

- Bye bye. Line three, where are you calling from?

- Hi, Ray.

- Hi.

- How are you?

- Fine--

- Do what--

- Hello, who is--

- This is Bobby.

- Bobby, your voice is scratchy.

- Oh, is it?

- Yeah.

- Well, maybe it's because--

- You been hollering at the television, or something?

- Pardon?

- You been hollering at the television?

- No, uh-uh. Just been working.

- How's things over in Liberty?

- All right. I've been working around here, and getting dust and everything throwed up. And it's kind of got me a little choked up.

- OK.

- Let me tell him, baby, hi, you better be up. I warned him enough this week. Hi baby. I love you. I'm at home. I've been working back here in this office, and I don't think I'm going to get it straight yet. The job search hasn't gone too good this week. But I'm still working at it. You take care of yourself. And I love you, and I'll see you Sunday. Thanks, Ray.

- Thank you, darling, you take care.

- OK, thanks.

- Bye bye. Line two, where are you calling from?

- Colorado.

- You're on the air.

- Hi, hun, we got through tonight. We're glad that we can talk, so you can hear our voice. We got your letter today, where you said that you were angsty. You'd like to hear our voices, and you miss us when we don't hear.

We hit a record high again, today. Doesn't sound high to you, but it is for us. We hit 88 today. And that's a record high for this date. And it sure has been hot, cause-- believe it or not-- even the humidity has been getting high. Daddy.

- Hi, Elliot. We hope everything's going all right for you, hun. Everything here is all right. Your brothers and sisters are OK. And they all send you their love. Me and mom canned a bunch of applesauce today, so--

- Yeah! Did 21 pints.

- Good grief.

- So it's getting that time of year and, things there, you know? And garden stuffs all getting ready. And time to put it up for this winter, and things, there. So we wish--

- We used the transparent apples this time. The Whitney crabs didn't do very good. The wind was blowing them all on the ground. I had to get them canned before they all rotted.

- But everything's going all right. And we certainly appreciate Ray for letting us call in, and things there. And we know that time's going by fast. And it won't be too much longer before we can see you, and things again, hun.

- We sent that other money order you asked us about, so-- The other person ought to be getting it, so they can send the stuff to Carla for you.

- So, we'll close with that then, hun. And everything's all right.

- Well, good to hear from you folks. You folks watch the winds in Colorado.

- [LAUGHS] We will.

- They're really blowing.

[LAUGHTER]

- Bye bye.

- Bye.

- Bye.

- Line four, where are you calling from?

- Marble Falls.

- Marble Falls, Texas. How's the weather over in Marble Falls? You all dry over there?

- Yes, we're dry and hot. We've got burning bands out everywhere up here.

- Well, we caught a little bit of this last hurricane. And this other one, maybe we'll get some off of that. And that might get to you. It went in near Tampico.

- Yeah, but it didn't come in far enough north.

- OK.

- Or to the East. OK. Hi, John, this is your Dad [AUDIO OUT]. We got notes all over the house to remind us to call you tonight. So I hope you're listening to us, so you can get us tonight. And everything's OK here. We got a half full of company coming in. And wish you be here with us. I love you. And here ain't no news.

- Yeah, we've been trying to get Steve off to old Chicago, since he's moving up there. And we got part of the kids, they got part of the kids. Everybody will be here tomorrow. Wish you was going to be here. We'll try to get out there and see you. Ship your old man down there next few days. And hope everything's going good. And we love you. And we miss you. Hope to see you soon, dear.

- You can go--

- Bye.

- You go to bed now, Lou.

- Oh, god. If I could just get rid of four kids, I might.

- [LAUGHS] We love you.

- Love you, too. Bye bye.

- Jeanette. Give me a microphone on Jeanette. It's her turn.

- Hi, Wayne, this is mother. I just want to tell you I'll be there early in the morning. So you be up and be ready for a visit. Tony, I haven't talked to your mother today. I don't know if she's coming or not, but I'll call her in the morning. Robin, hello to you. And Donnie, I got your letter over there on the [INAUDIBLE] unit. So I'll read it after I leave the show. And I will be writing you soon. I love you.

