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First Post!

Ok...so I copied Jenna - I guess imitation is the sincerest form of flattery! I just love reading her Blog, so I thought I'd start my own. I'm not going to tell anyone about it - we have a website for Shayna already so this is kind of redundant.

Tue Apr 11 22:07:00 PDT 2006 |
A Happy Passover to All!

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Top Five Things I Love About Passover:

1) Matzo ball soup
2) The Seders
3) Charoset
4) Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine (only on Passover!)
5) Did I mention drinking A LOT of wine.

Top Five Things I Don't Like About Passover:

1) Matzah
2) Constipation related to #1
3) Not being able to eat alot of things I like.
4) Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine (gotta drink it on Passover)
5) why we eat parsley in salt water.

Tue Apr 11 22:49:00 PDT 2006 |
What To Write?

I am sitting here in front of my home computer wondering what to write... First off it's really hard to think about anything else other than a crying baby. For some reason tonight (during Survivor) she woke up crying after only being asleep for 15 minutes. This is such a rarity that I dashed into her bedroom and picked her up - well, after picking her up and convincing myself that there is nothing physically wrong with her, I put her back down in her crib. Shayna then stood up in her crib, also a rarity, and started yelling at the top of her lungs, "Mamamamamamama Waaaaahhhhh." Now how could I NOT pick her back up... well, I did it again. The Cardinal sin!! Now she definately will not go back to sleep. I even tried lying down in our bed with her. All she wanted to do is play with the remote she found on our headboard. Well, to make a long story short, I decided to put her back in the crib and let her CIO (cry it out). It has probably been 8 months since she woke up right after putting her to sleep for the night. Wait a minute.... I think that's silence.... yep, as I am writing this....she's asleep. And, YES I still feel guilty and I want to run in there and check on her.... but I know she's fine and I'll check on her in 5 minutes. What can I say.... I'm a first-time mommy.

Thu Apr 13 21:25:00 PDT 2006 |
Rainy Day Schedule

Another Spring storm hits southern California and it's time to find something to do, other than sitting in the house all day! Shayna and I decided to venture out into the rain with the Lindsay Twins, accompanied by their mom, Lisa. We met the trio at the La Habra Children's Museum. I have never heard of this museum before, but it looked like fun on their webpage (www.lhcm.org). It's weird how things come full circle...about 10 years ago I worked on a huge grading job (for 6 months) just a few miles away and I never even knew this place existed...

We had a blast! There were tons of things for toddlers to touch and feel and play with! They even had an indoor carousel!

Shayna, my little Paleontologist, even got to sift through some rust colored sand. She uncovered lots of dinosaur bones and even an unhatched dinosaur egg! Look out, Jack Horner... Here comes Shayna Beth Marie! It's too bad that every time Shayna had a little bit of fake sand on her hands she ran over to me to wipe it off. It's OK... it was fake sand. Can you blame her?

Then we headed over to the taxidermy room. Shayna really liked petting all of the dangerous looking stuffed animals. Here's a picture of her pinching a hyena's nose while making an oink noise. Those things have some pretty terrifying looking fangs! Then she headed over to the coyote (doggie) with Mason (one of the Lindsay Twins).

They really liked petting it, even though it had some pretty gnarly fangs! Whatever, it was soft! All in all, it was another stellar day, even though the weather didn't cooperate!

Fri Apr 14 21:49:00 PDT 2006 |
Easter Has Come and Gone...

Mark and I spent Easter Sunday having fun with Shayna. For those of you who do not celebrate Passover, a Yom Beytzah Sameach (that means happy egg day in Hebrew). I put some Rice Chex cereal into little plastic eggs and placed them throughout our lawn. Shayna had a blast "finding" her Easter eggs and putting them into her "Easter bucket." I just didn't have time to go out and find a basket, so we had the next best thing! What do I know...I'm Jewish!

Shayna was so cute looking for her Easter eggs! Here are more pictures of her on her hunt! She's so cute with her bonnet!

Later in the day, my parents came over to watch Shayna for the afternoon. Mark and I needed some alone time so we drove over to the Edwards 26 Movie Theaters... Mind you, there are 26 theaters and all we could manage to agree on was the wonderfully huge hit, "Bench Warmers." Nice... we were the oldest people in the movie theater! Oh well it was kinda funny, but I won't even recommend it for a rental! It was a fun day and Shayna didn't even notice we were gone!

