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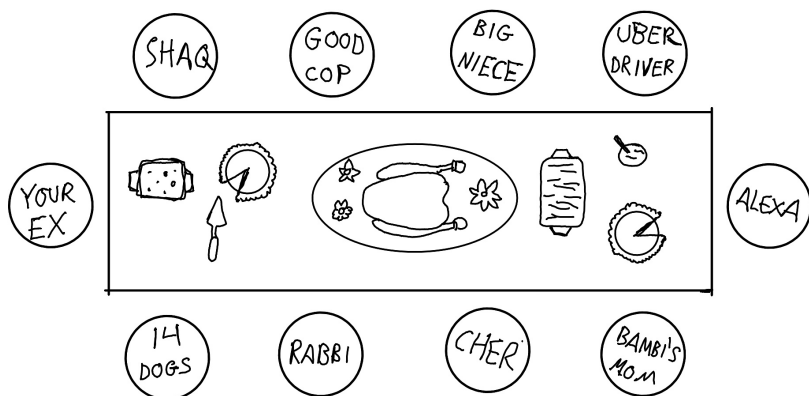


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## Thanksgiving Dinner Seating Chart:



Dear Dear Reader,

It's that special, gloomy, borderline depressing time of year again. Unpack those existential fears and don that fisherman's sweater. Fall is a great season if you know what to do, and lucky for you we have some tips: 1) No shouting. Shouting makes Fall worse, trust us on this. Yes, even for Halloween. Inside voices please... Thank you. 2) Rake all your fallen leaves into the street to practice hydroplaning. 3) Thanksgiving Dinner should always be served ice cold at 1:30 PM; dessert options are unshelled peanuts, string-cheese, and cantaloupe. We're wishing you all the best, or at least all the "okay, fine," life has to offer.

Love,

The Editors



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## DID YOU KNOW?

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## CORRECTIONS

*In an effort to uphold our stellar journalistic reputation, and avoid litigation, we are issuing the following retractions from the previous issue:*

- 1) "Autumn Equinox" is not a casino in Connecticut.
- 2) Graceland is not one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- 3) Country music starlet Dolly Parton did not gain tremendous, dark powers from a cursed chapstick found behind a Rite Aid in 1955.

# FALL HOROSCOPE

✦ Y Sober karaoke

Ω Stinky breakfast

★ 30-day free trial

m, Fight your son's friends

☾ II Pump gas for others

↗ Take your sister to the mall

- ☾ ☹ Fake a mosquito bite

2 Candlelit press conference

♠ ♱ Deflate footballs

 Skip lunch

✧ ♀ Cemetery pilates

⌘ More time underground

# Dino's FORECAST

October 21st Salem, MA - Torrential rain will melt all the witches, leading to a power vacuum that will eventually be filled by DJ Goblin after a years-long struggle.

November 3rd Williamstown, CT - The first frost of the year will kill all the dogs.

November 30th Santa Barbara, CA - Mixture of mud and dead leaves will be shaped by fierce winds into near-perfect replica of the late Mary Poppins.

THANKSGIVING WEEK FAMILY TENSION:						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
94°F	87°F	105°F	179°F	500,000,000°F	152°F	85°F
ANOTHER GIANTS LOSS SPIKES TEMPERATURE	♡ BALMY ♡	OVEN PREHEATING ALREADY	5 GRANDDADS "HELPING" NANA COOK BRING HEATWAVE	MISPROGNOSING "ZOMERAN MANDANI" SETS OFF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST	AUNT GENE ON SUICIDE WATCH AFTER MISSING BLACK FRIDAY DEAD	OPTIMISM FOR GIANTS GAME

## CREATURE FEATURE

### Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*

An honest and hardy duck, the Northern Shoveler spends its days bobbing its head into shallow water to filter-feed on tiny, freshwater zooplankton with the help of its distinctive shovel-shaped bill! Drakes are particularly showy with a green head and blue plumage on the wings



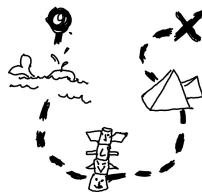


### TRAVEL HACK

Traveling home for the holidays can be expensive- or worse: boring! Here's a tip: get a back-alley tattoo artist to copy a USPS International Postage Stamp onto your midsection (get two if you're husky) and away we go! There's no "well Sir you can't just-" or "hmm let me get my manager-" about it: those overworked mailmen will have to ship you off to your dream vacation - from Cancun to Cuncan (a beautiful little industrial town in north-central England)! Just remember to scribble a return address on your forehead - otherwise, you'll be forever trapped in the Astral Realm. Bon voyage!

