



Bob and Listy buy vacation home in Palomar

Recently, we received the following e-mail messages.

September 11, 2005

Hi Dad...

Check out the cabin that we've put an offer on....very cool. It's in Palomar (only an hour and 15 min. from our house). We're waiting to hear if they'll be accepting our offer...very exciting...we could be having Christmas in the snow...smile

.Listy

September 11, 2005

We bought it....we now have a cabin and are in the market to sell our Julian property....it's exciting...

Listy



Listy and Bob have visited their new place on several week-ends, and are very excited over their mountain retreat. The purchase price included the furnishings, so they can visit any time, from now on. Although located in a rural setting, there are other homes nearby, so they are not completely isolated.

Ed Riel moves the earth in Vista - new shopping center planned



One of Ed's active projects involves grading a building site in Vista, in preparation for a shopping mall. This is no small task, since some major changes in the landscape are required. The project is going well, and Ed reports that it will finish on schedule. The major tenant will be a Walgreen drug store, along with other businesses that are being signed up. This is Ed's first commercial job, and he hopes that he can develop more business in that area.

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Bob bikes with Lance Armstrong

By Bob Gillingham

I was invited to ride in Lance Armstrong's Tour of Hope by a Lower School parent who works for Scripps Health. For the ceremonial launch of this Tour, Bob and 39 Scripps and Qualcomm "vip's" were to ride 30-40 yards behind Lance and the cancer-survivors' group as they began their journey across country to raise money for cancer research. We left Scripps, rode down Torrey Pines Rd. and were separated from Lance's



Bob is on the left in row two.

group by a line of police motorcycles. Once we crossed the bridge leading to Del Mar, they directed the v.i.p. group off on Carmel Valley Rd. A few of us knew that Lance's group would ride over Del Mar Heights Rd. intersecting El Camino Real, so we detoured 4-5 miles, finally catching them again. We ascended Del Mar Heights Rd., and one of Lance's riders fell (but wasn't hurt). While the police tended to him, traffic (and a few riders, me included) slipped around their blockade and joined Lance's group... it was a real thrill. So, now I can say, quite legitimately, that I rode in the same peloton with Lance Armstrong! Wow!

The above article was written by Bob, and we thank him for sending it to us. We also learned, in a conversation with Listy, that Bob recently completed an Iron man marathon. The race included swimming, running and biking, and he finished well, especially in the biking leg. We congratulate him for two outstanding athletic accomplishments.

News from our man in Korea



Recently, we received from Birdy the following e-mail letter from Curtis. Dear Mom, Sorry, things have been pretty hectic around the office, so I haven't had much down time. Things are ok here in Korea. They are still doing the field training exercise so I haven't been able to head off post into Waegwan yet. I hope to do so in the near future. The training thing is supposed to end early September. I can't talk too much about what I have been up to; some of it has been really fun and some kinda boring. I will be going to the M9 range this Friday to qualify with the 9mm pistol. I already shot and this trial range thing- that was super cool. It is like a giant movie theater with a bunch of pistols hooked up to an air compressor and this big computer unit. We ran through different practice ranges and finally we did this thing that was like scenarios of when it is good to shoot or not shoot. It was fun. Basically it was playing with a million dollar game. It was really cool. I shot pretty well on that machine so I think I will do ok on the range this Friday. Tomorrow I go and pick up more gear (ugh) and then I will do more company in-processing. It was fun today cause I got to play agent a little bit, and I am starting to learn the trade. I know that I have a long way to go but it was really cool to sit in on some of the meetings I got to sit in on, I also got to meet a 2 star general today, which was pretty exciting. That pretty much concludes this edition of my stories from the Korea land. I love and miss you all. I will go and clean my room up some tonight, and who knows what wonders tomorrow may hold. I'll talk to you later Your son, Curtis

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Recently, Birdy sent us the correct mailing address for Curtis, as shown below

PFC Curtis Hartman
B Co 524th MI Bn, Camp Carroll Unit 15269
Box 340
APO, AP 96260

Some birthday celebrations

Recently we celebrated birthdays with Richard and Ed. Ed's party was thrown by his family, and took place at the Black Angus restaurant on Sports Arena. The group, besides Grandpa and Grandma, included Jan, Margaret, Bud, Francis, Lyle, Chris, and Nathan, with girl friend. It was a great party, with lots of fun and great food. In case you are wondering, it was Ed's 57th. The whole group joined in to wish him many, many more.



