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Your guides to Black Friday deals and steals

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Happy Thanksgiving



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Volunteers serve food at the Midland Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving lunch Wednesday. Soup kitchen staff prepared 30 turkeys, seven trays of dressing, 50 pies and 15 gallons of iced tea to serve the more than 450 people who attended the holiday meal.

Black Friday guru: Retailers try to compete with Amazon

By Trevor Hawes
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Jon Vincent knows Black Friday. Vincent runs Early-BlackFriday.com, which for more than a decade has leaked ad circulars ahead of the busy shopping day. Over the years, retailers increasingly have leaked their own deals to not only get shoppers' attention, but to combat online juggernaut Amazon. Vincent shared his perspectives about how he has seen Black Friday strategies change and what strategies shoppers use to make sure they're getting quality deals.

MRT: Retailers seem to be releasing circulars even earlier this year than last year. Are you seeing this trend?

Vincent: A couple of the Black Friday ads (Kohl's and J.C. Penney) did leak a lot earlier this year than previous years, but most of the other major retailers had their ads leaked around the same time as last year. In general, the ads leaked a little earlier than in the past, but it wasn't significant enough to really stand out, in my opinion.

MRT: You have been leaking circulars online in advance of Black Friday for more than 10 years now. Reports are that some retailers are using different strategies to compete with Amazon, such as offering earlier discounts. What are you seeing, and how have the strategies changed over the years?

Vincent: The shift to putting these deals online and having the sales start earlier than ever are two of the ways that traditional brick-and-mortar retailers are trying to combat Amazon.com. Years ago, you were forced to go to the store on Black Friday if you wanted to get these deals. Now, a lot of retailers are putting almost all of their Black Friday deals online and they are starting their online sales days before Black Friday.

For example, J.C. Penney and Kohl's have already started their online Black Friday sales, and we expect most of the other major retailers to have their deals available online Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. Making these deals more accessible to shoppers (with their online availability) is definitely a huge step in competing with Amazon.

MRT: Is there any stopping the growing juggernaut Amazon? Do you have any advice for brick-and-mortar retailers?

Please see RETAIL/3A

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Each year on the fourth Thursday in November, Americans gather for a day of feasting, football and family. While today's Thanksgiving celebrations would likely be unrecognizable to attendees of the original 1621 harvest meal, it continues to be a day for Americans to come together around the table—albeit with some updates to pilgrim's menu.

Source: www.history.com

THANKSGIVING WEATHER HISTORY

Warmest Thanksgiving day: 85 degrees (Nov. 25, 1965)
Coldest Thanksgiving night: 10 degrees (Nov. 24, 1938)
Most precipitation: 0.93 of an inch (Nov. 28, 1996)
Most snow: 1.7 inches (Nov. 22, 2007)
Last year: High, 74 degrees; low, 42

What's open

Grocery store holiday hours	Restaurants open today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walmart: 24 hours H-E-B: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Albertsons: Closed Super Mercado: Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cracker Barrel: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Denny's: 24 hours DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Furr's Family Dining: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn: 5 p.m.-10 p.m. IHOP: 24 hours McDonald's: Open until 4 p.m. Saltgrass: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Whataburger: 24 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffalo Wild Wings: 3 p.m.-2 a.m. 	

degrees
Today's forecast: Sunny; high, 75, low 45
Source: National Weather Service

TURKEY TROT

The sixth annual Midland County

Greater Works Turkey Trot 2017 will feature a kids fun run, beverages and snacks, a photo booth and an appearance by Tom the Turkey.

7-10 a.m. today at Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert Ave. midlandcountygreatertrot.com.

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41 percent of polled women say they dread the thought of talking politics at Thanksgiving. Page 7A

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Earnestine Williams of Abilene; two nieces, LaDawndria (Marcus) Mayberry of Midland, and Vera Williams of Abilene; and one nephew, Aaron Lenard of Midland. Willie also leaves many other relatives and friends. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten by all who knew him.

Services will be held Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Supt. W. C. Kenan, Pastor/Officiator. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.com or you can visit our website at www.lewallen-garciapipkinfh.com.

TX, Darlene Tate and husband Robert of Seguin, TX; grandchildren, Angela Richardson and husband David of Temple, TX, Rebecca Tate of Seguin, TX; and Sara Hess and husband Jeremy of Midland, TX; great grandchildren, Brayden, Bryce, Braxton and Brynlee Richardson of Temple, TX, and Grace, Gabby, and Kaylie of Midland, TX.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, her brother and sisters, her husband, Bob Aldrich, son-in-law Keith Tudor, and grandson Caleb Tate.

What a glorious reunion they are having. The family would like to express their deep gratitude to Hospice of Midland and all her wonderful nurses and caregivers at the Senior Care Center of Midland. Donations can be directed to Hospice of Midland or St. Paul United Methodist Church Missions or Benevolence.

A memorial service celebration of her life will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, November 24, 2017 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Dr., Midland, TX.

building. He then started his own business, C.D.'s Glass and Mirror, which he operated for over 25 years.

After his retirement, he enjoyed farming, raising goats, and working his land. He loved being outdoors, whether he was fishing or riding on his tractor. He also loved square dancing and traveling to Bluegrass Festivals.

C.D. is survived by his sons, Perry and Lynn Offield and families; his three sisters, Freddy Webb of Lubbock, Patsy Grimes of Littlefield, and Topsy Conner of Springlake; numerous grandchildren, Robert, Codi, and Brandon Manley and families, Regina Adams, Shanna, Lamanda, Kelly, Shantee, and Kimberly Offield; and numerous great-grandchildren.

C.D. never met a stranger or failed to have a story to tell. He loved to make people laugh or just see their reactions to his stories. He was loved by everyone and will be truly missed by all.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Robert Manley, Brandon Manley, Justin McMorries, Justin Smith, and Erick Lucenti.

Honorary pallbearers are Randal and Artie Offield, Colton Dale Manley, Jayden Manley, and Don Manley.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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C.D. Offield (Curtis Donald)
C.D. Offield (Curtis Donald), 83, of Midland passed away on November 21, 2017 in his home. C.D. was born February 20, 1934 in Glenn, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Lee and Lois Ann Offield; his wife, Ruby Faye Offield; his daughter, Lenora Faye (Sissy) Manley; and his brothers, Denver, Dudley, and Bobby Offield.

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Nathaniel and Jalen, and cousin/caregiver, Willie Ruth Adams, by her side.

Keisha was the youngest of 10 children, sharing the event as a triplet with an identical twin and fraternal brother. She graduated from Moreno Valley High School in California in 1989. She attended Midland College pursuing an honorable career in nursing and was an LVN nurse. Keisha's desire to serve others in their greatest time of need was influenced by her mother. Keisha's career included 20+ years of nursing in a private practice setting, school nurse (MISD) treating children, and Veterans Administration Odessa Clinic serving our veterans.

Keisha married Kelento Kemp on March 19, 1989. This union produced two beautiful boys, Nathaniel and Jalen Kemp, whom she cherished.

It is always hard to lose someone we love, especially when that someone is someone like Keisha. But in the midst of our grief, we can remember Keisha with joy, and we can have great gratitude for her life. We can thank God for Keisha's devotion to her family. Keisha was always more concerned about her family than she was for herself.

As a devout Christian woman, she was a faithful member of Alexander Temple C.O.G.I.C., where she was a dedicated choir member. Keisha loved to serve the Lord. She worked with the sick and shut-in ministry. Keisha extends her hand to the poor, she rejoiced in serving the Lord. That's how she demonstrated her faith. Keisha was fully committed to God's Word. She served the Lord with all her heart and soul. A woman who also exemplified that love, comfort, peace, and caring to everyone she met in life.

She was a devoted mother who loved her family, her church, her community, and served them all faithfully during her lifetime.

Keisha has finished her course. She has left a fine example of how to live by her words and her actions. Now she can rest in peace. She has now come to the time for which she lived. This is not the end, but the beginning. Our comfort lies in the truth ... "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Yes, Keisha has resting to do. But her works will follow in ways that cannot be overlooked. Her presence was a powerful inspiration and her memory also!

Keisha was predeceased by her father, Murrell Wardell Robinson; mother, Martha Nell Robinson; and sister, Kelly Latrell.

Keisha will be forever lovingly remembered by her sons, Nathaniel Kemp and Jalen Kemp; sister, Dr. Glynis D. Wallace (Bob) of San Pedro, California; brothers, Roland Wallace (Nadine)

of Phoenix, Arizona, Kirby Smith of Los Angeles, California, Robert Wallace (Jody) of Midland, Texas, Ernest Robinson of Midland, Texas, Arnold Keith Robinson of Dallas, Texas, Murrell LaTodd Robinson (Karen) of San Antonio, Texas, and Kevin Robinson (Keiondra) of El Paso, Texas; uncle, Troy Booker (Aunt Lu) of Carson, California; aunts, Minnie Swindell of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bobbie Washington of Sun City, California, and Dorothy Holland and Ruby Vines of Fort Worth, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, co-workers, and friends.

The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 24, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Willie J. Lenard

Willie J. Lenard, 68, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, November 18, 2017 with his family by his side. Willie was born on December 23, 1948 to J. C. Lenard and Winnie Lenard in Colorado City, Texas.

He was raised in Midland and attended Booker T. Washington Elementary, Carver Jr.-Sr. High School, and graduated from Midland High School in 1967.

After graduating from high school, Willie joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was appointed Lance Corporal in the Reserves in 1969. Upon the completion of his military service, Willie moved to Dallas, Texas where he met and married his wife, Doll in 1981. He was employed with Aztec Industries in Dallas, Texas as a construction worker until he retired and was disabled to work.

Willie accepted Christ into his life at a very early age. He grew up in Midland attending St. Paul C.M.E. Church where he was baptized. He was a loving person who easily made friends wherever he went. Willie had many friends, young and old. He was preceded in death by his father, J. C. Lenard; step-father, Harry Maxey, Jr.; and brothers, Ira Lee Lenard and C. L. Lenard.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Winnie Maxey, of Midland; his wife of 36 years, Doll Lenard of Dallas; four sons, Patrick Lenard of Dallas; Darian Stewart of Dallas, Byron Riley of Soledad, California, and Terry Robinson of Temple; three stepchildren: Thurman Smart, Joan (Derrick) Fort, Sonya (Cedrick) Gates, all of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; his sister, Linda Lenard of Midland, a half-sister,



Mildred "Yvonne" Aldrich

age 84, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, November 20, 2017.

She was born in Clovis, New Mexico, on October 31, 1933. She attended Clovis High School where she participated in the choir and taught piano lessons to younger students. She enjoyed horseback riding, church activities, and socializing with her friends and family. After high school she married Doyle Maddox and they had three daughters. In 1978 she married Robert "Bob" Aldrich. They shared many happy years together until he died in 2009.

Yvonne worked at Dunlap's, Sears, Ozarka, and HBF Corporation until she retired. She was a long-time member of St. Paul Methodist Church where she served on the Benevolence and Missions committees, sang in the choir, and was involved with the United Methodist Women.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to the movies, attending plays at the community theater, listening to concerts and working word puzzle books.

Yvonne is survived by her daughters Rojjean Culver and husband Paul of Midland, TX, Maxine Davis and husband Sam of Midland,



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Keisha Lynn Kemp

Keisha Lynn Kemp was born December 30, 1971 in Harbor City, California. Keisha passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, November 19, 2017 with her sons,

Texas Congressman Joe Barton apologizes for nude photo

Associated Press
DALLAS — Texas Congressman Joe Barton apologized on Wednesday after a nude photo of him circulated on social media. Barton issued a statement saying that while separated from his second wife, prior to their divorce in 2015, he had sexual relationships "with other mature adult women." The 68-year-old Republican

said each relationship was consensual and has since ended.

"I am sorry I did not use better judgment during those days. I am sorry that I let my constituents down," Barton, the longest-serving member of Congress from Texas, said in a statement released to the media.

The photo appeared on an anonymous Twitter account. It was not immediately known who

posted the photo or when it was taken. Barton's office didn't respond to a phone message left Wednesday by The Associated Press at his office in Ennis, Texas, seeking comment. The voicemail for his office in Washington was full.

His spokeswoman told The Dallas Morning News that Barton has no plans to step down.

Barton, a member of the conservative House Free-

dom Caucus, announced his re-election bid this month. His district includes several counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Barton was a consultant in the oil and gas industry before he joined the U.S. House in 1985.

Barton is currently the

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From 1A

Vincent: The advice I would give to traditional brick-and-mortar retailers to beat Amazon.com on Black Friday is that they really need to analyze their Black Friday deals to see if they make sense for shoppers. If a retailer could offer most of the products in the Black Friday ad at a lower price than Amazon, including free shipping, and not have any gimmicks tied to the offer such as mail-in rebates, then I think they may be able to put a dent in Amazon.com.

MRT: How are the Black Friday deals stacking up against Cyber Monday deals?

Vincent: Black Friday is more about specific products being discounted, while Cyber Monday is typically general discounts on an entire product category. My advice to shoppers is that if you see a specific item advertised in the Black Friday sales circulars, that is more than likely going to be the lowest price on that item between now and Christmas. As far as deal quality, I believe that the discounts found during Black Friday are usually better than what you find during Cyber Monday.

MRT: What advantages do Cyber Monday have over Black Friday this year or in general?

Vincent: I don't think Cyber Monday has any advantages over Black Friday. Often you will see free shipping offered during Cyber

Black Thursday/Friday hours

Academy: Closed Thursday; Friday, 5 a.m.-11 p.m.
Best Buy: Today, 5 p.m.-1 a.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Big Lots: Today, from 7 a.m.; Friday, from 6 a.m.
Hobby Lobby: Closed today; Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Home Depot: Closed today; Friday, from 6 a.m.
J.C. Penney: Today, 2 p.m.-midnight; Friday, 12 a.m.-10 p.m.
Kohl's: Today, 5 p.m.-midnight; Friday, from 12 a.m.
Lowe's: Closed today; Friday, from 6 a.m.
PetSmart: Closed today; Friday, from 7 a.m.
Sears: Today, 6 p.m.-midnight; Friday, from 5 a.m.
Stein Mart: Closed today; Friday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Target: Today, 6 p.m.-midnight; Friday, from 6 a.m.
Toys R Us: Today, 5 p.m.-midnight; Friday, from 12 a.m.
Walmart: Black Friday sales take place from 6 p.m.-noon today; Friday, from 12 a.m.

Monday, but most retailers that offer it will also offer free shipping during Black Friday.

Also, I think one misconception is that more retailers participate in Cyber Monday since it's supposed to be about the online-only stores getting in on the Black Friday action. The reality is that those same online-only stores also offer discounts on Black Friday, and they are typically better on Black Friday than on Cyber Monday.

MRT: Are there any "hidden" deals you've seen in the circulars so far? Are there any deals that you would deem "can't miss"?

Vincent: While most people focus on the big-screen HDTV deals during Black Friday, I've found that the best overlooked deals are usually on luggage and bedding. Both Kohl's and J.C. Penney right now have some great deals in both of those areas. Here are some examples:

- Protocol Garrison 5-Piece Luggage Set for \$39.99 at J.C. Penney.
- Hotel Suite White Goose Feature and Down Comforter (all sizes) for \$49.99 at Kohl's.
- As far as can't-miss deals, here are some of the top deals of the year:
 - Sharp 50-inch 4K Ultra HDTV with Roku TV for \$179.99 (save \$320) at Best Buy.
 - Google Home Mini plus a \$10 Target gift card for \$29.99 at Target.
 - Nest Learning Thermostat plus \$60 in Kohl's Cash for \$199.99 at Kohl's (\$50 off).
 - Apple iPad mini 4 (128GB) for \$274.99 (\$125 off) at Best Buy.
 - Black+Decker Children's Workbench for \$29.99 (50 percent off) at Target.

MRT: Are there any deals that you've found really aren't deals at all?

Vincent: Yes! Shoppers should

double check the model number of the item they are purchasing on Black Friday to verify it is a real model and not a Black Friday special model that is for sale. The special Black Friday models are typically seen a lot with electronics, and overall, the parts and quality of them are less than what you would expect from the brand.

For a personal example, Best Buy had the Logitech 1080p Pro Stream Webcam as a "early Black Friday sale" for \$49.99 (50 percent off). This seems like a great deal, right? Well, I bought this webcam for the \$49.99 price and checked the quality of it. Overall, it seemed like an inferior product compared to the other "real" model Logitech webcams out there. In my opinion, there is no way the original \$99.99 price is justified. It feels like the real price should be \$49.99, but they post it as \$99.99 and mark it 50 percent off so it seems like you're getting a great deal.

A hint that it's a Black Friday special model is that it's brand new on Best Buy's website and it does not have many reviews from other shoppers compared to other webcams from the same brand.

In general, shoppers should do a quick Google or Amazon search on the brand and model number to see what turns up. If you can't find the product on Amazon or even on the brand's own website, you know it's most likely a special Black Friday model that may be inferior to other models that the brand has.

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 12:14 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017:
This year a heaviness that has marked the recent past suddenly lifts. You often are surprised by events that occur. You also make an excellent friend or loved one, which others recognize. Enjoy your life to the max. You are one year away from entering a new luck cycle. If you are single, there is no lack of potential suitors for you to choose from. Others find you very attractive. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other more and more. Take vacations, go on excursions and enjoy dinners out together. AQUARIUS makes your life more upbeat than it has been in a while.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You receive praise from family and friends. You have the Thanksgiving routine down pat. An exciting possibility lies in the fact that you seem very connected to loved ones right now. If you sense any awkwardness, you'll move right in and change the mood. **Tonight:** Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Don't forget about the loved ones who can't spend this holiday with you. Whether the issue is time or location, close the distance by reaching out to these people. Make plenty of time for a partner who wants to be closer to you. **Tonight:** Be caring in all of your dealings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted this Thanksgiving. Take the time to befriend each person around you and find out how he or she really is. Be willing to transform a relationship through intense personal time, and you will build trust. **Tonight:** Out with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)
★★★★ You love Thanksgiving, as this holiday involves family and friends, home and an appreciation of good food. A close loved one appears to be changing right in front of you. Observe this person rather than

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

direct any negativity toward him or her. **Tonight:** Get into the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner fills the moment with goodwill and kindness. Friends seem to stop by unexpectedly to wish you well. Get into the moment, and don't be surprised to have an extra guest or two show up at your dinner table. **Tonight:** Surrounded by close loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Allow your playful side to emerge around others. You might need to deal with a loved one who seems to have a case of the grumps. Understand that you cannot change this person's mood, but you can give him or her the space to calm down. **Tonight:** Let the games begin!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll keep your eye on the fundamentals of a personal matter. Allow your fun personality to emerge this Thanksgiving holiday. Whether you invite others over or opt to go out, you will enjoy the moment. Share more of your thoughts with others. **Tonight:** Know when to retreat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You can count on a loved one to keep life exciting. Be sensitive to a neighbor or sibling who needs to vent. You might have to adjust your schedule in order to spend some more time with this person away from all the holiday happenings. **Tonight:** Home is where your heart is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Keep smiling, and you'll help others stay upbeat. Allow yourself to take more risks and get into the more social nature of the moment. Keep conversations moving, and do not allow someone else's malaise to affect you. **Tonight:** Reach out to someone who might be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You realize that you need to spend some time away from all of the holiday celebrations. You might consider visiting with a friend or loved one who could be alone for a good part of the day. Your company makes a huge difference to this person. **Tonight:** Indulge others a little more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You perk up in the afternoon. Your fatigue over getting the holiday dinner ready lessens once you start sharing the workload with a friend. News emerges that could be rather exciting. Do the Thanksgiving rounds in order to visit with your many friends. **Tonight:** All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max, when you feel more prepared to visit with the cast of characters who make your holiday special. By the time the turkey is carved, you will be thinking deeply about a friend or loved one at a distance. **Tonight:** You need some extra R and R.

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Thanksgiving tribe reclaims language lost to colonization

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

MASHPEE, Mass. — The Massachusetts tribe whose ancestors shared a Thanksgiving meal with the Pilgrims nearly 400 years ago is reclaiming its long-lost language, one schoolchild at a time.

"Weesowee mahkusunash," says teacher Siobhan Brown, using the Wampanoag phrase for "yellow shoes" as she reads to a preschool class from Sandra Boynton's popular children's book "Blue Hat, Green Hat."

The Mukayuhsak Weekuw — or "Children's House" — is an immersion school launched by the Cape Cod-based Mashpee Wampanoag tribe, whose ancestors hosted a harvest celebration with the Pilgrims in 1621 that helped form the basis for the country's Thanksgiving tradition.

The 19 children from Wampanoag households that Brown and other teachers instruct are being taught exclusively in Wopanaotooak, a language that had not been spoken for at least a century until the tribe started an effort to reclaim it more than two decades ago.

The language brought to the English lexicon words like pumpkin (spelled pohpukun in Wopanaotooak), moccasin (mahkus), skunk (sukok), powwow (pawaw) and Massachusetts (masachosut), but, like hundreds of other native tongues, fell victim to the erosion of indigenous culture through centuries of colonialism.

"From having had no speakers for six generations to having 500 students attend some sort of class in the last 25 years? It's more than I could have ever expected in my lifetime," says Jessie "Little Doe" Baird, the tribe's vice chairwoman, who is almost singularly responsible for the rebirth of the language, which tribal members refer to simply as Wampanoag (pronounced WAHM'-puh-nawg).

Now in its second year, the immersion school is a key milestone in Baird's legacy, but it's not the only way the tribe is ensuring its language is never lost again.

At the public high school, seven students are enrolled in the district's first Wampanoag language class, which is funded and staffed by the tribe.

Up the road, volunteers host free language learning sessions for families each Friday at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum.

And within the tribe's government building — one floor up from the immersion school — tribal elders gather twice a week for an hourlong lesson before lunch.

"Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other," confesses Pauline Peters, a 78-year-old Hyannis resident who has

been attending the informal sessions for about three years. "It takes us elders a while to get things. The kids at the immersion school correct us all the time."

The movement to revitalize native American languages started gaining traction in the 1990s and today, most of country's more than 550 tribes are engaged in some form of language preservation work, says Diana Courmoyer, of the National Indian Education Association.

But the Mashpee Wampanoag stand out because they're one of the few tribes to have brought back their language despite not having any surviving adult speakers, says Teresa McCarty, a cultural anthropologist and applied linguist at the University of California Los Angeles.

"Imagine learning to speak, read, and write a language that you have never heard spoken and for which no oral records exist," she says. "It's a human act of brilliance, faith, courage, commitment and hope."

Jessie Baird was in her 20s, had no college degree and zero training in linguistics when a dream inspired her to start learning Wampanoag in the early 1990s.

Working with linguistic experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other tribal members, Baird developed a dictionary of Wampanoag and a grammar guide.

She and others drew on historical documents written in Wampanoag — including personal diaries of tribal members, Colonial-era land claims and a version of the King James Bible printed in 1663 that is considered one of the oldest ever printed in the Western hemisphere.

To fill in the gaps, they turned to words, pronunciations and other auditory cues from related Algonquian languages still spoken today.

