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One of the great things about publishing weekly on a set schedule, which for *Gracies Dinnertime Theatre* is currently every Thursday, is that sometimes the publication date lines up with a holiday, a day off, or even a tragic anniversary.* Today, September 10th, is the first anniversary of Charlie Kirk's assassination.

Exactly one year ago, *GDT's* writers, illustrators, and distributors were sitting in a meeting as Kirk was officially declared dead. I abandoned my draft of volume 35, issue 4 and renamed it "Derailed." A three-page editorial about Kirk's assassination was published instead of whatever satire was on the docket. But has anything changed in the year since? Would he be proud of the great mass of Kirkification memes that followed, his highly publicized memorial service, or Nicki Minaj's surprise appearance at Turning Point USA's (TPUSA's) AmericaFest 2025? He would surely be pleased to see the Republican-controlled government recently renaming Lake Ontario (not named after the Canadian state but rather an Iroquoian word for "great lake" or possibly "sparkling water") to "Lake America," given his hatred of anyone or anything darker than mayonnaise-vinegar-coleslaw-white.

There is one thing that's changed since last September that we think Kirk would protest: the seeming end of Turning Point USA's Professor Watchlist. Following the Wikipedia link to the project at professorwatchlist.org as of September 6th, 2026 redirects you to TPUSA's homepage. Why did it disappear? Whatever the reason, let's hope it stays gone. The watchlist, a list of professors TPUSA disagreed with, was started in 2016. The many professors on the list, placed there for reasons including being pro-Palestine[†] or simply LGBTQ+, were of course harassed and threatened.[‡] Many targeted by Kirk's fans in the wake of his death resigned or were fired.[§] For a college dropout "free speech advocate" like Kirk, isn't it hypocritical to shame teachers who speak out about liking minorities? Rest assured that here at *GDT*, we do shame those who punch down. Including one very dead pundit. Without further ado:

A Prudent Deal — By the Numbers

-by M.C.

52 weeks ago Charlie Kirk was killed. To the UND readers— do you remember that we were a stop on Kirk's tour for the next week?¹

51 weeks ago, a replacement was sent. Kirk died in congruence with his beliefs. The goodness of those beliefs is not what I am here to question, only the continuity. Similarly, the morality of gun usage is not in question, merely the remarkable continuity of a belief system best articulated by Mr. Kirk himself.

* Yes, we know there is also a tragic anniversary tomorrow. Sorry to everyone 25 or older.

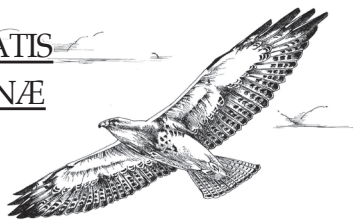
† www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/charlie-kirk-turning-point-watch-list-tufts-professor-joshua-nguyen/

‡ www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2025/09/26/professor-watchlist

§ www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/charlie-kirk-professor-watchlist-free-speech-college-campus-rcna231448

¹ us1033.com/charlie-kirk-tour-und/

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53 weeks ago, Kirk said "You will never live in a society when you have an armed citizenry and you won't have a single gun death. That is nonsense. It's drivel. But I am—I think it's worth it. I think it's worth to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights.² That is a prudent deal. It is rational. Nobody talks like this. They live in a complete alternate universe."³

He said this one week after the 130th school shooting in America in that year alone.⁴ He said this one week before becoming a part of that unfortunate cost he spoke of himself.

To my UND readers, do you remember how we responded? Cops on every single intersection and in the median. After the shootings in Minneapolis (whether you mean the high school,⁵ the church's elementary school,⁶ Pretti,⁷ Goode...⁸) we had no such reaction. Hell, we were never offered counseling or safety or even cheap talk of gun safety and accountability.

52 weeks ago, Kirk was not the only one shot. In the Gun Violence archive, his case number is 3304748.⁹ The incident afflicting Kirk is one of 77 separate incidences of gun violence that day. On the same day, Evergreen, Colorado saw a 16 year old killed and three others shot.¹⁰ In total, in 24 hours, 39 were killed and 43 injured.

