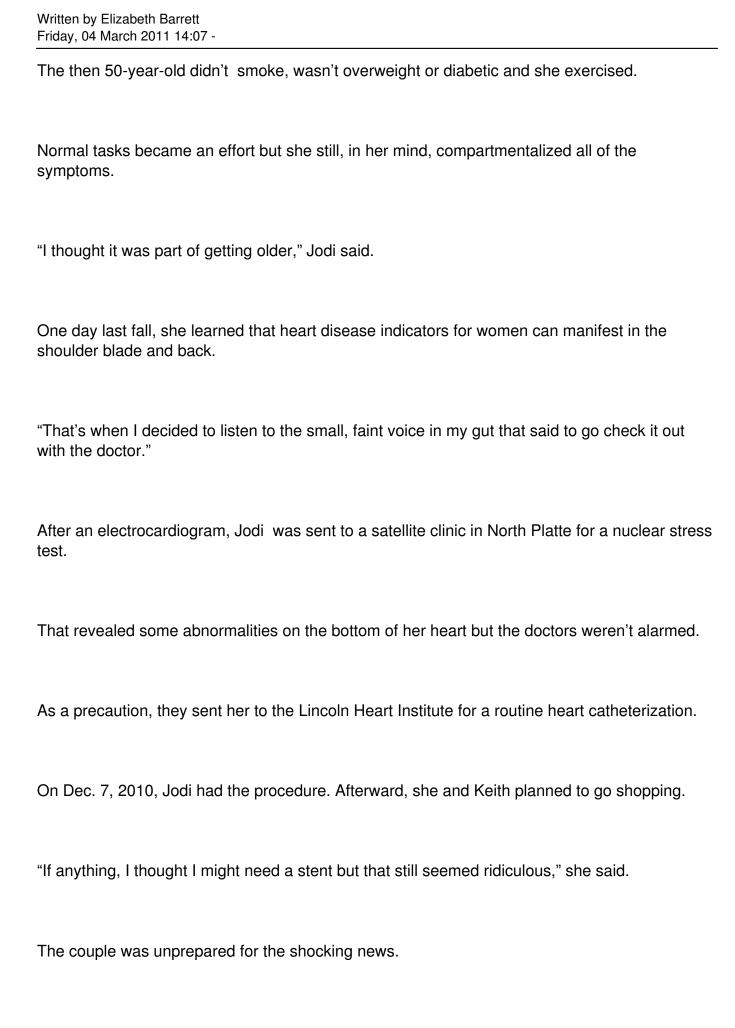
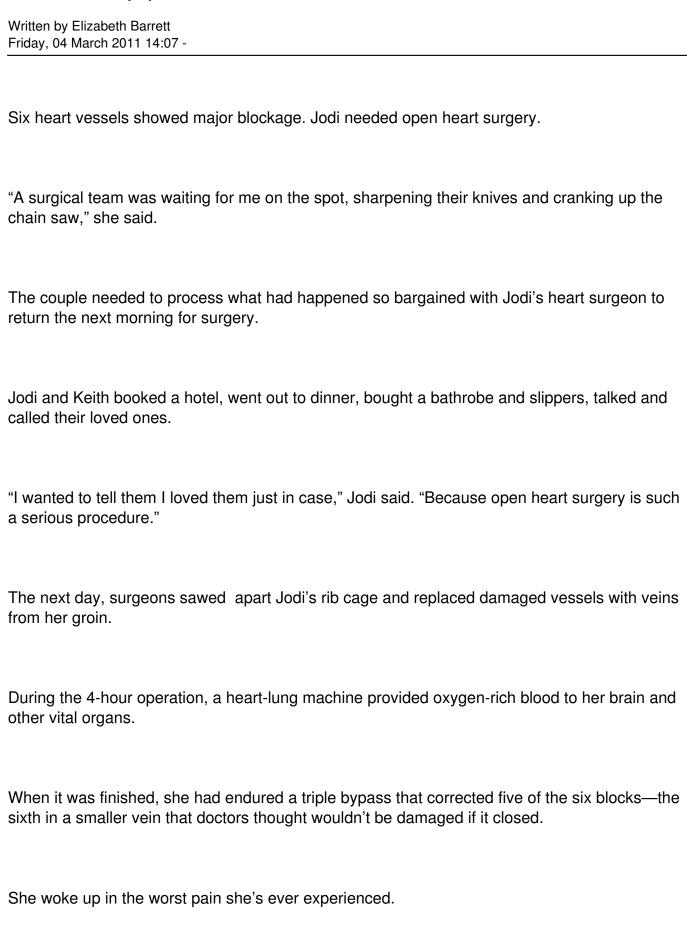
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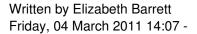


Second of two parts.
A kink in her left shoulder blade. An ache in her left arm. Tingling in her left hand.
Shortness of breath.
"I never really thought one had to do with another," says Jodi Carlson of rural Gothenburg. "I put my symptoms into individual baskets."
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Sunny San Diego, CA.
Jodi was born and lived there until her dad died suddenly of a heart attack at age 46. Her mother, Pat Thompson, later remarried and moved her son and daughter to Gothenburg.
She graduated from high school, married Keith Carlson, raised three children on a farm near Arnold and, for several years, worked at Five Star Flooring.
Last summer, the ache in her shoulder blade intensified. Especially after she exercised.





Flat on her back and tied down. A tube down her throat that was hooked to a respirator.



Tubes in her chest and stomach to drain infection. IVs in each wrist and Jodi's jugular vein.

"I didn't breathe on my own for several hours," she said.

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