January 1, 1973

So, another year has started. It is always exciting to start a new year and an new book. I am afraid I am stuck with writing a journal every day. Don is now so proud of my doing this and he brags about it to everyone so I will continue to do this.

The first day dawned clear and cold. Since I still weigh 112 lbs. I must watch what I eat and I exercised this morning in an attempt to look thin when school starts tomorrow.

Don has started to write Christmas notes to people who sent cards and I must do some of that today too. I washed some sweaters and neatened up the house. I finally got around to writing to Pauline and then at 1:00 I put in a roast with tomatoes, wine and carrots and cooked it all afternoon so it was tender. Had fruit salad and plum pudding and we had Mom over for dinner. Jenny came by and she looks terrible and now her eye is infected – she promised to go to the Dr. tomorrow and I hope she does.

I read in the afternoon and Don watched football games. After dinner Joyce Menke called to come over so she got here and said she and Wayne had seperated for the last time and she is filing for divorce. She was very upset and really I couldn't do much but listen and I guess that was what she wanted. Betty Smith has figured in all this in a way. Not that she is having an affair with Wayne but she is gay, fun, leads him on and encourages him to drink and this makes Joyce jealous. It was very sad and I felt guilty cause we had had such a nice holiday and here was someone so unhappy.

I washed my hair and took a bath and then we tried tv for awhile but there was'nt anything good so we went to bed at 9 and the we made love so by the time we got up again and had a cigarette and talked it was 10 and then I went to sleep. So the new year has started with sadness, joy, love, anger - all the same old em-otions. I hope D.& L. can find something that pleases them this year and that

Cathy finds something that she wants from life and is happy. The same for Mike and Donna. A new baby is their desire from life. I hope Don and I stay well and happy with each other.

Weighed 110 ¼

January 2, 1973

Well, that ugly alarm went off at 5:30 so we laid in bed for 15 minutes (the fastest 15 minutes of the day). Got up and exercised while Don went for his run. I had an egg, toast and a small glass of orange juice and tea.

Wore my black skirt and black top and that white sweater with the full sleeves that Donna gave me long ago. It was cold this morning but Don warmed the car. It was clear today but still chilly. Well, everyone got back and people asked me about my trip but I tried to play it down. I
didn't have class until 5th period and that was my reading class. Tomorrow I start 1st period with the Decision class. I didn't feel pushed and fortunately my stomach behaved.

After school I went to Dr. Chamberlin and had my teeth cleaned. Stopped at Dr. Thomas to see if they would take Mom as a patient. They said yes. I got home and Wayne Menke had been here and he agreed that they were going to get a divorce. Don took Jenny to her Dr. and she got a shot plus some prescriptions so hopefully she will start to feel better. Then Lin called and said that she had gotten up in the night to check Jason, went to the bathroom and fainted, hit her head and knocked herself out. Dave got up and revived her and she went to the Dr. today and has a concession. He wanted to test her for low blood sugar and that test will be Thursday. So, I wouldn't say that our new year is starting out all that great. I found that after the first day of school I was very tired indeed. I guess I was spoiled during the holiday.

Made turkey salad, brocolli with cheese sauce and hot biscuits for dinner. Date too much. Since I had a little piece of plum pudding too. When will I ever learn? Hawaii 5-0 was about kidnapping babies so I decided not to watch and did my exercises in the living room instead.

I wrote to Mike & Donna. I don't like to write letters and I don't like to exercise.

Sometimes I think life is made up of doing things I don't like to do.

Mom came over telling tales of doom about the world, divorce, plane crashes etc. and I wanted to yell "STOP" I would like to escape again to the big island and the sea. But one can't do that for very long.

January 3, 1973

Frost on the pumpkin and the car windows this morning. When I put Mitzies' food out there were a million stars all looking very large and close but it was too cold to look long.

Not a terribly eventful day at school. Had a class 1st and last. Alice is out with the flu and I think more and more will be hit by it.

I got home and both Jenny and Lin were here with the darling Jason. Lin looks and feels just terrible and I suggested the test tomorrow will show something. She is nervous about it too and I don't blame her. Jenny feels better and that is good news. Mom and I went grocery shopping and the prices are kind of scary. Almost every item is higher. Honey is over $1.07 a jar, meat is way up there and eggs are 720 a dozen.' It isn't so bad for us cause we can pay but for someone like Mom or anyone on a fixed income it is devastating.

I got home and made soup and sandwiches for people cause I knew Lin wouldn't cook anything when she got home.
I rode Jason around the house in his go-cart while the parents were loading up the car and he sat like a king. All he needs was someone to fan him with a huge palm frond.

After they left I wrote to Cathy and Ruth Ludden and then I watched At The Palladium which wasn't too great until Lize Minelli and she was just tremendous. She gets me where I live.

I pinned up my hair and took a bath and to bed. Don is all in a stew cause of matters in the department. There is a meeting tomorrow night and I guess there will be a big fight.

I bought a magic window at the toy store. It is a flat piece of plastic with some blue and white stuff in it that changes shape. I got one to send to Matt too. I must get off a package to them. Was too lazy to exercise tonight.

January 4, 1973

Another cold frosty morning. I wish it would warm up and rain.

School was ok. Had only the Orientation class and they did job assignments so it went ok. Corrected test papers from the reading class most of the rest of the day. Don got a terrible chill in the night so I don't think he is over the flu yet. Mom is not feeling very well either and probably I will come down with it too. When I got home from school Don had a late meeting so I made macaroni and cheese and salad and then I waited for Lin's phone call for her 6 hour test on low blood sugar. She called about 4:30 and said the Dr. was out of town so she wouldn't know the results until tomorrow but the nurse thought that was it. So, now we will have to wait again.

I read for awhile but didn't do much else. Oh yes, I did make a chocolate mayonaise pie for tomorrow night to celebrate our anniversary.

Priss called and talked for a long time and invited us to dinner tomorrow night but I had to say no since I had my dinner all planned.

When Don came home he was pleased cause his side had won the fight over a hiring problem so we ate dinner and then we drank some liqeur and we were so tired that we want to bed at 8:30.

I have got to get with it cause I can't start going to bed at this early hour every night and hope to get anything dorm.

Jenny called and said she felt better so now if Linda's problem can be solved maybe things will perk up.

January 5, 1973
Today Don and I have been married 30 years! Just doesn't seem possible. 30 years is a very long time. I fixed him a fancy breakfast with papaya, pineapple juice, prunes, poached egg on toast.

School was quiet and uneventful. Don called at noon to say that there was a letter from Columbia College saying that Cathy had been accepted into the LVNC program. He called her at the hospital and she was very relieved. I got home from school and J & L. were here with Jason. I had to take Mom to the bank and when I got back the girls had gone.

They bought me a beautiful plant and a vase and for Don they had brought Don a very expensive bottle of wine.

Then the pictures from the trip came back and they were very good. I really looked ok in them and the hotel, ocean, etc. looked just great. We all looked at the pictures and Priss and Scotty came over and they brought us a bottle of wine too. After everyone left I fixed Don dinner. But, I must remember to say that Jason was just adorable while the Scott's were here. He really showed off. Well, anyway, everyone finally left and Linda did find out that she had hyper-glycemia and that means low blood sugar so she will have to eat proteins and fats and no sweets. She goes to the Dr. on Monday.

Well, I fixed dinner and it was good. We had steak, baked potatoes, a green salad and choc, mayonaise pie. We had wine with dinner. Then we sat around and talked then went to bed and made love and then Don got up and watched a t.v. program but I slept on. It was a very nice day cause Cathy got what she wanted. We found out that Linda has a problem but she can cope with it, and Jenny is going to go on day shift very soon so she was pleased about that. Don and I are happy and that is the best of all.

January 6, 1973

Well I got up and fed Mitzie and then made "breakfast. Don and I cleaned the house and then I made up a list of things to do.

Mike called and he said he would like slacks and shirt. He was fine and glad to hear about the girls. I was able to talk to him for once.

After we talked I started out and went to Second Street and got a good looking pair of slacks in blue and a blue and white shirt. Then I stopped at C & J to see about a plant and Don appeared. He said that Lin had called and Dave is very sick and she wanted us to take Jason so I stopped at the fruit stand??and then went home.

Don and I went up and got Jason. Poor Dave has a temperature of 104 and feels terrible. Jason was just great. I took him for a walk in the cart and he loved it.

I made a jello salad, ham, a baked yam, peas creamed with cauliflower. Jason ate a very good dinner and was so cute. I bathed him and put him in bed about 8. Don watched tv and I did Jenny's wash. It is great fun to have him here but it takes every minute of your time and you can't do
anything else but he is such a good boy who amuses himself. He played
with the dishes in the dishwasher, hit a pie tin with a spoon, played
with the blocks. He is such a bright and sunny baby. I planned the
cocktail buffet that will be served Saturday night. I am going to have a
stuffed turkey, a ham, deviled eggs, raw vegetables, relishes and I will
make brownies and divinity.

Well, it is getting on towards 9 and I think I will pin up my hair and go
to bed. It has been a busy day. I think it got a little bit warmer today.

January 7, 1973

This was not like a typical Sunday since we had Jason with us but then I
am not sure what a typical Sunday is. He woke at 6:20 so I gave him his
bottle in bed ant then I got up and started breakfast and fed him at
7:30. He had his familia cereal, toast, fruit, a little bacon and some
more milk. Although he doesn't talk he manages to tell us what he wants
by standing by something and shouting until he gets it.

When he wants Butch Cassidy on the record player he hits the player. When
he wants the radio on he stands by it. When he wants food he stands by
the counter etc. He is quiet a boy.

Lin called to say that David was some better that she was feeling worse
but that she wanted us to bring him back after lunch. Mother Y. had said
they would stop after church so Don bought sweet rolls and I made coffee
but they didn't come. Jason went down for a nap for about an hour in the
morning and then he had lunch of lamb, leftover yam, peas, yogurt and
fruit. He was glad to see his parents and we sort of hated to part with
him but we found that when he is here we aren't geared to watch him and do
anything else.

I made potato salad and zuccini to eat with yesterday's ham.

* Joyce M. came over to get some help on her knitting. Jenny stopped by
for a visit too. I wrote to Elizabeth Chamberlain so I got a letter off.

Then I washed my hair and read a bit while Don watched an English WW II
movie. We stayed up and I saw "The Chariot of the Gods" about the ancient
astronaut theory ' from 10 - 11 and it was fascinating.

I bought some Disney Sheets for Matt and got the pkg. ready to send so it
has Donna's Mu-Mu, the magic window and the sheets for Jason and the
shirt and slacks for Mike. I take Mom to the Dr. tomorrow and she is
nervous about that but then she and I both are. It was a wise and nice
day really. Bright but cold. Ed and Sel called and we chatted with them.

January 8, 1973

Well, this was quite a day. Don went for his run and came back covered
with snow. The snow came and went most of the morning mixed with rain so
that it ended up a messy slush.
School was rather hectic today and I really didn't like either class. Kids were restless and not interested but then neither was I.

Jenny called to say that Lin and Dave & Jason were sick and they were all coming ' down here cause their house is cold and damp. I talked to the nurse and got some suggestions from here about what to do with all these sickies.

Finally it was 3 and I came home and Mom was all nervous about going to Dr. Thomas about the swelling in her neck and at 4 I took her and she was there until 10 to 5. He says the lymph (nymph) glands are swollen, sent her to Dr. Hubbard for X-Rays and we got home about 5:20.

I had fixed salad greens and pork chops with dressing in the morning so I opened a can of string beans and Don rushed home from all his classes to eat and go back to his seminar. I went to the store to get milk and yogurt and popsicles

for Jason cause the boy has an earache and has to take aspirin and nose drops and some kind of antibiotic. I mixed it with ice cream and got it down. Well, it will be a test for me cause I get upset when the house is turned upside down but I am going to play it cool I hope.

We finally got Jason to bed and then I cleaned up in the little bathroom, pinned up my hair and played a new game of cards with the kids called layout that was fun. The rain came down all evening and finally at about 10:30 we went to bed after a long day.

Tomorrow Mom goes for blood tests and tomorrow I must get started on the party for the weekend and Wednesday she goes back to Dr. Thomas.

January 9, 1973

A rainy and foggy dark day, but it wasn't quite as cold as it had been. I got to school later than my usual 7:30 and the day went better. Both classes went smoothly and I go caught up on corrections.

I got home and Jenny was here. The sick Yakiches didn't feel too great but they were some better.

I stopped at the fruit stand and got cream cheese dressing and then got my hair cut. Louie just charge $2.00 cause he remembered to just trim it only but I think it will look much better. I like it a little longer over my ears. I had told the kids to put in the meatloaf I fixed this morning and some baked potatoes and I got some brocolli, made fruit salad at the last minute. Pauline called cause she had heard from Mom so I told her we really wouldn't know anything until tomorrow when she goes back to the Dr.

After dinner I went over and talked to Mom for awhile and then I dried some french bread for dressing and cleaned up the kitchen after I made a turkey hotdish for tomorrow night.
I had all these plans for getting things done for the party Saturday night but now there is just too much activity going on to do much.

I took a shower and pinned up my hair. Played a game of lay-out with Linda while Dave went to the store and then we watched the last part of America on TV and it was about the gold rush days and the frontier. Don had a hectic day and a class until late so he was very tired with the day also. I just hope I don't get the flu!

January 10, 1973   Rain -

Well, even though it is wet out at least it isn't quite so cold thank goodness. Mother was to go to the Dr. at 10:30 and I called at 12 after my class and she still wasn't home but finally I talked to her and she was very vague. When I got home she said that he said there was swelling in the lymph glands. The X-rays were o.k. and the blood. I called him and talked to him in the even-ing and he was of the opinion that cancer had moved up to the glands but she is going to make an appointment with Dr. Gibson and then we will see. I didn't call Pauline cause really there was nothing to report. Mother has decided that it is all over but I don't think she will stay in that frame of mind very long. She is too resilant.

I had made the turkey hotdish after dinner last night so I put it in before we went grocery shopping and I got most of my groceries. I made a green salad and dinner was solved.

Linda finds that she has to eat very frequently but I think she feels better in spite of the flu. Jason is better too as is Dave.

We played layout again tonight and again I didn't get to bed until 11. It is nice having them here but I do find that I don't get anything done and I would like to read or listen to music but I talk or play cards but at least I am not as upset as I used to be about disorder and really they are not as messy which helps. I think they are trying to keep things neat and Jason is such a joy.

Rain -

January 11, 1973

Again it is raining but now it is warm and feels more like a spring rain. My class on the family was accepted by the board last night and now I panic when I think that I will actually be teaching it in class. That is if anyone signs up for it. Had a struggle with tests in orientation and got annoyed with Bob Crouston but finally we got it straightened out. Didn't have the orientation today but did have the reading class.

I had a meeting after school about the drug abuse deal. We are going to have a miniview day the 19th and will be hearing about it from 1:30 - 4:00. I made spaghetti when I got home and we had cabbage slaw with it. The kids packed up and left right after dinner. I went to the store and
bought the ham at Safeway. It cost $10.00 as did the turkey so this will be an expensive spread on Saturday. I got a rubber plant at Penney's for $15.00 to put in the livingroom and then I got busy on the house.

Changed the bed, washed clothes and started to neaten things up. At 9 I watched the new TV series called "An American family", which will be running for a long time.

Galled Pauline even though we didn't have much to say. She sounded fine. There is a shortage of oil in Omaha and people are having to conserve heat. I hope we won't have to do that since I hate so to be cold.

I got to bed at 10:30. I don't feel so good. I hope I am not getting the flu.

January 12, 1973

Another dark day. School was o.k. I had the Orientation class 1st and y of the reading class last hour of a rally.

After school I did some hasty errands in the rain. Got some bread, cauliflower, etc., and then came home.

Don had taught his last classes for the semester and he was very relieved to be done.

Jenny and Skip came over and she goes on the day shift starting tomorrow so she was not in a very good mood. They stayed for a drink and then went on home. The paint people came and did the ceilings in Mom's apartment and the job looks just great. They had to do 3 coats but it really looks great and she was very pleased.

Her sister Prudence called her and that made her feel happy too.

We had pancakes for dinner and then I got to work on tomorrow's party.

First I did all the relishes and put them outside in plastic containers. Then I made the dressing for the turkey and put it in the refrigerator. I boiled the eggs so now there won't be so much to do tomorrow.

Then Don and I watched TV and at 9 Petulia came on with George G. Scott and Julie Christie. We got too tired so we didn't stay up for the whole thing and I wanted to see the way it ended but the people were really sick in it. By that I mean kooky sick and it was rather sad somehow cause I know there really are people like that.

I hope the party goes well tomorrow. I made a batch of divinity and it turned out beautifully.

January 13, 1973
We got up early and cleaned the house together. It is foggy but very warm out. In the 50's and after the cold spell that really seems warm.

Don went after bread and I put the turkey in and got some white mums for the table, ironed the gold colored clothe and set the table. Put the ham in to cook and bathed and washed my hair.

Everything was ready at the right time and people started coming around 5. Skip and Jenny plus Dave and Linda acted as barkeeper's and bar maids. Jason was right in his glory and didn't seem to mind all the people.

We had about 50 people all together. Priss in a stunning pantsuit, navy blue tailored, brought a tuna spread, that was delicious and Ellen, the sister brought a molded salad.

Don read a poem for Carl - a take-off on Kipling's BOOTS. People drank a lot of liquor and ate a lot of food and the party was definitely a success. Joe Conlin came from Davis with a Hawaiian girl, the Sanders and Dowes came. Lois Hein wore a very attractive blue pants outfit, very formal, there were a lot of people and it was fun.

Mom wore a long velveteeen jumper Pauline sent her for Christmas and she had a very good time too, so I was glad about that.

Finally all the people left and Don and I did part of the cleaning up and then I had one more drink and then we went to bed and made love and that was tremendous. No question about it but it helps to drink before making love or at least it helps me.

So the big party is over and now I can relax for awhile and rest on my laurels. I forgot to say my brownies were delicious and I cut them in very small squares and put them and the divinity on footed cake stands and they looked so pretty. I wore my new navy and white mumu.

January 14, 1973

I got up at 7 while Don slept on. I emptied the dishwasher and put another load in. Don got up and told me he had had a terrible headache and still didn't feel too good.

I fixed him some breakfast and then he lay down again. Then I took all the meat off the turkey, cleaned up the back room and finally got the kitchen back in shape.

Don vacuumed and then I washed the kitchen floor. Ran a load of wash and by then it was lunchtime. We are going to try to eat like Linda's diet: high protein and little or no sugar to see if we feel better.

Don watched the Super Bowl which started at 12. I went to Long's for the specials and there was such a big crowd that I had to stand in a long line to check out. I guess grocery prices are so high that people go crazy when there is any kind of a sale.
I made dinner very simple with leftovers. Then Lin called to say that Dave had left and she thought Bev was going to stay with her but she has left Fred for good so Lin didn't want to stay up there alone with no work so Don went up to get her and she got down here with Jason and she got him in bed and then she began to feel sick to her stomach and started to vomit so I guess she has another phase of the flu. Will this never end?? We played some cards and then went to bed.

January 15, 1973

I got up to pouring rain. Lin felt just terrible so we fed Jason. Right now Jason isn't drinking much milk and that worries Lin. He seems to be feeling ok. School was ok. Four of the teachers out with the flu were back today and they all looked very pale and wan. I didn't have my reading class and had the orientation class 2nd period. Then Don called to say that he couldn't find anyone to give his exam and Lin was to sick to take care of Jason so I asked Mr. A. to let me leave at 2.

I came home and they were both sleeping. When they got up I made scalloped potatoes and put them in the oven and then went over to buy milk, yogurt, fruit in the pouring rain.

Now Skip has the flu and is in bed. Does this never end??

I made a fruit salad, did Jenny's wash and then at 5:30 Don came for dinner but he had to go right back.

Mom is all nervous about going to see Dr. Gibson tomorrow. It is a grim household at the moment.

Cathy called because she had gotten my letter about Mom and she was all upset. She has broken up with Jim and she is living in a miserable late place but trust Cathy. She gave me a quote - "Peace is not a lack of conflict but the courage to cope with it". Bless her heart.

Lin ate dinner but then about 8:30 she vomited again. I tried to read but I didn't feel like it so I got ready for bed. Didn't write any letters.

When Don got home we went to bed. At 12 Jason woke up and rocked his crib so I gave him a bottle of milk and finally we all went to sleep with the rain and the wind.

January 16, 1973

Rain, naturally! It just doesn't seem to know how to stop but the sun did shine for a while in the afternoon,

We had a counseling meeting after school and I found out that although the state has dropped the reading requirement the district is going to continue it so I will still have to teach that semester class. Damn! I can take it on a quarterly basis but don't like it for a semester. In fact, I don't like it at all! I took Mom to Dr. Gibson at and he wants to
do a biopsy on the lymph gland in her neck so she has an appointment at the hospital tomorrow at 12. Both Pauline and Cathy called in the evening but we had nothing to report. I made a noodle dish that wasn't too great and a green salad for dinner. We played cards afterwards and I cleaned up and then we watched The Forbidden City from 10-11. It was just marvelous. The palaces, jewels, china and statues were all just fascinating. Then to bed.

Linda feels much better but I find I am very tired having her here all the time even though we get along fine. I guess we had sort of fitted into a more placid routine, but Jason is so sweet and dear that I guess it doesn't matter if our lives are disrupted.

Lin talked to David on the phone and he hasn't found anything yet.

January 17, 1973    21.41" of rain and it was 5.25 last year!

Rain again and this time there is a strong wind with it.

My classes went well today. The reading class read an article about Prof. Skinner and his controlled society and in the sophomore class 2 finished the vocational part and tomorrow we start on graduation requirements. The rest of the day was ok. When I got home Mom seemed pretty good. She had a bandage on her neck. She had gone to the hospital at 11:30 and they didn't get to her until 1:15 and then she didn't get home until well after that. But, she seemed in good spirits. I went to the grocery store to get things and then I made sandwiches, soup and salad. I am taking Mom dinner every night cause she eats better that way and I don't mind an extra serving.

When I got home Lin was talking to Jenny and Pat Dolan who had come over to visit. I really didn't feel very good after dinner so I got ready for bed early. Susan Geshekter brought me a starter of fermented fruit the night of the party so tonight I added pineapple and sugar and then in 2 weeks I will add something else.

I should be doing so many things like writing letters and doing school work and reading, etc. and I just can't get with it with people in the house.

January 18, 1973

Rather a strange birthday really. We woke at 4 cause Jason woke up, then and never got back to sleep so I was very weary when I finally got up, and Lin was cross because she felt he should sleep in so the day didn't start exactly great. No one mentioned my birthday and naturally I didn't bring the subject up. I went to school and worked hard in both my classes and that really went ok but by 3 I was so weary I could hardly see.

I got home and Lin and Don were waiting for me and they had a lot of presents out on the table. There was a beautiful plant with pink blossoms, a set of brass bells from India, a lovely vase from Denmark -
didn't need another vase but what could I say about that. A funny little doll. Then Mom bought me a split leaf philodendron so suddenly I have so many plants that I could start being a florist. O. K. everybody, let's hold off on plants and vases - O.K.??

Then Don wanted to take me out to dinner but Lin was upset and decided to go home but wanted to eat and feed Jason so I suggested that we postpone eating out and since I had thawed steak I had that and a green salad, baked potatoes and vanilla pudding.

I worry about Lin cause she said she was so depressed and unhappy and I really didn't think she should go up there alone but I couldn't insist that she stay. When she acts like this I recall the old days and I panic.

After she left I took a bath and did my hair and was in bed by 9 cause I was so tired. Mike called and Mrs. Neeley has been there since Monday and no baby yet. We had a nice talk. No word from Cathy but then that doesn't surprise me. Mom admitted that everyone thought my birthday was tomorrow and when they found out that it was today they had to scurry around like crazy. All those dear, sweet people.

January 19, 1973

I woke up this morning very rested and ready for the day. It was cold and clear. Lots of frost on the windshield. Don drove me to work so he could have my car for the day since Lin took his.

School went fine and we only went until noon. After lunch E. Clark took some of us to see her house that is being built. Then from 1:30 - 4 we listened to the drug abuse deal. I had heard both of the speakers this summer so I doodled the whole time but it was ok.

I came home and Mom was fine and there was a good letter from Pauline. We called Lin and she seemed sad so we said we would go see her before going to dinner. We got there and she was in tears and feels very depressed so we suggested that she come down and spend the night and tomorrow with us so we packed her up and she drove on down and we went to Burtons.

We each had drinks and then I had the chicken Kiev which was lousy and Don had abalone. We had a good time talking and then we came on home and Dave had called from Paradise and was on his way down. He came and seemed in a fine mood and Lin was fine so I guess she was terribly lonesome. They packed up and left and Don and I went to bed and made love very beautifully and then to sleep. I guess my birthday really lasted 2 days instead of one.

I find that I really worry about Lin cause she is so easily depressed and I don't know if she can take much in the way of adversity. She is so frail and vulnerable.

January 20, 1973
I would classify today as a good day. When I woke up it was clear (for a change) so I dressed warm and went for a walk. This is the one time I really miss Dolly cause she liked so to go to the Jr. Hi.

The moon was setting and it was really beautiful out although it still was dark. There was a huge ring around it and I stopped to gaze and gaze. Came home and made breakfast and then busied myself around the house until 9:15. I went shopping downtown. Checked Asers, the Frances Shop and Shoe stores. Got a new navy blue long sleeved knit top for $4.00 at the Fair and a pair of navy loafers at Burtons for $8.00. They don't fit too well but are ok. Got some groceries and came home to make lunch.

Jenny came to do her wash so I fixed her a sandwich and then made a gorgeous choc. pie in a meringue shell.

Took Mom to buy her groceries and then made tea and English muffins for a snack for everyone.

Don worked all day on the income tax. I made a batch of bread and for dinner had hot dogs and beans.

Jenny stayed cause Skip went to the snow. Played the new LayOut game with Jenny for awhile and later with Don. He beat me 3 times. Still I like to play. My rubber plant lost 4 leaves so I complained at Penney's but to no avail. Got 4 pairs of panty hose and I hope they last me through the spring. We didn't watch tv in the evening for a change but instead I bathed and then wrote a letter to Mike and I hope it gets there for his birthday.

Nixon was inaugurated today but I tried not to think about that. His speech and inauguration was a hodgepodge of cliches and there was nothing new or hopeful about anything.

Lin called to say that she would be down Monday evening and wanted to go out with Bev. Dave will leave for the city and she will stay the night and then take one of our cars the next day and stay in Paradise until he comes back. OK with us. I hope tomorrow is as nice as today. I felt at peace with myself and my family - a good feeling.

January 21, 1973

Another nice day. Mom and I went to 8 am Mass. I asked Father Fagan to dinner but he couldn't come.

I came home and Don and I played cards and then after lunch I washed the windows in the living and dining room and kitchen.

I went over to the Mall for awhile and looked at things but didn't buy anything. I had a good dinner. I fixed chicken with wine and sour cream, broccolli, a tomato aspic salad, and the gorgeous chocolate mocha pie in a meringue shell. I finally wrote a letter to Sel and Ed and picked out some pictures to send along with the letter.
I washed my hair and took a bath and fixed my nails and then Don and I watched Columbo which was pretty good.

I called Jenny and she came over and took 2 pieces of the pie. I guess Dave and Lin will be coming down tomorrow and then Dave will go on to the city and Lin will spend the night here and take Don's car up on Tuesday morning. The sun was out today and although it was chilly it was nice to have it bright. In fact, I could almost convince myself that it was spring. The quince is in tight bud and it won't be long now and I can have some bloom in the house. Tomorrow Mom goes to the Dr. and should find out what he will say.

January 22, 1973   Ex-president Lyndon B. Johnson died.

Clear this morning but very cold. The car was really frosted over. I finally got there but it was hard to see out the windows.

There were a lot of students coming in about registration and the day went fast. 5th period I had the reading class.

Don called to say that Mom couldn't get an appointment with the Dr. Finally Don got through to the nurse and the news is bad.

I left at 10 to 3 and picked up Mom and we went over to Dr. Gibson's and waited and then we talked to him.

The biopsy proved to be malignant. No surgery or cobalt treatments but chemotherapy. Tomorrow she goes for a blood test at 8:30. Mom took it very well. I made a stew last night and it cooked all afternoon so we had that and a green salad.

I called Pauline and told her and Cathy called and talked to Grandma. She has a cold but other than that she is ok.

Dave left for San Francisco about 5 and Lin went off with Bev to have dinner with her. Jason was adorable as always. When he goes over to Grandma's he keeps saying no, no, no, no, all the time he is touching things he should be leaving alone. He ate dinner and then played until 7 and I gave him a bottle and put him to bed. He is such a good little boy.

Well, this has been a difficult day and I am afraid the days ahead will be even harder but somehow we will have to learn how to cope with it. I just hope that I will be brave enough to handle it well. I love my Mother very much and she is a brave and gallant lady.

January 23, 1973   The war in Vietnam is over.

Mother went in for her blood test this morning at 8:30. Don took her.
Linda went off to Paradise with Jason in the Volvo and hopefully will manage ok until David gets back from San Francisco on Thursday night.

I went in and explained to Mr. A. about Mom and told him I might be leaving early some days and he was very understanding.

I met the Decision class 1st period and the reading class last period. The rest of the day I talked to students.

I had had a long talk with Carl Kunli yesterday and today his Mother came in to talk to me. She has terminal cancer and it a very brave woman. Fortunately, she did not get angry at the way I had advised Carl.

I came home and creamed potatoes and we had ham and jello and green peas. Nixon came on at 7 to say the war was over. Eric Severied said afterwards that instead of cheering it would be more appropriate to play taps. I agree. I made snickerdoodles and Mom and I ate them hot from the oven while Don went up to school to hand out the test papers.

Then I watched "The Flight of the Snow Geese" which was beautiful. Then I bathed and did my hair and we watched "America" about the civil war and so to bed.

January 24, 1973

I really didn't like this day. Whe we got to school word had it that we would get tomorrow off cause it will be a day of mourning for Pres. Johnson so that was debated until 10 am when word finally came through. That means that we will move registration until Monday and have all the class periods on Friday. I had a very busy day and was extremely tired by 3. Game home and took Mom grocery shopping in the rain.

I had planned dinner but Don wanted to go eat at the Almond Tree so I said yes against my better judgment.

Cathy called to wish me a Happy Birthday but she had it wrong, wrong person, wrong day. She was embarrassed that she was probably going to move in with Jim and I didn't approve of that.

Then we called Mike to wish him a happy birthday. He seemed fine and said he liked the clothes I sent. He said he had on the shirt I had sent - no baby yet. Well, we each had a drink while we played a game of cards and then went out to eat. I had another drink and that was my undoing. I came home and went right to bed and to sleep.

Don said that the Heins stopped by but I didn't even hear them. I got up at 12:30 and we watched some of Dick Cavett talking to Lawrence Olivier and then back to bed. I had to get up early to take Marion Asterlah to an early plane so I woke up at 4:30 and stayed awake cause I was afraid I would go back to sleep. Ugh! I hated this day.

I have had a period this month and it has been rather a nasty one. It started on the 20th and it is still going strong. Rather strange really.
January 25, 1973

I didn't feel very well until about 9. I had a stomach ache and was afraid I had the flu but then after lying down for awhile I was ok so I got busy. I made a lemon pie, cleaned Don's shower and did both bathrooms. I made a leg of lamb with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, and stewed tomatoes and cottage cheese salad plus hot rolls.

Jenny called and asked me to pack her up at the hospital cause she worked today. I went over and got her and then she decided to stay to dinner so she called Skip. They left right after dinner.

Mom washed her hair and I pinned it up and it turned out very nice. She came for dinner too.

Bill Connor came over and put sand on the lawn cause it is supposed to cut down on fungus in the summer. It rained off and on all day.

Don and I played Layout and that game is like a disease. We called Lin and Dave got home and he has more interviews next week and although he doesn't have a job yet it looks most encouraging.

Mom talks all the time about dying and somehow I will have to cheer yer up but I don't know quite how. Maybe this is a natural reaction right now. Don and I played one more game of cards before bedtime and now it is 9:30 and I am weary and it will be good to go to sleep.

January 26, 1973

School was hectic but dull. The students came and we did the 7 period day that we should have done yesterday.

I remembered to take Marion's "D" period class and then I got to talking to Packy about how much I hated my hair the length it was and she suggested that I go to the woman who cuts her hair so I called this Barbara Jorovey and she said she could take me at 4:15.

Then Don called me at school to say that the Boyles were having Chinese New Year's party and wanted us to come at anytime after 5.

After school I got home and the Yakiches were here with Jason napping so I went off to have my hair cut. Nancy Ostrom was there with her 2 boys and they were all having their hair cut too and finally it was my turn.

The girl haul gone to school with Linda and was very nice. She did a good job al-though it was cut pretty short. She wants to put some curl into it on Thursday. I got home and Cathy had sent me a lovely bouquet of carnations: white, pink, peach and yellow so I arranged those.

I quick pinned up my hair and then it was time for the kids to leave. Jason had on his white knit suit and he looked like a fat teddy bear.
I got my dry by 5:30 and we went to the party. It was ok. I talked to
Nancy O. and Chuck Price and Mrs. Ruge and Lois Hein. I thought the
Chinese food was really pretty terrible but I have decided that maybe
there is something wrong with me cause everyone was raving so about it. I
also realized that other people had received invitation in the mail a
long time ago and we were a last minute addition but Don didn't seem to
mind this and I guess I shouldn't either. We came home and went to bed. I
didn't sleep very well. I kept waking up and about 4:30 every morning and
then I have a terrible time getting back to sleep.

January 27, 1973

Got up and busied myself around the house a bit, I offered to take Mom
anywhere she wanted to go but she really didn't want to go out. She seems
to want to just stay at home.

I did go to the library and got her some books so she can read something
besides the newspaper.

I wrote a long letter to Cathy. Pinned up my hair in the afternoon and
cleaned up. Jenny did her wash. No word from the Mike L's so no baby yet.
No word from Linda today.

We went over to the Heins at 5:15 and the Geschecters picked us all up
there and we were off to McDonalds in Nogalia for dinner. We were
supposed to be there at 6 and we weren't too late. They have a small
house that isn't to great but they have some beautiful furniture. The
food was good and it was a nice evening but I thought Don talked too much
but then I guess he was just trying to keep the conversational ball going
cause it was a rather quiet evening.

He got to talking about planets etc. and the Ancient Astronauts and
Charlie G. poo-pooed the whole thing. I probably was that way too when I
was young but now I am not quite so willing to discount the unknown. I
don't think there has to be a logucal explanation for everything and I am
willing to accept the strange and the un-known. I know that life is very
strange and I am humble in what I don't know or cannot explain.

We got home about 10:30 and went to bed but I really wasn't in the mood
to make love so we decided to do it tomorrow night instead. I realize
that in many ways I have become rather anti-social. I really don't enjoy
going out all the much. I want something more somehow but I can't explain
and then when I am gone I worry about Mom. This puts a damper on things.

January 28, 1973

Even though it was frosty this morning I went for a walk and took Mitzie
and she was certainly thrilled. I wanted to go to 8 am Mass but Mom
wasn't ready so we went to 9:30 instead.
While I waited I made a bundt cake and ground up ham for ham salad sandwiches. I liked Mass this morning. I enjoyed the singing and a little Hughes girl only 15 years old has cancer and is in the hospital and Rather Fagan talked about death etc., and I think it was helpful to both Mom and me.

We got home and I frosted the cake, fixed rice, green beans, fruit salad, game hens. Made lunch, played cards, read.

Mom keeps coming over with things that she wants me to have and eventually just about all the things at her house will be at my house, but that is ok, she like to distribute her things and I can understand. Everything seems precious to her. After dinner I was reading in the west bedroom and in walked D. & L. with "Busy Box". He was really wound up and dashed everywhere demanding things. Lin calls him "Lassie" cause he comes to you and wants you to follow and then either points to things or grunts and expects you to figure out what he wants. They stayed for a short time and then went up the hill.

I bathed and washed my hair and then finished my book and started watching Laurence of Arabia. Then I suggested that Don and I go make love and so we did. Then I pinned up my hair and we watched the movie until 11 and then to bed. The love-making was certainly fine and a nice way to end the day.

January 29, 1973 Ethan Tyler Lillibridge, 7# 3 Oz - 10:07 pm

Woke to rain! I put on my wine pantsuit and went to school on this dark wet morning to arena registration for a long day. I hate this day cause one is a floating counselor and the time seems to go on forever.

Came home and picked up Mom to take to Dr. Gibson. Her appointment was at 4 and she got in at 4:30 and stayed about 5 minutes and he said to come back in 10 days. We got home and Linda & David were here. I had already made lamb stew so I just made biscuits and a salad and we set down to eat. Afterwards we sat around and played cards and talked.

Tin kept saying that today was going to be the day that the new baby would come and then the phone rang and IT WAS Mike and he said we had another grandson! I think he was a little disappointed cause they had planned on a girl for the baby but he is dark and fat with black hair. Sounds like Mike and he even weighed the same amount. Donna had tried Lamaze for awhile but it got a little difficult at the end and she had to have demerol then.

They induced labor in the afternoon cause I guess the baby was getting too big. After all Matt was 2 pounds lighter.

After we all talked to Mike I called Jenny and said is this Aunt Jenny and she squealed, with excitement and then I called Jim Connors somewhere in Sonora and Cathy was there and I said was this Aunt Cathy? and she squealed just like Jenny. Then after I talked to her we all had a glass of Sherry and then I pinned up my hair and went to bed. Lin and Don
watched the second half of Lawrence of Arabia. So, now we have 3 grandsons!

January 30, 1973

One more day in Jan, and then maybe we can start thinking about spring although I realize it is still far away.

Don took me to school on this dark gloomy morning. I thought everyone wanted to hear about Ethan Tyler and Alice was happy cause Becky is in Berkeley and will be her tomorrow or tonight. Last night Becky’s name came up and Linda said they heard that common gossip has it that the man she lives with deals in hard drugs. I must admit that everything points to this but I hope it is not true.

Jenny came to get me at school and then when we got home Don arrived so I took Mom to Jorays to have her hair cut and tonight I set it so I hope she likes it. I had liver and potato puffs for dinner and I made choc, pudding. The people who had living with Gail McMrytrie are moving out and I guess Lin and David will be moving down next week cause Gail can't finance the apt. alone.

I am afraid this will be quite a blow for us cause we are going to miss them so much. I know Don has gotten so attached to Jason that he will really miss him and so will I. He is like a ray of sunshine and Mom just adores him.

We tried to call Donna this morning before I left for work but they don't have telephones in the rooms but they called right at 4 and she talked. She said that Ty looks like Mike. I guess Matt didn't like his name and wants to call him Joe. She gets to go home on Friday and then they will call from home.

I wrote a letter to Lolly tonight and I tried, to reach Pauline by phone but I guess she was at play practice. I think the play she is in goes on the 1st of Feb. so they are probably in dress rehearsal.

Played a game of cards with Don and then he went to watch tv and I went to take my bath. I wish it were spring and I weighed about 5 pounds less.

Jenny got her tests back and she is going to take thyroid for 3 months and then they will see if she feels any better. I feel weary and sad tonight.

January 31, 1973

Woke to a cloudy day but it cleared later.

School was very busy today, to the point that I was exhausted by 3. Mrs. Gerth called about Annette and her classes and she is really pushy. I came up with the idea of an independent research plan that I think took care of her for the time being.
Alice was all thrilled that Becky will be home and had a lot of interesting stories to tell.

I got home and Lin and Jason were here cause she was scared to stay alone after seeing a scary tv show.

I remember how scared I used to be in Madison when Don went off somewhere so I understand.

Mom and I went grocery shopping and the price of food just goes up and up. I had pork chops and dressing for dinner and then I was so tired that I got ready for bed.

We played one game of cards on the bed and then Lin and Don watched tv and I went to sleep. Hopefully those extra hours of sleep will make Thursday a better day.

February 1, 1973

A nice bright day. There was frost in the morning but it was pleasant by after-noon.

I had just the one class 6th period, and spent the rest of the day being busy in my office. Emma Roney was upset about the American Family Glass and today she asked, if I would be a guest speaker in her family living class. I was evasive cause I really don't want to do it. Somehow the whole thing bothered me. I came home and made a good dinner. We had chicken with milk gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and fruit salad.

Dave called and said he wouldn't come until tomorrow morning cause he was late at---------. Lin was upset about that and Jason was grumpy so it wasn't a very pleasant evening.

We played layout and then I went over and talked to Mom for awhile. I bathed and did my hairaand I watched the American Family on channel 9 from 9-10. Bev came over and she and Lin were going to watch tv when I went to bed. I will be glad when they are settled in San Francisco although naturally, we will miss them. I find it all rather disruptive although we all get along well together. I called Pauline cause the play she is in opens tonight and she sounded tired and not all that keen on the play. She carries a live cat on stage and it has scratched her a lot and I think she will be glad when the whole thing is over. My stomach didn't feel well tonight and it had been pretty good lately. I felt so good in Hawaii and it hasn't caused much trouble since.

February 2, 1973

I left for school leaving Jason and Linda who wasn't in the best mood. Since Dave didn't come back last night and she is disappointed.
I had a busy day but it went ok. Right after school I went to the bank stopping first at Wentz to get a few things. I put $250.00 in the bank again and we have over $6000.00 now. If Dave ever gets a job I can put $200.00 more in each month.

When I got home Dave was here and they were ready to go. Lin went over to Dolores' today to borrow milk and it seems that Mrs. Houx had a stroke and today was moving from the hospital to Riverside Convalescent and isn't a bit well.

After the kids left I made scrambled eggs for dinner and then we watched some of Much Ado About Nothing and it was good but I was tired so we didn't watch the whole thing.

Mike called and Ty was home. He had slept through the night the night before. Donna is nursing him and he was doing fine. We talked to Matt and he seemed fine. They took some pictures and are sending them. Mike has had an offer of a job in San Diego, some kind of an educational firm with a salary of $22,000.00, plus stock in the Company. It all sounds wonderful but he is going to check it out. It is all rather fantastic. He will be making more than his parents who have been working 22 years! But, we are very proud of him.

We went to bed and Don wanted to make love but I just couldn't do it. I guess I am all tied, up in knots cause of Mom and somehow I keep thinking that something is terribly wrong with me too. I guess cause I haven't felt very well this week.

110 lbs.

February 3, 1973

I got up and took a walk with Mitzie this morning and it was not too cold out. I weighed less this morning too and that made me feel good. We had breakfast and then cleaned the house. Then I went to the Mall and got things that I needed and then I went to Wentz and bought a beautiful Boston Fern for $5.00. Got home and it began to rain. I made lunch and then did a batch of cookies, half ch. chip and half raisin.

Jenny came over to do her wash. Linda called to say that they were going to Yakiches for dinner and then would come here.

Mom, Jenny and I went ot Salvation Army and J. got some little bowls to put her plants in and I found an ice bucket in aluminum for 200 and I took the cover off and it looks great to put my fern in. Mom gave me a table to put it on until I can find a stand for it.

The kids' rented their house in Paradise and plan to move to San Francisco on Mon. so we will have Jason tomorrow while they pack. It is going to be strange to have them gone cause they are here so much but I think in the long run it will be better. Lin is too dependent on us and it will be better for them to be on their own, if only Dave can find a job.
I was glad that we got Mom out of the house this afternoon cause she just hasn"t wanted to go anywhere but tonight she said she was going to start sewing on Monday. She can"t just sit around waiting to die, she has to keep busy and then it won"t all seem so terrible.

I made hamburgers and potato salad for dinner. We played cards today. It was really a pretty good day. I wish I had gotten the bread made and later read, but other than that it was OK.

February 4, 1973

Rain again naturally. We didn't go to church today. Jason was up early rocking his bed. We sneaked out and Don didn't feel like running, so he walked to the Jr. High with me and Mitzie but by the time we got back it was more than just misting, it was raining.

I made bread today and it turned out just beautifully. Don and Dave went together and got a truck to take their things to S. F. and then they went on up and spent the day packing and we kept Jason.

I wrote to Mike and I made a good dinner with the roast and potatoes and gravy, carrot souffle and green salad. We took Mom and drove Jason home about 5:30 and it was raining hard then. We got back and played some Layout and that was just great. Watched the F.B.I. and I took a bath and then we made Love. I know we will miss the kids when they are gone but I still think it is better for them to go. Dave gets on my nerves. He is so verbose and meandering about every-thing and I am just geared to a different speed. I know it annoys Lin at times and it bothers me still more.

The TV makes everything look green so I hope we will have to get a new one and the washer is not working too well so it sounds like some of our appliances will have to be repaired or replaced. There is always something.

Now it is time to go to bed with a new week coming up. I bathed Jason in the kitchen sink and washed his hair and cut his fingers and toenails so he will go to the city all fancy. He was a good boy today.

February 5, 1973

We woke early today so I didn't feel rushed about getting ready for school. Cloudy morning but not cold.

Since our car was going to San Francisco Don took me to work in my car and then used it for the day.

School went o.k. Nothing very exiting happened. Viking Volunteer meeting at noon. Had the reading class 1st. period. Changed schedules.
Got home and called about the washing machine. The man came out and fixed it. A part had worn out and too much water was going into it and then it couldn't empty. He also fixed Mom's heater.

Mrs. Mauer came to see Mom and brought her some roses so she was pleased. She didn't feel well this morning but this afternoon she seemed fine.

I fixed left-overs for dinner and then Lois McDonald sent the recipe for date cake so after dinner I made that and we ate it hot with whipped cream and it was delicious. Don spent every minute of the day at the office and I think he is going to find that there is a lot more work than he thought there would be so he was tired tonight. We lay down after dinner in the little bedroom and listened to music. It was nice and cozy.

Now it is 9:15 and Don is watching TV and I think I will get ready for bed. Linda called to say that they got there ok. It took a long time but Jason was running around looking into all the boxes while they set up their bed. Jenny and Fred are not going to drive back until tomorrow cause it is raining very hard in San Francisco and they didn't want to drive back in the dark.

Well, they are moved and I hope it works out ok. We are certainly going to miss them. I wrote to my sister tonight but my evening was really not very productive. I just feel tired and fat.

February 6, 1973

And still it rains. Had a boring day at school. Came home and made hot dish and green salad because I had called Joyce Menke to come to dinner.

Jenny came home about 15 to 4. She said it rained hard all the way home. She told all about the apartment and Jason. I guess he just went crazy when he saw the bed and he seemed to take everything in his stride. She said when he left he said Bye-bye and that is the first time he has said that. She said she started to cry so she left very quickly.

There was a letter from Cathy. She is living with Jim and she answered all the questions that I had asked and she said she was willing to take the risks. She wrote a long letter to Mom and it is just beautiful. It described the trailer and how she is planting things and doing things and the dogs, etc. and she ended by saying how much she loved Grandma and what good grandparents she had and when Mom read this to Jenny and me the 3 of us were crying. So, it was a very weepy afternoon and then there was a birth announcement from Mike with a picture of Tyler and he is just adorable.

He doesn't look like a new baby at all and has a lot of dark hair. What a day this was.

Don came home from school and we had a drink with Joyce, ate dinner and talked and that went well. Then she left and Don and I played cards and I beat him twice and then he was very tired so he went to bed and I watched R. Burton and Liz Taylor which is rather like watching them in their
bedroom. Really not all that good. I bathed and did my hair and still it rained and now it is 10 pm. I am ready for bed and it is all rather sad cause I miss L. & Jason and there is Donna with that new baby so far away and Mom is sad and worried but somehow life goes on.

February 7, 1973

Rain again this morning although it did clear in the afternoon and was clear when we went to bed. But I did hear rain in the night and someone said today that March and April were to be only 2 weeks of sunshine. We will all be mildewed before spring. I had a good class hour with the reading lab today. Worked on details the rest fo the day.

These days I feel pudgy and fat and I know one reason is that between playing lay-out and watching TV I haven't done exercises at home as much as usual, I don't go to TAC any more and the weather is so bad I just walk from the car to the school and back. I must do something about this cause spring will come eventually and I am going to hate how I look. I don't even want to buy new clothes at the moment as I feel so thick. Yuk!

I had a meeting after school until and then rushed to make dinner. Mom and I went to get groceries afterwards and then I watched the second part of "Divorce, His and Hers" with Liz Taylor and Richard Burton. It was better tonight than last night but still not very good.

Linda called to say that everyone was ok their and that Jason now said "night-night" as well as "bye-bye" so maybe he decided if he were moving to San Francisco he should learn to talk.

This week seems to be dragging terribly. Next week we start on another Decision Class and maybe that will keep me busier than I am now. Then report cards are due to come out and that too will keep me busy.

Somehow I just must stop eating so much or figure out a way to burn more calories. I want to work in the yard. I want the sun to come out. I want to see Jason. I want new clothes, new shoes. I want, I want!

February 8, 1973

Cloudy this morning but sunny this afternoon. I took quince to school and it least it looks like spring.

I was busy. I got materials ready for the sophomore class and then called Mrs. Morgan. Then Sarah Parley's Mother called and I talked to her for about half an hour. Then Bonnie Farfen's Aunt called and she and another Aunt from Durham came in and there were many tears, etc. cause it seems Bonnie's step-mother is not good to her so then I talked to Bonnie and finally they left and were going to talk to the Father. It really bothered me cause I was not sure I ended it right. I went to lunch and forgot that I had a class 4th period so I missed it.
In the afternoon I finished working and then left at 3. Report cards were handed out so tomorrow I will work on those.

I went to Wentzes and bought a ham and then stopped at the fruit stand to get some celery and Jenny was there.

She came back to the house and we talked. She found a desk she likes so she went to get it. I made wiener and sauce (sauerkraut) and a fruit salad and artichokes for dinner and I was careful not to eat too much. Then after dinner I exercised cause I have decided to do something about this weight. If I can just stick to it over the weekend.

Talked to Mom. Don watched TV. A Navy plane crashed into an apartment house in Alameda last night and the whole thing exploded. Many were killed or hurt. The P.O.W.'s will probably start coming home on Sunday or Monday. The news was better tonight.

The Congress is fighting with the President and vice/versa.

Marge Saler is engaged to be married to Maurice Willis and she is going to be married in April. She seems so happy and I am glad for her. Made love and it was very nice.

February 9, 1973

Rain of course but by afternoon it was just sprinkling.

The day dragged at school but it was finally over. I came right home and took Mother to the Doctor. He saw her for just a few minutes but he did tell her that she would start treatments on Tuesday. We then stopped at the bank. Then on home. Jenny came over and asked if she could stay for dinner cause Skip had gone skiing. I made tuna salad, baked potatoes, peas, stewed tomatoes, hot rolls. Then after dinner I made divinity. You are not supposed to even try divinity if it is damp and it was pouring rain but we did it anyway and it was lovely. Skip called from Truckee to say he would be late. We played cards after dinner and talked and then about 8:30 Jenny went home.

I really wasn't sleepy but I went to bed anyway. Jenny called about 10 to say that Skip was home but he had been hurt skiing and had a cast on his leg cause he had torn some ligaments in his knee. Jenny has to work tomorrow so he will be miserable by himself.

I slept very late it seemed. I wasn't unhappy or worried but I just had difficulty getting to sleep or I would doze and then wake up and go back. This went on all night.

I am taking vitamin pills and I exercised again today so I guess I have more energy. Somehow I feel that this time I will be able to stick with it. The weekend will be the hardest and I have an extra day!

February 10, 1973
Cloudy skies and rain again but it did clear now and then.

Did my exercises and had breakfast. Changed sheets and washed clothes. We didn't clean the house this week.

About 9 I went over to Safeway and got vegetables and meat on sale. Then Mom and I did the second-hand stores looking for a plant stand. We went to 4 of them but I couldn't find what I wanted. I may still go back and get a birdcage frame and hang the fern.

Jenny came over after work and brought her wash and then went home to take care of Skip in his cast.

I washed my hair and bathed. Linda called to say they had gone out to dinner and left the food mill and it was thrown out so we will have to get one at Lassen and send it to her.

I wore my pink dress and shoes to the Browns. Laurel made a french dinner with lamb, rice, crepes with chicken and shrimp, beets, mushrooms and cooked green peppers and a lovely almond choc. torte for dessert.

I really didn't have a very good time. The other people there are so much younger and they are nice to us but they make us feel old. I think Don feels the same way. I guess there is no answer to this. We will be inviting cause he is Chairman but it isn't exactly fun.

I am at 110 and feel good. Now I must just keep exercising.

February 11, 1973

We got up and went to 8 am Mass. Then home and I decided to go look for something else for my fern.

I went back to the Bargain Barn and found a birdcage, talked them into selling the frame with it the cage for $3.00 and came home and painted the stand, leaving the circle steel colored. With the white base it looks lovely. I am so thrilled with it.

Finished Jenny's washing, made a Boston Creame pie, a smoked ham, cauliflower and raw vegetables for dinner.

