

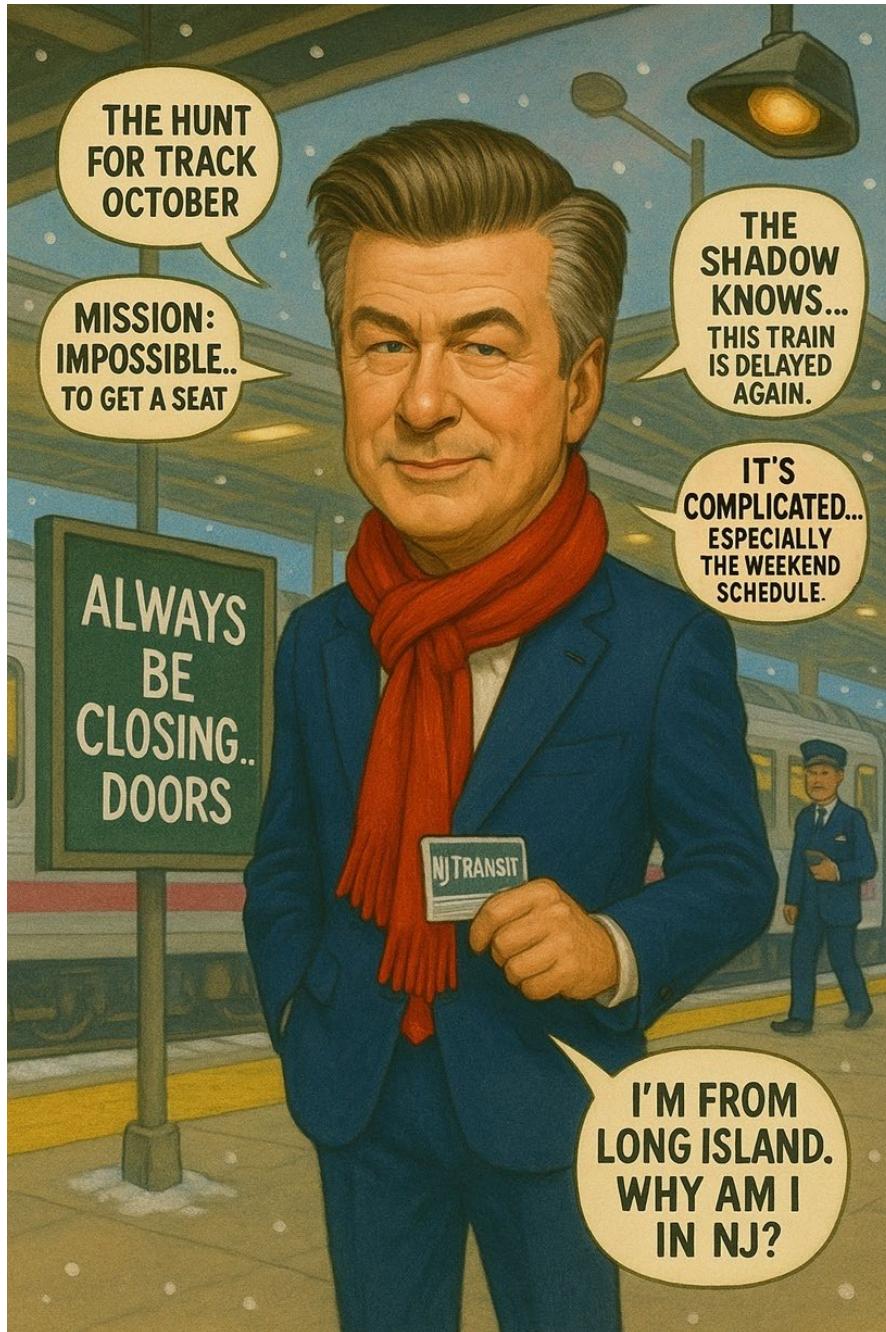
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WHY IS THIS COVER DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER COVERS?