- All right. Line four, where you driving in?

- I'm driving in Tulsa.

- Beautiful, on your car phone in Tulsa, Oklahoma. And somehow you found this show.

- Of course.

- Well you don't want to talk to Zeffirelli, do you?

- Of course.

- Oh, OK.

- You know I do.

- All right. Go ahead.

- I love you, baby. I just want to say hi. I got the letter with the picture yesterday. I put it in to have copies made this afternoon. And that means it'll go back out in the mail tomorrow, two days, just like last time. Other than that, I just want you to know that I love you, and I miss you. And I'm always thinking of you, as always. And I hope everything's going good there. I guess that's all. I'll see you next time when I can.

- Well, give my regards to the folks in Tulsa.

- I certainly will.

- OK, darling, be careful on the road.

- You know I will.

- Bye bye.

- Goodbye.

- Line one, where are you calling from?

- Ray?

- Yeah?

- This is Alice, from Tampa, Florida.

- Oh, all right. I am sorry to keep you waiting so long, because I didn't know you were there. I wouldn't have taken those other calls from Texas.

- I was trying to get in, but I couldn't. [LAUGHS] OK, well this is-- Hello, Bob, this is your mom again. Well, listen, I sent you a letter. And I got a couple of pictures there that we took in Arizona. And I hope you enjoy them.

No more than I got the letter sent out, who calls me but Vivian? And she said that she may be over here to see me on Monday, after work. And I hope she does. I was very surprised when she finally called. But she said her telephone-- her answering machine was out of order. And that's why she didn't get any messages.

So anyway, I sent you a letter this last-- Oh, what was it? Thursday. And I put in the two receipts from the money orders, but I haven't got them in the letter. I forgot to put them in. And so I mailed out a separate letter just with the-- with the--

- Money order receipt? What happened? Is some money you sent to him got lost?

- Well, he can't-- he doesn't seem to be getting it the way he should. It's either a long wait , or sometimes he doesn't even get it. But he wants to follow up on them. that's why he wanted the receipts. So anyway, Bob, I sent that out. And that last money order was for \$200. So you make darn sure that you get it.

I have been on the phone an awful lot here because I'm trying to get-- I'm trying to get a doctor that is a specialist for arthritis. Because my arthritis is just awful. My hands are terrible. But that's here nor there, you know?

I also want to tell you that-- Oh, god. I can't remember what I was going to say. Well anyway, Bob, I love you, and I miss you. And time is going by rather fast. And I hope-- I wish it would be the 20th of December already. And I hope you'll be out at that time.

Well, Bob, I love you. I miss you. And I'll tell Viv how she should try to call you on Fridays. And I'll let you know what she has to say when I do see her, and when I talk to you again, OK? Love you, Bob.

- Well, you stay tight over there because there's another one of the old storms out there churning around.

- Oh, god, no.

- And hopefully it'll miss both of us.

- Oh, well you're in Texas?

- Yeah, I'm in Texas. I'm in Houston. I'm used to them too.

- Oh, god.

- But they still scare me.

- Oh, yes.

- And I wish you the best of luck trying to find some kind of doctor to help you that old arthritis.

- Oh, god, I have to because I can't hardly write anymore.

- I have just a touch, and it's sure annoying.

- It's terrible because I can't do much with my hands. And you know when you can't do much with your hands, what do I do, you know? I'm alone. But-- Oh, I manage the best I can, you know.

- Well, I wish you the very best. I'll talk to you next week.

- Yes. OK. Thank you, Ray.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- All righty.

- Bye bye.

- Bye bye.

- Line five, where are you calling from?

- Yes, from Houston.

- You're on the air.

- This is your mother, Philip. I wanted to call and tell you that I feel a little better tonight. I can talk a little better. And Wayne, this is your Aunt Betty, I ain't forgot about you at all. I love you. And I'll write you, and please write me. And I love you very much, Wayne. And, Phillip, I, love you too, son.

