



The Gough's Christmas Times

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TRAVEL

1987 has been a big travel year for the Connecticut Goughs. The whole family went to California for 10 days in August. We started in San Francisco where Dad participated in the announcement of IBM's PS/2 Model 25 personal computer (and got quoted in the LA Times). Starting from there we headed south (Chris got to see the house we lived in when he was born 14 years ago! We saw Monterey (and the new aquarium), Hearst's Castle, Morro Bay (abalone pig out!), Los Angeles (the western Goughs), and finally Laguna Beach (Mom's ancestral vacation place -- tide pools and pottery). A most memorable vacation and a wonderful time had by all. Dad also spent a lot of time on the road this year from Seattle to San Juan -- salmon to Bacardi.



COMPUTERS

Dad brought home a new computer as he replaced the one in his office with a new IBM PS/2 Model 60. Who said a home could get by on one computer, anyway? Once again, Mom was heavily involved in the AAUW Art Auction using the computer to catalog the art and keep track of the take. The auction was once again a big success, even after the stock market crash. Mom honed her skills as a computer application instructor, hoping to secure gainful employment in that endeavor. Corey produced most of his school writing assignments via the computer (he likes the built in spell-checker), while Chris put his baseball card collection into a spreadsheet database (Excel). Chris likes the idea of instant market valuations of his cards. After all, who else has 13 Don Mattingly's.

SPORTS

As always 1987 was a big sports year for the junior Goughs. Corey added to his trophy collection via baseball, while Chris made both the football and basketball teams as a freshman at Stamford High. Mom's fears of broken bones notwithstanding, Chris came through the season unscathed. Both boys also are on Stamford Youth Basketball teams.



HOBBIES

This year Corey got into tropical fish, Chris got serious about his baseball cards and statistics, Mom learned Microsoft's Excel, and Dad once again took up the pursuit of photography with his new Pentax SF-1. I expect that Santa will leave enough goodies to keep us all busy in various pursuits.



MUSIC

On the music front, Corey is in his second year as a member of the Young Peoples Symphony in Stamford, having won two individual competitions on the clarinet during the year (including \$30 -- hey real money!) Mom continues to plunk away at the piano -- George Winston, you're safe for now. Chris and Dad just listen.



CHRISTMAS GREETING

Healthwise we're all in pretty good shape, except that Dad keeps shrinking relative to the boys. We hope you are all well as 1987 comes to a close. Here's wishing you all the merriest of Christmases and the best of all New Year's.



Diana

Dick

Chris

Corey