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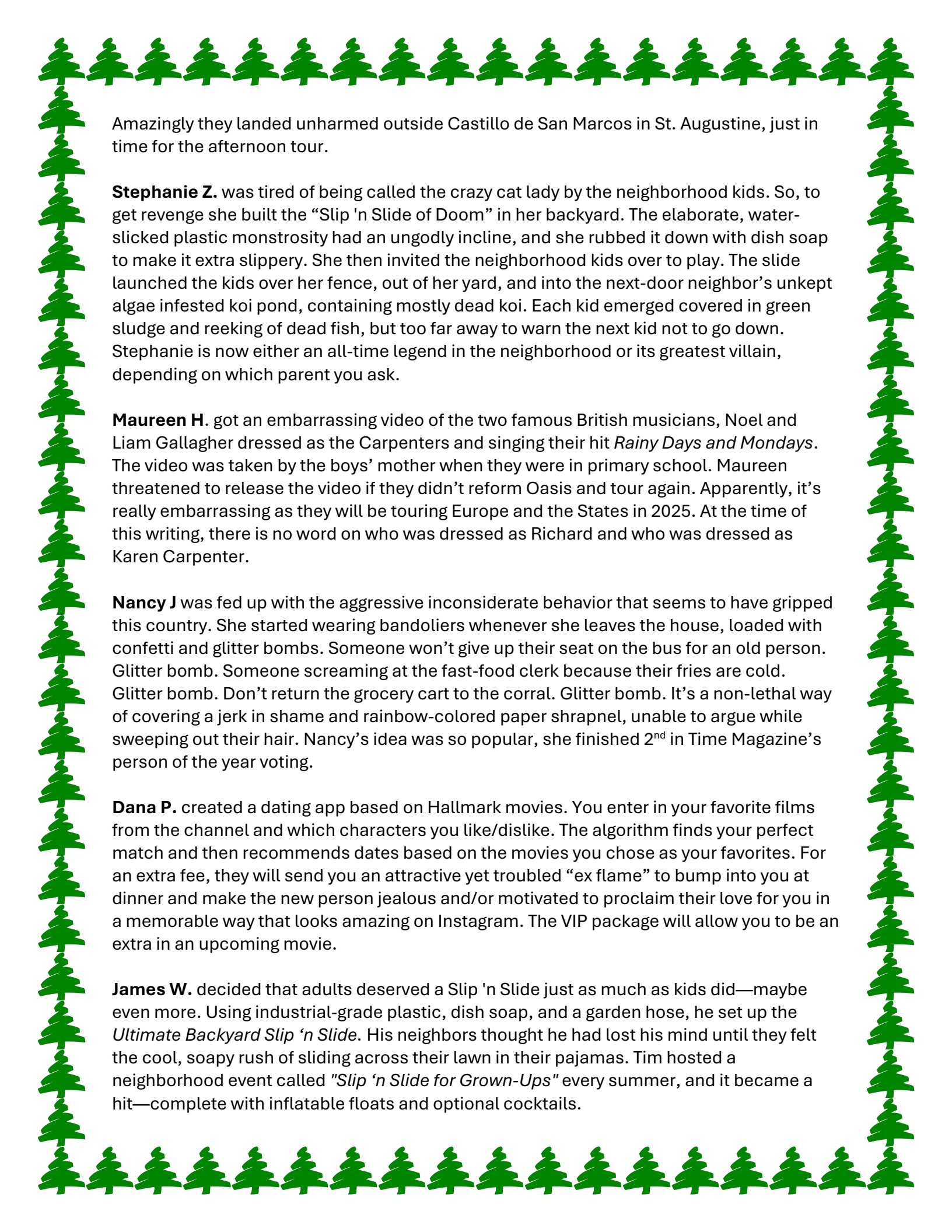
Another year has flown by, and the Citizens have been up to all types of amazing adventures, sinister shenanigans, and neighborly good deeds. So, without further ado, here's what they managed to accomplish in 2024:

**Sandy M.** had a bet with her co-workers for who could run the fastest time in a half-marathon. The winner got two tickets to the Indianapolis stop on Taylor Swift's Eras Tour. She didn't even like Taylor's music, but she knew the resale value of those tickets on the black market. So, she snuck into her coworkers' homes and injected sand into the insoles of their running shoes to weigh them down on race day. She had the best time in the race and then had the best time in Mallorca where she vacationed after selling the tickets.

**Melanie M.** was on a mission to make lawn work exciting and entertain the neighborhood kids. She rigged her lawnmower with a bubble machine, so every time she mowed, clouds of shimmering bubbles would float over the neighborhood. Meanwhile, her sidekick, Chewie the dog would chase the bubbles around the yard. The sight of Melanie, clad in a straw hat and sunglasses, mowing while surrounded by hundreds of floating iridescent orbs, kept the neighborhood kids enchanted all summer.

**Boris** turned his backyard into the ultimate competitive sport venue when he built a homemade catapult for a neighborhood lawn chair-launching competition. Armed with bungee cords, scrap wood, and enthusiasm, participants launched themselves in folding lawn chairs across his yard to see who could fly the farthest while yelling Yacht Rock lyrics. Of the 10 neighborhood men who participated, only 3 went to the emergency room. Boris has vowed to make it an annual event. The neighborhood wives have vowed to make it a one-off.

**Sherry**, inspired by her love of floating and adventure, strapped a hot tub to a hot air balloon that looked like a giant rubber duck. She launched it into the sky with her neighbors aboard in a crazy attempt to ride out a tropical storm approaching Florida. Clad in bathing suits and swim caps, they floated over their neighborhood with rubber duckies bobbing in the tub, sipping cocktails, and waved goodbye to their neighbors seeking shelter below.



Amazingly they landed unharmed outside Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, just in time for the afternoon tour.


**Stephanie Z.** was tired of being called the crazy cat lady by the neighborhood kids. So, to get revenge she built the “Slip 'n Slide of Doom” in her backyard. The elaborate, water-slicked plastic monstrosity had an ungodly incline, and she rubbed it down with dish soap to make it extra slippery. She then invited the neighborhood kids over to play. The slide launched the kids over her fence, out of her yard, and into the next-door neighbor’s unkept algae infested koi pond, containing mostly dead koi. Each kid emerged covered in green sludge and reeking of dead fish, but too far away to warn the next kid not to go down. Stephanie is now either an all-time legend in the neighborhood or its greatest villain, depending on which parent you ask.

**Maureen H.** got an embarrassing video of the two famous British musicians, Noel and Liam Gallagher dressed as the Carpenters and singing their hit *Rainy Days and Mondays*. The video was taken by the boys’ mother when they were in primary school. Maureen threatened to release the video if they didn’t reform Oasis and tour again. Apparently, it’s really embarrassing as they will be touring Europe and the States in 2025. At the time of this writing, there is no word on who was dressed as Richard and who was dressed as Karen Carpenter.