And I feel a lot better though. But the doctor said it was just an everyday thing I'd have to live with it. There's nothing they can do about my voice. It will not-- nothing that will help it.

So anyway, I phoned you here to talk to you now. I'll see you in the morning.

- Well, you take special care.

- I sure thank you, Ray. And here's [INAUDIBLE].

- Phillip, sweetheart, I love you. I hope you're doing OK. We're doing fine, so is mom. We'll see you tomorrow in the morning.

- We love you.

- Bye bye. Thank you.

- Thank you folks. Bye bye. Line one, where are you calling from?

- San Angelo.

- Hey, Mrs Bowman, how's it going?

- Pretty good.

- You're on the air. Go ahead.

- OK, Mr. [INAUDIBLE], this is your mom. And we are doing pretty good. And I hope you receive both of my letters. And we've been very busy today, helping Elliot pack to get off to college. And your dad is feeling OK, feeling better.

- Good.

- And I didn't get those papers off for you, but I will do it next week for sure. But I hope you get everything cleared up when you get the letter I sent you. And [? Kellyn ?] is feeling better. And we'll let you hear from us later, and let me know as soon as you receive everything. And be good. And we love you very much. And God bless all of you.

- Thank you, Mrs Bowman. You take care, darling.

- OK.

- Line five, where you calling from?

- I'm calling from Tulsa, and I'm really trying to get acclimated to this Friday night thing.

- [LAUGHS]

- It is really driving me insane. In fact, it was so bad last Friday night that I forgot it. And that's really unforgivable.

- That's real rare.

- Oh, but this is-- as I guess you already guessed-- for Mike Young and my friends--

- I thought this might be.

- And everything's going great here. The weather's hot, as I'm sure it is down there. Mike, I talked to Aunt Merle tonight. And she's doing real, real good. She's even been canning stuff out of her garden. So she's on the mend, hope it'll hold out for a while. For a lady that's almost 90 years old, this is really, really something. But she said she's going to go till the bitter end.

Joe and Jo are fine. As you know already, they've got their orders for Huntsville, Alabama. She's going to be leaving around the 1st of September, to go down to find them a place to live. And this is going to be the end of the line with the military for them. So they're, kind of, looking forward to getting down there, and getting ready for their retirement.

Been a real busy week. Thought you might like to know, if everything goes right this next week, I'll be calling you from Huntsville, Texas, this time next Friday night. So if everything goes OK, Sue and I'll be there next Saturday morning.

- Hello to Galen, Andy, Maxwell. Hope everything's going OK with you guys. Leroy don't worry about that address here in Tulsa. You're going to be getting a letter from Cathy telling you what her phone number is, and everything's kosher with that. There's no problem. Don't worry about that.

Don't have a whole bunch of news. We're all OK. Just hanging in there, and hope you guys keep doing the same. And that's about it for tonight. So thank you so much, Ray.

- Well y'all be careful on the road.

- Oh, we're going to. Thank you.

- Bye bye, now.

- Bye bye.

- Line three, where are you calling-- Hello?

- Ray?

- Yes'm?

- Am I on the air now?

- You're on air now.

- OK. Now, Buster, this it Mother. Mama flew down from [INAUDIBLE], Indiana, and I'm completely exhausted. And I can't do anything for at least three weeks. And mother wants you to put Donna on the list, Diane, and Sonny.

And mother will be to see you in October, the second or the third week of October. If the Good Lord's willing, and the creek don't rise. But I will be there. If you can't come see mother, I'm coming to see you. And I have to go back to Indiana November the first. My doctors won't let me stay any longer.

And mother loves you. And I got all confused about them changing time. You know, Monday from Sunday. And Mama, finally, just now had sense enough to get through. And I love you. And Sonny wants to say hi to you. And he's doing great, and here your brother is.

