# AUGUST 2011 HAPPY HAPPENINGS

# **Future Family Reunion Business**



The people with Assignment #1 should consult with others about the date/place for the reunion as well as the other assignments, and try to decide by the Feb. newsletter so others can make plans.

We are going to be a little more organized about the Family Reunion in the future. There will be various assignments (see the white box). The families of two siblings will be in charge of each reunion (see the blue box). These two people will do Assignment #1 and decide who will be in charge of the other assignments. Please include your adult children in your assignment. They can help out a lot!

The Dye Cabin is an option every 2 or 3 years. Just coordinate early with Laura because there are others who use it.

Remember, with the service project, each of us contributes \$30. We ask \$10 from our adult children who are not in the Christmas gift exchange.

Thanks for all your effort in these reunions! They really do unite our family and are PRICELESS!!

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1. Set the date, make the reservations, determine the schedule, make all other assignments (The 2 people in charge for the year)
- 2. Service Project (2 people)
- 3. Food Assignments
- 4. Unifying Activities, including FHE and Christmas gift exchange and draw names for the next year (1 or 2 people)
- 5. Paper products (Mom & Lynn)

### People in charge of Assignment #1

2011	Larry & Loreen
2012	Laura & Lana
2013	Lisa & Lawson
2014	Leslie & Loreen
2015	Lana & Lisa
2016	Laura & Lawson
2017	Larry & Leslie







# Katelyn & the AZ Burnetts

Hello Family! All is well over here in sunny Mesa, AZ. The temperatures are still well above 100 and we are soaking up the last bit of summer before school is back in session and things start to cool down around here. We've all had a great summer and have tried to relax as much as possible before some of us are back to school (Mom & Drew) and the rest of us stick to our busy work schedules.

Dad is still traveling every week and we always try to soak up the time we get with him on the weekends. He is growing more and more successful in his work endeavors and we are proud of him for everything he is achieving on a weekly basis. He and Mom just recently had the awesome opportunity to be the "head cooks" at their Stake Girl's Camp and had a great time preparing meals and spending time with the other cooks and girls at camp. We joke that the only time he will ever cook for others is at girl's camp, but I know all the girls and Stake Leaders truly enjoyed all their hard work and made this known



at the end of camp.

Mom had a busy summer here at the house, visiting her Mom in Utah a baby girl who will enter this world and organizing things that she around December 12, 2011. They doesn't get a chance to during the are planning to name her Braelyn school year. She is still busy and have put Heather and me in working at Ishikawa Elementary School and with school starting room. We are all excited for the this week, she is especially busy first grandchild to be born and I getting all the kids enrolled in order know my dad can hardly hold in his for everything to run smoothly on excitement at the thought of being the first day. She is still a leader in a Grandpa! Tiff and Drew also the Beehives and is enjoying her took some time off this summer to calling with these young girls. She celebrate their anniversary with attends mutual activities every a trip to Florida. They stayed

to them through a standing ovation week and is having fun with these girls on a weekly basis.

Tiffany and Drew are expecting charge of decorating the baby's



Larry & Jill



Mom, Lawson, Larry



JILL, TIFFANY, KATELYN, HEATHER & LARRY AT KATELYN'S GRADUATION

#### AZ BURNETTS, CONT.

with Drew's aunt and had a blast some pretty awesome sunburns 🕷

lucky to spend time with Jon's side of school this semester but am glad that I celebrate her life. We will miss her the family in Santa Barbara. Heather finally get a break from homework, greatly but know that she is exactly is busy getting ready to run a studying and tests! I am planning to where she needs to be! marathon in January (PF Changs), so take the weekend of Labor Day off if anyone is looking for relief from the but after that, the season starts and I else and if anyone is in the area, snow in Utah, Idaho or Wyoming...you will be busy, busy, busy until the please do not hesitate to visit! We love know where to come! Jon has also season ends in June! taken up a new hobby of golfing and has been very faithful in going 2 or 3 to travel up to Logan, Utah to attend times a week (even 3 times in one my Grandma's funeral. She passed

day!). My dad has gotten back in the away peacefully on Saturday, August on any weekend they have free time.