In the afternoon I took Mom for a ride and the sun came out for awhile and everyone was outside. People were on bikes, horses, motorcycles, all enjoying the sunshine. Jenny came over and cut out a uniform cause she decided that was cheaper to make. I got a food grinder at Lassen Food and Don wrapped, it and sent it off. We played, cards and then in the evening Don and I watched Columbo and then we went to bed.

The first prisoners of war are supposed to come to the Philippines tonight but they hadn't arrived yet when I went to bed.
It was nice to know there wouldn't be school tomorrow. It will be 4 days this week so I hope it goes fast.

We watched 60 minutes tonight and there was a long segment on the people in Europe who survived the Concentration Camps and how hard it was for them to adjust to normal living again. I suppose in a way they were warning us about P.O.W.'s and how hard it will be for them.

February 12, 1973

Got up and exercised. I wiegh about 109 ¾ lbs. this morning. I defrosted the refrigerator first and got that nasty job over. Then I put a second coat of paint on my plant stand, former birdcage stand. It looks great. Went to Diamond National about shutters but they didn't have any so I drove out to Biggers and they do have them. I also looked at sinks enclosed in a cabinet for Don's bathroom.

Stopped off at the work training center and looked at clothes but wasn't really in-terested so I came home and made lunch.

Then in the afternoon I took Mom over to the hospital to visit Mrs. Houk. She is at Riverside. Wrote to Linda. Mitzie got through the fence and was gone from about 1 until 5 when Don came home. She was over at Lamberts. She is a pest. My day sort of petered out. I made turkey hotdish and green salad for dinner and I was so hungry I ate too much.

I really want to work on this weight so I will have to be strong. Don had to go back for his seminar. I think he is finding the chairmanship a pretty frustrating job. He is so blunt and of course he is so honest and open he assumes the rest of the world is the same way.

February 13, 1973

A cloudy day. I had class last period and spent the rest of the day working on Senior transcripts and working in the ones that were short on credits. I seemed touchy today and irritable. I snapped at Bob Croustau and then felt bad and had to apologize. By the end of the day I was very tired indeed.

I came home and picked up Mom and took her to the Dr. He gave her her first shot of chemo-therapy. He told her that in 2 - 6 months she would probably be better. I don't understand quite but maybe he is right. Came home and fixed leftovers for dinner.

We called Cathy and she had another cold. She says she has a day off in March and either she will come up or we will go down. She is going to San Francisco on Monday and will take D. & L. her dresser. We called Linda and she sounds lonely. We will probably go down this weekend and take Mom with us.

I must call Jenny to see if they will stay while we are gone. Played cards, read some and sorted out some magazines and then got ready for
bed. Took a bath and then at 10 went to bed and we made love and then to sleep. A good end to a rather bad day.

I am afraid Linda is really very lonely in the city. I hope she isn't too miserable.

February 14, 1973

Another rainy day naturally. Work went ok. No class today so I guess that explains it although I seem to be bitchy these days. Maybe if the sun ever comes out I will be better.

I got home and Mama was feeling very nauseated from yesterday's shot. She called the Dr, and he said it would probably last for about 3 days. But I made her a poached egg, toast and tea for dinner and in the evening she felt better.

We have decided to go to S. F. Friday night and come home Saturday night. Skip and Jenny will stay here.

Hopefully she feels well enough and will go with us. I called Lin and she was all excited.

I just hope I can find some shoes, what I need the most and can't buy in Chico. I went to S. & Save and bought some of my groceries and what Mom needed. Also picked up a sweater Lin had put on lay-away and forgotten. I wish she wouldn't do that.

Skip had his cast taken off his leg. Dr. Jarrett said the other Dr. hadn't done the right thing.

Mitzie is being a pain these days. She has gone back to the Lamberts and I am all for letting her stay. She has gone over there too much. I guess Mom got worried in the night and went out and called her once they let her out at 12 pm! so she came home. If they wouldn't let her in it would be better.

Don comes home from school exhausted cause he is working so hard on the new job. No naps and long periods of doing end late.

I have a lot to do tomorrow. I am going to Dr. Canivess about my foot for one thing, and would like to talk to Dr. Gibsen if I can.

February 15, 1973

Clear skies! Sun! The almonds are starting to bloom. Another storm is due but today was nice although not warm. I felt so much better. My classes went well. 5th period I had my new Soph. class and it seems like a good one. There was cake leftover from the card party last night and I had a piece of chocolate cake for lunch that was very good.
I went to Dr. Canivess after school and I have 2 little corns between my little toe and the next one on my right foot. He checked it and it will be ok he says. I picked up some groceries and came home and made a simple dinner. Jenny was here and we talked about her classes which seem hard but interesting.

Don had a hard time getting a hotel reservation but Lin finally found one just a little way from her place so that should be convenient.

Mom seems to feel fine. She said that Dave had taken Jason for a walk in the cart and a woman stopped him and asked him if Jason were real or stuffed cause he was so cute.

I washed my hair and bathed and fixed my nails. Don went to bed and I watched some of the American Family but it wasn’t very good so I went to be at 10:15.

Don woke up in the night crying cause he had had a dream about his father. He was saddened by it. I guess he loved his father very much. I hope the trip goes well tomorrow. I always worry things won’t go right.

February 16, 1973

A fairly good day at school but my class last period wasn't really very good but I will try to do better next week.

I came home and packed a little lunch and finished packing and then Mom and I had to wait until 4:30 for Don cause he had a department head meeting with the President and he couldn't leave. We got in the car and started out.

The weather was very pleasant and clear. We watched the sun set and then it grew dark and I realize how much I hate to drive in heavy traffic. I found myself tensing up every time a car came on one side or the other. Don is a marvelous driver, that isn't the problem but there are just so many cars on the road that I want to hide my head or scream or slow down to about 25 and I know all of those things are impossible. We got there at 7:30. They had kept Jason up and he was sitting on the lounge in his sleepers looking just the same and just as adorable.

The apartment is fantastic. It is one of those railroad ones with a living room, alcove, fireplace, bay window, foyer to the staircase and then a long, long hall with Gail's room off of it, the kitchen, and then at the end 2 bedrooms with the bathroom about in the middle of the hall. It is very tastefully done and very neat. We had a drink and then had steak, baked potatoes and a green salad. We visited for awhile after Jason went to bed and then went to the motel which was just around the corner.

There was a sitting room with a bed that made up and then a hall with closets and bath and then our room was at the end. There was a kitchen with all the stuff. It wasn't great but it was ok. It was very noisy but I slept ok really. I think Mom was pretty tired but she didn't complain.
Lin and Dave were at their best and he may have a job at the zoo. He goes back tomorrow. It isn't the best part of town but it is ok and once you are invited it is fine. I am pleased for them.

February 17, 1973

Don and I got up early and walked to a place called the Red Roof and had breakfast. Mom stayed in bed and then had coffee and rolls in her room.

Then we went over to the apartment and I gave Jason his breakfast and then I took a taxi downtown and started looking for shoes.

I got a pair on sale at J. Magnims and a pair of black ones like the old blue ones I have on sale and then I got a blue skirt at I. Magnim on sale so I didn't spend much money. I had lunch at Mario's in Macy's basement.

I looked at a lot of things but just didn't find anything I liked well enough to buy. Took a taxi back to the apt. at 1:30 and then we left at 2.

The drive home was much easier than going down and we got home at about 5. It was good to get home. We unpacked and then I took a bath and at 7:30 we went to the Marklands. There were 2 other couples there - the Princes' and the Brown's - both from the English Dept. It was a most pleasant evening. The food was good and so was the conversation.

Don talked a lot and he bothered me just a little but it was really ok I guess. When we got home Mom was all upset cause Cathy had called and she was going to drive a truck to San Francisco on Monday to take the dresser to Linda and this really bothered Mom. We said we would call her in the morning and went to bed. I really didn't feel like making love so we just went to sleep. In the night I woke up and had to go to the bathroom and I was rather sick but I did go back to sleep. I think I was just too tired after the long day in the city and the ride home. It was good to see the kids and I hope Dave gets the job.

February 18, 1973

I got up about 7 and made Don his breakfast. Didn't feel to good.

Lately in the morning I got ambitious and cleaned the whole house. I really did a thorough job.

Got Cathy on the phone, woke her up in fact and she is going to S. F. tomorrow but in her own car. I really got upset at Mom cause she gets so worried about things and really doesn't listen very carefully but I suppose that is to be expected but she should know by now that one doesn't tell Cathy what to do.

We called Florida today and Mike says that Ty is eating very well and gaining weight but he has a cold. This upset Don.
We went to Jenny's and got home ivy and camellias, beautiful ruffled white ones. I made chicken, broccoli, green salad and potatoes and gravy. Had rice pudding for dessert.

It was a beautiful day with the sun out and really pretty warm. Jenny didn't feel well yesterday by she slept well last night and felt much better today. I have lovely bouquets of quince in the house and everything is polished, cleaned and waxed.

The washing machine went on the blink again today and that makes me mad cause now I can't wash any clothes as I had planned. I am afraid the machine is just about ready to give out.

Went to bed and made love. I still wasn't really in the mood but it went ok.

February 19, 1973

Our last holiday for a long time. Until Easter actually.

Don and I walked to the Jr. Hi on a misty, foggy morning but it did clear early. Right after breakfast I made a batch of bread and then decided to make Hungarian coffee cake and we had the He ins come over and we all ate too much. It was so good!

We didn't eat lunch cause we were full of dough! I had a lovely roast with potatoes and carrots and green salad. Mom didn't feel to good today. Tomorrow we go back for her second shot.

I went over to the Mall and bought a brassiere and then tops were on sale at the Fashion so I bought 3 of them at $4.00 each.

Played many games of cards, read in "Hawaii" for awhile. Finally after dinner I washed my hair, took a bath and then watched a special on T. S. Elliot which was good. Started exercising again and I weighed 110 lbs. this morning so I will start trying to lose 6 lbs.

Called Linda and Dave got the job and is starting work on Saturday.

Cathy didn't go to Linda's cause of the fog and traffic so all that worrying on the part of Mom was unecessary.

Went to bed about 10. It was a beautiful day, I worked in the yard a bit and it was so good to have the sun out and to have it warm. Maybe Spring will come!

February 20, 1973

Back to school. I took some quince in my brown jub and it looks so pretty and springlike and the weather is the same way. Well, the classes went ok and just ok.
After school I came home and picked up Mom and took her for her shot and then over to Riverside so that she could visit Peggy Hau.

I then came home to cook dinner and I made stew with the leftover roast and a green salad.

Lin called about the telephone bill cause they had lost it in the move and she wanted a copy. She had taken Dave to work and Jason went along so Dave gave them a tour of the zoo. I guess Jason got very excited about the animals but when he got to the seals they thought he was bringing them food, so they began to bark and he got scared and ran behind a bush. Every time he peeked out they yipped at him. It sounded very funny. Dave seems to like the job.

We were so tired we went to bed early. In fact I didn't even pin up my hair. I am going to have it cut on Thursday afternoon.

The weather prediction is for more good weather. Could it be that the rains are over????

February 21, 1973

Another lovely morning. I went to work in dread cause the man from the State Ed. Department came to talk to me about the drug abuse program and then came to sit in my sophomore class. This is the one area noone ever talks but today they really did some talking and I was so relieved. It really didn't go badly. I had my classes (all 3 of them) by 4th period and then I worked my office job for the rest of the day.

Made an appointment in March with Dr. Lorenz and with Dr. Chiapella in April. I suppose I should see Dr. H. too this spring and get everything checked, for another year.

I came home and we went grocery shopping. I had made a salmon loaf last night and with coleslaw and baked potatoes and green beans it was a good dinner. Made a gorgous dessert with white cake, ice cream and cho. sauce.

Don gave a speech for the History forum so I spent the whole evening writing to Pauline, Cathy and Mike. Then I read until Don came home and we went to bed, both very tired.

I am trying to cut down on tea so I won't go to the bathroom so much. I didn't have to get up in the night to go to the bathroom so maybe that will help.

February 22, 1973

Clear and warm. Drove through rows of almonds in full bloom this morning and every bush is either red, pink or yellow - lovely!

Had all 3 classes and they went just fine I guess.
Came home and changed clothes and went to have my hair cut. I had to wait for a long time but finally got it cut.

When I got home Jenny was here as was her Dad. I fixed a simple dinner. We played one game of cards.

Cathy wrote and returned, the $70.00 check and said she wanted, to manage on her own as long as possible. It was a letter that said we could express our love only in money or words to that effect. Maybe she has a point. She wants us to come down the first weekend in March but when I asked Mom she wasn't too sure she wanted to make the trip. We will see.

Don didn't feel too good and went to bed early. His sitting all day has brought on an attack of hemmorroids.

I read the Harper's which had a lot of good articles in it. A very good one on people with terminal illnesses.

Watched the last half of the American family and then went to bed.

February 23, 1973

Had just one class today. The G period decision-making class. It is the one with the Doctor's kids in it. Somehow when I stand up in front of them it the beginning of the period I decided I just couldn't do it but then I got started and it went ok. It is strange. I seem to have lost my self-confidence and they sit there looking bored and I feel old and inadequate.

In the afternoon we had the drug inservice deal which got over at 3:15 then I came home.

Mom had gone to the Beatitude dinner and enjoyed herself so I was so glad she went. Cathy called and wanted to know if we were coming next weekend and Don said yes so we will leave in the afternoon a week from today.

Then Don and I played, a game of cards and. then we decided to eat out. Don and I wanted to go to the Mesa or M. & Eddies but we tried Nieveshew Station so we did and it wasn't good and I ordered an omelet and didn't eat it so I felt bad I had suggested it.

He came home and watched Mission Impossible and then to bed.

After school I picked flowers and made a lovely spring bouquet for the dining room table: jonquils, plum blossoms and forsythis. It just looked like the sun brought inside.

February 24, 1973

I had such big plans to work in the yard but we woke up to rain, rain and wind so that killed that.
We decided not to clean the house so I just did the bathrooms and the tops of the counters and stove in the kitchen.

Then I went to the Library, to LaFemme but I didn't try anything on. They had spring skirts but they went up to $30.00 and I thought that was too much.

Checked Asers too and then came home via the fruit stands. Don and I had lunch, played cards and then I spent the afternoon residing and that was fun.

Jenny stopped, by for awhile and visited. We had a fire all day and that was certainly nice. We haven't had many fires this year and so we have a lot of wood yet.

I went through all the closets and rounded up clothes for the church rummage sale.

I really got brave this time and threw in a lot of things that I have been saving, both of mine and the kids.

Don and I went to bed and made love and that was good and then I got back up and pinned up my hair cause I want to go to church tomorrow.

I really tried today to eat carefully. I know the secret is to cut down on starches and sweets. I guess we are going to Sonora next Friday after school and we will come back on Saturday. Another one of those quick trips. I hope the weather is good.

February 25, 1973

I went to 8 am Mass and Mom went to 9:30. It seems that Father Fagan married a divorced couple which is against common law and some one complained to the Bishop so now we signed petitions and I came home and wrote a letter to the Bishop. I would hate to see him have to leave. But Mom is right. He loves the excitement. Mom and I went over to Jenny's and I dug up some of the peonies and put them at various sunny places in our yard.

Then I made lunch. The washing machine should be back tomorrow and then I will be able to get the washing down.

Mike and Donna called and they were fine. They call more often now and it is easier to talk to them.

Don suggested that we have Alice for dinner so I called her and she said she would come. I had game hens, baked potatoes on the half shell and salad. Made a coffee butterscotch pudding for dessert. We also taught her the card game.
I think Mom's face looks swollen. I wonder if that is from the chemotherapy or what. Don and I were both tired so we went to bed at 9. No rain today.

February 26, 1973

Don took Lew Oliver out to breakfast so I had to just fix an egg for myself. Cloudy again, but before long it was raining very hard indeed and continued to do so until about 5.

First period I started, to talk to Marion about the Decision making class and I realized as I started to talk about it just how bitter I am about the first part of the class that involves decisions and values. If I can just get through this week I guess I will survive but the days seem endless. Any way I figure it there are 3 more classes and the G period is the worst. I feel humiliated, old and inadequate. I find myself dreaming about it at night it's so bad. Well, I hope this too will pass. I certainly hope so.

I left school and took Mom to the Dr. She has had some bleeding from the rectum and she told me about it before school started and that didn't help me today any. I realize she has to talk to someone and I am that someone but it shatters me and I realize that is part of the trouble these days. The Dr. said she doesn't have to come back for 2 weeks.

Cathy called about bread-making and we set Friday to get there. Mom decided not to go and that is probably just as well cause it is a long drive. Cathy wants her bike and a black lab puppy.

Don came home exhausted and he had to go back for the seminar.

Jenny came over and we visited. The washing machine is back and working so I washed clothes and folded them. Don stayed up to see a movie and I went to bed about 10:30. I brought home a sick plant from school and repotted it.

My avocado is sprouting and I started another one. I am going plant crazy.

Well, 3 more terrible days and then I can start the tests in Decision Making. Maybe tomorrow will be better. I hope so.

February 27, 1973

Rain of course, coming down in torrents most of the day. We have almost 32" now and by tomorrow morning we should have another inch.

I had my reading class 1st period and then I really worked on the Decision Class so when I went in 5th period I was loaded for bear and it went well but I came out exhausted.
After school we had a counseling meeting and it lasted until about 4:20. It was raining hard when we came out.

I decided to go see Dr. Gibson and fortunately I didn't have to wait but walked right in and I asked him about Mom. He says it may be months and it may be a year. A lot depends on how the chemotherapy goes. He doesn't think she will have any pain. He promised there would be none of this stage with tubes, etc. at the end. He was really fine and I like him so much.

I came home and made bacon and eggs and pancakes. I didn't tell Mom about this. Maybe later.

We called Linda and she was lonesome. They are going to have a Mardi Gras party next Tuesday. Gail bought a new kitty and Jason loves it and scares it to death. They may be up week after next.

Cathy called again and wants the banjo now besides the bike and the lab pup. I hope it isn't raining on Friday.

We switched Mom's mattress for the foam rubber one Neva bought and she says it is much softer. Her hips ache now so it is good that this one is softer. Don didn't feel very well today. I bathed early and lay down for awhile and now I am going to write to Pauline.

Finished up by writing to Donna and Linda too.

February 28, 1973

Not raining but mostly cloudy. We now have over 32” and still raining! This is really a wet year.

Classes went ok although the G period Decision Making was so boring to the kids that many of them went to sleep. Well, starting Friday we do the job. Then it will be easier. I hope!

I came home and Mom and I went grocery shopping. I thought I had a line on a dog for Cathy but although they had pups they weren't labs.

I decided to clean the house and I even waxed the floor in the larger bathroom and it looks very good... I think I will work on Don's bathroom during March and get new linoleum and a vanity.

I dusted and straightened - I bought in all the jonquils that were bending down in the rain so I have something else like spring in the house.

Polished my shoes and did my hair. The rain is ruining my shoes so I wear my sneakers to work and then change.

Mom seemed pretty good today. By the time I got to bed it was after 10. Really rather a dull, day everything considered.
I am trying to live by Dr. Gibson's philosophy but this day wasn't all that good. He said to enjoy each day and not worry too much about the day after. I will try.

March 1, 1973

No rain to amount to anything today thank goodness. I just hope it clears for the weekend.

School was ok. I didn't have G. period and I wound up at B period on values so now I start Job-0 with both of them and I hope it goes better. I kept myself busy in the office and came home after school to find Jenny and the Yakiches here. Mary had got-ten a very nice African Violet at Longs so I went over and got Mom 2 lovely ones. Don decided to have Mitzie put to sleep today. It was all rather drastic I thought but he was just tired of her getting out all the time and then she was going to the bathroom on the white rug in the back bedroom. We are telling Mother that she had pneumonia. I don't know if she will buy that or not. I have mixed feelings about it but Don is so tired and impatient these days I didn't argue.

Mother called Martha tonight cause Uncle George has been in intnesive care cause his pace-maker went out of kilter. He is still in the hospital but is better. She also cabled Aunt Florence and Albert who was also in the hospital so it was all rather grim for her.

Jenny came over and told us about her class in Oranville with the hard of hearing children and she was all excited about it.

We had meat pies and salad tonight. An icky dinner. I washed my hair and bathed and then watched the American Family and now a Pat Loud is asking for a divorce. Then we watched the movie about the mafia based on facts and went to bed about 15 to 11. All our efforts to find a puppy for Cathy were in vain so we will have to go without one. Linda called and she was upset about Mom cause I had written her about what Dr. Gibson said and she said she was coming up on Wednesday night to it was a rather emotional day really. I hope our trip goes ok tomorrow. Priss invited us to dinner Sat. Night when we get back.

March 2, 1973

A lovely clear day. I was eager for school to be over so that I could get home and leave for Sonora and finally it was 3:00 and I left.

Don was all ready so we left at 3:15. It was a long ride and the last part of it was down in the We got there about 7 and went to the Stage Stop in

Columbia and called Cathy. She and Jim arrived about 7:30. He is very short but stocky, has a mustache, brown eyes and hair. He is ok but I can't get excited about him. In some ways he is another Nolan but that isn't quite right either. Cathy looked very nice. She had curled her hair
and had on that peach colored knit dress. We went to a place called "Howard's" for dinner. By then it was 8 pm and we had to wait to be served so we went to the bar and Don and I had a drink and then we went in to eat. It was upstairs with red carpeting and it all rather looks like something from the gold rush. The food was pretty good and not too expensive. After we finished we went to the trailer cause Cathy had cleaned it all up and wanted us to see it. The setting is lovely. It is on 5 acres and it has a beautiful view, lots of trees, etc.

The trailer itself is not in great shape but ok. I could see that she had really cleaned it up. The living room is pretty shabby with an ugly flowered rug. They have a wood stove and she has a lot of plants, books, etc.

The kitchen is best and the floor was clean. There is a little room with Cathy's sewing machine, etc., a bathroom and the back bedroom with her waterbed in it. It was all rather strange and it bothered me but I tried very hard to be enthusiastic about it all.

I love Cathy so much I want her to be happy but I am not at all sure that Jim Conner was the answer.

Don and I talked about him for a long time after we got home to the hotel (that's a laugh cause it was rather a miserable room) and we didn't come up with any answers but we were both upset.

March 3, 1973

We got up at 7 and got dressed and at 8 we went to the Frosty next to the Motel and waited for the kids to arrive at 8:30. We ate and then we went to walk through Columbia and it is really a fascinating place.

It is all renovated to look just as it did during the gold rush with the stage coach, the depot, bank, Doctor's office, butcher shop, etc. - all very clean and authentic. The furniture in the museum was especially fascinating.

Then we went to the trailer and Jim went to work and we stayed to see Cathy's garden, etc., took pictures and left.

It had started to get cloudy and it started to rain shortly afterwards. We went through Angel's Camp, Jackson, etc., and the old mining town were interesting. Daffodil's, fruit trees and forsythia were all in bloom.

We stopped, in Sacramento to eat and got home about 3. I pinned up my hair and Don took a nap.

Joe Conlin came over for awhile and then at 6 we went to Scotts for dinner. We had a good time and the dinner was delicious.

I looked at Priss' new clothes and got some books and we got home early. I didn't feel to great. The dinner was heavy although excellent and I felt uncomfortable. I don't think Don was too pleased but there it was.
We went to bed and to sleep. I think both of us are still worried about Cathy and we realize we really don't know what to do about it all.

March 4, 1973

I really didn't feel like going to Mass so I took Mom to 8 am. I guess Don and I just aren't any good at trips any more. At least ones that involve so much driving in such a short time. We both sort of sat around today and did very little.

I did wash the kitchen floor. I read The Descent of Women, which I find fascinating. I made a good dinner with an excellent roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot salad and for dessert, fresh pineapple, strawberries, bananas and papaya with marsh-mallows sauce.

I thawed some ham that I wasn't in the mood for a couple of weeks ago and I made ham salad for sandwiches. I washed my hair and bathed and we watched Columbo. I wrote to Cathy and I was very pleased with everything but I just didn't mention Jim at all. Maybe that was too drastic. We shall see, but I really don't approve and I thought it was better to say nothing.

Jenny came over and I gave her some ham salad and some of the fruit for their dinner. I rather wanted to make love but Don didn't feel good so we just went to bed and to sleep.

It is going to be a busy week cause I have a meeting on Wednesday from 3:30 -5 and I chaperone a dance Friday night. But maybe Linda will come with Jason. We will see The sun tried to be out today but rain is predicted.

February 5, 1973

Jenny had re-set the alarm so it was after 6 when it went off. We had cold cereal this morning so breakfast was simple.

Don went for his run. I picked some forsythia and I put it in my jug at school with a piece of green and one of yellow behind it and it looked like spring. It was a clear day but not warm.

After school I went to the linoleum place and picked out 2 pieces for Don to decide. I made leftovers for dinner but did make a pudding.

Linda called to say that she was coming up Wednesday night with Pearl so there will be someone in the car with her and it will be nice for the Yakiches to have her there. I called Mary and she had heard from Pearl so she was pleased.

Mom is now worried cause she seems to be menstruating or at least it shows once in awhile so she is upset. I am afraid it is going to be one thing after another on all this and each time it frightens her. I think she
lulls herself into thinking it really isn't happening and then she gets a new scare. It is a constant worry. Don had to go back for his seminar and he was tired, poor dear. I am sitting here listening to the music and I guess I will read for awhile and then do my nightly thing. Do my hair and take a bath.

March 6, 1973

Rain in the morning but it cleared by afternoon.

A really busy day at school. I taught all 3 of my classes and I find it really tires me out. I would hate to go back to 5!

There was a counseling meeting after school and then I went to the linoleum place and told them I wanted the white sample and I will be fixing up Don's bathroom next month. I made macaroni and cheese for dinner and then read the paper.

No word from any of the children today but Lin and Jason will be coming tomorrow. Don and I played 2 games of cards and then I took a bath and we watched Hawaii 50 and then went to bed and made love and I guess we really needed it because it was very good.

But, right afterwards Don complained of a headache and that rather worries me. But then I have a terrible pain between my shoulder blade on the left side so I guess we are getting all kinds of pains and aches.

Mom seemed to be fine today. The days are really pretty dull at the moment and I don't have much to write about.

March 7, 1973

I really didn't want to go to school this morning cause I would like to have stayed home so when Jason came I could see his arrival but the day went by and then I went to the meeting downtown that lasted until 5. Meetings are endless when people like to cloud muddy the water bringing in all kinds of extraneous material but finally it was over and I drove home and when I got here the red car was here and so was Lin and Jason.

Lin doesn't look so good. Her skin is broken out a bit and she is so thin, but she was glad to see us and Jason was just so adorable and good to and glad to see us. He had already been at Grandma's to check out all her things.

We had meatloaf and vegetables and a green salad. Jason seems to be right at home. He went to bed without a sound. What a sweet doll he is. Mom is so thrilled to have him here.

March 8, 1973
Back to school. It rains on and off each day. It just can't seem to break into Spring.

The day went ok. I am giving tests in the Decision-Making class right now and it is such a relief not to be teaching the value subject.

Got home and Mom and I went grocery shopping but she had to go to Singers first to get her vacuum cleaner bag. I really didn't buy too many things.

Got home and fried steak, heated up some macaroni, made creamed corn and a salad. Jason eats everything so well.

Well, there was trouble at the Yakiches. They have decided to sell the ranch and Linda doesn't think they should. She and David want it eventually and then too, they feel that the money would last all that long. And then Steve would just sit all day and he loves to work in the orchard.

Family problems always get sticky so I don't know how it will turn out.

Cathy called and she talked to Linda and told her that she was coming to see her next week. She seemed in good spirits. I was worried that she would be angry about the letter I wrote her cause I didn't mention Jim but she didn't seem to be.

I was very tired and we went to bed fairly early. Lin and I watched TV for awhile but knowing I had to be up late tomorrow night I folded.

We took all the stuff over to the church for the rummage sale.

March 9, 1973

The day went fairly fast. I made chicken divan for dinner. It turned out very well and tasted like Priss'.

Linda went to Tom & Thea’s for dinner and we had Jason but he was very good. Joe Conlin came over for a little while after dinner to see Don. Lin went out to Steve and Mary's again and it seems that Mary had given Lin a ring over a year ago and since she can't wear rings cause of her exzema she gave it to Gail and naturally Mary resented it.

Lin was really surprised that she would be upset and I am with Mary all the way. After school I took Mom to the bank and was then going to meet her at Wards and I waited for about 3 quarters of an hour so I was impatient and cross by the time we got home. I did see an interesting picture though at the Mall cause they have a display of things up. It is a silk screen 70" long and about 36" wide in black and white in a design for $20.00.

Well anyway, Mom was upset cause we missed each other and then I felt bad cause I was impatient. Darn! I was so tired but at 8 pm I drove over to school to chaperone the dance along with Miss Tipton, Bob Kickwan, Varley
and Gene Prentice. Three hours is a long time but it finally ended and I came home and went to bed. It was a long day.

Lin called Dave tonight and he is going to come up on Tuesday to talk to his parents. My classes went ok today.

The sun was out but it was chilly and winday. Still it was nice to have it bright.

March 10, 1973

Jason woke at 6. It was raining so Don didn't run, I really didn't want to get up but Lin had come in late so she slept on.

We had breakfast. Jason had his bottle and then he ate. Jenny stopped by on her way to work with her laundry so I started her wash.

At 9 I woke Lin and then left for downtown and I really shopped. I went to Hubbards' and bought white plastic pots then to Asers, the Fair, Gladys, finally at the Frances Shop I got an orange skirt on sale for $5.99.

I stopped at C & J and bought 2 gold place mats, some brown candles and napkins for Marge Saler's shower gift andthen to the fruit stand for apples, etc. Got home about 12:15 and had lunch. Then I read, for awhile and then went over to the Mall and bought the picture. All this in the rain.

Got back and Lin had taken Jason downtown and he fell and cut his lip and he has a very swollen mouth. Lin and I put the picture up and it looks very nice indeed. Don asked me to go out to dinner but I really didn't feel like it so I made waffles, sausage and scrambled eggs. Jason didn't seem to have any trouble eating! Don gave him his bath and he went to bed.

We called Mike and Lin talked to him. We started to watch a Long's Days Journey Into Night with Lawrence Olivier but it was just all too depressing so they watched a movie and I have been writing in this and now it is 9:40.

I found out today that I have a very fat stomach and I simply must do something about it. Dave is taking the bus Monday night and Lin will go pick him up at 1:30 am.

I dread this week cause I have to go see Dr. Lorenz. I hope Marge's shower will be fun. Well, finally I am caught up in this. I didn't write in it since Wednesday and I hate to get behind.

March 11, 1973

I went for a walk this morning and there was a chilly north wind blowing. Went to Mass at 8 with Mom. Father Fagan saw me afterwards and asked when
we were going to get together for dinner. He said he would come next Sunday.

Game home to make bread and found I had enough so instead I went outside and pruned and hoed and just enjoyed the fact that it was sunny.

Jenny came over and we took pictures of Jason and the girls.

Lin had to call Cathy to tell her that she shouldn't come to the city on Wednesday, cause they would still be up here. I wrote to Cathy today too.

Don sunbathed for awhile. It was that warm and Jason laid in the back yard while he was out there.

I never realized how nice it would be to have no dogs. There was no dog do-do in the back yard and I didn't have to worry about closing the gates all the time. I made leg'of lamb, asparagus, fruit salad and potatoes and gravy for dinner. I even went for a walk after dinner cause I felt so full. If only the weather stays nice I can walk more often.

Took a bath and did my hair and we watched Mae Millan and Wife (Mac Millan) and then to bed.

This is going to be a full week and I am curious to know what Dr. Lorenz will have to say. I go to him on Tuesday.

March 12, 1973

The sun was shining this morning but the north wind was blowing so it was really chilly and it stayed that way all day.

I had only 2 classes today and they went ok. Not great but ok. I have this strange pain between the ribs in the left side of my back. It is one of those annoying, nagging things. I called Dr. H. and made an appointment in early April. Tomorrow I go to Dr. Lorenz and I dread that but I guess I should do it. Game home and made leftovers for dinner. Nothing very great.

Jenny came over and made some ham salad. She and Linda did some errands and we watched Jason who was in fine spirits today. I took Mom to Dr. Givsons for her shot.

After dinner I went over to the Mall and found a polyester flared skirt in a blue and white figure for $9.00. Then I looked everywhere for a white body shirt. I asked every store and finally ended up at Wards and bought one there that I didn't like very much but it is ok. I have to shorten the skirt. Some of the prices are ridiculous. The Grenages had a white body blouse for $34.00. Now, that is ridiculous! Well, I came home and cleaned the bathrooms. Talked to Mom and to Lin. Cathy called and wanted the recipe for chocolate cake. She sounded fine. Now it it time to get ready for bed.
March 13, 1973

I feel lousy. I have a pain in the middle of my back and it goes up the left side to my throat, ear and top of my head. Neuritis? Sciatica?. Anyway, the result is unpleasant to say the least.

The cold north wind is blowing and that doesn't help. Nothing much exiting happened at school.

Right after school I came home and changed and then went to Dr. Lorenz at 3:30. An officious nurse had me strip down and I waited in a sheet on a hard piece of equipment for about an hour. Nothing to read, I just sat getting madder and madder. Finally the Dr. came. I seem to be ok but he does think that if I had an operation he could repair me so that I wouldn't have the problem of seepage of urine but it would be 10 days in the hospital so if I decide to do it it will be summer cause I don't think I would have it done while school is on. We will see what Dr. H. thinks when I go to him.

I had made a salmon loaf last night so at 15 to 5 I rushed, home and put it in and made a salad and broccoli. Lin ate with us and Dave with his parents. I guess they probable sell the orchard but not right away. Dave felt that Lin had over-reacted to the whole thing and that made her mad so I think they exchanged words but I didn't get involved. Dave looks good, he is thinner, has a hair cut and he bought some clothes to wear at work. They went to King of Hearts. We played cards and then watched a mystery.

I went to bed but Don stayed up for America. It was about the immigrants and it was good.

Jason went to bed at 6:30 and we didn't hear from him again. I get him up in the morning and change his pants and then he walks around drinking his bottle. The Doctor's scale had me at 114 lbs. with my clothes on without shoes and sweater. I found that to be an unpleasant fact if their scales are accurate. I still weigh 110 on my scale in the morning with just my gown on.

March 14, 1973

Sun is out but chilly and north windy - terrible for my skin but my ear, throat and back feel better and by night it really wasn't hurting much at all.

School went ok. I came home and Mom and I went grocery shopping. Lin was still here. I made port chops, noodles and raw vegetables for dinner. The kids left about 6:30. Dave took Jason with him to his parents' house and he came back cross and crying so they left all rather sad and irritated. Lin was unhappy I could tell. I guess Mary and Steve really let it all hang out and they don't like Linda. Things were going fine until Dave came and then it didn't go so well. I guess once your kids leave home it is hard to have them come back. I naturally couldn't interfere but it was sad. Well, it isn't always easy to get along with in-laws.
I hadn't vacuumed last weekend so it really did need it. Much as I love company I find as I get older they make me tired and out of sorts and how I love to have the house just for us so that I can play the radio at my convenience.

I don't have to worry about disturbing others. I like my privacy and my own set ways. It isn't that I love my children any less but I just like peace, quiet and things going along at my pace. I suppose that could be called selfishness by a lot of people. Don was in a rather nasty mood so he watched tv while I worked and then we went to bed. I don't know if he is annoyed at me or not. I didn't ask him. Tomorrow I go to Marge Isler's shower and Friday is a minimum day.

March 15, 1973

I felt much better today. My ear didn't hurt and the pain in my back was gone. I wonder if it was taking the vitamin C or if it just decided to stop? I decided I was going to "look like spring so I wore my blue and white flip checked skirt with my new white body blouse and a navy sweater and I felt I looked good. School went ok.

I stopped afterwards at Wentz and bought a turkey and chicken breasts and then got apples at the fruit stand.

Game home and Jenny was here and I heard all about her classes.

Don came home and he had the pictures of Jason and Cathy and Jim and they all turned out just wonderful. We just looked, and looked at them. Pictures are so wonderful. I had macaroni salad and hot dogs, asparagus and then I made brownies and choc. sauce and ate my fill.

Skip and Jenny came back to look at the pictures.

I went to Marge Isler's shower, at Alice's at 7:30. They had wine and fondue. She got beautiful presents. All very fancy. Packy rode home with me and she had had too much to drink and was difficult and unpleasant. Then to bed with the benefit of bath and hair being pinned up.

March 16, 1973

I would have liked to stay home this morning. I didn't get to bed all that late after the party but I was tired.

Don did stay home today cause he is worn out. He had Carl for lunch and rested most of the day.

I had only 1 class and then I got my papers corrected. Had lunch and at 1:30 we had the drug seminar. It went rather badly. We say the movie Bryan at 17 and then Mr. K. led a discussion and the teachers took pot shots. Mr. A. got mad and we disbanded at 2:30.
Jenny is having a Northfield party tonight for a secretary who is leaving. She came over to borrow ash trays, bowls, etc. Since she worked today she was really having to scurry around.

Mom decided to go to the St. Patrick's dinner at the church so I took her over at 6. I made a meatloaf and baked potatoes with salad for Don and me. I picked up Mom at 8:30.

The Heins stopped over and we showed them the pictures of Jason and had a nice visit. We watched tv for awhile and then I took a bath and went to bed and we made love which was just great and then to sleep.

March 17, 1973

Had a busy day today. Went for a walk even though it was cloudy. Then after breakfast I made bread, washed windows, neatened up the house, changed the sheets and then took Mom to Disco where she bought a turtleneck top.

Made lunch and then I shortened 2 skirts while I talked to Jenny who came over to wash her clothes.

Don watched tournament basketball on tv. I went outside and checked my plants but it was chilly and windy so I didn't stay out long.

Even though it is so cool, the buds are starting to come on the trees and they will be leaving out soon.

Washed my hair in the afternoon. I did a little ironing which is rare for me and had to press the skirt hems.

I wrote to Lin and included the pictures of Jason.

I wore my long red skirt and black top when we went to the Geshecters at 9 for their St. Patricks Day party. Don was watching a movie on tv with Glen Ford so we waited until it was over.

We didn't need, to hurry. There were many people there with loud music and candlelight and you couldn't see who was there so I don't think they noticed that we didn't come until 9. It was ok but noisy and as Lois McDonald said, she felt like a Sr. citizen and so did I. So, we came home at 10 and went to bed. Moom tonight and mighty chilly. It was a good day and I got a lot done.

March 18, 1973

Another day that I really considered worthwhile. In fact, that is how I feel about yesterday too.

Mom and I went to 8 am Mass. Either Fagan said he was having some priest's over for dinner so I reminded him afterwards that he was to come to my house and he said he couldn't. That was fine by me.
I came home and made a poppyseed pound cake and put the turkey in. I went to C & J and bought $14.00 worth of plants. 3 dozen calangulas, 2 gardenia plants and a new plant for the planter.

Don helped me set things out. Don did some sunbathing too cause although it wasn't exactly warm it was nice.

I wrote a letter to Pauline. Read about the family in Virginia.

Dinner consisted of the turkey, raw vegetables with dip and the cake. It was all very simple.

I went for a walk before breakfast with Don cause he had a bad headache and didn't want to run. I went for a walk again after dinner. We didn't watch tv.

Jenny came over for a few minutes to pick up her clothes and played a game of cards with us. I bathed and pinned up my hair early and we went to bed. I worry about Don's headaches cause he has them all the time. There has to be an answer. We toyed with the idea of having breakfasts for the members of the dept. We made up a list - maybe that would be easier than a dinner.

I called Nita Nearkland and they will come to dinner Saturday with the Rawlins and Geshecters.

March 19, 1973

I went to school today without a coat but wore my heavy wine sweater and by noon it was raining (again) and it was cold and windy.

It was a very dull day really. I am winding up the sophomore class and my reading class was certainly not very exciting.

I came home and took Mom to Dr. Givson's. He was delayed at the hospital and the waiting room was full of people so we sat in his office and I sat on the floor. When we got done Don was already home.

Mom wanted to fix her own dinner. I made turkey sandwiches and soup. Don had his seminar so I got undressed and lay on the lounge and read the new Harper's and Hamlin Garland until he came home. It was still raining.

Then we went to bed and made love which is rather unusual for Monday night but it was very nice. I know now that my eating problem is after dinner when I eat an extra piece of cake or nuts or something. If I just had the guts to eat dinner and nothing more I would be in good shape literally and figuratively. I am tired of rain, wind, clouds and low temperatures. I hope to have enough courage tomorrow to start going to TAC again.

March 20, 1973
Rain again - will it ever stop? Someone should make a study of the negative effect rain has on the individual.

I really didn't want to get up or go to school today by I did both. I met all 3 classes and the G. class finished and the B. class will tomorrow.

Mr. A. stopped by and talked to me for awhile after school. He asked about Mom and then told me about Pat and Sue Dolan ang I guess things are not going well with them.

I had a counseling meeting after school that lasted until ^:30. I came home and made the egg, bread and cheese dish which wasn't great. Had a salad and beets with it. It was rather a yucky dinner.

Then I read and took a bath and did my hair. At 10 I watched American with Alistar Cook about the 20's and 30's and it was very good.

Don went to bed with a terrible headache and had to take a strong pill. It was raining when we went to bed naturally.

Galled Linda and they had loved the pictures. They seemed to be fine.

It was rather a dreary day really. Shat a day to have it be the first day of spring.

Surely it will start being nice pretty soon I hope.

March 21, 1973

Heavy rain this morning. In fact I think it rained all day.

Really not a bad day at school. I am done with G period and finished B period today so tomorrow I will be left with just G period. What worries me is that in 2 weeks I will be doing it, The American Family. I am not ready for that yet. Big idea but I haven't done much about it.

Came home and Mom and I went shopping in the rain. When we got back both Don and Jenny were here so we talked and even played a game of cards.

Then Don and I went up to Puinocios in Paradise and Don had fresh abalone and I had prawns. His was better than mine and I ate too much bread and had a drink and was too full afterwards but it was nice to eat out. It was raining and had been snowing there.

We got home about 7. Don wanted me to call Cathy cause she had gone to San Francisco today to see Lin. Jim answered and she wasn't home yet so Don called S.F. and she had just left and she called when she did get in.

She had seen Midsummer Nights Dream with Gail and had enjoyed it. But it rained all the way and she had a headache.
Don didn't have a headache all day and just watched a little bit of tv in the evening. I fell asleep on the lounge while reading H. Garland and went to bed at 9:30. Tired and fat.

March 22, 1973

Would you believe that the sun was out all day?? There was ice on the windshield this morning and the air stayed brisk all day but it didn't rain at all! Had only the reading class today so I didn't feel so pushed. The class lists came back and I find I have only 18 in my class 4th qt. and that has 16 girls and 2 boys. I thought it was full so I don't understand it. Well, I hope it should be better to have less since I am not going to be all that good. Anything of importance. Came home and used the rest of the turkey to make turkey divan. Went to have my hair cut and she cut it awfully short. I just asked for her to trim it but she got carried away.

Stopped at the fruit stand for brocolli, green beans and lettuce. Made dinner and then I washed my hair and read for a while and went to bed early. Did go for a short walk after dinner.

Wrote to Linda but I didn't have much in the way of news.

Mom seems to feel better today. It is supposed to be clear tomorrow.

I just wish it would be that way at the weekend.

March 23, 1973

It was a bright sunny day and it was cool. I wore my gray flannel dress to school and was still pretty chilly in it.

I came home after school and made dinner. I am so pleased about the way my plants are growing. I watered them all day. The rubber plant hasn't had any more yellow leaves since the beginning. The one on the little marble topped table is a dark green and glossy and the grape ivy on the record player is doing so well too. I watered and sprayed the fern that sits in the bird cage frame.

I did some washing and then I spent the evening cooking. I boiled the chicken breasts and deboned them. Made the cranberry salad and the meringue pie. I made shrimp salad for dinner with fresh green beans and rice pudding. It was a nice evening so I went for a walk while Don watched the news.

We called Linda and talked to her. She was fine. But I think she gets very lonesome down there.

I got a lot done tonight but I was tired so I went to bed even though Don was still up watching tv.
March 24, 1973

We got up at the usual time. I walked and it was a lovely morning. Had breakfast and then Don vacuumed and I cleaned the bathrooms, scrubbed the kitchen floor, dusted and picked narcissus and squills for the table.

I took Mom to check out some rummage sales, stopped by the fruit stand and got home about 10:30.

I was lucky at Safeway this morning and got 3 pkg. of brocolli at 19¢ each for the dinner tonight. Since I had made most of the dinner last night I didn't feel to pushed today. I pinned up my hair and bathed and at 7 we were ready for the dinner party - even had a fire in the fireplace.

The Rawlins came first and then the Marklands and Geshecters. My dinner was beautiful. The chicken divan, cranberry jello salad and meriange mocha choc, pie were all excellent and I felt the party was fiasco. I hadn't wanted to have Liz with other couples and unfortunately I was right.

Susie Geshecter came on strong about being Jewish and that made Liz mad so Liz was at her most difficult and Suzie got loud and it was awful.

The Marklands were fine but it was just one of those evenings that didn't quite come off and at the end Jack & Liz were both dozing and I thought Don talked too much. Well, anyway, it was bad. I didn't drink anything and so I was sort of a quiet observer and I felt uncomfortable and detached.

Jenny came over and did her wash today. Skip had been to the Dr. and he doesn't have to wear the splint anymore and his knee is well.

It was very clear this morning but it got cooler and hazy before the day was over. I wore my blue and white mumu in the evening and it looked nice. It was 12 before we got the dishes cleaned up and everything put back in place.

March 25, 1973

We slept in until 7 and then I didn't get up to go for a walk. It was not very sunny. We talked about the party at breakfast and Don agreed that it was not the best one we had ever had.

I took Mom to 9:30 Mass. We called the Mr. L's and they were fine. Matt is all involved in being Bat Man and he talked to us about it. It was raining there. They plan to come out for a month this summer and. M & D will go to So. Dakota (S.D.) for awhile for Mike to talk about his job and we will have both Matt and Ty while they are gone. Yipe! They seemed in very good spirits.
Lin called and she and. Jason may come up and. then go back with Bev who is coming down to visit them. I think she is very lonesome. I just hope she can handle the situation there. She can't be too dependent on us.

After Mass I stopped at Hubbards and at long last picked up the plant I had taken back when it was getting sick looking. I put it in the bedroom and now I have to find, something to put it in. We checked at the Bargain Barn and I later went to the Support Place, Disco and Longs but couldn't find what I wanted.

We went out to the yard and I cut down the 2 little eucalyptus trees and we cut down the gardenia and the big bush in the back border.

Don helped. Then I came in and read, for awhile and we played cards.

In the evening I went for a 20 minute walk and then wrote to C. & L. I took a bath and did my hair and then we watched Columbo which was very good.

It was sunny but not really too warm. It still isn't exactly spring but it is getting better.

We didn't make love last night or again tonight but we will get around to it. I did my fingernails while I watched tv and tomorrow I am going to really try to cut down on my food intake. Next week I go to the Dr. and I don't want to be too fat.

March 26, 1973

A clear morning and I decided it was spring so I put on my new polyester knit blue & white gore skirt from Penneys, a white blouse, blue sweater and sandals. It really stayed a pretty nice day. Still the sky isn't really blue like I think of a summer sky.

I was busy at school working on Jur. credits, taught my reading class 6th period and came home.

Took Mom to Dr. for her shot and then picked up milk and came home to cook liver, butterscotch pudding, artichokes and salad. For some reason Don's knee is bothering him and he is really in pain, I hope he goes to the Dr. tomorrow.

Mom got a letter from Cathy, She is buying chickens for eggs and eventually eating. She says Jim told her he would buy her a horse for her 21st birthday and she sounded busy and happy in her letter. She called in the evening and we discussed chicken-raising at length.

Don had a class and I had a meeting at school about the building program which lasted until 20 to 10. Then home and Don and I wanted to make love so in spite of his knee and my being tired we did make love and it was good. Then we got back up and had a cigarette and talked and finally to bed and sleep. Imagine my amazement when I woke up at 12 to here it just pouring rain!
I am sure the sky was clear when we went to bed. Well at least we won't have to water for another few days. If it would just rain at night and be clear during the day I wouldn't mind.

3 more days of my reading class. How I hate it.

March 27, 1973

Chilly but bright morning. Don didn't run this morning but as the day progressed his knee seemed ok so he didn't go to the Dr. He decided maybe he should run in his Hust Puppies rather than his tennis shoes. I surely hope the remedy is that simple. I didn't have my class today so I worked on the new course by taking notes and typing them up and then I saw students cause there are quarter changes right now. There was a dept. meeting after school and it was ok. Nothing much new there. Came home and made dinner. We had steak tonight and it was delicious. I felt bad cause Mom didn't eat a thing. She is so nauseated from her shot this week. It is so sad cause she was so hungry. I made up my grocery list for the week. After dinner I made a batch of banana and date bread and by putting them in smaller pans I got 6 loaves.

The evening was spent watching the Academy Awards. Liza Minnelli got it for Cabaret as did Joel Gray. Marlon Brando got it for the Godfather and that won the best movie. He refused the award and an Indian girl got up and said the reason was the mistreatment of Indians. The woman who was in Butterflies Are Free got it for the woman's supporting role. Cabaret won most of the awards.

I have decided that I spend a lot of time (waking and sleeping) on food! Thinking about menus, etc. Much of the time. I wonder what the explanation of this is and what I can do about it. I suppose I should be thinking of more important things. I keep hoping that when the weather gets better that I will think of other things. Somehow I have to convince myself that there are many other things that are much more significant.

I eat and smoke too much and I will probably end up a fat victim of lung cancer and it will serve me right.

March 28, 1973

This was rather a strange day really. We got up at 5:30. We have been waking up earlier cause now the weather is clear and the sun brightens our window. My day at school went ok. I called home at 12 and Don wasn't there but Mom answered and said Uncle Mark had called and they were stopping by for a little while and she was all in a tizzy.

I got home right after 3 and Maude, Mark and their daughter Annette were here. Mom looked very nice in a pink cress and sweater. But she is so abrasive when she is around Maude that it is painful to watch.
Jenny came over so I took her to meet them. They left about 4:30. Still Mom did enjoy talking to Marc.

I made sandwiches and soup for dinner and cooked a Mexican dinner for Don. Then Mom and I decided to buy groceries after dinner so we got that done.

I think it is too bad that sometimes Mom can't just have a time alone with Marc cause they would like to talk about old times and Maude always has to butt in and I can understand why Mom gets annoyed but she doesn't really help any.

I felt tired in the evening so I sat down and read O Pioneers by Willa Cather. Don went to bed about 9:30 but I skimmed the book and it is good. I had read an article about Gather and Colette and their thing about strong women and this book certainly verified this theory.

We called Linda and they had written to Dave's folks telling them it was ok to sell the orchard and ranch if this was what they wanted. The famous house Dave helped to build was sold to of all people, Becky Wipf's boyfriend, so they will be getting the money, hopefully. She seemed in good spirits and Jason is getting a lot of teeth now. The wind today was cold and raw. March is finishing up like a lion.

I am going to buy swinging doors for the kitchen and hopefully shutters for the window.

March 29, 1973

Another one of those really chilly days. Watered my plants, eggs for breakfast and papaya cause I got 3 on sale very cheap and I am eating them too. I read somewhere that they are very good, for the stomach so I am going to experiment for a week having them every morning and see what happens. I know when I was in Hawaii this winter and ate them every day I felt much better. It is worth a try.

School went ok. I have just one more day of my reading class and I will certainly be glad to be done with that. I am getting excited about my family class and I pray it goes well.

Mom started, in again about Maude saying she had leukemia and got me all upset so when I got to school I was tied up in knots so I wrote to Pauline and poured it all out. Went to Wentze's after school and then came home.

Jenny was just taking Mom to have her hair cut. I went to Sears and ordered a swinging door for the kitchen and shutters for the window in the kitchen. It came to $53.00. Then I went to Diamond. Natl' and ordered the new vanity for Don's bathroom. With the faucets that was about $70.00. I don't have to send money to Linda this month so that will help to pay for these things.
Made wiener and sauerkraut for dinner and then went over to the Mall and bought make-up, new perfume and looked at blouses. Found the one I liked but it was the wrong size. Game home and Don felt just terrible and was in bed. He aches and has a headache. He had quite a bit to drink tonight but I think it sounds more like the flu. I washed, my hair and bathed and then read about the puritan family. Mom went to bed at 7:30 too so I was all alone.

March 30, 1973

A cold rainy day again. School went ok.

Mom went to the Beatitude luncheon and I was worried that maybe she would be too tired to go to the play but she enjoyed seeing all the people at the church and she napped when she got home.

I went to the bank after school and cashed my check and now we have almost $7,000.00 in the Savings account. It is so good to be able to put a lot in every month and I put $350.00 and. next month if everything goes ok I should be able to put $450.00 in. I had to put some in checking to pay for the bathroom.

