

# FAMILY TIES

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## 100-HOUR WAR OVER!

**CONGRATS!**  
**W A L L Y ,**  
**JASON , ANDY**  
**AND JOHN**

Thanks to our fantastic leadership, terrific technology, our wonderful, professional, compassionate soldiers -- and most of all -- thanks be to God -- the Persian War is over! Two members of the family who are still in the area of conflict, Jason Doran and Wally Walker haven't returned home yet--hopefully they will very soon. (FLASH--Wally called and was preparing to pull out of Kuwait and then be on his way home. He should be home around April 4-5.)

Reservist Andy Walker was reactivated and left Dallas on January 31--was deactivated on March 9, and returned to Dallas March 12. He had been sent to his old post in Hawaii before being sent to Saudi, but thank God, all ended before he was sent. Tami and the children had gone to Hawaii to be with Andy during his tour -- and stayed to visit with her family for a while before returning to Dallas, too.

John Achenbach was in desert training in California and was scheduled to leave for Saudi when he got back to Colorado. On Wednesday the war was over and John got back to his base in Colorado Springs the following Saturday. Ann and John will now probably stay in Colorado Springs (the mountains sure beat the desert any day!).

It goes without saying we are very proud of our family guys who were and are involved in this conflict. Wally and Jason -- we all love you and come home soon! And bravos to Andy and John who were ready to go at a moment's notice (we love you, too!).

We salute you guys and are delighted to have a great excuse to put your handsome faces in our Newsletter!!



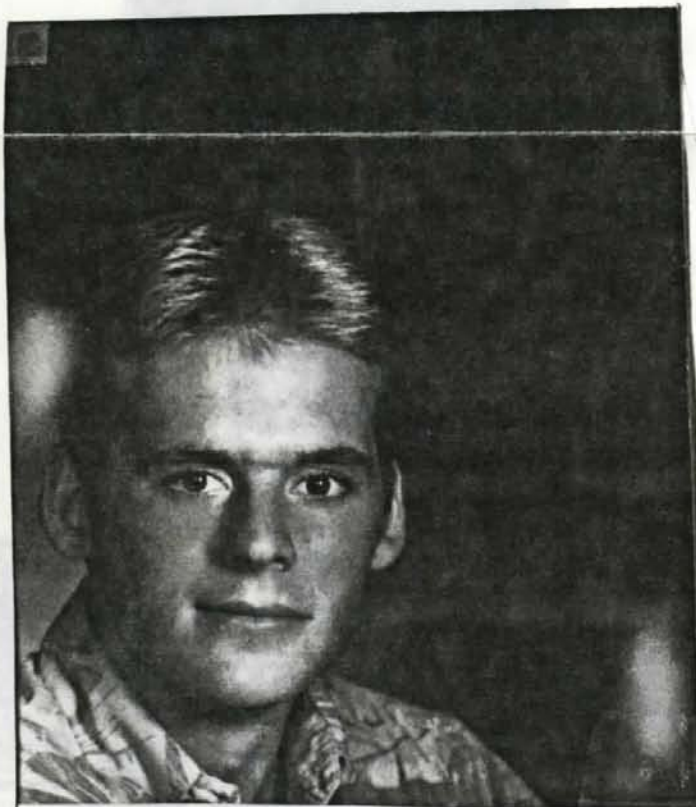
SGT. JASON K. DORAN  
High School: Lake Highlands



SSG JAMES (WALLY) WALKER  
High School: Lake Highlands  
& Bishop Lynch



JOHN ACHENBACH



ANDY WALKER

### BIG FAMILY--SMALL WORLD!

Our daughter, Carrie Graham, was given a list of Dallas military in the Middle East for her class to write to. She chose Jason Doran's name and told her teacher that he was probably related to her family. Sure enough! After talking with her grandfather, E. Allan Graham, she found out that Jason was a distant cousin.

She mailed off two packages full of candy and pictures of her pets and received a letter back from Jason. She was so excited!