### Hidden Gems

- Warehouse 893
- Trombone Village
- Cheesecake Factory labor camps
- Land of Ox and Granite
- 2nd Nashville



### TOP 5 THINGS TO DO IN THE ASTRAL REALM



- 1) Summon the remembrance of your grandfather. He'll most likely just ramble about some new construction project going up in his area of the Fields of Void, but it's still neat to catch up.
- 2) Haunt your ex boyfriend. Give him one of those nightmares where he's back in high school and his essay is overdue and he's only wearing underwear.
- 3) Take a ride on the Soul Train - a never-ending journey through the Temporal Lands with everyone who has ever existed and ever will exist. The conductor is Tom Hanks!
- 4) Skinny dip in the Pool of Tears. You'll already be naked anyway, so why not?
- 5) Catch a Steelers game.



## **LiveNation Adds New Fee to Text Your Friend to See If She Wants to Go to a Concert**

Beloved events conglomerate Live Nation / TicketMaster announced their exciting new plan to charge customers for inviting friends to concerts. "Charging people \$7.99 is a great motivator to think twice about who will actually want to accompany you to stand in a sweaty crowd for 3 hours – plus, it will really add to the guilt for all the flakers out there!" said exec Maria H. Karey, alluding to the fact that recipients will also be charged a fee to read these invitations. Concerns are being raised by naysayers at the FCC, where a potential regulation may [...Thank you for reading! If you'd like to finish this article, please consider subscribing at [podunkinquirer.com](http://podunkinquirer.com)]

## **New Nation Bougainville is Welcomed, Hazed**

Well, well, well. Looks like we got some fresh country who thinks he's the bell of the ball. You like tariffs? Good. 'Cause you're gonna have to drink ten of them. And don't let us see you sitting up front at the UN. Stick to the back with Malta and the rest of the dweebs.

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

- New Chilean Miners Fumble Book Deal by Only Being Trapped Nine Days *pg. 1-10*
- New Jonestown-Themed Murder Mystery Party Makes Everyone a Winner *pg. 666M*
- Government Shuts Down Unwanted Advances *pg. idk*

## **OPINIONS...**

- Let Me Take a Quick Bath in Your Soup -by Bay Leaf *pg. 2*
- Arizona Should Be Hotter and Drier *pg. 127°F*

# AROUND THE TOWN

## **'Your Mom' Wins Biggest Cow at Podunk Fair**

We're so sorry. This is terribly disrespectful to your mother, and we're not really sure how this even happened. However, we must report on this, and she somehow won unanimously. Despite the seemingly cruel nature of this award, she did break the previous Podunk Fair record, as well as the scale. Once again, we apologize for reporting on this unfortunate situation - and for not including a photo with this story, because it is still printing.

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

City's Rats Refuse to Come to Negotiating Table, Scurry Under It



## **Events & Entertainment**

### **Guest Speaker Series Announced at The Wood and Exposed Brick Coffee Shop/Used Bookstore/Burlap Sack Museum**











*Join Kat, Kit, and Oval for their newest guest speaker, Tony "Pork" Verzano, who will enlighten listeners about the mystical ways of the cheesesteak with extra cheese, salt and pepper.*

### **At the Cuisine!**

*Pork Shop, 202 Secondary Street*

We cannot for the life of us figure out what the shop sells, and it's honestly freaking us out. There appears to be flesh of some kind hanging from hooks?? And the guys working there all have BLOOD on their aprons and wield gigantic knives! It might be some twisted joke, but we are NOT having it. Their cheesesteak was amazing, though. 5 Stars. (run by Tony "Pork" Verzano)





## POPCORN PEEPER

We Are All Guilty

*A deeply unpleasant new documentary that is made to make you feel bad and nothing else, we can't wait for this film to win the Oscar next year.*

Protagonist vs. Antagonist

*And check out Protagonist vs. Antagonist 2: The Second Reckoning - it comes out the same day as the first one!*

Your Friend's Dream That He Told You About

*Very Lynchian.*

## Heard it Through the Petri Dish

*Hottest cultural gossip & trends!*

- The first American Pope was to be Survivor's Jeff Probst, but there were scheduling conflicts with filming.
- Jennifer Coolidge got a DUI on her electric scooter.
- Johnny Cocaine has been indicted on federal charges - for being too hot to handle!!!



## The Sit-Down

### Deb Is Gonna Need You To Get On That

*We sat down with your coworker Deb, who refused to speak at a normal volume and spilled her cold coffee everywhere.*

### "Broke Benny" Has Broken Even in Life

*We sat down with the notorious degenerate gambler, who is out a lot but at peace with it.*





## Recipes

### "Miss Candy" Apple:

- Mix ½ cup water, brown sugar, & crushed ibuprofen in pot; boil and let thicken.
- Dip apples on stick in sauce, garnish with cigarette butts & shredded newspaper clippings.
- Serve two at a time in a used bra for that extra touch!