I came home and made dinner of macaroni and cheese that I had fixed last night. Then at 7:30 Mom and I went to see Pajama Game with Alice Wipf and Mike, the man she goes with.

He was very gracious and courteous. The play was ok but it was a bit painful during the sols but the chorus scenes were very good and Karl Kunili and Diane Smith, the second leads were especially good. It lasted about 2 hours. It rained hard but it wasn't really very cold.

We didn't get home until about 11:20 but Mom really wasn't very tired considering. Don was asleep so I smoked 2 cigarettes and went to bed.

March 31, 1973

Today was a busy but rather fruitless day. For some reason every Saturday I think I have to chase around and go places looking for things that I never seem to find. I went for a walk first off and then made breakfast.

Then Don vacuumed and I cleaned up the bathrooms, dusted, etc. Dashed over to Safeway to buy some of the Saturday morning bargains and came home and made spaghetti sauce and then went off to try to find, a blouse to wear with some of my skirts. I checked the Mall and the Fair but couldn't find anything.

In the afternoon I lay down for awhile cause I was really tired but really didn't sleep. Took Mom to the Mall and then went back after her and took her to the fruit stand and then stopped to pick up my shutters and swinging doors. I think they are going to look just great. Now it is a matter of having Skip put them up and I don't know when he will have time.
We had spaghetti and green salad for dinner and then I set the table for breakfast today.

In the evening Don watched tv for awhile and then about 7:30 I went to ask Mom something and she was already in bed asleep and somehow that upset me just terribly and I wanted to cry but I couldn't explain how I felt to Don. He was in the living room reading and he started, to tell me something that wasn't all that funny but I got hysterical and I am sure it was just cause I was so near to crying. He was talking about a farm program that would do away with pesticides and about the boll weevil etc. and some-how it all struck me as very funny.

Life can be very funny. I am back at 110 and I just hope I can stay there. We went to bed fairly early.

Don is going to Chicago on the 10th and will be back on the 14th.

I will have to do something for the girl's birthdays but haven't come up with anything yet.

April 1, 1973

Two more weeks of school and then it will he spring vacation. It is still a long way away. Since I start my new class on Monday that means 9 times I will have to meet my class before the holiday.

We got up early and I exercised and then went for a walk and then I had my prunes and tea. I made the Hungarian coffee cake, fixed the eggs for scrambling and cooked sausage and bacon, the table looked lovely with the round place mats, and some yellow flowers from a little vine in the back yard.

Took Mom to church and then got dressed in my blue and white cafkan. The Peterson's and their 6 month old daughter Sarah and the Boyles came at 10.

Don had some excellent champagne and then we had breakfast. Carl brought me some lovely pink tulips he had raised himself. The baby went right to sleep in Jason's bed and slept the whole time.

It was a very nice affair and they left at 12:30.

Jenny came over to do their wash and Mom and she and I went to Hubbards and I got a new plant for the replacement of my eucalyptus bush in the back yard. It is called portuna and in the spring it has new growth that is bright red. It was $5.00. We got home and the Scotts called and brought over some books and stayed to chat and have a cup of coffee. Then when they left I fried a chicken and made potatoes and gravy and green beans and fruit salad.
Lin called and she was fine. Jenny has to have some kind of a test tomorrow so she couldn't eat anything solid today and she had to take a laxative tonight so she wasn't feeling too well.

It was bright today but cold and windy. I went for a brisk walk after dinner. Now I must write to Cathy and then get ready for tomorrow.

April 2, 1973

A bright day with a cold wind. I got to school at the usual time to find that a whole lot of students had not bothered to check their quarter classes and so it was utter chaos practically all day. I met my class at 4th period and first I checked how many thought they were getting English credits cause they had put it in the wrong part of the schedule. I lost a goodly number.

I was annoyed at the time they put the schedule out and I was right. I told them a little about the class and let them go early.

I came home and took Mom to the Dr. for her shot. Came home and fixed all yesterday's leftovers, added some dressing to the chicken and baked some rolls so really it was a pretty good dinner. Afterwards I went for a long walk at the Jr. High and it was really pleasant cause the wind had gone down.

I wasted my evening and didn't do any homework. We played some cards and started to watch a tv movie. Pauline called and talked to Mom for a long time. I bathed and then to sleep. Not a bad day really.

Called Cathy and she had started her LVNC Program. Shessays she is really going to have to work hard, but she wasn't upset so I just pray that she makes it cause she would be good.

April 3, 1973

The sun again and although there was some wind, still it was a pleasant day and it got up to the 70's.

Really the day went ok. I had the Family 5th period and it went ok. Oh, it isn't tremendous but there is some interest shown and I am going to keep trying. I left school at 2:30 and rushed home and cooked macaroni for salad and changed my clothes and then off ot the Dr's. Dr. Hamilton seemed subdued somehow. He didn't give me a pelvic and we talked, and he checked me but not very thoroughly or so it seemed. I go for my tests on Thursday. I may just stay out of school that day. We will see.

Got back and Jenny and Skip came over so we had them stay for dinner. I made the salad, had shrimp soup and I had bought strawberries and I had some angel food left over so I had cake, strawberries and whipped, cream for dessert.
Went for a long walk after dinner cause the kids had to leave right away. Say Joyce Menke and felt guilty cause we should have her over.

Don and I went over to the Mall and bought a book for Jason and some stuff at Longs. Then a few games of cards. I washed my hair and took a bath and we watched Hawaii 5-0. Mom says that she sleeps so much and she will ask the Dr. about it on Monday. Did my grades today and now I will have 8 ½ weeks left. I will surely be glad when school is over.

Don told me today that if he goes down in a plane there will be $100,000.00 in insurance. I hope the plane doesn't go down! I so hope it is a nice day tomorrow.

April 4, 1973

A beautiful day. I think spring has really decided to come at last. There is sun, the wind has gone down and it was really warm! A fairly calm day at school. I had my class last period and it went ok but I have to do something about the lecture system cause the kids just sat there. Some of them take notes but then some of them sleep too.

I find that I am waking up at night worrying about this damned class. I suppose I should have stuck with the reading, at least they could always just read. Ah well. This too shall come to an end.

The Tuesday after the holiday I will start my last class of Decision-Making before school.

I came home and Mom and I went to the store. First to SH & Save and then on the way to Safeway we noticed, that Penney’s had there plant sale so we stopped and I bought 3 coin eucalyptus trees for $5.00 each and another gold dust plant for $1.00. We couldn't put them in the car so I tagged them and we went on to Safeway. After dinner Jenny came over and we took Mom, who got some begonias and we got the trees home.

Linda called to say that she and Jason would be up Friday night late. They have a ride with Mary Jean and Royal Miller. Between 9 and 12 she said.

I started The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing and. I like it very much. Finally to bed and I am not going to school tomorrow cause I am having my annual tests. Nothing to eat or drink after midnight except water.

Betty Smith got the most votes for the city council. Two members of the "April Committee" won. They got the college vote. Bacten is out and he is mad. Mike called and he was working on the paper he will give this weekend in Atlanta, Ga. Donna is going too.

April 5, 1973

I got up and walked to the jr. high and brought back my first roses of the year. Great big yellow ones. Then at 8 I went for blood tests and my
x/rays. Game home and vacuumed the house. Back at 10:15 for the second
blood tests and then home to do my other projects.

Washed and changed sheets, worked in the yard. I finished The Man Who
Loved Cat Dancing. I really considered it a good book.

Don sunbathed and stayed home for the afternoon. Jenny went to her Dr.
this afternoon and she is ok. She has an uptight bladder and is to take
some pills to relax. I made tuna salad for dinner. The day was simply
gorgeous. We had all the doors and windows open.

The birds were singing. There was no wind and the temperature was around
80. Ah Spring! How I love it.

Jenny stopped by. We are all looking forward to Linda's coming. I hope it
is nice for the weekend. We will be going to Marge Saler's wedding on
Saturday night. My, it is nice to stay home from school. I really wish I
didn't have to go. Got my contract in the mail today and I am at the top
of the scale so I am making the same amount next year - $14,277.12. I
suppose I shouldn't complain cause that is a good salary.

April 6, 1973

It was a nice spring day. T*rent to school and everything seemed to go
ok. After school I came home and picked up Mom and dropped her off at the
bank and then I went over to Longs and bought 12 Spice Saland jars of
spices for Marge Saler's wedding present.

Came home and fixed biscuits and heated up the turkey dish to put over
them and made a green salad.

I wrapped the wedding present and then checked over to see that the house
looked ok.

Don and. I played cards and then watched tv until Linda came. She got
here at 11:30. Jason was still asleep but he woke up in a herry and he
seemed to remember everything. He went right over to the record, player
and. Don put on his song "O Babe, What Did You Say" with Hurricane Smith.
Then he rang the bells, and then he went over to Grandma's door and
pounded on that but we didn't let him go over there. She changed him and
put him to bed and then we stayed up and talked for awhile but about
12:30 we all folded. It is very good to have her here and Jason is more
dear than ever if that is possible. Linda looks tanned although she is
still thin and weighs only 86 lbs.

April 7, 1973

Jason woke early and first I sneaked out with my scissors and went for my
walk and picked some beautiful, roses. It is so nice now that they are in
bloom again.
Jason and I wanted to go to Moms and although she was still in bed he went right in and was so glad to see her that he did his little dance that he does to show delight,

I went over to Safeway and bought bacon, broccoli and hamburger on sale. Jason went down for a nap and mainly we just sat around and talked.

I took Mom to a rummage sale and I bought some little clothes for Jason.

Made lunch. Jenny came after work and Tan had brought her some lovely birthday presents.

A beautiful, oriental print, and some other little things. They went shopping and I made hot dish, artichokes and french bread.

I pinned up my hair and bathed and at 15 to 7 we went to the First Christian Church to see Marge Saler married to Larry Willis.

I wore my blue and white mumu and Don wore his handsome plaid sports jacket and I thought we both looked very nice. It was a nice wedding and we went over to the Newman Center and stayed a short time at the reception.

Then home and Linda went off to see Bev and we played 3 games of cards and then went to bed.

Cathy called to say she would be here next weekend but not to tell Grandma so she wouldn't worry about her driving.

Tomorrow I must set out some plants and cook dinner for the family. I cooked the chicken breasts today so I won't have too much to do.

April 8, 1973

Sunday morning! Jason woke up early and came out while we were having breakfast. I went to 8 am Mass and then to C & J to get some fish emulsion for my fern to make it look greener and I stopped and got some broccoli.

Came home and set out some plants and did some watering and then took Mom to 11 oclock Mass. Lin and Don sunbathed and I cut down some of the dead shrubs and took out my much loved gardenia bush. How I hated to see it go.

Made lunch and fixed my dinner. I put fresh pineapple, pears, mandarin oranges, bananas and apples plus marshmallow sauce. Did the chicken divan and thawed rolls. Jenny worked today and came over afterwards as did Skip and they stayed for dinner. They both had to study so they left right afterwards. Skip didn't say anything about putting up my shutters or the door. How embarrassing. Hopefully ------ Betty will come tomorrow night and I will ask him to do it.
Lin went out to Yakiches in the afternoon. She finds it very difficult to get along with them.

Mom came over for dinner. We watched M.A.S.H. on tv and enjoyed it and played cards and had fun with that.

Just tomorrow and then Tuesday Don will take Lin back on his way to taking the plane to Chicago.

A beautiful day really. The kids weren't too cheery and happy but then they have their problems. Somehow I don't want to get involved with them. I went to bed at 9:30.

April 9, 1973

A lovely morning and I didn't want to go to school but I did anyway. People were still talking about the wedding.

The day went fine. I had my students write in class and then we talked about it. I have a student assistant now G. period so she will be able to do some of the detail work.

Came home after Linda came to get me and she brought Jason who looked adorable in a little blue suit and barefooted.

I took Mom to the Dr. and rested in the car while she went in. She doesn't have to go next week and that will be good cause she will feel well during the vacation. J & L had gone shopping and bought clothes and Lin had found an oak dresser for $75.00. Don gave them each a birthday check for $75.00 and somehow that shocked me cause I thought it was too much but I didn't say anything.

Cathy called to say she would be up Friday night but I wasn't to tell Grandma so she wouldn't worry.

We had leftovers for dinner. Monte Betty came over and said he would put the shutters and the swinging door up and the bathroom fixtures plus make the trellis deal for Mom.

Lin left after dinner to go to Paradise to see people. The Yakiches came over during the day and were difficult.

Don and I played cards and watched some tv. I washed my hair and then we went to bed and made love and it was nice. Jason went to sleep early cause he had missed his nap. He is so cute we will miss him when he goes back tomorrow.

I packed Don's bag for his trip tomorrow. Rain is predicted but I hope it clears off. Maybe I should go on vacation.

April 10, 1973
Well, it didn't rain and it was bright, clear and warm. I said goodbye to Lin and Jason and went to school.

My class went well today. I talked about Indians. Spent the rest of the day checking on things, writing letters of recommendation.

Game home and Mom was feeling just terrible from her shot. Went at 4:30 to get my reports from Dr. H. and waited for an hour. Everything was ok. He said my hormone count was so high I should be very sexy. When I got home Monte Betty was here to measure the deal. He left and I quick fixed scrambled, eggs.

Then I went over to Longs and got some moisturizer cream. When I got back Monte was just finishing.

I put the undercoat on and that was a long tedious job. Ran two loads op clothes and changed the sheets. Also straightened closets. Suddenly I have this surge of energy and I would just like to stay home from school and do a thousand things in the house and the yard but I still have 3 more days of school to get through so I must contain myself.

Monte charges $7.00 am jpir sp this is going to be an expensive venture. I am afraid it will be $100.00 probably.

I called L & H floor covering and they will put the linoleum in Thursday. I hope so! Poor little Mom feels just terrible.

Well, Don leaves from San Francisco at midnight and Lin and Jason are back in S. F. and I am here alone tonight and I really don't mind too much. Theradio is playing beautiful music but I realize that I wouldn't like to do this all the time. I still have to fold clothes and do some hand washing and then to bed. Dr. H. said I should, lose a little weight cause my chloresterol is high so I am going to really try. I would like to be trimmer anyway.

April 11, 1973

A nice day. In fact it got quite hot and people were complaining and demanding that the air conditioning be turned on.

After school I had to go to a district counseling meeting at the district office. I stayed until 4:30 and then came home.

Mom and I went grocery shopping after dinner. I had steak and a cottage cheese salad. I am really sticking to my diet. If I can just hang in there I might lose those pounds Dr. H. wants me to. We stopped first at Wards and I took my paint sample in to match and they to S. & Save and Safeway and then back for my paint.

I put the groceries away and then I put the satin finish paint on the swinging doors and the woodwork around it and I like it better than the matte finish so during the holiday I plan to re-do the white in the kitchen and all the woodwork over in that. I pinned up my hair and bathed
and went to bed. Interestingly enough, I haven't even turned on the tv since Don left.

I have this surge of energy that is so great that I really have trouble sleeping at night. Then too, the wind was blowing and the blinds outside were banging and the noise disturbed me. I really don't like being in the house alone at night although it is ok the rest of the day.

Don called to say that he had eaten dinner with the Niezels and they were fine. He will go to George and Martha's tomorrow night and said he would try to call Friday morning.

April 12, 1973

School was rather dull today except that Howard Snyder has decided to be the Principal at Parkview and so now there will be an opening at Chico High. My class went rather badly today. I talked about the frontier and I couldn't last the hour. After school I came home and Jenny was here and we visited. The man put in the linoleum today and then Monte Betty arrived at 5 and started, putting in the vanity and the toilet seat.

It took until 7:30 for him to finish. He does good work but he makes such a mess. I thought I would never get the black streaks off the floor. Then I vacuumed, the whole house, dusted, washed the kitchen rug and now the house looks just beautiful. I washed the bathroom wall but it will have to be painted.

We had a good dinner of salmon served cold with tomatoes and parsley. Boiled sweet potatoes and fresh asparagus.

Well, now I am ready for Cathy's visit tomorrow. I wonder when she will get here? I have not told Mom she is coming although I almost let it slip a number of times. I hope her visit will go well.

I haven't written any letters all week but I have certainly had the energy for other things.

It was cool and windy when I went to bed. Had some trouble getting to sleep and woke in the night.

April 13, 1973

Woke at 3:30 and couldn't get back to sleep so I got up at 5 and went for my walk and picked a whole lot of beautiful roses for the house. I have lost 1 lb. I weighed 109 this morning! Now, if I can just stick with it!

School was pretty much of a drag. It was cold and partly cloudy. Jenny invited Mom and me to dinner.

I came home right after school and made and frosted a bundt cake and checked the house once more to be sure everything was in readiness for Cathy.
At about 4:30 she walked in with a friend, Mary Dewayne. She went right over to Mom's and it was a marvelous surprise for her. I called Jenny and asked, her if they could come too and since she was having spaghetti I thawed a container of sauce and we went over at 5:30.

Jenny had spaghetti, green salad and hot bread and with my cake it made a nice dinner and then Skip served chi-chis for dessert.

Cathy and Mary stayed on to talk and Mom and I came home. We chatted for awhile and then I was so tired that I went to bed but I couldn't sleep and the girls were so late and I pound. myself back a few years when the girls were out on dates and I stayed awake until they got home.

They got here about 1:30 and then Cathy wanted to talk so it was 2:30 before I finally got to sleep. Her friend is nice. She is a very tiny thing who has gone to Columbia Jr. College and will be going to CSU next year. She is 22½ and looks 16. Cathy looks just great and she is so funny and bubbly. Cathy brought me some eggs that her chickens had laid.

April 14, 1973

Got up early and went for my walk and then had breakfast. The girls got up at 9 and I made their breakfast and then they went with Mom to look at antiques. By the time they came back it was lunchtime so I fixed that. I hit it lucky at Safeway and got meat, vegetables and fruit on sale. Don called about 12 saying he would be here about 4.

I took a bath and put on one of my long dresses. I made dinner of what Cathy wanted so we had smoked ham, potato salad, fresh asparagus and rhubarb pie. Don got her at 3:30. He told me all about seeing George and Martha and the Niezels, plus Curti and about all the interviews.

Cathy was shopping (I had given her $40.00) but she couldn't find, anything that she liked. Everyone had a drink before dinner and Mom came over and we ate and the girls then went to Milinda's in Or land, and we sat and talked, and then we went to bed and made love. I really wasn't in the mood but it was ok.

Jenny's birthday was today and she and. Skip went out to dinner. She worked today. They took the top off their car so of course it was so cool they used the Volvo tonight. It was a pleasant day. It is nice to have Don home.

It sounds as if Uncle George is feeling better and that made Mom feel better. Don loved the bathroom and the saloon doors in the kitchen. He is always so amazed that I do something to the house in his absence. Cathy plans to leave tomorrow morning.

April 15, 1973

Up and for my walk. Picked roses again. No one went to church today.
The girls got up about 8 and I fixed them breakfast. Then they loaded, the car and left about 10.

I started painting and did all the white woodwork in the kitchen. Stopped and made lunch and then I went over to Skip's and we took some plants from Pat Yarbrough's yard cause she is moving to Redding when school is out. I got some lillies and a pretty little shrub. I set them out when I got home and then I painted all 4 shutters the white undercoat and was that ever a job.

Then Don and I played cards. I fixed a very simple dinner of leftovers and then I wrote a letter to Pauline.

I washed my hair and took a bath cause tomorrow I go in to the eye doctor and to the Neurologist.

Don had a headache so he went to bed at 8:30.

I spaded a little in the south yard, after dinner and then cleaned, up the kitchen. I have to wash the screens tomorrow and wash the kitchen and dining room windows. I hope the Dr. can do something for me tomorrow so that I won't have to have an operation. We will see.

Well, now I have a whole week off starting tomorrow. What will I do with my time? I hope one day I can just do nothing but I am not sure that would appeal. What I would really like would be to have the weather get hot and sunny.

April 16, 1973

The first day of the week and the vacation. Well, I didn't do all that much really. At 9 I went to Dr. Chiapella's under a cold cloudy sky. I had my eyes examined and he said, my eyes hadn't changed all that much so that I could keep the same prescription by by the time I get my new frames it will come to $66.50. I suppose I should have stuck with the glasses I have but I really don't like them so I am spending extra money certainly since the exam itself was $28.00. Ah well, I have made the decision so it is too late.

I went to the library and then came home and at 1:30 I went to Dr. Hagewood and I had to wait a long time and then he told me that I shouldn't have to have an operation (good news). He put a catheter in and measured what I voided and he feels with exercises id and some vaginal cream I will be ok. In two weeks I go back and he will dilate the ureath a and that also will help. I started the exercises right away and we will hope for the best.

Monte Betty called and said that he would be over tomorrow and would get everything done.

It really never did clear up and although there was sun now and then it was short-lived. All my plants have a lovely sunny and warm week.
April 17, 1973

Up at 5 again. Picked beautiful roses. Did my exercises and at 9 Monte came and he worked until 4 but he got the shutters on, planed down my cabinet doors so they close properly and made Mom's trellis deal that just turned out beautifully. She loves it and I am so happy for her cause it is rare when she is pleased with something like that.

While Monte was working I took Mom and we went to the Salvation Army where she found 3 blouses that she liked and then to G & J and Hubbards. I read a book cause there wasn't much I could do while the young man was working here. He charged $77.00 for the work he did which wasn't too bad considering he did the bathroom plumbing (put-ting the toilet back and connecting the sink) hung the door and the shutters and made the deal.

When Don came home at noon he suggested that we go out to dinner so I pinned up my hair and bathed and we went up to Pinachios but they were closed so we started down to Burtons and he crossed over the yellow line and got a ticket But he was in the wrong so there wasn't anything he could do.

We had abolone for dinner and it was just superb. I really enjoyed my dinner.

We came home and talked for a little and then off to bed and we made love and that was nice and then to sleep.

So, the second day of the holiday is over.

April 18, 1973

Windy, cold and bright in the same routine every day. What did I do on this Wed.? Well, I went grocery shopping. Big deal! Picked lovely yellow roses in the morning and the house looks so lovely with the addition of the bright flowers. In many ways I think I did enjoy being at home all the time working on the house but then I think that I am getting very house-proud.

As I get older and fatter clothes aren't very important to me cause I just don't look great so I find that I don't think much about myself but instead, concentrate on making the house beautiful.

Maybe I would be better off to diet and excercise and make myself attractive. I will have to think about this.
Took Mom to Dr. Chiapelli at 8 and waited for her until 9:15 but I read Harper's so the time went fast.

Went to the library and picked up some books.

Lin called to say that she and Dave and Jason would be up next Monday night for Dave's two days off. She said they haven't been getting along too well. I told her and Don about this and he immediately decided that we should do something but I tried to tell him that we didn't own the people.

They are both hard people to live with so they are bound to have their problems. I am doing my exercises for Dr. Hagewood and hope that things will get better in that area.

Don went off to Paradise and paid the ticket - $19.00! Jenny ate lunch with us. Went to bed early. Made a lovely dinner of sweet and sour pork chops, strawberry short cake, broccoli and jello salad - all very good.

April 19, 1973

I painted the window shutters the 2nd coat. Did other odds and ends.

Went over to Jenny's and she and I got some ivy so I could root some. Bought some colorful coleuses for Mom, Jenny and me. I am going to slip some to put outside.

Got roses in the morning and went for a walk again in the afternoon.

Don watched Richard III but I took a bath and went to bed.

Went over to Penney's after dinner and looked at clothes and I looked ugly in everything.

Next week is going to be busy cause history candidates are going to be here at the weekend. A woman from Connecticut Friday night and a man from Virginia Saturday night. They will stay here and there will be cocktail parties both nights and I think one night I will have them for dinner.

The wind blew and blew again today so there is just no chance to get outside at all. That south yard, bothers me cause I should do something about it. Maybe if it ever warms up I will think of something. It should be spaded up but that is so much work. I cleaned up the corner of Mom's yard where the oleander was taken out and it looks much better.

I worry about my class cause I really don't have any plan of what I am doing and Monday will be here all too soon. I wish I had never started that. Oh for a really warm day that I could spend outside.

April 20, 1973
Went for a walk. Vacuumed the house. Changed the sheets, then I went over to Safeway and picked up a papaya and some sweet corn.

I went on down town and. looked at clothes. Asers was having a sale and I tried on two dresses that I didn't like, went to the Fair and then to the Frances Shop but nothing appealed. I am desperate but I just can't find anything that I like. Came home and made lunch. Then in mid afternoon suddenly the wind went down. I just couldn't believe it. Suddenly it was summer. Just like that!

I had Don get the lawn furniture down and I cleaned it and we had a drink out on the patio and it was beautiful and still and warm!

I fixed dinner. Went for a short walk and Don and I talked about the family class and he came up with some ideas and I think I can use them.

Got a letter from Donna today with a picture of Matt in a white cap and gown cause he is graduating from kindergarten.

We went to bed early. We are getting up so early these days that I am tired by 8:30. This can't go on. I am going to have to get tough. I am just going to have to exercise cause I feel pudgy.

April 21, 1973

Up early again. In fact this time it was minutes before 5! By 8 I had done the routine work and I cleaned up the back back room and even did the cupboards out there.

Went to the store and got vegetables and then to Long's to get rubber gloves, a broom dust pan and garden gloves.

Had lunch and then sat in the sun and it was real therapy. How I worship the sun. Washed my hair and made a pound cake. Took Mom to Hubbards and got a dwarf orange, lemon, and lime tree, 3 hydranges and 3 dozen vinca's. Mom bought a pin oak tree "or her corner. I set out the vinca and Don put in the hydranges.

I made hamburgers and Don barbecued and I made a 3-bean salad and we had strawberries I put on my Kaftan and we sat on the patio. Then Don suggested that we go to "Save The Tiger" with Jack Lemmon but it was all so depressing and depraved that at 10 after 8 I suggested that we leave and so we came home.

It has been so long since I have seen a movie that it was a shame to waste money on this one.

I washed the living room windows on the outside and after Jason leaves this week I will do the inside.

Jenny came to wash clothes and to visit.
Went to bed and made love and then to sleep. A nice day in spite of the movie. Would you believe that almost a year later we got a check for $720.00 to cover Cathy's operation for the plastic surgery on her breast. I just couldn't believe it! We had paid Dr. Mangus long ago so now we can put the money in the bank!

April 22, 1973

Woke at 5 and whipped over to pick about 6 roses that I put in the refrigerator so that there will be fresh flowers when the children come.

Dressed up to go to 8 am Mass. I wore my black dress with the white piping. Father Fagan gave a good sermon and it was a pleasant experience all the way around. Game home and immediately put on a sun suit and went outside. I weeded a bit. Found 2 little kittens in the area way for going over the house. We don't know if there is a mother around or if they were dumped. Don offered them milk but they didn't want any.

Sat in the sun and read. Had some lunch. Pauline called and talked to Mom a long time. An absolutely perfect day with sun and no wind.

I have a lovely peach colored iris in bloom, simply gorgeous. Later we did see a mother cat going to the kittens so I guess they won't go hungry but do they plan to stay here? Mother made the mistake of putting food out and with no dogs around there are cats all over the place and I hate cats!

I stayed in the sun until about 3 and then bathed and took Mom for a long ride. It was very pleasant.

I cocked a souffle for dinner. I figured I hadn't made one for a long time and it was so good. That, with cucumbers and tomatoes and a fruit cup for dessert was our dinner. Very light but good.

I trimmed my hair a bit in the evening and pinned it up and then I watered the new vinca that I set out yesterday.

In the evening we watched "A Man Named John" about Pope John with Raymond Burr concerning the 650 Jewish children and it was very good. 60 Minutes was good tonight too.

We went to bed around 10. It was a very pleasant and leisurely day and I hated to see it end.

April 23, 1973

Woke up early to a beautiful day. I did my exercises and then cooked bacon and eggs for breakfast. Got to school and put a lovely yellow rose on my desk. I really didn't do too much at school cause I had no class today. I heard about everyone's vacation: Marge Willis & Eleanor took a trip to Hawaii, Alice got a new Mazda, Barbara Conkline went to Baha. Chuck Thompson to Santa Roza, Marion to the coast, etc. Came home and
took Mom to Dr. Gibson. Picked up some orange bread and flower seeds at Disco. Got milk and bananas at the fruit stand and then home to put some hot dish in the oven and make a salad.

Played two games of cards with Don and then he went off to a meeting and I watered my plants.

I dusted and neatened up the house a bit, read a magazine and then Don was back and we watched Don Quixote with Rex Harrison who was very good. Right in the midst of it at 10:30 Dave and Lin arrived. Jason was sleepy in a pair of black and white sneakers and a little striped shirt and pants. He perked right up and started acting as if it were in the middle of the day.

Lin has bought some beautiful new clothes and so has David. They were both fine. I guess Becky Wipe's boyfriend really bought the house in Camelot. They will check on this tomorrow.

It was after 11 when we went to bed. Jason was put down and went right to sleep and so did we. It is so nice to have them here. They loved the shutters and the new swinging door in the kitchen.

April 24, 1973

I had to get up at 5:30 cause my orientation class started this morning. But we didn't need an alarm cause Jason was rocking his bed at 5:15 got up and had breakfast and then we got him up and he walked around with his bottle and smiled and looked at things. He always seems so glad to be here.

I got to school at 7 and the kids came at 7:15 as did Mr. Crouston. He arrived to have some of them take his class at G period so I will end up with about 12 I guess. They seem like a pleasant bunch.

Since I had not gotten to bed until about 11:30 it seemed like rather a long day. It was lovely but the wind did come up cruelly in the afternoon. I had a meeting after school but it didn't last long and then I came home. I made game hens, a huge green salad and artichokes and hard french rolls and it was a very good meal.

Mom ate with us. It was all very nice.

We bathed Jason and put him to bed and then Lin had a long talk with me about the situation in San Francisco. Dave works 12 hours and she feels very confined along with Jason all day and she doesn't have any friends or activities and she and Dave don't get along very well either but mainly cause they don't have enough time together. I think it helped to talk to me and she is much more mature about the whole thing than she was before in the past.

They went out for the evening and Don went to bed and I stayed up to see "The Lie". An Ingmar Bergman movie with George Segal and I thought it was very good, but it lasted until 11:30 so I staggered off to bed very late.
April 25, 1973

Beautiful morning. Jason was up before I went to school but I see him very little. Early morning class again and then I left at 2:30. No wind today.

I made a simple little dinner with hot dogs and a big vegetable plate. Lin spent the afternoon with Bev and Matt.

Ben Franklin dropped by cause Hoyt Jackson wants to teach summer school here. He was fine.

Jenny and Skip stopped by for a drink and to say good-bye to the kids. Don had Lin take the 2 kittens to Dr. Rood. They left about 7 by the time they got the car packed and were ready to go. I hate to see them go but then I realize that they shouldn't be living here either and there is a certain amount of relief too cause they have their problems but I really don't own the problem as they say. I put dirt in 6 little containers and planted marigold seeds, and I am going to take them to school and put them under D. Reed's special light so they should grow fast. If they all come up I will have 90 plants!

Then I washed clothes, changed the bed and did some neatening up and tomorrow night we will clean the house cause Friday the first history candidate will arrive. I pinned up my hair and bathed and was in bed at 9:30 cause I was really weary. It was very nice having the kids here and they seemed to get along well with the Yakiches this time so that Made things easier too.

Just two more days of classes at school and then there will be only 6 weeks left.

April 26, 1973

A lovely day. Both of my classes at school are going fine. The before school decision class are very nice and they seem interested and the American Family class is coming to life.

I went to the fruit stand for celery and carrots and then came home. I made sandwiches for dinner.

Mom is still feeling lousy from her shot so she didn't want much in the way of dinner. Right afterwards we attacked the house and we really have a system. Don does the vacuuming and I dust, straighten, clean the bathrooms and this time I scrubbed the kitchen floor. We had just finished when Jenny came over with a box (!) of peonies. They were white ones and so beautiful. I gave a lot to Mom and then in the living room I put that rectangular low vase with some end tall ones and a sprig of rhododendron and I was really impressed, with the way it turned out. I put bouquets all over the house.
When we had everything all done we played some cards and then I washed my hair and we went to bed and made love.

The Watergate affair continues to build. Now it is disclosed that acting director of the F.B.I. Gray, burned whole lots of papers that were falsified papers against President Kennedy, and Ted Kennedy implicating them in all kinds of affairs. One begins to wonder what will come next.

April 27, 1973

Had an ok day at school.

Don went to Sacramento in the morning to pack up Joanna Cawden and when I came home after school she was here resting. She seemed very nice. She is 40, a divorcee with 4 girls.

At 4:30 the cocktail party started and it lasted until 5:30. Then the people left and we took her to Burtons Tor dinner.

I had abalone but it wasn't as good as last time. We got back at 7:30 and then all the men from the dept. talked to her until 9:30.

That must have been an ordeal. Then she had a drink and we went to bed.

Poor Don was really exhausted and tomorrow he takes her back and picks up Dale Steiner from Virginia and we do it all over again.

On Sunday Don takes him back so this weekend is completely shot.

Mom really isn't feeling to great these days I'm afraid. I went over to talk to her for a long time this evening while the meeting was going on in the living room and we had a nice visit.

We are having a progressive dinner party on the 10th of May and the salad, course will be at our house.

That might be fun I think.

April 28, 1973

He had breakfast with Joanna Cawden, she went over to meet Mom and then Don took her to Sacramento to catch her plane and pick up Dale Steiner.

I got the house neatened up, changed the sheets and was sunbathing when Don arrived. I liked this man very much. He has a marvelous sense of humor and is attractive and courteous. Jenny was here and she took him around Chico and then it was 4:30 and the people came again and I put out the crackers, cheese, chips, etc. and the drinks. They stayed until 5:30.

I had a good chat with Jean Harvey. Jenny stayed and that helped too.
He picked up Lois Hein and the 5 of us went to the Mesa Tor dinner. I was good and had just the steak and salad.

Got back at 7:30 and the men started on the interview. I went over to Lois's and we had a long visit. She caught me up on all the gossip which was pretty surprising, at least in part.

Mary Peterson had an affair with Tom Wagstaff before she was married so you can never have or put that couple together for dinner.

Jean Harvey left Chuck for a while and had an affair with Tom W. That fellow gets around.

The Brown's are bores (I knew that). The Boos' are getting a divorce, etc., etc.. I reeled away from there and got home just as things were breaking up here. Me chat- ted a bit with Mr. Steiner and then to bed.

I am glad I am not having to choose between the two candidates cause I liked them both so well.

April 29, 1973

The time changed and we slept in so it was after 7 when we got up. It was bright and windy and very chilly.

I made a big breakfast. Dale got up and ate right after we did. Then they left for Sacramento about 10. Here we go again.

I made a graham crax pie and then Mom and I went to Tongs, Hubbards' and the fruit stand and then back home. Most of the things we wanted we didn't find, but it was fun anyway.

I came home and had lunch and fixed the potatoes and. carrots to have with the roast. Then I went out and vacuumed the car and then washed the outside and it looks just great. In fact it always was good, and since I broke my old sunglasses with Don's rejects I went to Penney's and bought a very attractive pair of white framed sun-glasses for $6.00 made in France.

When I got back Carl was here and they were talking about the candidates. I finished dinner which turned out to be delicious. I ate just the meat, carrots and cucumbers and tomatoes. Oh, if I can just stick with this.

Watered the plants and then did my hair and nails, took a bath, wrote to Cathy & Pauline. Linda called and they have found an apt. that hopefully they will get. $300.00. Dishwasher, carpeting, sunny, two bathrooms. Jason went out to lunch with his tooth-brush and ate his ice cream with it much to everyone's astonishment. Played 3 games op lay-out with Don and he won 2-1.
Figured out the budget for next month and then to bed. How I hope I can be careful about food tomorrow.

April 30, 1973

I didn't have class this morning before school cause I promised the kids that the first day of day-light savings time they could have off.

I didn't get to school until 20 to 8 which was a nice change. It was clear today but very chilly! I wasn't really dressed warm enough and people came in to stand by my heater!

My check came and Ton will have to cash it tomorrow. Not much happened at school. My class went well.

Marge Saler's freezer had the plug pulled and she ended up with 75# of meat spoiled plus everything else. I should have said Marge Willis. I keep forgetting. Then last period Mike Tyler was driving the Model car from the shop and ran into Jim LaForce in the parking lot so Packy's cars are jinxed! I took her class. Came home expecting the plumber to come but he didn't. He did call and he will be here on Wednesday.

I steamed broccoli in my new steamer and then fixed the au gratin. I made hash and a green salad. I ate some beef sliced. The hash brought back memories. The kids used to like hash so well.

Donna's birthday is Friday so we sent her a $25.00 check tonight, airmail and I just hope it gets there,

I watered my plants outside but the snails are eating them and I get very discouraged Sometimes I think I will just stick to bushes and bulbs and forget the annuals. I go to Dr. Hagewood tomorrow and I don't look forward, to that. I am restless and can't seem to settle down and relax. Went to bed and made love and that was certain fine.

May 1, 1973

A lovely day. It was chilly in the morning but nice. My class before school went well but the American Family class 6th period was not good today. I had a meeting after school to plan a radio panel on decision-making. We didn't _________ this afternoon but will do that on Thursday.

At 15 to 4 I went to Dr. Hagewood's and and they put in the catheter again and then dilated the ureaetha with the smallest rod and it didn't hurt as much as I expected. He gave me some pills to take and I came home.

I fried sole tonight and had a fruit salad and mixed vegetables.

We watered the new plants out front. Cathy called to say she had lost her license. Lin called to say that they would not get the apt. that they had
seen on Sunday and she felt very bad. They can't find Jerry to sign the papers on the Camelot house. Bev and Matt Mendosa had been to see them and Jason says "Matt". We played cards after dinner and then I went to bed early.

A girl was raped and murdered at a fraternity party or near it during Pioneer festivities. Two people (an elderly couple) were murdered in the Mansion Park area so all at once we have 3 murders in Chico.

Played some cards, took a bath and pinned up my hair and went to bed.

May 2, 1973

Woke up very early and couldn't go back to sleep. Got up at 5:30 and made breakfast.

Finished the meat loaf I started last night and was at school at 7. Had my class that seems to go so well and then the rest the day I worked on counseling.

Talked to a parent and talked to students. Not a bad day really.

The pills make me sleepy but at least I have no back pain and that is good.

I got home and Mom and I went grocery shopping. The plumber came and put in a new faucet in the kitchen but he will have to come back tomorrow and do the rest of the work.

Had meat loaf, green beans & cukes and tomatoes for dinner.

Bill Connor came today and worked on the back yard and replanted it. It looks terrible right now but it should be up in about 10 days.

I went to Wentzes after dinner and bought chicken cause the Scotts are coming to dinner on Saturday night.

Haven't heard, much from Jenny this week. She is very busy.

I ate a hard roll for dinner but that is the first starch I have eaten this week and still no sweets. I hope I can keep with this but I don't know.

May 3, 1973

Woke up to a rather cloudy day. Got to school and did my morning class and then 1st period had "C" class. I had made a list of topics for them to look up and report on and we spent the period talking about them and choosing them. Then the rest of the day I was busy with work in the office.
After school Mike McCord came from KPAY and Marian, Mark and I taped a radio program about the Decision Making class. It seemed to go ok. They will play it at 7 am Sunday or 9 p.m. I don't think we will have to worry about too many people listening to it in case it isn't any good. I just hope I remember to listen.

I rushed home cause Mom and I wanted to go to S. S. office. When I walked in the door Jenny was here and she had been crying and when I asked her what was wrong she said she had gone to see Dr. Hagewood and she told him about her headaches and she got all upset. I wanted to stay and comfort her but Mom was upset cause I was late so I took her instead. I was really torn between the two generations.

I had to wait a long time and then she hadn't brought everything so we have to go back tomorrow.

Well, when I got back Don was here and they were having a drink and we had Skip stop by and they had sausage, scrambled eggs and pancakes and I ate too much but suddenly I couldn't stay on the diet any longer and I suppose tomorrow I will weigh 110 lbs again. Damm!

Don went to a meeting and I watched a program on animals and then washed my hair. I was in bed by 10 very tired.

Mike called and Matt has been having headaches and they were worried about it. There were too many family upsets today. I wrote to Dr. Hagewood and thanked him for being so nice to Jenny.

May 4, 1973

Another chilly day. It still doesn't really seem like spring. In fact it rained a little during the middle of the day.

School was rather dull, but finally it was over and I came home and took Mom to the S. Security Office again. She really didn't find out much more than last time. Cathy called to say that she had had her first experience in surgery and she was so excited and now she can see the way all of the theory of surgery so far. Tomorrow she is going to work from 7 - 12 at the hospital and she wants to do very well and then maybe she will be able to work there this summer.

We called Donna to wish her a happy birthday. Matt had gone to a friends' house to stay the night and he was so excited that he forgot to take his bag that he had packed so carefully. He is going Tuesday for some tests about his headaches. We read after dinner and then suddenly we were both so tired that we decided to go to bed early.

I have been taking the pills all week that Dr. Hagewood gave me and they make me sleepy so I will be glad, to be done with them.

I don't seem to have any reaction to the dilation of the ureathea. I hope it is a nice day tomorrow.
May 5, 1973

I didn't get up quite as early as usual.

Jenny cane and left her wash before she went to work.

I walked over to the Jr. High but there were no roses. The huge eucalyptus tree is being cut down. How sad.

There were some crows sitting in the bare branches complaining and I didn't blame them. At 9 I took Horn to Safeway to get some things and then to Longs. We stopped at Penneys for Dusty Miller plants but they didn't have any. Me went to the Box nursery but they to were out.

I came home and- vacuumed and dusted and got ready for the Scotts coming to dinner. I made chicken with wine sauce & sour cream, green salad, meringues with ice cream and strawberries and carrot souffle. I wore my blue and white mumu.

They came at 6 and we had a drink and then ate and visited and it was a pleasant evening. They left about 9:30 and then we cleaned up the kitchen and went to bed and made love and it was great.

Linda called today to say that they had not found anything yet and she was very discouraged. They haven't been Reeling well either so she was really discouraged. Somehow the weekends go by so fast and then there are 5 days facing me again. I will be so glad when the vacation starts and I won't feel so pushed.

Mike called again today and told, us to look for a workshop he could go to so that he could take the trip off his income tax.

May 6, 1973

Slept in until about 5 after 7. I got up and turned on KPAY and we listened to the PV counselor talking about the decision-making class. I sounded ok I guess except that my voice always sounds to small and affected somehow but I guess that is the way it is cause Marion and Mark sounded fine. It really went ok I thought but then it isn't a problem cause not very many people are listening at 7 am or 9 pm on KPAY on Sunday.

Mom and I went to church at 8 and then we went to Hubbards and I found dust miller plants so I picked out 24 of them.

He had a picnic supper with hamburgers, potato salad, etc. A bright day but still chilly.

I have a lovely little tight bouquet of sweet william on the dining room table in pinks, fuschia and white. They have such a nice scent.
The Watergate affair gets worse. Now Dean is saying that Nixon did know
about the whole thing. What a mess. We were tired so we went to bed
fairly early. Had a spooky dream.

I was taking care of Jane Dolan in an old house and there were slugs
everywhere, even in the pepper shaker. There was no dog in the house but
in the early morning a dog In The House woke me to be let out. It was all
very strange and I have not got a ready explanation about what it all
means.

Had hamburgers, potato salad, strawberry shortcake for dinner and we both
admitted that we ate too much. Now lam right back to where I was and I
feel fat and pudgy. I would give a lot to be thin and still be able to
enjoy all kinds of food.

May 7, 1973

Up early. The old bacon and egg breakfast for Don, and I had an egg too.

Went to school. The decision class is in the testing stage so I gave the
first one today. Mar. A. had heard our radio interview and thought it was
very good.

Got some programs for summer for Mike but I think they are too simple Tor
someone with a Phd. Don wrote to him tonight and told him that he should
be in charge of one instead of going to one.

I really had a busy day at school. I have started to work on testing
people for the reading program in the fall.

I started to read "Anything Can Happen" to my family class cause it is
about immigrants. I thought they might like it. Next week they start
giving their reports. I hope they do a fairly good job.

Alice and Eleanor are determined to have the party on May 18th and I wish
I had never said I wanted to be a part of it but now I guess I am stuck.
I sometimes think I really don't think I will go to the tea (Sr.) on
Saturday, for one thing, I really don't have anything to wear that would,
be appropriate for a tea, and how I hate to get up a Saturday.

I took Mom to the Dr. after school and. he didn't give her a shot. I
don't know what this means exactly. Much as she griped about them I think
she will miss going to the Dr. cause his was a certain amount of support
in seeing him. We will see. Don and I played cards after dinner and. then
I went out and spaded in the garden. It is hard work but I got quite a
lot done. Read the E-R which said nothing tonight, talked to Mom and now
it is 8:10 and I am writing this. I suppose I should take a bath. I feel
sort of lost tonight. Kind of lonesome but don't know what I am lonesome
for. One of those nights.

May 8, 1973
Another somewhat dull day. As the weather stays nice I have come to hate my office which faces a hall and another office. I can’t see outside and somehow I feel as if I am in a prison. When it is cold and rainy the office is a comfort but not now. I got home and Jenny came over and we got to talking. We decided our lives are very dull indeed. We up, go to work, come home, cook dinner and then it is either homework or housework and then to bed to get ready for another day exactly like it. The weekends mean really cleaning the house and all the errands you have put off during the week. We decided the answer was to rent a houseboat and get away from it all I guess it was a comfort to each of us to find the other in the same situation. I did have a good, dinner with steak and tomatoes and brocolli and I had meringues left-over and we had them with ice cream for dessert.

I pinned up my hair and bathed and we went to bed. At about 12 the doorbell rang! Don got up and dressed, and went to the door and there were Lin and Dave holding a sleepy Jason!

They decided to come up to spend Wed., with us. Jason had to hear his record. He wanted to go wake up Mom. He played with his little cars and was just as adorable as last time if not more so.

Finally we all got to bed. What a lovely surprise!

May 9, 1973

We got up at the usual time and Jason got up at 6:30. I took him over to Mom's and she woke her up and she was so surprised and pleased! I just hated to go to school. I left at 15 to 2 cause I told Mr. C. I should be compensated in some way for coming early.

Mrs. Houx was visiting Mom and pretty soon Win came with Jason. I went out and bought groceries in a hurry and put dinner together.

I had made a turkey hot dish but not with so many people in mind so I heated up some baked beans, had french bread, cukes and tomatoes, a green salad, and the meringues with strawberries.

The house that Dave helped build in Camelot still isn't sold and he was checking on that. He wants to buy a fancy stereo but Don wouldn't lend him the money for that. I haven't talked to Don about this yet.

Lin and I had a long talk about the Watergate affair and about their search for an apartment.

Jason was good as always. They left about 9:30. Don had gone to bed. I went about 10.

He got up at 3 to work on the book at school and I went back to sleep. We crowded a lot in one day and it was lovely.

May 10, 1973
A nice day. Fork was very slow and boring. Then for the first time in a long time my stomach decided to misbehave and that didn't help any either. My American Family class was last period and I had to say to myself now you just have to get through this but once I got in there it wasn't quite so bad.

I am rather appalled at myself cause every day seems worse. Sometimes I think I cannot take it for 4 more weeks and when I think of 4 more years after this I tremble. But, maybe summer will revitalize me.

Because Don left so early I made myself a soft boiled egg and some cheese and tea so breakfast was simple. I got home at 3:30 and went to have my hair cut at 4 but I had to wait until 4:30 for Norby who is a strange and really rather stupid little man but he did a good job of cutting my hair.

I got home at 5 and made scrambled eggs for dinner and then Don and I played cards and I talked to Jenny on the phone and really didn't have anything else to show for my evening but to wash and pin up my hair and take a bath and in bed at 10. Mom didn't feel to great either today.

Mr. Conner put in the frame for the fence to cover the garbage cans and I called and they have bamboo fencing at the Support place so Don will get some tomorrow and we will tack it on the frame. Then maybe I will start working on the south yard. The dinner party is the 18th and they are not coming to our house. Just Alice, Abbotts and Clarks.

I will wear my sleeveless long dress I bought in Korea.

May 11, 1973 Back down to 109# again.

Nice day and since it was Friday that helped too.

I like my hair cut shorter and it turned out well after I washed and set it last night.

Had a busy day at school so the day went well. Didn't have my family class but saw a lot of students.

Game home and took Mom to get her groceries. Made a macaroni salad and was going to make corn bread but when Don came home he suggested we go to Pinochio's. I really didn't want to go but I hate to say no so we went. I ordered chicken and it was fair. It had a lot of tomato sauce on it and it was kind of wet.

We were about half way through and the Scotts arrived so we sat together and that was pleasant. They suggested, that we stop by for an after dinner drink. Just before we finished some friends of their's arrived, and suddenly there was much talk of golf, etc. and Don and I just sat. Ah well.
We went over to their house and talked for about a half hour and then came home.

The Lamberts were having a swimming party and they were a bit noisy so we went into the room across the hall to make love and it went ok, but just that.

Then I went to sleep but Don said he had a bad night. Going out to dinner is ok but unless the food is really good the whole thing seems like such a waste and I always eat more than I do at home.

May 12, 1973

Took my walk this morning and the roses are starting to bloom again so I picked a few.

Then I neatened up the house and at 9 went to the Country Pride and got just beautiful strawberries, tomatoes and a papaya. Went to Tongs and got Mom 2 pairs of rubber gloves and stopped for milk and ice cream.

Got home and took Mom on some errands, got an adorable Mother's Day card for her. After lunch I went to the Mall really wanting to buy something and finally at Grimages I found a golf dress, blue and white striped for $28.00 that I bought and Don said he would pay for it and it could be for Mother's Day. That was a good deal. Later in the afternoon I took Mom to the Mall and I stopped, by the bookstore and found Uncle Selby in paperback so I bought that.

Then after I picked up Mom I discovered she had bought me a beautiful plant called, a caladium, unusual ornamental variegated leaves.

Linda called to say they got a place for $215.00 a month on 20th and Clement, fire-place, first floor, corner, 2 bedrooms and a separate dining room that Gail will use as a bedroom.

Jenny came over after work to do her laundry. I made hot dogs and lots of salads for dinner and strawberries for dessert.

Got Mom a really cute morning coat at C & J. Very bright colored.

Don bought two new shirts and a pair of swimming trunks so we really bought clothes today.

Played cards in the evening and I did some reading. It got hot by late afternoon so we turned the air conditioning on.

Don got the bamboo fencing and we tacked it to the frame Bill built so now the garbage cans are hidden. I will have to get to work on the south lawn.

A busy week coming up and J. & Skip are coming to dinner tomorrow. I will make a lemon pie.
Mother's Day

May 13, 1973

Well, this was quite a day! I went for a lovely morning walk. I took Mom her presents and her morning coat fitted perfectly and she liked it. I made a lemon pie, sunbathed and spaded in the garden.

Linda called, she was cooking a turkey and she is getting more excited about the apt. She and Gail are making all kinds of plans.

Then I went to Penneys and bought a vine to put against my new fence and set it out. Mike cabled at 3 and by the time he was barbecuing. They were all fine. Then Cathy called about 4:30. She and Jim are going to Yosemite over Memorial Day. She had a headache but seemed in fine spirits. Then Pauline called and talked to Mom.

My dinner was very good. Roast leg of park, mashed, potatoes and gravy, scalloped corn, tossed salad and lemon pie. I had pink candles and place mats and a lovely bouquet of pink roses and a delicate white bloom now out on one of our shrubs. During dinner George Allen called from Denver and he talked to me first and he wants to bring Philip out for a weekend this summer. He talked for a long time with Mom and she was so pleased.

Skip and Jenny came for dinner and brought both Mom and me a bouquet of flowers. When they left we went out to cut bamboo shoots and Aunt Florence called. Mom so we really got the phone calls today.

There was an hour program about Watergate from 6-7 that was devastating with so many involved it boggled the mind.

I took my bath and did my nails etc. In late afternoon and put on a long dress for dinner so I tried to look like an attractive Mother for the occasion. It really was a nice day. All the children were very kind to call. By the looks of things we are going to have a summer of company!

May 14, 1973

Put it down. The morning are really beautiful these days with a roseys pink in the East long before the sun suddenly climbs over the rim and then we have to pull the drapes.

I looked nice when I went to work cause I wore my shortened orange couillotes, that sleeveless lime blouse and the green and orange sash. I am feeling better now. My hair is cut and I don't feel as dumpy as last week.

Had my early morning class and C. period was first and then I spent the rest of the day getting ready for the reading tests to be heard on Thursday.
I think maybe the dinner on Friday will be a fiasco cause now the Abbott's don't want the main course at their house but then I should talk cause I didn't want the salad course at our house. But, anyway, it is going to be at the Croustous now, and no one has signed up for the food. Well, maybe it will be ok.

I got home at 3:15 and then went to Dr. Rickey's. He spent about 5 minutes with me and gave me a prescription which cost $3.90 and then I have to get a lotion which will cost $4.00 which should help too.

