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Pumpkin and Leaves

The leaves blew across the pavement, making a colorful path leading away from the small town. The path led to the forest, where the trees grew closer together and the ground became uneven. I glanced back at the colorful houses and shops, thinking of how easy it would be to go back, but knew I couldn't. Not until I saw him again.

I followed the path, made by him no doubt, for many minutes. Abruptly it stopped, and so did I. Glancing around, I saw nothing but the red and orange trees that surrounded me from all sides. Then suddenly, I could hear a crunching noise, and I knew it must be him. He appeared at my side, leaves in his orange mouth. It was good to see my old turkey friend, with his orange pumpkin head and leaf snacks.

As Thanksgiving came around the corner, I worried for his safety, even though he did have the head of a pumpkin and some slight mystical powers. We always met up, deep in the forest, just to make sure nobody was planning on eating him for Thanksgiving dinner.

After a long walk where we discussed all the things he had been up to, I knew I must go back to town. I bade him goodbye and wished him luck this Thanksgiving. As I stood on the path leading back to my home, I watched him scuttle away into the forest, back to his own. Until next time, I suppose.

By Zoya

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Help

It was Thanksgiving evening at Mr. Jackson's house, and everything was going wrong. All the Jacksons' friends and family were coming over, but the preparations were not going as planned. Mrs. Jackson was yelling at the twins, Kaden and Carl, because they were watching TV instead of helping with the preparations. Meanwhile, the baby Alec was screaming upstairs. Mr. Jackson was getting increasingly stressed as he ran around trying to make everything perfect. The chaos was starting to get on everyone's nerves.

The clock was ticking, with the first guests scheduled to arrive in an hour. Everyone was frantically hurrying to prepare for their arrival. Mrs. Jackson was busy cooking, and the scent of the delicious turkey filled the air. Meanwhile, Mr. Jackson was too busy to pause and enjoy the mouthwatering scent. The twins were scurrying around, trying to straighten up their rooms before their mom screamed at them again. Amidst all the chaos, Alec was still crying and screaming, while their oldest daughter Sarah was doing her best to calm him down.

Everybody seemed to relax, and the first guests started to arrive, everyone sat down at the table and began to eat. All the guests were complimenting Mrs. Jackson on her turkey and mashed potatoes. The twins were talking to their cousin James, and Sarah was talking to her aunt. Just then when everything was going perfectly the baby started to cry. The twins were fighting again, and Sarah was running upstairs to calm Alec. Mr. Jackson stormed off in a rage because in his mind everything was going wrong. He was sitting in his room fuming and muttering under his breath when Sarah came in, she sat down next to him and said, "Dad come back to the table, please." Mr. Jackson looked at her, "I can't." He simply said, "Dad," Sarah said in a soft voice, "It's Thanksgiving, a time for family. I know you want everything to be perfect but sometimes it doesn't work out that way. Everybody loves this dinner, and nobody disapproves so please come back to the table." Mr. Jackson walked to the table and sat down. He enjoyed the rest of the dinner, and when it was time to say goodbye, he was very content. He turned to Sarah and said, "Thank you for making this the best Thanksgiving I've ever had."

