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Jacque: I became aware of the fire as I got home from Dodge City that day. I had been coming back from Dodge and was dodging around the Dodge City fires to get back home. I get home and I see on Facebook (I just happened to pick it up and I saw on Facebook), "Pray for Englewood."

I called the person that had posted that and I said, "Why are we praying for Englewood?" They said, "They're having to evacuate because of a fire." That started my journey south. I hollered for Dean and we headed south to Englewood to see what we needed to do and what we could do.

Diana: About what time?

Jacque: By that time, it was probably 3:30 p.m., I suppose. When I first became aware of it, it was like 3. Then probably by 3:30, we were on the road trying to figure out how to... because when I came from Dodge City, I couldn't see that fire. It wasn't there. It traveled that fast and by that time we could really see the fire, we could also see the fire over at Denton's, but we kept coming down. Well, when we got to the 12-mile corner, Sandy was there and she was saying, "You can't go any further." I said, "Yes I can Sandy because my dad's place is there." She goes, "Well, you tell them that I said you couldn't go."

We headed on south. Now we did go to the west and took the old... It's in Meade County and it's called the McKinney Road. I don't know the number of the road, but it goes up and down. I took the old Highway 160 and then headed south. We then came back and as we got to David Clawson's place, there were people on both sides and they were trying very hard to save the house. Of course, we're trying to get further south.

David drives up in his truck and we ask him, "Can we get through?" We could see that the tree shelterbelt at David's was burning. He said, "Yes." I said, "Do you know if Dad's house is still there?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Okay." We went by the gigantic Quonset hut at David's, which I was told in my childhood that that was the biggest Quonset that was ever built that way. I don't know if that's true, but I know George R. Theis and he always did the best with everything he did, so I'm not surprised. It went down and it was like looking into hell. It really was. Right as we went by, that building went down and it was, "Oh my."

We headed on south and there was so much smoke. By that time, the wind had changed.

Diana: Coming out of the north?

Jacque: Yes, it started to come out of... It was actually coming out of the northwest.

So it enabled us to get by David's shelterbelt and we headed south. Well, we couldn't see because of the smoke. I could see better than Dean, so I kept saying, "A little more to the left," or "A little more to the right." Anyway, we got to the house and it was like shock because the house... Nothing had burned. The whole place was fine. It's like, "How did that happen? It's okay." Yet the fire had changed. We had lost the west shelterbelt, which went on a half mile west of the house that had burned up. The shelter belt north of the house had not burned up. All of those trees were still smoldering and sparking and everything, so we figured that the house was going to catch on fire because I had no idea where the firemen were at that time.

Dean asked me, "What do you want to save?" I had some of my mom's quilts stored there and I said, "Mom's quilts." I took those and we left. We did not know if we would have a place the following morning because the wind by that time was really pushing towards the house and I just figured it would catch it, but it never did.

Diana: Did you go on to Englewood?

Jacque: No, we didn't. What we did was we took the, well the locals call it the Roller Coaster Road. That would be BB Road, and we went back towards the highway. We figured we'd better get out of there. Once you got on the highway, it was like driving on the moon.

Diana: What kind of things did you see or not see?

Jacque: Drift. The dirt had drifted because behind that, down at Englewood, once the fire was over, you never saw any ash. That rolling wind behind the fire had picked up enough dirt and ash that the ash was actually a half inch under the dirt. What you saw was drifted dirt. We just came slowly and got out of there and then went home to Minneola. The following morning, we were down there at 6:00 to see what we had.

Diana: Did you have anything left?

Jacque: Yes, we did. The house was fine and I was most appreciative of our firefighters and the county and everyone because the county had come in and put up two berms on the west side of the house. The fire went over the first berm, but it stopped at the second. Then the county had come in and gone around the yard twice spraying water for the firemen. I think that's what kept those sparks from catching.

Diana: Did they foam the house?

Jacque: No.

Diana: They just did water?

Jacque: Yeah.

Diana: Did you lose fence and pastureland?

Jacque: About nine miles of fence and pasture. Anything other than right there at the house, everything else was burned.

Diana: Did you have any cattle?

Jacque: We had cattle on us, but we did not own any of them.

Diana: Did they lose any of them?

