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TO ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES:

As most of you know, my first few months in the St. Louis District have been spent learning the job and meeting the people. One thing I have been most impressed with is the special "spirit" that is quite obvious among the St. Louis District Personnel.

At this start of the Holiday Season "Spirit" plays such an important role in not only our work life but our home and family life. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving, one filled with the traditional spirit of giving thanks and enjoying the fruitful benefits that have been provided for us all year long. The work you are all doing is important to our Nation, but let us not forget our families and the need to be with them to share the joys and blessings.

ROBERT J. DACEY
Colonel, CE
District Engineer



EXECUTIVE OFFICE
STATE OF MISSOURI
JEFFERSON CITY

JOSEPH P. TEASDALE
GOVERNOR

November 1, 1979

Honorable Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Secretary of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

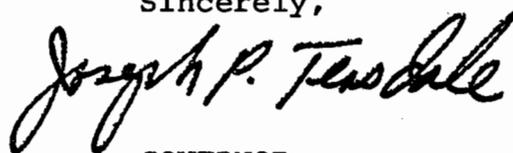
Dear Mr. Secretary:

As Governor of the State of Missouri, I am extremely pleased with the federal district court ruling allowing construction to proceed on the new Lock and Dam 26.

The Mississippi River waterway system is a vital mode of transportation that benefits all Missouri citizens. The welfare of agriculture and commerce in Missouri is in many ways dependent on the continued improvement of navigation on the Mississippi River. It is my earnest desire to see that the construction of the crucial new Lock and Dam 26 suffer no further delays.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the Corps of Engineers for their diligent work on behalf of economic growth in Missouri. The Corps' efforts are genuinely appreciated.

Sincerely,



GOVERNOR

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DISTRICT DOINGS



With a chill in the wind, only the hardy are out and about at the lakes. The winter season with its short daylight hours is about to bring the activity to its limit on the low side. Still the waterfowl hunters and more rugged souls dot the lake with boats for fishing and hunting, for the avid know no seasons.

At Rend Lake amid the flocks of geese our staff found the time to provide a nature hike experience for five groups of scouts. Larry Asher took two groups of Brownies totaling almost 50 young ladies and then guided another Troop of 25 Junior Girl Scouts. Jeff Buck led 20 other Brownie girls and Hugh Dougher made the trek with 12 Cubs.

At Carlyle Lake, Dee Shidler had a busy time giving a tour for 25 Germantown, Illinois Girl Scouts, leading a nature walk for two groups of Brownies from Carlyle Troop #452 and then 18 from Trenton, Illinois. Dee also, gave three talks . . . a major one to 120 anglers from the American International Bass Tournament, then on Career Opportunities to 30 Tri-Beta sorority ladies from Greenville College and finally, to 75 members of the Clinton County American Legion. Dee also paired up with Steve Metzger giving a tour for 60 Summerfield, Illinois 4th and 5th graders. Steve had a couple of dates for talk and tour sessions with 15 Hunter Safety Course entrants and 25 students from St. Rose Elementary School. Cheryl Leach spoke to the 45 members of the Collinsville Lions Club.

Tom Bloor at Lake Shelbyville has been making the circuit talking about careers with the Corps. Tom covered three sessions at area high schools and talked to over 100 students. Sounds like all of the Findlay School visited the project last month. Roger Gephart, Don Brown, Maria DiBaso helped the youngsters to understand more about the Corps and the outdoors with special programs for the various grades. Dennis Gathmann spoke to 89 members of the Illinois Assn. of Educational Communications Technology. Tom Bloor spoke to 15 students in a University of Illinois Leisure Studies Class. Dennis Gathmann also talked with 41 celebrating a reunion of the YCC group at Shelbyville. Al Lookofsky told an Eastern Illinois University Recreation Class about Recreation Planning at Shelbyville. Roger Gephart told 12 in a Lovington Cooperative Education Class about jobs in Nature and gave a repeat to 25 in a similar class in Sullivan. Mt. Zion School's 4th grade heard Don Brown and Maria DiBaso on Leaf ID. Roger and Maria presented an Ecology program for 35 in the 5th grade in Windsor School.

