



Skull & Peach

All the news that fits the page!

2005 *Relatively Early* Edition

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Lianne Goes the Extra Mile, Literally

In October, Lianne ran what was billed as the Army Ten Miler Race in Washington, D.C. Being the disciplined athlete she is, Lianne prepared well for the race, gradually increasing her weekly training mileage until she could easily go ten miles. She even overcame an injury that forced her to run in a pool (at 4AM before work!) for a couple weeks. None of that prepared her for what she faced on race day. A suspicious package under a bridge caused the race organizers to alter the course in the middle of the race turning Lianne's ten miler into an eleven and a half mile odyssey.



3/4 of VJ's tank crew

Where's the Beach PT IV.

In January, VJ will deploy his tank battalion (1-37 Armor) from Germany to Iraq for a year. Since taking command in June, VJ and the "Bandits" have been busy training for this mission." Beyond ammunition, spare parts and fuel, VJ would like to thank you taxpayers for paying a lot of Germans to pretend to be Iraqis (see photo below), for making him "culturally sensitive," for teaching him to drink tea and make small talk when meeting with a sheik, and for helping him get in touch with inner diplomat. Seriously, we pray that the deployment will pass quickly and safely. We also hope it will be productive, helping Iraq become a peaceful, democratic nation and helping bushels of terrorist meet Allah.



These guys are Germans!

Rachel Swept Away by Tsunami



Teen Hottie

Overcoming the vertical challenge that dogs her family gene pool, Rachel is now playing for the Tsunami Big Wave volleyball club in Peachtree City.

From Tween to Teen

On October 1st, Rachel officially completed her transformation from tweenager to teenager. When asked about this momentous change, Rachel was too busy with her social life to comment. Whatever!

Peace in Our Home: Boo Boo is no more!

Credible reporting indicates that the feared international terrorist Osama bin Boo Boo finally met her maker at the end of August. Regrettably, her death was non-violent and VJ derived little satisfaction from her passing. One wonders if Boo Boo received the cat martyr's reward of 70 virgin catnip toys, unlimited Fancy Feast, and a large sunny backyard to hunt in.

Cat Upgrade: Double Trouble

With Boo Boo out the picture (FINALLY), the Tedesco women wasted little time executing the cat improvement plan we had discussed for years. Of course, we couldn't get just one cat – it might get lonely. Fortunately, the good folks at RescueCats in nearby Fayetteville had a two for one sale enabling sisters Heather and Twix to join the family on 7 OCT. So far so good – although Twix in none to bright and Heather is a bit needy – neither has destroyed anything. Of course, they haven't met the man of the house yet....

Its Official: Lianne Not Leaving

Lianne, representing the females of the tribe, has officially declared her opposition to EVER leaving Peachtree City. By taking this position now, Lianne hopes to preempt any discussions about where the family will move when VJ leaves command in 2007. Of course, the Army gets a vote too....



Lianne & Twix
Rachel & Heather

In Other News:

- Lianne & Rachel traveled to Germany for the change of command in June.
- VJ will be home in for the holidays.
- How about those Nittany Lions?!

Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukah/Blessed Festivus to all. Please remember our wounded Soldiers and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for your freedom. May 2006 bring peace, happiness, and togetherness to you and your loved ones. Rachel, Lianne, & VJ