This month's cover features **Alec Baldwin of Long Island**, patron saint paparazzi fights and strong opinions. **In all other months**, we honor New Jersey icons who respect jughandles, use full service gas, and know PATH delays are a spiritual experience. But *this month*, instead of eight nights of Hanukkah, we highlight a Boss Baby blessed with **eight children** and **an expensive home on the market**.

In all other months we honor those who love New Jersey... but this month?

Alec Baldwin?! A man who once purchased Statue of Liberty boat tickets only to complain he had to start in “F*ing Jersey!” and expressed his feelings with the subtlety of a tornado at a ribbon-cutting. Yet somehow, *miraculously*, when there's a paycheck involved? There he is! Posting on Instagram in full glamor lighting, smiling like he's the Wizard of Whippany.



In all other months we speak of real rail warriors... but this month? A narrator from Thomas the Tank Engine?!
In all other months our celebs embody New Jersey... but this month? A Long Islander through and through?
 Instead of making you wander through this report wondering, “**Why Alec Baldwin this December?**” **It's not every month a passenger tweets a photo of a tired and humbled Long Island celebrity riding NJ Transit.**

NY VS. NJ HOLIDAY TRANSPORTATION CHEER ❁	
 New York 	 New Jersey 
 “Frosty the Turnstile”	 “Frosty the Road Cone”
“Miracle on 34th Street... A Train Actually Arrived”	“Miracle at Newark Broad Street - A NJ Transit Tale”
“It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Gridlock”	“Hoboken for the Holidays” – The Ferry Ride No One Wants
“Deck the Halls with Unpaid Fares”	 “The Elf on the (Jersey) Shelf” Transit Tracker
“Have Yourself a Merry Little Transfer”	“Rockin' Around the Detour Signs”
“I Saw Mommy 🚻 ing 🎅 at the Metro-North Bar Car”	“The Traffic Before 🎄” (Cause Nightmare is Redundant.)

HANGOVER FROM GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: AIRPORTS

[Chicago, New York Airports Hit Hard by Shutdown Flight Curbs](#)

[Why flight disruptions could linger even after the shutdown - 11/11/25](#)

[Airport delays likely to linger even after government shutdown ends - 11/12/25](#)

[Newark Airport still feeling effects of government shutdown. How bad are the delays? - 11/12/25](#)

[Will flights be back to normal by Thanksgiving now that the shutdown is over?](#)

[Air Travel Slowly Returns to Normal After Government Shutdown](#)

[Some TSA Workers to Get \\$10,000 Bonus Checks for Shutdown Work](#)

[FAA bonuses leave out thousands of air traffic controllers and technicians](#)

[Only 776, or seven percent, of the roughly 11,000 air traffic controllers and technicians who worked through the 43-day government shutdown will get a \\$10,000 bonus.](#)

SPEAKING OF HANGOVERS...

[A Drunk Raccoon Passed Out in the Bathroom of a Virginia Liquor Store](#)

This is the second recent headline about a drunk raccoon. At least this one made it to the bathroom after binge drinking. The last troubled raccoon needed to be rescued and get medical help: [Kentucky nurse gives life-saving CPR to raccoon drunk on moonshine](#)

DRUNK RACCOON



BIKES & E-BIKES

[Adams Administration Picks Vendor for Bike Lockers After Years-Long Wait.](#)

[Brooklyn man who championed bike parking pods says he was iced out of city contract.](#)

Citi Bike has an annual ridership of 45 million rides - nearly triple that of the Staten Island Ferry (16 million rides)

Citi Bike costs more to ride than any other major bike-share system in the US, Canada or Europe — despite astronomical geographic and ridership growth raking in more and more money for Lyft, which operates the program

[The Shocking Crash That Led Marin County to Reckon With the Dangers of E-Bikes](#)

[Con' Job: Energy Giant Cancels NYCHA E-Bike Battery-Charging Pilot](#)

BATTERIES & ELECTRIC VEHICLES

[Scientists discover lithium replacement that may revolutionize EV batteries: '99.7% efficient after over 400 hours of use'](#)



IF YOU'RE HEADED TO WARMER CLIMATES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DON'T BE SHARK BAIT

[Largest male great white shark ever recorded pinged off US coast](#)

[Beware of the world's shark attack hotspots - The US topped the charts with a staggering 2,473 recorded attacks since 1624.](#)

Florida comprised the lion's share of bites with 1,151, followed by Hawaii (328) and California (316). The Sunshine State has been a veritable Sharknado when it comes to attacks from these toothy predators, boasting 9 out of the 10 beaches with the most shark attacks in the US. New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was the sharkiest with 277 attacks since 1642, hence its moniker "the shark bite capital of the world."



