

FAMILY TIES

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It's time for another issue of "Family Ties." Can you believe how fast the time has flown?! We hope all of you have had a wonderful first half of '94 and that the rest of this year will be filled with blessings for you all.

This issue will be the last one using this format for the newsletter. I now have an updated, state of the art program for doing a newsletter on the computer. I would use it this issue, but I have not learned it well enough to efficiently use it to get this issue out halfway on time. Hopefully, by the end of the year, I'll be a whiz and amaze you with a "professional" form and format then!

We held up on sending the June 30 issue of Family Ties for a few days in order to include all the info Pop and Susie gathered during their meanderings around the great State of Texas. They gathered lots of interesting "intelligence" on the family and it has been included in this issue.

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AMERICA ON-LINE

For those of you who have America On-Line, here are some of the call numbers of our family members:

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Now, some of us can talk to each other almost everyday! If you have any E-mail service, send us your number and we'll pass it on to everyone in the next FT Newsletter. It's a great way to keep in touch between issues.

Pat Walker is finishing up his instrument flying in Houston. He and Tammy Gibson of Houston plan to marry October 1 in Houston. (That makes another Tammy Walker.) Small world - Tammy, too, spent many years in Hawaii, as did Pat - but they met in Houston.



Wedding Bells in October for
Tammy Gibson and Pat Walker

SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

Addie Mae Doran had triple bypass heart surgery April 28 of this year. She is recovering well, although not up to par yet. Keep her in your prayers for continuing recovery.

LUNDQUIST, JR. AND FAMILY

On the Move and Busy

Kate and David Sallean relaxed in Cancun the first part of June. They vacationed for four days and realized what a "rat race" they run every day when away from it for a few days! Charles and Betty Lundquist ("Me-Maw" and "Paw-Paw") babysat with Alyssa while Mom and Dad were away. Can't believe Alyssa is already 16 months old!

Mandy and Brian Pockington are also on the run. Mandy bought an old piano (circa 1907) last October and has been teaching herself to play. Brian is still working for Farmer's Insurance - he manages their catastrophe offices for them. It's very interesting work - this past January, he went to California in connection with the big earthquake. Mandy, Brian and Victoria went to Chain-O-Lakes for a camping vacation the latter half of June and had a wonderful time. Eight-year old Victoria loves to collect and shop - and is particularly interested in "antique" hats. (Susie remembers "first-hand" far more than she cares to admit!)

Charles Lundquist, III, recently returned from his first trip to Russia. He is working with the Russian space agency in a cooperative effort on the space station. He did get some spare time to sightsee -- Red Square, the Kremlin (which is quite impressive), Cathedral Square, which contains some of the oldest and most ornate Russian Orthodox churches (with "gold onion-domed towers"), and Lenin's tomb (yes - he looks like he just died yesterday. Charles was told over 100 people were employed in the science and maintenance of preservation). There was much, much more and all quite impressive and interesting. The Russian food though, consisted of tongue, dried raw fish, ground liver, mystery meat in mystery sauce and black bread so hard you could

barely chew it. McDonald's, shunned at home, became Charlie's survival station in Russia. Charles spoke with a number of native Russians who all thought Americans were "filthy rich" and totally "obsessed with money." They think all Americans dress like Michael Jackson and that they are artless and cultureless. Moscow seems littered with art museums, ballets, statutes, so by their standards, we probably are! They are very cynical of their politicians, but respect age and authority.

It was great getting back to the US of A and family. Charlie, IV, Eric and Lauren are active in Cub scouts, swimming lessons, insect collecting, rock collecting, etc. They are planning a vacation to San Antonio in July to see SeaWorld, the Alamo, zoo, tubing on the river, etc. Sounds like fun! - and refreshing after Russia!

(Charles subsequently made another trip to Russia and returned while Pop and Susie were visiting in Houston.) Send any good Borscht recipes to Charles III - it's a Russian "delicacy."

Allen Graham traveled to Scotland this spring, and, Allen, we would really love to hear about it for the next issue.

JUST BIKING ALONG

Aileen Miller has expanded her biking expertise into racing now. She has a personal trainer and is making the different races around the State of Texas. She was in Dallas for races in Lewisville and Arlington and just recently, entered a criterium in Abilene, Texas. It's a tough row to hoe, but she is improving with each race! (What a heart rate!).