Kirk perhaps embraced his inner child, peak Americana. After all, I was only 6 when I first experienced a school lockdown that was not a drill. I was 10 when it happened again, this time with shots fired. At 15 I was held at gun point, threatened again at 19. Either Kirk is an American Kid or I should be a pundit.

52 weeks later, 716 weeks after Sandy Hook,¹¹ here we are. Or at least here are those of us that made it.

2 I'll admit, my bible had very little to say on guns or how many kids' lives my freedoms are worth. It was quite extensive on the intrinsic value of life and compassion, but I digress. For this thought exercise, I will simply adopt Mr. Kirk's framing.

3 www.mediamatters.org/charlie-kirk/charlie-kirk-its-worth-have-cost-unfortunately-some-gun-deaths-every-single-year-so-we

4 www.gunviolencearchive.org/query/fc2aba74-a853-4924-bc81-4a976ab1b135

5 www.gunviolencearchive.org/incident/3315748

6 www.gunviolencearchive.org/incident/3294737

7 www.gunviolencearchive.org/incident/3400839

8 www.gunviolencearchive.org/incident/3390587

9 www.gunviolencearchive.org/incident/3304748

10 www.gunviolencearchive.org/incident/3304831

11 www.sandyhookpromise.org/about-us/our-history/

Where is the reform? Is it in the bulletproof glass¹² many states now require¹³ or the second correspondent’s dinner?¹⁴ Is it the states requiring transparent bulletproof glass in windows¹⁵ so that the police can have a clear line of fire at the shooter?¹⁶ Maybe it was requiring that children only carry clear backpacks.¹⁷

Perhaps we are in Kirk’s ideal world.

So, here we are, Mr. Kirk. 52 weeks ago you lived your prudent deal. 

12 www.fireglass.com/products/applications/safe-school-design
13 www.tssbulletproof.com/blog/school-physical-security-legislation
14 www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2026/07/24/white-house-correspondents-dinner-rescheduled-2026
15 www.protectingourstudents.org/resources-prevent-active-school-shootings/state-by-state. Texas and Tennessee mandate this with many other states considering similar legislation. Window hardening is already required in more states.
16 For anyone keeping score at home, this is actually a thing in many K-12 districts and means the shooter has a clear line of fire at you until the cops get there.
17 browardgov.com/clear-backpacks-and-bags-will-only-be-allowed-on-broward-county-school-campuses

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Some Words on Kirk

-by USS N.G King of Hearts

James T. Kirk is known as Captain of the Enterprise. Personally I didn’t watch much of the TOS error. I am much more fond of the TNG era and specifically Captain Benjamin Sisko. In particular there’s his relationship with his son, the Federation, Bajor, and...

Ok, we all know that’s not the Kirk I’m supposed to be talking about.

Honestly I didn’t care much for him, nor do I care for him now. I mostly knew him for having an oddly small face relative to his head. And the Turning Point USA stuff. Honestly, in my head I mostly amalgamated it with Prager U. And Prager U ads are annoying.

Hell, the death I care about most recently is probably Peter Cullen. I hope his death overshadows the “Kirkiversary.”

It’s odd, ain’t it? People used to be concerned that his death would be turned into martyrdom, but has it? Most of the talk after his assasination has been of memes or apathy. And I’m more on the latter side. I’ve cared more about Luigi Mangione* killing Brian Thompson.

And that’s a shame, because there are some parts about him I should care about. Like his role in the 21st century conservative movement as a whole. Who else could promote the “great replacement” conspiracy theory, say that social distancing in church during COVID-19 was a Democratic plot against Christianity, or compare the election of a Muslim mayor to 9/11?

Probably a few hundred other people. You know what, I’m not even going to properly link my citations. The first is from a Guardian article by Chris Stein with a bunch of quotes from his titular show, the middle a NYT article by Matthew Rosenberg and Katie Rogers, and the last was one of his twitter posts on Zohran Mandani.

So what about here in the Rochester area? There was apparently one RIT professor on the Turning Point USA “Professor Watchlist.” The group doesn’t seem to have much presence on campus. And conservatives, please don’t try to “rejuvenate” it. I can vaguely respect 90s to 2000s conservatism (even if I don’t like it or even hate it). I can’t respect the shit that came after.