Jacque: Yes. Terry Maphet was hit. He's the one that runs our land and between his place, which is on further south there, and ours, he had a herd of 300 and he had 80 left. Yeah, it was bad. However, there was a little miracle. There were two or three things that happened that were kind of funny. The first one, there was one little firefighter guy. I don't know his name, but he lives out there west of town on the old Green Ranch.

Diana: Is it Evan?

Jacque: Yeah, he was standing there and he was told to stay there, south of the house. I said, "Well, you know you can get more water at the irrigation well." He just shrugged, so I finally went down to the irrigation well and the irrigation well had burned for two days, the engine. I don't think it was usable, but I have since fixed it up again so the firefighters can use it if they need to, but yeah, it was gone. Everything was gone there.

I looked when I was down there; I was looking at that because, of course, that shelter belt there had also burned up. Again, it was that real high temperature and the bark was falling off and everything but I

looked up to the hill and we had an old silo in the hill. The old cows were walking out with their calves. What they had done was go in the silo, the fire rolled over them, and they walked out. They weren't hurt.

Diana: Did you see a lot of cattle that perished in the fire?

Jacque: Yes.

Diana: Did you help destroy cattle?

Jacque: No.

Diana: You just came back and did your own house. Did you see places where the fire got close to the house? Like no ember strikes on the house or anything?

Jacque: No. Didn't see any at all. Adam made a comment later, "You know, if the trees were about 100 yards away from the house, it seemed like that kept the house from burning." All of our trees were about 100 yards away from the house. I remember complaining about this when I was a child because I had to mow that, but I guess I shouldn't complain too loudly.

Diana: Not anymore. So what's your most vivid memory of the fire?

Jacque: I think the thing that I remember the most is, in this part of the world if we see smoke, we investigate and we take care of it. For the next two or three days, everybody just ignored it. There was smoke coming out from trees that were dead. You know, it was down inside the ground and there was just smoke and everything everywhere and we all just ignored it, which I thought was so strange because we had never done that, but we had to. I had to laugh. Terry was wearing a tennis shoe and a workboot. I finally said, "Okay, tell me why you're wearing a tennis shoe and a workboot." Well, he had stepped down into one of those smoke areas and his work boot... the metal in the workboot had just crunched up; so he had to cut it off his foot. He was so dang busy, he didn't have time to go buy another pair of workboots. It was two or three days before he finally got a chance to buy some new workboots.

The other thing that for me personally was in ten minutes my life turned. I was going one direction and all of a sudden in ten minutes, I was made to go another direction. I think of the people in Houston right now and I look at that and I go, "They had two or three days warning. We didn't have any. It was there and then it was gone." You know, Gardiner's, their house burned and as the crow flies that's about five miles from my parents' house. They estimate it took about ten minutes from my parents' house to Gardiner's house for that fire. That's moving pretty fast.

Diana: Do you have any knowledge or have experience with wildfires before this or controlled burns?

Jacque: Well, yes, through the years as I was growing up, Dad would go fight fires. My job was to make sandwiches and to provide water.

Diana: Do you have any family history about range fires? What they thought about them or how they tried to control them if there was a fire?

Jacque: In that area, they've always tried really hard to control fires. David and I actually, because we are neighbors, have talked about doing some controlled burning. There is a piece that we share fenceline and we've talked about controlled burning that area, but it won't be for a couple years anyway before that happens.

Diana: Did some of the fire take care of some of that?

Jacque: It took it all. If it could burn, it did. The only thing that we had left were the wheat fields. We had a section of wheat fields and two of them, we immediately gave up and put Terry's cows on there

because everywhere was just dirt. It was nothing but dirt. We were afraid the cows would get dirt pneumonia, so we were trying very hard to get cows off the dirt. We just gave those two up so he could have that for his cows.

Diana: After the fire, did you volunteer or did you have volunteers come help you?

Jacque: We had volunteers.

Diana: Where did they come from? What did they do?

Jacque: Oh gosh, everything. The first group helped us do one of the wheat fields. David and I had about five years ago redone the fence but they had redone the corner posts with hedge and of course, that's what burned. I called Spotts Lumber and got two dozen corner posts, came over picked them up, and we started working on it getting corner posts in so we could use that wheat field because there were no fences anywhere. I mean nowhere were there fences. We started finishing that one up and I called Randall Spare and said, "We need some help if you have some." He sent us a young man that had done some work with David the year prior as part of his schooling. Then a girl and another young man had given up their spring break to come. They helped us do that all the way around. That was the first group. The second group was from Wallace County and they helped us do some pick up of things and then started again with more fencing.

