

all love to all my children
my love to all and grandchildren

My Journal
of trees
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December 1990

For my children
and grandchildren
to remember
me by

It's 1990, I

didn't have this journal
until 1991, Kenny
bought it for me because
I was going to stay in
California for one month!
When I visited Bobby
in 1990, he had just
recently rented a beautiful
little house in Fairfield, Calif.
We visited his friends
and went down to San
Francisco and shopped.

I had a wonderful time
but when I went home, I
was very sick and that's when
I had my first colon operation

December 2, 1991 Monday

Today, Bob and I leave for my
month's stay in California.
I'm just so nervous, I ~~could~~ ^{could}
hardly sleep last night. I can't
believe I actually packed. I know
I took too much, always do. I
always have to have more, just in
case.

(We had a wonderful day yesterday
December 1, Grandma's 82nd
birthday at Gullfluff in Squirrel
Hill. Everyone showed, even Kenny
tried to be there. I could never
have had the strength to pull it off
without Bob.)

Wired off to the airport about 6:30 AM
It's such a new experience for me,
and I think I feel ill. After
dropping off the luggage, we stopped
for a little breakfast at Eat and Park.
Bob deposited his Rent-a-car and we
go over in a little Van to US Air
Terminal. The plane leaves at
approximately
10 AM P.M. time

Ken paid for my airfare, which I appreciate so much. I don't like taking money from my family. Eddie gave me \$100 to spend, so nice of him, he even paid for all the lunches at the Birthday party - 11 of us were there.

Bobby made all the arrangements for the party and this trip in taking. He's just wonderful!

I sat by the window in first class. It's so strange to be up so high. I said a prayer to God and then tried to relax, which I did, and enjoyed the food. I don't particularly like first class on U.S. air because the trays are too close to my stomach. Coach is much more comfortable. Of course, if I lost weight it certainly would help! Arrived in Sacramento airport about 1 PM, Debbie Travlos picked us up and I had dinner at their home. Came back to Solie's beautiful home and went to sleep. Tomorrow is a new day.

December 3, 1991 - Tuesday

I rested real well last night. Everything is so new to me at Bob's home. He went to work and I had the entire morning to get my bearings. Looked everywhere to see where things were, even checked the thermostat. I have a 3PM appt with an oncologist - Hon Chan at a Medical Center in Fairfield wants to meet me and talk and set up my "Chemo" appointments. Bob's friend Marcia Scarborough took me in and waited for me, so nice of her. The doctor couldn't be nicer. Tomorrow I start "Chemo" about 9AM, Bob will take me in and Marcia will pick me up about Noon. I got home today about 4:30P made a supper ~~for~~ for Bob and I. I went shopping for groceries yesterday before dinner at Nes so we would have enough us for three weeks.

December 4, 1991 - Wednesday

We got up quite early so Bob could drop me off at Medical Center and he could go to work. The chemo went very well, the oncologist nurse Marie Ramirez was so very professional. It was allowed about 11:30 AM but I was so nauseous this time. Thank God I had my "companion" with me. Marie picked me up at lunch time and I took her to lunch - Baker's Square. I don't know how I ate lunch, I was very sick, now and then, but I wanted Marie to enjoy her lunch because I appreciated her picking me up, etc. When I got home I was so very tired, so I took a good nap, and woke up, took my pill, and made a little supper for Bob and me. He had a late meeting so we ate about 7 PM. I heard from him that the last of the hostages, Terry Anderson was released. I'm so happy for him and his family.

December 5, 1991 - Thursday

Nothing much will happen today. Bobby is at work and I have little small things to do. It feels good not to have to run to Doctor's today. I'm going to watch my soap operas, try to knit and of course eat at intervals.

It's about 5:30 PM and Bob is home. I made bean & bacon soup and spaghetti with meat balls. Small Dessert, later on.

It's about 7 PM and I tried to call mother about 8 PM her time but I couldn't seem to make the call, I didn't know #1 was necessary first. Ill call tomorrow.

