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When Cathy's friend suggested that Larry Butler take her out as his homecoming date, neither of them could have imagined that one evening together would become the beginning of something far greater. These plans led to a marriage, a family of six and five decades of shared adventures. The two met while attending East Texas State University. Larry knew of Cathy because she was one of the school's cheerleaders, and when they finally met, the connection was immediate. Larry interjected, "The good Lord brought her to Texas, and she's the best thing that ever happened to me."



# Sharing a Lifetime

— By Sandra Walters

For Cathy, moving to Texas was another chapter in her life that involved plenty of change. "My whole life, I moved every four years," she recalled. "My father worked for federal prisons, and while we lived in California, I made the decision to attend college close to family. So, I chose to move to Texas because my brother and his family lived here." That decision turned out to be one of the most important of her life. Shortly after, her parents moved to Vietnam, because her father was assigned to establish a federal prison there.

Eventually, Cathy's parents moved back to California, and Larry and Cathy earned their bachelor's degrees in education. Larry began pursuing a master's degree in counseling. Cathy and Larry continued to stay in touch while her father encouraged her to return

home to California. However, the couple had other plans. "I chose to stay in Texas because I really liked Larry," she said. "I thought he was a pretty good guy!"

The couple married in San Francisco on August 7, 1976, and their marriage marked the beginning of a life that would take them through several states, careers in public service and education. Following their



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wedding, they moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, where Larry accepted a position as a federal prison guard, and Cathy began teaching physical science. The idea of Larry working in a prison didn't frighten Cathy at all. Her father, brother and uncles had all worked in federal prisons, so she had grown up understanding the environment. "It was normal to me," she said. She

understood that this type of work is dangerous, and that Larry needed to have a clear mind. "I knew to step back when something abnormal was happening, like a riot. I knew how it worked."

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required more than knowing the rules. With the help of his counseling degree, he was able to manage people, be fair and patient. Larry entered housing units without a weapon and was responsible for maintaining order among as many as 120 inmates. However, after about two years in Oklahoma, an opportunity brought the couple to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. An opening at the federal prison in Fort Worth allowed Larry to continue his career, while Cathy found a teaching position in Dallas ISD.

A few years passed, then the Butlers proudly called Mansfield home in 2000. They reminisced about being able to clearly see the Dallas skyline from their backyard — remembering how much this area has grown. Cathy eventually started working in Mansfield ISD as a science teacher. She also earned her master's degree and advanced to assistant principal and later to principal of Howard Middle School. She recalled when the students gave the school mascot, the Knight, the nickname "Sir Winsalot." The couple became deeply involved in the community. Their four children graduated from Mansfield High School where Cathy taught and became assistant principal. The family embraced the Mansfield community, and their children were expected to

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participate in at least one school team or activity.

After three decades in federal prisons, Larry retired in 2005 without ever being assaulted. He didn't go beyond mid-level management because he was a family man who wanted to be available for his wife and children. Then, he began teaching at Danny Jones Middle School. Cathy retired from MISD and later became a chemistry teacher at The Oakridge School in Arlington and retired again. Larry retired again, too, but began subbing at The Oakridge School.

Looking back, the couple said, "Our greatest accomplishment is the life we built together. We still love spending time together, whether attending concerts, cheering for Texas Tech, watching the Dallas Cowboys or helping with our grandchildren." They don't always agree, but they've learned that a strong marriage doesn't require agreeing on everything.

"We talk and agree to disagree," Cathy said with a laugh. "He doesn't tell me what to do. And I just like him."

Their family continues to be the center of their lives. "Our kids organized a wonderful family getaway to the Florida coast, where we all relished unwinding by the water's edge. All four of our children and the grandchildren were present. Additionally, we recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The beach, pool, sun, cold beverages, entertainment, ziplining and downtown shopping were all enjoyable." Currently, they are scheduling their next trip.

