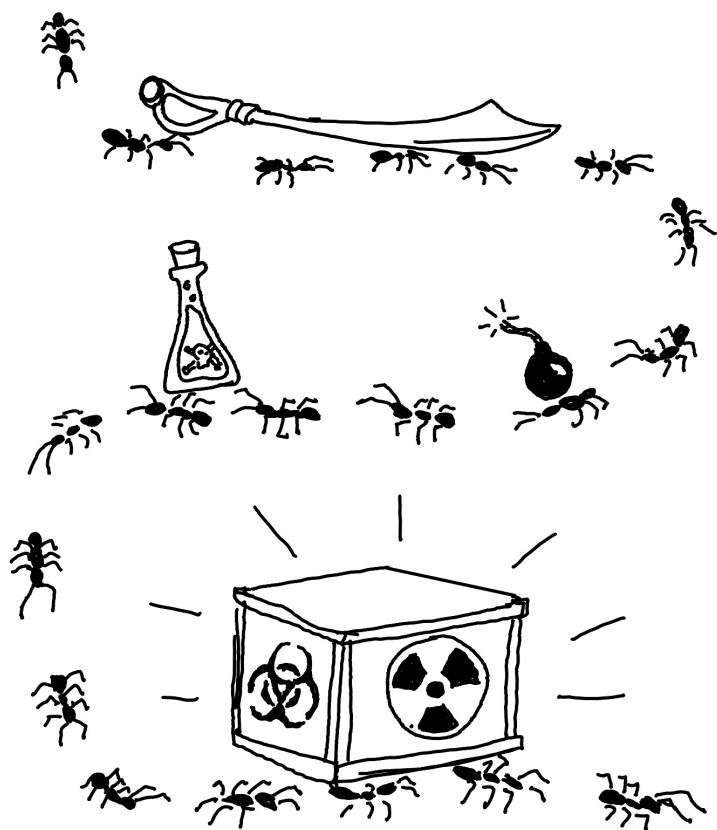


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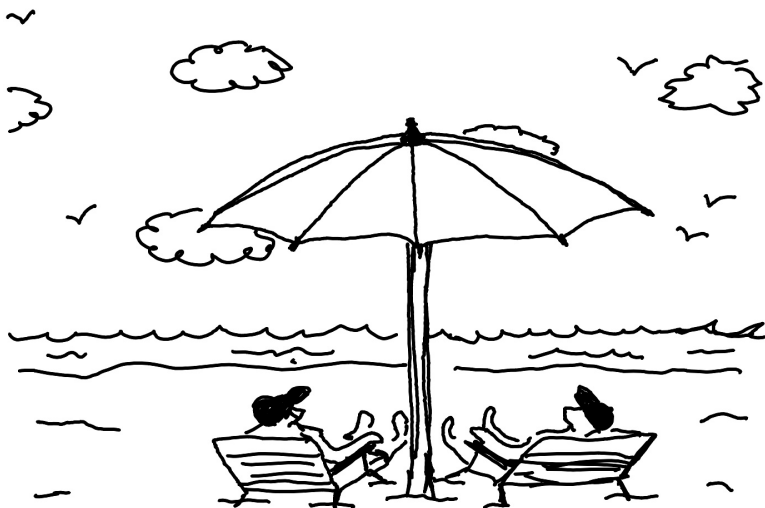


SUMMER 2026



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WHOEVER FIGHTS MONSTERS SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT
 IN THE PROCESS HE DOES NOT BECOME A MONSTER. AND IF YOU GAZE
 LONG ENOUGH INTO AN ABYSS, THE ABYSS WILL GAZE BACK INTO YOU.



"I figured Nietzsche preferred Uber"

Dear Dear Reader,

Perhaps you're wondering "woah there Mr. Quarterly News Publication, what happened to Spring?" That's a great question, with a very important answer: climate change. Sad, we know. But the best way to deal with climate change is just to move on already- so welcome to Summer!!! World Cup, America 250, brain-eating amoeba found in local swimming holes... it really is something special.

Stay cool ;)

Love,

The Editors



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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) Ornithologists are not hiding birds that can control the tides from the public.
- 2) Tampa, FL is not the future site of the Battle of Armageddon as described in Revelations 19.
- 3) The human body does not weigh 10 pounds.

