

# HISLOP HEADLINES

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ROY, UT

## NIGHTMARES....

Roy, UT: Early New Year's Day Miles tapped Teresa on the shoulder and told her he was scared. Having stayed up to see the New Year in, she was more than exhausted so she pulled him in and went immediately back to sleep. Later Lance started snoring. Frightened by the almost inhuman noises next to him, Miles yelled "MONSTER" and threw himself from

the bed. He raced into his bedroom, climbed beneath his covers, and spent the rest of the night in the safety of his own room.

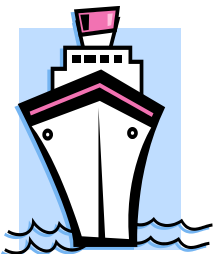


## ...AND NO NIGHTMARES

Roy, UT: Grace told her mother that Heavenly Father does not always answer prayers. "Last night," she began, "I really, really wanted to sleep with you and Dad so I prayed that I would have a nightmare so that I could go to your room. Then I woke up this morning in my own bed; Heavenly Father did not send me a nightmare like I asked."

## PARADISE FOUND

Pacific Ocean, WORLD: For seven days Lance and Teresa were in paradise, thanks to Lance's parents who, in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, took all of their children and spouses on a Caribbean cruise. In case you have not been to paradise, here is a description.



- ☀ There is unlimited food in paradise. **UNLIMITED.** And no dishes.
- ☀ Unlimited reading also. Teresa read 8 books. She did not bring War and Peace.
- ☀ Countless activities

including, but not limited to, boogie boarding, scrapbooking, yoga, sauna, ice skating, miniature golf, 44' climbing wall, and, yes, shuffle board.

- ☀ Ports in paradise feature snorkeling, swimming, fishing, and endless shopping.
- ☀ And, of course, there is family in paradise. Being with the Hislop clan was truly the highlight of the trip.

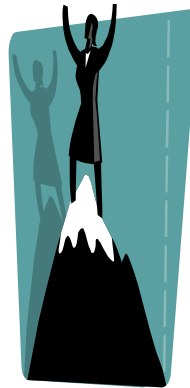


## RELAYS AND REALITY

Seattle, WA: Runner's high is real, even at sea level. Teresa and her brother Wright, his wife Carole, and their two sons, Wright Miles and Hamilton, joined their Johnson cousins to run the Northwest Passage, a 180 mile Ragnar Relay race down Washington's coast. Says Teresa, "One of the reasons I love Ragnar Relays is that, for 30 hours or so, one steps out of reality. The world fades; problems step back; real life disappears. For an arrested moment in time, all that matters is working together to complete the race. Ragnar Relays are not about running; they are about connecting. It is the connections that make the experience." Perhaps Ragnar Relays are reality exemplified. In the big picture (the really big picture), aren't connections what it is all really about?

## FABULOUS FRIDAY

UT: Where were you Friday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m.? Chick and Teresa were on top of Ben Lomond Peak. It was the first time Chick submitted a mountain but it will not be his last. He found the air at the peak very intoxicating and is committed to climb many more of them.



Meanwhile, down in the valley, Lance and the girls were at Lagoon. For Lance's birthday, Tanah and Grace purchased Lagoon tickets for themselves and for him. The three of them partied all day at the amusement park. Gracious Grace led the way, slowing easing Tanah into the more daunting rides; timid Tanah turned into a roller coaster junkie; and their darling dad heroically won each of them a stuffed animal.

## SOUP OR SANDY?

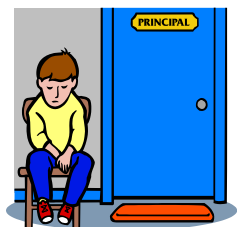
Roy, UT: If you are ever given the choice between soup or Sandy, we (editors of Hislop Headlines) highly recommend that you choose Super Sandy. Among other things, she picks, bottles, and shares green beans, watches one's children AND paints the living room while they are on a cruise, orchestrates trips to Yosemite, puts one's children on the inaugural run of the FrontRunner, (the Wasatch Front's new commuter rail), and solves the eternal "you-left-your-shoes-all-over-the-floor-again" problem. We choose Sandy.



## FOOLS TWO DAY

Roy, UT: Teresa received a phone call one morning from a man who told her to tell the children that school had been cancelled. Teresa obeyed. Tanah was ecstatic; Teresa was watching some of her home schooled friends that day and she anticipated spending the day playing with them. Chick was dismayed; thanks to some poor decisions about turning in his assignments he was doing manual labor until mid-terms came out; he anticipated a long day of pulling weeds and shoveling dirt. "Are you sure?" the kids asked. I told them to check the calendar to see if it was written down. Soon enough, they realized it was April 1<sup>st</sup> and they identified the caller as their dad.

But the fun did not stop there. All the way to school they schemed up retaliation plans. They decided to request "blue slips" from their teachers. [Blue slips are the absolute worst form of discipline administered at Midland Elementary.] Miss Phillips wrote Grace a damaging blue slip. In Mrs. Frederiksen's class, all of Tanah's classmates requested blue slips also. Mrs. Frederiksen gave blue slips only to children whose parents would not assume the slip was deserved. "You have to be good to get a blue slip today" was her mantra.



## TANTALIZING TIDBITS OF INANE INFORMATION

♥During a church basketball game one of the refs called three seconds in the key on his wife...while she was playing defense...and he was serious.



