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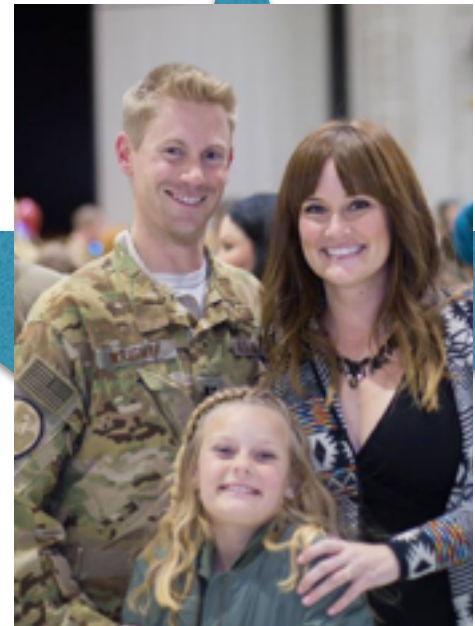
### **WELCOME HOME, DANIEL WRIGHT!!**

**To the relief of his wife, stepdaughter, mom, dad & stepmom, grandparents, all other relatives & friends, Dan is back from Bagram, Afghanistan, where he flew C-130's w/the 39th Air Mobility Unit, U.S. Air Force!**

**Units from several bases in the U.S. are in Afghanistan performing varied types of duties, & we sincerely hope they will also soon be home — to stay!**



**Capt. Wright is stationed at Dyess AFB & Mrs. Wright has a photography business!**



**Dan, Mallorie & Emma**



**On another happy note, we're glad to see the Wedding Announcement of Aric & Charlotte, who hope to be Mr. & Mrs. Hagy in June! Good news also is that Aric has been transferred by DPS from Marfa to Terrell, Texas!**

**Terrell is a suburb of Dallas, & close to Charlotte's hometown! For just a few more months, she'll be finishing up at Baylor College of Medicine & will then be a Physician's Assistant!**



**All dressed up to attend the Dallas Stars Casino Night event were Terry & Jimmy Woodruff. Their pretty daughter, Aubrey, works w/the Stars Foundation as an intern & assisted at the Silent Auction!**

**A couple of proud Grandmothers: Norma Salinas (on the right) is grandma to Aubrey Woodruff, & Norma Hagy is grandma & to the LIFE Downs Queen, Sarah Hagy!**



**(Of course, they're Grandmas to a few other kids, as well!)**



**Proud parents: Beverly & Richard Hagy w/ LIFE Downs Queen, Sarah!**



**Wright cousin Tom Varnon invites everyone to his Southside Cantina in Huntsville, Alabama for Mardi Gras parties, Feb 5 to Feb 9!! Drinks galore, great entertainers, & Mexican specials like Avocado Mac'n Cheeze!**



**Also in Huntsville, on Feb 27th at The Boot Pizzeria, drop in & hear John Nickel for an Evening of Cigar Box Guitars! (John is married to Tom Varnon's niece, Jennie. He builds the Cigar Box Guitars himself!)**





**Glad to be home from the hospital is Hector Farias, here w/pretty daughter Cristina! Both look pretty good, right?**

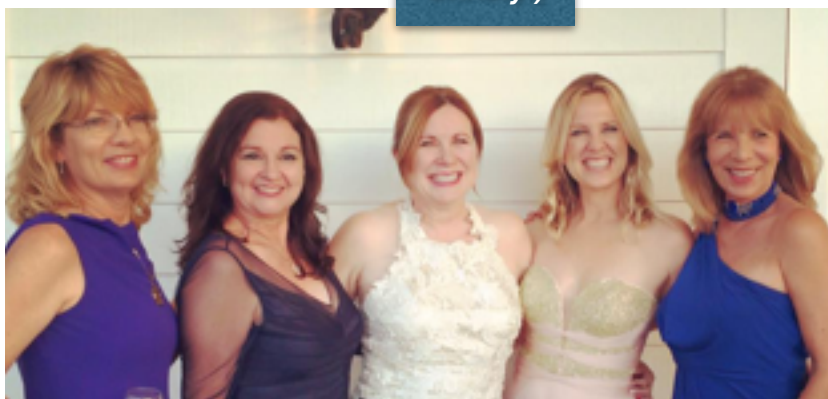
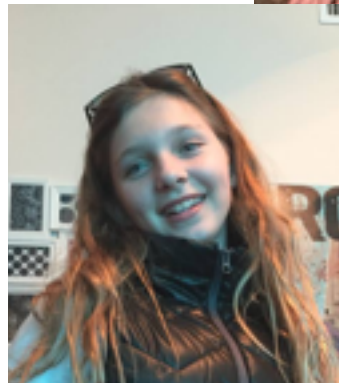
**Kiersten Woodul celebrated her 12th birthday in style! She was really glad her grandmother Ana Muller was out of the hospital, too!**



**Servando Laurel turned a young 84 on January 27th, and Ana Farias, with her pixie cap, celebrated ..... oh, ok, we won't say how many, but Happy Birthday to all!!**



**Glamorous Swisher ladies at a recent wedding! (Debbie, Lillian, Dawn, Jessica & Christy!)**



**And does this look like a 14-yr old? Well, water flip-flops & all, Reed Coffin is all of that! And 2 years younger is his pretty cousin, Nicole Reed! Everyone is growing up much too fast!**

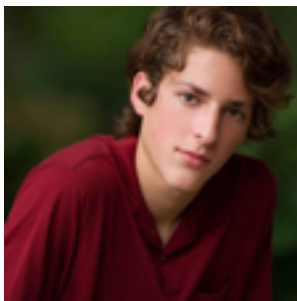


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**CHINESE NEW YEAR:** Feb 8, 2016...in Chinese mythology, the beast, Nian, would eat cattle, crops & even people! However, he was afraid of the color RED and loud noises....which kept him away for good. Now, red paper lanterns & firecrackers are used to celebrate the Chinese New Year!



