

January 1, 2006 - Sun. Meetings start at 9:00 this year. Barbara was sick so did not come to dinner. I had assumed she would be here so did a fancier meal with grilled steak, rolls and etc. Mer and I played some Rummikub. Talked to Casey.

Jan. 2 - Mon. Walked. Called UNI in the afternoon but there was no empty bed so will try tomorrow. Talked to Casey after Mer went to bed. She was working on her oil painting.

Jan. 3 - Tues. Walked. UNI had called us, then Lori, to know if Mer was coming. We got there by 11:00. Had to do a little more paper work, then went up to the unit. I stayed for awhile after his lunch. He is very unhappy and bored and scared. I am so sorry. Talked to Casey.

Jan. 4 - Wed. Walked by myself. Watched a program called "Walking the Bible". Had a long talk with Mary Gail. Life is very hard for her and Harlan. Hayley is doing great. Went up to see Mer. Talked with Casey.

Jan. 5 - Thurs. Walked. Hairdo. Melanie said that Cody broke his collarbone while snow boarding.....he is so physical and heedless. Mel Thayne went in for a cortisone shot.....hope it helps his pain. Up to see Mer and we walked in the hall. He had an ECT this day. Gwen went up to visit, too. Had a long talk with Pam Hickman. She has met some men on the internet. Hope something happy comes from it. Talked with Casey.

Jan. 6 - Fri. Walked. Went to the Jordan River Temple with Bea and Cliff. To dinner after at the Golden Corral. Had a very nice time together. Changed clothes and went up to see Mer. There was a lady there playing music and we listened to her for ½ hour, then walked in the hall most of an hour. Went shopping at Mervyn's for a pair of pants and a new shirt for Mer, then went to the Thrift Town store. Found a pair of shoes for me and a pair of pants and a shirt for Mer. Talked with Casey.

Jan. 7 - Sat. Second ECT for Mer. Walked. Posted stuff onto Quicken. Bill Bolick came by to get some Pollen. Did washing. Sharalyn Q came to buy some FLP supplies. Went to see Mer. Came home, ate dinner. Was careless cutting some steak and cut my left middle finger - quite a deep slice. Got it bandaged up and went to evening session of Stake Conf. Enjoyed it. Came home and talked to Casey.

Jan. 8 - Sun. Good Stake Conference. Came home and ate dinner. Talked to Barbara on the phone for quite awhile. Up to see Mer. Went to the short Sacramento Meeting held there. Was at the hospital for two hours, then came home and read the paper too long and ate "stuff". Should have written "Thank you" letters, so still have that to do.

Jan. 9 - Mon. Walked. Mer had his 3<sup>rd</sup> ECT treatment. Up to see Mer and walk with him. Watched News Hour and Antiques Road Show. Talked with Casey.

Jan. 10 - Tues. Walked. Called Bruce Brintton and he was able to help me with the Security Benefit year-end statement. He got me in touch with a lady at headquarters who was able to transfer money from one account to another to cover our draw. We can only draw \$525.00 per month this year without having to pay a penalty for early withdrawal. Wrote two thank you notes. Up to see Mer and walk with him. Talked to Casey.

Jan. 11 - Wed. Walked. Went with Bea and Cliff to the Jordan River Temple. After that we went to the Golden Corral for dinner. Home, changed my clothes and went to see Mer. I had him walk the hall for 50 minutes. Home, and talked to Freddy. Saw "Walking the Bible".....an interesting documentary by a young man who visited all the Bible places and commented on what happened there all those years ago. Talked an hour with Casey.

Jan. 12 - Thurs. Walked. Melanie out of town again so no hairdo. Did very little shopping. Had a long talk with Lori. Also a long talk with Mark and Dixie. Mer had

his 4<sup>th</sup> ETC. Up to visit with him.

Jan. 13 - Fri. Couldn't face the day so stayed in bed until 7:45.....didn't walk. Went to Dr. Stanford to get my eyes checked so I can get my Drivers License renewed through the mail. He dilated my eyes.....saw the right eye needs a lazer beam "tacking" which will be done in Feb. To Karen Huish's to pick up Ray and Kirma.....took them with me to visit Mer; who hardly spoke a word.....sigh. Took them back to Karen's. I got home at 6:40 as the traffic was so crowded. I was grateful to get home safely. Ate some dinner then talked to Casey. Crashed into bed by 9:15.

Jan. 14 - Sat. Didn't want to, but made myself get up and go walk. Mer had fifth ECT and is no more cheerful than regular.....which is not at all. Took the little two-year old size crib to the free yard sale at the church.....hope some one can use it. I had made fitted sheets, which I included, and a bumper pad. Earlier I had contributed sheets and a comforter. This is a Stake project to help the Spanish Branch people, many of whom are very poor and needy. It was a very successful day. John helped me reconcile the bank statement for Dec. Heather's job has been terminated, which was done in an unorthodox way.....just that morning they had given her a raise, then before she left work she was laid off! She was on a 90 day trial period and they seemed very pleased with her work, then poof! Bradford has gone back to college now that vacation time is over. Went up to see Mer and we walked 45 minutes in the hall. On the way home I ate dinner at the Amber....all alone and it is a very strange feeling. Medicare paid ALL the Garden Terrace bill so now we can give back the \$5,000 from Mark and Dixie.....YEA!

Jan. 15 - Sun. Went to our three block meetings, then went with Barbara and Antoinette to the missionary farewell for Adam Huish. It was also the farewell for one of his good friends... they both gave good talks and will be excellent missionaries. We went to Jack and Karen's afterward for a great buffet and visiting. We saw Alan & Alina and their 3 kids, also Mark & Gail and their 4 kids, here from AZ and it was really fun. There were lots of Huish relatives there, too. There was a really good snowstorm which was a joyful occasion for all those from AZ. The kids went out and had a blast and were soaked to the skin.

Jan. 16 - Mon. Walked. Mer had his 6<sup>th</sup> ETC. Wrote a few thank you notes. Did a lot of washing. Mer was asleep when I got up there and it was hard to get him fully awake. We walked a shorter than usual walk as he was too tired.

Jan. 17 - Tues. Walked. Went to Lori's for lunch and than she helped me set up a tentative schedule for when Mer comes home. It is hard to do. Up to see Mer and we walked for 40 minutes. Came home and ate French dip that Lori had sent home with me. She is a sweetheart. Watched Antiques Road Show. Talked to Casey.

Jan. 18 - Wed. Walked. Went to the temple with Bea and Cliff, then to the Golden Corral for dinner. It was snowing so I didn't drive home on the freeway. Went up to see Mer. He was doing a word search, which pleased me a lot. We walked 50 minutes this time. Watched the third part of "Walking the Bible". Talked an hour with Casey.

Jan. 19 - Thurs. Walked. To Melanie's for a perm and etc.....what a relief. Did a little grocery shopping at Reams. Up to see Mer.

Jan. 20 - Fri. Walked.

Jan. 21 - Sat. Walked. Planned to do lots of housework but Judy Owen called and we talked two to three hours. Then I had a long talk with Mark and Dixie. Watched all five hours of Pride and Prejudice and loved it. Talked to Casey in between.

Jan. 22 - Sun. Went to our 3 hours of meetings. Jim and Ann Bills, a couple who bought Paramore's home, were the Sacramento Meeting speakers and they are just delightful people. He is also our new Gospel Doctrine teacher. YEA! Went up to Sac. Mtg with Mer — also an excellent meeting (not the usual). Walked the hall 50 minutes. Out to L & C's and ate a little dinner, had her superb chocolate cheese cake. Played games. Home about 10:30. Fun.

Jan. 23 - Mon. Walked. To UNI by 10:00 for a meeting with Dr. Hunziker and a lady Social Worker. They said Mer was not ready to come home yet. Lori had also come for the meeting and after the meeting she cajoled Mer into doing 10 Jumping Jacks! I was delighted and amazed he could do it. I stayed there until time for lunch. Came home and made a big pot of vegetable beef soup. Went to Thrift Town and bought me a pair of shoes and a Corelle casserole dish to replace the one I had broken and really missed having. Also bought Mer 2 woven shirts as he is sick of the knit polo shirts he has been wearing as they have to be pulled on over his head. Watched the News Hour and Antiques Road Show.

Jan. 24 - Tues. Walked. Up to UNI by 9:00 to take Mer to an appointment with Dr. Rasmussen at the VA. They did a blood draw. He got three new medicines there but they didn't carry one prescription so had to buy it at a regular pharmacy and it cost \$110.00 for 30 pills.....UGH! The Olds' steering wheel was "growling" so went to Met Auto where more fluid was put in the power steering reservoir. The car had been serviced on Dec. 27th, so either they goofed or there is a leak.....time will tell. We went back to UNI and walked the hall 30 min. When I got home I was exhausted and had only a short talk with Casey.

Jan. 25 - Wed. Walked. Went with Bea and Cliff to the temple. After that we went to The Golden Corral for dinner. Stopped in at their house to show Bea how to use her oven as she had forgotten how (less sharp memory.....we hate that.) Went to see Mer. He did 12 Jumping-jacks, rested, then did 12 more, then walked doing a little "Double-time", then a little jogging!!!! This was quite exciting. Beth Draper and Jenene Jepsen came to visit me and brought a wonderful loaf of banana nut bread. They are good friends.

Jan. 26 - Thurs. Awoke at 1:20 and couldn't go back to sleep. Read the B of M until 3:30 then turned off the lights and slept until 7:15. Didn't go walking. Went to Melanie's for my hairdo but she was in St. George with the "Warhogs" and had forgotten to tell me she was going. Carli was so embarrassed for her and said that if she knew how she would do my hair herself. Went to Maceys to shop the canned goods sale. Went VT to Jeanne and to Bonita. Up to visit Mer. He was sleep and it was hard to awaken him. He had gone to the Sr. Ctr with Doug to play pool, see a program and eat lunch and was tired out. I did make him walk the hall for ½ hour. He was not up to jumping-jacks, but did jog a little. It was almost a waste of time and gas going up there this day. Came home, ate some dinner then talked to Casey, but she was at a RS social so it was a short visit. Cell phones are very amazing!

Jan. 27 - Fri. Walked. This was Mozart's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday and a big celebration was held in Salzburg, Austria and FM 89.1 broadcast it.....just his music all day long. I had the radio on for hours and enjoyed it a lot. Did washing, some mending, some house work and made phone calls. Didn't go see Mer as it was snowing and he is coming home tomorrow. Talked with Casey.

Jan. 28 - Sat. Walked. To UNI by 9:00 to get Mer. Home by 10:40 and he needed to shave and change his pants. His face looked like he'd been sandpapered with course-grained sand paper and he had dried skin flakes all over. I had him use rehydrating toner and it looked 90% better. Mel Thayne and Tough Holmes picked him up for lunch to celebrate Mel's birthday. They went to Applebees and Mer didn't like the food.....so what else is new? They

came home and visited about 30 - 40 minutes. They are good friends.

Jan. 29 - Sun. Reg 3 hour meetings. Made jello to take to C & L's. Had a very delicious dinner. Played some fun game but don't remember the name of it. Oh, yes, it was Rummikub....DUH. They are very nice to have us out.....I really appreciated it. Didn't talk with Casey today.

Judy Owen was operated on and it took a double team over 4 hours to do it. Judy's friend, Nancy, called and said Judy came through the operation well. Will give me Judy's room phone so I will be able to talk to her.

Jan. 30 - Mon. Up to Cottonwood Mall to walk. Mer is very slow. I walked one round on the main floor with him then I went up on the second level and walked really fast. This will be our regular routine. Home and Mer had breakfast. Lori came and went with him to the Sr Ctr for "Exercise for Life" class.....she said he did very well. Hunter and Randy were off-track so they and Charlotte came here to play while Lori was with Mer. They played games, watched Jack and the Beanstalk.....had lots of raisin bread toast and milk. Charlotte painted lots of pages from the paint with water books. They all had fun on the banana chairs. After they left I went VT to Darlene Smith. After dinner Mer and I watched "Oh, G", so got in bed late. Casey called but we didn't talk because of the movie. This is going to be a problem.

Jan. 31 - Tues. Walked. Hurried home as my VT were coming at 9:30. Mer had breakfast. Took the Olds to Met Auto for repair. Mer drove it there. We then went to the VA for him to have another blood draw. About 20 men were ahead of him so it was a long wait. Later the VA called and said his Lithium was "therapeutic" so will be OK until he sees Dr. Duncan on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Came home and we made one batch of PCB's to send to Mark for his birthday. Did several loads of washing. Had dinner. Played two hands of Rummikub, but it isn't much fun with only two players. Mer went to bed and I had long talk with Casey.

**February 1, 2006** - Wed. Walked, but Mer said he is too weak to walk any faster.

Lori came and took Mer to the exercise class again, and again he did well.....even jogged to the car after! He bagged the popcorn balls and got them in a box to mail to Mark. The kids didn't come this time as Charlotte had Play Group and Hunter and Randy took care of each other. Went to the Sr. Ctr for an hour class in Understanding Music. I enjoyed it but Mer went to sleep right under the instructor's nose.....somewhat embarrassing. Picked up the Olds. The repairs cost \$745.00.....UGH! And Det said he gave us a 25% discount on the labor at that. Called Judy Owen many times but the line was busy.....probably had the receiver off the hook. Tough called Mer.

Feb. 2 - Thurs. Walked. Gwen came and took Mer to the Sr Ctr as Doug was going to work at Welfare Square in the dairy. Good of her to take the time. I went for hairdo, then shopping. Mer and Gwen played pool, then she tried involving him in line dancing but it was an experienced group so he couldn't do it and felt awkward. Took him to the barber but it was closed so will try tomorrow. Mailed the PCB's to Mark. Freddy was going to the Stake RS Enrichment meeting with me and Govert was coming to visit with Mer but his blood sugar hit 475 so they had to stay home. I am sorry. Bonita came with me to the meeting. It was very good.

Feb. 3 - Fri. Walked. Lori took Mer to Sr. Ctr for ½ exercise class then to "The Song Birds", a group of people who are members of the center....not professionals. We want him to sing with them. Mer to barbershop where he had his haircut while I waited in the car and

read. Clint Hastings up from TX for his grandmother's funeral in NV. His brother, sister-in-law and their 2 kids and Shirley came in and visited awhile when they returned. Clint, Mer and I went to Sweet Tomatoes for dinner. No talk with Casey as it was too late by that time so we all went to bed.

Feb. 4 - Sat. Clint went with us walking in Cottonwood Mall. He walked with Mer when I went up on the second level, which was nice of him. Home and had breakfast. Clint showed me how to do some things on the computer (hope I can remember how to do them). We played 2 games of Rummikub although he doesn't go in much for games. Visited.....had lunch, then we drove him to the airport at 2:30. It has been great to see him.

Went to Lori's to pick up Mer's walking shoes that got left in the van Friday. Didn't stay very long. Home, and Mer bathed but I did his hair. Gave Lori a list of names of possible drivers to drop Mer off at the Sr. Ctr so he becomes less dependent on me. This is embarrassing to me but it is probably a good procedure. Started replacing a zipper in a very heavy jacket for Freddy's son. It is like working on a tent because it is BIG.....this is not an easy job. When it was 9:45 I was too tired so didn't call Casey.

Feb. 5 - Sun. Fast Sunday and it was a good meeting with lots of participation. Helen Watts gave a good Sunday School lesson. Called Mark for his birthday but no one was home. Left a message. Called Judy Owen at the rehab facility. She is in a body cast up to her chest.....VERY miserable. Baked 40 rolls to take to D & G's for dinner. This is to celebrate my birthday. Amy made the cake and it was very good. She put 29 candles on it and I blew them out with one big POOF. The grandkids got a big kick out of that. It was fun to get together. Suzanna, James and Jimmy had to go early but the rest of us sang several short hymns and it was enjoyable. Came home and Mer went to bed and I talked with Casey.

Feb. 6 - Mon. Walked. Govert and Freddy gave Mer a ride to the Sr. Ctr and he was most annoyed with Lori's arranging this help. I told him to be nice about it. He was, but is embarrassed and doesn't want it. Govert and Freddy went swimming in the bldg just east, which is the Lion's Fitness Ctr, and they do this almost every day, so it worked out fine. I picked Mer up at 12:00. He was sort of playing pool but the other men are VERY skilled and I could tell Mer was an annoyance to them. We need to find other men who would like to learn to play so they could learn together, but I don't know how to do that. Spent literally hours on the jacket zipper and it was a dreadful job and doesn't even look very well done, but it was the best I could do. Glad it is done. Watched Antiques Road Show, then a special on Jesse James. Talked to Casey. Bea is sick so they won't be able to go to the temple tomorrow. Darn!

Feb. 7 - Tues. Walked. Home and had breakfast. Got ready and Mer and I went to the temple on our own. Was on the same session as Grant and Lois Hodgkinson. I was able to sit by Lois and that was neat. Grant was able to give Mer some help in the dressing room and I appreciate that. After the session Mer and I went to Sweet Tomatoes on South State St. M & D sent me a \$50.00 gift card for my birthday. Lucky me!!! Freddy came to pick up the jacket so I was glad it was done.

Feb. 8 - Wed. Woke up at 3:00 and never went back to sleep. Walked in the mall. Carl Christiansen gave Mer a ride to the Sr. Ctr. Mark and Dixie had Lori arrange for Com Cast to come and install cable for us. They did it today. Mer not too upset, but not thrilled either. Turned on a classical movie channel and it was showing Hamlet, so we watched that and ate dinner. I went to a R S Board meeting, then came home and went to bed.

Feb. 9 - Thurs. Walked. To Melanie's for hairdo. Did a little shopping. Doug and

came and walked around the neighborhood a little with Mer, then they went to the Sr. Ctr for lunch. Came home to play pool as it was too busy up there. This was nice but what I really need is for Doug to help Mer get acquainted with other men so he makes some friends and will feel comfortable being there. I had just come home so we talked awhile and they played no pool after all.

Feb. 10 - Fri. Walked. Lori came and took Mer to exercise class and Song Birds and they played a little pool. I had Hunter, Randy and Charlotte here. They were all very good but it wore me out anyway. Bea and Cliff came before Lori and the kids left. I took Bea to Melanie's to get a permanent-eyebrow touch-up. Mer watched Dr. Zhivago while I was gone. Cliff stayed with him for awhile. It was a long movie so I fixed dinner and we finished seeing it while eating. Made a cake for a funeral tomorrow. Very tragic industrial accident and Adan Smith was killed. He was just in his early 30's. He and his parents had just moved out of the ward about 10 days ago. I feel so sorry for his parents.....don't see how they can ever get over it.

Feb. 11 - Sat. Up at 5:00 and took Mer to UNI for his first booster ETC. This was the first time I watched him receiving one.....very controlled and professional. We were home by 9:00 and Mer was drowsy and vague. He went to sleep on the couch and I took a nap in the bedroom. Took the cake to the church 12:15 and no one was in the kitchen.....don't know how it turned out. Freddy told me that they are moving out of the ward and I am devastated!! It is a very sudden decision prompted by their children. They have lived there 50 years and had 12 children grow up there. This is just unthinkable and will really upset lots of people. It is almost like finding out about Santa Claus!