AIRPORTS

[Travelers without a REAL ID could be charged \\$45 by TSA!](#)

[How Delta Air Lines is Using AI to Keep Track of Your Luggage](#)

[Are flights losing ground to bus rides? Greyhound's owner says bookings are up 17% this Thanksgiving.](#)

UNFRIENDLY SKIES

[A320 Family precautionary fleet action: 12,300 planes were grounded by Airbus. There are 36,000 commercial planes so that's almost a third of all planes in the world. Why? Because of the Sun. Apparently extreme solar flares and radiation corrupted flight-control data essential to the safety and operation of this particular aircraft. The software fix is actively being installed on affected A320s. The update reportedly takes 2-5 hours to complete.](#)

[5 people on American Airlines flight hospitalized after 'reports of odor' diverts plane](#)

[United plane headed from Newark to South Africa turns around mid-flight, returns to N.J.](#)

[Another United flight U-turned over the Atlantic after someone dropped a laptop down the side of their seat](#)

[Airlines claim that passengers who pay extra for window seats are not entitled to a view in response to class-action lawsuit](#)

FRIENDLY SKIES

[Cat wriggles free on Thanksgiving Southwest Airlines flight](#)

BED BUGS & TRAVEL

[Flight Attendant Shared an Easy Bed Bug Check Every Traveler Should Try—and Science Says It Works.](#)

[If you're worried about bed bugs, just call Roscoe! He's Always Workin'!](#)



HOLIDAY TRAVEL

[8.8M Travelers to Use Port Authority Airports and Crossings During Thanksgiving Travel Period](#)

[Thanksgiving travel period to be busiest in 15 years, FAA warns](#)

HIGHWAYS

[Route 80 sinkholes in Wharton, NJ leaves lingering concerns](#)

[NJ Turnpike Authority approves 2026 toll increase, Drivers group asks current and incoming NJ governors \(Murphy and Sherill\) to freeze tolls after approval of a 5th hike since 2020. Drivers have seen an almost 50% total toll increase on the NJ Turnpike and almost 40% on the Garden State Parkway since 2020](#)

IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?

[Chicken causes subway train delays during morning commute](#)

♪ ♪ IT'S BEGINNING TO SMELL LIKE CHRISTMAS ♪ ♪

[Grand Central station teams up with Bath & Body Works to smell 'Christmassy.' They must've taken a hint from 200 Park's wonderful vanilla scent.](#)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD - CANADIANS ARE NICE, EVEN WHILE BREAKING RULES

[Man who took bus on joyride 'did a great job,' continued to make stops](#)

[It echoed a classic Seinfeld moment: The Heckler & The Bus Ride: "You kept making all the stops?" "Well, people kept ringing the bell."](#)



NEWS OF THE WEIRD - ROW BOAT EDITION - ♫ MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY... ♫

[3 young New Jersey men surrender in connection with alleged stuffed animal heist at 'Big' amusement park in Westchester via a row boat](#)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD - NATURE IS WEIRD!

