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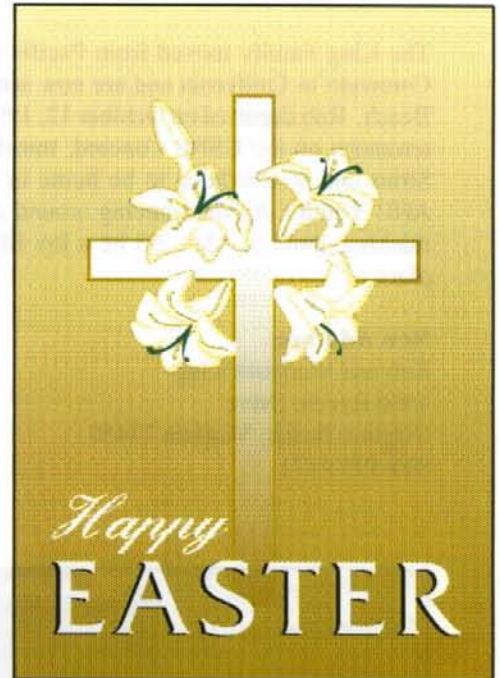
Well here we are! A little late, but as you can see from our new "professional" appearance we are in great shape. We owe this new look to Carol's son, Brian Miller of Houston. He has volunteered to share his expertise with FAMILY TIES. It's great and we thank you, Brian, for your time and talent. (We have such a talented family!)

1995 is in full swing for all. We pray that thus far it has been a wonderful year and will continue to be better with each passing day. As you will see in Faces of the Family, we look great!

We have all enjoyed being in touch with "some" of you out there. Please drop a line to Carol or Susie in the next few months so we can put you in print in the next FT issue. We all want to hear from YOU!

Enjoy the newsletter! We would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter season.

Carol Miller and Susie Aki - Editors



In Memory of Margaret Roberta Doran Griffin

Margaret Griffin, wife of "Grif" for 36 years, passed away on November 25, 1994 in their Dallas home. Margaret was the 4th child of Ugo and Annie Doran born on March 16, 1916 in Dallas, Texas. She attended Ursuline Academy and Southern Methodist University. She retired from Haggard Slacks where she was the computer programmer. She was doing things with computers long before they became a familiar fixture.

She was the mother of Kathleen Young of Dallas and Douglas Ingram of Quitman. Her oldest son, Charles, died in 1973. She is survived by 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Grif and Margaret were known for their wonderful trips that crisscrossed these United States and Canada. They made one feel you were there as they told of New England in the Fall, the beauty of the Everglades to the sunsets in San Diego to the majesty of Banf. The one place that stands out above all the rest was Branson, Missouri. How Margaret loved that country and western music. Grif remembers when in the 60's they camped in a tent where now is the heart of Branson.

Margaret had a beautiful smile and a wonderful attitude about life. Thank you, God, for allowing her to be an inspiring part of this family. May she rest in Your peace.

Thoughts of Carol Miller - Editor:

Aunt Margaret has a special place in my heart. When I was in the fourth grade, she taught me how to quilt — and I'm still quilting! I never would have gotten into it if it had not been for Aunt Margaret. I remember she showed me how to "lay it out" and sandwich the batting between the top and bottom - and how to do the stitching — over at Grandpa's apartments behind his house. She was very kind and patient — and I have Margaret to thank for the major "joy of quilting."

"Death Is Not The Extinguishing Of The Light, But The Blowing Out Of The Candle Because The Dawn Has Come"

Hindu Poet Tagore

THE KINGS DOMAIN - Growing and Moving

Rob, Margaret, and little Mary Carolyn were blessed with the birth Emily Margaret on July 25, 1994 in the wee hours of the morn. Emily weighted in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. and Mom says "she has gained weight like an infant with a mission."

The King Family moved from Pacific Grove down to Coronado in California and are now settled in Virginia Beach. Rob departed on October 12, 1994 for the Mediterranean on the USNS Concord, transferred to USNS Sirius and is scheduled to be home in March of '95. AH!! Youth!! All that moving around exhaust me just thinking about it! May '95 be a joy filled year in one place.

New Address:

Rob and Margaret King
4460 Revere Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456
804-495-4471



*Mary Carolyn - 32 months
Emily - 4 months*

A Word From THE WISE FAMILY

John and Becky have settled very nicely in their new home and community in Leander, Texas. All are very involved in Scouts. Becky is teaching 3rd grade and says the second year is so much easier. John's new business venture has taken off and keeps him busy, but there is always time for exploring with the boys.

The boys write:

Bobby (3rd grade). In school I'm getting almost all A's. My favorite subject is recess because outside I play football and sometimes I play soccer with my friend, Ryan.

Charlie (2nd grade). In scouts, I am close to my Wolf badge. I am almost done with my whole Wolf book. My "special" job at Christmas was to set up the manger. (Congratulations on your Wolf badge, Charlie!)

Jimmy (6th grade). I have done many things with Scouts campouts, summer camp, and attended classes for merit badges. In school I am playing percussion. School is going great.

Let us have more letters from the younger members of this family!!

