

# THE **PODUNK** **INQUIRER**

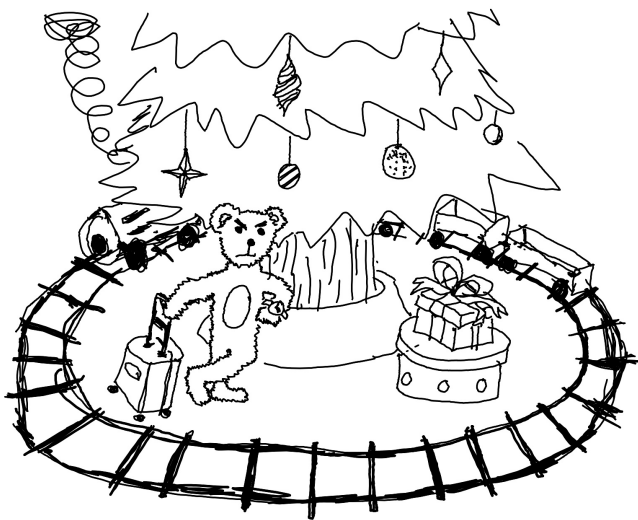
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*"Oh, come on! Twenty minutes for the red line?"*

*Dear Dear Reader,*

*We know everyone's favorite Christmas move is "Die Hard," but here at the Podunk Inquirer we live to "Live Easy." (but not too easy, we don't take kindly to those them yoga instructors 'round these parts...)*

*The key to living la vida simpatico you might ask? A high tech sleeper fleet of nuclear submarines in the Baltic so those Russkies don't get any ideas. But, not everyone can afford that this time of year... so we've put together a wonderful holiday issue to teach you how to best enjoy the season.*

*We're so happy to cap off our inaugural year and 1st volume, and elated to announce HBO has renewed us for a second season! It feels like just yesterday the Podunk Inquirer was a fledgling, scrawny publication that got people asking "what is this?" and "why would they send this to me?" Time flies.. and so do birds.. and bats... and reindeer of course!*

*Happy Holidays,*

*Love,*

*The Editors*



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## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- 8K
- 720p
- OLED
- Full 1080p HD
- 4K

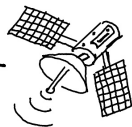


## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

<p>  Hit 50k subscribers         </p> <p>  Grow more hair         </p> <p>  Bowl a 30,000         </p> <p>  Resolve         </p> <p>  Drive faster         </p> <p>  Ignore that mole         </p>	<p>  Fit into your genie bottle         </p> <p>  Pick a name for your 4 year old         </p> <p>  Carry a big stick         </p> <p>  Gain weight         </p> <p>  Read a book per minute         </p> <p>  Make resolutions for next year         </p>
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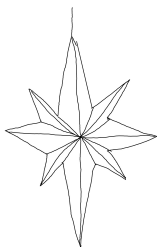


# AROUND THE GLOBE



## WORLD REPORT...

- Santa to Partner With Grubhub, Everyone Will Get Dumplings for Christmas
- Spotify Wrapped Adds New Feature Where It Accurately Predicts Your Day and Time of Death
- Joey Chestnut Sets New Hanukkah Record by Eating 184 Latkes in Five Minutes



## OPINIONS...

- Santa Would Be Hotter if He Was an Avatar
- New Year? I've Got the Old One and It Still Works Fine
- Yeah, *Thanks* Santa... but I'm Good

## The Sit Down

Your Local Rushing FedEx Driver Thinks Outside the Box

*We sat down with Tommy, who has revolutionized the art of delivery with his innovative method of chucking the packages at the door from a distance.*

Sniffles the Covid-Positive Elf Wants to Spread Love This Holiday Season

*We sat down with the coughing elf, who believes that love is the medicine the world needs to heal, not vaccines.*

Rudolph is Ready to Hang It Up

*We sat down with the red-nosed reindeer, who plans to retire to Celebration, Florida to spend more time with fellow Disney Adults.*

# AROUND THE TOWN

## **DEVASTATING - Local Scrooge Doesn't Learn His Lesson This Year Due to Lack of Local Tiny Tims**

With advancements in prenatal care, the supply of Tiny Tims in the US has been decimated, leading to local Scrooge Jim Thorpe not learning his lesson to be generous this holiday season. Townspeople tried using a Small George instead, but it didn't work. Now, Thorpe is ruining Christmas for families all across town. "I hate poor people. Get some money, why don't you? Also, I hate mistletoe and ham!" Town Manager Charles McGrath expressed real budget concerns: "What with the tariffs and all, we can't afford our usual shipment of Tiny Tims from China... if only some childless rich guy could help cover the cost."