We just gradually have worked on fence throughout the summer. The third group was the most interesting because they were from Iowa and there were about 13 of them. Again, David's the one that called me and said, "We have these guys from Iowa. Do you have some fence?" Oh my goodness. They put in... David had a mile and a half of fencing that was put in two days. I had two miles of fencing they put in in two days. Then they went on down to Walker's and I don't know where else they went. They were just a group of guys; I think they were somewhat religious, but I don't know that they were with any group. They had all kinds of equipment and everything and they just built that fence so fast it was unbelievable.

Diana: So what did you do for water for the cattle that you put on wheat?

Diana: We had windmills.

Diana: None of your windmills were burned or tanks or anything were bothered?

Jacque: One of the things we do as a routine, at least I do, I don't know about other people, but I always keep water in my tanks. I generally have fiberglass tanks and I keep the water in there simply because I don't want the wind to blow them around. I also think it's a safer thing anyway because I kind of promote wildlife as well.

Diana: Did you see lots of dead wildlife with the cattle?

Jacque: I didn't see a lot of dead wildlife, but boy did I see the coyotes, so I know that there was a lot of dead wildlife around. It was funny we had a herd of deer that were at the house because that was the only grass for miles around, we had a herd of deer there.

Diana: Did they dispose of some of the cattle on your property or did they do it somewhere else?

Jacque: They moved them. Terry has some pens and they moved all the cattle over to those pens and examined them closely and then sorted them out and did it. That was so hard though. Everybody had their jaws clenched for three days till that was done.

Diana: They had lots of help, right? The vets came and helped?

Jacque: Yes, there was a female vet and I don't know where she was from, not here but somewhere else. I think she was an OSU vet, but anyway she dropped off the college kids and went on over and helped Terry, so I don't know.

Diana: So who were some of the people or agencies that proved most helpful during the fire or after the fire?

Jacque: My neighbor David Clawson was awesome. He was the most help and he kind of realized that there were things that David had access to that I don't. He was excellent help. I was quite surprised; I filled out both the KLA and the Ashland Community Foundation forms and received money from both and was most grateful for both. I was shocked at the amount of help that we received from the ag community.

It's one of those things that now we get to spend our time giving back. I always like to pay it forward, but this time I'm going to have to pay it back.

Diana: So what was your reaction when you found out all of those people were coming or that they were donating hay?

Jacque: Well, I was thankful because I had hay. I had 100 and some bales of hay that had not been moved off the property. They had already been sold, but they had not been moved out of that property. Of course, they burned up, so knowing that these people were there and they would have help to get through the next few months was unbelievable because there was nothing for the cattle to eat. I mean, outside of we did use those two fields of wheat but you know how wheat is, it gets kind of icky as it gets older and it was right on the edge anyway. At that time of year, we would have been pulling them off anyway.

Diana: Instead of putting them on. Did you ever go into Englewood and partake of some of the meals that they had there or come over to Ashland and eat at the camp or the high school?

Jacque: No. Basically I didn't even know that that was happening. I just went down there and worked, cleaned up, started getting things together and trying to figure out... One of my first jobs was to go around to all the land and figure out where I needed fence and all that. We didn't know about it.

Now several days later or maybe even two weeks later, we found out that there was stuff at the Christian church camp. I had requested some help, so I was waiting on them. They told me I could take things, so I took a case of water, gloves, and some stuff like that. Then when they started donating the fencing, Greg Goodnight took the fencing for Englewood down to Englewood to his place and then he'd send us out. You know, you've got X number of T-posts, X number of rolls of wire and so on and so forth. We'd go down and pick that up, but we didn't know about the food.

Diana: Where is your fencing now? How are you doing? Are you about done, or have you got a good start?

Jacque: We've got a good start. I just met with the guy the day before yesterday; he finally got to my area. He's going to be working on it. I'm thinking this next week, but it might be the week after.

Diana: So what are your pastures looking like?

Jacque: From the road, they look great, but when you get out in them, they're not there. However, did you see my picture? The other day I took a picture and posted it on Facebook. When I went down there to work that day, the pastures were alive with sunflowers, just absolutely alive and it was so pretty.

