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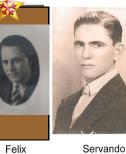




Our cousins: Mavita, Manena, Kathy & Johnny, children of Juan & Victoria de Velez & grandchildren of Tio Felix Salinas.

Saludos a nuestros primos en España!







Gabriela



Victoria



Augustin

Tacho

Virginia

Mother & Father (Lilia & Tacho Salinas) w/niece Victoria Salinas Velez, daughter of Felix, & mother of our Spanish cousins!

Cousin Victoria visited Laredo many years ago, but we have yet to meet her children & hope to do so one of these days! (They tell me they have gotten to know many of us thru the Salinas Scandal Sheet)!!





Jose Augustin Salinas

Grandfather Augustin & grandmother Victoria Sada-Cruz were the parents of the eight children above.



WARION GOUSINS

Enjoyed a quick lunch with Tennessee cousins, Jeff & Karen Varnon, & their 5 children, Jordan, Rebecca, Jack, Christina & Sarah, plus their Jack Russell Terrier, Nestle! The Varnons were in San Antonio visiting Karen's brother, David Street, & were on their way to San Diego to visit her sister. They were then going on to Rexburg, Idaho, where son Jordan will be attending Brigham Young University! What a trip! We were So glad for the opportunity to visit with them & wish them a safe trip back to Knoxville!!



Jeff, Tommy, Janet Varnon Patty



Below, Eunice & Paul Wright, Buddy (P.J.) Wright, & Frances Wright Varnon (mom of Jeff, Tommy & Janet Patty).





LDS (Mormon) Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah











Dancing & having a wonderful time at her 90th birthday party on December 15th was Adela Frank. The party was hosted by Adela's daughters & other relatives in Laredo, & was a great success! Daughters Ana Fisher, Linda Frank, Jackie Geissler and Viviana Rofnosky could hardly keep up with their mom's dancing!

Over 200 wellwishers attended Adela's party, among them: (a fellow on stilts!),

Gonzalo, Ana, Suzy, Diana & Cristina Farias, & Suzy's mom, Judith Flores:





After a little bit of dancing, these guys had to take their jackets off! Gonzalo, Meme Salinas & Uri Druker (Adela's grandson), had a really great time!





Norma Hagy, brother-Meme & his wife, Norma Salinas. were all dressed up & ready to party!





The Reason for the Season!





Merry Christmas



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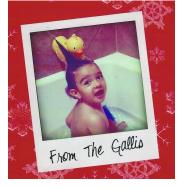


The Coffin Family Chris, Lilli, Haley, Megan, & Reed





Logan & Lane Landis w/ their "peashooters!"



wishing you 2012 all the best



Aww! The Reddams in California City, California!



Hooker clan in Katy, Texas.



Ben & Allie Kalmbach, Merced, CA





Merry Christmas With Love, Kim, Veronica, Zach (17) & Drew (15) Buck and Roger (1)





Cowboy Arie Druker





HERE & THERE!

Bebe Zuniga, daughter Patti Ramirez & family!



Orli & Kathy Navarro







Alessandro Farias bags a big one!



Lily, Matt, Susan Wright & Bob Kelley



Rye & Lex, Germany



Sarah Hagy



Jason Sliva w/Rachel Garcia at The Olive Garden, Laredo.



Drake, Alexa, Luke & Marc DeWall



In costumes for a recent Madrigal play & dinner were Beverly & Sarah Hagy, Ana Farias, & Kathy, Nela, Honda & Gelly Navarro. Madrigals date back to The Renaissance & promote Christian family values & spiritual growth!



Owen Reed & pet "Moose"!

Congratulations to Mari Ridgley on completion of her short story about *Flower,* one of her many 'foster' dogs. If anyone is interested, she can send you a copy! **Great job, Mari!!**



& Jake Ridgley!



"SpiderMan" Luke DeWall

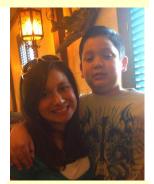


Looking good is "Admiral" & his best bud, Alejandro Farias (a John Stamos look-a-like?)

Up in North Dakota, Jay Logan, daughter Jenna, & grandson Logan get cozy in front of a big fire, & so do Jay's brother, Phillip & wife, Melissa! (Brrr..cold!)



In town from Clovis, NM are Mike & Linda Wright—here w/his mom.



Lyanna Padilla & Li'l brother, Ben!









Whether running for special causes, or participating in events to raise funds, family members do their part even if it means wearing a blonde wig & growing a mustache & long hair, like Chris Coffin has done for **ISIS Pharmaceuticals** (where he works) & their **MOVEMBER** group which brings attention to men's health issues!

TEAM ISIS



Susan Wright, a cardio-

thoracic nurse, ran a

Vital Alliance Donate

Life 5k Run. Fund-

3.1 mile course for the

raising activities support

organ & tissue donation.

raising awareness for

The Laredo Border Olympics, a non-profit organization. hosts several tournaments & raises funds for high school athletes. Orli Navarro, a member, is Chairman of The Men's Basketball Tournament & on Bd of Dirs.

WAY TO GO, Chris!



Kudos to these participants for their good deeds!

South Texas Food Bank



Ross Swisher & friends (he's 2nd from the left), started the Holiday season by playing at a fundraiser for the So. Texas Food Bank! Ross & his band have entertained at similar events for the last three years!



Debbie Swisher ran in a Mud Race to raise funds for Cancer Awareness. Messy, but worthwhile!



Beth Reed participated in a recent **Relay for** Life. a fundraiser for the American Cancer Societv which was held in Temple Terrace. Florida.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jan 12—Kathy Hagy Navarro



Jan 9— Eduardo Farias



Jan 17– Ricardo Farias



Jan 30—Robert Landis

Here's hoping everyone who has been ailing in one way or another will continue to Improve & rebound & so can look forward to 2013 in good health. We wish you all the best!



<u>Capricorn</u>: Dec 23—Jan 20: Practical & ambitious; down-to-earth, matter-of-fact. Also cautious & of a meticulous mind. Capricornians do not take any BS!

<u>Aquarius</u>: Jan 21—Feb 19: Humanitarian! Forward thinking & self-directed. Born revolutionary! Zesty individual w/tremendous amounts of energy?! Determined & forceful in dealing w/people & sometimes cheeky!

Also interesting tidbit: 2013 is the Chinese year of the Snake...those born in 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989 and 2001 should have good luck this year. The Animal Signs of the Chinese Zodiac say these folk are enigmatic, intuitive, introspective, & refined; they are also keen, cunning, intelligent & wise, good mediators & good at doing business!

SO NOW YOU KNOW! However, and there's always a HOWEVER, to gain the greatest benefits from this year, Snake people must control spending & use their talents wisely. They should thoroughly investigate the other person's finances & background before legalizing an alliance, like in a business partnership or even a marriage! WOW.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pieces of Time

New years come & new years go, Pieces of time all in a row. As we live our life, each second & minute, We know we're privileged to have <u>you</u> in it. Our appreciation never ends... For our greatest blessings: our family & friends!

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By: Joanne Fuchs (no relation)

The above poem expresses so well our feelings about being a part of this great family! It has been a privilege putting this creation together thanks to everyone's encouragement & input & we hope to continue doing so. It's really great fun looking back at old issues, seeing how we've grown, changed, & said reluctant goodbyes to beloved members. We wish everyone a really Happy New Year, & hope that you continue to keep in touch! Iw

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