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# my favorite things in life

My name is Victor Manuel Cano Jr., and I am currently attending my second year in UTRGV as I plan to major in Graphic Design. I was born into a Mexican family on May 22, 2000 in McAllen, Texas and stayed there for about a month before moving to Mission, Texas to live out my life, so far, I would say that I have had several interesting life experiences in which helped me to determine the things that I like to do in my free time. For example, I like to draw my favorite animated characters from movies and shows as well as I like to play video games that involve little to no critical thinking. As you continue to read through the following spreads, you will get to know a little bit more about me.

1 - My Favorite Things in Life

Before I begin to share more details about myself, I have to say, that college life is not what I expected, especially due to the "events" that occurred early 2020. Aside from that, I thought it would have been more hectic and boring, but I am glad that it is not.

## Time sure does fly when you have fun!

As the new chapter of my life begins to unfold, things obviously seemed to have changed a lot. For instance, the amount of responsibilities that I have to now endure are more significant than the ones that I had during high school. This means the free time that I have for myself has been reduced to a minimum, therefore, I feel more appreciative when I do get that time.

One of the things that I like to do in my free time is play video games. When the



Victor Cano's Favorite Game - Minecraft

moment feels right. I take out my Nintendo Switch Lite to play some Minecraft and Pokemon Shield. Even though I typically end up playing a little bit more than two hours, it felt more like a couple of minutes, leaving me in a state of confusion.

## One plays the clarinet while one plays the pencil

Since I am majoring in Graphic Design, one could assume that I draw during my spare time and they would be right. Ever since my mom introduced me to it when I was a little boy, I would always be fascinated, thinking I can just draw whatever my eyes see upon. Either in graphite or ink, usually, I end up drawing animated characters from shows and movies that I have recently seen. A smile always seems to crack through the moment I finish my so called "masterpieces".



Victor Cano's Drawing I Find

My Favorite Things in Life - 2

### The Movie Theater Experience

I believe that one of the greatest life experiences that a person can get outside of home is through the movie theater. Movies such as those that belong in a franchise should be seen through a big screen.

If I remember correctly, I believe that one of my first experiences with a movie theater was when Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs came out and left it very happy, knowing that I found a new way to enjoy entertainment. Normally, I tend to watch movies that really do not reflect much of my personal life. I want to enjoy myself after all. As of writing this spread, one movie that I am really excited to watch on the big screen is Spider-Man: No Way Home.

MY FAVORITE THINGS IN LIFE  
MAGAZINE SPREAD



## Moving from Traditional to Digital

As I transitioned from middle school to high school, I remember how technology such as chrome books were implemented into my daily life as a student, therefore, feeling less traditional than most previous school years. However, due to my love of technology, I felt more confident in completing my assignments.

Ever since my uncle introduced me to a used Nintendo DS Lite before I reached double digits, I gained these new feelings of satisfaction when introduced to new technology. I would say that my favorite technologies belong in the categories of laptops and gaming consoles.

The whole reason why I decided to major in graphic design was that it

combined one of my favorite hobbies with the use of one of my favorite technologies. During my senior year of high school, I had issues in completing my schedule, meaning I had to choose an elective. It was then when I found out that graphic design was a thing. I found the class to be more interesting than most core classes. As the school year was coming to an end, it was then that I decided to major in graphic design. During the first two years of attending UTRGV, I have learned more aspects of graphic design through the use of the Adobe Creative Cloud.

As I continue to complete my junior year of college, I hope to find more ways on how I can learn and improve in the world of graphic design.



## The Last Dish on Earth

Even though what I am about to say might sound irrelevant when compared to the rest of what I have said, you might understand why I say this after this paragraph. If there was ever a situation in where I had to choose one dish to eat for the rest of my life, it would be orange chicken.

In order for me to keep doing the things that I like to do, I would say that orange chicken would be the perfect candidate to give me that energy. The sweet and sour taste is just so amazing on its own when compared to other dishes and tastes even better when accompanied with a serving of fried rice.

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## How to Make a Cake from Scratch as Delicious as Your Favorite Bakery

By: Karla Walsh and Kaitlyn Moncada

**A freshly baked cake smothered in frosting makes an irresistible homemade dessert. Intimidated? Start here.**

**How to Bake a Cake**  
Before we can get to the steps to make a cake, choose a recipe to get you started. You can keep it simple with a yellow cake, or you can choose a slightly showier recipe, like a chocolatey devil's food cake or a vibrant red velvet cake recipe. If you're not a fan of frosting, try a German chocolate cake. We also have a few birthday cake recipes for celebratory occasions. The possibilities are almost endless, but avoid angel food, pound cakes, sponge cakes, and chiffon cakes because they require a different method.

**Step 1: Prepare Baking Pans**  
Nobody wants their cake to stick to the pan, so it's important to prep your pans before pouring in the batter. With the exception of angel food and chiffon cakes, most recipes call for greasing and flouring the pan or lining the pan with waxed or parchment paper.

As far as knowing what type of baking pan to use, our Test Kitchen prefers shiny pans for achieving a golden appearance. If you use a dark or dull-finish pan, reduce the oven temperature by 25°F and check doneness 3 to 5 minutes early to prevent overbrowning.

**Step 2: Allow Ingredients to Reach Room Temperature**  
Many recipes require ingredients such as eggs and butter to stand at room temperature. This allows the butter to blend easily with other ingredients and the eggs will yield a higher cake volume.