I made dinner with leftovers. Then Don went to his seminar and I did some homework. My marigolds that I had planted at school died in the green house over the weekend cause of the heat so my 90 plants are gone. I planted some seeds in the back yard and will see if they come up.

When Don got back we talked about finances and where our money was going. We are making so much these days and yet we never seem to have that much extra but last year we helped buy 4 cars for the children plus their insurance plus other money for them.

Hopefully we can do better from now on. I washed my hair and bathed. We went to bed and made love.

Planted some marigolds.

May 15, 1973

I wore my new gold dress to school and everyone liked it hut it did wrinkle so I am not too happy about that. I guess it is the kind of dress that is best if you just stand up and. then you can't sit down and play golf!

At school I am getting ready for the reading tests on Thursday so I typed up lists for the teachers, etc.

After school I ran the sr. speech contest in 4 girls - all bad. Eileen Dolan and Cindy Rawlins won but they were just the lesser of 4 evils.

Bob Jeffries, Sharon Pittman and Steve Hostettler were the judges but Steve didn't show up so Bob Croustau did it.

I had liver for dinner and it was so bad that we didn't eat it so I saved it for Lobo. Afterwards I watered the flowers.

Tomorrow Bill comes and mows the back yard for the first time since he put the grass in and then I suppose we won't have to water it so much, I read or awhile after dinner and went to bed early. It was a dull day really. I got up to about 100 degrees.

May 16, 1973

Another warm day. Summer is here.
I can wear sleeveless things to school and not be cold.

A busy day at school.

Came home and Mom and I went shopping.

A lovely note from Linda for Mothers Day. I wrote her a long letter just before I went to bed.

I had meatloaf, jello and artichokes for dinner.

By late afternoon it was hot and I turned on the air conditioning. I am suddenly so eager "or school to be out that I can taste it.

I went to bed after 10, there's just not so much to write about at the moment. I feel rushed and pushed and tired and I am just somehow getting through the days and that is it.

May 17, 1973

This was really a busy day for me. I had my class before school and then 2,3,5th periods I gave the reading test to the 10th graders to see who would take the reading classes next year. Although there were about 25 people listed each period about half that amount came. Now that means the rest will have to be tested individually I suppose.

4th period I had the American family class and we talked about tv advertising and the class went well for a change and I was in fine form.

At 2:15 there was a girls track meet and Marian and I had to hold the tape at the finish line. I brought a pair of shorts and top and I was glad I changed cause it was really hot!

That was over at 3:15 so I dashed, home and made macaroni and cheese and then went back at 4:30 and had a conference with Ann Tathrop about Randy along with Mr. Kirkman and got home again at 5 to finish dinner.

Then I took Mom over to Penney's to get some tomato plants but they didn't have any so we went to Bay and she got two beautiful ones so she was pleased. I came home again and made my chicken mariposa with tortillas, cheese, green pepper salsa and after Bon and I surveyed the yard I washed, my hair and went to bed. It was a long day but really a good one.

May 18, 1973

Up again for the early morning class. That won't last much longer. Corrected reading tests. Had my class 5th period, and then 6th I had an unpleasant session with Joe Johnston and his parents. What a way to end the day and the week. I came home and washed salad greens and got some salad ready and then got dressed for the big progressive dinner party.
First to Alice's and since it was very hot some people hovered around, the air conditioning in the living room but her back yard was so lovely that I went out there too.

Then to Croustaus for the main course and their house is very tastefully done. She paints very well and her pictures are everywhere. We ate in the back yard and I really kind of liked the chicken dish and since I ate my own salad that was fine too. Then for dessert we went to Eleanor's and saw her new house. I really didn't like it too well. It is rather garish somehow with too many colors and lights, etc. Somehow it looks more like a hotel than a house but it is very new and it really doesn't look lived in yet.

We were home by 10. Somehow our faculty really doesn't improve with drinking. They get loud, and they laugh too much and I always feel a little uncomfortable somehow. Maybe I am getting old and set in my ways.

By the time we got to Clarks, Pat Abbott had gone home and Don was feeling no pain. We came home at 10 and there was a note to call Jenny and she needs a ride to work tomorrow morning.

We decided to go to bed and skip the love making cause we had eaten too much and that was fine with me.

Well, the big party is over and I am glad.

May 19, 1973

What a lovely cool morning. I walked, and brought back roses.

Picked up Jenny at 20 to 7 and took her to work. Skip has gone fishing for the weekend.

Picked up sweet rolls for Mom, Don and me. Then I vacuumed, the bedroom wing and swept the patio and side walls while Don did the rest.

I took Mom to the Mall and then lay outside for awhile in the sun.

Lin called to say they would be up Monday night. Mary Y. has been at a wedding in San Francisco and they will bring her back to Chico. What a nice thing to look forward to.

After lunch I went downtown to the lair and got a pair of white polyester shorts and a white coulloite shirt. The shorts were on sale so it came to $20.00. Came home and shortened the shorts and then picked up Jenny. We got her laundry and Lobo and she came over here to do her laundry and her homework.

We had a delicious dinner: Steak, green salad, asparagus, hot french bread and then I took an old pound cake, sliced the cake and put ice cream between each layer, froze it and then put fresh strawberries on top. Delicious!
We played layout. I went for another walk with Mom and then I exercised.

Took Jenny home or rather she drove Don's car cause she works tomorrow and then I took bath and went to bed and made love. It was good and so to sleep.

A lovely day - not hot - breezy - not windy and the day itself was just as nice.

Well, there are just 2 more Mondays since Memorial Day falls on one Monday so there are just 14 more days of school left.

How I look forward to that vacation!

My back hurts!

May 20, 1973

It got so cool in the night that I got up and put a blanket on. I got dark red and yellow roses this morning and made a very pretty little bouquet of them on the dining room table.

Took Mom to church and then made bread. I must have exercised too much yesterday cause my back hurts today unless I stand and sit very straight.

I made 8 lovely loaves of bread. It turns out so nice when you put it outside to rise. Mom went to church but I wasn't really in the mood. It was a lovely warm breezy day. I sunbathed a bit, wrote a letter to Cathy, Mike and Pauline.

Made a good, dinner of roast beef, browned, potatoes and carrots, sliced tomatoes and strawberries for dessert.

I washed out a few things, went for a walk after dinner, watched a little tv and so the day slipped by.

Jenny came over with this tale about Skip and their winch. He and a friend were fishing near Red Bluff and a family in a pickup where he had driven in were near. The man had a pistol and when he tried to get it out of his holster it caught and went off, hitting him in the leg and then they couldn't get out so Skip attached the famous winch and pulled them out and they got the man to the hospital.

I started to watch the Emmy awards but it was getting late so I gave up and went to bed.

D & L & J came.

period started

May 21, 1973
Got up to a very chilly morning. Had cream of rice for breakfast and off to school for the early class. Just tomorrow and that class will be over. However, it is the American Family one that I really don't like very well and it was surely dull today. Last period is always fatal though.

I finished correcting the reading tests and posted the results. Came home at 3 and took Mom for her shot.

Then I made a simple dinner of leftovers and went downtown to get white buttons for my new skirt and picked up milk, etc. at the store.

It was another pleasant day and I didn't turn on the air conditioning. Played some cards. After dinner I made dressing for the turkey. We decided that was easier to stay up than to go to bed and get back up so we both read. The Harper's Wrap Around has lots of interesting articles this time and some fascinating material on old age.

They arrived about 11. Jason came in and went through his regular routine, wanted to hear "Oh you Babe" and he looked at the clock and said "cuckoo" He looks a little taller and just as sweet and adorable as ever. We were pretty tired so we went to bed. He was worth waiting for!

May 22, 1973

Up early on this nice day, the last day of my decision making class.

I had thought how nice to stay home but I would have this class and there is a meeting after school with the counselors so I came.

I got a lot done since I didn't have Class so I made up a series of questions for the subjects left to talk about.

The meeting after school was ok. Mary Jean (can't think of her last name) talked about working with teachers in the classroom. It was ok but I am not sure I would like to do the same thing.

Came home and Lin had put the turkey on so I cooked green beans and we made salad and french bread and all ate.

Jason and Skip were here too. It all tasted very good, and I ate too much.

Lin was in a rather depressed mood but then she and David went out with Tom & Thea and we decided to go to bed cause we had been up "late the night before.

Mom felt very bad from her shot so I insisted she take a tranquilizer before she went to bed..

I love having them all here but it all makes me so tired and up tight too and so much mess and disorder.
I wish I could be more relaxed about the whole thing.

Jenny got her hair cut!

May 23, 1973

Went for a walk at the school and got some beautiful red roses. At the moment I have them and the white flowers from the back yard and with red mats and candles the table looks so beautiful.

Jason slept later this morning. I didn’t have to go so early and that was certainly nice.

My class first hour went well and then I worked on reports.

I came home and Mon and I went grocery shopping and then I made a turkey salad, corn on the cob, sliced tomatoes and cottage cheese.

Lin decided to stay until Friday and Dave left around 7:30.

Don wanted me to go to the Immigrants with him and I was going to go but then it just all seemed, too much so I stayed home and watched some tv with Din and then pinned up my hair and bathed.

He liked the movie very much but it was terrible and sad and tragic in many parts. I wonder why I find it so hard to go to movies these days. It seems like such an effort and pretty soon I have talked myself out of it. Very strange.

Mom said that taking a tranquilizer last night really helped, her to sleep. But she worries that she will get dependent on them. There was no use in arguing about it. I think Din should have gone with Dave but that is her affair I guess. Jenny’s hair looks adorable in a shag. She came over to school to show it off to me.

It rained!

May 24, 1973

What a strange turn of events. It rained! and now it is chilly and cloudy. The fun day continued in school and so with, the change in the weather there had to be a change in plans.

One reason Lin stayed was cause she wanted to sit in the sun and now that it is cloudy she couldn’t do that so she was disappointed.

I finally hit on a very good idea for my class. I write up a list of questions for the students to write on the first part of the class. That way we don’t have such a long time on the discussion and they have all had to think it through. So when we start talking about it the whole thing goes much better. I was really pleased. Suddenly next week loons up as being very complicated. I set up the reading test for next Wednesday.
and then Mr. A. asked me to be on the selection committee for the new German-English teacher and the interviews are going to be tomorrow and Wednesday and Thursday.

With all that I found out that I am supposed to be at the jr. high Wed. & Thurs. for the counselors to talk to 9th graders so those two days are going to be a nightmare.

I got home and made dinner and then Lin went out with Fred to talk about their house. Don went to bed early and I watched tv until she got home and then I went to bed.

Don acted in Carl Peterson's behalf on a grievance - some student didn't like the fact she had gotten and "F". Don won even though when he got home he didn't think he had.

We needed extra blankets tonight it was so cool. What a strange year this has been for weather.

We got all the furniture out of the living room but the lounge and the record player. I polished all the furniture.

Carpet cleaned

May 25, 1973

Well, it is fair today and we had to go only until noon. I had my class 3rd period and it went very well.

I came home at 11 and the rug was done. It looks just great. It is much lighter and the nap is nice and high again. It looks new!

Lin spent the day with Jenny cause it would be too hard, to keep Jason off the rug. They did the living room, halls and the rug in the west bedroom where Jason sleeps for $79.00. The two white linen chairs came to $15.00 each so it was a little over $100.00 for the whole thing. I am pleased with the results.

Royal Miller came at 15 to 6 and picked up Tin to take her back to S. F. We had scrambled eggs and corn bread so she ate before they left.

After they had gone we sort of breathed a sigh of relief. We admitted that our life styles are different and it is nice to be by ourselves again.

I didn't take Mom to the fair this year. She went to the Beatitudes dinner and she wore the Mumu I gave her and she looked very nice.

I pinned up her hair last night. She was too tired to go to the fair too and I was relieved.

At 1 pm and 1:30 we interviewed 2 candidates and one I thought was fine and one I didn't like. But it takes time.
I am still having my period even though I started taking my pill today and I still feel lousy. I have had back aches this week, a pain in my right side and, this morning a charlie horse in leg. I seem to be falling to pieces! It is hard on the morale too to have Mom here and not ever really feeling well but being so brave about it. One can never stop thinking about it. I wish I could get away but I couldn't leave her now.

May 26, 1973

Went for my walk and then we had breakfast.

I did the stores and got things like cheese and cream cheese dressing, etc. Then when I got home I did Jenny's wash and then Mom and I went to Biggers and I got some bedding plants but this time I got all perennials.

I vacuumed the rooms with the rugs and we put all the furniture back and it looks so nice.

I offered to take Mom to the fair but she really didn't seem to want to go. I lay out in the sun for awhile and I worked in the garden and put all my plants in and I was really tired when I got done.

Skip went fishing again this weekend and Jenny stopped by after work with Lobo. Don suggested that we can. Joyce Meinke and she came for dinner. She seemed in much better spirits than the last time I had seen her.

After she left Jenny came over and we visited for awhile. Then she had to go to study so I laid down on the lounge and fell asleep. I woke about 10 and Don and I went to bed and made love and then we got back up and watched the end of a tv movie and then back to bed again.

Cathy's birthday is tomorrow. I wrote her a long letter yesterday and she got it and called. Her Dad sent her a check too. She says they are not getting the house after all. But she seemed to be in pretty good spirits. She hopes to get up after her school is out and she thinks she can work at the hospital this summer.

May 27, 1973

Went for a walk about 6 and it is not as nice as earlier in the morning.

Mom and I went to 8 o'clock Mass and then when I got home I worked outside most of the morning and Don went up to school and worked on the book.

We had lunch and I made a banana cake but it didn't turn out right so I just threw it away.

Jenny came for dinner and I had chicken divan, green salad and hot rolls. There was a fruit compote for dessert but I didn't eat that.
Tomorrow is Memorial Day so I will have another day off.

Some of my new little plants look pretty wilted so tonight I am not sure they are going to make it.

My hair looks like gray straw. I have got to do something about it. I am going to have Sam cut it this time. I will have to figure out what day after school I will be free.

I walked again after dinner but it isn't as pleasant in the evening cause it is too warm - in fact we turned the air conditioning on at about 4:30 cause it got hot.

Mom complains about being cold all the time so the summer shouldn't be too hard on her. I don't think she feels very well these days.

Tomorrow we are supposed to go to a party at the Smith's. I don't think Don is very thrilled about going but I suppose we will put in an appearance at least. I ate too much yesterday and today. So I am back up to 110 lbs.

I am sitting here at 9:30 and all is quiet cause Don has gone to bed. I must get ready to go myself I have a lot of things to do tomorrow.

May 28, 1973

Up early for my walk. Met Mr. Jarvis and we walked and talked but I hope he isn't there every morning cause I rather look on the Jr. High as my place! I worked in the garden when I came home cause it was still cool. Neatened up the house and then sat in the sun for awhile.

Don went to work at school and then called to say that Ellen Rockwell's husband had been killed in a car accident in Oregon. He worked in construction and planned to retire soon. Don called her and she was about to leave for there.

I read in the afternoon and washed my hair and pinned it up and took a bath and then at about 5:30 we went over to the Smith's wine and cheese party in the back yard. They had Musinova playing and it was very hot and very loud. I saw but didn't get to talk to the Marklands, Suzie Geshecter and Lois. Saw Wayne Menke and didn't want to talk to him. We didn't stay very long cause it was just too hot. I had made a homemade soup so we had that with fresh bread.

Played some cards and then I watered my plants and read, set my hair again and got ready for bed.

Lin called to get Cathy's phone number. She was fine. She had taken Jason to the zoo. They will be moving at the end of the week.

I wore my sleeveless mumu - in mustard, black and white - and looked tan and felt good. Well, tomorrow will be back to school and a busy week.
May 29, 1973

I had my class 4th period today and told them that I wouldn't be in class Wednesday or Thursday, and Friday we don't have class, so that puts it to next Monday. We had a good class discussion on teenage marriages.

It is strange - I am writing this on Thursday morning and already Tuesday is somewhat of a blank. Or maybe my days are so much the same that I can't even remember anything important about them.

I had to be busy lining up everything cause tomorrow I go to the jr. high and Mrs. O. will be giving my reading test tomorrow. Then at home the afternoons and evenings are much the same.

I fixed leftovers for dinner and I talked to Mom and she talks to me. She thinks constantly about dying and I am sure that is very natural and since I have read so much about it I have decided to not go into all the elaborate stuff like, you are not going to die, etc., so I just try to actively listen.

She thinks much about her childhood and her family and although I have heard it all many times before I try to listen again with new interest. The strange part about this, but I suppose logical, is that I think much of my own death, I dream a lot about it and the whole thing becomes depressing as a result. I watered my plants and read a little and got to bed about 10.

May 30, 1973

Walked. It was a muggy overcast morning. Didn't go to PV but went over to Bidwell at 8:15 and met 3 groups in 3 periods and talked about high school.

Game home and had lunch and then went to PV. I got my class set up for Mr. Carter for the students to read "All My Sons" and then went to the two interviews.

There was Nancy Starr who went to Santa Cruz and the to Stanford and was an airline stewardess. She was very interesting. Then, Nancy Lane who was nice too. But I think the first girl was stronger.

Came home and went grocery shopping with Mom.

When I got back Jenny was here and she had gone back and had her hair cut again and this time it really looked good. She loves it. She called and made an appointment with Sam for me on Saturday.

Skip came to pick her up and he had a drink and then they left. I had hamburgers, corn and green salad "or dinner."
We tried to call Cathy but couldn't get her on the phone and that upset Don. I read for awhile and then to bed. Didn't take a bath or set my hair so I will probably look terrible tomorrow.

Mother went to Penney's and bought a present for Mrs. Mauer who was going to England and then cabled Jane, her daughter-in-law and discovered she had already gone. That made her feel bad. Things just seem to be going wrong for her. Her plants are dying and the bugs eat the ones outside and things upset her easily anyway. It is so sad.

rained hard in the afternoon

May 31, 1973

A long a busy day. Got to school and started correcting reading tests. Awards Assembly was 2nd period and 3rd. was a counseling meeting where I found out that we have to come back Tues. & Wed. after school is out but then we don't have to come back until 2 days later.

At 11 we interviewed another English-German candidate, then lunch. A little more work and then I went to class and stayed until 2:15 and then had the last interview. I left school at in the rain! Would you believe!

I stopped at the fruit stand and then got home. Jenny was here. I had a good dinner with smoked ham, creamed potatoes, cottage cheese and beet salad and I made a bundt cake.

It kept on raining until about 5:30. After eating I watched the news and then at 7:30 I went back to school for Sophomore parent night and talked, until just before 9. It went well. I am always amazed how I can turn on the enthusiasm at the end of the day.

Got home and watched 2 hours of tv cause there was a program on about 2 families, one where the rather was a salesman and lived, in Brickstown, J. J., and one who was a vice-president of a bank and lived in Birmingham, Michigan. I wanted to see them cause of my American Family class.

At 11 I took a bath and did my hair and was in bed by 11:20. It was a full day but I am gradually ticking off the days and the duties involved. No class tomorrow and then 5 more days of school and 2 days without students. Mrs. Gray came to see Mom today.

June 1, 1973

Very nice morning. At 7:45 the committee met to decide between Nelda Jessee and Nancy Starr. Mr. White wanted Nelda and the rest of us wanted Nancy. He wanted to see the papers so we decided to meet again at 12:15.

Met with the Johnstons' and Mr. Rhoderick at 10. It went ok. Mrs. J. cried a lot before her husband got there but then she calmed down. Met with the committee again at 12 and decided on Nancy.
Marge Willis told me that she has to teach reading next year and naturally she is not happy about it.

It was a busy day and then I left at 3 and took Mom to the Mall to get a present for Mrs. Mauer but found out that she had already gone to England.

I made a bundt cake for Alice Rutledge who had an operation and we took it over to her.

Jenny didn't feel well and she called the Dr. and if she feels no better tomorrow he can see her.

Cathy called and she will be here the 18th, 19th and 20th. I am to make an appointment for her with Dr. Dorenz to have her IUD checked cause reports are they cause trouble in some cases. I called and got an appointment for her. She also wants Sam to cut her hair.

I made a simple dinner and then we got ready and went to the Wagstaffs. They have a lovely house. Develops built it and lived in it before they moved, to their present house. It was a motley crowd. I really knew very few people.

Joe Conlin was there and I talked to him but I wasn't introduced to anyone and so we stayed a very short time and then came home.

We went to bed and I slept until 4 and then woke up and didn't go back to sleep. The nights seem to be like that these days or rather these nights.

June 2, 1973

Up at 5:30 for my walk. I had a simple breakfast and made still a 3rd bundt cake and got 2 loaves of white bread, a loaf of date and one of banana bread and 2 doz. cookies out of the freezer and wrapped everything and mom took her aprons and we went over to the carnival and left them.

To Asers to get some mits and hot pads for Pat Y's shower. To the Feed store for fertilizer and 2 blinds for the back yard.

Got an estimate on painting the trim on the house - $75.00 from one college student and $60.00 from another. Ridiculous!

Stopped for cheese and then to Sh & Save & Longs and then home. Lunch. Jenny came over. Don and. I went to G & J and got a beautiful tree and a redwood tub to put it in for Ellen in memory of her husband. Don and Carl took it up to her in Jenny's car.

Jenny typed a paper for Skip. She feels ok today.

Took Mom to the carnival but it was very dull and we left shortly.
Went to Box Brothers and I got some plants and some marigolds. Set most of them out. The earwigs are bad this year so I put out some bait for them. Made meat patties and salad with choc. pudding for dinner.

Had my hair cut by Sam at 2:30 and I like it. Very short. Made an appointment for Cathy for the 20th.

Bathed and set my hair and then in the evening went over to the Midnight or I guess it was called Moonlingt sale at the Mall. Too crowded - came home and. folded Jenny's wash.

Don watched tv. Went to bed and made love. Very nice indeed.

June 3, 1973

Up early but not quite as early as usual for me. Walked and then breakfast. Just a beautiful morning.

I washed the window and. screen in our bedroom and then Don changed the one blind, to the tv room window and Tuesday we will put up the other 2. I set out the rest of my plants. I worked in the yard.

Jenny came over. Skip went to the cabin with his parents for the day. Tomorrow she has her last test and then they will go up until Friday cause this is their vacation. When they come back they are going to have their new puppy. A playmate for Lobo! Made lunch and then read and sunbathed for awhile. I had a good roast today with veg. and a jello salad.

I fed all my plants in the house - just think the last week of school is coming up. It will be a busy week. Naturally, Don and I played some cards. He finished another chapter.

After dinner I spaded up a space for Mom to put in her tomato plants. I just don't want her doing any digging. It makes me feel good when I do something for her. Tomorrow I take her for her shot.

We watered after dinner and then sat in the yard cause it was such a beautiful evening. My, how I love these summer days.

I didn't write any letters today but I will try to get some off this week. We watched some tv in the evening and then went to bed by 10. A nice day.

June 4, 1973

Walked, ate breakfast and to school.

I didn't feel good today. I seem to have what Jenny and Don complained about last week. I was cold, felt queasy and my ear hurt. Before lunch I thought I would go home but after I ate I stuck it out.
Almost forgot my G period class first period, but got there late and everyone was still there. I wrote up my plans for next year for Mr. Crauston and started to organize my office for the summer.

After school I took Mom to the Dr. but he was up in surgery so we will go back tomorrow.

Fixed a simple dinner of leftovers and then put on a long dress and Alice picked me up for the shower at Dianna Dobson's.

Pat Yarbrough got a lot of nice things. We had cheese fondue and wine and I had 7-up. It was ok. Not exciting but ok. We are certainly going to miss Pat. Alice and I stopped and talked for awhile when we got here and then I came in and went to bed after pinning up my hair.

I think Sam got it pretty short but fortunately it grows fast.

June 5, 1973

Another day gone in the last week. Up for my walk, bacon and eggs for breakfast. To school. Had class 2nd period, and then spent the rest of the day cleaning up the office and finding reading materials for Marge's who will do the reading class next year, and I am sure she will do a much better job than I. I will be glad, to be rid of it.

Came home and took Mom to the Dr. and sat in the heat and read while she went inside.

Somehow, I find that office depressing and I don't want to go in.

Got home and stripped off my clothes and put on my kaftan. 3 young men called and came out to give estimates on the roof and I settled for one changing $40.00 cause he seemed to know what he was about. He wants to start it on Thursday.

Had a lousy dinner but hopefully tomorrow night I will do better.

Dr. Gibson will be gone for a month but Mom doesn't have to go back until the 18th so at least that helps a little bit.

I took a bath after dinner and got ready to go to the Awards Assembly.

Don and I put up the 12' blinds in back and that extra 2 feet really helps cause they completely cover the window area. Don always gets so cross when he has to do something like that and then he gets huffy when I want to hire someone to paint! I picked up Alice and we went to the Awards Assembly which was nice. I got home before 10 and went to bed.

Lin called and she is moving in but there is still a lot to do. Dave's feeling well. Jason is fine.
Galled Mike and now they don't know when they will come cause he is back in counseling (where he wants to be) and they will have to check on vacation time.

June 6, 1973

The weather is getting hot. Mom felt lousy because of her shot yesterday so she didn't want to go grocery shopping. I waited until after dinner and then I went over to buy the paint for the edge of the roof at Wards. The young man seemed to know little about it so it took forever. Plus, it cost $22.00! But black paint is expensive. I did get a gal Ion of white on sale and I will to the window frames this summer, one by one once I have sanded.

I went to the grocery store but suddenly I was so tired I didn't think I would make it home.

I take up in the night and can't get back to sleep and so I suppose that is it. We went over and watered Jenny's plants. Their little house seemed very warm. Don went to see Dr. Gibson today and really didn't say anything new. He said, one side of her neck seems to have gone down but the other side hasn't. There is nothing imminent, however.

Pauline called tonight while I was at the store and. talked for a long time with Mom. The seniors checked out today midst lots of furor. Almost all of them made it but a few did not with the usual tears and irate parents.

Teacher's tempers are getting short and it will be good when this is over for another year.

I had a 2 ½ hour meeting after school with Souneshine about the EH students but we all kept our cool, and I didn't get nasty this time. Still the meeting was too long.

June 7, 1973

Next to the last day. I got to school and Auge said Mr. A. wanted me to come help at the park so I asked Marion to take my class and drove out.

It was already getting hot and the temp. is supposed to go to 108. I stayed until 11:15. It was too hot for the kids to vise off very much but they seem rather rude on the last morning.

I suppose they are that way cause they know they are done with the whole thing. I didn't go in the evening.

Spent the rest of the day doing very little really. Wrote a letter to Cathy and started one to Pauline.

Came home after picking up some undercoat for painting metal. Chatted with Mom and then the young man came about painting so I got to work
following yesterday's decision, I made a cheese souffle, cabbage salad
and green beans for dinner. It tasted very good, and we didn't Peel full.

Right after dinner we played two games of cards and then suddenly Don got
a terrible headache so he went to bed.

I watered my garden and then read before taking a bath and going to bed
too. Our half day tomorrow will go fast and then 2 days next week.

I know first off, I have to defrost the refrigerator and the freezer and
then do other things.

June 8, 1973

Finally, the last day of school. Counselors have little to do during this
time so I sort of roamed around, wrote letters and went to my American
Family class. Alan Knotts sat in the back and did report cards and it
 cramped my style and I really resented it.

The evaluations from the students were helpful and they had liked the
class. I didn't go to the faculty pizza at the Strawhat but just came
home, First I defrosted the refrigerator and was that a nice thing to
have out of the way. Then I did up the cupboards a bit cause Emma had
given me a lot of leftover stuff. I had thawed steaks for dinner and we
had that and salad and as Don said, he could have eaten it all over
again.

Jenny called to say they were back and that they would bring the cog over
to show us. Pretty soon they showed up looking tanned and rested with
Jessee very short and very fat. She is friendly and managed in a brief
length of time to pee on the kitchen floor twice and on the rug once. But
they seem very thrilled with her. Jenny doesn't go back to work until
Wednesday so I imagine I will be seeing her quite a bit in the meantime.

Don wanted to know if I wanted to go to the movies but I said no, so we
read a little and then went to bed.

I always feel a little strange after the last day of school.

I cleaned the house so tomorrow I won't have to do that. I didn't vacuum
but I mopped and dusted, cleaned the bathrooms and wiped up the kitchen
floor.

June 9, 1973

Went for my walk, fixed breakfast and at 9 went to the stores and got a
lot of fruits and vegetables.

Since meat is so high I am going to concentrate on other things.

I took Mom to do her shopping and when I came back the young man was
painting the roof edge black and I decided I didn't like it! So he
changed and did it in white. Much better! But he was all done by 3:30 so he really did very well for $40.00. It looks nice and I had worried about Don being up on a ladder in the heat. Jenny came over to wash clothes. She and I went to the Mall and looked for shirts for Don and I found one I liked. I win have to find something for Mom too cause her birthday and Father's Day come close together.

Don went to graduation and I got cleaned up and we went to Menkes or rather Joyce’s for dinner.

The house was sold and they got $43,000.00 for it. The dinner was very good. Almost everyone who came brought something. There was home-made ice cream, 2 cakes, salads, squash, lasagna, etc.

This was an entirely different group or people and we seemed com Portable and happy with them. She is going to a workshop tomorrow in San Diego for 2 weeks and really I thought she seemed happy for the first time in a long time. We came home and made love in a very nice way indeed and so it was a good day. The only loss was the black paint fiasco but Don was very nice about that.

June 10, 1973

Nice morning for a walk. Neither Mom nor I went to church.

I made bread and used some rye and whole wheat flour and wheat germ. Good results. Lin called to say that she was not feeling well and wanted to come up so was coming with Royal tonight.

I sunbathed and read. We raked up bamboo leaves. I cleaned, the cupboard in the back room. Made turkey hotdish, lettuce and cabbage salad, hot rolls and a sweet strawberry cake.

Skip and Jenny came to dinner bringing Jesse with them AND lobo. They sat out in the yard and Jesse yipped lot.

We had just finished dinner when who should walk in but Lin and Jason, Royal was not coming back tonight so she rode up with Tom and Thea.

John Bates had flown in from Spain and they had gone down to see him.

She (Jenny) has a bad cold and sinus infection and feels just terrible. Skip got her a hamburger and she ate 2 weiners. Jason saw the new puppy but he was a bit wary of him.

Jenny went home and we Tout Jason to bed. Don was tired cause he had not slept well last night so he went to bed early.

Lin and I talked for a long time. Things are not going well in the city. Dave hates his job and there is a lot of pressure on him and she hardly sees him at all. The apartment is nice but is that enough?? My, what troubles. We finally got to bed about 10.
Mom is having her troubles too. Now she is having trouble with constipation but she did take some metamucil at my insistence, and went to the bathroom after dinner.

Poor Mom. Things are getting worse with her.

June 11, 1973

Up early and got some of the most beautiful dark red roses that I put with white daisies and made a lovely bouquet for the dining room table.

Jason had a scrambled egg and 1 pieces of toast. As always when Lin is here the house is not in very good order but I try hard not to let it bother me. I took Mom to a yard sale but she didn't find anything and then to the Salvation Army where I got a small I white vase and she got some dresses. I got one cause it didn't fit her.

Got Jenny who brought Jesse with her. Jessee yipped most of the time but finally fell asleep under a bush. We all did a bit of sunbathing and I was still so tired that I came in the house and took a nap.

Bev and Matt came down and were here dinner. I had chicken and artichokes, carrots and green salad.

Liz called to say their great white hunter was visiting from Kenya and would we come for a drink, so we went over at 6:30. The Maters were there too. It was good to see Liz. Their garden looked so pretty and it was a cool breezy evening.

Then at 8:30 the Sauders were having all the heads of depts. so we went there. My mumu is going to get lots of wear this summer. I visited mainly with Mrs. Dunlop and that was pleasant. The Sauders' house is very attractively planned.

Lin and Bev went to the antique places and found a pedestal table for Mom's birthday.

It is plain and not too great but it will be ok I think. It cost $15.00. Now we will get her a card and maybe I can find her an interesting plant or something.

Tomorrow I have to go to work for 2 days. I can't say I am terribly excited about that. This morning when we went to the yard, sale at the Grieliers I was uncomfortable.

The lady is in the Beatitudes and she kissed Mom and said how brave she was etc. and somehow I feel these people are being rather phony and that they probably look on me as a heartless clod. It is easy to be solicitious on a very short term basis.

Ah well, so it goes.
June 12, 1973

I had to go to school today. We had meetings in the morning and the afternoon and I got home at 4.

I had made a beef stew in the morning and the girls put it in the oven at 2:30 so it was done for dinner and I made a waldorf salad and french bread.

Jason was very cross by afternoon. He seemed to be coming down with a cold and he whined. Linda, who doesn't feel good herself got cross with him. After dinner she put him to bed and he went to sleep but then he woke up and was coughing and couldn't get his breath so Don and Lin rushed him to the emergency at Community and he had the croup.

We had to buy a cold air vaporizer and get him medicine. Dr. Taylor was the Dr. since he works there now. So, that really frightened us all.

Lin put him in bed with her and went to sleep and we went to bed.

At 11 I heard a knock at the door and there were Dave and John Bates. I went back to bed and tried to sleep but there were phone calls, etc.

Don got up at 4 and went up to work and I went walking at 6. I really worry about my attitude to all this.

Lin seems to want to come home too often and when she comes it is all rather upsetting and I love her dearly but I find that I resent the mess and the confusion and the fact that our routine is completely shattered. I guess I am just being selfish and that bothers me too.

I just wish that I were one of these people who didn't let things bother me and could take everything as it comes and be relaxed. I get uptight so very easily.

June 13, 1973

I had to go back to school today and somehow it seemed so hard to do. We talked about the master schedule and Mr. Jeffries came out in the afternoon and discussed counseling and it was all rather dull but finally it was over and I shook the dust from my outfit and came home.

The kids had gone to Paradise and I didn't approve of that cause Jason wasn't all that much better but I didn't say anything. They were going to eat dinner at Yaksiches but since Jason was very fussy they decided to leave early and just stop at Yakiches and then go on home.

Since Jason has never been sick I don't think they realize that he takes a little time to get over things. But, anyway, they left and I must admit that I was rather relieved. I really don't want to get all that Involved, with their problems at this stage of my life.
Sometimes I feel very selfish cause Don is always willing to do just about anything. Well so it goes.

I spent the evening putting the house back together again. Somehow I don't really feel as if it were a vacation. Instead I feel rather sad and let down. I hope I don't stay in this mood for too long. Life is very strange.

Don suggested that we eat out so we went to Mike & Eddy's. My dinner was ok but their abalone was lousy so that was not a success either.

We hurried home cause Mom wanted to go to the evening Mass. She thought it was at 7:30 but it was at 8. 10 people were there. It was rather odd. Father gave a disappointing sermon about eternity.

Home and to bed. George Allen called and he will be here a week from tomorrow. They plan to stay until Monday!

June 14, 1973

Well, today was Mom's birthday. I sneaked over early and gave her the pedestal. I book out the bird: cage frame and put the pedestal in it's place. She was very thrilled with it. Then lion and I went shopping. We usually get the groceries on Wed. night so it was different going in the morning.

Food prices seen so high that I am almost afraid to buy. I was going to cook a nice birthday dinner although I wasn't exactly in the mood but then Mom began to feel sick like the flu so she said she really didn't want any dinner so I decided against the cake, etc.

I started to paint the 2 front doors in white. It was a long tedious job but I think they will look much better.

Jenny rode her bike over early after work. We tacked the "26" on the front fence and I painted the planter white and everything looks much nicer.

I am trying hard to cut down on carbohydrates so I got a gram counter book and I am really going to make an effort to lose 5 lbs. Doesn't that sound familiar?? I know perfectly well that sweets are the cause!

Mom got a letter from George & Martha, Aunt Florence, Pauline called so although she didn't feel well she certainly was remembered by everyone.

Cathy called her and she said she was bringing Mary up again. Ugh. I told her I would rather she would come alone.

Lin called and said Jason was much better. She and Dave sent Mom a beautiful bouquet of flowers. So, in spite of feeling wretched she had a good day. We went to bed and made lovely love.
June 15, 1973

Today was just a beautiful day.

I started out by cleaning the whole house and changing the sheets. I was done with that by 9:30 then I got dressed and called Liz and went over to get some little plants from her and put a bamboo plant in one of the planters along with some other plants and put a wild strawberry plant in a white plastic pot and hung it over the tree.

Then I called the Scotts and went over there to bid them a bon voyage cause they are going to the Bahamas.

Got home and Don said Donna had called so I called back. They will be here a week, from Tuesday, so Cathy will come on Monday, leave on Wednesday. George will come on Thursday and leave on Monday, and Mike and Donna will come on Tuesday. Matt has had pneumonia and was very sick and still isn't great. I just get tired thinking about all these people.

I painted the frames around the doors out front white and I really like the results. Sunbathed for awhile today.

My but it's a strange summer. No air conditioning on and really cold by evening. We had a lousy dinner and then read in the evening and to bed by 10.

June 16, 1973

Boy, did I have a busy morning. First to Safeway for bargains in hamburger. Then to Longs and Shop & Save. Home to put food away.

To C & J for a Chinese evergreen for the Heins' anniversary. They didn't have one. To the Fair but I couldn't find anything I liked so to Sacr. & Nord to a fruit stand, then to Hubbards for flower pots, no plants there either.

To Ron's - no plants there. To the Delicatessen for cheese and finally at Penney's I found the plant I wanted.

I forgot - somewhere along there I got a new pair of sneakers.

When I got home Jenny was here to do her wash, I told her that in the plant stores I felt like Dr. Strangelove cause I wanted to buy so many plants. They are like a disease to me.

I sanded the bottom on the windows on the outside of the living room and put the rust proof undercoat of paint on.

Sunbathed a bit and then washed my hair and at 6:30 we went to the Heins. It was a pleasant evening. There were just the 4 of us and we visited and Lois had a good dinner that I really enjoyed.
We got home quite early and went to bed. I am afraid that I have a cold. I sneeze, have a scratchy throat and a runny nose (I sound like a tv ad for a nighttime cold capsule).

It was really cool today. I wore slacks and a sweater to go downtown.

June 17, 1973

Father's Day. I didn't go to church. Did go to Sno-White to buy a dozen doughnuts. It reminded me of the days when the kids were little and we used to buy them after church and everyone wanted this kind.

Cathy called first and said she would, be here tomorrow. She is coming alone. Then Lin called and finally in late afternoon Mike called and since Jenny came for dinner all the children reported in and I was glad for that.

We had Mary & Steve Yakich over so that Don could tape Steve's experiences coming to the U.S.A. in 1913. It went very well and Mary told, about her coming over and I understand her much better after hearing about it so it was a nice morning. I washed the windows in the living room, dining room and kitchen and they look so nice. I painted the edges of the window on the outside of the living room and now the whole patio looks better.

I sunbathed for ½ hour. I worked on Mom’s pedestal as I had yesterday. We are taking the varnish off so she can refinish it. I didn't realize that she would want the finish off but now as I have committed myself I am stuck. It is going to be a tedious job.

It was really cool today and breezy.

I made a meat loaf with the new protein beef (with soybeans and cheaper), cucumbers and tomatoes and carrot souffle.

Took Jenny home and dug up a little ivy and put it in a pot and then took a bath and pinned up my hair and read before going to bed.

Well, tomorrow starts the big summer entertainment schedule. I made a jello salad and a graham crax pie and will cook the chicken for chicken divan in the morning.

I have a flu-type cold.

June 18, 1973

I got up early and neatened up things and then went out to the sun. I really didn't know when to expect Cathy so I tried not to be the Sister Annie. She got her about 11:00. She looks fine, weighs about 102 lbs so she appears slim and trim. I found out that she jogs for a mile each day too. I fixed her some lunch and then we talked.
She went over to see Jenny for the afternoon and I put my dinner together. She liked the chicken divan but she really doesn't eat very much. After dinner we talked a bit and then she went over to Jenny's to take her a piece of pie since Skip was fishing and she didn't have a car.

When she got back she and I sat out on the patio and visited until about 10. I really feel pretty lousy.

I have a cold a sore chest and I cough and blow.

She and Jim have moved into a little cabin on a nine claim. They have electric generator, they have put in windows and a door, there is an outside toilet, they will have to block off a spring to get water, she has a wood, stove - she often said she wanted to be a pioneer and right now she is trying it out.

She is really interested in the LVN deal even though she finds it tedious. She is going to work at a regular hospital this summer. I think for the most part she is happy.

I don't know how much of it is real and how much of it is romanticized. To bed, I am tired and I feel lousy!

June 19, 1973

Went for a short walk cause I just didn't feel very good.

Had breakfast and then Cathy got up and did her run and then had breakfast. She wanted to get tanned so first she went to Dr. Lorenz and had her IUD checked and he said everything was fine so then she laid out in the sun until noon. The lovely breeze of yesterday is gone and today it was hot and still with the temperature at about 100 degrees.

We took my car over this morning to have the air conditioning checked and they had it fixed by afternoon.

Cathy wanted to look for a uniform so we went downtown to the Fair and she found a very cute one. We stopped at Tongs and then came home.

I was feeling worse and worse so I rummaged through the medicines and called Jenny to check and took some of Linda's - Novahistin.

I lay down after dinner and slept until 8:30 and then got up and got ready for bed and went back at 9:15 and slept through the night. Cathy went to see Delinda after dinner. Wasn't back when I went to sleep. I had hot dogs, beans and cukes and tomatoes for dinner.

Don is terribly upset cause people reviewed the book so par and didn't like it. It won't outline, it isn't the standard test. I told him they ought to sell it to the book of the month and forget it as a text book. But really I felt too lousy to offer much sympathy.

Poor sweet Don, after he has worked so hard. This is a low blow!
June 20, 1973

Up early. Cathy went for her run and then had breakfast.

Mom and I went grocery shopping at 9. Cathy went for her haircut at 10 and then went downtown and found a very cute dress at Metamorphis and a pair of pants and a belt for Jim.

Her hair looks just adorable. In fact I have never seen Cathy look so well. When I told her she said she felt better about herself this year than she ever has. She said she had always seen herself as the fat little kid (how well I can understand that since I was so fat as a child). She knows her faults but she realizes that she has some good one too and after trying to live up to 2 attractive and smart sisters she is now somewhere where people know just her. I can understand that very well. She left after lunch and called us about dinner time to say that she had arrived ok. It had been a long hot trip. She said she had really had a good time so I am glad she came and she is so wonderful to Mom.

We had little bits and pieces for dinner and then I changed sheets, washed clothes and vacuumed the bedroom wing in preparation for George and Philip tomorrow. I still don't feel just great but I am much better today thank goodness. So, to bed and to sleep.

I realize that Cathy's way of life right now is not my was but I have to respect her for handling her way very well. She looks back now and has decided that her childhood, was ok and she loves us and since we love her that is really all that matters.

June 21, 1973

Up early and for a walk. I think it is going to be hot (today with no breeze. Don went off to school and I finished cleaning the house, arranged flowers and made potato salad and hamburger patties.

Linda called and wanted her birth certificate and passport cause now they are talking about going to Spain on some kind of a meditation junket. Both Don and I take a dim view of that. They would be going next winter. Rather than just say no I didn't approve, I am not saying anything but I told Don I wouldn't approve op helping to finance such a venture. Fortunately, he agreed.

Don left for Sacramento to pick up George. I sunbathed and washed my hair and got the barbeque ready and the table set so when they arrived at 5:30 we were all set. Mom looked just great in a mumu and we sat down to dinner and it all went well. Jenny's came over all discouraged about her glasses, her headaches and her sinuses, so I let her let it all hang out.

George and Philip are both fine. Phil really likes Mom which makes it just great. Don was very tired so he went to bed at 8:30 and I stayed up and talked to George until about 10:15.
I think everything is going to go ok. I felt just about ok today so my cold is just about over.

The De Graffs backed down on renting their house to Joanna Cawden so we will have to try to find something else. I called Helen Rosenow and Liz and they will look. George brought slides and we looked at those. He takes a very good, picture.

June 22, 1973

Went for a walk but it was a strange cloudy morning. It is hard, to believe that it is June.

I planned to go to the Aser Sale and drove down about 1 but it was so crowded I couldn't find a parking place so I came home.

I made brownies, game hens, artichokes and green salad for dinner and George broke his diet and ate a lot of brownies.

I went back downtown after dinner and checked in at Asers but couldn't find anything I liked and I looked fat and dumpy in everything.

George decided to go back to Dewer on Sunday night so I moved the roast beep dinner up to Saturday and then he changed his nine again and decided to leave here Monday morning at 6:30 and take Philip to San Francisco and leave for Denver Monday night. Jenny offered to make her spice cake and I guess they will come to dinner and we will have a big dinner Sat. night after all.

We looked at some more of George's slides and then we went to bed fairly early. I think George really bothers Don and I don't know what to do about it exactly. He is strong on monologues and it is difficult to have a conversation with him cause somehow he has to convince you no matter what the subject is and I find it very wearing but then I find company in general wearing.

Philip got homesick before he went to bed and cried nor his Mother and although they called they couldn't get her on the phone. I think the whole thing is tiring Mom too, but she does enjoy Philip and he likes her very much.

I think the answer would have been to have then leave Saturday night but I can't very well say that now can I??

Mom, Philip and I went to Biggers and got some lovely little house plants for 29¢. I got 6 of them!

June 23, 1973

Another cloudy day. I walked and picked roses. Made pancakes for Philip with his initials.
I did some quick shopping and got gas and at 10:30 we drove to Paradise - it even managed, to sprinkle.

Philip started to get carsick so we came back. Stopped at the fruit stand in Paradise and I bought lots of things.

Came home and made lunch and then I made spaghetti sauce.

George and Don napped. It was sticky and muggy. I did Jenny's wash. I put the famous $6.60 roast beef that Mom bought for dinner with potatoes and carrots, made the greek cucumber salad and Jenny' came over after work and made her streusel spice cake.

We had drinks and all ate way too much. I put on the turquoise and white mumu and after dinner George took our pictures.

I took Philip to Caper Acres and he seemed to enjoy it. Came home and George had gone to play tennis and he was gone until dark. Matt called from Tampa and Philip answered so they were both startled.

Now they are going to leave on Wed. They will come non-stop to San Francisco and have been picked up by the Neeleys and then drive up on Thursday to Chico. We are not sure yet when Margaret Sheets will arrive. I suggested to Don that maybe she could be at a note1. He said he would think about it.

I find George rather dull. He is a man who is so self-centered that unless he is giving a monologue about something that concerns him he really is without conversation. Well, conversation is a word unfamiliar with him. He simply cannot converse. He is strange indeed. Ah well. We probably bore him too.

June 24, 1973

I went nor a walk early. No one even mentioned church. After breakfast I took Philip to Gaper Acers again and. he was a lot braver about going on things. Then we went to the 5-miler and then to Hooker Oak so I had him most of the morning.

We came home and fixed lunch and then at 1:00 George took him swimming. I made choc. pudding, spaghetti and. green salad. I made a batch of bread, and they loved eating that.

George is off his diet and eating ice cream like the old days. I know how hard, it is to stay on a diet so I sympathize.

After dinner Mom and I took Philip for one more trip to Gaper Acres and then when we got home we watched some more of George's slides - this time his trip to Europe. The pictures were very good but it is tiring to look at slides.
Then it was time to go to bed because they will be leaving early in the morning. I think mom has enjoyed their visit but she admits it is very tiring. George dropped a bomb tonight when he said that Pauline smokes a couple or joints every night and raises her own marijuana! Boy, I could tell that through Mom for a loss. He claims she does it cause it helps her glaucoma. I wonder how much of that is true and how much George's exaggeration. George is a person of so many facets. He is very neat, washed clothes, did his packing efficiently, etc. He is self-centered and yet he tries hard, to be nice. He talks for long periods of time without stop but he is not a listener. He seems to be competing all the time and poor Philip is somehow caught up in this and has to be brave. He must learn to swim, he must learn to throw a ball and I don't think he knows just where he stands going prom one family to another. He said he wanted to stay here. It is all very strange and naturally it is easy to solve other peoples' problems so best that I reserve judgment.

June 25, 1973

We got up at 5 and they got up then too and Don took them to the airport. Philip was crying when he left,

K made breakfast and then stripped the beds and found Philip's easter bunny so we wrapped it up and Don will send it off first class. Their plane left at 6:30.

I called Lin and told her that George night call and to tell him about the bunny. She is jogging in the morning and seems very pleased with herself. She sounded in such good spirits.

I set out the chrysanthemum plants I had been rooting and worked in the garden.

Made lunch and Don stayed and watched Watergate most of the day. Dan read, his long state lent and that took all day. He definately implicated the President. Jenny called and asked me to pick her up and take her to Dr. Heidegen. She doesn't feel a bit well. I am worried, about her. I brought her here afterwards and Skip picked her up.

We had leftovers for dinner. I read after dinner and then we went to bed and made love. It seemed like a long time since we had done it and it was very nice. It was hot and windy in the evening but we turned off the air conditioning when we went to bed.

I picked up books in the library and went to the Fashion sale but I looked fat in everything so I didn't buy anything.

I tried to stay off the carbohydrates today and will try yet again to cut down. I was starting to exercise and I think I will sign up at TAC. Well, we will have a breather until Thursday anyway.

June 26, 1973
Boy, was this a hot one! I didn't wait until afternoon to turn on the air conditioning, I did it at 10 am.

After my walk and breakfast I watched Watergate for awhile to see Dean being questioned and then I wrote a letter to Cathy and then just sat down and read a book. How about that!

I did neaten up the house and watered my plants and sunbathed a bit around lunchtime in spite of the heat.

Jenny had her day off and she was so hot Skip brought her over after lunch. She brought Lobo and Jessee and the little one proceeded to lie amidst all my new plants and so that is the end of the chrysanthums and the ivy and ground, cover, besides chewing on mats, leaves, etc. but she is cute.

I decided to make a nice dinner with a roasted chicken, potatoes, milk gravy, squash sliced tomatoes and a chocolate cake with whipped cream and choc. sauce drizzled on top.

Don came home from the office with such a terrible headache that he had to lie down and missed dinner but finally it got better and he came out and ate. Mom's arm was terribly sore cause she worked hard, defrosting the refrigerator. Margaret Sheets called and she will be here Friday morning. Her friend from Grass Valley will bring her.

Don had to go to a meeting at 7:30 and I read and then Mom came over and we visited until she went to bed. I read until 10:15 and it was still hot when I went to bed although we did open up the house at that time.

When I did my exercises today I checked an old card with measurements dated 1971, and I have gained inches so I checked back in my hournal and that was the summer Neva was here and no wonder I weighed 105. It all sounds bad and thank goodness I had forgotten it pretty much. That was not an easy time.

June 27, 1973

It is going to be a long hot summer! If today is any example anyway. I put up a hanging basket by the front door. I watered everything because things dry out so fast.

Don spent a long time watching Watergate. Now the Whitehouse is trying to put everything on Dean. What a mess!

Mom and I went grocery shopping and I am mentally sorting out menus for the days ahead. This type of thing makes me a bit nervous cause I want everything to go well. Mrs. Connor came and mowed the lawns and the front yard still looks pretty sick. He sprayed it again but I think it still looks lousy and when I think how beautiful it was earlier,
I napped in the afternoon, read a little, talked, to Jenny on the phone. She felt better today and was getting her hair cut again. We splurged tonight and had steak.

Pauline called in the evening to find out about Philip's visit. She talked to me and then to Mom for a long time.

Don and I played cards and then I took a bath and we went to bed and made love. We figure in the days (or rather the nights ahead) there won't be too much privacy. It was really rather a nice uneventful day.

June 28, 1973

Up early and I vacuumed, and dusted and had everything shining by 9. We thought maybe they would leave early from Guenneyville but about 11 Mike called to say they were very tired and they would not be coming until tomorrow.

By that time I had made brownies and thawed meat so I put the brownies in the freezer and the meat in the refrigerator and instead I made scrambled eggs and waffles. Skip went fishing so Jenny came over for the evening and visited with us. We played cards and watched some tv. When I heard that Mike and family were not coming until tomorrow I felt like going downtown and buying a new hat but since hats are no longer a part of my wardrobe I went to LaFemme and bought an adorable summer dress instead. It is blue and white check trimmed in red and white check and it is a David Smith, like the red and white polka dot one of last year. It cost $38.00 but I figure I will wear it when we go on vacation next winter if we go.

Mom's arm hurt her a good deal this afternoon so I got a pain pill from Dr. and this relieved it. I think maybe she should start taking the shots again. She would like to wait until Dr. Gibson gets back but I don't know. Don went to bed fairly early. I stayed up and did my exercises.

June 29, 1973

Well, supposedly everyone was done in today and everyone arrived. I got up at the usual time and checked the house and got everything in order again. Made a macaroni salad and thawed cookies and was ready.

Then Jenny called to say she had sprained her finger at work on the handle of the bed crank and she wanted me to come to get her so I drove over and brought her here and then I went back for a prescription for pain and when I returned Margaret Sheets was here.

She is a short lady who looks very much like Helen Rosewan. We sat down and had lunch and then we visited. I like her very much.

