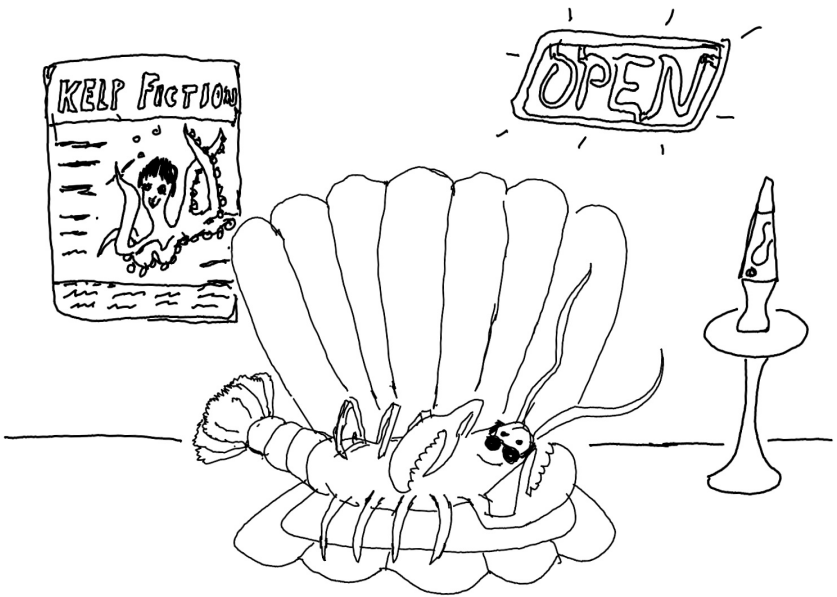


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*"Have you ever met my friend D.B. Cooper?"*

*Dear Dear Reader,*

*Summer is here! A time to swim... a time to sweat... a time to tell people you just saw a shark in the water so the people blasting Keith Urban on their tinny bluetooth speaker will leave the beach.*

*Speaking of the beach, what if you dug a really nice long trench, or maybe a few parallel trenches in the sand, and got some crabs to scuttle down them? Kentucky Derby for crabs of sorts? See who's the Usain Bolt of crabs?*

*Anyways, we would like to dedicate this issue in particular to a certain special someone: Frigidaire FFRA051WAE 5,000 BTU Window-Mounted Room Air Conditioner. Where would we be without you, baby? Nowhere good, that's for sure. Keep blasting... we love you.*

*Thank you, stay cool, and enjoy reading.*

*Love,*

*The Editors*



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## CORRECTIONS

*Despite our extremely rigorous journalistic standards, sometimes we make mistakes. In an effort to uphold our reputation and avoid litigation we are issuing the following retractions from the previous issue:*

- 1) Colorado is not "flat now."
- 2) Field Hockey is played with two teams of 11 players, not four sets of triplets with eczema.
- 3) The Lorax is not Jewish.



### SUMMER HOROSCOPE

<p>♄ ♀ Tailgate a Honda Civic</p> <p>♁ ♀ Confess</p> <p>♁ ♀ II More time indoors</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Get on up!</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Stop journaling</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Sunday night ketamine</p>	<p>♁ ♀ Manipulate a lifeguard</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Fly a big kite that says "YOU"</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Sink in the Dead Sea</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Smores but with an egg</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Beg for mercy</p> <p>♁ ♀ ♁ Trade Luka Doncic again</p>
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# DINO'S FORECAST



July 7th, Sarasota, FL- Winds from a category- 4 hurricane will make everyone do that Marilyn Monroe dress thing.

August 29th Tempe, AZ - Booming thunder will scare Ms. Tracey's beloved pet dog Jax into biting high school star quarterback Josh Linebacker's ankle, making sure the Tempe High Buffaloes don't make States this year, once-promising Josh won't get that scholarship his family is banking on, and little old Ms. Tracey will be cyberbullied into moving back to Tucson.

September 11th New York, NY - For what it's worth, it will be mostly clear skies with a high of 73.

