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Move over Imelda! Shoe fans abound

Former first lady of the Philippines Imelda Marcos famously had 2,700 pairs. Actress Lindsay Lohan says she has 5,000 pairs.

Shoes. Women love them.

Of course, Marcos and Lohan love them more than most.

According to ShopSmart magazine, most women have an average of 17 pairs of shoes, which is still a lot if you figure the average woman buys three more pairs a year. Other facts: 13 percent own



more than 30 pairs of non-athletic shoes, 24 percent have fallen because of their shoes and 35 percent had an evening ruined by painful shoes.

Blessings

How happy I am to wish you many blessings on Thanksgiving.

Like many Americans, Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days. Good food, football, family, fun, a day off in the middle of the week. What's not to like?

Recently I read Plymouth Colony Diaries, written in the 1600s by colony leader William Bradford. His eye witness account of the colony's struggles is a compelling story of people who stepped into the utter unknown and lived.

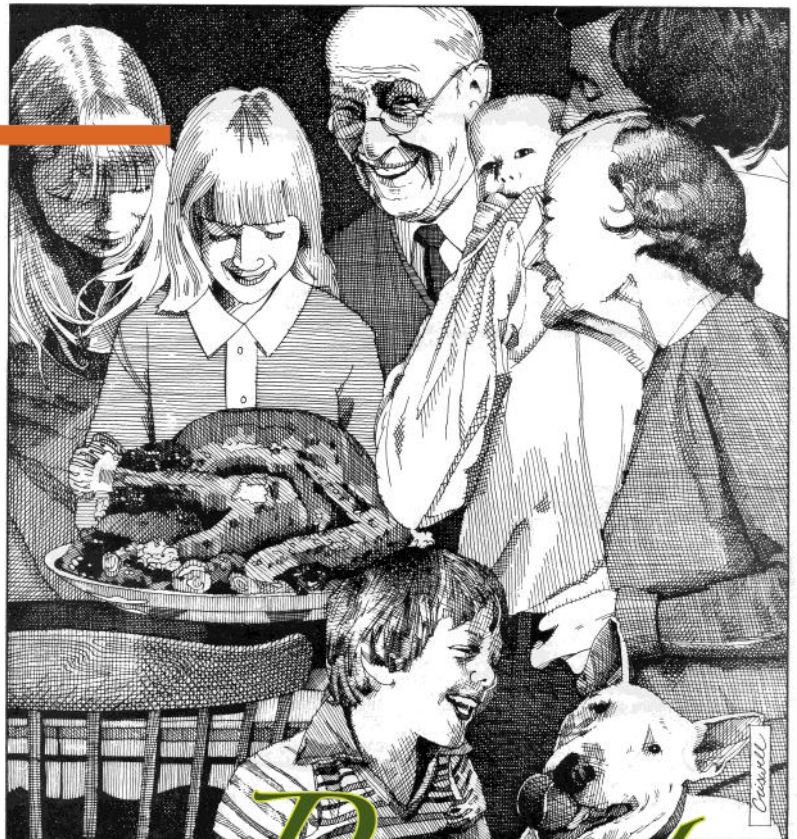
He described the Pilgrims' condition when they landed in 1620 at Cape Cod:

"...they had now no friends to welcome them, nor inns to entertain or refresh their weatherbeaten bodies, no houses...What could not sustain them but the spirit of God...?"

Welcomed only by wilderness, two-thirds of the Pilgrims died of disease and starvation.

Is it any wonder, that after their trials and miseries, the Pilgrims celebrated the harvest with utmost joy just two years later?

They went from barren to bountiful. And so may we all! Happy Thanksgiving.



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