SUMMER HOROSCOPE

♈ Cold socks, hot shoes	♏ Glass blowing situationship
♊ DJ for Tony Romo	♍ You will receive a new car
♋ Shellfish & oatmilk diet	♈ Scour the barren Earth
♌ Sell umbrellas	♎ Mark Twain Thursdays!
♏ Protest Yosemite	♊ Have that 77th hot dog
♍ Scrabble with numbers	♈ Nightstand twizzlers

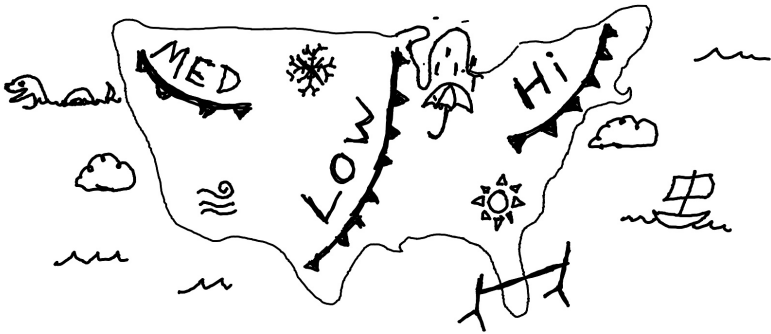
Dino's FORECAST

June 12th (Bend, OR) - Scattergory 5 Game Night leaves millions in ruin and asking for directions.

July 29th (Newport, RI) - Ginny "Garden Queen" Murphy, 73, will win the city-wide contest for best hydrangeas after covering neighboring lawns in large tarps all season with her fleet of drones.

August 4th (Newport, RI) - Shane "Buckshot" Jones, 61, will be arrested for shooting down valuable, high-tech drones orbiting his wife's garden. 2nd Amendment Supreme Court case imminent.

LIMBO DANCE RESULTS



CREATURE FEATURE

North Atlantic Grey Seal, *Halichoerus grypus atlantica*

Also known as the horsehead seal due to its pronounced snout, the grey seal is a 5 to 7-foot pinniped that frequents rocky shores and harbors off the coasts of the northeastern United States, Canada, and Europe.





US NATIONAL PARK GUIDE

How to get the most out of America's crown jewels:

1. Seduce a Park Ranger. This is way easier than you'd think... they're a desperate people.
2. Blackmail said Park Ranger to let you into the underground UFO testing facilities.
3. Bring along a pedicab driver to be your travel mule up the mountains. You might have to trick him from a nearby beach, but they're also a desperate people.
4. Start a cult. Obviously, don't lead with that: invite some people to join you and slowly create rules and a sense of collective purpose. The lack of Wi-Fi and constant danger really helps.
5. Hunt and kill a bison while supply lasts– the hides make great bikinis for your new cult girlfriends.

Travel Tips

- In Japan, it is considered very rude to push elderly people to the ground.
- Do NOT wear dark eyeliner in regular Miami.

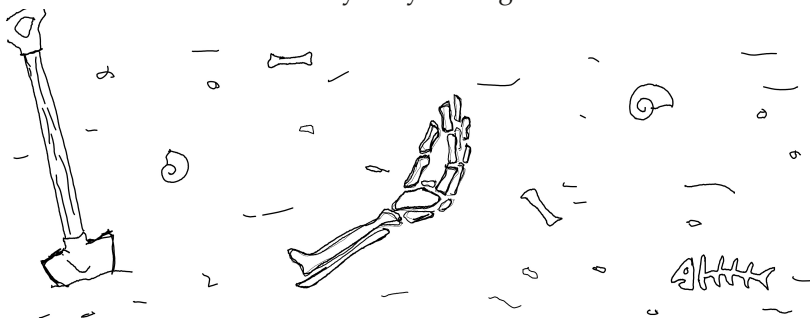


- *Burlington, VT Hilton Garden Inn Pool & Fitness Center*
- *Paycom Center, Oklahoma City, OK*
 - *Wherever Seinfeld was set*
 - *Goth Miami*



Was Darwin Wrong? Fossil Discovery Indicates We May Have Evolved from Italian Americans

Archeologists excavating human remains from a digsite off the NJ turnpike had the scientific community saying "Mamma Mia!" last Tuesday. Perfectly preserved cannoli shells and oversized jewelry dating to over 3 million years ago leave little room for us to hide from this uncomfortable truth, but many remain in denial. Faith leaders from around the globe are weighing in: "The Bible is very clear about Adam and Eve, not Mario and Luigi. What are we, stunads? Plus, if Jesus was Italian do we really think he would've had the work ethic to do all that by the time he was 33?" Others are embracing their newfound heritage. One South Korean man said: "It makes sense... I've always liked pizza, coffee, and looking at construction sites, and now I can say guido? Awesome!" Public consensus is that this is mostly okay so long as we're not Sicilian.