For Larry and Cathy, 50 years of marriage isn't just a milestone. It's a collection of unexpected beginnings, career changes, family adventures and countless ordinary moments that became extraordinary simply because they experienced them together. What began with a homecoming date became a lifelong partnership built on love, laughter, service and family. And after all these years, they're still enjoying the ride. **NOW**



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# Zoomed In: Ariel Knight

By Sandra Walters

Ariel Knight previously worked at various restaurants, where co-workers and customers quickly appreciated her outgoing personality and friendly spirit. This 24-year-old resident is excited to begin a new opportunity and continue building the independence she values so much. Recently, she sought employment in the Mansfield, Grand Prairie and Arlington area to be closer to home. Her mother posted on the Mansfield Moms Facebook group, and the community responded in an effort to support her. Today, Ariel said, "I'm so excited to have two jobs. I like working and making my own money." For Ariel, having a job means more than a paycheck. It means independence, responsibility and being part of a team. She looks forward to earning money for coffee from Starbucks, manicures and trips to the hair salon.



As they prepare to launch Bound Medical Group, the team celebrates at The Vault.



Venetia Sneed celebrates with her granddaughter, Olivia, at Nancy Neal Elementary on Grandparents Day.



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**Zoomed In:**  
**Isaiah Silmon**

By Sandra Walters

When Isaiah Silmon arrived at school that day, excitement filled the air as students looked forward to celebrating with their grandparents. Days earlier, he requested Sonic for lunch. Once lunchtime finally arrived, he walked with his classmates to the cafeteria and settled into his assigned seat. Isaiah sat quietly, his hand framing the big smile on his face, as his grandmother moved toward him with his lunch on Grandparents Day.

His eyes lit up as MiMi walked closer carrying a Sonic bag. She greeted him with a great big hug before beginning to unpack his special feast. "I got exactly what I wanted — a Sonic burger, fries and a drink," Isaiah proudly said. To make the day even more memorable, MiMi purchased books for him at the school's book fair.



Omar Brown and his cousin reconnect after the game.



For Layla, Jessica and Jeffery Gentry and Kensley Walters, there's nothing like enjoying a UTA volleyball game with friends.



Kynya Jarmon and Carmen White take pleasure in their friendship while they smile for a photo.



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# Waves and Rays Await

— By Virginia Riddle

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Select shore excursions, on board shows, evening dining seating, special dietary needs and events early, since the bookings fill up. Note the suggested packing tips and physical requirements.

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October 15 – December 7 | Presented by Randy Bond, Local Licensed Medicare Agent

Every fall, Medicare gives you one window to make sure your coverage still fits your life — your health, your budget and your medications. Miss it, and you're locked into your current plan for another year, whether or not it's still working for you.

## WHAT IS THE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD?

The Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs from October 15 through December 7 each year. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can review their current coverage and make changes for the upcoming year — including switching between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage, changing Medicare Advantage plans or updating a Part D prescription drug plan. Any changes made during AEP take effect January 1.

## WHY THIS WINDOW MATTERS

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From the golden turkey to the perfectly spiced sides, the Thanksgiving meal represents tradition and togetherness. These recipes deliver classic flavors with a few special touches, ensuring your holiday spread is both delicious and memorable for everyone gathered around your table. **NOW**

## Herb-Roasted Turkey

- 1 12- to 14-lb. whole turkey, defrosted
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 Tbsp. fresh rosemary, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. fresh sage, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 lemon, halved
- 1 onion, quartered
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 2 cups chicken broth

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F; remove the turkey giblets, patting the bird dry with paper towels.
2. In a small bowl, mix together the butter, rosemary, thyme, sage, minced garlic, salt and black pepper.
3. Gently loosen the skin over the turkey breast; rub half of the herb butter underneath.
4. Rub the remaining herb butter over the outside of the turkey.
5. Stuff the cavity with the lemon halves, quartered onion and rosemary sprigs.
6. Place the turkey on a roasting rack in a large roasting pan; pour the chicken broth into the bottom of the pan.
7. Roast for 3 to 3 1/2 hours, basting every 30 minutes, until a thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the thigh

reads 165 F.

8. Let the turkey rest for 20-30 minutes before carving.

## Cast-Iron Candied Sweet Potatoes

- 4 large sweet potatoes
- 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup mini marshmallows
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F.
2. Peel the sweet potatoes; slice them into 1/4-inch rounds.
3. Melt the butter in a large, cast-iron skillet over medium heat.
4. Add the brown sugar and maple syrup to the melted butter, stirring until combined.
5. Stir in the cinnamon, nutmeg and salt.
6. Arrange the sweet potato rounds in the skillet, layering them in the sugar mixture, and turning to coat both sides.
7. Cook on the stovetop for 5 minutes to begin softening the potatoes.
8. Transfer the skillet to the oven; bake for 25-30 minutes until the sweet potatoes are tender.