And to everyone else? IDK, don’t get Kirked.[†] 

* Fun Fact: he worked on Civilization VI.
† Shot in the neck.

New 100% Real RIT Majors!

-by GDT denizens

We axed journalism for this.

1. Biochemical Engineering
2. English Medical
3. Instant Death
4. Reproductive Systems Engineering
5. Birthing the Antichrist*
6. Plagiarism*
7. Hivemind Studies*
8. Deevolution
9. My Dad
10. Computer Science II
11. Conservative Arts*
12. Cunnilinguistics*
13. Bisexuality*
14. Backrooms Development
15. Bio Phonedical Engineering
16. Mpreg Studies
17. Men's Gender & Sexuality Studies*
18. Herstory*
19. Real Eyes Realize Real Lies
20. Demisexual Literature*
21. Reddit Moderation
22. Animatronic Engineering Technology
23. Cannibalism*
24. Obedience*
25. Software Engineering Technology
26. Hostile Architecture
27. Inhumanities, Computing, and Destruction*
28. Trickology*
29. InDesign (the major)
30. Oil Rig Engineering
31. Tattoo Illustration
32. Game Playing and Testing
33. Shapes & Colors*

Majors marked with a "*" are part of the new College of Conservative Arts (COCA), created to comply with incoming federal requirements for "balance" in higher education. RIT students in the COCA/COLA programs will be required to take at least three classes from the opposing college without complaining. All complaints will result in that major's student loan eligibility dropping by \$2,000 per complaint.

This move will surely be celebrated by members of RIT's College Republicans club, infamous for near exclusively studying Men's Gender & Sexuality Studies. 



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Note on the SAU wall

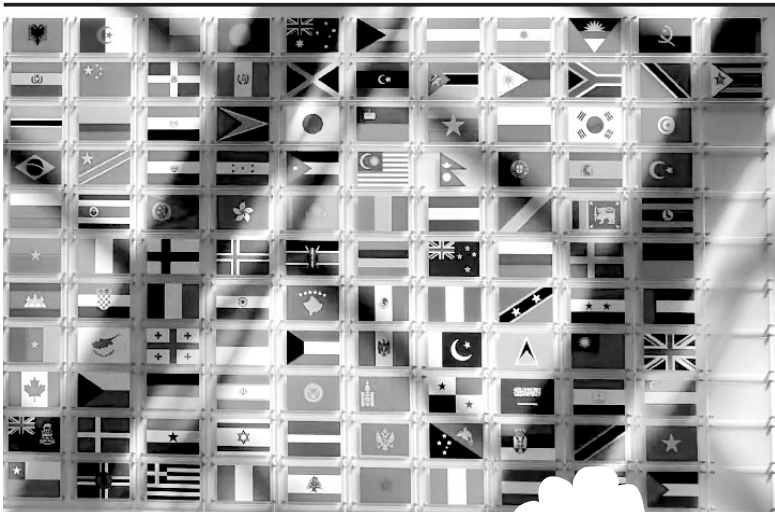
RIT Unveils New International Flag Display:



They’re calling it “minimalism.” I have another description for it: white on white on white. This display could not possibly get any more boring. None of RIT’s 2,500+ international students* wanted a pin on the map, an indication of where their country is, any color at all? No handprints or art? Even orange lights would’ve be better than the white glow around the white continents. The SAU is getting increasingly barren with no overhead flags and no vendors. I expect tumbleweeds to start forming in the SAU/ Monroe passageway any day now. Although as a positive, this display does include the Palestinian flag (shout out to the one student from the West Bank), something RIT’s administration historically doesn’t like being displayed on campus. 🏠

—G.S., GDT’s Head Maximalist

* RIT lists 1529 international students from 112 countries enrolled in the Fall 2025 semester and another 977 on post-graduate practical training. www.rit.edu/iss/world-rit

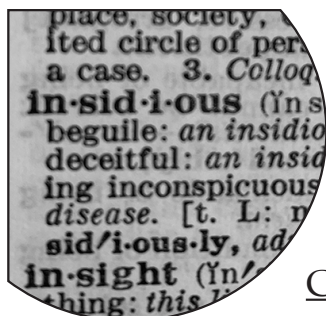


Eat your Brick City meal quickly, the eternal slug is going to devour the SAU.