Feb. 12 - Sun. Small attendance at church. The 9:00 starting time really takes a toll. Mer got a new temple recommend today. Barbara here for dinner. First time in many Sundays, as I have not been cooking with Mer gone. Mark called and we had a long visit. His throat problem is much better. Dixie has a scary heart problem and will see her Dr on Thurs., then we will know more. Can only pray it is correctable. Mark was surprised and pleased to receive his popcorn balls.

Feb. 13 - Mon. Walked. Jim Robertson drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr. I talked to Bonita about 45 minutes. Picked up Mer at 12:15. Home until 2:15 then drove back to Sr. Ctr for a ½ hour personal training on the use of exercise equipment in a small exercise room. I did a little, too, and like it. It could do Mer a lot of good if he will use it.....doesn't cost anything and is available most of the time. Went to see Leah and take lots of soda pop cans for Donna to sell. (These cans come from Barbara and from Lori.....Mer and I seldom drink any soda.) Leah was her usual cheerful self. She still knows us as yet, but is increasingly forgetful.

Feb. 14 - Tues. No walk as we went to the temple with Bea and Cliff. Mer was up at 7:00 and took two hours getting ready and eating breakfast. Left here at 8:55 to pick up B & Cliff. After temple session we went to The Golden Corral for dinner. Did some mending on an old coat that will be given to the homeless shelter.....it is very warm and has some wear left in it. Did a little housework. Called Judy Owen and she is going through HELL....the pain is most terrible. I can't even imagine how bad it is. Poor lady. Lisa brought us a Valentine goodie bag of cookies, zucchini bread, and a couple of chocolate hearts. She is so thoughtful and I really appreciate it. Talked with Casey.

Feb. 15 - Wed. Walked. Govert drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr. When I went to pick him up at 12:00 Mer was in the poolroom just watching others play. We went into the small exercise room and used the treadmill and two other machines. Spent an hour there. Stayed for the music

appreciation class at 1:00, which I enjoyed very much.....Mer slept through most of it again. Home and did washing. Watched the News Hour, then a special on Windsor Castle, then part of The Blitz: London's Longest Night. Shoveled snow in the driveway for about an hour. Called Casey.

Feb. 16 - Thurs. Snowed all night they said. Shoveled snow 1 ½ hours. It was fluffy snow, thank goodness. Didn't go walk as there was no time. Went for hairdo before Doug got here. I ran several errands. Came home and Doug and Mer were here.....didn't go to the Sr. Ctr, which I'm disappointed about as I want Mer to find friends there and hoped Doug would help. However, he isn't really outgoing either. Doug brought his walking sticks and the two of them walked the neighborhood. They went to Arby's for lunch.....then back here and played pool. Doug shoveled snow that had avalanched off the roof and I appreciate that. Mer and I went to visit Bea and Cliff as it was Bea's birthday. Home, and got dinner over.

Feb. 17 - Fri. Walked. Gwen took Mer to the Sr. Ctr, then she had to drive Natalie to her friend, Laurel's, wedding activities, then Gwen went back and went to Song Birds with Mer. I appreciate her help. Took Mer to Dr. Connolly for dental care as his breath is the killer kind and I haven't been able to pinpoint the cause. The Dr did x-rays and found no cavities. However, I also had an appointment and I had three cavities.....and I am brushing and flossing with vigor! For the two of us it cost \$366.00.....OUCH! Am going to buy a water pick for Mer as he is not brushing well and says he can't floss anymore as his hands won't do the work. Don't know what to do about his breath problem. I haven't mentioned it before in my journal but he has "dragon breath" and it is no wonder no one at the Sr. Ctr has been really friendly.....I don't blame them as I have a hard time even being in the same room with him.

Feb. 18 - Sat.

Feb. 19 - Sun. Reg. Mtgs. Made a raspberry jello to take to L & C's. We are invited out to again celebrate my birthday. Pretty neat having two celebrations without getting two years older. Marnie and Charlotte made me cards and as always, Marnie's was a work of art. Dinner was delicious and we had spice cake with caramel icing. Again, I blew out all the candles with one try. Of course, there were not 80 candles.....just 22 this time as that was all they had. Played Oh, H with Lori, Chris, Marnie, Hunter, Mer and me. We started with 8 tricks instead of 14 and the kids caught on fast so it was fun. Home rather late for Mer.

Feb. 20 - Mon. Walked. Sr. Ctr closed for Presidents Day. Mer gets "antsy" with nothing to do and I don't know how to help him. He called Barbara for her birthday then couldn't think of anything to say so handed the phone to me.

Feb. 21 - Tues. To the temple with Bea and Cliff. Bea was dizzy and unsure she should even be there. We changed into our temple clothes and went to get our proxy names and Bea nearly fainted.....broke out in a sweat all over and feeling very weak. The workers took her by wheelchair to another room where they called an emergency man, who called the paramedics who came with an ambulance and took her to the Jordan Valley Hosp. Cliff, Mer and I changed into our street clothes and went there, too. At the hospital they did lots of tests that took some hours, then called her Dr at the LDS Hospital and she was transferred by ambulance there, where they also did tests and kept her overnight for observation. We went to the Golden Corral for dinner after they took Bea to LDS Hosp. I called Casey about Bea. Also talked to Freddy Copier, then Pam Hickman called me. Called Judy and she is in a small home-style clinic and is much happier. She is feeling a wee bit better.

Feb. 22 - Wed. Walked. Carl Christiansen drove Mer to Sr. Ctr. I canceled Mer's ECT

for Sat. He hates them and I can't see they are doing him any good this time.

Feb. 23 - Thurs. No walk. Used the time giving Mer a bath, cutting out nose hairs and other grooming needs. Doug was working so he didn't get there until about 11:30 so I set up "To Kill A Mocking Bird" for Mer to watch. To Melanie for hairdo. Bought a water pick for Mer.....hope he can learn to use it. Went VT with Evelyn Charles and we got all 4 of our sisters.....YEA! Doug took Mer to Leatherby's instead of going for lunch.....more fun but not nutritional. Doug paid for the treat and Mer paid the tip.

Feb. 24 - Fri. Walked. Patti Hinckley drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr. When I went to pick him up he was singing with the Song Birds and went on until 12:30. Took Mer to Dr. David Duncan at the VA Hospital and he took Mer off 3 of his medications! He will also remove one more over a 4 week period. Hopes he knows what he is doing. I am delighted to get rid of some of them.

Feb. 25 - Sat. Spent hours reading and finishing the last Mitford book. About 1:00 AM Mer woke up very agitated and "burning". I turned off his electric blanket and also took off the velux blanket. After about 10 minutes he was "cold" so I put them on again. He was so restless I finally gave up and went to sleep on the couch. Could he be experiencing drug withdrawal?

Feb. 26 - Sun. Regular meetings. I assumed that Barbara would be coming to dinner so had thawed rolls and chicken so had to cook them anyway. It was more like a company dinner. The day turned out to be long and boring and we ended up watching a movie, which is most unusual. Aleesha Johnson made me and Evelyn Charles beautiful bracelets. She loves to make jewelry and buys good quality beads. This is very nice of her. I haven't ever worn bracelets as far as I can remember, but will have to now so she will know I appreciate her gift.

Feb. 27 - Mon. Walked. Drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr myself and think it will work out, so we won't need to bother our neighbors again. We went to see Natalie in the play "Cash On Delivery". It was one wild, funny, fast-paced, crazy play and I loved it although I failed to hear all of the dialog. Mer couldn't understand most of what was said, too bad.

Feb. 28 - Tues. Walked late. No temple service as Bea is not up to it yet. I went to Dr. Stanford for lazar surgery on my right eye. Left the office for an hour then returned for a checkup. All was OK, so I will return in two weeks for followup. He dilated just one eye and it was a weird experience. Mer watched Mr. Holland's Opus while I was gone and he did OK being alone that long. Spent the evening making a list of medical and charitable deductions. Getting information ready to figure income tax....many UGHS! The Olds has another leak so I had to drive the Cad when I went back to Dr. Stanford. The Olds has to get fixed again.....PITTS!

**March 1, 2006** - Wed. Walked. Drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr.....he not quite as willing to go this time. Took the Olds into Met Auto for repair. Caught a bus to 45<sup>th</sup> So and walked home from there. It only took me ½ hour so that was doable. Went to meet Mer. I wanted to go to the Music Appreciation class but it would have been an hour wait and Mer did not want to, so we came home. I worked on stuff for our income tax filing. Mer watched "Stand and Deliver". He wishes he could do the income tax and so do I, but he can't remember how.

Mar. 2 - Thurs. Walked. Melanie called and she had a lady who wanted a \$700.00 permanent makeup job done and this was the only day she had free, so I understood how important that was. So, I will not have my hair done today. Left Mer watching "The King and I" until Doug got



here. They walked outside a little then went to Arctic Circle for lunch. I did miscellaneous shopping and came home about 3:45. I had gone to Great Harvest and bought two loaves of whole wheat bread and 6 big cookies. After dinner Mer and I went to visit Don and Mary Christensen and took them the cookies. They have been having a really tough time: Mary had a heart attack AND a ruptured appendix. Don had gone to the hospital with her and then was on his way home, with a promise he would quickly return. However, he was hit by a kidney stone attack before he left the hospital and they took him in to operate on him. Then he had to have a second operation for another stone. Mary did not know what had happened to him and was worried. I can't remember all the details but it sounded like some sort of a wild TV show. They couldn't help but laugh about it but it was not funny at the time it happened. They are beginning to feel a little better. Mer's hands are so shaky I have had to start shaving him, comb his hair and also feed him.....hope this improves.

Mar. 3 - Fri. Walked. Drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr and he acted surprised that I would not go in with him. At 12:00 I went to pick him up. The Song Birds were still practicing and continued until 12:30. They sounded pretty good and I may decide to join them.....could make a bunch of new friends. Came home and worked on Quicken and also paid bills. Back to the Sr. Ctr at 4:00 to get help with filing our income tax. The man who helped us was a whiz and it only took him 25 minutes to do it, make a copy for us, and file it online! What a service.....what a big relief. They do this for free.....just to help befuddled seniors. Mer was sure they wouldn't be any REAL help, so was astonished.

Mar. 4 - Sat. Walked, and as usual I walk one round with Mer on the ground level, then go up on the second level and walk really fast. I heard footsteps behind me and thought someone was going to pass me up but they didn't, and later I saw a young man standing at the top of one of the ramps on the second floor and he was grinning at me, then he said, "I am 27 years old and you just kicked my butt".....and he was laughing about it. I said, "Well, I am 80 years old and I am working on it." I'm surprised that he would admit such a thing but he seemed to be quite amused. It was really funny. Went and visited with Bea and Cliff for about an hour. Our cousin, Sally Slocum's husband had died and I took a sympathy card over for Bea to sign. We cousins just sent her money instead of flowers. Home and did washing. Helped Mer bathe. Called and talked to Judy Owen. She is feeling much more upbeat and hopeful and I am thrilled. I talk with Casey every night to preserve my sanity.

Mar. 5 - Sun. Fast Sunday, and it was a busy one....lots of people participated. Cooked a boneless rump roast with special seasonings and followed the recipe(even paid \$3.50 for dried Tyme flakes), cooked at correct heat and etc and it still turned out tough! I am about ready to swear off beef. Mer couldn't even chew it. Barbara here for dinner and one game of Rummikub. It was a very slow moving game. She had fruitcake and we had ice cream. She can't have any dairy products as they are bad for her colitis. That is really too bad!

Mar. 6 - Mon. Walked. After breakfast I drove Mer to the Sr. Ctr for exercise class. Went back at 12:15 to bring him home. I went to the store and bought mouth wash and new breath fresheners for Mer. He needs them desperately. Hope he will use them and hope they do some good. Finally got the north bedroom sheets washed, and the rooms downstairs vacuumed.....it needed it from when Clint was here. Drove Mer to Sears to keep an appointment to get his eyes checked but there was a misunderstanding as I thought the appointment was with the Murray store but had made it with the 7<sup>th</sup> So State St store. It was too late to go there and there was no optometrist where we went. Mer was very upset with me as his eyes are seeing double and cause him grief, and he wants to start driving again. Made

an appointment with my ophthalmologist, Dr. Stanford, but couldn't get in to see him until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mer kept complaining about it so I escaped by taking a nap until time to fix dinner. Life is not "warm and cozy" around here.

Mar. 7 - Tues. To temple with Bea and Cliff. To Golden Corral after for dinner. Mer does not like the place so don't know what to do next week. Trimmed Mer's neck and cut his hair a little bit.....very poor job but an improvement anyway.

Mar. 8 - Wed. Walk. Mer to Sr. Ctr. When I picked him up we came home and gave him a bath including his hair. New pants and shirt. Mel and Emma Lou Thayne picked us up and we met with the Brigham City Group at the Sweet Tomatoes to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Eris Holmes. Jim, Peggy and some of the grandchildren were there, too. Very enjoyable time together. Mer didn't say much. Old friends fussed over him and he even smiled a few times.

Mar. 9 - Thurs. Walked. About 9:00 a snow storm hit with wind blowing the snow almost horizontal. I put on a movie for Mer, then went to Melanie's for my hairdo. I was 15 minutes late as I drove only 15 to 25 miles per hour. The storm put down quite a bit of snow but it was mostly off the streets two hours later. I hate driving in it! Doug came and took Mer to Leatherby's for a hamburger and small milkshake, but he was gone by the time I returned. I went to the library and checked out 5 movies. We went to the West Jordan Library for Hunter's violin recital. There were lots of students so it lasted awhile. Hunter is doing well and really likes the violin. Went to their house after for fresh made brownies and ice cream. Mer gets testy about all the noise but I had fun anyway. Talked with Casey.

Mar. 10 - Fri. Walked. Took Mer to the Sr. Ctr, then picked him up at 12:30. When we got home he started "hovering and agitating" so I put on "High Noon" which kept him occupied for awhile. I had boiled 10# of chicken legs so deboned them. This mt is for chicken noodles at conference time. Did lots of washing.

Mar. 11 - Sat. Walked, but very late as I deliberately slept in. Finished at 10:00. Went to an open house farewell for Govert and Freddy at the church. It was a good thing and many people came to say goodbye. When they get settled we will go visit them at their new "digs".

Mar. 12 - Sun. Regular meetings. Barbara was having trouble with her colitis problem so was not here for dinner so I just prepared tuna fish sandwiches and soup. Oh, we also had grapes and cottage cheese but Mer was not satisfied so I made him a broiled cheese toast. Then he said it was too much. UGH! We watched "The Other Side of Heaven". I enjoyed it but Mer slept most of the time. An emotionally hard day.

Mar. 13 - Mon. Walked. Mer was so agitated that I gave him a pill meant to relieve stress. It almost made a Zombie out of him and he slept almost all day. I won't give him one of those again.

Mar. 14 - Tues. To the temple with Bea and Cliff. I dropped the three of them off at the door and flipped open the trunk so they could get our suitcases out. However, Mer was slow getting out and when he closed the door I just drove off to park. Saw through the rearview mirror that the trunk lid was still up.....I had not given Cliff time enough to close it when he got the last suitcase out.....he said I nearly took his arm with me! It really struck me funny and I just laughed and laughed.....they were less amused, but did see the humor in the situation.

We went to the Amber after for dinner and Mer didn't like that place either. Makes it difficult. Lori came to our house to meet with a young lady from Arbor Sr. Care. They furnish in-home help and companionship for a patient but they are way too expensive and I'm not at all sure it would be helpful either.

Mar. 15 - Wed. It was snowing hard but I insisted on going to Cottonwood Mall to walk.

Drove very slowly. Took so long getting home I had to cancel my appointment with Dr. Stanford and they were very understanding as being out on the street was nearly suicide! I had to shovel the snow that had avalanched off the garage roof before I could drive the car in. We were going to the funeral for Clint Holmes brother but it was just too stormy. Later in the day Gwen and Alex came to see Mer and sort of forced him to play pool. He was ornery to begin with but cheered up. They are caring and it was good of them to come visit.

Mar. 16 - Thurs. Walked. Mer didn't want to be alone so Lori asked Don Christensen to visit with him until Doug came. I went for hairdo and then shopping. Went to Met Auto to get the Olds and the bill was a shocker.....\$603.00! Walked down to State St and caught the bus to 33<sup>rd</sup> So, got the car and returned home. Elaine Jack called to find out how Mer is doing.....what a nice lady.

Mar. 17 - Fri. Walked. Drove the Olds into the garage and saw a wet puddle on the floor, also drip spots on the driveway. Looked under the hood and it is leaking. The coolant light was on. I checked the coolant reservoir and the level was down.....had this same problem in Oct and paid nearly \$300. 00 to have it fixed. I am really "royally ticked".....called Det and he said to bring it back in on Mon. Cars drive me crazy! Took Mer to Sr. Center. I to Dr. Stanford, then to VA to pick up new medications for Mer. Then back to Sr. Ctr to get him. Big crowd celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a program going on. Couldn't find Mer for about ½ hour. We went to Applebees for dinner.....compliments of Lori and Chris.

Mar. 18 - Sat. Walked. Did washing and ironing, regular stuff and also did up Mer's temple clothes. Gave him a bath and shampoo.....thanks to Chris for the grab bars or we could never do this. There is a sort of "spongy" eruption on my nose.....no itching nor pain. Will have to watch this.

Mar. 19 - Sun. Regular meetings. Barbara came for dinner so that helped. Played two hands of Rummikub and Mer did a lot better this time. Thawed a pecan pie but it was not very good. Made a fireplace fire and ate pie and talked. It was snowing so Barbara left early. I sat by the fireplace and read the paper. Mer was very restless so he went to bed about 8:30.

Mar. 20 - Mon. Walked. Mer to Sr. Ctr although he is "sick of the entire routine". Took the Olds into Det again. Caught the bus back to 45<sup>th</sup> So. It was raining.....mixed with snow and was cold and I had no umbrella but did have a rain bonnet, which helped. Figured my FLP order but have to wait to order it until tomorrow when the money I deposited to cover it is available. Picked up Mer and came home and he is "bored, bored, bored" and I don't know how to help him. Watched Antiques Road Show. Called Lee and Dorcus.....he has been the hospital because of a broken leg (I think) that let him fall. Has been in rehab but is not doing at all well. Tough times for them. Darlene Price called us and that was a big surprise. Bill has anxiety and depression, too, and is also getting psychiatric care and medications. He can't work and just sold his business.....too bad.

Mar. 21 - Tues. Walked. Did some sewing. Wrote in journal. Talked to Judy Owen. Her cast is off and she is so excited. She may be home by the end of the month. Mer cut down part of the roses and got really tired. Typed from journal calender into the computer. Gave Mer a bath. Had dinner and watched News Hour, then a special on America's Stone Age Explorers. Lowell Young called; Geri Kip called....both to hear how Mer is doing.

Mar. 22 - Wed. To temple with Bea and Cliff, then to Chinese Gormet for dinner. Geri Cartwright came VT as Kathleen Searle out of town. Enjoyed visiting with Geri. Went for a

walk with Mer down to The Hollyhaws.....the Bishop let us through the gate and gave us a tour of his house. It is very big and unusual. Called Alex....he was able to replace the failed part in his car and it is running OK.....YEA! Mer sat and did a little word search but it made him nervous. Watched Quest: "Quest for the Phoenicians".