**Step 3: Preheat the Oven**  
When a cake bakes too quickly it can develop tunnels and cracks, too slowly and it can be coarse. Let your oven preheat for at least 10 minutes, and use an oven thermometer to make sure it reaches the proper temperature. If you're using dark cake pans, you'll want to reduce the oven temperature called for in your recipe by 25°F.

**Step 4: Stir Together Dry Ingredients**  
Dry ingredients usually include flour, baking powder and/or baking soda, and salt. Rather than adding each dry ingredient individually to the batter, whisk them together in a bowl beforehand. That way you know the ingredients are equally distributed throughout the batter.

**Step 5: Combine the Batter and Sugar**  
Using an electric mixer on medium to high speed, beat the butter for 30 seconds. Generally, a stand mixer requires a medium speed for this step and a hand mixer requires a higher speed.

Add the sugar (and vanilla if the recipe calls for it) and beat the mixture on medium speed until it is combined and has a light, fluffy texture. This will take 3 to 5 minutes. Scrape the bowl occasionally while beating. Tiny bubbles will be created as the butter and sugar are combined, which will give your cake that dreamy, light, fluffy texture.

**Step 6: Add Eggs One at a Time**  
Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each, their protein will help the cake's structure around air bubbles to maintain texture.

**Step 7: Alternate Adding Dry and Wet Ingredients**  
Alternate between adding some of the flour mixture and some of the milk (or other liquid specified in the recipe) to the butter-egg-sugar mixture, beating on low speed after each addition until combined. Begin and end with the flour mixture. This is because when liquid is mixed into flour, gluten begins to form. Too much gluten makes for a tough cake, so be sure to start and finish with flour, and not overmix once you add liquid.

**Step 8: Pour Batter into Pans and Bake**  
Divide the batter evenly between the baking pans. Use an offset spatula to spread the batter in an even layer. Be sure to spread it to the pan edge. Bake your cake according to your recipe's directions.

**Step 9: Check Cake for Doneness**  
Overbaked cake equals dry cake and no one wants that. Start checking the cake for doneness after the recipe's stated minimum baking time, avoiding opening the oven door until it's time to prevent letting the heat escape.

**Step 10: Cool the Cake**  
Let the cakes cool in the pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes maximum. To remove from the pans, run a knife around the edges of the cake to loosen it from the sides. Place a wire rack over the top of the cake and flip the pan. Lift the pan off the cake, being careful not to tear the edges of the cake. If you used waxed or parchment paper, gently peel the paper off the cake. Allow the cake to cool completely (about 1 hour). This is a key step to letting the cake firm up, making it less likely to break apart as you frost it.

**Step 11: Assemble the Cake**  
To avoid crumbs in your frosting, brush the cake layers with a pastry brush before assembling. Spread about 1/4 cup of frosting over the first layer, then carefully top with the next layer. Repeat until the cake is assembled.

**Step 12: Add the First Coat of Frosting**  
The secret to knowing how to frost a layer cake is a crumb coat. To do this, spread a very thin layer of frosting over the sides and top of the cake. This initial coat doesn't need to look perfect; it's another way to keep the crumbs out of the frosting. Let the cake stand for 30 minutes so the frosting sets up.

**Step 13: Frost and Decorate**  
Using an offset spatula or table knife, generously spread the remaining frosting over the top and sides of the cake, swirling as you go. Once the cake is completely covered, go back and add more swirls as desired. Serve the cake within 2 hours or refrigerate to store.

CAKE RECIPE  
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## MAP AND VISITOR'S GUIDE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8th	Stargaze at the Observatory
April 22nd	Astronaut Experiences
April 29th	Member Morning
May 6th	50 Years of Exploration
May 20th	Visions of Our Solar System
June 3rd	Galaxy Lights

## DESTINATION MOON

For many years, mankind has dreamt of flying to the Moon. In the late 1960's, twelve extraordinary people were given the privilege to finally set foot on its surface. This blockbuster exhibition will feature the various extraordinary innovations that made it possible for humans to walk on the Moon.

### EXHIBITION PREVIEW

- Get to see the spacesuit that was worn by astronaut Neil Armstrong, commander of the Apollo 11 mission, which landed the first man on the moon on July 20, 1969.
- Taken to the moon on Apollo missions 15, 16, and 17, the Lunar Roving Vehicle (LRV) was a battery powered "dune buggy" equipped with various instruments such as antennae, cameras, and other essential equipment.