Last week we had the opportunity

spirit of golfing and we find them going 6th and has since joined her husband, daughter, sister and granddaughters I have had a busy summer and with in heaven. We (along with Grandma lounging on the beach and getting all my weekends free, I have taken time White, Piersons and the Utah to go on mini road trips up north to Burnetts) attended Grandma's funeral Heather and Jon are busy working Payson and Flagstaff to beat the heat. on Saturday and were moved by the as a Physical Therapy Technician and I am still working at the Desert words that everyone spoke. It was an Army Recruiter. They took a trip to Botanical Garden and love the work I great to see our extended family and California this summer to celebrate get to do on a daily basis. I am still in out of the 26 grandchildren that my Jon's cousins graduation and were shock that I don't have to go back to Grandma raised, 25 were there to

> We hope all is well with everyone and miss you all!



## THE SORENSENS

We have had a great summer. It is sad to see it coming to an end. We had a great time seeing everyone in California, and really enjoyed all of the things we saw there. After, we drove to Arizona to see where the Coon's and Burnett's live. I'm glad we did. When we got back to Utah our Branch had a temple trip planned in SLC, so I took Jaxon and Jancy to that. We have also taken a few trips to Utah over the summer. One was to pick Jancy up from a basketball camp at BYU, and we took a horse for Aaron's sister, Patty, to ride. Dixon, and Rix stayed with their Grandma Sorensen. It was weird to have only 2 kids. Then Patty brought them home, because they were coming to visit. One we took Aaron's mom some hay, went to the temple, and drove home through Idaho to pick up some wood to do posts and railing in front of our house so it looks nicer.

We did our rodeo series, and the kids all did well. Aaron's mom came to watch one, and mom and Lynn came to watch one. It is a lot of work, and no one seems to want to help, but we don't know how to get out of it, and the kids seem to like

it. After our last rodeo Dixon was out with Aaron, and drove the Ranger home. When he got home he had a huge goose egg on his head, and scrape marks on his head and cheek. He kept saying his arm hurt, but was moving it all around. I figured I would watch it and see. It didn't slow him down much, but he did keep favoring it. I remember mom telling of me breaking my arm, and taking me to the doctors office, and telling me to stop playing, and sit down and act like I had a broken arm. About 2 weeks later he got a bump on his arm, so I took him in. The doctor said he had broken it, but that it was healing quite well.

He put a splint on it so he didn't reinjure it. Dixon was proud of it for a day, but then it was just hot and itchy, and in the way.





Before school got out we took the kids antler hunting. It was a really cold day, but I liked it a lot up by Dubois, and rode the horses around for quite a while, but found some pretty nice sheds. A much easier way to get horns. We are getting quite a collection again, maybe we will have to make some more chandeliers.

Our garden has done well this summer. It had a slow start, but we eat out of it every day. The better than real hunting. We went kids' favorite was that after years of planting, waiting, and moving, we have been here long enough to get raspberries. Whatever they have in them that is good for you, we have a lot of that in us. We have canned beans a couple of times, and should do beets, but

we still have some. We love tomato sandwiches, and the kids eat cucumbers almost every day.

Jaxon went with one of the Riverton wards to a scout camp. He went on the Wilderness High Adventure hike. He didn't love it, but I'm sure he will remember it for a long time. I think the thing that he didn't like the most was that there were a few guys that were pretty wimpy, and kept slowing everyone down. It was pretty cold, and there wasn't much to eat, but when he got home he seemed to appreciate the simple things a lot more.

The kids start school on the 22nd. It is our even year- Rix Kindergarten, Dixon 2nd, Broox 4th, Janey 8th, Jaxon 10th. It will be weird having Rix go to school, but I have a pretty good list of things I have been needing to get done. He said the other day, "You are really going to miss me when I go to school, aren't you." It will be different for sure.

We love you all, and will probably see you at at Thanksgiving.

Jaxon, Jancy, and Broox took steers to the fair this year. Jaxon and Jancy got \$3.75/pound, and Broox got \$3.25/pound. It is a big project, and kind of a pain, but it is a good way to earn mission, and college money. Jaxon already has all of his mission money, and has started saving for college, so it is probably worth it.



Jaxon getting his steer ready to show.



Jancy and her steer.



