

- [INAUDIBLE] Sunday morning, that's all. We wished you could have been here, hon. And I know things going to be different here in a little while, and we certainly hope things is OK with you.

- We're feeling fine, hon. We had real warm weather. And it was really beautiful today, and sure got cold tonight, though. It's already pretty cold. It's only about 16 degrees right now. So I guess, bottom's going to drop out--

- We're going to get down there tonight, too.

- Yeah. But maybe it'll get warmer tomorrow again. I've been spoiled with all this nice weather.

- No snow or anything.

- Well, we're not-- we rarely see snow but it's going to get on down there to freezing tonight.

- Uh-huh.

- Well, like I said, we're way below freezing already. It's pretty chilly out there to go outside. That wind is pretty nippy out there. We thank you, Ray for--

- Good to hear from you, folks.

- Yeah. Letting you call. And we'll get you another letter off with some stuff in it. Bruce gave the obituary, and he did a really good job. So I'm going to see if-- I tried to tape it but I don't know whether the tape worked or not. I haven't had the heart to try it yet, so-- but everything else is fine. And we'll be writing you again.

- Best to you, Elliot. And we'll be talking to you later, honey. And hope everything's all right. And thanks again, Ray.

- You folks stay warm in Colorado.

- All right.

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

- Hello.

- Hello.

- Am I on air?

- You are absolutely on the air.  
- Well, it's the first time in four weeks, I've been able to get on.  
- All right.  
- Oh, the weather's rough up here. Getting cold as it ever.  
- Yeah. It's been heading eastward from us.  
- Yeah. We're supposed to get down to 26 tonight, and 17 tomorrow night. I wanted to tell my son that we love him so much. Don't know what's wrong, we haven't heard this week. Hope there's nothing wrong. Hope you're not sick. I got on the air last week, if you was listening, just as they went off. I didn't get to talk any.

But we're feeling OK. And Danny's working every day. Mama's feeling pretty good, and I'm doing fine. We're going to be down to see you in the next week or so. I hope you're listening, and can hear us. We want to hear from you real soon. And tell everybody, hello. I want to say hello to my good friend, George. And I want to let Mama say a word. Honey, get on the phone.

- [CHUCKLES]

Hello, anybody there yet?

- Hi, sweetheart. Just wondering why we hadn't heard from him. Awful worried about you. You get on the ball and let us hear real soon. We're all doing OK. Hadn't heard from anybody, Sherry or Connie, or anybody. But we're doing fine. Trying to keep warm now. Really is cold up here. I hope you're all right and not sick. And I'll get off the line, darling. And remember that we love you.

- You folks bundle up, stay warm.

- Pardon.

- You folks bundle up and stay warm.

- Oh, we will. We'll see you next weekend, darling. Bye, bye.

- Good night. Line four, where you calling from?

- Houston, Texas.

- I'm sorry to keep you waiting so long.

- OK. Hi Mark. This is Monique. I'm calling to tell you, I love you, and I miss you. Mama and Nana will be down there tomorrow to see you. I won't be able to come because I have to go to work. And I got the house. And no, we're not getting those dogs that you want. Anyway, I got your letters. And I sent out four letters for you. So hopefully, if you don't receive them tomorrow, you will receive them Monday.

Everybody's doing fine. The kids are doing fine. And they just waiting on you to come home, and so am I. Hopefully, by next week I'll probably come up there to see you if I find somebody to switch places with me. But wait on me because I'll be up there to see you. And hurry home. I love you. And stay warm. Bye.

- Thank you, ma'am. Line three, where you calling from?

- Houston.

- Hello.

- Hello.

- You're on the air.

- I would like to say hello to my lovely, and wonderful, and romantic husband, Russell [INAUDIBLE], hi darling. We won't be able to come this weekend. I'm sorry. You know we love you with all our hearts, and so. And I want you to stay warm for me because it's cold outside. And [INAUDIBLE], she want to say something. [LAUGHS].

- Hi, Daddy. Sorry we won't be up there this weekend to see you.

- Baby, as I was saying, hopefully, we'll see you next weekend. And I want you to stay sweet for me. And we'll see you next week. Bye, bye.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- OK.

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

- Arlington.

- You're on the air.

- Hi. I want to say hi to my husband Steven, who's at the OL Luther unit, the trustee camp.

- Yes.

