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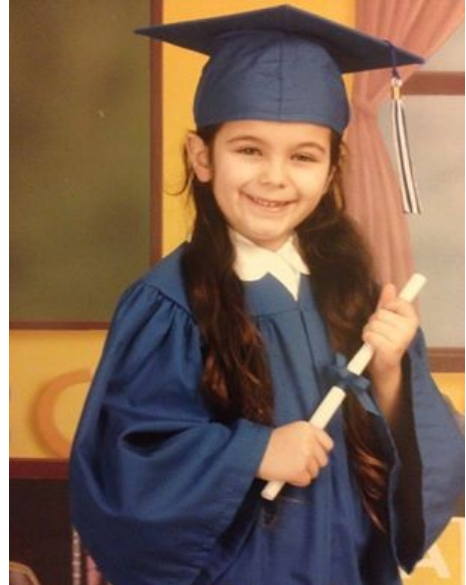
Salinas Scandal Sheet

Victoria Landis & her Helicopter Ride!



**Big sister,
Lindsey!**

Little Victoria Landis was ferried by helicopter from Laredo to San Antonio's Methodist Children's Hospital w/a severe case of Asthma & Pneumonia! What an experience! The whole family was on pins & needles, but fortunately, little Victoria is now at home & recuperating nicely! She looked great in her Kindergarten graduation photo, taken a few weeks before!



Grandparents Diana & Hector Farias are so glad the hospital stay was not too long!



Grandma Evelyn Landis & Aunt Ana Farias took care of little Robert while parents were at the hospital w/ Victoria!

Good job, ladies!!



Celebrating her 3rd birthday on March 29th was cute little Giuliana Galli, who was about to blow out candles on her cake, w/dad Bruno, mom Mindy, & little sis Amalie looking on! The Galli's are now in their new house in Katy, where they hosted parents, grandparents, great-grandparents & lots of friends at the party!



Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Galli came from Michigan, great-grandparents Burt from College Station w/aunt Cathy Young, & Beverly, Richard & Sarah Hagy came from Laredo, along w/great-grandma Norma Hagy!



Raymond Burt & Mr. Galli



Norma Hagy & Alicia Galli



Dad Bruno helped Giuliana whack the star piñata, while mom Mindy & her sister visited on the patio! (And who's that by the fence w/a camera?)





"gelukkige verjaardag"

Celebrating a big 5-0 on April 6th is Pieter Van Dyk & here's wishing him a wonderful birthday on this milestone day! Pieter & wife, Tessa, are the parents of beautiful daughters, Angelique & Chanel, & they all hail from South Africa! (As I write, they're on a Cruise while Joshua is on Safari w/dad Ed!)



Pieter & Tessa are the Founders & Pastors of Christian Family Church in Houston. Pieter is of Afrikaner, Dutch & Italian descent; Tessa is of Afrikaner, French & German descent! (Daughter Chanel is married to Joshua Langford, whose lineage includes Czech, English, Spanish & Mexican blood! And their babies will be ????)



Here are some of the Van Dyk & Nel families in South Africa, before Pieter, Tessa & daughters came to the States. We were fortunate to meet Pieter's mom, Susan, above, when she came for Chanel & Joshua's wedding. (She has since passed away).





All present & accounted for: The Hagy & Navarro families, plus a few other nice folks, celebrated Norma Hagy's ??? birthday! Happy Birthday, Norma, & many more!



Proud papa Joshua Druker, with son Uriel, & daughter Yael, above, & with friend, Esmeralda Mahoney, below. Joshua was born in Russia, but has called Laredo home for many years!



Carlos Zuñiga has a heart-to-heart chat w/ granddaughter Natalia Sophia Gonzalez! Does she look like big sis, Ella?