He is displeased...

Want to slowly run away together? Join our discord!





Definitions

-by the denizens of the GDT discord

AI-sloppaganda — the use of artificial intelligence to make fake evidence to push your ideas.

Coward — standing in the direction of cow.

Directionally disadvantaged — people whose internal compass points towards the magnetic, instead of geographic, north and south poles. They always end up slightly off from their destination, with proportionally greater distance variation further from the equator.

Directionally privileged — 1) people who have ascended to a social position such that they are allowed and potentially even encouraged to speak at length of any sort of topic whether or not they posses any expertise. 2) one who can give instructions to whomever. See “royal we.”

Lake America — the smallest Great Lake.

Lake flaccid — if your lake remains erect for longer than four hours please see your physician or healthcare worker.

Regression to the mean — a defense mechanism in which a person reverts to an earlier developmental stage in which they behaved like a complete asshole.

Whoroscope — hot constellations in your hemisphere.

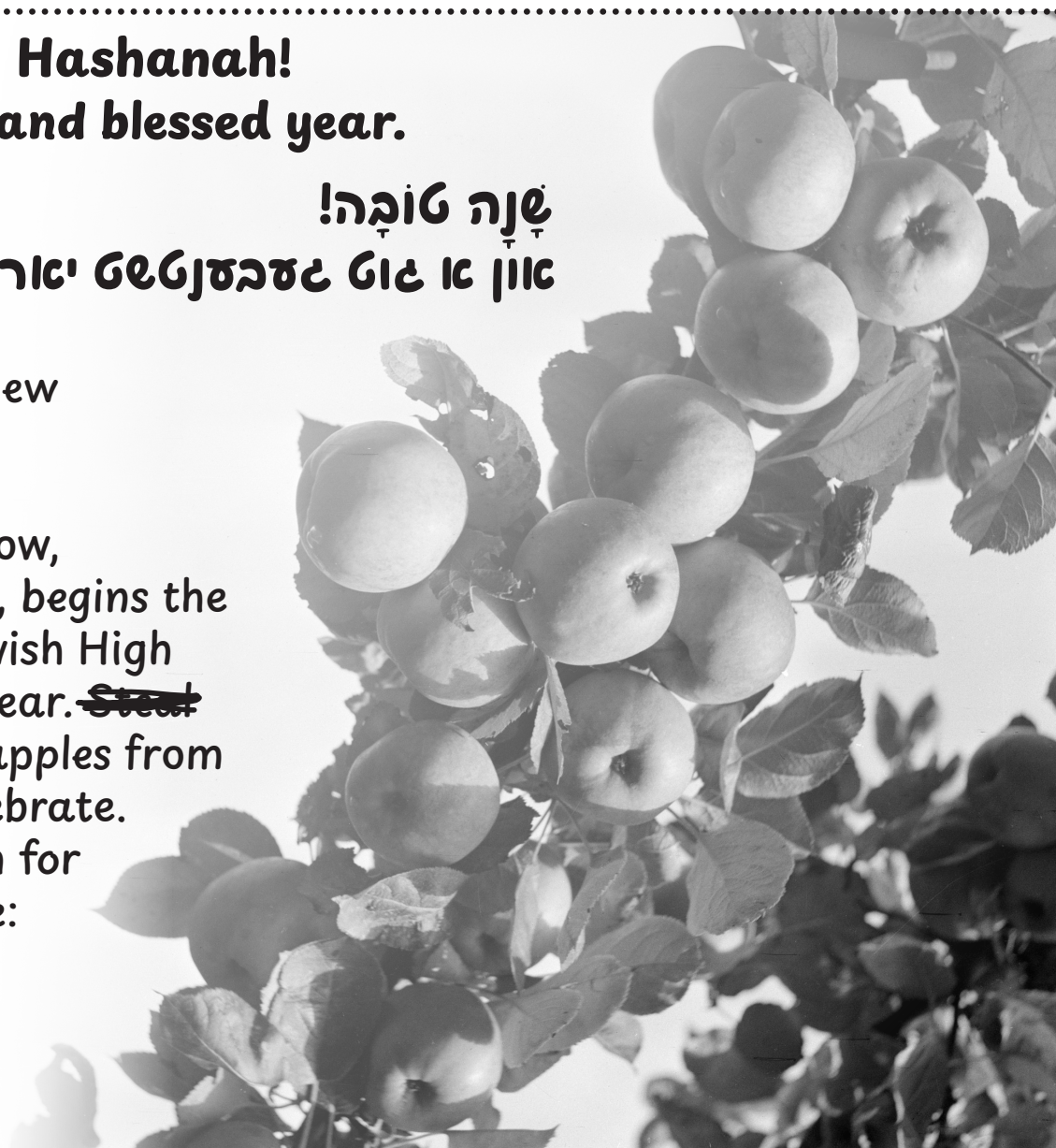
Zeno's graduate — constantly approaching degree requirements. See “one more semester.”