- Hi, honey. How you doing? I just wanted to say I love you, and I miss you. And I won't be down till the 23rd because the next-- this week and the next week are real hectic. And so I've got to get Christmas shopping done, and go to your mom's, and visit with her, and all that fun stuff. And I want to thank you for all the letters you've been sending. I really appreciate them.

I also want to say hi to Bruce Dyer. I ride down with his wife. We carpool down to the unit there. And I just want to tell him that his wife says, hi, and that she loves him, too. And I just want to wish everybody out there a very Merry Christmas. I know it can be a real hard time of the year on all of us. So I just want everybody to have a nice holiday. OK.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Uh-huh. Bye, bye.

- Bye. Line three, where you calling from?

- [INAUDIBLE]

- Well, howdy, mom. How you doing?

- Hi, Ray. How you doing?

- Well it's getting cold. And I know it's been cold up there.

- Oh, my god. We got snow today, something awful. And wind chill factor tomorrow is zero. It's bad up here.

- Well, it ain't that cold down here but it's cold. You go ahead and talk to Buster.

- OK. I Buster, baby. We're getting some snow. And pretty good bit. We're supposed to got five inches between now and in the morning. And Gail's asleep. I can tell you that. She'll be running up here in a minute. And she's had a lot of problems with illness, with [INAUDIBLE]. But it was working out well. I mean, I'll write you about it. But I mean, I don't want you to get upset about it.

And mother loves you. And I loved your cards, you sent. And we're even putting them on the tree but we're waiting for that when you're going to [INAUDIBLE] for mother and Gail. And because that's the most wonderful [INAUDIBLE] in the world. And you said you got my Christmas card, and you'll be getting something else, pretty soon. And Mama loves you so much, darling.

And I was just up here-- you're always here with me, anyhow. But I would just-- you'll be at the Christmas table with me, regardless, in heart, mind, and soul. And I feel your body next to mine, baby. And all mom can say is, I love you so much. And you're what keeps me going. And baby, I just love you. I wish I could touch, and hold, and kiss you.

And I mean, the good Lord willing, and the creek don't rise, they'll let you come down here, around here, Chicago, closest place, anywhere. And I hope they have the heart to let you out. And baby, all I can say is Mama loves you. There's not a minute or a day that goes by or a night that I don't think of you. And I pray for you every night.

Michelle wrote you a letter. She said she sent it about five days ago but she hasn't heard from you. But I told her it took a long time right now for mail to get just somewhere. And oh, god, I wish that I could hold you. I love me so much, darling. And I hope them other guy's mothers, fathers, sweetheart, everything are with them, like I am with you. And my thoughts are with them, too.

- Well, Mama, you stay warm, dry, up there.
- Oh, yeah. I stay in my room. I'm confined to one room.
- Well, you take good care of yourself, darling.
- I will, Ray.
- And our thoughts all be together for Christmas.
- And I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas.
- Thank you, ma'am.
- And happy new year.

- I hope y'all have the best of it. And I wish they'd send Buster to you right away.

- I hope, I pray. Thank you, Ray. I love you.

- Good night.

- And tell all them guys, hi, for me.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Bye, bye.

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

- Maryland.

- You're on the air.

- Yes I'm calling Elliot [INAUDIBLE] at the Wynne unit.

- Yes, ma'am.

- I just wanted to tell you, hi. And this is Carla. And I just wanted to let you know I was thinking about you. And had a busy week at school. We're counting down the days till Christmas vacation. And it's supposed to snow tonight here. We're supposed to-- they're not sure what's going to-- how much we're going to get. Just depends on a low front, off the coast. And we might get up to three to five inches and maybe we might not get any.

But we're all hoping we'll get Christmas-- that we'll get snow. And so we're just excited about that, we're looking forward to it. But everything's fine. I just want to let you know that I'm thinking about you. Hope everything's going well. Hope you got my letters. I wrote you two, this week. And I'll probably write you again this weekend.

And just let you know that I care about you, and just waiting for the day that you can get out, and that we'll be able to spend some time together. And hope to hear from you soon. And just care about you, and have a good evening. OK. Bye.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- You're welcome.

- Bye, bye. Line five, where you calling from?

- Houston, Ray. How are you?

- Well, hi, Nanny. I'm doing fine. It's going to get cold now.

- Oh, yeah. I know. I'm going to stay warm, and I bet you will, too.

- Yeah. I'm going to bundled up. I've got to go in the hospital. They're going to be cutting, slashing on me out there.