Mar. 23 - Thurs. Walked. Gwen came to keep Mer company until Doug came. She took him to the D I shopping with her! Melanie was sick so I missed my hairdo again. Took Mer to see Dr. Stanford.....he prescribed two pair of glasses.....one pair for inside and one for outside and driving. Mer took a very dim view of having the hassle of two pair. He feels that one pair could be made to accomplish everything he needs, but that is not possible according to Dr. Stanford.

Mar. 24 - Fri. Walked. Took Mer to the Sr. Ctr. I cleaned up coolant from the garage floor and swept out the garage. Took Mer to the VA to see Dr. Duncan. Another new medicine was prescribed.....I hate it! Went to Beltone and had his hearing aids serviced. They are now doing a better job.

Mar. 25 - Sat. Walked. Mer is walking a little faster than usual. He cut down 5 rose bushes but assumes he has done them wrong. He walked to Bill Thomas' to do his Home Teaching, then went to Flittons, and then to Ethel Hart! First time in months and I am pleased. His talking is making more sense, too. He is very restless and wants something to do but I can't think of anything he can handle. He says he is going to go crazy. Hard time. Made a meatloaf to freeze to have on hand when John comes to town. Det had the Olds delivered to us.....no charge. He is an honorable businessman.

Mar. 26 - Sun. Govert and Freddy were our Sacramento Mtg speakers. They are almost moved out of their house and we hate to have them go. Barbara here for dinner. Played three hands of Rummikub. Mer did quite well on the first two games but "fell apart" on the last one. Had a fireplace fire. Barbara can't have ice cream right now as her Colitis has flared up and dairy products are a no-no, so she had a piece of fruitcake instead. After she went home I read some chapters in the B of M to Mer but he didn't enjoy it.....told me to stop, then said to "go ahead".

Mar. 27 - Mon. Walked. Mer to Sr. Ctr but protested going saying it was doing him no good and he felt like a little kid being sent out of the way.....sigh. Evelyn Charles and I went VT to Jeanne, then to Darlene, then to Bonita.

Mar. 28 - Tues. No walk. Went to the temple with Bea and Cliff. Bea felt too hot and sweaty and like she was going to pass out. The feeling passed after awhile but she said she is never going anymore. Mer can't go without Cliff to help him in the dressing room so we shall see where this problem takes us. Went to Chinese Gourmet for dinner again and I enjoyed it very much. Saw the Paramores at the temple.....nice to see them again. I spent time typing in my journal. Mer watched the Discovery channel. Watched "City Slickers", a crazy but interesting movie.

Mar. 29 - Wed. Walked. Mer went to Sr. Ctr but NOT willingly. The Olds low coolant light on again and the tank was leaking again and I am fit-to-be-tied!! Has to go back to Det again after John goes home. He will run the car and keep adding water as needed unless it ALL runs out again.....BUMMER! Went to the airport to get John. It was raining hard and I do not like driving at night. John drove on the way home, to my relief. Arrived home.....dinner for John.....then to bed.

Mar. 30 - Thurs. Walked. Hairdo and shopping. John, Doug and Mer "hung-out" together and went to Leatherby's for lunch. Pam Hickman out from Boston to attend

Conference and wants to get together for a visit if we can manage. Would love to see her. Watched a movie John brought called The Choir, a French production and it was very good.  
Mar. 31 - Fri. Walked. Mer to Sr. Ctr. Mark and Dixie had John buy me a cell phone as an emergency measure. They will repay John the money.....they are so generous. I never thought I'd have one but will be glad for it if needed. Amazing little item. It is a Motorola brand. John went to his missionary reunion and had a blast.

**April 1, 2006** - Sat. Walked. General Conference. John and Lori went to the morning session as he had two passes. After that they went to watch Marnie play volleyball. He stayed out to Lori's until time for him to come with Chris and pickup Mer and go to Priesthood Mtg. Gwen, Amy, Natalie, Sarah and Suzanna came here for their "girl's night out", and brought ice cream to go with ours. They played pool, then watched "The Dancing Princesses". They were still here when the men-folk came from Priesthood Mtg for ice cream..... Doug, Mer, Chris, Alex, Ricky, Jimmy and James. The girls left to go play Foos ball. The men stayed quite awhile and visited.....they didn't play pool this time.....just not in the mood, I guess.

Apr. 2 - Sun. General Conference Sunday. After the afternoon session we had 21 here for dinner. John brought up the table and chairs before going to Conf and we really appreciated that as Mer and I find it physically more demanding than it used to be. Had the usual chicken-noodle soup, potato casserole, broccoli, jello and etc. Lori brought the rolls and Gwen brought peas and milk. Here for dinner: Lori, Chris and their four, Doug & Gwen and all theirs (except Conrad, Jeff Ammon and family), Alec brought his girl-friend, Tamara Lingwall, John, Barbara and the two of us. We had a great time together. The weather was beautiful and the kids played outside a good part of the time. I love watching them interact and enjoy being together.

Apr. 3 - Mon. John walked with us at Cottonwood Mall. John went to Acomb's for brunch. Judy Owen is now back in her apartment. She called us. It is very hard being alone and in her impaired condition but since she is such a brave, determined lady she is managing. We admire her attitude and spunk. John, Mer and I took the Olds to Met auto and left it there for repair. Mer went to the Senior Ctr. John went to Brian Grose's for dinner. He left his sweater there and he really does need it.

Apr. 4 - Tues. No temple service today. We were going to consult with a lawyer about how to protect our home and investments if we ever need to use medicaid, but canceled the appointment as I didn't have the papers filled out. John, Mer and I walked around the neighborhood area. We were able to visit leisurely and it was very nice. John had dinner and I also made him a ham sandwich to take on the plane. To the airport by way of Brian Grose's to pick up John's sweater. Dropped him off and hated to see him go, of course. He is a really wonderful man-son.

Apr. 5 - Wed. Walked. Mer to the Senior Ctr. I went down to Nebeker's to do a little cleaning. Took Mer to the barber for a haircut. Mer decided to try repairing a leaky faucet in the bathroom sink. We went to Towers Plumbing for parts. Terry, a long-time employee, was really helpful. He has helped Mer through the years and could tell he is no longer as capable as he used to be. Mer was able to do the job and we were both relieved and pleased!

Apr. 6 - Thurs. Walked. Mer chose to stay home alone until Doug came instead of going to the Senior Ctr and having Doug pick him up there. I went to Melanie's for my hairdo. Did a

little shopping. Went to Dr. Neville for a biopsy on my nose but he just used liquid nitrogen on my nose, forehead and hands and said to come back in a year.....I will have to watch and see how things go. Mer and Doug went to the Subway for lunch, then came here for ice cream. Doug was still here when I returned. This was a very stormy day with heavy, wet snow.....not my favorite weather in which to be driving.

Apr. 7 - Fri. Casey called and said they had a hard time finding a motel last night and they were just exhausted. Walked. After breakfast Mer and I went to Neb's to do more cleaning. Bea and Cliff were there, too. They always buy milk and other basics for the fridge. Worked in the yard for 2 ½ hours. Nebekers arrived home about 5:30. Watched "The Barefoot Countessa" It was sad but I liked it anyway. Talked with Casey for a little while.

Apr. 8 - Sat. Walked around the neighborhood. Mer chose to go to the library while I attended the shower for Carli Hancey's baby. I was gone for three hours, then picked him up. He had read and dozed the whole time, but at least he was not home alone. Home, and did some housework. After dinner Doug and Amy came so Doug could mow the lawns. The grass was very long so he bagged it instead of mulching (which would have been a mess). The big garbage can was full, plus 9 big plastic bags, which I now have to get rid of. Will try to top-off some of the neighbor's cans if they have any room. It was really dark by the time Doug got through. Late bath for Mer and that is a job. Saw Kay and Don for ½ hr.

Apr. 9 - Sun. Fast Sunday. Barbara came for dinner and two hands of Rummikub and visiting. She brought a skirt to change into so she could go to a 6:30 program performed by the Tongan Choir, but her Colitis acted up, so she went home instead. Mer and I went and enjoyed the music, the punch and cookies and visiting after.

Apr. 10 - Mon. Walked with Casey in the park. Home by 8:00 and walked outside with Mer. Mer to the Senior Ctr and not happy about it. Was able to fill neighbor's trash cans and got rid of all 9 bags of grass.....what a relief! Worked outside in the North corner of the yard. Watched two hours of a series on ten days that unexpectedly changed America.....one was on the atomic bomb and the other hour was on the murder of Pres. McKinley that resulted in Teddy Roosevelt becoming president.....very interesting.

Apr. 11 - Tues. Walked with Casey. Mer and I to the temple with Cliff. Bea was going but had diarrhea so stayed home. Casey not ready to go yet. Went to the Amber for dinner after. Home and walked with Mer.....he got unbalanced and nearly fell down. If he does that I could not get him up by myself so it is a worry. Worked outside about 2 ½ hours. Went to the Costume Closet to buy an eyepatch for Mer to see if it would help him be able to read easier, but it wouldn't permit his glasses to be worn over it so that won't do. Watched two more hours of the series....one on Elvis Presley and one on connecting East and West by railroad.

Apr. 12 - Wed. Walked with Kay. To Cottonwood Mall walk with Mer. After breakfast he went to the Senior Ctr and I went to play "Oh, H" with Bea and Casey. Washing and mending. Watched two more hours of the series but didn't write down what they were.

Apr. 13 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Gwen came and took Mer home with her to help her and Sarah and Amy dye Easter eggs and decorate them. This sounded like a stretch for Mer but he did fine, she said. Doug and Mer went to lunch then they came home and Doug mowed the lawns. Mer mowed 3 laps on the front lawn and was too tired to do more. I am grateful that Doug will do this for us. Hairdo and shopping. Watched 2 more hours of the series.....they were all interesting but I can't remember what they were so I surmise

they didn't do me much good.

Apr. 14 - Fri. Walked with Casey. Walked 3 times around the church with Mer. Mer to the Senior Ctr. I did some weeding at Nebekers in Don's Iris garden.....the weeds are taking over and it is a big mess and a big job. Had a long talk with Judy Owen.....her progress is slow but she persists. I reconciled the bank statement on the Quicken program and it was fun! Called Met Auto and the Olds still was not repaired. I'm sure they are just not working on it as they know we have two cars and that Mer is not driving. Went to the Stake High Priests Social. Dinner and talks. It was OK but poorly attended. I always feel sorry for those in charge when they work so hard and the response is low.

Apr. 15 - Sat. Casey and I walked in F P Mall as it was raining. To C W Mall to walk with Mer. House work. Mending. Mer used the weed eater on the lawn edges.... front and back. He will do the South lawn another day as he was tuckered out. I was surprised and delighted that he could do it. Watched "On Golden Pond", then a two hour special on the Titanic.

Apr. 16 - Sun. Made big jello. At church the choir sang two Easter songs and Clair Hinckley played a flute and Addison Charles accompanied them on her oboe on one number.....it was very beautiful. The full-time missionaries were the speakers. Good meeting. To Lori and Chris' for dinner. They had boiled and colored LOTS of eggs so I deviled a whole lot of them.....not all, as they had boiled 5 dozen!!!! We love deviled eggs and they sent many home with us, which pleases both of us. Had a very enjoyable time with them.

Apr. 17 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Mer to the Senior Ctr. Casey, Bea and I played two hands of Oh, H. Brought Mer home and he read the paper. Sewing.

Apr. 18 - Tues. Walked with Casey. Bea, Cliff, Casey, Mer and I to temple. To Chinese Gormet after for dinner. Talked to Dorcus Bullock and learned that Lee fell and broke his hip. He is in very much pain and in a rehab place, but they are in tight money circumstances. Dorcus under terrible stress. Sorry, sorry, sorry for them. Watched News Hour.

Apr. 19 - Wed. Only 32 degrees but Casey and I walked in the park anyway and almost froze. Went to the P O to buy some stamps. Walked 4 times around the church with Mer. He to the Senior Ctr. I went to Nebs to weed until time to go pick up Mer. Worked outside for a few hours. Mer edged the South lawn. Gave Mer a bath. Wrote in journal.

Apr. 20 - Thurs. Kay and I walked in park, then drove to Met Auto to see if we could see the Olds but it is not in a visible spot. I don't think it would be inside as there are lots of cars left outside and we can see the entire parking area.....wonder just what is going on??? I took Mer with me to Melanie's for my hairdo and Gwen picked him up there. Shopping. Doug and Mer went to Leatherby's, then came here and he mowed the lawns. To Stake Center to hear the Salt Lake Temple President and his wife talk. She is Pres. Hinckley's daughter, and is a really cute, classy, little lady. A light dinner was served before the meeting. Enjoyable evening.

Apr. 21 - Fri. Walk with Kay. Walk with Mer. Mer to Senior Ctr. I to Nebekers to do more weeding. Home, worked outside using weed and grass killer on the ditch bank. Mer dug out stray raspberry canes. James Hancey called Met Auto and offered to pick up the Olds and take it to a specialist if Met can't get it fixed.....now we will see what Det does. Watched "Doc Hollywood".

Apr. 22 - Sat. Walked with Casey. Walked with Mer in the park. Washing and other housework. Worked outside several hours. Mer primed the pump following the instructions he had written out for me several years ago, he then tried out each setting and it all

works just fine. Watched "Falling In Love With the Girl Next door".

Apr. 23 - Sun. Ward Conference.....all meetings very good today. Barbara came to dinner, then we played 3 hands Rummikub.

Apr. 24 - Mon. Walked with Casey. Mer to the VA 8:30.....got home 1:40. Too bad he can't drive himself. VT to all but Jeanne. Watched Antiques Road Show, then a 2 hour special on building the Alaska Pipe Line.....what a job!

Apr. 25 - Tues. Walked with Casey. To temple with Bea, Cliff, Casey and us. To the Golden Corral for dinner after. Mer does not like eating out every week and really gripes (to me) about the restaurants we go to. He prefers the Sweet Tomatoes but Cliff likes places that have whole pieces of meat. Mer and I went to Viewmont Elementary School for a Murray City Council Meeting. It was well attended and very lively as some robberies have taken place (7) in our neighborhood and those robbed are very angry with the poor police response.

Apr. 26 - Wed. Walked with Kay. Also with Mer. Mer to Sr. Ctr. I to Nebs to weed again. Kay gave me some roast beef for our dinner and also some strawberries and they were delicious. Went VT to Jeanne. Went to a music program for the Jordan School Dist. Ricky was in the Honors Orchestra playing his cello. I am most pleased! Very good program.

Apr. 27 - Thurs. Walk with Casey, also with Mer. Gwen came and took Mer to Zims then to her home. Doug and Mer ate lunch there, then came here to mow the lawns. I parked the car and took a 2 hour nap. No hairdo today as Melanie went to Ogden with James. Shopping at Ream's. John called and he has a new job. Good pay and good benefits. We are very grateful! Dixie called and we had a long talk. They want to pay for Mer to go on some day trips to give him a boost and me some free hours. We shall think about it. They are all very busy, as usual. Went to Utah Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Will make an appointment to have Mer's hearing checked and then they will recommend some kind of amplifier for the telephone.....he can't really hear people and it is very frustrating for him.

Apr. 28 - Fri. Walked with Casey. Started walking with Mer down Julep Drive. The city has begun road work. Will replace the street as it is too far gone to patch. Saw Freddy Copier. They had a big dumpster parked in their driveway as their nephew is replacing the shingles on the roof. Freddy was getting rid of ancient food storage, #10 cans of powdered milk, potatoes, pasta, veggies and etc. They were stored down in their basement and there are a lot of steps and Freddy was bringing up two or three cans at a time and throwing them into the dumpster. I offered my and Merlin's help so she would bring out the cans and set them up on the basement steps as high as she could reach.....Govert would hand them up more steps and Merlin would put them into the kitchen. I would take out three cans at a time and throw them into the dumpster.....it about wore all 4 of us out before we were done. I am glad we could help them. Mer to VA for 1:00 meeting with Dr. Duncan, who prescribed another medication that is supposed to help his memory. Met Auto finally brought back our Olds, then I drove the employee back to work. Hope the car is really fixed now. Det didn't charge us any additional money and that is good, as they hadn't really repaired it.

Apr. 29 - Sat. Walk with Casey. No walk with Mer as it was the Ward Breakfast. This was the best one I ever remember.....fresh cut up fruit, hash brown potatoes, bacon, pancakes, all kinds of sweet rolls and doughnuts, two varieties of scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk, apple cider, bagels and cream cheese!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WOW, what a breakfast. Visited with other ward members and really enjoyed myself. Home and did washing and other housework.

**May 1, 2006** - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. He did not go to the Senior



Ctr this day as he went with Clint Holmes and Mel Thayne out to lunch to celebrate Clint's birthday.

Made PCBs to send to Dixie for her birthday. Sarah was hit by a car on her bike and it threw her into the windshield, which she broke with her head! The Life Flight helicopter flew her to the Children's Hospital where x-rays and a CT scan determined there were no broken bones, but she does have a concussion. Gwen drove up to the hospital to spend the night with her. We are grateful she is not hurt worse. She turned right in front of a car, without any warning, and the driver could not avoid hitting her. Of course, the driver was really all shook up.

May 2 - Tues. Walked with Casey. To the temple with Casey, Bea, Cliff and Mer. Went to the Golden Corral after for dinner. Packed up the popcorn balls and shipped them to Dixie. Took an evening walk with Mer as we didn't have time for a walk earlier. Went down to the Hollyhocks and Duck Creek Circle and that was all Mer was up to. Gwen still at the hospital with Sarah.

May 3 - Wed. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Mer to Senior Ctr. No games today as Bea forgot and was still asleep. Just wasted my time reading the newspaper. Sewed on a pink shirt I am altering. Sarah came home from the hospital but is feeling "buzzy" in the head and not hungry. She tires very quickly but they think she will be OK before too long. Watched the News Hour and Wild River: "The Colorado".

May 4 - Thurs. It had been raining so Kay and I walked at Fashion Place Mall. It cleared up so Mer and I walked outside. Gwen flew to CA for Cammie Crozier's wedding and reception. Cammie is Gwen's niece. Doug took Mer to his home for a few hours while I got my hairdo and did the shopping. Doug, Sarah and Mer went to Leatherby's for ice cream cones. Watched the News Hour, then a special on the Alamo then 1/2 hour of The Man In the Iron Mask.....don't remember why we didn't watch all of it.

May 5 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Mer to Sr Ctr.

May 6 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Did several hours of yard cleanup. Doug came with Amy to mow the lawns.....the grass was very long so the garbage can was full, plus twelve 30 gal bags! Amy helped me in the yard. After the jobs were done we had ice cream together. Watched "Seabiscuit", a true story about a horse that didn't look like a race horse but was an outstanding winner.

May 7 - Sun. Fast Sunday. Testimony meeting was a busy one, which I always like, and SS and RS were both very good. Barbara here for dinner, games and visiting.

May 8 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Mer could hardly eat breakfast.....said he felt sick, so didn't go to the Sr Ctr. Much washing. Antiques Road Show, then a special on Annie Oakley, then 1/2 of Catherine the Great.

May 9 - Tues. Walked with Casey. To temple with Bea and Cliff. To the Chinese Gourmet after for dinner. Mer hates both buffet places we go to as he says the food is too greasy.