Happy Rosh Hashanah!
And a good and blessed year.

שנה טובה!
און א גוט געזענעס יאר.

Wow...it's the new
year already?

Sunset tomorrow,
September 11th, begins the
first of the Jewish High
Holidays this year. ~~Steal~~
Borrow some apples from
Gracie's to celebrate.
Then, use them for
our next recipe:
a festive (not)
stir fry!



GDT's Stir Fry Recipe

-from the kitchen of Titty Cocker

Servings: 50.2 | Prep Time: 47



Ingredients

- 5 lb ground beef

2 heads broccoli (washed)

3 cups of rice

Oil

Half cup of shiitake mushrooms

So much soy sauce

¼ cup of tofu

Marinated shrimp

1 can of mini corn cobs

Soy sauce

1 lb sweet peas

Head broccoli

Water chestnut

Approximately somewhat more than zero soy sauce

10 heads of broccoli

Wild rice

Fresh ice shavings from Gene Polisseni after men's hockey practice
- A big glass of phlegm

Yeast (like infection, not bread)

½ cup Mushrooms (like drugs/like Mario)

Fingy nail grime

Patrick Star butter statue

1 kg tungsten cube

1 petabyte of Doom and Despair

2 lb your choice of recently FDA recalled food items

The number seven.

Take off heat

Water chestnut

Gavin*

The Quarter Mile

12 wet RITZ burgers

My deepest sympathies for your loss

50 gallons of gnome meat, liquified

Preparation

Say your affirmations: YOU are Charlie Kirk, YOU carry the flame.

Fly to UVU in Orem, Utah.

Deep breaths, don't cry. Take your deep breaths. You'll be okay. I love you. Deep breaths.

Stir in comically large cauldron.

Take a breath. Go crack your friends. The stir fry can wait.

Step 117. Have you denounced the twitch streamer, the rice gets fluffed it.

Add a handful of coins. Mhm...pocket change.

Take a deep breath. The recipe is not that deep. Calm down.

Distill salt (¼ cup) from sea water.

Get a four digit number of AA batteries for their acid, and submerge everything made thus far into it. This will replicate the South American word *ceviche*, which means "the viche."

Retrieve your government issued two foot pencil.

Die.

Struggle to read the last instruction, I made you dyslexic.

Make it smile.

Put everything into a centrifuge. 🏠

* Good luck catching me!!

Whoroscopes

-by GDT denizens

Aries (March 21 - April 19): A BDSM awakening is in your future.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Death, instant.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): You'll be outclassed by an LLM.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Double all your problems and give them to the next sign.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Oops!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You should buy a pregnancy test, Now. Not saying you are, but just in case.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Woof woof arf wrrf! Bark!*

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Drake slides into your DMs. Turns out, YOU are in His plan.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Sweaty. Veerrry sweaty.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Stuck on an island.