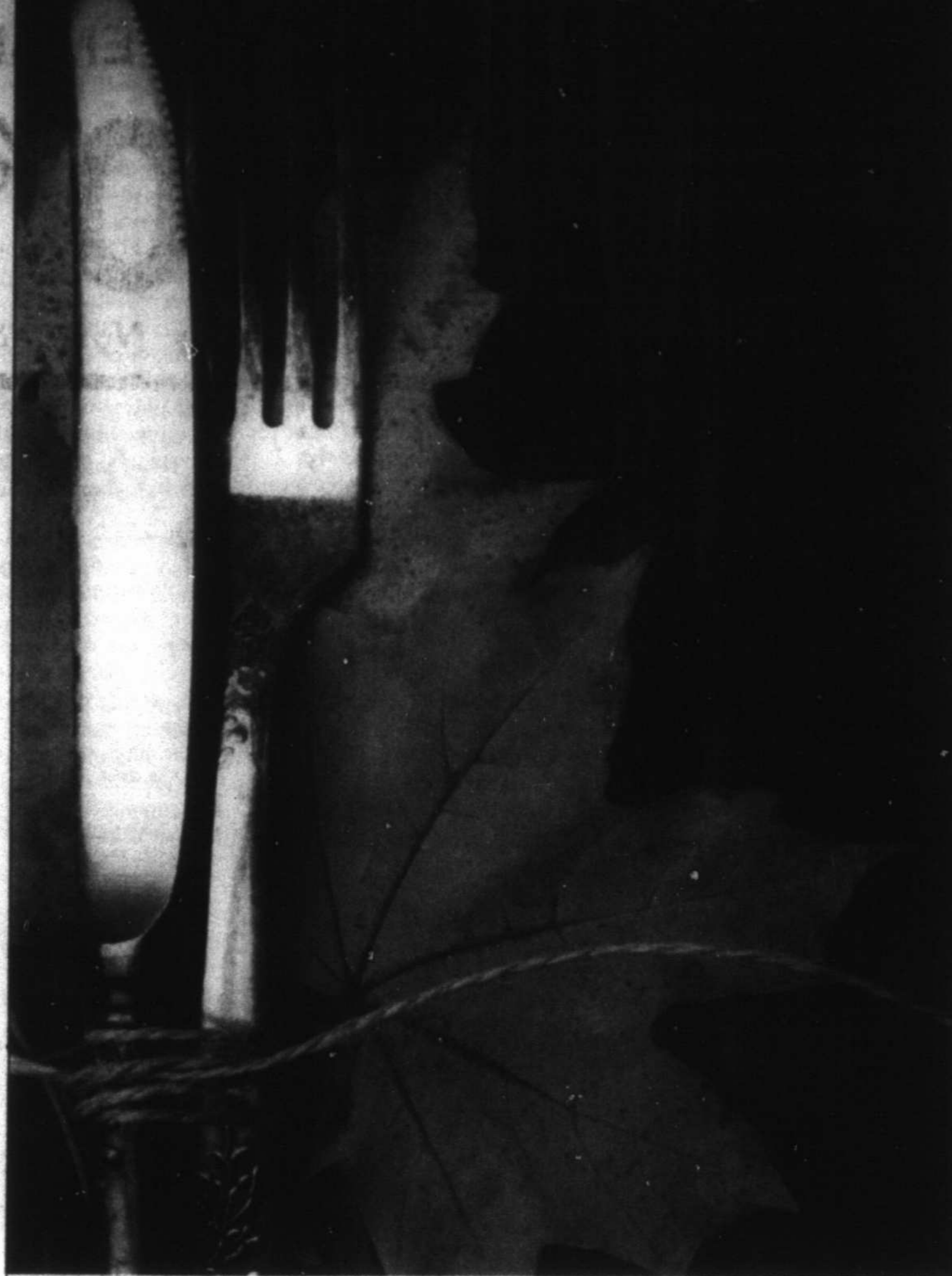
The work landed Baird at MIT, where she earned a graduate degree in linguistics in 2000 and a prestigious MacArthur Foundation genius grant in 2010.

Nearly three decades on, the tribe is still in need of more adults fluent in the language to continue expanding its immersion school and other youth-focused language efforts — the keys to ensuring the language's survival, says Jennifer Weston, director of the tribe's language department.

The school currently enrolls pre-K and kindergarten-age children but hopes to ramp up to middle school within five years.

"The goal is really to have bilingual speakers emerge from our school," Weston says. "And we've seen from other tribal communities that if you want children to retain the language, you have to invest in elementary education. Otherwise the gains just disappear."

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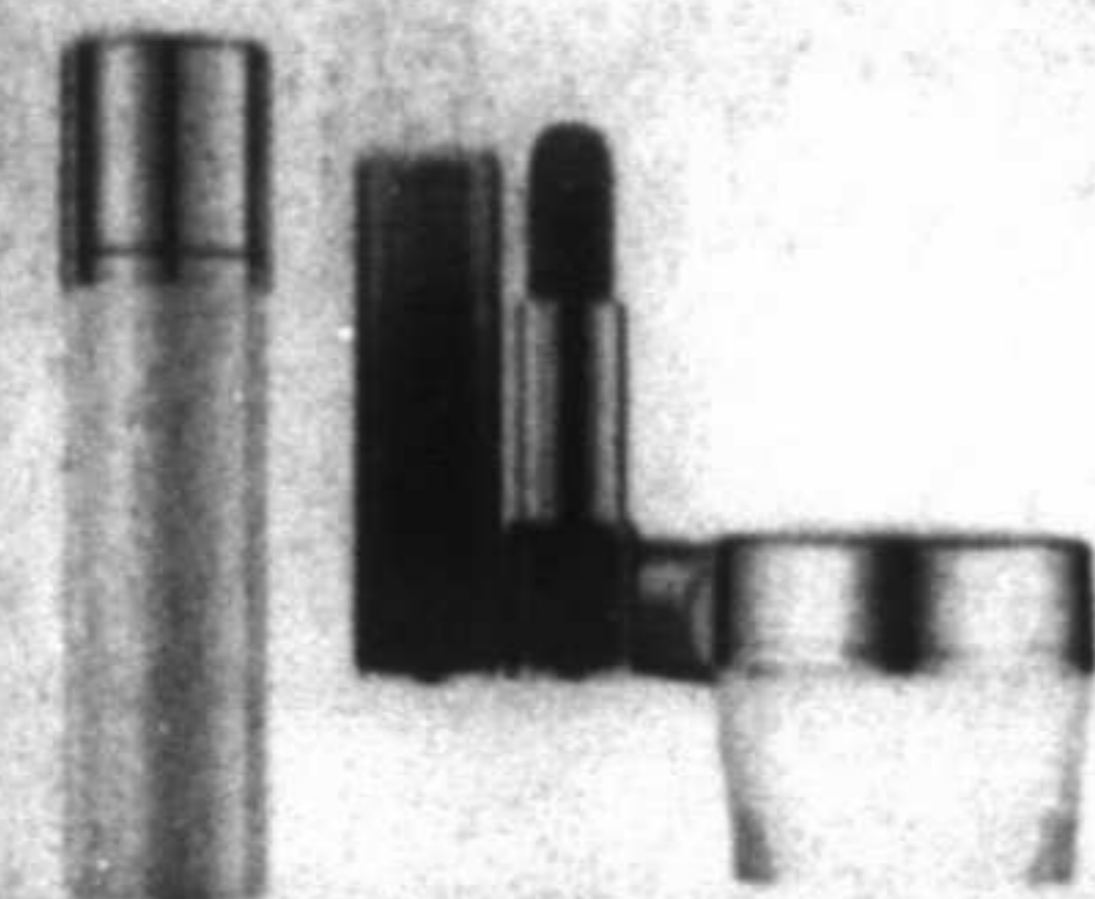


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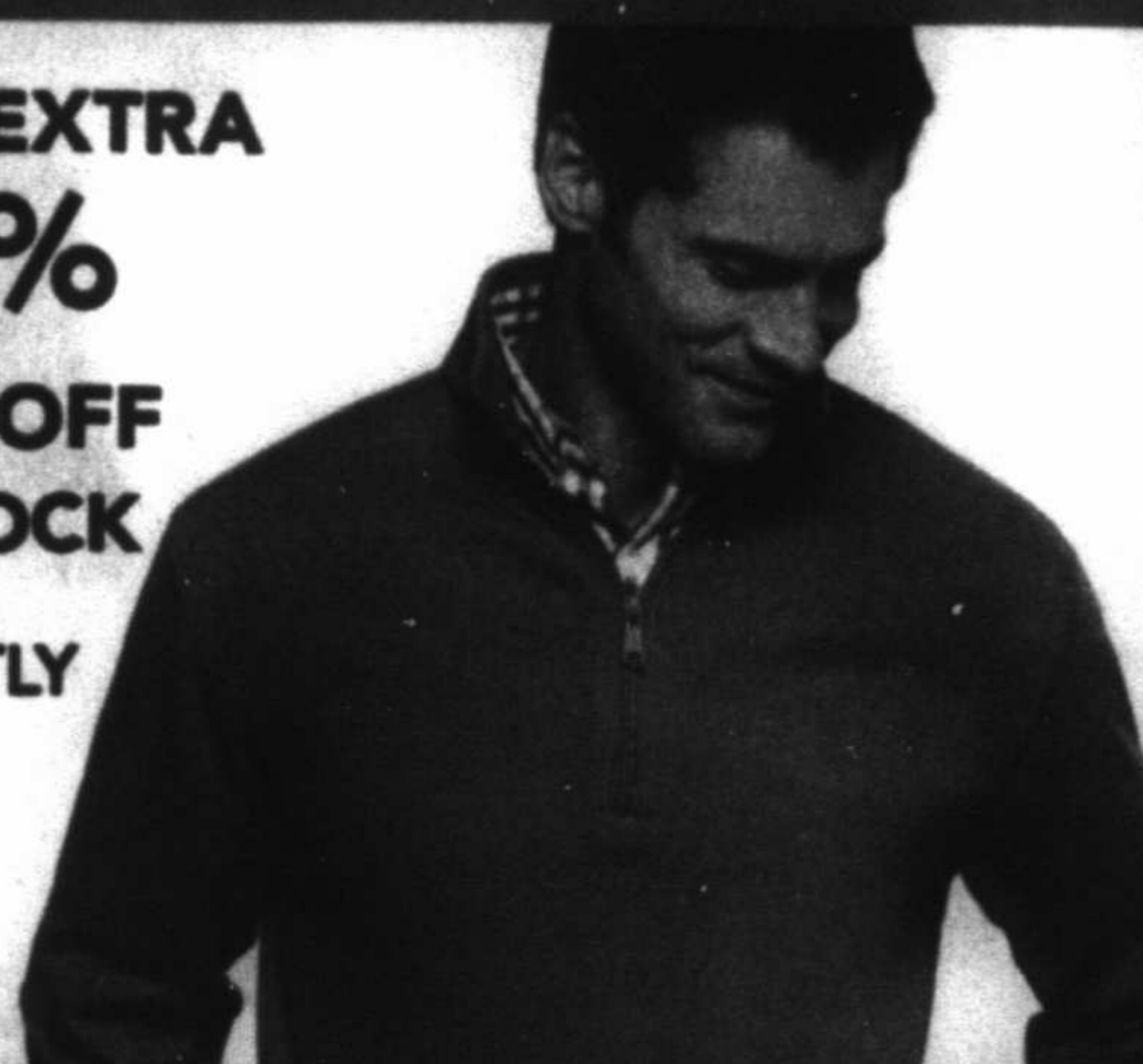
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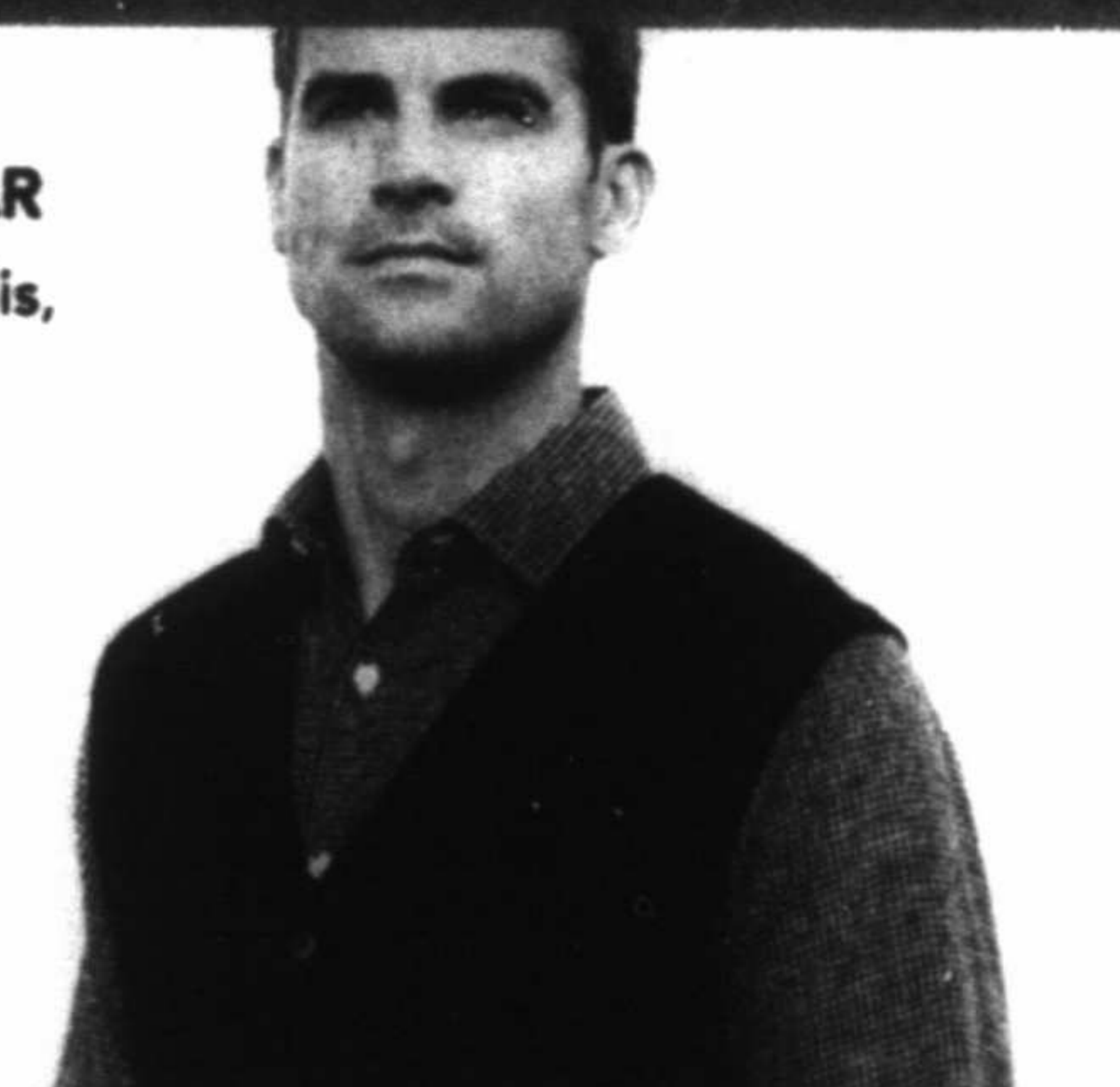
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Gifts for political junkies

He says MAGA. She says covfefe. This year has been all about politics, so why not roll with that come holiday gift time?

Some ideas for your red and blue staters:

The caps

Because who doesn't love a good baseball-style cap? President Donald Trump's Make America Great Again (MAGA) hashtag is plentiful on caps, including actual red ones. So are caps reading "covfefe," that word in a sentence fragment Trump tweeted out just after midnight on May 31 that went like this: "Despite the constant negative press covfefe."

Thousands of memes and tweets followed, including one from the tweeter-in-chief himself five hours later: "Who can figure out the true meaning of 'covfefe' ??? Enjoy!" Anywhere from \$9 to \$36.

The books

Books are gifty, for readers anyway. Two might be of interest to your red and blue staters:

■ "What Happened," Hillary Clinton herself breaks it down. What, exactly, the Democratic nominee was thinking and feeling during one of the most raucous presidential elections in history, \$17.99.

■ "Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-ins and Breakdowns that Put Donald Trump in the White House," by Donna Brazile. The former interim Democratic National Committee chair offers her high-volume take on what went wrong for the party as she teetered on the verge of yanking Clinton as the nominee eight weeks before Election Day, \$28.

The merch

The possibilities here are as endless as the election cycle felt.

Holiday tree ornaments, T-shirts, mugs — the usual, but what about a sweet shout-out for Bernie Sanders and his home state of Vermont with a nice container of maple syrup?

On the Trump side, those infamous steaks might be hard to track down, but Trump wine from the vineyard of the same name can be purchased online.

And to please your Clinton admirers: a white pantsuit, vintage poster or book featuring suffragettes.

Still stumped?

Just buy a crate of the Vladimir Pootin Lavatory Mist from a company called Blue Q, for a spritz or two of light jasmine and red tea. Yes, red. Prices vary. Get 'em while they're hot.

Source: The Associated Press

Best tech gifts under \$100

Technology gifts don't have to be flashy or expensive. While a brand new smartphone or a new laptop can be the centerpiece of your holiday gift list, they aren't always the most thoughtful presents. In fact, the best "tech" gifts can often be the stocking stuffers or smaller items that solve an everyday problem. Here are some suggestions for smaller tech gifts that can still make a big impact:

Wyze cameras

Setting up a camera system for your house doesn't need to be complicated or expensive. The WyzeCam, which connects to your home's Internet, goes for \$20 a pop and is small and versatile enough to fit your basic surveillance needs. This little camera fits in the palm of your hand and has a magnetic base, so it can stick to your fridge or a metal door with ease. It also comes with an adhesive-backed metal ring, so you can easily mount it just about anywhere. See what the camera sees by connecting to a smartphone app, also called Wyze. The cameras can film in standard definition or high definition. They also can act as a two-way intercom, though you may deal with a bit of lag. One thing to note is that these cameras are only for indoor use, so don't expect them to stand up to rain showers. Price: \$19.99

Vava Voom 20 Bluetooth Speaker

A portable speaker means you can bring the party with you. With the Voom, by Vava, you can tote around high-quality sound that lasts for hours. This speaker is compact but mighty and is water-resistant so you don't have to worry rain or splashes from the simple — and you'll have to like the color black since that's the only hue in which it comes. It will also connect to two devices, so you don't have to choose who's playing DJ. It's a bass-heavy speaker by design, so it's best if you're trying to get people moving — though it's still perfectly good if you're not so interested in a driving beat. Plus, not only does it have good sound, it can also be used as a power bank for your phone if you want. So if your phone gets a little low on battery, the party doesn't have to stop quite so soon. You can squeeze some extra juice from the speaker. Price: \$69.99

MagicFiber Cleaning Cloth

Cleanliness is next to godliness, or so the saying goes. But our favorite gadgets can often get a little grubby. It can be a bit embarrassing when you're trying to share a video with someone, and there's a big smudge across the screen. Ditto if you're trying to snap a picture and there's a fingerprint on your lens. Our many screens are important to us, and it's important to keep them nice and clean. The MagicFiber Cloth is one of the best cleaning cloths out there — in fact, you'll see it in the hands of many tech retail workers looking to give their goods a shine. They pick up dirt, makeup, and other grime easily and help you keep your stuff looking their best. This is not a glamorous gift, though it is a genuinely useful one — just be sure your recipient doesn't think you're dropping them a hint. Price: Two-pack for \$5.99

Belkin Mixit ColorMatch Charge Kit

You know what's a really good gift? Stress relief. When it comes to tech, that often means a good battery pack or charging cord. These can be ideal stocking stuffers, particularly if you can find a cord that suits a particular need — a very sturdy one, an extra long one, etc. For people who carry around a lot of tech, a whole kit may be in order. Try the Belkin Mixit Metallic Color-Match Charge Kit, which comes with a sturdy iPhone/iPad cord, wall charger, car charger and battery pack. The battery pack has two USB slots, so you can simultaneously charge up your iPhone or iPad and also use it to juice up another smartphone, or maybe a set of wireless headphones. The battery pack and chargers can also be used for non-Apple products, though you'll have to supply your own cord for that. Price: \$99.99

Source: The Washington Post

Gifts for travellers

What's in your bag when you take a trip? What gadgets, tools and comfort items are essential?

The Associated Press crowdsourced that question on a Facebook thread as fodder for a holiday gift guide for travelers. Here are their recommendations, plus a few of our favorites.

Gadgets

■ A universal travel adapter that converts electric current around the world. The travel store Flight 001 has a "5-in-1" color-coded adapter, \$35.

■ Portable chargers to keep devices running on the road. Anker's PowerCore 26800, \$48, can charge an iPhone more than six times. For hikers and beach bums, Anker's PowerPort Solar Lite, \$51, was deemed the best solar charger by The New York Times' Wirecutter product-testing company.

■ The Tile, \$35, to keep track of belongings. Attach the Tile to an object like keys or bags, or tuck it inside a passport case or wallet, and you can locate the item with Bluetooth technology. For outdoor gear, try Tile Sport.

■ Tiny Bluetooth speakers, like the \$28 Oontz, to fill a hotel room or vacation rental with music.

■ Power strip or cube tap (a cube-shaped adapter with multiple outlets) to charge multiple devices in hotel rooms and airports.

■ Headlamp for hiking, reading and crafting. Or the mini Lumio lamp and battery pack, which opens and closes like a book, \$150.

Packing and luggage

■ Compression storage bags so packed clothes take up less room. No vacuum needed for Roomier Life Roll-Up Space Saver Bags, \$16 on Amazon: The air is expelled through an opening when they're rolled up.

■ Packing cubes and ultralight nylon packing bags for organizing. Flight 001's Spacepak bags, \$42 and up, have dual compartments to separate dirty and clean clothes, and also have air vents for compression.

■ Hand-held scale for weighing bags.

■ Colorful luggage tags.

■ Luggage. For inexpensive and serviceable, Target and Costco; sturdy and sensible, L.L. Bean; stylish, upscale and durable, Tumi. For organized hipsters, the \$220 Nomatic backpack/duffel bag. For day bags, Bagallini, LeSportsac and REI's \$33 compressible Sea To Summit Ultra-Sil Daypack. For high-tech, Bluesmart smart luggage includes a built-in weight scale, a GPS tracking device, a battery to charge a phone and laptop, and autolock activated by cellphone.

Source: The Associated Press

Wellness gifts

We've rounded up the best gift ideas for all your favorite gym rats from weekend warriors to barre lovers.

Stocking stuffers

■ Mirai clinical's cbd bath bombs:

These aren't your ordinary bath bombs. They're infused with cbd oil, epsom salts, kaolin clay to soothe achy muscles after a grueling crossfit workout. The essential oils help you mellow and there's no synthetic dyes, artificial fragrances or other preservatives. And yes, they're totally legal. \$8 each.

For him

■ Tom Brady for under armour's athlete recovery sleepwear:

Training hard can take a major toll on your body. Brady sleeps in pj's that use print technology on the inside to reflect far infrared, which claims to help your body recover faster and promotes a better night sleep. They're also super soft and comfy. Men's sleep T-shirt is \$79.99.

For her

■ Fit mama leggings to support houston, venezuela:

Forget lululemon. These are hands down the most comfortable, best fitting workout pants you'll ever own. Fit mama is bringing back her limited edition pray for houston and sos venezuela leggings during the holidays. This gift does double duty

as a portion of the proceeds will go to charity. The houston leggings raised nearly \$12,000 for the center of philanthropy. \$120

Wanderlust

■ Give the ultimate yogi and wellness retreat:

Splurge on wanderlust's multi-day festivals in exotic spots like hawaii; lake tahoe, california; and whistler, british columbia where you can indulge in everything from ocean or lakeside yoga and cutting edge lectures to dance parties, farm-to-table meals and tons of other outdoor activities. The more affordable wanderlust 108 is a one-day event with a 5k run, yoga, meditation and tons of cool vendors in dozens of cities across the U.S. Prices range from \$99 for a one-day ticket or \$480 for a 4-day ticket to the hawaii festival (doesn't include lodging). Tickets for the 108 one-day events range from \$30 to \$60.

Weekend warriors

■ Cycling house bike tours and triathlon summits:

For your hardcore cyclists and triathletes. Cycling house tours takes riders through gorgeous scenery in states like california, colorado and arizona with options for gravel paths. Beyond the typical cycling trip, the tours have experienced guides, gourmet foods, luxury lodging and breathtaking views. Trip to Tucson, Arizona, starts at \$1,995.

Source: The Associated Press

Gifts for survivalists

There are survivalists ready to keep themselves alive for months with nothing more than a plastic fork (perhaps an exaggeration), then there's a greater universe of preppers who might need some help with bug-out gear come the end of the world.

While you may think Uncle Philbert is off his nut, consider playing along for the holidays with a pricey gift that would otherwise bust his disaster budget. Because, you never know. Some ideas:

The zombie knife

Which mega-knife to pack is a highly personal prepper decision, one that your average harried holiday gifter may not understand or have time to deep-dive research.

In the alternative, choose nice-looking with good reviews from those in the know online and go for an accompanying sheath to fancy up the offering.

A fun name is a plus, such as the Zombie Tinder Survivor 1. The knife is \$210 and handmade in the USA. It has an exceptionally sharp choil, or the section of the blade next to the handle, according to the makers at Zombietinder.com. That part, the company declares, is good for cutting rope, limbing small trees, splitting the rib cage of large game and making fuzz sticks for fire starting. Take that, zombies.