The Olds is in the garage again.....a repeat of loss of power steering fluid. I am getting really ticked-off. I am sick to death of that car and Lori says I need to get rid of it.

May 10 - Wed. Walked with Casey. Had hairdo today as tomorrow the Dr will induce labor for Carli and we pray all will go well. Took Mer to the Sr. Ctr while I was gone so he wouldn't be alone. Went to See's for 1/2 # chocolates for Lori for Mother's Day. Watched old movie "Of Human Bondage".

May 11 - Thurs. Walked with Casey then with Mer. Typed in journal. Doug was late in coming so I went to Ream's at 1:00. He mowed the lawns and there was only 5 bags this time.

Mer and I went to a community service place that helps the deaf and hard of hearing. They tested him using several different phones and we applied for one on which he could hear well. It is a free service and on loan.....to be returned when the need is over. It should come in 4 to 6 weeks. After the hearing test we went to Sweet Tomatoes to celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Mer was feeling somewhat sick so it wasn't much fun for him. He is losing weight. Nothing tastes good to him. At the restaurant one of the workers gave us a bag of their chocolate chip cookies when they learned it was our anniversary. We also were obligated to use email to fill out a questionnaire on their food and service. That was easy as we like everything very much.

May 12 - Fri. Walked with Casey. Took Mer to the VA for blood draw. He did not go to the Sr. Ctr as he had not had any breakfast. He said he was not feeling well. At 1:00 Glen Gailey, an insurance man, came and I signed up for a "free standing" part-D Medicare Drug Benefit policy. At the present time I have no drug needs, but if in the future I do, then this policy can be converted to something else and I will not be penalized for not having signed on before the closing date. Received a Mother's Day card from Mark and Dixie and they sent me another \$50.00 gift certificate to Sweet Tomatoes.....bless their generous hearts!

May 13 - Sat. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Went to Murray High School for a free performance by the Murray City Band. It was very enjoyable. We did make a donation.

May 14 - Sun. An OK Mother's Day sacrament meeting. Had a long talk with John, then a long talk with Mark. To Lori and Chris' for Mother's Day dinner. Marnie made me a special card. Lori also gave me a special card, and an Asian Lily for the yard, a gift certificate to go to Thanksgiving Point and tour their gardens, then have lunch. We walked around their neighborhood. Great day.....grandkids fun to be with.

May 15 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. I have become very tired of the confrontations with Mer about the Sr. Ctr so didn't take him there. After breakfast I worked outside. Mer just sat in the kitchen and read most of the day. News Hour, Antiques Road Show, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Catherine the Great.

May 16 - Tues. Walk with Casey. To temple with Casey, Cliff and Mer. Bea lost her temple recommend last week and has to get another one. Went to the Amber after for dinner. Jana flew in from WA and Jackie went to the airport to pick her up. Bea had another episode of being dehydrated and she has a bladder infection and was disorientated and almost fainted, so Jackie and Jana took her to the Cottonwood Hospital. All of us went to see her but could only go in the room two at a time. Hours later they released her to go home with instructions to drink lots of water. She has to take antibiotics also. She is getting so forgetful she doesn't remember how necessary lots of water is and gets mad at Cliff when he tries to make her drink. This frustrates him a whole lot, of course.

May 17 - Wed. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. No Sr. Ctr.

May 18 - Thurs. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. To Melanie's for a perm. Carli's baby is just beautiful. To Western Gardens for flowers, then to Ream's for groceries. Gwen had come to Melanie's to pick up Mer and he did whatever Gwen was involved in. Doug brought him home and then mowed the lawns. Went to the Assembly Hall to see 1856: "Long Walk Home", a new concert opera to honor the Willie and Martin Handcart companies.

May 19 - Fri. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. I went to Bea's to play "Oh, H" with Jan, Bea and Casey. However, Bea can't really remember how to play so it was slow going.

Came home and planted the Asian Lily Lori gave me ; also planted a row of Dahlias. No Sr Center...I guess that is a lost cause as he won't make any effort to make it work. News Hour.

“Lilies of the Field”, an old movie with Sidney Poitier.

May 20 - Sat. Walked with Casey. We saw over 200 USA flags standing in rows in the park. The wind was blowing just enough to make it most beautiful. Went home and brought Mer to see them.....thrilling sight! Very nice walk. To baseball game to watch Hunter play. He is a good catcher.....got four of the opposing team out. He was given his first time to be the pitcher. It was Quite fun, to my surprise!

May 21 - Sun. Reg mtgs. Had a “mingle” after meetings, held on the lawn.....sweet rolls, cookies, milk, juice and some time to visit. There are several new families in the ward and we always enjoy that. Forgot to put the rolls out of the freezer to rise, so tried the “fast-rising” method and ruined them. Barbara here for dinner, games and visit.

May 22 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Set up the irrigation ditches for the tomatoes and cucumbers. Mer said they were done wrong so I tried to change it and it is not easy to do. Mer helped plant the toms.....only 12 plants this year. Worked outside almost all day and got very tired. Antiques Road Show, then “Joseph Goebels, the Man Behind Hitler”.

May 23 - Tues. Walked with Casey. To temple with Cliff and Mer. To the Amber for dinner. Bea and Jana had other things to do.....as also did Casey. Mer and I had a visit with Bea and Jana after. Worked outside until 7:40. Planted cucumbers and Dusty Miller. Pulled out the Grape Hyacinths in the lane.

May 24 - Wed. Walk with Casey, then with Mer. No games with sisters. My VT came. Mer went HT to Ethel Hart and to Flittons.....first time in quite awhile. Worked outside spot watering; cut off lots of Trumpet Vines in the lawn and elsewhere then put stump killer on what was left.....a tacky, back aching job, but I know of no other way to get rid of them, nor if this will really work. News Hour, “Arlington, Field of Honor”, and part two on a special about Iwo Jima .

May 25 - Thurs. Walked with Casey, then a short walk with Mer. Gwen picked up Mer at Melanie’s again and took him to her house. I went for hairdo and then some shopping... home, and put away groceries. Went out to Lori’s to watch the new Pride and Prejudice. Had root beer floats and chocolate chip cookies. Mer and Doug went for fast food, then here to mow the lawns.

May 26 - Fri. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. To barber for a haircut for Mer. Gary West was substituting for Daryl and cut him VERY short. Bought more bedding plants. To Sweet Tomatoes for dinner. Clint called and the company he worked for was sold to some one else and Clint is now out of a job. This is too bad. We talked a long time.....two to two and half hours.....best conversation we have ever had.

May 27 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Rained off-and-on all day. Did

house work. Went to Smith's to buy potted Mums for Memorial Day.....they were 3 for \$10.00 again this year.

May 28 - Sun. Reg Mts. Chris, Lori and four kids and Barbara here to celebrate Lori's birthday. Chris had made her cake. Lori brought rolls. I fixed the rest of food. After we had eaten, Lori, Chris and the kids played outside for quite awhile, then came in for cake and ice cream. Hunter won the candle race. After visiting awhile Barbara left and we then played a new game Lou had given Lori, called "Sing Baya". No one had played it before so no one really knew the rules but we muddle along and it was fun anyway.

May 29 - Mon. Memorial Day. Walked with Casey. Met Barbara at her home and she drove to Brigham City. We went to Harold's so he could go with us to the cemetery. We went and distributed the flowers where they needed to go. Norma is sick and so thin she looks like a skin-covered skeleton. She really looks like she is at death's door. At their home we saw Dave & Elaine Taylor, their son Michael, their daughter Michelle with her husband and two kids, saw Brent and Kathy who had driven Yvonne over from Logan, saw Kerry, Jolene and Carli Nichols and it was very nice to see that much family and visit a little while. Just Harold, Barbara, Yvonne, Mer and I went to the Idle Isle for dinner. The food was not up to their usual standard. Left Brigham about 5:00 and got back to Barbara's, got our own car and went to the cemetery to put a flower on my brother Doug's grave. Watched Antiques Road Show.

May 30 - Tues. To temple with Cliff and Mer. I did an endowment for a relative of Lois Hodgkinson. Did not go to dinner after as Mer had an ophthalmologist appointment with Dr. Zabriski. He scheduled Mer to go see a Neuro-ophthalmologist at the Moran Eye Center. Watched "The Boldest Hoax", about the "missing link", then saw "The Age of Aids".

May 31 - Wed. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Planted 4 pots.....transplanted Alyssum around the edges with Geraniums in the center. Also planted more in the north bed. Mer tangled his feet in his pants legs and pitched into the corner between the toilet and the east wall and skinned BOTH elbows.....blood all over!!! on clothes, on walls, on carpet....what a mess. I had to bandage him up and on elbows that is not easy. He is badly skinned and this will take a long time to heal. Sorry, sorry, sorry for him.

**June 1, 2006** - Thurs. No walk with Casey as she took Don to St. Mark's Emergency.....he has a bad bladder infection. Walked with Mer. We saw some baby Quail and they are just too cute for words. Also saw George and Sir George (BIG dog) and introduced Mer to them. Melanie had a sore throat so no hairdo today. I had to tell Gwen not to go to her house for Mer. Gwen would have come here but I had already told Mer I would be here until Doug came. I made grilled cheese sandwiches for Mer and Doug and then went shopping. I was only gone about two hours but Doug had already gone.....he is a speedy lawn cutter. They had some ice cream together. Did lots of washing.

June 2 - Fri.????

June 3 - Sat. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Vacuumed the Olds and scrubbed the mats. Swept out the garage and vacuumed part of it. Mer used the weed eater to edge the lawn but had a hard time holding it at the right angle and it was too flat, so cut too deep but I guess there is enough root system to grow again! And he did DO it, with much saying he was not "up to it" and he was "exhausted".....I don't doubt he was, but he can do more than he

thinks he can if he tries.

June 4 - Sun. Fast Sunday. Slow start but very inspiring overall. Barbara came for dinner, three hands of Rummikub, and visiting. We appreciate her coming and making our day brighter. Conrad is on leave and came to Suzanna's today. We will see him next Sun if not before.

June 5 - Mon. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Got breakfast over with then spent hours in the yard. Trimmed North groundcover. Spread more mulch from old pine tree. Worked over some of the lilacs.....one with great aggression! It will look better next year. It has been five years since my back operation and I am still pain free!!! what a great blessing.

Talked with Alex and Conrad had gone to church with him and Tamara. This is good, very, very good. Saw Antiques Road Show. Typed in my journal.

June 6 - Tues. Walked with Casey. Took Mer to the Neurology Dept. At the VA. As near as they can tell he has no Parkinsons symptoms. The Dr left his meds as is, YEA!! Went to Towers Plumbing and got a new faucet for the swamp cooler connection. It had been leaking and soaking the grass and I was afraid it would soak into the south bedroom area, so I had been catching the water in a big plastic bucket and pouring it on the lawn away from the house. Mer was able to replace the faucet.....good for him! Cliff came over and trimmed the grape vines and planted his silver Hubbard squash. I canceled Mer's appointment with the Moran Eye Center as he didn't want to go. Almost let my flowers die for lack of water.....caught them just in the nick of time. Watched the News Hour. Typed in my journal.

June 7 - Wed. Walked with Casey. To temple with Kay, Bea, Cliff and Mer. To the Amber for dinner after.....Mer didn't like it, of course. Takes part of the fun out of eating out when nothing pleases him and he lets it be known. Went to watch Hunter's baseball game.....his team won, which makes it lots of fun for him, and more enjoyable for us, too.

June 8 - Thurs. Walked with Casey, then with Mer in the neighborhood. Gwen picked up Mer at Melanie's. I had my hairdo then went shopping at Ream's and Sara Lee Bread. Came home to unload, then went to Meier and Frank looking at clothes but there was nothing I couldn't live without. Went to Smith's for groceries and gas, then came home. Doug was finished with the lawns and was eating ice cream. They had not gone to lunch so Mer ate a bowl of bread and milk to tide him over until dinner.

June 9 - Fri. Walked with Casey but it began raining so we ran for the car. Took Mer to Cottonwood Mall and we walked 45 mins. To please Mer I watched 45 minutes of an old John Wayne movie, then started watching another one. Mer said it was "dumb" so we turned it off. I dug out weeds along the south fence. We had wind and heavy rain that knocked out our power for about 1 hr 45 mins. Went to bed by 9:00, which is most unusual. This was the last day of school for Stanford and we learned he was hit by terrible pain that had him writhing on the floor. They took him to the emergency hospital where they checked him for appendicitis and determined it was not that, so gave him heavy duty pain killers and sent him home. He went to graduation exercises the next day; the party that evening; and back to emergency the next day (if I have it right) all this is recorded on emails which are copied and saved.

June 10 - Sat. Walked with Casey. We took pictures of us on the bench where we usually sit and again had to wade out to it because of flooding.....not a much as a couple of years ago but still a lot. Walked in the park with Mer, also. To Smith's to fill the gas can and to buy rolls for tomorrow and a few other items. Washing. Clint called and he has a job interview for tomorrow.....very good news. My computer was out after the storm so I called John on the phone and he was able to fix it for me.....amazing!!!!!! Mer put cages on the tomato

plants. Adam Willis was married and the wedding reception was in Willis' back yard. They had really been sweating out the weather but it turned out to be beautiful, as was the reception. However, it was very "worldly". Stanford back into Emergency.

June 11 - Sun. Very easy Sunday as we were invited to D & G's for dinner to visit with Conrad. All I had to do was bake the rolls. Thanks to Casey, I was able to take raspberry jam. I must get busy and make some myself one of these days. Had a good talk with Conrad as I sought him out and asked questions. We are very proud of his progress and happy for him.

June 12 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer in the park. Used vine killer on the Trumpet Vines in the lawn.....one clump at a time, with a sponge or paintbrush. Tedious, hot job and was trying not to get it on the grass. Mer used a sponge and broadleaf weed killer on dandelions. He also sprayed 1 ½ gallons on the Oxalis in the grass in front of the porch. It never kills that.....just slows it down for awhile. John called on his way to the hospital. Stanford had a tumor that blocked his small intestine. The Drs removed it by cutting him from one hipbone to the other. They did a biopsy and found it to be a lymphoma cancer.....this is just gut-wrenching. Took the Olds into Met Auto again. Made many phone calls to let the family know about Stanford so they will pray for him. Asked others to put his name on the prayer rolls in many temples.

June 13 - Tues. Walked with Casey in the park. Walked with Mer around the neighborhood for ½ hour. To the temple with Bea, Cliff and Mer. Had dinner at the Coachman which was delicious to me but Mer didn't enjoy it at all, even though he ate the same thing I had. Sorry state of affairs. Talked to Heather for an update on Stanford but she had nothing new to tell.

June 14 - Wed. Walked with Casey and then with Mer. Used Lime Away and cleaned off the corner windows from the mineral buildup caused by the sprinkling system. It was a yucky job and after this I will put up the plastic covers when I water the lawns. That is a nuisance but not as bad as having the windows spotted all the time. Mer used to do this all the time but he is not safe up on a ladder anymore, so it is up to me.

June 15 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Gwen picked Mer up at Melanie's. Had my hairdo and went shopping. Went to See's for ½ # of truffles for Chris for Father's Day. Doug, Mer and Sarah ate at Karl's Jr., then came here so Doug could mow the lawns. Lori, Chris and the kids went to St. George. Chris is doing a triathlon on Fri. They are going to the Tuacan Amphitheater to see "South Pacific."

June 16 - Fri. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. We went to the Columbia Grade School to see and hear Sarah play in a violin duet and with the orchestra. They are mostly beginners so it is far from polished but Sarah is making progress and we are glad she is interested in a musical instrument.

June 17 - Sat. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Kris and Jeri Brimhall are here from Mesa, AZ and are on their way to WA to visit with Jeff and Juliette and grandson.

June 18 - Sun. OK Father's Day program. Stanford is home from the hospital.....he has lost 15 pounds and didn't need to lose any. We went to the Community College Institute for Alex' ordination as a Priest.....happy day! He wanted Doug to ordain him and Doug did, which is a puzzle to me as Doug is in a state of questioning about the gospel and the church. Cut up a big bowl of watermelon to take to Lori and Chris' for dinner for Father's Day. We had a very good but late dinner. We didn't get in bed until after 11:00. They gave Mer a CD of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and a small bag of Gheradelli (sp) caramel and chocolate squares and cards. John called Mer out there. Mark left a message.

June 19 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer in the park, which takes about 2 ½ hours.

Mark called and talked to Mer. To Met Auto to pick up Olds and leave the Cad for servicing. Went VT to Darlene and Jeanne. A man from Met Auto drove the Cad here and then I drove him back to work and paid the bill for both cars, which came to \$452.00...another OUCH! Murray City has our north side street all torn up for replacing. Lots of BIG machinery and very noisy and dusty. Watched Antiques Road Show.

June 20 - Tues. Walked with Casey. To Salt Lake Temple with Bea and Cliff but when I tried to start the Cad to go pick them up it was dead! I was very upset. All this car trouble is driving me crazy.

Had to use the Olds, which is crowded and hard for Cliff to get in. Saw Thomas at the temple.....he is the disabled man with no legs. He sits in his wheelchair with a little sign requesting money on which to live. I gave him \$5.00, but had no time to talk. After our session we went to Wendy's for dinner. Went VT to Bonita. Evelyn was in a car accident which totaled her car.....SORRY! ,but thankful she was not badly hurt. We were watching TV when Lori called to find out if we had forgotten Marnie's dance review. She was at the school where it was being held. We had forgotten but hurried there and was in time to see the second part that Marnie was in and she didn't know we had missed any. She is a good dancer. I am glad Lori called!

June 21 - Wed. Walked with Casey and where we sit on a bench to rest our backs there are lots of ants off to the side of the cement.....we gave them crushed lemon heads but they didn't seem to like them. We really enjoy all the nature things we see in the park. Walked with Mer. Called AARP roadside service to come and tow the Cad into Met Auto. Made a cake for R S party held in Linda Willis' beautiful back yard. Fun time, lots of good food, visiting and games. Came home and Mer was watching "A Lion In the House", a special on cancer in children and how it affects the whole family.

June 22 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Melanie was away so I went to a beauty college for my hairdo. Turned out OK so will do it again when Melanie is gone. Doug came early as he has lost his job, which is bad news. Ricky came, too, and the 3 of them went for fast food, then Doug mowed the lawns. To Nebeker's to visit with Kris & Jeri. Charlie & Teresa came. Gary & Joy and 3 kids came and brought rolls, meat loaf and Dutch Oven cake and ice cream. Kay had Cole Slaw, green salad, potatoes and gravy. We were invited to stay for dinner, which was very nice of them. It was a lovely evening and Mer enjoyed it. Kris made arrangements for 4 different people to come and give bids on getting Nebeker's roof repaired.

June 23 - Fri. Kris and Jeri left early for Mesa. Casey picked me up for a short walk, then to Met Auto to get the Cad. This problem was caused by loose wires. The supplies to repair it cost \$5.00 but the labor made it up to \$98.00.....on and on and on it goes! Mer and I walked down Julep Drive viewing the street replacement job and it leaves a lot to be desired. The curb is 8" to 10" higher than the ground level. Watched Bill Moyers special on Faith and Reason and his guest was Salman Rushdie and it was very interesting. He read from his book the "Satanic Verses." This book riled the wrath of the Islamic leaders and they had a death pronouncement on him which drove him into hiding for 10 years.

