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KEN AND CHAD ATTEND JAZZ- SUNS GAME IN PHOENIX

NOVEMBER 3

For years, Ken had wanted to attend a Jazz road game but never had, mostly since it involved traveling from Salt Lake to another NBA city. Once we moved to Phoenix, however, the situation changed and it was just a matter of time. When we arrived here in February, the Jazz had already played their only game against the Suns for the 2005-2006 season. In August the new schedule was released, and Ken immediately circled November 3—the first of two dates the Jazz would travel to Arizona.

The game was only the second of the season, so the Jazz were still a bit of a mystery, and playing a very good Suns team on the road is not an easy task. Despite the probability of witnessing a Jazz loss, Ken and Chad still decided to go after finding seats on the sixth row right behind the Jazz bench.

Once at the arena, Chad took a little bit of good-natured ribbing from the Phoenix fans because he had worn a Jazz jersey, so he stood out a little. Ken was less conspicuous, at least until the game started. After tip off, both were easy to identify as Jazz fans, cheering when everyone else in the arena was booing and vice versa. In the end, Ken, Chad, and the Jazz left the arena happy. The Jazz came back from a 15-point second-half deficit to win the game by four points, notching their second win of the season. That win eventually became part of a 12-1 start to the new season. Ken and Chad had a great time and are already looking forward to the next time the Jazz visit the Suns on February 3.



From our seats behind the Jazz bench

travels

For a change, nobody traveled anywhere.

grass

Many homes in Phoenix don't have lawns, the homeowners opting instead for "desertscape." People with grass, like us, have to make an annual decision. Our normal grass goes dormant in the winter, but another variety is able to stay green during the winter months. "Winter grass" isn't strong enough to survive the summer's heat, so it must be reseeded. Our lawn was seeded in November, and for the first time ever, we have lush, green grass all year long.

enriching

In her calling as Enrichment Leader, Angie spent the latter part of November getting ready for the Relief Society's Christmas Party. Because the party was held on November 28, final preparations were made on Thanksgiving weekend, including spending a few hours Saturday morning making 50+ gifts for the sisters.

WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

MEET THE WICKENS

NOVEMBER 5

We finally got back into our routine of inviting ward members over, this time inviting the Wickens family for dinner after church on Fast Sunday. A little about the Wickens:

- ❖ Darin grew up near Ken's childhood home, just one street away from Butler Middle School. He was in Aunt Cori's grade, and was in Grandpa Clayton's Spanish class. He later served a mission in the Dominican Republic.
- ❖ Bobbi grew up in Chicago and also served her mission there.
- ❖ Cy and Isabel are five-year-old twins. Cy attends Kindergarten at North Ranch with Chad and Jeffrey, while Isabel attends another school.
- ❖ Penelope was just born earlier this year.
- ❖ The Wickens just moved to Scottsdale in late 2005 from Draper, Utah. Their house is near ours, but they are living a couple miles away temporarily while the house undergoes a major renovation.
- ❖ Darin was just called to be Jeff's den leader in the Cub Scouts and as the Cubmaster. Bobbi serves as the Ward Activity Chair.

FROM ANGIE'S EASEL



SCOUT CAMP

By Chad

NOVEMBER 10

On Veteran's Day weekend Dad and I went to my second Scottsdale North Stake 11-year old scout campout. We packed very last minute and drove out to the McDowell Mountain Regional Park.

When we go there, I had to cook burgers and hot dogs for one of my First Class requirements. I ate three burgers for dinner along with half a bag of Doritos. At the fireside, we performed a skit in which I spat around the world, and played capture the flag for about an hour.

The next morning, Brother Elliot had made hot chocolate for Zach, Tanner, and me. We also had 7-up pancakes, and then I worked on my First Aid merit badge while the others worked on Tenderfoot. I rejoined the group to do lashings and the nature walk, and by the end of the camp I had done all the requirements for my First Class.



Chad practices his knots



Ken plays with a tarantula

TALKATIVE KIDS

By Jeff

NOVEMBER 12 through 19

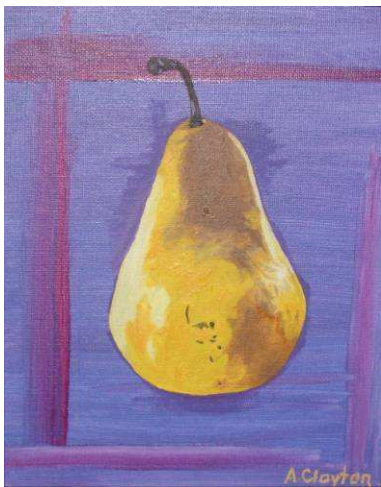
One week in November we all got to talk way too much. At least Chad and I did.

