

"...y la familia?"

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Future Issues:*

*"Stuff" about
you and yours...*

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Upcoming

*Events
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Reunions
Weddings*

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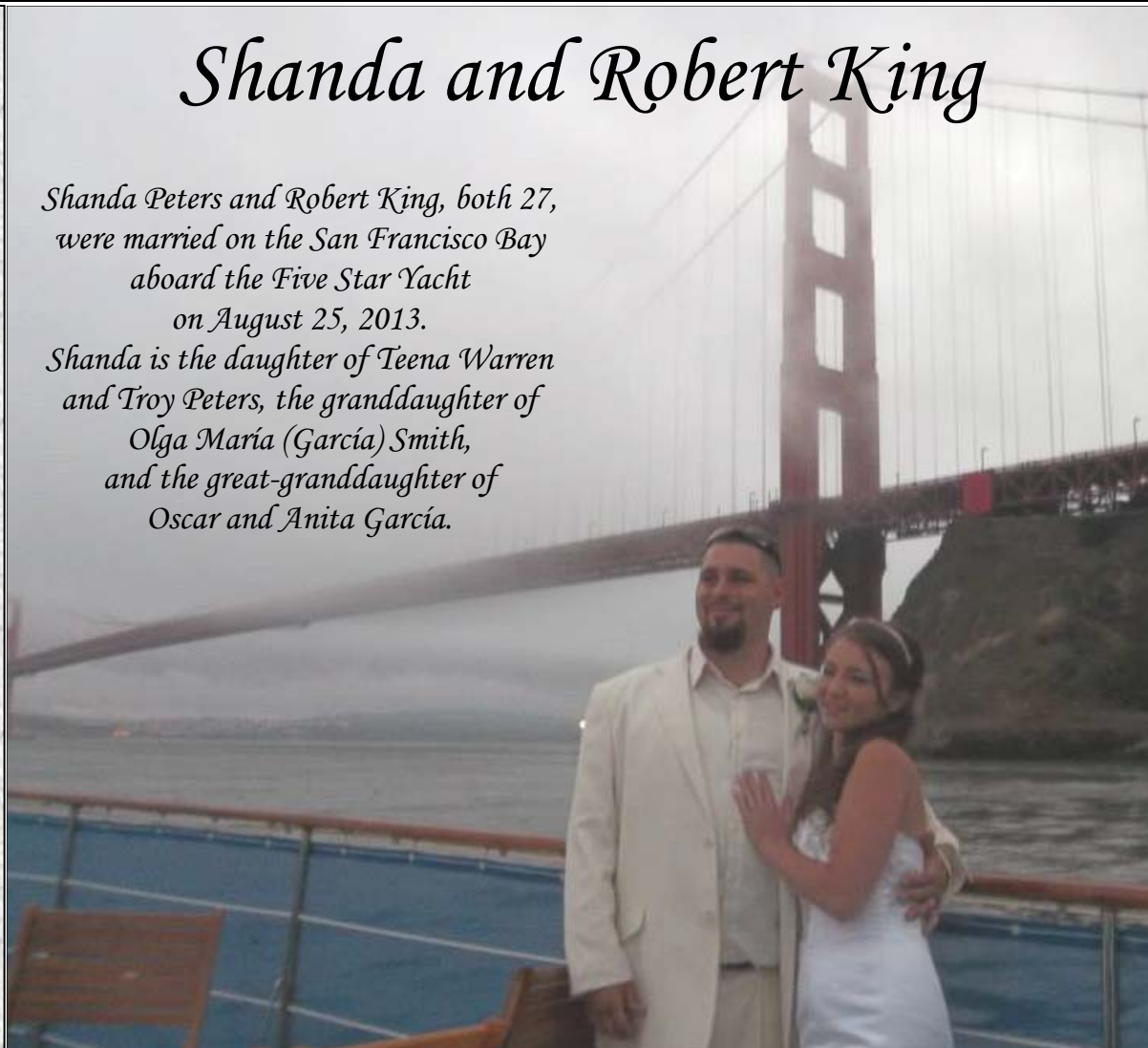
*Nostalgic stories
Photos and
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Vignettes on
your imme-
diate family
Favorite family
recipes
Cute things your
kids have
said
Funny stories*

*This is **your**
family news-
letter. Fill it
with things
about your
family!*

Shanda and Robert King

*Shanda Peters and Robert King, both 27,
were married on the San Francisco Bay
aboard the Five Star Yacht
on August 25, 2013.*

*Shanda is the daughter of Teena Warren
and Troy Peters, the granddaughter of
Olga María (García) Smith,
and the great-granddaughter of
Oscar and Anita García.*



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Guess Who This Baby Is?



