

## AGENTS OF CHICOM INFLUENCE EXPOSED!

For years the Tedescovian Ministry of Defense (oops, I mean War) has been tracking the rising and malign influence of the Chinese Communist Party within our nation. It began with the influx of inexpensive goods delivered daily to households throughout the Kingdom, but quickly turned to infiltrating our digital lives. Engaging short format videos started as a pleasant diversion, but quickly became tools influencing purchasing, parenting and political choices.



Now, we can reveal an insidious plot to use members of the Royal Family to enable the development of detailed targeting information for future CHICOM military operations. It began when Duchess Rachel was lured into purchasing an advanced - and Communist Chinese-made - floor care robot to address the challenges of wooden flooring with pets, a husband, and a toddler. Unlike previous robots which only vacuumed, "Narwal" vacuumed and mopped with impressive skill. The key to his abilities lies in an advanced combination of GPS, lasers, electro-optical sensors, and mapping software. Rachel loved how Narwal made her life better, describing it as nothing less than "life-changing!" She quickly persuaded the Queen to add one to the Royal Household. Although he made Ingrid redundant, Narwal proved adept to addressing the Queen's Obsessive Compulsive Floor Cleaning Disorder, a diagnosis recently added to the Tedescovian Institute of Mental Health's Manual of Practice. One thing led to another and soon Queen Lianne began to style herself as the "Johnny Appleseed of Narwal" as women across the Kingdom started buying the floor cleaning robots on her personal recommendation.

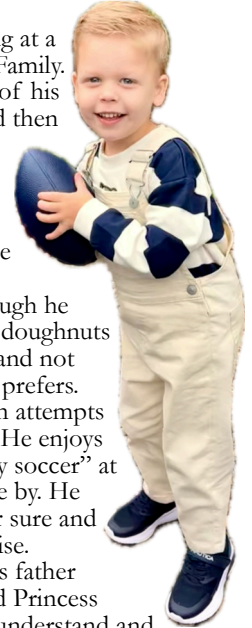
It is at this point, that the story takes a dark turn. It was only when your editor started troubleshooting robot-reported errors that the secret CHICOM plot started to unravel. He found error messages included links to advanced troubleshooting pages written in inscrutable Mandarin. Applying military technical expertise honed over decades of service to Tedescovia, your editor quickly deduced that the seemingly benign robots were collecting detailed pattern of life data and mapping the interiors of host households then sharing this information with servers back at People's Liberation Army Headquarters in Beijing. This is exactly the data CHICOM AI-enabled autonomous targeting systems will need to select the arrival times and designated mean points of impact for a decapitation strike in the event of future war with Tedescovia. You have been forewarned.

### IN BRIEF

- The Queen ran the Austin Marathon again in February. For her second race of 2025, Lianne revisited her very first marathon, the Columbus (OH) Marathon, this Fall. Notably, this was her first without on-site Marathon Husbandry support from the King Consort - he was tied up running a 37th Tank reunion at Gettysburg the same weekend. Thank you, Karen & Tom, for filling in!
- VJ edited his father's self-published autobiography, My American Life, which should help future generations of Tedescovians better understand our Pater (and Mater) Familia and their legacy.
- Rumors of the Queen being part of a throuple with Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift are unfounded calumny, though she eagerly awaits her invitation to the their wedding.

## SWEETNESS, TYRANNY, & MATH GAMES

His Royal Highness Lord Grant, Prince of Tedescovia, turned three this year and is growing at a rate unprecedented in the history of the Royal Family. He really is a sweet boy, famously claiming one of his mother's wedding portraits for his bedroom and then taking it to school to show and tell about his momma, the Princess. When not torturing his parents by not eating the way he should, Grant continues to provide Benevolent Overlord services across the Kingdom. All his subjects are free to watch any approved movie ("Pets," "Tangled" or "Monsters, Inc.") he so wills. Though he doesn't care for sweets in general, G is a fan of doughnuts provided they are purchased close to his home and not from the "far away" doughnut place his Nonna prefers. Fortunately, Grant survived several assassination attempts masquerading as "swimming lessons" this year. He enjoys his gymnastics class and participates in "mystery soccer" at school, but details of the latter are hard to come by. He may be the next Ronaldo, but no one knows for sure and his previous track record would suggest otherwise. Finally, G loves math games that only he and his father understand. Since the Queen, King Consort and Princess Rachel are all numerically-challenged, we don't understand and can't explain whatever it is that they are talking about anyway.



## WARNING TO THE YOUNG WOMEN OF THE FUTURE



Parents warn your daughters coming of age about 2040! Our future robot overlords have spoken and Prince Grant is fated to be a looker. Duchess Rachel consulted the Fates, offering sacrificial photographs to the Artificial Intelligence Gods and they divined the future appearance of our young Prince. The answer was less Colin Jost and more Matt Damon that one might have expected but Duke Chas's genes shine through.

## BRAVE FELINES BATTLE "WOKENESS"

In keeping with a renewed focus on "Warfighting" (and definitely not Culture War issues), the Feline Princes of Tedescovia have gone all in on combatives and battling "Wokeness." Brother on brother violence is up sharply this year with ambush and butt-biting reaching an all-time high. Although Dash and Moby have no concept of the damaging legacy of slavery, they are 100% committed to getting all the rest they can, especially if it falls outside the human sleep cycle. Howling, playing, and wrestling are apparently OK at 3 AM, but are not appropriate during hours of daylight. When asked to comment, the Ministry of Feline Affairs' Press Secretary blamed socialism for the decay of traditional sis-Cat values.



**Merry Christmas & Joyous Festivus to all!**