SPACE MUSEUM BROCHURE

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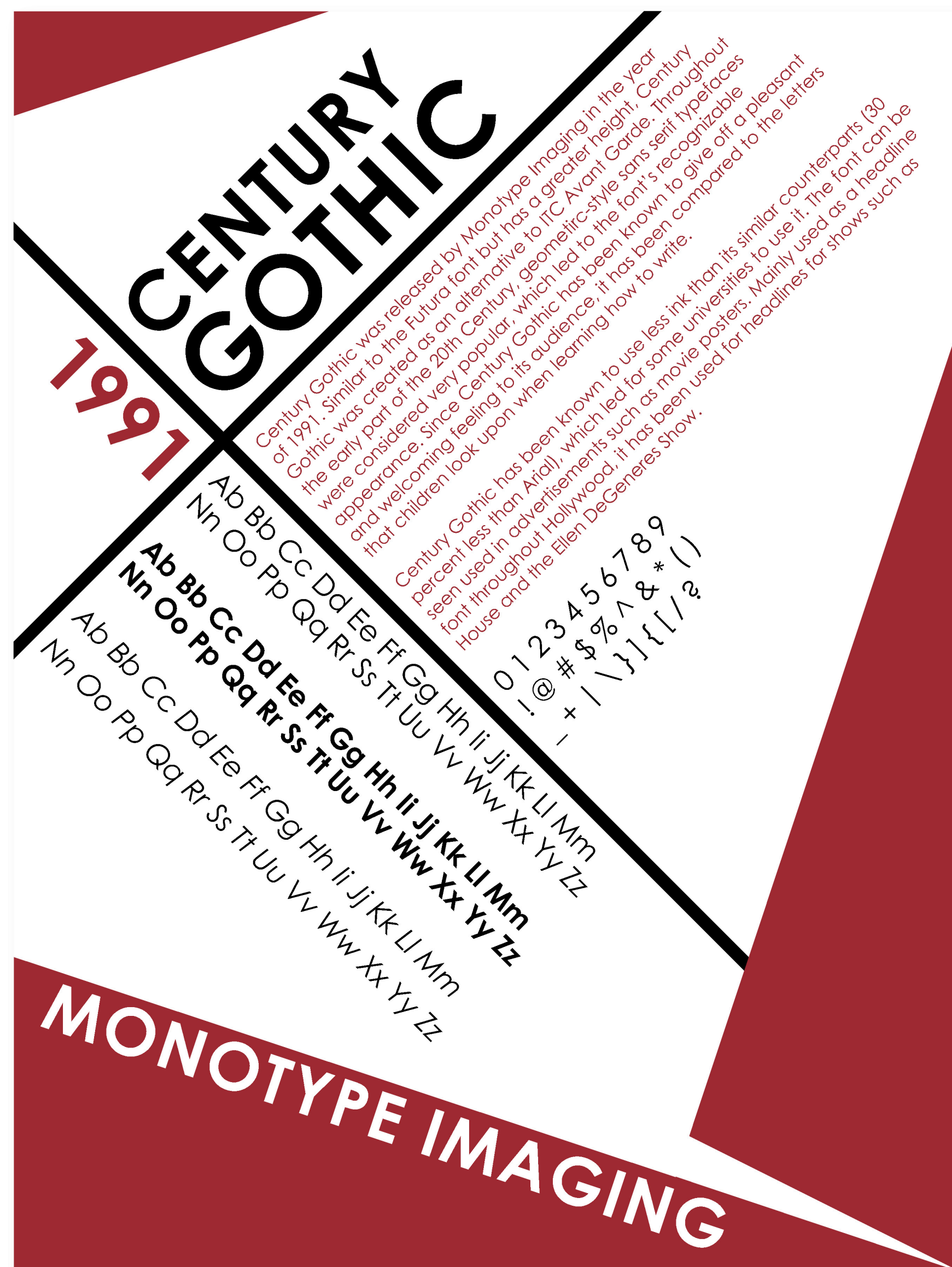


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CENTURY GOTHIC  
TYPE SPECIMEN POSTER

