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Seasons Greetings from the Peases:

This letter is actually being started before Christmas – will wonders never cease? The major reason is, however, not planning, but the lack thereof. Rod went over 15 years at AT&T this year and got an extra week of vacation, meaning that instead of having only one week left unused at the end of the year he had 2. While still at AT&T, he switched departments in April after all new work on the department's sole project was cancelled. His new department is growing so no more moving is expected in the near term.

Suzanne continues to center her activities around her business, Ampersand Graphics, and the NJ Assoc. of Women Business Owners. She moved into the realm of employer for the first time, discovering a whole new universe of things to mutter and grumble about, such as having the person she hired tell her on her first day of work that she is pregnant with twins. She is now going through the interviewing process again since Linda's doctor says it is time for her to put her feet up and rest, since it is the last chance she'll get for quite a few years.

Suzanne chaired the NJAWBO state convention, hitting her 1992 political peak with a picture in the paper of her and NJ Governor Florio. Unfortunately she could not convince him to lower NJ taxes – but that's another story, one not suitable for the holiday season.

While pictures with the governor are nice, and the full page profile on her business in the local paper's business section brought her a lot of new clients, she is proudest of being selected "Business Woman of the Year" by the NJ Assoc. of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO). Yet another plaque came along with the honor, but more importantly, the recognition brought in some new clients for her business.

The family oriented vacation concept shattered in 1992. Work, school, and business ownership made for interesting scheduling. Suzanne won the prize for most vacations during the year and Kevin lost. Rod and Suzanne took their first cruise in February, 7 days to San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. There was general agreement that the best point was the food, but Rod really appreciated the shirt sleeve weather after winter in NJ. The down side was that the best sights were seen mainly in passing – no real extended time to get to know the place. In July Suzanne left the two men to hold the fort while she managed a week and a half in New Mexico and Las Vegas. She claims to have spent the time developing a corporate identity for someone in New Mexico and representing NJ in the national women business owners convention in Las Vegas, but ....





Rod had been wanting to do some camping, as there had not been much of that type of activity for a while, so he retired the venerable, yea even antique, canvas umbrella tent and bought a considerably lighter and nicer nylon one as an incentive to induce the family to his views. He then presented his concept to the family – a few days in the woods somewhere in NY state. Suzanne was amenable, champion vacationer that she is, but Kevin was not. He stated, very politically, but in no uncertain terms, that he had done enough camping to last a long time and did not really enjoy it and 21 was probably old enough that he could be excused from the ordeal. Thus Rod and Suzanne got 3 days entirely to themselves in the Adirondacks around Woodstock NY. Even then, they did not take the traditional Pease camping trip. While the tent was used, the abundance of interesting dining establishments in the area kept the cookstove cold the entire time. The weather even cooperated – beautiful the whole time.

By November the wanderlust had hit Suzanne again and she was off to Disney World for the weekend. She again claimed NJAWBO business, but the number of hours she slept after she returned indicates that there wasn't much wear and tear on the hotel room while she was gone. She did admit to seeing Epcot Center this time, as she had missed it when Rod and Kevin saw it in 91.

Rod continues his unpaid job as Ampersand Graphics computer consultant – moving Suzanne up to a 486DX2-50 this fall. Suzanne claimed to need more speed than the 12MHz 286 clone she was using. Rod considers it a success that he managed to skip a whole generation (386) this time around.

Kevin is a Senior at Trenton State College and hit the magic age of 21 in June. After unsuccessfully attempting to find a summer job in graphic design with a less demanding employer, he spent the summer working for Ampersand Graphics. He came out of the experience with a used Dodge Colt and a lot of good examples for his portfolio. Suzanne got higher quality temporary help and a few gray hairs (not the first ones!).

Kevin continues his comic strip and editorial cartoons in the Signal, the Trenton State campus paper. His grandparents enjoy the cartoons, but sometimes require explanations of the "point", as they tend to be aimed at the Trenton State activities. They visited NJ in the fall, aiming at the fall foliage season, but missed it by a few days. They did get a chance to see Trenton State for the first time, as well as take pictures of their grandson towering over their son. The pictures are now at the photographers for "beard removal", without which Rod's mom will not show pictures of her son or grandson to anyone.

Best wishes for a happy 1993!

*Rod, Suzanne & Kevin*