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

- Town Christmas Tree Lighting Upstaged by Aunt with Impossibly Bright iPhone Screen *pg. 99*
- Coworker has Eggnog Recipe So Good You'll Kill Yourself *pg. 7*
- Office Holiday Party Absolutely Ruined by Coworker Who Sneezed So Crazy Loud *pg. 12*

## **PLUS! Don't Miss the Podunk Holiday Craft Fair**

Location: Elementary school gym that smells like an indoor pool

Time: Whatever is least convenient for you

Artists and vendors are selling:

- A portion of the artisan's soul in tiny, painted bottles
- Caricatures of subject committing a crime
- Candles made of scrap metal
- Death masks of popes
- Vintage fake IDs





## POPCORN PEEPER



South Pole Blues - When Santa says that the South Pole is too far and instead sends a \$50 Amazon giftcard, little Johnny enacts revenge.

A Christmas Carol 2: Scrooge's Revenge - Old Ebenezer actually changes his mind and decides to be even worse than he was before.

Fa La La La La, La La LA - Generic Christmas movie, but in Los Angeles.

A Chapped-Lipped Christmas - Sponsored by Blistex.

Jingle Bell Rock and Roll! - Jack Black stars in this whatever movie that was written, directed, and produced by AI.

A Charlie Brown Kwanzaa - Turns out Snoopy is black.

### *New Years Eve NYC Ball Drop Schedule*

**4:30PM-** The sun officially sets on the British empire.

**5:00PM-** Jane Fonda begins her iconic 5pm conga line.

**6:15PM-** Pledge of Allegiance.

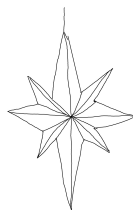
**7:45PM-** An ominous voice announces that one person in the crowd will die at midnight.

**9:40PM-** Mariah Carey ceremoniously re-enters cryosleep for the next 10 months.

**10:30PM-** Everyone gets one minute where they're allowed to pee where they're standing.

**11:57PM-** An elderly man accidentally dies three minutes ahead of schedule.

**12:00AM-** Tired and mothbitten, the gossamer veil of the old world slides into obscurity; grotesque and vulnerable, we embrace our ever-becoming future.





## Seven Fishes Recipe

*For all those with Italian heritage out there on Christmas Eve - or non-Italians who are cast to play Italians!*

Scallop a la Verde - a raw scallop with one parsley on it.

Shrimp Scamp - pick out a shrimp that's mischievous, but in an amusing way.

Trout Bath - dead or alive!

British Style Clam Chowder - it's just mashed potatoes.

Tuna Salad - a must-try for more adventurous eaters. I like to add celery to mine to spice it up.

Runny Salmon - let it leak.

Mr. Branzino - invite your elderly neighbour Mr. Branzino over, who is a Mediterranean white fish with a soft, succulent flesh.



## How To Maintain Your Christmas Tree

*Since you're going to spend \$10,000 you'll want this puppy to last!*

- 1) Feed it milk and cookies.
- 2) Let it pick its own tinsel.
- 3) Make sure it consents to being watered.
- 4) Tip it \$10 every time you look at it.
- 5) Never turn the lights off.
- 6) Let it make mistakes and learn for itself.
- 7) Hang ornaments in a pattern that hypnotizes your guests.

## What's Santa Wearing?

- Nike Airforce 1's
- Dr. Scholl's Soul in a Locket
- Bulletproof Vest
- Invisalign

## What's in His Bag?

- Coal
- Coal-Burning Pizza Oven
- Orange Gatorade
- Reindeer Tranquilizer (for himself)

# Podunk Gift Guide

## FOR THE KIDS

- VENETIAN GLASS VASE
- DOMESTICATED FOX
- 5G CELL TOWER
- ANTIQUE CHAIR UPHOLSTERY KIT



## FOR HIM

- FERMENTED STORM WATER
- REPLICA KING TUT MASK
- XBOX THAT MAKES YOU PALE & CLAMMY
- ANTI-CHUPACABRA COLOGNE



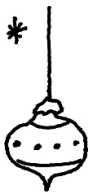
## FOR HER

- McFLURRY FACE SCRUB
- MAP OF 1980s CALGARY
- FLAG CARRIED BY UNION SOLDIERS
- 22 Cu. Ft. NITROGEN GAS TANK



## FOR GRANDMA & GRANDPA

- ONE-WAY TICKET TO PYONGYANG
- BP OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT MONEY
- TV REMOTE BATTERIES
- EXTRA HEAVY POOL BALLS



## FOR MEXICAN PRESIDENT GLORIA SHEINBAUM

- EARMUFFS
- SWISS MISS HOT COCOA
- FUZZY SOCKS
- ESSENTIAL OILS DIFFUSER