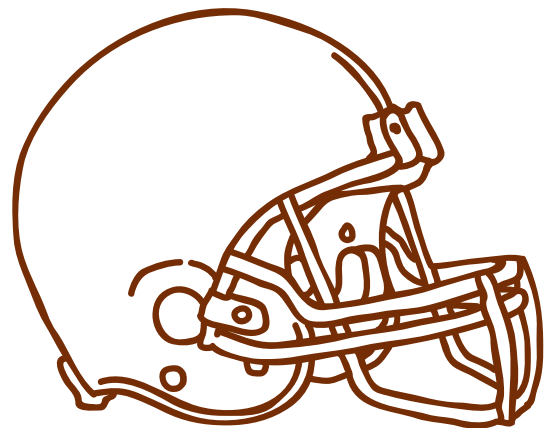
By Quincy

The NFL Rundown

As you might know, the NFL is about halfway through their season. There are many good teams and many bad teams this season. Some of the good teams are the Philadelphia Eagles, the San Francisco 49ers, and the Detroit Lions. The Philadelphia Eagles have had a hard past, but they finally got themselves together. They are led by Jalen Hurts who has been in the NFL for 3 years. He has more than 1,500 passing yards this season which is eighth in the NFL. The San Francisco 49ers have been okay in the past but this year they have stunned the nation being led by their new quarterback Brock Purdy. Last, the Detroit Lions who are doing great. Their best player is Romeo Okwara who is their defensive end.

Although those teams are good, there have been a couple upsets this season. This month I am going to focus on one of them. One of the upsets was made by the New York Jets against the Philadelphia Eagles. The New York Jets have been terrible forever, until they got the veteran quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Aaron gave the Jets fans faith. But, 75 seconds into the Jets first game Aaron hurt his Achilles. Before the Jets played the Eagles, New York was 2-3. The game was in favor of the Eagles. The game was led by the Eagles offense until late in the fourth quarter when a player on the Eagles fumbled the ball and the Jets got it. After the fumble, the Jets had possession. The Jets got down the field in the final minutes of the game and Breece Hall scored a touchdown. After that the Eagles never came back, so the Jets won. The crazy thing is that the Jets best player Sauce Garner got hurt so he was not even playing when they won.

By Aly



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The Forgotten Graveyard

Hello there readers. Be prepared to hear the story of Thanksgiving like no other. You would think of a Thanksgiving story as a delightful story of food and friends. You would think of a Halloween story as a scary. You would think that no one would have thought of combining Halloween with Thanksgiving. If you thought that, you are now wrong.

Twas dusk on Halloween night and I was in the graveyard cooking the duck and stuffing it with pistachio stuffing. We always ate by candlelight and right next to the grave of Sarah Williams, our ancestor who was the only woman to fight in the Revolutionary War. Only so she could see her husband once again. But she was the first to die that night. During the Boston tea party, she fell off the boat. She could not swim, and she had barrels of tea falling to the left and falling to the right. Then one bashed her on the head. No one knew what happened but our family. We always share Thanksgiving dinner with the ones we lost. In the forgotten graveyard.

We always set a plate of marble on their grave with duck, mushroom gravy, and stuffing. As I put it atop the last grave, the ground started to tremble. I laughed an evil laugh as I had seen this every year. "The Dracula has fed the forgotten graveyard once again!" I yelled. Their heads and arms came out of the dirt of the forgotten and they all rose to a sitting position and ate the food. Only one never came up. The same one every year. "My Sarah, please join us on this very Thanksgiving night. The night of your husband's death."

By Ana

Recipes for Thanksgiving

Have you ever wondered what to make for Thanksgiving dinner? Well, here are some recipes and food you can make. The first thing that comes to mind when people think about Thanksgiving dinner is turkey and ham. You can add things to the turkey/ham like gravy and pepper. When you add pepper, you get a nice little pop of spice on the turkey. Here are some other recipes for Thanksgiving dinner.

. Gravy 1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Whisk in flour and cook until golden, 1 minute, then whisk in pan drippings. (if you have more than 1 cup of drippings, use it and reduce the amount of broth!)

. Turkey stuffing 1. in 10-inch skillet melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery, and carrots and stir occasionally, until tender. In a large bowl, mix bread cubes, parsley, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Add broth and butter onion mixture stirring until well combined. Cook in oven at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes (with parent help.)

And don't forget to get a parent's help when cooking. Have a happy Thanksgiving and be thankful for the things you have.

By Lyric

Fall Activities

As you know, Thanksgiving is coming up & Halloween just passed. We are in the fall season so while you wait for the fun & food on Thanksgiving here are some things you can do to get into the fall season or the Thanksgiving spirit. Something you can do with your family/friends is go to a pumpkin patch. It is an enjoyable experience to have with your family, kids, friends, and little siblings. Get lost in a corn maze. It is great for all ages and is something you can do each year with your friends and family. Go apple picking, take advantage of the nice weather and head to an orchard. There, you can pick (and sample) all kinds of apples right off the tree. Then you can bring your fresh stash of fall fruit home with you!