**Nancy J** was fed up with the aggressive inconsiderate behavior that seems to have gripped this country. She started wearing bandoliers whenever she leaves the house, loaded with confetti and glitter bombs. Someone won’t give up their seat on the bus for an old person. Glitter bomb. Someone screaming at the fast-food clerk because their fries are cold. Glitter bomb. Don’t return the grocery cart to the corral. Glitter bomb. It’s a non-lethal way of covering a jerk in shame and rainbow-colored paper shrapnel, unable to argue while sweeping out their hair. Nancy’s idea was so popular, she finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Time Magazine’s person of the year voting.

**Dana P.** created a dating app based on Hallmark movies. You enter in your favorite films from the channel and which characters you like/dislike. The algorithm finds your perfect match and then recommends dates based on the movies you chose as your favorites. For an extra fee, they will send you an attractive yet troubled “ex flame” to bump into you at dinner and make the new person jealous and/or motivated to proclaim their love for you in a memorable way that looks amazing on Instagram. The VIP package will allow you to be an extra in an upcoming movie.

**James W.** decided that adults deserved a Slip 'n Slide just as much as kids did—maybe even more. Using industrial-grade plastic, dish soap, and a garden hose, he set up the *Ultimate Backyard Slip 'n Slide*. His neighbors thought he had lost his mind until they felt the cool, soapy rush of sliding across their lawn in their pajamas. Tim hosted a neighborhood event called “*Slip 'n Slide for Grown-Ups*” every summer, and it became a hit—complete with inflatable floats and optional cocktails.



**Sherri M.** took hooliganry to a new level by starting a business that offers pre-wrapped, terrible wedding, birthday, and holiday gifts. Got stuck at the kids table at Christmas? Call Sherri and before the desert is served, she'll be there with a dozen count box of pickled beets (tastefully wrapped of course) to switch out with the foot massager from Sharper Image you originally got your host. She'll even return the foot massager for you! Now that's service. When you want to give a gift as lame as the person who's receiving it, call Sherri!

Keeping in the theme of sinister businesses, **April B** started a residential lawn sprinkler service with a twist. Her sprinklers are motion sensor activated and timed to spray your neighbors' lawn when they cut the grass during nap times, BBQs, and other inopportune times. Next year, she's hoping to release a residential pop-up fire hose for neighbors whose backyard house parties go past 1am.

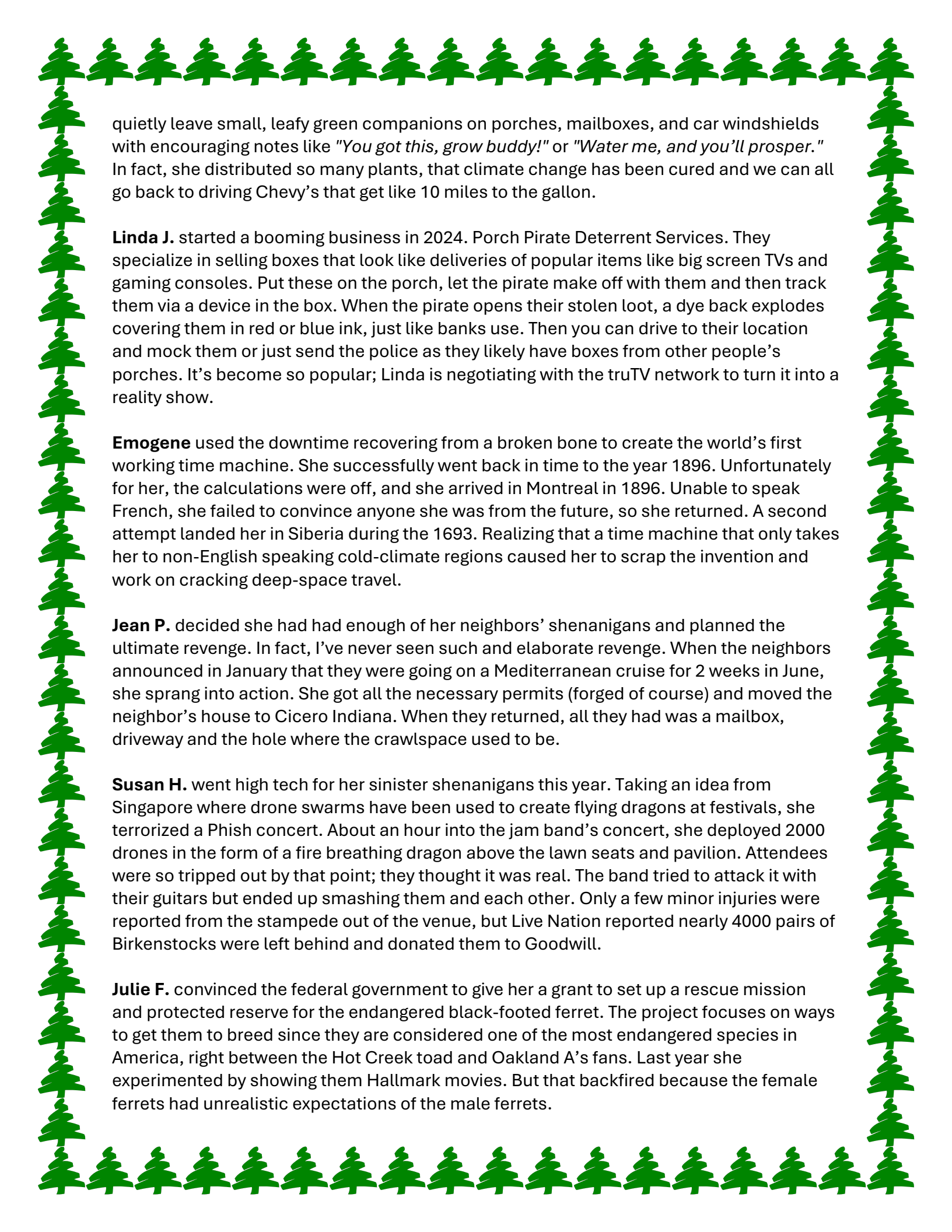
**Kim M.** decided that sidewalk chalk wasn't just for kids and the world needed more joy in 2024. So, she made it her mission to surprise unsuspecting pedestrians with motivational quotes, silly cartoons, and smiley faces—like a random underground artist bent on spreading cheer through sidewalk masterpieces. Her most popular work featured a cartoon dog farting rainbows and declaring, "Hope your day is as amazing as this!"

**Sarah S.** organized the world's largest goldfish race to raise money for charity. If you've never seen one, the goldfish race down a 10-foot acrylic tank or container while their "jockeys" blow bubbles through a straw behind them. The winner gets to keep their fish. Sarah convinced 200 people to participate and raised over \$50K for charity and convinced a local company to put up \$10K for the winning fish jockey.

**Karen** got fed up with her HOA always imposing ridiculously strict rules and set out to teach them a lesson. And frankly, we couldn't be any prouder. She hacked the car alarms of everyone on the HOA board and rigged them to go off simultaneously at 3:00 am in the morning. And not just random honking either. The honks, sirens, and chirps were blended in such a way to produce the song You've Got Another Thing Coming by the band Judas Priest. We plan to spend 2025 on here good side.