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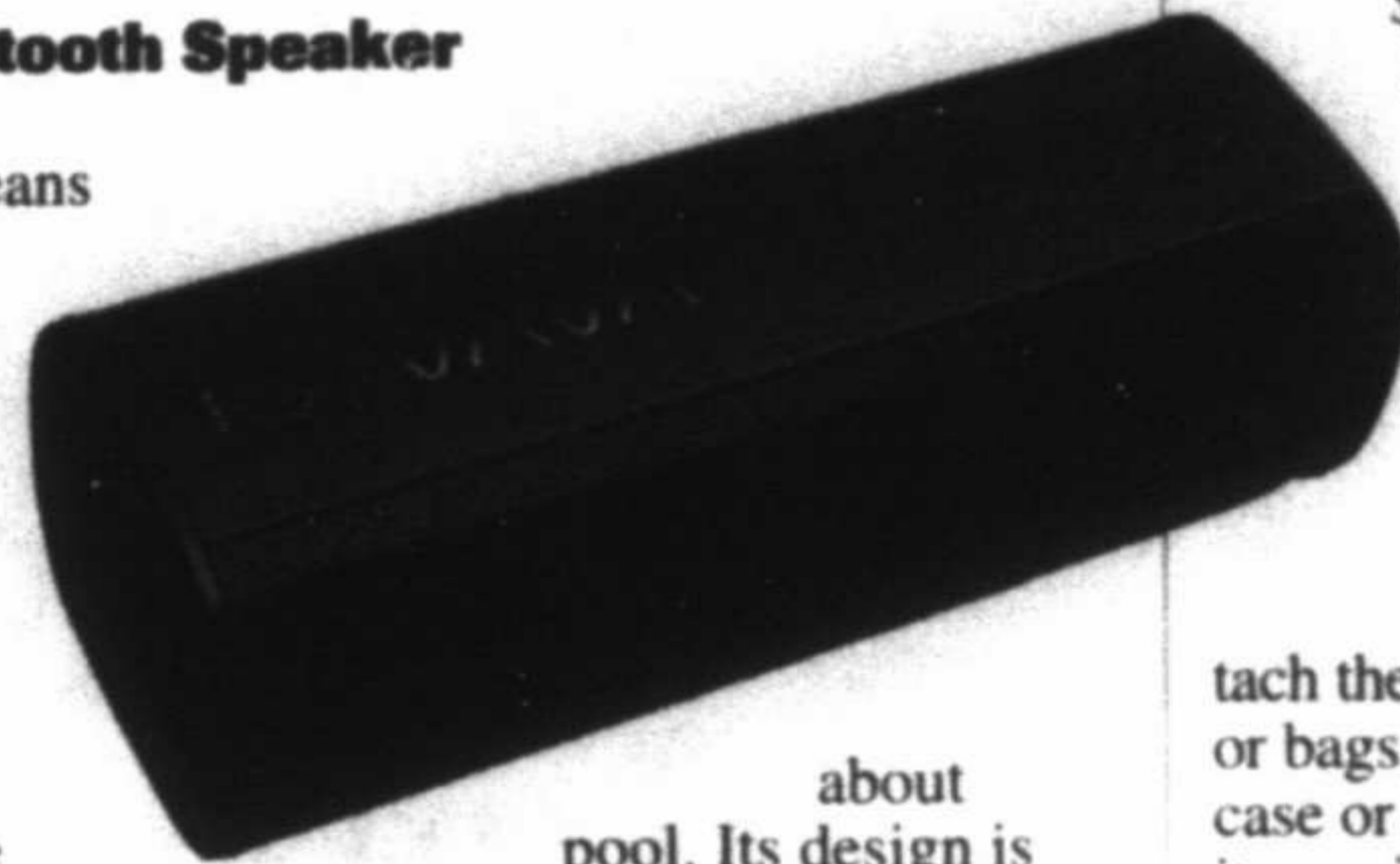
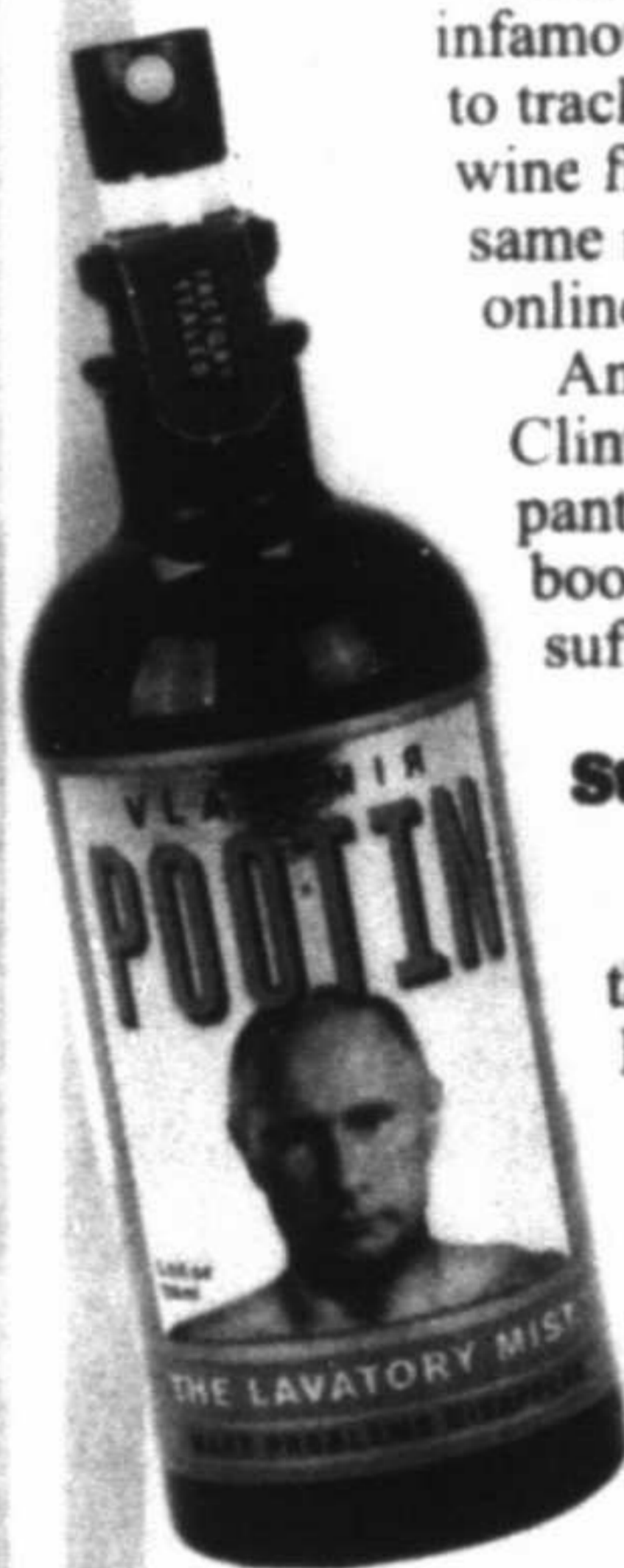
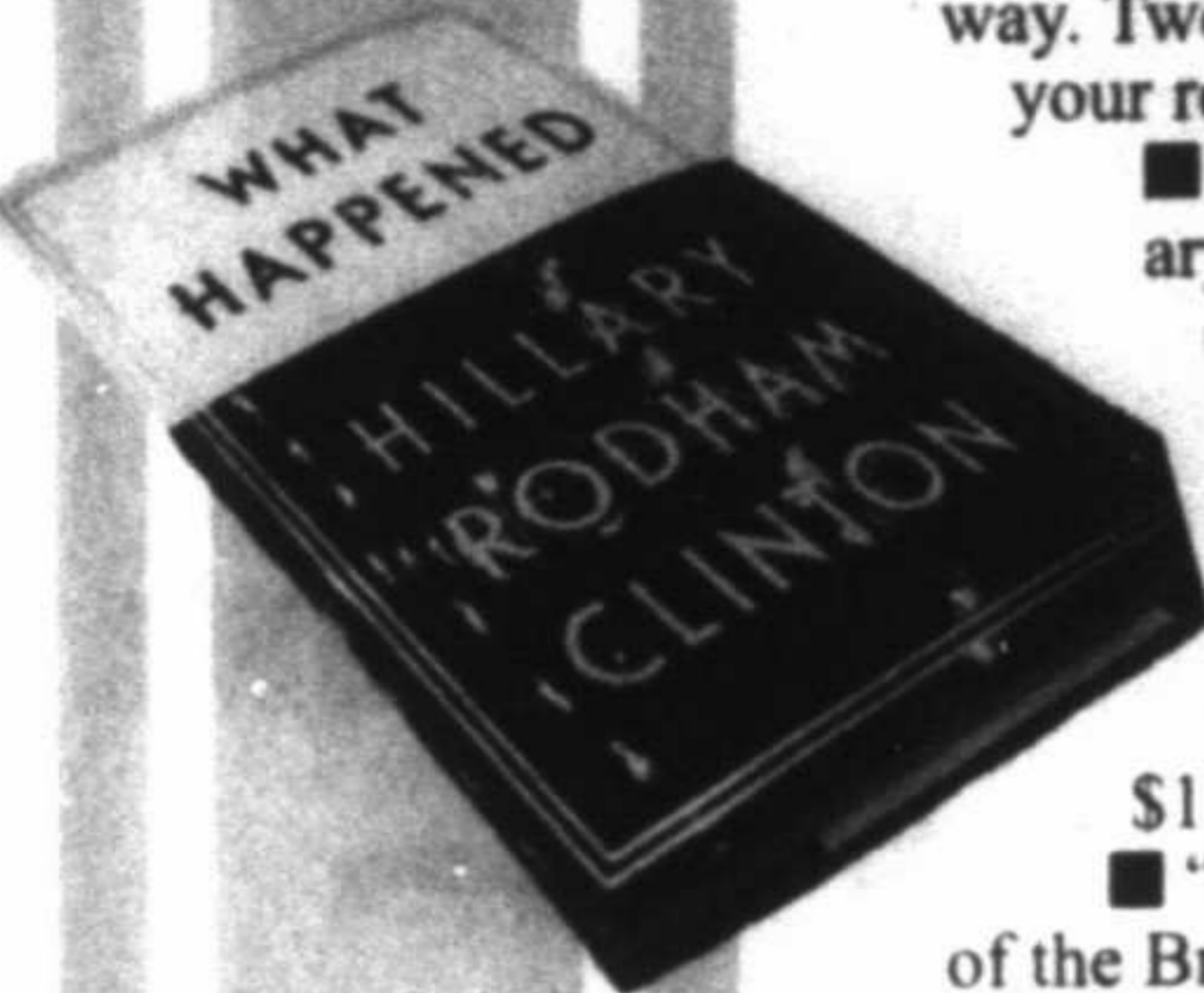
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Source: The Associated Press



Poll: Many want to avoid political talk this Thanksgiving

By Laurie Kellman and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pass the turkey — but maybe hold the politics. The already-fraught topic now includes allegations of sexual misconduct against politicians of various political stripes.

From GOP President Donald Trump to Democratic Sen. Al Franken, politicians past, present and aspiring stand accused of sexual misconduct and that could keep tensions high at the holiday table. More than a third of Americans dread the prospect of politics coming up over Thanksgiving, a new poll shows.

Glenn Rogers, a Republican from Los Angeles, says he asks people around the table to talk about things to celebrate from the past year. Not everyone, he knows, will be toasting the Trump presidency.

"For the most part, we get to the point where we know that we're not going to agree with each other and it gets dropped," says the 67-year-old manufacturing consultant, who says he voted less for Trump than against Democrat Hillary Clinton.

With a cascade of sexual misconduct scandals now echoing similar allegations against Trump during the campaign, tempers on the subject of Trump may not have cooled, says Rogers. "When you start talking about it now, there's still some, I think, real animosity when you start talking about character."

Rogers is among more than a third of Americans who say they dread the prospect of politics coming up over Thanksgiving, compared with just 2 in 10 who say they're eager to talk politics, according to a new poll by the Associated

Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Four in 10 don't feel strongly either way.

Democrats are slightly more likely than Republicans to say they're uneasy about political discussions at the table, 39 percent to 33 percent. And women are more likely than men to say they dread the thought of talking politics, 41 percent to 31 percent.

Those who do think there's at least some possibility of politics coming up are somewhat more likely to feel optimistic about it than Americans as a whole. Among this group, 30 percent say they'd be eager to talk politics and 34 percent would dread it.

The debate over whether to talk politics at Thanksgiving is about as American as the traditional feast itself. By Christmas 2016, 39 percent of U.S. adults said their families avoided conversations about politics, according to the Pew Research Center.

But Americans are still trying to figure out how to talk about the subject in the age of Trump and amid the sexual misconduct allegations that have ignited a new debate over standards for conduct between men and women. The conversation, some analysts and respondents say, touches on identity among people who group themselves by other factors, such as family, friendship or geography.

Ten months into

Trump's difficult presidency, he remains a historically unpopular president and a deeply polarizing force in the United States. His drives to crack down on immigration in the name of national security and the economy cut right to the question of who is an American. And his defense on Tuesday of Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore, the former Alabama judge accused by six women of pursuing romantic relationships with them when they were teenagers and he was in his 30s, comes amid a wider deluge of sexual misconduct scandals.

For any mention of Moore, who denies the accusations against him, there's Franken of Minnesota, who has apologized or said he feels bad about the allegations against him. For every mention of the "Access Hollywood" tape in which Trump could be heard bragging about touching women without their consent, there are allegations that Democratic President Bill Clinton assaulted women. Both men deny the accusations.

Trump won the 2016 election, even though more than a dozen women accused him of sexual misconduct, and roughly half of all voters said they were bothered by his treatment of women, according to exit polls. Trump called the allegations false and said he would sue the women, but that hasn't

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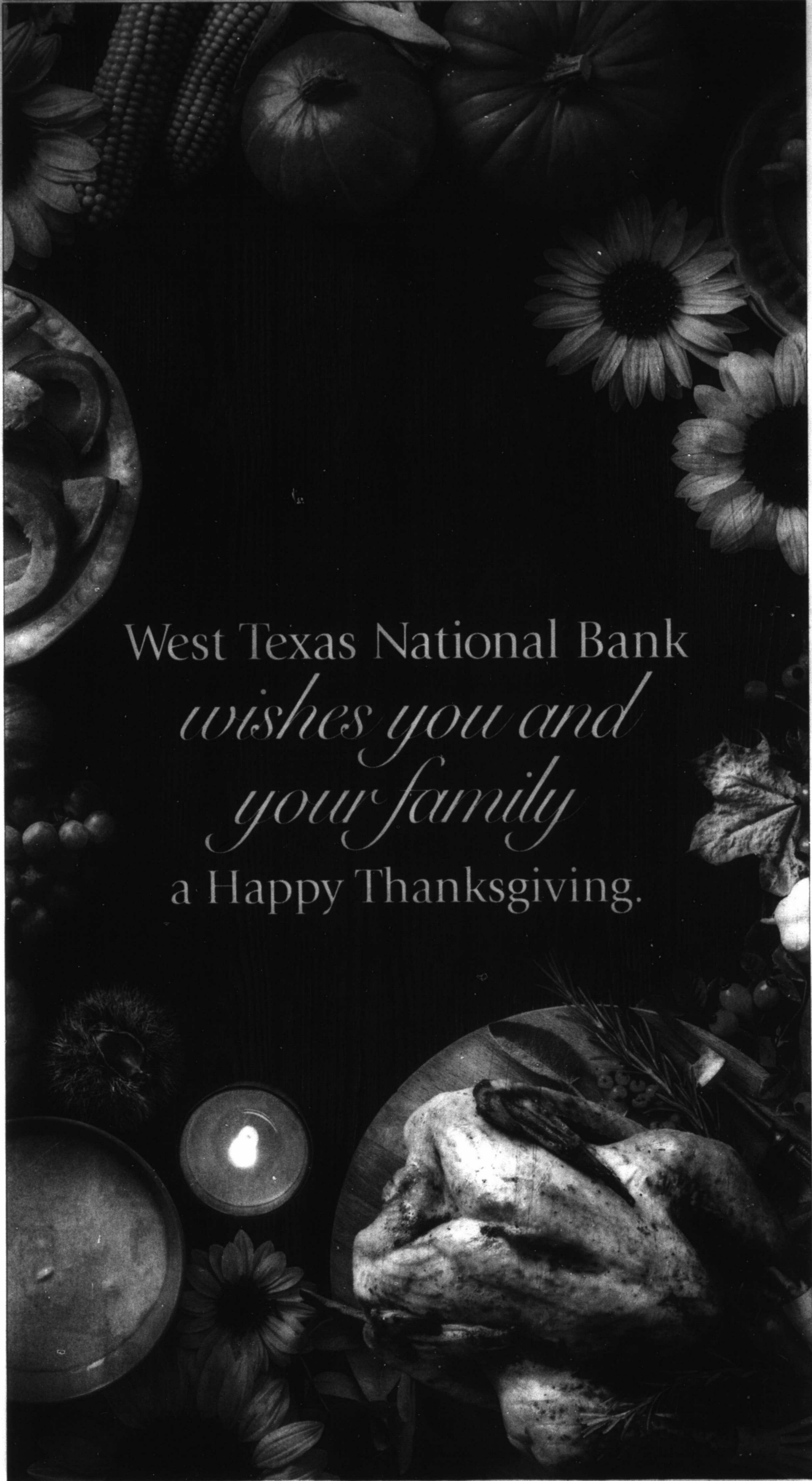
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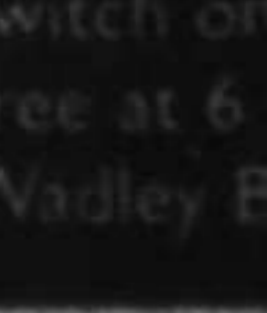
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TODAY



RUN AND EAT Kick off the holiday with the sixth annual Midland County Greater Works Turkey Trot 2017 at Memorial Stadium. With all those calories burned, you can dive deep into Thanksgiving dinner 7 a.m.

FRIDAY



COLE ENERGY The Americana/country sounds of San Angelo's Judson Cole Band will take over the Lone Star Bar 9 p.m.

SATURDAY



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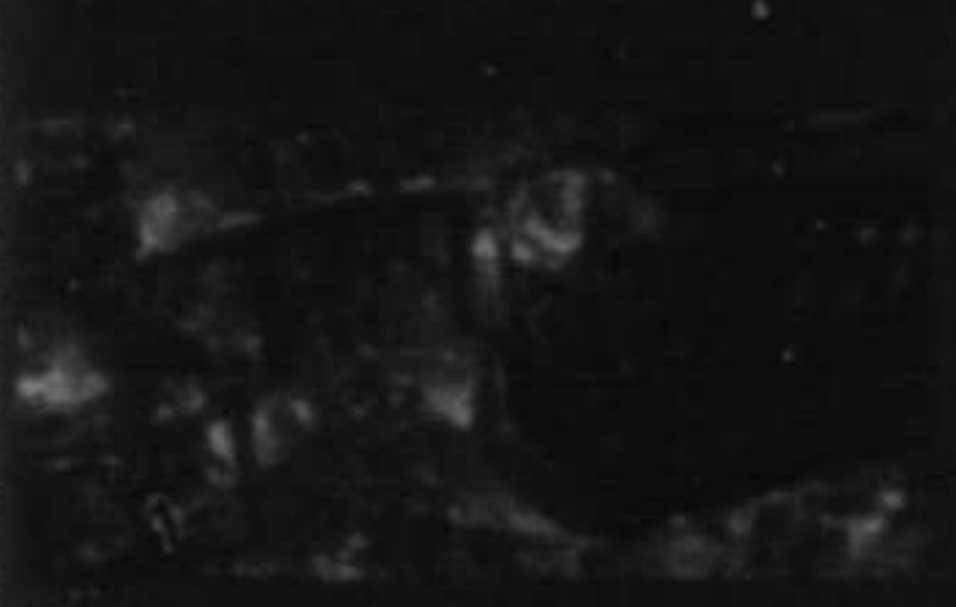
WEDNESDAY



HOLIDAY TRADITION Purchase tickets at museumsw.org to get a sneak peek at this year's Christmas at the Mansion An Illustrated Christmas. The preview party will give you a glimpse of the campus' decorations and coming events 7 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters.

TALL CITY 14 Opening: "Coco"

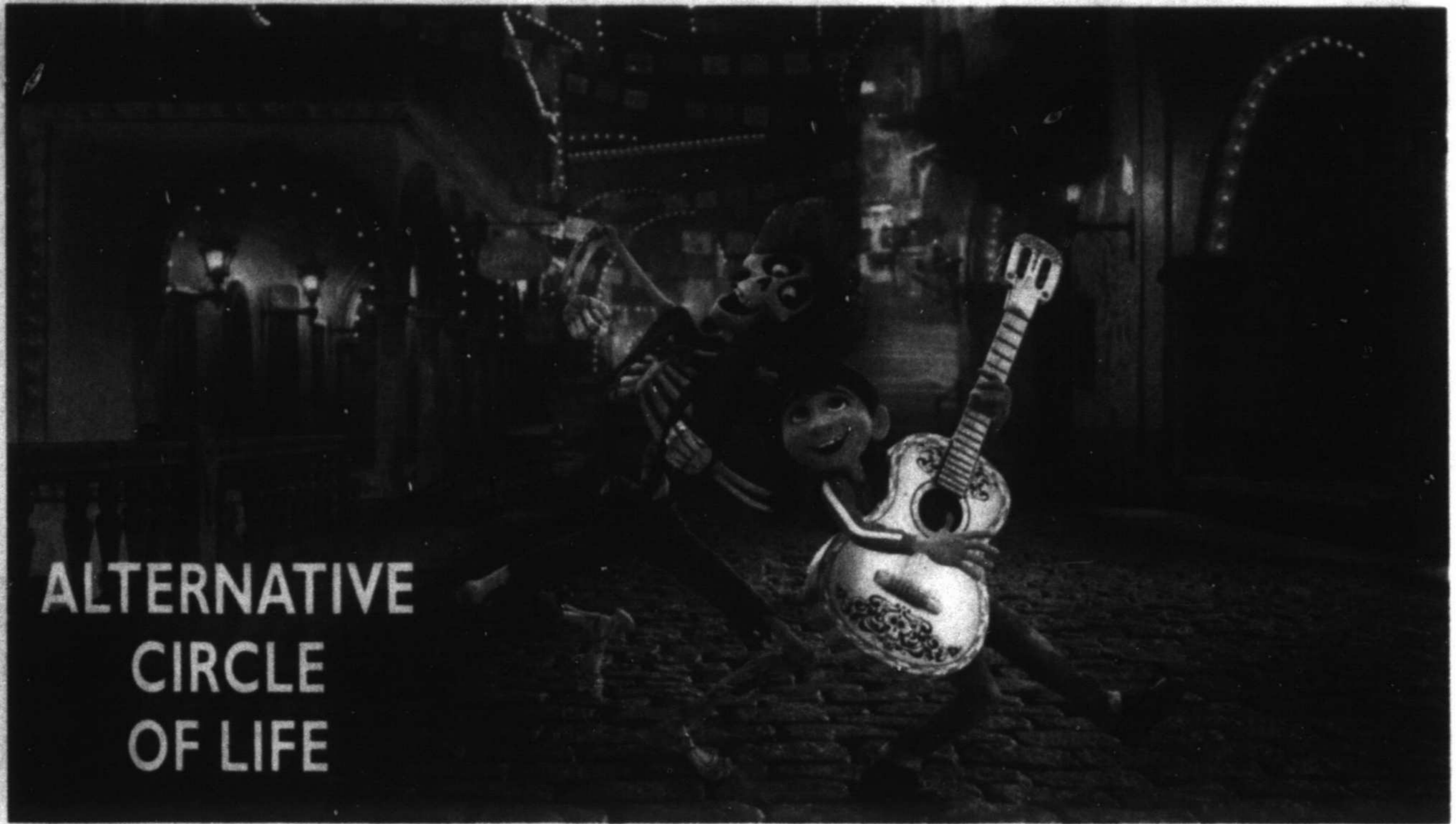
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STAYING IN! Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch Page 5

COMING SOON



The city will flip the switch on its Christmas tree at 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at Wadley Barron Park.



ALTERNATIVE CIRCLE OF LIFE

Pixar's 'Coco' sings a high-spirited but sometimes faltering tune

Can a person honor his family and pursue his dreams? That is the question at the heart of "Coco," a whimsical and high-spirited romp through the underworld from Pixar Animation Studios. The story's 12-year-old protagonist, Miguel Rivera, is an aspiring guitarist with a song in his heart and stardom on his mind. But to realize his destiny, he must defy the wishes of his close-knit Mexican family, which, for reasons stemming from a long-ago ancestral scandal, has forbidden him from enjoying or pursuing music.