POP, SUSIE - TAKE "GRAND TOUR"

Pop and I left Dallas Tuesday, July 12 and 857 miles later we pulled into Dallas on Saturday, July 16. We had a wonderful trip and were able to visit with so many of the family.

We spent the first two nights at Betty and Charles' in Richmond - out of Houston. They have a beautiful, serene country home and we were able to see many of his family. Pat and Tammy also came and spent an afternoon with us. (Charles and Betty just returned from Cayman Brac and are taking off for Cozumel to dive, dive, dive.) I asked our "oldest" brother for wise words to pass on to ya'll - his reply was, "anything I say is wise." Sounds like what you'd get from a wise guy!!

Hugh is looking great and working in Houston still. He finished plumbing one new Wal-Mart and is starting a second.

We drove to San Antonio to stay with Jean and Jim. I pray that when anyone comes to our home, they will feel as welcome and comfortable as what Charles/Betty and Jim/Jean made us feel!



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 Nicky Baggett, Jean Baggett, Pop, and Jim Baggett
 At the Baggetts in Boerne
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Jean and Jim had a very busy year in their insurance agency. They are moving to a new location, hiring two new agents and hope to open a "branch" in Laredo soon. Their new business

address is: 5535 Fredrickburg, San Antonio, Texas, 210/366-1419.

We also stopped off in Austin to visit as many of our "student family" as possible. Melinda Baggett is a student at UT and during the summer volunteers to work with street kids, works at a clinic and started a second job at the Ritz, a billiards place in Austin - she is their sole cocktail hostess. We had fun with this: Melinda: works the street and serves beer! Her # is 1-800-FRE-BEER! (Maybe you want to use maybe not - Melinda said it's okay. Anyone who dives on a Bungee cord can take a little ribbing!!)

We had lunch with Tony and Aileen Miller (also students at UT) and Melinda. Tony is taking a woodworking class this summer and I want to be the first in line with an order! He does wonderful things with wood. He will be entering the HHH ("Hotter N Hell") 100 race in Wichita Falls in August. This is his 5th year, all previous years he rode a bike - this year he plans to rollerblade. He will try 25 or 50 miles, not the full 100.

Aileen is studying at UT for her RN, graduates in May, 1995 - (one more year!), and is working at South Austin Medical Center. She, too, will enter the HHH 100 and goes the full 100 miles. She was clocked by her coach at 38 m.p.h. - uphill - on her bike! Amazing! (I get tired and hot just thinking about it all!)



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 Aileen Miller, Tony Miller, Melinda
 Baggett and Pop in Austin

We had fun sight-seeing. We stopped at Krause's, a German Restaurant where Pop dined on many a business trip to New Braunfels. We drove through Landa Park there, which brought back many fond memories.

In San Antonio we, of course, went pass the Alamo and Menger Hotel where Pop and Mom spent their honeymoon back in 1934. We took a walk along the River. Needless to say, many changes have been made. San Antonio is a fun place to visit.

It was a wonderful trip, and Pop and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing some of our marvelous, talented family.

Susie Aki

Nicky Baggett is home after seven weeks in Merida, Venezuela in the Andres. He was taking a Spanish course with UT at Austin exchange. He had an experience with a "mal de ojo" witch doctor when a two-year old girl was hexed by his presence in the home he stayed. Thank goodness it was a "good" hex! He got a real feel for the local flavor as he lived in a poor barrio.

MOVING -- AND ON THE MOVE

Jimmy and Michelle Van Gilder are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary in grand style. They have saved enough air mileage to go to Hawaii first class, to Maui and Kauai. Golf will be a big part of their celebration.

Debbie and Chuck Hovitz have finally been able to find a new house - which is GRAND. It's big (4100 sq. ft.), six bedrooms, 4 baths, library, den, etc., etc. Frank Doran found the house, a four-year old custom house - at a great deal for the Hovitzs.

Whitney broke her arm about 10 days before school was out. Dad was doing her homework for her and was her "Homework Machine." Chas. Hovitz and Jamie Van Gilder are big into baseball now - on different teams - but it is their life right

now.

"Big" Jim (Van Gilder) was in Alaska recently for about ten days of business and vacation.

Wally and Jean Walker are officially back into civilian life, as of June 29, 1994, after ten years as a Special Forces medic. They are in Dallas seeking to settle in with a new job and new home. Grandpa and Grandma Aki are delighted to have two grandkids around.