**Roxy** is a long-haul truck driver, with a BS degree in criminal justice, a minor in forensic photography, and an associate's degree as a paralegal. What can you do with all that? Well do the most sinister thing we've hear of yet. She campaigned for County Freight Assessor and won. The best part, the office technically doesn't exist. She bought signs, created a social media campaign, even created an opponent using AI. She snuck into city hall and put the title on the door of an empty office and then accused the city/county of not funding the position. The people say Roxy is the best County Freight Assessor they've ever had!

**Annette M.** may seem like a normal Citizen, but by night she's the Free Plant Fairy. Armed with a surplus of houseplants and an endless supply of small terracotta pots, she would



quietly leave small, leafy green companions on porches, mailboxes, and car windshields with encouraging notes like *"You got this, grow buddy!"* or *"Water me, and you'll prosper."* In fact, she distributed so many plants, that climate change has been cured and we can all go back to driving Chevy's that get like 10 miles to the gallon.

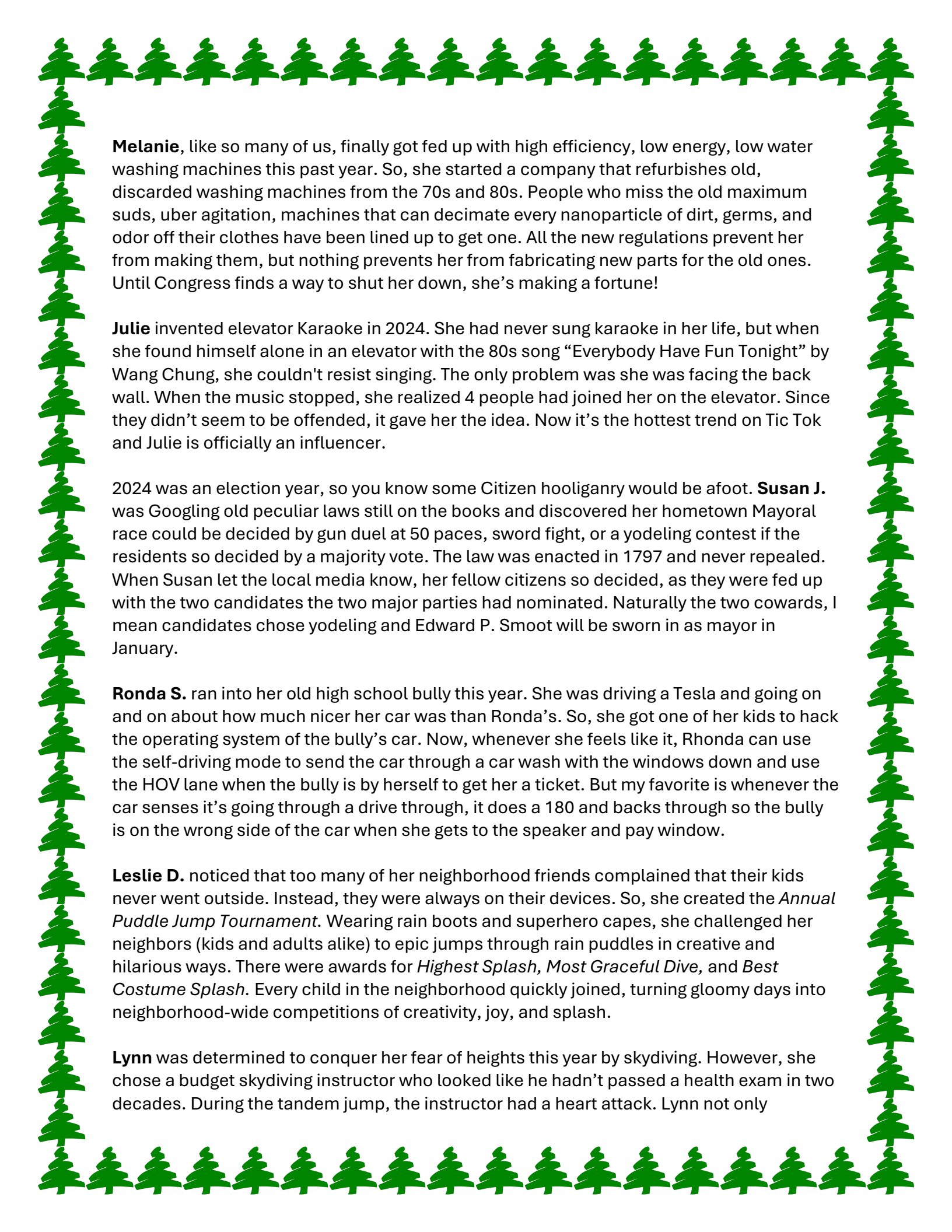
**Linda J.** started a booming business in 2024. *Porch Pirate Deterrent Services*. They specialize in selling boxes that look like deliveries of popular items like big screen TVs and gaming consoles. Put these on the porch, let the pirate make off with them and then track them via a device in the box. When the pirate opens their stolen loot, a dye back explodes covering them in red or blue ink, just like banks use. Then you can drive to their location and mock them or just send the police as they likely have boxes from other people's porches. It's become so popular; Linda is negotiating with the truTV network to turn it into a reality show.

**Emogene** used the downtime recovering from a broken bone to create the world's first working time machine. She successfully went back in time to the year 1896. Unfortunately for her, the calculations were off, and she arrived in Montreal in 1896. Unable to speak French, she failed to convince anyone she was from the future, so she returned. A second attempt landed her in Siberia during the 1693. Realizing that a time machine that only takes her to non-English speaking cold-climate regions caused her to scrap the invention and work on cracking deep-space travel.

**Jean P.** decided she had had enough of her neighbors' shenanigans and planned the ultimate revenge. In fact, I've never seen such an elaborate revenge. When the neighbors announced in January that they were going on a Mediterranean cruise for 2 weeks in June, she sprang into action. She got all the necessary permits (forged of course) and moved the neighbor's house to Cicero Indiana. When they returned, all they had was a mailbox, driveway and the hole where the crawlspace used to be.

**Susan H.** went high tech for her sinister shenanigans this year. Taking an idea from Singapore where drone swarms have been used to create flying dragons at festivals, she terrorized a Phish concert. About an hour into the jam band's concert, she deployed 2000 drones in the form of a fire breathing dragon above the lawn seats and pavilion. Attendees were so tripped out by that point; they thought it was real. The band tried to attack it with their guitars but ended up smashing them and each other. Only a few minor injuries were reported from the stampede out of the venue, but Live Nation reported nearly 4000 pairs of Birkenstocks were left behind and donated them to Goodwill.

**Julie F.** convinced the federal government to give her a grant to set up a rescue mission and protected reserve for the endangered black-footed ferret. The project focuses on ways to get them to breed since they are considered one of the most endangered species in America, right between the Hot Creek toad and Oakland A's fans. Last year she experimented by showing them Hallmark movies. But that backfired because the female ferrets had unrealistic expectations of the male ferrets.