We kept expecting Mike and crew to arrive. I had made hamburgers, a green salad, and brownies.
Jenny and Skip were going to Cheeks cause it was Ed's birthday. She slept most of the afternoon and then they went so I went ahead with dinner and we were just finished when they arrived. Donna's hair is long and she looks very tired and wan. She and Ty have a bad cough as does Matt. They have been very sick. Ty has oval round, eyes close together, brown hair and he smiles all the time. We put him down on the floor and he is trying to creep and he rolls over so he gets around. He isn't a very good-looking baby but he has a very nice disposition.

Matt has a little hacking cough and is very thin. We cooked them hamburgers and then I took Matt to Caper Acres along with Margaret and we talked while Matt played. He was very dirty so he took a sudsy bath and went to bed and we stayed up and talked for awhile. Their plans are very indefinite at the moment.

June 30, 1973

Up for my walk and made breakfast.

I made potato salad, a bundt cake, ham, tomatoes, relishes, etc. Donna took Margaret to see the covered bridge.

Mike and Don played tennis. Jenny felt much better so she and Skip floated on the river. They left Jessee here and she chewed things and played with Matt. Most of the day was spent trying to decide whether Mike and Donna would go to San Diego or not. They can't seem to make decisions and they drive me crazy with all their talk. Don too.

Mom seems to be pretty tired but she likes Ty as we all do but I guess he isn't exactly what we expected.

Tomorrow I will make an apple pie and have chicken. I sat outside for a bit, read a bit, talked to people - Tarry Coleman who went to High School with Mike drove by and M & D went over to Jeff & Patty's in the evening.

Mike took Matt to Caper Acres. It was really a rather uneventful day.

Margaret will be leaving on Tuesday. I really didn't expect her to stay that long but she is very easy to entertain.

I took a shower and. went to bed about 10:30. We taught Margaret and Donna how to play Lay-Out tonight.

July 1, 1973

I decided to go to church this morning so I went at 8 am and wore my new dress, (blue & white checked with red & white checked trim) since Pagan is in Africa we had a very nice young man Orom Aroville.

In the morning I am trying to run Instead of just walk so I run for 50 counts and then walk. In between I made an apple pie, fixed chicken with sour cream and. wine, and cucumber greek salad.
Don went up to school to work most of the day. Donna went over to the mall and took Matt with her. Margaret went with her and was very impressed, with the Mali and it's cleanliness.

Skip and Jenny came over for dinner and brought the dogs. Everything tasted just great and the pie was perfect. I had bought Lodi green apples for 20¢ a lb. at the fruit stand. Now I wish I had bought more.

Skip, Mike and Ion played tennis after dinner. It was a lovely day and we didn't even have on the air conditioner.

Donna's cough gets no better and Ty doesn't sound to good, either. Also, Donna has started taking a new kind of birth control pill and she is bleeding profusely so that is very upsetting too. We are going to call the Dr. tomorrow.

Carl and Lois stopped, over in the afternoon and met Miss Sheets and Mike talked, very well about his field and it was a pleasant visit.

We called Linda to tell her that we wouldn't know anything about plans until Donna had been to the Dr. It is all rather upsetting really. I find that I am tired and I am sure the kids are not really having a very good time when they don't peel well, so it is unfortunate all the way around.

July 2, 1973

Up early and for my walk. I am trying to run longer and more times but I get very winded. Still, I am going to stick with it.

Made breakfast. Donna is not feeling well at all and she is bleeding a great deal, plus Ty is coughing so I called Dr. Lorenz and Don McDonald and Dr. L. vent out some pills that made her very sleepy so she was in bed most on the day. Then she went at to see Dr. McDonald and he gave her a shot and a lot of medicine so it was a rather difficult day cause she felt so miserable and Mike is rather angry cause this isn't his idea of a vacation and I can understand that too.

We agreed that next year they should do what they like and not spend the whole vacation coming to the coast to visit family. That really isn't much fun for anybody. As we said it would be great if they could stay for about 3 days but when they come so far they feel they have to stay longer than they really want to. And, I want everything to look nice and neat and they are not interested, in that so I find myself getting up tight and it is difficult. Why can't I just hang loose like some people do?? I took Matt to Gap Era Acres.

Margaret Sheets seems to weather it all very well.

I made a French stew, bread, green salad and chocolate pudding for dinner. We found a house for Joanna Cawden. I just happened to look in the paper and there was a 3-bedroom house for $250.00 and so Don called the man in S.F. and we went over to look at it and there was some girl
living in it who had made a mess but it really was ok so we took It. I had given this to our real estate place and now I won't have to look any more!

July 3, 1973

Margaret Sheets had to catch a plane in San Francisco today so she and Don left at 8 am. They saw Lin and her apt. They all went out to lunch and then he had the man come to the apt. and the papers were signed, for Mrs. Cowden's house and they picked up Jason & Lin and got here at 5:30.

I had made a meat loaf, big fruit salad, artichokes, and cottage cheese for dinner. Donna seemed to feel a little better today. They took Ty's temperature and he isn't feeling so well and he looks peaked.

I went to Hubbards and got a dozen columbines, 2 little azelias, 2 coral bells and an interesting little pine tree that I put in my planter and put my lantana in the south yard.

I felt good about putting things in and hopefully I will just have perennials in the border and south yard.

Don was very tired when he got home and went to bed early.

We watched the Railway Children which was very sentimental but rather fun.

Well, it was quite something when all the cousins met. Jason loves and looks like a little brick wall in comparison with the L's. Jason got a bit jealous cause he has always been the only one so really it was ninny.

July 4, 1973

I didn't write in this on schedule and now it is Sunday, the 8th so I won't be able to remember everything on a daily basis so I will write it as I remember things. I do know that Mom and I went grocery shopping and I bought a "beef roast that cost 08.60!" That is the sort of thing that one remembers.

I thought I would cook it on Thursday. Today is the 4th of July and I decided to go picnic style so we had hot dogs and cucumbers in sour cream. I had zucchini in tomato sauce with cheese on top.

Jason just isn't his usual self. He didn't pay much attention to Grandma and that made her feel bad.

Lin went out to Yakiches and took Jason in Don's car. She called to say that she had a flat tire and no one would stop for her so finally she had to drive it and that ruined the tire.

Mike and Don went out to get her and then like went over to Jenny's to return the tire iron and Mike stayed and talked and that thrilled the girls cause usually he Is so un-communicative but Lin is really uptight
about Donna cause she was so belittling of Jason and so all the old
angers seem to come to the surface.

I talked to Linda today at Jenny's about going to Spain and expressed my
feelings and tried to be honest. She cried about Mike. For some reason
she wants so much for him to like her and he is indifferent.

My, this whole thing gets so complicated and there is sibling rivalry and
I feel so much tension in the air and I don't like it.

July 5, 1973

Donna went to the Dr. this morning and he took X-rays and says she has
pneumonia and she will have to do as little as possible and they can't go
to S.D.

This made Mike very angry and frustrated. They paid all this money for a
vacation and now both she and Ty are sick and he was very bitter.

Lin wants to leave today so I gave her $25.00 and she flew back to S.F.
tonight at 6:30 with Jason.

Mike took her to the plane and since they had a long wait they talked. It
was a chance for them to be alone and the only one. For some reason both
L & J seem to need Mike's approval. I guess the worship or a big brother
dies hard. I think I was fortunate having 2 sisters.

I realize now how well we got along by comparison.

I think Donna feels threatened in this situation so she spends her time
tearing down Linda especially - Linda wants to be forgiven for the time
she lived with them in Catati. She was going through a difficult time and
she made life difficult for all on us. Her point is that she has changed
and she would, like to be accepted as an adult but Donna won't forgive.
She (Donna) is terrible effective at passive resistance. I have decided
that I am too old to get involved in my children's problems. I really
don't want to, yet when they are all here it is hard to remain aloof. Don
wants me to go to S.F. with him tomorrow. I feel guilty about going and
leaving the kids here when Donna is not feeling well but I don't want to
say no to Don, so I am going.

Life seems very complicated at the moment, and with everything else I try
valiantly to keep a semblance of order in the house and that is totally
futile. I want to cry HELP!!! But then I think how lousy it must be for
Donna to be sick and away from home. But then she hates Florida so much
maybe she doesn't want to be there either.

July 6, 1973

I got up early and did my run and then had a cop of tea and we left about
6:20. We got to the Nut Tree and had breakfast and were in the city
around 10. First we went to Linda's apt. and it is really nice. It is
bright and spacious and they have it done very attractively. She looked pretty and Jason was line too.

We left her things and went downtown to the Hyatt Regency. We got our room on the 10th floor. We were just settled and a strange howling noise started up so we had to have our room changed.

We went to lunch and then Don went off to buy books and I wooked for clothes. Couldn't find any shoes but I found a very good looking nightgown, purple tricot with a ruffle at the bottom. We had stopped at Cost Plus in the morning and I got 8 glasses, candles and some planters for hanging.

In the late afternoon Don and I looked at suits at Roos Atkins but didn't like them. I got a pair of navy shoes at Somer and. Kaufman's and then we went back, to the hotel and watched the news.

At 6:30 we took a taxi to the movie and saw The Day of The Jackal. It was good. At 9:30 came back and got dressed to go to dinner.

I wore my pink dress and shoes. We went up to the 35th floor and had drinks and I had roast duck and Don had iamb. It was a clear night and the view was stupendous. We got back about 11:30 and took a bath together and then made love and it was super tremendous. We did things that we don't ordinarily do but wow! Well, that experience doesn't happen very often but when it does it is something else again. We had a good day all the way around and it was so nice to be alone. I gues we needed that.

It really has been a rather hectic summer and that is the understatement of the year! Cold, clear and windy in the city.

July 7, 1973

We slept until about 8 and then went down to breakfast. Don had eggs benedict and I had papaya and tea.

Then we went up stairs and packed and the off to say good-bye to din. Jason was asleep so we didn't see him.

We left the city at 10 and drove straight through and were home by I. It was just 88 degrees here so it wasn't too hot to drive. Everyone seemed ok when we got here.

Don had bought a Ross McDonald so I had to read that. It was called Sleeping Beauty and although good, not quite up to some of his others.

I was really very tired but somehow I got through the day. I think Mike and Donna had enjoyed the privacy that our absence offered. I thawed spaghetti sauce and we had hot french bread and salad. Jenny came for dinner cause Skip is off fishing. She worked today. While I was making dinner Lolly Franklin called. She was visiting Patty Shapiro for the day. She is going to have an operation on her feet as soon as summer school is over.
After dinner I finished my book and then finally it was time to go to bed and I was certainly tired.

Well, it was a short trip and it was fun. I would like to have stayed longer but I realize under the circumstances that was impossible.

There was a nice note from Margaret Sheets when we got home.

July 8, 1973

Well, today Mom went to church and I stayed home. We seem to alternate. When I picked Mom up we went to the fruit stand and I got some of the good apples again and decided to make another pie. I thawed my expensive beef roast and I cooked it with browned potatoes and carrots.

Mother had some green beans from Peggy Houk and I fixed those and I made jello salad

Jenny came for dinner cause Skip was fishing so with Mon there were lots at table but the meal was excellent.

Mike & Donna plan to leave tomorrow. They said nothing about calling Cathy and so I didn't question it. Don said something about it once but nothing came of it. Mike still wants to go to San Diego and he hopes that Donna will feel better and if so they will bring the children back and drive down in one of our cars. I wouldn’t mind taking care of Ty and Matt but Matt would be more difficult cause I think he would be more lonesome and he is very dependent on his Mom. I finally got a litter written to Cathy and I sunned and read and we played Lay-Out with Donna. She is feeling better.

Mike got some clothes at Kaufmans while he was here. He has gained weight and is now trying to diet but he loves to eat and it is hard to quit eating on a vacation. Mother tell I me that Mrs. Nealey called while we were gone and talked to her since the kids were not here at the time. She said Donna was going like one more year in Florida and then she was coming back to California. I can only assume that this was Mrs. Neeley talking and not Donna. I really don't like that woman.

July 9, 1973

Up for my walk. Galled and made appointments. I am to see Dr. Hagewood tomorrow and will get my hair cut on Wed. and go to the dentist next week. I will take mom to Dr. Gibson tomorrow too.

Finally talked Donna into getting her hair cut. Sam was available but she got Mike, who is new and supposed to be good. She came home with it very short and then she frosted it and it looked just marvelous. Suddenly she didn't look so dragged out and tired. I was so relieved for her.
I made a batch of bread and we had a good dinner with sliced roast plus deviled eggs and lots of little goodies and Mike wanted a lemon pie so I made that too. I gave Mike money for a pair of Mailables and Donna money for a pair of shoes much like his. They left about 7 pm and I think Mike really hated going. He was much nnicer this time. He talked to me and he didn't ignore me like he did last year.

After they left I played cards with Don and then I told him that I wanted to start cleaning the house. He didn't feel to good but he got out the vacuum and did the whole house and I cleaned the two bathrooms and changed sheets and washed clothes and got the house back together again.

Jenny stopped over for awhile and we visited and then we went to bed after I had had a bath and we made Move and that was good too.

I enjoyed having them and I get fond little Ty and certainly it went better with Matt this time but still it is nice to be alone again. I packed Matt a lunch to have on the trip to Guerveville. I wish that we were closer so we could see them more often for shorter periods of time.

July 10, 1973

Went for my walk and found a few roses. I had breakfast and then washed the kitchen floor and changed our bed.

Don watched Watergate until 8:30. John Mitchell was on today.

He went to school and I went to the sale at LaFemme. I tried on some clothes but there were just too many people and I couldn't see how things looked so I came home. Made lunch and then took a bath and got dressed and Mom and I went to the Doctor's. Dr. Hagewood was fine and remarked about how good and tanned I looked. He didn't say an thing or do anything but said I should keep on with the exercises and that was that.

Mom had her shot and she is glad Dr. Gibson is back. I went back to LaFemme but things were pretty well picked over.

George Allen sent us a book as a thank-you for coming out. It is The Last of The Southern Girls.

I started The Making of a Psychiatrist and then fixed dinner. I had some spaghetti left and so I heated that, made cabbage slaw, and had raw vegetables.

Jenny came over to make a chocolate mayonnaise pie and I helped her with the crust. She is having people over for dinner tomorrow night.

I got all the dirty clothes washed and folded today and now everything looks so peaceful and clean again.

I must write to my sister before she leaves for Washington, D.D. We watched part of a bad movie and then went to bed. It was a nice day really.
July 11, 1973

The bluejays woke us up this morning at 5:30. I don't know if they were holding a convention or what, but they were certainly noisy.

It was a lovely cool morning. I went at 9:30 and Sam cut my hair. She really does a good job. Came home and got Mon and went grocery shopping. Everything seemed just a little more expensive than last week.

Brought Mom home and then went downtown to the Frances Shop and tried on a lot of things but I really didn't see anything that looked just marvelous on me. My hips are ok these days but my stomach sticks out so I really don't look all that good, so I came home with a little blue and white checked body suit and that was it. I decided to have a big dinner so I made sweet & sour pork steaks, baked potatoes, cottage cheese, squash and a fruit compote.

Jenny was having a dinner party so she kept coming over to get things. She had made a chocolate mayonnaise pie that she had left in our refrigerator and she had to pick that up.

I saw a Boston Tern when I was in Wentzes so I bought it for her and she was very thrilled.

Sunbathed a bit. We watched Hawaii 5-0 and then we went to bed about 9:30. It was really too early to go to sleep cause I didn't sleep well and spent a lot of time dreaming and waking up and going to the bathroom. Probably too much iced tea!

July 12, 1973

Boy I felt weary this morning. I did my walk and run but my heart wasn't in it. Came home and had some breakfast but still didn't feel just great so I decided that I wouldn't do much today.

I fed the plants and then I wrote to Linda and just a note to Cathy to say she should call us to tell us she was ok cause Don worries when we don't hear or can't get her on the phone.

Jenny came over and we sunbathed until lunch and after that she went on home and I pinned up my hair and lay down for awhile but then she came back so we went downtown and I got a handsome white watch band at Cliffords and she got some material at Fabric West.

I looked at patterns but couldn't find anything I liked. We went to Disco and the fruit stand and then on home.

The Yakiches stopped by and brought some peaches.

I made salmon (cold) with cucumbers, fried some rice, had fresh beans and carrots and I sliced peaches for dessert.
Mike called to say that Donna had gone to the Dr. and it was ok to go to S.D. and they planned on it for next Wednesday. I guess we will go to the Nut Tree to meet them and pick up the children. I am not exactly thrilled but I will do it. Then Lin had called so I called back and they bought a duck (toilet seat) for Jason and he loves it and has used it successfully with applause and even insisted on taking it to bed with him, so I guess it is going to be toilet training now for awhile. The Watergate deal goes on with Mitchell on this week. I really can't get very excited about it. Don and I talked about the Indians cause he is working on that now in the book and then we went to bed at 9:30.

I wore my new purple nightgown. I like to go to bed in something pretty.

July 13, 1973

I am waking up tired and stiff. Why? Went for a short walk and picked one rose. The peaches Mary brought yesterday were so sweet I sliced some for Don for breakfast. Even I like them and I am not too excited about peaches generally. At 8, Mom and I went to North Star Mills and I had Mom get a long bamboo blind for the north side of the house. Don put it up at noon and hopefully her bedroom will be cooler since it is shaded.

The N. V. Plaza was having a sale so I went over at 9:30 to look and I found a terrycloth jump suit in yellow for $3.00 and I really loved it. I sat out in the sun and I am really getting brown.

I decided to make a good dinner with fried chicken, mashed potatoes, brocolli, etc. At about 4:30 Priss called and asked if we were going out to dinner and I said no, but she asked if we would come over for a drink anyway so I said yes. Don has been jittery all day and he looks tired and pale so I told him maybe this would help.

We had a nice visit and I wished that I wouldn't have started dinner cause then we could have eaten out. But, anyway, we came back and the chicken wasn't too done. I fell asleep after dinner on the lounge and then went to bed. I would rather have liked to make love but Don was tired so we didn't.

I talked to Alice on the phone today and asked her to breakfast tomorrow but she and Mike were going down to Stinson Beach for the weekend.

Mike called again and we are to meet them at the Nut Tree Monday at 9 and pick up the children.

July 14, 1973

I woke up at 4:30 so this time I got up and did my exercises and sat on the patio and watched the sun come up and then I went for my walk and was back by 6. I like my yellow jump suit so will go back and buy a pink one and a green one. In fact I would have like to get every color but that would be just a little too much. I sunbathed and then washed my hair and
set it and when it was combed out I put on make-up and the pink suit and I really felt that I looked good. The summer is the best time for me cause I really look good tanned.

Well, here it was mid-afternoon and Lin called and asked if she could come up for the weekend. Naturally I said yes.

Don said maybe we could go out to dinner and get back and make love before she came. He feels that it is embarrassing to do it when other people are in the house now that we have had the place to ourselves and I am with him.

I put on my long mustard, black and white mumu and we went to Burton’s and had abalone and when we got back Lin was here. So much for our plans!

Lin had said on the phone she was depressed but she seemed fine, although she said she was tired of the fog and the dark dreary days.

Jason was fine and ran around and played with the balls, etc. They found something to eat and Don went to bed early and Lin and I sat on the patio and watched the moon come up and talked. She and Dave have decided that Dave will quit his job after Labor Day and they are going to move back up here but then what will he do? It is all so kind of bague and indefinite. Jenny came over for awhile to visit.

July 15, 1973

I exercised and walked and made break Host. Jason came out and had a bottle, and then they went to Yakiches.

I went to Mass at 8. We all went out and sunbathed. Long's had good ads today so I went over and picked up some things and stopped and bought some fruit on the way home.

While I was gone Cathy called. They still don't have a phone so that is the reason she hasn't called.

I made a leg of lamb for dinner and it was very good. Jenny came over after dinner and her headaches are bothering her again. Suddenly I find I am tired of children and their problems. Linda is still more or less at loose ends running home every week. We are going to have Ty and Matt and that won't be easy. Jenny doesn't feel well. Cathy is living with Jim which I don't approve of and I just wish they would all lead their own lives and let us have some time to ourselves. And then Mom felt very ill today so that was a worry too.

I sort of want to say "stop the worl, I want to get off and be by myself” but I suppose that would get pretty boring too, but the money has gone like water this month, with airline fare for Lin and a cooler for Jenny & Skip and money for shoes for Mike and Donna, etc.

We talk about saving money but then some kind of crisis comes up and the kids ask for something and we are right there.
I suppose I am being selfish so I had better just go to bed and get ready for tomorrow. My, I hope everything goes ok while Mike and Donna are gone. What a summer!

July 16, 1973

We got up early and I did my walk and then we had our coffee and tea and left at 6:30 for the Nut Tree.

We said good-bye to Lin and Jason since they were to be gone when we got back. It was cool this morning. In fact I was chilly with a sweater on.

We got there at 8:30 and went in to breakfast. Don had his standard but this time I had papaya and a waffle, which was just delicious. It was so light and fluffy I wish I could make one like that. We read the paper and about 9:20 they arrived. Matt ordered sausage, egg and juice and ate 2 sausages. Ty sat in a high chair and smiled while his parents ate. Needless to say, Matt didn't eat anything. I bought 3 prints for $1.98 that I would like to frame. I also bought Matt a little glass jar with gum in it and then we left.

The kids were very good on the way home. It was cool enough to be pleasant and Ty slept most of the way and Matt was fine.

When we got home we fed everyone and Ty took a nap and Matt watched cartoons for the rest of the day.

Jenny came over after work and she was as white as her uniform. Her headaches are really getting her down and she is just about at the end of her rope. She talked to Dr. H. today and he said she would have to have a physical and then he will make an appointment with a neurologist. Since this will all be so expensive she wanted to know if we could help and naturally we will.

I had a skimpy dinner with leftover lamb stew and then bathed Ty and put him to bed

Matt fell asleep on our bed but Don moved him and he slept through the night. I told Don on the way down that I was tired of trying to solve our children's problems and then Jenny comes along and needs help and we are taking that and taking care of Mike's boys and Linda was very upset cause I told her I thought she should stay in S.F. and take care of David so I guess I can't win.

July 17, 1973

Well, today was the day when Matt went out to the Hostettler ranch. She said they would pick him up at 8:45 and he was ready at 6:30 wanting to know if it were time yet. Finally she came and so I had to just cope with Ty for the day and he was good. He slept a long time in the morning hut
took a short nap in the afternoon but he was fine really. He eats very well now.

Jenny came over and did some grocery shopping for me. Skip is not feeling wee and she is worrying that maybe they won't be able to have their long weekend fishing. Big new angle on Waterfate. It seems that Nixon has had every conversation taped and that got everyone excited.

I made baked beans, hot dogs, and corn, plus choc. pudding for dinner and Matt ate well since these were all things he liked. He said at first that he didn't like the ranch but then he said he did like it so I am not sure just what the scoop was. Anyway, he wants to go back tomorrow and that is the main thing.

I took him to caper acres after dinner and he had a good time and then he took a bath and went to bed in his own bed without any difficulty.

I talked to Alice on the phone and she is coming tomorrow morning for breakfast.

Mike called and they both talked to Matt. Mide said the interview with Gordon went badly and he seemed in an angry mood. I told him Matt had been giving us a lot of coded messages and he snapped at me so I bid a hasty retreat.

Well, there goes one of his chances for a job in California. I am afraid.

Mom has been feeling awful cause she has had trouble going to the bathroom and today she finally went and feels better.

Well, another day gone and two more to go.

July 18, 1973

The weather has been fantastic. It is actually chilly in the morning and in the afternoon it is pleasant but not really hot. Lovely. I hope next week when we are by ourselves again it will be very hot indeed.

Alice was here at 6 am and I made a nice breakfast - juice, papaya, prunes, bacon & eggs and coffee. She left at 7 cause she had things to do to get ready for a family reunion later in the week.

The gossip was that Jack Barneson resigned. I am not really surprised. Karen H. was late and I thought she had forgotten Matt but she came about 10 after 9. When Don came home at lunchtime I quickly got groceries cause I was out of things. He got home at 5 and seemed ok but then he told me that he didn't want to go back so I called Karen and cancelled.

It costs $5.00 a day so I must send her a check. No word from Linda since her return on Monday.

I had chicken for dinner. Mike and Donna called again tonight and asked if it would be ok to stay until Friday. What could we say but I was sort
of planning on Thursday and another day seems long indeed. I realize I am not in condition for this type of thing but really they are both doing ok.

We got them to bed and then we closed the door and made love. Funny, after being alone for awhile it inhibits us to have someone in the house. After all the kids were here for years and we did it then but now it is different.

July 19, 1973

Matt got up rather cross and at 8:30 he said he was going to get dressed and I was to call Karen cause he was going to the ranch but it was too late by then so that made him mad.

I neated things up and put Ty out in the back yard in the pen. He is a very good little boy really. I guess it annoys me cause Matt tells people what to do and never says please or thank-you. Get me this. Bring me that, and hurry-up. That doesn't set very well with me.

Well, I realize he is not having a very good time here and he misses his Mother. Sarah Farketm a student from PV stopped by about 10:30 and stayed through lunch. Then I dashed to the store for a few things while Don watched the children. I made a tuna salad for dinner and Matt and I made cookies. I managed a short nap in the afternoon cause I really get tired.

Don brought pictures that were done and the ones of Cathy are especially good. Tomorrow at noon Jenny leaves on her trip with Skip for the weekend. I hope they take warm clothes cause it is really cool at night.

The kids called and they say they are leaving Bakersfield early tomorrow morning. Matt made an elaborate fort in the tv room.

There was a sale on "L'Oreal lipsticks at Thrift - 2 for 94¢ so I dashed over and got 3 of them.

Phase IV starts next week and I am afraid food prices are really going to go up. I wish I had stocked up a little bit more. Chickens, eggs, etc. are really supposed to go up.

Don watched a movie and I worked on the jigsaw puzzle. We got to bed at 11.

July 20, 1973

Matt mentioned again this morning that he was going to the ranch but I pointed out that I hadn't called Karen so that was that. He watched tv most of the day. Jenny came over and picked up her cookies and was all excited about their fishing trip. They left at 1:30.

Mike and Donna got back in the middle of the afternoon. I made a big roast beef with carrots, had mashed potatoes, zuccini, a green salad and
an apple crunch pie. Because it was Don's birthday I wanted a nice dinner. Mike had forgotten it but he went down and found a card that suited.

Linda called and I wish she had. Of cause Jenny remembered but Cathy didn't call and I wish she had.

Matt was very good when his folks got back. He was especially glad to see his Mother. In fact, I feel bad about that cause he just tolerates at best and the worst ignores Mike. They brought Matt a Smokey Bear canteen and a toy for Ty.

We ate and then we played cards in the evening and talked. Mike had an interview with Gordon and he didn't feel that it went well. Donna implied that they had offered him a number of possible jobs but Mike really didn't feel that way. Lin says they will probably be coming up Tuesday morning.

The kids will be leaving tomorrow. I find at this stage that I am very tired. Not surprising really. It has been quite a while since I took care of a 6-month old baby day and night so long but Ty was very good. Matt worries me cause he is not a happy child.

July 21, 1973

I went for my walk and Don went up to work. They got their bags packed and I made hot dogs and macaroni salad and we had cookies and iced tea for lunch and then they left about 1. Matt couldn't wait to leave and he didn't want Mom to kiss him good-bye and that made her feel bad but then he didn't give us a kiss either. Don told Mike they should do something about Matt and that never really works. Parents don't like it when you criticize their children. How well I remember. We came back in the house and it seemed so quiet. Don went back to school and I just sort of roamed around the house.

I wrote a letter to Cathy and neatened up the house a bit and then made a very simple supper.

I fell asleep on the lounge for awhile and then I took a bath and put on my purple nightgown and had a dubonnet and we went to bed and made love and then got back up and talked for awhile and then to bed again to sleep for the night.

It was a beautiful cool day in the 80's and we haven't had to have the air-conditioning on for 3 days.

The house seems so quiet all of a sudden. I was relieved to have them go in a way but saddened too. I think Mike would like to stay but Donna seems rather strange this time. In the past Don has always defended her but this time I think she upset him. Probable Mike has the same effect on the Neeley's.
July 22, 1973

Don decided to get up at 4 to go to school and work. He thought it was Monday but once he was up he went anyway. I stayed in bed until 6 and then I went for a walk and came home and had a glass of buttermilk and a cup of tea.

At 7 I started to clean the house and I did the whole thing from one end to the other. I really enjoyed it cause I was all alone and I took my time and did all the things that I sometimes neglect.

I washed the kitchen and bathroom floors and I potted a plant to put on the refrigerator. I washed clothes and changed sheets.

Don came for lunch and then went back. Mom came over to say that she had swallowed part of a pork chop bone so I got dressed and took her to Emergency. They X-rayed her throat and couldn't see anything and by then she felt that it had gone on down. I was making bread so I came back and put it in the pans and then went back to get her.

I made hot dish and cabbage slaw for dinner. We played lay-out and watched Mash and Don went to bed at 8:30 and I suppose will get up early again tomorrow. He did 6 pages today.

We invited Joyce Menke, the Heins and possibly Pete Gibson and his new wife and their Mother to a breakfast next Sunday. We will know about the Gibson's at the first of the week. We simply must do some entertaining before the summer is over. I wrote to George Allen and Cathy. Tomorrow I will wash some windows and do some other odds and ends.

It was really a good day except for the scare about Mom. I missed out on the sun-bathing but I can get that tomorrow.

July 23, 1973

Today I decided to paint the small bathroom. I went to Wards and got a gallon of yellow paint and by 10:15 I was busy at it. I must admit that after I got started I wasn't all that enthusiastic about the job but once started I had to go through with it. It really wasn't so difficult but just tedious. The results were worth it. The only trouble was that I bought way too much paint. Well, maybe I can paint the service room with what is left.

Jenny came over cause she had the day off and she washed her clothes and brought her sewing machine and finished a dress to wear to the Cheaks for dinner cause today was Skip's birthday.

It turned out beautifully. She is tanned and the apricot color was very attractive. I took out a turkey to thaw for tomorrow. I thawed a hot dish and we had that for dinner.

We listened to Watergate. Don works on the book, the lovely summer days go on and I dread their end and the advent of school again.
I read my mysteries, sit in the sun, drink iced tea, smoke cigarettes and love life. I realize all good things must come to an end.

Donna called in the evening to say that they had gotten back to Florida safely al-though there was a thunderstorm just as they got in.

Don and I have rather mixed feelings about their visit. I hope that Matt becomes a little bit more independent from his Mother but maybe we are worrying unduly. We went to bed quite early.

July 24, 1973

Beautiful morning. Mother's morning glories are truly a "heavenly blue."

I made dressing and stuffed the turkey and put it in the oven very early at a low heat. Made relishes and that was all cause I planned a simple dinner.

B., L., & J. arrived before lunch and since they were hungry I had some hotdish that I heated. Jason was fine. We sat in the back yard and he played with the hose and we visited and sunbathed.

I took Mom to Dr. Gibson at 3:15 and the Dr. wants her to go to the hospital for treatments. She was upset and I plan to talk to the Dr. tomorrow about them. We picked up Jenny and I also went to the fruit stand to get tomatoes which I sliced for dinner.

The turkey was delicious and Jenny and Skip came too and boy after everyone ate there wasn't much left.

I took Jason over to Mom's in the evening and he played in the living room with all his little gadgets and Mom loved watching him.

She is very upset about the doctor and I don't blame her, I know we shouldn't just do nothing but on the other hand I don't believe in useless things either. I wish Pauline were here to help make a decision.

Suddenly it all seems too much and I don't want to tell her what she should do. The kids went out and we put Jason to bed and went ourselves cause we were both tired. Watergate goes on with Ehrlicman being the SOB of the moment. It got pretty hot in the afternoon but cooled off by 9.

July 25, 1973

Linda went with me this morning for my walk and then they went over to Yakiches for breakfast.
Well, if last week was unusually cool this week is just the opposite and it is really hot today. Temperatures were supposed to go to 115 but I don't think it was quite that bad.

The kids were going to leave about 2 but it got so hot they decided to wait until after dinner.

Mom and I went shopping in the morning and I didn't buy any meat and I suppose I should cause prices are supposed to get worse not better.

I did try Knudsens fruited yogurt and it is just marvelous. With all this heat I think I will go on a yogurt kick.

Mom got very weary just going to the 2 stores. I notice that she tries but tires very easily these days.

In the afternoon I went to the library and then at 3 I had an appointment with Dr. Gibson whom I finally saw about 20 to 4. We discussed the X-ray treatments and he ad-mitted that they probably wouldn't do much good. He said he didn't think there would be much pain but that she would just gradually fade away. He didn't indicate any time and I didn't ask.

When I got home Jenny was here and asked to stay to dinner so I made scrambled eggs and cottage cheese and tomatoes and a peach short cake for everyone and then about 7 the kids left for S.F. By that time I was very weary and tired of everyone. I told Mom what Dr. Gibson had said except for the fading away part. On Sunday we are having the Heins, Joyce and the Minors to breakfast at 10 am. Don and I went to bed pretty weary.

July 26, 1973

Up for a walk, yogurt for breakfast. Then I washed windows in the dining room and kitchen and I washed my ear and boy did it need it.

The birds in the ash tree out front have been using it as their bathroom for weeks. Don came home about noon with a terrible headache so he lay down and spent the afternoon at home.

I went down to Fabric West and bought $15.00 worth of charcoal gray corduroy and after dinner I started making slip covers for the lawn furniture. With a little under 9 yds. I was able to cover 2 chaises, the cot and put covers on the 4 chairs. Anything light gets dirty and/or fades.

Don and I played cards cause after dinner he felt better.

I stopped at LaFemme and they are going to try to find me a navy polyester skirt for fall.

It really got hot today again and we went to bed with the air conditioning on. I invited the cheaks to dinner next Thursday. I have a beautiful red rose in a white vase in the dining room and a red candle and red mats.
I still must wash the windows in the living room and will try to do that tomorrow. I want to do a jig saw puzzle!

We went to bed and made love and we got to laughing afterwards cause we have to admit it is certainly more enjoyable now that we are alone than when we had to worry about other people in the house hearing us. It is time I guess we didn't know what we were missing.

Less than a month of vacation left. Yipe!

July 27, 1973

Got up around 6 and went for a walk and then home to yogurt and iced tea (it seemed too warm for hot tea).

Gleaned the top of the stove, washed 2 loads of clothes and then finished the gray corduroy slipcovers.

At 9:30 I went to PV and got Ruth Ludden’s address. They are widening East Ave. and many trees are marked for cutting - sad - but the street will certainly be safer wider. I Tried to get a few more pieces together on the pubble but it will be a slow job. I made a macaroni and cheese for dinner. I am trying to cut down on food costs. I wish we would hear from Pauline. I know she is in Wash., D.C. this week but I don't know how long they are going to be there or when she plans to come here. Don would like to take a few days off and it would be nice if she could be here while we are gone and then I wouldn't have to worry about Mom's being alone. I took Mom for a ride after dinner and we had a pleasant time. It was hot but we had the air conditioning on.

Watergate goes on with Ehrlichman lying through his teeth and being so self-righteous about everything.

July 28, 1973

I called this bargain day or “games people play”. First to Safeway where I got artichokes and ground beef on sale. I also bought some roasts cause beef is going to out of sight by Sept. 12. Altogether I spent $19.00 there. Then I went to the fruit stand and I got apples, new potatoes, grapes, peaches and tomatoes marded down.

I came home and made 7 pints of apple sauce. We had hamburgers, potato salad and apple crisp.

Linda called and wants me to make an appointment with Dr. Lorenz cause her diaphragm doesn't fit. Jason has a cold and he is cross and irritable so she didn't go to the wedding reception of John Sareille and she was disappointed about that. Mike and Donna called and we chatted with them for a few minutes. Matt didn't get to talk first so he didn’t talk when his turn came.
Don stayed up until 11:30 to watch a tv spy film with David Niven. I watched until about 11 and then I folded.

I got the table set and did other jobs for tomorrow's breakfast so I won't have to be rushed in the morning.

Hot in the daytime and fairly cool at night.

July 29, 1973

I went for my walk for the day and found one more red rose which was good cause I did my table in red and white.

I made the Hungarian coffee cake so it was done by 10. I used my big stainless steel tray and put the scrambled eggs in the middle, then sliced tomatoes on either side, and then kippers at each end. I made melon balls of cantaloupe and honeydew. We had the Heins, Minors and Joyce Menke. It went very well and they left at 12. I cleaned up the dishes and then Don and I sat out in the sun for awhile. I tried to nap but wasn't too successful.

We were going to take Mom to Mike & Eddie's but when the time came she didn't feel up to it. She seems to tire so easily. I also notice that her hearing is failing.

Jenny came over in the evening. Her knee hurt so she propped it up while we played cards. She doesn't have to work tomorrow and she has promised to bring her hammock over cause they aren't using it.

Skip had gone fishing. I fixed a simple supper.

It would be nice to eat just two meals a day.

I wrote to Mike & Donna and Linda. I suppose tomorrow I should get busy on some project. It seems summer is slipping away and there is work to be done.

I was reading at about 9:30 and Don came back out and said he wanted me to come to bed so I bathed hastily and we made love and then he went to sleep. And so it goes.

July 30, 1973

Went for my walk. After breakfast I painted the window frames of Mom's corner window.

Jenny came in the morning and stayed until 3:30 when she had a Dr.'s appointment cause of her knee. I got some glycerin and cut some eucalyptus to see if I could preserve it for that tall deal in the hall.

Tried to get appointments for both Lin & Cathy but Dr. Lorenz is going to be out of town. Then Cathy called to say that she couldn't come this week
cause she didn't have 2 days off. I called Lin and she said that Jason was better and she did go to her Dr. there about her diaphragm.

I got Jenny's hammock and put it in the back yard. It doesn't swing but it is comfortable to lie in.

I had liver for dinner and fresh peaches and a green salad plus artichokes. I feel fat and ugly and yet I am bored and can't seem to stop nibbling food. Mom had a call from Dr. Gibson and I guess she will probably have the X-ray treatments but she wants to wait until after Pauline comes. Since we had not heard from her I called and they had gotten home from Washington the night before but she has the flu and felt lousy so hadn't called. She plans to come out next week. She has Phillip this week.

Naturally Mom got all excited. I too am eager to have her come but I find that as always I am just a little bit jealous too but I should be used to it by now. If I were living with Jenny for example I would be so thrilled to see Linda so I realize it is very natural for her to be excited. I know she will perk up. Monte Betty fixed her toilet bowl tonight so I will try to paint her bedroom floor tomorrow. Tonight I felt bored and sad. Don went to bed early and I stayed up and read "Long Division" about a Jewess getting a divorce and driving around the country with her daughter. Rather strange. Finally to bed.

July 31, 1973

I woke up this morning feeling a little more cheerful. Yesterday I really felt down. I sunbathed for a little while this morning before it go too hot and then I went down town and got a qt. of yellow cement paint and right after lunch I painted Mom's bathroom floor. It turned out very well and was dry before night.

I thawed some chicken breasts and fixed them with sour cream and wine for dinner and then made a chocolate pudding and a dish with fresh vegetables and relishes, fruit, etc. It all tasted very good.

Jenny was here most of the day. Her knee feels better after the shot yesterday. She washed some clothes and she has been reading Ross McDonald and loves him. Another convert!

I read books and magazines. I napped for awhile in the hammock, took a bath and cleaned up and had my hair done and somehow that made me feel better too. I wrote a letter to Cathy and Don got the enlargements back and I sent one off to her of Don and me.

Pauline called and she will be coming in on Sunday at 3:14 to Sacramento. We talked to Philip too cause he was there.

My check didn't come but I suppose it will tomorrow.

Don went to bed early but I read until 10 and then I too went to bed. There was no breeze and it is still hot when I went to bed.
August 1, 1973

Don and I walked to the Jr. High and then I got breakfast. At 15 to 9 I went over to see Alice and talked to her and gave her the $15.00 for my butter lamp. From there I went to Safeway, S & Save and the fruit market.

Mom didn't feel like shopping so I got her things too.

I got home and made lunch. Groceries are really going up. Eggs were 92 cent a dozen I and meat is impossible. Tomatoes were 59 cents a lb!

At 12:30 I went into town and first to the library, then to the Frances Shop but I looked fat in things, then to Biggers, where I got a nice plant for 99 cents, then to the bank to cash my check. My raise figures out to $70.00 more a month take-home pay. There is almost $9000.00 in the savings account.

Got home at 2 and it was hot and I was tired. I fixed dinner and then Don went over to Cinema III to see a James Bond movie. I read a funny book called "Mrs. Shapiro"s Knitting Book". It was very light summer fare. Don got back about 8:15 and then we both went to "A Touch of Class" with George Siegel and Glenda Jackson. It was a bitter/sweet plot about an extra-marital affair, half farce and half serious. It was pretty good and I liked it but it brought back some painful memories. I wonder if Don thought about his affair with Mary Wyle. The man went back to his wife but he still loved the girl. Sometimes I think about that time but usually I don't let myself.

The other day Jenny was talking about such things and she said she couldn't believe she could ever live with a person again if she found out her husband did something like that. I didn't say anything naturally, but I was surely tempted.

August 2, 1973

Went for my walk. I had my graham crax pie crust last night, I had to go over to the Corte house on Hooker Oak to get the key for Mrs. Cawder.

Went home and made the turkey hot dish and did the salad greens. I got lunch and then set the table for tonight.

Decided to make bread and got that done and then washed my hair and sat out on the hammock and read.

Mom didn't feel a bit good today. I tried to fix her little stool with casters but didn't get the right kind so I will have to return them. She gets so tired and so easily upset about things.

The Cheaks came at 6:30 and the dinner went very well. It was all very pleasant and I was so glad. Mom did decide to come and she wore her long mumu and looked pretty and seemed to have a good time.
Jenny and Skip came and she did all the dishes before they left. I am glad I had them.

Then we went to bed and made love in a very exotic way and it was great. I can't understand sometimes how in our 50’s our love-making is about ten times as good as when we were in our 30’s. That is quite an accomplishment!

We talked about money and we figured that next year we will make about $40,000.00 together and our take-home will be about $25,000.00. That is a hell of a lot for taxes, retirement, etc.!

It was really a good day.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.

August 3, 1973

I had said that there was going to be one day when I would just do nothing but that day never seems to come. I keep thinking of errands to run and things to buy and I always seem to have projects.

I went to the library and then to the Fair where for $16.00 I bought a beautiful coral bathing suit that was half price. I had seen it early in the year and liked it so I was very pleased that it was still there. I bought a pair of navy and black Graf slacks for $14.00 each. They were in size 8 and I was pleased to be in that size although I feel fat.

Went to the Salvation Army to find a picture frame and got one but not in the size I wanted. Stopped at Disco and got an orange flower pot that I am going to use in my hanging basket in Don's bathroom.

I got home and made lunch. In the afternoon I took Mom to the bank, to Penney1s and then we went out to Bigger’s and I bought some more plants as did she. I got a funny card to give Don saying that he was sexy. We planned to go out to eat. We were playing cards when the Boyles asked us over for a swim. I put on a mumu and Don took his suit and we had drinks and then asked them to eat with us.

We went to Pinochios and the dinner was o.k. I had a shrimp salad. We came home and went to bed and made love again!sd Very nice but during the night I couldn't sleep so I got up and had a glass of tea outside and finally about 2 I got to sleep. Not a good night. I guess I drank too much.

Got a letter from Cathy today and she sounds as if it is hot there and she is tired. I think the place they are living is just to inconvenient but I don't think it would do any good to say anything.

Well, it was quite a day.
August 4, 1973

I got up feeling quite lousy and I was touchy and irritable most of the day. Pauline called to say she couldn't get on the earlier plane and will be in Sacramento tomorrow at 8:55 p.m. which will bring her here very late.

I did clean the whole house although I will dust tomorrow and water the plants.

I took Mora to Colliers for her castors and finally she got what she wanted although not there but at Sprouse Reitz. I got a Maxi hair dryer with blue chip stamps. We stopped at the delicatessen and I got cheeses and cream cheese dressing.

Came home and made lunch and then I got gas for the car. Don sunbathed and didn't do any work today. I took a nap and finished a book which wasn't very good. It got very hot.

I went over to feed Jessee cause Skip and Jenny went to Lake Oraville.

I heated up the leftover hot dish for dinner and made brownies. I got the hanging basket up in the bedroom with the 2 grape ivy plants in it and it looks nice.

I was cross and snappy and that is really not like me. Jenny and Skip came over in the evening very sunburned to have brownies.

Don and I went for a ride. We saw a deal on tv about living on a farm and raising vegetables and suddenly Don wanted to buy some land so we went looking. We will never do it I suppose. I never seem to find what I want.

I need a picture frame 17x17 and can't find one naturally.

I should write Cathy and Mike but am not in the mood. It is now about 9 pm but I don't want to go to bed yet although Don is already in. I think I will read for awhile yet.

August 5, 1973

A beautiful morning. Mom and I went to church at 8. Came home and sat out in the sun as did Don. I read and dozed.

I really didn't do much today. Made a very simple dinner with hamburger patties and lots of fresh vegetables.

Potted some little pistachio seedlings that I found in the border and hope to make a house plant out of them. We had a drink before dinner and Don talked about buying land again with great excitement. I told him I would go along but I wasn't going to get all in a tizzy about it cause last year at this time we were just as excited about buying a place in the Santa Rosa area. I hope I didn't hurt his feelings.
It is certainly nice to have a drink before dinner and chat. I would like to do that every night.

The Chronicle said this morning that women should be pleasingly plump and they cited Cleopatra, Reuben's paintings, etc. Boy it would be nice if fat was beautiful. I wouldn't have to worry all the time about my weight.

Don left for Sacramento at 7 and Jenny came over with her wash and she started it and I will finish it tomorrow. Mom and I read in the backyard and then I bathed and did my hair and dried it with my new Max hair dryer.

Pauline and Don got here at 11. I was watching some bad tv movie. Yes, she is wearing her hair down her back just hanging. I don't know why I like it or not. She looks very trim and is just as vivacious as ever.

Mom was up and we talked until 12 and then went to bed. Don was very tired so he went to bed right away. She thought the house looked lovely and naturally, that pleased me. I hope the visit will make Mom happy but I am sure it will.

Aug. 6, 1973

Up early for my walk. Made breakfast and made an appointment to have my hair cut on Wed. at 8 am.

During the morning I went down to the Salvation Army. I had looked at a frame which the woman was going to charge $2.00 for. Today that woman was not there and another woman said I could have it for 35 cents! I took it but it still isn't right for my orange picture but it is still good to have.

Pauline sunbathed for awhile. I finished washing Jenny's clothes and she came to pick them up after work and saw Pauline.

I had chicken breasts in wine and sour cream, green salad, and carrots with slice peaches for dessert. I splurged and opened a can of coconut syrup and we had chi-chi's before dinner. I really love them!

I went to Heins and got their projector and after a great deal of work we finally got them in the right was and looked at the slides George took while he was here. Mother thought that we all just looked terrible and was upset. We visited for awhile and then Mom and Don went to bed and Pauline and I stayed up and talked on the patio until 10.

We talked about books and children and the Watergate and many other things. It was very nice. Pauline will be glad to stay with Mom so we are going to San Francisco on Thursday and will come back on Saturday.

Don had written to Chamberlins and they invited us down so he called them and we will go out to dinner with them on Thursday night. It will be ok I guess but I am not too excited about going to the city but that is his idea of a holiday so I won't argue.
August 7, 1973

Don didn't run but I did my walk and brought home some roses. Cooked breakfast and then took Mom and Pauline to Fabric West so P. could buy some material and patterns. I got some orange and white paper and when we got home I matted my orange picture and put it in the light bedroom and we used the UNESCO Christmas cards with orange mounting and put them in a small frame.

It was a beautiful day. Sunny and breezy. Pauline cut out the wrap-around skirt out of black and white checked material. Both she and Mom took naps and I thawed an apple pie and baked it and made a shrimp salad to stuff tomatoes.

 Called Lin this morning to tell her that we would see her on Thursday morning.

Maurice Carpenter called and he and his wife will be coming by next week and Monday night we are going to Oroville to have dinner with Pete Gibson, his new wife and his Mother.

I am smoking too many cigarettes these days! I took Pauline to see Dr. Gibson at 4:30 and he convinced her that Mom should have X-ray treatments and I think she will be able to talk Mom into it.

We all had a drink before dinner (wow! this is getting to be a habit!) and then we ate. Don went to bed very early and Jenny came by and we watched Hawaii 5-0. It was pretty good. She had a shot in her knee, this time by Dr. Simpson and hopefully it will help. After she went home P. & I visited and then to bed.

August 8, 1973

Don got up at 4 and I couldn't get back to sleep so I got up finally at 5 and exercised and then dusted and straightened and then went for my walk.

I got my hair cut at 8 and then went grocery shopping with Mom.

The Lucky store opened and it was nothing very exciting. We went to our regular stores to shop.

Pauline sewed on her black and white dress. Jenny got off work at noon so I picked her up and she had lunch with us and then I took her home.

George sent some more slides and a viewer and some of these Mom liked. I sunbathed a bit and read in the back yard.

Had ham, potato salad, tomatoes, brocoli and blueberry crisp for dinner. I went over to the mall to see if I could find a navy blue top to wear with my slacks but couldn't find anything I liked or that matched. I guess I will have to make something in a contrast.
I packed our things but I can't get very excited about this trip. Went to bed fairly early.

August 9, 1973

Disaster!

The day started out wrong and never got any better. I got up early and got dressed but Don couldn't get started so he decided we would have breakfast here instead of the Nut Tree, although he likes to do that so much.

We stopped for gas part way and he thinks someone has been stealing gas cause the tank was under half-empty.

We stopped at Linda's and she and Jason were with us to lunch and we couldn't agree on where to eat at Fisherman's Wharf. I ordered clam chowder and mine didn't come until they were through eating.

We went to DeYoung to see the Andrew Wyeth exhibition and they wouldn't let us take the stroller in so we had to carry Jason. We dropped Lin off and went to the hotel (St. Francis) and for $37.00 we got a very lousy room.

By then I had a headache. I looked at the stores while Don napped. By then we didn't feel festive somehow. It took us 1 ½ hours to get to Woodside through terrible traffic and when we got to the Chamberlaines I felt they were less than warm and Park seemed worried about his health and distant and then we talked about Watergate and they had all kinds of rationalizations from the past so it was embarrassing.

We went to LaBerge and the food was good but the conversation languished and finally Don started talking about his book and I realized it was to have something to talk about but he stayed on it too loud and too long.

I finally suggested that we leave and I think that made him mad but they looked so tired I thought we should bring it to a close. We were very distant on the way back and then suddenly I didn't feel well. I wanted to cry and I felt shaky and distraught and then that really capped it so we went to sleep (?) in chilly silence in the little lousy room. What a ghastly day.

I think we were both to blame. I wanted to do something different and Don doesn't like to sightsee. I am just going to refuse to go again. This is it.

August 10, 1973

When we woke up Don said we were going home this morning instead of staying through Saturday as we had planned so there went seeing the Japanese Cultural Center, etc., so we packed and then went to breakfast
and I really felt ill so came back and went to the bathroom and then we left, getting to Lin's about 9:15 and she was going to go with us but didn't want to leave on Friday so that made Don mad too.

We drove home practically in silence and got here about 12:30.

Of course there had to be a lot of explanations to both Mom and Pauline. Don refused to eat lunch. We both napped in the afternoon and then I made ham salad sandwiches, soup and had some cottage cheese, etc.

After dinner I went over to Lucky Store and bought Mom a beautiful fern for $8.00 cause I had planned to buy her one at Cost Plus and we didn't go there.

Wayne Menke came over for awhile and we visited. We watched tv for awhile. I went to bed about 10.

Lin called to say she was getting a ride up with Royal but then she called later to say that they were very late so they probably wouldn't come tonight but tomorrow. I wish I had been able to talk to Don about the trip and what went wrong.

I had wanted to take Saturday and drive up the coast to Santa Rosa and see the ocean and something beautiful. Maybe stop and get gravensteins, etc. but unless we do just exactly the same thing each time Don can't handle it so I am bitter inside and I have to admit it but I suppose he is disappointed too.

We spent a lot of money and had a miserable time!

Bees are swarming in the back yard.

August 11, 1973

There is a feeling of fall in the air in the morning, and in the evening too really. One begins to think about fall clothes and a fire in the evening.

I went to the fruit stand and loaded up honeydew & cantelope, grapes, pears, plums, etc. Bought gravensteins and made a huge apple pie.

Lin and Jason arrived about noon and they were both just fine. Pauline thought Jason was very sweet. I took Pauline to run some errands and she bought an end-curl permanent so I did her hair.

Everyone sunbathed as if it were the last day the sun was going to shine.

