

11:30 P.M.

January 9, 1966.

Dearest Patricia:

It was sweet of you to phone me this morning and wish me well for the day. It gave me the lift I needed to put me on high and keep me there for the rest of the day. And, of course, I did have a beautiful day. After a few hours of work here at home and some more reading (I'm almost through with "The Will to Live") I finally got on my way to your Los Padres home. I stopped on the way and got a cheese cake for Connie. As you may know she was home today and not well - and she is very fond of cheese cake. As usual also, I enjoyed visiting with your mom and the boys. They were all out in the yard when I arrived, making the most of the afternoon sunshine. Your mom is trying hard to hurry Spring along - she is so eager to work in the yard - and it is so good for her. I took the ferns & tree foliage out for her

to see also and she was happy to keep them. I had them in a quart jar. It dumped over in the trunk on the way out but they weren't without water for long.

You are often in my thoughts - every day and always pleasantly. No doubt I should tell you more often, but I always wish the best for you and I'll start now wishing a whole week of nothing but the best for you.

The Circle Star Theater will have a play, "Barefoot in the Park" from Tuesday, Jan. 11 to Friday Jan. 21. If you can spare a little extra time, we might see it on Thursday either this week or next combining it with our dinner date. Just let me know. I don't want to impose on your time but I'd love to take you if you can fit it in.

Had a fine evening at the gales. A second guest was a Mrs. Mary Ellen Durrett, Home Ec. Dept - though she is interested in the lower grades in elem. school & is helping advise Frank Gale in his writing & class work for the kindergarten (nursery) level. Quite alive as a person, so we had an animated evening. She and the gales were interested in learning about the new Marine Sciences Society at Cross Landing too. They couldn't go yesterday but plan to soon. With all my love, as always
Carl.