**Melanie**, like so many of us, finally got fed up with high efficiency, low energy, low water washing machines this past year. So, she started a company that refurbishes old, discarded washing machines from the 70s and 80s. People who miss the old maximum suds, uber agitation, machines that can decimate every nanoparticle of dirt, germs, and odor off their clothes have been lined up to get one. All the new regulations prevent her from making them, but nothing prevents her from fabricating new parts for the old ones. Until Congress finds a way to shut her down, she's making a fortune!


**Julie** invented elevator Karaoke in 2024. She had never sung karaoke in her life, but when she found herself alone in an elevator with the 80s song "Everybody Have Fun Tonight" by Wang Chung, she couldn't resist singing. The only problem was she was facing the back wall. When the music stopped, she realized 4 people had joined her on the elevator. Since they didn't seem to be offended, it gave her the idea. Now it's the hottest trend on Tic Tok and Julie is officially an influencer.

2024 was an election year, so you know some Citizen hooliganry would be afoot. **Susan J.** was Googling old peculiar laws still on the books and discovered her hometown Mayoral race could be decided by gun duel at 50 paces, sword fight, or a yodeling contest if the residents so decided by a majority vote. The law was enacted in 1797 and never repealed. When Susan let the local media know, her fellow citizens so decided, as they were fed up with the two candidates the two major parties had nominated. Naturally the two cowards, I mean candidates chose yodeling and Edward P. Smoot will be sworn in as mayor in January.

**Ronda S.** ran into her old high school bully this year. She was driving a Tesla and going on and on about how much nicer her car was than Ronda's. So, she got one of her kids to hack the operating system of the bully's car. Now, whenever she feels like it, Rhonda can use the self-driving mode to send the car through a car wash with the windows down and use the HOV lane when the bully is by herself to get her a ticket. But my favorite is whenever the car senses it's going through a drive through, it does a 180 and backs through so the bully is on the wrong side of the car when she gets to the speaker and pay window.

**Leslie D.** noticed that too many of her neighborhood friends complained that their kids never went outside. Instead, they were always on their devices. So, she created the *Annual Puddle Jump Tournament*. Wearing rain boots and superhero capes, she challenged her neighbors (kids and adults alike) to epic jumps through rain puddles in creative and hilarious ways. There were awards for *Highest Splash*, *Most Graceful Dive*, and *Best Costume Splash*. Every child in the neighborhood quickly joined, turning gloomy days into neighborhood-wide competitions of creativity, joy, and splash.

**Lynn** was determined to conquer her fear of heights this year by skydiving. However, she chose a budget skydiving instructor who looked like he hadn't passed a health exam in two decades. During the tandem jump, the instructor had a heart attack. Lynn not only



performed CPR on the way down, she pulled the shoot and made sure they landed safely. They did miss their intended landing zone by quite a bit. But the dumfounded patrons of the rooftop bar where she landed bought her 2-3 rounds while the EMTs were seeing to her instructor.

**Vickie** helped set an all-time record for the most people doing the chicken dance at an Oktoberfest Celebration this year. The previous Guinness World record was 72,000 people in Canfield, Ohio. Evansville, IN claimed to have topped that, but had nobody from Guinness there to verify. Vickie organized a whopping 75,000 people via social media and now her hometown has the record. Next year, they hope to get 80,000 people to do the chicken dance.

Last year we told you about the job of Betty Crocker Frosting Tester and how a Citizen managed to get that job. Well, a lot you wanted that job and although we're impressed by then lengths you went to get it, we feel slightly guilty that we may have been the cause of all this mayhem. For example...


**Kate W.** invited Amy (the previous person to hold the job) out for Mexican food and slipped her Carolina Reaper peppers into her taco salad. The second hottest pepper in the world, the Reaper put Amy on the sidelines for six months and she had to give up her job. Kate felt no remorse as she took over the frosting tasting gig.

But her victory was short lived, as **Marlene S.** created a fake sweepstakes that gave Kate a cruise to the Bahamas. Once on the cruise, she paid someone to cause a flu outbreak, quarantining the ship for twenty-eight days. She managed to bump Kate aside, as the frosting must be tasted and tested, and Betty waits for no one.

However, the ultimate prank was pulled by **Joyce R.** she managed to get Marlene S. put on a terrorist watch list by sneaking in her home and requesting all the ingredients for a car bomb from Marlene's Amazon Alexa device. It took weeks for Marlene to convince the FBI she wasn't a terrorist, but by then the frosting tasing job was Joyce's.

**Scott L.** discovered that neighbors weren't washing their windows enough, so he took it upon himself to surprise them. Dressed in a neon green spandex onesie, he'd show up uninvited to homes, complete with his squeegee and bucket, and begin energetically scrubbing windows with dramatic flair. His neighbors could only blink in confusion as he finished with a theatrical bow, yelling, "CLEAN WINDOWS FOR ALL!" before disappearing into the bushes.

**Elizabeth P.** took up competitive origami in 2024 and seems a natural. She finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age division in the UK's national tournament. Her owl was breathtaking, her swan flawless and her lion majestic. But the judges threw her a curve by assigning her the naked mole rat for her final round and her interpretation looked more like a lemur with the mange. Still, national runner-up is pretty impressive in year one!



**Ann D.** became a grandmother this year and if that wasn't amazing enough, she has already taught her grandson to play Toto's *Africa* on a 4-piece musical playset. The set is normally for 18 month or older kids, but her grandson is a prodigy. Her friends are amazed when they hear her grandson start in on the Yacht rock classic. Next, she hopes to teach him *Don't Stop* by Fleetwood Mac or *Lights* by Journey.


If you ever stayed at an all-inclusive resort, Disney hotel, or the like, you may be familiar with the annoying ritual of people hurrying down by the pool or beach to throw their towels and other items on to beach chairs to reserve them. Well, this past summer, **Shelley H.** had enough. With the kind of twisted enthusiasm and flair for the dramatic we love in a Citizen, she went down to the pool of the expansive Disney resort where she was staying and rearranged all the towels, beach bags, etc. while all the people were at brunch. It was deliciously chaotic for hours as people fought over chairs while looking for their stuff. We like how you travel, Shelley!

**Tony P.** organized a mac n cheese cookoff for food insecure kids in his area. He enlisted over 40 local restaurants to come up with their own amazing mac n cheese recipes while the kids (with their families) were both attendees of the event and the judges! Top prizes went to a BBQ mac-n-cheese, mac-n-cheese with Goldfish, and chicken nugget mac-n-cheese.

Some people are terrified at the idea of alien life forms. **Robin** isn't. She found a way to make money off aliens. Seems an alien ship crashed on Robins property some years back. She helped them get their ship fixed, then set them up with supplies. Now, Robin's place is like a truck stop for alien life forms (but with much cleaner bathrooms). She sells them food, beverages, and impulse purchases (like foam beer koozies) and they pay in Bitcoin. Her neighbors have no idea. They just think she has a lot of extended family.

Inspired by video games, **Candace C.** set up an actual *Lawn Gnome Battle Royale* in her backyard. Armed with Nerf guns, water balloons, and catapults, neighbors fought each other in a no-holds-barred skirmish, using lawn gnomes as both weapons and tactical defense positions. The event ended with neighbors in full combat gear laughing, soaked in water, and waving white flags of truce. Candace crowned the winner the *Lawn Gnome King/Queen* and declared that next year they'd introduce a throne made entirely of garden statues.