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SALE DESIGNS

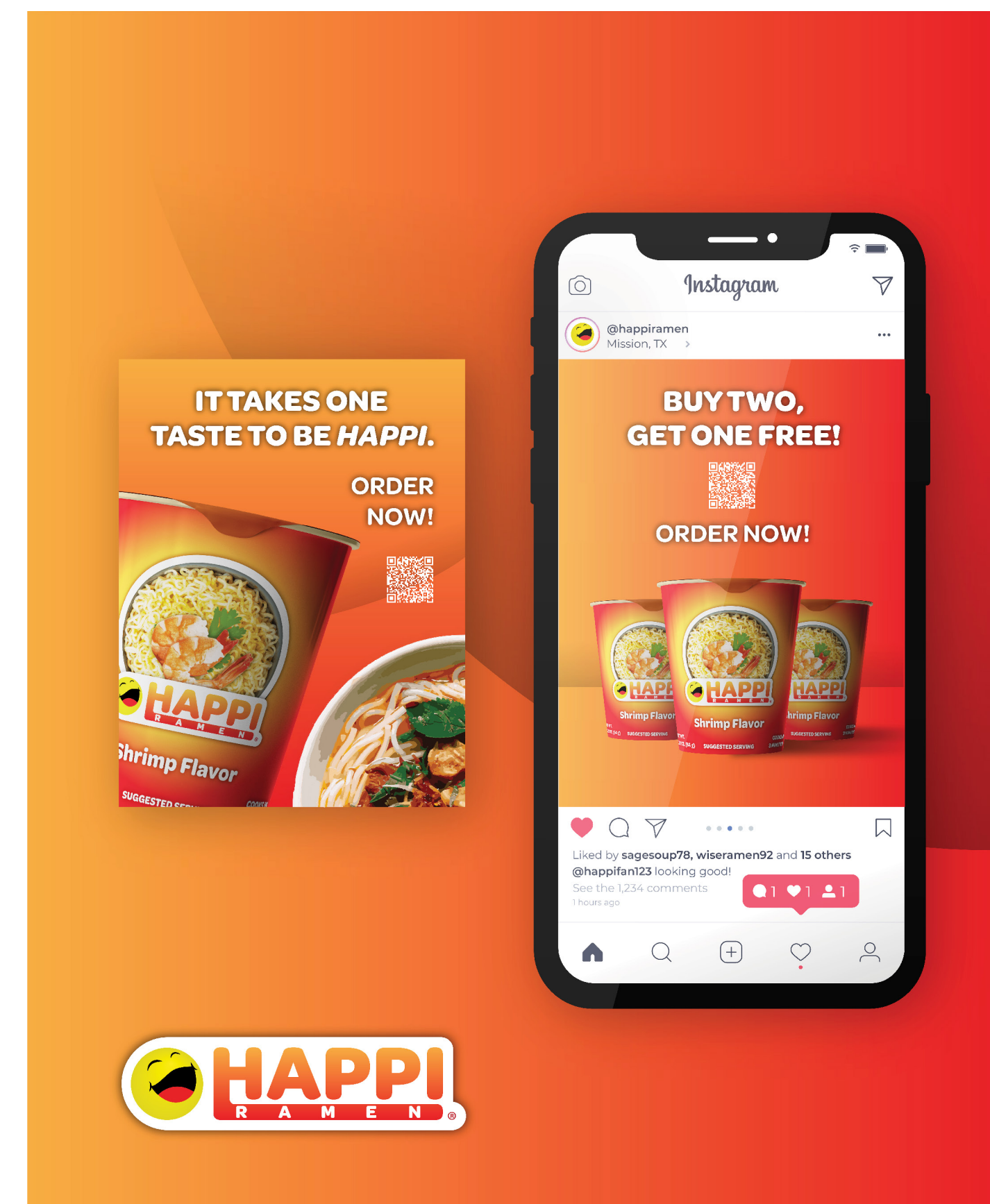
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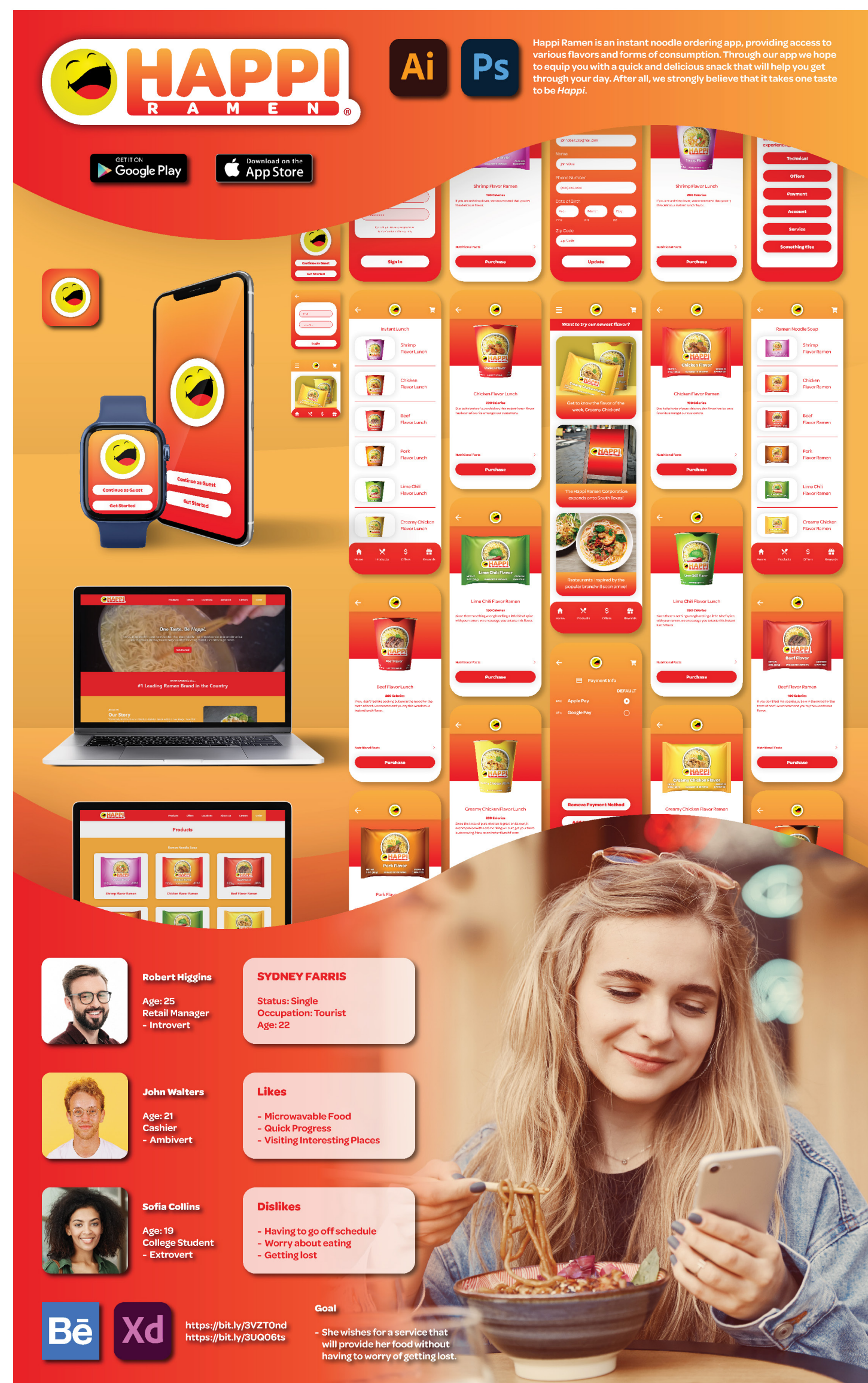