I made meatloaf, squash, green salad, etc. for dinner. Skip had gone fishing again so Jenny came over and had dinner with us. Priss and Scotty stopped over for a little while to bring Don some forms to fill out in case we wanted to go to China. Hah!
They were fine. After dinner we put Jason to bed and Don went to bed early and then we got out the Kalula that Pauline had bought and we sipped and talked and finally J. had to go home cause she had to work tomorrow. I think it is going to be very hard for Mom tomorrow when Pauline goes home. It has been a very nice visit.

It is still the old Mary-Martha routine but I really don't mind any more and I used to just terribly. So one finally becomes philosophical about things. She is so gay and so much fun and I am the dull one that cooks and cleans and thinks of the practical things. So be it.

I called the sheriff about the bees in the back yard and he gave me a list of names of some people who were supposed to come out but they didn't come.

August 12, 1973

This was quite a day. The three of us went to 8 am Mass. Father Fagan introduced Pauline and it was all very friendly although Mom got pretty tired.

We came home and changed our clothes. Jason & Lin went up to Yakiches for breakfast. The bees have settled in the pyracoutha bush and the hive is huge!

Steve knows a man who can take care of them so he came over with him and it was all very exciting. He put on a bee hat, gloves, etc. and got them into a have but it took quite awhile. We all watched.

He is a Yugoslav too and very friendly. He had seen Don on a tv show and liked him. Pauline and Don left for Sacramento about 10 and Don got back at 2.

The bees sort of distracted Mom. In mid-afternoon Mom suddenly got a terrible pain in her chest, got very pale and felt ill so I called Dr. Gibson and he came out. He was very nice. I went to Longs and got her some antiacid pills and he gave her a prescription for pain pills. She seemed fine and felt better by evening.

I made her milk toast and tea for dinner. Linda is lonesome for David. She called him. It is just that she finds it hard to get along with Gail and they are together all day. I think Dave will be getting in a month and then they will come back here and hopefully find a job and a house.

Jenny was going to come over but she was tired so slept after work. Tom & Thea came over to see Lin. They left and after while Don and I made lovew. I really wasn't in the mood but once we got started it was fine.

By evening it was cool again. It was a long complicated day. I dread the months ahead. I realize it is going to be a difficult time for Mora, Don and me.
Monday, August 13 1973

Well, Pauline is gone but Lin & Jason are still here. Much as I enjoy them I find I get upset by the mess. Food on the floor, dirty diapers in the toilet, etc. but still it isn't all that bad it's just that I seem to be pretty up tight these days.

I took mom to Dr. Thomas at Enloe hospital at 2:30 and we were there until 4. I really didn't like him all that well. Somehow he seemed to feel that anyone 81 years old was just naturally senile and he was condescending to me so neither one of us was impressed.

They took a chest X-ray and she had to wait around and got very tired. The treatments will start on Wed. and then starting next week there will be 4 a week on Monday, Tues. and Friday. He says probably from 12 to 20 treatments. I get more and more dubious about the whole thing. I just wish Pauline had been here for yesterday afternoon and today.

It is so easy to come in and get everyone all fired up and then leave. Mom had milk toast for dinner and L & J had scrambled eggs.

I got dressed in my summer mumu and we drove to Oroville to have dinner with Halley, Pete and Sharon Gibson, It was very pleasant and we had an excellent dinner with huge T-bone steaks and the conversation was exciting cause each one seemed to have a really good story to tell.

Sharon is an Eng. doctor and she wants to be able to practice in the U.S. but the rules are so complicated that I don't think she has much chance.

We drove home with a full moon overhead and it was very nice.

I wrote to Cathy this am and Mike and Donna called. They wanted the recipe for macaroni salad and then they visited and Mike was so sweet.

Tuesday August 14, 1973

We slept in until 7:20! Very unusual. I guess Jason had been congested in the night but he was fine today.

Lin and J went to Yakiches for breakfast. Alice came over at 9:30 and we chatted a bit and she brought me a pattern. I had to tell her that I couldn't go with her for the day at Grass Valley to look at antiques. I had been planning on this but I shouldn't leave Mom right now.

Jenny was off today and she is having a lot of tests to try to find out about her headaches.

I went to Ann Roods to get a list of names of women who might be able to come stay with Mom once school starts. I think she thought that having the X-rays is a mistake. I really didn't know what to do. Well, we will go tomorrow anyway and then see what happens.
Lin left on the noon plane with Jason. Jenny took her out. I started working on the house and I vacummmed and changed sheets, washed clothes, washed the kitchen floor and now everything is all back to normal.

Maurice Carpenter and his wife are to be here late Thursday afternoon and then the Cowdens are due in about Friday or Saturday.

I made cream cheese sauce on toast with sliced tomatoes for dinner. My stomach didn't feel good today. I hope it was the wine last night.

Nixon is to give a tv speech tomorrow declaring his innocence. Don and I played cards and then I took Mom for a ride up to Cohasset and that was pleasant.

So fairly early to bed. At the moment I am discouraged about everything. I wonder what life will be like a year from today? Will the book be long laid to rest? What about Mom? What about the children?

Cathy called and she was fine. She has a phone now.

Wednesday, August 15, 1973

I did my walk, neetened up the house and went for my dental appointment at 9:30. Dr. Chamberlain thinks maybe he can find 2 cavities. He will let me know.

I came home and Mom and I went grocery shopping. By the time I got home it was lunchtime. I was going to make bread but decided that I wouldn't be done by 4 and that was when I was to take Mom for her X-ray treatments so I put it off.

We went at 4 and it took an hour. I thought she was most willing to go along with it this time. She has to be on a bland diet and they warned that she would have trouble swallowing in a few weeks. She will probably have from 12 - 20 treatments. If she has 4 a week that should be done by the middle of Sept. I don't know how she is going to react to this.

I had sauted kidneys for dinner and they were really pretty good. Better than liver I thought and really cheap.

I made my bread but since it was getting cool outside it was10 pm before it was cooked.

Don and I both read until bedtime, tomorrow the Carpenters aare due.

We go back to the Dr. tomorrow at 1. It was a beautiful day. It got hot in the afternoon but it didn't last long.

Nixon talked at 6 and told us all that he was innocent and that Congress was spending too much time on Watergate and should get on with the business at hand. Hah!
Thursday, August 16, 1973

Got up and picked roses. Made breakfast. Swept the patio and neatened up the house.

I took Mom for her X-ray at 1 pm today and she had to wait 15 minutes and then the treatment took 15 minutes so it was much better than yesterday.

I got the rest of the dinner made having done the gr. crak pie last night. I fixed the game hens, baked potatoes on the half shell and washed the salad greens. I set the table and put on a long gown and they arrived about 5:15.

Cathy called to ask for the recipe for ch. pudding. I liked Maurice Carpenter's wife, Marryanna very much. She is from South Carolina and talks very much like a southerner but it ends there since she has been involved in the civil rights movement etc. We ate about 7 and then sat and talked for awhile and then went outside and sat on the patio and visited.

Maurice hopes to get a job in the Sacramento area. I finally got tired and said I was going to bed and the rest followed fairly soon.

The big news of the day was a letter from Tante You after all these years! We had just been talking about her last week (probably at the time she was writing the letter). Her daughter is coming to California in 2 weeks and then in Jan. she plans to come to stay so I wrote her right away and told her to come when her daughter does and stay with us. I wish she would stay with us and help take care of Mom for awhile. But even if she does not want to do that it will be wonderful to see her again.

Friday, August 17, 1973

We got up at the usual time but the Carpenters slept in. Don said he would play tennis with Maurice so at 8:30 he woke him and they went off to play. Marryanna then got up and I fixed her melon and coffee but when the men got back they wanted a real breakfast so I fixed bacon and eggs for all.

At 11 we were still sitting around the table and Johanna Cowden called from Reno so we sort of shooshed the Carpenters out the door (they were leaving anyway) and I started in on the next group.

Washed the sheets, neatened things up and then I made 3-bean salad and macaroni salad and washed greens for tossed salad, made a chocolate bundt cake and frosted it.

Took Mom for her X-ray treatment, made the hamburger patties, went to the fruit stand and bought lots of fruit that I put on a huge dish with grape leaves under.

They got here about 5:30. Jenny was here to help cause Skip had gone fishing. Just 3 of the girls came cause one hurt her heel and is flying
out on Sunday. Her parents were with them too. I liked everyone. They enjoyed the dinner and then they went to look at the house and they thought it was just fine so the whole thing went well.

I sent food back to the motel with them since they decided not to stay here. We went to bed at 9 and made love in a glorious fashion, got up and talked for while and then to sleep.

Lin called today and has stopped smoking for 3 days. Jason is using his duck more consistently.

I hope now that entertaining is over. I told Don that the hotel would be closed after Labor Day!

Saturday, August 18, 1973

This was really not a very exciting day. I read the Sunday Chronicle sketchily, cooked up a chicken breast and some carrots for Mom, and we ate leftovers so I really didn’t have to do much cooking.

I wrote to the 3 children away from home nice long letters and I sunbathed a little, read a little, went to Hubbards and got a new plant for the planter on the patio and moved the ground cover that was in the back to the place where the camelia bushes were. I hope it will be willing to grow again. I have moved it so many times.

Don checked on the Cowders and they are getting settled. She bought 5 beds today!

Jenny went to Sacramento and bought shoes and 2 pairs of sweaters. She called in the evening to tell us she was back and she had had a good time. She went with a girlfriend and Skip went hunting.

I took another walk in the evening and even got Mom to take a short walk. It was really a rather dull day. We have had so much company that when noone is coming I feel rather let down. Strange.

Beautiful evening. We sat on the patio for awhile. 3 more day and then work.

I wrote to Pauline in the evening. I think that I resent her right now and I must work on this cause it isn't good for me to feel angry that I am stuck with the whole thing and she gets off scott free of all the worry and responsibility.

That is just the way it is and I must learn to handle it.

Sunday, August 19, 1973

Took my walk, made breakfast and then went to church at 8. Came home and pulled out all of Mom's cosmo's along the north fence and got them out to the garbage.
Sat in the sun and read and then made lunch. Beautiful day. X made a batch of brownies and we took them over to the Cowdens. Their daughter Sandi was coming into Sacramento by plane and the grandparents went down to get her but she missed the connection so they called her to let us know and we called Joanna.

We came back and I fixed a roast beef and washed potatoes, salad jello and the rest of the brownies. Mom ate with us and Jenny came over too. After dinner I took her home and saw the clothes she had bought in Sacramento.

In the evening we read and then we watched "Mash" which is always very funny and so to bed.

Tomorrow I hope to put in some peonies from Jenny's yard in the borders where I took out Mom's cosmos.

Pauline called and I told her how difficult it was for Mom to have the treatments and she was very surprised. I am afraid I didn't soften it one bit! She then talked to Mom and I guess Mom also told her how terrible she felt. I had written her a letter today and told her about the whole thing.

Tomorrow I will have to start to look for someone who might come in by the day to be with Mom.

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Set out Peonies

Monday, August 20, 1973

There were clouds this morning so it made for a beautiful sunrise. I picked just a few roses and when I got back Don was eating breakfast. I swept the patio and then put water on the area where I hope to put the peonies.

I washed all the clothes that I will be wearing once school starts and then I started calling people to see if I could find someone to come in. The name that Ann Rood gave me were no help cause the phones had been disconnected.

Mom seems very weak today. I got the number of the woman who worked for Mrs. Lemke and I talked to Alice about Mike Rupert's Mother. It is all so complicated. The lady who works for Mrs. Lemke called back and said she couldn't do it.

After dinner I went over to Jenny's and dug up a lot of peonies and I followed the directions I had read in a magazine and dug 12" deep holes but I didn't have steer manure so I will have to finish them tomorrow.
I took a bath and then sat down with Harper's and there was an article about 2 women and their feelings for each other and I found myself so aroused that when we got in bed I initiated love making and it was great. Boy, I guess I am a bit on the erotic side but at least I didn't make any overtures to a woman!

Cathy called and she was up on cloud 9 cause she had seen a baby born at the hospital and she was so thrilled she just had to call and tell me about it.

The forest fires are very bad around where she is.

Tuesday, August 21, 1973

I walked, had breakfast and then went to Diamond Nat'l for steer manure. I came home and put a handful of bonemeal in 9 holes, then built up a volcano shaped thing and put in the peony bulbs and then put a bit of steer manure on the top. I ended up with 24 plantings. Now if they grow I will certainly be pleased.

I took Mom at 1 and then after I brought her home I went downtown and took my navy slacks back to the Fair cause I couldn't find anything to match them and I looked at clothes but couldn't find anything I liked.

Came home and Don came in and said let's have a drink and then go to "The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing". So, I had 2 drinks (wow) and off we went. The movie was very bad and I was sad cause it could have been so good.

we had grilled cheese sandwiches and I will have my turkey hotdish tomorrow night.

Mom made arrangements at the hospital to have the Cancer Society pick her up for her treatments so I won't have to do it after school.

We watched tv for awhile and then to bed. I just must either get into TAC or start exercising. I am getting big in the rear and in the stomach. Ugh!!

Back to work!!!

Wednesday, August 22, 1973

My first day back at work. I picked some yellow roses to take and busied myself around the house until 9. I took the pictures I had mounted from the Nut Tree and my UN Postcards that I put on orange paper and I just barely got things up when the students started to pour in and I was busy the whole day until 4.

I came home for lunch and Mom was ok. Mary & Steve had been over and brought pears and grapes. They stayed quite awhile and that tired her.
A letter from Pauline so I wrote a note right away cause she wanted to know some things about hair rinse, etc. Smoked only 13 cigarettes today. I am really going to work on cutting down.

Made a lousy dinner with leftover turkey and then I went grocery shopping. Noma had been over in the afternoon so Mom didn't feel up to going. I bought baby food and Instant Breakfast and other bland things for her.

When I got back Jenny was here and she had been to Paradise to a sale on flat knits and had bought material. We watched Sonny and Cher and then I went to bed. It is very cool at the moment, chilly in fact.

Well, I suppose it is ok to be back at work but I realize now how much I enjoyed the summer. The birds have a special call and the leaves are falling and the change of seasons is upon us.

Thursday, August 23, 1973

It is just plain cold! I heard a robin this morning so I suppose they are moving south again having stopped here in Feb. on their way north, now they are making their trip south again.

Got to school and was busy all day talking to students many of whom are new so I think we are going to have a lot of students and where we are going to have them all is going to be a problem.

The Gillilands were in about Mike, but the rest were students.

Came home for lunch and Mom said a young woman called who had been contacted by Father Fagan and that she would be here at 4:30.

I got home and made a good dinner - fried ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh pear salad, fresh green beans and coconut cake. The Woman and she is as pretty as a picture and Mom decided to have her come starting Monday. I just hope it will work out.

After dinner I went to the Mall and finally found a pair of blue slacks at The Fashion. I looked so fat and pudgy in the mirrors in the dressing rooms that I asked Don and Mom and they both said it would be ok for me to go to TAC so I will start on Saturday.

While I was gone Lin and Cathy called from San Francisco. Cathy was visiting and I guess they were having a good time. We called Mike and Donna and Matt starts to school on Monday and Ty has 2 teeth and is pulling himself up. Since Jenny called too we heard from everyone.

We went to bed about 9. It was too early but we were both tired since Don had gotten up early. Very chilly in the evening.

Friday, August 24, 1973
I didn't go to the Jr. High this morning. It was rather cloudy and cold and we got up later than usual.

Went to school at 9. Business wasn't very heavy today. The Griners made an appointment at 4 and didn't get there until 4:30 on Friday afternoon yet!. I was annoyed but I don't think I showed it.

Mom found it much easier today going to the hospital. This lady from the cancer society was very nice.

Jenny was here when I got home. She was doing her wash and offered to stay with Mom while we went out to dinner. Skip has gone hunting again. I am really upset about that set-up. If I were Jenny I would be fed up and maybe she is but just doesn't say anything about it.

We left for Paradise early so we could stop at the fruit stand up there and I got apples, cucumbers, limes, melons, etc. and then on up to Pinnochios where we met Ellen Rockwell. I had shrimp, Don lobster and Ellen oysters. It was very pleasant but I felt stuffed.

We got home and Jenny went home. We went to bed. End of day.

Saturday, August 25, 1973

Got up and went for my walk. Picked some roses and then came home and made breakfast. I really felt pretty lousy but I decided to go to TAC anyway.

I got there about 8:30 and was the first person there. I paid my $32.00 and started exercising. It felt good to be doing it again but my measurements were terrible. 27" waist! I have to do something about that!!

I came home and did some errands for Mom, made lunch and sat outside in the afternoon for awhile and read in the hammock.

Went over and checked out the new K-Mart. Never have I seen so much cheap shoddy merchandise under one roof.

Mom really feels pretty lousy these days.

I made steak, cukes and tomatoes and a very good cabbage salad with a new dressing I tried. Mom had mild toast. I went over to check after dinner and she was laying down. She rests a great deal.

Watched tv tonight which is rather unusual for me. Had a sip of Triple Sec. I like it! I have been buying liquers lately just for the fun of it. I figure if meat is too high to buy I now stock up on something fun for a change! Each week I add another one and since we drink so little of it I should have quite a supply before meat comes down!

Went to bed after a nice hot bath and made nice hot love. The days are beautiful with a warm sun and magnificent sunrises and sunsets. Just
enough clouds to have some drama in the sky instead of an inverted bowl of blue.

I know the rains will come eventually but right now is just about perfect.

Sunday, August 26, 1973

It was another beautiful day. Each one seems to be better than the last one.

I didn’t get up too early so I didn't go to church. I made bread that turned out very well and Jenny got off at noon so she came for lunch.

Then we went to the Mall and I bought material for my top and I will pay Jenny to make it. We went to K-Mart and she bought a new fern.

I made a chocolate mousse and it turned out to be delicious.

I took Mom for a ride in the afternoon and then put my dinner together. I had roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, brocolli, tomatoes and cukes and the choc, mousse. ALL very good.

Jenny came for dinner but then went home. She called later to say that Skip had shot an antelope!! I have no idea what antelope tastes like.

I went for a walk in the evening as well as the morning and exercised while I watched tv. Wow! am I stiff from TAC!

To be and to sleep.

Monday, August 27, 1973

This was really rather an unpleasant day all around. The woman Jenny Franks was to come at 10. Well she arrived at 8 and when I came home for lunch Mom came over and said she was so tired cause the girl talked all the time and she couldn't rest and she is very religious and talks about "Charlie all the time. I told Mom I would talk to her somehow and went back to school.

It was very busy there. Mom was so upset and her leg ached so much that she didn't go for her X-ray treatment today.

When I got home after school Mom was just about distraught. Mrs. Mauer and Holmberg had been over to visit and they plus Mrs. Frank was just too much. After talking abou it at great length with Mom I offered to call Jenny Frank and tell her not to come back. This I did and it wasn't exactly pleasant but it went ok I guess.

Then Mom felt guilty cause she had cancelled out but she shouldn't have to listen to stories about cancer every day and she is too sophisticated for this young girls attitude toward religion.
Jenny came over and brought us some antelope liver. I gave up and went to bed far too early but I just couldn't take any more problems for today.

I did buy Mom a sheepskin pad cause her hip hurts so much. It cost $19.00. Lois Hein came over to have me check on some books that Sally took from the library and a pair of scissors from the Homemaking Dept. I hate to have to check on these things but I will.

Tuesday, August 28, 1973

Well, today was better. Mom went for her treatment, she rested a lot and didn't say her leg hurt so much today so I think for the time being she can be by herself and later we will try to get an older lady.

Today was registration and really it went much better than sometimes. The last group went in at 1:30 so we were done by 3 and I left. I am afraid it will be different tomorrow for the sophomores however.

I came home and Don was here and we started figuring again about how much we would have for retirement and what our expenses would be and could we manage. I always get excited but rather panicky too when this come up.

At 4:30 I went to Dr. Rickey and he thinks that I have a fungus on my heels and will have to check it out. I am to call tomorrow.

After dinner I went to TAC for about a half hour and then I watched tv. A movie called The Class of '63, about a reunion and it wasn't great but it was OK and I stayed up until 10 and that made more sense that last night.

I checked on the books and scissors for Lois and they were missing so now Sally is in trouble.

Called Linda and they will be here on the 8th of Sept. and then they will decide whether to go to Tahoe or stay here. I just hope they can find a place to live here cause I will get too tired if they are here for very long.

It got hot in the afternoon and we turned on the air conditioning.

The Dr. told Mom she was about half done with the treatments.

August 29, 1973

Today was really a busy day. In the morning I had appointments from 8:15 to 9:30 and then there was sophomore orientation.

I then went home and had lunch and came back at 12 for sophomore registration which lasted until 4:15 or at least that is when I left. Naturally, Marian, et. al. stayed until 5:30 or some such horrible time.
I was really pretty tired cause they had on loud music and the kids were noisy but still they were fine about the whole thing and some really didn't get what they wanted but they were good about it.

I put the tuna salad together and then we went to Scotts for a drink cause David was here with his children while Ann was taking her orals. I had a vodka tonic and then we came home and had dinner.

I had promised Mom I would get the groceries and she needed some things so I had to go to the stores. I didn't buy too much but I got what she needed at least.

Came home and Jenny was here with my top. It looks ok but still it looks homemade and I don't want to hurt her feelings but it just isn't too great. It isn't quite long enough and it looks kind fo bulky. I don't think I will have her make another one.

Thursday, August 30, 1973

Back to school again this morning but at least there wasn't the push today that has been going on the last 2 days. I worked on the decision making course.

Stopped off at noon and got chicken breasts at Wentz and then at 3:15 I left and went to Gages and Sam cut my hair. It looks very nice. Sam wants to give me a permanent on the 22nd of Sept.

I made the chicken with sour cream and wine, baked potatoes, corn and green salad. Watered the garden. It was hot this afternoon and we had on the air conditioner for awhile but then it clouded over a bit and so we opened things up.

We went over to the Heins at 7:30 for Carl's birthday. Lois had made a black forest torte that was very rich and very good. I probably ate about 3,000 calories!

Came home and said goodnight to Mom and then took a bath and went to bed and made love. That was fine. Don set the alarm for 4 and 4:30 I woke at 3 and couldn't sleep so I got up and exercised and cleaned the big bathroom and dusted the other bedrooms and still Don didn't wake up so I sent back to bed.

It got so cold that it felt good to cuddle up to Don so it is getting to be fall. It was hard to get up at 7 the second time around.

Friday, August 31, 1973

The last day of the month. There really wasn't all that much to do at school. I got ready for my class and then I took my check and went to the bank and cashed it. I have extra money in the checking account in case Cathy needs extra.
A Ronnie Delisle had called some time ago. She is Dr. Simpson's sister, a divorce from Albany, New York who knew Katie Newbold and she told her to call. So we invited her over for a drink. She was very friendly and nice but she was obviously lonely and she stayed well after 6 just talking. I felt bad that there are so many lonely people in the world.

We had a simple dinner and then Mom seemed to feel pretty good so we went over to the Mall and she looked at material and enjoyed being out. In fact she acted very much like herself and she said that she should go out more often. Since these treatments started she has not really gone anywhere but hopefully once they are over she will feel more like herself.

We went to bed early. Don finished the cleaning so I didn't have to do that.

Saturday, September 1, 1973

I got up and went for a walk and then at 9 I went to TAC only to discover that they were closed today and Monday.

I took my shoes to be dyed and then had to wait until 9:30 for the stores to open. I walked through the plaza and a man came up and held out his hand and said his name was Ron and asked me to sit down and talk! I thanked him and said no.

I went to the Fair and bought a navy blue long sleeved body suit to wear with slacks and then I found a very cute Kelly green top and couletts in cotton. They were on sale and I couldn't resist for next summer.

When I got home Jenny was here. She had liked the specialist from San Francisco be he didn't have any remedy for her headaches. She is to take something every night for a month and then will go and report.

I went over to Priss' and got some books and visited with the Scotts for awhile and then made a light supper of scrambled eggs and did a pkg. mix of a Pillsbury coffee cake.

I started a mystery after dinner and finished it before I went to bed at 10. Linda called to say that they would be up on the 8th and we were to start looking for a house. I saw some in the paper tonight but didn't know if I should follow through or not. I will check at school too. It will be fine for them to stay here for awhile but I get uptight about that very quickly.

The wind really blew today and managed to make the house very dusty and just after we had cleaned. Damm!

Don went to Asers and bought a whole lot of yellow towels to bright for his bathroom so I took them back and got orange ones.
Sunday, September 2, 1973

I got up and went to Mass at 8. Came home and washed clothes and sat in the sun for awhile.

I boiled potatoes and made a banana cream pie.

Mom has been having trouble going to the bathroom and I tried giving her an enema today but with no luck but I got water all over her sheets and then put them in the dryer and some kind of burnt oil appeared on them. What a mess! I didn't think I would ever have been good about being a nurse. I really don't like the messy parts of illness.

It was a lovely day and there was no wind. Jenny came over a couple of times. She is sewing again. They left this evening for the cabin to stay for the week.

We had hotdogs for dinner. I was suddenly touchy and cross and I don't know why exactly. Don doesn't feel well. Thinks he has an ulcer again. I am not surprised. That dammed book is driving him crazy. Will it ever be done??

I wrote very poor letters to the family. Just not in the mood I guess. I sometimes feel so much of what I do is duty-type things and I really don't want to do them. That is a bad way to be.

We watched MASH and McCloud and then I bathed and went to bed.

Pauline called but I was writing letters and Mom answered the phone and I didn't talk.

Maybe tomorrow will be better - I hope so.

Monday, September 3, 1973

Well, today somehow was better. I had a rather frantic feeling cause school starts tomorrow so I washed the windows in the dining and kitchen area, potted some plants, ironed some clothes and neatened up the house.

I hastily read a book that I had checked out at the library and since they are due this week I then set them all out.

Don came home for lunch and then he rested for awhile before getting to work on the book. By 8:15 pm he had finished the chapter he was on. He still has 2 chapters to go and as he sees it now he will need 2 more months and by Christmas it should be out of his hair. But what a long haul!

In the afternoon I took Mom for a little ride and then we went over to the Mall and she bought some material for a top that Jenny will make her.
I made salmon loaf, baked potatoes, jello and green beans for dinner. I took a walk after dinner over to the Jr. High with Mom.

I really can't believe that classes start tomorrow. I am not really in the mood. I wish I had something new to wear. I think that would help somehow.

Well I took my bath and then went into bed and we made love and it was very nice and I went to sleep and didn't dream or get uptight so maybe it will go ok the first day. Sounds like a bad tv commercial.

Tuesday, September 4, 1973

Well, the first day of school is now over. I got up at 5:45 and pinned up my hair after washing it but it was just a little too curly. I will have to work on this. By evening it looked great.

I got to school and all was hectic as it always is on the first day. There was the assembly and then shortened classes. Tomorrow we go on a regular schedule. I kept my class for just a little while. Tomorrow I will start in earnest. We met after school and by that time I was really tired.

I got home and Mom really felt very ill. She had vomited and was very weak and shaken. I just hope she can make it until Saturday ok cause then I will be here for 3 days and then Lin will be here.

Don came home hurt cause just about one half the history faculty had showed up for the first dept. meeting.

I made a very simple dinner with chicken livers and a grapefruit salad. Then I got the groceries for my 3-bean salad and went to TAC but that wasn't good either cause it was smelly and hot and I went through the motions but that was all. I may postpone the rest of it until Mom feels better.

I don't think I will go to the woman faculty deal tomorrow after all. We watched 2 hours of the energy crisis thing and then to bed.

I am really worried about Mom but surely once the treatments are over she will feel more like herself. I don't know if it will be better or worse when the kids are here. We will see.

Wednesday, September 5, 1973

These days go by slowly, very slowly! I got to school at 7:30 and was really busy until lunchtime. New students, old students, everyone wanting some class that is full or they want to make a complicated change of schedule.

Had lunch and then went to my E class and was in the midst of things and who walks in but Mr. A.! Fortunately the old adrenelin started working
and I did ok and the kids were great but I felt like a limp noodle when it was over. I am not sure I could be that good every day, but I suppose I can try!

Went back to the office for another hour and then came home and Mom had had company all afternoon so she took a nap. I decided not to go to the faculty woman's dinner at Emma's so Alice came and picked up my salad.

I cooked Don a mexican dinner and I had some 3-bean salad and toast but I did make brownies and I ate too many of those.

After dinner I went grocery shopping. I saw Ann Rood and she said Mom just shouldn't allow herself to be in pain and she should take as many pills as necessary so when I came home I told Mom this and now maybe she will take them.

Jenny got back from the mountains and she has decided to learn to shoot with a gun and a bow and arrow! I guess she is figuring if you can't fight them, join them and that is probably wise.

I read a bit and then took a bath and was in bed by 10. I am really worried about Mom and I find that it is very exhausting to be in a stew about it all the time and I don't sleep well.

I have decided to give up TAC for the moment and spend my evening here. I will just have to exercise here.

Thursday, September 6, 1973

I can't believe it is just Thursday. This week has lasted a month or so it seems and there is still one more day! Not that it didn't go well but the days just seem so long. I suppose if I checked back I would find this is true every year. It takes time to adjust.

Bob C. told me Mr. A. was very impressed when he watched my class yesterday and that is nice to hear. I had class last period and it went fine. They are really a nice bunch of kids.

After school I picked up my shoes I had dyed, stopped at the fruit stand and then home. Mom had not gone for her treatment today cause she felt so sick. Poor Mom, she is really having a terrible time.

Jenny had been in and out and was washing her clothes. She had looked at a 3/4 length coat at Asers that she rather liked but then she called in the evening and had found some beautiful navy wool material at Fabric West so she is going to make one and she was all excited.

I made a good dinner with steak, creamed potatoes and a green salad and I bought a filet and cooked Mom a little piece of it and she ate it and the potatoes and cottage cheese and avocado so she felt better in the evening.
I went to TAC and asked to put my deal on hold cause I just can't be gone so much right now and I will use it next summer.

Registration in the history dept. is way down and Don is all upset. We talked a long time about that. Watched a marvelous thing on channel 9 about the days of radio - Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Fibber McGee, etc. and that certainly brought back memories. And then to bed.

Friday, September 7, 1973

At last Friday came and since I didn't have class today there wasn't too much pressure. I saw students all day and I cleaned out my desk and files and threw a lot of stuff away.

The wind blew all day from the north and it was really rather unpleasant.

I came home and took MMoms check to the bank and then changed my clothes and made a macaroni salad. I had just finished when Don called from school and said he would like to go out for dinner. I wasn't really in the mood but I said ok. I didn't want to leave Mom cause she seems very sad and frail today but we did go.

We went to Burton's and had abalone and it was fine but I ate too much as usual, but the talk was good.

We came home and Jenny brought Mom's top she is making. When she left I took a bath and then at 8:30 we went to bed and made love. I had gone for a walk but I still felt stuffed and not really in the mood for love but I didn't want to say no to Don. It was ok but just that.

Then we stayed up to wait for Lin and David. She had called in the afternoon and said they would be here tonight. While we were gone to dinner Cathy called so we called back and she had gotten her grades from the spring qt. and she got 18 hours of A!! She is so thrilled.

Mike and Donna had also called and they talked to Mom. We always seem to miss people when we go out for dinner.

They got here about 11 pm. Don had gone to bed but I stayed up. Jason looked adorable, Linda very tired and David was feeling no pain. I guess he was celebrating having quit his job.

Saturday, September 8, 1973

The ugly old wind came up again before the day was over but really it was quite a pleasant day.

We did turn on the air conditioning for awhile.

I made the Italian chicken that Carli GHilchrist told me about where you dip the chicken in spaghetti sauce mix (dry) and cook it with wild ricearoni. Everyone raved about it.
Mom loved to see Jason but cause she is not feeling well she was much more irritable and Jason didn't know what to think about that. Lin thinks Mother looks much changed in the 3 weeks since she had seen her.

LaFemme called to say that they had a navy blue skirt I might like so I sent down but it was not good. I got a new slip at Asers and came home in the afternoon. I did go over to the House of Fabric and bought a yd of navy blue knit and I am going to have Jenny make me a skirt.

Jason spilled a bottle of coke on one of my white chairs! The kids went to Paradise to look at a house to rent but it was a dump so they came home disappointed. I find myself getting uptight already about the whole thing.

I get defensive about Linda cause David says and does things that annoy me. It will be better when I am at school. And then I worry about the cocktail party next Saturday night cause with all the confusion here I will have to prepare for that.

Sunday, September 9, 1973

I went for my walk. Didn't go to church today.

I have been cooking all of Mom's meals and I think she is eating a little bit better.

Mike called and we had a nice visit. We really enjoy his calls this year.

I cleaned out all of Mom's phlox in her border and neatened up her patio.

I had a roast for dinner with mashed potatoes and I made a carrot souffle and sliced tomatoes. Jason was sunny and happy today. He loves playing in the back yard and he really can throw a ball. It is amazing.

David was gone most of the day. They went to Yaksiches and I guess that was a big hassle. Lin is upset I can tell. I guess David is worrying about the house in Camelot and a job, etc. etc. at the moment he is not handling it at all well and I can see this is bothering Lin.

I found a blue skirt I had made myself years ago and I shortened it and will press it tomorrow.

Jenny came over in the evening and we watched McMillan and Wife and Mom watched too. It was a good one.

We got to bed about 10:30. I am off tomorrow for admissions day and then back to school again.

Monday, September 10, 1973
This was not one of my better days. I look forward to holidays so much but with the children here it was not exactly a fun day.

Dave got up late and then by the time he had eaten his breakfast, washed and dried his hair, worried about his jeans, worried about the patches on his Wrangler shirt, fuss ed about what he should eat, etc. I realized what a spoiled and thoughtless young man he was.

Here is Linda, tired all the time taking care of Jason and with hands that are all broken out catering to this punk who is so self-centered it is disgusting. I did tell him to go play with the boys who are so important to him and start over. Of course, I can't tell her that so I have to clean up after him and hope that they find a place to live as soon as possible.

I took Mom for her treatment and Dr. Thomas said she was about 1/2 done! So tomorrow we are going to see Dr. Gibson and talk to him.

Mrs. Johnston from the real estate firm came over and we tried to tell her what we were looking for in a house and land and she is going to start looking for us. I liked her.

We had leftovers for dinner with D. eating chopped apples and yogurt and some kind of a special yogurt drink! GAD!!

We watched 2 of the new tv shows and they were very bad. Then Lin went to bed and Dave went out with John Bates - the 3rd evening in a row he has been out with the boys.

I went out and looked at the moon and had a cigarette and then to bed!

Tuesday, September 11, 1973

The morning was cool but bright. I wore my blue and white checked body shirt and navy skirt with blue pumps. I have decided to get away from flats for awhile and try to look a little more dressed up.

Had my class 1st period and it went ok. The rest of the day I worked on Sr. transcripts and seeing students about schedule changes. The day went ok.

Came home and took Mom to see Dr. Gibson. He really didn't say anything much but he gave her some medicine for constipation and reassured her some too.

Jason seemed cross and tired and he is eating very little at the moment. They had looked at some places and hadn't found anything. Lin is really uptight about all this and she seems so frail and unhappy. David is with his friends all the time and he is driving me up the wall.

Cathy called to say she would be home late Thursday night.
Jenny brought my navy blue skirt over and I just have to hem it. The kids went to a movie and Don and I went to bed and then I exploded and told Don how I felt about David and the deal in Switzerland and the whole bit. He agreed and I felt better for having said it. I just worry about Linda cause she is our child and naturally I take her side in all this but she is disorganized and messy too.

I think they are going back to the city tomorrow to get their stuff. If I can just get through Saturday night and the history party I guess I can take the rest ok but I hate to have Cathy come this weekend when so many other things are going on.

What with Mom and all it seems a bit much at times.

Wednesday, September 12, 1973

The work at school is really heavy this year or I am a year older and tire myself more easily. I don't know which. I am just about done with Sr. transcripts and the schedule changes are dying down. There was a sophomore class meeting today so I didn't have my class and that was rather nice.

After school there was a counseling meeting which Mr. A. attended and we got things settled and had a movie all of which lasted until 4:30.

I came home and made do with leftovers in the house. L & D have found 2 places that they would be willing to live in, both for $185.00 a month but they did like the one on Arbutus much more cause it has a fenced in back yard and is all freshly painted and carpeted. Someone else has first choice on it. They will know tomorrow night.

I went grocery shopping after dinner but didn't get too many things cause I will have to shop a lot for the cocktail party right on Saturday.

I got home and the kids decided they were too tired and would start out for S. F. to get their furniture tomorrow morning instead of tonight. So we all watched Sonny and Cher (Dave went off with Phil Ward) which was very good and then Mom and Don went to bed and Lin and I stayed up for Cannon which was 2 hours long and so I didn't get to bed until 11. It was really not too bad and the setting was interesting cause it was at Grass Valley and that is really beautiful country.

I surely hope the kids get the house they want so they can get settled and we can settle back into our own way of life. I find it most disrupting so I guess I am not as flexible as I used to be and I never was too good on disorder in my life.

Cathy came.

Thursday, September 13, 1973
The days stay bright and warm in the afternoon with chilly mornings and evenings.

Another busy day at school. I stopped and bought the ham at the meat market for $1.29 a lb. boneless, and then home.

There was a very good letter from Donna all about Matt in the first grade and Ty.

Mom had had her treatment but seemed in good spirits. I made a good cake from a new recipe, baked potatoes, summer squash, steak I cooked in the oven and a fruit salad.

The woman called and said that the kids could have the house on Arbutus so we called them and they were very pleased. We went over to look at it. It is very small but it is clean and there is a yard for Jason to play in.

Mom and I were sitting in the dining room talking at 8 and Cathy walked in looking just great and gay and happy and Mom was so thrilled she started to cry. We all sat and talked and she told us all about the cabin, her job, Jim, etc. It is a strange life she is living but it seems to agree with her. She starts back to school on Monday.

I stayed up until 11 but then I had to go to bed but the kids got here from S. F. about 10 to 12. Well, tomorrow will be a busy day no doubt with D. & L. moving into the house.

We will be going to the Marklands and to the reception. It would certainly be great if I didn't have to go to school tomorrow but I do have to go.

What a hectic weekend this will be I It is really nice to have Cathy home!

Friday, September 14, 1973

Another nice day. I went off to school and the kids got pretty well moved into their house or pretty much. The had to pay the first and last months rent and $100.00 cleaning deposit and come to find out they didn't have the money so Don had to write the check and the whole transaction upsets me cause Dave's job will just last about 3 months and then what?

They are so totally unrealistic it is hard to believe!

School went ok but I couldn't wait to get home cause I wanted to see Cathy. She did a lot of visiting with Mom which pleased her naturally. I got home and had to wash my hair and get ready to go to the Marklands at 6:30 for dinner. The Smith's were their too and it was very pleasant. She had a simple dinner of an hotdish and salad and we left at 8:15 to go to the Faculty Reception where I poured for 1/2 an hour.
I wore my pink and blue flowered mumu and felt I looked nice. The president came up for a drink of punch and I introduced myself and we chatted a bit. I felt that at least he knew I existed!

We got home and Cathy had gone off for a bike ride and then with some people she knew from Sonora.

L. & D. showed up cause the windows had been painted shut and it was too hot to sleep so Cathy slept in the study. I was very tired and so to sleep.

Saturday, September 15, 1973

Boy, this was a busy day. Don cleaned the house and I did the vegetables for the raw relish dish and stuffed the turkey and deviled the eggs. Bought cheeses, made dips, etc.

Jenny came for the day and washed her clothes and helped. L & D went right away to the house and worked there all day. Cathy went down town and found some nice clothes. I gave her $80.00 and she got some dark green slacks, tops, and a sweater all very conservative and in good taste.

By 5 o'clock we were ready. This time I wore my sleeveless mustard, black and white mumu. Counting the family there were 47 people here and they seemed to have a good time. I should have cooked another turkey cause we ran out.

Mom said she didn't want to come over but then I guess she wanted people to come over there although she said she didn't. It is hard to read her sometimes.

I started out by drinking tea but I switched to Manhattens and had quite a few. I was pretty smashed when it was over. Don and the kids cleaned up and I folded at 8:30. Went to bed and really made love and it was great. The works, and so to sleep.

In the afternoon I bought a lot of fruit for Cathy to take back with her tomorrow. She has been so much fun.

Sunday, September 16, 1973

I felt a little wobbly when I got up but other than that I was fine.

Cathy left about 10. We got her nurse’s uniforms shortened and washed and everything all packed up. We hated to see her got but still it will be nice to be alone by ourselves again.

I worked in the yard a bit and made a turkey stew for dinner. It was a lovely day.
Went to Longs to get some things from their ad and also got some little plants. Had to wait a long time.

D & L came over for a little while in the early evening. Mom had a very bad day with a lot of pain. I think she dreads going back to the treatments tomorrow.

Mike called and got to talk to Cathy too. They were fine. I wrote to Pauline and to Mike.

In the evening I watched the new Perry Mason - so-so. Then saw The Detective with Frank Sinatra which was good. To be at 10:30. A quiet day.

School starts again tomorrow and this next weekend I will have my permanent. I am glad to have the party over. And to think that Cathy's long awaited visit has come and gone.

Monday, September 17, 1973

Nice bright day and it got hot in the afternoon. Hard to believe it was 32 degrees in Nebraska. Pauline called in the evening and said it was like winter.

Aunt Florence had been in Omaha and Pauline said she looked wonderful still and was ok.

I started making tests in D-Mkg. so no work there.

Joe Johnston and Cindy Lewis were busy causing trouble all day and hopefully they won't be with us long. Other than that the day was rather dull.

Came home and struggled with Longs to get the prescription for Mom's codeine.

Cooked antelope steak for dinner and it was fine.

I hemmed my navy blue skirt and then after dinner I decided to make the old sour cream choc, cake from scratch and it was so good we each ate 2 pieces.

Nothing to watch on tv so we visited and decided we loved each other and went to bed.

Tuesday, September 18, 1973

Cool and sunny. Not much happened at school today. Mom had her treatment and will have one Thursday, Friday and next Monday and then she is done!! I hope she doesn't decide to have a second series. At least the end is in sight for the time being.
Mom has decided to give Pauline and me each $5,000.00 now and then there will still be some left if she isn't ill for too long. I plan to put mine in the bank and if we buy property I suppose I will put it in that.

Speaking of property, Mrs. Johnston took us to see a place near Durham yesterday: 7 1/2 acres, $59,000.00 and it was ghastly. If this is the type of thing she has in mind we are all wasting our time. It was a dump.

Came home and had macaroni and cheese, squash, green beans and sliced tomatoes.

At 7:30 Mom and I drove over and saw Linda's house and it is just adorable. They have it arranged so tastefully and Jason was so thrilled to show us everything and he showed off like crazy. Adorable!

Packy gave me some acorn squash and I cooked a bunch and froze 3 pints. We watched tv and to bed at 9:30 - made love and then got up again and I washed my hair and set it and then to bed for real.

I wrote to Cathy. No word from Jenny but she has evening labs this week.

First rain at 10:15 pm - not much .13 of an inch.

Wednesday, September 19, 1973

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started out with a few clouds in the morning but by late afternoon it was very much overcast.

I put out my paper at school saying that I was willing to work with students who were having trouble in class and I already have had my first customer - Mark Anderson from Miss Starr. Also had a long talk with Harry Lamphere who looks to be a very fine con artist. Also really busy all day.

After school I went to the Dist. Counselor’s meeting downtown and it lasted until 5 o'clock, was so dull as to be incredible and I managed to say not one word but I was there!

I dashed home through all the evening traffic and heated all my leftovers: Macaroni, turkey hotdish, squash, green beans, etc. and we sat down and watched the news and ate it. Not bad really!

Mom had had lots of company today and the Ralls are back from Canada where he had been very ill. She brought Mom some candy so I promptly ate 3 pieces!!

Lin came over with Jason for a few minutes to get something and then I went grocery shopping and got back at 8. Watched Sonny & Cher & Cannon and so to bed.
I really don't know why I watch these programs cause they just aren't cutting it and I would have been better off reading and I am not going to get caught in such a trap again.

Thursday, September 20, 1973

Well, the rain was very short lived! It was clear today with dramatic clouds on the horizon and a wonderful freshness in the air.

When I went to my first period class and looked out at the foothills I said to myself "why am I here"? I should be free and taking a lovely long leisurely walk this morning instead and such a wave of longing swept over me that it was like an ache. Ah well. Needless to say I just went to class.

I kept myself busy for the rest of the day and then at 1:45 I got in the car and went to the Probation Office and spent an hour with Frances Goetshe to find out information for the counseling dept.

Stopped at the fruit stand and got supplies. Honeydews are 18 cents each this week. I came home and made hotdish, salad, and a very nice pudding with a pkg. mix called Swirl that I put fresh strawberries and cream on.

After dinner I went to the Mall and got white tights to send to Cathy. Then there was the tennis match between Bobbie Jean King and Bobby Riggs - she beat him in 3 straight sets and then there was Bonnie and Clyde and finally about 11 to bed with a bath and hair pinning worked in.

Mom has a treatment tomorrow and Monday and then she is done. She will be so glad to have it over and so will I.

Friday, September 21, 1973

I hate it when it is cool in the morning and then really hot by afternoon and that was it again today. I wore my black slacks and turtleneck and that white, black and orange over deal Don gave me a couple of years ago and by the time I got to the children's home society at 2 I was hot!!

School went ok. A young man by the name of Beckman is going to help me with my student project. I am not sure I like that. In a way I think I am threatened by these young people. It is rather how I feel about student teachers. They make me feel inadequate.

The meeting at the Children's Home Society went very well and then I came home and Mom and I went to the bank and she drew out $10,000.00 and made out 2 checks for $5,000.00 each. The bank didn't like it and she had to sign a paper saying she desperately needed the money for medical expenses. She was very sassy to him and I don't blame her.

Came home and made bacon, eggs and waffles and I felt stuffed.
I watched tv and then at 9:30 I went chaperone the dance after the game which we lost. The music was pretty good once they got all the electrical equipment adjusted and it really wasn't a bad evening. Much better than I have had surely.

Got home at 12:15 and was in bed by 12:30. Naturally, Don was asleep.

Saturday, September 22, 1973

Got up very early and went for a walk but there were no roses to pick. I was at Gages at 7 and by 8:15 I had had a permanent and haircut and there I was with curly shorter hair. I think I will like it but I am not sure.

I came home and went to the store and then neatened up the house a bit and sort of twiddled away my day. I really didn't have too much to show for it.

The girls went to the Salvation Army and Lin got some shirts for David and Jason stayed here and took a nap.

I made a bundt cake and sent it over to Packy cause she had been so nice about sharing her garden produce with me I called Keith and he came over and got it.

Then since I was in the mood I made a chocolate one for us and it was just delicious. Skip is off deer hunting so I called Jenny and she came over and had a piece after dinner.

We had steak and salad for dinner.

Jenny babysat for Lin & David. We went to bed fairly early. I went to Gibraltar and started a savings account. It was rather fun to go into the bank and deposit $5,000.00 at one crack!

Don seems in a gloomy mood these days and he just can't seem to do anything on the book and he has to finish.

I shortened my blue slacks and a wine skirt.

My, the days of the weekend go by fast.

Sunday, September 23, 1973

I got up early and walked, had breakfast and went to 8 am Mass. Father gave a dull disconnected sermon.

Came home and made bread and took the vacuum out and did the bedroom and kitchen. Then Mom said she would like to move her bed so the side of it would be against the wall cause it would make her feel more secure, so we moved her dresser over where the bed had been, put the bed over the windows and I vacuumed the room and put things away. It looked nice and
she was pleased with the results. But she was very tired. Tomorrow is her last treatment, thank goodness.

I wrote to Pauline and then Mom and I took a ride to mail the letter and drove through the park.

I had leg of lamb for dinner and Jenny ate with us and D. & L. and Jason stopped by afterwards. They didn't seem to be getting along very well.

I wonder about our buying land around here and building a house on it. I find myself getting uptight when they shout at each other or at Jason and yet I can't interfere. Maybe we would be wise to move a long way away and just talk on the phone as we do with Mike and Donna.

We called them this morning and it was so nice to talk to them.

Monday, September 24, 1973

Mother had her last treatment today and has to go back in 10 days and then they will decide what to do next. It is supposed to take at least 2 weeks to get your appetite back so she will really not know if it is going to get better if she starts another series.

Had a long letter from Pauline and I must try to write to her tomorrow night or at least soon.

Busy day at school. I gave my last set of tests to my class and tomorrow I will start on interest tests and then vocations.

Came home and made a lamb stew. At 4 Don and went with Mrs. Johnston beyond Centerville to look at a house with about 20 acres. The road was very bad ending up in loose gravel. The house was very mediocre and the view was breathtaking but it was all too remote. We just get more confused.

When we got back I made biscuits and a green salad. Lin and Jason came over to get a letter and I gave them the rest of the stew for their dinner.

In the evening I washed the leaves of my big plants, waterd them and read Harper's.

Took a bath and we went to bed and made love. Got to sleep about 10:30. I called Liz Rawlins tonight and invited her and Jack to dinner on Saturday.

Tuesday, September 25, 1973

A clear day, crisp in the morning and warm in the afternoon.

Busy time at school but it is letting up a little bit. Had a counseling meeting after school and I was at my sassiest. I don't know what
possesses me sometimes but I really went to town. It was rather exhilarating sometimes to just let myself go. I realize what a sharp tongue I have.

Came home and had some ham slices I had frozen, so I heated them and I had some baked potatoes on the half shell and I heated those and I made a fruit salad and broccoli.

I defrosted the refrigerator afterwards and then Don and I walked to the Jr. High. Came home and talked about the house plans and before I knew it it was 9. Don went to bed and I washed my hair and bathed.

Lin stopped to borrow $5.00 for her hair cut that she will get tomorrow and Jenny stopped by for a meeting. I think maybe she had something on her mind but she really didn't say much. It is very strange.

Mom is done with the treatments and she should be relieved but she is rather lost and I think she liked the companionship of having someone come to get her and she visited with the people who brought her back and forth - very sad really. It is a strange world that we live in.

Wednesday, September 26, 1973

Exercise, oatmeal, dress, school, rush, rush! That is the day.

Don called about 11 to say that Cathy & Jim were in town and he was taking them out to brunch. They had been in Reno over the weekend and then Cathy went back to Sonora and he came up her to Chico and he called her and she drove up last night but they didn't come here until this morning. It was rather sad in a way cause Don said Jim told him he drove by yesterday but didn't stop. They called me at school and came out to see me. I worry about Cathy cutting her classes but she seemed to have such a good time and anyway as she said she hasn't had a vacation since she went to N. Zealand with her Dad when she was in the 10th grade.

They were going to Alturis from here. She left her car here.

My class was utter confusion working on vocations and I dashed from there to Family Service for an interview, stopped at the fruit stand and then came home.

Peggy Hauk was visiting Mom and when she left I talked to Mom. She had liked Jim but hadn't realized he had been married before and wasn't divorced.

We had tuna sandwiches for dinner and then I went grocery shopping. Don has been very moody lately and he told me tonight that he has bad dreams and is afraid I am going to die and all kinds of strange fantasies. I think Mother's illness is getting us both down. We were able to talk about it at least.

We both love each other very much and that helps. We watched Sonny & Cher which was terrible. And so to bed.
Thursday, September 27, 1973

Another lovely day that got up to the 90’s by afternoon. Clear and dry. In fact it is just that hot in San Francisco this week so you can imagine how hot the people in the city must think it is.

Another busy day. In fact I didn't even have a coffee break in the morning and that is unheard of! Well, not quite but they do get excited about such temperatures. Thank goodness for a freezer.

I had chicken tonight and squash, dressing and brownies all from the freezer. It certainly makes things easier. Lin, Jason and Jenny showed up on bikes around 4:45 and stayed through our dinner. I know they mean well and it is nice to see them but it upsets me somehow to have them pop in while we are eating and they are not. I love my children but once they are married I did assume they would spend more time at home. Still it is fun to have Jason here even though he is entering the "terrible two’s".

Don has bought Jenny's bike for $50.00 and he plans to use the car less. I wonder how that will work out?

Jenny wants to buy a new one. After dinner I cleaned the bedroom wing so I won't have that to do tomorrow night.

Mom is eating a little more each day so pretty soon she should start feeling better.

I stayed up until after 10 and read Newsweek, which spent most of the time on Agnew. Will he resign, be impeached, be exonerated?? etc.

Well, tomorrow is Friday and that is good news.

Friday, September 28, 1973

Pay day - I put $450.00 in the bank for savings, $90.00 for checking and then the rest for groceries, etc.

It was a quiet day at school thank goodness and I got caught up a little bit on things that had been just sitting there.

I had a simple dinner and then Jenny stopped by to talk a bit. She is discouraged about her headaches. Skip is fed up with his job and she wants him to quit and go to school full time and get down. She says Skip has been working since he was 15 and he is tired of the responsibility of it all. I wonder if he feels that way about his marriage too. I didn't ask her that, naturally, and she said that when she talked to Lin she said that David has decided that he wants to think about a job and take on more responsibility so I guess our 2 sons-in-law are just reversing their roles.
Mom keeps thinking she will hear from Pauline thanking her for the check but so far she has not heard.

