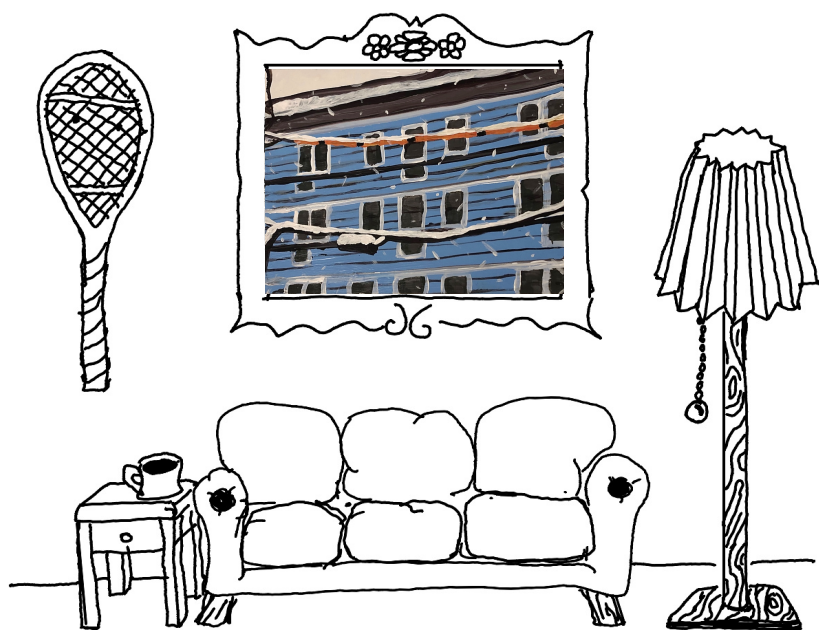


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Dear Dear Reader,

Welcome to the pilot issue of The Podunk Inquirer. Thank you for reading this far. Honestly, we didn't think you would, so we're already running out of things to say...

If you're wondering, we're a multinational media conglomerate. But for now we're starting small. If you're lucky enough to be holding one of our printed copies, please don't damage it as we will need it back. And if you're simply reading this from the comfort of your favorite web browser, just know that there are printed copies out there, waiting to be respectfully read and returned with haste. We hope to publish quarterly issues of The Podunk Inquirer both in print and on our website, podunkinquirer.com, so stay tuned for more.

And who are we, the fabled editors, you ask? We're just two Civil War vets from some podunk town who realized that our glory days are still ahead of us. Just kidding! Our glory days are surely behind us. We wanted to channel our passions for hard-hitting journalism into something for tens, nay, dozens of people to enjoy. We hope you laugh. We hope you cry. We hope you keep reading.

Love,

The Editors



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January 27th Grand Forks, ND- Boycotts on rock salt from insurgency group 'Moms Against Hypertension' will lead to an 83 car pileup on I-29 following a once-in-a-century ice storm.

February 4th Gadsden, AL- A bald man will grow one hair for every piece of hail that strikes his head.

March 2nd Bemidji, MN- Bemidji Boris, a local muskrat, outshines Groundhog Day when he sees his inability to escape his past, bringing about 6 more weeks of seasonal depression.

♊ Get on Jeremy's boat	♎ You should get those bangs
♏ Run for State Senate	♍ His & Her handguns
♏ Do NOT dye your hair	♈ Horse around.. haha
♏ Stop working <3	♏ Crypto hot cocoa party
♏ Turn your heat off	♏ Become very paranoid
♏ Drink 4-10x/ week	♏ Irish-exit your birthday

Ask Amy!

Dear Amy, Every time I cook, my house gets hazy and this really loud beeping goes on for hours. What should I do?

Love, M0ther_Of_se7en

Dear M0ther_Of_Se7ven,

That's called pyrolysis, otherwise known as burning! Have you tried not cooking or eating? You'll thank me come beach season ;)

XOXO, Love Amy!!

QUESTION TRUNDLE

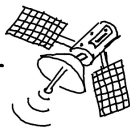
Q: TRUNDLE! GODDAMMIT, LOOK AT ME! NOW I'M GONNA ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME - WHY DID YOU NOT RENEW YOUR GYM MEMBERSHIP?

A: the hot yoga was merely warm.





AROUND THE GLOBE



Virginia Finally Solves Death Row 'Dine and Dash' Issue

After decades footing the bill for deceased criminals, the Commonwealth of Virginia finally solved its death row dine and dash issue this Monday by abolishing capital punishment. Representatives from Wallens Ridge State Prison said they were relieved convicted murderers can no longer elude consequences for ordering lavish dinners. "With this new legislation, which removes the ability for our government to kill its citizens, we are happy to report that we will no longer be left to pick up the tab for these expensive last meals," says Jean Feldman, spokesperson for the supermax prison. "These felons would order steaks, lobsters, you name it- and you could just tell they weren't going to be able to cough up the dough before they bolt." Ms. Feldman and other prison employees were sick of hearing excuses from convicts, including that they "had to go meet their maker" or "would pay in Hell." At press time, officials at prisons across Virginia were reportedly taking down mugshots from their "DO NOT SERVE" walls.



IN OTHER NEWS...

- After Years in Appeals Courts, Warren Beatty and Fay Dunaway Will Finally Be Executed on Monday for the *La La Land*/Moonlight Oscar Debacle *page 21*
- Harvard Endowment Shrinks, but Only Because It Just Showered and It's Cold *page 88*

OPINIONS...