9. Remove from the oven; sprinkle the mini marshmallows and chopped pecans evenly over the top.
10. Return to the oven; bake for an additional 5-7 minutes until the marshmallows are golden brown. Serve warm.

## Pecan Pie Bars

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup corn syrup
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F; line a 9x13-inch pan with parchment paper.
2. Pulse the flour, powdered sugar, salt and cold butter in a food processor until crumbly.
3. Press the mixture into the pan; bake for 18 minutes.
4. Whisk together the eggs, corn syrup, brown sugar and vanilla extract. Stir in the pecans.
5. Pour over the baked crust; bake for 25 minutes.
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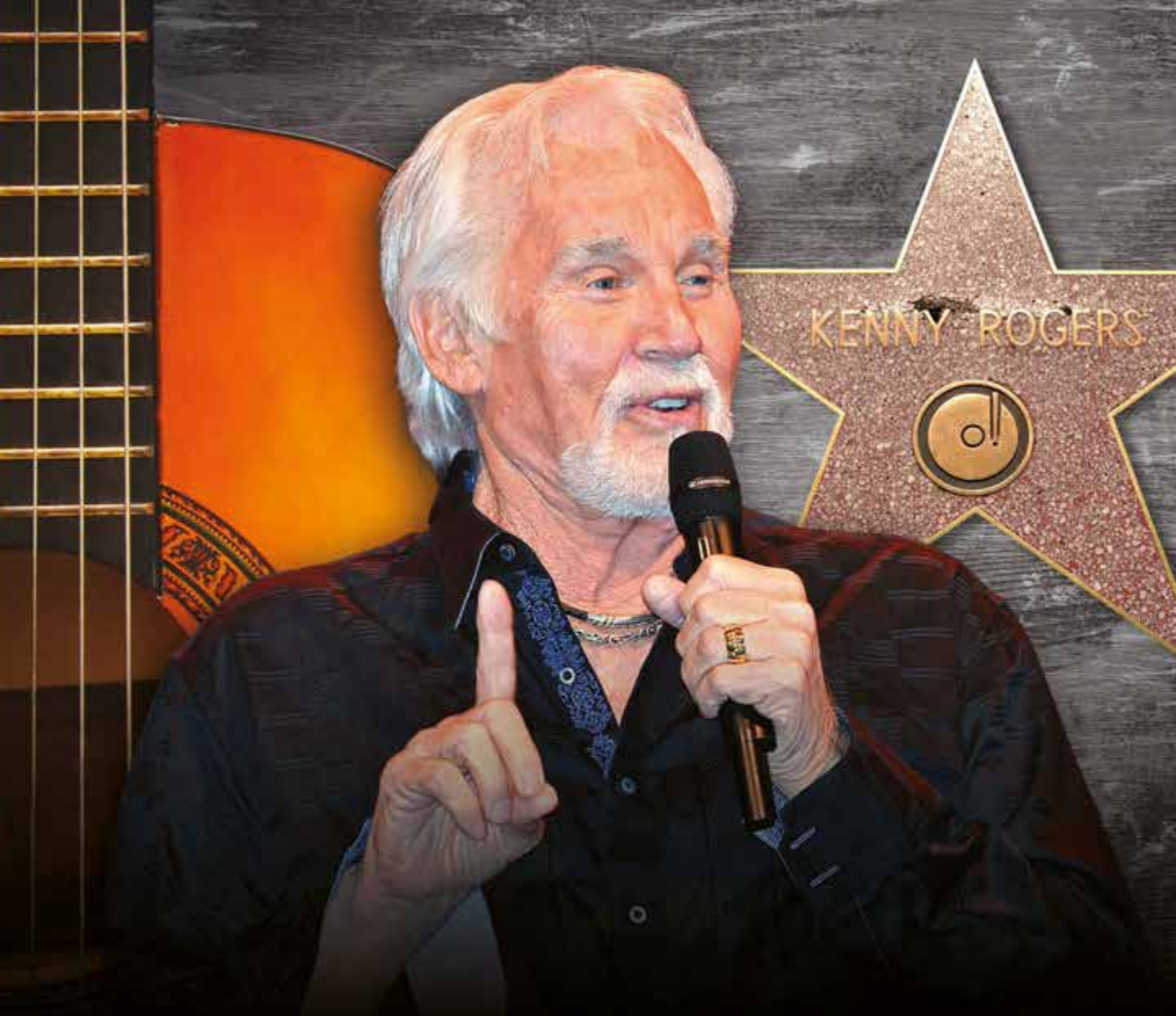
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*If your musical taste goes back to the popular music of the 1970s, or if you lived the '70s, you can recall "Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)" as a song you could sing along with. The band was known as the First Edition, and it was often billed as Kenny Rogers and the First Edition. The band had an eclectic style that was not easily defined, and recognizing "Just Dropped In" coming from the same band as "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town" might have required a keen ear or a very special fan.*