No such ban will be placed on the audience for "Coco," which bounces along to the beat of a Michael Giacchino score, several traditional Mexican songs and a few original tunes that never run the risk of burrowing into your mind. (The most significant one, ironically, is titled "Remember Me.") But while the movie revels in its music and duly rebukes the Riveras for trying to stifle young Miguel's destiny, it also comes down firmly on the side of family, taking pains to acknowledge the importance of staying true to one's roots.

It does this, in part, by upholding its own formidable creative and corporate lineage. Directed by Lee Unkrich with some of the warmth and imagination he brought to "Toy Story 3" (and co-directed by Adrian Molina, who wrote the script with Mat-

JUSTIN CHANG

Los Angeles Times



thew Aldrich). "Coco" is the first of Pixar's 19 features to feature a nonwhite human protagonist, diversifying a company slate that has already proved a model of inclusivity with regard to talking fish, sentient toys and anthropomorphic cars.

But beyond the novelty of having animated characters eat tamales and drop the occasional word of Spanish, the movie betrays an instinctive kinship with the Disney brand that is by turns pleasing and thoroughly unsurprising. It is an alternately smooth and strenuous Pixarian weave of bright colors, spirited chatter and inventive action, prepared and tested in accordance with the highest factory standards.

After an inspired prologue designed entirely in the intricate papel picado style of tissue-paper art, the story begins on Dia de los Muertos, the holiday when Mexican families display their late ancestors' photographs alongside food offerings on a commemorative altar. But while young Miguel (voiced by Anthony Gonzalez) loves his family —

especially his adorably wizened great-grandmother, Mama Coco (Ana Ofelia Murguía) — he is less excited by the upcoming festivities than by the prospect of performing in a local talent show.

That doesn't sit well with the music-loathing Riveras, especially Miguel's domineering grandmother (Renee Victor), an overly broad caricature who does her part to set the plot in motion by smashing the boy's guitar like a pinata. In a more satisfying version of "Coco," the Riveras' fiesta might have quickly gone the way of Carrie's prom. But Miguel, a good boy at heart, simply finds a new guitar in the nearby tomb of his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz (Benjamin Bratt), a legendary musician and movie star in the Pedro Infante mold.

Robbing a crypt on this day of all days, alas, is a serious no-no, and with one strum of Ernesto's guitar, Miguel finds himself transported to the Land of the Dead, where the deceased — walking, talking skeletons with a sheen of orange ectoplasm — are preparing to visit their families on the other side. And so "Coco" begins its extended journey across a gorgeous pink-and-purple-daubed vision of Hades, with Miguel basically playing Orpheus in a red hoodie. (He even has a canine sidekick named Dante.)

If that sounds pretty dark for a movie with a PG rating (awarded for that horror of hor-

rors, "thematic elements"), the script's ghoulish touches and mordant flashes of wit turn out to be its most disarming qualities. Kids may squirm in delight when Miguel realizes he's turning into a skeleton, one phalange at a time, and will soon be dead himself unless he finds his way back to the land of the living by morning. To do this, he must secure a blessing from his ancestors — a tricky proposition, as none of them are willing to let him return home unless he agrees to their music moratorium.

In perhaps the story's most poignant conceit, death turns out to be simply another circle of life where the deceased can remain and thrive so long as they are remembered by a living, breathing loved one. That raises the stakes a bit when Miguel meets a street-smart skeleton named Hector (Gael García Bernal) who is desperate to ensure that his mortal legacy is not erased. Their partnership complicates a busy plot already thick with chases, coincidences, ancient secrets, mistaken identities and Frida Kahlo sightings, and it plows through each twist like a roller coaster navigating a new loop.

Which is only fitting, since the movie's underworld suggests nothing so much as a giant theme park, complete with turnstiles, bustling streets and gaudy

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'Miracle on 34th St.' is a family affair for Christmas-loving actor

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

Maija Johnson-Horne is one of those Christmas people. You know the type. The kind who starts celebrating way too early and is unapologetic about it. And now, as Doris Walker in Midland Community Theatre's "Miracle on 34th Street The Musical," her Christmas spirit is off the charts.

"I started celebrating on Halloween. There's this indescribable feeling that just makes me happy," she said. "I love Christmas so much but I'm also very proud of this show."

Christmas ranks high, but for this production, Johnson-Horne gets to share the stage with her husband, Jonathan Horne, and her teenage children, Cassidy and Cade Horton. For the theater family, this will be the last production where all four will be on stage in one show.

"Cassidy will be going off to college, so

IF YOU GO

"Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical" runs through Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 Sunday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.

this has been the part of the show with all four of us even though I don't get to share any time onstage with them," she said with a laugh. "We've done shows together before but it's been a long time. Now my son is much more into it and they both have done great work."

Coincidentally, she and Horne played the leads in The Globe Theatre's production of "Miracle" that was directed by Carl Beery Moore who plays Kris Kringle in MCT's show. However, Johnson-Horne's familiarity with her character didn't always work between the two versions.

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Courtesy photo

Maija Johnson-Horne and family all perform in "Miracle on 34th Street." From left, Cade Horton, Johnson-Horne, Jonathan Horne and Cassidy Horton.

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SciGirls STEM Camp for ages 8-12. 5 p.m., Monday at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Downtown Family Game Night with a variety of classic and new board games. 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m., (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m., (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland

County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

FINE ART & DANCE

Works by Christopher White on view throughout the month on Fridays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Ground Zero 360: A 9/11 Retrospective" on display through Dec. 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"What If," University of Texas of the Permian Basin Senior Art Exhibition by lamhilex Fernandez On display through Jan. 5 at the Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m., Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

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trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m., First Fridays and Sundays to Hobbs, New Mexico. \$55 for adults, \$45 for 65 and older. RSVP by calling 260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., Fridays at The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Bingo, 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for \$14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Live Trivia by Chal-

lenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

HOLIDAYS

Wood and Wine ornament make and take. 4:30-7:30 p.m., Sunday at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. \$75-\$95. Kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas preview party. 7-11 p.m., Wednesday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. \$75 members, \$100 nonmembers, \$125 door. museumsw.org.

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Transgender Day of Remembrance commemoration service. 11 a.m., Sunday at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave.

Open Shop Nights are Mondays hosted by Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

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COUNTRY

The Judson Cole

Band, 9 p.m. Friday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

James Cook, Rod Melancon, 7 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Koe Wetzel, 8 p.m. Nov. 30 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. \$12. rockinrodeomidland.com.

DJ/DANCE

#HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. Sunday at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Karaoke with All, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

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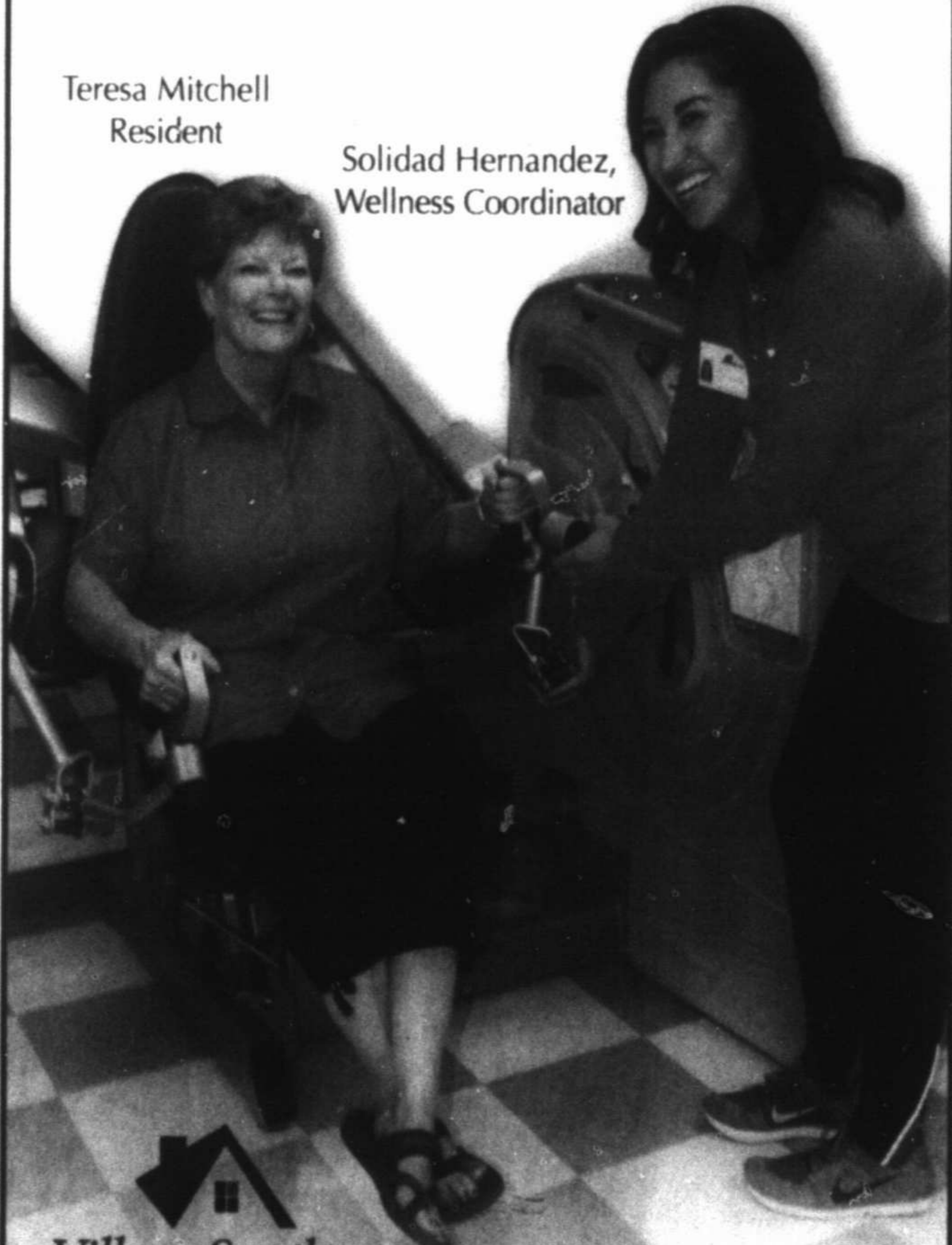
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OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

The sixth annual **Midland County Greater Works Turkey Trot** will feature a kids fun run, beverages and morning snacks, a photo booth and an appearance by Tom the Turkey. Awards to top three placers in each category. 7-10 a.m. today at Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert Ave. midland-countygreatertrot.com.

Odessa Jackalopes play Corpus Christi IceRays, 7:11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Jackalopes.org.

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m., and 7-9 p.m., at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsop. 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. \$5.

Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothing. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. \$5.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Thursdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical,

Nov. 17-Dec. 17 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Studio Ghibli Fest: "Howl's Moving Castle" (dubbed). 12:55 p.m. Sunday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50. Fathomevents.com.

Studio Ghibli Fest: "Howl's Moving Castle" (subtitled). 7 p.m. Monday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50. Fathomevents.com.

Basin PBS Indie Lens Pop-Up: "I Am Not Your Negro." The Oscar-nominated documentary based on the unfinished book by James Baldwin will be screened as part of Basin PBS' series. The screening will also feature a community discussion. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at JBS Public Leadership Institute, 4910 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free.

"Incoming!" dome show, 1 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays Nov. 9-30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" dome show for children, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Nov. 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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NOVEMBER

Centennial Family Night features a variety of games for the entire family. 4:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Boom or Bust: "The World without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book. 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa.

DECEMBER

Christmas in Alpine will feature a Christmas Light Parade, tree lighting, an appearance by Santa Claus and more. 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 1 in downtown Alpine. alpinetexas.com.

Family movie and game night hosted by Permian Basin LG-BTQ (plus). Enjoy board games and a screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for children. The night will also host the Texas State Health Department to conduct free STI screenings. 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pblgbtq.org.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas open house.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas mother-daughter brunch.

10 a.m.-noon Dec. 2 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. \$60 per mother and daughter, \$20 additional child. museumsw.org.

Belles in the Basin Christmas Bazaar with local vendors, an appearance by Santa Claus and children's activities. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Free.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas gingerbread workshop. 1-3

p.m. Dec. 2 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but registration is required by calling 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

Boom or Bust: "The World without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book. 1 p.m. Dec. 2 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Saturday Movie: "Frozen," 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Free.

Saturday Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas," 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

Christmas tree lighting by the city of Midland.

6-9 p.m. Dec. 2 at Wadley Barron Park, 1001 N. "A" St.

Martinis and Mistletoe Christmas Gala by the Young Professionals of Midland. 7-10 p.m. Dec. 2 at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 N. \$15. Dress code encouraged. Ypmidland.org.

MOSC: Sounds of the Season, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$25.80-\$50. MOSC.org.

Gary Allan, 8 p.m. Dec. 2 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. \$45-\$75. Haciendamidland.com.

Lucky Odds, TFRP, 9 p.m. Dec. 2 at Gabby-Doo Saloon, 6009 Golder Ave., Odessa.



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ON STAGE & SCREEN

'Coco'

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attractions (none more brilliant than the "alebrijes," fantastical winged animals come to life). There's nothing inherently wrong with that. The best theme parks, Disney's included, are worth getting lost in. But try as you might to lose yourself in "Coco," or at least pause long enough to ponder its metaphysics, too often you might find yourself hindered by the movie's breathless velocity.

And also by the increasing monotony of its character design. The visuals have the tell-tale Pixar richness; you sense a hundred different creative choices went into the animation of a simple confetti shower. But like earlier movies, including "Corpse Bride" and the similarly Dia de los

Muertos-themed "The Book of Life," "Coco" offers a reminder that skeletons, for all their googly eyes and gorgeous bone structure, are not the most emotionally expressive creatures. With the exception of his great-great-grandmother Mama Imelda (a spirited Alanna Ubach), Miguel's dead relatives are a pretty indistinguishable and — sorry — lifeless bunch.

The action beats arrive right on cue, followed in due course by a show-stopping musical climax and an ending all but guaranteed to tickle your tear ducts. The question proposed at the outset — can a person honor his family and pursue his dreams? — is answered with the kind of skill and ingenuity that leaves you strongly suspecting it was

bogus to begin with. None of which makes "Coco" a bad movie, only one whose flights of imaginative frenzy are too constrained by formula, in the end, for it to count as a great one. In the best Pixar movies, "Wall-E," "Inside Out" and "Toy Story 3" among them, you get the sense of filmmakers boldly and brilliantly conquering new terrain. "Coco," by contrast, feels governed by more timid, responsible spirits. Its goal is to reassure, to provoke no offense and to give an underserved culture the sentimental, uplifting Hollywood cash cow it deserves. Progress could certainly look worse.

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'MIRACLE'

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"I was glad to have played her before but I was sometimes lost. The musical is so rarely done, and there wasn't a lot of reference material," she said. "But this time, I could express her through song."

"The Music Man" scribe Meredith Wilson wrote "Here's Love" in 1963 based on the 1934 film "Miracle on 34th Street." Ultimately, the title was changed to the original, but Wilson wrote Doris as a strong, independent woman in an executive position — something not often seen at the time. For

Johnson-Horne, Walker is a revolutionary character. "She was this high-level person and a single mother. I mean, she is running this entire Macy's Christmas parade," she said. "She's all that, but never was written as an old maid or a b----. She's respected. As a woman and a mother, I can see myself a lot in Doris. For this day and age, the feminist issue is clearly evident in her."

Beyond motherhood and stage actor, Johnson-Horne is also the first theater teacher at Hillcrest School, where she has found a fulfilling role in teaching

her passion to young adults and children.

"The kids are amazing, and I love theater so much so I get to discover new ways to inspire them," she said.

That lends to her love of Christmas. As it says in the show's playbill, her favorite thing about the holiday is the spirit of giving.

"That's why I love this show. We can spread the idea of giving toward our fellow man, not just now, and apply that every day," she said. "And it also tells us to have faith in believing even when common sense tells you not to."

FILM CAPS

"A Bad Moms Christmas" (R) Three mothers face the most daunting holiday — coupled with visits from their own moms — in this sequel to the 2016 comedy. With Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn, Jay Hernandez, Cheryl Hines, Peter Gallagher, Christine Baranski, Susan Sarandon. Written and directed by Jon Lucas & Scott Moore.

"Coco" (PG) A young boy with musical aspirations visits the Land of the Dead. Voices of Gael Garcia Bernal, Anthony Gonzalez, Benjamin Bratt, Renee Victor. Directed by Lee Unkrich. Co-directed by Adrian Molina.

"Daddy's Home 2" (PG-13) Sensitive stepdad Will Ferrell and macho dad Mark Wahlberg return in this sequel to the 2015 comedy, this time dealing with the arrival of their own fathers just in time for Christmas. With Linda Cardellini, John Cena, John Lithgow, Mel Gibson. Written by Sean Anders & John Morris, based on characters created

by Brian Burns. Directed by Anders. **"Justice League"** (PG-13) Batman and Wonder Woman recruit a team of superheroes to defend the planet against a new threat. With Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Raymond Fisher, Jason Momoa, Ezra Miller. Written by Chris Terrio and Joss Whedon; story by Terrio & Zack Snyder; based on characters from DC Entertainment, Superman created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Directed by Snyder.

"Mudbound" (R) Two families — one black, one white — struggle to farm the Mississippi Delta under Jim Crow laws during World War II. With Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Mitchell, Mary J. Blige, Jonathan Banks, Jason Clarke, Rob Morgan. Written by Virgil Williams and Dee Rees, based on a novel by Hillary Jordan. Directed by Rees.

"Murder on the Orient Express" (PG-13) Kenneth Branagh directs and stars in a mystery that plays out on a train across Europe.

With Penelope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Josh Gad, Derek Jacobi, Leslie Odom Jr., Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley. Written by Michael Green, based on the novel by Agatha Christie.

"Same Kind of Different as Me" (PG-13) An art dealer attempts to save his marriage by befriending a homeless man. With Greg Kinnear, Renee Zellweger, Djimon Hounsou, Jon Voight. Written by Michael Carney & Alexander Foard and Ron Hall, based on the book by Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent. Directed by Michael Carney.

"The Star" (NR) A tenacious little donkey and his newfound friends follow a bright light in the sky and become part of the first Christmas in this animated fable. Voices of Steven Yeun, Gina Rodriguez, Zachary Levi, Keegan-Michael

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Key: Tracy Morgan, Tyler Perry, Oprah Winfrey. Written by Carlos Kotkin; story by Simon Moore and Kotkin. Directed by Timothy Reckart.

"Thank You for Your Service" (R) U.S. soldiers struggle with their lives after returning from active duty in Iraq. With Miles Teller; Haley Bennett, Joe Cole, Amy Schumer, Beulah Koale, Scott Haze. Written and directed by Jason Hall.

based on the book by David Finkel. **"Wonder" (PG)** The facial differences that a fifth-grader was born with present challenges during entry into a mainstream school. With Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay, Mandy Patinkin, Dav-

eed Diggs. Written by Jack Thorne and Steven Conrad and Stephen Chbosky; based on the novel by R.J. Palacio. Directed by Chbosky.

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'Wind River' shows elements are not the only battle Native American women face

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Wind River" (R) Elizabeth Olsen shines as an FBI agent sent to a Wyoming reservation to help solve the brutal rape and murder of a Native American woman in this gripping thriller. Jeremy Renner is also a pleasure to watch as the Fish and Wildlife tracking expert. The story maintains its edge by not letting too much information out, as so many other films do, and lets the viewer follow the investigation in a real-time sense. It's magnificent in conveying the urgency and hopelessness the officials feel when leads go cold. It also reveals a startling statistic about Native American women who go missing. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Guilty" (not rated) Straight to video movie looks and plays like a bad 1980s nighttime soap opera. The actors seem sincere in their performances but that only exacerbates the ghastly plot and dialogue. There is something rather bizarre about said plot, however, in that it is about a teacher accused of sexual misconduct with a student. Considering the current wave of accusations, apologies and denials, the subject matter was unbelievably timely. **F**

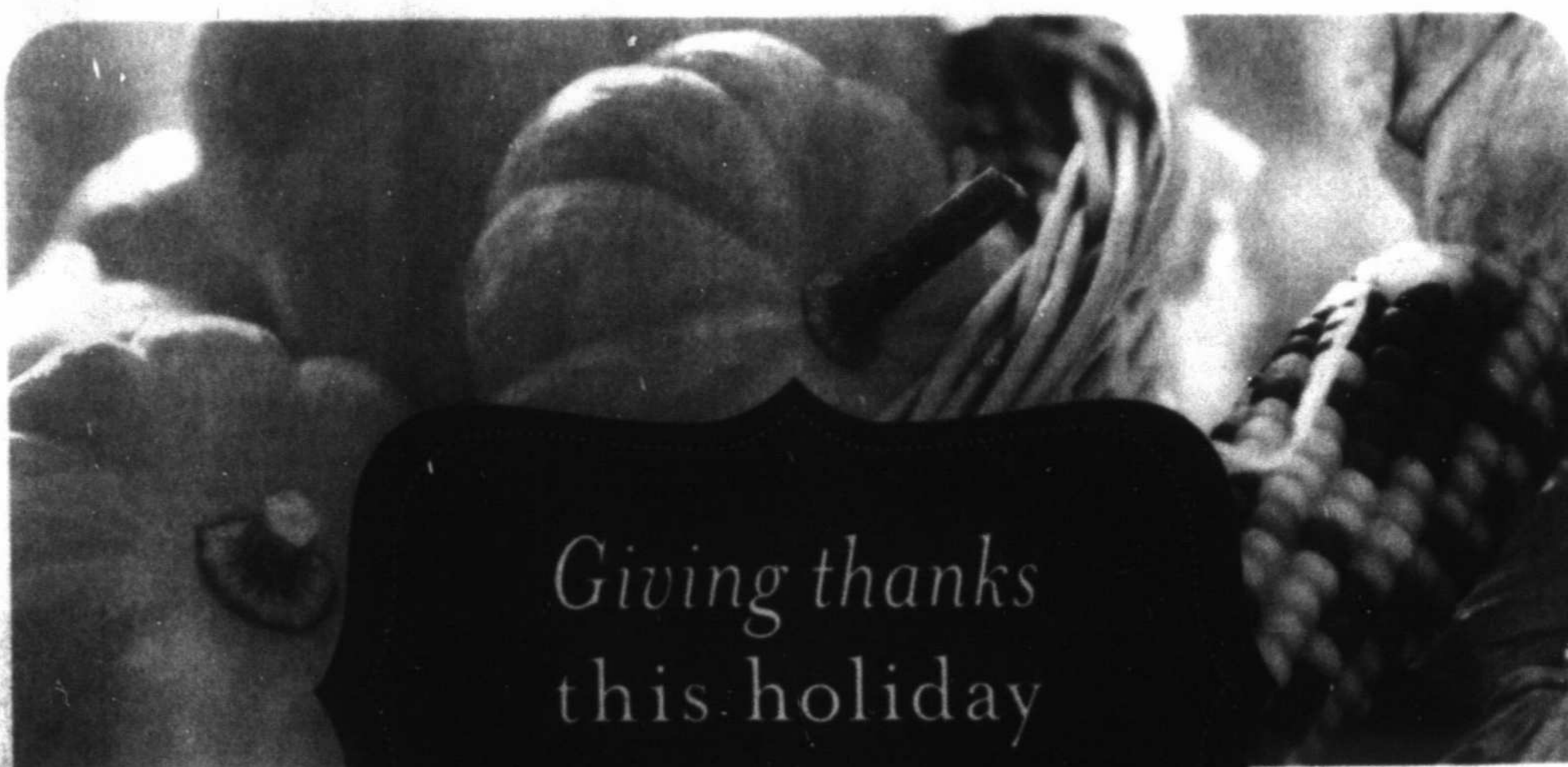
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"Amityville: The Awakening" (PG-13) It's far from perfect, but this is the best Amityville film in a long time. The film is constantly going for the scare, but it only works about 30 percent of the time. When it does work, though, it packs a punch. Legitimate star power, notably Jennifer Jason Leigh, lends to its power. **B**