With all the talk about AI and ChatGPT this year, it was outstanding Citizen **Lisa S.** who came up with the most amazing application: EsteemGPT. It's a personal assistant like an Amazon Alexa that senses your mood and boosts your confidence. Having a bad day? Esteem tells you "You're amazing. You got this." It's like a reassuring call from your mom, without all the questions about when you're going to give her grandkids.



Unfortunately, **Helen** was feeling rather sinister this year and hacked Lisa's invention. She told EsteemGPT to randomly insert some self-doubt into the mix, just to keep people grounded (and to mess with their heads). So, the program may say something like, "You're so talented. I know you're going to nail the presentation!" And then Lisa's virus will kick out, "But don't you think your nose hair could use a trim? And your CEO likes shiny things so where that sequin dress you wore to the Taylor Swift concert."

**Helen H.** trained an army of squirrels to hijack ice cream trucks. We've all thought about it. The ice cream trucks rolls through the neighborhood and you wish you could have everything inside. Well, Suzy was up for the challenge and trained her backyard squirrels to swarm the truck as soon as it stopped. The truck drivers were unprepared for an army of squirrels creating chaos and stealing the merchandise. And each varmint was trained not to eat the ice cream but to scurry to Suzy's back porch and trade the frozen treat for a handful of nuts. We expect Suzy to set her sights even bigger in 2025!


**Willnovie** set up a makeshift "bike repair shop" using old tools and spare parts on their driveway. Neighbors would roll up with wobbly bikes and leave with fully functional, sparkling cycles. Not only did it breathe new life into old bikes, but it got kids outside. Soon, parents were picking up bikes at Goodwill so Willnovie could rehab them. Then they donated those to families in need.

**Barbara H.** started a crowdfunding platform for people raising money for revenge. It's called Petty Cash. When you want to do something petty to someone who has wronged you, but don't have the extra funds to carry it out, Petty Cash is the place to go. Want to build a trebuchet to fire rocks onto your neighbor's roof, but don't have the money for lumber. Start a Petty Cash campaign. Need money to buy exotic and invasive fish to introduce into your enemy's pond? Start a Petty Cash campaign. With Barbara's help, over 1000 people have bootstrapped their way to revenge and satisfaction.

**Jolie C.** won \$10K in a local goldfish race by building her own robot goldfish and slipping him into the trough when nobody was looking. Her robot goldfish (named Gil) trounced the competition, but nobody was the wiser as there was a lot of free beer flowing at the event. She's hoping to go on tour with Gil next year in Australia and New Zealand as goldfish racing is much more popular down there.

**Catherine M.** took shenanigans to a level we all hope to aspire to in 2025. Whenever certain neighbors cleaned out their attics, garages, or closets and took the items to Goodwill, she would buy certain and return it to their homes when they went on vacation or when she was invited over for coffee. One neighbor is convinced her dead mother-in-law is haunting their home because an ugly serving dish keeps reappearing in her kitchen cabinet. Another neighbor called a priest because the copy of *Trolley Dodgers* she donated keeps reappearing on her bookshelf. Don't ever let your dog poop on Catherine's lawn without cleaning it up.





**Barbara M.** invented a noise cancelling headphone for dogs to wear on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and other holidays so they wouldn't be terrified by fireworks. Then she pulled off the unthinkable by going onto Shark Tank and convinced the Sharks to donate money to a foundation so she could manufacture them and give them away for free!

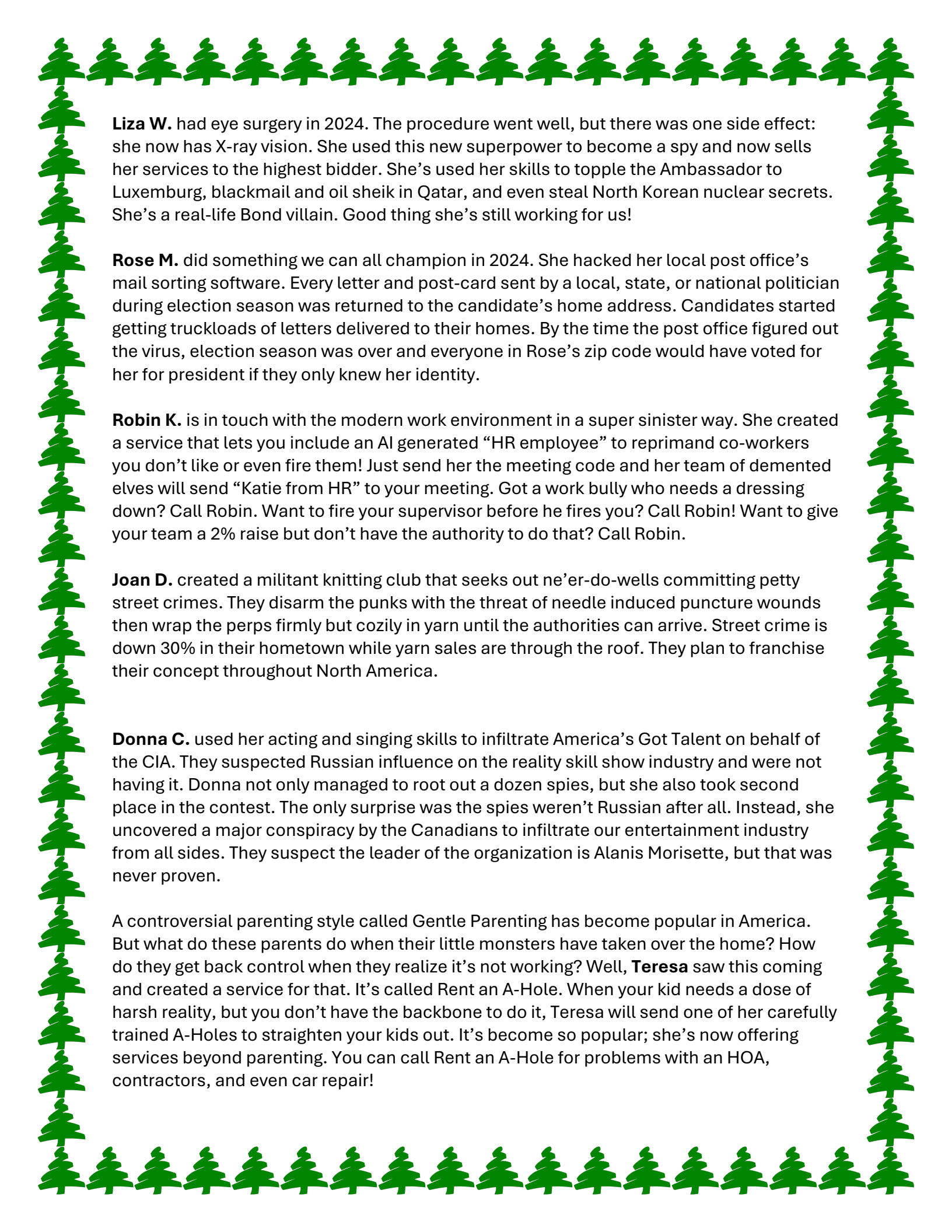
**Sassy Suzy** created probably the coolest business we've heard of this year. Rent a Pirate Ship. It's like a themed Air B&B experience on a real pirate ship. This all-inclusive tour includes all the rum you can drink, the chance to board a cruise ship and plunder it, and a port with a seedy pub and beer wenches. You have to sign a waiver in the event you contract scurvy or an STD, but that's a small price to pay for the authentic pirate experience. If all goes well, they will introduce a robot Kraken to fight and a bonus treasure hunt. The ship is sold out for the next 14 months.

