E pencils @ dinner! It's the golden hour at the Seabird Beach Hotel.

Dinner with friends. A wonderful night. Port, a friends gone. Paul & Dave are in town. Caroline is back. Went to @ hotel dinner. Did come to the hotel. Ending the day.}

Caroline is back. Went to @ hotel dinner. Did come to the hotel.
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky all looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
May we sing our praises to Him who came into the world so humbly to be our Savior and Lord.

Love, Nancy
In an effort to preserve God's creation, the cards in this box are printed with a soy-based ink on recycled paper containing an average of 25% pre-consumer fiber and 25% post-consumer fiber.

Lyrics from “Away in a Manger”
Dear Carol & Sean,

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article, and it gave me an excuse to write + thank you again for the delicious meal, the excellent company and my lovely oscar wooden box. It truly is a special treasure.

Hope all went smoothly in Montana + you had ample time to visit with everyone. I believe that you enjoyed the best weather—today it rained, that cold fall rain I love but “fall” nevertheless.

I’ve mowed the lawn for the last time, dug up the garden, mulched what is left of the raspberries + have a small list of remaining chores that I hope to finish this weekend. I always seem to need just one more weekend to get done.

It was wonderful to see you again. One would send his love to if he were awake. Best wishes,

Nancy
Michelle Sullivan wins prestigious fellowship

Michelle Sullivan of Wilson has won a prestigious fellowship that she will use to explore how healing takes place within communities.

Sullivan, founder and director of the Snake River Institute, was one of 41 individuals selected by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for Group XV of its Kellogg National Fellowship Program. Fellowship recipients were chosen from a field of 521 applicants.

Sullivan and other Kellogg fellows receive a three-year study grant of $35,000 to fund a self-designed plan of study. Because Sullivan works for a nonprofit institution, the foundation also will support 12.5 percent of her salary — up to $32,000 for the three-year period — so that she has time to participate in fellowship activities.

During the coming three years, Sullivan and others will attend seminars that are designed to strengthen their leadership skills. The seminars are hosted by the Kellogg Foundation at sites throughout the United States and Latin America.

In addition, fellows will launch personal learning plans outside their areas of expertise to examine political, social, and economic problems from an interdisciplinary viewpoint.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 “to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations.”

The fellowship program began in 1980 “to help the nation expand its pool of capable leaders.” “KNFP teaches professionals to become flexible, creative decision makers,” said William C. Richardson, president and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Sullivan founded the Snake River Institute, a nonprofit educational organization that celebrates the cultures and communities of the American West, in 1988.

In that capacity, she has created more than 30 educational programs. Kellogg Foundation representatives cite the most significant of those programs as “Nature, Culture and Human Values,” for which 40 visionaries came together to discuss the future of the American West.
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Located just east of Brooks Lake Lodge, Buckboard Estates offers the beauty of the mountains in your yard, the Wind River and forest service access close by. With 6 lots to choose from, they range in size from 1.094 to 1.378 in size. Each lot is nicely wooded. Enjoy cross country skiing and snowmobiling during the winter, and beautiful hiking during the summer. $43,000 to $47,500  R-338-344

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Dairy Ranches
Lot 5A is 25 b home. Property close to town  695,000  R+405

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Lot 5A is 25 b home. Property close to town  695,000  R+405

Dairy Ranch
Lot 5A is 25 b home. Property close to town  695,000  R+405

Willowbrook
This 3 acre lot and Teton Pine 695,000  R+405
PRAHA
Greetings from Prague!

I decided I needed a real vacation. Have been here 2 weeks and had a marvelous time. I did everything I had hoped - saw a dance play in Czech, + today saw Mrs. Hause himself up at the castle. Have a nice apt. near the center so I can walk everywhere. Prague is wonderful + I met lots of interesting people.