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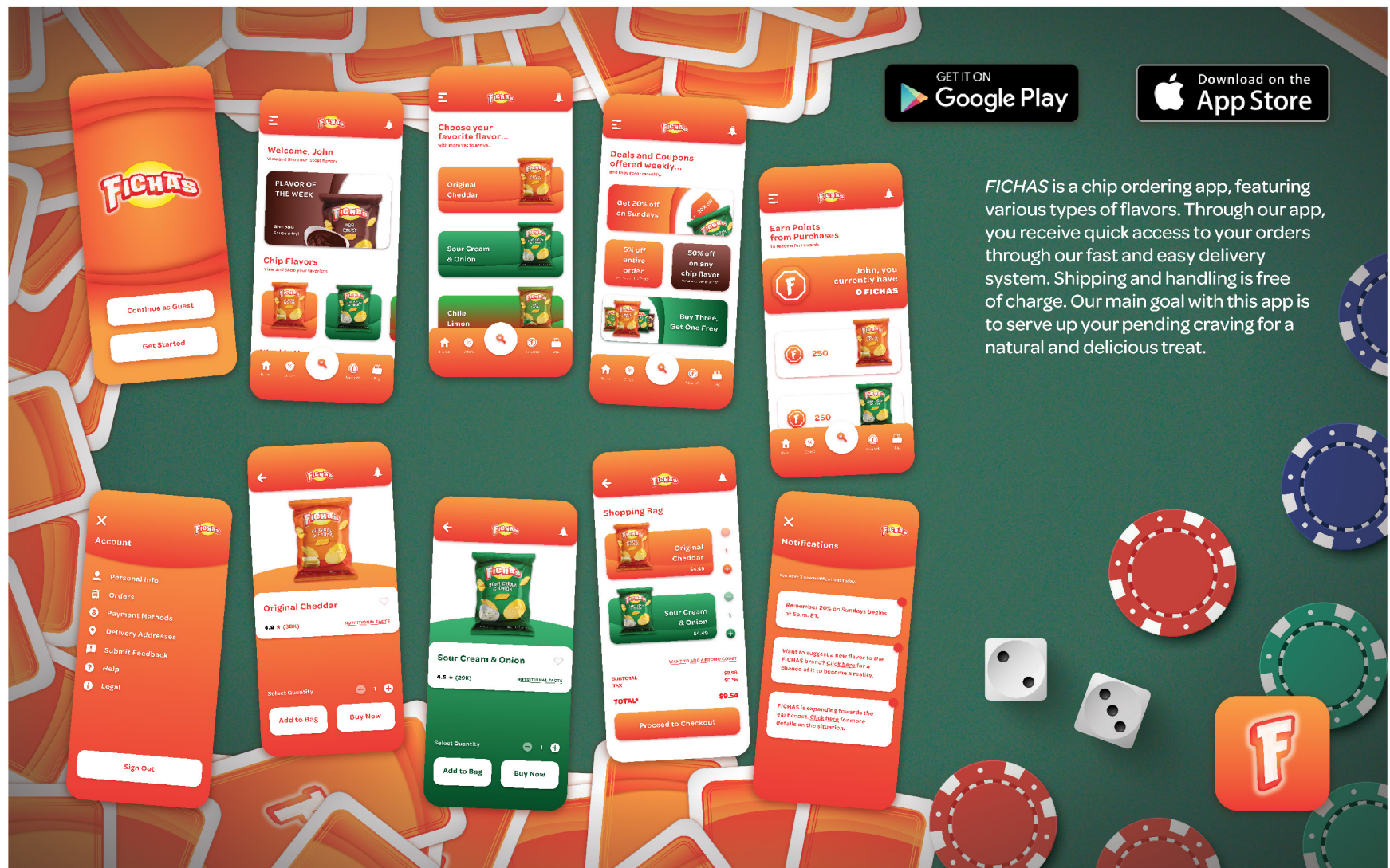
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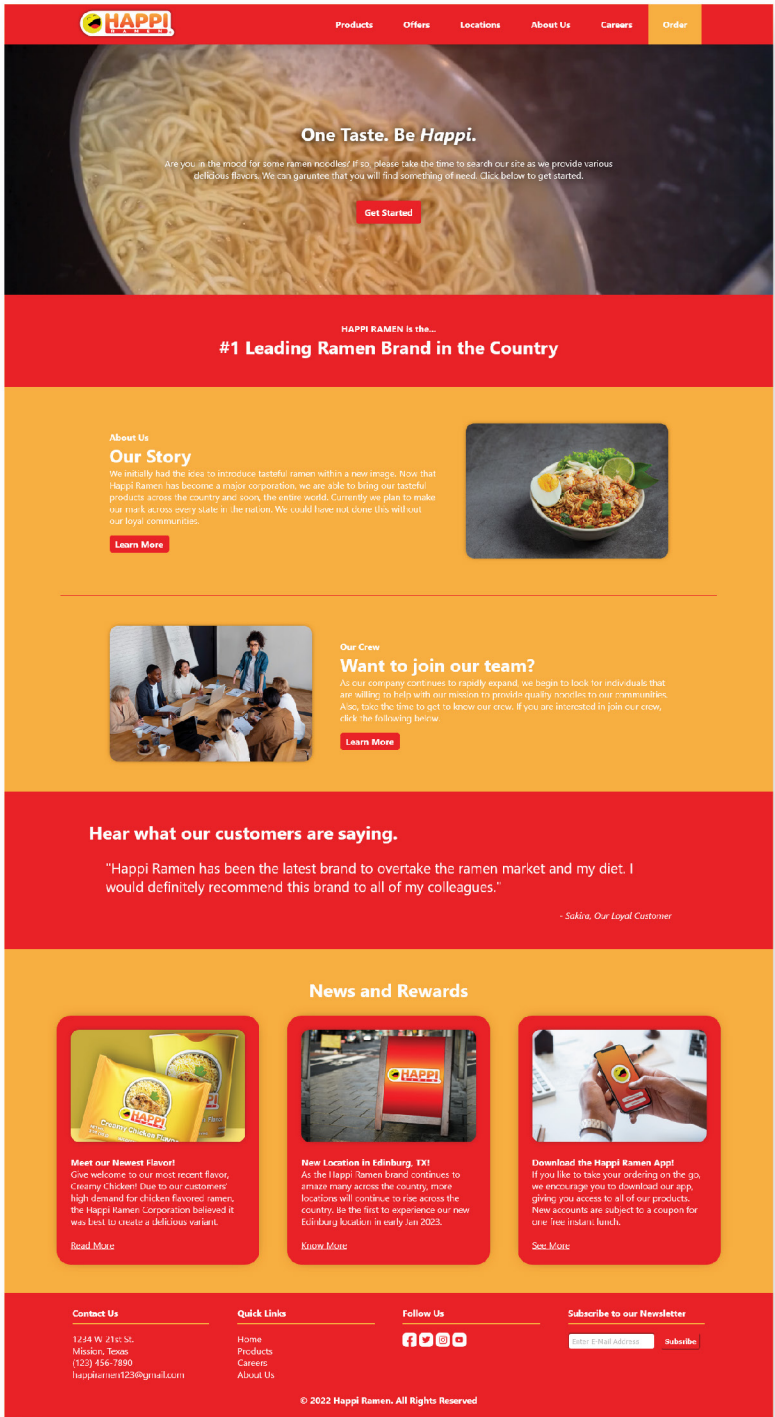
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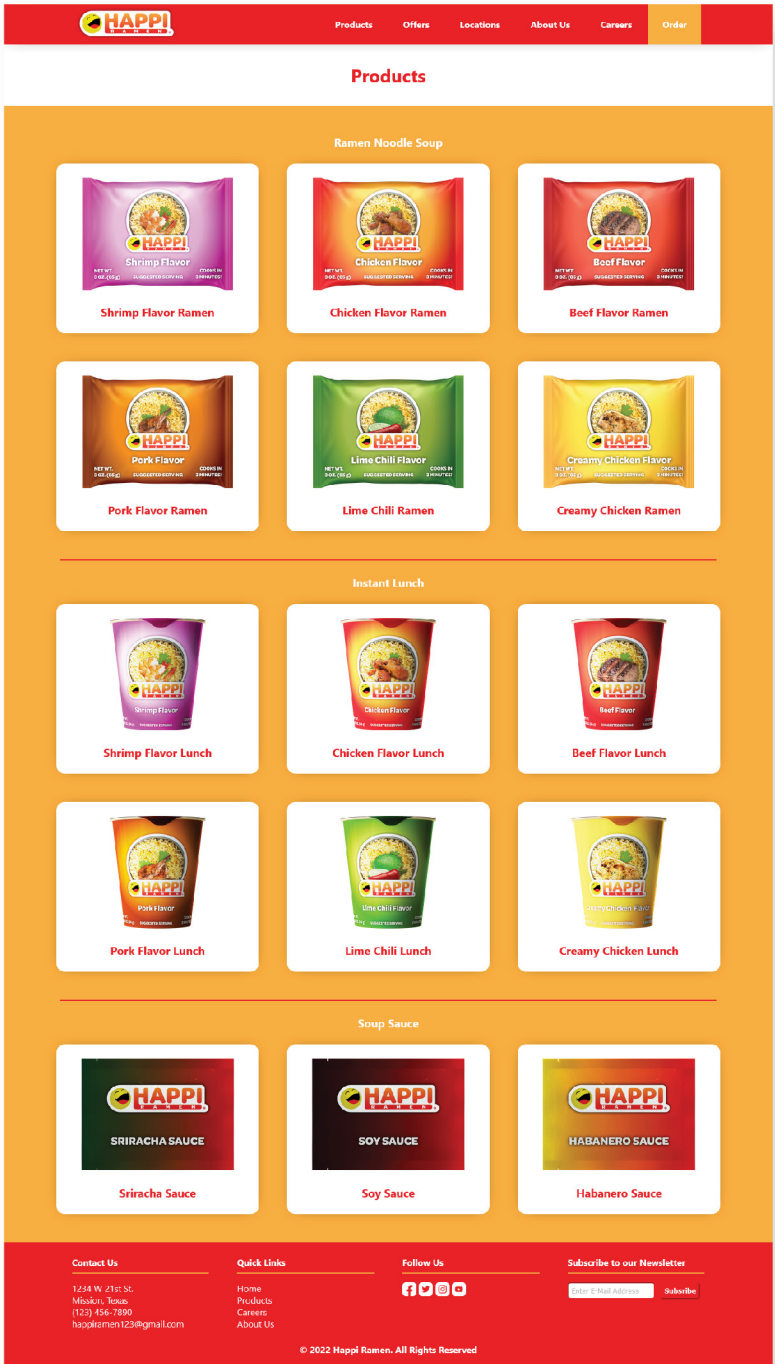