February 14, 2016 - Valentine's Day



And of course, there's the **BIG George Washington's Birthday Celebration in Laredo in February!** From the Taste of Laredo, to the Noche de Cabaret, to the Jamboozie, to the Pocahontas Pageant & Ball, to the Air Show, to the Jalapeño Festival, to the Youth Parade & Birthday Parades, to the Society of Martha Washington Colonial Pageant & Ball, to the Bridge Ceremony, etc. etc., there is something for **EVERYbody** all month long! And we mustn't forget, that our own Rafael Farias will be escorting a lucky young lady at the Colonial Ball, too!



If you want to celebrate the day in style, order a Pink or Red Tuxedo T-Shirt from Karla at [TuxedoTshirts.com](http://TuxedoTshirts.com)!



Also riding on a float will be LIFE Downs Queen, Sarah Hagy! Proud Rene Chavez likes being her escort!!



Having a great time & dressed appropriately were Maria & Danny Salinas, at the Plaza San Agustin Jamboozie, Laredo!



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** What began as Black History Week became Black History Month at Kent State University in February 1969. Although not celebrated on any particular day as a Holiday, it was officially recognized by the U.S. Government in 1976. Specifically, important African American people & events are remembered at schools & churches during the month.

And here's a Holiday I'll bet no one has ever heard of: National Tortilla Chip Day! Yes!— on February 24th!

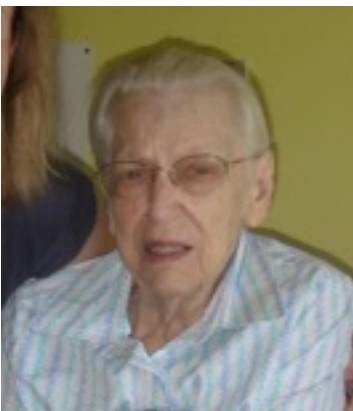


***What is it about February? It's the month of Love, Valentines, the birthdays of famous people — like Charles Lindbergh (4), Babe Ruth (6), Charles Dickens (7), Abraham Lincoln (12), & George Washington (22), to name a few. Unfortunately, for our family, it's also the month when we remember special folks who have passed on. There are probably more, but these are the ones that came to mind!***



***February 18, 2015. That was the day Ruben Pena passed away at the age of 79. Ruben was a Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission veteran & retired as Director of Ports of Entry. His wife of 59 years, Luisa Vela Pena, his five children, & nine grandchildren miss him dearly.***

***Farias twins, Carlos Luis & Luis Felipe, at 68 years of age, passed away on February 9, 2008 & February 12, 2008, respectively, and what a shock that was! It is said that twins may be in two separate bodies, but generally they are one in spirit! Hmmm. Carlos & wife Linda (Johnson) (47 years together,) lived in Austin & had 3 children & 4 grandchildren. Felipe & Lita (Salinas) had 3 sons & 3 grandchildren & lived in Laredo! The twins were star athletes at St. Joseph's Academy, Laredo. They are greatly missed by their immediate families, as well as brothers Hector & Arturo & sister, Ana Muller, & by numerous relatives.***



***Last, but not least, both Frances (Wright) Varnon & brother Paul "Buddy" Wright, passed away on February 16, in 2010 & 2011!***



***Buddy's gravestone at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio. Buddy was 78; Frances 84. Both families wish they were still with us!***



***With only a High School education, Buddy nevertheless retired as a full Colonel. With the Air Force, he flew in Thailand & Viet Nam & once (after bailing out), he spent the night in a tree while the Viet Cong looked for him below!***



**AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING:**



**A 100-yr old Silver Ghost Rolls Royce! \$1000 (in 1912). Now: \$4,705,500. That's right; it sold at auction for that amount! Silver & ivory door fittings, embroidered silk on door panels & window shades, full picnic set & china tea service under passenger footrest, luxury fabric seat coverings, & bevelled windows. The six-cylinder, 7.3 liter car gets 15 miles to the gallon! The design echoed luxurious Pullman railway carriages pioneered by George Pullman. (The car was believed to be the only one of its kind to survive with its full interior bodywork. Many Rolls Royces from that era were converted to Ambulances during World War I).**

**Boeing 747-8 VIP - \$153 Million**  
The "Dreamliner" features the latest technology, as well as video displays on the walls, vaulted ceilings, & spiral staircases.



**Boeing 747-400 Custom. For \$220 million, you get 2 luxury bedrooms, a dining table for 14, & a throne!!**