"Patti Cake\$" (R) Inspiring tale of a young white woman who is seemingly trapped in a dead-end life though she longs to be a rapper. The elements don't sound as if they would work, but they do, thanks mostly to a sassy script and the stunning performance of Danielle Macdonald in the title role. She embraces Patti, portraying her as tough with a heart of gold. **A-**

Radius (unrated) Even when the film goes to places that you wish it wouldn't because it's so absurd, the trip can be surprising, taut and kind of fun. **B-**

Unlocked (R) Spy thriller excels in its action sequences. It's not up to par with the Bourne series, but it's remarkably close, putting a spotlight on Noomi Rapace and her skills as both a dramatic actress and action star. It's also Orlando Bloom's best performance outside of his Legolas duties. **B+**



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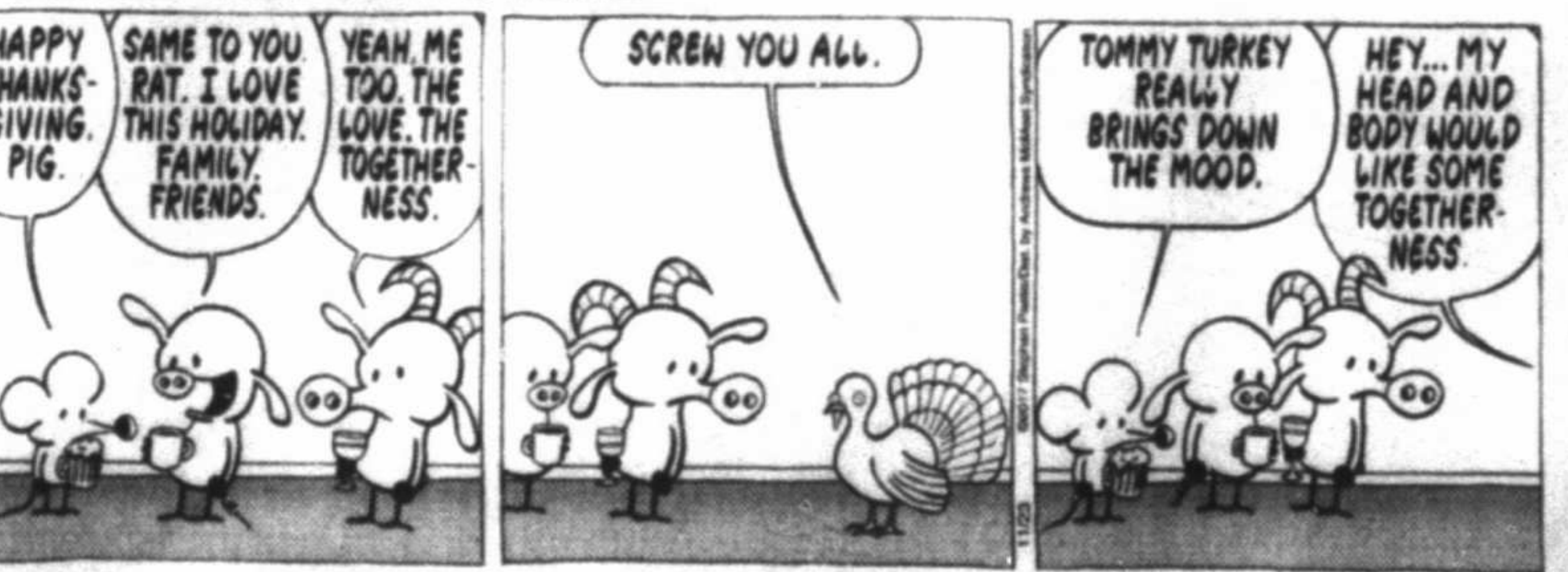
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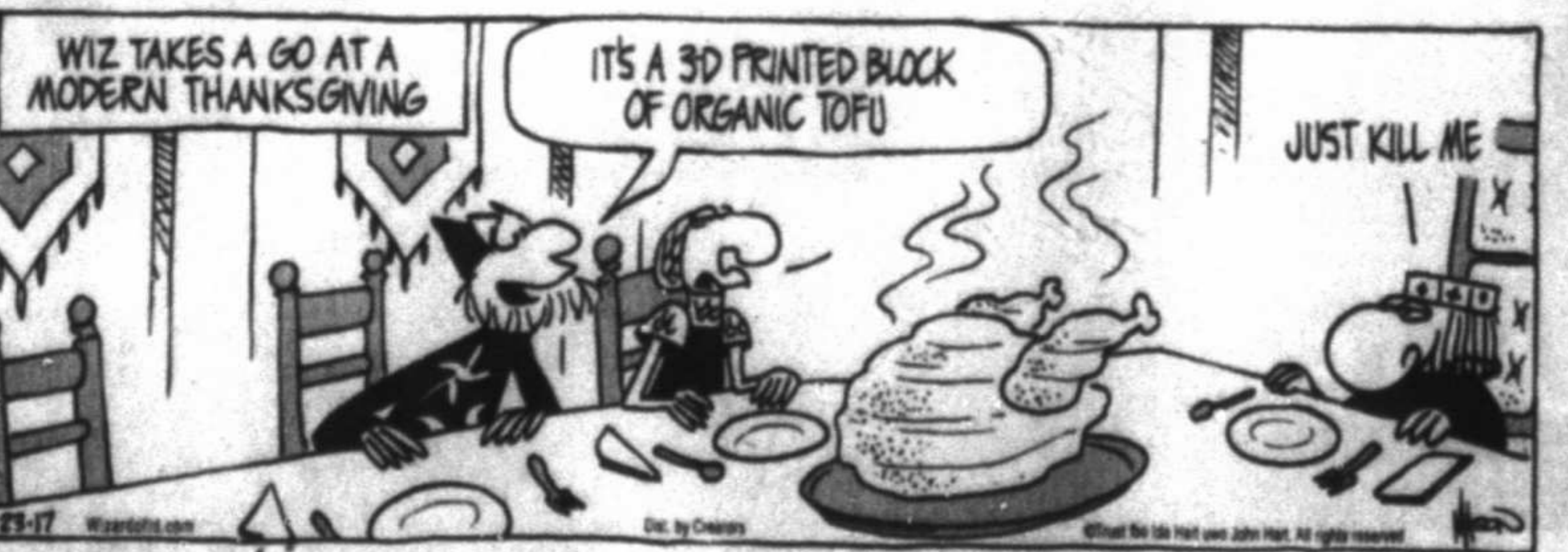
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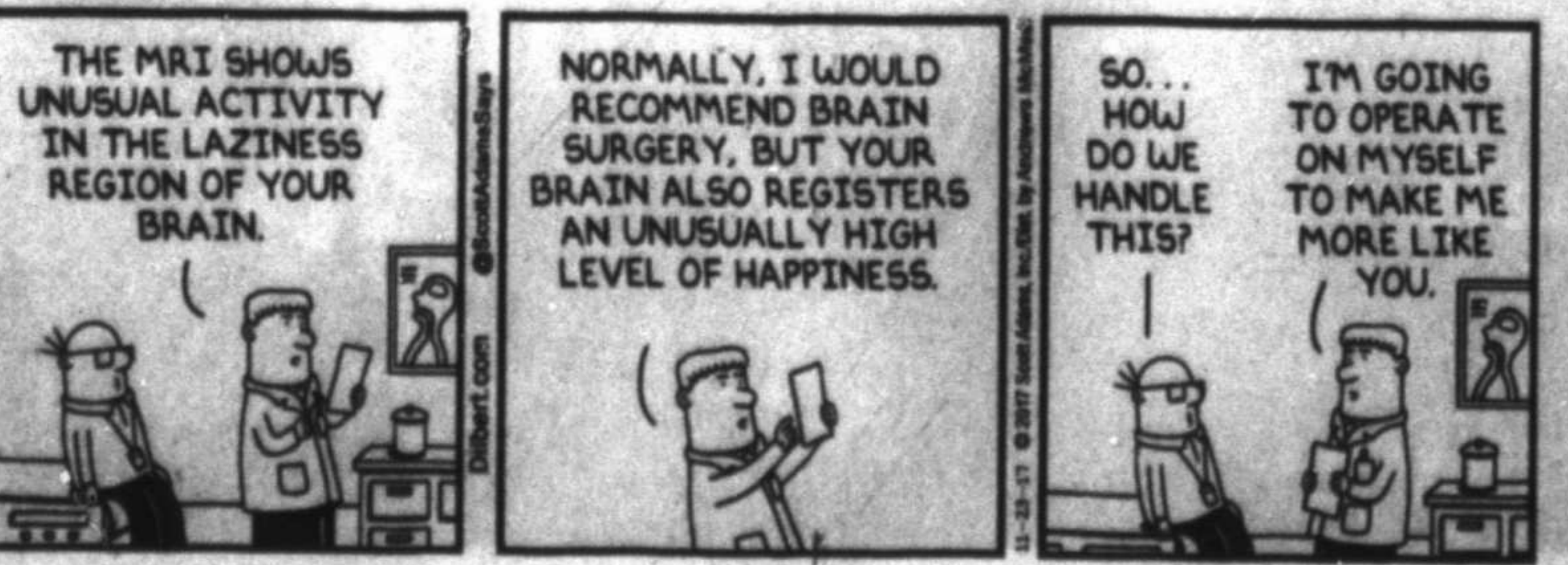
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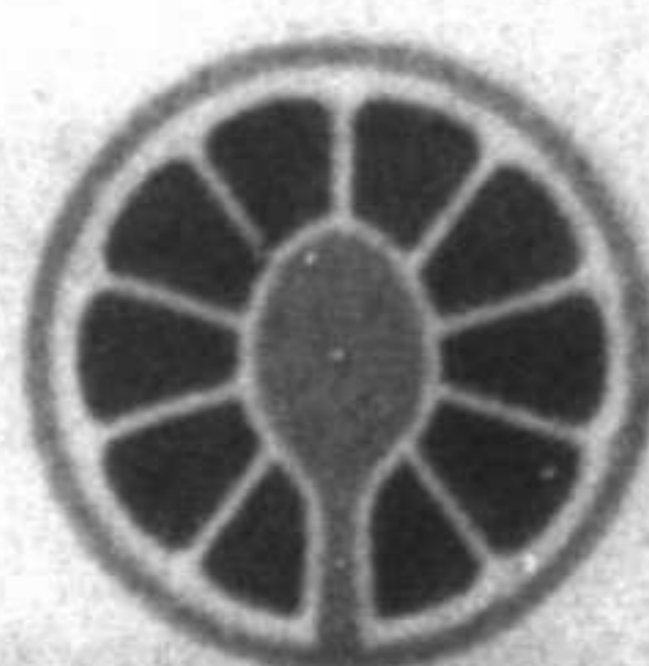
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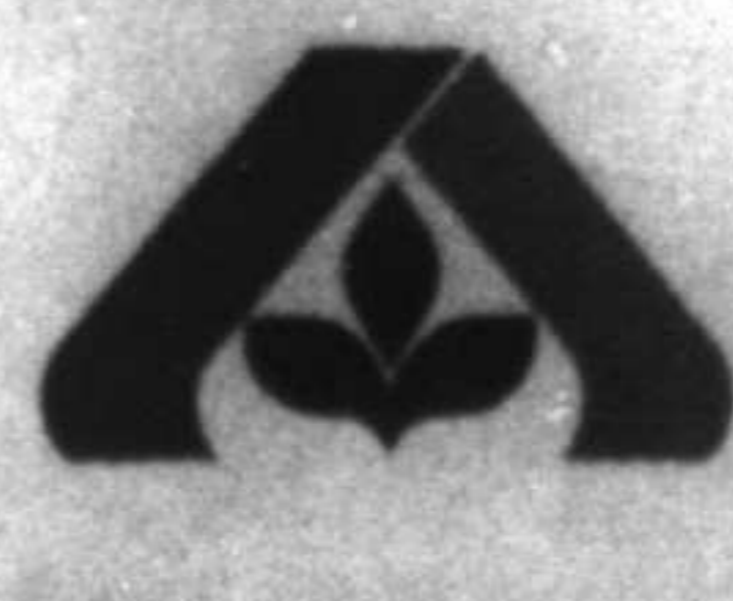
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Bulldogs kept fighting to reach playoffs

By Christopher Hadorn
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The 2017 Midland High football team didn't let dire circumstances at times affect its effort or fight.

The Bulldogs' postseason prospects looked bleak when they started the season at 0-5, which included being on the wrong end of a 49-14 rout to rival Lee to start District 2-6A play Sept. 29.

But MHS (3-8 overall, 3-3 in District 2-6A) pressed on by winning three of its next five games to secure a program-record fourth straight playoff berth with a 31-28 victory over Odessa High in the Nov. 10 District 2-6A

finale.

On Nov. 16, the Bulldogs' Cinderella run came to an end when District 1-6A champion El Paso Montwood held off MHS 42-35 in a Class 6A Division II bi-district playoff.

However, the Dawgs trailed 42-14 at one point in the fourth quarter and they rattled off 21 unanswered points to make it a one-score game. MHS recovered an onside kick in the final minute and had an opportunity to tie or win the game on its last offensive possession.

Albeit in a loss, the Bulldogs once again showed their resolve when the odds were stacked against them.

"I think that's just a testament

to the kids," MHS head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said. "They didn't quit. They kept working. They kept holding each other accountable to continue to play and not get discouraged and give up. I thought that was just a pretty good picture of this group of kids at the end that they continued to battle and continued to try hard. I think that was a really neat thing that we got out of this team this year."

In Anuszkiewicz' first year as MHS head coach, the Bulldogs were impressive in their rush attack, amassing 2,330 yards on the ground and averaging 211.8 yards per game.

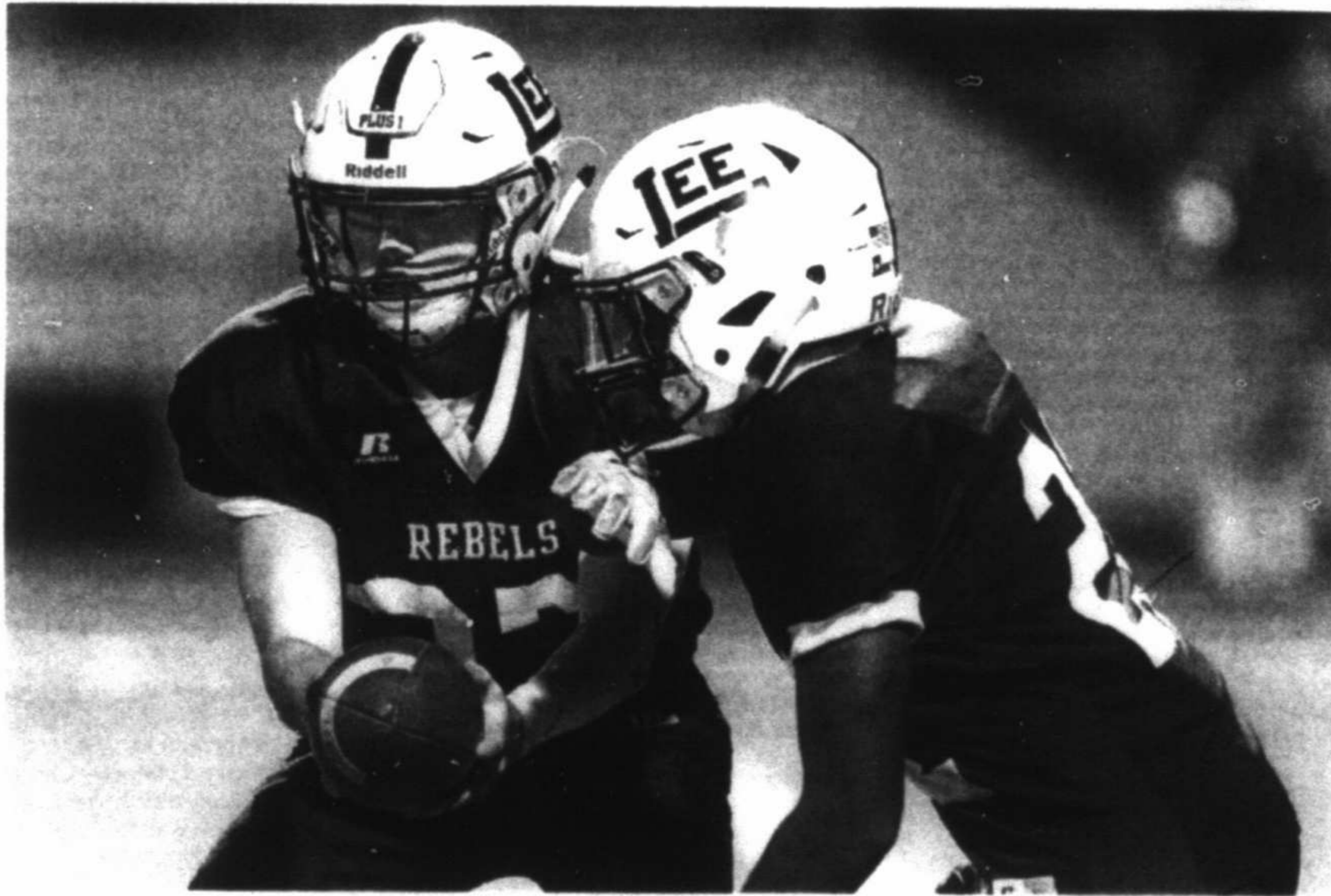


Midland High's Suddin Sapien (7) throws against San Angelo Central on Nov. 3 at Grande Communications Stadium.

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Home cooking



Lee's Colby Standard hands off to Josh Traylor (22) during the homecoming game against Odessa High on Oct. 20 at Grande Communications Stadium.

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REBEL REPORT

Rebels excited to host playoff game against Lamar

By Will Korn
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Lee playoff football is coming to Grande Communications Stadium.

Following a convincing 63-0 Class 6A bi-district rout of El Paso El Dorado last Friday in El Paso, the Rebels — after winning a home-and-home coin flip — were rewarded with a rare opportunity: A playoff game on their home field.

Division I No. 2 seed Lee (9-2) played likely its strongest all-around game of the season against the Aztecs (7-4) and is now set to face Arlington Lamar (6-5) in the area round at 2 p.m. Saturday at

Thanksgiving notice

In order for our employees to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, deadlines were pushed up and several of Wednesday night's events did not get in today's paper.

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The winner will advance to the regional quarterfinal and face the winner of Eules Trinity-Duncanville.

The Rebels undoubtedly benefited from a knee injury to Aztecs' star quarterback Cedarius Barfield — a San Diego State commit — on the game's first play. But

still, Lee struck early and often and advanced convincingly as they totaled 541 yards of offense, held El Dorado to 232 yards and also forced five Aztecs turnovers, headlined by two interception returns for touchdowns.

Rebels head coach Clint Hartman said the reality of his team practicing during Thanksgiving week and competing on its home field is thrilling for everyone involved with Team 57.

"For us to have a chance to play at Grande Communications Stadium again — when you play your last senior game

Please see LEE/3C

Thanksgiving debut for Rivers also big for Chargers, Cowboys

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Philip Rivers looks forward to his Thanksgiving debut in his 14th season.

The six-time Pro Bowl quarterback is also pretty fired up about how important today's visit to the Dallas Cowboys is for his Los Angeles Chargers.

"Outside of playoff games, I don't know that there's any bigger stage and game than Thanksgiving," Rivers said. "It's certainly a big-time game, more so because of what's riding on it for our team. Throw in the fact that it's Thanksgiving, even better."

Los Angeles (4-6) started 0-4 while AFC West rival Kansas City won its first five. Now the Chargers are within two games of the division-leading Chiefs after scoring their most points since 1981 in a 54-24 win over Buffalo.

The Cowboys (5-5) have lost both games without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott, with still four games remaining on the six-game ban over alleged domestic violence. The defending NFC East champs are already all but eliminated in the division race, facing a tough road to a wild-card spot.

"It's going to show the character of our team," said quarterback Dak Prescott, who has struggled without the backfield mate from their remarkable rookie season.

"We've got the choice to go 11-5 right now or 5-11 or anything in between. It's about us coming in and coming to work every day to show the character and fight we have to be 11-5."

Tyron Smith appears set to return for Dallas after the four-time Pro Bowl left tackle missed two games with back and groin issues. Prescott was sacked a career-high eight times in the

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) throws against the Philadelphia Eagles during an NFL game on Sunday in Arlington.

Ron Jenkins/Associated Press

Texas A&M: Dismissal is imminent for A&M's Sumlin

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin will be fired following the Aggies' regular-season finale at LSU on Saturday night, multiple people with knowledge of the situation said.

Sumlin is expected to be dismissed in the day or days following the A&M game

against the Tigers. The Aggies are a double-digit underdog to the Tigers, and an A&M victory wouldn't save his job at this point, the sources said.

At his weekly news conference on Tuesday, a resolute Sumlin



Sumlin

said he expects to be Texas A&M's coach next season. "Why wouldn't I?" he said in response to a question from the Chronicle about his future.

Told that the Chronicle had learned he wouldn't be back next season, Sumlin responded, "I haven't heard that."

The Aggies have been good but not great under the sixth-year coach, failing to reach double-digit victories

in the last five seasons after finishing 11-2 in Sumlin's first season and Texas A&M's first year in the Southeastern Conference in 2012.

Even that season Texas A&M finished third in the SEC West behind Alabama and LSU, and the Aggies haven't come close to competing for a division title since. Sumlin has two

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College Football
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Men's College Basketball
Missouri vs. Long Beach State, 10:30 a.m., ESPN2
Baylor vs. Texas Tech, 11:30 a.m., ESPN
St. John's vs. Oregon State, 1 p.m., ESPN
North Carolina vs. Portland, 1:30 p.m., ESPN
Baylor vs. Texas Tech, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Virginia vs. Vanderbilt, 3 p.m., ESPN
Harvard vs. St. Mary's, 3 p.m., ESPN
Duke vs. Portland State, 3:30 p.m., ESPN
Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, 4 p.m., ESPN2
Xavier vs. George Washington, 4 p.m., FS1
Seton Hall vs. Rhode Island, 5 p.m., ESPN
Butler vs. Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Kansas State vs. Arizona State, 6:30 p.m., FS1
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Georgia vs. Cal State Fullerton, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Michigan State vs. DePaul, 10:30 p.m., ESPN
Ohio State vs. Gonzaga, 11 p.m., ESPN2
Sacramento State vs. San Diego State, 12 a.m., ESPN
National Football League
Minnesota at Detroit, 11:30 a.m., FOX, FXDEP
LA Chargers at Dallas, 3:30 p.m., CBS
NY Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m., NBC, NBCU
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WTA: Hawaii Open, 2 p.m., TENNIS
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National Football League
LA Chargers at Dallas, 3:30 p.m., KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended former Atlanta Braves general manager John Coppola for life for concealing intentional signing rules from 2015-17 and former special assistant Gordon Blanton for one year. Voided the contracts of INF Kevin Miller, C Andrew Guzman, SS Yancy Swarner, RHP Juan Carlos Nolasco, SS Luis Valbuena, OF Juan Carlos Nolasco, SS Luis Valbuena and RHP Guillermo Cruz. Approved OF Antonio Sosa, OF Brandon Moseley and SS Angel Pagan on free agency. Rejected the contract with SS J-Henry Baez. Forfeited by the contract with Jose Bautista on a suspended list. Suspended free agent LHP Kevin Youkilis 150 games. Toronto RHP Juan Jimenez and LHP Hazel Pineda (SIL Blue Jays) 75 games. Toronto RHP Jai Cooper (SIL Blue Jays) 60 games and Kansas City RHP Shawon Dunston (SIL) 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Promoted Alex Zornoff to director of baseball operations. Hired Scott Gonzalez as assistant general manager of international operations.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Hired Josh Pate as bench coach.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — Hired Jim Hickey as pitching coach. Hired Braden Brantley as Jim Hickey's special assistant to baseball operations. Promoted first base coach Braden Brantley to bench coach.
FOOTBALL
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed SS Brett Baker.
HOCKEY
NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Signed OF Mike Meadows to a contract extension. Signed OF Nick Carr and RW Michael Orosz.
CHAMPLAIN ICEBERGERS — Signed RW Kerry Term to a contract extension.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS — Hired Dan Scavone as vice president of public relations.