I did some watering in the yard, made my chocolate mousse for tomorrow night when the Rawlin's come and then Don and I played some cards and I took a bath and read until 10 and Don went to bed about 9.

90 degrees and clear!

Saturday, September 29, 1973

Got up and went for a walk and found some roses still in bloom so after breakfast Don finished the cleaning and I set the table and put the dinner together.

Did a little shopping and after lunch went over to Priss’ and got some books to read. Then Don and I went to look at some of the properties that Mrs. Johnson had given us and near Hamilton City we had a blow-out. In changing the tire Don ruined his trousers, his shirt and his Wallabies, plus $50.00 for the tire. That was an expensive afternoon.

Did my Stabian chicken and made a jello and coleslaw salad. I set the table with my sterling and it looks just beautiful! The Rawlins came at 7. Jack has bought a ranch near the Sacramento River. 1500 acres and there is nothing on it now but he will be putting in almonds and walnuts. He was interested that we wanted land and he said he would be willing to sell us some and so tomorrow we are going to go look at it. We had a very good evening and the meal was just delicious. Everything turned out well so that made it nice.

They left at 11 and we had another liquer and then went to bed but although Don wanted to make love very much it didn't quite come off so we tried again and it still wasn't good but at least he did come. I think it upset him and I suppose a man finds this very distressing. It didn't bother me all that much but then my virility wasn't at stake. I think he is just too uptight right now about his book etc. and this explains it.

Maybe this is an eventful day if we buy the ranch!

Sunday, September 30, 1973

Got up about 6:30 and went for a walk and picked some roses. It was cool and clear.

Don seems to be in a rather touchy mood this morning. We had breakfast and then called Mike and after a week of school he seems in fine shape. He is teaching a class and has a full case load and will be doing a night class too.

At 10 we drove over to Liza's and from there to the ranch. You go to Hamilton City then turn left on the Cobeso Rd. and go down a stretch. We stopped first where Jack was harvesting walnuts on his old ranch and
watched the machinery at work and then we got in their land rover and got to his new ranch and finally to the part that he would sell to us. 30 acres are along the river (Sacramento) and then there is another 100 acres across the road. Now it is just a dry parcel of land with nothing on it but it could be something just stupendous.

We both just fell in love with it and have talked of nothing else since. We ate at the B & B in Hamilton City and then came home.

Jenny was here washing clothes. I put the roast on. Lin & Jason came to wash clothes. We ate dinner.

Mom called Pauline and she had gotten the check. Don went over to talk to Jack at 8:30.

It would cost a tremendous amount of money and I don't know if we could handle it or not but it would be something if we could. Don is thinking about bringing Ed Niezel into it and will probably call him tomorrow.

Cathy and Jim arrived about 9 and had a snack and then left for Sonora.

Don got back and we sat and talked. It would be wonderful if we got this place cause we would be able to make money and we also would have a beautiful spot to live. How I wish we could do it.

Mom was in a very bad mood. Sunday's are her worst day.

Oh please let us be able to buy this and have things go right.

Monday, October 1, 1973

Back to school on a bright but chilly Monday morning. Suddenly there isn't quite as much to do at school and I am getting bored again. It was good the first few weeks when I had a lot of referrals. Thought it was hectic but at least the time went fast. Now I am back to watching the clock.

Came home and fixed leftovers for dinner but that roast was so good that it made an excellent meal.

I took Mom with me to Longs and got a different prescription for my eczema. It seems to just jump from one spot to another and I itch so then I scratch. Very discouraging. I guess it is my way of handling tension or so the psychologists say. Why am I that tense? I am not sure. I know I stew a lot about Mom. Could that explain it.

While we were gone Don talked a long time with Ed on the phone about the ranch. Ed was very cautious and brought up a lot of thoughtful points to be considered. Maybe Jack suggested this on the spur of the moment and he really didn't think we would take it seriously. I thought of little else all day but if it doesn't come through that will be that and we will think of another thing.
Jason played out in the yard with the little boys next door and I guess had a good time. We went to bed early.

Tuesday, October 2, 1973

A repeat of yesterday on the weather. I was really bored today and told Bob C. so. I imagine now he will come up with a lot of little projects to keep me busy.

Lin called and is going to deliver diapers for her diaper service for 3 hours a day. She will take Jason to the Yakiches during that time and they are thrilled to have him.

Then she went to see Mike Dolan and she may get a chance to work at the Lamb’s Den as a cocktail waitress later on. They just aren't making it on what Dave is making. She was all excited and I think it would be good for her.

I made a meatloaf for dinner and tried a new jello recipe that wasn't all that good.

the girls came over with Jason for a little while and he seemed very much the tough little boy. Playing with other boys seems to have toughened him up. He was very funny. He is beginning to say words that one can recognize these days.

I went for a walk after dinner. Don checked with the bank today and went to Oronville to get materials on almonds, etc. He wrote a long letter to Ed.

We watched tv until 10 and then I got ready for bed. We made love and it went very well and that was a relief to Don after Saturday night.

Tomorrow night is back to school night. Ugh!!!

Wednesday, October 3, 1973

Chilly morning and warm clear afternoon. Thank goodness it was a busy day at school and I like that much better.

I came home and got the grocery shopping done and still made a tuna salad and put together the rest of the dinner on time.

Skip has now also bought a new bike so he and Jenny came over to finish off the blueberry crisp. Jenny had seen her first baby born and even got to bathe her so she was all excited.

Linda spent her first day working for the diaper service and discovered that delivering was only part of it and she had to wash diapers most of the time. Still she was taking it in good spirit. However, Dave hurt his back at work and so he will probably be out of a job so his situation is perilous.
I think they should have stayed in San Francisco myself as it is to have them here.

I went back to school for "Back to School Night" and fell down going to the gym and hurt my knee. I will probably be stiff tomorrow. It sort of unnerved me. My class went ok but I wasn't tremendous. Ate too many cookies - talked to the Nordhuses and the Dunlops and Barbara (had the wrong wife) Mahler and then came home and went to bed.

Next Wednesday is Sr. parent night so October is an ugly month with 2 night meetings.

Thursday, October 4, 1973

Well, I finished up with graduation requirements in the Decision making class but I am not happy with that class. It started out ok but Sue Cunningham and Beth Sylvester really set the tone for talking to each other and right through anything I was saying and the result has been to unnerv me.

I came home and made dinner but I just didn't feel great. I decided to do something I rarely do. At 6:30 I just went to bed!

I know how much that upsets both Don and Mom but sometimes I get weary of always being healthy and on top of the situation so I read for awhile and dozed for awhile and then went to sleep.

I think that fall last night and back to school night was all just a little bit much so I guess once in awhile one has to do what is best for him and not worry if others get in a stew.

Friday, October 5, 1973

I still didn't feel just great but after I had been at school for awhile I realized that I was ok so maybe it was better to have gone to bed early.

Mom said yesterday that she felt hungry for plain old fried chicken and milk gravy so I stopped at Wentze's after school and picked up a chicken cause they were 44 cents a lb. and I did it just like she had asked and she actually ate quite a bit so it was good I fixed it. With the green salad it all tasted very good.

After dinner I wrote a long letter to Pauline. I told Don I wanted a drink before dinner and I had a Manhatten that tasted delicious and I wrote my sister a very long letter so maybe I should have a drink before I start writing a letter.

Linda went to see the Scott’s yesterday and they are going to talk to the man at the Country Club about her being a waitress for 2 nights a week. She delivered diapers today and liked driving the truck. She will get
$1.75 an hour and for 4 hours work she won't make much money but with the country club job it will help.

David went to the Dr. and he did hurt his back and he won't be able to work and I just don't know what will happen now. It didn't sound good.

We watched a movie called the Mind of Mr. Sooner, about a man who was in a coma for 20 years and then wakes up. We got tired in the middle of it so we didn't find out how it ended.

Hopefully tomorrow we will go to Cohasset and I want to go to Paradise and get apples.

Heavy rain in afternoon and evening.

Saturday, October 6, 1973

What a blow! Woke up to an oogly cloudy day! Don and I went for a walk at the Jr. High and I got a few late roses. Came home to a good breakfast. Even made french toast.

Lin & Jason came over early to do her wash. Jason got about 3 combs and my brush and had Mom brush and style his hair. He just stood and let her fix his hair. He leaned against her and seems so quiet and content. They left and then Jenny called at 12 to be picked up at the hospital cause she worked in the morning so I got her and she ate lunch here and then went home and got her clothes and washed them.

Last Saturday it was hot and sunny but today it started raining about mid-afternoon and it kept right on. So, we didn't go to either Paradise or Cohasset. Damm!

Suddenly I am tired of my children's prospects. Skip isn't putting in any hours cause no one is buying door machines so that is why Jenny has gone back to work and David is out of a job and they don't have any money for their rent that is due and frankly I am tired of our footing the bill. Right now we want to save every penny to put into something for us in the years to come and instead we are supporting our children. It is not a happy situation. I am resentful.

I made Julia Child's recipe for chocolate mousse. I had leftover chicken for dinner. I put on my long red and black housecoat and we didn't lighta fire but I did take the summer pine cone arrangement out and lit a fire.

We watched some tv and read and I washed my hair and bathed early. We made love and that was ok but I even feel stale about that. It really wasn't a good day.

I plan to go to church tomorrow morning and we will have the kids over for dinner. That will save then the cost of a meal since they are all broke.
Sunday, October 7, 1973

I woke up to a soggy world although it wasn't raining when we got up. I went to 8 am Mass where Father Fagin said he would come see Mom this week.

Came home and washed clothes, went out and staked up drooping mums, I think it rained quite a bit.

I wrote to Mike and Cathy. In the afternoon it cleared a little so we drove to Cohasset to the Ross's house. Dave took us to some places that were for sale. There are a lot of trees and it is very isolated. Some of the lots have views of the canyon but I don't think of us terribly excited really.

I came home and set the table for 8 with the red mats and a beautiful red rose and candle. I had scalloped corn, smoked ham, green salad, little biscuits dipped in butter and cheese, squash and my Julia Child's choc. mousse.

Lin & Jason came about 4. Jason now says "Yaksich" and he makes the sound as he laughs. Skip came about 5, saying that Jenny had gone to the hospital to watch a birth. Mom came over for dinner and I had bought some makeup and I put some on her and she looked very nice. It was the first time she has eaten with us for a long time. She didn't eat much but she seemed to enjoy it.

Don annoyed me. As soon as we finished he went through his dishwasher routine and although it is nice to have the dishes done he is in such a hurry that there is no time to be the least bit relaxed about it and he is taking the leaf out of the table while one is still sitting there. It is like when he drives. There is no time to look at anything along the way, you just have to get to your destination as quickly as possible.

Read in the evening and then watched the first Columbo of the season and it was good. We went to bed at 10:30.

It rained about an inch over the weekend!

Monday, October 8, 1973

Was fairly busy at school. Didn't have my class until last period and it was a new class and about ¼ of them probably weren't there. I gave my introductory lecture and it went well. The little college girl who observes in my class told me afterwards that I was eloquent! Well, that was nice to hear at the end of the day.

I took Sandi Cowden home cause she is still on crutches and was going to call her Mother. I drove to Dr. Hamilton's and got my flu shot and then came home.

I fixed creamed potatoes and leftovers from yesterday. Mom ate a little more tonight I think.
I washed my hair and Lin brought my dryer over and I used it in part.

Then I read and went to bed at 10:30. No mail today. Jenny stopped by for a few minutes and visited.

Don went to Oraville to see the agricultural expert and he said going into almonds was a good investment. Now all we need is money! Don and I talked a bit about the fact that I was annoyed last night. He keeps thinking that I am uptight and I guess I am. But then I think he is too.

Life is very complicated right now.

Tuesday, October 9, 1973

Woke up feeling just terrible. After all these years am I going to react to a flu shot?? Well, wouldn't you know.

Cold and clear this morning. I went to school and busied myself and as the day progressed I did feel some better thank goodness.

There was a letter from Pauline for me at school. She was in a low mood and I understand so well. She and Phil can't agree on the decorating scheme and by the sound of things they don't always get along all that well. Then she is saddened by Mom and it was a sad letter. I won't be able to answer until the weekend probably.

I had a meeting after school and then came home and took Mom to see Dr. Thomas. I wish I liked him better. She is to go for 2 weeks without anything and then come back and he will check her again. He says that the area is hard and that is good cause it means it is not growing. She weighed 89 lbs. with all her clothes on.

We were sitting in the kitchen talking and the phone rang and it was Aunt Prudence saying she was starting out a week from Thursday and will get here by herself so we won't have to go to meet her. She sounded just fine. I think this will be wonderful for Mom.

I had steak and salad for dinner. Don had a dept. meeting and we didn't eat until 6:30. Watched "Shirts/Skins", a crazy movie on tv and it was really fun.

Took a bath and went to bed. Linda got the job as a waitress at the country club and starts Sunday night. Jenny is very uptight about her classes next semester. It involves going to Travis for a semester.

Cathy called and she and Jim are talking about going to Alaska next summer. She sounded fine.

Spiro Agnew resigned!

Wednesday, October 10, 1973
Well, this was quite a day. It started out calmly enough - chilly and clear. The play off of the major teams to see who goes to the series was going on when they broke in during lunch to say that the grand jury had answered that Agnew had agreed to a lesser charge of income tax evasion and had been given a 3 year suspended sentence and fined $10,000.00 and had resigned.

Now the President has to pick a successor and then both houses of Congress has to pass on him by a majority vote.

I went to a meeting after school for EH and then came home and picked up Mom to go to the store, get the groceries and came home and made a simple dinner.

We watched the news and then I went back to school for Sr. Parent Night. I had 30 parents and it lasted until 9:30. It went very well.

Came home and we talked a bit and then to bed. So Agnew is out. All that nasty stuff he put out all these years - he was so sanctimonious about wrong-doing, etc. and then it turns out he has been taking kickbacks all this time.

The American press should feel proud.

Thursday, October 11, 1973

A typical fall day. Clear but with a slight amount of haze now and then.

School went ok. I came home and Mom and I went over to Penney's and she got a nightgown which will be warmer cause she is always cold at night. Then we went to the wig shop cause her hair is falling out in back. She couldn't decide on anything so we came home.

I had made baked beans last night and I fixed deviled eggs and hot dogs and relishes.

Jenny called all elated cause she got her 4th semester at Travis and will go second semester. She will be there during the weekend then drive home for the weekends. I wonder what this will do to their marriage? This is what she wanted so we will see I guess.

Dave and Lin with Jason came for dinner and it was pleasant. Mom ate with us too.

I decided to clean the house so I did the bedroom wing and Don vacuumed the rest. At least I won't have to do that this weekend.

Don went to see Dr. Hamilton for his physical. He is ok but terribly uptight so he will be taking tranquilizers. I don't know how to help him right now. Sometimes I don't think I make enough of an effort to do so but I am going to try harder.
We watched "The List of Adrian Messenger" and although I had seen it before it was good.

I called Dr. Thomas today and talked to him but didn't get much satisfaction. He agrees she is wasting away. He doesn't want to have the areas break open so he is suggesting more treatments. I really don't know what the answer is. It is not an easy time right now and life seems pretty complicated.

Maybe the weekend will be better.

Friday, October 12, 1973

An ok day. My class went ok. I showed a film called "I Think" about a 10 yr. old girl who went against the group and went to the house of an old lady who had asked the girls to come for cake and pie etc. Very touching. It made me think about Jenny when she was nice to Richard Pester in grade school. I cried.

In the afternoon Bob C., Mark B. and I worked on how to give the SAA's test.

Then I came home and Don and I chatted until about 4 and then we drove up to Paradise. We stopped at the Big Apple and I bought a box of golden delicious apples. Then on to Nancy Sterr's house. She has a very tiny house.

Bob C., Mark B., Emma, Alice, Wendy Holmes, Alan Knotts and later Steve H.. It was all rather awkward and uncomfortable. I had a gin and tonic and we chatted and then left.

We stopped at Pinochio's and had dinner which wasn't all that good.

Got home. Jenny had had dinner here while she did her wash. I chatted with Mom and then we went to bed and made love and it was nice.

Got up and talked awhile longer and then to sleep. It was really ok as a day goes. There was good talk between us. We talked and felt relaxed - a good feeling!!

Saturday, October 13, 1973

Up at 7. Don and I went for a walk and then I made a nice Saturday morning breakfast with sausage, eggs and french toast.

I made a graham crax pie and then went to the stores. I bought a lot of butternut squash and baked it and I got 3 qts. to freeze.

It was a lovely warm day and Don sunbathed and the there was lunch. Jason came over with his Mom and had a snack.
Mom didn't feel very good today. She is in a lot of pain in her right leg and today her stomach was upset.

Went over and saw Lin's waterbed. I don't know if I would like it or not, but it is good looking.

I thawed some leftover hotdish and made a salad and got out some french bread. Don decided he would like to have the Heins over for a drink so we called them and they came over. We had a nice visit with them. I had 2 Manhattens and felt no pain.

After dinner we were playing around and suddenly we wound up in the bedroom and we started to make love but then Don couldn't do it and he got very upset so we got back up and I took a bath and then we watched some tv and went to bed but it put a pall on the evening and he got up in the night and sat smoking cigarettes and I tried to tell him that it wasn't all that simple but he was not about to listen. This is the second time this has happened lately and naturally once you get nervous about it it causes a problem the next time. I don't know how to handle this kind of thing.

Well, we will just have to hope it is temporary.

Sunday, October 14, 1973

I got up at 7 and put the oatmeal on and then went for a walk. Don still seems to be upset. I took Mom some oatmeal and she was trying to get dressed for church. She looks so thin when you see her just in her panty hose. Well, she found out she was too tired to go so she stayed home. She lay down after breakfast and felt better.

I made bread and fixed stew for dinner and since we had the pie from yesterday I didn't have to make a dessert.

I went to Lassen Food and got some dark flour and then after lunch Mom and I went to the Mall for a little and for a ride and she seemed to enjoy that.

Came home and finished the "Other Woman" which turned out to be quite good actually. I had borrowed it from Marian.

I washed and put away clothes and then did some hand washing. Jenny came over for dinner. Tonight Linda goes to the country club for the first time as a waitress. I hope she does ok. She was very nervous about it.

After I did the dishes I took my bath and did my hair, fixed my nails so I could watch McCloud. It was ok but not just great.

So another weekend is over and another week is upon us. It is almost mid-October. So far we have been pretty lucky. Not much rain, quite a bit of sun and today was a lovely still day - sunny and warm "October's bright blue weather".
Monday, October 15, 1973

Got up at 5:45 and did a spot of exercising. My eczma is very bad so for the moment I am going to cut out eggs to see if that will help.

Got to school and did my day. This week is "Spirit Week" for what that is worth. Really it was rather a dull day.

Came home and heated yesterday's stew and made an angel food cake. Lin came with Jason to do the wash. She was really uptight. David can't go back to Tri Co. and is looking for a job. She found working as a waitress very hard work and people screamed at her. Then today things had gone wrong at the diaper service so she is tired and frustrated and upset cause Dave doesn't have anything. What a mess.

I wrote a long letter to Pauline and we had dinner. Went for a walk and came back to find that Eleanor Clark had called saying that John Osterlob was in intensive care and had had a stroke and I was to call Marian at 8. I tried to get in touch with her but just talked to her on the phone for a minute and then she said she would call back but didn't. Will find out more tomorrow.

Jenny came over about 8:30 to pre-shrink some fabric. We went to bed at 9.

Agnew got ½ hour of free TV-time this afternoon to say again he was innocent. Disgusting.

Tuesday, October 16, 1973

Still another beautiful day. They seem to go on and on. It is lovely.

Marian Osterlob came to school today and John is resting but they still don't know how serious the stroke is. Maybe he will have brain surgery.

I had my class 5th period and tomorrow I start the series of 5 tests in there. Tomorrow I start the state testing in the library which will go on for 3 days.

I got some clothes for Jason from Pat Yarbrough and so when I got home I called Lin who came over. She was very upset and now talks about Dave going to Alaska for 6 months alone to earn big money. She would want to stay with us while he is gone. I definitely reacted to this as did Don. He wants to have a meeting tomorrow night at 8 to talk about it.

I think Lin is really uptight and I am worrying about her. But, on the other hand I don't want to change our lifestyle now.

I had made meatloaf this morning and I had a good dinner. We watched part of the World Series. The A's won 3-2.
I took a bath early in the evening. We watched about ½ hour of a movie and then went to bed and made love and it was fine. I was very relieved cause Don acts so strange these days. He keeps talking about losing me, why I don't know cause I am not going anywhere. It is hard to respond really and do it in the right way. I feel like I am walking on eggs.

Wednesday, October 17, 1973

Still another nice clear, warm day. Each day I think this will be the last one and then another bright day smiles upon me.

First day of testing and it went ok but it is so trying. Then I checked through the tests and had to correct errors and then it was time for my 6th period class and I gave a test in there too so I really had it today.

I came home and Mom felt much better. I had given her a fleet enema before I went to school (not quite the way to start your day) and she had managed to go a number of times so she will be ok for awhile at least.

I finished a lot of little leftovers and then right after dinner I went to the store and got most of the shopping done.

We watched the Mets beat the A’s 6-1. I had number 8 in the school pool so I missed it by one point.

Linda wouldn't come over. She is mad at me but Jenny stopped by and then went over as the mediator and so when she is going to stop over here in the morning and talk to Don. It is rather like repeating a nightmare and we are back to her at 16. I realize she is tired and overworked but still it is heartbreaking to me.

Thursday, October 18, 1973

Still another nice day. I just wonder how many more times I will be able to say that!

2nd day of testing. Just one more day and tomorrow I will have my class first period so it won't seem quite so long. Mr. C has been most kind about coming in and helping out. But it has gone well, it is just dull! and then I have to spend at least an hour in the afternoon correcting and checking the name grids.

I stopped at Wentz and got chicken breasts and noticed turkey's selling for $17.00!! We may eat chicken for Thanksgiving. Also stopped at the fruit stand and then home.

I went to Dr. Hagewood's at 4:15 and that is always an unpleasant experience. Having one's ureatha dilated is not my idea of fun and games but I guess it is worth it.

Got home after 5 and Don was back from seeing Dr. Hamilton for
his yearly physical and he is fine so that is good news.

I made tuna sandwiches and soup. Lin came over with Jason and washed clothes. We talked ok and I guess she isn't mad at me anymore.

Cathy called and they have bought a chain saw and are cutting wood to sell. She has been in Doctor's office this week and liked the experience.

Pauline called and we talked and then she talked to Mom.

The Met's won their game tonight against the Mets and it is now 3-2 for the Mets.

Tomorrow is Friday and then we don't have to go back until Tuesday and that will be nice.

Aunt Prudence is due this weekend.

Friday, October 19, 1973

Friday and the last day of Sr. testing. They got to me today or else cause it was Friday they were keyed up but I found them rather rude.

I had class first period so at least Bob C. gave them their instructions so the morning didn't seem quite so long. Then I worked all afternoon getting the tests checked and I left work on my desk for next week but at least I don't need to come back until Tuesday and that will be good.

I decided to go to the Frances Shop after school and to Asers and although I tried on things I just couldn't find anything I liked.

Got home and Don and I sat around and talked and then we went to the Jaweeds. Don drank 2 manhattens before we left and Naseem served a drink and there was wine at dinner so I thought he drank too much. It was a dull evening with the Griffiths and the Minors and frankly, I thought it would never end plus, the fact that I don't like Indian food or at least the type that Raheel cooks. But, they are a nice couple and I have nothing against them.

All in all it wasn't one of the best days, that is for sure.

Saturday, October 20, 1973

I went for my walk and the roses are gone for this year. They are all trimmed back to the fence. I do have my first chrysanthemum in the house, in dark red and white.

First I cleaned all of Mom's apt. and we moved her bed back where she had had it before. My, I wonder if when I am Mom's age I will be saving all the junk that she saves. Every piece of plastic, every box, every jar cover. I would go crazy amidst all that, but I got everything done there and then cleaned the house here and that took until noon.
Made lunch and then went to the Mall and looked at clothes but couldn't find anything they either. I got my hair cut in the morning too and so I washed it.

The day was sunny for the most part. The kids all came over sometime during the day. Made macaroni and cheese for dinner and then we watched tv until 9:30.

Don went to the bus and Aunt Prudence was there. We visited just a bit and then everyone went to bed. Mom was really uptight about her coming but I can understand that surely.

Sunday, October 21, 1973

I decided to go to 8 am Mass and to my surprise Don decided to go too. Father Fagan gave a good sermon so that was nice.

I took Aunt P. to 9:30 and she thoroughly enjoyed it. She is really a delight. She and Mom look very much alike and if Mom were well I am sure the resemblance would be even more marked. She is gay and relaxed and seems to take everything in her stride.

She is not the worrier or the calamity seeker that Mom is but then maybe she is just enough younger and since Mom was the oldest in her family that might make a difference. She has lived in Solix in a rather relaxed and secure environment.

Both girls stopped by today. Aunt P. thought Jason was adorable and he obligingly flirted with her.

My cooking today was a fiasco. I made bread and I had things cooking in the oven. I guess it got too warm cause it fell so it just came to the top of the pans. I quickly put it in the freezer and we will eat it later.

Then I made a pumpkin pie and although I changed the timer I Didn’t turn down the oven and it was black! I threw it down the disposal! I made a blueberry crisp just before dinner. I had roast pork, green beans, potatoes and gravy and a fruit cup.

Mother seems happy to have her sister here and they seem to be getting along beautifully. Cathy called to say someone had bumped her car but didn't leave a note.

We talked to Mike and Donna and they are fine. In the evening we watched tv and then to bed at 10. It was a pleasant day.

Monday, October 22, 1973

Don and I woke up and started out for a walk but it started to rain so we came back. It rained and blew the whole day.
Don is starting his week's vacation so he worked on the book all day. We made a fire early in the morning and I sat in the living room and read. It was so luxurious. The room looked beautiful and I didn't open the drapes so it was cozy. As I sit here I realize how nice it would be to be at home all the time just by ourselves.

Aunt P. spent the day with Mom so Don and I had some potato soup for lunch and we felt so relaxed somehow. It was great. Then I got restless so decided we would have a buffet supper with the kids.

I got to work and made a chocolate bundt cake, 3-bean salad, potato salad, a jello mold, relishes, wieners in barbecue sauce, chow mein, sliced tomatoes, set the table, took a leisurely hot shower at 2, set my hair and put on my long red and black dress that I made last winter.

The kids came at 5 and Jason was a good boy and everyone seemed to enjoy the food. It just poured while they were here. They left about 7:30 and at 8:30 the lights went out so we all went to bed by candlelight. We decided to make love but it didn't go right and of course Don was upset and there is really nothing one can do so we just went to sleep. The lights came on later cause Don said he got up and fixed the clocks.

Still, in spite of the ending it was a good day.

Tuesday, October 23, 1973

Woke to a dark and wet world. Went to school and did the PSAT test. Going to my class second period and then back. Thank goodness now they are all over. Mr. Osterlob is back in intensive care. He had a tracheotomy and it doesn't sound to good. I worked hard all day and ended up with a headache, something I rarely have.

Came home and made chicken with wine and sour cream and we had the leftovers.

Mom and Aunt Prudence went for a walk in the afternoon. I checked my flowers and they survived the rain pretty well. So far I have dark red, little white, one pinky-yellow spider, a huge white, and a yellow. I think there is one lavender, but I must get more varities this fall for another year. I will have to stake them better next year too.

We watched a movie "The President's Plane is Missing" that was really pretty good. And then to bed. Don is so uptight and moody it is very difficult to be around him.

I gained 2 pounds over the weekend and must get down to 110!! It is bad enough to be there and not have to extra pounds!! My eczema is driving me crazy.

Jenny and Lin came. I gave Lin $10.00 to buy some pants and gave my black sweater to Jenny and she will give me $8.00 for them. I am a sucker!!
Wednesday, October 24, 1973

A clear day today with a crispness in the air. Busy at school and still dealing with the Lisa Youngblood Affair. Now her parents want to marry David Frey (she is 15)! in other words they just want to have her out of their hair. She doesn't want to get married. What a mess.

Came home and Don had a meeting so I made sandwiches and soup and Mom and Aunt Prudence ate at Mom's.

I called everywhere about connections and finally Prudence decided she would leave Friday morning on the 7 a.m. bus to go to Uncle Marc's in Oxnard and then she will go home from there.

We ate and then I went to get groceries. Don lost his temper at the meeting over Pendergrass and then spent the evening calling people on the phone and apologizing - a mess!

We watched tv and read a bit. I made the crust for the pumpkin pie I plan to serve tomorrow. I took a bath.

Tried to find a black sweater tonight at the Mall but couldn't find anything.

Thursday, October 25, 1973

Well, today was the last day A. Prudence is going to be here so I thawed a beef roast and having made a pie crust last night I made a pumpkin filling this morning and had it baked before I went to school.

John Asterboh is not a bit good and Marian is really worrying about him, I can tell.

Aunt Prudence has had a good idea. She and Mom go for a walk every afternoon and she has made Mom promise to do this after she is gone. I will try to walk with her some of the time.

My dinner was good but first before dinner I went to see Dr. Cawiness about my excema and he said he wasn't going to do anything cause he felt it was caused by nerves so when I told him about Mom he said he thought I should take tranquilizers for awhile. I came home and thought about that. I told Don and he has some so I took one before I went to bed and I slept very well and didn’t scratch as much so maybe I should take them for awhile.

Aunt P. will be going at 15 to 7 tomorrow morning to catch the bus. The kids all came over and visited after dinnertime and had a bit of the roast. Jason went over and said goodbye to the 2 ladies. I think he thinks Mom and Aunt P. are twins cause he loves both of them.

Friday, October 26, 1973
We all got up at 15 to 6 and Don took A. Prudence to the bus. Mom didn’t really cry when she left. Much as she enjoyed her and all I think she made her tired and she is so accustomed to a routine that she is relieved to return to it.

I really think I felt better today. Carly Gilchrist mentioned that they were going to have to give their dog away because he scares their little girl so I decided that Don really wants a dog and maybe this is the one.

After school I told him about it so after dinner at 7 we went to look at the dog but he was so wild and crazy we both decided to forget it but Don is going to check tomorrow with Dr. Rood and maybe he will have some ideas.

We had dinner and watched tv and then I took a bath and we went to bed and made love and it worked! It is working! as the ads say right now. Don was very relieved but I told him afterwards he just can’t be so uptight about the whole thing. I don’t know if he will relax or not but I hope so.

Got Gigilo.

Saturday, October 27, 1973

A beautiful clear morning. I did some chores and then got dressed and went to Box Bros, and bought 2 plants and gave one to Mom.

From there I went downtown and I did find a blue and white plaid knit jacket to wear with my slacks for $21.50 on sale! Can you imagine things that expensive! I looked at all the stores downtown and then came home.

Don had checked with Dr. Rood and he sent him out to a woman called Faye Creedon who raises shepherds and collies. There was one who was 4 years and trained who had been to obedience school but was tried by the Steele's and they brought him back. Cost: $1.00.

We went out but the woman wasn’t there so we went back at 2 and brought him home. He was very nervous and it took about an hour for him to come up and let us pet him. The rest of the day was spent working with him. Don is so thrilled about the whole thing that I guess if this dog doesn’t work out we will get another one. I didn’t realize it meant so much to him.

Had stew for dinner. I am knitting a sweater for Jason and am just about done with the body of it. I watched tv and then went to bed.

I am pleased about the jacket I bought. Tomorrow the kids will come over to see the dog.

Sunday, October 28, 1973
Got up and went to church at 8. Don took Gigilo for his run and I guess he went right along but he really isn’t very friendly. He spends most of his time pacing in an invisible cage.

I checked all my flowers and I went to the Mall and bought a plain black sweater for $8.00 and two body shirts, one white and one a very pretty shade of light green.

Had steak and salad for dinner with squash. For 2 days now I have gone without sweets and boy do I like something very sweet.

Talked to Mike on the phone and told him about the dog. Jason and Lin came over to see him and he was distant but he didn't growl. Jason thought he could start right in playing with him and was disappointed when he couldn't.

Wrote to Pauline and Cathy but the letters were dull. I washed my hair, bathed and shaved my legs and put my eczema medicine everywhere and then it was time to go to bed.

We watched The FBI and then I was weary in spite of the fact that I had an extra hour of sleep. It was a lovely day but it did get windy toward evening.

Monday, October 29, 1973

The north wind blew today and it was as if it were blowing off an iceberg.

Spent the morning giving the makeup test for the Sr.’s and got 12 more and then I sent off the tests downtown. I had my class last period today and we started the SAAS deal in that class

I was so tired when I got home. I took Mom to the dentist and then stopped at the store.

Made weiners and sauerkraut for dinner with a waldorf salad. I ate a lot today even if I didn't eat any sweets so I don't think this is the way to lose weight cause I stuffed myself with other things.

I think the dog is a little more friendly today. Don called Dr. Rood and he said to give him 10 days and if he is no better then we should give up. He didn't seem to pace quite so much so maybe he will be ok.

I wore my new blue and cream plaid jacket today and people like it. Tomorrow is a minimum day and we get out at 12:30 and then work on objectives for the rest of the day. Sounds dull.

I had to give Mom an enema right in the middle of breakfast and that upset me but I realize I have to do it before I go to school and she didn't think.
Don watched the football game until 8 and then we gave up and went to bed. I started the second sleeve on Jason's sweater. I hope it fits him.

Tuesday, October 30, 1973

Well, it was rather a wasted day in my opinion. I didn’t have a class so I typed up a report in my office and saw students and then school was out at 12:30 and we worked on accreditation until 3 and that was really boring.

Came home and took Mom to see Dr. Gibson and he really told her nothing. He didn't examine her just gave her a new laxative and told her she was doing fine.

I roasted chicken and made potatoes and gravy and a green salad. Don had a meeting until 6:30 so we ate late.

Cathy called to ask that we send her a check since she is broke and she wanted us to take care of her dogs when they go to Alaska this summer. We will see how Gigalo works out. I told her that Gig was really adjusting rather well so I didn't know. We will see.

Lin came over with Jason and Gig barked very loud and scared him, so he sat in a chair and said a lot of bye, bye, Dig (as he calls him) so I finally put him outside until they left. They sat and ate with us and then I sent the rest of the chicken home with them for David.

We watched "Ordeal" on tv with Arthur Hill left in the desert with a broken leg fighting the elements. It was pretty good. Then I bathed and went to bed and we made love and that was fine. By then it was 10:30 and I slept well until 5 so that was good too.

Wednesday, October 31, 1973

A lovely morning and I felt good. I met my class first period and then worked on the class and with students the rest of the day and it really went well. I felt I earned my money today.

Came home and Jason & Lin stopped on their way to the Dr. His eczema is very bad so she was taking him to a pediatrician allergy specialist. I went to get groceries, stopped to get gas and then hurried home to my dinner cause the kids were eating with us since their neighborhood was being infested with treat or trickers and they didn't want to spend money on candy and I really don’t blame them. The whole thing is a blackmail plot on a large scale.

I fixed macaroni salad, scalloped tomatoes and I made a very good apple sauce spice cake and fixed butterscotch sauce to pour over it.

I found today that I got a twinge of the way I feel when I am having ulcer troubles so I guess I will just forget the dieting at least the low gram one and try to stay at 110 lbs. I ate too much dessert though.
A few kids came to the door but I turned the light off early.

The Dr. told Lin that Jason was very healthy, beautiful and smart. We all agree. He said he should have a trike so she and Don went to Wards after dinner and they bought a purple one and Dave put it together. Then they put Jason down and we all watched Hawaii 5-0 and then they went home and we went to bed early.

Mom seemed to be feeling quite well today.

Thursday, November 1, 1973

Well, this day had it’s good and bad points. I had my class 2nd hour and Mark's 3rd and it went ok but I was surely tired after talking two periods in a row. Then in the afternoon I got into an argument with Bob. C. about goals and objectives and lost my cool but I called him in the evening and apologized.

I got home and went to Dr. Hagewoods where I waited and then had my treatment that hurt like hell and wasn't out until 15 to 5. I went to see Dr. Gibson and he said he thought the deal on Mom's neck was smaller but that she was failing and he thought there was cancer in other parts and that explained the pain. He said she should take her pills more often.

I got home and made scrambled eggs and kippers. Then for some reason I felt ambitious so I cleaned the whole house and even washed the kitchen floor! I was so proud and the house looked great.

Then Don and I watched "Bullet" and I had seen it before but I liked it. To bed at 11 but really it was a pretty good day.

Friday, November 2, 1973

Each day Gig gets a little bit more friendly but he is definitely a one-man dog and I am sure that really pleases Don,

After school I went to the bank and cashed my check and then on the way home I stopped and bought 3 Rex soles at the new fish market.

Don went to the Dr. with Linda so he could watch Jason as Dave was off somewhere so I got dinner. I had baked potatoes, avocado and cottage cheese salad and the fish. I was so proud cause it turned out just great. I fried them in butter and when it was brown on one side I added a little vermouth, onion and parsley and covered it for a few minutes and it was great! Yippee!.

Aunt Prudence called and she was back in Salix and was fine so that made Mom feel relieved.
Don went to bed early and I stayed up and watched Barbra Streisand and she was good but it was all rather strange with lots of peculiar sound effects.

Gig had lain down at the foot of the bed so when I came in he growled at me! He barely tolerates me!!

Saturday, November 3, 1973

Don and I got up and we both went to the Jr. Hi to walk with Gig. He was very good and when he took the leash off he ran around but he didn't run off.

We came back and had breakfast. I am trying still another diet I saw in the Ladies Home Jrn. but it isn't easy to start a diet on the weekend.

I washed the windows in the kitchen and dining room and then did some other neatening up. I took Mom with me to the library and then we came home and had lunch. I ran some little errands at the Mall, snaps, fingernail polish, Vitamin E. cream, yarn and then came home and started Jason's sweater again since the last one was too small.

I washed my hair and bathed and was kind of lazy and leisurely. Jenny came over and she is very depressed and discouraged. No one seems to help her on the headaches. I think she has hypo-glycemia and I will check with Eleanor Clark to find out which Dr. in town does something about it. She had cried all morning and cried here in the afternoon. It breaks my heart. Don got her to take his pathobama to get through the weekend. I invited them to dinner tomorrow and maybe that will help.

We got ready and went to Joanna Cowdens and I really had a good time for a change. The Minors, Boyles, Harveys, Joe Conlin, Tom Waystaff, Ellen and Don and me. She had buffet dinner and it was tasty and it was a good evening of conversation.

Came home and went to bed and made love and it was good and then to sleep. Except for worrying about Jenny it was a very nice day.

Sunday, November 4, 1973

We got up at 6. I wanted to take Gig for a walk at the Jr. Hi but Don was still in bed and Gig wouldn't go with me so I went alone. Nice sunrise.

Had breakfast and then made bread. Lin and Jason came over and I knit and visited. They are coming to dinner tonight too. It was a chilly fall day with a snap in the air so we had a fire all day which means that the rest of the house is chilly.

I made lemon squaare after I got the bread out and then I made stew and that with bread and a green salad was my dinner.
I did a little work outside cutting back some shrubs and picking some mums for my vase at school.

I had thought I wanted to have a cocktail hour next Friday for the faculty at PV and made up a clever invitation but over the weekend I talked myself out of it. I am just not sure how it would go over.

The kids came about 4:30. Jenny seemed much more relaxed than yesterday so Don's pills must have helped. She is going to call Dr. Hamilton and have a sugar test this week.

The dinner was nice and everyone got along ok. L & D want to go to the city this weekend and we are going to take care of Jason Saturday. They will be back early on Sunday - hopefully. I am not really keen on this but I will do it naturally.

After they left I knit and read. I should have written to the family but I just didn't feel like doing it for some reason so I will try to do that tomorrow.

Mom went to bed early.

Monday, November 5, 1973

Woke to wind and rain and chill. When I got to school I started right in working and I kept very busy all day and I liked it when it is like that. I typed notes to all the Soph. & Jr.'s who looked as if they didn't have a qt. class they needed second qt. A lot of them came in right away and we got them fixed up.

Came home and put my meatloaf in the oven and made scalloped potatoes. Then I wrote to both Cathy and Pauline, wrote some checks for Mom, finished a mystery story that was rather good and did some knitting.

Lin came over and borrowed our Penney's credit card to buy a warm car coat. I was saddened for her that she couldn't pay for it and doubly saddened that she was buying a cheap coat at Penney's when she has such expensive tastes and must hate this one.

Another thing that bothered me today was Alice talking about the blind date she had at the weekend and somehow having a blind date at 55 seems rather grim. X wonder if I were a widow how desperate I would be? I am not being critical, I just feel bad for my friend.

Don got some work done on the book and Gig is still growling at me but I have learned to tolerate it.

Lin told us that Jenny is not going away this weekend so she will take care of Jason and we won't have to and I am rather relieved. I guess I am selfish about giving up my weekends.

Tuesday, November 6, 1973
A wet day. I notice that we are now up and a little past last year's rain at about 3.5.

School was ok. I wasn't as busy as yesterday but the time didn't drag too much. Two more days of this class and then we start over on Monday with a new class. Jackie Harris, the student teacher who has just been sitting in my class wants to teach the students on values this time so she will do the first days. I have mixed emotions about this.

Came home and made spaghetti and a gorgeous banana cake from a new recipe. We ate too much of everything. With this cold weather I just can't stop eating.

The president is supposed to talk tomorrow night about the energy crisis and we are going to have to cut down on a lot of things.

Pauline called in the evening and she was fine. She is dyeing her hair brown for the play she is in.

I have a meeting tomorrow night. Thursday I take Mom to the Dr and Friday I have to go to the bank for her and we have to look at heaters then to. Thursday night there is a Faculty Working Wives at Lois Adams. A busy but dull week.

We spent the evening watching tv. The Sup't. of school in Oakland, a black man, was killed and his Ass't was wounded. No motive given yet.

We went this morning to vote against Prop I. I stayed up until 10:30 and they said then that it might lose. Boy, I hope so.

I knit all evening and got the body of Jason's sweater done and just about finished one sleeve. Pinned up my hair and went to bed. We called Dr. Rood and he said that we should get rid of Gig cause he just might hurt Jason sometime. Don feels terrible about it cause we have gotten attached to him and he loves Don so much.

Rain! Heavy!

Wednesday, November 7, 1973

It was pouring when we woke up this morning. Prop. I was defeated! Hurray!

It was wet enough that I wore old shoes to school and changed when I got there. Rather a dull day really. I kept busy. Had class 6th period and then a meeting after school with the people from Continuation that lasted until 4:30. Fortunately, I had put my leftovers of meatloaf and spaghetti together and so I just had to put the dish in the oven and make a fruit salad.

Lin came with Jason and the woman she works for had given her a little chalk board made like a bench and easel. Jason loves it and he draws like
crazy. When they came over Gig barked so much that Don called Mrs. Creedon and will take the dog back tomorrow morning. He is really saddened by this cause he loves the dog so I am very sad for him. I really hadn't realized how much a dog meant to him.

I went grocery shopping after dinner and I got some colored chalk and an eraser for Jason's chalk board. Came home and was so tired that I took a bath and went to bed after watching tv for a short time.

It was blustery but not really cold today. Nixon talked about the energy crisis and suggested that we cut back on lots of things. We will see what Congress will do about it.

Thursday, November 8, 1973

It is a wet, wet world. I started to clean up my office at school. After all this is the end of the first qt. and I figure 4 times a year I can check things through and decide what is important and what isn't.

Don took Gig back and Mrs. Creedon called to say that he had spent the day looking for Don. She wants us to buy a pup that will be the result of a mating between one of her dogs and a German Shepard in Canada. The breeding is supposed to be taking place right now and the dog will be born in February. My, that is really looking ahead! Well, we will see.

I was going to take Mom to the Dr. but then she got diarrhea and felt terrible so she called and cancelled. So I went to the fish store and paid $1.64 for 2 pieces of fresh salmon and I fried it but it wasn't all that good I didn't think.

Jenny and Lin were over. Jenny goes tomorrow to get her low sugar test and she felt just terrible with a headache that was very bad.

I made a batch of brownies and went to Lois Adam's for the Working Faculty Wives dessert fashion show. It was ok. Talked to Vic Huston's wife, Nancy Ostermans and helped serve and then afterwards I was bored so I rinsed all the cups and dessert plates and came home.

There was a beautiful moon, a huge star and some fascinating clouds and it was warm. So to bed.

There were some pretty clothes and I would like to have some of them.

Friday, November 9, 1973

The lovely moon of last night was a trick cause this morning it was raining again. School was ok. Next Monday the new qt. starts.

Cathy called before dinner. She has the whole month of December off cause of the energy crisis and she will try to get up here. She was feeling lonesome and we had a good chat.
I fried a little chicken, had cabbage slaw and broccoli. I had a drink before dinner so afterwards I promptly went to sleep on the lounge until 8 pm. That makes me so mad! Then somehow my evening was spoiled.

Don had a fire in the fireplace and I had envisioned a nice evening and instead Don went to bed and I wasn’t sleepy.

I finished one sleeve of Jason’s sweater and then took a bath and went to bed. Don was still awake and we made love but it wasn't great as far as I was concerned but it was ok for him and that is the important thing.

Lin and Dave are going to the city tomorrow and we have Jason. I can't get very excited about that but I suppose it is ok.

Jenny is going down to Travis to look for a place to live but I guess when she gets back she will take Jason.

I hope I have time this weekend to buy a glamorous but warm housecoat and I want to finish Jason's sweater.

Saturday, November 10, 1973

Rain! Lin called about 8 asking how to make macaroni salad. Then Jenny went off to Travis and the kids brought Jason over. He was so good your wouldn't believe. He didn't cry, he took his nap. He is just a angel.

Jenny was due back at about 2:30 but she didn't get here until 4:30 and she stayed and had dinner with us but when it came time to take Jason he just refused to go and held up his arms to me and so we both melted and said he should stay here. He seemed perfectly content and he let me sponge him off a bit and then I meekly went to bed and to sleep. He is such a doll. I think he really missed his parents but he didn't shed a tear and he never once said Daddy of Mama. Such a brave little guy.

Through all this the rain kept coming down. Much as I like Jason I must admit that I find it donfining to have to be home for the whole weekend but then I remember how my parents stayed with our kids when we used to go to San Francisco many years ago. That does seem like a long time ago but then we have been here for 21 years now in Chico.

We had macaroni salad and asparagus soup for dinner. Jason is not a good eater at the moment but he did drink plenty of milk and had graham crax. so he didn't starve.

The wind blew and the rain came down. We have the heat turned down to 66 degrees so it is pretty cool in the house.

Mom seemed ok today. We watched tv in the evening and MASH was good as always.

RAIN!!!
Sunday, November 11, 1973

Jason woke up before 6 so I changed his pants and we all got up. He ate his bacon and drank his milk but didn’t eat his eggs. I got him dressed and he wore his new sweater that I just finished yesterday. It really turned out well and it fits just great.

Still raining very hard and the wind is blowing like crazy. We relaxed, read, etc. and then I put him down for his nap at 11:45. The kids got here shortly after 1. Jason was kind of shy and silly when he saw his folks. They went off home.

I made my now famous chocolate mousse, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green salad and stewed tomatoes. It all tasted just great. Too good. I ate too much but I did start exercising today and I just hope I can keep it up.

Marian Osterboh called and we went for a walk together cause she wanted to get out into the air and didn't want to go alone.

Mom had dinner with us and it was one of the best nights. Then at 6 we watched a marvelous program on tv about Kennedy. How wonderful he was. What charm, what appeal. Then it was "Airport" next.

I finished my exercises, took my bath, did my hair and my nails and then watched with Don as the rain came down in torrents. And then at 10:30 to bed.

Monday, November 12, 1973

Woke up to a cloudy blustery day but at least it wasn't raining. I did ½ of my exercise routine - made oatmeal for breakfast, went to school to cope with all the people who didn't get into their qt. classes last week. Then 2nd period I sat at the back of the room and listened to Miss Harris do my decision making class. She did ok. Had lunch and then Don called me about 12:45 to say that Mom wasn't feeling well and I should come home.

I came right away. She was feeling cold and shakey. I stayed for an hour while Don went up and got his materials and he stayed in the afternoon until 3 when I got back. By then she was feeling better and I talked her into taking her pain pills more often and by evening she seemed much better.

It actually cleared in the afternoon.

John Asterboh was operated on starting at 2 pm. I went over about 6 and stayed for an hour and he came out of operating and went into X-ray where they were going to keep the operation and it wouldn't be done until about 10!

Ann Rood was with Marian and they were going to go out to eat so I came home and helped Don put all his notes into various folders and then I did all the rest of my exercises, every one! Don sat by and watched.
Then I took a bath and we went to bed and made love and it was good! He went to see Dr. H. this afternoon and he told him there was nothing physically wrong with him so we will just have to work on it.

Dr. H. said that Jenny had better go to Stanford about her headaches. Still another thing to worry about!

Tuesday, November 13, 1973

Rain again although there was some sunshine in the afternoon.

Mom wasn't up when I left this morning but I called her at about 10 and she seemed to be fine.

My student teacher had her second day and her supervisor came. It went ok I guess. I wish I were doing it instead. We got out at 12:30 cause we had a minimum day but since Marian went home to rest and Bob C had a meeting I worked until 2 and then came home in a downpour.

I decided to dye my old cream colored sweater with the wide sleeves that M. & Donna had given me long ago. I did it in gray and it turned out good.

Then I made a stew, salad and biscuits. Don had a meeting until 6:30 and then we ate. Everything tasted just great. I read, visited with Mom and then I did my exercises (I have really been faithful about them this time) and then we watched "The Cowboys" with John Wayne and it was really good. I was impressed and I hadn't expected to be.

The ads were in the paper today and thank goodness turkeys have gone down. They were 59 cents, 62 cents, etc. per lb and that isn't prohibitive.

We both went to bed in thermal underwear and it is really comfortable but I admit it isn't very glamorous. I must see if I can find something that is equally warm but that looks better.

Wednesday, November 14, 1973

Got up and had oatmeal on this dark, gray morning. This was after I did ½ of my exercises.

It was a busy day at school but nothing to exciting happened. After school there was a district counseling meeting that lasted until 5 pm!! and we talked about those goals that we have been talking about for 2 years.

I dashed home and made sandwiches and soup. After that I went to the store. I bought my thanksgiving turkey - 20 lbs. for $12.77 which isn't too bad. I got some of the other thanksgiving things like pickles, olives, cranberries, mints and nuts.
I got home and did my exercises - at the moment it seems that all I am doing is exercising. My eczema is driving me crazy but I am just not going to let it get me down.

Jenny came down feeling glum cause she feels terrible. She and Skip are coming to dinner thanksgiving after all cause the Cheakes suggested that they come cause of Mom and it will be nice to have them.

We watched "The Big Sleep" with Humphrey Bogart - he was so good. Best that I go to bed now cause I was up late last night.

Thursday, November 15, 1973

Rain of course, although it was off and on. Did ray exercises, cooked breakfast, put on my wine colored pant suit and off to work. It wasn't a bad day. One more day of D. Making tomorrow then Monday move, Tuesday 1st period, Wed. there is a Thanksgiving assembly and then Thanksgiving Holiday for 4 days. Good, good, good.

I went by Farmer's Mkt. for a few things and then came home. Lin, Jenny & Jason were here in the process of washing clothes and then Skip came for Jenny and I had the other 2 stay for dinner cause Dave had gone to San Francisco with a friend for the day.

Lin says he is very down cause of the job situation and they are fighting cause she is working and he isn't. My how I wish he could find a job. Now we are having to give them $300.00 a month again.

I had baked beans, hot dogs, cottage cheese salad and Mrs. ????? had brought Mom a cake so we ate it for dessert. Jason was wound up like a top after dinner and was so funny.

At 7:30 I went off to school to see the dress rehearsal of David & Lisa and it was quite good. Peter Dunlop and Julie Dumaas were really good. I got out at 9:30 and drove home in the pouring rain.

We stayed up until 11 to see one chapter of "The Blue Knight" with William Holden, about a policeman in L.A. It is in 4 parts and this one was the 3rd and then to bed.

Friday, November 16, 1973

Of course it was raining when I woke up. It was a long dull day at school and I tried to find some busy work to do and that made it seem still longer. I was interested in the teacher-actors cause they all came right out and said "how did you like the play ?, was I ok?" so they are people too. Fortunately I could say they were fine and really mean it.

I left at 3 and went to the Ski Shop and bought some "Ski Skins" but the pants are really too tight and so I will give them to Mom or Linda.
When I got home there was a note from Don saying he would be home shortly and did I want to go out to dinner. Well, I was in the mood so when he got here I called the Lamb's Den on the off chance that it might have opened and sure enough it had. We went over about 6 and had drinks before the fire and then into the dining room where we had a very mediocre dinner. It was so mundane and pedestrian. But I realize this is still the shake-down cruise and hopefully they will get better and as usual I ate too much bread, etc. so I felt stuffed.