By Anyla



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The Encroaching Fog

It was a new moon. A dark, thickly fogged night, preventing one from seeing 30 feet in front of themselves. Most streetlights were not powered the past few weeks, due to the use of their power in a new government building, but for some reason, tonight all the unpowered ones were turning on, though lights were far and few, so that didn't do much. This small, American town, isolated in a thickly forested region, was near many caves. It was known that, if one were quiet, they could be able to hear muffled movement, though what caused it was very rarely seen. Such noise was occasioned by shrill screeches in the forest, many in the direction of such caves.

The natives' name for the creatures that caused such disturbances was the Draculizii Narsaga, and the Draculii or the Dracuzii for short. For a long time, the native people of the area kept the population of the Draculii in check, for the Dracuzii were evil creatures that could not be allowed to spread. The native peoples of the area died out soon after the Europeans arrived in the Americas, but before the Europeans made contact with them, so their name isn't known. The only reason why their names for the Draculii are known is because of their interactions with other native peoples, which was also the cause of their death, for from other native peoples they contracted European diseases.

The Dracuzii's noises had been absent since the first few days of the new government building being completed, which has put the minds of the town's people at ease, when they should have been more wary, for silence is suspicious, especially in such an area. The silence of the night had been broken, by a series of simultaneous screams stretching across the town, and thus it was known the Draculii were not gone, but possibly more numerous than before. The few people in town that slept during the day and were awake at night knew of this threat before the screams had been heard (since they were fully awake and able to see them out the windows of the buildings where they worked at), and were able to prepare themselves for the Dracuzii threat. Most of the people had been taken, in death's Encroaching Fog.

By Michael

Banana Peel

Banana peels are useless. That is what most people think. These are 3 surprising uses for banana peels!!

1.) Did you know you can polish your shoes?

Yeah, it may sound shocking but it's true! All you have to do is rub the inside of the peel on your shoes and be amazed when the scuffs disappear into thin air. Wipe off any residue with a soft cloth and your shoes will be good as new!

2.) Moisturize Your Feet

Banana peels are rich with acids and vitamins A, B, C and E, which all work on dry, itchy skin. Give your cracked heels and tired toes a rubbing inside of the peel on your soles and any other dry areas. Just rinse off any leftover goop and repeat for a few days. They'll be silky-smooth in no time!

3.) Soothe Bug Bites!

It's also pretty much foolproof, considering banana peels are filled with polysaccharides, which are famous for reducing swelling and inflammation. Simply rub the inside of the peel over the mosquito bite, nice and gently.

By Chaarip

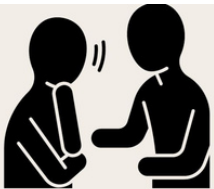


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Fall Quote

*"Autum is a
second spring
when every leaf
is a flower." -
Albert Camus*

By Dallas



ATTENTION

FISH HAWK GAZETTE IS NOW
INTRODUCING AN ADVICE COLUMN!

*DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO
SUBMIT A QUESTION?*

1) WRITE YOUR QUESTION DOWN
ON A PEICE OF PAPER

ASK ABOUT ANY PROBLEMS YOU

2) LEAVE IT IN THE "ADVICE
BOX" **OUTSIDE** OF MS. ROSSI'S
ROOM (207)

HAVE:
STRESS
FRIENDSHIPS
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KEEP YOUR
QUESTION
SCHOOL
APPROPRIATE
AND
ANONYMOUS



MAKE SURE TO ASK YOUR
TEACHER BEFORE PUTTING
IN A QUESTION!

**YOUR QUESTION MAY BE
FEATURED IN THE NEXT
NEWSPAPER!!**

Autumn



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By Taylor

Thanksgiving Word Search

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By Aly