

GREETINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! Michalik's 2008 Holiday Letter

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Mimicking Lex - December 2008



A lot happened in 2008. We have a new baby and a new Commander-in-Chief. And the disastrous fiscal policies of the Clinton years have finally come home to roost after eight years of careful stewardship by our outgoing President. Therefore, we thought we would share with you the **Top Eight Ways we Saved Money, Embraced Change, and Went Green** this year:

1. Had another baby for the additional tax break.
2. Co-sleep to save on extra furniture costs, AND Barb can breastfeed the whole family at night.
3. Amelia forced to wear blue clothes with sailboats, trucks and baseball emblems so that brother is spared any frilly, pink hand-me-downs.
4. No more personal assistants, personal chefs, in-home massages, and drivers.
5. Added an extra number (this one, #5) so we didn't need to think of something.
6. Changed mirrors to black and white because color was too expensive.
7. Skip doctor visits - getting Preventive Palm Readings instead.
8. No more pricey LA salons for us! Flowbee haircuts for all. ("Uses your standard home vacuum to deliver a neat and efficient home haircut solution").

And it's not just all about hard work, no raises, no bonuses, and lost retirement savings! The year has been good to us, too! Here are our Top Ten Best Things about 2008:

1. Lex is born in Jan 2008.
2. Everyone made it through Amelia's "Terrible Two's" with minimal scarring.
3. Andrew is "enjoying" his 6th year at Sony.
4. Amelia and Lex were Christened in April in New Jersey.
5. We kept the local economy humming by investing in landscaping and now our house really feels like a Home.
6. Amelia is growing into a bright, young girl thanks to her teachers at her afternoon YWCA classes.
7. Our friend Becca has been helping us with the youngin's, which means we get to talk to each other and hear each other, occasionally...
8. Amelia learned to set off fireworks in Avila Beach, and chase chickens around the vineyards of Paso Robles.
9. Lex caught a cold, which was not good, but he lost a pound making him easier to lift for one lovely week.
10. Andrew and Barbara celebrated their 6 year anniversary of their first date on Dec 9th.

Hooray! What was your year like? Look forward to hearing about it! **Love to all!**

Additional photos and family info at www.Michalik.com.



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