**Sue P.** created a company that sells mail order service weevils. Questionable service animals have become commonplace in recent years, making it more difficult for those who truly need them. But Sue saw an opportunity to take advantage of those who take advantage and created a website that convinces sketchy characters to order the ¼ long members of the beetle family. She even sends them little neon vests to place on their service weevils and paperwork. The idea is to get an extra seat next to them on the plane, which airlines are required to do. But when the person shows up with the service weevil, the airlines draw the line. And of course, Sue doesn't take refunds. She's almost got a second home in Mallorca paid off.

**Betty** pulled a delicious prank on her neighbors that we can all admire. She switched the ring cameras on a half dozen of her neighbors and watched as they watched packages arrive that mysteriously disappeared when they opened the door. Had conversations with delivery drivers who seemed to vanish in thin air. Since all the houses looked similar, they didn't realize they were looking at the video from their neighbors' homes. We're looking forward to seeing what Betty gets up to in 2025!

**Michelle S** opened a haunted Air B&B in 2024. You can only rent it for one night. If you make it through the night, your stay is free. Nobody has made it a whole night yet. There are bleeding walls, animatronic goblins, drone vampire bats and a robot Jason from the Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> movies. Survive all that and make it to one in the morning, she really pulls out the horror. Wall sized screens in every room play congressional budget hearings on a loop. Nobody has made it past 1:15 am.

**Cheryl L.** and her husband are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in January. They decided to spend the year leading up to it doing sinister things together. So, they recreated all of the robberies from the movie *Fun With Dick and Jane*—both the 1977 original AND the 2005 remake with Jim Carrey! Their crime spree isn't to line their own pockets, though. They donate the money to various projects on the crowdfunding site Petty Cash.



**Liza W.** had eye surgery in 2024. The procedure went well, but there was one side effect: she now has X-ray vision. She used this new superpower to become a spy and now sells her services to the highest bidder. She's used her skills to topple the Ambassador to Luxemburg, blackmail an oil sheik in Qatar, and even steal North Korean nuclear secrets. She's a real-life Bond villain. Good thing she's still working for us!

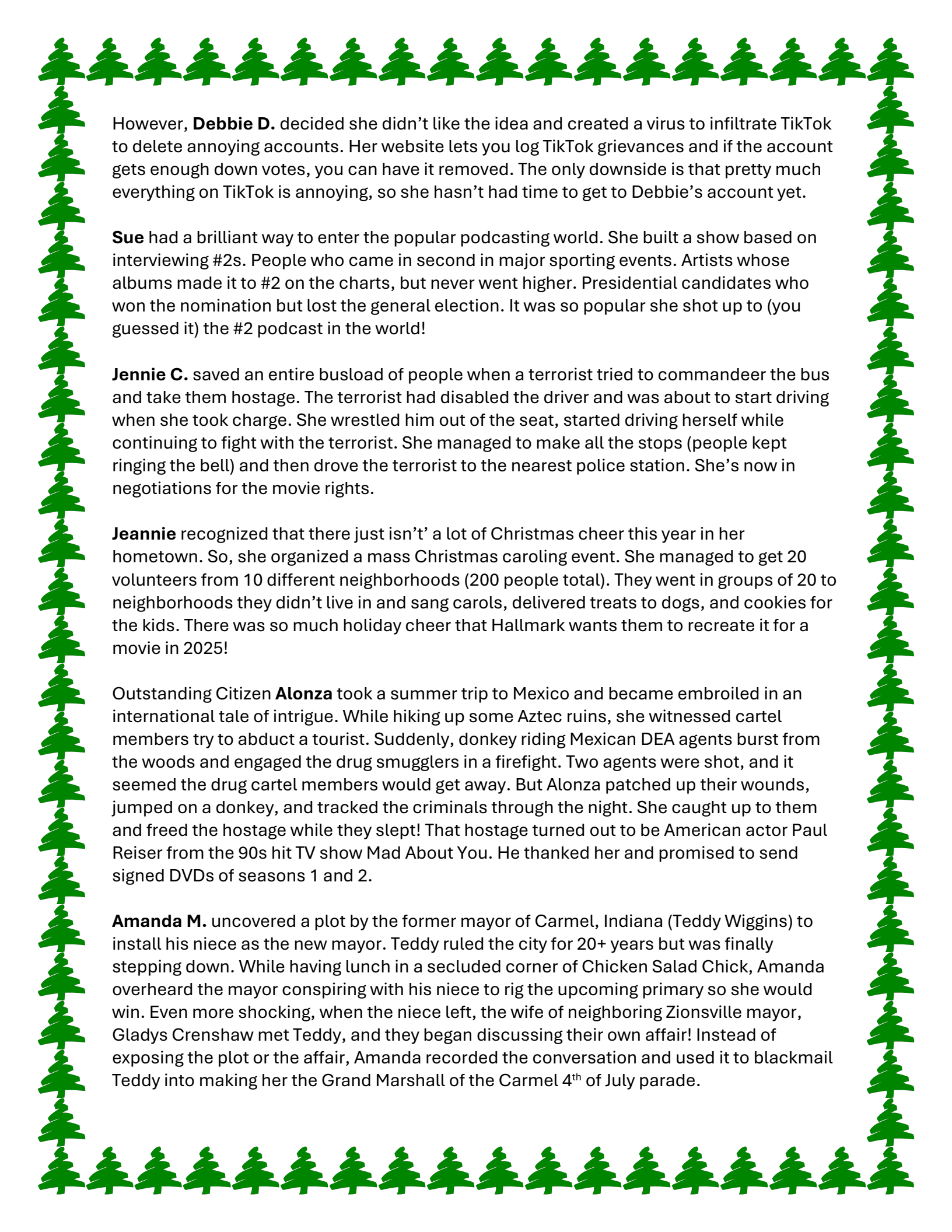
**Rose M.** did something we can all champion in 2024. She hacked her local post office's mail sorting software. Every letter and post-card sent by a local, state, or national politician during election season was returned to the candidate's home address. Candidates started getting truckloads of letters delivered to their homes. By the time the post office figured out the virus, election season was over and everyone in Rose's zip code would have voted for her for president if they only knew her identity.

**Robin K.** is in touch with the modern work environment in a super sinister way. She created a service that lets you include an AI generated "HR employee" to reprimand co-workers you don't like or even fire them! Just send her the meeting code and her team of demented elves will send "Katie from HR" to your meeting. Got a work bully who needs a dressing down? Call Robin. Want to fire your supervisor before he fires you? Call Robin! Want to give your team a 2% raise but don't have the authority to do that? Call Robin.