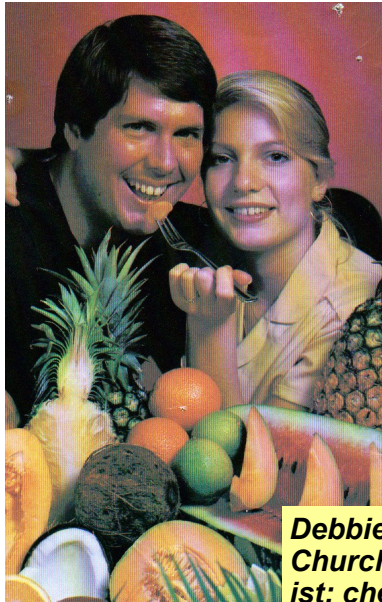
Alejandro Farias, Acct. Mgr at ABF Freight Systems, Dallas, & Victoria de la Fuente, attended a friend's bridal shower! Vicky works for DHL in Dallas & is a Foreign Trade Show Business Mgr! A cute couple!



The Druker boys are cowboys at heart! Arie, Ryan & Noah look cool! Now they need a horse or two!



Family Models!



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Once upon a time, Debbie Wright Swisher & Tom Kowalski were on a Laredo Chamber of Commerce flyer, promoting the great things about Laredo, such as fresh, exotic fruit!!

A while back, Irma Salinas Gutierrez (cousin Anita's daughter), was in a Style Show for the E! Rio Store, in Laredo.



Debbie works at Oak Hills Church & is a talented artist; check out Wright Art on FaceBook! Hubby James runs Alamo City Concrete, & son Damon attends UTSA. (I believe Tom K. lives in Austin)



Irma's husband, Efrain, is noted Chicano film-maker. The couple & their son, E. Abram Gutierrez, are refurbishing a building in So. San Antonio, which will be a venue for musicians & artists!



(Some of these obviously old photos are from my photo albums, which I'm trying to organize.)
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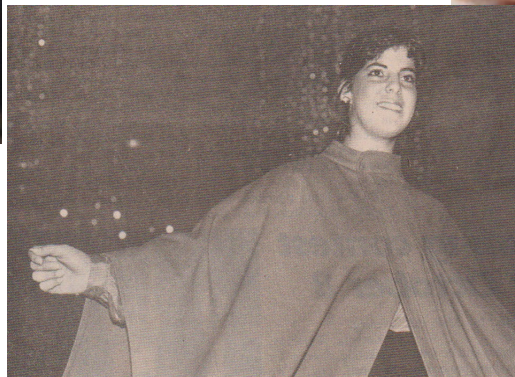
A very bored & very young Joshua Langford modeled clothes at Laredo's Mall del Norte a few years ago! Such a good-looking kid (if I say so myself!)

Diana Alicia Farias De Wall showed off this flowing cape at a Mall del Norte Style Show, a few years ago, too! Diana manages Texas Tax Back in SA stores for the family business, Farias & Farias Customhouse Broker.



Cute Melanie Gonzales was on the cover of Laredo Morning Times' DVINO mag!

She's an officer at TX Comm Bank, SA.



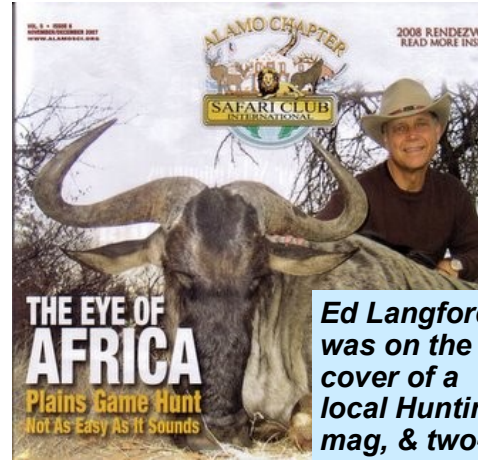
Joshua is now an IT Specialist w/Sysco Corp., in Houston. Wife Chanel mans the home front, but they could easily both be models!