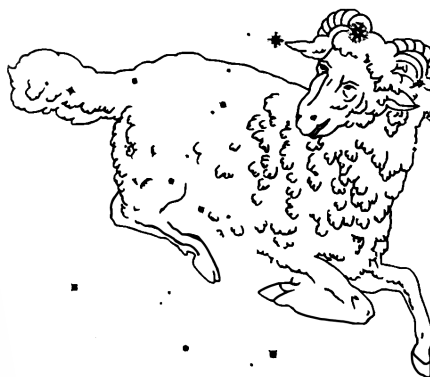
Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Get Kirkified.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Ripped in half and Jesus feeds you to 1000 people. 🏠

* "Release the hounds."

Tired of Charlie Kirk? We are too.
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Deadliest Kirk

-by Ada H. Ominam

Long have we pondered what the most dangerous animal on earth is. When I was eight, I believed it to be a velociraptor. My buddy Matthew said it was a silverback gorilla. I thought he was an idiot for this then, and I still do now, but the reason why has changed. No longer do I believe that the velociraptor is the deadliest creature to walk the earth.

We are.*

I asked as many friends, acquaintances, rivals, and village idiots as I could one simple question: “If you woke up, and you’d been kirkified in real life, like you just have his face now, what is the first thing you do?” As an unprofessional and irresponsible practitioner of the scientific method, I’ve collected data on quite a few nonsensical though experiments, and I must say: Of all the Q’s I’ve ever A’d, this has lead to the highest concentration of deadly responses I’ve ever seen. A whopping 50% of poll responses fell within some variation of “kill myself.” The mere threat of Kirkification inspires mental anguish great enough to drive even the meekest and kindest among us† to immediate violence. Truly, we (Charlie Kirk) are the most dangerous animals on the planet. The velociraptors I asked would at least hesitate!

From this moment forward, I will be dedicating my life to the prevention of Kirkification related deaths. September is suicide prevention month, so if you do find yourself Kirkified, please try these alternate responses sourced from the poll:

- Go about your normal routine
- Find Erika Kirk, get rich.
- Undergo FFS (Facial‡ Feminization§ Surgery¶).
- Get a really big sunburn, tell everyone you were just on vacation.
- Find Erika Kirk, crack.
- Prank call the President.
- Call yourself the Messiah, start a cult.
- Immediately start an Instagram live.** 

* Charlie Kirk.
† Heh...amogus.
‡ For
§ Fuck’s
¶ Sake.
** With the goal of getting Erika’s attention so you can crack.

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Ask Susan ♥



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Dear Susan,

There's this boy I've been talking to... We've had this sort of back and forth arguing thing going on for months now, and I've realized I just can't stop thinking about him. I thought it was hate but it can't just be that. I find myself daydreaming about that gummy smile... what's going on with me? Am I in love? What do you th— oh my god. ohhhh my god. this can't be real. please tell me it's not—

-Dean Withers

Dear Dean,

Dealing with loss can be quite a tricky subject. It can feel like there's a lump in your throat, and you're just getting cut off mid sentence. But being able to persevere and move through situations like this is exactly what you can do to make your loved ones proud, even posthumously. I want you to remember all the good times with this boy—think of your long talks, your wistful glances—it doesn't matter if you count or don't count your arguments as love. Just remember that I, your loving consultant Susan, know that love takes many forms, and none is more righteous or worthy under His eyes. Life is a treasure, and it's a tragedy to lose someone before your love could even flourish. 📖

-Susan

Seeking advice? Ask Susan!

She has officially returned with answers for your most pressing problems (real or not) with love and life.



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Comic Corner

-curated by G.S.

Comic by Sam Owen

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GARFFELD





Memento

-by Bullhorn Acacia

Remember me?

I remember you.

I went to high school with you.

I sat next to you in history class.

I attended your parents' wedding anniversary

much as they'd like to forget it

Nobody talked to me

but you knew I was there

as I hung silent over the crowd.

I was there when they sealed the doors
on the old dark tomb

with walls of bone-white marble

and a chiseled message atop

that read

"remember death"



The Return of GDT's

All Saint's Day Story Contest

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Submission Deadline:

October 21st, 2026

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- 2) Name your document with your last name as the file name (psuedonyms accepted).
- 3) Give us information to contact you.
- 4) Fill out the google form using the QR code to submit your work.

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All submissions remain the intellectual property of the author. Stories must be fall- or spooky-themed. Limit of 7,500 words (long-form) or 15 pages (for poetry).