- Yeah. I heard you say that. When you got to go in?

- Well, I've got some more tests to go to confirm the diagnosis. But they said they're probably going to have to cut to get them gallstones out of there.

- What hospital you going to?

- Ben Taub.

- Ben Taub. OK. If I get [INAUDIBLE] dressed up, I'll send you a card, while you in there.

- You just think-- you just think about me. That'd be sweet enough.

- I'd be praying, too, for you.

- OK.

- OK. I'm going to tell Eddie junior, hi.

- You go right ahead.

- Eddie junior, this is Nanny. I want to tell you, hi. I know today was your baby's birthday. And I called and I talked to him on the phone, and told him happy birthday. And he was outside playing because it was warmer then, and with his little brother, and with the little boy, another little friend. And I talked to him, told him happy birthday, and I said-- I asked him, I said, you're five years old today. And he said, yeah.

And I talked to him a few minutes, told me I loved him.

And I want to tell you, Mama loves you. I don't know if she'll be on here tonight or not, she might. I'm going to tell you, I love you. You take care of yourself. And when you come home, I'm going to give you one of the biggest hugs you've ever had. [INAUDIBLE]. Ray.

- Yes, ma'am.

- Thank you. And you have a nice weekend.

- Thank you, darling.

- Hey, you take care of yourself because I've had my gallbladder taken out.

- Yeah. I'm just going to-- I'm just relaxing to get a chance to cut this out, and get rid of this pain.

- Because I know what that is because I went through that.

- Yeah. I kept putting it off, kept putting it off. Finally got to the point, where you just couldn't put it off anymore.

- Yeah.

- Well, I love you.

- OK. And you have a good weekend. You take care of yourself, and stay bundled up. And I love you.

- I'll do that. Bye, bye. Line one, where you calling from?

- Houston.

- You're on the air.

- Thank you. Hello, Mark. This is Dad. How you doing? I hope everything's going fine for you this week. You didn't get my regular letter for, I think, probably, the first time. And it was just a real hectic week. Lisa will tell you all the details. I think part of it you were aware of. I talked to your mom, a few hours ago. She arrived in Dubai, safely. And she'll be there till about this time, next week.

So anyhow, I will get a letter out to you early. Hopefully, get one done this weekend, and bring you all up to date on everything. And otherwise, you have an enjoyable visit with Lisa. Tell her hello for me, and have a good week. Thank you, Ray.

- Well, good to hear from you folks. Y'all all get home together for the holiday.

- We hope to.

- OK, sir.

- Bye, bye.

- Bye, bye. Line five, where you calling from?

- Calling from Boston, Massachusetts this week.  
- Beautiful old, historic old, ice cold Boston.  
- It is cold.  
- I have been there, and it was cold.  
- And we're supposed to have sleet and snow tomorrow.  
- Well, that's nothing new for Boston.

- Well, it's not going to bother me because I'm not going to get outside the hotel.  
- Yeah, right.

- Well, Mike, we made our trip fine yesterday. And I think we were really fortunate that we came yesterday instead of today because we came through Chicago. And after watching the news tonight, that airport was virtually at a standstill all day. Want to say hello to Galen, Tom, Rolando, Maxwell, and Zig, hope everything's OK with you guys.

And Leroy, I'm sorry I didn't get to visit with you last weekend, but Cathy said you two guys had a really, really good visit. And everybody remember, on the 21st, Leroy is going to have a birthday. So we'll start saying happy birthday to him tonight. Joe and Joe are in Bradford this weekend. She was going to try to get in touch with Jared, and she was taking him his Christmas present this weekend. So he'll have an early Santa Claus.

And I had to run over to Oklahoma City on Wednesday, and help Brian get into his new apartment. But we got that all settled for him. And Mike, Tom, and Debbie were really pleased with their koozies and they said, tell you many, many thanks. Daniel get here on Monday, and I'll give him his then, and I'll let you know what his reaction is.

I mailed your pictures of Jared on Wednesday, you might have already gotten them tonight. That they turned out really good, and you can see from them, how tall he's gotten. He's even taller than me now. Well not too awfully much going on here except work. Just staying busy. We're going to start installing room phones tomorrow, and then we're going to have the system ready to cut over next Friday night.

So that's about my news for now. Just, Mike, remember how much we love you, and hang in there. And I suppose, I'll still be in Boston next week. So I'll be calling from here, if I don't freeze to death. Thank you so much, Ray.

