

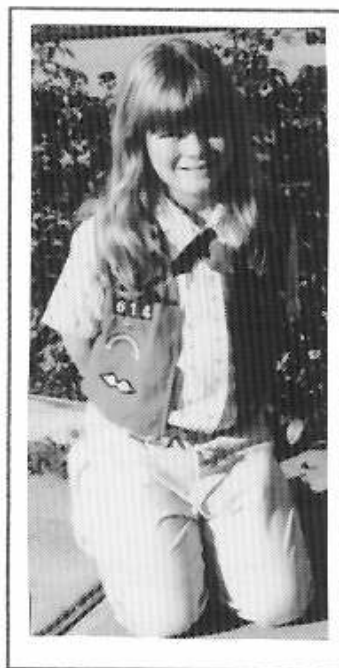
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Hello again, and Greetings of the season! As always, it's been another busy year of doing too many things. Both kids are still growing, obviously, and both are doing well in school, Angela's in 4th grade, Danny's in 1st.

Angela kept busy with girl scouts, with Becky as her troop leader. She graduated from Brownies and is now a Junior Girl Scout. The girls have gone on several camping trips, including one where the temperature dropped into the 40's. (Darn cold for us weak Texans!) Angela also missed her first day of school since Kindergarten last year because of strep throat. She told the doctor to give her a shot of penicillin so she could be back in class the next day (there was a field trip.) She also won a major battle at the end of September when we agreed to let her stop taking piano lessons. We were all tired of the daily "practice-or-else" battles. She also played softball again, and is thinking about playing again in 1991.

Danny is very excited about reading, and insists on reading a little bit every night before bed. His T-ball team finished in 3rd place this year, although it was tied for second up until the last game of the season. Paul served as batting coach for the team and suffered cat-calls from the crowd every



time a player got out! Danny's ear tubes

both came out this year, and he was thrilled to be able to go swimming with his head in the water. He's not sure if he'll be on the swim team next year, or if he'll go on to "dad's pitch" baseball. He also enjoys riding his bike whenever possible.

When it comes to being busy, Becky is the winner. She's still running a daycare business in

our home, watching 4 kids all day, plus another child and our 2 children after school. In her spare time, she's going to school! She started back during the summer, and hopes to be accepted into nursing school in 1991. Her goal is to become a Registered nurse. So far, she's getting straight A's. In 1991, she's going to drop the child care business and attend school full time. There's more! She is also a Girl Scout troop



leader, but is getting help from her assistant in planning meetings and outings. She's getting the troop ready now for singing at a retirement home.

Not much has changed for Paul. He stopped working the weekend job spinning country records, but worked vacation fill-in a couple of times. The station has since changed to spanish, so that job's gone. His full-time job remains doing morning news at KPRC radio in Houston. You might have heard him occasionally doing reports for CBS radio. He's also running his software business part-time, trying to sell programs to radio stations. The rest of his time is spent watching kids while Becky's in school or studying, or tinkering around the house.

We've taken a few short trips this year, to Dallas and the Six Flags over Texas amusement park, to San Antonio and Sea World, to Corpus Christi just to relax. Our biggest trip, of course, was to visit family and friends in Ohio. Unfortunately, wherever we go, we're cramped for time and can never visit everyone we want to see.

Here's hoping you have a wonderful Holiday season, and a happy new year!

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