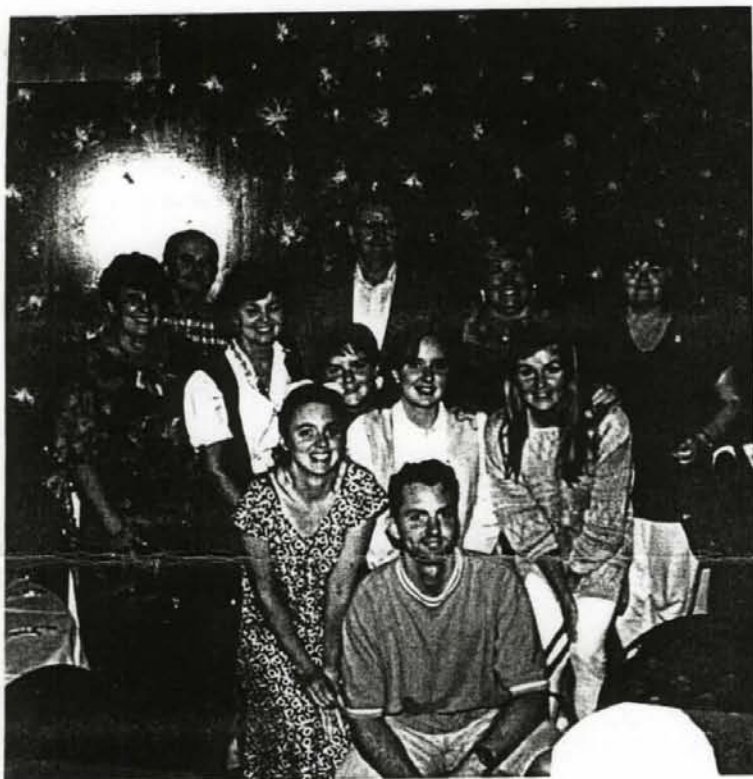
Andrew and Tami Walker and children are settled in Arizona, but wishing they were back in the Lone Star State (The pull of Lake Frankston is a strong one!)

Susie Walker is working at Camp John Marc in Meridian, Texas. It is a camp for children with various diseases and handicaps, where she teaches horseback riding. The Camp is a good experience for what she plans to study in the fall at Texas Women's University - occupational therapy.

As you may have noted by Tommy Miller's call number for AOL, he is back in school - at the University of Virginia - and carrying a major in computer science/programming. Rae is established in her physician's practice now, and Tommy decided to go back to school. He's enjoying it and learning lots, but it's really demanding after being out of school for so many years and, now, having to help keep up with three kids, a house, etc., too!

While Pop and Susie were at Jean and Jim's in San Antonio, Jim Parker dropped by for dinner with them. He's stationed in San Antonio for another two months to continue his navigator training with the Navy. He's been flying on their 737 trainers.

Denise McDonald was in Dallas for a MADD convention this summer, and had the opportunity to get together with some of our Dallas folks. Pop treated Denise, Marianna, Susie, CC and her children to dinner one night while Denise was in town. As an added attraction, Charles and Betty were also in town and joined in the festivities.



"Dinner with Denise"
Charles, Jr., Pop, Denise McDonald, Susie Aki,
Betty Lundquist, Marianna Van Gilder, Jack Parker,
Jamie Parker, CC Parker, Julie Parker and John Parker

Neiman-Marcus' Gazebo in Dallas. For dessert she had a melt-in-your-mouth, delicious cookie, and she asked for the recipe. The waiter told her she could have it, but they would have to charge her two-fifty. She said okay, just charge her account. When she got her bill, they had charged her \$250.00 - this was correct and no error. Since she had to pay it, she wants to be sure and get her money's worth - and pass the recipe on to as many people as possible!

NEIMAN'S \$250 COOKIE RECIPE

(You may cut this recipe in 1/2 and still get 72 cookies)

- 2 cups butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 4 cups flour
- 5 cups blended oatmeal
(measure oatmeal and then blend to a fine powder in blender)
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 24-oz chocolate chips
- 1 8-oz hersey bar for baking, grated
- 3 cups chopped pecans

Cream butter and sugars, add eggs. Then add remaining ingredients. Roll into balls and place 2" apart on cookie sheet. Bake for 6 minutes in 375° oven.

The following is a story (and recipe) sent to us by Addie Mae Doran. You have to read the story to really appreciate the recipe.

Last November, a friend of Addie Mae's was having lunch at