



## QUEEN & CONSORT WILL DIE ON THIS HILL!

After 14 consecutive years renting, the Queen and King Consort of Tedescovia finally own their own castle again. In April we purchased our third and final home from which we fully intend to either go to the graveyard or the "Home." Keen readers may remember our difficulty finding a reasonably-priced house as we moved to Austin in 2022. With



the worst of the craziness of the local real estate boom behind us, we jumped back into the market last winter hoping to snap up something before the anticipated rate drops reignited the madness. Well while the Queen and I are not exactly Chip and Joanna Gaines, we did find a modest home in a great location that just needed renovation. So

renovate we did. Other than a few big ticket items (ex. the master bath), we completely redid the rest of the house inside and out and we are VERY happy with the results.

## QUEEN MAY REPLACE SMITH AS STEELERS' OC

One of Queen Lianne's under-appreciated skills is offensive play calling during football games. For many years, your Editor has observed her growing skill providing color commentary during Penn State and Steelers games, but in 2024 she stepped it up to the next level. Always a fan of "just throw it to the tight end," her discovery of the Kelce brothers' New Heights podcast (thanks, Taylor) has significantly enhanced her football expertise and kindled an interest in both the Chiefs and Eagles (gag!). Now as speculation grows that Steelers Offensive Coordinator Art Smith may get a college head coach gig, the Tedescovian sports media is convinced that she is in the mix to replace him. As Al Michaels noted, "the Queen's concept of an all tight end receiving corps is likely a good fit in an era of punishing pressure on passers."



### IN BRIEF

- The Queen ran the Austin Marathon in February and is on track for the Dallas Marathon in mid-December.
- Duke Charles was promoted to Principal Solution

Consultant at NetSuite. Huzzah, Chas!

- The King Consort returned to Germany for a week in January to visit deployed 1-37 Armor Soldiers at Graf (good times!) as well as all the many kasernes the regiment's battalions once called home. Plenty of beer, pretzels, and schnitzel was had by all.
- The Royal Household refuses to respond to requests for a statement of the recent U.S. election. The Tedescovian Ambassador has been recalled for consultation with the Ministry of State.
- There is a Narwal living in the Palace and it has made the household staff's life better. All hail our CHICOM robot masters!
- The Queen is teaching herself to garden which has disturbed decades of precedent for the division of labor within the Royal Household. Could cooking be her next frontier?
- By edict of the Queen, all evidence of V.J.'s former glories is hereby and forever more banished to confines of his office.

## SOPHOMORE ROYAL DEMANDS OBEDIENCE

There is absolutely no doubt that His Royal Highness Lord Grant, Prince of Tedescovia, turned two this year. He is awash in **very strongly** held convictions about what he wants, what he does NOT want, and who should be doing what. Near the top of Grant's daily wish list is time with the Queen (cue squeals of "Nonna! Nonna! NONNA!") Whether it is playing at the park, reading silly books (*The Wonky Donkey* and *I Don't Want to be a Frog* are big this year), or dancing to kids music, Nonna is a perpetual source of happiness. Your Editor is at best an accessory, though G's recent interest in watching tank videos with Nonno portends great things in the future. In related news, Rachel, Duchess of Carsonderry, changed jobs this year. After eight years at UT Austin, she jumped ship to become the Executive Director of Presidential Advancement at the Arizona State University Foundation. Working remotely from Austin, she is the principle fundraiser assisting the President helping realize his vision of the "New American University." Your Editor and his Queen don't fully understand what that means, but Rachel is very excited about the work and that makes everyone in Tedescovia happy.



## SCARLETT AND CHAS HAVE QUESTIONS

Freedom of the press is alive and well in Tedescovia. A tabloid recently published a tantalizing photo-analysis of HRH Prince Grant that prompted Royal watchers to speculate as to the parentage of the young Prince, causing quite a stir at home and in Hollywood. There are even rumors The Maury Povich Show has invited the Duke and Duchess of Carsonderry to appear in an upcoming show. Does the Princess have some explaining to do? We'll let you be the judge!



## CATS SEEK PERMANENT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

2024 has seen a dramatic fall in the perceived value of the domestic felines in the Royal Household. Red lines have been crossed and a cycle of escalation is playing out. Unhappy with the latest move, Dash and Moby unilaterally opted out of the end of daylight saving time. Despite our best efforts to "reprogram" them, they stubbornly insist on being fed at 0530 and 1700 CDT. Asked to explain himself Dash explained, "Look we never agreed to this whole humans randomly changing their clocks twice a year thing. We just want food. Do you have a problem with that?"



Merry Christmas & Joyous Festivus to all!