The answer
is found on
page 7.

Look What I Still Have!



This little toy TV is a real blast from the past, isn't it? How many of you had one when you were little? This one was in the García household when we were growing up in the 1950's. When you move the cube back and forth, the girl's hips move and the hula hoop goes around in circles. The doggie also moves his head from side to side and wags his tail. Now my grand-

kids play with this little toy when they visit!

Genealogy Gems

I was recently contacted through Ancestry.com by a gal named María. She said that her husband's father was the late Santos Feliciano Pacheco, son of Cecilio Feliciano and Petronila Pacheco Arroyo. Petronila was one of Otilia Pacheco's sisters, so María's husband's family is all related to the descendents of Otilia (i.e., to Uncle Isidro, Tía Tita, Tía Delia and their descendents). She said that Angelina Feliciano Pacheco, one of Petronila's daughters, and hence a first cousin to Isidro, Tita and Delia, lives in Waterbury (Connecticut?). Santos died in 1996. Other children from the union between Petronila and Cecilio were Gonzalo, Amelia and Ulsula. I don't know if any of them are still living.

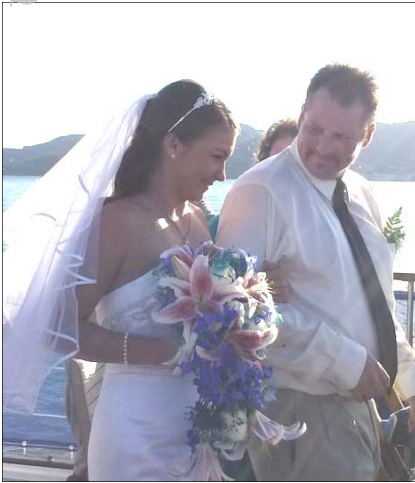
From María's family tree I learned that Petronila's husband, Cecilio, died on June 5, 1966, in Peñuelas, Puerto Rico. Petronila died in 1959. María and I plan to collaborate to share more information from our trees. I told her I would love to get information on the living children and grandchildren of Petronila. I will keep you posted on what I find out!

At this time in our family history...

- *Elena and Sinforiano (Guar) Rivera were born on October 1, 1913, according to their baptismal records.*
- *Rosita Hernández and Isidro Rivera were married on October 2, 1945.*
- *My niece, Angela (Warren) Barnes, passed away on Oct. 8, 2007.*
- *On October 10, 1815, José Santa Ana de la Cruz married Lorenza de Santiago in Peñuelas, Puerto Rico. José Santa Ana was a great-uncle of Máximo Cruz Vilá. (See last entry for a reminder on who Máximo was.)*
- *Achilles George Nicholson was born in Elias, Greece on October 10, 1891. He was the husband of Auntie Marie, and the father of Jenny, Victoria, and George. He died on November 3, 1953.*
- *David Finch, husband of Aunt Delia, and father of Bryan Finch and Lisa (Finch) Warner, passed away and was laid to rest on Oct 31, 2007.*
- *Oscar Cruz García, second child of Florencio Rivera and Ana Cruz García, was born on October 30, 1910. He was my father.*
- *Máximo Cruz Vilá was born on November 18, 1853. He and María Engracia García were married on November 3, 1877. Their daughter, Ana, was the mother of Adela, Oscar, María, Elena, Guar, and Anita.*

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Shanda and Robert King's Wedding Album