- Forgetting The Alamo: Enough Already *page 101*
- Great Apes Are Just Fine *page 287*



AROUND THE TOWN



Podunk City Council Passes Zoning Reform to Allow New Development of Massive Pit

Amid skyrocketing housing costs, the Council narrowly approved plans laid out by YIMBY (Yes in My Backyard) activists for a 1,200-foot diameter pit in a 5-4 vote Thursday night. Young residents are elated: "I love the pit! My boyfriend lives in a grotto two towns over that's perfect in the summer- no need for AC!" said Molly Cork, 26.

But not everyone's happy about the new cavernous maw in town. We spoke to local curmudgeon David Smith, 63: "I didn't buy a house here 30 years ago for some yuppies to come in and take up all the good phosphates and soil nutrients." At press time, local ordinances banning ladders taller than 20 ft. are still in effect.

IN OTHER TOWNS...

- Newly Installed Trail-Cam Reveals Animals Also Like an Occasional Cigarette *page 44*
- Empty Nesters Excited to Turn Son's Bedroom into Room with Many Boxes *page 105*
- Sorcerer Behind Gas Station Counter Magically Transforms Scratch Ticket into Corn Nuts and Lighter *page XXII*



At the Cinema!

Manchester By-the-Sea 2: The Hinterland

A depressed Boston man moves inland from the North Shore to the liberal haven of Northampton, where he faces bigotry for being a bigot.

At the Cuisine!

Splash of Muskegon, 485 Main St.

Humble Michigan bumpkins Rod and Pearl Bass serve up meager portions of pike and trout sourced exclusively from the prize coolers at Boy Scout fishing derbies!





Football Isn't Fun to Watch, and I Love It

There, I said it. I don't like watching football, and it's awesome. First, these are professionals and yet they mess up all the time... And it's always the winded lineman with his hands on his hips who's hoping no one on his team will know it was him, but the ref calls him out in front of everyone. Literally. The whole nation. Most of them are bad at their jobs. Then there's the injuries - they're lame. They wear all this padding and then someone steps on their ankle because OF COURSE THEY DID. It's great. And the schedule. It's horrible. Somehow the God-awful Jets and Giants are the only teams playing every primetime game, but I'll sit there and watch every second. And you know why? Do you? Because I don't. Maybe people just want to feel something, even simply anger at the franchise they were born closest to. Football is dumb, and so am I.

IN OTHER SPORTS...


- New NFL Media Deal Gives Exclusive Streaming Rights to Your Uncle Larry *page 9 ¾*
- In Effort to Add Excitement, MLB Games to Be Decided by Russian Roulette if Still Tied After Nine Innings *page 24601*
- Bronny James Given 4-Year, \$7.9 Million Allowance from Parents *page 3*

'Talking to Your Friend's Dad' Newest Event at Summer Olympics

The International Olympic Committee announced Monday that 'Talking to Your Friend's Dad' will debut at the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Games. The exciting sport joins newcomers 'Picking a Movie to Watch Together,' 'Return-Flight Suitcase Packing,' and 'Brunch Gossip Relay.' Dad-Talkers will face grueling ten-minute conversations with dads who will be standing or sitting at awkward distances. Athletes will have to fight for the attention of the fathers against local news or baseball games playing in the background.



OBITUARIES



Elvis "Presley" Ramirez, 1956 - 2025

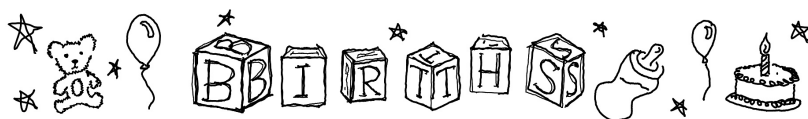
Not the famous Elvis, but this one's dead too. Mr. Elvis Santiago Ramirez of La Guerra y Paz, Texas passed away yesterday at 68. He was a wonderful husband, father, and guitar player. He was no "King of Rock and Roll" - that guy died in 1977, on the toilet or something? Mr. Ramirez will be buried at Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee.

Tupac Shakur, 1971 - 2025

Rap legend Shakur died in his Lithuanian home (I know, right?) from complications due to untreated gunshot wounds he sustained in 1996.

God, Beginning - 2025

God is dead, and the Blackout Challenge killed him.



*Slixie Andromedas b. Solember
18th, 2082*

Some are calling her the
Pocahontas of Mars!

Grace Bimmiford b. 2029
Times' "Worst Person of the
Year 2040" responsible for
horrific crimes in the Pacific
Northwest. All efforts are
currently underway to avert her
conception.

*You b. Yesterday
Dummy.*

*Thomas "Bong-Rip Master" Price b.
April 20th, 2025*

Famed cult leader turned Senator,
he'll make huge waves in 2064
with his proprietary method of
desalination, providing clean
drinking water for countless
climate refugees.

The Podunk Inquirer b. 2025
Despite record-breaking birth
complications, it's finally here!
Parents had to forgo the name
"Prawn Nation" for legal concerns.

THE 37TH ANNUAL PODUNK ARTS FESTIVAL

JANUARY 6TH ONLY!

MUSIC...

FIFTY HUSBANDS • LEECH FOR SALE • WET CIG
THE AUGUST SEPTEMBERS • HEY SIRI • BRISKET PARADE
ROAD HEAD • DRAG BRUNCH DISASTER • DOG ART • CANOE CANOE
SMILE! YOU'RE ON CAMERA • MISSY WILLIAMS (FEAT. VENUS AND SERENA)

COMEDY...

JANE GOODALL • YOUR MOM'S DRUNK FRIEND • PAUL PELOSI
GUEST SPEAKERS...

BANKSY • OTTO VON BISMARCK • SA-C9 SUBWOOFER w/ REFLEX

PLUS! DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL
BEAST SLAUGHTER HOSTED BY
ROSEANNE BARR!

