

This puzzle was written by Christian—the biggest fan of *The Golden Girls* in Massachusetts (and possibly all of New England)—and is packed with references to the show! The flavortext contains multiple references to *The Golden Girls*, including “sitcom,” the word “golden” itself, and the phrase “thank her for being a friend” (the theme song of the program is “Thank You for Being a Friend”); those words are bolded in the Teen Titans version as an extra clue. Of particular relevance: the Girls’ favorite snack on the show was...cheesecake! And the Christian Science Plaza is directly across from the Prudential Center, and more importantly, its branch of The Cheesecake Factory (hinted by the phrase “manufactured American desserts”). Solvers must snap a photo of the list of cheesecakes posted outside the restaurant (NOT the website, which has a different list); on the day of BAPHL 25, that list looked like this:



Solvers must then compare the list of cheesecakes to each bit of dialogue from the script (Fun Fact: “D” stands for Dorothy, “R” for Rose, “B” for Blanche, and “S” for Sophia). The bolded words in each line corresponds to a word in one of the names of the cheesecakes. The extraction is an Ottendorf cipher: use the first number in parentheses after each quote to find a word in the cheesecake name, then the second number to determine which letter in that word is extracted. In order:

“Gained **three** pounds”: **Triple** Berry Bliss (1, 1): T
“Plates she’s **warmed**”: **Toasted** Marshmallow S’mores Galore (2, 5): H
“Decorate **gourds and nuts**”: Pumpkin & **Pumpkin Pecan** (3, 2): E
“Don’t want this to **mushroom**”: White Chocolate Raspberry **Truffle** (3, 4): P
“Emptiest, **hardest fruit**”: **Coconut** Cream Pie Cheesecake (2, 3): E
“**Ban** you for being a professional”: Hershey’s Chocolate **Bar** Cheesecake (2, 8): T
“A **one-of-a-kind** holiday”: **Original** (1, 5): I
“A **party** in my honor”: **Celebration** Cheesecake (1, 8): T
“**First person** to get arrested”: **Adam’s** Peanut Butter Cup Fudge Ripple (5, 1): F
“**Giggles**”: Chocolate Caramelicious Cheesecake Made with Snickers (1, 3): O
“A very **sweet Spanish** fella”: **Dulce** de Leche Caramel Cheesecake (1, 2): U
“You’ve hit **peak** floozy”: **Ultimate** Red Velvet Cake Cheesecake (2, 1): R
“Get that **twist** out of my back”: Cinnabon Cinnamon **Swirl** Cheesecake (1, 1): C
“With her fork **flipped**”: Pineapple **Upside-Down** Cheesecake (3, 2): O
“Already had **too much**”: Oreo Dream **Extreme** Cheesecake (1, 4): O
“Won’t win the **cash** this year”: Cookie **Dough** Lover’s Cheesecake with Pecans (1, 4): K
“Gave a **boring** old trophy”: **Vanilla** Bean Cheesecake (2, 1): B
“Some **famous lady** donated \$10,000”: **Godiva** Chocolate Cheesecake (2, 5): O
“Not Ma’s strong **suit**”: Chocolate **Tuxedo** Cream Cheesecake (1, 5): O
“Their **plain Floridian dessert**”: **Key Lime** Cheesecake (1, 1): K

The answer is **THE PETIT FOUR COOKBOOK** (Julia Child would doubtlessly love the French desserts featured in it!).