



Alexander Holland is a 2002 graduate of Aloha High School. Alex's plans include going on to college to become a commercial pilot.

Congratulations, Alex! Your whole family is proud of you and wishes so many good things in the future.

Love, all of the Holland Gang



To a very special woman, friend, and love of my heart! I want to give a thank you from the deepest part of my heart. You have given us three beautiful girls. I love you, Alaina! I love you, Roberta! I love you, Marie! Winona, I love you and thank you!

Love, Frank

Hello, my name is Justin McKnight and I am the son of Joe McKnight. I want to take this time to say thank you to some very special family members who came to be with me while my dad was in the hospital – my two grandmothers, Clarice McKnight and Donna Merrill; my uncles, Delbert Bell, Chuck Ricks, and Mel and Art McKnight; my aunts, Judy McKnight and Sharen Bell; and my many cousins who came also.

And I would like to say thank you to Ed Ben for coming to visit my dad, Joe. Ed presented a beaded eagle feather to my dad; this really meant a lot to him.

To all my families, you will always hold special memories for both me and my dad.

Thank you, Justin McKnight



Mom – 50 isn't gonna be that scary! Happy Birthday on July 5.

Love, Savannah, Marci, Donnie, Tracey, Willie, and Nikki



I would like to tell my son, Joshua Morrow, just how proud I am of him for going into the United States Air Force to serve his country. I miss you very much! Be safe.

I love you, Mom XX00XX

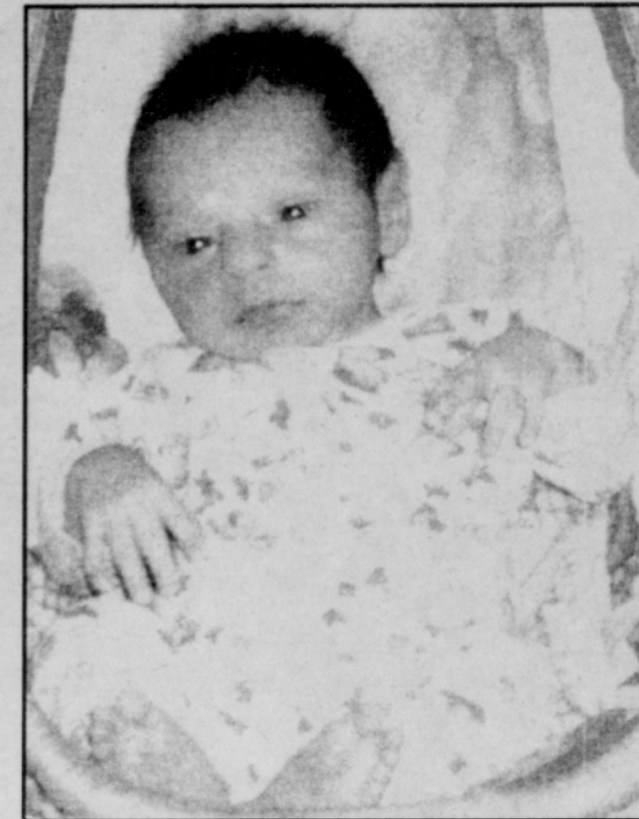
Happy 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my "Baby Sister" Nina.

A wonderful birthday wish to my sister, Nina. You can do anything you set out to do. Just remember to be strong, ask for help, and remember that your family is **always** here for you because we love you.

All my love, Wendi

Happy late Birthday to Melody "Ebbah." With all my hopes and desires that all of your wishes came true on June 4, Momma's little baby.

Lots of love, Mom, Dad, Wilma, Jessica, and Junior



Oscar Gushchu Garcia – little "O" – was born May 11, 2002, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Jessica Parr and Oscar Garcia and big brother Treigh. Grandparents are Ardella Parr, Gus Parr, Vicente Garcia, and Consuelo Garcia. Great-grandparents are Elouise Case and the late Clifford Case Sr., and lots of aunties, uncles, and cousins.

Welcome to the world, lil "O." You are a true blessing from God.

Little Man Cody Snook turns 7 years old on July 18. You're a crackerjack son! Happy Birthday! We love you.

### A Teaspoon of Knowledge in an Ocean of Wisdom

Well, here it is another day, but on this particular day, it is different. Maybe it isn't any different for you, but for me, my outlook has taken a 180-degree turn. It is this day, yes this day, that is the first day of the rest of our lives.

It is this day, as I peer off to the far horizon, looking deep, deep like the core of our Mother Earth, into the heart of man. Looking deep within, not for problems, but for solutions.

It seems to me that too many times, we hear or see others, or ourselves, looking for the fastest way to exploit one another's weaknesses, or the ways in which we are different. Too many times we show our weaknesses, as we search for the weakness in others.

For me, it is sad to see, for we as a people may then never witness the full potential that the Creator instilled within our heart and soul. They say that we were created in our Creator's image. To me that says we are like a breath of air, or each of us like a drop of water, until unity makes us a river or stream, or perhaps even an ocean.

It is this ocean of knowledge in which we thirst, yet we have chosen a teaspoon to drink from. Perhaps we are each a grain of sand that makes up the most beautiful beaches, whereas alone, we are next to nothing. We are the abalone shell your ancestors prayed with, or the trees cut down to build the ships that brought the bearded ones to Turtle Island. We are the redwoods so mighty, strong, and wise, yet even they started from a little seed.

So with this, on this day, I pray to you all, that I have planted a seed within you. It was on this day, yes this day, the first day of the rest of our lives, in which I lost my teaspoon, only to find a cup.

With open eyes, Eddie E. Ehret E.E.L.

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