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 **Heather** is an ABA therapist helping Autistic children. She fully enjoys being with each client. Work always makes her happy!


Heather is creating a K-12 school. This is her passion, as it is the focus of her thoughts and energy. Currently, she is planning on it being a modified, Christian, Sudbury school (Google "Sudbury").



 **Andrew** and Katie celebrated their two-year dating anniversary this year! Attending Katie's graduation from St. Edward's University, attending the high school graduation of Katie's brother Josh, and returning to the theatre as Pharoah in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" were major highlights of his year.




Having worked through a long-distance relationship with Katie, (first in Texas, between McKinney and Austin, and now between Texas and Vermont, where Katie is working for a year), Andrew looks forward to advancing his relationship with Katie, preferably in a geographically closer situation.

 **Jonathan** is working toward a certificate of Computer Science & Information Technology and later hopes to earn an Associates of Science degree in the coming years. To meet his academic goals, Jonathan returned to college



mathematics after over a 10-year gap, which he found invigorating. Jonathan also decided this year to take a class in Arabic in memory of his late Grandfather Morrow, and found that it brought him closer to Grandpa, describing that he has "felt Grandpa's influence and love as I emerged myself in learning the language." Jonathan loves his grandfather very much.

 **Harold** kept himself busy this year, with work, tutoring, taking classes, and "taking care" of rats (43 and counting). The rats took-up housing in the attic, accessing it through a dent in the garage door before it was repaired.



In online college, Harold completed seven courses and is now just four courses away from earning a BS degree, this time in mathematics at SNHU. When he finishes that, he will move on to Texas A&M's Graduate School-Distance Learning program as he works toward a Ph.D. in Mathematics.

*"Grandpa's are there to help children get into the mischief that they haven't thought of yet."*


Harold is a prepper. We now have lots of freeze-dried food and five barrels of water.

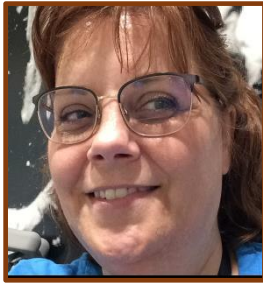
After 20+ years of working with the youth and Boy Scouts, Harold is now serving as Ward Mission Leader. Every week, he looks forward to the one evening he gets to drive the full-time missionaries to their appointments.



Quotes of the Year Answer Key:

1. Julie Ann, 2. Harold, 3. Heather, 4. Jonathan, 5. Nathaniel

 **Holly** has been taking greater strides to return to "normal" fitness levels. Whatever normal is, she isn't sure, but she's certain she isn't there yet. She walks the dogs daily. But the word "walk" has Benny madly jumping a couple feet off the ground and racing back and forth from the front to back doors. Then he takes to herding Holly by persistently side-swiping her and pushing her from behind. "Excursion" and "adventure" are often used in place of "walk", but it is feared, that one day, even these words will not be safe to say around Benny. 😊



Especially enjoyable for Holly this year was being surprised by her sister Ginger's visit to McKinney for her birthday and the Toomey-siblings-and-spouses trip to Washington state. She also loved attending "A Christmas Carol" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and taking-in Andrew's renditions of the Ghost of Christmas Present and an Elvis-Pharaoh. "Thank you. Thank you very much, Andrew." You were amazing!

Holly loved singing Handel's Messiah with the stake choir. She has had too-long a hiatus.

The visits from family this year have been deeply appreciated. And now we have Zella (Holly's mother) visiting us for a few months. We are so blessed.



We said "good-bye" to David's family, last summer, when they moved back to Utah and bought a place to live. We miss them, especially in the morning when nobody asks from up in the loft (in little boy voices), "Who's down there?"

We've lost several friends these last 1½ years, as they've moved on from this mortal life to the here-after. Though we miss them, and we ache for their families as they adjust to continuing in this world without their loved ones, our gratitude for, and testimonies of, God's great plan of happiness and the atonement of Jesus Christ, has grown from these experiences.

You are each in our thoughts and prayers, and we hope this coming year brings wonderful memories for you all.

With love from, the  
*Texas Toomeys*



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#### Quotes of the Year:

Try to guess who said the following, which sound funny out of context. The answer key can be found up-side-down on the bottom of the front page.

1. "Dude, I'm trying to delete you!"
2. "I got chips and a bra replacement."
3. "You always look better when you're a police box."
4. "Fried penguins migrate."
5. When asked if he was naughty or nice today, he said, "I'm nice. But only today. Actually, I'm nice on all the Christmases."