Nebbie and Harry wanted to come over, but I was dressed for sleeping and very tired, I begged Bob to visit them without me. I'm glad he did, I don't mind being alone when I'm this tired.

December 6, 1991 - Friday

Bob went off to work, I slept in
but dressed and watched all
my soap operas today. so
I wouldn't have to watch
them tonight, because we were
invited to Debbie and Harvey's
to have pizza and celebrate
their one year old's birthday,
Christina. Bob and I gave gift
certificates as gifts, I decided
to pay for the pizzas. They
had a wonderful Chocolate Cake
for dessert. At the end, they
showed me their wedding pictures
absolutely beautiful! During the
day I finally started my
knitting of that plastic place
mats I want to give Linda
for the next holiday.

I guess that's all for today.

November 7, 1991. Saturday
(50 years since Pearl Harbor
was attacked)

Bob went into work today
because he has to catch up on
his work so he'll be free

tomorrow to take me shopping.
We're going to meet Murel for
a Chinese dinner then off to
see "City of Angels" in San Fran.

Here we are in San Francisco
the roads were very crowded,
the skyline was beautiful. We
met Murel, she was very nice.

We had a real tasteful Chinese
dinner then went off to see
"City of Angels" I just didn't like
it, too confusing, I hated the
whole plot of the play, I took
my chance to ask Bob to go home
at intermission, and he said yes.

I didn't want to waste Ken's money
but I couldn't stay another minute.
When we went back to Fairfield we
had pie at "Baker's Square" then
home to bed.

December 8, 1991 - Sunday

Bob and I slept in a little more than usual, he a bit more than me. Then we went to ~~Penney's~~ ^{Penney's} ~~Wendys~~ for a late breakfast. From there, we went to the Mall. I was able to get my hair done at Penney's, it seemed alright but as the day wore on I'm noticing that it's not holding up. I'll have to go back and complain soon. I also got my nails done at the Mall, the cuticles look much better. Then we went grocery shopping, mostly for Cold nester.

Bob brought me home, I laid across the bed for 1 1/2 hrs, I was 'kushed'. Bob went back to work to catch up, he didn't get home till about 1 PM. I cooked a small meal for him, which he said he enjoyed, then we went to bed about midnight.

December 9, 1991 Monday

I stayed home today, did my
normal routine things... Knitted,
watched all my soap operas.

I called Linda, I mess her,
we go shopping many times together,
I get to see the kiddos, we'll
do that when I get back.

Kenny called from Boston, Mass.
just "touching base" as he always
says. He's going on to Philadelphia
then Pittsburgh then back to Calif.
He'll be coming up to see us with
Richie Nash and Sammy on Friday.
We were asked to go to Delhusa and
Larrie's for supper again. She cooks
so well and so much, you can't
keep your diet aspirations when
you visit them. I finished one
of my knitted plastic place mats,
for Linda's next holiday in 1992,
one more to go.

December 10, 1990 - Tuesday
Met Bob for lunch today, because I
had to go for a blood test before my
chemo therapy tomorrow. He brought
along one of his boys, Josie, who
is so very nice. We went to eat
at Baker's Square, Bob and I had
chili and bread, I took some
home for later. Debbie and the kids
were going to a few outlet stores &
she picked me up about 3 PM we
got home about 4:30 PM. When Bob
got home about 6 PM, we went out
to buy "KFC" - my treat, and then
we went to Debbie & Harry's. I
didn't seem to have much of an
appetite and attribute it to my
eating too much "nutra" before.
Harry was quite sick with a
stomach virus, and when I got
home about 10 PM, I started to feel
queasy and did I get hit hard
with a stomach virus, I was
up all night, so sick - stomach
cramps & diarrhea. Finally about
7 AM in the morning ^{Wednesday} it settled a
bit and I slept till 10 AM Wednesday

December 11, 1991 - Wednesday
Today is Michael's 28th birthday.
I forgot all about calling him
early this morning, because I
was so very sick. When I
finally sat down to take my
sugar count & insulin I realized
it was about 3PM Pittsburgh
time, but I called Linda anyway
to be sure, she told Mike my wishes.
Marcia will pick me up about
2:15PM so I can get my Chemio-therapy.
I'm feeling much better, right now.

