
Season's Greetings from the Duelm's

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It's That Time of Year

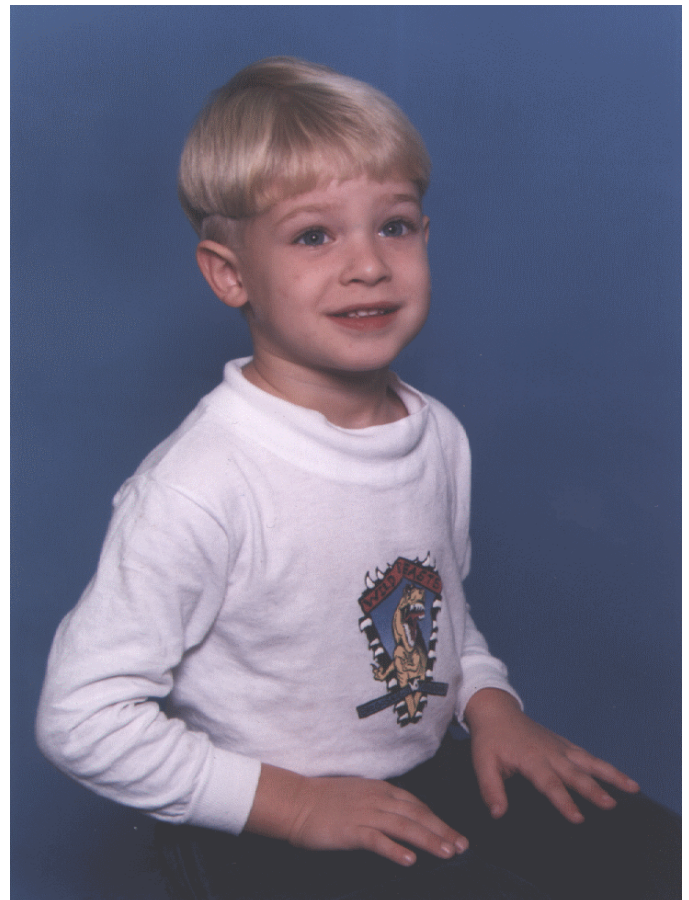
For many of you, it's been nearly a year since you last heard from the Duelm's in Houston, Texas. Well...this brief note is proof that we're still on the planet. It is a wonderful time of year, and we hope that your holidays bring great joy as you celebrate the birth of Jesus. Although one sheet of paper is hardly enough to recap the year, here's the highlights of 1993.

Christmas at Home

This year marks the official start of Christmas at home. We've traveled back north for Christmas before, but the kids (Tony in particular) is now at the age where he'll wonder what Santa will think if we don't have the decency to stick around for his arrival. On the other hand, with Tony knowing that Santa is on his way, he has graciously decided to draw up a very long list of wishes. Can anyone tell me what a "donkey robot" is?

Quote of the Year!

Here's one for the diary... Julie had been sick for several days, and we decided to run her into the doctor. The kids joined us, and we had explained to Tony that Mommy had a bug. As the doctor began examining Julie, Tony stated with much concern, "Doctor, how do you get that cockroach out of Mommy's body." Needless to say, that one took a lot of explaining.



A Vacation...Finally!

For the first time in nearly four years, we took a vacation, sans children. We headed to Puerto Rico, where Julie's brother (an NBA referee) was working the Puerto Rican national league. It was a wonderful time, full of sun and sand, and especially relaxation. Puerto Rican basketball is a sight to behold. Imagine 5000 people crammed into high-school sized gymnasium, with riot police on either side. The end result? We were escorted out of the stadium by guards after Ted called a foul on the home team with seconds left, giving the visiting team the victory. It really was a good call, but I'd prefer not to bet my life on it.

Bitten by the Bug

This hasn't been the best year for health in the family. During the summer Brian contracted spinal meningitis. Then, not long later Julie developed hepatitis. In the mean time, Tony sliced his finger cutting plums with a butter knife, and required stitches. (You can credit Dad's stupidity on that one. Never trust your 3 year old with any kitchen utensil.) Brock's constant fight with one ear tube seemed to be the least of our worries. However, heading in to Christmas the family is all back to normal, and looking forward to healthy holidays.

Work, Work, Work

Status quo is the name of the game here. Brian is still working in the Training department with Compaq Computers. You may see him at Blockbuster Video, though. Brian acted in a service video this year; however, all you may see of him is his hands. There's nothing like the excitement of learning to plug a memory module into a computer, eh? In reality, Julie still has the harder of the two jobs...raising the boys.



Merry Christmas!