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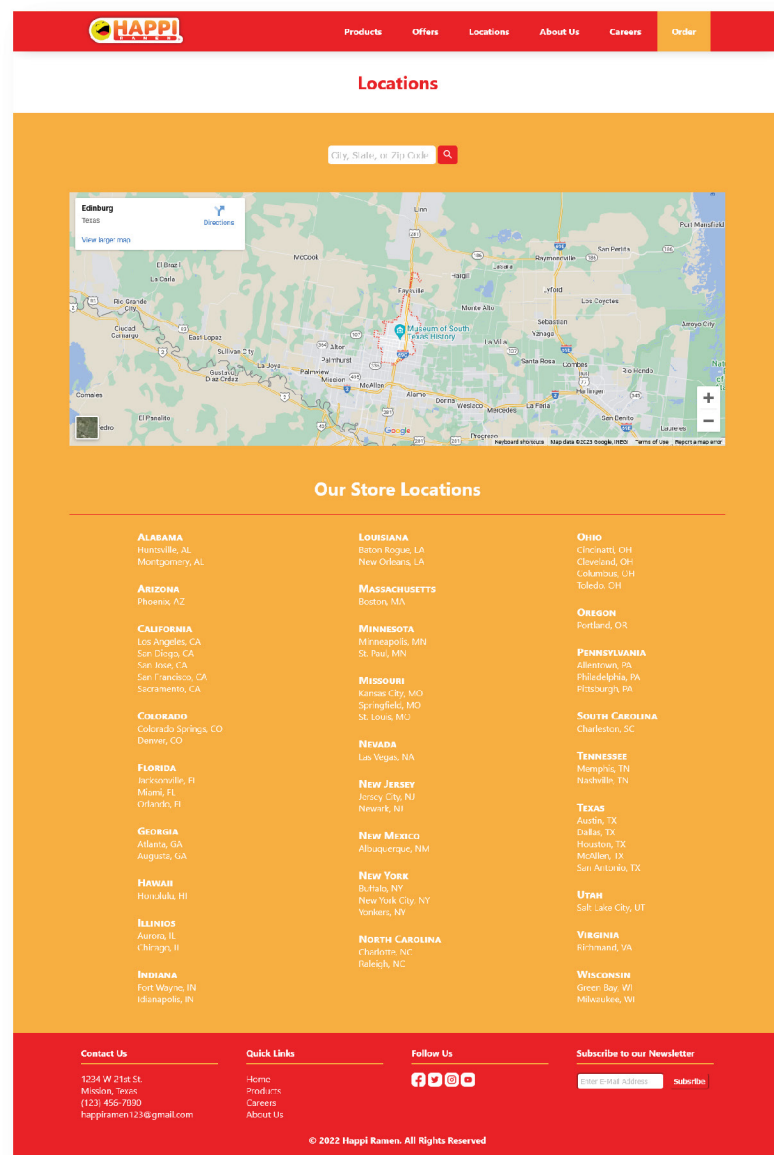