**Joan D.** created a militant knitting club that seeks out ne'er-do-wells committing petty street crimes. They disarm the punks with the threat of needle induced puncture wounds then wrap the perps firmly but cozily in yarn until the authorities can arrive. Street crime is down 30% in their hometown while yarn sales are through the roof. They plan to franchise their concept throughout North America.

**Donna C.** used her acting and singing skills to infiltrate America's Got Talent on behalf of the CIA. They suspected Russian influence on the reality skill show industry and were not having it. Donna not only managed to root out a dozen spies, but she also took second place in the contest. The only surprise was the spies weren't Russian after all. Instead, she uncovered a major conspiracy by the Canadians to infiltrate our entertainment industry from all sides. They suspect the leader of the organization is Alanis Morissette, but that was never proven.

A controversial parenting style called Gentle Parenting has become popular in America. But what do these parents do when their little monsters have taken over the home? How do they get back control when they realize it's not working? Well, **Teresa** saw this coming and created a service for that. It's called Rent an A-Hole. When your kid needs a dose of harsh reality, but you don't have the backbone to do it, Teresa will send one of her carefully trained A-Holes to straighten your kids out. It's become so popular; she's now offering services beyond parenting. You can call Rent an A-Hole for problems with an HOA, contractors, and even car repair!



However, **Debbie D.** decided she didn't like the idea and created a virus to infiltrate TikTok to delete annoying accounts. Her website lets you log TikTok grievances and if the account gets enough down votes, you can have it removed. The only downside is that pretty much everything on TikTok is annoying, so she hasn't had time to get to Debbie's account yet.


**Sue** had a brilliant way to enter the popular podcasting world. She built a show based on interviewing #2s. People who came in second in major sporting events. Artists whose albums made it to #2 on the charts, but never went higher. Presidential candidates who won the nomination but lost the general election. It was so popular she shot up to (you guessed it) the #2 podcast in the world!

**Jennie C.** saved an entire busload of people when a terrorist tried to commandeer the bus and take them hostage. The terrorist had disabled the driver and was about to start driving when she took charge. She wrestled him out of the seat, started driving herself while continuing to fight with the terrorist. She managed to make all the stops (people kept ringing the bell) and then drove the terrorist to the nearest police station. She's now in negotiations for the movie rights.

**Jeannie** recognized that there just isn't a lot of Christmas cheer this year in her hometown. So, she organized a mass Christmas caroling event. She managed to get 20 volunteers from 10 different neighborhoods (200 people total). They went in groups of 20 to neighborhoods they didn't live in and sang carols, delivered treats to dogs, and cookies for the kids. There was so much holiday cheer that Hallmark wants them to recreate it for a movie in 2025!

Outstanding Citizen **Alonza** took a summer trip to Mexico and became embroiled in an international tale of intrigue. While hiking up some Aztec ruins, she witnessed cartel members try to abduct a tourist. Suddenly, donkey riding Mexican DEA agents burst from the woods and engaged the drug smugglers in a firefight. Two agents were shot, and it seemed the drug cartel members would get away. But Alonza patched up their wounds, jumped on a donkey, and tracked the criminals through the night. She caught up to them and freed the hostage while they slept! That hostage turned out to be American actor Paul Reiser from the 90s hit TV show Mad About You. He thanked her and promised to send signed DVDs of seasons 1 and 2.

**Amanda M.** uncovered a plot by the former mayor of Carmel, Indiana (Teddy Wiggins) to install his niece as the new mayor. Teddy ruled the city for 20+ years but was finally stepping down. While having lunch in a secluded corner of Chicken Salad Chick, Amanda overheard the mayor conspiring with his niece to rig the upcoming primary so she would win. Even more shocking, when the niece left, the wife of neighboring Zionsville mayor, Gladys Crenshaw met Teddy, and they began discussing their own affair! Instead of exposing the plot or the affair, Amanda recorded the conversation and used it to blackmail Teddy into making her the Grand Marshall of the Carmel 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.




**Dianna P.** created a program she sold to Amazon for its Alexa products. The app is called Who Did This? Now moms can ask the device, “Alexa, which child put a hot dog in dryer?” and she will answer, “It was the middle child. The one with the runny nose. Also, he wrote his name on the mudroom wall with the last of your fire engine red nail polish. Would you like me to order more?” What could be more helpful to moms than a snitch who can also save you at trip to the store? There’s even a super vigilant mode for parents with teenagers. Alexa will tell parents things like, “Your daughter is smoking weed in the basement. Statistically you will run out of chips within the next 90 minutes. Would you like me to order a family sized bag of Doritos?”

**Lynne** Opened up a chapter of Save the Ears in her hometown. If you are unfamiliar, Save the Ears is a network of safe houses for people who were victims of musical abuse during their childhoods. Musical abuse is only now getting the attention it deserves in this country and people are coming forward to tell their stories. Lynne was particularly moved by people in her hometown who were forced to listen to Starship’s *We Built This City*, everything recorded by Vanilla Ice, and the multi-generational offenses of Billie Ray and Millie Cyrus. Younger clients report that the music of Post Malone has left them rudderless and unable to cope. Thanks to Lynne’s efforts thousands of people are discovering good music does exist.

**Rebekah** crowdfunded a new type of drone with donations from friends and families of service members. Called the Dro-nut, it can circle the globe without needing to land and recharge. It can also deliver up to four dozen warm donuts to troops wherever they are deployed. They have flown 50 missions this year and hope to add more drones and more missions in 2025. Thanks to Rebekah and thanks to all our troops, past and present!

**Lorraine** became the champion axe thrower of Australia in 2024. She won her local Maniax sponsored league, then went on to the regional and finally the Australian championship. Next up, it’s the International Axe Throwing Federation championship. She says she perfected her skills with a lot of practice and hunting the many deadly snakes that inhabit Australia and make this writer reluctant to visit.

There are eight billion people in the world and **April M.** is the most unique Citizen of all. Guinness has determined that she was the only person in 2024 not to have read, watched, or listened to a single thing related to the movie version of *Wicked*. While the rest of us were bombarded with ads, social media posts, interviews and interviews about the interviews, the algorithms in her social media managed to prevent her from seeing any of it. Researchers and the marketing industry was so baffled by this, they have begun deconstructing every facet of her digital footprint. Meanwhile, the cast is so shocked that even one person didn’t hear about the movie that they’ve vowed to perform in her front yard. April announced she will be moving asap.



In a move we're not sure is villainy or philanthropic, **Helen H.** invented an app that will delete someone's social media accounts. All of them. Post too many political rants on TikTok? Gone. Call yourself an influencer in your bio? Gone! Share to many videos of your homebased business selling organic gout remedies? Gone! Helen is bringing sanity back to the web, one deleted account at a time. Time is considering her for person of the Year.