BIG CHANGES IN CHICAGO

Denise McDonald changed jobs in July. She is now the Director of Victim-Witness Assistance at the Cook County State Attorney's office. She has a staff of 60 people which means she does less traveling and more delegating. She is on several task forces that serve as a liaison to the communities and police departments on how to work with victims of crimes.

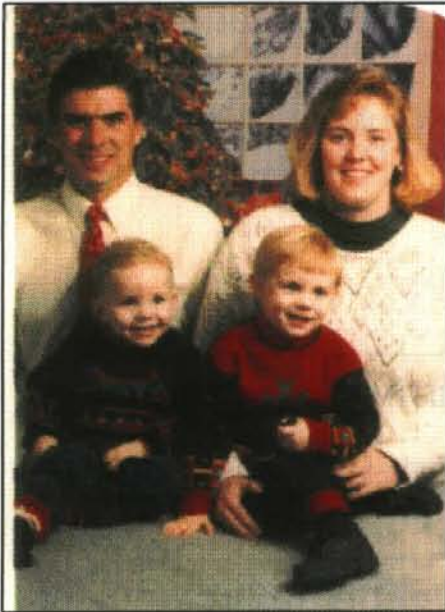
MADD, the job she left, will always be a large part of Denise's life. The years there have enabled her to move from "victim" to "survivor" and beyond. She is forever grateful.

She has also been re-elected to the board of National Organization for Victim Assistance in September at the San Francisco conference.

While in San Francisco, she was able to make a trip to visit son, Brian, in Oregon and meet his girlfriend, Mia Eckerling, another from Chicago relocated on the West coast.

Keep up the good work, Denise. We are proud of you! Hope this doesn't end your Dallas trips!

FACES OF THE FAMILY...



*Mike, Carol, Kyle and Andy Dickson of
Lansing, Illinois*

*Charles III, Lisa, Eric,
Charles IV & Lauren of
Friendswood, Texas*



Patrick & Tammy Walker of League City, Texas



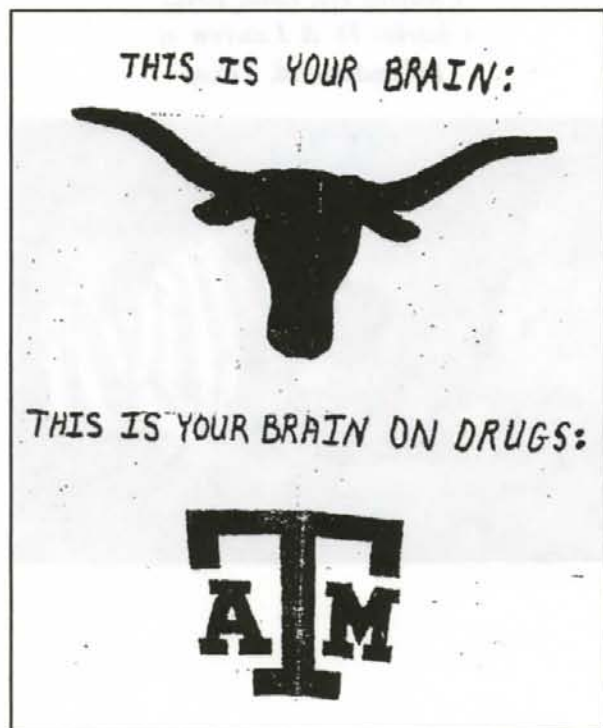
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CONGRATULATIONS TO NICHOLAS JAMES BAGGETT

Nick graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on December 11, 1994. You have done well, Nick, and we are all happy for and proud of you.

Nick is now heading up his parents', Jim and Jean, new branch office in Laredo, Texas. Drop him a line at:
1304 Rosario, #4
Laredo, Texas 78040
210-712-3818

IN NICK'S HONOR:



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

As you know (from the last FT issue), Charlie Lundquist III is spending much time in Russia. He is NASA's liaison between the American and Russian portion of the space station. He is also studying to obtain his Masters in Biological Sciences. His most important position though, is leader of Charlie IV and Eric's Cub Scout dens. All 3 love that.

Charlie IV is still in search of all those weird bugs specimens. Eric, the original thinker, is putting together his own cookbook. Now that sounds interesting! Lauren is taking all in and holding her own.

Lisa, a retired engineer from NASA, is chief cook, bottle wash, chauffeur, baker..... a homemaker of many hats. She is attending school to obtain her teachers certificate for math and Physics - in her "spare time".

FALL WEDDING BELLS

On October 1, 1994, Patrick Walker and Tammy Gibson were married. Pat is the son of Ed and Susie Aki of Dallas and Tammy is the daughter of Nina Chang of Taiwan. It was a beautiful and fun occasion for all the family and friends that gathered in the lush green gardens of Vargo's in Houston, Texas.

Pat and Tammy moved into their newly built home in League City in December. Ya'll come on by.

New Address:
207 Leighrand Ct.
League City, Texas 77573
713-334-3532

HAPPY BIRTHDAY POP!!