Dixon

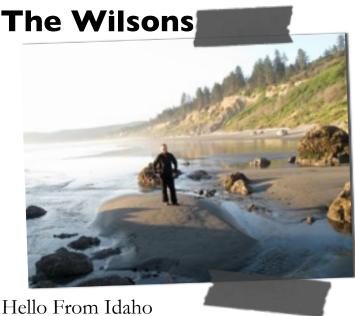


Leslie in the Hoh Rain Forest near Forks, WA









It is sure good to be back in Idaho. Once again I spent a good chunk of the summer 13 June - 27 July at Fort Lewis Washington training cadets. My days started by waking up at 3:30 AM and heading out to the woods where I would pick up a group of cadets and take them on six two hour missions walking through the woods. At the end of the day we would finish up reports and get back to the motel at about 8:00 PM; get something to eat and go to bed and do it all again the next day. Needless to say that was getting old. While I was gone Leslie kept the place going by gardening and taking care of the lawn. With our wet spring our flowers and our lawn are green and growing wild. We decided to try square foot gardening this year, so before I left we built eight boxes out of railroad ties and put them in our already existing garden space. It was pretty cold up here all through June so we are pretty far behind, but it looks like we'll have a good harvest. She also kept busy with her callings and her friends and the gym. She is a den leader for the Bears and teaches the 12 year-olds in Sunday School.

Once LDAC was over Leslie came up and we had a great vacation. We spent most of our time in Forks, Washington chasing vampires and werewolves. It is a great little town right on the edge of the Olympic National Forest. We hiked 20 miles in the rain forest one day and checked out the tidal pools at low tide the next day. The area we were in gets fifteen feet of rain each year so it was sure green. Now that we are back home we have been wildly trying to get all of the raspberries harvested and house repairs completed.

Our missionaries are both doing very well. Jeff finally got out of the Dominican MTC and out into the field in mid July. He is loving it but it is not easy. The mission had been experiencing a lot of problems just prior to him getting there. He came in just shortly after they got a new mission president and they are working very hard to get things back on track. Jeff is in a very small town way out in the country close to the Haitian border. The people there are extremely poor and water and power are very tenuous. They don't eat with the members because disease is very common and they are too poor to share what little they have anyway. They can't really keep food at their apartment because they don't have power most



# Wilsons, Cont.

power most nights because they loving life right now and feeling need the fan to sleep. You can also the spirit and he's really thankful imagine that all his showers are for that. cold, but that's okay because it is really hot. The toilet and sink in a more rural area of New Mexico his bathroom don't work, but to Placitas. The other day she sent that's okay because if the water us a picture of a bobcat just sitting goes out they just go get buckets at on their patio. They live with a a tank and they need them to flush family in their house and they are a the toilet anyway; you can't drink trio right now so it's pretty tight, the water, they have to buy all their but she gets along really well with drinking water. He says that some they could be in the nice larger week they got two new areas like Santa Domingo but he investigators and she was pretty loves it there. matter how bad it gets it is so realizing that the work in the States much easier than wandering is much slower than in countries through the Arizona desert with like the Dominican Republic. They meager supplies in a home made work a lot with less actives and back pack that he can put it all in they have some new converts that

days, but he is grateful that there is perspective. He says that he is

Brianna has also moved out into both of them and they are really elders might complain and wish doing well there. She said that one He says that no excited. We were excited for her,

they are working with and love a lot. She is also happy and doing well.

We just got some good news We thought he was from Rich. going back to Afghanistan in October but it looks like the troop draw down has canceled his Unit's deployment so he will be staying at Fort Lewis Washington for another vear. He likes it there a lot. Of course he had only been there for the relatively dry summer. We will see what he says about the place after the eight strait months of rain start in October.

Amy and Tyler are doing great. Amy is working while Tyler is finishing up his degree. By this time next year he is hoping to apply to Occupational Therapy School.

## The UT Burnetts \*\*

The end of June we had our annual camp for the Priest age boys. This year we invited Teacher age boys as well and went to a BSA High Adventure Camp. Tanner was able to come to the camp with us which was very nice. We spent several days involved in waterfront, cope, rock climbing, rappelling and shooting activities during the day and then spiritual activities in the evenings. It was a very enjoyable camp.

Kelly, Landon and Meguire went to Canada for 3.5 weeks. Kelly's mom had her 80th birthday and then a couple of family members got married so Kelly wanted to be up there for those things. She and the kids had a great time. I think Kelly was ready to come home by the end but Meg and Landon would have stayed longer. They enjoyed the time with their Canadian cousins.

