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Season's Greetings! Danny started Kindergarten this fall, and loves it and his teacher, Mrs. Smith. In spring, he graduated from the "Rainbow" pre-school, complete with mortarboard and diploma. Danny also had to get ear tubes this year. The doctors and nurses said he was a very good patient. He learned how to ride his two wheel bike and would do it all day if we let him.

Angela's in 3rd grade now and has yet to get anything less than an 'A' on a report card. She's still taking piano lessons and has started in Brownies. Both kids played baseball this summer, and Paul was assistant coach on Angela's team, which finished in 3rd place.

After searching hard for a job for several months, Paul got 2 new jobs in September...one full time, one part time. During the week, he's morning editor/anchor at KPRC-am radio in Houston. He writes all the local news, and is on the air for an hour before sunup and anchors two other 5-minute newscasts. The station is co-owned with a TV station and Angela and Danny are more impressed by the TV operation than Paul's job. On Sunday afternoons, Paul's a country disk-jockey at KFRD-FM, in a small town southwest of Houston.

Becky, meanwhile, is still pulling her hair out as a day care provider, watching 5 children. In addition, she's taken on the job of troop leader for Angela's Brownie Troop. Don't let anyone tell you it's not easy. It keeps her busy 7 days a week. She barely has time to sleep.

Besides a few weekend trips to our favorite getaway at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, we only took two family trips this year. In January, we went to see Baby Shamu the killer whale at Sea World in San Antonio. In June, we visited Wendell and Lorene Van House in Oklahoma city. There was plenty of rain on that trip, with flooded roads from Houston to Oklahoma. More than 10" of rain fell on Oklahoma city in one night while we were there. After that it was back to Texas, where we saw a herd of miniature

horses. We saw a tiny colt, and full grown horses not much taller than 2-feet. Paul and Danny flew to Corpus Christi for a weekend visit with friends.

Two Hurricanes and a tropical storm passed over the Houston area this year. Paul boarded up the windows for one, but we had no bad winds. Heavy rains in May, however, flooded the streets in our neighborhood. A big ice storm crippled Houston in January the same time Paul's parents came for their annual visit. School was closed, and the kids were amazed that ice could form on the street.

The pictures at the left were taken at the annual Fort Bend County Hot Air Balloon festival. It was a very colorful sight seeing the balloons unfolded and fired up. The sky was dotted with balloons, including one that looked like a bear! On the right are pictures from our visit to an ice skating rink.

We hope your year was great, and that you have a wonderful 1990!