June 24 - Sat. Walked with Casey, then with Mer in the park. After breakfast I worked in the yard. Mer put fertilizer on the lawn but did not follow instructions, then dumped some in the garden on the cucumber leaves.....it was not supposed to get on plants, so I hope it doesn't kill them. I tried to brush it off the best I could. Cleaned the north and east windows in the house. Dead-headed the roses. Talked with John a long time about Stanford, then

about the Smith Barney account.

June 25 - Sun. Had a combined Sacrament Meeting with the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and the Spanish Branch. The Stake Presidency and the High Council were there. All this “pomp and ceremony” was intended to introduce the new Second Councilor in the Stake Presidency BUT they had not received a letter from the First Presidency Oking the man requested, so we still don’t know who it is! Then there was no Sunday School nor Relief Society nor Priesthood Meeting. Why not, I’ve not been able to figure out. Barbara here for dinner, games and visiting.

June 26 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Called Judy Owen for a long talk. Mer was listening on the speaker phone and I was downstairs. Judy is still in much pain but has been to church 5 times, which is very good. Took Mer to the VA. Saw Dr. Duncan and he left him on the same meds. Mer weighs 151#.....next appointment is in Sept. We went to Temple Square and saw Legacy again. This was to fill in the time before going to attend Alex’s Odyssey Program graduation. It is an individual graduation, just one person at a time as they complete the requirements and the mentors feel they are ready. It included Alex reading a lengthy Statement of Change in which he detailed things in his life, how he was raised, what choices he made that got him into the drug scene, what happened to make him want to change, the program he had to follow to make those changes and etc. It was wonderful and it is a miracle, along with much hard work. We are so happy for him and so proud of him.

June 27 - Tues. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Went to the church at 10:00 to help make sandwiches and assemble 125 sack lunches for the family of Hugh McClellan as he was to be buried in Springville, UT. Shortened the pant legs of the suit Mer wears to the temple. He has shrunk, or it may be the way he bends over, so I needed to take off 2 inches. Went to Bea’s to play Oh, H with my sisters.....it has been a long time since we played. Did a lot of spot watering on the lawns.

June 28 - Wed. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. I worked outside in the heat for hours and it wore me out. Took a nap, then had to fix dinner. Since I napped too long I didn’t get back out to do more work. Eris Holmes is in the hospital with pneumonia.....scary! Linda Fitt fell and has compound fractures of her back. Sorry for her and Paul, too.

June 29 - Thurs. Walk with Kay, walk with Mer. Hairdo and shopping. Doug came early so Gwen didn’t come and get Mer. They didn’t go out for lunch. Mer and I ate at Sweet Tomatoes.....compliments of Mark and Dixie. Mer didn’t enjoy it as he usually does. I hope he doesn’t turn against it as their food is the most healthy around and I love it. John emailed us and Stanford is back in the hospital. Called Clint.....still no job. Watched Liberty: “The American Revolution” part 1 of 6.

June 30 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Kay picked up Jeff and Carol Cash at the airport. Did lots of washing and other house work. Mer drove the car to the park and back and did A-OK. Stanford back home after more tests. Watched NOW, then Utah Now, then Bill Moyers on Faith and Reason #2.

**July 1, 2006** - Sat. No walk with Kay as Jeff Cash helping her with work and she needs to be there. Mer drove to the park again for our walk. After breakfast we went to attend a violin program in which Hunter plays but the streets were blocked off for an early 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We tried several approaches to the place but when we were 25 minutes late and still hadn’t been able to find a way, we just gave up. The Collier Family Reunion was close by so we went there. I saw Carol Richardson and her husband and two of Carol’s daughters. Carol was the only person I really knew. We only stayed long enough to be scolded by Carol



for not being engaged in Family History, then sort of “stole away”, and no one seemed to notice or care. I was hoping to see Ina May Johnson but she was in Vernal. Mark, Dixie and kids are on a vacation in Canada and will return home on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

July 2 - Sun. Fast Sunday and it was a very unusual meeting in that we had five babies blessed! It took all of testimony meeting time except for 10 minutes so the Bishop didn't turn over the time to the congregation, but bore his testimony and closed the meeting. I baked 40 rolls and we went to D & G's to celebrate Alex and James' birthdays, and a late Father's Day, too. Jimmy and Gwen got into an argument with raised voices and it was very uncomfortable. Not one of the most happy times out there. Mer drove out and back and Doug thinks that is great, but our other kids would have a fit.

Mon. Walked with Mer in the park. Typed in journal. Bea and Cliff are going to move to WA where Jan can take care of them. A very sad but necessary decision. Cliff is not to drive anymore as his eyesight is extremely poor and his Bishop told Jeff that he had driven behind them one day, for several blocks, and it almost scared him to death. Jeff said Cliff is an accident just waiting to happen. Jana is anything but happy about their coming to WA as it will be a big responsibility on her and she works and is very busy.

July 4 - Tues. To Flag Ceremony in the park. Jack DeMann was the speaker and he did very well. Kay, Bea & Cliff, Jason and two daughters (Flannery & Antonia), Lori & Chris and four kids all came. After the ceremony we and L & C and kids ate the traditional Lion's Club breakfast.....we pay for this and this year it was \$32.00. We then watched the parade but it was loaded with politicians, and not a whole lot else. We most likely will not watch it another year. Came home and watched 1776. Watched “A Capitol Fourth” and it was not very good either.....too much modern style music. Took chairs and set up on the east side of the street in front of Elda Hardwick's home and watched the fireworks. There were lots of fireworks in the neighborhood, too. People really spend a lot of money on such things.

July 5 - Wed. Walked with Mer.

July 6 - Thurs. Walked with Mer. Melanie was sick so no hairdo. Doug came to mow the lawns. Mer mowed the front one. I went grocery shopping. Cut up a big watermelon to take to Chris & Lori's to celebrate Randy's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. We went to the Karate class to see Randy's lesson. Suddenly Randy seems more out-going and happy and grownup, as though he knows he is a person of worth. This is very good to see. He also read the scripture before dinner, using his own new quad scriptures. Very fun evening. Mer drove the car out there and Lori was very upset. She asked him to let me drive it home. He was annoyed but did.

July 7 - Fri. Walked with Mer.

July 8 - Sat. Walked with Mer. Dixie sent an email and they arrived home safe and sound from their Canadian trip. We are relieved. To Stake Center where Chris baptized Randy. Randy is so pleased. After that we went to their house for a light, very nice, buffet. Those there: Gary, Joy and four kids, Nate, Lou and three kids, Hannah Kimber, Doug, Gwen, Ricky, Amy, Mer and I, of course all the Weintz children and parents. Nate told about using Mentos and Diet Coke and making a rocket, so Chris went and bought the stuff and gave it a try. His did not work out as he didn't follow the directions quite right, however, there was enough to make another one and Nate did it and the rocket really blew the bottle up and across the street and hit the neighbors truck bed.....didn't do any damage, thank goodness. They had to get the hose and wash off the street, the truck and etc. Silly nonsense, but fun anyway.

July 9 - Sun. Regular meetings. Barbara here for dinner, games and visiting. John

called and Stanford still in pain. More tests during the coming week. Awful time of it.  
July 10 - Mon. Casey drove Jeff and Carol to the airport. Walked with Casey again, then with Mer. It has been "hell" for Casey the past few days because of the unhappiness caused by the need for Bea and Cliff to move.....and the worst is yet to come. Jeff took the batteries out of Cliff's car so he could not drive it.....it must be devastating to come to that point. To Murray City office for meeting on a requested variance to develop property behind Capson's and where Grant Erickson lived. It was a very interesting meeting. It was tabled until Aug when more of the board members would be there.

July 11 - Tues. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. He and I watched a mother duck and 8 tiny babies. The mother led them from the water, up a bank that was rocky and steep....the babies had a hard time following her, and one just couldn't do it. He kept trying and trying in one spot after another, crying and crying. All the others were under the mom getting warm, dry and rested. After about 30 or 40 minutes they and the mom went back into the water but the tiny one was too tired to keep up. He got on the bank and just lay there. We are sure it died and that really made me sad. Nature in action can be cruel. Did yard work for some hours. Mer used the weed eater on the edges and it tired him out. Mel Thayne came before he was through and brought him a big milkshake from the Iceberg. He put it in the freezer and ate part of it after dinner. Mel is such a dear, thoughtful friend. Had dinner then cleaned ourselves up and went to an open house for Mary Bower's birthday and her move into her new home.....only to find we were a day too early!

July 12 - Wed. Walked with Casey, then ½ hr with Mer. The baby duck survived and was back with its family and I am so glad! To temple with Cliff. Bea stayed home to visit with Jackie. After the temple session we went to the Chinese Gourmet for dinner. Came home and took a 1 ½ hr nap. Over to Mary Bower's again. Her home is 36,000 sq ft! Basement rooms are still under construction. She is 82 and will never use all that space so it is partly for an investment. Her son, Elich, designed the home and it has many special features. Mer called Tough and learned that his wife, Eris, is in a nursing home.....bummer.

July 13 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. To Melanie's for hairdo, then went shopping. Bought some bags of bark for the flower beds. Mer mowed the front lawn again and Doug did the rest. Picked a scant cup of raspberries and gave them to Doug...he was thrilled.

July 14 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Dropped Mer off at Jack Wharton's to visit while Vi, Lou, Lori and I went to lunch at the Olive Garden. It was a surprise but I liked the food after all. It was a fun time for us four females. Jack and Mer got along fine so we will get them together again some time. Watched the Philadelphia Story. Clint Hastings called. He has a job interview on Tues. Goody.

July 15 - Sat. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Finished altering Barbara's shirt and am glad that is done. The fabric was pesky to work on. Went to the nursing home and visited with Eris Holmes, then to their daughter's home to visit with Clint. Getting old is a real mess!

July 16 - Sun. Usual meetings, but it was Tyler Eatchel's farewell. He is already an accomplished young man and will be a great missionary. Barbara not feeling well so she stayed home. We had dinner early. Went to D & G's to celebrate Amy and Jimmy's birthdays. There were two cakes. Natalie won the candle race. Had a song and prayer before having the cake and etc. and it worked out well. Played "Malarkey" and it was fun. Mer drove out and back. He does make me nervous.

July 17 - Mon. Walked with Casey. Was going to walk with Mer but Ray called from

Karen's and he came right over to visit until Jackie and Lud came to pick us up for drive to Redman, where we were going to have a picnic with Don and Casey and Bea and Cliff. We met at a Subway restaurant, where we bought our sandwiches and etc. This is likely the last time the eight of us will be together unless we are all alive and well enough to get together in Aug 07 for a hoped for camping out. Picked the first cucumber today and it was bitter. I hope there will be some good ones later.

July 18 - Tues. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Temple with Cliff. Dinner at the Golden Corral. Mer drove and had two close calls and made me VERY nervous. Went in and visited with Bea about ½ hour. Home, changed clothes, dug out weeds on the north ditch bank. Dead headed the flowers.

July 19 - Wed. Walk with Casey, then with Mer. Washing, mending, work in the yard. Chris was in a triathlon and had a bike accident in which he badly skinned the palms of his hands. It will take some time for them to heal.....just thankful it was not worse. They are on their way to CA to visit Chris' side of the family. Watched Costeau: "Ocean Adventures" which is about grey whales. Also watched "Marilyn Monroe: Still Life".

July 20 - Thurs. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Hairdo. Tried on dresses at Ross. Went to Meier and Frank, then to Dillard's. Necklines are too low, sleeves too short and just ugly! No more looking - just wear what I have or sew myself something decent! Doug came late so Mer was alone for hours. Mer went HT to Bill Thomas and walked over there and back and the temperature was 98 degrees, wearied him out. Watched the News Hour, then "Liberty #4."

July 21 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Trimmed the big north-west shrub. It is the first time I ever tackled that and it is a BIG job. Started on that one as it is the least visible of the three we have and I was not sure how it would look. And it was not very well done. The temperature was in the high 90's and I nearly expired. Don't know when I will have enough guts to take on the other two as they are bigger than the one I did. Went VT to Jeanne, Darlene and Aleesha.....Bonita is vacationing in London with her daughter. Evelyn is going to move to Snowflake, AZ and I will miss having her as a companion. Aleesha is moving to Erda on five acres where they will have room for many animals besides their horses. She will probably love it but I hate to lose her, too. Mer and I actually went out to a movie at a real theater! We saw "Akeela and the Bee" which was very upbeat and I loved it.

July 22 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. To Bea's to play Oh, H, but talked and only played one game. Yard work and house work rest of the day.

July 23 - Sun. Missionary farewell for Nathan Brown. He is the stepson of our Gospel Doctrine class co-teacher. Barbara came to dinner but became ill.....lay on the couch about an hour, then sat up and visited a little, then went home early. No games.

July 24 - Mon. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Tied up the raspberry vines to posts so they don't hang on the ground or lawn, but did a not very good job so will have to redo it later. There was an open house for Bea and Cliff at the Club House in their mobile home park and I forgot to go.....dummy me. Casey said it was well attended and that people really showed their love for them. I am sorry we missed it. Spread three more bags of minibark around the flowers. Watched Antiques Road Show.

July 25 - Tues. Walked with Casey in the park and we had an interesting experience. There is a Japanese Pagoda tree there and the branches hang down almost to the ground. It is a very big tree so covers quite an area. Right now it is full of small blossoms and there are swarms of bees doing their bee work and we go under the branches and can hear the humming of the bees. They

are too busy to pay any attention to us so we were not stung. Walked with Mer. Went to the temple with Cliff. Had dinner at The Chinese Gourmet.....last time together and that is very sad. Ray called and told us that last night Barbara called 911 as she felt as though she couldn't breathe. They came and began immediately working on her before even taking her into the ambulance and to the Emergency Hospital. It turned out that her entire blood vessel system was full of blood clots and if she hadn't called 911 she would have died! They gave her blood clot bursting medication and it did a good job but she is covered with bruises from the treatment!! I have never heard of such a condition before. We are thankful for 911 and medical treatment!

July 26 - Wed. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Picked up Kirma and Ray at Karen's. Ray drove our Cad and we went to Brigham City to Maddox and met Yvonne, Brent, Kathy, Harold and Norma. We ate dinner then went to Harold's to visit a couple of hours or more. All of us are getting too old and are wearing out. Stopped at Lowe's and bought two 5 foot plant stakes for use in tying up the raspberries.

July 27 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. To Melanie's for a perm and style. Went shopping and stayed away until about 4:00. Doug and Amy had come to do the lawns. They went to Arctic Circle for lunch. I had picked a few raspberries and saved them for Doug. Dixie Whitaker called and we talked for a long time. She offered to come pick up Mer and take him to sing with the Senior group she leads at a Sr Ctr uptown. It is very nice of her but Mer is not interested, too bad. Jana flew in from WA and Dick Gates picked her up. She had come to drive Bea and Cliff back to WA and they will live with her until Jeff and Carol come to UT in Sept and disassemble their house and ship to them what they want to furnish a small cottage. Sad times. Watched News Hour, then "Liberty #5."

July 28 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. To Bea and Cliff's to help get things ready for them to leave. I was there 5 to 6 hours.....Casey, Don, Jackie and Lud were also there to help. Mer was home watering lawns and waiting for Keith Harrop to come and repair the watering pipe by the lilacs. Barbara is home from the hospital.....she is well enough for that but is very weak. Got birthday cards ready to mail and got Hunter's birthday present wrapped. Lori, Chris and family arrived home in safety. They had a great time.

July 29 - Sat. Kay and I went to Bea's for a last goodbye. Jana will drive to WA all in one loooong day. Walked with Mer. Washing and other housework. Did Quicken stuff. Had a long talk with Lori. Made a cake to take to the potluck Stake dinner. After dinner there was a meeting about giving service hours to the needy in our Stake.

July 30 - Sun. Reg meetings except that the RS and Priesthood held a joint lesson time. Elich Bowers gave information and a slide show on the building of the new Nauvoo Temple. Elich is an architect and worked for the firm in charge of the project.

July 31 - Mon. Made a big raspberry jello. Drove to Redman to have dinner with Doug and family who were camping out up there. We had only been there a short time when it began to rain. I sat in the car, then Mer came in, then Suzie, then Alex and Tamara, and then Sarah. The rain got worse and worse. Doug loaded up the food and we all went to their house to eat. Lori and Chris and kids came, too. After dinner we came home (about 10:30). Doug & Gwen and Natalie stayed at their house to sleep. The others came by our place and got wood for a campfire, then went back to the canyon for Smores and to sleep. L, C and kids did not go back up the canyon. That was a disappointing evening as far as the canyon was concerned, but it was still time together so was worth it.....really sort of funny when I look back at it.

**Aug. 1, 2006** - Tues. Kay and I cleaned at Bea's until 8:00. Walked with Mer in Cottonwood Mall as it was raining. Mer and I went to the temple. No eating out after temple any more now Cliff is gone, but we can't afford it anyway. Rain and wind really wild. After the storm I picked cucumbers and a few raspberries. Made a sign saying "free cucumbers" and put them at the end of the driveway.....most of them were taken.

Aug. 2 - Wed. Kay and I cleaned again. Walked with Mer. Mer to the barber. Kay and I over to Bea's to clean some more. Some people came to see the home and really liked it. We hope it sells fast. Put out more cucumbers for people but no one took any. Went to Sweet Tomatoes for dinner.....compliments of Mark and Dixie.

Aug. 3 - Thurs. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Melanie is out of town so no hairdo. Doug came about 11:30 so I left to go shopping. Didn't have much to do and was so sleepy I decided to park in the St. Mark's Hospital parking terrace, on the bottom level, and with the windows down and in the shade it was not too hot, so I took a two hour nap. Did a quickie shopping. To D & G's to visit with Jeff Ammon, Melanie and Connor. Late dinner.

Aug. 4 - Fri. Doug, Gwen and kids left for CA for a visit with the Maughans. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. A lady from the State Department that loans phones to the hard of hearing called and brought the new phone for Mer.....it is really quite wonderful, and it is free.....not even charged to Medicare. When Mer is through with it it is to be returned to the state. Did housecleaning downstairs getting ready for Mark, Dixie and children's visit. Pulled the Alyssum from the pots where it had taken over and the Geraniums look relieved!

Aug. 5 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Washing and other housework. Busy, busy and got very tired. Sat outside after dark and enjoyed some cool air and watching the sky filled with fluffy clouds.

Aug. 6 - Sun. Fast Sunday. Barbara came for dinner. She is loaded with bruises from the clot busters doing their job. She is still weak and quite pale, but is beginning to feel better. Clint called. No job yet. He goes to a new neurologist tomorrow. Their kids start school tomorrow, also. Nina has been hired as the assistant librarian and that is wonderful as she will be able to enroll the whole family on their medical insurance. Without that when Clint's coverage runs out they would have to use the Cobra system and it is VERY expensive. Had ice cream, then Barbara went home. I wrote in my journal.

