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Hello from Houston! It's hard to believe, but Angela started High School this year, and Danny's in Middle School!

Angela keeps busy (us, too!) with Junior Varsity Basketball and marching band (The KHS is for Kempner High School). Since the School's football team advanced



in the playoffs, the band (and the team) played in the Astrodome! As if that's not enough, she's still in Girl Scouts and has earned the Silver Award! She wrapped up the last school year with a trip to the 8th grade dance. Boy were we shocked when we saw our "little girl" all made up!

Danny, meanwhile, has also joined the school band. He's in 6th grade playing percussion. Luckily, the drums are kept at school so all we hear is his xylophone and practice pad. He earned the Cub Scout "Arrow of Light" award and wasted no time in joining the Boy Scouts! His Boy Scout troop goes on a camp out every month. He's gone canoeing several times, and at the Camporee his patrol took second place in the district for First Aid.



Becky keeps busy distributing her time between nursing at West Houston Medical Center, and being involved in Girl Scouts. She spent much of the past few weeks organizing a Council Christmas party for 500 Girl Scouts.

Paul started a new job. He's a computer programmer at a company that manufactures steel "connecting" devices to join tanks used in the petrochemical industry. He's no longer a Scout leader, but did organize the Scout garage sale.

Travel occupied a good deal of our time again this

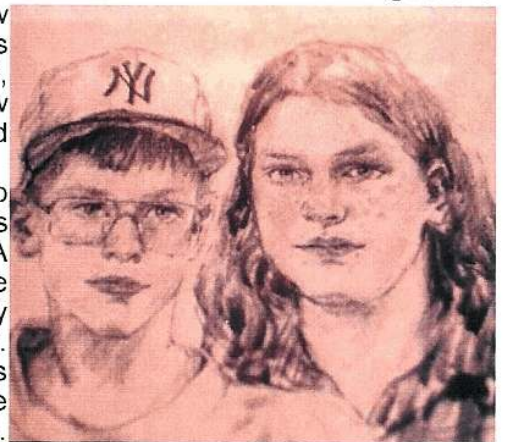


year. We started out by spending New Year's in Marshall, Texas. The city has a tradition of decorating the old Courthouse Square with hundreds of thousands of lights during the Christmas holidays. It was beautiful!

Becky and the kids packed up and drove to Ohio for a 2½ week visit right after school let out. They caught up with family on both sides, and visited old friends. Becky came home from one visit covered with ticks!

Paul then flew up to meet the family and we took off for a 2-week driving marathon, visiting Niagara Falls, The Baseball Hall of Fame, Boston, New York City, The Mayflower, Washington D.C. and Baltimore. It was quite a trip, involving a lot of walking, including a stroll through Central Park, where a street artist sketched Angela and Danny. We saw baseball games in Cincinnati, Boston, New York (Mets) and Baltimore.

We also added 2 animals to the family. A white dog we found as a stray named Sparky. The other was a little mouse named Lucky. Danny found the



mouse inside his Leprechaun trap on St. Patrick's day. With the mouse was a tiny green suit and a note from a Leprechaun saying he changed into a mouse so Danny wouldn't get his gold. Turns out Lucky wasn't so lucky -- he died this Fall.

Well, we're all out of space! Here's wishing you a great Holiday Season, and a blessed New Year!