MLS PLAYOFF GLANCE

Eastern Conference		Final leg	
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Toronto 0, Columbus 0	Second leg	Tuesday, Nov. 21
Wednesday, Nov. 22	Columbus 0, Toronto 0	Final leg	Thursday, Nov. 23
7:30 p.m.			10:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	GP	W	L	Pts
Tampa Bay	20	15	3	33
Toronto	22	14	6	28
Detroit	21	10	8	23
Ottawa	19	8	5	22
Boston	19	7	7	21
Montreal	22	8	12	20
Florida	20	7	11	19
Buffalo	21	5	12	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	GP	W	L	Pts
New Jersey	20	12	5	27
Columbus	21	13	7	27
Pittsburgh	22	11	8	25
N.Y. Islanders	20	11	7	24
Washington	22	11	10	23
Carolina	19	8	6	22
N.Y. Rangers	21	10	9	22
Philadelphia	21	8	8	20

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	5	.688	—
Toronto	11	5	.688	—
New York	9	7	.563	2 1/2
Philadelphia	9	7	.563	2 1/2
Brooklyn	6	10	.375	5 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	7	.588	—
Orlando	8	9	.471	2
Charlotte	7	9	.438	2 1/2
Atlanta	7	9	.438	2 1/2
Indiana	3	14	.178	7 1/2

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FAVORITE	OPEN	COLLEGE FOOTBALL	OU	UNDERDOG
TCU	22%	TCU	52%	Baylor
HOUSTON	5%	TCU	54%	Navy
TCU	24	TCU	48	Texas State
TEXAS	11	TCU	55	Texas Tech

Texas Tech baseball will return to Midland in April

From staff reports
Texas Tech baseball coach Tim Tadlock announced the team's 2018 schedule on Wednesday and it includes another trip to Midland. The Red Raiders will play New Mexico State University at Security Bank Ballpark on April 3. First pitch is at 7 p.m.
That game will be one of three against the Aggies as the teams will also play in Lubbock on Feb. 20 and in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 27.
The 56-game schedule includes 31 contests against 2017 NCAA Tournament teams, including three NCAA Regional hosts, three Super Regional teams, two national seeds and two College World Series teams.
The Red Raiders will play all three Super Regional squads on the road, beginning with Kentucky (March 9-11), followed by College World Series teams Louisville (March 13-14) and TCU (April 27-29). Texas Tech, coming off its second-

Jordan Spieth sets the bar high at the Australian Open

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press
Jordan Spieth has another tough act to follow at the Australian Open.
Spieth won the tournament in 2014 in his first appearance Down Under when it was played at The Australian Golf Club in Sydney. He won it again in 2016 in a playoff at Royal Sydney, a year after finishing tied for second with Adam Scott and a shot behind winner Matt Jones at The Australian.
Beginning Thursday at The Australian, Spieth will attempt to make it three Australian Open titles in four appearances. Jason Day, playing back home in Australia for the first time in four years, is his major opponent.
Spieth won the Masters and U.S. Open in 2015 and Day won the PGA Championship. Both players were also within one shot of a three-man playoff in the British Open that year.
They are playing together in Australia for the first time.
"The 2015 season was a lot of fun," Spieth recalled Wednesday. "The last three majors of the year, we both had a chance to win on championship Sunday. That's rare to have a few times in a row, especially two people to have the chance."

Olympic gymnastics ex-doctor pleads guilty to sex charges

By David Eggert
Associated Press
LANSING, Mich. — A former doctor accused of molesting girls while working for USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University pleaded guilty Wednesday to multiple charges of sexual assault and will face at least 25 years in prison.
Larry Nassar, 54, admitted to abusing seven girls, mostly under the guise of treatment at his Lansing-area home and a campus clinic. All but one of his accusers was a gymnast. He faces similar charges in a neighboring county and lawsuits filed by more than 125 women and girls. Nassar lost his license to practice medicine in April.
Olympic gymnasts Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney and Gabby Douglas are among the women who have publicly said they were among Nassar's victims. Some of his accusers attended the hearing Wednesday in a packed Ingham County courtroom. Some were crying.
"For all those involved... I'm so horribly sorry that this was like a match that turned into a forest fire out of control," Nassar said. "I pray the rosary every day for forgiveness. I want them to heal. I want the community to heal."
Nassar admitted to digitally penetrating the victims and agreed that his conduct had no legitimate medical purpose and that he did not have the girls' consent.

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years left on a contract that pays \$5 million annually, and the two sides are expected to negotiate a buyout in the range of \$10 million.
The Aggies (7-4, 4-3 SEC) have finished 8-5 in each of the last three seasons and would need an upset of LSU and a bowl victory to better that mark by a game this season. LSU has won all five of the teams' prior meetings as SEC opponents, a tidbit particularly irking to A&M's fan base, as the Aggies have tried establishing the Tigers as division rivals.
Asked if he would have been thought of differently at A&M had he won a few of those games against LSU, Sumlin replied, "It would probably be different if I won a couple of games against other people, too."
Attendance down
A&M invested about a half-billion dollars in rebuilding Kyle Field and expanding its capacity to more than 102,000 a few years ago, and attendance was down this season as A&M lost at home to division foes Alabama, Mississippi State and Auburn. A&M chancellor John Sharp, an unyielding force behind the Kyle Field rebuild, has been adamant about producing a program that will compete with Alabama and others for SEC titles.
The Aggies' top target is Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher, according to people with knowledge of the school's plans. Fisher won a national title following the 2013 season

COWBOYS

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bigger part of the game plan. He caught a season-high five passes against Buffalo, playing 41 snaps and finally getting into a rhythm on the field. The Clemson product could get an even larger role going forward as defenses focus on Keenan Allen after his 12-catch performance against the Bills.
MORE REINFORCEMENTS: In addition to the likely return of Smith, it appears kicker Dan Bailey will be back after injuring his right groin against San Francisco and missing four games. Mike Nugent was signed to replace him and apparently will remain on the roster at least one more week. Linebacker Anthony Hitchens injured his groin against the Eagles, but has said he thinks he'll play. Hitchens usually fills Lee's weakside spot when Lee is out.
WHAT A RUSH: The Chargers are third in the NFL with 30 sacks after harassing Buffalo quarterbacks Nathan Peterman and Tyrod Taylor. LA's dynamic rushing duo of Joey Bosa and Melvin Ingram is responsible for 19 of those sacks. Bosa is on a particular roll lately, with his pressure causing two of Peterman's interceptions and Taylor's fumble, which was returned for a touchdown by Ingram.
TIGHT END ROYALTY: Once again, Chargers-Cowboys will mean an Antonio Gates-Jason Witten showdown at tight end. They came in together in 2003 and have played all 15 seasons with the same franchise. Between them, Gates and Witten have 2,045 catches for 23,612 yards and 178 touchdowns. Gates' only TD this season set the NFL record for tight ends at 112. Witten and Tony Gonzalez are the only tight ends with at least 1,000 catches and 10,000 yards. "They are two of the all-time greats," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said.
FUNNY MAN: Assuming Bosa faces Smith, he'll do so with a healthy amount of respect for the 6-foot-5, 320-pound former Southern Cal standout. "First of all, you just look at the man — he's like a cartoon character, a freakin' test tube baby. It's unbelievable the size of him." Bosa won't get to see Elliott, his old roommate at Ohio State. Elliott was taken fourth in the 2016 draft, one spot after Bosa. "We were both terrible room-

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

Week 13
Nov. 23-Nov. 27



Chris Hadorn
Last Week: 17-3
Season: 190-50
Percent: 791



Oscar LaRoy
Last Week: 16-4
Season: 187-53
Percent: 779



Evan Winston
Last Week: 18-2
Season: 187-53
Percent: 779



Will Korn
Last Week: 17-3
Season: 173-67
Percent: 720

High school

Arlington Lamar at Lee
Odeesa Permian at Arlington Martin
Midland Christian vs Cedar Hill Trinity Christian
San Angelo Central at Mansfield
Andrews vs Decatur
Seminole vs Iowa Park
Graham vs Monahans
McCarney vs Panhandle
Iran vs Muenster
Wink vs Munday
Rankin vs Garden City

College

Texas Tech at Texas
Baylor at TCU
Texas A&M at LSU
West Virginia at Oklahoma
Navy at Houston
Ohio State at Michigan

NFL

L.A. Chargers at Dallas
Houston at Baltimore
Minnesota at Detroit

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MHS

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MHS will lose four graduating seniors - left tackle Omar Villanueva, left guard Juan Vasquez, right guard Fidel Lopez, right tackle Brandon Nanez - from an offensive line unit that Anuszkiewicz commonly referred to as the best position group on the team.

On the flip side, the Bulldogs have their three top rushers coming back with quarterback Suddin Sapien (641 yards, 9 TDs), running back Timothy Gates (900 yards, 9 TDs) and running back DQ Harris (603 yards, 2 TDs).

The three juniors accounted for 92 percent of MHS' total rush output in 2017.

"That offensive line, those will be hard guys to replace," Anuszkiewicz said. "They've been a big part of this and I think they were the strength of our football team this year. Josh Ramos, the junior, was at the center spot all season. We'll build an offensive line around him. We had some young guys that practiced up with us, that I thought got some really good experience and got a little bit of playing time. That will be a tough area to fill, but that's what we kind of expect every year."

On defense, linemen Stetson Abney, Logan Simmons and Collin McCullough, linebackers Ross Marker and Angel Nabarrete and safeties Aiden Brown, Tony Zarate and Simon Glenn will be the key senior departures.

But overall, Anuszkiewicz thinks the defense will have plenty of experience with the return of defensive tackle Isaiah Hernandez, linebacker Smith Essman (134 tackles), cornerbacks Josh Acrey, Braedon Horne and Jordan Ortega, playmak-

ing safety Sean Porter and defensive ends Ethan Ruiz and Kaden Kirkland.

"We have a good nucleus of kids coming back," Anuszkiewicz said. "They've got some playing time. We had a lot of kids on defense this year. We'll have more returning starters next season than we did this season coming back. I think that's probably a positive for us."

Anuszkiewicz says the expectation for his team is to win a district title and working toward that goal begins with the offseason program.

"Our goal, number one, is to be district champion, so we can gain an advantage by getting home field advantage and bringing playoff football games back to Midland," Anuszkiewicz said. "That's going to be our focus from the very beginning is what we do have to do to be the district champion? And we'll explain to that to our kids starting Monday when they come back and start the process of working. There's not going to be many days off. We get Thanksgiving break and Christmas break. Our kids will take most of Christmas break off. But the rest of the time, we're going to work really hard to get to that point where we go through spring ball and commit to making a push next year to be the district champion."

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2017 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS

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LEE MVPs



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Colby Standard, Sr., QB



Lopez
Nathan Lopez, Sr., LB



Thompson
John Thompson, Jr., K

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there and you walk through that tunnel, there are no guarantees (you'll play there again) - to get those kids to play in the maroon uniforms one more time, it's going to be exciting for us," Hartman said. "I think it's going to be exciting for our community. I think it's a culmination on Thanksgiving. I think a lot of people come into town to see family and we want them to stay. We'd like to have a lot of maroon and white in that stadium and make it a very hostile environment."

"We're hoping that the Lee Rebel community comes out and supports us. We're going to send out our practice script about Thanksgiving practice and we want to have as many Thanksgiving practices as we can have. Those are neat memories these guys are making."

Hartman added that his players had quite an enjoyable bus ride back to the Tall City after Friday's emotional win. And, right in line with the focused mental approach they have taken all season long, the Rebels were ready and eager to get back to work Monday in preparation for the Vikings.

"They were giddy (Monday)," Hartman said. "We started practice at 8 a.m. and all of them were here at 7:30. That hasn't happened (this year). There was a lot of smiling and now we have to re-focus. We had a really good Monday (at practice)."

Considering that not a single player on Lee's roster had even a minute of varsity playoff experience coming into this postseason, the win against El Dorado was seemed all the more impressive.

The coaching staff was particularly impressed with the players' composure and relentless play in all

three phases of the game for 48 minutes. Hartman said he was also grateful for a sizable traveling contingent of Lee supporters in the stands at Socorro ISD Athletics Complex.

"The big thing we told them was 'Don't get into the moment, get into the process of that play,'" Hartman said. It was good to see us peaking at the right time. Defense, special teams, offense all did well and when you get that going, you've got a chance to be pretty successful."

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Friday was the 74th playoff game in Lee program history and it was just the third time the Rebels have shut out a playoff opponent. Lee blanked San Antonio MacArthur, 54-0 in the 1998 Class 5A state championship game and also defeated El Paso Franklin, 25-0 in the area round of the 2001 playoffs.

With senior running back Avery Akbar's 74 yards on eight carries Friday, the Rebels now have three rushers with 1,000 yards or more on the season. Junior back Josh Taylor (1,306, 18 touchdowns) still leads the group, followed by Standard (1,170, 12 TDs) and Akbar (1,062, 15 TDs).

A number of Lee's defensive players left their mark on Friday's contest. But chief among them was junior defensive back Logan Acosta, who intercepted a Barfield pass on the first play of the night to set up the game-winning touchdown.

Then, late in the second quarter, Acosta blocked a 31-yard field goal attempt by El Dorado's Ruben Melendez to help preserve the shutout. It was Acosta's third blocked field goal of the season.

Senior defensive back Elijah Prince and senior safety Trey Jacobo dazzled with their interception returns for touchdowns. Jacobo returned his pick for 30 yards to give the Rebels a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter. Prince's third interception of the season and his 35-yard return gave Lee a 49-0 lead in the third.

The Rebels will be practicing from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Table listing Class 6A Division I and II playoff pairings for various schools.

Table listing Class 5A Division I, II, III, and IV playoff pairings for various schools.

NFL GLANCE

Table showing NFL conference standings: American Conference, National Conference, and West.

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Even 2 decades later, the 1997 Apple Cup still resonates

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The booming baritone voice came across the public address system at Husky Stadium, reverberating off the cantilevered roofs covering the north and south stands.

Lou Gellerman, the voice of Washington football, had a message to share. Words those clad in purple and gold never thought would be uttered inside their home stadium.

"From the athletic department at the University of Washington: Washington State, good luck at the Rose Bowl."

"It still burns, trust me," Cam Cleeland, 20 years removed from being a Washington tight end, told The Associated Press recently. "Then to see roses being passed out on your home field to your rival and knowing that you're never going to get a chance to step foot in Pasadena, that's like a shot to the gut."

Twenty years ago, a senior-laden team from Washington State erased 67 years of heartache with one magical season that ended in the school's first Rose Bowl berth since before World War II. The clincher came on a dreary November day in Seattle that concluded with Cougars fans storming the Husky Stadium turf, carrying quarterback Ryan Leaf off the field and celebrating a 41-35 Apple Cup victory.

While the landscape of college football has evolved, the stakes two decades later are similar. It's not the Rose Bowl on the line, but a win by No. 14 Washington State on Saturday would put the Cougars in the Pac-12 championship game as North Division champions. The 15th-ranked Huskies are playing the role of spoiler, just as they tried to do two decades ago.

Ask a Husky, and the memories of seeing crimson-clad Cougars fans and players storming the field holding roses and climbing the goal posts rank among the most painful moments in school history.

"If I had to sit down and really write a book or a significant chapter of any game that I've played, I think I remember more details about that singular game than any game I ever played in high school, college or pro," said Brock Huard, Washington's quarterback that day.

Ask a Cougar, and there has been no greater victory in Washington State history.

"I had sat there and listened to 'Poor Cougars, can't beat the Huskies' for many years as a student-athlete, as an assistant coach and a head coach," former Washington State coach Mike Price said. "I didn't win too many there in ol' Husky Stadium, so when we were able to win that game it was tremendous, especially with the Rose Bowl riding on it. It was just fabulous."

The divide between Washington and Washington State is stark. Urban, white-collar Washington. Rural, blue-collar

Washington State.

The 1997 season amplified all those differences. Washington began the season ranked No. 4 in the country; Washington State was unranked. Huard was being touted as a possible Heisman Trophy candidate; Leaf was an afterthought.

But on that November day, Leaf was the one carried off the field on his way to being a Heisman finalist. Huard was the one answering questions about throwing five interceptions.

"He was the opposite of me in every way," Huard said. "He was braggadocious. He was bombastic. He was having raging success. Everything that could go right in his season went right. He was bigger than life. And I just wanted to pop that balloon and beat that guy in every single way."

Of all the colorful figures on the field that day, none topped Leaf. He threw for 358 yards and two touchdowns in the game. He was carried off the field by the sea of crimson; their carefree, cavalier hero who led them to Pasadena. To that point it was just the third time in the history of the rivalry that Washington State had a Rose Bowl bid on the line entering the game, and the first time the Cougars came out ahead.

"We felt like, as a team, the weight of the tradition or the weight of what was at stake," Washington State offensive lineman Jason McEndoo said. "We sensed that and felt that and obviously wanted to bring that home."

Leaf wasn't the only big personality on that Washington State team. The defense featured Leon Bender, Dorian Boose and a young Steve Gleason. Offensively, its wide receivers group was their incarnation of the Fab Five. And it was one of those five, Chris Jackson, who drew the ire of Price during the week leading up to the game for public comments about the Huskies.

"I was so mad at him I think my hand still hurts from slamming my fist on my desk," Price said. For his part, Jackson backed up what he said. He had eight catches for 185 yards and touchdowns of 57 and 51 yards. Most memorable was Jackson bulling through Washington safety Tony Parrish on his way to a 57-yard TD in the second quarter that gave the Cougars the lead for good.

"I just said we're going head-to-head and I put my head down and I won the end of that battle," Jackson recalled. "That 15, 20 yards, however long it was, might have been one of the best feelings because I heard the crowd. I heard them being silenced and I heard the Washington State fans and it was the purest celebration."

For the Huskies, the Apple Cup loss was the crushing conclusion to an underachieving season. Washington's senior class arrived at the school amid sanctions and bowl bans and the three-game losing streak to finish that season assured that group of never playing in the Rose Bowl.

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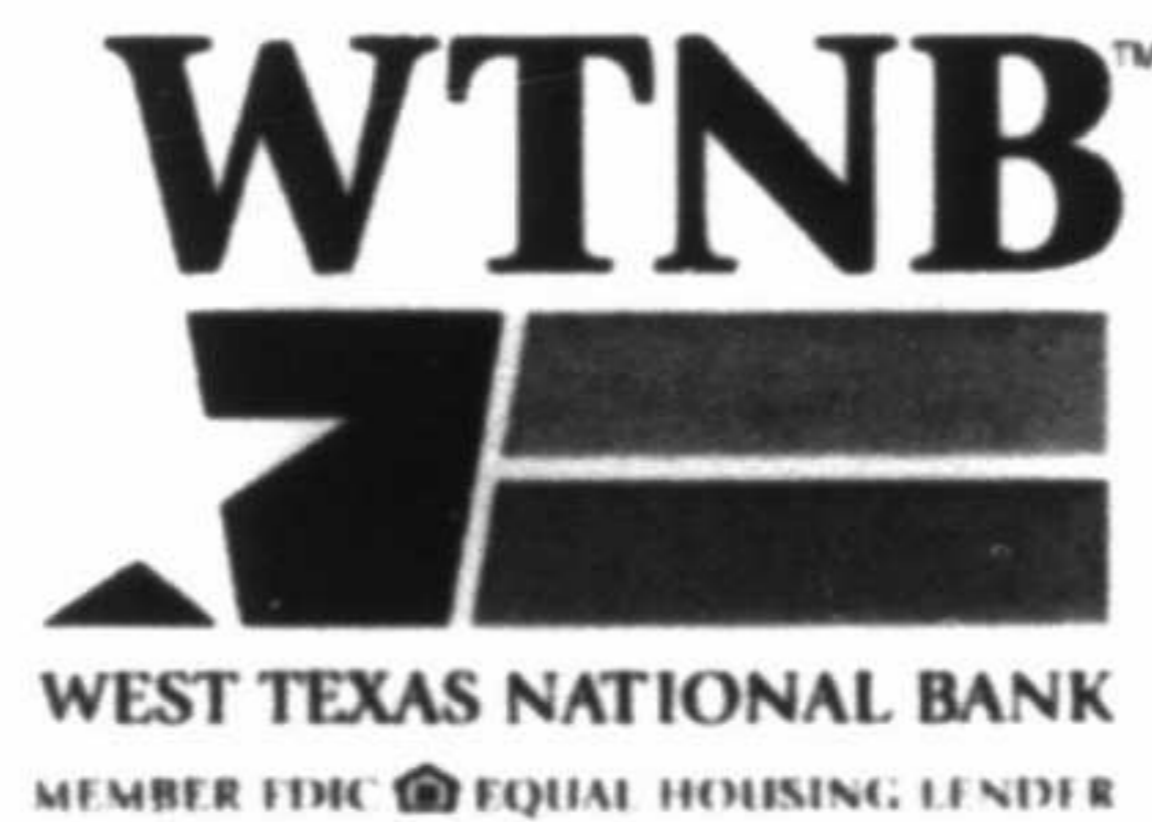
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What is net neutrality and why does it matter?

Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Net neutrality" regulations, designed to prevent internet service providers like Verizon, AT&T, Comcast and Charter from favoring some sites and apps over others, are on the chopping block. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai, a Republican, on Tuesday unveiled a plan to undo the Obama-era rules that have been in place since 2015.

Here's a look at what the developments mean for consumers and companies.

What is net neutrality?

Net neutrality is the principle that internet providers treat all web traffic equally, and it's pretty much how the internet has worked since its creation. But regulators, consumer advocates and internet companies were concerned about what broadband companies could do with their power as the pathway to the internet — blocking or slowing down apps that rival their own services, for example.

What did the government do about it?

The FCC in 2015 approved rules, on a party-line vote, that made sure cable and phone companies don't manipulate traffic. With them in place, a provider such as Comcast can't charge Netflix for a faster path to its customers, or block it or slow it down.

The net neutrality rules gave the FCC power to go after companies for business practices that weren't explicitly banned as well. For example, the Obama FCC said that "zero rating"

practices by AT&T violated net neutrality. The telecom giant exempted its own video app from cellphone data caps, which would save some consumers money, and said video rivals could pay for the same treatment. Pai's FCC spiked the effort to go after AT&T, even before it began rolling out a plan to undo the net neutrality rules entirely. A federal appeals court upheld the rules in 2016 after broadband providers sued.

What telecom want

Big telecom companies say they don't want the stricter regulation that comes with the net neutrality rules. They say the regulations can undermine investment in broadband and introduced uncertainty about what were acceptable business practices. There were concerns about potential price regulation, even though the FCC had said it won't set prices for consumer internet service.

What happens next

Pai distributed his alternative plan to other FCC commissioners Tuesday in preparation for a Dec. 14 vote. Although the FCC's two Democrats said they will oppose the proposal, the repeal is likely to prevail as Republicans dominate 3-2. The vote for net neutrality in 2015 was also along party lines, but Democrats dominated then. In the long run, net-neutrality advocates say undoing these rules makes it harder for the government to crack down on internet providers who act against consumer interests and will harm innovation. Those who criticize the rules say undoing them is good for investment in broadband networks.

Applications for unemployment benefits drop 13,000

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing applications for unemployment benefits fell for the first time in three weeks, pushing total applications down to a low of 239,000, further evidence of the strength of the labor market.

The Numbers: Applications dropped by 13,000 last week after rising by 13,000 the previous week, the Labor Department reported Wednesday. The four-week average, which smooths out volatility, rose by 1,250 to 239,750.

The number of people receiving benefits rose by 36,000 to 1.9 million, still near a 44-year low.

Key Drivers: Applications for unemployment benefits are a proxy for layoffs. The level of unemployment benefits has been

below 300,000 for more than two years, a stretch not equaled in more than four decades.

The government reports that claims processing continues to be disrupted in the Virgin Islands but the ability to take claims has improved in Puerto Rico. Both islands were devastated by hurricanes earlier this year.

The Takeaway: The weekly unemployment benefits report suggests that the economic recovery that began in mid-2009 is steaming ahead. Employers added 261,000 jobs in October as the unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent.

The economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at a 3 percent rate in the July-September quarter after a 3.1 percent pace in the second quarter. It marked the first back-to-back quarterly gains of 3 percent or better in three years.

As interest rates rise, banks are paying more for deposits

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Slowly, but surely, being a saver is paying off again.

For years after the recession, banks paid next to nothing on deposits — much to the detriment of savers everywhere. Now, banks have increased lending and need more deposits, so they're willing to pay higher interest rates.

The big publicly traded banks are paying roughly 0.40 percent on their deposits right now, which is up from 0.24 percent two years ago, according to an October report from Autonomous Research after the major banks reported their quarterly results. A one-year CD is now paying an average of 0.63 percent, which is up from 0.45 percent two years ago. That's according to depositaccounts.com, a website that tracks interest rates on savings accounts and CDs.