First, we had the Primary program during Sacrament Meeting one week. I had to say a part, but I don't even remember it now, and Chad had to make a talk about the Atonement and give it in front of everyone—even the girls. Marnie was supposed to do a part, but she was practically paralyzed with fear and thinking that she would get embarrassed. She wouldn't even get up and get in line and go to the microphone.

That week in Honors Chad and I had to do speeches. I did my speech on Pokemon, of course, because I love Pokemon. My speech went pretty well, although one person said that I wasn't looking at them very good and another person said that I was looking very, very, very good at them. Chad did his speech on the Nintendo Wii, which probably will be my favorite system.

Finally, the next week in Primary opening exercises, Chad had to do another talk, but I had to do the scripture. I hate doing the scripture in Primary. I hate it because it is usually one scripture that has so many words that I can't even understand or read it.

MORE FROM ANGIE'S EASEL



Angie says with sarcasm: "With all this practice, I'm finally cranking out motel-quality artwork. Woo-hoo! Perhaps the pear approaches art."

Q&A WITH MARNIE

NOVEMBER 18

Marnie had Sophie and Ellie Roser over to play one Saturday afternoon, and Matt joined us later as we ordered takeout from the Havana Café. While the adults and Chad played games downstairs, the girls continued playing upstairs. At some point, a full Costco-sized container of Nestle Quik powder was carried upstairs from the kitchen.

Here's Marnie's version of what happened:

Q: Remember when you guys took the chocolate mix up to Jeff's bedroom?

A: Yes. *[laughs]* That was funny. And Jeffrey too. Jeff got some too.

Q: Who took the powder up there?

A: Sophie. Are you writing Sophie? *[Marnie later claimed she meant Ellie. That might be true, or maybe she's just trying to protect Sophie]*

Q: Why did you guys take it up there?

A: All of us didn't! She just wanted to. We didn't. We just agreed with it. Sophie took the chocolate up.

Q: What happened when the chocolate was up there?

A: Ellie got messy and she got some on Jeffrey's bed.

Q: Was there a lot?

A: No. Yes, there was. And there was wet on it.

Q: What were you guys doing when it was spilled on the bed?

A: We were getting pinches. *[she demonstrates how they "pinched" a little bit of chocolate and put it in their mouths]*

Q: Just pinches?

A: Yes. But Ellie was taking handfuls and dumping it in her mouth and all over the floor too. And she was wiping her hands on Jeffrey's bed.

Q: Should you take chocolate powder upstairs?

A: No. *[accompanied by a very mischievous grin]*

WHERE WE WENT TO DINNER MEET THE REINSTIENS

NOVEMBER 23

For our first Thanksgiving in Arizona, we were invited to the Reinstiens. Here's a little about them:

- ❖ Ken Reinstein was one of the first people in the ward to introduce himself to Ken last February. He is originally from Toledo, Ohio, but has lived in the Phoenix area since he graduated high school in 1985 and came to attend Arizona State University. Ken converted to the church from Judaism about two years ago. He also owns and operates his own public relations company.
- ❖ Sara graduated in 1986 from Skyline High School in Salt Lake, and she and Ken (Clayton) have a few common acquaintances from the Brighton-Skyline area. She also came to Phoenix to attend ASU, and met Ken (Reinstein) there. Sara and Angie have spent lots of time together on the Relief Society Enrichment Committee.
- ❖ Zach is almost twelve years old, and until recently, he and Chad were the only 11-year-old Scouts in the ward. The boys have seen each other almost weekly since we arrived here, and the Kens cross paths often as they bring the scouts to and from meetings and at campouts.
- ❖ Lexi is six months younger than Jeff, and will turn eight in January.
- ❖ Ken Reinstein has been serving as a Ward Missionary at church.
- ❖ The Reinstiens might be the first people we have known well that are bigger fans of the Disney parks than we are. They make occasional trips to Walt Disney World, always staying on property, and travel to Disneyland twice a year.

AT THE MOVIES...

While many things changed from past Thanksgivings, one thing stayed the same. It was our first Thanksgiving outside Utah and away from the Clayton family, but we continued our family tradition of seeing a movie after Thanksgiving dinner. We even recruited the Reinsteins to come along with us after dinner at their place.

Happy Feet

Penguins who sing, dance, and serve as an allegory for myriad political issues from immigration to the environment.

Ken – ★½

Angie – ★

Chad – ★★½

Jeff – ★★☆☆

Marnie – "I liked it because there was a baby. There was a whole class of babies. And the Reinstiens were there, and there was singing and dancing."

Jeff was a huge fan, mainly because the movie was all about penguins. When we first moved to Arizona, he met Dylan Bender (actually Chad's age), who loves penguins. He read up on penguins and decided they were cool as well, and also found *Club Penguin* on the Internet. He says, "you can play cool games and choose which color of penguin you want to go around with."