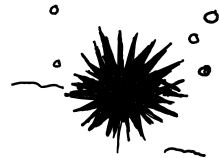
THE WEEK OF AUG 24 <sup>TH</sup> IN ATLANTIS						
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•SALTY	•SLIGHT CURRENT	•COLD •DARK	•POSEIDON'S FURY ENDS 400 YEAR SQUID VS. WHALE WAR	•MORE BRINE	•SALTY •EXTRA DARK	•BRISK

## CREATURE FEATURE

### Atlantic Purple Sea Urchin

*Arbacia punctulata*

The humble urchin, this seafloor scavenger has a lot more going on beneath that punk-rock facade. While sometimes characterized as a generalized carnivore, its penchant for seaweed has led to certain species like bladderwrack to develop toxins to deter the urchin's voracious appetite. Its habitat ranges from Massachusetts to Panama where it enjoys rocky shallow environments. Good luck spotting one- and wear shoes!





# TRAVEL



## Hidden Gems

- Paris, France
- The TV Realm
- Lubec, Maine
- Sophomore Year
- Paris, Texas
- Saturn's moon  
Tethys
- Jaws Beach,  
Massachusetts
- Free Parking

## TRAVEL ADVISORY - Hell

We know it's the hottest travel destination this year, but please be advised that Hell is currently on high alert due to weather (lava, fires, drought, plagues), crime (murder, rape, stealing candy from babies, etc.), and a collapsing economy. Federal spending cuts aren't helping either. Visitors without tattoos or those with good credit scores are especially discouraged from traveling to Hell, as are Canadians.

## **WARNING! VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT!**

The beach is a great place in the summer, but if you're strolling along the shore and come across a kid building a sand castle that looks exactly like your 3 bed/ 2 bath split-level ranch, don't panic! Keep walking like you didn't notice, and do not engage him in conversation.

Here's what to do: 1) stay cool, your family will need you calm and collected; 2) don't call your house phone- that little kid will answer, and you do not want to know what he has to say; 3) so long as the tide's going out you'll have enough time to sacrifice an iPhone 15 Pro to the sea god Aegaeon... that *should* do the trick. Don't forget to re-apply sunscreen every 2 hours (even if it's cloudy!) and have fun!





## **Splenda Joins Silicon Valley Arms Race with New “Artificial Artificial Intelligence”**

Alternative-sugar magnate Splenda is competing against the best in tech with a new AI that they’re claiming is just as good as the thing that’s just as good as the real thing. Splenda Chief Technology Officer Fran Galtman said “Our ‘artificial artificial intelligence’ provides users of conventional AI with that same rush of getting 50-70% accurate results in seconds without feeling sluggish or lazy – and it really is 0 calories!” Splenda’s proprietary method of using Diet Coke to cool overheating data center servers also allows users to feel less guilty and somewhat healthier. It remains to be seen if Splenda’s model will take off; competition is tough this quarter with ayahuasca shamans announcing new AI ChatDMT (though insider sources report hallucinations from this product are insane).

## **Latest Earthquake Makes “Waves” Everywhere!**

- “Tsunami” Most Popular Baby Name (Boy and Girl)
- Hot New Earthquake Scored an 8.8 on Richter's Sexy Scale
- Beware Scammers Selling Knockoff Seismographs

## **IN OTHER NEWS...**

- Report: Funky Music Leading Cause of Getting Down *pg. 701*
- Nation's Nurses Announce Doctor Will Be Just a Few Minutes, Thank You *pg. 107*
- UNICEF Brings Much-Needed Blue T-Shirts to Nation in Humanitarian Crisis *pg. 017*

## **OPINIONS...**

- Acropolis Schmopolis: If Greece's Economy is in Shambles, Why Does my Feta & Olive Pizza Cost \$34.99? *pg. 888*
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa is Straight. You're the Problem *pg. 92*



## **Podunk Parks Department Closes Community Pool After Too Many Kids Want to be “Bully With a Secret Heartbreaking Home Life” This Summer**

Families are in an uproar as everyone wants one of the lead roles this year. But with only so many wedgies to be wedged, the city had to take action. Lifeguard Jasmine Powell said “I get it, everyone wants sympathy points when we find out you’re only mean because of your alcoholic mother- but we need kids who *get* bullied too! One summer I was “Frizzy-Haired Girl with Glasses Who Has a Stunning Makeover Reveal”, and I was fine!”