I don't know that this is true, but I have heard that when you see sunflowers like that, the next year wherever that sunflower was, there will be a clump of grass. That's old cowboy lore, but I've heard that.

There were a lot of people that liked the picture and then they also said, "Yes, we've heard that too." So let's hope that's true because those pastures were absolutely alive.

It needs to thicken up or we're not going to be able to put very many cattle on it. Some of that pastures, you can see how bad some of them were. They've not come back well.

Diana: So you have a lot of physical or financial loss caused by the fire?

Jacque: Both. I'm kind of estimating that there was probably around \$75,000 insurance; I'm in the process of changing policies. The first thing when I called, "Well, we don't pay for fence." Okay. "Well, we don't pay for hay." Okay. All the way through, it was just, you know, the amount of depreciation, the amount of everything... The insurance, I think I finally got a check for like \$15,000.

Diana: Did you lose all your irrigation or just the engine.

Jacque: Just the engine and the pumps didn't seem to be hurt. I had someone come and check the pumps, but they weren't hurt. The irrigation we've had working now that... I've bought a new engine.

Diana: So long-term effects, physically or financially, it's going to be a couple years before you recoup everything?

Jacque: Oh yes, at least, if not longer.

Diana: Because you're not able to rent your pastures?

Jacque: Well that, plus just the cost of depreciating out. Some of this stuff, now we'll see what the government pays on some of this fencing. We'll see; I don't know.

Diana: Were you amazed at the amount that the KLA and the Ashland Community Foundation were able to give?

Jacque: I was! I was quite pleasantly surprised. Yes. I really was and it was most appreciated.

Diana: How does that make you feel about the agricultural community? What had you known about it?

Jacque: Well, I think out here, I think most of us have had some kind of tragedy happen and out here we mostly take care of it ourselves. Then something this big happened and we didn't get any attention federally at all. My son lives and works in the Washington D.C. area. He was watching the FEMA Web website. FEMA declared it a disaster, but there was never any money allocated for it. In fact, the money that we've had allocated for it has been through USDA not through FEMA. It's been a total agriculture thing for us, people helping us and all that. It's not been others; it's just been the ag community. Somebody told me that there was a lady from upstate New York, she and her husband are dairy people. She came out here and worked like crazy. I also heard stories from some of the people that were bringing supplies. A lot of them had signs and when they would pull into a truck stop, they would fill up and the owner would just say, "Go on."

Now I don't know about you, but I know how much money that costs. That was a huge donation and they never got a thank you at all except from the people who were delivering. We don't even know who those people were. The same way with food, they would pull into a restaurant or somewhere to eat and when they found out that they were coming here, they would just go, "Go on."

So there are thousands of people that have helped us and we're not even aware of them. It's all been one-on-one, basically. It's not been through the government. We'll see how the government pays.

Diana: Can you perceive anything positive that came from this fire?

Jacque: Oh, we got so much closer as a community. I think we all became aware of how important all of us were to each other. I know the first time that I would see people, like for example the Walkers had come to Ashland to stay because their house had gotten a little bit burned. Plus, you know, they were clear burned out down there. The first time I saw them, they were all hugging and everything and so it was it was something that I think we all became a lot closer. We know somebody else has our back and we know that we have their back too.

In fact, David and I were talking about how we had a benefit for a guy that found out that he has cancer and it's bad. Now, I don't know how much money was raised, but it was a lot. I was kind of afraid because he's not a real well-known person, but people really gave a lot. So I was really happy about that.

Diana: Do you perceive that how we interact with each other has changed a lot? How about your neighbors out there, did a lot of them have damages like yours? Better or worse? Did they lose a lot?

Jacque: Yeah, all of the above. Some people lost everything, such as Mary Cox. David lost everything, but he kept his house. You know, he lost that big shed; he didn't really lose the barn. I was surprised he didn't lose the barn, but he didn't. So some people lost everything, but you know we've all helped each other pretty much. David and I just had a conversation about, "Okay, who pays for what here? We need to get together." I've had calls you know from some of my other neighbors. "Okay, what do I need to do for you?" and that kind of thing so that we can get this done as far as fencing.

Diana: Did you find it easier to accept volunteer help than before the fire?