Will live through with today's "Chemio"
I still feel rather queasy and a bit
tired, not enough sleep last nite.

Bob picked me up at about 5PM and
I went to Fenny's Beauty Salon to have
my hair teased again, then we came
home. I was so tired I kept "conking"
out during the shave, Bob said
that's enough TV go to sleep!

December 12, 1991 - Thursday

I feel much better today, slept till 7 AM when Bob left. What a great day this will be... watched all of yesterday's soap operas, worked on my knitting for Linda (or plastic needlework) had lunch and then about 2 PM I noticed little ants all over the wall & sink in my bathroom. Called Bob to come home, he said they come out once a twice a month from the bathroom sink because the bugs get confused about the change in weather & panic. After spraying everything seems normal again. When Bob came home, he brought an office friend, Leona, thank God I had just finished dressing. Bob won't be home tonight for supper, he's helping a friend with his resume, he'll be home later to put up his beautiful sparkling Xmas lights in the living room so I can watch them twinkle!! Called Mom she's fine.

December 13, Friday

(Hope it's a good luck day)

Ken, Sammy and RICHIE are coming
today, we'll have breakfast at
Dennis and they'll be off to
Wine Country and then come back

for dinner in the evening with
Bob, being home to host. We did
have breakfast at Dennis, then
went to visit Bob at work, Ken

asked me if I wanted to go to
NAPA Valley with them, I said I
might as well go for a new adventure

It was beautiful there, we went
to 2 wineries and tasted different
wines & then to CASTOGA - a real
neat little town with eateries &
shops all along the main street.

Had lunch at Bosco's Italian
"Restaurant" - excellent soup &
sandwich, then across the street
for "cappuccino". ON the way back to

Fairfield we stopped at a liquor
bar for wine for Sammy and that's
where I had a leg fall. I hope
I didn't hurt my insides. Dennis
later at Mary's Pizza Shop.

December 14, 1991 - Saturday

I made a small breakfast at home today. Bagels, coffee, jelly etc. Bobby made the coffee. Then we started for San Francisco about 10 AM, stopped again at 7-11 for root beer, stop - the guys and I had something again, then we proceeded. Bobby parked at Fisherman's wharf, we walked around. I was tired already, stopped at a beautiful restaurant, Ken treated us all to a beautiful lunch. Walked some more, I bought some T-shirts for the big guys & one for Linda. We all got on a cable car for a bumpy ride to San Francisco. The stores were fabulous - Macys, F&W Schwartz (what a toy store) The store streets were jammed with Holiday Shopper. I was hushed, I just couldn't walk any more. Ken got us a cab back to the wharf & our car, we went back to Fairfield. Bobby drove both ways - so much stamina. I made sandwiches & nosh for supper for all of us - then to bed.

December 15, 1991 Sunday

We were supposed to go to old Sacramento today, but everyone was so busy shopping at the outlets and Costco that we ran late. I stayed home while they shopped because I wanted to send out Xmas cards & postcards to everyone. By the time I finished straightening up the house for Bobby (the fellows were packed & ready to leave late this afternoon) and doing my paperwork it was too late to go anywhere but out to eat. Bob took us to a restaurant that was an old train at one time, it was beautifully decorated for the holidays, the fellows then left for the airport and Bob & I had some shopping to do. Ken called later & said they just made the plane in time, I'm so glad! I called cousin Rhoda about visiting her the week of Christmas.

December 16, 1991 - Monday

Not much doing today, but I like it - I'll watch all my soaps

I'll wrap all Ken's gifts to the "Bydays" so Bob can ship them tomorrow. I was going to make dinner tonite for Bob and me but he has work to do tonite which will make him be home late. I forgot I got up early with Bob today so I can get my blood test before "chemo" on Wednesday. Bob stopped at the Post office to mail my candy to Linda's house. The Post office was very busy as I sat in the car & waited for Bob. They say it's the busiest day of the year for mailing.

