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**Subject:** Re: the List

Thanks for the update! Good for Doug, re: Dallas doctors. I know folks sometime find him to be a bit of a pain, but I am ever impressed by his enthusiasm for these issues (though I know the pendulum swings the other way for him, too) and his refusal to give up/give in. I would have turned away from the labryinth of the medical evidence ages ago... Saw "Saving Private Ryan" yesterday. Very wrenching and powerful, but wouldn't recommend it unless you are ready for a lot of gore/realism. A guy in front of me had 4 young kids w/him -- I couldn't believe it. Technically brilliant, though perhaps a little ponderous as morality play. But it does remind you what WW II was all about, and how much we take for granted. It's a wonder anyone who went through the sort of thing portrayed in the movie came out sane at all (or came out alive, for that matter). As you have probably heard me mention before, my father was a Marine in the Pacific theatre, a lieutenant/platoon leader seeing action at Pelelieu and Okinawa, so of course the movie brought him to mind and what he must have gone through. He never talked about it, as far as I know or remember -- which also seems explicable after watching the movie. How could you explain it to anyone who wasn't there; why would you want to talk about it or think about it ever again if you could avoid it? Good for Laura that's she down at the Outer Banks, though too bad she had to break it up by coming back. I'm sure she'll do great. How's the new FBI Team Leader holding up? Joe

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