

If Jamiahsh can do it...

...so can I. Besides, the other theme didn't show avatars in comments, so now that two of us have them it is nice to see them. Thanks Justj and Admin for the avatar idea! I hope you enjoy this theme. Note that you can click on the squares on the upper left for some quick navigation, such as to recent comments and posts without having to scroll down. Not my idea, but part of the theme. Nice.

Testing

I am back from camp and have in fact enjoyed a nice afternoon with C & L, who are in the area for tomorrow's Chicago vs. Chicago game. There was a new indoor mini-golf place over at Stratford Square mall which we were told just opened last week. I'll take their word for it since it has been over ten years since I have been there. Following 18 holes of golf (out of 54) we decided our eyes were getting tired of the black-lighting (the whole place was lit that way with the neon paints) and proceeded to have some dinner. Deciding against the one real restaurant which L said seemed like an Applebee's after looking at the menu, we opted for the food court. I had Chinese, they had Sbarro's and some pretzel dogs. All of us had blue raspberry lemonades from the pretzel stand which was quite good. Instead of going back to play more golf, which we could have as the fee C paid for us covered the entire day, we talked for a bit and walked around the mall which surprisingly was still quite active with seemingly less than 5% vacancy. I guess maybe I am used to other local malls, not counting Woodfield in Schaumburg, that have closed in the last several years. We stopped at a pet store and C & L found that they

could happily own a glorified mutt with a fancy name for the bargain price of \$1600. No, I didn't accidentally add an extra digit. Not \$160 or \$600, but over a *grand and a half*! Ouch. Well, that was pretty much it. They had to go shortly after and so we went our separate ways.

What? You wanted to hear about my week at camp? Well, that is coming soon. As for the title, C talked me into updating Live Messenger with the newer Live Essentials version and I noticed I could install a Writer program to write my blog posts. Right now I am seeing this post exactly as it should appear on my blog page once published- grey background, full justification, and lowercase title included, unlike the WordPress editor on which I would have to click a preview button to see how it would look. It seems pretty nice and barring any difficulties I will probably give this a longer test run with added pictures and whatnot. There seem to be things that I don't think the WordPress editor even has. I'll see how it goes. Well, until later...

Edit: Well, that didn't go well- I needed to edit the post straight away. It added a bunch of #160s and forgot to encase the paragraph tags in <> symbols so the post had extra p, em, /em and /p characters included in the text. I guess there are bugs to be worked out- oh well.

New Jersey Is Lovely This Time Of Year, I Hear

Right now, I'm in the car with my husband, our 4 kids, and our volunteer "Manny" (a man who's a nanny – thanks Jamiahsh!); we're on the way to the New Jersey / New York City area! How

did I manage to make a blog post, you ask? Well, I've actually typed this out days ahead of time and then used the brilliant tangents.org feature "schedule a post", choosing the exact date and time for which my post will automatically publish itself! I love technology AND tangents.org!

So I think we're probably between zoos right now; the itinerary had us stopping at both the Cleveland and Akron Zoos in Ohio on the way to New Jersey. Two zoos only 20 minutes apart? How could I resist? And why can't *my* utopia of a hometown be located within a 20-minute vicinity of two zoos?!?

I hope we made it to both zoos without being too pressed for time, and I also hope the kids are being good on the long car ride. I hope our business meeting goes well tomorrow and that we have a lot of fun before making it home safely. Until I return...

Friends, I have found it...

I have found a list of the emoticons used by wordpress. [Check it out](#):



Say, C, any way we can update these smilies to look like the ones on [this page](#)? 😊