Recreation Director / “Mr. No Nonsense” Joe Stalwart gave a statement: “If kids these days can’t suck it up and just be ‘Girl with Big Dog’ or ‘Boy Who Has Nosebleeds,’ then we’re shutting it down. Those are classic, honest public pool summer types. We can’t all be ‘Annie,’ sometimes you’re just an orphan.” Parents such as “Workaholic Dad Who Learns How to Make French Toast after His Divorce” and “Overbearing Single Mom Who Needs to Let Her Child Live His Life,” are considering moving because of this, but they just might end up together with the help of their conspiring children.

### **IN OTHER TOWNS...**

- Sesame Street Adds New Bike Lanes *pg. 123ABC*
- City’s Rats to Hold Vigil for Shuttered Greek Restaurant *pg. 31*

### **Grab a Bite! Trendy New Sandwich Shop Names Each Sandwich After Another Sandwich**

*Quality Lumber Supply Sandwiches, 22 Main Street*

It might take a few minutes to read the menu, but these hoagies sure are worth it. I got the “Dave’s Favorite Lenny’s Classic Charlie’s Tuesday Sammy Special” It might just be a BLT but I feel like I’m finally part of something. Don’t skimp on dessert either- we like the Kooky Rice Krispy Treat Cheesecake Tiramisu Delight! (It’s a brownie).

# CULTURE

## POPCORN PEEPER



*Our top picks this year from Cannes Film Festival:*

- Three Skateboards Outside Skateboard City, Missouri
- 12 Angry Skateboards
- Dr. Skateboard and Mr. Ride
- La Triste Vie du Skateur
- Halfpipe to Nowhere
- The Lord of the Rings: The Return of The Skateboard
- Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Skateboard
- One Shred Over the Cuckoo's Nest

## Heard it Through the Petri Dish

*Hottest cultural gossip & trends!*

### Smashing Good Deals!

Rumour has it the ghost of Queen Elizabeth II is haunting the TJ Maxx in the strip mall down on Rt. 16.

## The Sit-Down

### *Bigfoot Doesn't Want to Hide Anymore*

We sat down with the gigantic simian cryptid, who opened up about his struggles with fame, addiction, and hair loss.

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## Ranking the Best Beatles Lyrics

1. I read the news today, oh boy / A salmonella outbreak in Tennessee hospitalized seven people
2. I am the eggman, they are the eggmen / I swear I did not have relations with a walrus
3. Here comes the sun, and I say / Go away sun, I lent you fifty quid last week
4. Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away / Now it looks as though I am wanted for having relations with that walrus
5. Baby you can drive my car / Yes I've got 6 DUIs / Baby you can drive my car / Can't get another
6. She was just seventeen / You know what I mean / And the way she looked was way beyond any walrus I'd ever seen before





### ☆ Recipes ☆

Learn how to make the best new summer cocktail: The Skid Mark

☆ - You, strapped to Razor scooter via duct tape ☆

☆ - One large kick down a hill from Kevin, your local middle school bully ☆

☆ - 25 children lined on both sides of the path, squirting vodka and nerf bullets into your agape mouth ☆

### What's in Her Bag?

- \$4.32
- Expired sunscreen
- *Atlas Shrugged*
- Puddle water
- U-Boat blueprints
- This year's Oscar Winner



### What's She Wearing?

- Chain-Link Fence
- Smear of cookie dough
- Swimming floaties
- The hide from one of the last remaining white rhinos
- Big shoes to fill

### Ask Amy!

Dear Amy, I think my coworkers hate me. Every time I sit down for lunch they get up & whisper "who's that girl always bringing in weird sopping wet bags of 'food' WTF even is that?" Please advise.

Love, Sloppy Meal Prep Queen



Dear Sloppy Meal Prep Queen, you seem so cute! I think the issue is maybe you never share your nasty, dripping slop?? It's hard to make friends in a professional setting but keep at it girlie!!

