most of the reasons for filing suit in the first place. The lawyers got alot of money and Megadiamond ended up with Bills stock as treasury stock. Bills lawyer insisted on Megadiamond ending up with the stock so it was part of an overall damage settlement. No price is set on the stock since other damages like their use of our technology and Bills damage to Megadiamond due to fuduciary breaches are factored in also.

The company has done poolrly during the past year and we will end up with a loss for the year of somewhere around 300,000 dollars. Now that the legal battle is over we will be able to concntrate on some opportunities and new products that should help us recover and get back on top of things. I have spent the past six months working on a new product for the energy related markets. The product is for drilling bits and if successful will help evenoout our sales pattern and give us a market in a growing rather than shrinking area. (Currently Mega sales to auto and construction related companies which markets are both down).

I am now scout master in our ward and have made a scout room in our basement where I h ve the scouts meet weekly. We go on a monthly overnight trip to a different spot within one hours travel from provo each time. I am concntrating on merit badges and advancement and have eliminated much of the other scout related stuff like attending msetings, uniforms, dues, banquets, cour of hounors, etc.. to try and ease the burden. The Biship and I are working on a new plan where I am completely

In charge of the 12 and 13 year old kids and act as decons quorum advisor, scout master, scout committee, chairman, etc.... Our bishop got so tired working with several people who had responsibility for just 12 kids that he decided to combine them all and put one person in charge. I can call on others to assist on a one time basis for outings, merit badges, lessons, activities etc.. I am having a few problems with the church and scout beurocrats but other than that I am enjoying my new job. I am really still a kid at heart so I am able to stand the boys enough to continue working with them. The Bishop says that I don't get out of this job until he gets out of his.

Karen is enjoying her school classes. She will be taking Economics this summer when we get back. Maybe she can understand how our system makes money, I could never understand it. I've decided already that Karen can manage our money better than I can so have started to turn things over to her. I did the taxes with her this year but next year she gets to do it all. She is also paying the bills and doing the check book. I recommend to any of my brothers and in laws that if you want to help your wife know how your family is doing financially and understand taxes, and bills and cash flow etc. that you start to turn over responsibility for the finances over to your wife. It will free up alot of your time and help your wife feel like she is informed and in a position to advise and participate in maney decisions. (I DARE YOU)... Karen found out real quick that we are broke.

By the way, My daily journal was a keystone to the law cases. It was used extensively by both sides and indexed, cross refrenced, and used as the bible. It hurt us and helped us and all in all was read by over a dozen lawyers, judges etc.. Not even dad or Karen or anyone on ourside except forthe lawyers read it but boy was it ever used. In my deposition which went for three days the lawyers tried to trip me up using my journal as their bible. I found that I had to review over 750 pages of journal to prepare for it and had to face up to some of my weakness and bad points as well as to the strengths. It is not too fun to have some one cross examine you on a statement in your personal jourunal but I still advise everyone to keep one and write in it as though no one will ever read it. Just talk to yourself (its good therepy) and use it to expand your ideas and thoughts and frustrations. If you think someone will ever read it it will prevent you from being candid and putting in the things you really need to know about yourself. I don't think a journal is for posteritiy as much as I think it is to demonstrate to yourself how the same old problems keep coming up and have to be paid constant attention to to repent of. I have a temper that I have to constantly try to control and my journal proves to me that I must continue to work on it. I've run out of paper. So long, Love David