Thayne had his boy scout camp while they were gone. He enjoyed camp and I had 1 week pretty much alone. Cason was there but with his weird swing shift schedule (3:30pm - 2am) I don't see him much.







#### **UT Burnetts, Cont.**

Cason, Thayne and I went up to the Summit with Mom and Lynn one weekend. We took our mountain bikes and went for a pretty good bike ride up there. Thayne got worn out and didn't go the whole way. He stopped and tried to 'moo' some cows in while Cason and I continued the ride!

A couple of boys in the stake wanted to get their cycling merit badge so I offered to take them on their final ride which is 50 miles. We went to the Legacy Parkway in Farmington to start out the ride. There is a very nice paved trail that we rode from there down to North Salt Lake. The trail actually goes further North and South but that section of it is so nice to ride because you don't have to cross any streets or deal with any traffic. That section is about 13 miles so we rode it up and back twice to get the 50 miles in.

Landon finished baseball and his team did really well. They took 1st place in our Roy city competition and then went on to place 2nd in the county tournament. As soon as Landon got back from Canada his football practice started and he's been doing that every day since then. He comes home sweaty and tired every night but he really likes it which is nice.

Thayne and I went golfing the other night at a course pretty close to home. We teed off at the first hole and could see something up on the green several hundred yards away. When we got closer we could tell it was a pair of foxes! I hit my approach shot just short of the green and one of the foxes trotted over and laid down by the ball! I thought he might carry if off but he just sat by it. As we got closer they got up and ran away.

Thayne turned 14 and I was able to ordain him a Teacher. Mom and Lynn came and spent the day with us for that.

Meg and Thayne are back into soccer (actually Thayne never stopped!) Thayne played in tournaments through the summer. Now he's playing on 2 teams and I'm coaching one of them.

Thayne just got braces on and his mouth is sore!

The kids have varying levels of excitement for school to start next week! Meg is very excited and can't wait. Landon and Thayne are ok with it but not as excited! Kelly will start her PE teacher job at the same time and I think she's glad to get back to that.



#### **The Coons Family**

This has been a fabulous summer for the Coons family! After working at Intel for 7 years, Todd was given an 8-week Sabbatical so we spent the whole summer together.

It started with a great trip to San Diego for the Family Reunion. We loved it! Our other big trip was to the East Coast. We visited D.C., the Hershey Factory in PA, NYC, went to our old ward in Connecticut, the Norman Rockwell Museum, Palmyra and the Hill Cumorah Pageant, and Niagara Falls. Hope you enjoy the pictures.





Aubrey, Jancy & Hannah in San Diego



\$1 million in ten-dollar bills!



We went to "Mud Day" and the kids played in the mud to their heart's content. They did muddy obstacle courses, played in the mud pit, got hosed off with a fire hose, then we all went swimming.



Washington, D.C. Temple



Hershey Factory



Good thing Brittney was there to hold up the Washington Monument!



#### The Coons Family, Cont.

Todd:

Loved his 8-week Sabbatical

Bought a Prius and gets 50

Built a chicken coop

Teaches a "Preach My Gospel" class for adult ward members

His uncle died

Grew our best garden yet and sold food at the Farmer's Market

Hannah:

Turned 14 & went to a Stake **Dance** 

Went to Girls' camp

Took a Sewing class

Grew 3 inches this year

Started High School

Running Cross Country and playing the violin in Orchestra

Loreen:

Loved having Todd home this

Bought new living room furniture

Does Yoga at the YMCA

Goes walking with an 80year-old lady that we all love

**Enjoys her Book Club** 

Is on 3 Booster Boards at school

Aubrey:

Was in a Sewing class - made lots of cute things

Was very sad when our 4

Started playing the cello

**Was on Swim Team** 

Went to a Basketball Camp

chicks got eaten by the dogs

Reads every chance she gets

Swim Team

birthday

**Brittney:** 

Turned 16

Girls' camp

quilt

Caleb:

fires

Basketball camp

a hot glue gun

Got his Wolf Scout

after over 3 years!

Got her braces off - Finally,

Started dating and driving

Sewing class - made a pieced

Runs Cross Country and

sings in Choir at school and

Loved the Father & Son's

outing - especially making

Made dozens of planes and

ships with popsicle sticks and

Got two pigeons for his 9th



The Statue of Liberty



With Lehi at the Hill Cumorah Pageant



The Sacred Grove



Do you recognize this from "Home Alone 2"? It's in the F.A.O. Schwartz Toy store in NYC



Niagara Falls. We rode the "Maid of the Mist" down by the falls.

