

Monday Morning, July 9 1990

Dear Rosa and Murray:

I have had you on my daily list of "musts" since the day of Murray's generous and obliging trip to Steilacoom in my behalf with SOUTH ON THE SOUND. Which gift was the gift of all gifts to Tom and Jeanne White. Tom has just been granted his teachers' certificate and has taken many notes from SOTS for reference. He hopes to land at an island school desk, but may have to commute. Both were delighted with the book and were proud of autograph. And I do thank you very, very much for both book and delivery, as well as for many earlier generosities.

Rick and Melissa Anderson's baby came a week early, with a number of people involved...a phone call to midwife on mainland at 1 a.m., Jeff the storekeeper who has a boat, but was out of gas, provided by a quickly-awakened Tom White, a flying trip by telephone-equipped car by midwife to Steilacoom, arrival of midwife at 2:20 a.m. arrival of son Samuel wt 8<sup>#</sup>.14<sup>oz</sup> at 2:40 a.m.

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Jim and Liane leave this morning following 3 week vacation and gardening at Higgins (now my responsibility after day's writing chores) I am grateful for late sunsets over there, tho mornings come early.

I may have told you that Hollie expects a second child in Feb, '91. This one planned seriously and remorsefully in the face of population explosion, but as a believe<sup>6</sup>-in adjunct to Owen Patrick. They considered Lane's answer, but took the easier way out, I guess.

Lael came two weeks ago with a gift (very large and exquisite) of a great blue heron in Japanese paper sculpture, learned in graphic arts. Japanese, Mercer Island framer, who framed it in pewter (it's 3 dimension of course), declined to believe it hadn't been done by Japanese artist and begged to keep it. Lael is still in Summer graphic with private class, and working also at a deli in Eastgate to help pay rent.

Love to you both and to Lane, and many, many thanks,

Hazel



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