An interest rate of 0.40 percent or 0.63 percent may not sound like much, but analysts expect that banks will continue to increase payouts on deposits as competition ramps up.

"We have been waiting for this to happen for a while now," said Mark Hamrick, senior economy analyst at BankRate.com.

During the financial crisis, the Federal Reserve lowered its benchmark interest rate to near zero, and kept it that way until December 2015. While the Fed's move made the cost of borrowing substantially

cheaper nationwide, it had a secondary effect of cutting the interest rate banks were paying on deposits. In particular, seniors got hit hard since they tend to keep their money in low risk products like money markets, CDs and cash.

The Fed's main interest rate is now 1.25 percent, and is expected to be raised to 1.5 percent the Fed's December meeting. As the Fed raised rates, banks initially were happy to charge borrowers higher rates while keeping the amount of interest they were paying on savings accounts and CDs low.

Banks take on deposits in order to turn around and lend that money out. The goal for a bank is to make more money on the interest on its loans than the interest rate they are paying to fund those loans. The more demand there is for loans, which typically happens in a steadily growing economy, the more deposits a bank needs.

For years after the financial crisis, loan growth was tepid as banks throttled back on lending, the U.S. consumer deleveraged and businesses pulled back on borrowing as well. Bank executives said they had little need for deposits. In an interview with The Associated Press in early 2016, then-US Bank CEO Richard Davis said there was no reason to incentivize people to deposit money at the bank since there was nothing the bank could do with the money in the first place.

But nearly a decade after the crisis, loans of all types — with the excep-

tion of residential mortgages — are now at record-high levels. And the growing demand for loans requires banks to gather up deposits to fuel their lending business.

The online-only banks, which typically pay the most for deposits, are paying even more these days. Goldman Sachs' online savings account GS Bank pays an interest rate of 1.29 percent on its savings account, with no minimum deposit. For those able to lock up their savings for a longer period of time, GS Bank is paying 2.37 percent for a five-year CD, with a minimum \$500 deposit.

Goldman is partially using its new deposits to fund a new consumer lending product known as Marcus, which is causing Goldman to be more aggressive with its interest rates in order to fund those loans.

Ally Bank is paying 1.25 percent for deposits to its online savings account. So is American Express, through its Personal Savings account.

The largest of the banks are still being stingy, however, because their size means they don't need to compete as aggressively for deposits. JPMorgan Chase is paying only 0.04 percent on a standard savings account, Bank of America is paying 0.03 percent and Wells Fargo, apparently with zero need for deposits, is paying 0.01 percent on a basic savings account.

All three banks have CDs with slightly higher rates, but savers looking to maximize the interest they'll earn on parking their money should shop around.

Uber reveals cover-up of hack affecting 57M riders, drivers

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Uber is coming clean about its cover-up of a year-old hacking attack that stole personal information about more than 57 million of the beleaguered ride-hailing service's customers and drivers.

So far, there's no evidence that the data taken has been misused, according to a Tuesday blog post by Uber's recently hired CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi. Part of the reason nothing malicious has happened is because Uber acknowledges paying the hackers \$100,000 to destroy the stolen information.

The revelation marks the latest stain on Uber's reputation. It also brought an investigation from New York's attorney general and threats of larger-than-normal fines from British authorities for failing to promptly disclose the hack.

The San Francisco company ousted Travis Kalanick as CEO in June after an internal investigation concluded he had built a culture that allowed female workers to be sexually harassed and encouraged employees to push legal limits.

It's also the latest major breach involving a prominent company that didn't

notify the people that could be potentially harmed for months or even years after the break-in occurred.

Yahoo didn't make its first disclosure about hacks that hit 3 billion user accounts during 2013 and 2014 until September 2016. Credit reporting service Equifax waited several months before revealing this past September that hackers had carted off the Social Security numbers of 145 million Americans.

Khosrowshahi criticized Uber's handling of its data theft in his blog post.

"While I can't erase the past, I can commit on behalf of every Uber employee that we will learn from our mistakes," Khosrowshahi wrote. "We are changing the way we do business, putting integrity at the core of every decision we make and working hard to earn the trust of our customers."

That pledge shouldn't excuse Uber's previous regime for its egregious behavior, said Sam Curry, chief security officer for the computer security firm Cyberason.

"The truly scary thing here is that Uber paid a bribe, essentially a ransom to make this breach go away, and they acted as if they were above the law," Curry said. "Those people responsible for the integrity and confidentiality of

the data in fact covered it up."

The heist took the names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers of 57 million riders around the world. The thieves also nabbed the driver's license numbers of 600,000 Uber drivers in the U.S.

Uber waited until Tuesday to begin notifying the drivers with compromised driver's licenses, which can be particularly useful for perpetrating identity theft. For that reason, Uber will now pay for free credit-report monitoring and identity theft protection services for the affected drivers.

Kalanick, who still sits on Uber's board of directors, declined to comment on the data breach that took place in October 2016. Uber says the response to the hack was handled by its chief security officer, Joe Sullivan, a former federal prosecutor whom Kalanick lured away from Facebook in 2015.

As part of his effort to set things right, Khosrowshahi extracted Sullivan's resignation from Uber and also jettisoned Craig Clark, a lawyer who reported to Sullivan.

Clark didn't immediately respond to a request for comment sent through his LinkedIn profile. Efforts to reach Sullivan were unsuccessful.

On Wednesday, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office confirmed that it had opened an investigation into the data theft, but a spokeswoman wouldn't comment further. New York law requires that companies notify the attorney general and consumers if data is stolen.

In London, Britain's Deputy Information Commissioner James Dipple-Johnstone said Wednesday the company faces "higher fines" because it concealed the hack from the public.

The Information Commissioner's Office and the National Cyber Security Center are working to gauge the severity of the problem for British Uber users.

Uber's silence about its breach came while it was negotiating with the Federal Trade Commission about its handling of its riders' information.

Earlier in 2016, the company reached a settlement with the New York attorney general requiring it to take steps to be more vigilant about protecting the information that its app stores about its riders. As part of that settlement, Uber also paid a \$20,000 fine for waiting to notify five months about another data breach that it discovered in September 2014.

Edmunds compares Chrysler Pacifica and Honda Odyssey

By Brent Romans
Edmunds

There's a reason the cover of a popular driving video game features a Porsche 911 GT2 RS instead of a minivan. One has 700 horsepower and racing stripes. The other reminds you of changing diapers.

But when it finally comes time in your life to put down the game controller and face the reality of family-hauling duty, no vehicle is better suited than a minivan. Here's a look at two of the newest models the 2018 Chrysler Pacifica and 2018 Honda Odyssey to help you choose.

Utility

Sliding rear doors. It's why you buy a minivan instead of a crossover SUV. For easy loading of people and cargo (especially in a tight parking lot), sliding doors can't be beat. Both the Pacifica and the Odyssey have power-operated sliding doors as a standard feature on most of their trim levels.

Inside, the two minivans have different approaches to seat

design. The Pacifica champions its Stow 'n Go seats. Minivans typically have a third row that neatly folds flat into the floor. The Pacifica goes one step further with second-row seats that also fold into the floor. In just a few minutes, you can transform the Pacifica from a seven-passenger people mover into a two-seat cargo shuttle. If you want to do the same in the Odyssey, you'll have to manually remove the second-row seats entirely, which is a hassle.

Honda counters with its Magic Slide second-row seat design. In addition to the typical forward and backward adjustments, the seats can also be easily slid into the center of the van or pulled out toward the edges by more than a foot. Pushing a seat toward the center of the van quickly creates a usable step-through walkway to the third-row seat. And the sliding function works even if child safety seats are installed.

Driving

The Honda Odyssey has long been the most enjoyable minivan

to pilot, and it remains true with the redesigned 2018 model. From the driver's seat, the new Odyssey has an almost sedan-like feel that gives you confidence in its abilities should you need to make a sudden turn or lane change. The Pacifica isn't far behind, though, and is stable and secure when you're driving around turns.

Both vans have strong, standard V6 engines. In testing, we've found the Odyssey has a slight edge in acceleration. In real-world driving, however, both vans provide authoritative power when you need to quickly get up to speed on a highway or make a pass on a two-lane road.

At the pump, you can expect nearly identical fuel economy from these minivans. The EPA pegs them both at 22 mpg in combined driving. For maximum fuel economy, however, Chrysler has a surprising ace in the hole: the Pacifica Hybrid. It's the first plug-in hybrid minivan on the market.

Safety

When it comes to keeping you and your family safe, the Pacifica and Odyssey each earns top

scores from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

We do like how Honda makes the Odyssey's accident avoidance technology (such as a forward collision warning and mitigation system) standard equipment for all trim levels except the base LX. On the Pacifica, these features are typically optional. The Pacifica, however, does offer a special feature that can be used to set certain parameters, such as limiting top speed, for young drivers. There's no equivalent available on the Odyssey.

Features and technology

Both minivans are up-to-date with the latest features. The infotainment systems have big touchscreens and include Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration. Notably, the Pacifica and Odyssey are also the only two minivans to offer on-board vacuum cleaners. Each has a few distinctive features as well. The Pacifica offers a 360-degree camera system and an automated parking system, while the

Odyssey has a rear-seating monitoring camera and a special smartphone entertainment app the whole family can use.

Pricing

The 2018 Pacifica starts around \$27,000; the 2018 Odyssey, \$30,000. At the high end, fully loaded versions of these vans end up being around \$48,000. The sweet spot from a value and feature content perspective, though, are the midrange Pacifica Touring L and the Odyssey EX-L. These have MSRPs of about \$38,000.

Edmunds says


Choosing between the Chrysler Pacifica and Honda Odyssey largely comes down to your needs. Do you want a van that's equally great at being a family taxi or a cargo van? You'll probably prefer the Pacifica because of its Stow 'n Go second-row seating. Have a gaggle of little kids? The Odyssey, with its Magic Slide seating and interior camera feature, is likely the better choice.



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DEAR ABBY: My brother and his wife recently had their second child through induced labor. On the delivery day, my mother asked what she could do to help. My brother asked her to go to his home, which is an hour away, sweep and vacuum the house, change the sheets and do the laundry because they didn't have time. I feel it was extremely inappropriate. Picking up diapers and making sure the bassinets has clean sheets are acceptable requests; cleaning the house is not. My mother wasn't bothered by it, but I am appalled. Am I wrong? — **STUCK IN THE MIDDLE**

DEAR STUCK: You are entitled to your feelings. However, because your mother wasn't bothered by your brother's request, my advice is to stay out of it because it was none of your business. Please don't stir the pot more than you already may have because the person who will suffer for it is you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mom who raised three kids and now I help with the grandchildren. I had dogs all my life until my last one died of old age. I was enjoying life with no responsibilities and could walk out of my house without worry. My friend, who lives in an apartment, asked me to keep her cat, "Fluffy," while she was on vacation. I gladly helped her out and carefully took care of her cat. Now Fluffy loves being at my house and acts mean when she goes back to the apartment. The only answer was to keep Fluffy, but I don't want a cat! How do I get rid of a cat who loves being at my house? I'm miserable because I miss my carefree life after many years of caring for others. — **PET-FREE IN ALABAMA**

DEAR PET-FREE: You have done enough. If you can, figure out why Fluffy is happy with you so you can share that information with her owner as you return her. You deserve the carefree life you have earned.

DEAR ABBY: My son volunteers as a chaperone for his daughters' elementary school field trips. Each parent volunteer is assigned five or six children. Before they board the bus, my son gathers his group and tells them they are going to take a memory picture. He does it because if a child is ever lost, he wants a photo to immediately show any responding police officers. His exact words to me were, "Mom, in an emergency, I might not remember what a child was wearing, what her backpack looked like or how tall she is." He never tells the children the real reason for taking the picture. Afterward, he just emails it to any child who wants a souvenir of the trip. — **PROUD OF MY SON**

DEAR PROUD: Congratulations for having raised a smart son. My readers will let us know if his idea is original, but it's a good one, which is why I'm printing your letter. For anyone supervising a group of children, this could be a helpful suggestion.

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♥ 7 5 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ Q 8

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♠ 8 7 4
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A 4
♣ K J 10 7 4

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1: Pass INT Pass
3NT All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

Hard Luck Louie was bursting with confidence. The club's Saturday night duplicate was going extremely well for him. His trump suits were splitting normally for a change and even a finesse or two had worked.

Louie ducked the opening spade lead in dummy to East's king. East returned the jack of spades, suggesting that the suit was splitting 5-3. Louie won with dummy's ace and saw that he was going to need five tricks from one of the minors. The chance of a 3-3 split with the queen outside was equal in both suits, but Louie wisely decided to play on clubs rather than diamonds. The 10 of clubs meant that the queen doubleton outside would still give him five club tricks, but a queen doubleton of diamonds outside would not do him any good. Feeling like a great bridge analyst, Louie cashed the ace of clubs and led a club to his jack. West won this with the queen and cashed three more spade tricks for down one. "Here we go again," thought Louie.

Lucky Larry's partner had rebid only two no-trump, but Larry had enough to carry on to game. The defense started the same way and Larry had the same problem. Larry viewed the 10 of clubs differently and decided to combine his chances. He started by cashing the ace and king of clubs. When the queen fell, he had nine tricks. Had the queen not fallen, Larry would then have tried the diamond finesse. Well done!

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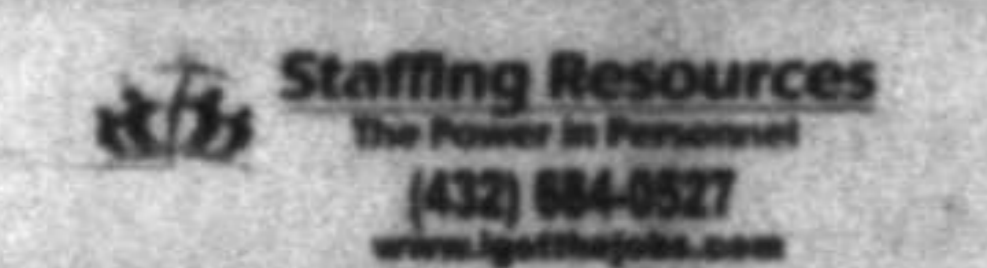
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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, Calverley Estate SWD Lease, Well Number 5D. The proposed disposal well is located 5.5 miles northwest of Garden City in the McDowell (San Andres) Field, in Glasscock County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3124' to 3940' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Kristy Engeldahl
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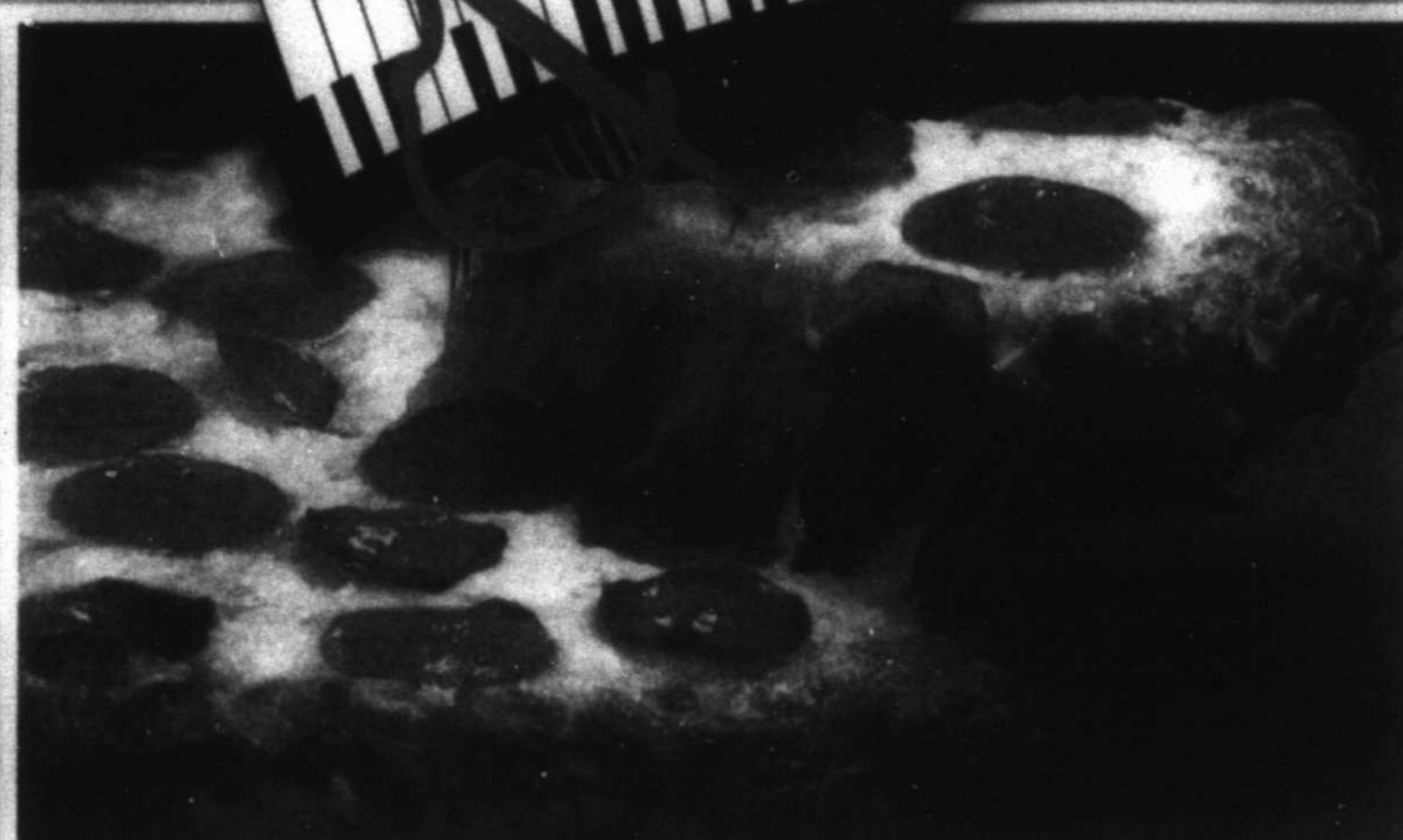
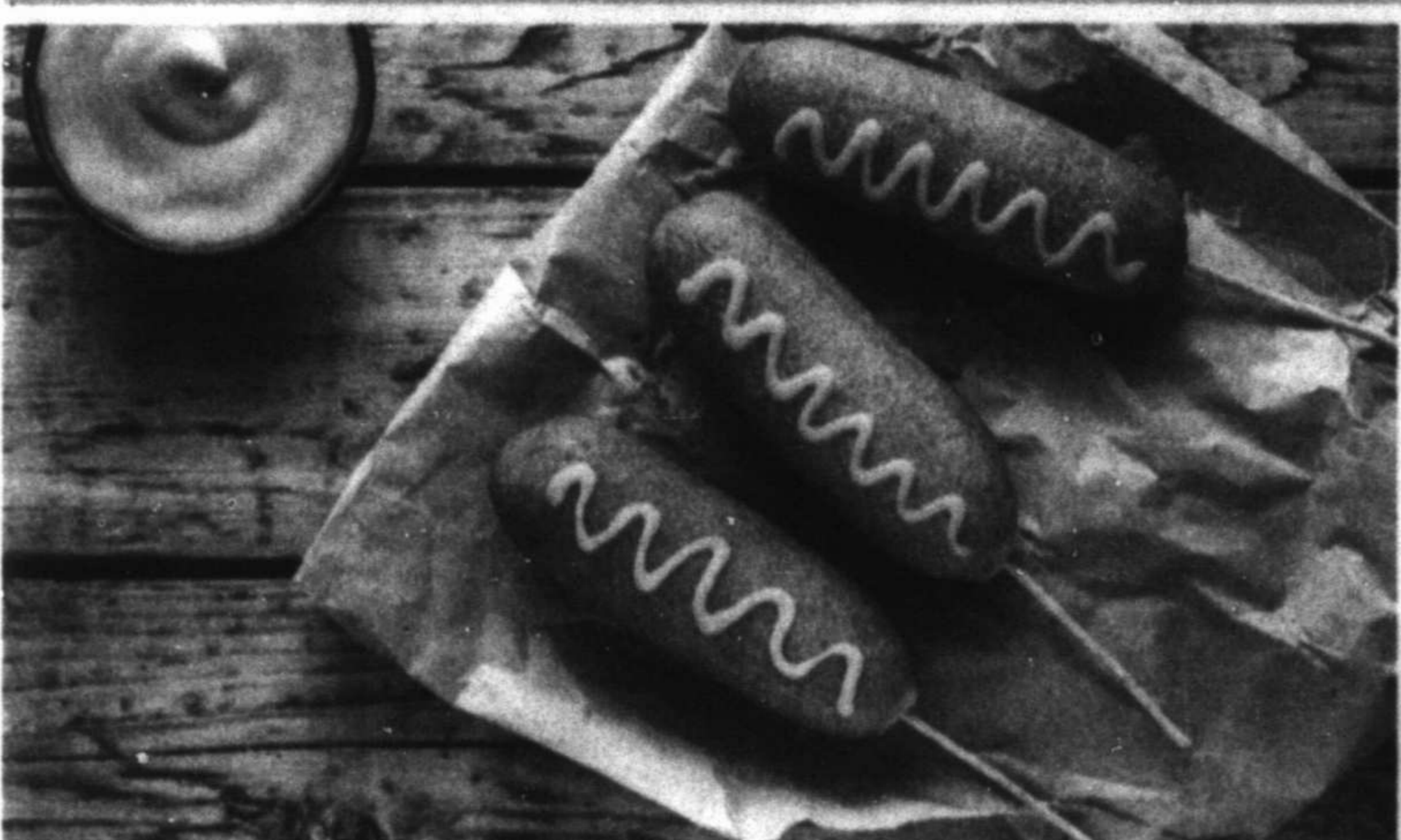
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Leon Lafette Fowler was born on the family farm on October 31, 1921 in Boswell, Oklahoma to Ray Victor and Lou Evie (Taylor) Fowler. They had a nice, big family. Seven children in all. Leon's siblings were Mary Elsen (Hickman), Edna Lucille (Kelsey), Eunice Ophe (Preston), Ruby Lou (Saville), William Cleburn and Avery Ray. Sissy, Avery, passed away at 2 years of age from "summer sickness". Leon's father owned his own farm near the Boggy River. He grew cotton, corn, oats, hay and a big garden for the family. His mother was a midwife. During the Great Depression, Ray lost his farm and they moved to Madill, Oklahoma. Leon was just a small boy, but vaguely remembers traveling there in a covered wagon. They rented a farm there for a few years and later moved to Caddo, Oklahoma. Leon was quite a scrapper back in school, earning him the nickname "Battlin' Fowler". His son, Dale, laughed and said, "It didn't matter how big they were, he'd take them on." Leon said, "I got whipped most of the time, but I didn't take any sass off anybody!"

Leon graduated from Caddo High School in 1939 and went to work with the National Youth Administration (NYA) as "go-fer" during the construction of a small community center. He was promoted to carpenter's helper and was eventually sent to Durant, Oklahoma to help build a larger community center. When the boss found out he was good at math, he was brought into the office to be the time-keeper. In 1940, he was transferred to Oklahoma State University to attend school on a program with NYA. Leon enrolled in studies to become a shop foreman. In 1941, they were desperate for help from sheet metal workers for aircraft construction. So, Leon left and went to work for Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego, California building B-32 bombers. He worked on the assembly line drilling rivet holes to fasten the cover plate on the control door for the tail section. While working there, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Leon went back to Oklahoma for a short time and when he came back to California, he came down with a severe case of the mumps. He lost his job for being absent for so long. When he was feeling better, he went to work as a "soda jerk" at Farmade Company.

In May 1942, when Leon was 21 years old, he received a draft notice from the US Army. He returned to Oklahoma for his induction, but decided that he didn't want to be a foot soldier and decided to enlist in the US Navy. He was inducted in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in August 1945. Leon was sent to San Diego, California for 4 weeks of boot camp. After boot camp, he was assigned to the USS South Dakota BB57, a battleship under the command of Captain Gatch. He had never even seen the ocean before and Leon couldn't swim! He was required to pass a swimming test during training, but failed. They sent him through anyway. He said, "When I was in there, they were needing people and needing 'em quick." He spent 41 months at sea and never learned how to swim. He still can't swim today. They went through some pretty severe storms, but he was never afraid. Leon said, "We just trusted in the Lord and went on." He was assigned to the 1st Division, which manned the #1 turret of 16" guns. He was a shell hoist operator, part of a 4-man crew that worked in the bottom of the ship on the shell deck, hoisting ammunition up to the gun turret.