It was a celebration! Charles Lundquist, Sr. (Pop) celebrated his 84th birthday with a Grand party with a capital G!

Grandson, Jimmy Van Gilder and his wife, Michelle opened their beautiful home to about 50 of Pop's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Now that is a full house! We are known to be NOT a quiet group!

Jimmy fried up about a "ton" of chicken fixed just the way Grandma use to do it. Susie Walker baked and decorated a cake that was not only big enough to hold all the candles, but there were leftovers after all had indulged.

The "wheels" are turning for next September and #85!! Let us hear from you.



Great Grandpa Lundquist enjoys a good laugh

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Kate Sallean sent this for all of FT readers. She and David are experiencing the joys of parenthood with their daughter, Alyssa. Thank you for sharing with us. These *are* words of wisdom.

How To Really Love A Child

by Sark

Be there....Say yes as often as possible....Let them bang on pots and pans....If they're crabby, put them in water....If they're unlovable, love yourself....Realize how important it is to be a child....Go to a movie theater in your pajamas. Read books out loud with joy....Invent pleasures together....Remember how really small they are....Giggle a lot....Surprise them. Say no when necessary....Teach feelings....Heal your own inner child....Learn about parenting....Hug trees together....Make loving safe....Bake a cake and eat it with no hands....Go find elephants and kiss them....Plan to build a rocketship....Imagine yourself magic....Make lots of forts with blankets....Let your angel fly....Reveal your own dreams....Search out the positive....Keep the gleam in your eye....Mail letters to God. Encourage silly....Plant licorice in your garden....Open up....Stop yelling....Express your love....A lot....Speak Kindly....Paint their tennis shoes....Handle with caring....Children are miraculous.

SKI TRIPS ARE IN

At least for the Van Gilder/Hovitz Families. During the Christmas Holidays Jimmy and Michelle took the kids to Riudosa, New Mexico.

And in February Debbie and Chuck took the kids and granny to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

All six of the kids, Chas, Jamie, Whitney, Taylor, Christina, and Austin turned pro in about half a day. Bet this is a repeat family trip next year.

P.S. After about 17 years (granny Marianna got in a beginner class. She fell only once!! WHAT FUN!!

NEWS BRIEFS

ADDIE MAE DORAN is continuing to do very well after heart surgery last spring. You can't keep a good woman down!

PAUL AND LINDA LUNDQUIST took their children, Jennifer and Chris, with them on a pleasure and business trip to beautiful Hawaii in January to partake in the Aloha spirit.

POGS! JEAN AND TAMMY WALKER are in the business. They are selling like hotcakes and turning up everywhere.

SHANNON LINDSAY is continuing her studies as an exchange student in Paris. Parlez-vous Francaise??

MARK DORAN spent 2 weeks in Dallas at the beginning of this year before returning to Moldova (formerly of USSR). His two years in the Peace Corps is at an end in June 1995.

It has been to the winner's circle for Amazing Gracy, a little filly trained by **CC PARKER**. CC has another one of her trainees by the name of Gulookgoodtome, running in the \$100,000 Sweepstakes at Retama in San Antonio coming up. Place your bets!!

Congratulations **JASON and KIM DORAN**. They were married in November. JASON is a Marine recruiter and KIM is student, homemaker and mother to Rachel who is three years old. Welcome to the family Kim and Rachel. **New Address:** 2829 Parkview Lane, Apartment 815, Bedford, Texas 76022. 817-868-0911.

It'll be a whirlwind spring in the **PARKER** household! **JAMIE** will graduate from high school. **JOHN** will graduate from Texas A&M. **JIMMY** is off to the Orient for 6 months. Never a dull moment!

CHARLES MILLER nearly hits the mother lode! In the Texas State Lottery on Saturday, February 4, 1995 Charles came within 1 number of being this families first millionaire x 28! He got 5 of the 6 numbers in the Lottery and won almost \$2,000. His brother **TONY** wrote: "It was kind of funny because Charles woke me up at about 4:30 in the morning when he found out that he won just to make sure HE wasn't dreaming!"

NOW FOR THE OLD STUFF!!!

DID YOU KNOW The down stairs bathroom at Grandma and Grandpa DORAN'S was the Ice Box until about 1938???? That's when they bought the big double door refrigerator for the kitchen and made a half bath out of the ICE ROOM (they called it the Butlers Pantry)

DID YOU KNOW THAT G & G DORAN raised chickens in the backyard?? They raised them for Sunday Dinners!! (Come to think of it we did the same thing at the LUNDQUIST's - Remember??)

REMEMBER The street car rides to downtown Dallas with Grandma Doran - the movies at the Palace, The Majestic, The Tower and Melba theaters - the deserts at the soda counters at Worthington's and Kress, and Woolworth's. Putting pennies on the street car tracks. The coal bin? The fish pond in Grandpa Doran's backyard? 5233 Bryan Street. G.G. Doran's home.

DID YOU KNOW - Uncle Stanley met Addie Mae at a Church Picnic in June of 1935, took her home, met her family, and married her in August of 1935!! They were married in the home of Addie Mae's friend and minister, Dr. Creig.