The band, started in 1967, had a number of other hits and albums, but broke up around 1975. Kenny left the band with significant debt and a failed record label known as Jolly Rogers.

Kenny was born in Houston and had seven siblings.

His beginnings were humble, but in high school his musical talent began to show as he learned to play both guitar and fiddle. He played with a few small combos early on and landed a solo record deal with Mercury Records in the early 1960s. Without a hit song during his time with Mercury, his contract was terminated, and in 1966, he joined the New Christy Minstrels. A couple of other members of the folk group left with Kenny to form the First Edition. One of the descriptions of the First Edition was a psychedelic country rock band. Members of the band included Rogers, lead vocals and bass guitar; Terry Williams, lead guitar and vocals; Mickey Jones, drummer; Gene Lorenzo, keyboardist; and Mary Arnold, vocalist.

The band had seven Top 40 pop hits, including "Just Dropped In," "But You Know I Love You," "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town," "Something's Burning," "Reuben James," and "Tell It All Brother." The band's style was contemporary in its day. Kenny's look was very different from his persona after he moved to his solo career in country music. He was actually referred to as "psychedelic" and "Hippy Kenny" with his long hair, modern dress, rose-colored glasses and even an earring. Kenny owed a lot to the First Edition, as he might never have achieved fame

# ECLECTIC SOUNDS OF KENNY ROGERS

— By Bill Smith

as a chart-topping solo artist without it. It certainly made a mark on the radio listeners of the period but never achieved the status of making the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Kenny's first solo hit was "Lucille." Recorded and released in 1977, it went to No. 1. His follow-up hits are well-known and continue to be played on classic country radio, as well as crossover stations. An example is "Lady," which was composed by Lionel Richie. It was a hit on country, pop, adult contemporary and rhythm and blues charts.

Of course, Kenny recorded duets with other artists, including Dottie West, Sheena Easton, Alison Krauss and Billy Dean. However, the duet most fans remember and consider iconic would have to be "Islands in the Stream" with Dolly Parton.

Great recording artists produce greatest hits albums, and Kenny Rogers' *Greatest Hits*, released in 1980, was certified Diamond for sales of over 10 million copies. In his storied career, Kenny sold over 120 million albums across the globe. Besides the diamond greatest hits album, he had 20 platinum albums and 11 gold. With 24 No. 1 hits and 12 No. 1 albums, he is one of the most successful artists of all time.

Accolades include 21 American Music Awards,

Academy of Country Music Awards including Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year, six CMA Awards including Lifetime Achievement, three GRAMMY Awards and in 2013, he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville. In 1986, he was voted "Favorite Singer of All Time" in a joint poll by *USA Today* and *People Magazine*.

As if his career as a singer were not enough, Kenny also achieved success as an actor in the TV series *The Gambler* and a 1982 movie called *Six Pack*. Another side gig for Kenny was photography. He published several books of photos, one of which was *This Is My Country*.