He was doing fine but, of course, misses his wife and family here in Dallas. Carrie (a 5th grader at St. Rita) continues to write to him at least once a week. He did mention that they are restricted, as of last week (Feb. 1) to sending mail out of Saudia Arabia because the enemy could possibly get valuable information from their letters.

Sharon Graham, wife of Frank Graham, Allan Graham's son

[What a wonderful letter!--it really does show what a beautiful, large family we have! Sharon and Frank Graham have three children: Steve, a freshman at Jesuit; Michael, a 6th grader at St Rita; and Carrie Elizabeth, a 5th grader at St.Rita]

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### WESTERNERS HEAD EAST -- WAY EAST

Rita Marschall took a semester leave without pay to study for her Masters Degree comprehensives, which she passed with flying colors. This is the first year in memory that Rita has not been teaching or taking classes. Consequently, John and Rita are taking a rare vacation to Europe. Rita has been east of the Mississippi only once, so this is a special treat. For John, it will be an opportunity to revisit some of the places he stayed while studying in Europe in 1964.

Rita's interest in ancient origins of language will take them to some of the less well-visited towns of Europe like Carcassone, Arles, and Ste. Maries de la Mer. They will spend Easter in Florence in a place which was formerly a Dominican convent. Their children, Peter and Sarah, will have some supervision in keeping watch over the house. All fingers are crossed!

We wish all our readers a blessed Easter and give thanks for the end of hostilities in the Persian Gulf.

John and Rita Marshall

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Charles and Betty Lundquist are keeping busy -- what with work, work, work and settling into a new home. Charles sent the following for "FTN" and I'm sure it speaks for us all:

*The easiest thing to overlook in a family is how much we need each other.*



**COLLEGE DAYS - WITH LIZ**

Liz Parker is attending school at West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas, and just got back from a ski trip at Sandia Peak near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Liz finished out spring break in Dallas and returned to WTSU March 20. Next year, Liz is planning to attend Texas Tech in Lubbock -- and is still a strong, single college girl at the moment and likes it that way!

In her studies, Liz is aiming towards being an accountant, but is still a little undecided. Like her mother, Liz likes horses and is taking horseback riding lessons at school. Riding is very enjoyable -

- a great getaway from school, a time to bask in the beautiful outdoors without a care in the world (at least for the moment!).

"I love this family newsletter deal! I know it must take a lot of work -- I love you all!"

Liz Parker

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**2ND BIRTHDAY**

Here we are two years old! So much we have shared in the past two years. I feel so much closer to you all. There have been reported benefits, such as cards, phone calls, and visits. Things I don't think would have come about if we hadn't kept in touch through Family Ties. This is such a wonderful, beautiful family. God bless and fill us with His Peace and Joy!

Susie Aki

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**ADDRESS CHANGES**

As usual, we're a moving family! Here's the latest list of changes you will want to make on your list:

Johnny and Becky Wise  
19682 Wildwood Drive  
West Linn, Oregon 97068  
505/635-9008

[NOTE the great artwork sent by Johnny and Becky's son, Bobby, showing their new home!]

Andy and Tami Walker  
10010 Whitehurst, #2162  
Dallas, Texas  
214/341-3227

Tommy Miller and Rae Irvine  
7902 Millvale  
Chesterfield, VA 23832  
804/745-4512

[Rae is finishing her residency and they are moving back to Chesterfield effective April 1].

Be sure and let us know if you are moving so we can keep you on our mailing list.



## FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

**WE ARE SURVIVORS!!!!!! ..... CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED!**

*We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees and the PILL. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes...and before man walked on the moon.*

*We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of." Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.*

*We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theater. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness...not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.*

*Back then, "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffees were unheard of. We hit the scene where there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders or Wilsons sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$800...but who could afford one? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!*

*In our day, grass was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.*

*No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today.  
But, WE SURVIVED!!! What better reason to celebrate?*



Artwork by Bobby Wise

# WE'RE MOVING!!

THE WISE FAMILY IS MOVING TO  
OREGON ON FEBRUARY 20. PLEASE WRITE,  
CALL, OR VISIT ANYTIME!!

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