Welcome to the World, Madison!

By Dan Sapone

September 18, 2015 — Today we say hello to the newest member of the family. Her name is Madison and she is our seventh grandchild!!!

By the way, she is stunningly beautiful, but you knew that, eh?

She is already writing her own story, with the loving and wise guidance from her proud parents, William and Maria.

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New photos (after seven weeks) have been added below.

My first observation, right after noticing she is beautiful (did I mention that?), was that she seems remarkably calm and composed. She opens her eyes from time to time ("Who are these interesting people?" she wonders), fiddles with her fingers ("Wonder what these are for?"), and says a few brief epithets of commentary -- until her attention is diverted by her PapaDan's melodious humming of his favorite baby pacifier "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." She quickly closed her eyes and returned to her "calm and composed" posture. I figured she was soothed by the sheer musicality of my rendering of the tune, (others in the room suggest that I may have bored her back to sleep, a credible suggestion that I quickly rejected).

ANYWAY, needless to say, we are all thrilled. Gretta and I had the privilege of sharing this first afternoon of Madison's life with another pair of her grandparents (Momma Maria's parents), Manny and Diane, and course Madison's spectacular parents Maria (who had just completed 36 hours of labor) and my son William (who was proudly wearing his new "Best Daddy. Ever." T-shirt).

Below are a handful of pictures from Madison's first few hours in her well-appointed suite in the sparkling, new Kaiser hospital in Redwood City. More will be added, as they arrive.

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迎接世界，麦迪逊！

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2015年9月18日 — 今天，我们迎来了家中的新成员。她的名字是麦迪逊，她是我们的第七个孙子孙女！

顺便说一句，她太漂亮了，你猜到了，对吧？

她已经在编写自己的故事，由她的父母威廉和玛丽亚提供充满爱的和明智的指导。

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新的照片（七周后）已被添加在下面。

我的第一个观察，就在注意到她漂亮（我提到过吗？），是她显得非常平静和镇定。她不时睁开眼睛（"这些有趣的人是谁？"她在想），用手指摆弄（"想知道这些是什么用途？"），并说出几句简短的评论——直到她的注意力被她爸爸达恩（Papa Dan）的最爱的婴儿奶嘴的美妙哼唱"让我叫你亲爱的。"引导回去。我觉得她被我演奏的音符的纯粹音乐性所安抚，（房间里其他人认为我可能让她的疲劳回到睡眠，一个可信的建议，但我很快拒绝了）。

无论如何，不可否认，我们都很兴奋。格蕾塔和我有幸在麦迪逊生命的第一个下午与她的祖父母（玛利亚妈妈的父母），曼尼和戴安，以及最显眼的麦迪逊的父母玛利亚（她刚完成36小时的劳动）和我的儿子威廉（他自豪地穿着"最好的爸爸。永远。"T恤衫）。

以下是麦迪逊出生后几个小时在红木城新凯撒医院的豪华套间的几张照片。更多的照片将随着它们的到来而添加。

欢迎加入我们的家庭，麦迪逊！

Madison_video
And -- last but not least: Manny's cigars and Diane's Cupcakes!
Below: Will sent some new photos from Madison's first day.

Does the little sleeping face in the picture on the right look familiar?
Cary, Quinn, and Donovan!
More of the Grandpas

A wonderful day to be born!

A fond send-off from the hospital staff AND Madison's first car ride!

Two Weeks Old!

Mommy Maria and Madison after two weeks
Uncle Ben and Madison

Face-painted Quinn holds Madison and Binky

Big eyes and a smile
Seven Weeks Old!

Madison's first visit to The Flying Pig (with Mamma, Ruby, and Lily)

Other Madisonia on November 12:

Talking with Daddy:

And, of course, sleeping!