- Hey, bad boy. I love you. This is Sonny, I'm doing great. I've got the babies down here with me. And all my little battle scars are healed up. Lord taking care of everything. Goes to court-- well, Supreme Court-- October the seventh. So he going to get hopefully locked up for what he done. And I do love you. And I do miss you. And the babies said they love you. And--

We're going-- hopefully, we're going to try to be down there. What you need to do is put me and Donna on your list, to come visit you. 'Cause I am down here at Beaumont. And I know where you're at. So put us on the list where you're at. And that way we can come visit you.

And keep a good head on your shoulders, that way you can get out. And we can all be a family again.

- That's where you folks are calling from, Beaumont?

- Yes, sir.

- Mama sounds strong this week, and I'm so glad to hear that.

- Mama's doing good. Well, she just got off the plane with us. We went and picked her up today, and mama's doing good.

- Well, I'm real glad to hear her voice is strong this week.

- Yes, it's doing good. Mama's doing good. Like I said, she just got back from Indiana, and me and Donna picked her up today. And everything's looking good. And, you know, she got out a real bad ordeal a few weeks ago.

- Sure.

- But she's doing good.

- We've been following it.

- OK.

- Well, appreciate you folks calling in.

- Yes, sir. We do.

- Give her a hug for us.

- We do love him.

- OK?

- Yes, sir.

- Thank you.

- Bye bye.

- Line five, where you calling from?

- Arlington.

- You're on the air.

- Oh, hi. Hi, Larry, how you doing, son? I received a letter from you today, and sure was glad to hear from you. And Aunt Shirley, and Uncle Jesse, and them came by today. And Michael, and a friend of his from Missouri, and enjoyed the visit.

And it's been so hot up here. But, gosh, I know it's hot down there too. But--

- Oh, we've been catching a little rain.

- Oh, have you?

- Yeah.

- Oh, boy, wish we had--

- Some of these hurricanes-- well, would-be, part-time, artificial, not-to-be-confused-for-real hurricanes, been throwing a little water on the beach down here.

- Oh, I wish we'd get a little up here.

- I'll try to send it up there. Folks in Colorado ask for some, and people in Phoenix got down on their hands and knees.

- Well, you're pretty good at doing us all a good turn. So, we'll believe that. But anyway, Daddy just come in from Illinois. And he's pretty tired, but that's out of that. The kids are getting ready to start to school Monday. How about that? But here's Stu.

- Hi, Glen I love you. OK, bye bye.

- Hi, Glen, I love you. I miss you, bye bye.

- Anyway, son, Dad's tired. So he's gone-- he's pretty-- it looks like he's passed out over here on the chair. So, we'll talk to you later, son. And soon as I hear anything next week, I'll give you-- Oh, well anyway, I'll put it in the mail. But I love you, baby. And you take care of yourself. Bye bye.

- Appreciate you folks staying up.

- Oh, we will.

- Thank you, goodnight.

- Goodnight.

- Line two, where are you calling from?

- [INAUDIBLE] Texas.

- You're on the air.

- Yes, I'd like to say hi to my son Tommy. How you doing, darling? We just want to tell you that we love you, and we'll be there to see you tomorrow. You just hang in there. And tell Mark and [INAUDIBLE] that I said hi. We're praying for them, too. And Lance is in San Diego. And Paul's down to Arkansas to college. And [INAUDIBLE] is in Louisiana. And me and the dog is holding the fort down, so--

- Oh, good lord. Scattered from [INAUDIBLE].

- They're everywhere. So anyway, I want tell you that we love you, and we'll see you tomorrow, bye bye.

- Y'all be careful on the road.

- Thank you, bye bye.

- Bye bye. Line four, where are you calling from?

- Calling from Houston.

- You're on the air.

- OK, thanks Ray. Mark, it's Mom. Won't talk long because we will see you early in the morning, as er-- I think you probably got Dad's letter by now. So just take care. We love you. And we'll see you in the morning. I'll let someone else take the time, Ray. Thanks a lot.