In the photo below, Lori Barnes Denis was probably modeling an outfit from her mom's Vicki Lynn's shop!



Thanks to her mom, Damon & friend 'Rina got to go backstage at The Majestic & met the cast from WICKED!!



Ed Langford was on the cover of a local Hunting mag, & two-daughters, Carissa Fox and Julie Langford, were on Better Homes & Gardens & MOXIE mags, respectively!



(Eddie & son Joshua are now on a 2-week Safari somewhere in Africa!)



Below, Barnes & Zuñiga kids modeled clothes from cousin Olga Treviño Barnes' Vicki Lynn's shop, a few years ago! (Olga, we miss you!)



Cassie Reddam & uncle Steve Wright enjoyed sun & water at SeaWorld last year! Must have been fun, too!



The Jesses & Gabby Reddam were all smiles, but little Jaxson wanted no part of posing for a picture!



These cute kids are children of James & Brenda Nyondo! James met Ed & Joshua at the Jo'burg airport when they arrived in So. Africa last week!

Always good to read about awards or special accomplishments! *Alejandra Alderete, Orchestra Director, Travis Middle School, Amarillo, won Sweepstakes not won there in 32 years!*



Jake Ridgley, soccer star! Four goals in one game! (And he's only 3!).

Drew McElvany & his Speech & Debate team, St. Mary's Hall, SA, were District Champions in their league! Very good, Drew!



Mom Ronnie was very proud of Drew!



Bud Reed won a "Fat Man" race in Tampa! Good job!

Good-looking Farias clan, Gonzalo & Susy's kids: Enrique, Rafael, Bella & Hector. Enrique was about to leave for Wash. D.C. & NYC w/his class!



Adding to his many talents, Mike Wright now plays the Accordion, too! Wow!



Alice Reed, on the iPad, called to wish Norma a Happy Birthday! We all wished sis Diana had been there, too!

**Congratulations
2014 Laredo's Hall of Fame Inductees**



Congrats to Viviana Frank (w/niece Amira Litmanowicz Frank), & Orli Navarro! Viviana is w/Frank Architects, Inc., & Orli is w/Newman Investment Co., both in Laredo!

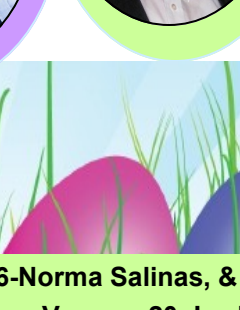
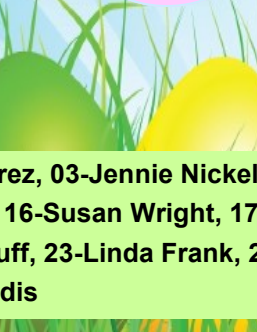
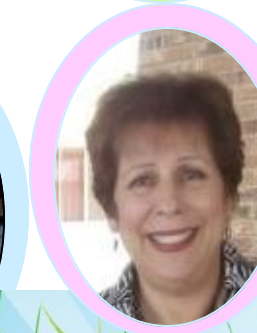
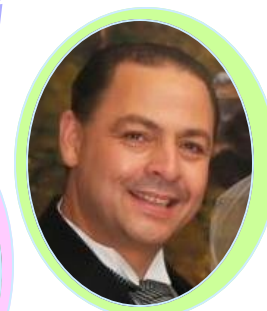


Danny & Mari Salinas celebrated his birthday as well as 11 happy years of marriage! Congratulations, you two!



Lilia Ramos Salinas
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS!



**01-Patty Ramirez, 03-Jennie Nickel, 04-Tim Landis, 06-Norma Salinas, & Pieter Van Dyk
11-Lilli Coffin, 16-Susan Wright, 17-Nicole Reed, 19-Tom Varnon, 20-Jordan Varnon &
Austin Woodruff, 23-Linda Frank, 27-Damon Swisher, Jeff Varnon & McKenzey Burke
28-Evelyn Landis**