



# CHRISTMAS TIMES

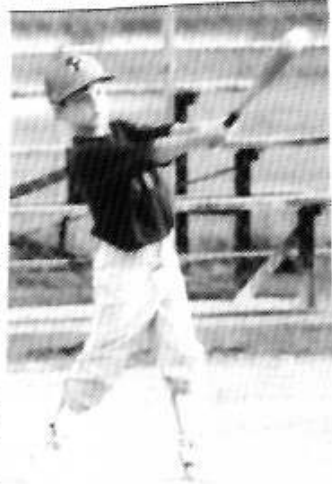


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They say the more things change, the more things remain the same. Well, that was our story for 1992! You'll notice that our mailing address didn't change, as we promised last year. That's because the company Paul went to work for as a computer programmer went bankrupt. He was put on a 1-day work week after we had our house under contract, and 3-days before we were to close on a new house in Austin. Luckily we backed out of both contracts!



So, Paul is back working nights at KPRC radio, but recently started another job search because the station has been sold, and the rumor is that most of the staff will be fired! But prayers got us through one disaster, and we have faith God will see us through again!

The time off work gave Paul a chance to complete work on a Baseball statistics program that he's trying to market.

Becky, meanwhile, is nearly done with nursing school, but it's not been an easy time. Every semester seems to get more challenging, and the last semester, not to mention the state board exams, will be the worst. She's still maintaining a good grade average, though.



The whole family is involved in Scouting this year. Becky and Paul as leaders, Danny as a Cub Scout, and Angela as a Girl Scout. The Girl Scouts went camping on the chilliest night of the season so far. Paul, however, finked out on the Cub Scout campout because of his work hours.

Angela started 6th grade this year, and as usual, our parental anxiety about the big move proved to be groundless. She's doing real well. She's taken up the clarinet and is making slow but sure progress. As you can see by the pictures, Angela played softball again this year. She had the second-highest batting average on the team (.800). Earlier in the year, she followed in Paul's footsteps and hatched chicken eggs for a school project. We got a dozen eggs from a farm, and put them in an incubator she and Paul made, based on a design by Paul's father. 1 egg hatched, and Angela named the rooster "Peeper". We eventually gave him back to the farm that gave us the eggs.



Speaking of eggs, check out the pictures at the top of the page. Those are chicken eggs standing on end. It's something we learned from Charlie Evers in Marion, Ohio. On the first day of Spring and Autumn, you are able to stand an egg on its round end, and it'll stay up for several days. We have since found out that you can stand the egg up for several days on either side of the equinox.



Danny played baseball for the first time since T-ball. It's the first time he faced a pitcher, and unfortunately didn't get a hit. But, thanks to walks, he had a .385 on-base percentage. And, he really learned a lot! Danny's in the third grade, and is also doing well. He likes to spend time making art projects, and has surprised everyone in the family with drawings and other little things he makes. One was a bowl made from mud!



In August, we took a weekend visit to North Texas. We watched a Texas Rangers baseball game in a Lightning Storm. Nolan Ryan was pitching, but he ended up losing. We also went to the 6-flags amusement park and Angela took her first ride on a "real" roller coaster.

We look forward to hearing from you, and hope you have a great Christmas and a happy New year!

*Paul, Becky, Angela, & Danny*