



The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

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Corbin Vincenti Hartman

BORN - May 30, 2009

Weight - 8 lbs 1 ounce

Length - 20 inches

The long awaited arrival of the latest family member occurred more or less on schedule, that is, the end of May. Great Grandma and Great Grandpa got the news at lunchtime, as they and Great Uncle Ed were enjoying a meal at El Toreto's, in Mission Valley. On Sunday afternoon Grandma and Grandpa visited the new arrival and proud parents Ana and Craig, at the hospital. Ana's mother also was there, and we took turns admiring the handsome new baby. He is the picture of good health, has a loud voice when he feels like using it, but he also is quite content to take a quick nap now and then. We were able to get some nice pictures at the hospital, plus some more taken by Grandma Birdy after they came home from Grossmont hospital.



Best wishes from the entire family to the newest family member, Corbin Vincenti Hartman!!

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SPORTS NEWS

Listy and Friends Run the Boston Marathon 2009

As reported in December, after running a 3:59 marathon at the California International Marathon in Sacramento, Listy, Kym, and (teaching friend) Cory decide to take their qualifying times and compete in the very famous Boston Marathon. With their husband's support and Michelle Hartman on hand for additional cheering, everyone had a great time. The first day was spent exploring the Race Expo where the girls purchased these snazzy jackets to the left and



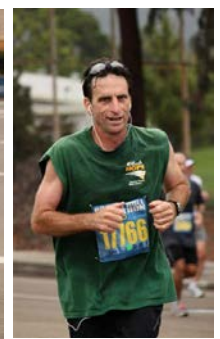
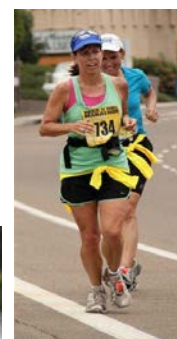
picked up their race numbers and free BRIGHT yellow tops. Doug used his connections and found tickets for Fenway Park where we got to see the Boston Red Socks play and experience serious baseball games on the east coast. While Bob, Michelle, and Cory's husband took a ten-mile run along the Minute Man trail, the REAL runners decided to drive the course so they knew exactly what to expect throughout the day. The weather was a cool 40 degrees and they had to load the buses early so they could be at the start on time. The race was fantastic! Listy reports that she never hit the wall and ran the entire way. Her splits were pretty even, showing steady progress throughout the race. The best part of the run was at the halfway point at Wellsley College. This is famous



for the girls screaming, which can be heard long before you get there. Heartbreak Hill is a series of four hills that stretches out for four miles, but are not significantly steep to be noticed too much. The placement in the race is what makes it most difficult for people who aren't used to running hills, but for SD runners, it really was a piece of cake. Boston College at mile 21, was also memorable because from that point on, the streets are lined many rows deep with fans screaming in support of every runner. Dropping into the downtown area is amazing...so many people and there's something neat about running along the Charles River...near Harvard Square and up towards Copley Center...very inspirational. Listy finished strongly with a 4:05 time (pace 9:21 per mile) and qualified for next years race. But for all you real runners you can be really proud because Listy managed to beat a very famous runner from the Boston area...Bill Rogers. Bill won Boston five times in the late 70's early 80's (that's before the Kenyons starting racing) and he finished with a 4:07 time, slightly behind Listy. It was a great time for all of us and now we're ready to take on the Rock and Roll Marathon on May 31 in a much warmer and more sane city...good ole San Diego.

Thanks, Listy, for this great story on your Boston experience. You and your friends are to be congratulated for finishing so well in this famous marathon. As you pointed out above, the famous San Diego Rock and Roll marathon was next,

scheduled for Sunday, May 31st. As usual, Grandpa took up his regular viewing position on Friars Road at 7:45 a.m. This year he was joined by Robert, and they used the scooters to get there. We were just in time to see the lead runners group (about a dozen), all running at the same speed. At about 9:15 Doug came by, followed by Listy and Kym (9:25), then by Bob G. (not in training) and Ed Riel, who was a marathon newcomer and finished the race in good time; quite an accomplishment for a first timer. Nathan Riel also entered, for the first time, and ran well until about the half way point. Then he experienced a painful knee injure. He was determined to finish the race, and did so, painfully walking most of the way. At the end he and Dad enjoyed a cold beer and talked over this great experience. Congratulations to all who participated. We understand that Seamus and Kristy are starting now to train, and plan on entering next year's race. Grandpa and Bob both took pictures, so we had good coverage.



Science Olympiad 2009

Diana Ramos (rm. 206) and Austin Pikeako (rm. 203) didn't even realize the physics behind potential and kinetic energy as they experimented with trial and error to use torque and the dynamics of friction to propel their Tin Can Car to the finish line for a 2nd place ribbon at the Science Field Day on May 16th. Thanks to the scientific expertise of the Benesch Family (Jason and Michael Mehan) and Mrs. Benesch's Dad, Dr. Riel, our Encanto School teams propelled forward in more ways than one.



