



Royal Wedding Brings Much Rejoicing!

Hear ye, hear ye! As foretold in last year's edition, the wedding of Her Royal Highness, Rachel, the Princess Royal of Tedescovia, and Mr. Charles L. Carson took place on 22 September in the Hill Country outside Austin, Texas. Friends and family travelled from far and wide to join the celebration and a great time was had by all. As is customary for untitled men marrying into the Royal Family, just after the ceremony Charles was granted the courtesy title of Duke of Carsonberry and adopted the style "His Royal Highness Prince Charles." Simultaneously Princess Rachel was created Duchess of Carsonberry, a title she will carry subordinate to her position as the heir apparent to the Cannoli Throne.



The Forces of Evil made a futile attempt to interfere in the Royal Nuptials by conjuring up some very wet weather. Overnight heavy rain led to flash flooding that closed all but one route to the venue on the morning of the wedding. Faced with the task of delivering the female component of the wedding party for their beautification and secretive feminine pre-ceremony rituals and incantations, your Editor used his Cavalry Scout training to navigate an estrogen-laden Urban Assault Vehicle (OK, a minivan) and deliver the women-folk just in the nick of time. That same day, the Queen Mother demonstrated her heretofore unknown power of the atmokinesis - the ability to manipulate the atmosphere via psychic means - driving away the rain clouds in time for dry and unseasonably cool weather for the ceremony and ensuing feast.

The new couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Croatia and now await the completion of a new palace being built for them in Austin. It is rumored that should children ensue quickly from their union, Charles and Rachel will be richly rewarded with additional lands, titles, gadgets, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

In Other News...

- Lianne was promoted to "Unofficial Co-Supervisor" at the Inova Breast Care Clinic. She ran the Pittsburgh and Richmond Marathons again this year bringing her total to 21 since 2008.
- V.J. received clear and unambiguous Spousal Guidance to find a job in Austin in the coming year and failure is not an option!

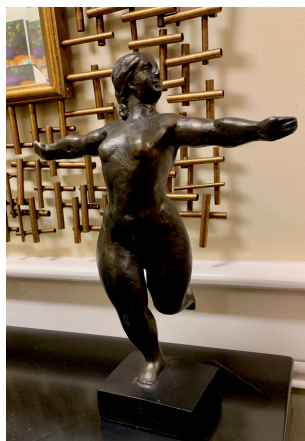
The Meowler Investigation Continues

Feline Special Prosecutor Twix continues to investigate collusion among the humans of the household aiming to deny her wet cat food in the amount and with the frequency she is entitled to. In a major recent development, Lianne entered into a plea deal to avoid jail time for purr-jury and is now cooperating with the investigation. Lianne admits she had previously misled Twix about her role in a May 2018 Tedesco Tower meeting with a Russian lawyer representing Purina. VJ maintains this was a routine meeting about kitten adoption and that he was unaware of it until briefed afterwards. Lianne has told the Feline Special Prosecutor that she took the meeting because the lawyer was offering dirty litter proving a connection between Purina and the Litter Box and that VJ was present for the meeting. Despite this major setback, VJ insists that he has done nothing wrong, that the investigation is a "fraud" and a "total witch hunt," and that his discussions with Purina were perfectly legal and "really very smart." Will this "very stable genius" face impeachment in the coming year? Only the Twix knows and she's not talking... yet!



Primitive "Running Lianne" Found!

A family walking their dog in a former cornfield in central Ohio stumbled across an artifact suggesting Lianne's foremothers have been running in North America for a very, very long time. "Running Lianne" as she is now known dates from the Iron Age. She has been carefully restored and is now prominently displayed at Three Creeks Senior Living Community in Gahanna. The discovery is not without some controversy. Some scholars question the authenticity of the statute, noting the long hair as well as the absence of a SPI belt, KT tape, an IT band compression strap and Brooks running shoes. Others note that the statue depicts a woman who crossing the finish line of her race in first place, something not to date associated with a contemporary Running Liannes. Your editor remains convinced that this is an authentic relic of an indigenous American Running Lianne culture. He notes with concern, however, that there is as of yet no evidence of Iron Age North American Marathon Husband.



Merry Christmas & Joyous Festivus to all of us!

Please remember our Fallen, the wounded and their families as well as the men and women who remain "in the fight" while we go about our daily lives.