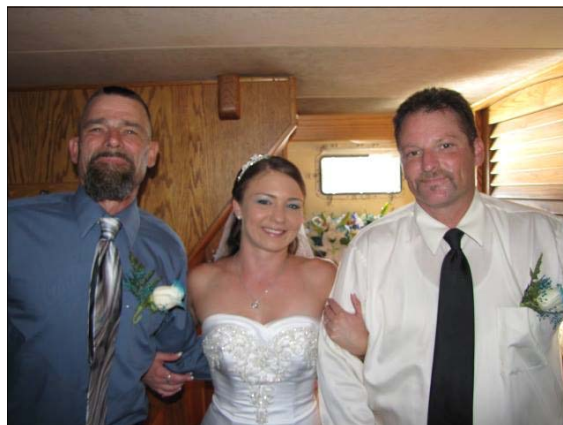
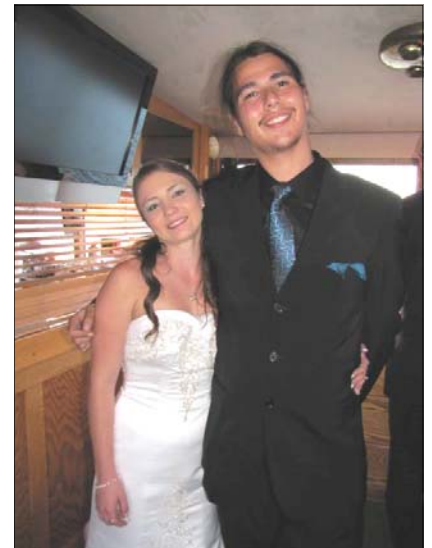
Shanda and Robert met about ten years ago at a friend's house, and pretty much have been best friends ever since. Robert has a five-year-old daughter that Shanda absolutely adores. Little Kali was one of the flower girls in the wedding.

What a beautiful ceremony on such a gorgeous blue-skied day on the Bay! We all wish the very best for Shanda, Robert and Kali. ♥



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Wedding exuberance is illustrated in these photos of the celebration onboard the Five Star Yacht on August 25th, following the marriage ceremony of Robert and Shanda King. From left to right and top to bottom are Shanda and Robert; Shanda, Teena and Angeleena; Shanda; Dustin Cavino, Troy Peters, and Rich Cavino; Shanda and her cousin Marlin; Shanda and her brother, Raymond; Shanda and Kali; Shanda with her two dads: step-dad Rich Cavino and dad Troy Peters; Shana with her brother, Raymond, and her cousin, Alura.



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y la familia, the Human Genome Project and 23andMe

By George Nicholson

Just to think that not more than 20 years ago, scientists worked on a monumental project - deciphering the human genome. All of that work, conducted by a collaboration of many scientists in many countries was completed with the announcement that the human genome had been sequenced in October 2004. I am interested in science and discoveries like this fascinate me.

So, what does this all mean to you? It is possible now, today!, to submit a saliva sample to a company, (23andme.com), and receive detailed information in 3-4 weeks about your health risks, inherited conditions and traits, health tools, ancestral composition, maternal line for females and paternal line information for males and females. Inherited condition markers indicate your chances (above or below average) for diseases such as breast cancer, prostate cancer, Alzheimer's and 250 other inherited conditions.

How does this affect our family? Collectively, the information gathered adds to the family ancestral map. Individual test results are private and confidential. Results, some or all, may be shared with close family if you choose. Personally, my wife Barbara and I, son Christopher and his wife, Cindy had the test done and we are in the registry. I can share a tiny bit of what I learned. I am at a decreased risk for prostate cancer but have an increased risk for gall bladder issues. Additionally, LOL, I'm 2.8% Neanderthal.

Not many years ago, genetic testing cost thousands of dollars to have done. Today, 23andme is \$100, certainly not inexpensive but, in my opinion, well worth the expense.

Go to the website and see if it's a fit for you. If you sign up, your ancestral information will be added to our/your families' body of information.



George and Barbara Nicholson with children and grandchildren, 2012

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Other Family News



Levi Merritt Vail was born on August 26th at 5:23 a.m. in Little Rock, Arkansas. He came about four weeks early, but weighed a healthy 6 lbs 2 oz and was 21 inches long.

Levi is the son of Christina (Krause) Vail and Adam Vail, and the grandson of Marlynn (Merritt) and Paul Krause. His middle name is in honor of his great-grandfather, James Merritt. At left, newborn Levi is cuddled by big sister, Taelynn. At top right, Levi is almost four weeks old, and the bottom pic was taken in early October. Congratulations to the Vail family!



Brand new baby boys!