Aug. 7 - Mon. Walked with Kay. She brought her camera and is taking pictures of our "park friends".....the people we see nearly every day and say "Hi" to. Walked with Mer. I started trimming the BIG shrub by the garage door and it was such a hard job I got my old chest pains. Mer came to help me and at first I rejected his help, but before the job was done it took all the strength we both had.....thought it might do us both in. Made Mer's lunch then went to the Charles' home to help clean so the house will sell. It was very dirty and all of us worked hard, but it still left a lot to be desired. They moved so suddenly they didn't have time to do anything but pack up and go. They went to Snowflake, AZ to teach school. Surely hope they will be happy.

Aug. 8 - Tues. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. We took about 20 cucumbers to one of Casey's ward friends.....don't know what to do with them there are so many. Put in more supports and additional cords for the raspberries. Mer mowed the back lawn and it was very tiring.

Aug. 9 - Wed. Walk with Kay. Short walk with Mer. Kay, Mer and I to the temple.

Went to the Distribution Ctr after where Casey bought herself a new dress. I bought hooks to replace the ties on our aprons. Home.....fixed Mer's lunch. He mowed front and south lawns. I paid bills. Tried to reconcile the bank statement but need to talk with John. Talked with Freddie Copier for about ½ hour or longer. Saw "South Pacific" in concert from Carnegie Hall.....very well done. Wrote in my journal.

Aug. 10 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Hairdo and some shopping. Took Mer to take a driver's test but they didn't give him one. They said he could renew his license by filling out the form and paying the fee. So he thinks he is OK to drive, but he nearly scares me to death.

Aug. 11 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer.

Aug. 12 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Had a very wild rain and hail storm which destroyed the cucumbers, the Geraniums, the Honey Dew melon and hammered the tomatoes and the raspberries. It came from the west and went east.....about 20 minutes later it came back and hammered things again!! Very unusual. There was still a pile of hail on the lawn in front of the porch where it "avalanched" off the roof and was there at 10:30 PM when Mark, Dixie and the kids arrived, they were amazed to see it. We were up until 1:30 visiting and getting setup. They all look great.....especially the kids. Glad they arrived safely.

Aug. 13 - Sun. Mark didn't bring any Sunday clothes so didn't go to church but Dixie and the 3 kids did. They left after Sac. Mtg, but Mer and I stayed for the other part. Had a good roast beef dinner, then Mark showed us the CD's he has taken of the kids in their many activities and of their trip to Canada. Fun to see. Visiting, eating, and in bed late again. Oh, yes, Jeff Ammon, Melanie and Connor came to pay a short visit and said that our phone had been busy all day. It was out of order, as we had not been using it. They brought peanut butter pizza and carrot cake from Lori's so we lucked-out. They were driving all the way to Ft. Collins non-stop! Long trip so would be very late when they got home.

Aug. 14 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Fried eggs for the kids as they think my scrambled eggs are the world's best. Both Kimmy and Elizabeth wanted to make knit hats so got them set up for doing that. Mark called the phone company and a repairman came and replaced the connection on the outside back wall, which took care of our problem. Mark also took part of our cable connection back to Com Cast, so now we have just the basic connection which is enough cable for us. Mark and family went out to D & G's for a late afternoon and into the evening for visiting time together.

Aug. 15 - Tues. Walk K, walk with Mer. Mark and the kids slept in late. Mark, Doug and Lori went out for a sibling's brunch and visit. After, on his way back, Mark visited Murray High and Hillcrest Jr. High and the new library and saw the development at the old smelter site.....Costco, and what will be the new hospital. A trip down memory lane and he really enjoyed that. We all watched a DVD called "Bride and Prejudice", a movie made in India and loaned to Kay and me by one of our "park friends" who is from India.....it is a take-off on Pride and Prejudice, of course. Got in bed really late again.

Aug. 16 - Wed. Walk w/K, then w/Mer. This is their annual Lagoon Day and those that went are: Mark, Dixie and 3 kids, Lori and her 4 kids, Natalie, Ricky, Amy and Sarah. I did house cleaning in the garage and sheds so there will be no spider webs and etc when the Easter Eggs are hidden and searched for. Gwen brought two chairs she wanted to store in our shed until Christmas. They were put in black plastic bags and should be OK. They are for Amy and Sarah.....I think. Gwen then went to Expedex and bought two very big pieces of cardboard

for me to go under the cars to catch the oil as they leak. I really appreciated her doing that as they would not fit in either of our cars. We didn't even think to call first and find out how late they were open and she arrived about 5 minutes after closing and the door was locked. Now, if it had been I I would have just left, but not Gwen. She said she BANGED on the door until someone came, then insisted on getting that card board as a compassionate service act. She must have been convincing as they sold it to her! When something needs to be done I want Gwen on my team!!!

Aug. 17 - Thurs. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. To Melanie's for hairdo, then shopping. Doug came and mowed the lawns.....Natalie, Ricky, Amy and Sarah came too, to visit with their cousins. Mark and Dixie went to L & C's where they took care of all 7 kids and paid for Lori and Chris to have an overnigher at a motel.....they are beyond nice, thoughtful and generous. This is not what I consider a vacation activity! I think they could use such a break themselves.

Aug. 18 - Fri. Walk K - walk w/Mer. Did more shopping at Smith's for tomorrow. Made three pans of rice krispy squares. Filled 69 plastic eggs with candy to be hidden. We met Mark & Dixie, Doug & Gwen, Lori & Chris at the Sweet Tomatoes for dinner. Stayed until 10:00 and had a very good visit. The 7 kids were at L & C's being supervised by Elizabeth and Andrew (they did just great). Since M & D had to go pick up their kids we just came home and went to bed and were asleep when they got here. I am feeling very sleep deprived. Mark was having a toothache and took Tylenol for it but the pill got stuck in his throat and caused an episode that lasted 4 hours and he refused to go to the hospital. This could be dangerous for him.

Aug. 19 - Sat. Walk K, walk with Mer. Doug, Chris and Dixie hid the eggs. While everyone was hunting for them I got all the other stuff ready to go to the park for our annual picnic. Mark and Dixie went to pick up the fried chicken (pre-ordered to be ready at a set time) only to find out that the electricity had been out at the Albertsons store so there was no cooked chicken! They went to the one on 4500 So and Holladay Rd. All the rest of us had gone to the Home Owners Park where Lori and Chris are members. There they can play volleyball, tennis, Frizbee or go swimming.....also play in the sand. Everyone seems to have fun doing something. Suzanna engineered the making of a huge "get well" sign to send to Stanford. We got home about 6:00 and M, D and kids left for Boise, where they will spend the night. Fun day.

Aug. 20 - Sun. Very quiet with Mark, Dixie and the kids gone. Regular meetings. Barbara returned my call, said she could come to dinner. I took a two hour nap then got a "left over dinner" ready. Barbara still weak and pale but improving. We played three hands of Rummikub. Barbara left for home at 8:00. Mark called and they got home safely.

Aug. 21 - Mon. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Did lots of washing.....sheets, towels and etc. Picked raspberries but they are very poor quality and hardly worth picking. Had a long talk with Lori. Posted accounts on Quicken. Dead headed the flowers. Went to the Murray Amphitheater and saw "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum" and it was very well done.....a real hoot.

Aug. 22 - Tues. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Remade the beds. Watched News Hour, then Nova: "Who Killed the Red Baron".

Aug. 23 - Wed. Walked and walked. To Jordan River Temple with Mer and Casey. News Hour, Monarchy: The Early Kings.

Aug. 24 - Thurs. Melanie away so no hairdo. To Dillard's and bought a skirt and top and a

pant suit.....Mega sale and all only cost \$44.00 including tax.....YEA!

Aug. 25 - Fri. There was a lot of tree trimming going on in the park and was very interesting to watch. Big equipment to raise the man and his saw way up, up, up to where dead branches were. The branches would fall and other workers fed them into a big chipper that turned them into mulch. Ah, machinery to do the job right. Visiting Teaching to Jeanne and to Darlene.....phone visit with Bonita. News Hour, Washington Week in Review.

Aug. 26 - Sat. Long talk with Judy. Mer can hear on his new phone and I go downstairs....and we can both hear and talk.....very good. However, Mer says almost nothing but he is at least included now.

Aug. 27 - Sun. Regular meetings. Wore a new dress and Mer didn't even notice it. Guess I am just part of the household furnishings. Barbara here for dinner and 3 hands of Rummikub.

Aug. 28 - Mon. Walk K, then with Mer. Mer helped me pick raspberries. Took me two hours to get them ready to freeze. Sorted through and got one fat pint of nice ones to give to Clint and Eris Holmes. Mer delivered the berries and some tomatoes and had a nice visit. Both of them are almost home bound. Watched Antiques Road Show.

Aug. 29 - Tues. Walk then walk with Mer. Replaced the ties on our temple aprons with the kind that just hooks, which should make it a little easier for Mer. Going downstairs at our house I had on slippery shoes and fell even though I was able to hang on to the railing I skinned my arm in two places that bled and one that just looked sand papered. Fortunately I was able to clean me up and put on band aids myself. Mer didn't notice this either. He is very wrapped up in his own self and his diminished abilities. Called Bea and Cliff and told him that there are 20 squash growing on the plants he planted. He was pleased but wistful. They are not at all happy with their move and I am so sorry. Long talk with Clint Hastings and he has no job yet.....very worrisome. Watched Nova: "Mars, Dead or Alive".

Aug. 30 - Wed. Walk, then walk. To temple with just Mer. After our endowment session we were asked to go help in a sealing session, which we did, but just for 45 minutes, as we had to hurry home so Mer could go Home Teaching to Gerry Olson.....then she was not there! Picked raspberries.

Aug. 31 - Thurs. Walked and walked. To Melanie's for cut and style. To Dillards again and bought a dress and five more tops, all for \$55.43.....used my aloe money. Doug and Mer went to Arby's for lunch and said it was not good and they won't be going back there. Doug ate a pint of berries and some ice cream. Kay and I went to see Leah. Kay fluffed Leah's hair and took some pictures. Her memory is just about gone, but she does still know who we are. Just can't remember two minutes what we tell her. News Hour and Monarchy.

**September 1, 2006** - Fri. Walked with Casey and we went to the Farmer's Market in the park and looked around. Walked with Mer. The Olds is acting up again.....power steering is grinding. Went with Casey to Dillards where she got a bunch of sale clothes, too. Picked berries. Wrote to the three missionaries who are out from our ward. This was an assignment from the Bishopric. News Hour, Washington Week in Review.

Sept. 2 - Sat. Walked with Casey and we bought pecans and special bread at the Farmer's Market. Walked with Mer. Checked the power steering fluid in the Olds and it is almost dry! Picked raspberries. Did washing and other house work.

Sept. 3 - Sun. Went to D & G's to celebrate both Natalie's and Suzanna's birthdays. Amy had a very special cake made for Natalie.....the icing contained a picture of some famous movie



or TV star that Nat is crazy about.....and it was edible. I don't know how it is done, but she was delighted. There was also another cake for Suzanna. Fun evening.

Sept. 4 - Mon. Walked with Kay. Mer and I went to the Stake Center to join in a free pancake breakfast and enjoyed that. Worked outside for 2 to 3 hours. Dead headed the flowers. Picked berries. Washed the Olds and vacuumed inside. Mer watched Jurassic Park, an old movie I had seen but he hadn't....he thought it was dumb, but it did fill up a couple of hours. I typed in my journal. Watched News Hour and Antiques Road Show.

Sept. 5 - Tues. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Mer took the Olds to Met Auto and Det filled the power steering tank and told him to check it each week. Removed the old pads from the legs of our kitchen chairs, scraped off the residue and cleaned with Thoro. Replaced old pads with new ones and hope they stick. Watched Nova: "Building on Ground Zero" and A Closer Walk: "AIDs and the World", a most terrible plague.

Sept. 6 - Wed. Walk K, then Mer. Mer and I to the temple. Picked berries, tomatoes and cucumbers. Took cukes and toms to Jeanne. Took some berries to Francis Maldonado and had a nice visit with her. She gave me a jar of her freshly made raspberry jam.

Sept. 7 - Thurs. Walk and walk. Hairdo. Shopping. Mer and Doug went out for lunch. Mer mowed part of lawn and Doug did the rest. Jeff and Carol Cash arrived from ARK to take down and pack up all the stuff in Cliff and Bea's home. A terribly daunting task. News Hour and Monarchy: "A New Dynasty".

Sept. 8 - Fri. Walked with Mer, had breakfast, then went to Bea and Cliff's house to help with the cleaning it out. Jackie and Lud came, too. It is just an overwhelming job to tackle. Came home late so dinner was late.

Sept. 9 - Sat. Walk and walk. Over to B & C's and worked all day.

Sept. 10 - Sun. Regular meetings. Barbara here for dinner and games but she was not feeling well. Elayne called.....Harold had a massive stroke at 2:00 AM and he is in the hospital in Ogden in a coma. His body is shutting down and he won't live long. Poor Norma.

Sept. 11 - Mon. Walked K and with Mer. **Harold died 7:45 AM. Lucky him to be out of this lone and dreary world.** Worked all day at B & C's. Mer picked the raspberries and it tired him out. I appreciated his picking them. Jeff got all the things wrapped or boxed and loaded in two PODS and I still don't see how he did it. He is a good packer!

Sept. 12 - Tues. Walked with K then with Mer. Worked at B & C's until dinner time, things mostly done. The house has been sold for \$32,500.00. (I am typing this on Feb. 6, 2007, and the house did not sell to those people nor for that amount.)

Sept. 13 - Wed. Walk and walk. To the temple with Mer. Picked berries and cut out old canes and ends that are through bearing. Jeff and Carol came and visited with us for an hour. This was especially to see Mer as they hadn't seen him during the closing out process. Had a long talk with Judy Owen. I forgot to go to Bonita's book review! I am very cross at ME.

Sept. 14 - Thurs. Walk and walk. Hairdo and shopping. Paid the bills. Out to dinner with Hilton, Shirley, Barbara and Antoinette, at the Sizzler. Visited at Antoinette's after and Keith came and we enjoyed our time together.

Sept. 15 - Fri. Walked with Kay and picked her raspberries. She gave us some grapes from her vines. Walked with Mer. Freddie called and they are moving back into their home in the ward and we are delighted! With a good deal of angst I reconciled the bank account.

Called John but he was not home. Talked with Stan and he is still upbeat. Just for the fun of it I started reading "Our John Willie", however, I don't really have time for novels.

Sept. 16 - Sat. No walk. Ray, Kirma, Mer and I rode with Barbara to Brigham City for the viewing at 9:30 and funeral at 11:00, which was very well done. The weather was stormy, so NOT nice.....rain/sleet when at the cemetery. Cold. Lunch prepared by the RS sisters. Did some more visiting with extended family. Arrived home about 4:00. Picked berries and gave a pint to Arlene Wright. Took tomatoes and grapes to Jeanne. Finished reading the story I started and it was an "upper". Started reading "Centennial".

Sept. 17 - Sun. Weather 43 degrees ! Stake Conference and they have begun a new way of conducting it where it is televised into multiple Stake Buildings. Elders Faust and Bednar and Sister ?????????? were the speakers. They gave good talks. No special musical numbers but there was a rest hymn. It is not as enjoyable as the former way. Went to Alex' ward for his ordination to the Melchizedek Priesthood as an Elder. After that we went to D&G's, with Tamara Lingwald's parents and two of her sisters, for dinner. Tamara is Alex' girlfriend. They furnished part of the food, too. They are very nice people and it was a friendly-feeling evening.

Sept. 18 - Mon. Walked in Fashion Place Mall with Casey. Took Mer to VA for a blood draw, then saw Dr. Rasmussen and others. Home by 1:00. Had an I/M session with John and he helped me with Quicken questions. Picked raspberries and cucumbers. Mer and I trimmed the north-east shrub. Another big job we probably can't do again. Watched the News Hour, Antiques Road Show, a special on Glen Canyon Dam, and The Great Salt Lake: America's Legacy of Wetlands.

Sept. 19 - Tues. Walked with Kay F P Mall. Walked with Mer around the neighborhood. Deadheaded the Dahlias. Alex and Tamara brought his suit pants over for me to hem. Watched "Einstein's Big Ideas."

Sept. 20 - Wed. Walked with Kay at FP Mall. Walked with Mer in Cottonwood Mall. Went to the temple late so got home late. Hemmed Alex' pants. Watched Cousteau Ocean Adventures, American Masters: "Andy Warhol".

Sept. 21 - Thurs. Walked with Kay in the park. With Mer in CW Mall. Melanie gone so no hairdo. Did some shopping. To Bea and Cliff's to unload their big freezer. Jackie took what she wanted and Kay and I put back the other stuff to deal with later. There is a lot of good food there.....so much we neither have room for it in our freezers. Jackie and Lud took the love seat which Bea and Cliff had given them. There was only the four of us to slide it out the door, across the porch and into Lud's truck....very hard, as not one of us has a good back nor muscles for such moving. The railing on the porch had to be removed first, then replaced. We also moved the remaining bed into the shed. I took all the bedding home and washed it. Chris came about 4:00 and got the bed and took it to Copiers. Chris also loaded 16 buckets of wheat, oats and one flour and brought them to our house for food storage. They are stacked in the garage.

Sept. 22 - Fri. Walked with Casey at Fashion Place Mall, then went with her to Weight Watchers to weigh in. Walked with Mer at Cottonwood Mall, as it was raining. Mer got his hair cut. He had parked on the street behind a truck and when he went to pull out he "binged" the Olds breaking the turn signal cover. His depth perception is compromised. Clint called and he had an enjoyable trip to San Diego for the wedding he attended. We talked for two hours.

Sept. 23 - Sat. Walked with Kay. Mer and I to Jordan River Temple to attend the endowment session on which Alex received his endowment.....we are just so thrilled! Maughans came from CA; Cammie Crozier and her husband; Suzanna and James; Chris and Lori; Ammon and Melanie; Joyce and Michael Lingwall and their daughter Stephanie and her

husband and Doug and Gwen. After the session those who chose met at Village Inn for dinner. Also at the dinner: Jimmy, Natalie, Amy, Sarah, Jack Perry, Connor, Tamara, Deserie and T's nephew.....others. HAPPY TIME. I went to a Relief Society dinner at the Stake Center, then into the chapel for RS Conference. Very enjoyable.

Sept. 24 - Sun. Regular meetings. Freddie and Govert came to Sacramento Meeting and that was great.....YEA! Barbara here for dinner, then 3 hands of Rummikub.

Sept. 25 - Mon. Walked FP Mall with Kay. CW Mall with Mer. Mer to VA to see Dr. Duncan - home by 3:00. Washing and other housework. News Hour, Antiques Road Show, Desert Wars: "Water and the West".

Sept. 26 - Tues. Walked in mall with Casey.....then around the neighborhood with Mer. Used Liquid Gold on kitchen cupboards and they look beautiful. To Bonita VT.....her brother is dying of cancer and she will be going back to see him. Couldn't VT Jeanne as she was sick. I cut Mer's fingernails. He tried cutting his own toenails but cut his skin and it bled. I didn't want to try cutting them as he "fusses" about how I do it, but I tried and I also cut his skin and he bled some more.....what a mess! We are going to have to take him to a podiatrist, I guess.