Richard's birthday, his 58th was celebrated by dinner at Seau's, in Mission Valley. Grandpa, Grandma, Liz, and JJ were on hand to wish him well and many happy returns.



Marguerite Stein, Family friend, dies

Several of the Riel children, especially Francie, were friends of Laura Stein when they were still in school. Francie, especially, has many memories of her and Laura being driven from one school activity to another by Mrs. Stein. She was a very active and involved mother, and made a deep impression on all who were associated with her. Mrs. Stein's obituary appeared in the August 27th 2005 issue of the Union Tribune. It is too long to reproduce in its entirety, so we have extracted several of the more interesting items in her life.

A court reporter by day, Mrs. Stein studied law at night the University of San Diego. In 1946, after attending Hunter College and a business school she enlisted in the Navy.

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stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, she earned certification as a Pitman shorthand reporter, a skill she applied in naval court-martial. She was given early discharge to work as a civilian for the Department of the Army at the War Crimes Tribunal in Europe.



Marguerite
"Margie"
Stein

After the assignment in Europe, Mrs. Stein returned to New York to attend Fordham University. She married a Marine Corps officer, Alfred F. Stein, and they had five children. After they divorced, Mrs. Stein moved her family to Chula Vista and worked as a court

reporter in the San Diego Superior Court.

Mrs. Stein was the lone woman among 15 graduates in 1966 from an initial class of 47 at USD's law school.

After being admitted to the state bar she joined the District Attorney's Office. She became the first woman in three decades to be appointed deputy district attorney in San Diego County.

In 1976 she joined the Napa County counsel's office, where she worked until she retired in 1986. In Napa County she became absorbed in the study of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order. After affiliating with School Sisters of St. Francis, she earned a masters degree at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis

After practicing law for nearly 20 years, her faith lead her down a different path. She became a nun with the Milwaukee-based School Sisters of St. Francis.

After she left the convent she studied law at St. Paul Pontifical University in Ottawa, where in 1990 she earned a second masters degree. She served as national canonist for the Secular Francisco Order before returning to San Diego in 1994 to work as a judge for the Roman Catholic Diocese.

In 2002, after the second of two heart attacks she moved to an assisted living facility, where she served as president of the residences council.

Mrs. Stein died on Wednesday, August 24th at Kaiser Permanente Hospital of complications from heart surgery. She was 80 years old.

Some news from Dubuque, Iowa

Frequently we receive letters from our family friend, Sr. Mary Paschal Kelly. Grandma first met her when in college at the U. of Dubuque. She is on the RFNL mailing list, and kindly responds after getting each issue. We always look forward to hearing from her, and want to share this latest communication from her. She now is over 90, and retired in Dubuque.

Love + Jesus!
Oct. 5, 2005
Dear Edith and Frank,
This Sept. RFNL was quite fascinating to me. I was especially interesting in the news about Curtis and Susan going into the war preparation. Got, — I don't really like his deliberately putting himself into the danger of death. Doesn't that worry you folks? I would like to hear more about Curtis and Susan and their career in service to our country.
I was also keenly interested in the celebration that Margaret and Bud had for you. I'm so interested in Megan and Michael also. All your family have become highly educated that is in imitation of you two, no doubt. Your pictures depicting fun vacations at some famous park give me a big thrill. If only I could have known you as real people through the years.
Thank you for your continuation of sending the R.F.N.L. Perhaps I will never get better acquainted with your family than by reading about them through your effort, Frank. You do such a great thing writing a R.F.N.L. What a skill you have! I am so glad we all kept in touch. Do you feel well now, Edith? I am so glad you recovered from your back injury.
I love you. God bless you
Sr. M. Paschal