Jacque: Well, I probably would never have taken volunteer help. Would you? Well, I don't need any help. Somebody said something the other day which I thought was very, very true. The volunteers showed up. We were kind of walking around in a daze, and the volunteers showed up and we had to start thinking about, "Okay, what can they do?" That made us start to focus in on what we needed to get done because yes, there for a day or two we were just...

Diana: When they did show up at your place, were you ready for them? Did you have something in mind that you needed done?

Jacque: Yes. Well, we were busy doing those corner posts and getting that field ready to put cattle on.

Diana: It made it easier to take them in?

Jacque: Yes.

Diana: So what can you do or have you done to prepare for a fire in the future or some other disaster?

Jacque: Well, obviously the fencing. I think we've changed on what we're doing. We're doing a lot of metal for the corner posts and everything. That's the big thing for us because not being able to keep the cattle where they needed to be was a huge issue. I mean the cattle just went on walkabouts. We had a moment of hysteria. Terry told me, "I put some cattle up in that pasture right south of your house." I said, "Okay fine." Well, the following morning, because I was coming down about 6:00 in the morning, I come down and I look over and I thought, "Well, I thought he was going to keep that wheatfield, but maybe he's decided not to because there was a bunch of cattle on it." Well, 6:00 that night he calls me and goes, "Where're my cattle?" I said, "They're down at the Easter Day place." He goes, "What are they doing there?" I said, "Terry, they were there when I got here at 6:00 this morning. I don't know. I thought you put them there!"

So no, they weren't supposed to be there. They had figured out a way to get out and had gone down there. I mean, we had water there and everything. I just thought that's where they were supposed to be.

Diana: What about the community? What kind of future plans can they make? What can the community do to better prepare?

Jacque: I think the first thing that needs to happen is we need to get those radios that the firemen need that go all over. Ford County just got them and we need those, because we've got a lot rougher terrain than even Ford County and knowing where people are at is vital. That's the first thing as a community we need to do. I think we've always supported our firefighters very much. In fact, one firefighter told me one time at Englewood, "We just don't have benefits because we get so much money we feel guilty." I think that's true that we all feel like they are doing a very, very important job. As far as some practical things, is it Ted Alexander over at Medicine Lodge? He's talking about putting in strips every 40 yards so that the fires can't jump that. Well, somebody said, "Well the Starbuck Fire would have jumped that." True when it got here, but down there at one point it was a little fire. I don't know when that was, but it was a little fire at some point and maybe a strip like that would have stopped it. I don't know because we have so much grassland here. It's very, very difficult and it's the same way over there. I don't think this is going to get to be less. I think we're going to have more of these fires.

Diana: What did you think of the wind that day?

Jacque: Well, it was the March wind. It was regular old Kansas. It really was. I mean it wasn't anything more or less than what it normally is, you just have to get out there and grit your teeth. I wear a dust mask because I'm so allergic to a lot of that. But work, that's what you have to do. But yeah, I didn't think that wind was any worse than it normally is at that time of year.

Diana: So what did you notice most when you travel back down to your ranch from Minneola each day that's different from what it was before March 6?

Jacque: Well, like the other day with the sunflowers. That was amazing. That was the first time I've seen it. I always feel sad about the shelter belts that haven't been pushed over or cleaned up yet. Mine haven't either; I'm waiting on a bulldozer. I miss that and I think we'll all miss that as time goes on because those trees did do a lot for us, whether we want to recognize that or not. I'm waiting for the last of this month because at the Easter Day place where we had this big shelter belt and we had the irrigation and a lot of water and all that. The monarch butterflies use that as a stopping point on their way south.

I always try during the latter part of September to get down there every day so I can see if they are there. I'm hoping that they will still be there. I was going to tell Terry I want to run the irrigation, even though we don't really need it, I want to run it so that it's there for the monarchs because it's amazing. There are thousands of them when they come. They've always been there, so I don't know. We'll see.

Diana: So what do you miss most after the fire?

Jacque: I didn't cry until about six weeks afterward, and when I cried it was because of the shelter belt. I remembered my dad putting those in and they're gone. I'm hoping to rebuild, but I think everything else will come back, but the trees, it's going to take a long time.

Diana: Do you remember how old you were when they put the shelter belt in?

Jacque: I was pretty young, I was about 10. That was 56 years ago.

