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## Danny's: Providing the best service in town

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Before you give your mother that special gift on Sunday, you might want to treat her to lunch at Danny's #5, 4320 McPherson Road, where they "will take care of singing 'Las Mañanitas.'"

Committed to providing the best service, the Laredo Real Foods company, which chain spans throughout Laredo, will provide *las madrecitas* with *serenatas* Sunday for Mother's Day.

Danny's #5 location will feature the performance of "Somos Tres" from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Patrons can enjoy a variety of genres, from tropical to boleros to some of Paquita's music.

"In appreciation to our customers, we have this music," Salvador Bella, general manager, said. "(Danny's #5) is the only place where you can dine, sing and dance."

According to Bella, Mother's Day is one of the busiest days of the year in the restaurant business, along with other special days, such as Valentine's Day.

Bella noted that Danny's restaurants have an extensive menu that provides a wide range of dishes including steaks, salads and diet plates.

"When people think of Danny's, they automatically think of *enchiladas*. Danny's is not exactly a Mexican food restaurant because there are many different dishes available," he said. La Roca offers seafood and Italian dishes, as well as a variety of steaks. Another of their restaurants, the popular TortaMex, serves a great



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**DINNING OUT:** Danny's Restaurants offers an extensive menu that provides a wide range of food dishes.

variety of Mexican-style tortas or sandwiches.

Founded in 1983, Danny's quickly expanded two years later as a second restaurant was built.

Now, Laredo Real Foods has expanded city wide, with businesses such as La Roca and TortaMex and other restaurants; MonteCarlo, a reception hall; Galaxy Billiards; El Competidor, restaurant supplies; four Western Union outlets and Texas Lottery outlets; and popular nightclubs the RoundUp, the 57<sup>th</sup> Street Club and Cowboy Disco.

"(The corporation) has grown little by little and now we employ more than 500 people," Bella said. "We would like to provide more jobs as we expand."

Having worked with owner Daniel Lopez for more than two decades, Bella noted that the chain has provided Laredoans with many jobs and that, in turn has boosted the

economy.

Bella, however, credits their loyal customers for playing a big part in the company's success.

"We appreciate the people of Los Dos Laredos because they support the economy (by eating at the restaurants)," Bella said.

Bella stressed the fact that Danny's restaurants use the same recipes.

"Danny Lopez gives his personal guarantee that all items in the menu will be as stated," the menus read.

Bella encourages customers to call or send suggestions through e-mail so that they can provide better service. The chain has a 1-800 number, 1-800-276-1147 and their e-mail address is [dannys.com](mailto:dannys.com)

"We are always trying to get better," Bella explained.

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