December 17, 1991 - Tuesday

Another long day, not much to do. Bob is mailing Keis gifts to the Budays with UPS.

I finished Linda's Christmas Place Mats, I hope she likes them. I watched my soaps, again, cooked supper for Bob who'll be home around 6:30 PM. Then we'll watch the Tuesday line-up I'll fly away - Some improvement - Roseanne Coach - Home Front - I love those shows. Tomorrow I go to "Chemis" at 9:30 AM - It takes 2 hours for it to slowly get into my blood stream, I hope it kills any left over cancer cells. Bob liked the supper, he has paper work to do tonight so I'll wash dishes & watch them myself. Bob told me he'd like Potato Salad, mashed potatoes and stuffing for the turkey on Friday. I'll make the potato salad on Tuesday, the rest on Friday morning.

December 18, 1991 - Wednesday

our little Sammie's second
birthday, she's growing so fast.

I do miss all of them in Pittsburgh
but I better realize, I may never
come this way again, so I better
enjoy myself! I called Sammie
early this morning because I
had to go for my Chemo-therapy
at 9:30 AM. She listened to my
singing "Happy Birthday", smiled
and ran away. Linda was making
a marble cake & they would
celebrate at supper time. Mother
& I gave her gifts, she opened them
at Thanksgiving. "Chemo" went very
well, I said my goodbyes and Bob
picked me up with Joie and I
went home to watch my soaps. I
made chicken & gravy, mashed
potatoes & salad for supper but
Bob had to go back to work. He
worked till almost midnight! We
watched "Christmas in Washington"
on TV, went to sleep.

December 19, 1991 Thursday
Bob got up real early again
he had a meeting at 8 AM. I'll
be making my famous potato salad
today. I'll use lbs of potatoes, one
dozen eggs, celery, onions, carrots
green & red pepper, Miracle Whip,
a little yellow mustard & sweet
pickle. And off to the refrigerator
tomorrow. It took so long to
get all the ingredients cut up
and mixed, but I'm done.
I think everyone will like
it. It took about 8 lbs potatoes
after all. Bob came home for supper
& bought me more potatoes for tomorrow's
mashed potatoes. I'll also make
spice top stuffing. Gee I'm tired
tomorrow, I'll go to bed about 11 PM
and get up early to cut & boil potatoes

December 20, 1991 - Friday
Today is Bobby's Christmas Buffet
at work. I finished the mashed
potatoes this morning, also the
stuffing, got all dressed up
for Bobby to pick me up about
11 AM and then something went awry
at work & Luis picked me up
at about 12:30 PM after he
got ^{DEBBY} Mary's lasagna & her little girl
& we didn't arrive till 1 PM.
A lot of the people started to eat
at noon, so all my food didn't
go because they had eaten the
food that was there at noon.
Everyone there was very nice
to me. An elderly gentleman
80 yrs old, latched on to me
with conversation, and everyone
was teasing me that he was
"smitten" with me. Later we
went to see Alex's house, it's
so beautiful. His wife Karen is
very friendly, as was his cute 6 yr
old Chelsea. She gave me an
ornament for my refrigerator that she
made for her Mother for Xmas.

December 21, 1991 - Saturday
Big day today. Bob and I went
out to breakfast at Lyons, really nice.
Waitress was great! They had a
container there for tips for needy
children, and then they would
give you a gift in return. I wanted
to give \$5.00 and the waitress said
a gift certificate would be given
back by the restaurant. Much to our
amazement they took off 50% from
the bill! I was shocked! Then Bob
dropped me off at Fenney, where
I got a hair cut & blow dry, she did
a good job. Then I went down stairs
to the mall & had my nails done, I'll
try to get them done every two weeks
so they'll continue to look nice. Thank
God for the plastic card. Bob got a beautiful
hair cut from his own barber elsewhere.
We left to eat dinner about 4:30 PM
stopped at Red Oyster, cost a fortune
I brought food home for tomorrow.
Then we went off to see Michael
Steinlein & Rosemary Clooney. Got
a parking garage right around the