Love, Amy xoxoxoxoxo

### QUESTION TRUNDLE

Q: TRUNDLE! YOU WRETCHED BEAST! WE NEED TO KNOW: COKE OR PEPSI!?

A: I concoct my own brew of cola, thank you for asking.



## **We Need a New Big Sports Controversy**

Deflategate. Steroids in baseball. Tiger Woods cheating on his wife with a golf club. These were all-time sports controversies - and it's about time we got a new one because sports is entertainment first and foremost. Sure, I like watching the 4th quarter of a basketball game or the first two innings of a baseball game, but the drama surrounding the product on the field is the best part. It's all about the circus. The lame wannabes and washed-up athletes shouting at each other on ESPN. Don't get me wrong - I don't need another Aaron Hernandez situation. I mean, that was crazy, like extremely crazy. Murder? And then suicide in jail?? Oof. Lots of good fodder for the tabloids, though. Even some cheeky headlines like "The Noose Isn't Loose." But no no, not that. Just something new and spicy.

## **IN OTHER SPORTS...**

- ESPN to Chemically Castrate Rob Gronkowski *pg. 8*
- Opinon: The NBA Needs More Squeaks *pg 16*
- US Open to Hire Intimacy Coordinators *pg. 32*

## **A's New Stadium in Sacramento Features Nearby Woods Where Highschoolers Smoke Weed**

The former Oakland A's moved into a tiny but temporary stadium in Sacramento, and with their humble new home comes some exciting amenities. Most notably, the stadium includes some nearby woods, more like a small patch of trees, where local highschoolers smoke weed out of empty Sprite bottles. The James Raymond Smith Memorial Field, named after a local Vietnam vet who maybe liked baseball, also features a hill in the outfield where teenagers fight, have sex, and throw things at other things. The concessions are another highlight: head over to the Snack Shack to get popcorn, bubble gum, and - if Mr. Phillips remembered to buy propane - hot dogs!



# OBITUARIES



*Thomas James Burke - 1987-2022*

Thomas James Burke passed away unexpectedly Thursday evening at 35. His family has asked for privacy at this time... but a little birdie told us he was drunk as hell and tried to take "Old Topsy," his beloved and improperly weighted canoe, for a joyride on Moose Lake. Investigations remain ongoing, but we assume he was plastered out of his mind and rowed to the deepest part of the lake with a 30-rack of Busch Light. Donations in his honor can be sent to *Stay Docked, Stay Safe*, and bets on if his BAC was over 0.25 sent to us.

*Albert Skenes - 1963-2025*

Mr. Skenes of Gooch Gulch, CO thankfully passed away on Thursday. Mr. Skenes, a "philanthropist" who by all accounts was a horrible human being, was often denigrated by neighbors for asking cars to slow down around schools and enforcing a "No Littering" policy at the park. His perverse efforts to lure children to his doorstep with candy on the last day of October were met with ire from disturbed parents. A truly virulent man who ought to burn in Hell, the deceased wished to donate his cursed organs for some twisted reason (the sick bastard).



*John Lennon b. August 12th, 2025*

He decided to run it back!

*Quizno Subway b. 2025*

Born one foot long

*Vladimir Lenin b. August 21st, 2025*

Love him or hate him, he also decided to run it back.

*Ricky Bragg b.2025*

This cowboy-to-be is keeping his umbilical cord as a lasso and his placenta as a saddlebag. Yee haw!

# WORD SEARCH

I LOVE YOU MARY  
 PLEASE TAKE ME  
 BACK I PROMISE  
 THAT SHE MEANS  
 NOTHING TO ME I  
 WILL NOT CHEAT  
 OR EVEN LOOK AT  
 ANOTHER GIRL I  
 NEED YOU BABY I  
 DON'T EVEN KNOW  
 MY WIFE'S PASSWO  
 RD BABY I MISS U

TRY TO FIND:

- BUOY    • HEAT    • TOME
- TON    • PET    • SIT
- NOW    • COG    • YEP

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Binary-Code  
Sudoku...

CAN YOU HELP  
 JASON ESCAPE  
 SAMSARA-BUDDHIST  
 CYCLE OF REBIRTH &



SUFFERING?



REINCARNATED!

