A huge year for the Gavins – with more big changes ahead!

PLYMOUTH, MI – Faithful readers of the Kara-Sean Times who found last year’s summary of the couple’s exploits rather boring will be relieved to learn that 2008 held much more action, excitement and adventure than ever before.

The pages of this periodical cannot contain a full summary of what the Gavins’ year included, but since no one reads long newspaper articles anymore anyway, a bulleted list and some photos (left) should suffice. And now, without further ado, the Top 10 Things Kara and Sean Did in 2008:

1. Went to India, where Sean spoke at international conferences in Jaipur and Mumbai (Bombay), and visited the Taj Mahal, among many other sites.
2. Remodeled the kitchen in their 1919 house, which helped the CEO of IKEA afford his 500th Volvo
3. Appeared on the June 19 episode of Jeopardy! (Kara), which taped March 18 in front of an audience that included all-time Jeopardy! champ Ken Jennings
4. Turned 50 (Sean) without receiving any “Over the Hill” cracks (logicians take note)
5. Got promoted to Director of Public Relations at the Univ. of Michigan Health System (Kara), overseeing media relations, internal communications, etc.
6. Spent two great mini-sabbaticals at the University of Minnesota & Brookhaven National Laboratory (Sean)
7. Reunited with high school & grad school friends (Kara)
8. Visited Austin, Texas, just as Hurricane Ike hit
9. Visited family & friends in Vermont and NY
10. Oh yeah…. And got pregnant and had a baby! (below)

Incredible India: The breathtaking Taj Mahal in Agra, India, was the first stop on a two-week trip in February that also took the Gavins to the cities of Jaipur and Mumbai. To read a blog of the trip, visit www.seankaragavin.com. Tragically, both cities have been rocked by terrorism since this trip, but the country is in the midst of an incredible transformation that seems unstoppable.

Right: I lost on Jeopardy, baby! Despite a respectable performance, Kara came away in 3rd place – but got this photo with Alex Trebek, a tote bag, and enough prize money to pay for her travel!

Below: Kara barefoot, pregnant and in the (newly remodeled) kitchen

Right: Sean goofs around at a baby shower.

NEWSFLASH: K-S Times to be merged with newly launched Moira Monitor

The year 2008 is ending with major news across the media landscape, with newspapers declaring bankruptcy and YouTube being chosen by the incoming President as his venue for a weekly “radio” address to the public.

In order to save itself from a fate similar to other print publications, the Kara-Sean Times is pleased to announce a late-breaking development: its merger with the new startup publication the Moira Monitor. Launched at 3:04 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Dec. 16, the Monitor is an innovative, edgy, tabloid-style publication that gives complete, in-depth and behind-the-scenes coverage of America’s newest sweetheart, Moira Ann Gavin.

Although critics may wonder if the traditional news format of the K-S Times will fit with the Monitor’s round-the-clock coverage, the Times’ editor and publisher are confident that this new venture will allow their publication to survive in the challenging new media marketplace.
Editor's anti-libel note: In actuality, Moira Ann Gavin has proven to be a sweet, lovable, alert, and kissable baby who sleeps a lot and doesn't cry too much. At least, not in her first week of life...

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