Regards - Nancy Effing.
Dear Carol & Ivan,

By now you have probably heard from Michelle Hellman at the Ankle River Institute here. She called & asked for your address. I believe she's putting together a program. I told a lie & said that I did not have your phone number - hope that was ok. I don't know exactly what she had in mind but if it means an opportunity to see you both again I welcome it. They have lots of money it appears which should mean a good honorarium. If they don't offer you a suite at Spring Creek Resort you know that the sun is always cold & the shoes are green here.

I'm trying to figure out how to work & maintain my sanity with all of the stress that comes with administration. I clearly recall wanting to become a librarian. I do not recall any longings for board administration. True, every job has its down side but the scale is tipping too far down these days. Were campaigning for an Aug 16 vote on the capital facilities tax that will give the library $4.7 million dollars to build. I am doing slide shows for rotary & Kiwanis, writing letters to the editor, playing referee between volunteers & board members. Soothing bruises of 500 of just about everyone doesn't anyone practice law & let live (doesn't anyone practice love & let live) & wondering if 4.7 million really will solve any of my problems.

Other than that, things are great. So hot & dry. The garden finally decided to dry out, Sue is aging but still brings in the sense.

All my best - Nancy
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from an original lithograph by Monte Dolack

MONTE DOLACK GRAPHICS
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Dear Nancy—

Your early warning on Michelle S. was much appreciated. Such a deal she offered: no fee and no travel expenses, but they would provide board and room once I hied myself to Jackson for their Alvin Josephy fest. Made me wonder: Michelle, are you sure this is what Lila Wallace had in mind when her ghost disburse you all that money? Anyway, nope, no Boigs on Alvin Day in Jackson and, yup, you did just right in not providing her my phone number.

None of which is to say Carol and I haven't undergone our annual pining toward Jackson and Chez Effinger. We had about decided to swing down your way on the homeward leg of a trip to northeastern Montana, when speaking offers (with genuine green $$) came in from the U. of Idaho and Ketchum, coupled with bookstore appearances in K'm that Penguin wanted me to make for the paperback of Heart Earth. So that's what we're going to do this year, and the next time we're propped up having a drink with you I'll tell you about the almost-war-in-the-streets that goes on between the Ketchum public library and the biggest bookstore there, over who gets to have writers' readings. You and Steve Ashley deserve the Nobel Prize for civic common sense, I've decided (whatever your current mood about administration and the art of small-town living).

We're both thriving. It's of course been a drought summer here, too, which in Seattle means SUN, no RAIN! We hope you're dandy, nibbling your garden stuff and petting Gus while sipping at a tall cool Librarian's Reward these summer eves. We'll come admire when we can. Best till then.
Dear Ivan,

I hope you survived the rest of your tour. If it all went as well as your library gig there was no problem. A standing ovation as usual! It was an excellent talk, perfect in its content and in delivery. You did well.

Thank you for an unforgettable Friday evening. I hope you've filled Carol in on everything. I may forget the convention but that evening will be around for a long time to come. At least we can say that we have dined in Aspen.

I decided to take the really long way home to look at some land my parents have down near Westcliffe. The fellow at Texas Creek - one restaurant/curio shop combined - told me to turn left when the pavement turns color, go til it t's, Repose jet + ask at the store. The store let me call a real estate agent in Canyon City who said - I'm not making this up - "go 8 light poles past Aldriches, turn rt. 4 poles, turn rt. again + go til the road turns left. Stop + look for the ant hill under the rock in it. That's your boundary." I found it. Needless to say it does not rival Aspen in property values.

On my little 700 mile drive home I heard pigs in heaven which I enjoyed very much.

Waiting to Exhale by Toni McMillan, much abridged but truly funny + made even better by her reading of it. I have about 12 more books I want to read right now. Anyway, it was great seeing you - give my best to Carol.

Nancy
Rose Garden
Kevin MacPherson/The Image Bank
Sept. 21, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Doig
17021 Tenth Ave. N.W.
Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Carol and Ivan,

I have an antelope. It happened about 7:30 PM Saturday in the desert south of Atlantic City. It was a long shot, over 300 yards and I had to use more than one shot unfortunately. I'm not too proud of that but at least the dirty deed is done. I think I'd rather hunt antelope than do almost anything I can think of.