Diana: They were little trees?

Jacque: The little guys that you buy from the state.

Diana: So you had three shelter belts?

Jacque: Two shelter belts that burned up. In fact, you know Mom and Dad's house is lovely because it doesn't matter how bad the wind is, it's quiet in there. So it's always been lovely down there and people have commented on that. It still is, but I think for me that'll be the part that I miss the most. I guess you know people out here talk about tree huggers in a negative way and I always go, "I'm a tree hugger! I live in southwest Kansas. I'm a tree hugger."

Diana: When you had the volunteers come in, what were their impressions of the area? Did you get to talk to them about it?

Jacque: You know, it was funny. They saw the beauty. Here it is, this blackened mess. So I realize, of course, I've always realized how beautiful it is, but I realized how much other people would appreciate that. It was amazing because a lot of our pastures are clear back in the middle of nowhere. So there are miles of you-don't-see-anything except maybe an oil well or a gas well. That I think was the thing that they loved the most, was the scenery even though it was, like I said, a blackened mess, they could see what it was going to be.

Diana: Have you been over east of Ashland?

Jacque: Yes, I have.

Diana: What did you think of over that way compared to Englewood?

Jacque: Well, that back wind must not have been so strong because you could see ash, but oh so many houses east of Ashland. Englewood lost a lot of houses too. Of course, I probably know the county better than most because of the job that I used to have, but they're gone. Those houses are gone. Everything's gone. So for me, that's kind of hard. I also went west because I was talking to Todd, who is David's hired man. I said, "There's this tree, I've got to send it off to K-State. I got to go get it; it's over at the Painter pasture out west of Englewood." I asked somebody, "Did we lose the tree?" Todd thought we had, but he didn't know what tree I was talking about. "Hold on a minute, I'll find it for you." But it didn't. It's this magnificent tree that stands out in the middle of everywhere. At one time I saw 20 head of cattle under it. It's a huge, gigantic... And I think, I'm not sure, but I think it might be an American Elm. If it is an American Elm because it's way out in the middle of nowhere and there is nothing else around it, if that is the case and it survived Dutch Elm Disease, they need to know about that tree. I hope that we can do that. It was still there. It didn't get burned down. It was about a mile south of where the fire went through, so that tree did not burn. I was so grateful.

Diana: Are there some landmarks that aren't there anymore, since the fire. Some things that you used to use as cues to turn to a certain pasture or go to somebody's house or something like that?

Jacque: Where I turn at the irrigation well, it's hard for me to find that anymore. It is very hard for me to find it. I have to, "Where is that?" because I always knew exactly where it was. That's one of the places that I know about is that one. Other things, especially in Englewood since I grew up there, I almost have a feeling like, "I've driven this far, it's there." I don't even look at corner posts or anything like that like I used to because it's not that hard. My mind just goes with the speed; it doesn't go with anything else.

I think that's the way it is with a lot of people down here. I know where you turn to go to my parents' house off the highway. Everybody has a really hard time with that one, but I know exactly where it's at. It's not hard for me to find it.

Diana: So what about friends that live away from here? Did you have lots of people calling or Facebooking you asking how you were or what was going on?

Jacque: Oh yes, I have a lot of friends in the Washington D.C. area and they were fascinated. It's been interesting because we met on a trip to China and then we got to know each other and we had a really good time. I posted a lot of the pictures and stuff like that for them to see how my life was. They don't

have any idea how my life is because their life is getting up and going to work in heavy, heavy traffic and all the things that you do in a big city. My life is getting up and going to work and taking pictures of sunflowers or whatever. It's a completely different life and a lot more physical. A lady that I buy makeup from, she's back east as well. She lives in Florida. (I know, I buy stuff everywhere.) Anyway, she goes, "Well, can I send you something?" I said, "Yeah, moisturizer, lip balm, and sunblock. That'll do it. That's all I need. Moisturizer, lip balm, and sunblock." When you're building fence, you don't need to look real good.

Diana: So do you have any other thoughts about this experience that you'd like to share?

Jacque: Well, just so much appreciation for what people have done for each other and how we all work together and then the ag community. Oh my gosh, I don't think I'll ever get over that. You know, Englewood just sent two trailers of hay yesterday to Montana. I don't know where they got that hay, but they did.