- I love you. Stay warm dry.

- I'm going to try.

- Bye, bye.

- Bye, bye.

- Line one, where you calling from?

- Willard.

- Well, it ain't snowing in Willard.

- No, not yet. But it's cold enough.

- Turned cool, last few minutes.

- Oh, I mean, just right quick.

- Yeah. Fronts come through like that.

- I know it. Too [INAUDIBLE]. Hi, Don. Hope you're doing OK this evening.

Not a lot going on here. Just sitting here and trying to keep warm. It just all of a sudden decided to get cold. And haven't talked to Daddy or anybody, and really done anything this week, to tell you the truth.

If everything goes OK, I'm planning on coming up to see you Sunday morning. But it probably won't be real, real early. I'll wait till it warms up a little bit before I get out and come up. But anyway, you take care, and be good, and stay out of mischief. And I love you. And I'll see you Sunday morning. Thank you, Ray.

- Be careful.

- OK.

- Bye, bye, darling.

- Bye.

- Line two, where you calling from?

- Calling from Houston.

- You're on the air.

- Yes. I'm calling for my son Pete Wilson in Hightower unit.

- Yes, ma'am.

- This is your mother, darling. Just want to say, hello. I hope you're doing really well, and think of you every day. [INAUDIBLE] will be there to see you in the morning, so I won't be coming. But you take care. And I want to say hello to [INAUDIBLE], and Ronald Smith, you guys take care. And Ray, I feel sorry for you, you've got to get out and get in this weather after you leave there.

- [CHUCKLES]

- But you take care. And you be careful on the road.

- I appreciate it. I'm a real care-- I drive like an old woman.

- OK.

- OK.

- All righty. Bye, bye.

- Thank you, ma'am. Line three, where you calling from?

- From Houston. Hi, Ray.

- Hi.

- This is to my son in the Wynne unit.

- I suspected it might be, and Eddie junior's listening.

- That's right. Baby, Mama, want to tell you I love you, and tell you that your son got his birthday card and his letter from you right on his birthday today. And just wanted to call and tell him happy birthday. And I want to tell you stay as warm as you can. Good night, baby. And Mom will see you next weekend. I love you. My thoughts are with you. All right, take care of yourself.

- You stay bundled up, too.

- Oh, I will.

- OK.

- All right. Bye, bye.

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

- Houston.

- You're on the air.

- Hello, [INAUDIBLE], baby. I love you, and I miss you. And I'll be down there tomorrow morning to see you. And I just want to say that you know that I am loving all of you, you don't have nothing to worry about. But we will talk tomorrow. And I see you tomorrow. I love you. Bye, bye.

- Well, you be careful on those old cold slick roads.

- OK.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Bye, bye.

- Well, rarity of rarity. We've got-- it's 10:42-- and 10:43, actually, and we've got a few minutes here without telephone calls. That virtually never happens. Where have you been? You've been on the stage tonight.

- Well, Yes. We--

- Have we told this audience that you're a thespian?

- I think so, Ray.

- OK.

- I think we probably told this audience everything there is to know.

- Isn't that amazing?

- Yeah. [CHUCKLES].

- It is just-- where in the world can you come into a place and just talk about your own gall bladder operations, and spill your guts, and all that. But radio is about that.

- Yes, it is. But this radio program has made me an open book for sure.

- It's made all of us an--

- And you've done it.

- I've always been an open book.

- Yeah, you have been. I have, too, really.

- That's right.

- It really--

- No sense in trying to hide it from them.

- --liberates you. You just feel so good when everybody knows what a worthless so-and-so you are.

- Those people out there love us, but in spite of all that.

- [LAUGHS]

- I mean, there's a Walter fan club on the *Prison Show*, always has been. That's wonderful.

- I feel sorry for these people that have to conceal the things, that are just hiding all the time and worried if somebody is going to expose them.

- Well, that's true. All of my life, I have not had any closets. I mean, whatever it was about me, I've always-- and that has made-- Clyde Wilson. You know Clyde Wilson, the investigator?

- Well, sure.

- Clyde Wilson told Governor White, one of them that I was the most dangerous person in the world because there was nothing about Ray Hill that he doesn't wear on his shoulder--

- Yeah.

- --and rub in people's faces. And everybody else, according to Clyde Wilson, has got something rattling around their closet.

- That's for sure. Well, I've got a few skeletons.

- I don't think so.