At Clarence Cannon, Learning Like Indians was the subject for 6th graders from New London, Perry and Center, Mo. Anne Behrens, Greg Miller, Pody Gay and Clark Dietzschold provided the instruction. Anne Behrens spoke to 38 Louisiana, Missouri Rotarians about the project. Farrell Burnett gave a special dam tour to 6 visiting ED-H employees.

At 210 N. 12th St. we had a visit from 12 hydrology students from the University of Illinois after a briefing and tour of Lock & Dam #26 with Ken Koller and Jim Fogilphol they heard Mel Doernhoefer, Claude Strauser, Carol Sherrill and toured with Al Berman and John Jobst in drafting and ADP areas. John Brady presented a paper for the 10th Annual North American Bat Research Symposium at Washington University. Jim Luther and Lee Robinson showed the Design Branch to two students from Cor Jesu High School. Red Buchhold was interviewed about Lock & Dam #26 via WZEN-FM at Alton, Illinois. Bill Sutton spoke to Principia College pre-engineering students at Elsah, Illinois.

Major Ruiz was on the podium for Veteran's Day observance by Amvets Auxiliary Post #51 at Granite City. The Clarksville OKTOBERFEST meant a lot of work for Dan Buckley and the crew at Lock & Dam #24. During the festival's two weekends Dan and the staff chalked up 12 tours.

Special congratulations to our own Tony Dorshorst who has been selected "Civil Engineering Technician of the Year" by his peers of the Missouri Council of the American Society of Civil Engineering Technicians.

The District and especially Bill Richardson hosted the 2nd Corps-wide CE Training Officers Conference at the Mayfair Hotel with approximately 65 from all over the Corps Divisions, Districts, Laboratories and from far-flung reaches like Anchorage and Frankfurt.

With the cold northern wind blowing, a final reminder to exercise winter care . . . the ice and snow means good sledding but rough walking. Shortened daylight hours mean hazardous driving. So be careful and be around for the bright New Year.

PROMOTIONS:

Billy R. Stokely, OD-NC,
Deckhand Leader, WL 5906-06

Glen W. King, OD-NC,
Deckhand Leader, WL 5906-06

Melvin F. Papin, OD-NC,
Deckhand Leader, WL 5906-06

Elbert D. Haskett, ED-DA,
Civil Engineering Technician,
GS 0802-09

Karon L. Miller, OD-R,
Outdoor Recreation Planner,
GS 0023-07

Dolores J. Ebert, DE,
Secretary Stenography, GS 0318-05

John N. Thoele, CD-IS,
Construction Inspector, GS 0809-08

Richard F. Andersen, ED-BE,
Economist, GS 0110-09

Dennis G. Klosterman, ED-BE,
Economist, GS 0110-09

Janet E. Davis, ED-BE,
Sociologist, GS 0184-09

Shirley A. Taylor, AS-RA,
Visual Information Aid, GS 0301-04

Stanley F. Ebersohl, OD-R,
Environmental Engineer, GS 0819-12

Betty L. Ortiz, PB,
Civil Engineer, GS 0810-07

Robert L. Lutz, ED-DG,
Civil Engineer, GS 0810-12

Jerry D. Hawkins, ED-FI,
Civil Engineer, GS 0810-09

Gary M. Jones, ED-DM,
Electrical Engineer, GS 0850-12

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Marvin W. Morris, OD-RJ
William J. O'Herin, OC
John B. Hallquist, III, ED-F
Thomas L. Gardner, CD-CC
James L. Savinski, ED-DW
Larry H. Green, RO-C
Richard L. Siemons, ED-DB
Robert L. Barkau, ED-HD
Wayne R. Bergstrom, ED-FS
Joseph L. Schwenk, ED-FS
William S. Boston, PD
Norris W. Davis, PD
David J. Steger, DC-FP
Bradford M. Strauser, ED-FI
Gregory A. Miller, OD-RJ

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING/
QUALITY INCREASE:**

Rhonda S. Smith, RO-C
Carolyn S. Morris, OD-RS

SUGGESTION AWARDS:

Ronny S. Singleton, ED-FI, is granted an award of \$140 for a suggestion that recommended a site be located at the Corps of Engineers Service Base to install three monuments enabling accurate calibration of reflectors used with geodolite survey equipment. This suggestion results in first-year tangible benefits of \$1800 and was implemented in June 1979.