IN OTHER NEWS...

- Conference of Psychics Set to End Abruptly *pg. 4*
- America Fails to Hit 250 Thanks to GLP-1s *pg. 1776*

OPINIONS...

- Haricuts are a Necessary Evil *pg. 5*
- Paddington Has Been a Disastrous Prime Minister *pg. 11,026*



Local Traffic Guard Aspires to Direct a Film Adaptation of 'War and Peace'

Tim Stevens, one of Podunk's exemplary traffic guards, has big dreams. The man who stands in the street has become so proficient at directing traffic that he plans to make the transition into directing film. While managing a set and crew of hundreds of people seems difficult, Stevens believes that nothing compares to 3pm on a Friday when Podunk Elementary gets out and everyone's trying to beat the interstate traffic. The local legend, who dropped out of said elementary school, claims he can already envision how to effectively translate Tolstoy's epic to the silver screen. "Marty - sorry, *Martin* Scorsese, he once said that cinema is about what's in the frame and what's out. And you know, I think he was onto something." Instead of partnering with A24, he is starting his own production company, K12. At press time, Stevens said he was open to playing the lead as well if he couldn't find the right fit for the part.

IN OTHER TOWNS...

- Weekend Flea Market Overrun by Hordes of Ticks *pg. 101*
- City's Rats Forced to Shut Down Greek Restaurant After Finding Infestation of Humans *pg. 10101*

PSA: No, the Podunk Town Pool is Not Supposed to Have Waves. We Don't Know Where Those Came From

Cuisine Corner!

Woodchuck Oyster Shuck Shack, 3 Quant Dirt Road Lane

How many oysters would a woodchuck shuck if a woodchuck could shuck oysters? Turns out not that many... different biomes, tiny hands, not very strong. 4/5 stars

CULTURE



POPCORN PEEPER'S SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER PROMOTIONALS:



- 👁️ Jaws XL - This Cape Cod classic gets a modern horror twist 👁️ where the shark is a metaphor for trauma and depression.
- Mission Impossible: Limbo - Tom Cruise really does it this 👁️ time! Will he get the girl? Will the evil scientist get quashed? 👁️ Who cares! He completes a sick limbo where the stick is only 18 inches off the ground, and no stunt doubles!
- Odyssey 2: Pop a U-ey - Odysseus sets out on another long 👁️ boat ride when he realizes he left his keys *somewhere* in the 👁️ rubble of Troy.

T E C H N O L O G Y

Keeping your family safe is easier than ever thanks to the new X-Ray Ring Camera which allows people to see into each other's homes! Does the silhouette of your neighbor in his window look like he's holding a gun and is coming to shoot your barking chihuahua right between its big, blank, wet eyes? This new tech lets you take a peek inside and... turns out he was just peeling a banana, whew!

Townsfolk are better understanding people they've known for years; local divorcee Sandra Halligan-Hughes, who volunteers eight hours a week, said: "I used to have to scour town Facebook pages to get the scoop on what Tracey Wheeler was doing, but now I can just see that she doesn't really have IBS!!!" Scientists and human rights advocates are concerned about potential privacy violations... but we can see that those naysayers aren't getting laid and don't always wash their hands after going to the bathroom, so who cares what they say?



Recipes

☆ Sunday Brunch

MimOSHA Violation

- 1 part full pulp orange juice

☆ - 2 parts mineral spirits

- Splash of diesel

☆ - Sprig of beef jerky to garnish

What's in Her Bag?

☆ • Magna Carta (legal document, not Jay Z album)

• Ribeye Steak

☆ • Magna Carta (Jay Z album)

What's She Wearing?

• Big Headphones

• Small Boa Constrictor

☆ • Crepe Paper Anklets

• Blackout Sunglasses



Ask Amy!

Dear Amy, Me and my family have been in our fallout bunker ever since North Korea leaked the winners of *Love Island* and the UK retaliated with its ICBM. We're doing good but we just finished the last season of *Everybody Loves Raymond* and we're running low on canned beans and growing a bit restless. Are you still with us Amy? How are things on the surface? Were the Korean leaks accurate?

