

Sports & Entertainment Spotlight

A Pre-Feast Spotlight: Scripted Scuffles, Six-Figure Disputes & a Sneaker Test Run

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Welcome back to the Spotlight! With a little under a week until Thanksgiving, it has once again become fair “game” for small talk to be dominated by mostly unsolicited advice as to how one should prepare their turkey. Personally, I like to use a dry brine, rub a compound butter under the skin and load up the bird with aromatics, I digress. The truth is, there are many ways to cook the versatile poultry. The Spotlight is much the same way: stuffed with a tantalizing array of complementary flavors.

For instance, a deep fried turkey, like an Installment of the Spotlight can be a juicy crowd pleaser—each likely to bring (or burn) down the house in their own right. Other times, a roasted turkey can be tough and dry—adjectives that I would prefer to think of as describing the Spotlight’s commentary and sense of humor rather than its readability. The ingredients (sports/shallots, film/fennel, music/mushrooms, television/thyme, etc.) can vary depending on what’s available and interesting in the “kitchen.” Invariably, both turkey and the Spotlight pair nicely with a glass of wine, and yes, they may even make you drowsy. Still, even when the turkey or my writing is uninspired and bland, there’s usually some noteworthy sides to fill you up. So with that, however your turkey comes out, may your mac and cheese be as cheesy, and your cornbread as corny, as yours truly. For now, feel free to dig in on the below and fill your plate with enough to last you to when the Spotlight returns In December.

- Injured New York Giants rookie sensation running back Cam Skattebo faced criticism after making a fun appearance on “WWE Monday Night Raw” at Madison Square Garden in which he had a scripted scuffle with wrestlers. In fairness to Skattebo, he was shut out of the New York Philharmonic.
- Recording artist Usher sues a group of investors to recover an unpaid \$700,000 on an original \$1.7 million that he lent for the purchase and development of Atlanta restaurant and lounge space. Asked about whether he is optimistic about his chances of prevailing, Usher replied “Yeah!”
- On the heels (and soles) of last week’s announcement that Steph Curry and Under Armour were parting ways, Curry has been “courting” other brands by wearing their sneakers in his past few games. First Nike, then Reebok. Undoubtedly, he has other plans afoot.

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Steph Curry Wears Shaq, Penny Hardaway Shoes in Photos amid Sneaker Free Agency Rumors

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MLB Announces New 3-Year Rights Deals with ESPN, NBC, Netflix

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Usher Sues Investors to Recover \$700,000 He Lent to Buy Property for 'Homage ATL'

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Curry's Sneaker Split: Inside the End of Under Armour's Star Partnership

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Injured Giants RB Cam Skattebo Defends WWE 'Monday Night Raw' Appearance

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Music Biz

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Music Industry Moves: Roc Nation Distribution Unveils Platform Designed for Independent Artists

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