Walter Fredley, RO-C, is granted a cash award of \$25 for a suggestion implemented October 1979 that recommended the use of a portable light which is plugged into a vehicle cigarette lighter.

Jean M. Beausang, OD-N, was given a Certificate for an adopted suggestion that recommended a "PEOPLE" column be added to the St. Louis District Information Bulletin to include some of the personal items of interest to Corps employees.

Mary B. Berra, PB-R, was given a Certificate for an adopted suggestion that recommended a current listing of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instructors (CPR's) be included in the St. Louis Telephone Directory.

BEWARE OF SATURDAYS!

SUGGESTION AWARDS Continued:

Alexander P. Watts, Lock and Dam #24, was given a Certificate for an adopted suggestion that recommended all washer-type faucets be replaced with washerless faucets at Locks and Dams on an "as needed" basis.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next, long-awaited Awards Ceremony will be held Wednesday, November 28th at 9:00 in Room 1040. Be there!

Thanks to all the suggestors participating in the "Super Suggestion Bowl" and a special THANK YOU to all the evaluators. All contributions help to make the Suggestion Program work.

WANTED: CIVIL SERVICE POETS

Civil Service Poetry, an anthology published in England each April, has been expanded to include poems by civil servants of the United States and Europe.

Government employees who would like to contribute to the 1980 anthology should send their poems to Ernest Meadowcroft, EMMA, Arden House, Sunny Point, Walton-on-Naze, Essex, England CO14 8LD by November 15, 1979.

Poems can be on any topic but no more than 28 lines.

A copy of the anthology is the only payment, but published poems will be considered for the EMMA award of 25 pounds (about \$50).

Include your full name, address, birth date, and confirmation that the poetry is your own work. Unaccepted work will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed envelope and an international postal response voucher.

Copies of the current issue are available for \$1.00 from the publisher.

Although many people are superstitiously careful on Friday-the-13th, Saturday, in fact, is the most dangerous day of the week, says the American Council of Life Insurance.

More deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents and homicides occur on Saturday than any other day. Government statistics show that motor vehicle fatalities in the nation average around 191 on Saturday, compared to an average of 107 deaths on Tuesday, the "safest" day of the week. At the same time, homicides on Saturday average around 76, compared to an average of 44 homicides on Wednesday.

The day of death is less predictable for suicides. The average number of suicides ranges from 74 deaths on Sunday to 86 deaths on Monday.

COLONEL DACEY AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT

In special ceremonies at Lower Mississippi Valley Division headquarters in Vicksburg, Major General Robert C. Marshall presented Colonel Robert J. Dacey with the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) Award. Colonel Dacey was cited for his meritorious service while assigned to the Headquarters, U.S. Army in Europe, Seventh Army. The citation reads as follows:

"FOR exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to Headquarters, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army, from July 1976 to June 1979. As a chief war planner for the command, Colonel DACEY's initiative in this critical area led to the streamlining and clarification of command relationships critical to success in wartime. He was responsible for revolutionary change in plans for augmenting US forces in NATO during periods of tension or crisis. Due to his efforts, the capabilities of US and allied forces were vastly improved. Through his decisiveness, thoroughness, enthusiasm, and logic in planning, he made a far-reaching and positive impact on the command's readiness. Colonel DACEY's exceptional performance of duty reflects the highest credit upon him and the United States Army."

CONGRATULATIONS SIR!

REFEREE'S HANDBOOK

"Super Suggestion Bowl"

The primary purpose of a suggestion is to make an improvement and it is the evaluator who decides whether the improvement can, or will be made.