Thank you for your time,

TrulyTrudy49

Dear TrulyTrudy49, The sky is itchy and and stock market went kaboom!!! But everything is A-okay! Boredom is easy to fix!! Maybe a bunker party? Could you let me in?

XOXO, Amy 2



QUESTION TRUNDLE

Q: TRUNDLE! AMERICA'S BIG 250th ANNIVERSARY JULY 4th CELEBRATION WAS A DISASTER! WHY DIDN'T YOU SET OFF THE FIREWORKS?

A: they have been set. the fuse is just very long.



The World Cup Needs to Expand Even More

There's been talks of expanding the World Cup even more, going from 48 teams to 64, and personally, I'm all for it. BUT, I have some suggestions. First off, we need more squeaking. The sound is a crucial element. Next, let's get rid of the Group Stage and move straight to single elimination. Then everyone could make their own brackets and compete against one another (even dull corporate offices could have a little fun with a "bracket pool" if they wish). Also, the tournament should be in March. Who wants to be inside watching soccer during the summer? It would truly be madness if it happened in March. And, last but not least, can we finally let these players use their hands and dribble and shoot into a hoop with no goalie and play on hardwood floors and make the field smaller?? Come on!

Ranking All Muppets World Cup Moments!

- 1. July 3rd, 1994** - Kermit scored a hattrick for his native country of Russia.
- 2. July 19th, 2026** - The Muppets stole the show alongside Madonna and Shakira in the Final Halftime Show, proving once again that Muppets are better than humans.
- 3. June 29th, 1962** - At the height of the Cold War, Gonzo the Great scored a late winner for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to defeat the United States 3-2.
- 4. June 17th, 1966** - Fozzy Bear made a then-record 12 saves for the Soviet satellite state of Bulgaria in a 0-0 draw against a Miss Piggy-led Brazil.
- 5. June 21st, 1978** - Swedish Chef, who's actually from the Soviet Union, had both of his puppet hands chopped off by rabid fans after letting in the soft goal in extra time against Spain.

OBITUARIES

Soren Gustafson - 1944 - 2026

Mr. Soren Sorenson Gustafson of Big Ol' Lake, Michigan passed away last Thursday at the age of.... Okay, 100 minus 44 is 66, plus 24 is... 90! He was 92. Not bad.

John "Jack" Palmer- 1942-2026

John Palmer, known affectionately as "Jack," passed away Sunday night. Mr. Palmer always preferred his birth name, but everyone insisted on calling him "Jack." Sometimes, Jack's close friends would get chummy and refer to him as "Jackie" or even "Jackie Boy" if they were playing poker or golf. An acquaintance once called him "The Jacker," which Mr. Palmer actually quite enjoyed, but it just didn't stick for some reason. Despite his dislike for the name "Jack," "Jack" was always called "Jack" until the day "Jack" died. We have chosen to not refer to Mr. Palmer by any of these nicknames out of respect for the deceased.



Hammond Smythe b. 2026

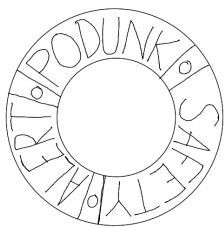
Yep, they're already planning on calling him "Ham" and there's nothing he can do about it.

Amelia Airhart b. 2026

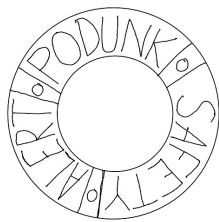
Not related, parents just big fans.

Fifi Whirlcup b. 2026, d. 2026

Her parents did this to try to get free soccer tickets, and it worked! But little Fifi got bit by a rabid dog on the walk to MetLife Stadium and they had to put her down during the hydration break.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



- Storebought sunscreen contains neurotransmitters that react with background 5G radiation to leech toxins into your skin! Consider using mud, band-aids, or tapenade.

- Avoid applying bug spray; instead, spray every bug you see for 15-20 seconds.



- When sitting around the campfire, avoid playing bebop or gypsy jazz. Those are bears' favorite subgenres of jazz & they will insist to get in on the jam.

- If a bear charges at you, spray it with bug spray for 15-20 seconds.

- Hide all your food in your stomach to keep it safe from bears. Then, later on you can pretend to be a big pelican coughing it up.



- Bug spray makes a fantastic mixer for your cocktails and helps reduce litter.



- Stay hydrated! You're allowed to start wildfires but only if you can put it out by yourself.