Sept. 27 - Wed. Walked with Kay. Mer and I took the Olds to Met Auto. Went to the temple and was home by 12:40. Mer went HT to Geri Olson. Picked raspberries. Dead headed the flowers. Cleaned a couple of windows. Swept the breeze way and front walk. Terrible email about Stanford. Tumor growing fast.....see email Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 28 - Thurs. Walked in park w/Casey....in neighborhood with Mer. To Melanie's for permanent and etc. Shopping. Mer mowed front and south lawn, Doug the back. Another awful email about Stanford. Also, bad news from Mark as he is losing his job Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Mega problems!! News Hour, Monarchy: A question of Succession.

Sept. 29 - Fri. Walked w/Kay, then W/Mer. Picked raspberries. Scrubbed kitchen floor. Mer played old records and I enjoyed that. Kathleen Searle came VT.

Sept. 30 - Sat. Walked K., walked Mer. Listened to General Conference and it was very uplifting. Did house work. Mer went to Priesthood Meeting and met grandsons there. Casey came over and we played Mexican Train. She left just before the menfolk returned home. Here for ice cream: Doug, Alex, James, Jimmy and Chris (Ricky??). They visited but played no games this time. Guys carried up the long table for tomorrow. Email said Stan home from the hospital and went to Priesthood Meeting, then out for ice cream. Good deal!!

**October 1, 2006** - Sun. Conference meetings, and they are always good. Usual dinner. Here: D & G and their seven, plus James and Tamara, L & C and three (Marnie not here for dinner but came later). Had candle race for Doug's B-day as he and Gwen will be in Paris on his birthday. Didn't have a cake, just the candle race. Kids played games and got along well together. Took care of all the tables, chairs, toys and games before they left. Great day. And Gwen wanted all the dishes I had brought home from Bea's and I am glad they didn't go to the DI.

Oct. 2 - Mon. Drove D & G to the airport.....man, but they had a lot of stuff and some of it was big awkward packages.....I was surprised they could take it all. Walked FP Mall with Kay. Around the neighborhood with Mer. I have been waking up too early and by 12:30 I was exhausted and went back to bed for three hours! Detluff had the Olds delivered to us. Said they found a power steering leak and I hope that takes care of the problem. No

charge, as it wasn't really fixed the first time. Watched an ugly movie called "Scarface", with Al Pacino. It upset my feelings and I won't be watching any more like that.

Oct. 3 - Tues. Walked with Casey. Proof read and printed 6 journal pages. Typed a little more. Picked berries and even some small cukes. Pulled up vines, trimmed tomato plants, cut out dead raspberry canes. Waste of time but looks better.

Oct. 4 - Wed. Walked with Kay. Short walk with Mer. Kay went with me and Mer to the temple. Did a little mending. Mer started mowing the lawns but the mower stopped. Will take it for servicing and repair. Reconciled the bank statement and printed out a copy.

Oct. 5 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Melanie sick, so no hairdo. Mer took the lawnmower in for repair. I went grocery shopping. Drove Mer to the VA for an ultrasound .....no problems detected. Home and early dinner. Dead headed flowers....they are very beautiful as the weather is mild and we have had so much rain we haven't had to water for 2 or 3 weeks. Talked with Dorcus, Lee is still in rehab from his fall in March. He has been in different nursing homes and Dorcus goes every day to be sure he is being taken care of. Some places are really bad. He has been moved to a place that is just 4 miles from their home instead of 22 or 14 miles away, so this is helping Dorcus a lot.

Oct. 6 - Fri. Walked with Kay in the park, then with Mer at the mall as it began to rain. Talked to Sarah and Amy. Things are going OK. They had talked to Doug and Gwen and all is going well at the Battle of Hastings re-enactment. Gwen had a very close call that could have been a bad car accident.....Heaven keep blessing and protecting them! Watched six programs on PBS: The News Hour, Foreign Exchange with Fareed Zakaria, NOW, Utah NOW, then Nature: "Hippo Beach"..... an interesting evening.

Oct. 7 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Made 20 pints of raspberry jam....that was 5 batches. Used Bea's frozen berries from 1991 and they were just fine! Freezers are amazing. Mer played records all the time I made jam and I enjoyed that. Clint called, then I called him back later. No job yet.

Oct. 8 - Sun. Fast Sunday. Pam Hickman came with her fiancée and he is a very nice looking man and she is so happy. I am THRILLED for both of them. John Hawks came to meeting for the first time in weeks. His Parkinsons is getting worse, poor man. Barbara here for dinner and 3 hands of Rummikub. This time Mer had a hard time figuring out how to play. Sorry, sorry, sorry.

Oct. 9 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then Mer.....both outside. Did lots of washing. Some mending and other housework. This was Doug's birthday and he is in Paris.....pretty fancy! Mer talked with Natalie and all is well at their home. Watched Antiques Road Show.

Oct. 10 - Tues. Walked with Kay. No walk with Mer as he had to go to the VA for 3 hours of testing to determine if he can still drive. When he returned home he said he had failed and that was the first time he had ever failed a test in his whole life. He is most depressed and I am so sorry for him. Went to the Jordan Mower and it cost \$112.93 for the service and repair on our mower. I defrosted the big freezer. Big job.....glad it is done for another year. Made room for some of the food out of Bea's freezer. It is still over there and we need to get it out and that freezer defrosted and cleaned and the power turned off.

Oct. 11 - Wed. Walked with Kay.....short walk with Mer. To temple with Casey and Mer. Watched "Secrets of the Dead: What Happened to the Hindenburg", and Bill Moyers on America: "Is God Green?"

Oct. 12 - Thurs. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Hairdo and shopping a little bit. To the airport to pickup Mark. Had dinner and visited.....very nice having him here. Mer tried to mow the lawns but it had been 9 days since the last mowing and they were long. He did about ½ the back lawn and had to stop as he was exhausted. Mark mowed the rest and it was a workout even for him. The south lawn had missed the last mowing as that was when the mower broke, so it had gone 16 days. Mark mowed it 3 times to do a really good job. Surely do appreciate him doing that.

Oct. 13 - Fri. Walk and walk. Mark bought \$52.00 worth of compact florescent lights to replace our incandescent lights.....they are much lower wattage but give much more light....quite amazing. He is very generous! He also got a longer screw to anchor the door handle that kept coming off.....not a serious problem but annoying, and I appreciate it. We had dinner and he went to his Former-Mormons Conference....BIG SIGH. We watched an old movie called The Manchurian Candidate, which was very suspenseful.

Oct. 14 - Sat. Walked and walked. Mark went to his all day conference. We went to the baptism for Sharon Collard.....it has been many years of returning. Only God knows what she has been through, and only He can judge. I am thrilled she is back and hope she will finally be happy. Had a nice talk with her son, David, who was John's good friend during the teenage years. He used to go camping with us. David has always remained active in the church. He is a good looking man. Saw several Murray 8<sup>th</sup> Ward friends and enjoyed the time together. Came home and Mark was here afterall. He had bought more florescent lights and replaced every light in the house! They really make a BRIGHT difference. He then went back to the hotel for dinner with his conference people.

Oct. 15 - Sun. Mark went to his conference. We went to our meetings. We arrive home about the same time. I fixed dinner. Mer and Mark did some reading, then we visited. Barbara came for dinner. We played 3 hands of Rummikub (which Mark won....he is a very aggressive player), then ate pie and ice cream and visited some more. Pleasant day.

Oct. 16 - Mon. Walk and walk. Mer gets so tired and unsteady on his feet it is a worry. We have to stand several times and let his legs rest. When we came home he almost fell down at the door. Mark heard and came to help him up from his knees and into the house. Mark went out to Lori's for lunch and a visit. When he returned here we drove him to the airport and dropped him off. It was good having him here even though his reason for coming was an unhappy one for us. Watched the News Hour, then Antiques Road Show, then American Experience: "Eyes on the Prize: Mississippi: Is this America's / Bridge to Freedom.

Oct. 17 - Tues. Walk and walk. Kay, Mer and I went to the Sr. Ctr Murray and got flu shots. Lisa and I picked the squash Cliff planted and divided them up. Sorry Cliff doesn't get to eat any of them and enjoy the fruits of his labors. To the airport to pick up Doug and Gwen, back from their trip to England and the re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings. They had a BALL.....Doug said that was the neatest birthday he has ever had.

Oct. 18 - Wed. Walk with Kay. Mer up too late so we didn't walk together. We went to the temple with Casey. Had my hairdo at 2:30 today as Melanie is leaving town tomorrow.

Watched the News Hour, then Secrets of the Dead: "Death at Jamestown" The first colonists to leave Britain for America settled in Virginia, but within six months 80 of the original 100 were dead. Recent discoveries point to starvation, warfare and poison as possible causes.

Oct. 19 - Thurs. Walk and walk. Went shopping and to the bank about 11:30. Back home and drove Mer to Bill Thomas' to do his home teaching. Picked him up an hour later and

dropped him off to visit Ethel Hart. Doug came and just visited as the lawns didn't need to be mowed. He had his last bowl of raspberries for 06. He related details of the Battle of Hastings and other experiences. He wants to go do it again in about 5/6 years.

Oct. 20 - Fri. Walked and walked. As Mer and I walked I started getting "cramps" so ate an apple off the ground where no one is living. These apples are Golden Delicious but have not been sprayed so have worm holes, but they taste wonderful. Too bad they are wasted.

Worked outside cutting the tomato vines off the cages and cleaned up the garden area. Had good news on Stanford. Don fell down the stairs at a play they went to and now has to have x-rays. Went to the wedding reception for Amalia Beuano and Jeff Wright. It was held at the Millennial Falls Reception Center which is a very fancy place. There was lots of food, music and dancing. The Hispanic people really go "all out" and must spend thousands of dollars for such a celebration. Beuanos are not wealthy people so I don't know how they did it. Anyway, for all the guests it was a very lovely occasion.

Oct. 21 - Sat. Walk and walk. Mark went to his all-day conference. RS Super Saturday at the church. Lots of crafts to make but I made a fleece blanket for the Christmas Box House. Many other sisters also made blankets. We had lunch of potato soup in bread bowls and cookies.....bread bowls are fun. Lots of visiting.....very enjoyable day.

Natalie is taking a psychology class and had the assignment to interview some one over 70, so she chose me. Not my favorite thing to do but it helped when she asked specific questions. Had a long talk with Judy O. She is in much pain but she is such a spunky lady and will fight to get better. I admire her a lot.

Oct. 22 - Sun. Reg mtgs. Barbara came to dinner and three games of Rummikub. We then ate pie and ice cream and visited.

Oct. 23 - Mon. Walked in Fashion Place with Casey, then outside with Mer. I was going to take the Olds to James Hancey to be sold but it wouldn't start.....dumb car! Pulled up the Dahlias, Cosmos and Vincas.....will miss them. Went to Taylorsville High School to watch a play called the "Suessical" because Zandria was in it and Gary had spent hours making big mechanical hands and giant eyeballs and other stuff for part of the scenery. It combined scenes from many of Dr. Suess' stories put to music. VERY well done and even Mer enjoyed it, which surprised but pleased me.

Oct. 24 - Tues. Walked in FP with Casey, then outside with Mer but it was almost too cold. Used Roundup on the north parking and on spot weeds around the yard. News Hour, Nova: Magnetic Storm, and Wild Things: "Emperors of Antarctica" about penguin's.

Oct. 25 - Wed. Walked with Casey. To temple with Kay and Mer. VT to Jeanne, to Bonita and to Darlene. News Hour, Secrets of the Dead: Catastrophe!", POV "My Country, My Country", and Granny D goes to Washington.

Oct. 26 - Thurs. Walk FP with Casey then outside with Mer. Melanie sick so no hairdo. To Post Office, to the library and checked out 5 DVDs. Grocery shopping. Doug winterized the swamp cooler for us. He did not mow the lawns but I thought they really needed it. Alex and Tamara came, and her sister, Stephanie, so S could use my sewing machine to make a Halloween Costume. They were here about two hours. We also had ice cream and visited awhile.

Oct. 27 - Fri. Walk with Casey at FP, then outside with Mer. We took time to really figure out the house locations in this subdivision.....it was fun. Ate more apples from the yard where no one is living at the present time. My VT came to see me. It was a beautiful day with the temperature reaching 60. The color of the foliage is just gorgeous. Mer raked some



leaves. I used the computer awhile. Did a little ironing. Also put a hem in Mer's old pants legs. News Hour, then watched the DVD "My Big, Fat Greek Wedding" and it was very funny.

Oct. 28 - Sat. Walked with Kay in FP Mall, then rode with her to Weight Watchers to weigh in. Walked with Mer. Cleaned out leaves around the roses and got jabbed in the right arm four times by thorns.....they bled and have gone black and blue. Roses are mean! Talked to Stanford and to John. Their family is doing as well as can be expected. Watched the old movie "For Whom the Bells Toll".....don't need to watch that one ever again.

Oct. 29 - Sun. Reg meetings. Made jello to take out to L & C's for dinner. Celebrating Chris' 40<sup>th</sup> birthday (will be tomorrow). Good pork chop dinner. Had lemon cake for a change and it was very tasty. Played a game called???????????? and it became very noisy and Mer can barely stand it. Can't remember who won the candle race.

Oct. 30 - Mon. Walked with Casey in the mall, then with Mer outside. Bagged leaves from the south side of the ditch. Wrote an email to Conrad for his birthday. Went to Bea's to finish taking food from her freezer. There were three big containers of boysenberries to take care of. News Hour, Antiques Road Show, American Experience: "The Great Fever" which was a documentary about the turn-of-the-century yellow fever epidemic that hampered construction on the Panama Canal and led to the discovery of a vaccine.

Oct. 31 - Tues. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Mashed thawed boysenberries then bagged and froze them.....got many quarts. They will make good jam when I get around to it. Cassie Catmull and Lisa Anderson each brought us Halloween treats which was very nice of them!!! We had about 50 trick-or-treaters come.....none after 9:00. Watched the News Hour.

**November 1, 2006** - Wed. Walked with Kay, then walked 30 minutes with Mer.

To the temple for endowment session. To Kearns Recreation Center to vote early. It is easy using the new electronic machines. Home about 3:00 and prepared an early dinner. Saw about 3 ½ hours of Bleak House.

Nov. 2 - Thurs. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Hairdo and shopping. Bought a Merle Norman lipstick and it cost \$17.00!! Carol Cash uses that brand and it stays on a long time so thought I'd try and see if it is worth the price. Bought a pair of new walking shoes at Payless Shoe store. Doug came and mowed the lawns and used the grass catcher and it looks really good. We surely appreciate his doing this for us.

Nov. 3 - Fri. Walked with Kay. Walked with Mer in our neighborhood and we saw a whole bunch of cats playing around a house where we have never seen any before.....must have been 8 or 9 of them. They are fun to watch as they play together.....stalking and pouncing on each other. Clint called and he still has no job.

Nov. 4 - Sat. Walked outside with Casey. Walked with Mer in Cottonwood Mall as it began to rain. Paid bills. Doug emailed a 55 page account of their Europe trip. I printed it out so Mer could read it. Very interesting and they had a BALL. Watched "The Tomas Crown Affair" then "Cold Comfort Farm".

Nov. 5 - Sun. Fast Sunday. Went out to D & G's to celebrate Gwen's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. I took my usual rolls and jam. Amy made the birthday cake and put 55 candles on it and Gwen blew them out in one puff. Doug won the candle race. Gwen's friend, Holly and her daughter were there for cake and ice cream. Sang a song after and Tamara Lingwall accompanied us on the piano.....we sound better that way! Shared spiritual experiences and it was a neat evening.

Home, and called Mark and talked for 1 ½ hrs. He has sent out several resumes.

Nov. 6 - Mon. Walk with Casey then with Mer. Cut back the last four rose bushes and cleaned up leaves again. Cut back the grape vines which was a really big job and I don't know how to do it properly. Cliff has always done it for me before. The cutting and cleaning up took several hours. Talked to Judy Owen for over an hour. She is making good progress and is most anxious to go home. Saw "The Work and the Glory" and enjoyed it very much.

Nov. 7 - Tues. Walk with Kay, then with Mer. Washing. Went to St Vincent de Paul to help prepare salad for dinner tomorrow for the homeless. Bonita Robertson, Ann Bills, and Marilyn Jensen went too, so it was fun. Went to McDonald's afterward for a small ice cream treat. Reconciled bank statement and did it quickly. No problems this time.

Nov. 8 - Wed. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Mer and I went to the temple. Visited with Kay and Don.....Jackie and Lud were there getting some FLP products. Mer and I went to Sweet Tomatoes for dinner.....compliments of Mark and Dixie. I went to Enrichment Meeting where Ken Roesbury, the Grocery Guru, taught us how to "shop smart". Talked with some of the ladies after and had refreshments. The weather today was just beautiful. Very nice day. The Democrats won majority in the House of Representatives so a whole new "ball game" will develop.

Nov. 9 - Thurs. Walked with Casey. Came home and Mer kept reading instead of getting with it until there was no time to walk. To Melanie's for hairdo. Shopping. Read a small book Casey loaned me....."The Confessions of Charlotte Doyle", a kids book but fun.

Doug and Mer went to lunch, then talked and played pool. News Hour, then watched Tarzan, and oldie from 1932. Stanford had his chemo in Nashua which saves them 4 hours travel time. He has a job with John's work place, which is wonderful. They will work around Stan's schedule. Very nice of them and it helps Stan feel more normal and useful.

Nov. 10 - Fri. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Called Judy Owen again. She is hoping to go home this weekend. Clint called and we talked about one hour. News Hour, Washington Week in Review. Then watched the rest of Bleak House.....a pretty dark movie but I liked it a lot.

Nov. 11 - Sat. Walked with Kay, then with Mer. Went to hear the Veteran's Day concert held at the Huntsman Center at the U. It was The Utah National Guard Army Band and combined Granite School District choirs.....the 51st annual event. I enjoyed it.

Nov. 12 - Sun. Regular meetings. Had a VT interview.....they let me keep the same ladies I have been going to. The lady they had just assigned to be my new companion has gone to work so I will still go alone. Cooked an oven roast and it was OK, but not delicious.

Played two hands of Rummikub. Barbara went home early. She had a great Hawaiian vacation. Freddy Tuckey is allowed to leave prison on Sunday and Lee Ann takes him to her home. He can't go anywhere else. Casey went to visit him and he was pleased that someone else in the extended family cares about him. He will be released next Sept.....a long 5 years.

Nov. 13 - Mon. Walked with Casey at Fashion Place Mall, then with Mer in Cottonwood Mall as it was raining. Did more vacuuming. Moved things out of the front room and bedroom. Put plastic bags on the drapes to protect them. Frank Zabka and his assistant came and cleaned the carpets.....all those upstairs and then the family room. Cost \$124.00. They look great. And we will move things back into the rooms tomorrow.

Nov. 14 - Tues. Walked and walked. Put stuff back in rooms. **Lois Eatchel died and she is lucky to be out of it.** Being in a nursing home is the pits.



Nov. 15 - Wed. Walked with Casey in Fashion Place Mall. Walked outside with Mer. Went to the temple but was late leaving so didn't get home until 2:00. Took Mer to get his hair cut. It was not busy so I waited in the car for him. Had an early dinner. We saw Frank Daws at the temple.....fun to see him. News Hour, then watched "All the President's Men".