Some people look upon evaluation of a suggestion as an imposition, an additional duty, and consign the file to the "when I get to it" folder. **NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.** If you are the office of primary responsibility for the subject matter, one of your most important functions is to determine whether the job can be done better, quicker, cheaper, or even eliminated.

It is also your responsibility to make this decision as soon as possible. **EACH DAY OF DELAY** in effecting an improvement **IS ANOTHER DAY OF LOST BENEFITS** which can never be regained.

Here's a thought sequence which may help the next time you evaluate a suggestion:

1. What is the situation identified by the suggestion?
2. What caused the situation to exist?
3. Is there a problem?
4. What actions are being taken or are under consideration regarding the situation?
5. What does the suggestion propose?
6. What are the disadvantages?
7. What alternate solution might be more effective?
8. Can the improvement be made elsewhere at this installation, within the command, by other commands, or by other governmental agencies?

** This article is an excerpt from an Air Force publication, but can provide some helpful hints to St. Louis District.*

REQUESTS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Employees wishing tuition assistance for night school classes for the spring semester 1980, should discuss their needs with their supervisor. Guidance for submission of training requests will be found in DR 350-1-410, "Employee Development and Training," 10 October 1979. Pay special attention to paragraph 8e.(1), (2), (3), in preparing the request. Requests should be submitted to PB-T as far in advance as possible of school registration, but not later than 10 working days before final registration. The District cannot pay late registration fees.

LET'S GET PERSONAL

The Information Bulletin is your publication, and in order to make it newsy, interesting, and an important part of the "Engineer Family," we are asking for items covering retirements, weddings, births, deaths, or other items of interest to the District employees.

We also would encourage budding writers to contribute features, one liners, bios, etc., (subject to editorial selection and space, of course).

* **EEO CORNERSTONE** *

**PROFESSIONAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE CAREER
EXAMINATION (PACE) — 1980**

**Renaming United States Office of
Personnel Management Regions**

The United States Office of Personnel Management has renamed its regions to better reflect their geographic scope. The new name for the St. Louis Region is:

Mid-Continent Region, 1256 Federal Building, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103 (formerly St. Louis Region).

Source: FPM Bulletin 150-4, dtd 4 Sep 79.

Please keep the doors to the stairwells closed at all times. Should a fire occur these closed doors stop the spread of smoke and fire.

MAIL MANAGEMENT

As a result of suggestion adoption, all mail designated for Waterways Experiment Station (WES), Vicksburg, Mississippi, will be included in bulk mail going to LMVD daily. WES makes two daily pickups and deliveries to LMVD. **Do not** use indicia envelopes in bulk mailing. Use SF 65, US Government Messenger Envelope, or plain envelopes. This new service will begin 1 December 1979.

When preparing labels for UPS packages, be sure to check for proper address. If the package is going to another Corps office, use the street address and not a P. O. Box number. UPS charges \$1 for each incorrectly addressed package. As a minimum, the label should contain name/organization, street address, city, state, and zip code. The mailroom and Library have zip code directories and directory charts with addresses on all OCE agencies if you need assistance.

Information has been received from the Office of Personnel Management regarding plans for PACE for fiscal year 1980.

PACE will be announced on a nationwide basis according to the following schedule:

FILING DATES	TESTING DATES
January 2, 1980 to February 15, 1980	March 1, 1980 to April 26, 1980

Interested applicants should contact the St. Louis Area Office, Office of Personnel Management, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, phone: 425-4285, during the filing dates to obtain the appropriate application form for the PACE test.

WHAT TO DO — WHO TO TELL!

The light in the corridor is out --- a fire extinguisher indicates it needs to be recharged - - - a faucet in the restroom is dripping - - - how do I get action? Telephone **3-5656**, General Services Branch (AS-G). The problems are immediately reported to the Building Manager or GSA, whichever is appropriate. Don't hesitate to call again if no action is taken within a reasonable length of time.

It's sweater and long johns time around the ol' office. Please remember that we are subject to the Federal Property Management Regulations. FPMR Amendment D-48, Part 101-20.116-3 contains the following subparagraphs: (b) "During the seasonably cold months, heating temperature control devices shall be set to maintain temperatures of 65° F to 68° F during working hours and shall be set to maintain temperatures of not more than 55° during non-working hours." (d) "The operation of threshold heaters, portable space heaters, and portable fans in Government-owned or -leased space is prohibited."

