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This newsletter is getting out a bit late, but someone told me, “better late than never,” so here it is—fashionably late or too late, it’s here nevertheless.



Andrew and Katie have successfully lived in Chicago for a year and are looking forward to the next one! They've attended several amazing concerts with Jeff Lynne's ELO, Billy Joel, and Stevie Nicks.

They continue to work at the 13th Floor Haunted House together, but Katie was promoted to Production Tech Lead and now helps build the

haunted house! Katie also works days teaching Tech Theatre at a local high school, and Andrew works days partly at home and partly in the office.

They've had friends and family visit them and have attended some friends' weddings, too. With the Toomey Reunion this summer, this year has been packed with fun, love, and family!

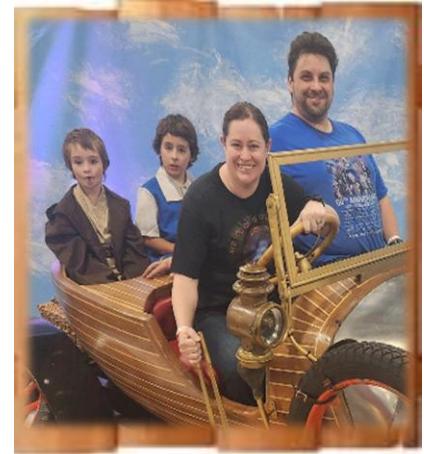
Jonathan and Heather have become closer friends this year, and Geo and Benny have bonded with Jonathan, such that he is likely now their favorite person. Geo is inseparable from Jonathan, and Benny seems to believe he should be, too.



Jonathan is transferring to BYU-Idaho and will be working on a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Finishing his first Calculus class this year gave him a real confidence boost. He feels more assured that he can become completely self-reliant and someday support a family. Now that Jonathan has finally cut his hair, which grew to about 16 or 18", he's ready to head to Rexburg.

David, Jae, Nathaniel, and Ronan

continue to make improvements to their home. The boys are growing so fast! They enjoy being close to many family members.



Heather

School/work/life:

- Got ferrets – Pabu & Mochi
- Adderall
- Learning to live life well w/out chronic autism-related anxiety, thanks to noise-cancelling headphones.

Milestones:

- Got answer to marriage proposal
- Dating
- Reiki level 3 certified

- Dissolving non-profit because I want a mission, then work at Sudbury school for better chances @ 1st time

Goals:

- Decided to go on a mission, now that what kept me before doesn't
- Learn gardening
- Learning to draw anime on a tablet

What made this year unique for you, which you'd like to share? A favorite event or memory?

- Shared YouTube channel, "Curiously Cute," with all my ferret videos + more (gardening, etc.) Over 100 subscribers now!
- Also got a fish for free, Shakespeare, a beta, & he now has a big tank (& videos on my channel).

[Definitely: Mission, ferrets (& fish), YouTube channel]

Hopefully: Reiki (priority level), over-stimulation



Holly appreciates how much Harold, Jonathan, and Heather do to help around the house. She has been working on her health this year, especially her back. She had rotator cuff surgery on her right shoulder, and that is doing very well.

Harold and Holly have a goal to serve a mission together, and with her back improving, it looks like that will come to fruition. Holly also has a goal of being able to go hiking again, like when the kids were young, and things are looking more promising for that as well.



Harold

In May, Harold retired from corporate America (and Raytheon).



Now in semi-retired mode, he:

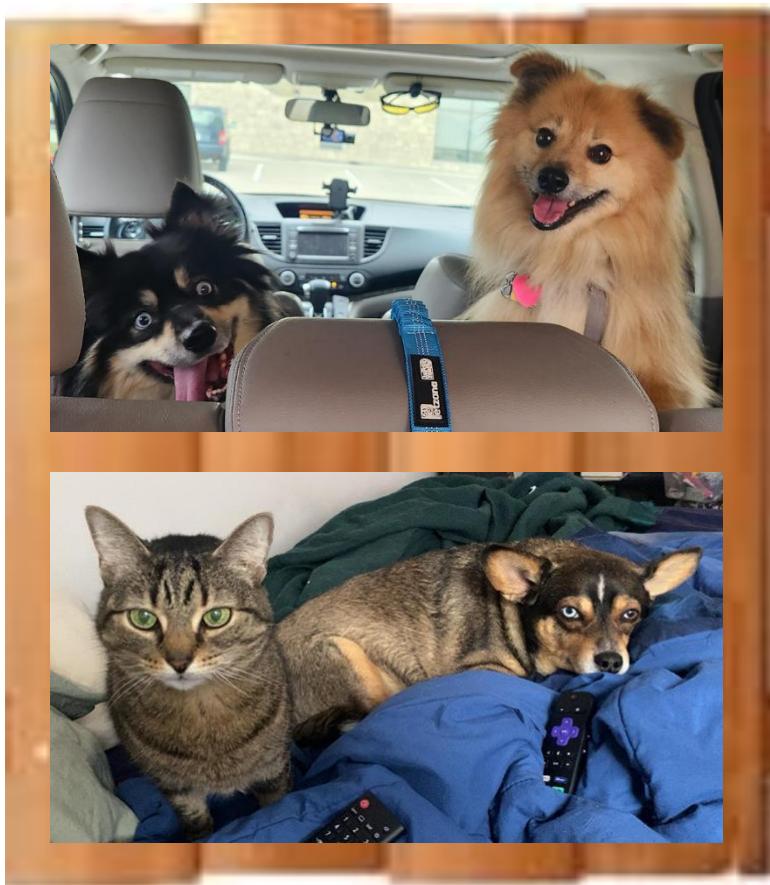
Teaches high school chemistry at Ancora Academy 2 days a week.

- Tutors over a dozen students weekly in calculus and STEM through Wyzant.
- Volunteers at the Dallas Temple every Thursday, MD with Heather.
- Accompany the full-time missionaries every Wednesday evening as Ward.

Mission Leader.

- Working towards a Ph.D. in Mathematics. He is two classes away from his BS
- degree at SNHU. In late 2025, he will attend remote graduate school at Texas A&M.
- Updates his 75+ STEM Cheat Sheets on www.toomey.org/tutor .
- Does chores (laundry, dishes, trash, meals, vacuum, yard, etc.) to support Holly as she works towards better health.

His favorite activity in 2024 was scuba diving at the Blue Grotto in Florida with Jonathan again. This time it was night diving.



Pabu and Mochi (sleeping)

(Top photo: Geo and Benny(in TX); Bottom photo: Zorrah & Lulu (in IL)



In memory of Roxy
2008-2024

‘Though she be but little, she is fierce.’
(“A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, William Shakespeare)