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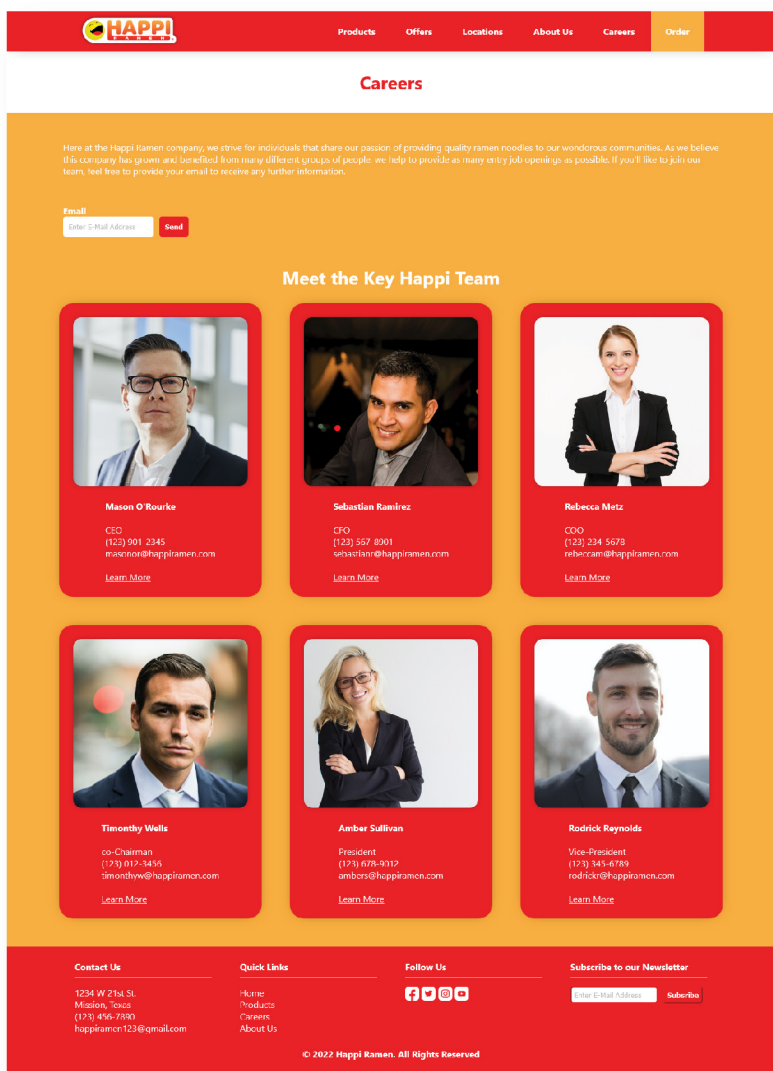