I took this picture of Shayna on Sunday and I just had to post it!

Mon Apr 17 20:17:00 PDT 2006 |
Seinfeld Episode???

Hmmmm...where do I start? Well, for one thing, what is the deal with ironing? No, this is not a Seinfeld episode. I was going to write in my Blog tonight about how cute Shayna is, but then I remembered that I have a meeting with a big client tomorrow morning. It then hit me that I haven't done some ironing in, well... quite a while! So I broke out the ironing board and plugged in the iron. I then went to my closet and picked 3 or 4 shirts out - then walked back to the ironing board. While I was pressing this very hot/steaming plastic handled iron I totally thought to myself, "what the heck are you doing?" As soon as I get this shirt on tomorrow morning, I'm heading out the door, coffee in hand, and jumping into my car - where my shirt is going to get totally wrinkled because I have to sit in 1 1/2 hours of traffic to go 21.5 miles! Well, here I am - iron still sucking power out of the outlet (our lights dim when it powers to stay hot), one more shirt hanging on the ironing board... writing in my Blog.

Did I already mention how cute Shayna is?

Here she is last Sunday with her Grandpa meeting a Llama for the first time.

Ahhh... Actually I'm kinda stoked it didn't spit on her!

They also had some newborn goats in the pen next to the Llama. We were told that they were actually only a couple of days old! Ahhhhh..... They were so cute and little! It made me think about how it will be a whole year since I stopped nursing Shayna. Time flies!

Then Shayna and I decided to do some "Spin Art."

These guys put a plastic frisbee in a spin art box and for $5 you can squirt paint and make pretty designs! Yipppeeee - what a blast!

It made a for a pretty fun Sunday at the Sherman Oaks Fair with Grandma & Grandpa!

**Wed Apr 26 22:04:00 PDT 2006**
**Bath Night**

I love giving Shayna her bath. She loves to splash her toys around and she absolutely loves her bath crayons! We received these as a gift from my friend, Lori, and she has to have them for every bath.

After Shayna's bath we head to the changing table to dry off and lotion up (my favorite part!). Then we get her PJs on and brush her hair... Growing up, I never played with dolls that had hair, so this is a first for me... I don't know how to brush someone else's hair, let alone mine! Anyways, I'm a quick learner and it's so much fun playing with and even styling Shayna's beautiful blonde angel hair!

**Fri Apr 28 09:22:00 PDT 2006 |**
Child Labor Law???

Yesterday, Shayna helped us out in the yard. It was a blast! She is so funny! I would trim the bush and she would pick up the clippings and put them into a bucket. What a great little helper! She was out there with me for an hour... just picking up the leaves as they fell! As you can see by this picture, she was so good at it that she did it with her eyes closed! Today was the day we wished we had triplets! We could've had the whole yard covered!! That bucket sure does look heavy! I am so glad that we got her to wear her hat. Even though she looks like Mark, she has my Eastern European (Russian-WHITE) complexion. We are so very nervous about prolonged time in the sun. It is stated on her antibiotics to avoid prolonged sun exposure. We’re just cautious anyways! Shayna has really begun to imitate everything that we’re doing... including saying, "Hello," every time the phone rings. It is so cute! She plays with her "pretend" phone and runs around the house with it attached to her shoulder and ear saying, "E-L-L-O."

Shayna is becoming this little person. Every day she says a few new words. She can now point to her ear, eye, teeth, and hair - and tell us what each part is. It is awesome to know that Mark and I are the first people to hear her say words.

We are just totally in love!

Sun Apr 30 20:18:00 PDT 2006 |
Cossacks, Baby!!!!

Shayna and I headed out last Friday to Cal State Dominguez Hills (CSDH) to check out some NCAA Division II softball. The Toros from CSDH were playing against my beloved SSU softball team. I've always wanted to go to an SSU softball game after moving back down here, but I always managed to find something else (like work) to get in the way....

I found my opportunity and took it. My last free Friday (I now will start working on Friday's too) Shayna and I made the 20 mile drive over to the field and hung out and watched some softball. I made sure that I was wearing my Sonoma State Softball jacket (with my name embroidered on it, LOL) to support my former Cossack team. Well, the mascot is no longer a terrible Cossack - it is now a "Seawolf," whatever that is... who cares...