[Bald eagle drops cat onto moving car in North Carolina](#)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD- HIGHWAY CROWDSOURCING

[Holiday travel never disappoints!! The most imaginative take on crowdfunding I've ever seen.](#)



NJ TRANSIT

[NJ Transit approves \\$917 million to overhaul aging multilevel rail cars. Current NJ Transit Head Leaving Agency.](#)

[NJ Transit steps in after private Broadway Bus company shuts down - nj.com](#)

[7 New Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Stops Planned, NJ Transit Says](#)

[Cutover to new Portal Bridge could disrupt NJ Transit, Amtrak train service for 6 weeks](#)

PATH

[Proposed Service Improvements Mean All PATH Lines Would Operate Seven Days a Week for First Time in 25 Years, a Milestone for System's Modernization. Hoboken Would Receive Dedicated Service on Weekends, Eliminating Extra Stop for Riders Traveling to and from Jersey City. Weekday Rush Hours Would Also See Boost with More Trains on Hoboken-World Trade Center and Newark-World Trade Center Lines. To Help Pay for Sweeping System Improvements, Port Authority Proposes Gradual \\$0.25 Fare Increases Starting in Summer 2026.](#)

NY PENN STATION

[Byford Plan: Figure Out How to Get LIRR to Run to New Jersey \(Would that make Alec Baldwin happy?\)](#)

[New Yorkers Must Decide Fate of Madison Square Garden Now, Says Andy Byford: The permit extending MSG's lease will expire in September 2028, less than a year after Byford has promised to have "shovels in the ground" on a new Penn Station.](#)

PORT AUTHORITY

[Rick Cotton announces retirement from Port Authority in 2026 after transformative tenure: Port Authority boss rebuilt agency after Bridgegate.](#)

I'VE BEEN WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD!

[Worth 1+ Minute Of Your Day! Watch a clever Taylor Swift-esque song/video explaining how and why railroad tracks are designed and maintained](#)

NEWARK PENN STATION

[NJ TRANSIT & Horizon BCBS Look to Redevelop Former Newark Headquarters Site: JLL and CBRE, Inc. are working together on the project, which is expected to result in a new residential complex of up to 1000 units at 1 and 3 Penn Plaza East. The project plan also includes a new single-tenant 250,000 square foot Class A building that would serve as Horizon's new headquarters.](#)

ROBO TAXIS

[New Jersey autonomous vehicle bill could delay Waymo service for 5 years](#)

[Self-Driving Taxis Are Catching On. Are You Ready?](#)

[Driverless Waymo vehicle goes through tense police stop in L.A.: Video shows the Waymo passing a white pickup pulled over in Los Angeles by several police cruisers with their lights flashing as the suspected driver lies on the ground.](#)

GATEWAY TUNNEL & SHUTDOWN HANGOVER

[Democrats push Trump to support Gateway Tunnel Project. Murphy: "Too much at stake."](#)

SNOWY FORECAST AHEAD

[Snowy Winter Ahead - NYC set to get up to 35 inches of snow](#)

BRIDGES

[Maryland more than doubles cost estimate on rebuilding collapsed Baltimore bridge](#)

[Baltimore bridge collapse that killed 6 was 'preventable,' federal investigators say](#)

CAR MARKETS

[Tesla struggles to course correct from sales skid](#)

[Trump Returns to Gasoline as Fuel of Choice for Cars, Gutting Biden's Climate Policy](#)

CRUISES

[Cruise Ship Workers Use Social Media to Expose Life Behind the Luxury \(Spoiler: It's not as glamorous as you might think.\)](#)

DEEP DIVE: DRONES

[Deep Dive: The Robots Taking Over Milton Keynes- A Town In England That Uses Drones For Deliveries](#)

A BOMA EXCLUSIVE, FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES – ♪🎅 SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO YOUR BUILDING ♪

"Man... it's *cold* down along the Parkway tonight. Wind's whippin' across every parking lot from Paramus to Point Pleasant. Hey, Band!"



BAND: "Yeah, Boss?"

"You all know what time of year it is?"

BAND: "YEAH!"

"What time?"

BAND: "HOLIDAY TIME!"

"Ohhh, that's right — holiday time in New Jersey!"

"You guys been good this year? You been doing your fire-code drills? Your boiler inspections? You change out those elevator certificates on time?"

"Yeah? What about you, **Heather**, you been good, so we don't make you trek up to Morris County in traffic for a golf clinic again? **Bridget**, do you have your boots on to dance? **Tom**, are you ready to row across the Delaware?"
(*Saxophone honk of disagreement*)

"I dunno, Big Man — that sounded guilty to me..."