- Thank you folks. You folks be careful tomorrow.

- Thank you, bye bye.

- Bye bye. Line two, where are you calling from? Hello?

- Hello?

- Calling from Tyler?

- Yes.

- You're on the air.

- OK, thanks. Hi, Michael. The kids are asleep. Vicky had to work tonight. And she said to tell you that it's going to be around 1:30, 2 o'clock before she gets down there tomorrow, because she can't get the car till 11:00. We miss you. We love you. Mary's coming with her, so she'll see you tomorrow. OK, bye.

- Y'all be careful on the road.

- OK, thanks.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Bye bye.

- Bye bye. Line one, where are you calling from?

- Pasadena.

- You're on the air.

- Ricky, this is your sister, Fran. I'll bet you're surprised to hear from me. I just wanted to call and tell you that everybody's been doing OK, except for me. Lori took me to the doctor today to get me lined out. I think I'm going to be all right eventually, but--

You know, Mama had told me that they had the show on tonight. And I just wanted to call and tell you that I love you, and take care of yourself. And write me. You always write Lori and you never write me. Now I do have an address. And you take care of yourself. And I love you. Bye bye.

- Glad to have you aboard.
- Thank you.
- Thank you, mam.
- Bye bye.
- Line two, where are you calling from?
- Hello?
- Hello.
- Hello, my name is Ariana, I'm calling from Italy.
- Ariana?
- Yes, Ray?
- You're on the air.
- Yes, thank you. How are you, Ray?
- I am fine.
- That's good, I'm fine too. I want to thank you, for the video, and the things that you made for us.
- Were you able to use it?
- Yes. But not very good because the quality of the video was not very good as you know-- the sound-- the voice is very clear.
- Getting the voice through the screen wire is not easy.
- Yeah, I understand. Yes. But we were able to use it. And we hope to use it better in the future. But if it is possible, we will try to get another video. But we will--
- Sure. Sure.
- OK.

- Next time I-- It was wonderful working with the young man, but next time, we'll use my video wizard.

- Ah, OK.

- He's got more professional equipment.

- Ah, because the camera of Richard is not very good?

- Uh-huh.

- Ah, OK. OK. OK. I am calling because I want to send a message to my friend Richard at Ellis Unit One. Is it possible?

- You're on the air, so go right ahead.

- [LAUGHS] OK. Thank you. Ricky, hi, it is Ariana speaking. I wanted to call you because I wanted to tell you that we all think about you. And that we hope that you are doing good. Because in the last letter that you sent me-- I mean the letter dated July 31-- you told me that things were not going very well. And so as you know, I am very worried about that. And I hope that you will soon write to me telling me that you were able to work everything out, and that now things are going good. Well, let me know as soon as possible, please.

So everyone-- everybody says hello to you here. [INAUDIBLE] and all of the others. And they all want you to know that they love you. And well, as soon as possible, I will tell you what day I am coming to visit with you. I don't know it now because I have to plan my holiday period in the office. I don't know yet. But as soon as possible, I will.

And I assure you that I am really looking forward to visiting with you again. And, well, that's enough. Just stay strong, never give up. And know that we all love you. Thank you.

- Wonderful to hear from you, Ari. We've had several [INAUDIBLE]

- Aha, really?

- Yeah, recently. And so what might have been bad news, and concern, on July 31, is looking up.

- Uh-huh.

- OK?

- OK, when we come to Texas, I will come to visit with you also.

- Please do that.
- Thank you.
- Bye bye.
- Bye, Ray bye. Thank you very much.
- From Italy we go to Houston again. Line three?
- Yeah.
- Is this Juanito?
- Yeah. Hi, Ray.
- Hi, you got to go to school.
- Yeah, on the 21st.
- On the 21st is you start-- first day?
- Yeah, OK. Well you're on the air now.
- OK, I want to say hi to my dad, and that I'm fine. And that I sent him a letter, and I hope he received it. And here goes my Grandma.
- [SPEAKING SPANISH]
- [SPEAKING SPANISH]
- [SPEAKING SPANISH]
- [SPEAKING SPANISH]
- Thank you, ma'am. Juan?
- And I already got my new clothes, and shoes, and a watch. And--
- So you're ready to go?
- Yeah.
- OK--
- And socks.
- We'll talk to you next week, Juanito.
- OK.
- Line two, where are you calling from?