I also have a beautiful new 270. Its too bad you all couldn't have been there for Rocky and family. I survived 7 for dinner and they survived my lasagna. Rocky's dad grew up on a ranch in southern Utah so we were well entertained with stories of his early days. He's a darn good storyteller.

The gun is beautiful and came with a dandy scope that self adjusts to different distances (something I need desperately), has little flip up covers. He also brought an extra magazine with a camo carrying case, a case for the gun itself, an orange pad to sit on in the snow and enough ammunition to bring down a herd of elk. Jim says not to promise anything until he brings a Mercedes. Really, I can't figure this out. I hardly know the man and we never discuss anything but oil exploration and his dogs. Which is fine by me.

Ivan, enclosed is a small thank you for taking time to come read for us. I'm still getting good comments from people who were there. Please don't wait for your next book to come back to Jackson.

As for Aspen, it looks like I'll be free at 4PM Friday. I will probably have a board member Jody Beckett, in tow if her workshop lets out in time. I have a vague memory of you signing at the bookstore from 5 until... Guess we'll call you at Snowmass or try to stop by the signing. I may also have Daphne Platts, the Sublette County Librarian along—see what happens when you drive—so things may be too much for you. Daphne is loads of fun, very well read and a delight to be around. Shall we play this by ear? I want to get together but I don't want to overwhelm the situation for you.

I sure enjoyed your all's visit. Really, it's not always that crazy despite what I said. In fact, today is quite mellow. See you in Aspen Ivan. Carol, good luck with the new school year.
Dear Carol & Dean,

I hear you are all having a bit of bad weather. Sounds to me like a Wyoming winter. In case you get too feeling too bad I thought I'd tell you about my New Years Eve. It's a good story.

My friends Helen & Harry were coming down from Jackson. They are the folks I hunt antelope with. Harry's an old rancher in his early seventies. Helen is a librarian & just a year older than me. I prepared a dinner & a bunch of nukables since they were coming about 2:30. Just as I got the last dish wrapped up in the ice box they called & said it would be about 5 pm before they arrived. I had Reuben & another friend came down for dinner & to spend the early part of the evening. Finally got to arrive, n' land, really
They always seem to bring chaos with them. We get them all settled in the guest room + watch the ball face in Times Square. A few minutes later Helen + I go in to fix that antique bed which has been a bit wobbly lately. Helen says, "What's that noise? It sounds like water." She points to a corner of the room. I run into the new bathroom + sure enough, a pipe has broken + it sounds like someone has opened a fire hydrant inside my wall. It's now 1 AM. We've had -35° weather for about a week + the water had been frozen up but it had warmed up to 30° by the time we were running fine.

Augur, our yiel fell apart but Harry doesn't hear too well so while we're jumping up + down screaming + pointing at the wall, he can't hear the water + doesn't quite grasp what's going on. We had to drag him into my room where the water was actually dripping down the logs (+ into the new carpet.) Thank goodness he was here or I'd still be trying to
Figure out how to turn off the water. Turn off the pump. Makes perfect sense now. With that done we had to find where they tapped into the old line so we can shut off the pipe to the bathroom + turn the pump back on giving us water in the rest of the house. There are 2 crane space, see started with the new one under the shoes in my closet, with the eye hooks. That no one can get a grip on to lift, we put that open + hand carry the flashlight. No shut off valves there. That means emptying the other closet where I store everything I can't fit anywhere else. I know I told these carpenters to cut a patch over the (clearly marked) crane space but did they do it? At least they didn't tack the carpet down, they just tucked it under the molding. So I dug out my screw driver + carry pries up the carpet in one large, not very flexible piece.

Down he goes again. Its now 1:15 AM. I'm trying to remember vehicle models might be open + have rooms on New Year's Eve. But Harry move the sheet off + were back in business. So a damn good thing I have more towels than they ever need 'cause
I sure needed them that night to top up water in my bedroom bath. I also tried a hairdryer but that kept overheating. At 2 AM I gave up and went to bed.

