

December 17, 2001

Tom,

Here are some e-mail addresses:

Grandma Harry is having trouble with her e-mail, so you probably won't be able to reach her. I'll try to get it fixed when I am there at Christmas.

You must be doing OK financially if you are able to get a new car and an apartment of your own. Do you get paid a decent wage at the Org?

I've been wanting to see Mulholland Drive. It got the Movie Critics award for best picture. I missed it in the theaters. It was only here about a week. A good place to read movie reviews on the Web is www.movie-reviews.colossus.net. Did you see Lynch's Straight Story? It was completely different for him. I got my parents to rent the video, and they liked it so much they had all their friends see it. Most of his movies, starting with Eraserhead, are dream-like - bizarre and unpredictable.

We saw Life as a House. It jerked tears, but I didn't like it. Too heart-warming.

Carol is doing fine, although she has a lot of health problems. She has trouble sleeping, balance problems, coughing fits, spasms in her feet, stomach pain, lack of energy, etc., etc. I'd kill myself if I was her, but she is happy. She is in the process of transferring her service credit from the state employees retirement system to the public school employees retirement system, and because the schools define a year differently, she will gain 3 years. She will be eligible for retirement immediately. That fact has made her a happy woman. She plans to work until the end of next year anyway, because she has some pretty hefty car payments. She bought a new Pontiac Grand Prix last year.

I plan to retire Oct. 1 of next year - if I can make it that long. I'm not doing much to earn my pay.

Dad