Recent teletypes from OCE have indicated that we shall comply with recent ruling — The maximum heating temperature shall be 65° F rather than 65°-68° F.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

OCTOBER 1979

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS OCTOBER 1979: Two

Total vehicle accidents for 1979: 9

1. A driver for the land repair unit struck another truck as it pulled onto the highway. The driver of the second truck admitted he failed to stop before entering the highway.
2. A Corps construction inspector was stopped on a haul road behind a TS-24 scraper. The scraper operator backed up and hit the Corps vehicle.

Total experience for CY 1978: 8

PERSONAL INJURIES — CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES — OCTOBER 1979: Two

Total accidents for 1979: Two

1. A new employee was refueling a truck at dusk, as she stepped from the push arm she stepped on a cobblestone. She fell to the ground and complained of a knee injury. She was taken to the hospital and surgery was required.
2. FATALITY — An employee of the Williams Construction Company was struck by lightning at the Keysport Levee at Carlyle Lake.

Total experience for CY 1978: One Fatality

PERSONAL INJURIES — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES — OCTOBER 1979: None

Total accidents for 1979: 5

Total accidents for CY 1978: 3

LAKE FATALITIES FOR OCTOBER 1979: None

Total Lake Fatalities for CY 1979: 7

Carlyle Lake — 2
Lake Shelbyville — 4
Lock & Dam 25 — 1

Total Lake Fatalities for CY 1978: 6

Carlyle Lake — 1
Rend Lake — 2
Lake Shelbyville — 3

Hydar's Happenings

A PAST TO REMEMBER:

The Unsinkable Ship That Sank

The year 1912. Daily newspapers sold for 2¢ a copy and Sunday papers for 5¢. Four newspapers were published in St. Louis: The St. Louis Star, Post Dispatch, The Times and the morning paper the St. Louis Globe Democrat. William Howard Taft was the President of the United States.

It cost 5¢ to ride a horse drawn street car and for a glass of beer you could also treat yourself to a delicious meal. Lemp beer was the favorite beer in that year. Jaccards, located at Broadway & Locust, were selling solid silver spoons for \$4.50 per set of six. Model T Fords were being sold for \$690, fully equipped. They were good cars because there were 100,000 satisfied owners. Two telephone companies serviced the St. Louis area, The Kinloch and the Bell Telephone Systems. Electric cars sold for \$1,775. Goldman Brothers, at 11th & Olive, gave a free dinner set with every purchase of \$10.00 or more, and the unsinkable ship, The TITANIC, British luxury passenger liner, sank on April 14-15, 1912, during its maiden voyage, with a loss of 1,513 lives. It struck an iceberg about 95 miles south of Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The great ship, at that time the largest and most luxurious liner afloat, had a double bottomed hull, divided into 16 water-tight compartments. Because four of these compartments could be flooded without endangering the liners bouyance, it was considered unsinkable. Shortly before midnight on April 14, however, while steaming at 22 knots (22 nautical miles or 41 kilometers per hour), adjudged at that time to be too fast for existing conditions, the ship collided with an iceberg that ripped a 300 foot gash in its right side, ruptured five of its watertight compartments and caused it to sink at 2:20 am, April 15, 1912. Inquiries held in the U.S. and Great Britain alledged that the Leyland Liner "California" which was less than 20 miles away all night could have aided the stricken vessel had its radio operator been on duty. Only the arrival of the Cunard Liner "Carpathia", 1 hour and 20 minutes after the Titanic went down prevented further loss of life in that icy water. 5 St. Louisians were aboard the Titanic, two were saved.

As a result of the disaster, the first International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea was called in London in 1913. The convention drew rules requiring that every ship have lifeboat space for each person embarked (The Titanic had only 1,178 boat spaces for the 2,224 persons aboard); that lifeboat drills be held during each voyage; and due to the Californian not having heard the distress signals of the Titanic, ships have to maintain a 24 hour watch. The International Ice Patrol also was established to warn ships of icebergs in the North Atlantic Shipping Lanes.