At 6 AM bus wanted out. At 6:20 AM I hear a thud + then the front door opening + what sounds like someone rustling around in the woodpile. At 9:00 AM a friend calls + wakes me up again. I stagger out to the living room + run into Gary. It seems the thud I heard was the sound of the bed collapsing. The fridge side rail totally gave way + dumped 4+7 on the floor. Gary told Helen to ignore it but, as she was on the high side, she really couldn't. They dragged the mattress away as the rest of the bed frame sort of imploded. One of my first thoughts was one of thanks that it wasn't you, too! Fortunately they went home that afternoon. Helen disagreed.

When the plumber came 2 days later along with the insulation man we discovered that when they installed the pipes between the 2 & new room,
No one bothered to add insulation, you could reach behind the wall, & grab bare pipes. I now have a reasonable amount of insulation & an 8 inch hole in my bathroom wall.

As I drove away to work (I was late & in a hurry) I looked in my rear view mirror & saw that I had neglected to unplug the car & was dragging 100' of Orange Extension cord behind me down the road. I slammed on the brakes & went straight into the ditch in front of Albert Seif's house. My 4-wheel drive got me out of the ditch but then I had to stand there in the middle of the road & reel in 100' of electrical cord.

Saturday I went to Idaho Falls & bought a beautiful queen size bed & frame to be delivered today. Now all I need is a queen size mattress pad, spread & sheets & a place to store the antique bed. I had also bought a new rug for the guest bathroom but that necessitated new towels, toilet paper & shower curtain except I found a long shower curtain that didn't match the new rug. But it did match the new towels & existing toilet covers. It has lace, you'll love it.
So next time you come you'll have a nice comfy, sturdy bed & new fluffy towels. At least I hope so. Today they called from Young Furniture World. They've lost my bed & it may take 2 weeks to order another.

Happy New Year.

Love, Nancy
Dear Carol & Joan,

The problem with being such a poor correspondent is that by the time one does get around to writing, the letter to which one is responding is so outdated its author can't even remember it let alone the contents.

So let me catch up: Jim and Marsha were doing so well in Sept. and hope it continued through Christmas and beyond. I keep reading nice things about it here and there so I'm confident she's still going strong. I also hope Joan's car and xmas are back together again after the removeding. I live in terror every winter that some poor innocent will slide into me and dent up my life having as far as I do from town, my car is vital to me.

A lot has happened in the last 3 months. Had a fine birthday, went antelope hunting but with no success, went home for my high school reunion and met a nice guy who promptly called us and invited himself to Thanksgiving. I came back for a few weeks then flew home again for vacation and mother - sitting while Daddy took a few days rest. Had a great time. Mother is a treat even if you sometimes want to pull her hair out after this.

The same conversation. Came back to work and went antelope hunting up by Buffalo.
Second time was charm. That a nice
tenderloin on a friends
alfalfa field. Very
yummy! Then the
season started. I
was having no luck at all until Rocky
(the friend from high school) arrived. We
got out on the refuge blue Thur + Friday
of Thanksgiving. Friday AM a little band
of confused elk marched right up to
me (I was in a ditch) + stood broadside
at about 100 yds. Rocky yelled "Hoot!"
I stood up + shot off hand +
actually hit me. It was quite exciting—
there were lots of hunters + a lot of
dodging bullets — the refuge is Kamala's
hunting — but I survived + we got the
beast home. It was a calf but large
enough + very good eating. I wish you
were here to share it.

Work has been heating up so we
are about to buy land. I've always talked
with structural engineers + architects +
politicians — a nice change from the routine.
But buying land means writing a building
program which means work.

Had a wonderful program in Ysep's
Estes + Barre Szukiew from Utah State + 3
friends by Leonard Kamerling + Sarah Elder +
now dreaming up me on the Crow tribe + the
Navajo. Never a dull moment.

Hope you are having a wonderful