♥Dagwood sandwiches, Hislop style: It starts at the top of a hill, on a sled. Lance lays on the sled first, then Teresa,

Chick, Tanah, and Grace. The "sandwich" slides down the hill and ends up smashed at the bottom.

♥Teresa received the following email from a student: "I really don't get assignment #1.9. I know I have 2 write a paper. Does it have to be 500 words? I don't even know 500 words."

♥Angel Mountain Hunter, the Hislop's burgundy 1998 Toyota van, is no more. Teresa totaled her on the first day of school. Joining the family is Saphira, a deep blue, 2001 Toyota van.



♥Blaze games (arena football) are awesome. ReAL games (professional soccer) are better.

♥During family scripture study, Lance read the word "abomination". He paused and asked if the kids understood what the word meant. Grace said, "That is what we are now...an Obama-nation."



♥Chick shaved for the first time in September. His comment on the experience: "It tickled."

♥Grace was baptized in June.

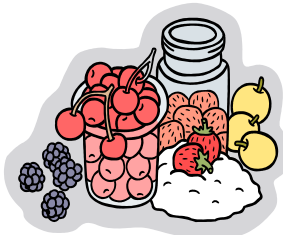
♥Book recommend: Touching History: the Untold Story of What Happened in the Skies on 9/11 by Lynn Spencer.

♥"New" to us this year: freezer, pant size (too big), sofa (we are the fourth owners), wall colors (gold and burgundy), lambs (three), hair color (Teresa is blonde), carpet between berry rows garden, Settlers of Catan game (Chick would play 24/7), parakeet (Tanah's).

♥"Old" favorites: Pinochle with Dragos, peaches and cream, down comforters, garage sales, Peter (1992 Toyota truck), Tammy Lewis' birthday gifts, Gram and Grandad, Grandpa and Grandma, library, Annie (dog).

♥CANNING REPORT: (Quarts) green beans, 24; grape juice, 180; tomatoes, 62; dried tomatoes, 7; peaches, 7; dried peaches, 19; frozen blackberries, 16; dried apricots, 8. (Pints) blackberry jam, 11; applesauce, 53; cranberry applesauce, 31; pear butter, 6; apricot jam, 29; apricot/pineapple jam, 15;

chokecherry syrup, 11; peach jam, 38. Fruit roll-ups, 128.



## BRACE FACE ON

Syracuse, UT: Tanah began a new season of her life in November—and it was a bracing experience. At 8:00 a.m. she was so

excited to get braces on. At 10:15 a.m. she began eagerly anticipating getting her braces off. Her mouth was sore and already she craved Skittles.

### From Teresa:

It is Christ's willingness to take our mistakes upon Him that sets Him apart from the other great teachers of the earth. Like Christ, Mohammed, Buddha and Lao-Tse (Taoism) taught compassion, humility, forgiveness, service, and love. Unlike Christ, they did not offer to pay for our failures to live compassionately, humbly, and lovingly. With them, we are left to suffer for our own mistakes. Only Christ offered to pay for our lapses, to suffer for our mistakes.

And He did not stop there. "And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind...and he will take upon him their infirmities, that his bowels may be filled with mercy, that he may know how to succor his people according to their infirmities." (Alma 7:11-12) He experienced pain and sorrow of EVERY kind. As a legitimately empathetic Being, He truly knows how to best comfort and guide us. But He does not stop there. Not only will He pay for our sins, He will help us with the sorrow and heartache that accompany sin. In fact He will help us with all sorrow and heartache, be it caused by our sins, by the sins of others, or by life's circumstances in general, if we will turn to Him.

What a Man!  
What a Savior!  
What a GOD!!!!  
Praise be His name forever.



## STALKING THE BEANS

West Haven, UT: April 22 is National Jelly Bean Day. Finding jelly beans to use in one's National Jelly Bean Day celebration is not as easy as one would think. Teresa started her jelly bean shopping quest at Wal-Mart; no jelly beans at Wal-Mart. Next she visited Sam's Club; no jelly beans at Sam's Club. She went to a dollar store; no jelly beans at the dollar store. Finally she found jelly beans at Dallas Green, the feed/farm store where she buys grain and fertilizer. Go figure.



### MISTER MILES SAYS:

► Miles had a huge bloody nose one Sunday. On Monday he said, "I am a big boy now." Oh? "Yes," he affirmed, "I have blood now instead of boogers." He also cites the hair on his arms as signs of his impending manhood.

► Miles said to his mother, "My poop is green. Green is your favorite color." Maybe not now.....

► The Hislop family was discussing places they would like to visit. Chick said, "I want to go on a cruise and to Washington D.C." Grace said, "I want to go to the Redwoods." Miles said, "I want to go to Mrs. Wempe's." Mrs. Wempe is their next door neighbor.]

## THREE SCHOOLS

Weber County, UT: Grace goes to Midland Elementary; Tanah goes to Quest Academy; Chick goes to Sandridge Jr. High; and Teresa goes crazy trying to



get them all to school on time.

### From Lance:

2008, 2008, Great Great Great. The kids grow up and I grow older. Teresa grows more beautiful. We have had our share of trouble and drama And this though has kept me going. "In this life we **will** have tribulation but be of good cheer, Christ has overcome this world." John 16:33

Smile, Be Happy and Enjoy Life.

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