



“All of the news that fits the page”

## Yankee Carpetbaggers Arrive & Buy Local Estate!

Proving that Texas isn't safe for native-Texans anymore, a pack of Pennsylvanians slipped across the border and joined the local landed aristocracy. “We were delighted to find housing so affordable here,” volunteered Lianne Tedesco, matriarch of a family that has now been run out of several states and at least one European country.



## Shocking Incompetence Rewarded by Army Again!

After successfully dodging “real” work in the “real” Army for seven years, VJ found himself “back in the saddle” with the famed (at least in their own minds) First Cavalry Division. In an ill-advised move to wring something worthwhile out of his over-educated butt, the Army sentenced VJ to serve in G3 Plans. [Editor's Translation for the Militarily Impaired: a handful of over-worked officers who plan the operations for a division with 17,000 soldiers.] After only six months of rowing [think *Ben Hur*, “we keep you alive to serve the ship, so row well and live”], VJ will escape in January to become the Operations Officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, a tank battalion in First Brigade.

### In Other News This Year:

- Rachel camped out overnight with her Dad and the Brownies, thus making her the first female of the Roberts-Hollandsworth line to actually spend a night outdoors by choice.
- Lianne has officially made her first “last military move.”
- VJ picked up another masters degree without inducing a divorce during the dreaded thesis writing phase.
- In a dramatic triumph over a lack of coordination, Lianne & VJ completed a year of Ballroom dancing instruction without injury to themselves.
- Another Macintosh Purchase-Free year complete. Such good behavior deserves a reward, and soon!

## “Gumby-esque” Nursing Career Takes Yet Another Twist

After holding practically every other nursing job, Lianne is now employed as a school nurse. “You can't beat the hours,” she told reporters gathered outside her clinic at Trimmier Elementary, “besides with fourteen years of experience as a wife and eight years as a mother, I'm used to pathetic attention-getting behavior, exaggerated illnesses and being under-compensated for all that I do.”

## J.K. Rowling Watch Out!

There's a hot new author in town and her name is Rachel Tedesco! She took a break from her exhausting schedule of socializing, gymnastics, and reading to collect the title of KISD Third Grade Author of the Year for her novella *Buzz, Tumble, Zip*, an enchanting yarn about a girl who wakes up as a bee one morning. Rachel is also negotiating the world distribution rights for her upcoming church Christmas musical debut.

## “Damn Cat” Still Alive

Sad but true, Scarlet “Boo-Boo” Tedesco, arch-enemy of VJ and destroyer of expensive pieces of furniture, was recently saved again from a violent death by the intervention of Lianne, the mother-protectress, and Rachel. Reports suggest that VJ may escalate the conflict by unleashing chemical weapons if Boo Boo perpetrates any further outrages. Gremlin “Good Cat” Tedesco continues set the standard for cat behavior in the family.



## Picka-Me-Up Piasano?

From our “Who'd Have Thunk It” Department comes late word that the Tedesco's have exchanged their pre-historic Jeep for a previously unknown form of transportation (at least on VJ's side of the family). When questioned about this odd choice for a man who neither hunts nor fishes, doesn't own a dog, and basically likes to stay home and read, VJ responded: “I really wanted a Miata, but Lianne wouldn't hear of it and Rachel insisted we get something well suited for hauling Christmas trees.”