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A cloudless summer Sunday spent
sneaking up behind Mom in the driveway.
Three water-filled balloons in hand,
I signal to you with a thumbs up.
Together we throw our ammo,
and miss.
Mom turns around
with garden hose in hand.
Our clothes are soaked,
while the cars remained bone dry.

Sipping my \$1 refill of Einstein's dark roast
I stuff the envelope
with the past week's events,
The Japanese test I aced,
the new bruise on my leg,
Phone calls with mom.
Sealing it with DNA
not too different from yours,
I address it to
Private Hayes
Fort Benning, Georgia.
You'll read it on Monday.