Kenny's farewell tour came in 2016 and was known as "The Gambler's Last Deal." He passed away on March 20, 2020, but his music lives on across generations. **NOW**

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11/7

#### Veterans Day Parade & Salute

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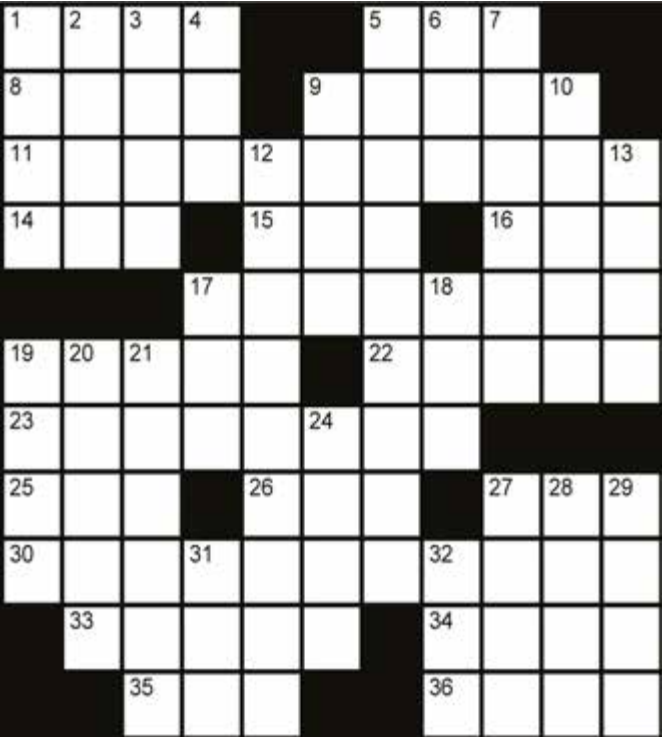
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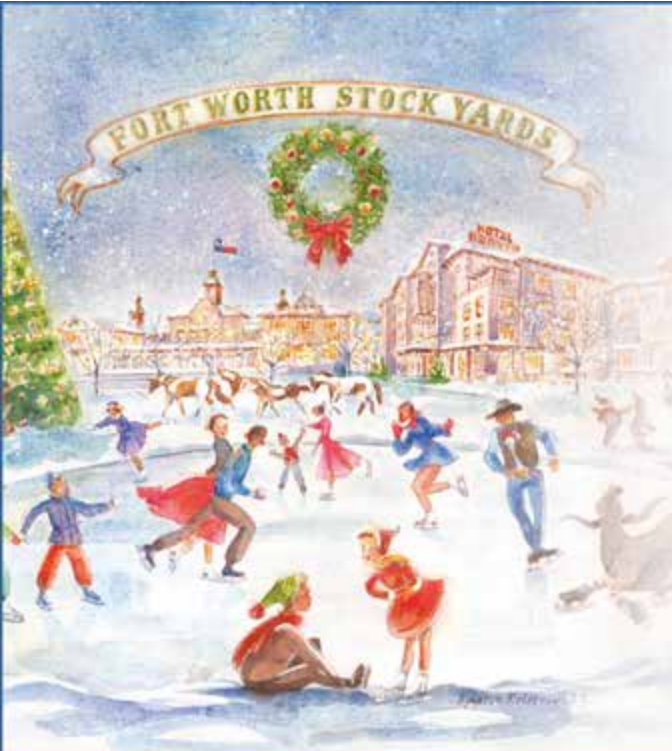
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- 14 Sleuth's cry
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- 16 Texting letters for a former identity
- 17 Thrown objects
- 19 Polite form of address for a woman

- 22 Apparel
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- 30 In a highly-strung manner
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- 35 It checks brainwaves
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- 7 What Soylent Green was made of (1973 movie)
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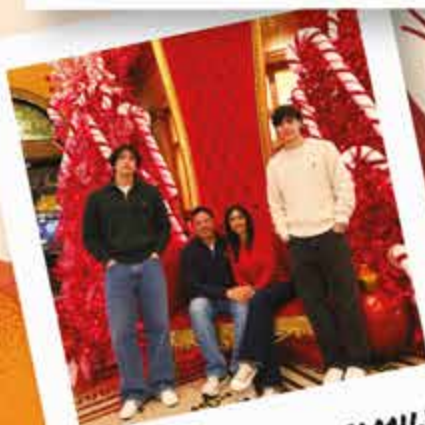
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