corner from the "Curren Theatre"
The show was so marvelous,
so very professional, the lighting
was exquisite! The audio was
loud & clear. The small
orchestra on stage was great.
Michael Feinstein & Rosemary
Clooney couldn't have been better!
We had wonderful seats, thanks
to my Kenny. After the show
we stopped at a little diner,
I had a salami sandwich
and tea, took home half for
Voxarous lunch, Bob had strawberries
ice cream. Bob was so tired
from the whole day, but he
got us home safely by listening
to "City of Angels" on tape in the
car, and singing along with it.

December 22, 1991 - Sunday

Had 2 cups of tea and the biscuits I brought home from Red Lobster. Bob will eat his own breakfast & then he wants to get the car washed & clean for our trip to Las Vegas tomorrow. He also has things to finish at work and then we're going to Tom & Marcia Scarborough's home for dinner about 5 PM. Linda is having Dad & Emma Lou and Trent, Ed & the girls over to open gifts. In looking forward to her report on that! We went to the Scarboroughs for dinner, she cooks very well, but she still has family at home and cooks each night. Her home is very nice, decorated beautifully. We had cakes, cookies & coffee for dessert. Had to go home about 7:30 PM. Bob still has clothes to wash, the trip down to Las Vegas will take about 8 to 10 hours. I hope Bob gets enough sleep. I still have to pack, I know I'm not too tired, I slept a bit this afternoon while Bob was at work.

December 23, 1991 - Monday
Today is Linda's 33rd birthday.
I almost forgot to call her on my
way to Las Vegas. She's probably so
tired from working Saturday night,
grocery shopping Sunday morning
for her "Christmas lunch", then
she probably didn't sleep at all.
I tried to call her Sunday night
10:45 PM her time and she
didn't respond, probably went right
to bed when Mike went to work.
We're on our way to Las Vegas, left
at about 5 AM - Had breakfast out,
stopped along the way a lot to wake
up, I "conked" out many times, poor
Bob just stays awake all the time.
Stopped for lunch at a wonderful
restaurant, "Country Pede" the cost
was so low for so much, it's amazing!
Got into Las Vegas about 6 PM. Rose
and Ethel washed each herself, a
long wait for her. Took her for coffee
& grocery shopping. She's 80 now and
very lonely, but very regal in her
ways. Had a long talk.
Las Vegas is so very beautiful at night!

December 24, 1991 - Tuesday.

The day will be over exclusively. Aunt Ethel doesn't feel well & doesn't want to go anywhere. The "message" is about the most beautiful we've seen on the strip. The buffets are quite inexpensive and so rich with good food. About \$6.75 for breakfast - \$8.00 for lunch and we ate in the smaller dining room for a late supper. I took about 6 pictures - day & night, sure hope they turn out. I bought gifts for everyone. I couldn't win anything at all. But Bob had an early win of about \$25.00 I made him stop so he wouldn't spend it all because he owed me \$4.00 which I collected & then later was so tired from walking - he went out to gamble on his favorite "slot" and I had to go to sleep. I awoke a few hrs later, packed, got my head together, "mashed" on some cakes I bought up. Bob got in about 3 AM. Depressed!!

December 25, 1991 - Wednesday
Christmas Day.

We decided to set off for Kenosha instead of staying another day, to save money. This way Ken won't have to pay for another day at the "Mirage". Again, it is so very beautiful here, like a beautiful dream! We had their Christmas brunch, cost 12.50 each but I wanted their cakes to take to Aunt Ethel's she was thrilled to get them. We said our goodbyes. She was so happy to see us. Oh, I forgot to mention the brunch served real champagne. We took off and at the state line we visited "Whiskey Joes" and "Primadonna" where I won \$10.00 on the slot machine. We ate a ~~5~~ hot dog there and also rode the trolley rail between the two places. Took us about 10 hrs to finally reach Kenosha. Sammy was home but Ken was visiting.

