

Family celebrates Easter Sunday at Francie/Lyle home

The family began to arrive at the Sorem home about 11:00 a.m., and by 12:30 just about everyone was enjoying snacks and drinks, just as we have doing for the past few years. There was a special couple getting a lot of attention. Carol and Jeff had announced a few weeks ago the engagement of Lauren and Dustin, and they were the center of attention conversation and picture taking. Before the party broke up there were some formal comments and toasting of the new couple. In the meantime we enjoyed great food in abundance. There was a slight problem when the grill was not firing, but the combined skill of Lyle, Jeff, and other advice-givers the problem was resolved. Lyle expertly grilled chicken, hamburgers and shis-ka bob. The meal was topped off with dessert: ice cream, pie, and ice cream cake. It was a great party and we thank Francie and Lyle for all of the effort they put forth to make it so successful.





Annie nears graduation – considers job opportunity

Birdy sent us this news item about Annie and her possible job after graduation.

Hi Dad,

Annie is in the process of considering whether or not to work for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). In this capacity she will be working for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights as a Clinical Paralegal.

The JV's primary responsibility is to coordinate *pro bono* legal assistance for low income individuals through the Clinic. The JV's role in this process begins with prescreening clients. This is typically done through in-person interviews. The JV interviews clients to determine whether they have a legal problem with which a Clinic attorney might be able to assist; whether they are "income eligible" for the Clinic; and



whether they have any pressing legal deadlines. The JV writes an intake on each eligible client, which is then discussed with the staff attorney who coordinates the Clinic. A follow-up interview is sometimes necessary. Written intakes are then forwarded to the firm staffing that week's Clinic. Finally, the JV assists with the Clinic itself: welcoming the clients; explaining the process to them; and answering questions. Lawyers' Committee's involvement with the client typically ends once the case is assigned to a Clinic attorney.

When the JVs are fluent in Spanish (which Annie is), they have been able to assist further in interpreting in attorney-client meetings and in other proceedings as the case progressed. This has been immensely helpful to smooth Clinic operations and has also proved interesting and rewarding for the JVs. We are very impressed and proud that she would consider this opportunity that has little monetary rewards but will benefit the world in such a great way. She will be stationed in San Francisco for one year, starting this August, if she accepts the assignment, which at this time, is very likely.

Thanks for asking, Listy

Look for more news on this subject in future RFNLS

Alan Sorem joins RFNL staff

Recently the RFNL staff was expanded by the addition of Ed Riel as Associate Editor and Margaret Riel as Editor and Circulation manager. The newest member is none other than Alan (Big Al) Sorem. He has agreed to take over



as Sports Editor, and his responsibilities include collecting family news items on various sports activities. As you all know from past RFNLS, Listy, Carol, and Jason ran in the last Rock and Roll Marathon. Listy is a

10 year veteran of the R&R marathon, Bob Gillingham has done several Iron man Marathons, Dustin was a star on the UCSB Lacrosse team, Listy is headed for Boston for the famous Boston Marathon, several family members, including Grandma and Grandpa are active Padre fans, Robert is an active Charger fan and fisherman, etc. Thus, there is a significant sports side to the family, and Big Al's responsibilities will include collecting and publishing what's going on.

In order to do the job properly he will need help from all the family. He can't make up the news, and he must rely on input from everyone. He would like to find a couple of parents or grandkids to act as "beat reporters" and feed him various items of interest. If you are interested contact Alan directly and work directly with him. In any case, whenever you are involved in any sports activity be sure and send Alan an e-mail with the details. Also, pictures will be welcomed as additions to the story.

We certainly thank Big Al for helping out, and look forward to his input.

Sports news with Big Al

We have the following report from Grandpa and Grandma on their first Padre game

Yes, baseball is back, and Grandma and Grandpa took in their first game of the season on Thursday April 9th, the first day game, with the Dodgers in town. It turned out to be a real thriller. After seven rather boring innings the home team came to life. The Padres were trailing, 3-1 at the home half of the 8th, but a one out home run light up the team. When the inning was ended the Padres had taken a 4-3 lead.

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That was not the end of the excitement, however. In the top of the 9th, with the new closer, Heath Bell pitching, the lead-off Dodger hit a triple. After much suspense a grounder and a double play brought home a win for the home team. There was one



unpleasant incident, however. The trolley ticket vending machine no longer issues round trip tickets, and we were told that we would have to buy our return tickets after the game. At the Petco station we complained to a trolley security guard, who assured us that return tickets purchased prior to game time would be honored after the game was over. Also, the fares have been increased. We plan on following up on this unacceptable new procedure. Other than that it was a great game and we look forward to more as the season unfolds. GO PADRES!!



us where they had knocked out walls and rearranged the entire floor plan. The home has a nice fenced in back yard with a patio and nice lush grass to mow. The interior will be equally nice once the remodeling is complete.



Francie has a new car



As you can see, it is a Mercedes SUV, and it is a beauty. It has a great stereo system, lots of extras, and is a pleasure to ride in. We celebrated by going to lunch at a new Fashion Valley restaurant, the Bing Crosby. We had a great time and thank Francie for the treat.

Seamus and Kristy move in to their new home

A few Saturdays ago Listy and Birdy treated Mom and Dad to a tour of the new home recently bought by Seamus and Kristy. At that time the home was in a state of being remodeled, with much help from Seamus' dad, Tom. He greeted us with paint brush in hand, and graciously showed



Balboa Adventures

Since the last newsletter, the Saturday afternoon Riel troupe has continued its exploration deeper into the Park of Balboa bringing both treasures and defeats.

Counted as a treasured excursion was the trip to the Natural History Museum. Not only was the museum a valued trip in it self, but as it so happened on that day, performing at the organ pavilion, provocatively in the flesh and for the enjoyment of all, ethnic dancers and musicians from around the world. After absorbing all the culture one could truly ingest in a sun-drenched afternoon we scootered on to the more scientific pleasures of the museum.

The top floor of the museum, for my liking, was a little lame. It consisted of remarkable pictures of animals in touched-up photography, artistically presented, but void of information. The second floor down was, to my relief, just the opposite. It consisted of black and white aerial photographs of the barren southwest with the aim of displaying all the possible types of earth's movements; from alluvial fans to fault lines. For the deep, unexplored, Geo-physic emotions in all of us those pictures resonate. As would the bottom floor resonate for those who can't get enough of dinosaurs. It is a worthy display of our region's prehistoric plant and animal life. The bones are exhibited with recreations of the living animals, both big and small. But amongst all of the new, I was delighted to discover that at the museums' entry the massive pendulum, which I remember from my visits as a young boy, and was probably among the first exhibits in that building, which is probably older then me; still swings.

Our trip the following week to the Air and Space Museum was an equal treasure. From the preverbal dawn of aviation to the edge of our evolving space age there are models to actual size aircraft on display. The little movie about the local airline industry was quite interesting. Slightly disconcerting though, was the reality of how much of air history is about warfare. From the First World War dog fighters to the present day, jet and helicopter warships, and the awesome march of technology representing the human requisite to inventively kill each other is unapologetically displayed. It is with some relief you end the museum tour with space exploration and the hope that this is an endeavor that we might learn to do together.

And "all together" was what all of San Diego seemed to be the following week, as we attempted another venture into the park on the same day as the well attended regional Sciences fair. While I am sure the displays were worthy, the lunch establishments were quite overwhelmed by the crowds. Since we were ill provisioned we retreated in defeat to Mission Valley for a more leisurely lunch at El Torito and plans for future excursions.