- But they're way back in the closet.

- I think we've got you figured out.

- Yeah.

- Hold on, just a second. Line one, where you calling from?

- [INAUDIBLE] Houston.

- Well, you're on the air.

- Thank you. Hello, Ted. This is Joy. How you doing? I'm doing pretty good. It's just cold and wet right now. I'm sorry, I haven't had a chance to write, but I'll write you soon. And I won't be able to visit this weekend, maybe next weekend. And I did send a package to you, Tuesday. And tell Bruce, Mom had me put something in the mail for him yesterday, so he should receive it probably about the same time, you will. And [INAUDIBLE] Christmas [INAUDIBLE] to visit. But I'll see you soon, soon enough. Thanks, Ray. I love you.

- You just stay bundled up. OK.

- I will.

- OK. Thank you, ma'am.

- Uh-huh.

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

- Uh-huh.

- Hi.

- Where am I calling from?

- Yes, ma'am.

- I'm from Athens Texas.

- All right, you're on the air.

- OK. Hi David. This is your mom, Tina. We're doing fine. We're all doing fine. Jen's staying here today with us, but she's doing OK. And I received your a letter saying that you're fine. That's good, that's great. And I have two orders of [INAUDIBLE] for you [INAUDIBLE] so I'll always send a letter for you. And I sent some money, too. And I told aunt Nelly about the things-- the money she has to send. So I told her-- I told her that. And my plans are to get the kids the 22nd of December, and see if they could say--

- Hi, dad.

- --Merry Christmas or Something. [INAUDIBLE] is talking out there in the other phone. You want to talk?

- Hi, Dad. I'm doing better in school and [INAUDIBLE]. All right. I love you. Bye.

- OK. Well, we miss you. And go to church. Don't forget about going to church. I don't know what else to say. We love you. We miss you, and I hope to--

- You know about the extra call time on the 22nd.

- Uh-huh. Yes, yes.

- OK, we appreciate you calling in. You folks stay warm, up there in Athens.

- Oh, it's the north, it's already in.

- Oh, it's coming into Houston, so it's got to come through y'all.

- Yes.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Bye, bye. Thank you.

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

- Houston.

- You're on the air.

- Hi, Ray. How are you doing?

- Well, I'm fine.

- That's great. Cold enough out there, isn't it?

- Yeah, I haven't been out in it. It was kind of warm and wet when I came in but I understand that I'm going to walk out into a much colder world.

- Surprise.

- [CHUCKLES].

- Yes. I'd like to say hello to [INAUDIBLE] Sylvia Wilson, and Pearl Blaylock. [INAUDIBLE] as they got to be home soon.

- I appreciate it.

- OK.

- You stay bundled up.

- OK.

- Bye, bye.

- Bye, bye.

- Line three, where you calling from?

- Hello.

- Yes, ma'am. You're on the air. Where you calling from?

- I'm calling from Dallas.

- All right, you're on the air. Go ahead, please.

- Thank you, Mr. Hill. Christopher, if you're listening, I'm fine. I'll be in--  
I'll be down to see you on Sunday. I'm going to be working tomorrow.

The boys are fine. And Suzanne sends you her love. Everything's going  
to be OK. Thank you, Mr. Hill.

- You stay warm and dry. And it's always Ray because Mr. Hill sounds  
like a prison guard.

- Pardon.

- Mr. Hill sounds like a prison guard.

- [LAUGHS].

- So it's always going to be Ray.

- There's one thing I want to tell you. I just called the station.

- Yes, ma'am.

- And the number that's on the recording is the wrong number. And--

- Oh, my heavens, no.

- --I got a very nice lady. And the number is area code 713-526-5738.

- And what have they got on the recording?

- 28.

- I will correct that tomorrow.

- OK.

- Thank you, ma'am.

- Thank you.

- Bye, bye.

- Bye, bye.

- I cannot believe Andy made a mistake like that. Line four, you're on the air. Where you calling from?

- Hi. Hi.

- Hi.

- This is Joyce.

- Hi, Joyce. How you doing, darling? Speak up.

- OK. I guess, just tired. Listen, want to just say hi to Joe, and just let him know that we weren't coming tomorrow because of this blooming cold. I can't really get out.

- That's true.