Welcome precious baby boy Austin Jacob Rivera, born on October 7th at 1:19 p.m. to Ryan and Anita Rivera. He weighed 7 lbs 6.4 oz and measured 19-1/2 inches. Austin is the grandson of Carlos Rivera and the great-grandson of Isidro and Rosita Rivera.



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My grandson, **Marcel Quiñones**, started Kindergarten this year! He attends a Montessori school in the city of Concord, California, where he lives with his parents, Ruben and Lisa Quiñones, and his little sister, Mirra. This picture was taken during a recent trip to Apple Hill, near my home in Placerville.

Angélica (Rivera) Medina celebrated her 85th birthday on September 29th. She looks fabulous, doesn't she? Tía Tita lives in Boynton Beach, Florida, with her husband José Medina. We wish her many more happy and healthy years!



October Vacation in Maui

Vic and Joi (De Nardo) Stenroos enjoyed a relaxing week in Maui and were able to go scuba diving on a couple of days. The picture of Joi is after one of those diving excursions, which explains why she looks so radiantly happy. "What else can I say but that was absolutely awesome being so close to these large sea green turtles," writes Joi. "They seemed so comfortable with divers surrounding them. They are a protected species so divers aren't actually allowed to get closer than 3 ft. and you can't touch/pet them. Their eyes are on the sides -- so sometimes they are coming straight at you because they can't see you."



Banyan Tree Park, looking toward Lahaina

The baby pictured on page 2 is Shanda Peters, the new Mrs. King!

*This **single** tree encompasses the entire Banyan Tree Park!*

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Birthday Greetings

Teena Warren (42) - Oct. 3

Christine Rivera (17) - Oct. 3

Roxanna Rivera (43) - Oct. 6

Eric J. Montalvo (36) - Oct. 7

Ruben A. Quiñones (37) -
Oct. 12

Felipe René Rivera (30) -
Oct. 13

Lourdes Rivera (40)- Oct. 13

Edwin Joel Rivera (16) - Oct. 14

Jackie (Correa) Eddy (49) -
Oct. 15

Sonia Rivera (39)- Oct. 15

Austin Rivera (19) - Oct. 17

Annalise L. Nicholson (11) -
Oct. 17

Javier Rivera (40) - Oct 18

Virginia T. Feliciano (24) -
Oct. 21

Sierra Campos (17) - Oct. 21

Tito Shenker (16) - Oct. 22

Vicky (Rivera) Cabán (49) -
Oct. 23

Brandi Klene (44) - Oct. 24

Randy Pettit (58) - Oct. 27

Victoria Nicholson (74) -
Oct. 28

Madeline Rivera (47) -
Oct. 28

Joanne McLaughlin (66) -
Oct. 29

Julie Rivera (21) - Nov. 2

Alex Joel Rivera (18) - Nov. 2

Lisa Quiñones (37) - Nov. 3

Adalberto Rivera (30) - Nov. 5

Orlando Rivera (58) - Nov. 6

Stephanie Feliciano (24) -
Nov. 6

Matthew Thompson (8)-
Nov. 7

Lydia N. Carrasquillo (34) -
Nov. 7

Rosa M. Rivera (90) - Nov. 8

Austin Miller (19) - Nov. 8

Joannie García (33) - Nov. 9

Neysha Rivera (23) - Nov. 12

Juan Meléndez (68) - Nov. 12

Lilliana Charice Cruz (11) -
Nov. 15

Joseph T. Springer (17) -
Nov. 15

Esmeralda Rivera Delgado (9) -
Nov. 16

Carol (Medina) Wright (61) -
Nov. 17

Michelle (Cabán) Su'a (25) -
Nov. 17

Amanda Knox (26) - Nov. 22

John Feliciano (51) - Nov. 22

Rose A. Segarra (13) - Nov. 23

Marcantonio Williams Jr. (6) -
Nov. 25

Kaylee Noemí Valentín (5)
Nov. 25

Hector L. Feliciano (62) -
Nov. 26

Solimar Delgado (25) -
Nov. 28

Anniversaries

**Kimm and Scott
Hargraves** (17) -
Oct. 18

**Muñeca (Osorio)
and
David Simon-Baker**
(7) - Oct. 21

**Alicia (Rivera) and
Mike Tokar** (6) -
Oct. 27

