

April 4, 1985

Dear Family:

March has certainly gone out "like a lamb" here. We're having 80-90 degree weather. Nevertheless, I feel like a lion. The kids have too many activities and I'm "roarin'" mad about all the driving I'm doing. Tracy was certainly right when he said that his kids being in a play was hard on the parents. Emily and Greg are in the same musical here that Tracy and Zina did in Orem--"Once Upon a Mattress." I spent most of last week making costumes. This next week the performances begin.

I'm typing this on our new Apple IIc computer. I still don't understand how to use the word processor completely, but what I have learned is really neat. Marty says it is so much easier to use than the hp 150. I'm finding it takes quite a bit of time to learn how to use this gadget, though.

On April 28, during the kid's spring break, we're going to take a small trip to Yosemite in our new Suburban. We finally received it in March. It certainly is big. The kids really like riding in it because they have so much more room and don't have to "touch" each other. We have to take it in to have some warranty work done. There is a big transmission fluid leak and some small problems we want fixed.

We had a nice trip to Hawaii at the end of February. Marty's parents watched the kids for us. We had a nice break, but the weather was so windy we didn't swim much. Read a few good books, though.

Emily is turning into quite a gymnast. She has turned our family room into a gymnasium and is more upside down than right-side up! Her dancing teacher chose her to be in a special acrobatics number at the recital and Emily is ecstatic. Emily and Erin go to gymnastics twice a week. Gratefully, they are able to go at the same time.

Next week the 3rd and 4th Grade Chorus that I direct is giving a Spring program. That will be the end of chorus for the year. I'm going to start some painting and wallpapering around here. We keep saying we're going to move from this house which is beginning to burst at the seams, not only from bigger kids, but from more possessions like this computer that has no place of its own (Greg would love to have it in his room, but we thought that might not be such a good idea). Anyway, I'm going to fix it up so we can sell it or at least enjoy it more if we stay!

We wish we could have gone to Utah for Easter to see the Eastern arm of the family, but Marty is very busy at work and can't take the time off. Hope you all had a pleasant visit. We're glad that Ginger had her baby and is feeling stronger. What's this I hear about Nancy being pregnant? True or False?

Hope everyone is well and has a wonderful Spring. We'll be up in Provo some time this summer.

Love,
Tj