

Sunday, 12/5/93
2:30 p.m.

Dear Shirley--

Another exciting Sunday. I know that the reason I went to Sunday school when I was a kid was because the rest of the day would be boring. And I guess I still feel that way. When I worked it was a day to get things done that I hadn't managed earlier. So far today I have read two papers, done a crossword puzzle, made a big pot of soup, and about four o'clock we will go to a party at Betty Kissler's. (She is the just retired history professor who lives kitty-corner in back of us. Her sister from California retired and came here to live with her this year.)

The soup is bean and it is the one that is served every day in the U.S. Senate. I can't remember where or when I got the recipe (all printed on a card) but this is the first time I have made it. I hope it doesn't make Bill feel he has to run for the Senate. It is not just 'ordinary' soup but has a rather interesting recipe. I will let you know how it finally turns out.

Your letter: Elva really appreciated the help you gave her in getting ready to move. We talked to her late in the evening on Thanksgiving. She and Jack had gone out to Harrys for dinner, etc. They seem to have had a good time though Mark was sick. She has been at Lois' for a week now and I hope she is not regretting her move. Maybe the experience of her injury will make Lois realize that Elva does not have the energy she used to have. Frankly, I was disgusted when I heard that Janis had some excuse for not helping Elva. She said even Susie stopped by to help for a couple hours.

She did enjoy you getting the family together out at Janis' and the chance to see all the little kids together. I am sure she will enjoy Colleen. I was glad to hear that Christie seemed to be doing well. Maybe she has found the family she needed. She certainly had a hard time growing up and too many crises to handle ~~alone~~.

Once again I am glad you are there for Faye and the boys, particularly for Faye. Your knowledge of the University makes you a much better listener than I would be.

Billy just called. He got back home from meditating two weeks ago and today was the first time we heard from him. He said they had lots of snow but he is fine and they will be here some week-end early in January.

Sorry to hear about your bladder infection. I had one once and that is enough--mine was acute. But I know they can get to be sort of chronic if not cared for so I am glad you took care of it. Did you learn to use MY peanut butter bucket when you needed it. I sure don't like the idea of you going up and down those stairs at night even if it is good exercise. I am hoping you will move to the other side if you get a chance.

I think I told you most everything that was happening here. Bill seems to be almost recovered from the cough he developed after his cold and seems to feel pretty good although he still get real unhappy when he can't do as much without resting as he used to--like running the vacuum cleaner. (And I do not want him to give that up.)

I go on doing the same things. The contractor for the library was mad at the city for some reason and delayed paving the parking lot until ~~until~~ ^{DO} we will not be moving in 'til January, on the 9th the last I heard. Christmas time was not good for the movers and it will give the staff a little more time. All told, including our money market certificate and CD, we raised about \$75,000 for furniture and the city put up about \$200,00 from the bonds.

I just finished reading Molly Ivins second book NOTHIN' BUT GOOD TIMES AHEAD. It is really good. Even if one is not familiar with Texas politics anyone interested in government would enjoy it. She really gets on George about his use of the English language. I am also reading Ellen Goodman's new book VALUE JUDGEMENTS. And another one NO MORE 'NICE GIRL' but that one I want to finish before I suggest it to others.

I liked the articles you sent and especially the CalvinandHobbes cartoon. I may send it on to Bob in case he has not seen it. He likes that strip.

The enclosed stuff is pretty self-explanatory.
Gotta' go get dressed for the party.

Love
Kris

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