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Needed for
Future Issues:

"Stuff" about you
and yours...

Announcements

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- Promotion
- New address

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Events

- Family parties
- Reunions
- Weddings

Articles, Photos
and Fillers

- Nostalgic stories
- Photos and artwork
- Original poetry
- Vignettes on your immediate family
- Favorite family recipes
- Cute things your kids have said
- Funny stories

Muñeca Osorio and David Simon- Baker Wed



Muñeca Osorio (née Monica García) was wed to longtime friend David Simon-Baker in a beautiful ceremony at the picturesque seaside town of Sayulita, Mexico, on Oct. 21st. Muñeca is a daughter of Ruben García, and a granddaughter of Oscar and Anita García.

The joyous event took place in the presence of both sets of parents, and many other relatives and friends, who enjoyed the opportunity to travel to this "destination wedding".

The following narrative is taken from their wedding website:

"David and Muñeca met in the spring of 1995 at the Mill Valley Depot Cafe where David hired Muñeca for a barista position.

For Muñeca, it was love at first sight and the days that proceeded their meeting only confirmed her feelings. They quickly discovered their common love for music and guitar playing. And to this day they are creating and performing music together. Their relationship has grown through support and inspiration for each to follow the dreams that spring from their hearts, allowing their love and passion for each other to become stronger with time."

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Family Christmas Party at the Pettit home



For many of us, it wasn't easy, but we survived our first Christmas party without Olga. We gathered at our home here in Placerville, as we have been doing for about 17 years. This year's party was on Dec. 9th, and the weather was a little cold and rainy, but inside the house it was snug and warm. Since 1:00 we had had some friends dropping by for a short visit, to taste some Puerto Rican *pasteles* and *arroz con gandules*, and to see the results of our remodeling efforts. But by the time we started our traditional Pink Elephant Game, we were down to about 30 relatives.

Here are some party photos, taken by Cousin Joi, and shared with me via e-mail. Beginning with the top left, and going counter-clockwise we have...

- * Ruben Quiñones (my oldest son), showing off his Pink Elephant gift.
- * Robert Paul Cavino, Teena's youngest child, happily opening a gift
- * Everyone is waiting to see what someone got.
- * Ray, Elaine, and Fent Pettit
- * My nieces Teena, Marina and Angie, with great-nephew Raymond.
- * The García family: Michael, Ruben, Nicole, and Katherine.
- * Marina and me.



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At right:

My niece, Michelle, and some of her family—son Christopher, husband David, and step-son Tyler. They are a fun, sweet bunch. I love ‘em, love ‘em, love ‘em!



Above Left: Lisa and Ruben Quiñones, with Luke Pettit, who just arrived from Costa Rica that morning.

Below Left: Michelle, Olga’s oldest daughter, with her new green sippy cup.



At right: Christopher was enamored of my guava bars, so I gave him the recipe and a combination Christmas and pre-graduation gift of a can of guava paste. Aren’t I generous?



Our new fireplace hearth and pellet stove, which replace the old stone fireplace we took down this summer.

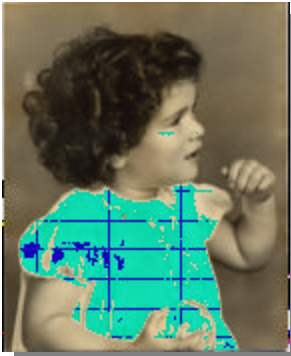
¡Feliz Navidad
y Próspero Año Nuevo!

From the Pettit Family
to everyone on the
“...¿Y la Familia?”
mailing list.

May God richly bless you
in 2007.

Guess
Who
This
Child
Is?

The answer
is found on
page 7.



*"Look
what I still
have!"*

*This is the little
toy piano that I
had as a child.
It's half a
century old!!*



*A t this time
in our
family history...*

- *On December 15th, 1852, María de Jesús García was born. She was a sister of great-grandmother María Engracia García.*
- *Also, on December 15, but in 1884, Great-uncle Eugenio Cruz García was born.*
- *Timothy Michael Warren, son of my sister Olga, was born on December 26, 1974. He died at the age of fifteen months.*
- *Juan M. García, a brother of María Engracia García, was born on January 2, 1858.*
- *On January 15, 1907, great-Uncle Gilberto Cruz Maldonado was born. He was the son of Máximo Cruz and Genara Maldonado. He was the uncle of Adela, Oscar, María, Elena, Guar, and Elena.*
- *On January 21, 1820, great-great grandmother, María Inés Vilá de la Cruz (Máximo's mother) was born. María's father, Pedro Vilá, was born in Cataluña, Spain.*

I Remember...MOM'S CHRISTMAS COAT

By Joi Stenroos

In 1981 or 1982, Mom was staying with us for the holidays. here in Denver. We went to Sasha's in Boulder for Christmas Eve. It was a special time as all three of Sasha's girls, Laurie, Vickie, and Edith, were there. Mom walked into the house very joyful with all their presents in a big red bag playing like Santa Claus. She certainly had the holiday spirit! It didn't stop when she opened her gift from Sasha --a long coat perfect for Colorado's chilly weather. Mom tried it on and was excited to have something warm and comfy. However, when it came to take it off, she couldn't unzip it! We all struggled to un-jam the zipper while Mom was giggling around laughing. She told us that she was beginning to feel and look like a Hot "Tamale" (her pronunciation "Tah-maul"). We were all laughing so hard we couldn't concentrate on the zipper. Finally she was released from her coat. Mom's humor carried forth the entire night making it a joyous family memory.