#### The Whites

Hi Family,

What a great three months! We started May by saying "Goodbye" to Jeff. Wow, a lot has happened since then for Elder Wilson! We were so happy to be invited to the Dye's for Mother's Day. Greg is great! He cooks for Laura, his mom and me every year! Thanks, Dyes.

We left Tuesday May 10 for Arizona. We were able to enjoy many events in addition to seeing sweet Katelyn graduate and receive her Bachelor's degree! Events like attending Brittney's and Hannah's concerts. They were great! One of the highlights was when Lynn and I joined with Larry and Loreen to do Temple sealings for one of my Great Grandmother, (Sarah Welch's) brother's family. This completed a family effort to provide all the ordinances. Katelyn threw an amazing graduation party for friends and family (with a little help from the rest of us.) Thanks, Katelyn, for including us. It means a lot!





I guess one of the most exciting parts of our summer is our **Garden!** 





It has been years since we had a garden and it has been so good! Of course, I certainly had forgotten how much space everything takes up! Here are some pictures taken in May when everything looked so neat and orderly. Well, it doesn't look like that now (on the right.) Must be celestial soil! It's part of the Church welfare farm. They worked out something with the Stake and plowed up a huge strip of the farm, installed sprinkler lines and the Stake divided it among the wards. It's amazing and very inspirational to see how many families are gardening! Lynn said he bets if he had a truck he could gather a TON of excess squash!

Every year we take flowers and decorate Amberly's grave. We try to go before Memorial Day, July 20, and her Birthday August 9. So on May 27 we took our decorations and did our little visit. I tried something new this year and did a funky, sparkly, feathery arrangement which I thought she would have liked. Trouble is, it's not holding up. Oh well, we'll do another.



Then there was the family reunion! We really enjoyed the trip. It was great to travel with the Sorensens and Leslie—a little crowded—but worth it. We're so grateful for our wonderful family and we missed Lisa, Lawson and families. It was good to have

Thayne come. Of course, the great relief was that we found Dixon! I was so impressed that he had been taught to pray and that he remembered to do it! How sweet. I love you Dixon. Let's keep it up, family.









We kept Meg and Landon a couple of days while Kelly was at Laurel Legacy camp. What sweet little kids! Of course we went swimming! Plus I took Meg to Book Club with me. She was a perfect little lady and she really enjoyed the refreshments!



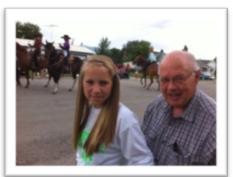
Landon had football practice so Grandpa took him back to Roy for that. Meg and I came on Friday. AND, we made an adventure out of it. We packed a little lunch and boarded the Trax Light Rail in Sandy. We got off in Salt Lake City and boarded the high speed train "Frontrunner" which took us right to Roy! It was lots of fun.

July 4 was a little different (but good) this year. Jancy was in Utah for 2 basketball camps. She had the July 4 weekend between camps. So, Amy picked her up at the Expo center Saturday and drove up to our Cabin. Leslie and Zoey came down and we had a great time. There was a festival going on in Malad so we went into town, had a baked salmon dinner and attended a play at the "Iron Door" Playhouse entitled "1776" about the US declaring our independence. It was good. We all attended church in Malad on Sunday and had a great dinner. Then Leslie and Amy left. Grandpa, Jancy and I played games, had treats, shot a few baskets. Then at dark did a few fireworks. We <u>loved</u> having Jancy! She brings out the kid in me.





Monday we attended the Malad July 4 parade and yes, it was a "candy" parade again just like years ago when the family went. We wrapped up our holiday by going to a fireworks display.





I dropped Jancy at BYU with more fear and trembling than she had. It's a big place and it seemed it would be daunting to a 13 year old. Not so! She met with her friend and they struck out walking from Helaman Hall to the Smith Field House. I had bad dreams that night about Jancy having trouble. But she didn't! Grandpa and I picked her up on Friday and attended her awards ceremony. Wow—she's really good and got some recognition! We took her to Garland to meet up with her family. She sure is a trooper. Good job, Lana and Aaron, you're raising them right!

