



A Newsletter by Justin Grajek

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# UNKNOWN DESTINY



The Grajeks venture into  
an uncertain future





Patti  
Smith's  
house in  
St. Clair  
Shores

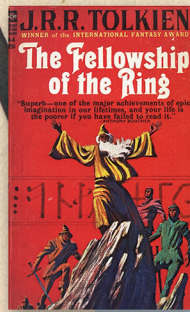


Frankfort Condo ▲

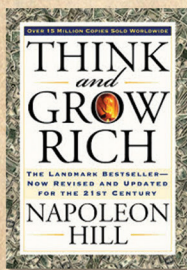
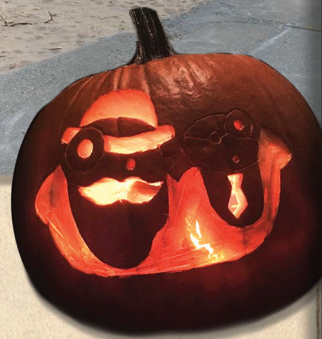
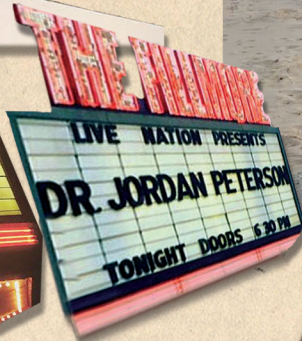
OUTER DR



◀ Andy's new office



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Einstein Bros. pumpkin carved  
by Ben and co-worker Vivian





## Chapter 1 - Strange Times

TO SAY 2018 has been surreal would be an understatement. Dan and Lori are semi-empty-nesters, while the boys are semi-independent. This year has been a period of adjustments to that arrangement and will likely determine the future for our family. The sci-fi theme of this newsletter reflects the surreal and futuristic quality of the year.

**ANDY** continues to work at Albert Kahn. In April their offices moved to the 18th floor of the Fisher building in Detroit. On one occasion he took a trip to Erie Pennsylvania to see one of the buildings he's working on. In his free time he finished the first draft of his Sci-Fi novel *Pseudo Science* and has already found an illustrator for the cover art. He also had the idea to take an adventure down Outer Drive to see where it goes. Along with Mom and Dad he traveled from Ecorse, through Detroit, and ended in Grosse Pointe. On weekends he still gets together with his friend Paul Armstrong to play video games and hang out.

**JUSTIN's** year has been one of adjustment and transition. After finishing his internship in Washington D.C., he set out to hunt for a job in Michigan but has so far been unsuccessful. In the meantime, he continues to work at Einstein's. He's also gotten highly involved in the Our Lady Of Good Counsel young adult group, where he attends Bible Studies and fun events like Cedar Point. Current hobbies include trying to learn guitar, getting into psychology and dream interpretation, and reading *Lord of the Rings* for the first time. His appreciation of Elvis Costello has continued and culminated in a concert at the Fillmore. Justin and Dan also saw popular psychologist Jordan Peterson talk at the same venue. Peterson has been Justin's greatest intellectual influence this year.

**BEN** started going to school at Henry Ford College this year. He's considering getting into business but is currently taking basic prerequisites. He worked for Pizza Hut in the summer and continues to be a Shift Leader at Einstein's. His main goal in 2018 has been to save money and work on various business plans with friends. He's made some investments and even had success in the stock market. He's striving for maximum productivity in all these areas and has been reading a variety of books to learn the best strategies, including Napoleon Hill's *Think and Grow Rich*.

**DAN and LORI** got adjusted to their new home in St. Clair Shores living with Lori's widowed Father, Rolf. They alternate taking substitute teaching jobs and whoever stays home takes Rolf to the mall or park for a walk. Occasionally they go to Lake St. Clair Metroparks where they saw a mated pair of swans on a large twiggy nest once. They also enjoy exploring the canal streets along the Lake and admiring the different architecture of the homes. While exploring they discovered a house that once belonged to 70s rock star Patti Smith.

In May they succeeded in selling the Frankfort Condo. In July they celebrated their 30th anniversary by taking a road trip around the coast of the thumb in Michigan. Unfortunately, near the end of the year Dan was rushed to the hospital for Pancreatitis. He has been slowly recovering since then. Family and friends have been kind and supportive by sending prayers and well-wishes.



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**Justin Grajek**

The future is uncertain, yet we hope the coming year will be less complicated and we can reach our goals. Andy publishing his book, Justin beginning his career, Ben succeeding in business, Dan's recovering, and eventually publishing his second Last Hobo book.

Whatever happens, we trust God and know human plans often go astray. So wherever we end up, we look forward to discovering the **unknown destiny** God has in store for us. Because wherever he leads will be an exciting adventure.

In the words of Isaac Asimov, "The true delight is in the finding out rather than in the knowing."



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