- Waco.

- You're on the air.

- Thank you. Hello, Mark, it's Lisa and I'm calling to see how you're doing. I'm finishing up writing you a letter, right now. So you should get it, probably, Monday, because I'll put it in the mail tomorrow.

So I hope you have a good visit with your parents this weekend. My parents just left earlier today. They're going to pick up Carol. And, of course, my dad's refusing to even go to their house. He's staying at the hotel. So I'm sure World War III is going to start up there. So that ought to be quite amusing to hear the details of later.

They got here, I guess, Wednesday. And I spent a couple of days with them. And we didn't really do very much, just cleaned, and let my mom cook for me. And she did do my dishes too.

- Oh, my god.

- So I got lucky there. There's not really very much else going on, I guess. I hope to hear from you later, maybe just tomorrow, or early next week. I hope you have a good visit with your parents. I love you very much. And I will talk to you later. Thank you.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Uh-huh, bye bye.

- Line five, where are you calling from?

- Ray?

- Mr Mara.

- How are you tonight?

- I am fine, sir.

- I'm like Ricky, you need to change this time.

- [LAUGHS]

- Oh, he told me to tell you. [LAUGHS] He said he couldn't be the only one thinking about that. Well anyhow, Ricky, I hope you're doing all right. I heard Francis call you a while ago. That's one of Ricky sisters.

- Uh-huh.

- Yeah, rare that she calls. [LAUGHS] Glad she did. But anyhow, Ricky, I got all your [INAUDIBLE] sorted. And the [INAUDIBLE] Dallas certified mail this morning. And I guess it'll probably be two of them on Monday. And I'll be up there tomorrow night to see you, for sure. So you take care, and I'll see you tomorrow night.

- Well get some rest. Be careful on the road.

- Pardon?

- Get some rest and be careful on the road.

- Oh, yeah. Well, thank you, Ray.

- Thank you, Mr. Mara. Line four, where are you calling from?

- [INAUDIBLE] Ray, how are you tonight?

- I am fine, Meemaw, how you doing?

- I'm all right. This is Manny. You know who it is.

- Yes, ma'am.

- I've been missing you. You know why? It's been so hot, I'd go out on my porch. And my granddaughter had told me when you was coming on at nighttime. I said, oh, Ray didn't come on this Sunday. She said, no, nanny, he's coming on next Friday night. And I'd been missing you, I'm sorry. How are you doing?

- Well, I'm fine. It's this hour difficult for you to stay up?

- No, I'm up. But I just forget it, and go out there on my porch cause I got a new porch and a ramp built. And I've been sitting out there. [LAUGHS]

- Well, evenings on the porch is relaxing.

- Yeah, while it gets cool at night I go out there and sit out for a while. Well, I'm going to tell it-- I want you to take care of yourself, OK?

- Yes, ma'am. And I love you. One of these days, I'll get to meet you.

- Well, you go ahead and talk to Eddy.

- OK. Eddie. Nanny loves you, and I'm on the air tonight. I know you probably been missing my calls. But I want to let I still love you, and I'm still here, baby. And I'll be here when you get home. And you take care of yourself, OK?

And I'll be calling you to tell you happy birthday before long. Your birthday will be coming up. Thank you, Ray, you have a good night.

- Thank you, ma'am. You stay cool over there.

- OK, I will.

- Bye bye.

- Bye bye.

- Line five, where are you calling from?

- Willis.

- All right.

- Hi, John, this is Mother. Well, they said that Daddy and Aunt [INAUDIBLE] had already called I was wondering if they got through. And she called me--