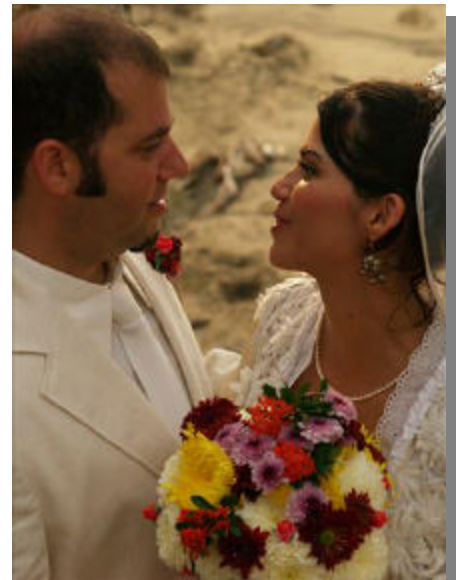


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These four stylish ladies are Auntie Helen, Auntie Adele, Auntie Marie, and Auntie Anita. They are the four daughters of Florencio Rivera and Ana Cruz García. This photo was probably taken around 1945.

The Wedding Album of David and Muñeca



"Dave and I had a wonderful yet busy time in Mexico. Thank you to all who joined us and helped with all the details of making our wedding a truly special and unforgettable experience. We are truly blessed to have a wonderful community of family and friends. We are now embarking in a new time of our lives and careers and are thrilled to be taking these steps hand in hand."



Other Family News

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These are photos of Uncle Dave and Aunt Delia's new home in Sioux City, Iowa, taken in November 2006 after their first snow.

The Finches have been busy remodeling their new ranch style home, located on the same street as Brian and Cheryl's home.

Their new address is:
Dave and Delia Finch
3615 Pierce Pl., Sioux City, IA 51104
Cell phone: (209) 550-1229



My nieces, Angela and Teena, are also homeowners now! They both purchased houses in Eufalla, Oklahoma, near the home of their father (Les Warren). Teena's home is right on the lake, and she has a dock and a boat. (No picture available of her home at this time.) Angie's home is half a block away from Teena's and she has a garage (to the left of the home in the picture, as well as several other outbuildings.

For now, both girls are only going to use their new houses as summer homes since they have teenagers that want to graduate with their friends at their California high schools.



Vic and Joi went to Cabo San Lucas at the end of October and beginning of November. They spent an idyllic time at the oceanside resort and got in some great diving. Joi took this amazing picture with her new underwater camera.

"This was one of my favorites," says Joi. "This was a MASSIVE school of fish we came across—thousands! It was the most awesome experience. Was amazed that we could get so close. The school was so thick that you couldn't see daylight through them."



Baby News

Joshua Omar Cabán

was born on December 22, 2005 and will be one year old soon. (Sorry, I missed putting him on the birthday greetings!)

He is the son of Felipe and Yaschira, the grandson of Roberto and Vicky Cabán, and the great-grandson of René and Titi.

Congratulations!!



Also at the end of October, Randy and I spent a weekend in Avila Beach, California. Not exactly the same as Cabo San Lucas, but nice, nevertheless. We went on this mini-getaway to celebrate Randy's 51st birthday.



Upcoming Wedding!

Michelle Cabán, daughter of Roberto and Vicky (Rivera) Cabán, and granddaughter of René & Titi, is getting married on December 30, 2006. The wedding will be at the Plaza Hotel in Killeen, Texas, and I hope to have pictures of this happy event for the next newsletter.

Michelle's future husband, Jason, is in the military service. In February, Michelle will be traveling to Spain to join Jason there.

Best wishes to Michelle and Jason for a wonderful wedding celebration and an eternal honeymoon!

Urgent Notice from Cousin Carol (Medina) Wright

On December 12th, my father's sister's house burned to the ground in South Carolina. The article can be found on the web for the Charleston.net *The Post and Courier*.

I know people are always giving to the Salvation Army during the holidays for cases like this. If any of the Riveras want to help our relative Micha Jacobs-Colón it will be greatly appreciated. She is raising her two great grandsons. They are staying in a temporary apartment loaned to them by a generous person, although it doesn't have heat yet.