Shayna and I were sitting in the stands and some SSU fan asked me, "What circa is that SSU softball jacket?" CIRCA? THAT WORD JUST SOUNDS OLD! I told him 1988 and he said, "WOW, that's old! And you still fit into it." WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? I guess that we're not getting any younger - AND, YES I still fit into it, thank God! and... - GO COSSACKS! -

Mon May 01 20:49:00 PDT 2006 |
Mid-Week Musing

Tomorrow is Thursday and it used to mean Friday to me because I only worked Tuesday thru Thursday - but now things have changed and I am working on Fridays as well. Bummer - As much as I love being a Geologist and I love being at work (the people there are awesome), I miss my baby! I miss her hugs and kisses and funny faces! I totally envy Mark now because he has Thursdays AND Fridays!

On another note...Congrats to my life-long (since the 5th grade) friend, Jenny, who just had a little girl (Riley Elizabeth) last Friday, the 28th. You can check out her pics at: www.babyhomepages.net/babygirlkenline

What a cutie pie!

Also, our Morning Doves are back this year. They've nested by the chimney again. We first noticed them back when I was pregnant with Shayna in the spring of 2004. They did not come back in 2005 - so we thought they were gone forever! But lo and behold, they're back! Shayna loves to visit with the mommy birdie - but we try not to get too close because we don't want to spook her! She's been there for a couple of weeks now. We will get pictures of the baby birdies when they hatch... so stay tuned!

Wed May 03 20:42:00 PDT 2006 |

1  http://www.babyhomepages.net/babygirlkenline
Gotta Love Babies!

Last weekend the Bartees headed south for some fun in the sun - San Diego! Well, actually it was May-Gray... the sun made some brief appearances but that was it. We jumped into the Tahoe on Friday evening and made it down to the Lawrences (see link to the right) in around 2 hours, flat. Shayna had her bottle in the car, then off to dreamland she went. It was great... the pack-n-play was already set up in the guest room (thanks, Jenna & Charlie) so the transfer was pretty much uneventful!

We had a blast with the Lawrences! Here are the kiddos watching some Teletubbies. It's so cute how they all got along. It was really fun watching the dynamics of the group. Like the textbook "Parallel Play."

What a stellar weekend!

Tue May 09 20:57:00 PDT 2006 |
BLOG TAG - who...??? what...???

Blog Tag - WHAT THE H-E-double hockey sticks is that? Why does Jenna torture me like this? Naw, I'm just kidding! This is fun and I can't believe that I've only had 4...well really 3 real jobs in my life! LOL!

The FOUR Tag

Four jobs I've had:

1. Working for my dad in Downtown L.A.
2. Hostess at Jerry's Famous Deli in Encino, CA
3. Dungarees Clothing store retail person
4. Geologist (Engineering industry – Project Manager)

Four movies I watch over and over (and over and over and over and over):

1. Anything Teletubbies (why did God invent them?)
2. Brainy Baby
3. Baby Einstein
4. Sesame Street (why do they play the SAME episodes EVERY DAY)

Four places I have lived:

1. Dorms at Sonoma State University
2. Costa Mesa, CA
3. The Pegasus (Lived aboard our boat for one year in Long Beach & Wilmongton, CA)
4. Long Beach, CA

Four TV shows I love to watch:

1. American Idol
2. The Apprentice
3. Survivor
4. Amazing Race

Four places I have been on vacation:

1. Hawaii
2. Paris
3. Rome
4. Seattle

Four places I'd Love to Go to On Vacation:

1. France (during the Tour de France bike race)
2. Israel
3. Australia
4. New Zealand

Four websites I visit often:

1. www.AmazingTrips.com
2. www.babyhomepages.net/bartee (Shayna's other website)
3. www.foodtv.com
4. www.babycenter.com

Four favorite foods:

1. Sushi
2. Indian food (far east Indian)
3. Thanksgiving Dinner on a beach in Baja!
4. Shrimp dinner at Benihanas

Four places I would like to be right now:

1. On the couch hugging my Shayna Beth Marie
2. On the couch hugging my Mark
3. On our boat, anchored in some little bay with a south pacific name I can't pronounce
4. In our Westfalia, camping at the hot springs in Saline Valley!

Sun May 14 13:16:00 PDT 2006 |