Guess what? After about 15 years of more or less continuous running, our Maytag washer gave up the ghost. So, in its place we have a bright red, front loader! And of course, a dryer to match! How 'bout that?



We couldn't go a year without seeing the Sorensens in their Pavilion Youth Rodeo! So We made a quick weekend visit July 15-17 and watched those kids ride and rope and do all that they do so well. We also enjoyed watching them swim, be a nerd and be TOUGH! We loved it.





A real highlight came on July 20. Background information especially for the kids: Grandpa is one of 9 children in his family. Lois, Barbee, Phyllis, Bryce, then Grandpa, Neil, Karl, Karma and JeanAnn. That's NINE! Phyllis died about 25 years ago so that leaves just 8. Now this family is very close. They continue to have reunions every year and nearly every year they all attend. But at that reunion the grandkids and their kids are invited so that the brothers and sisters don't get a lot of time together. I thought it would be good to have the two that live close to the cabin come and have dinner. They said yes and then the rest of the siblings found out and they *all* 

wanted to come! kinda sickly and on (Karma who lives had dinner out on and then we went where there's real cousin J.R. and our comfortable benches we have and talked. It was his hair-cutting kit brothers-in-law just one of the witnessed lately. totally accept me I don't have to be parents and no



Even the ones who are oxygen. Well, all but one in Oregon) made it! We the patio behind the cabin down by the stream grass (thanks to Lynn's Lawson) and we sat in swing and on the down there and talked amazing! Bryce got out and the brothers and lined up for a trim. It was nicest things that I've And the BEST—they all as part of their family! So an orphan with no brothers and sisters!

Karl White, Neil White, JeanAnn White Schuldberg, Bryce White, Lynn White. Seated Barbee White Buchanan and Lois White Betts





We just couldn't stand for Leslie to spend her Birthday alone so we planned a PARTY! Leslie and Zoey, Amy and Tyler, Lawson,

Thayne, Cason and we got together at the cabin and celebrated! Of course Leslie did most of the cooking 'cause she knows how she likes it! We all love each other lots. You know how I can tell? Well, Friday night Amy and Tyler slept on the cabin floor in the kitchen,



Thayne slept on one couch, Leslie on the other, Zoey in her kennel, Lawson on his cot by the door, Lynn and I on the futon and Bella and

Cody (Burnett dogs) on the floor by him.(They were amazingly good. Way to train 'em Lawson!) Not that Cason didn't love us, but he slept in his car. We played games, some shot guns and shot guns and shot. And of course we ATE! Happy BD sweet Leslie!

Gaylene, Grandpa's daughter and Bailey and Lauren, his granddaughters came to stay for a few days. They live

in the Philippines and had come home to Nebraska for a couple of months. They came to Utah to visit and we got to have them with us part of the time. We had a good time.

Well—that concludes our May, June and July. Trouble is, this is August and it's hard not to mention that right now Lynn is in terrible pain with a bulging disc and pinched nerve. He's on pain medication and only able to walk with support. He has a walker and can get around some. So—pray for him. He's scheduled for a procedure on Tuesday, Aug 23 where they will inject cortisone in the exact place using fluoroscopy. We're banking on it to help.

We love you all so much. Look back at our entry and you'll see it's all our FAMILY!





PS

How great it was to be with my nephew, Tom, and his family. I called him when we were at Sea World and he met us there!! He has such a sweet family and we loved to see them!!

# THE DYES

SPRINGVILLE, LAKE POWELL, BOATING, OCEAN AND RODEO ADVENTURES





Laura Training Dolphins at the Sea-World Show in San Diego.

By not sending a newsletter entry, you, too, can have these exciting adventures and more!!!

# **Wow! Have We Changed!**

There have been a lot of changes in the Dye home this month.

Greg dyed his hair red and tried to grow a scruffy beard.

Anthony and Zach each have two new girlfriends and we all had a great time boating.

People Hardly Recognize Us!!



Jeremy bullfighting to save circus clowns.



Ondylyn was contacted by the publishers of the new Strength of Youth pamphlet to demonstrate what clothing is inappropriate. She was paid in Ice Cream.



Anthony and his new girlfriend Joni went rock climbing with his new foreign exchange student Maria-Santa-Rosa-Pena-Catalina-Selina-Gomez.



Laura enjoying a ski trip on Lake Powell with her new Gucci sun glasses she bought at Reams.