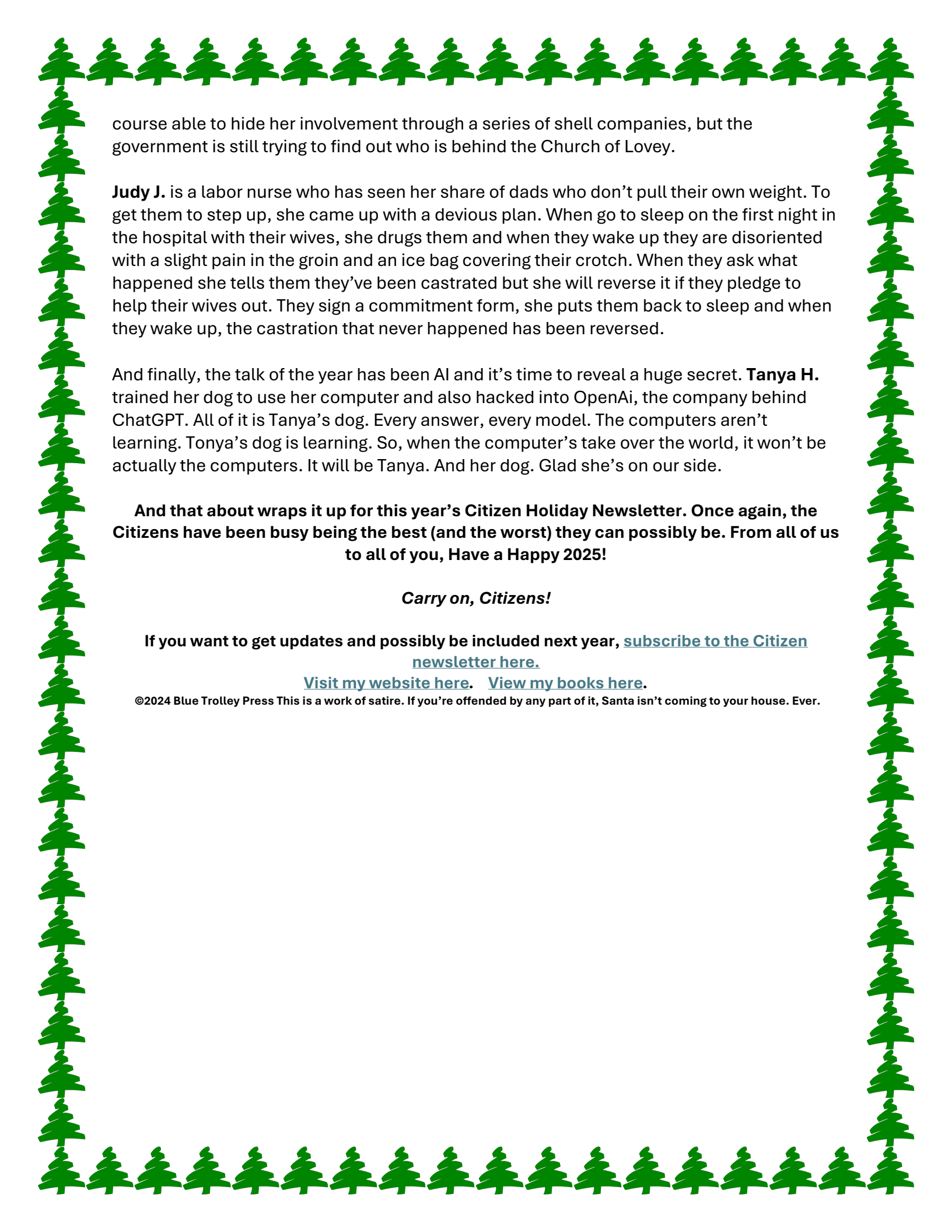
**Avis** brought back something we've missed in architecture for a long time: Gargoyles. She started a black-market business that sells robot gargoyles for the home and office. Are you an introvert that just wants to get on with the gardening without all the chit chat from your neighbors? Order a Gargoyle robot for your home. They come in 3-foot, 6-foot and 9-foot options, depending on whether you want to just scare your neighbors or give them lifelong trauma. They have working wings and will come down from their perches, roar at the intruder and even bite them with their fangs, depending on your tolerance for blood and the liability coverage of your homeowner's insurance. Modern Gargoyle Robots, Inc.— "For when you just want to be left alone."

**Eddi and Sara** may look like just a mild-mannered mom and daughter team. But at night they are the scariest overlords in the underground trailbike jousting. For the unfamiliar, trailbike jousting is about what it sounds like. Two competitors ride at each other on bikes with sharpened broomsticks like a couple of medieval knights. Meanwhile, crowds bet on the outcome. For years, authorities have suspected descendants of European knights or Mexican drug cartels to be behind it. Meanwhile, Eddi and Sara raked in millions in 2024 via their underground trailbike jousting empire that reaches from Mexico to Montreal and all points in between.

**Monica** did a lot of traveling in 2024 and decided to be a sinister Citizen wherever she went. In a move we can only applaud, she replaced all the artwork in the hotel's rooms or Air B&B's she stayed with creepy glow in the dark paintings. What might look like a bowl of fruit in the day turns into messages that look like they were written in blood like, "I'm buried in the wall" or "you'll never survive the night." So far, the hotels haven't caught on that it's her, but at least a dozen people are now in therapy and one hotel chain has an exorcist on speed dial. Well done, Monica!

**Tenley T.** took revenge to a whole new level in 2024. A local restaurant lost her reservation for an eight person anniversary party she was throwing for friends. They didn't even try to make it right and she and her friends were left celebrating at a Penn Station sub shop. So, she sabotaged their ice delivery truck, freezing insects into every cube. For a week, every drink served was sent back. By the time they figured out the problem, their Yelp ratings tanked and the videos posted on social media forced them to close. Don't every get on Tenley's bad side!

**Lyn O** started a cult that worships Lovey Howell from Gilligan's Island and seeks to emulate her style and look. For \$49.95 you can have a locket of her hair (fake), her signature perfume (something cheap off Temu), and a signed picture (by Lyn). She was of



course able to hide her involvement through a series of shell companies, but the government is still trying to find out who is behind the Church of Lovey.

**Judy J.** is a labor nurse who has seen her share of dads who don't pull their own weight. To get them to step up, she came up with a devious plan. When go to sleep on the first night in the hospital with their wives, she drugs them and when they wake up they are disoriented with a slight pain in the groin and an ice bag covering their crotch. When they ask what happened she tells them they've been castrated but she will reverse it if they pledge to help their wives out. They sign a commitment form, she puts them back to sleep and when they wake up, the castration that never happened has been reversed.

And finally, the talk of the year has been AI and it's time to reveal a huge secret. **Tanya H.** trained her dog to use her computer and also hacked into OpenAi, the company behind ChatGPT. All of it is Tanya's dog. Every answer, every model. The computers aren't learning. Tonya's dog is learning. So, when the computer's take over the world, it won't be actually the computers. It will be Tanya. And her dog. Glad she's on our side.

**And that about wraps it up for this year's Citizen Holiday Newsletter. Once again, the Citizens have been busy being the best (and the worst) they can possibly be. From all of us to all of you, Have a Happy 2025!**

*Carry on, Citizens!*

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