

FOR UNTO US A GRANT IS BORN!



For the glory of Tedescovia and Old State, Charles and Rachel, the Duke and Duchess of Carsonderry, have blessed us with a happy and healthy heir! Grant Collier Carson, aka “G-Man” or “The Blue Eyed Monster,” joined the family on 10 May, just missing sharing a birthday with the Queen. Fireworks, sunshine, and barbecue greeted the royal birth. Shortly thereafter, the Palace announced that the Queen and King Consort would adopt the styling “Nonna and Nonno,” which is Italian for grandma and grandpa. Upon his birth, the King & Queen presented Prince Grant a small dominion near Eddleston, Scotland (for real) so that he may in perpetuity be known as Lord Grant. Many have remarked on the young prince’s strikingly blue eyes, pasty white complexion, blonde hair, and potato-like consistency. In the eyes of some, this is not a Tedescovian appearance, but the Royal family insists Prince Grant is fully “olive on the inside.” All your Editor can say with certainty is that the young Prince has stolen everyone’s hearts! Young women of 2040, you have been forewarned!



SEASONED COUPLE SURVIVES LONG DISTANCE MOVE... AS A PLAN HAD FORETOLD!

Lax Texas border security allowed two new immigrants from the Northeast to slip across the Arkansas border in mid-April, adding to the teaming masses of Californians and other refugees flooding the capital city of Texas. This was not the result of fortuitous circumstance, it was all foreseen and planned despite an occasional alarming lack of faith by certain pessimists and worriers involved.

One would think being long married to an inveterate planner and a School of Advanced Military Studies graduate with 29 previous moves under his belt, one would have great faith in said person’s ability to orchestrate the complexities of a cross-country household move, but dear reader, the well of worry runs deep in our Queen.

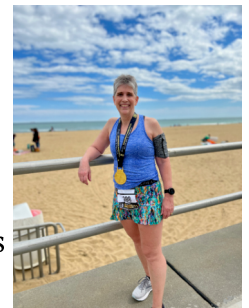
Nevertheless, a plan was had and the plan worked . Phase I was a multi-year effort to set the financial and material conditions for success in a self-financed long distance move. Phase II was self-packing 90% of our possessions, before the pros arrived. Phase III was a 3 day journey in 1 car with 2 unhappy cats. Phase IV was days of back breaking labor unpacking. The final phase had VJ return to VA to close out the house and mule a pick-up load of stuff solo back to Texas.



And so prior to Rachel’s due date, the personages, material wealth, and livestock of Tedescovia were all safely ensconced in a beautiful new home a short distance from Castle Carson. The only glitch of note was that crazy market conditions conspired to prevent us from buying a house so we are in a long term rental until some normalcy returns. The rental is more spacious than we originally sought, leaving room for two work-from-home offices (see page 2), a small, off-the-beaten track museum to VJ’s former greatness, and the ability to park **both** vehicles in the garage when the weather necessitates.

HALLELUJAH! IN PERSON MARATHONING RESUMES

After two long years of suffering through virtual marathons, 2022 has brought joy back to our runner’s world. A rusty marathon husband notwithstanding, Lianne was able to enjoy another Shamrock Marathon in VA beach in March. Next up is Dallas in early December, just as this newsletter arrives in mailboxes.



Merry Christmas & Joyous Festivus to all of us! Please remember our Fallen, the wounded and their families throughout the year.

LIANNE = TOM BRADY OF BREAST CANCER NURSES?

Early in 2022, Lianne shocked the Inova Schar Cancer Center with a tweet announcing her retirement from the Breast Care game. Long seen as the G.O.A.T. in her field with unmatched diagnostic accuracy, the ability to read a new patient like no other, brilliant CoCo management, and a

commitment to excellence season after season, many struggled to imagine Inova without her steady hand. But family and Texas called....



Lianne Tedesco
@NurseTedesco

I have always believed the Breast Care is an "all-in" proposition - if a 100% commitment isn't there, you won't succeed, and success is what I love so much about our clinic. There is a physical, mental, and emotional challenge EVERY single day that has allowed me to maximize my highest potential. And I have tried my very best these past 35 years. There are no shortcuts to success in the clinic or in life. This is difficult for me to write, but here it goes: I am not going to make that commitment anymore. I have loved my nursing career, and now it is time to focus my time and energy on other things that require my attention.

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Alas, it was to prove a short retirement. The following month and reportedly over her super-model husband's objections, Lianne tweeted that she would be returning for another season or so, albeit in a back up role. She would work part time and at her discretion,



Lianne Tedesco
@NurseTedesco

These past months I've realized my place is still in the clinic (at least virtually & part time) and not on the couch. That time will come. But it's not now. I love my co-workers, and I love my supportive family. They make it all possible. I'm coming back for my 12th season in Fairfax. Unfinished business.

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training then supplementing her erstwhile replacement(s) as they wondered how anyone could ever fill her size 7 Rothy's. So is Lianne the Tom Brady of Breast Cancer Nursing? Only the G.O.A.T. Herself can say. The Editor has an opinion, but he knows it doesn't matter.

PRINCE GRANT SOLVES TECH LABOR WOES

Working in tech can be challenging, especially when you join the field later in life. With multiple new accreditations, hours of self-study, and a couple years' experience now under his belt, your Editor is settling into his role as the Product Owner on a government software development (DevSecOps) team. However as that team and its code base expands, the burden of being the only Product Owner has expanded exponentially. Looking for a creative, low cost solution, VJ turned to a resource Governor Abbott certainly approves of: non-immigrant child labor! Prince Grant, a digital native, is a perfect fit for the "extremely hardcore" (thanks, Elon) ethos



apparently needed in a tech hub such as Austin. He operates in short high-energy bursts interrupted by power naps and prefers to graze on many small meals throughout the day. Moreover, he is happy to work for "milkies" and liquified real food at present. On the downside, the Prince needs to be held as he works and hasn't yet mastered human language, but we can work around that. On balance, we are happy to have Grant on the team!



CATS COMMENCE A "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY"

Brothers Dash and Moby (aka "The Boys") did not enjoy the move one bit. There was the disruption of routines, the loss of the 3rd floor "Boys Club," and then the indignity of spending 3 days drugged and caged in the car. Things weren't that great once they got to Austin either. An empty house full of new sounds and smells, the strangers bringing things in, and worst of all a floorpan the prevents them from seeing who is entering the house without exposing themselves to mortal cat danger. Ever the industrious pair, the Boys set about innovating new solutions for new problems. Moby, the "Thought Leader" of the two, commenced a detailed security assessment of the new home's cabinetry looking for any points of weakness he could exploit. Before long and notably without the aid of either opposing thumbs or an enlarged cerebral cortex, Moby had figured out how to open the cabinets and discovered the wondrous hidden realms therein. Dark corners, pots and pans, cleaning products, stacks of towels, untold hours of cat entertainment lay before Moby! While the humans played "Where's Moby?," Dash, who is perpetually playing catch up in the cat intellect space, struggled to understand how his brother had "changed the cat world." Well every Lewis needs his Clark (leaving aside Sacagawea), so Moby invested time in teaching Dash the cabinet opening trick so that they could proceed together as a Corps of Discovery.



As of this writing, the expedition is progressing well, both Boys are well rested, comfortable, and all the creepy, crawly Natives they have encountered have been eaten.

IN OTHER NEWS....

- Fragile masculinity and child safety concerns led to a new truck purchase. Apparently it is not possible to be a self-respecting adult male in Texas and drive a souped up, hot hatchback
- We were saddened by the passing of Lianne's mom, Janet, last December. Her absence leaves a huge hole in our hearts and holiday table.