"Alright, how 'bout everybody out there — all you PROPERTY MANAGERS! You been good this year? You stayed on top of HVAC filters? You answered those 3 a.m. tenant calls about mysterious noises that were definitely just the ice machine again?"

(*Crowd groans in solidarity*)

"Ohh boy... that didn't sound like many of you! You guys are in TROUBLE out here!"

🎅 “Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Your Building” 🏢

You better log out, You better shut lights, You better clear snow by the loading dock tonight

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

So you better gear up, You better stay sharp, You better keep those water pipes from gettin' too dark

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪ (Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!)

He's bringin' a list, A long spreadsheet, With all the work orders you hoped he wouldn't see

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

So grab your radios, Your winter boots, 'Cause Santa's walkin' through the lobby in a big red suit

♪ **Santa Claus is comin’ to your building.** ♪

♪ **Yeah — Santa Claus is comin’ to your building tonight.** ♪

He knows your boiler's humming, He knows the roof's been patched, He knows if tenants kept their promise

Not to light candles after hours (yeah, right, we all know THAT).

FINALLY, AIRPORT DRESS CODES & OUR LEGALLY REQUIRED HARRISON FORD MENTION

[Secretary of Transportation wants America to dress up for our next flights](#)

[California Governor Gavin Newsom's uses RFK Jr. to rebuke Duffy's air travel plans](#)

[People Magazine & The Public Weigh In Sorry, Sean Duffy. We're Wearing Our PJs on Planes This Thanksgiving](#)

It's Not The Years, It's The Miles.... Let's Ask Indiana Jones What To Do

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

Flight 1: Peru → US. Attire: Classic Indy look. Travel safety: *Moderately unsafe*. He's forced to share the cockpit with Reggie the pet snake, and remember, he hates snakes.

Flight 2: US → Nepal. Attire: **Well-dressed academic**: city suit, trench coat, fedora. Travel safety: *Smooth, but Nazi agents shadow him*.

INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM

Flight: Shanghai → India (Lao Che Air Freight). Attire: Start: **Formal white tuxedo jacket**. Escape attire: By the time he crashes (in an inflatable raft), he's back to rugged "lion tamer" gear. Travel safety: *Absolute catastrophe*.

INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE

Flight 1: US → Venice. Attire: Well-cut suit. Travel safety: *Uneventful*. But he ignores the "don't trust anybody" advice.

Flight 2: Germany → ? (Escape via Zeppelin & biplane). Attire: Tweed suit + overcoat; posing as a **ticket inspector** on the blimp. **Mid-flight**: Forced to evacuate via attached biplane. **End attire**: Same suit, minus dignity.

Travel safety: Indy flies well. His dad accidentally shoots the plane's tail off. *They crashland, but survive*.

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

One Flight shown: US → Peru. Attire: Classic Indy look. Travel safety: *Uneventful*. (All the danger is saved for the jungle.)

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY

Flight 1: New York → Tangier. Attire: Professorial shirt and jacket. Travel safety: Commercial flight; no issues.

Flight 2: Sicily → Aeolian Sea → Ancient Syracuse. Attire: Field outfit. Travel safety: *Historically unprecedented*. Enemy aircraft, Temporal vortex, Battle of Syracuse, Emergency return to 1969.

When Indy dresses nicely:

- *Tuxedo flight*: Plane sabotage, pilots jump out, forced raft escape
- *Suit/tweed flights*: Shot down by his father, followed/attacked by Nazis.

When Indy wears rugged field gear:

- Flights are usually unremarkable, even if surrounded by chaos.
- Also allows for hat retention during improbable physics events.

Conclusion: Dressing well statistically results in *worse* air travel outcomes for Dr. Jones. Functional clothing improves survivability, not elegance.

If Indiana Jones is our data set, the Department of Transportation should require passengers to dress DOWN for safer flights. There are limits to this conclusion: shirtless attire on the airfield is a clear danger.