The USS South Dakota BB57 fought gallantly in WWII in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and received 13 battle stars for their service in the following battles: Capture and Defense of Guadalcanal, Santa Cruz Islands, Guadalcanal (Third Savo), Gilbert Islands Operation, Marshall Islands Operation, Western New Guinea Operation (Hollandia), Asiatic-Pacific Raids, Marianas Operation, Leyte Support Operation, Luzon Support Operation, Iwo Jima Support Operation, Okinawa Gunto Operation, and Third Fleet Japan Operation. She was credited with shooting down 64 planes, sinking 3 ships, participated in 9 shore bombardments and steamed 246,970 miles. (Information from the official website for the USS South Dakota) Leon participated in 7 campaigns and 13 battles. During one of their fights, a 500lb. bomb landed on top of the #1 turret, where Leon was working. Luckily, the ship only suffered surface damage, but the loss of personnel was great. Thankfully, Leon was not injured, but twenty-four men were killed and twenty-seven more were injured. Their dead were buried at sea. Leon said, "But this did not kill the spirit of our fighting South Dakota crew!"

The crew of the USS South Dakota was among the fleet of American ships in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, when the Japanese officially surrendered, and the peace treaty was signed. The sailors on the USS South Dakota were disappointed that the treaty was not signed aboard their vessel after the record they had established during the war. After receiving orders to go home, they sailed for the States and anchored in San Francisco Bay. Leon caught a train to Norman, Oklahoma to be discharged. He was prohibited to Seaman 2nd Lieutenant during his service. He was officially discharged on December 18, 1945. After his time in the Navy, Leon never got on another boat again until 2015 when he rode on a boat in a lake with his family. Dale laughed and said, "He even rode a Ski-doo!"

The USS South Dakota was awarded the Navy Unit Citation, the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two silver stars and three bronze stars, World War II Victory Medal, National Service Lapel Pin, National Liberation Ribbon and the European Asiatic-Pacific Star. Leon was awarded the American Area

Service Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Area Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 silver stars and 3 bronze stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 bronze stars, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, Philippine Presidential Citation Ribbon, Navy Occupation Service Ribbon, and WWII Victory Ribbon.

While in the Navy, Leon earned a full ride to college with a GI Bill. He was the first one in his family to go to college. In February 1948, he enrolled at Oklahoma A&M. He graduated in May 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

In June 1948, Leon met "a very cute little lady" named Inez at church one night and it was love at first sight. He said, "I swept her off her feet! She had another boyfriend, so I had to move fast!" Then laughed and said, "She saw a good thing and she held on to it!" They only dated for a couple of months. Inez was a teacher in Garber, Oklahoma and had to go back there to teach in the fall. Leon had to stay in Stillwater for classes. So, every weekend, he would hitchhike 80 miles to see her! He said, "The trips were well worth the effort because I was very much in love!" Leon and Inez Roberts (Goble) were wed four short months after they met. They married on November 8, 1948 in Braman, Oklahoma. Leon had to hitchhike to Blackwell, Oklahoma to get their marriage license and ask the preacher to come marry them. After only a two-day honeymoon, it was back to life as usual with her teaching in Garber and him in school. They only saw each other on weekends. When the semester ended in December, Inez quit and came back to Leon for good. Leon said, "My life began at 25 when I married Inez. That was the greatest thing that ever happened to me!" They spent 69 amazing years together before her passing on May 14, 2015.

Leon and Inez had five children together. Their daughter, Alto Jo Williams and husband Richard, live in Casa Grande, Arizona. Their daughter, Norma Jean Sellers and husband Randy, live in Lubbock, Texas. Their daughter, Judy Ann Teruine and husband Bob, live in Lubbock, Texas. Their son, Ray Lee and wife Christy, live in Odessa, Texas. Their son, Dale Lynn and wife D'Nese, live in Midland, Texas. They have 15 grandchildren: Jannifer, Colette, Justin, Julia, Brandon, Lori, Jeanne, Kandi, Tiffany, RayAnn, Carmen, Jamey, Kyle, Brantly, and Nicholas. They also have 27 great grandchildren.

After graduating college, Leon started working for Texas Electric Service Company as a meter man on June 10, 1949 in Eastland, Texas. He moved up the ranks, and in 1958, he was transferred to Graham, Texas to build the distribution headquarters there and to oversee the crew. They lived there until the end of the year and then it was back to Eastland. In 1963, Leon was transferred to Odessa, Texas to supervise the entire engineering group. He was responsible for the advance-planning group and had to look ahead and plan for ten years growth. It was a challenging job, but one he mastered. He retired in 1987 after 37 years. Leon and Inez bought a home when they moved to Odessa and lived in the same house for 55 years.

When he was young, Leon was quite the marble player. He said, "We didn't play for money, but we played for marbles. We played for keeps!" Even at 96 years of age, he still has the marbles that he won during those games. Leon started playing golf at age 76. He played often enough to improve his game to the point that he actually shot his age. Over the years, Leon began keeping box turtles as pets. He had as many as 13 at one time. He loved answering all his grandkids' questions about them and had them eating out of his hand. Leon and Inez loved to travel. They spent time in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, South Carolina, California, and East Coast. They were also very active members of the Sherwood Church of Christ.

Military service runs deep in Leon's family. His brother, William, served in the US Army during WWII in Italy. His grandson, Jamey Fowler served in the US Army in Iraq. His grandson, Brantly Fowler served in the US Coast Guard. His grandson-in-law, David Dyess served in the US Marine Corps. His grandson-in-law, Mike Cochran, served in the US Marine Corps. His grandson-in-law, Bill Thomas, served in the US Navy. Leon's advice to anyone thinking about joining the service today is "Try to stay alive!"

Leon is very proud of his life, his service to his country and his family. He says, "I raised a good family, attended church and was an elder in the church." He wanted to preserve his history for future generations, so at age 79 he spent 2 years writing his autobiography. It is titled "The Life and Memories of Leon Lafette Fowler". Those turtles of his must've been pretty darn special to him because they railed three pages in his book! I was lucky enough to read a copy of it and I am proud to know this man and to have been able to walk down memory lane with him. He spent his life dedicated to one woman and did his best to be a good father, a good Christian and a good American. He possesses a very strong work ethic and did his best to engrain that in his children. The one thing Leon wanted to make sure his kids learned was honesty. He said, "If I caught one of 'em lying, they was in trouble!" His son, Dale, described his father as "a great example of a Christian man, father and husband". He said his Dad taught him to have a very strong work ethic. He said, "There was only one way to do it. Close enough is not good enough!" Lessons like this from a father to his son are a valuable commodity in today's world. One in short supply. On this day of thanks, take time to thank your own father for all his sacrifices and all of his lessons, for they are priceless gifts of love! Thank you for your service, Leon!

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Thanksgiving Poems

Students write poems about Thanksgiving.

On a crisp night,
Visitors stream through the door.
Patiently waiting for the grand finale...
Lots of anxious kids screaming, laughing...
Joy heats up the room,
And finally...

Mina,
5th grade

Leaves begin to wither
From their splendid year of growth.
Prancing fawns grow older.
Beginning to leave their mother's sides
For soon they will have fawns of their own.
Corn cobs husked to perfection on the grand feasting table.
Soon ants gather round for a feast of their own.
The turkey lying amongst the heaps of feast
Potatoes, olives, and steaming corn.
All there to feed the hungry town's people
Lined up at the door
To feel the wealth of love and concern.

Sophia,
5th grade

The Great Griffin Family
Thanksgiving is my favorite day of all,
I get to play games, eat with my family, and watch football.
While my brother and I play games,
My mom and dad use the fireplace for flames.
Everything about the Griffin Thanksgiving is great,
But my favorite part of all is to watch football!

Joshua,
4th grade

The air is chilly,
Our kitchen smells like crisp pumpkin pie
The doorbell starts ringing
Guests storming in like lightning
Children dance and sing to Thanksgiving tunes
Parents call and children burst into their Thanksgiving Feast.

Ally,
5th grade

Thanksgiving Day is almost here
It's not my favorite time of year
They try to eat me with a side of stuffing
I really wish they would just eat nothing
Try something different, something new
How would you feel if they tried to eat you?
Please consider what I have to say
So I can live to gobble another day.

Jessie,
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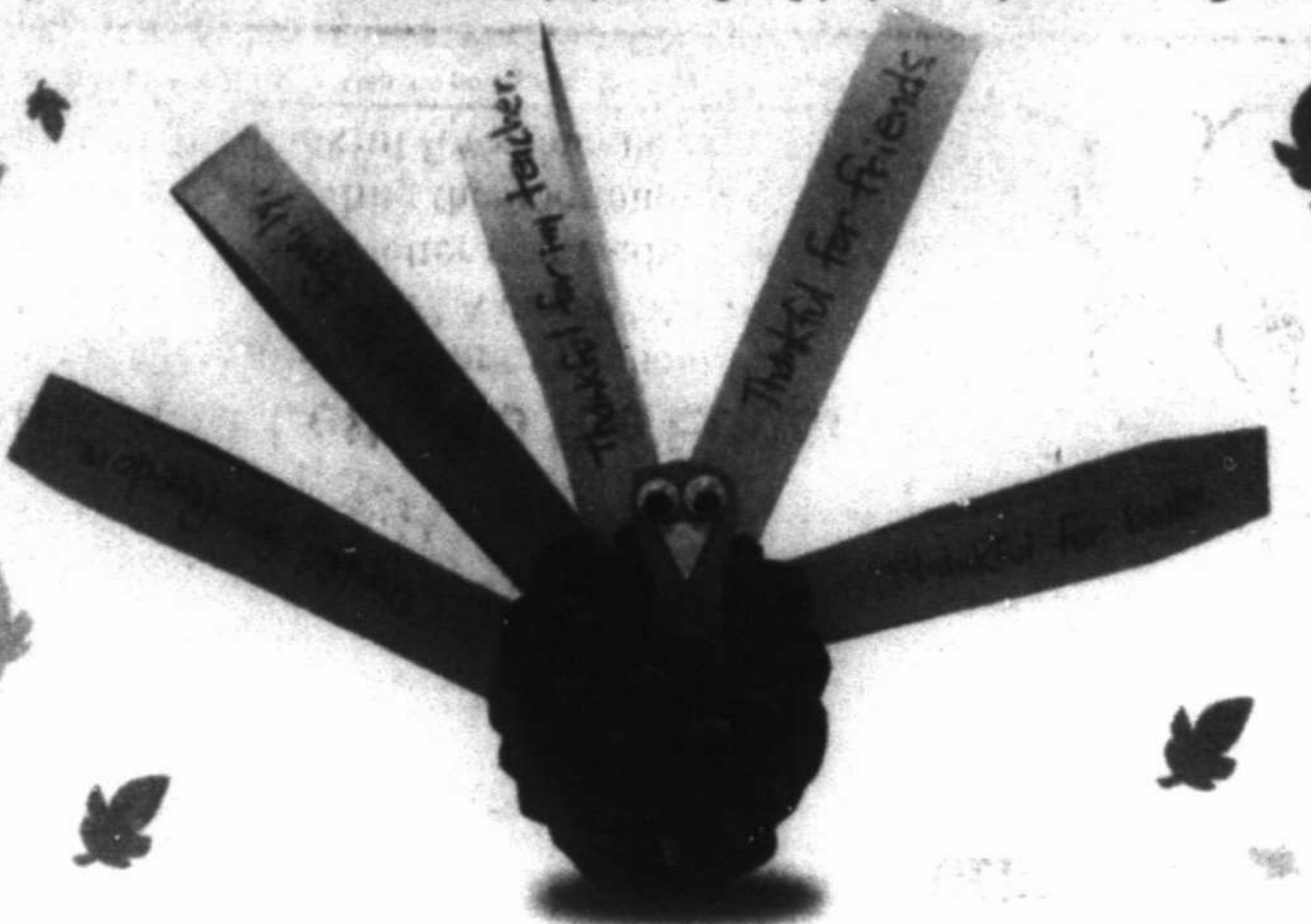
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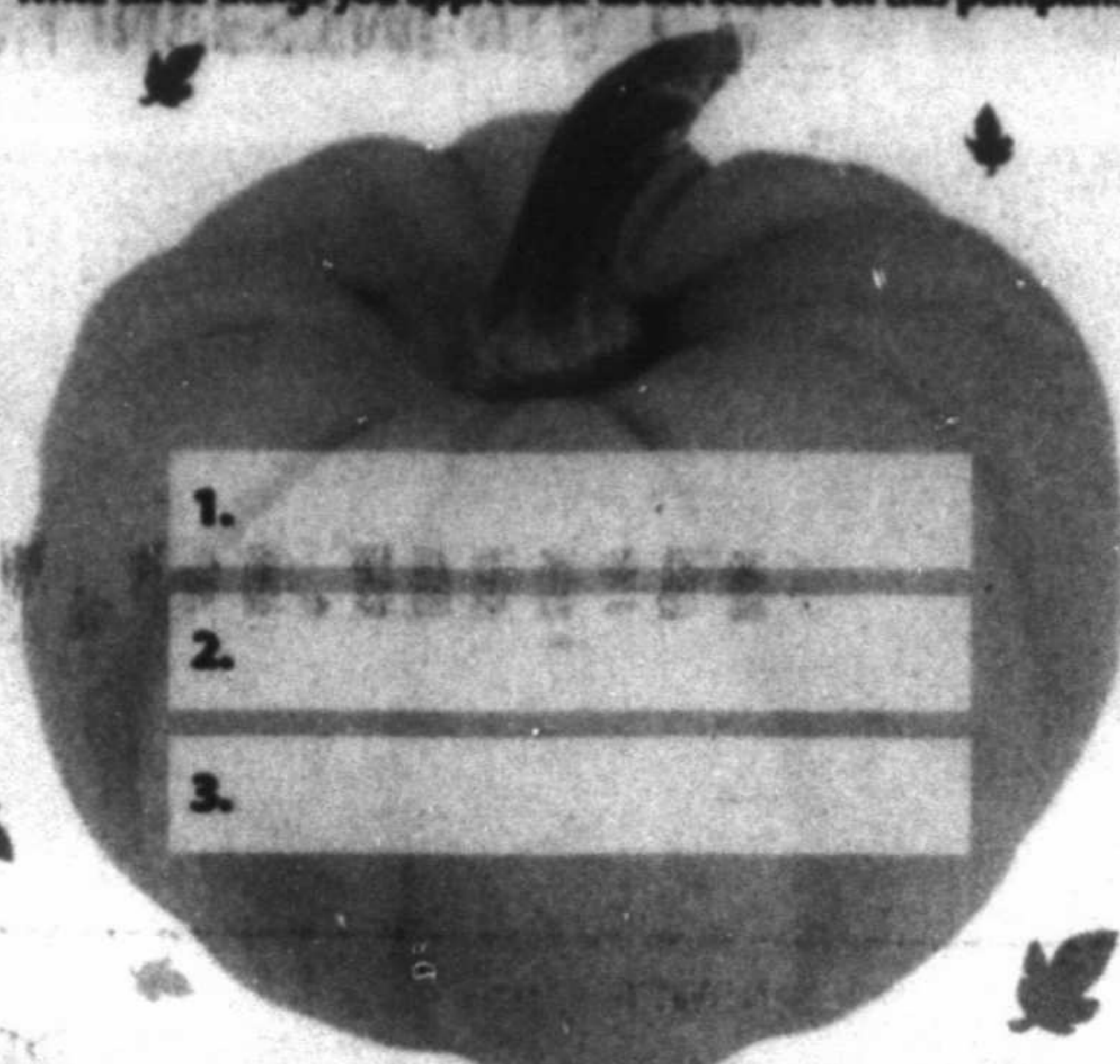


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2. Fold each strip in half and write something you're grateful for on each "feather."
3. Put a dab of glue on the end of each feather and insert in pinecone.
4. Cut a turkey head shape out of paper. Glue on eyes and a beak.
5. Place the turkey in a place of honor on your Thanksgiving table!



What are you thankful for at school?

Write three things you appreciate about school on this pumpkin.



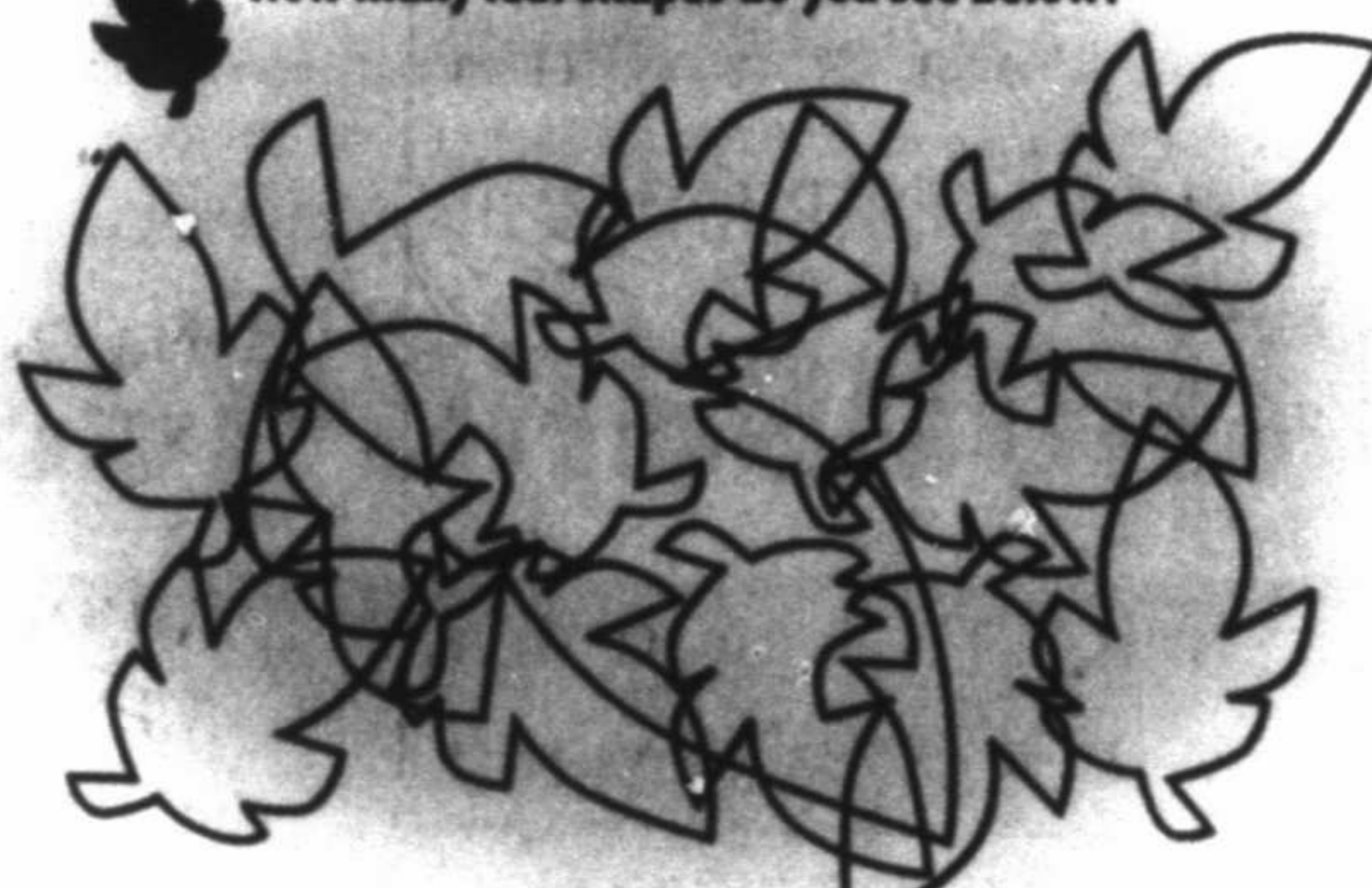
The Thankful Pumpkin

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



Pass a pumpkin around before your Thanksgiving dinner. Have each person write some things they are thankful for on the pumpkin. Keep writing things until the surface of the pumpkin is mostly covered. Then use the pumpkin as a centerpiece on the table.

How many leaf shapes do you see below?

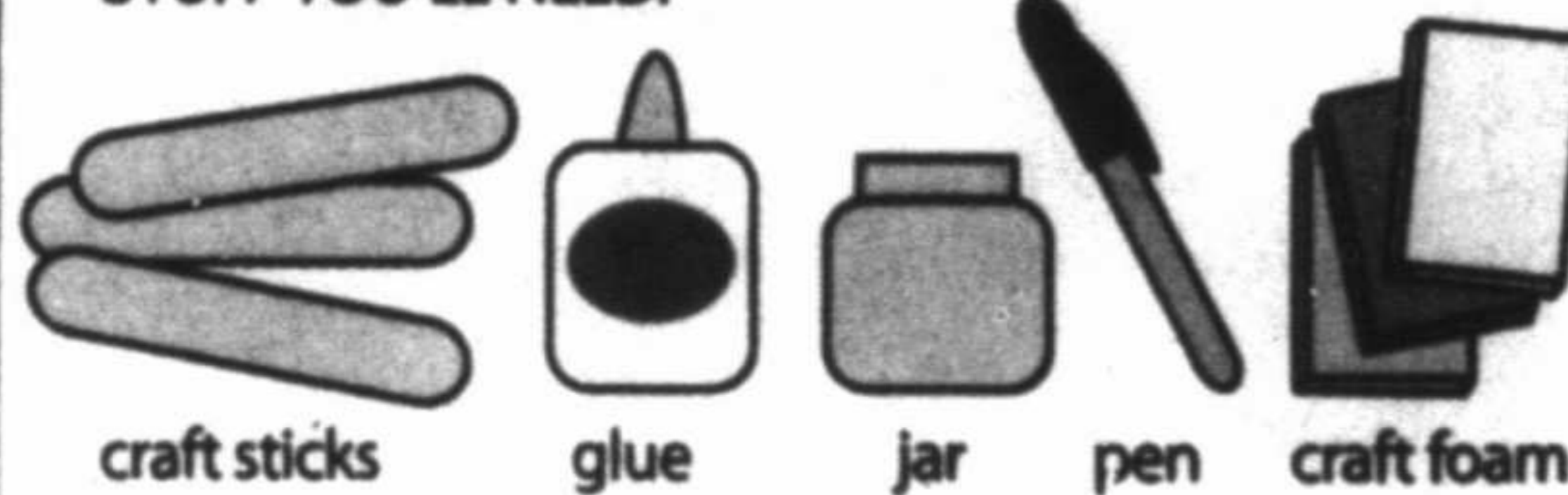


How many leaves can you find on this page?



Leaves of Love

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



1. Cut leaf shapes out of red, brown, yellow and orange craft foam.
2. Write each guest's name on a craft stick.
3. Glue a leaf to each craft stick and place them in the jar.
4. During dinner, have each person pull one stick and say why they are grateful for that person.

Extra! Extra! Holiday Helpers

Look through the newspaper with a family member. Try to find five or more examples of people or organizations that help those in need during the holiday season.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Practice saying THANK YOU in seven different languages! Match each Thank You below to the country from which it comes. Stuck? Ask a family member for help.

- Tak (takg)
- Gracias (gra-see-us)
- Merci (mehr-see)
- Kiitos (kee-toas)
- Danke (dahn-kah)
- Arigato (ahree-gah-tow)
- Dziekuje (dsyne-koo-yeh)

- FRANCE
- DENMARK
- JAPAN
- POLAND
- FINLAND
- MEXICO
- GERMANY

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

- PINECONES
- THANKFUL
- PUMPKIN
- GOOGLY
- TURKEY
- LEAVES
- SHAPES
- BROWN
- PAPER
- FACE
- TUCK
- FELT
- DOOR
- WIDE
- RED

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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T H A N Y K S T A L
W I D E L L N H K I
D D S O G W F A C E
L S E N O C E N I P
E C O R O R L K O A
A P B R G E T F A P
V D N I K P M U P E
E T U R K E Y L C R
S H A P E S E R S K
    
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Stem and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Thankful Letter to the Editor

Who in the community are you thankful for? Perhaps a teacher? A coach? A first responder? Write a letter to the editor of this newspaper telling the community why you are thankful for someone.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What do snowmen eat for Thanksgiving dinner?

ANSWER: Cold-cream.

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