Encanto's eighteen 4th and 5th graders studied for three months to become experts in their fields of entomology, engineering, astronomy, electronics, etc. They competed against 58 other teams in San Diego County and brought home 9 ribbons out of 15 events

San Diego County Fair: Contests & Competitive Exhibits



Francie wins award for photograph entered in County Fair We all know that Francie is a very talented person. Recently she has taken a serious look at photography as an art form, and she has entered two of her works in this year's fair. If you attended the last Mothers Day party you may recall that they were displayed on the pool table. When the fair opened she found out that one of her entries had received an award.

hey dad,
Imagine my surprise when I got to the fair to see that my photo entry received an honorable mention!!!!!! Pretty cool, I was so surprised given the photographic talent around mine. In case you don't get to the fair to see it, here is what it looks like. me

Some family travel news



Summertime is upon us and several members are on the go. **Brett and Bryce** are touring Ireland: if you would like to see some pictures check in at facebook. **Robert and Karla** are touring the Midwest in the motor home, and do not return until the 29th. They will be visiting Karla's relatives. **Margaret and Bud** are in Amsterdam on a business/pleasure trip. Margaret sent us a brief film clip of her shopping at a museum store. Unfortunately, we were not able to download any of the content. **Francie and Lyle** will be leaving soon for a Hawaiian vacation. **Birdy and Bruce** will be leaving soon for a tour of Germany. **Annie** is leaving on the 14th for a week plus vacation in Argentina. The big travel news, however, is about **Michelle**. In the May RFNL we reported on the great news that she will start her post doctorate research at the U. of Bonn, Germany next year. They are flying her there for a tour of the facility, and she will add on two weeks vacation. We have a copy of her blog describing some of the places she is visiting. We do not have room in this issue for all of her reports, but will work them in as time goes by. Here is a start.

German Surfers

Germany is not totally land-locked. Parts of its borders in the north touch the ocean, but I am unsure about whether there are waves there. As a surfer girl myself, I am very keen on watching surfing. While in Heidelberg, my friend Andrea and I spotted a guy in a wet suit paddling up the Neckar on a short-board. There are absolutely zero waves on that river except perhaps the residual wake from a boat passing. I hollered down at the guy and said, "Yo dude, you should head out to California for some real surf!" I think he was totally startled, but he yelled back up, "Ya, I like to surf in Australia and France!" Then he just continued paddling for the shore. You can see him below. It totally cracked me up!



There were more surfers in Munich on the Isar in the English Garden. The difference is, there is a man-made wave that comes along that people line up to do some surfing solos. One major difference here is the direction of the water-flow when you are on the wave. Another major difference is that you aren't allowed to surf there. Nobody stops these crazy dudes because there is a sign posted saying that you aren't allowed to surf there. That way, if you get hurt, you can't sue because you were warned!

Thanks, Michelle, for the news on your travels in Germany. We will work in more as time and space permit!

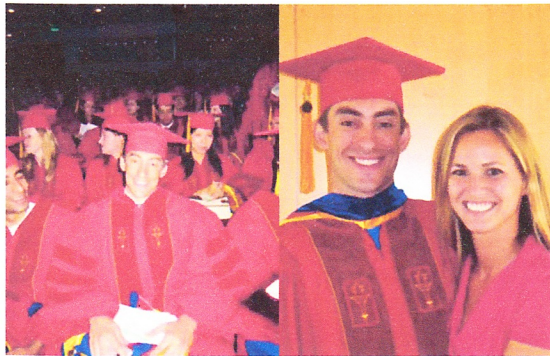
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Michael is Hooded Dr. Mehan at USC

Michael Riel Mehan went through the hooding ceremony from the Middle Ages to become Dr. Mehan. Margaret and Bud and his girlfriend Ashley traveled to Los Angeles to celebrate this great passage. Michael was draped in the crimson colors of USC and the auditorium was filled with pomp and circumstances.



But despite the enriching intellectual environment of the last five years of study at USC, the school was never able to win Michael's loyalty. Even on this day, it was clear that his heart belongs to the UCLA Bruins. See the picture that proves it, and other graduating pictures of Annie and Brice at the RFNL web site.

Annie graduates from Gonzaga University - Class of 2009!

The Gillinghams, Keiths, and Hartmans packed up their bags and traveled to Spokane, Washington to watch Annie and her boyfriend, Ben, graduate on Mother's Day. We started the weekend touring downtown Spokane which included a stop at a bar that lets you post a dollar on the wall if you sing a song in front of everyone. Seamus and Annie jumped up on the bar and sang, "We will Rock You!" as the rest of us chanted and clapped along.



On Sunday, we proudly watched our Magna Cum Laude, double major (Spanish and International Studies) graduate

receive her diploma and enjoyed a family barbeque at her house with her roommates and their families.

Our last day was spent running along the Centennial Trail and going to lunch with Annie and Ben. Annie is scheduled to go to San Francisco this summer to work for the JVC (Jesuit Volunteer Corps.). She will be learning all the ins and outs of being a paralegal while serving the homeless who might have added legal problems to their hard times. Annie will get to use her fine Spanish-speaking skills to help others. She will be living in the Mission area and will leave on August 8 for one year. We wish her the best of luck in this new assignment.

Brice an Arizona State Graduate

Well, it is official! Bryce has graduated from Arizona state. on April 15th, several members of the Riel/Sorem/Hall family converged on Tempe Arizona for this occasion. Super cousin Jason Benesch drove all the way to Tempe to be a part of this celebration. We all appreciated the gift of having him with us. Richard and Charmy came as well, and Evan and Robin joined us in spirit, since having new baby Dylan, travel with three boys, one a new baby, would have been a little to rough for all. Laura graduated as well, summa cum laude, and will be attending Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to do her graduate work in psychology. It will be quite a weather change for both of them so all of you with extra winter clothes you don't need anymore, please pass them in their direction. Bryce will be looking into a three-year apprentice program in culinary skills.



Thanks to Margaret, Listy and Francie for these great articles