December 26, 1991 - Thursday

We went shopping with Sammy. Warner Brothers store and Hanna Barbera, or was that one store, I can't remember. Budget things for the Family, also budget gifts at Mervyn. The 3 of us ate at an Chinese buffet, and then came home, when Ken arrived, we sat around for a while, then Ken took us shopping again and then we went to a neat restaurant called "BOOGIES" a store with clothes & a restaurant combined. Ken drove us around a bit in his black "limo," we finally got home, very tired and went to sleep. Oh, I talked to Linda and made arrangements to see Rhoda on Saturday.

December 27, 1991 - Friday

I got up early today, because I like to be through dressing so the fellows can use the bathroom to shower. Ken was very busy on the phone with business calls before we could go to "Nate & Ali's Delicatessen" to have breakfast & maybe see the stars which we didn't, because it was Christmas weekend, they probably were still at home. Kenny took me to the Disney store, where I bought gifts again, because there were many sales. He then dropped me off at a beautiful theatre to see "Prince of Tides" matinee. What a movie! So very moving & interesting. I became a Nick Nolte fan today - he deserves an Oscar for his performance. Ken was kind enough to pick ~~us~~ up & he took his car to a garage to fix the tire. Later we met him and had a fun dinner at ED's a "fifty" restaurant, lots of noise & good food.

December 28, 1991 - Saturday

I forgot to mention that on Thursday, Ken gave Bob his stereo CD unit with speaker because he is getting a new one for his new condo. Bobby was thrilled! He also bought Bob a new turntable. Ken is so good to all of us!! I bought him a Disney shirt & one for Bob. At the "Mirage" I bought all three of them beautiful pullover T-shirts. Today begins with meeting "Marty Schiff" at Jerry's Delicatessen in the Valley. Saw David Hasselhoff getting into his car with his child - He is so tall!! Marty is very friendly & always talking business with Kenny - the food was excellent - I had about a 1/4 of a watermelon & 1/2 longque sandwich. Then we went shopping a bit, Bob wanted to find "Barbra" CDs at a good price, he found it later about \$5.00 off. Visited Rhoda, had a real nice time talking about our past with family in Rahkum. She served a real nice

Lunch - LOX & Bagels, cream cheese
cut up onions, lettuce, etc. For
dessert she had a beautiful Cheesecake,
but we decided on a sugar free apple pie. I took pictures,
hugged her and her husband Barry
& left to meet Ken at his Condo.
He's so excited about it! It's a
beautiful place, no carpeting at
all or drapes & furniture, ^{but} when
it's finished, it will be exquisite.
The complex surroundings is
so big, outdoor pool, restaurant
on the premise, etc. etc. - Lots
of foliage on the outside - the
Complex is huge! Then we went to
visit Michael Buday & Family,
he has a beautiful home, outdoor
pool & patio. His wife Erica is
very friendly & his 2 boys are so
delectable! His Mom & Dad were
also there to greet us. We went out
& ate Mexican, (not for me). I had
very little appetite, too much to eat all
day. Had coffee and cookies at their
place, then Bob & I went home.

December 29, 1991 - Sunday

Rebecca Nerbit came for a few days & when Ken got home from Michael Sunday's, the 4 guys went for coffee, I continued to get dressed. We all went to a movie matinee: 1PM - "Father of the Bride". It was so funny, Steve Martin & Martin Short were excellent. After the movie, Ken took us to a place called "Calif. Pizza" the food was excellent & the place was so pretty - we were near Buryly Hills. We came home & before we had a chance to rest, Ken said we had to change clothes & leave by 5:45PM. He wanted me to remember something really special! The Phantoms of the Opera & 4th row in the middle at a beautiful music center! I can't even express the beauty of the stage show, the music, the costumes, etc. the voices were just too wonderful!! We then went to "NIBBLES" for soup & sandwiches. It was a wonderful day we remember this month forever. Bob has the Radio & CD player in his car - We leave tomorrow about 8 AM.