- But I'm not feeling very well, anyway. But needless to say, it'll over-pass, I guess. Anyway, I wanted to tell him that I sent his money to him. And I haven't called over there yet to see if it was on the books but will call. But I got it off on Monday, so he'll know what day it is. And I wanted to know if he'd got his Christmas card I'd sent him, and if so, to write me and let me know. And all the family's said to tell you hi, and they love you very much, and stay warm. We're usually telling you stay cool. But do stay warm, anyway.

- Bundle up, best you can.

- Yes, because it's going to be very cold. But anyway, if I can, I'll try to-- I can see him. I want to try to see him on the 23rd, a couple of days before Christmas. So if I come before then, I may, and if not, I'll see you on the 23rd. Chuck said to tell you hi, and he loves you. And that we'll be calling back on again Friday. OK. We love you, baby.

- Now I may have to do Friday's show from a hospital.

- Pardon me.

- I may have to do Friday's show from the hospital.

- What are you doing there?

- I've got to have gallbladder operation.

- Oh, my goodness. Oh, my goodness. We'll certainly pray for you.

- Well, I appreciate that.

- OK.

- I'm going to have to stop trying to manufacture them marbles inside.

- I imagine so.

- They're too lumpy to play with anyhow.

- That's true.

- Joyce, you take care, darling.

- OK, honey. Thank you.

- Bye, bye.

- Bye, bye.

- Line one, where you calling from?

- Houston.

- Well, you're on the air.

- This is Archie. I'm calling to Ben. Ben, I hope you're listening. And I got your letter. And your little nephew wants to say something to you, just a minute. Jeremiah.

- Hi, uncle Ben. I love you. Bye, bye.

- So he's still up, and god is good because he reminded me, when I was walking through the kitchen to try to call this number, and I was able to get through. And I called your sister Bonnie on her birthday, which was the 6th of December. I mean, yeah, and she asked me how old was she. And I said, well, I guess you're 48. And she said, no, I'm 46. So Ben, I kind of know how old you are then.

- [LAUGHS].

- And also, we're trying to get over the cold. And seem like I'm getting a relapse or whatever because my throat seems a little scratchy.

- Well, you stay bundled up in this weather.

- Yes. I mean, the changing weather and all, it's something else. And then the other live crew, he's sitting here-- I mean, he's standing up. He wished he could talk but since he just turned one years old, it's kind of hard.

- He will soon, now.

- Yeah. And then will talk more than his mom. But we're just glad that we were able to get through. And I hope you're listening. And we love you. And maybe my husband wants to say something.

- God bless you, Ben. We're praying for you.

- And I was so happy to get the letter, and know that you were listening. And hopefully, you're listening now. And I'm just thrilled about this phone being able to reach the inmates and all, and especially being able to talk to you, Ben.

- Where is Ben?

- He's at the Estelle unit in Huntsville.

- OK.

- Yeah.

- Pretty good signal up there. It's not easy sometimes but they work at it.

- Yes. I know. And I appreciate the opportunity to call in, Ray. As always, we'll be lifting you up. And thank you for this opportunity.

- We appreciate it.

- I love you.

- Bye, bye.

- Bye, bye.

- Yeah, Walter, this is an amazing thing actually. I've been doing this now for more than 15 and a half years, and I'm not bored with it. I don't think I've ever done anything in my life that long, that often. I'm just excited-- I still get excited listening to these folks calling in. I get excited talking to John. Just had a little flashback there. Me and John sitting down on the domino table, have a good time, cutting up on what he's going to do the building tender or anything other kind of important business to take care of. It's not such a bad one.

- Such fond memories.

- Well, if you read John's-- have you looked at John's book?

- Yes, I've looked at it.

- You haven't read it?

- Haven't had a chance to read it.

- You want to borrow my copy--

- Yeah. So what?

- --of it and read it. You will return books.

- Well, sometimes.

- No, no no. That's the one sin for which there is no forgiveness.

- Well, I don't know if I can find your hospital room to return it.

- Well, I will be back at this radio station, sooner or later. And so will you.

- What if you don't get out? Where should I leave it?

- My grandmother died of a gallbladder operation.

- Good gosh. Well, I didn't mean to joke about it.

- Well no. And then, of course, that was in the 40s. And in the 40s, you died of things like that so frequently. But now they don't even do a serious incision. They stick a little-- make little holes in different places, and stick little tubes, and things in there and take pictures, and crush things up with little jowls. And it's just amazing.

- Well, I can't stand pain very much. I had one of those things, and I was screaming, and yelling at the court house one time. I mean--