Micha Jacobs-Colon
5000 Mabelene Street, Apt.6B
Hanahan, South Carolina 29406-5306

Please continue to pray for Cousin Roberto Rivera Sevilla, who underwent cancer surgery in his stomach and is now receiving chemotherapy.



Also, please continue to pray for Cousin Raúl Rivera Sevilla, who suffers from crippling rheumatoid arthritis.

Finally, let's remember my cousin Hilda, daughter of my mother's brother, Confesor. Hilda is recovering from a stroke that she had in August. She is now living with her son, Ricky, in New York. Also, for those of you who knew my mother's nieces, Hilda's older sister Magüi passed away from cancer in the fall of 2005.

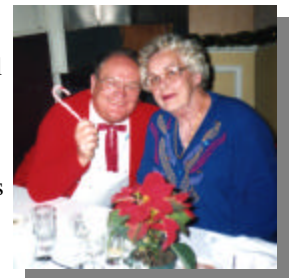
In Sympathy

Emilio Maldonado,
who was a first cousin
to my father, Oscar Cruz García,
lost his beloved wife of 53 years,
Paula Rodríguez de Maldonado.

A native of Peñuelas, Puerto Rico,
Paula was born on March 2, 19132, and
passed away on August 25th at the age of 74.
She had been in declining health in recent
years and suffered from Alzheimer's.

My mother-in-law, **Carol Pettit**, passed away suddenly in her home on November 9th, three days before her 81st birthday. Unbeknownst to us, she had been suffering from aneurisms in her legs as well as congestive heart failure. Carol is survived by her husband, L.F. (Rocky) Pettit, her children, Cynthia, Fenton, Ray, and Randy, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all of us.

A celebration of Carol's life was held on November 18th, officiated by my husband, Randy, and with special music by Ruben & Lisa Quiñones and Tory Pettit.



Teacher of the Year

Rescue Union School District

proudly recognizes

Norma Pettit

Teacher of the Year
2005-2006

Carol Bly
Carol Bly, Superintendent

10/9/06
Date

I was surprised and flattered to receive this Teacher of the Year award on October 9th at our annual District Day, where teachers from all over the district come together to acknowledge employees of the year and hear our superintendent speak.

My award was given in recognition of my translating work and my work with English Language Learners, especially for the annual ceremony that I established and organized in our district, honoring students who had achieved fluency in English.

Relatives Respond

[From Cousin Gladys Hernández]

I received your recent issue of La Familia. Wow, it is amazingly well put together, very interesting and nostalgic. I enjoyed reading about Auntie Elena's final resting place, and I loved seeing the pictures of your kitchen. It's beautiful! How do you like cooking in it now? The pictures of Olga and me and the one with Neida really brought back memories. I have those pictures, too, and the one with Olga and me is the same one I was trying to send you. I always enjoyed spending time with Olga.

Thank you to Cousin Joi for her contribution to the family newsletter of FIVE books of stamps!! Wowee!!

Thank you also to Cousin Josy for his faithfulness in sending regular contributions to the newsletter.

While I am at it, thank you to Cousin Carlos for his tireless work in keeping up the website and providing high quality DVDs to preserve family photos and videos.

***The child pictured on page 4 is
Jenny Nicholson at age 4.***

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Birthday Greetings

Christopher Nicholson (37) - Dec. 4 **Arlene González** (25) - Dec. 22 **David Nicholson** (42) - Jan. 18

Emma Kathleen Thompson
(3) - Dec. 5

Cama Klene (39) - Dec. 25

Sylvia (Atilas) Lovelace (69) -
Jan. 18

Yanelis Alisha González (6)
Dec. 9

Michelle Harrell (40) - Dec. 30

Amber Nicholson (11) -
Jan. 24

William A. González (14) -
Dec. 14

Vanessa Braddock (34) -
Dec. 31

Larry Wright (58) - Jan. 30

Ryan Rivera (27) - Dec. 17

Oscar González (47) - Jan. 1

William Roig (74) - Jan. 31

Jonathan F. Segarra (9) -
Dec. 17

Robert Paul Cavino (2) -
Jan. 9

Raúl Rivera Sevilla (65) -
Dec. 20

Ada (Pacheco) Rivera (52) -
Jan 10

Kelsy Pombo (17) - Dec. 21

Martin R. Barnes (11) -
Jan. 10

Edward Rivera (58) - Jan. 11

Bélgica González (26) -
Jan. 13



A nniversaries

Ada (Pacheco)
and **Heriberto Rivera** (27)
Dec. 10

Felicita (Soto)
and **Edwin Rivera** (23)
Dec. 24

Joi (De Nardo)
and **Vic Stenroos** (26)
Dec. 26

Lisa (Wilson)
and **Ruben Quiñones** (6)
Jan. 6

Stephanie (Krause)
and **Scott Thompson** (6)
Jan. 6

Helen (Correa)
and **Rafael González** (15)
Jan. 18