## What's in Her Bag?

- 2L Diet Pepsi
- iTunes giftcard
- Photos of kids (not hers)
- Precambrian Fossil
- Wisdom Teeth (not hers)



## What's She Wearing?

- 'Wanted' posters
- Trader Joe's nametag
- Big hat
- Too many scarves
- Roofing tiles

## Ask Amy!

Dear Ames, I'm stuck between a few costumes for Halloween this year: Native American, Japanese High School Anime Girl, or Blackface... but my friends all say I need to do something *sexy*!! Ugh, it's so hard keeping up with trends. Any advice?

Love, ProblematicWitch



Dear ProblematicWitch, you seem so thoughtful and sweet. I think it's best to march to the beat of your own drum. That being said, this year's hottest costume is Homeless Man. Go get some candy, queen!

Love, Amy

## QUESTION TRUNDLE

Q: TRUNDLE, YOU BLIGHT! WHAT IS THE PASSCODE TO THE MISSILE LAUNCH SYSTEM?!? TOKYO WILL PERISH!

A: metamorphosis.



## **Punching a TV is Why We Love Sports**

I saw a video of a Blue Jays fan suckerpunching his television after the Jays lost Game 7 of the World Series in extra innings. Actually, it was his friend's TV - possibly bequeathed to him by his late grandfather. But that's what sports is all about. The passion of the fans, the heartbreaking losses, the incredible discomfort of people watching their friend roundhousing an inanimate object. It never gets old.

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

- DraftKings to Partner with BetterHelp: Now You Can Bet on Yourself pg. \$
- Bill Belichick Gives Playcalling Duties to Girlfriend's Other Boyfriend pg. 0

## **10 Things to Look Forward to this NBA Season**

- 1) They can vape now.
- 2) Baskets will now be "carnival regulation size" (oval, too small).
- 3) Every player gets \$1000 in free, no-sweat bets.
- 4) The Toronto Raptors are now the Toronto Blue Jays.
- 5) LeBron James will turn back into an Italian grandfather on January 1st.
- 6) Commissioner Adam Silver will eat one grape for every dunk.
- 7) If they lose, they die.
- 8) They're ditching jerseys in favor of "shirts vs. skins."
- 9) The Achilles Fairy will collect one tendon from each team.
- 10) The basketball will scream.

## **Broke Benny's Thangiving Locks:**

- OVER 7.5 ice cubes in Nana's chardonnay
- UNDER 9.5 green beans
- OVER 11.5 times your cousin's dog is stepped on
- And I'm taking Aunt Maura over Uncle Bob in the heavyweight fight over whether or not the Bruce Springsteen biopic was good (even though they both hated it).

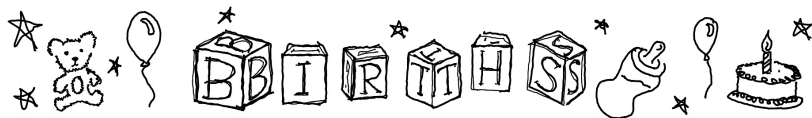
# OBITUARIES

*Vladimir Valychovsky, 1122 - 2025*

Mr. Valychovsky died last week at the age of 901. He lived in the subbasement of 325 Wilson Avenue in Brooklyn. A night owl, Vladimir loved finding cool indie music venues and exploring the gastronomic scene in Crown Heights. He only drank O- blood, insisting he liked the hoppiness.

*Homme Bé, 1968-2025-2025-2025-2025-2025....*

This pesky Frenchman passed away early Friday morning at St Barbara's Cemetery after getting stuck in a lawnmower. Tragic, sure. But he also passed away the night before *that* by walking off a bridge, and the night before that he was flattened by a semi trying to cross I-90. He keeps talking about "needing a brain." Yeah, seems like you do, buddy... watch where you're going! (he was, of course, an avid cyclist)



*[REDACTED] b. ?????*

Spawn of Cthulhu, this primordial being has been roused from eternal slumber at long last. It would be unwise of us to pen its namesake, and even less wise of us not to offer our gratitude and beg for its mercy.

*Slime Johnson b. 2025*

Parents were big fans of slime back in the late 80s/early 90s.

*Stuart Medium b. 2025*

He's still a cute, cheeky, orphaned mouse with a sweater, but he's actually kinda big? Not like massive or anything, but he's up there. Bigger than a chihuahua, not quite a lab. You could put him in a backpack maybe but not a purse. Oh and he's Spanish, too.

*Dua Lipa b. 2025*

Simple coincidence.

# PODUNK Grand Faire

**PERFORMERS**  
HARPSICHORD HARRY  
AND THE PLEBES  
★  
SICK NANCY  
★  
A VAPING WIZARD  
★  
DANA THE SWORD  
SWALLOWING WENCH  
★  
COLD SPIDERMAN



Ye olde Pube • Kettle Corn  
Guillotine • Wi-Fi • Lepers  
Chiaroscuro • Goat on Trial  
Five Sundials • Meatball Sub



## NOT WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