December 30, 1991. Monday

We're leaving real early, we were to meet with his friend Bob Meyer, but we would waste too much time, we have a long trip back to Fairfield. Ken gave me a cute radio that lights up when music plays on "FM" I love it. Bob will have to pack all my extras that I bought in boxes and ship it on the plane with my luggage. Bob did very well, driving, but I caught a cold & couldn't keep my eyes open all the way home, except when we stopped to eat. Finally we arrived home. This later & then Debbie washed us over for dinner. Harry came over first to help Bob get the radio out of the car. When we got home about 9:30 PM Bob & I watched Murphy Brown and then he went to sleep. I also did a while later. I almost forgot, Bob gave me a present to remind me of this trip. It's a beautiful hand up figurine of "BELLE" from Beauty & the Beast - Beautiful.

December 31, 1991 - Tuesday

New Year's Eve

Bobby went to work today, I'm not feeling so good, it's then cold, I'm going to make some soup & stew because I have some fresh vegetables to use up. I took some Tylenol, that should help me. Bob came home about 4:30 PM, he changed into his "sleeping attire" and we had soup about 7 PM then stew and potatoes about 7 PM. We watched "Hello Dolly" with "Barbra" then we watched "Cochise" about 9:30 PM. Bobby was so tired he had to go to sleep before midnight (Christmas time) said our Happy New Year, with my nose running all the time. I took 3 Tylenol then finally went to sleep about 2 AM.

January 1, 1992 - Wednesday
New Year's Day

I'm really going to try to concentrate on eating less & better foods. I just have to lose this weight, so I can feel better. Bobby went out early this morning. I finally got up about 9:30 AM & I got up thru the night also. I watched some TV and had a bagel and coffee. I called Grandma, she's walking now now, wished her a happy New Year, & always jump old father, it's so hard to grow old when you're sickly. I called Ken, Ed & Auntie yesterday to wish them "Happy New Year". Bob & I had soup & other yummy soups, chocolate cream (Simplex) then Bob went to bed about 10:30 PM he's so tired, always working. I stay up till 11:30 PM then off to sleep.

January 2, 1992 Thursday

I'm staying home today. I've
gotten all my "scopes". Bob
is taking all my appt's to
work to make sure they go to the
place. Bob called that
Harry wants to set up his
stereo system from Ken
so Debbie, Harry & the Kids
will come over this evening.
Bob will buy pizza.

The family went home about
9 PM - the kids are so
cute. Sevaste is like an
old lady - 2 1/2 going on 40.
I'm going to bed early tonight
we're going to the Jelly
Belly Factory for a tour
tomorrow morning.

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January 3 - Friday

We got up about 7AM today. Stopped at a Donut shop for coffee & donuts, then off to "Jelly Bellies" at 9AM.

It was a neat place to see but the tour was nothing to talk about - The voices were too loud on the microphone to understand. I bought a magnet for my refrigerator. We went back home. I was too tired to visit "old Sacramento" so I slept for a couple of hours, then watched my soap operas. Had dinner at the "Sizzlers" what a nice place, so much to eat, but for some reason I'm not as hungry out here. I'll check with my doctor when I get home. I have to pack tonight we'll get up about 5AM - plane leaves about 8:30AM.

January 4, 1992 - Saturday
Day of Departure

Everything is going well. I'm all packed, ready to go. I've been gone 5 weeks. It's so hard to believe. I'm so happy I did it, it was a new adventure for me. Bob & I ate breakfast at International House of Pancakes - real good! Got to the airport and found out that I had to pay \$30.00 for the box Bobby packed with gifts. What a blummer! I had a seat at the window but I'll always sit on the aisle. Because of my high blood sugar, I always had to drink liquids - I held back as long as I could & only went to the bathroom once, our flight only took 4 1/2 hrs. Linda & Mike were waiting for me, it was so good to see them. We finally arrived at my apt about 6 PM - went to eat and talk & then they brought me home - I was dog tired. Will visit Linda, Mike, Kiddos & Mom & Dad -