We watched tv, sat by the fire and chatted and then to bed.

Saturday, November 17, 1973

Went for a walk about 6:15. It was dark and gloomy with a huge gray sky with a spot of light in the east about the size for a darning needle.

Came home and didn't feel very good so just had tea for breakfast although I cooked for Don. Watered the plants, washed the sheets. I had planned to do a lot of things but somehow I just didn't feel like doing much of anything.

I got my hair cut at 9:30 and I think she did it rather short but of course it will grow. Lin called in mid afternoon to ask if they could come for dinner. I was making macaroni and cheese and a green salad so I said ok and opened a can of tuna for Lin. I made some apple sauce to finish up the apples I bought in Paradise a long time ago. They were getting soft so I made an apple crisp to.

They were both in a lousy mood and that didn't cheer me but after dinner they left and I took a bath and we watched MASH and I got to feeling more cheerful and then we went to bed and made love and that was very good so at least the day ended right.

I did get a letter done to Pauline. I hope tomorrow is better. Ah yes, I did accomplish one good thing. I put 2 hooks in the bathroom ceiling and put 2 of my hanging plants from the back patio and they wook great.

Don found an apt. for the Steiners so when they come in December they will have a place to live.

Sunday, November 18, 1973

Well today was much better. I went to church at 8. When Father F. asked if someone would read the gospel I got up to do it and to my horror I found I was very nervous. After teaching for 30 years I found it hard to get my breath! but everyone was very nice, thank goodness.

Came home and made 4 pie crusts that I froze. Then I did the cranberry sauce and defrosted the refrigerator! Made lunch and then a chocolate cake, meatloaf, creamed potatoes.
Jenny called. The boys along the street were making a thanksgiving dinner and she had a turkey in her oven and wanted to make 2 pumpkin pies over here so I mad 2 more crusts for her while she made the filling. She was in a good mood today for a change and that was nice.

Marion called from school and I went over and walked with her. I was going to take Mom to Disco but her ankles were swollen and she felt shakey so she stayed home. Why are Sunday's always so bad for her? She didn't eat with us so I took her dinner over to her.

In the evening we both put on our thermal underwear and watched tv. I had been looking forward to Frank Sinatra but I was disappointed in his program.

I wrote to Mike and Cathy and Aunt Prudence.

We went to bed at 9:30. I felt much better about today than about yesterday. It was clear when we went to bed with stars!

Monday, November 19, 1973

33 degrees and clear!

Well there was frost on the roofs this morning and a beautiful sunrise. What a change!

I felt fat this morning and the scales agree with me and that is a hell of a note with Thanksgiving on Thursday!

I went out to the car and there was frost on it so out comes the credit card. I use that more to scrape frost than to buy clothes. It is cold at school now and everyone talks about it. I still have my heater but how long will that last?

Marian didn't come in today so I took her class 4th period to give them a test. My class didn't meet today so I worked on Sr. credits and managed to keep busy.

Came home and made potato salad and had leftovers. My stomach is not feeling good today. This is the first time in a long time that it has acted up and I wonder what brought this on.

After dinner I went to the stores and I think I got most ot my thanksgiving food although I am sure I forgot a few things.

Mom needed an enema so I did that and then she felt better. She called the Dr. about the swelling in her ankles and he said not to worry.

We were going to watch "Cotton Comes to Harlem" but it was hard to understand the dialogue and our tv is not working well so we went to bed. I think it is going to be a long cold winter and this year we are going to look forward to spring with great longing!
Tuesday, November 20, 1973

Cold, cloudy and windy! The chill seems to get to the marrow these days.

A rather dull day at school but ok I guess. Sue Abbott stopped by today cause she is home for a week visiting. She is very attractive looking.

After school I came home and put potatoes in the oven and then went to Dr. Hagewood’s. I got there before 4 and was there until after 5. I hate that whole business and I have to go back in 3 weeks again, yuk!

When I got home the girls and Jason came for a few minutes and then I cooked the steak, tossed the salad and we ate dinner. It was all very good and I ate every bit.

Then we called the number in the paper about a German Shepherd and went together to West 9th St. and we both like the dog. She is 1 ½ yrs. old, just had a litter of 9 pups, has papers and costs $25.00 so we took it home. She is just about all black, not as big as Dolly and very shy and quiet, but she obeys and is housebroken and sits and lies down etc.

We watched the beginning of the new version of War and Peace on channel 9 and I think it will be good.

Went to bed at 10 and since "Glad" didn’t seem too happy in the back room she came in and slept on the rug at the end of the bed. Well, if she is good with Jason I imagine we will keep her.

Wednesday, November 21, 1973

Cold and cloudy - Well, Glad seems to be working out ok so far. She ended up sleeping in our room and also lays on the bed in the guest room but that will have to end.

It was fairly quiet today at school. I took Mrs. Osterboh’s class and even though it was last period of the day the day before a holiday the kids were fine.

I came home and L & D & Jason came over and Glad was just great with Jason. She licked his face and when they went out in the back yard together she romped around and played with Jason as if he were another dog.

Jenny was in a sad mood and wanted a new dress for thanksgiving and cried so Don said to go buy a new dress. I am not sure I go along with that but maybe I was just angry cause I haven’t bought any new clothes.

We had pancakes for dinner and then I made the dressing and fixed the relishes. Jenny called to say that Skip’s folks were eating alone so we invited them and Blake Nicholson so we will be 12 ½ at the table.
Mom isn't a bit well. She is becoming incontinent and her feet and ankles are swollen. She said tonight she really didn't want to come over but hopefully if I fix her hair she will feel better about it tomorrow.

Cathy called and she said she would be up about the 5th of December. We are all thrilled about the dog and thank goodness I like this one and I couldn't say that about Gigilo.

I offered today to have the PV Ladies to a potluck on Dec. 12th. I polished the coffee and tea set and then to bed after a busy day.

Don went down at 5 pm and bought a new colored TV - a Zenith.

Thursday, November 22, 1973

Well, the pack today came and it was a great success. The weather was gray November which is the kind I like for Thanksgiving.

The house looked lovely, the fire was just right. Everyone looked fine. I pinned up Mom's hair and it was most becoming and they made her feel much better. Jason was adorable, Blake Nicholson was very quiet but seemed to have a good time. I always worry that not everyone is going to have a good time or all the food isn't going to get done on time but it worked out just great.

Linda said it was one of the best Thanksgiving's and I think she nailed it. She had on a long sleeved long clingy dress and looked beautiful and Dave was all dressed up too.

Jenny also had on a new dress, a 2-piece wine & white figured and she was so pretty. We called Mike in the morning and Matt answered and when Matt answered the phone Don said is this Matt? and he said YES. Don asked him if he were in school and he said "yes" he was learning to read! They were fine.

Pauline called while we were still eating so all we heard and accounted for since Cathy called yesterday. Everyone left by 7:30 and then Don went to bed cause again he ate too much and so I stayed up alone and saw "My Fair Lady" and it was just marvelous. We had seen it in San Francisco and had sat too close to the screen but this time I really enjoyed it in spite of JCPenney and Eastern Airline commercials.

Lady, who was very scared of all the people and spent most of the time outside made up for it by sleeping at the foot of the bed until I got there at 11:20. I was so wound up from the movie I didn't go to sleep until 1. But it was really a very good day.

I have more to be thankful for. Of course during the day Don cried cause he missed his parents. I felt so bad for him. We all want our parents sometimes and possibly next year I won't have Mom.

Friday, November 23, 1973
We slept later than we planned. Made a simple breakfast and then I emptied the dishwasher and put the rest of the dishes in. Watered the plants and puttered around the house.

Mother really doesn't seem a bit well. I wanted to have her go see Dr. Gibson but she decided not to. Made her lunch and ours and I took a bath and then at 1:00 I went to Dr. Caviness for my feet and then on downtown taking that dammed gray sweater but I couldn't find anything I liked that matched so I ended up getting a long flannel nightgown at the Frances Shop.

Got my prescription at Longs, bought another turkey at S & Save and got home after 4.

Called Butte Upholstery and they will come out tomorrow morning with samples for the chairs in the living room. Read the paper, watched the news, read a story in a magazine.

We went to bed at 9:30. It was really rather a dull day. A woman from Paradise called saying that Ellen Rockwell had been taken to the hospital in the night in great pain so we went over after dinner. I guess it is adhesions from a former operation.

We stopped over at the Heins on the way home and chatted with them for awhile. They were fine. It was raining when we got home.

Made hot chocolate for Mom and Don at 8:30.

Saturday, November 24, 1973

I did some of my exercises but it was a little difficult with Lady licking and thinking it is all play. More and more she makes me think of Dolly or maybe all german shepherds are alike.

I called Butte Upholstery and the man came out and we decided on a goldy-yellow and cream stripe for the chair and a plain gold velour for the 3 antique chairs. Hopefully he will get them on the 17th and then they would be back by Christmas otherwise it will be afterwards naturally. I hope I made the right choice.

I started reading one of my mysteries. Made bread and the house was too chilly so I put the oven on and did the same stupid thing that I did once before cause it got a little too hot so they rose a little too much and then got flat - Damm! Well, I will be fixing another turkey and I can make dressing I suppose.

Don wanted to entertain so we called the Hornadays (Rick Gamble formerly) the Tietermans and the Heins1fdg for a dinner next Saturday and then we will have a breakfast and one other dinner during the holidays. Then Cathy will be coming and the Steiners will be here for a few days so I see December as a busy month but thats ok.
David and Lin were over. Jason and Linda are sick with the flu so they didn’t stay long. Jenny came over and did 2 loads of clothes.

We watched MASH which was wonderful as always. I wanted to read for awhile but Don went to bed and I felt that he wanted to make love so I dashed in and took a bath and didn't put any of my medicine on and then he didn't make any move and I didn't want to get back up so I just went to sleep. I guess I didn't read that message very well. Ah well, that was ok too.

It wasn't a bad day really. Pretty chilly today but the sun did shine some of the time.

Sunday, November 25, 1973

I decided to go to church so while Don took Lady for a short walk I cooked breakfast and then pinned up my hair for a bit so I did would ok. Father Fagin wasn't there but Father Fadan gave the Mass and a really good sermon. Well thought out and organized.

Came home and finished a very mediocre Agatha Christie and then made another batch of bread, all good this time that took until mid afternoon to rise cause the house is so cold. I made scalloped potatoes and cooked them for a long time in a very low oven and they were delicious with some ham served cold leftover from Thanksgiving.

Called Lin and she was feeling better. Marian Osterloh came over in the afternoon pretty discouraged cause she doesn't feel John is making any progress.

Nixon came on at 4: speed limit nation-wide from December 1st 50 mph, no gas on Sunday, more cut downs on fuel, keep our houses cold, etc.

We read in the evening and talked, watched the FBI. Had a wonderful fire all day

Mom called Aunt Prudence. Went to bed and made love and got warm! That's the way to do it. Why didn't Nixon suggest that! Really a rather nice day.

I am working on Mom's project. She has this small barrel she wants to decorate. I painted it white this afternoon and got some blue beads for her, etc. I hope she won't be disappointed in it.

Monday, November 26, 1973

Well, the Monday after the holiday was a cold one with frost on the windows of the car. I wore my ski skins under my sweater and was really pretty comfortable. Everyone seemed to have a nice Thanksgiving.

I kept busy doing my report cards and making lists of students with low grades and I taught my class or rather gave them their first test.
Came home and Lin & Jason were just leaving. They are both still feeling lousy. When I called Don at noon he said he knew now why dogs never get bored. Lady had tipped over candles and one of my most precious plans, pillows were down, clothes strewn around and I guess she had had a very busy morning. Now that she has made herself at home she shows another side of herself.

I made dinner and then we watched the news. I painted Mom's little barrel the second coat. Mom is now using a cane cause one of her legs doesn't feel secure any more.

The house is just plain cold and it depresses me somehow. I can see how people in England during the war must have felt very discouraged. It cuts off freedom of movement and I just don't feel like doing things. We bundled up and watched some tv, one program about the Arctic no less as if we should be appreciative that we aren't THAT cold.

Took a very hot bath and pinned up my hair and we were in bed by 10.

Tuesday, November 27, 1973

Another dark day but it was warmer and it didn't rain. I was really busy what with people calling about their kids' report cards and Mr. Kirkham came in about Jennifer's Fire drama, etc.

I was so tired when I got home I was dragging. I made a salmon loaf, coleslaw, baked potatoes and green beans. Didn't eat very much and then watched the news and at 7:30 I just folded and went to bed.

I read a bit and then I dozed. Don watched "War & Peace" again and said it was just tremendous so I would like to have watched but I felt as if I were coming down with a cold and since I just about never have a cold I felt better off in bed waking and dozing.

I so seldom give up and say that I am tired but this time I just had to.

Wednesday, November 28, 1973

Well, another busy day at school with parents calling or coming about report cards. I talked to a lot of students too and had my class 5th period.

Right after school I went to Wentzes and got some of my groceries. Then I came home. There was a lovely letter from Donna describing their trip to Disneyland with pictures and telling about Matt's school experiences.

He is learning to read and finding it very exciting.

I then went to the Mall to get my grocery shopping completed. Got home and we made soup and sandwiches. I felt hot but didn't have any temperature but then mine is always so low anyway. I just don't feel well
and think I will stay home tomorrow. I have just the class 6th period and Miss Harris can take it since they are taking tests.

We watched *Hawaii 5-0* and then I washed my hair and took a long hot bath. After we were in bed Mrs. Creedon called to see if we had found a dog. She has been so nice.

I told Don afterwards that after one's children are gone a dog takes on new meaning and it is rather like a surrogate child who gives you comfort and you can fuss over them and they depend on you. You can better understand people who live alone and pay so much attention to their pets.

No rain today and it is much warmer than yesterday. I have been mentally working on Saturday's menu cause we are having people for dinner.

**Thursday, November 29, 1973**

Since I decided not to go to school I got into my work clothes and after breakfast I washed the kitchen floor and then applied Step Saver to it. I worked out my budget for December.

It is a gray day but warm. Called Peggy and told her what to do for the class today. I told Don and Mom I would stay home if they didn't tell me every minute that I was supposed to be resting. I really didn't feel all that bad.

I was restless though so I made a turkey stew and cornbread and then got out a pie crust and made a pumpkin pie.

Called Jenny to have them come to dinner but she had made chili already so I called Lin and they came. Jason got all excited cause we had found an old Babar book and he is especially interested in elephants and giraffes at the moment and there were the pictures of them in the book.

We watched and Lady went up to Jason and licked her and he just put his head against hers so I guess they will be friends.

About 4 pm I got to feeling lousy again so I took some more vitamin C. I have a little hacking cough but really don't feel to bad.

I got this idea if I got a frilly black body shirt of fairly heavy material and a long black skirt I might be able to wear that for all my Christmas functions but will I be able to find such a combination?? I would really like something pretty to wear over the holidays but my damned stomach sticks out and I look terrible in everything. I just don't like any of the dresses I see in the stores.

**Friday, November 30, 1973**

Well, I decided to stay home again today. It was dark and foggy when we got up but by 8 am it was raining and it rained off and on all day and by evening it was just pouring.
I cleaned the whole house really thoroughly then I made cranberry sauce, chocolate mousse, and I boiled the chicken breasts for chicken Divan for tomorrow night with the Tieckermans, the Heins and Ruth Gamble and her new husband Dick Hornaday who are coming for dinner.

Mom didn't really feel good today so it was good I was home. I stayed in the bedroom while she took her bath cause she is worrying about getting into the tub and it is just frightening to see her body all shrunken and gaunt. It is so sad to see what illness can do to one. I wanted to cry and then she wrote in her will that she wanted me to have the dining room table and 2 chairs and the lounge. I really don't want them but she wanted me to have them. But she did eat quite well. It is just that the pain in her right leg really is getting bad.

I made potato salad and baked beans and hot dogs for dinner.

Cathy called to say that her exam was on Wednesday and she will come after that. She was very thrilled cause she had followed a maternity case as a project and the Dr. in charge had written a letter of commendation about how she did it.

Jenny stopped over for awhile this afternoon on her way to the Dr. cause her knee hurt but otherwise she was ok.

I made Don a hot buttered rum before dinner and we played cards and then we ate and watched the news and then he went to bed early.

It is getting on and the wind is blowing and it is pouring rain and I am up alone except for Lady. I am sad about my Mother.

Saturday, December 1, 1973

Got up and we had a simple breakfast and read the Saturday morning paper taking our time. I had done so much yesterday that I really didn't feel pushed today.

Went to Safeway and fortunately the brocolli was on sale so I got 2 pkgs. of it and then onto the fruit stand to get my salad greens. Came home and did my salad greens. Made lunch for everyone and then went out to the High School to look at the Art Fair and then on to the Mall to look for a holiday dress but I looked so dumpy in everything that I came home.

S. L. & Jason came over. Jason had eaten a box of raisins when his Mom wasn’t looking and he has been going to the bathroom ever since. She came over and Don suggested that she eat here and stay the night. I really didn't want her to and she decided to go home and Jenny was going to help her cause Dave went to Tahoe for the weekend.

I got dressed, Don made a fire and our guests arrived at 7:30 and would you believe that when the Hornadays arrived Lady BARKED! This is the
first I had heard her. Well we know now that she is a good watch dog. She growled a lot during the evening.

We had a good time. My chicken divan, green salad, cranberry sauce, bread and choc, mousse was a great success. Kent Tieterman was the hit of the evening cause he did almost all of the talking. The Heins, Hornadays were the other 2 couples and it was a nice evening. In fact we didn't get to bed until 12:30 after we had cleaned up the dishes.

Then to bed and lovely love making and so to sleep. A good, good evening.

Sunday, December 2, 1973

A bright, sunny day with a heavy frost but no rain!

I didn't go to church. Lin called and said J. had been sick in the night and could she come over to wash clothes. She came and we helped take care of him cause he is cross and irritable from vomiting and having diarrhea.

I wrote to Mike who had sent such a good letter yesterday and then to my sister.

I had given Jason the 2 little plaques I had in the bathroom cause he wanted them. It was so cute. Lin said she asked him where he wanted them and he pointed to a place on his bedroom wall about 2 feet from the floor so she put them there and he stands and looks at them.

Mom didn't feel very good today. I gave her an enema and she was able to go to the bathroom.

I cooked yesterday's dinner again. I went again to the Art Fair and bought some very nice plaques that look much better than the other ones. Took a short nap & Jason came back for dinner.

We watched tv afterwards and then she went home. I really don't want to go back to school tomorrow but once I get there I hope it will be ok.

Pinned up my hair and watched the end of McCloud and went to bed at 10:30.

Monday, December 3, 1973

Well, I can't say that I was exactly eager to go back to school, in fact I was appalled at my total lack of enthusiasm but I did go. I feel remote and detached; very strange feeling.

Don woke up with a terrible headache and that didn't help the morning.

It was chilly at school and I was very busy cause a lot of work had piled up on my desk so I didn't lack for something to do.
I called home at noon and Don had to call the Dr. to get some pills cause he was in agony. I called Lin and she had taken Jason to the Dr. and she has to be very careful about what she feeds him.

I came home and made macaroni and cheese and then Lin brought Jason over and he was quiet and pale. Poor little doll. Diarrhea is a wicked thing for a child.

I went to get milk after dinner. Joe Conlin came over and I guess Lady tried to eat him alive so she barked and snarled - a good watch dog. Don went to bed early and although I was tired I made 4 pie crusts to freeze, washed my hair and went to bed.

At 1:30 Lin called to say that David had come home with his knee all swollen up cause he hurt it skiing at Tahoe and he couldn't stand the pain so she came over and got some pain pills. I really find it hard to be sympathetic. He goes off and with no experience skis and now he will have a bum leg and will probably have to have an operation and Lin was worn out already from taking care of Jason and now she will have Dave laid up as well. My, I wish he had a job.

Well, Cathy will be here Wednesday night or Thursday - something to look forward to.

I found a light blue sheet I used for Jenny's wedding for the table and I cut the edges to make it rounding and found blue matching candles for the party next week.

Tuesday, December 4, 1973

I decided to be brave today and wear a dress. I have 3 pairs of pants and I am so weary of changing from navy, to black to wine. So I wore my old navy blue wool knit dress with the white knit collar and cuffs. When I got to school I called Don to bring my bulky red sweater to wear over it and still I shivered.

I had a busy day and there was a counseling meeting afterwards but I wasn’t so tired today and really everything went ok.

P.G & S got another price raise and I think people are getting bitter about paying higher bills and using less heat. Tonight on the news they implied that this state of affairs would be going on for years so we had better get used to it.

I fixed liver for dinner and it wasn't all that good but I got home late.

Watched the news, visited with Mom, called Cathy and she is going to come tomorrow and heard all the horror about David’s knee. He pulled tendons, that had to drain off 80 cc’s of blood and fluid. He is in a cast and in pain and it is a big mess. Jason, however, is better so that is the good news. Poor Linda must really think she is in a mess.
We watched "War and Peace" from 8 - 9:30 and it was superb. We will be glued to our tv’s for the next 12 weeks for sure.

Pinned up my hair and in bed by 10.

Wednesday, December 5, 1973

Another dark and cold day. School went ok although I wasn’t too thrilled with my class today. It is too big and hard to manage.

I came home but Cathy hadn’t arrived yet so I went to do the grocery shopping after putting the chicken on.

Dave and Lin came over and Davae's managing to get around quite well in his cast with crutches. By the time I got back Cathy was here. She looks very good.

We had dinner and then Jenny came for awhile. Don drank too much wine and at 8 he went to bed. Jenny went home and the the rest of the evening until 10 I talked to Cathy. It is all very strange and rather sad. She looks forward so much to coming home and then she gets here and it isn't like she expects it to be.

The girls are rather distant and she feels left out and unwanted. She feels Jenny puts her down and I am inclined to agree that that is the way it appears. She has a month off and she wants to drive to the midwest and visit Pauline and maybe Paul and George. She wants to be away from Jim to see if she can get along without him. She doesn't want to marry him which is good since it is impossible. She is taking yoga, is trying to make friends, is doing well in her classes, but still she is searching for many things.

The girls are here all the time and although I am sure they like their sister they don't seem to have much in common with her. I don't have an answer but I feel that I am walking on eggs much of the time. She thinks that maybe her life is so different that this may be the explanation.

I think she feels very much alone. What can I do? I just don't know. She found Mom very much changed and that saddened her too.

Even Lady growled at her and made her feel the intruder. My poor sweet Cathy.

The Steiners called and will be here on Friday.

Thursday, December 6, 1973

Thank goodness today was better. I went off to school without seeing Cathy cause she was still asleep so I left her a note.

My class went much better today than yesterday and that made me feel better too.
Then Cathy called me to say that she had talked to Linda and decided that she wasn't going to go to Omaha but would go to Tahoe instead. Well, at least that is better than that long drive to Nebraska.

I got home right after 3 but she wasn't here so I made a bundt cake and put potatoes to bake. Cathy had gone to see Dr. Creech in Dr. Magnus' absence and he suggested that she see a specialist in San Francisco next Wed. so I guess she will be going down.

Then Jenny came over and she was in a much better mood too so everything seemed better. Dinner was good cause I had steak.

 Afterwards we went to the Mall to buy a beef roast and then I stopped at Penney's and looked at long dresses but I didn't see anything I liked.

Came home. Cathy had gone to see Linda so Don and I watched tv. It was cold and dark today but it didn't actually rain.

Lady is not being very friendly to Cathy - she growls at her.

Zapped by the flu! Ugh!

Friday, December 7, 1973

Well, what a revolting development. I woke at 2 am with diarrhea and continued to have it for the rest of the night. I felt just ghastly. I went at 6 am and then stayed in bed and thought I could make it for my 5th period class but I had to call Peggy and say no.

The Steiners were in sometime in the afternoon so I managed to fix the roast in foil in the morning and I had the bundt cake left over from yesterday. Once during the day when I felt up to it I washed the salad greens and about 2 the Steiners called so they came out and said "hi" and then I decided it would be better to have some people here since obviously I couldn't eat and it would be less noticeable with a lot around so I called Jenny (Skip also has the flu) and Dave and Linda so all of them sat down at 7 to the table except Jason and I sat in the tv room while he ate roast beef and scorned the carrots and we watched the Electric Company.

Everyone seemed to be having a good time and I liked Cindy very much. She is pretty and friendly, then in the midst of this David Allen called from Washington, D.C. to say that he was flying out on Sunday to see Grandma.

He will rent a car in S. F. and drive up. I went over and told Mom and she was surprised and slightly overwhelmed and then I went to bed feeling absolutely wretched. What happened to my flu shot? This is the first time in my life that I can recall when I went 24 hours without eating and didn't even miss it.

Jim sent Cathy a bouquet of yellow and white daisies and a huge snoopy doll!!???
Jason loved the Snoopy doll and took it home with him.

Saturday, December 8, 1973

I got up feeling a little better. Cathy vacuumed the bedroom wing. At about 10 I went over to the Mall and bought some candles and looked at a dress at Penney's and tried it on but it just wasn't all that great so I didn't buy it.

I came home and lay down and fixed a little lunch and lay down again. Washed my hair but didn't pin it up. Jenny worked. Lin came over and did her wash. Cathy did a little shopping.

I made soup for dinner and ate a little bit but didn't feel too good as a result. Dozed until MASH but it wasn't all that good and then I went to bed.

Lady has now made friends with Cathy after growling at her for 2 days. In fact the first morning she outside her closed bedroom door and growled.

The weather has not been cold and it is clear part of the time.

I hope I feel better tomorrow cause I must cook a good dinner for Dave, fix Mom's hair, etc. and pin up my own hair. I hope I feel well enough to go back to school on Monday. Then I have to get ready for the faculty ladies potluck on Wed. night so I have to hem and wash and iron table cloths, etc. Now I wish I had never offered my house but it is too late for that kind of thinking.

Don had meetings in both the morning and afternoon and he never seems to get to work on the book.

Mom doesn't feel a bit well and she is going to call Dr. Gibson and have him come out Monday hopefully. I find it frightening to be sick cause I realize how awful it is not to feel well and to think Mom has been feeling lousy since last January!

Sunday, December 9, 1973

Got up at 6 on a misty, moisty morning and went for a walk down to Cohasset. Don & Lady were running but I didn't meet them so I started back. A car came along and I was scared but fortunately it was the sheriff's car.

I made oatmeal and ate about 2 bites. I took out a frozen pie shell and made a chess pie, cooked a smoked ham, did salad greens, got some artichokes and then made up a macaroni and 3-bean salad for tomorrow.

The rest of the day I rested and puttered. Mom washed her hair and I set it. Don made a fire. The Steiner's came over in the afternoon to use the
phone. They had been busy buying things: A waterbed and $80.00 worth of plants.

We expected Dave about 2:30 but he didn't get her until about 5. He is about Mikes height with wavy brown hair and a little mustache. He is very different from George and Paul. He is extremely low-key with a wry humor.

Mother looked just lovely and she was in good form. It is amazing how she can rise to the occasion. I am sure he had no idea just how sick she is cause she put on such a show. It is strange in a way cause although I admire her for this I feel that people really don't realize just how bad she is and so they leave with a false impression but maybe that is better.

I felt fairly well but as the evening progressed I go so weary that finally I had to go to bed and since Dave is leaving tomorrow I know I should have stayed up with him to visit but I just couldn't so I went to bed about 9. In fact, I was feeling so horrible that when I put on my nightgown I got the shakes and was almost in tears.

This flu has really zapped me!

Monday, December 10, 1973

I decided I was well enough to go to school so I got up and got dressed. I didn’t have class until 6th period and I made it although I was getting very tired by then.

It was a cloudy day today. There was a lot to do in the office so I kept busy. Everyone was very solicitous at school about my health and that was nice.

I got home at 3. Don had taken Dave to lunch at the Lamb's Den and they had both enjoyed it. Lin and Jason had come over in the morning so they both met Dave. Jenny had come last night and it was good she did cause today she is down with the bad cold that Skip had had but he is better fortunately.

I fixed dinner at 5 using the 2 salads I had made and leftover ham and I also made waffels so it was all very nice. Mom came over and ate with us and then Dave left about 6 and we hated to see him go.

Lin informed us that she is going to go back to school and would like to be an elementary school teacher. Cathy went to the Dr. about her foot but Dr. Simpson said it was ok. Then she went to Long's to pick up a prescription for Jenny and had to wait for an hour. But in the evening she and Lin went shopping and she bought a new pair of shoes and some new slacks.

I started getting ready for the party on Wednesday. I fixed the candles and vases and tomorrow will buy daisies. I hemmed the blue sheets that I am using for table cloths and got out the card tables, etc. Tomorrow night will be really busy.
I pinned up my hair and took a hot bath and was in bed by 9:30. After Dave left Mom sort of disintegrated. Her right leg just seems to go out and she is afraid she will fall. Her feet and ankles are swollen. We will just have to get someone pretty soon to be with her I am sure.

Pauline called and talked to Dave.

Tuesday, December 11, 1973

I feel better today! Each day is a little better than the day before and pretty soon I will be well. I didn't have a class today but I was really busy so the day flew by and I left school and saw an accident on the way home where a motorcycle hit a car pulling out from a stop sign. It was very frightening and the first time I have even seen an accident.

I bought blue and white daisies and came home and arranged flowers in little vases. Made spaghetti for dinner and then Don went off to teach Tom Wagstaff's night class.

I ironed my table cloths, set out the silverware and tomorrow night there shouldn't be too much to do.

I took a bath and pinned up my hair and at 8 we sat down to watch War & Peace. Very good and I always hate to see it end. Then we went to bed cause Cathy wasn't home yet and we started to make love and she came home right in the middle of it! How disconcerting! She had been to see Melinda and then went over to see Linda and Jim called and he has to have his knee operated on so she is going to the city tomorrow to see the plastic surgeon and then will go back to Sonora.

She says she will come back at Christmas time - so then I guess she won't be going to Tahoe so all our worries about that will not materialize I presume.

Wednesday, December 12, 1973

Had my class 1st hour and I had prepared carefully for it and it went well. Then was busy for the rest of the day but not terribly and I was just sort of biding my time to get home.

I left right after school and went into high gear. Cathy left this morning at 7 for the city and her appointment with the plastic surgeon. She called about 6 to say she was back in Sonora and liked the Dr. and he will probably do the work in April.

But back to my party. I quickly set up the card tables and then put the blue cloths on all of them and then set them and with the blue and white daisies and blue candles they all looked very nice.

The mulled wine was good and the ladies didn't get so loud somehow. There was lots of food and all 21 of them came. It was good to see Ann Rood and
Pat Yarbrough and Eleanor Clark. They all left at 10 and I cleaned up the dishes, pinned up my hair and was in bed by 11:15.

I was proud of the house cause it looked so nice. Lin dashed over to get some buttons for the eyes of the giraffe she made for Jason and it turned out to be just adorable. It is wine with white yarn and I guess he just loves it. I think the party was a success.

Lady growled but not too much and did come out finally and sat beside me. Don watched tv in the bedroom. He isn't feeling very well. I am afraid he has what I had.

The wind blew and it was very gusty and nasty out.

Thursday, December 13, 1973

I expected to wake up exhausted but I was surprised to find that I felt ok but Don is just not feeling great, although he keeps on going.

School was ok although I wasn't terribly busy. Came home and bought groceries. Safeway had good ads this week. I had some leftover spaghetti and Peggy had left some of her egg plant hotdish so I just mixed the 2 of them and the result with a little more cheese and a heating in the oven was good.

Lin was washing her clothes so I asked them to stay and have dinner and since she was tired they were glad to stay. Jason is trying very hard to eat with utensils and he is also trying to be neat so he wipes his mouth on his sleeve and then wipes his sleeve with a napkin!

I took my bath and did my hair and then read a bit of War & Peace. I also had to put away all the stuff from the party and did a load of wash and so the evening slipped by and we were to bed fairly early.

I have been having headaches this week for some strange reason.

I checked my diary and I wore my pink dress to the Lambert party 2 years ago but I just don't have anything else to wear. Was checking and last year at this time I was getting ready to go to Hawaii since we left on the 15th! I wish we were doing it again.

Friday, December 14, 1973

Last day of the school week and one more week and then vacation!

I didn't have a very busy day at school but the time went fairly fast. Came home and the living room furniture was gone to be done. I wonder how long it will take.

I made hamburgers and I had a mild drink and we sat down to a leisurely dinner, then the news and then I went in and wrote a long letter to Pauline.
Watched tv with Don and then he went to bed and I stayed up to see "Miracle on 34th Street". A new version with Sebastian Cabot which was good. I am not sure it was worth staying up until 11 but that was ok too.

Dr. Gibson came out to see Mom. He said the codein was causing the constipation. He had no explanation for the swelling or the terrible breaking out on her feet. So, he really didn't say much of anything but it is always a comfort to her to see him.

I go tomorrow morning to get a permanent and tomorrow night we go to the Gerth's.

Monday I will take over Marian's class for a week while she takes John to UC at Davis.

Saturday, December 15, 1973

Saturday morning. One more week and it will be vacation!

I got to Gages at 7 and Sam gave me a permanent and then brushed it dry and I hate it! I had decided to try to let it grow but if it is going to look like this I will have the whole thing cut off and start over! I will wash it tomorrow and see what happens.

I made 12 loaves of pumpkin bread today! And I sugared 3 cups of walnuts so my Christmas cooking is on the way. Just think, last year at this time I was on the way to "Hawaii"! What a change.

It has been a good year and a bad year but then I guess that is true any year.

Don and I walked over to the Jr. Hi with Lady this morning at 5:30 and here were 2 young girls sitting in one of the alcoves. There were cigarette and candy papers but what were they doing there at that hour?

I went to the library and got new books. I ran some errands for Mom. She is having a bad day and she is very weak and she vomited her lunch and had only tea at night.

I put on my pink dress and shoes and we went to the Gerth's open house which was crowded with people I didn't know. We didn't stay very long.

Came home and watched MASH and then Don stayed up to watch "Hotel" but I went to bed.

Lin was over with Jason but Jenny worked and I didn't see her. Dave has the flu and feels terrible.

Sunday, December 16, 1973
Up to a foggy morning and went to church at 8. It was rather nice to go. Came home and made candied orange peel. Used a new recipe that called for gelatin and they stayed sticky, damm!

Mom didn't feel good today so she stayed in bed most of the day. I had her eat her lunch there and got the bed tray for her.

I hated so how Sam had fixed my hair so I washed it and set it myself and I like it better cause it looks more like me.

Read a mystery by my favorite Swedish authors and enjoyed it. Don made a fire that was lovely. Called Lin and she was cleaning her house so I asked them over for dinner and we had turkey hotdish and salad. Both good.

Jason was so sweet. He had on those slipper sox that little kids wear and he and his mother played cards in front of the fireplace and I just wish we had a movie camera.

We went to the Lambert open house which was pleasant. I wore my long red skirt and black turtle neck.

We watched Columbo whish was good and then we went to bed and made love and that was very good.

We called Mike and he was funny and we had a good talk. Washed and put away clothes. It was nice day.

Took Lady for a walk and took off the leash behind the

Monday, December 17, 1973

A misty morning with a wind blowing but not too cold. 18 known identified cases of measles among the student body. More to come I guess.

Took Marian’s class first period and sat in the back during Jackie's class 4th period. Didn't do much in the office.

Came home and Father Fagan was here visiting Mom. Cooked chicken livers in wine, had scalloped tomatoes and fruit salad for dinner. Afterwards I went to the stores looking for a teakettle for Mom and found a lovely one of copper and brass at Ben Franklin. It has a very pretty shape.

Got "The Immigrants" in paperback for Don and some groceries. The beater I ordered through Emma Roney's educational discount came and it is ok but not as powerful as the Westinghouse that is wearing out.

I came home and made a batch of divinity and one of fudge. Don didn't feel to great so he went to bed early.

Cathy called to say that she wouldn't be home for Christmas probably but would stay in Sonora. She doesn't want to make the drive again and I can understand that. I keep wondering if I am doing the right thing for
Christmas by not having a tree or any presents. Probably I am doing the wrong thing.

I certainly don't have the Christmas spirit, that I do know. Maybe next year things will be different.

Tuesday, December 18, 1973

Today the sun came out! It was brisk but not freezing and very nice. We go back to Daylight time on the 6th of Jan. and then it will really be dark in the morning for at least awhile.

Not very busy in school. Barbara Conklin brought 3 trays of Christmas goodies and I ate too much! I will just have to cut down. Not much doing at school and I feel I am just putting in time. No word from Marian yet.

Came home and served leftovers for dinner. My period started but I don’t feel too bad. Pendergrass got his letter saying he wasn't to come back in the history department and he is going to grieve. That is such a stupid use of the word but anyway, Don will be all involved in that.

I have told Don the book must be done by Christmas or I will file for divorce and we are kidding about it a lot but I do think he will finish.

Mom annoyed me today worrying about sawing that little barrel with the copig shells and braid and beads. I try not to let on and I did work on it.

After dinner I went over to the Jr. Hi and watched the basketball game until 8. The Jr. Varsity won but I just saw one qt. of the varsity. I did notice a lot of the graduates who came back and they looked fat and out of shape. I decided we all need some austerity around here so people don't get fat! Including me!

Came home and watched "War & Peace" and it was great. Then took a bath and pinned up my hair and so to bed.

Wednesday, December 19, 1973

Another dark day. I stopped in to see Bob C. about 8:30 and we talked for over an hour and it was really good conversation. He is going to Canada for a week in Feb. on a Counseling Deal for PACE and he was so thrilled. I had Marion's class 3rd hour and the student teacher did mine 6th hour and in the meantime I went through materials for my American Family Class next semester.

After school I went over to the Bob Jeffries to the Counseling get-together which was very pleasant. She had an excellent spread.

Got home and made tuna salad and soup for the family. Lin and Jason were here and Lin wanted to leave Jason cause they were going to Paradise to a party. I quick went and bought groceries so when they left him I would be
here. He had on his sleepers plus his slipper sox and he looked very funny indeed. He was very good and sat with Mom and I on her sofa and "read" magazines with us. He went to bed about 8:30 and was fine.

We went shortly afterwards. Mike sent a tape to MMom and she was so thrilled with it. They all talked and Mike sounded so natural and Matt talked about school for a very long time and Ty made noises and gurled and laughed. It was all such fun.

Then Don did a little taping to send back to them and Jason did a little talking but one couldn't understand it all that much.

Thursday, December 20, 1973

Another dark day and very foggy. Just one more day after this one. Again the time dragged but I got through it somehow.

After school the faculty practiced Christmas carols and that was a lot of fun. We are going to sing tomorrow at the Christmas Assembly.

Got home and found out that Lin who had spent the night with us cause Daved stayed in Paradise to go to Tahoe with Tom today. She had drunk too much and felt terrible when I left for school and then had to go home from her job cause she was still sick. I guess she can't drink any more.

I had been home just a short time when my furniture came back. The striped chair is lovely but very light. The gold velour looks very plain. It coast $286.00 and secretly I am not sure I like them but I suppose I will get used to them.

Pauline had sent a box of candy and my Grandma Moses book came so there was a good mail call.

I put on my long skirt and at 6 we went to Rosemans. The Rawlins were there and another couple and it was very nice although eventually Liz had too much to drink and she talked a lot.

We came home and really weren't hungry. Don had a glass of wine and then to bed and I guess he drank too much cause he was putting ice on his head in the night and I asked him if I could do anything and he said no.

The Steiners brought a basket of Christmas goodies - cheese, wine, nuts, cookies, etc. just lovely. They are such a nice young couple.

One more day of school and then vacation. Uncle Mark called Mom and talked for a long time.

Friday, December 21, 1973

I felt rather guilty about not bringing any goodies to school but once I got there I no longer did cause everyone but EVERYONE had brought sweets. All the office girls brought things and Peggy and students so by 9 am I
must have eaten 4,000 calories all in sugar! but they were so pretty and so good.

The Assembly was second period and a great success. The faculty sang their rehearsed Christmas Carols and when we brought out our keys and jingled them in Jingle Bells they just roared. Then everyone sang carols with the orchestra and choir. No one did any work but the kids were so good all day. The PE dept is doing folk and square dancing plus modern dances so I went out and watched last period and then Bill Moule got me on the floor and we did a little jitterbugging = me who did love so to dance and am so bad but still it was fun.

Alice gave me a rather hideous blue angel candle but the thought was there.

I got home and made twice baked potatoes, steak and zuccini for dinner and then did some baking for Christmas boxes. In the evening we did some of the tape for Mike and Don had it turned on without her knowing and Mom was so good on it but she was upset when she found that she had talked without knowing but it was so natural.

Went to bed and made love and that was so nice too that it was really a beautiful day. I wore my my long red skirt to school with a black stole and since it was cold I put the stole over my head when I went to class and some girl said why Mrs. L, you look just like a grandmother and I said "you know what, I am a grandmother 3 times over" and she was so surprised! I guess kids don't realize that you can be a grandmother and a teacher!

Saturday, December 22, 1973

We took Lady to the jr. hi and then had breakfast. Then I finished cleaning the house and then made divinity. I got my 9 boxes our and filled them with candied nuts, candied orange peel, divinity, fudge, Russian Tea Cakes, chocolate chip coconut squares, etc. and the looked just lovely.

I delivered them to Mae Mauer, Maurine Golfs, Norma Tulius, Peggy Hauk, Alice (who is sad and unhappy this year) Jenny & Skip, the Yakiches, Dave & Lin, the Cheeks. It was all rather fun and the older ladies were so appreciative but I am glad it is over.

I wrote to Cathy, Lin & Jason were here. Part of the day they do laundry. Jenny came over after work to pick up the Cheeks's box. I went with Lin to look for a rocking horse but we couldn't find one.

I made baked beans and hot dogs for dinner. So far I have not gained any weight with all this but I don't know how long that will last.

In the evening we watched MASH which was good and then I read a book and finished it so I didn't get to bed until 11:30 and then I didn't get to sleep until 12. After dinner Don and I went to mail Cathy's letter and we stopped at a new shop downtown that is very attractive.
It was cold and dark all day and we had a nice fire.

Sunday, December 23, 1973

Didn't got to church this morning cause I plan to go to Mass Christmas Ever at 8 pm, a new innovation this year.

I have been putting off fixing that little barrel for Mom that I had painted white for her a long time ago so I got out the tacks and tacked the shells right on the barrel with the blue lace underneath and it worked beautifully and she likes it. Well, at last that is done.

Priss called and asked us over for a drink. I fixed a chicken in the over, had broccoli, green salad and vanilla pudding. We went over about 4 so I turned the chicken way down and hoped it would be ok. They had a nice spread sitting out and we had a good talk. They are going to Bakersfield tomorrow and will be back on Wednesday. They are not getting on all that well with their son and wife so they won't stay long. It was good to see them.

I got some new books to read. Got home at 5:30 and the chicken was just right and my dinner was good. We watched Queen Elizabeth on channel 9 and then went to bed. I was tired cause I had stayed up late last night.

Monday, December 24, 1973

Christmas Eve. I neatened up the house and then made the dressing for the turkey and put it and the turkey on Mom's patio. Made chocolate mousse and a lemon torte. Fixed the relishes so I have just about everything done.

Jenny didn't work so she took Jason and went Christmas shopping with Dave and then stopped by here to put Jason down for a nap while she ran errands.

The girls bought Mom a marvelous present. They are 3 little stained glass objects: a ball, an orange and an apple, and since they have little hooks you can hang them up like a mobile. I wrapped Mom's teakettle and when she woke up from her nap she opened her presents and liked them both. I fastened the little bird the kids had given us the year before and the result is just great. She loved them.

Pauline had sent red carnations and she cried about that cause she doesn't like cut flowers: they make her think of funerals but she calmed down and really liked the little things the girls got and the teakettle.

I made cream sauce on toast for dinner and then cleaned up and went to Mass at 8. Every seat was taken in the whole church and we sang carols and it was nice. I wore my long red skirt and felt festive.
I came home and went to bed and felt fine about Christmas without the usual Christmas Eve whoopala and I was relieved about that cause I wasn't sure I would be.

Dale Steiner came over and so I invited him to Christmas dinner and he seemed glad to come.

The sun came out in the afternoon. We talked to Mike on the phone and they were in good spirits. Matt still believes in Santa.

Tuesday, December 25, 1973

Christmas Day! I really didn't have very much to do. Mom washed her hair and I set it and it looked very nice. I also did mine.

I set the table, fixed the potatoes, put the turkey in and made rolls so by 3:30 everything was done.

L & D & J came first and then Skip & Jenny and then Cindy & Dale. Everyone had a drink and then we ate dinner and it was all very good. I had made a cranberry jello salad plus a raw zucchini salad and they were both good. The whole dinner was fine and I served it buffet and I had a lot of candles and holly plus pyrocautha berries.

The house looked beautiful and it all went well. After dinner we played charades and that was fun too. Skip fell asleep right after dinner so he didn't play.

Don's back is hurting him so we just went to the jr. he again. Lady is so good. She walks over on the leash and then we let her run and she keeps checking on the person she is with. She also waters and fertilizes the lawn while she is there.

Well, Christmas is over and it really went well and I didn't really miss the tree or the presents. It is an easy way to do it. Maybe just giving the kids money isn't in the true Christmas spirit but just what is the true Christmas Spirit?? I am not sure.

So, to bed and to sleep. Paulline called about 9. She had been trying all day. It sounded hectic there with David and his 2 little girls. We watched "War & Peace" and it was superb as usual.

Wednesday, December 26, 1973

Rain today and clouds. I didn't do all that much today. No cooking to speak of and I just neatened up the house but that was all.

I made Dr.'s appointments with Richy & Hagewood for next week. I did a minimum of grocery shopping and got some things for Mom. New bedroom slippers, some plants and sox. Mom said she felt very bad today and somehow that unnerved me completely. I realize that she hates to see me go anywhere cause if something were to happen to me she would be so upset
but this time I realize I just have to go so I cried but I decided to go. It is all so sad. And cause it takes all the joy out of it for me, and then she gave me $30.00 to spend so I just must buy something nice.

I took a bath in the afternoon and we went over to the Heins open house at 4:15. It was nice and she had lots of good food but we have just had too much good food in the last few days.

I called Marion in the evening and nothing much is new there. She is lonesome and still doesn't know what happens next.

David brought Jason over for his nap while he went to get his unemployment check. Lin came after work to pick them up and she was in a bad mood and didn't feel well. I worry about them cause it is really going bad with them at the moment. I just wish he would get a job and fast.

Typed up a list for them and then pinned up my hair and we went to bed early. Nixon rode on a commercial jet to California. All this to save fuel.

Thursday, December 27, 1973

We got up at 15 to 6 and had a light breakfast. It was raining but not hard. We changed the sheets on the bed and put things to rights and left at 7:30 to pick up the Steiners. Then off through the rain.

We stopped at the Nut Tree cause they had not had breakfast and we wanted to get gas. I bought prints again and may frame one for the living room. We went 55 the whole way and it was most pleasant at that speed. Everyone passed us but it didn't bother Don and I always feel so much safer driving slowly.

We got to the St. Francis and our room was very pleasant, 6th floor facing the Square. I ate my cheese, an orange and some almonds and then went out to shop. I stopped at Cushins and bought a pair of navy blue shoes with grosgrain bows and a pair of black pumps - spent $56.00 at the first store!

Then I made the rounds stopping at I. Maguines, Macy's, where I got 2 all wool tops - navy and black, got a wallet and then on to another store. Went back to the hotel and Don had been working. Went back out about 3:30 but it was raining and I didn't get anything more.

Don made reservations at L'Etoile for 7. I put on my long red skirt and black top and we took a taxi there. We ate Chateu Briand which wasn't all that good but the drinks were marvelous and I felt just great. We got back at 8:30 and went to bed and made love and that was marvelous. It was really a good day.

In fact it was the best day in San Francisco I have had for a long time. It just started out right and it didn't change. I didn't worry about Mom
or even think about it and Don and I laughed a lot and I just felt released somehow. GREAT!

Friday, December 28, 1973

Up quite early and to the Dutch Kitchen in the hotel for breakfast. Then the paper and then about 9:30 I took the cable car (me alone!) to the wharf and I went to Cekron and then to Cost Plus where I found some very pretty yellow & white round place mats and I bought a lot of candles, I checked the furniture dept., the flower & plant section and then to the Cannery and I roamed around there and then back to the hotel.

Don went out to lunch with his publisher - Reardon - and I went to the room and ate my lunch then back out to the stores. I went to Gumps, Abercrombie-Fitch, Lanz, House of Nine and at Rouschafts I got a navy & white polka dot dress on sale from $40.00 to $19.00.

Down Maiden Lane, sat at a sidewalk table and had iced tea and finally back to the hotel.

Got dressed again and this time we went up to the 32nd floor in an outside elevator! to Victor's. I liked the food their much better. I had chicken and Don had sole. It was really fun. Back downstairs and again we made love and it was just as good as the night before. To sleep and we woke up and even did it again. Boy, we were really swingers this time.

Well, it was just all very good this time. I really couldn't quite believe it. I guess we both needed this.

Saturday, December 29, 1973

We got up at the usual early time and went for breakfast. Then at 8 Don had a meeting of the chairmen and I read the paper and got everything packed up. We left so that we were at the bridge at 10:15 and the sun came out just then. It had rained all the rest of the time or was cloudy.

We stopped at the Nut Tree but it was too crowded so we just came on home. We got home about 2 and the sun was out.

Everyone was fine. The house wasn't too messy. The dryer is broken so I guess we will have to get a new one.

Jenny goes down to Stanford on Jan 17th and wants her Father to go with her. What about Skip? I guess she doesn't feel secure enough with him. We thought back to when I went from San Diego to Northampton, Mass. If Don's Father had been there I probably wouldn't have gone but we were young and scared.

Mom liked all my purchases. Linda looked very tired and worn and she and Dave don't get on at all well but one just can't say anything.
Liz Rawlins called and asked us over to see the movie about his fishing trip at Ireland. We went at 5:30 so the kids stayed here and went out for Mexican food. The movie was ok and we had drinks again (3 nights in a row) and then got home and I made an egg but Don just went to bed.

I watched MASH with him first and then after he went I watched Mary Tyler Moore and Bob Newhart which was very funny and so to bed at 10.

Well, it was a lovely time in the city and now tomorrow I will put my house back together.

Sunday, December 30, 1973

A strange day. I got up and made breakfast. After we had taken Lady to the jr. hi, then I went over and helped Mom with hers.

Decided not to go to church. The sun was out so I went out to cut back some of my chrysanthums when Lin & Jenny drove up in Blake's car. Don called me in and it seems that last night about 12:30 Skip, Blake & Harold Schooler were driving the Toyota jeep in the park, skidded on some wet leaves and ran into a tree. Harold was hurt the least and went for help. Blake is in intensive care with a concussion, Skip has cuts and bruised and the car is totaled. They had been drinking. What next?

I guess things had been going along just too well. We had paid $2600.00 on that car! But we should be thankful that noone was killed.

The police came to Jenny's door in the middle of the night and took her to the hospital. Mom wanted me to do a project for her so I painted the bottom of a bird cage stand white for her. Then I decided to use the rest of the cage and put it on a little stand done in white and painted the top white and Mom gave me a very pretty ivy to put in it. Beautiful!

I made a roast beef with carrots and potatoes and green salad. Mom ate with us. We watched Elizabeth the Queen and then I read, took a bath and washed my hair.

Lin said today that everyone they know who are married seem to be having trouble. No one is happy. Maybe the war was an advantage to our generation after all cause when men got home they were glad to be there and they didn't need to get out and drive dangerously cause they had had enough of danger - just a theory.

Monday, December 31, 1973

The last day of still another year. My they are really sailing by it seems. At 9 I did some grocery shopping. Picked up Lin at 10:30 and I took her to work and looked at the Maytag dryer and bought it for $210.00. They delivered it at 1:30 and got all my washing done.
Went to the school office and picked up my check and cashed it and put the money for the dryer in checking and then took $250.00 over to Gibraltar to put in my account.

I made a potato salad and hamburgers for dinner and since I got some shrimp at the fish market we had a shrimp cocktail before dinner.

Blake Nicholson was moved from Cummunity to Euloe to the intensive care unit there cause he had some kind of a seizure and now it is no longer a concussion only but contusions and it seems much more serious. They finally got in touch with Blake's parents. They have a private number so they had to work through the FBI office here. Don thinks they should move him to Stanford or some such place and it is a terrible responsibility for Jenny and Skip since his parents are out of town too. They are going to call again tomorrow and then at least suggest that one of them come out and relieve them of the responsibility of making these decisions.

After dinner I went to the hospital but Jenny had left so I stopped by to see them and then later Lin came over and picked up some food for them cause J. didn't feel like cooking.

We called Cathy and talked to her and then Mike called so we talked to everyone. Don had too much to drink and went to bed at 8:30. I read until 10:30 and then I to went to bed so it was a very quiet New Years Eve but that was ok, I didn't mind.

I hope next year will be better but I have learned not to expect too much. So now I say goodbye to 1973. Watergate and all the good and the bad. Still, a pretty good year.