Do you know the name of the ship that carried the most valuable cargo ever known to mankind? Also the unsinkable ship that was really built? Answer next issue.

From the sketch drawn below can you name the title of the song?



WHAT VALUE DO YOU PLACE ON YOUR SAFETY?

The 12th Street Downtown Federally Employed Women (FEW) Chapter is taking orders for the new ChemShield units which is a revolutionary combination of crime deterrents in a spray can.

These non-lethal key-ring units repel instantly. They're stronger than mace, more effective than tear gas, and instantly and completely incapacitates one or a number of attackers. They can be easily carried in the hand and can send a stream of protection into an attacker's face, **causing unbearable agony**. The effects cause extreme tearing and discomfort to the eyes; Involuntary closing of the eyes; Tightness of chest and throat (causing a feeling of suffocation) accompanied by panic; Extreme nasal discharge; Stinging or burning sensation on skin areas; Headache, dizziness or swimming of the head; Inability to take effective concerted action for ten to twenty minutes after exposure.

Chemical Shield is a revolutionary combination of crime deterrents in a spray can. The basic chemical repellent, CS is used exclusively by the U. S. Army and is rapidly becoming the standard for police and other law enforcement groups who need an effective riot control agency. Because CS is effective against multiple assailants, and non-lethal, it is a better means of self-defense than a gun.

If interested in placing an order for either or both of these key-ring protection units, please complete the following form and mail to Jo Ann Moritz, c/o 12th Street Downtown FEW Chapter, P. O. Box 1043, St. Louis, Mo. 63188, accompanied by your personal check made payable to "12th Street Downtown FEW Chapter." Orders must be placed by 7 Dec 79.

_____ Mini-Shields @\$9.95 ___ Saddle ___ Camel ___ Black ___ Red ___ Blue
 ___ Gray ___ Burgundy
_____ Midi-Shields @\$12.95 ___ Black ___ Saddle

Name

Office Name

Office Address (Including Room No.)

City

State

No tax required since we are a tax exempt organization.

FLASH — FLASH —

The GSA stores are out of 8 x 10½" bond paper. Effective immediately, District Offices will begin converting to 8½ x 11" paper conforming to these new standards. District letterhead and bond paper is available in the Supply Room on the 9th floor but use old stock until supply is exhausted. As forms are revised or initiated, paper size will be converted. If you have a copy machine, check your paper trays to assure compatibility. The Word Processing Centers have dual capability of handling 8" x 10½" or 8½" x 11" paper on their printers. GSA stores will not have 8½ x 11" manifold available until after the first of the year. In checking with DA Pub Center, 90 million DF's are being printed and will be out shortly. We understand the confusion, but please bear with us as we're in the same situation as other Federal agencies. We'll do all we can to assist you in meeting your needs.

Barb L. Collier
Chief, OAS

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A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The 6 most important words: I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE.

The 5 most important words: YOU DID A GOOD JOB.

The 4 most important words: WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

The 3 most important words: IF YOU PLEASE.

The 2 most important words: THANK YOU.

The 1 most important word: WE.

The least important word: I.

FOR SALE

NEW Tool Chest (10 Drawer Rollaway MAC TOOL).
Call Jim at 337-4303.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



MELVIN R. DOERNHOEFER
Acting Public Affairs Officer

FLU SHOTS

Flu shots are being given in the Health Unit, Room 1045 every Wednesday between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

"Entertainment 80" coupon books for dining, sports events, theater, and many other activities are available at the discount price of \$20.00. Greg Hempen is selling these for his church's athletic association. Will accept Master Charge or Visa. Call Greg at 3-5654 for further information.

TRICK OR TREAT

Our DE got a free meal in Macon, Illinois, on Halloween night for having the best looking "costume."

He explained to the waitress that his wearing apparel was a uniform and not a costume, but she said, "It's still the cutest one we've seen around here." So — the meal was on Arby's. "Hey, Mom, I'm eating right."