Nov. 16 - Thurs. Walked and walked. Hairdo and shopping. Went to the Library, then to Dillard's, then to the bank, then gassed the car. Talked with Dorcus Bullock and Lee is doing somewhat better, which is very good news. News Hour, then watched "The Agony and the Ecstasy" .....about the life of Michael Angelo.

Nov. 17 - Fri. Walked with Kay. No walk with Mer as too late. Went to the viewing and funeral for Lois Eatchel. Stanford is getting a CT scan today. News Hour, Washington Week in Review, then watched "Double Indemnity", an old time movie.

Nov. 18 - Sat. Walked with Casey then with her to Weight Watchers for her to weigh-in. Then went to a small park on 5<sup>th</sup> E and about 3200 So for a brief walk. Walked with Mer. Made a cake for tonight. Did lots of washing. Chemo therapy on Stanford not working. The tumors are now a whole network on his liver. They will now try new medications. Went to our ward for the Chili Cook-off and desserts. It was well attended and a big success. Wes Eatchel won the trophy for his Elk chili. Charlotte Walker won the trophy for her dessert. Fun evening.

Nov. 19 - Sun. Regular meetings. Barbara here for dinner and three hands of Rummikub. Called Judy Owen and talked 1 ½ hrs. She is in much agonizing pain. We hope she improves before much longer. She is one brave lady.

Nov. 20 - Mon. Walked with Casey, then with Mer. Bought a second turkey so we can have four legs again this year for Thanksgiving.....the kids like the dark meat best. Went to Peg Holmes Stevens' home for a Brigham Group get together to celebrate Mer's birthday! What a neat lady she is.....of course, it was Tough's idea.....he is such a wonderful friend and makes a great effort to keep the group together. Peg served delicious pancakes with frozen peaches, ham, orange juice/water/milk.....like we used to have every New Year's Day. Ellen Mae Manning had made Mer a birthday cake. They gave Mer a book, "Finding Noel" and some very funny birthday cards. We had visiting time and Clint kept it a group conversation, not little groups all talking at the same time. It was very enjoyable. Peg's new kitchen is just BIG and BEAUTIFUL, with the newest and best of everything.....awesome. She is very gracious and made us all feel most welcome. Stanford in much pain during the night. They took him to ER for another CT scan. There is a fluid buildup in his abdomen and internal bleeding. (See my Stanford journal for further details.)

Nov. 21 - Tues. Walked with Kay. John called while I was gone. Stanford in bad shape. Walked with Mer. To temple for the 12:20 session because of the phone calls. Don and Casey left for Mesa today.....sigh. Had an early dinner. Talked with Clint Hastings about an hour. Nina had a tooth abscess and it was very painful. Had to have a root canal and antibiotics. Clint still has no job and that is a worry. Doug did some photographic work for pay.....don't know who for nor how much he earned. Wish he would get a job.

Nov. 22 - Wed. Woke Mer up at 7:00. Walked. To Melanie's for hairdo. To library to return movies. Made birthday cake for Mer, to be celebrated tomorrow which will be one day early.

Nov. 23 - Thurs. Thanksgiving Day. Up at 5:00 and had the turkey in the oven by 6:15. Cooked it with two extra legs again.....like last year.....all the kids love it. Had

problem with the turkey.....not done enough.....put it in the microwave.....BIG STRESS! Usual good day with most of the family there. Don't remember who won the candle race.

Nov. 24 - Fri. Walked. Cooked the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> turkey and took care of it. Worked outside cutting down the raspberry canes and cleaning them up, then took down the cords that supported the canes. Started to watch "Singing In the Rain" but Casey, and John and Mark all called for Mer's birthday.

Nov. 25 - Sat. Walked. Typed in journal. Went VT to Cathy Bowles.

Nov. 26 - Sun. Regular mtgs. Cooked 36 rolls for dinner. To Doug and Gwen's for dinner to again celebrate Mer's birthday. Alex and Tamara not there. Suzanna made sugar cookies and brought ice cream. Played a game called "Malarkey", then sang songs, had prayer, and came home. Good to be invited to share time with them.

Nov. 27 - Mon. Cold wind but walked outside anyway. Visiting Teaching to Darlene Smith and to Bonita Robertson. Mer went Home Teaching to Bill Thomas. Much washing, ironing and pressing. To Neb's to find Casey's birth certificate and mail to her. They are thinking of going into Mexico to buy cheaper meds and now have to have a visa, which requires a birth certificate. News Hour, Antiques Road Show, American Experience: "RFK".

Nov. 28 - Tues. Woke up at 3:00, tried to go back to sleep but couldn't so got up at 4:00.....wonder if John and Stan are awake? Walked in Cottonwood Mall. Replaced batteries in the inside/outside thermometer.....a task for me since I am technology challenged! Went VT to Jeanne Fidler.

Nov. 29 - Wed. Walked in mall. To temple. Home about 1:30. Frank and Lynn Daws were on the same session with us, but they are ordinance workers. I sat by their three daughters. They are going on a temple mission to South Korea, and this was their last day at the temple before leaving.....very neat to see them after so many years. Looked in the drawer where I keep my diamond ring and it is GONE!. Don't recall ever moving it anywhere else. Time will tell.....very strange.....maybe it will be like my teardrop jade and gold necklace and I'll never see it again.

Nov. 30 - Thurs. Morning temperature was just 10 degrees! Went for a perm at 9:30 so there was no time to walk. Sat in the car after perm and read.....the sun was shining so my body was warm but my face got cold. Shopped at Ream's, Wal Mart and Smith's. Doug had come late and they didn't go out to eat. He was still here when I got home. Cleared the garbage can lids of frozen snow but had to break it up with a broom handle. Moved the cans into the breeze way for the winter months. I don't like them there as they can be seen from the street. News Hour, Utah World War II Stories: The Pacific.

**December 1, 2006** - Fri. Temperature 28° at 8:00 AM. Woke Mer up at 8:00! Guess he was very sleepy. Walked in the mall 10:50 to 11:35.....late, but there were very few customers. Mer to the VA to see a dermatologist who used liquid nitrogen on some spots. They prescribed special shampoos for his scalp. Had another blood draw. Dixie had an operation on her shoulder. Mark called and the operation went well. She goes in for a check up in two weeks. She is to lift nothing heavier than 10# until then. Mark is almost sure he is being rehired with Intel but has scheduled a face-to-face interview with Google in three weeks. Called Judy for her birthday. Casey gave me a lesson on getting pictures from the computer into my journal. Maybe I can learn to do it. News Hour, Washington Week in

Review.

Dec. 2 - Sat. Mer slept until 8:15 when I awakened him. Makes for a late walk. Cut parchment liners for the fruitcake pans. Measured all the ingredients for them. This year I will bake only twelve. Talked with Clint. There are some tentative job possibilities. Stanford is a little improved 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊!

Dec. 3 - Sun. Regular Fast Sunday and meetings. Barbara came. We played 3 hands of Rummikub. She has won 6 times out of 7 weeks. She went home at 8:00. We listened to and watched the First Presidency Christmas Devotional. Talked to Casey an hour and she is homesick.

Dec. 4 - Mon. Wrote seven Thank You notes to the Brigham City friends for the neat party they gave for Mer's birthday. Walked in the mall. Invited Francis Maldonado and Cassie Catmull to our Relief Society Christmas Social but Francis had to work and Cassie had other plans. Cleaned off the ice and snow in front of the garage and it took about an hour. Had to chop the frozen piles with the straight edged shovel. Set up the Nativity scene and other Christmas things. Update on Stanford not good. Wrote an email to John and family. Talked with Lori. Watched News Hour, then an Andy Williams Christmas special which was very enjoyable. Pledged \$60.00 to PBS.

Dec. 5 - Tues. Walked. Spent most of the day making 12 two-pound fruitcakes. Making them is a big, slow job for me. Lori flew to NH to see John and family. Mark and Dixie paid her fare.....they are the best! News Hour. Watched a program on Marty Robbins.

Dec. 6 - Wed. Temple closed. Not good news on Stanford. Walked. Reconciled the bank statement. Called Security Benefit and set up the amount of money to rollover into Smith Barney for next 12 months. Also moved all the money from the Money Market into Global, which is earning some decent interest. Decorated the fruitcakes. Relief Society Christmas party. It was an amazing dinner put on by George Cowan, Craig Johnson and Dwight Nichols. The food was delicious and beautifully prepared. We were even served by the Young Men/Young Women, so had to do nothing but dine and enjoy! Nice program after.  
Dec. 7 - Thurs. No walk as Mer didn't get up early enough. Wrapped the fruitcakes and am glad they are ready to be given away. Had my hairdo. Parked at Ream's and read "Finding Noel", a good little book. Did shopping. Doug and Mer ate lunch at the Arctic Circle. Doug put up our artificial Christmas tree, which I appreciate his doing as it would be hard for me (if I could even do it). Worse news on Stanford. Talked with Casey. News Hour. World War II: "The Home Front".

Dec. 8 - Fri. Walked. Mer tried to put lights on the tree but it was not physically possible. So I tackled it and found out just how hard it is.....now understand why he hated doing it for some years! I will never do it again, as it "wiped me out". Put on the ornaments with Mer's help. Was going to Sharalyn Quinney's art display but was just too tired.

Dec. 9 - Sat. Walked. Talked on cell phone with Lori and it was sort of like being at J & J's myself. It is a very intense situation. John has not been to work since two days before Thanksgiving. He works for a very unusual company.....very sympathetic and supportive. They sent Stanford a fresh fruit bouquet today! The Nashua local newspaper came to their home and did an interview.....published with a 6 minute video on Stanford. Mailed 4 fruitcakes at UPS. Talked with Casey. Talked with Clint.

Dec. 10 - Sun. Regular meetings. The full-time missionaries were the speakers and did a fine job. Ate leftovers for dinner. Went to Ball's home for their annual organ program and good buffet. Always a real gift to the ward and neighbors. We were there about 4:20 to 5:45.

Then went to Doug and Gwen's Stake Christmas program. Gwen, Ricky and Sarah sang. I really enjoyed it. Very nice day.

Dec. 11 - Mon. I went to L & C's early to help get the children up and off to school as Chris had to go to work and Lori is in NH. There by 7:00. Chris returned as the truck died and had to be towed. He took Lori's car to work. Played games with Charlotte.....read her two Christmas stories.....put small jigsaw puzzles together and she is a whizz! Took her to school at 12:30, then came home. Washing. Stanford having more chemo. News Hour, Antiques Road Show. Talked with Casey one hour.

Dec. 12 - Tues. Walked very late. Wrote checks for the out of town grandkids for Christmas. Used Quicken to catch up on financial stuff. Hung tinsel on the tree. Put lights on the front windows. NO MORE DECORATING.

Dec. 13 - Wed. Walked. Temple still closed. Mer carried wood from the evergreen tree into the garage. Did several loads in a box.....very tiring but he DID IT. Worked on dinner. Did vacuuming, dusting and other mid-week extras a homemaker does when company is coming. New Hour. Alex and Tamara here for dinner. They furnished fruit salad, which was very good. Played 3 hands of Rummikub. FUN evening.

Dec. 14 - Thurs. Walked. No hairdo as Melanie too busy with permanent makeup customers. Shopping. Doug came on his bike so he and Mer did not go out for lunch. To Columbia grade school for string concert. Sarah plays the violin. The whole program was only about 15 minutes long! Sarah showed us her classroom, her desk and lots of paper work, books and etc. and really "talked up a storm".....most unusual with us. We drove her home after so it was worth the time and car gas. News Hour. Went to the viewing for Donna Edwards. Bill was there in his wheelchair and his talk is so garbled we couldn't understand him.....I really felt bad. Talked with Lori as she drove to Farmington for an evening with her former work friends. I wish she wouldn't do that for safety reasons. Talked with Casey.

Dec. 15 - Fri. Walked. Went to the bank and got new \$10.00 bills for the local grandkids for Christmas. To Office Max for an ink cartridge for my printer. Did more grocery shopping.....got stuff for Christmas. Showed Mer online pictures and etc. about Stanford. News Hour, Washington Week in Review and a cute movie, "Christmas Eve."

Dec. 16 - Sat. Walked. Invited Shirley and family for dinner tomorrow. Went to the grocery store at 10:00 PM.....glad Smith's is open late. Went to the dance review for Marnie. She is taking three one hour classes a week and loves it. She did a really good job. She has a cute shape, cute legs and a great smile. Kept her costumes modest.....good girl!!

Dec. 17 - Sun. Snowed a lot last night. I was up at 5:00, got the roast in the crock pot, then went outside and shoveled snow until 7:00. Got about half of it done. Taylor Capson came and did the rest of it.....bless him. Put rolls out to rise. Bathed and got ready for church. Home and worked on dinner. To tithing settlement.....took 1/2 hour. More food preparation. Mer set the table. Eleven here for dinner: Shirley & Hilton, Kim and Cheryl, Keith, Antoinette, Barbara, Adam and his son, Connor, Mer and me. Dinner was good. Cheryl brought a green bean casserole, which I really like. Had first fireplace fire of the season. Connor is a good little toddler. I brought up toys from the basement for him. The rest of us visited, then had cookies and ice cream. Very nice time together. Casey and Clint each called but I couldn't talk with either of them.

Dec. 18 - Mon. Walked.....always late now. Washing. Worked on Christmas cards. Takes lots of time. Wish Mer could still write. Mer shoveled avalanched snow in

front of the garage and behind also. Tired him out but I think he was pleased he could do it. Stanford had his second gemcitabine infusion. Watched News Hour, then Antiques Road Show. Then had a long talk with Clint....then a two minute talk with Casey.

Dec. 19 - Tues. Walked. After breakfast I wrote more Christmas cards and it took the biggest part of the day. News Hour, "The Wave That Shook the World". Put stamps and return address labels on cards while I talked with Casey.

Dec. 20 - Wed. Walked. VT came. Mailed cards. James Hancey called about the Olds sold to the lady for her 17 year old daughter. She felt something was not right about the brakes so her mother took it to a repair place and they charged her \$800.00. The mother was mad, mad, mad at James and he had them bring it back and checked it out and could tell the repair place had shafted them. He told the lady to go back and "raise hell" with them and threaten to report them to the state oversight dept. This scared them and they returned \$600.00 to the lady. James told her that the car had been serviced and inspected just before they bought it and that the brakes had passed inspection. Never the less, he relined them just to make sure they would have no problem with them. He is such a neat friend. I will know tomorrow if the car is really sold or not. Made cake for the ward Christmas party. The party was not fancy like the Tueanna's did it but it was OK. I appreciate all the work people in charge go to to make things nice for the rest of us.

Dec. 21 - Thurs. Hairdo. James came to their house from work to have me sign off the title to the Olds, and brought a check for \$2000.00. He really did us a big favor. Went grocery shopping for supplies for our buffet. Doug, Mer, Natalie and Amy went to lunch at the Arctic Circle.....they left before I got home. News Hour. Talked with Bea and Cliff. Mer saw the Tabernacle Choir Christmas program.

Dec. 22 - Fri. Snowing. Bryan Capson shoveled the driveway.....bless him! Walked. Mer went Home Teaching to Bill Thomas. I went in and met him.....visited awhile. Then Mer went to visit Ethel Hart. I also went in & visited her when I went to pick him up. Took Christmas gift to Jeanne.....no time for visit. Worked on Christmas for grandkids. CNN host interviewed the ex Prime Minister of Israel on the threat of Iran.....very scary. News Hour, Tab Choir program.

Dec. 23 - Sat. Walked. Took a fruitcake to Mel and Emma Lou Thayne. They gave us a bar of aloe vera soap made by 17 women in a remote village in Kenya.....they have received a micro-loan to form and conduct this business. Thayne's daughter and her husband were in Kenya working with these people. Pretty wonderful. Also took a cake to Clint and Eris Holmes. They gave us a box of Fernwood mint wafers, which we love. Cooked a big beef roast for sandwiches on Monday.

Dec. 24 - Sun. To L & C's ward for their Christmas program. Lori wrote and organized it and it was very lovely and enjoyable. Did food preparation for tomorrow. Watched Christmas With the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra. Renee Fleming and Claire Bloom were featured invited guests. Played lots of Christmas music.

Dec. 25 - Mon. No walking. Spent many hours fixing food, setting up tables, chairs, TV trays and etc. Everything ready by 3:40 so we ate. J. Ammon blessed the food first. We had 22 people here this year. Lots of good food and everyone had a good time. I really enjoyed it. Suzanna and Amy gave me a lavender T-shirt with Harry Potter on his broom catching the Golden Snitch! They also made earrings to match with lavender beads and a little silver lightening bolt on the end!!! Those cute kids! I will wear them when I go to see the movie. The shirt was a size 1X and I wear a 10, so will have to take it in a lot. At the end of the day

Lori asked me “is Egypt devastated”? And I could honestly say that Egypt had had a very enjoyable day. Merlin is so much better than last year and everyone was glad. Missed having Bea and Cliff here though.

Dec. 26 - Tues. Walked. Francis Maldonado came to visit awhile and gave us a gift. I had one ready for her, too, thank goodness. She is a very nice neighbor. Went to see Leah....her memory is way gone but she can still do word search puzzles, which amazes me. Wrote an email to Judy O.

Dec. 27 - Wed. Walked. Went to the temple. On the way home we went past Orson Gygi's to see why no one was answering their phone. Dorcus Bullock had been trying to call them for several days. They have been closed but will be there Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. She wants to buy 10# of a special kind of chocolate she uses for dipping chocolates. Had a nice visit with her.

News Hour; When Sharks Attack; Mer watched other programs and I talked with Casey. Mer coughing so much I couldn't sleep so gave in and went to sleep in a sleeping bag on the couch.

Dec. 28 - Thurs. Took all the candy from the candy cupboard and stashed it downstairs until Mer gets over his cold and cough. He eats it all day long, and that is not good. Melanie is in Mt Pleasant so no hairdo. Walked, then I went shopping about 11:30. Home 4:10 and Doug about to leave. They ate out for lunch. Mer took a Christmas gift to Gerry Olson. News Hour; Sweet Water Rescue: The Willis and Martin Handcart Story. More Gemcitabine for Stanford.....poor kid. Slept on couch again as Mer still coughing.

Dec. 29 - Fri. Walked. Washing. Stanford received two units of blood and it takes about 5 hours for the procedure. To Belltone to get Mer's left hearing aid serviced. To Smith's for cough drops. Wrote a special “Thank You” to James Hancey for selling the Olds for us. News Hour; Inherit the Wind; Spent half the night on the couch.

Dec. 30 - Sat. Walked. Low-key day. Washing and other house work. Went to Sweet Tomatoes for dinner. Compliments of Mark and Dixie.

Dec. 31 - Sun. Regular meetings. Barbara not here. Long talk with July Owen. Went with Jim and Bonita Robertson to the wedding reception for Kim Hickman.....at 9:00 PM....in part of an old warehouse with cement floor and walls, not very warm, not very well lighted. It was an off-the-wall experience. Saw Craig Hickman and his new, young, trophy wife and he acts as though nothing is different. Crazy world!!! Home at 10:30. Mer built a fire....I popped corn and made hot chocolate and we sat in the banana chairs and talked until 12:00. Heard the neighbor's fireworks, said Happy New Year to each other and went to bed.

The end of 2006