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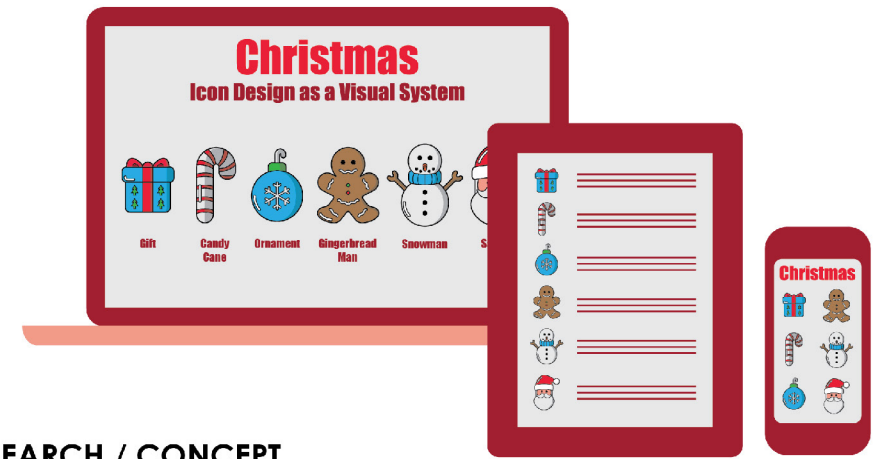
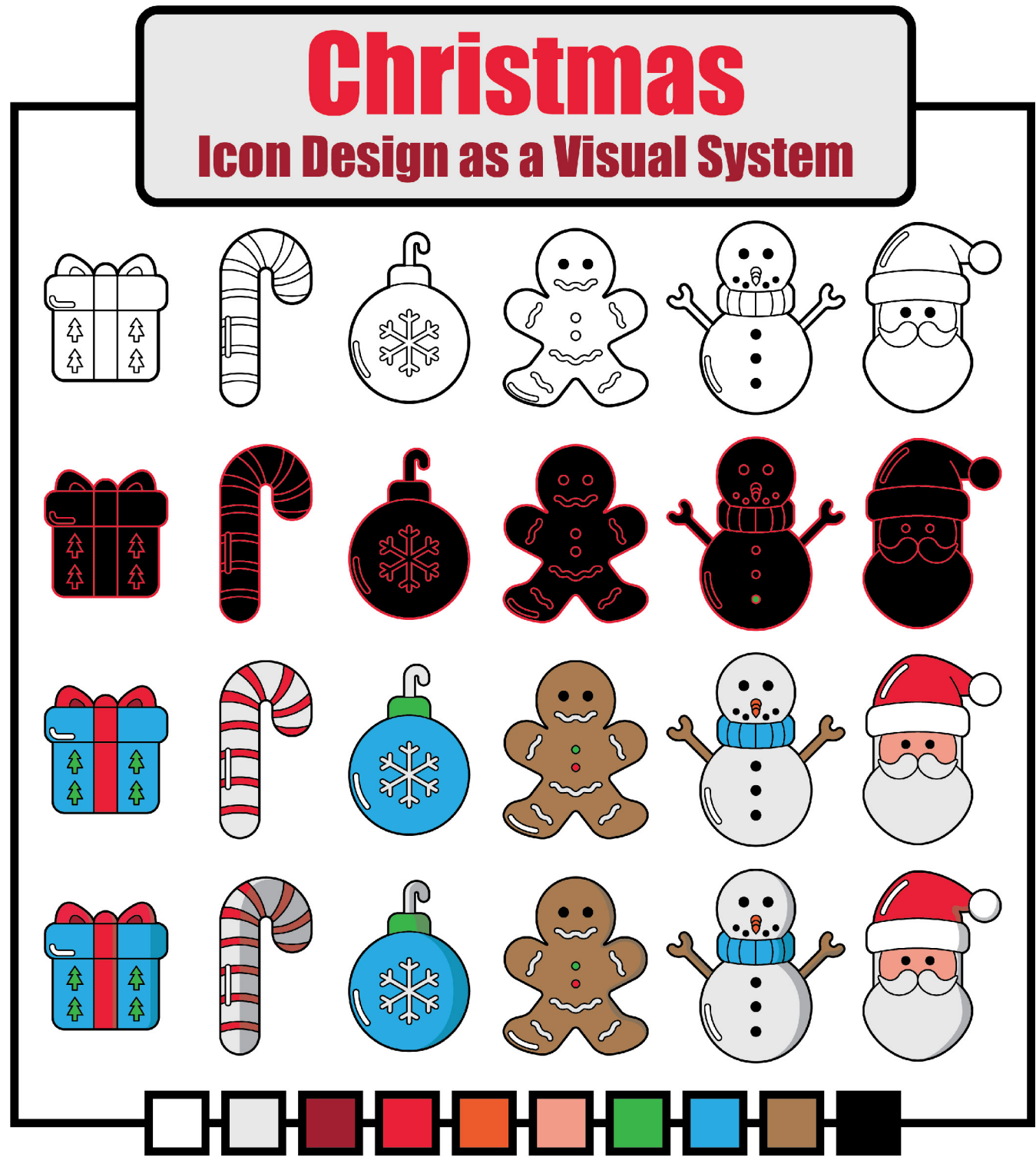


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#### RESEARCH / CONCEPT

For the second project of this course, I decided to use the theme of Christmas. Since the project asks for six items that belong in the theme, I plan to create six icons based on well-known items that depict Christmas. Initially, I want for my icons to look somewhat simplistic. The stroke used will remain consistent within each icon. The six icons are a gift, a candy cane, an ornament, a gingerbread man, a snowman, and, of course, Santa!

CHRISTMAS - ICON DESIGN AS A VISUAL SYSTEM

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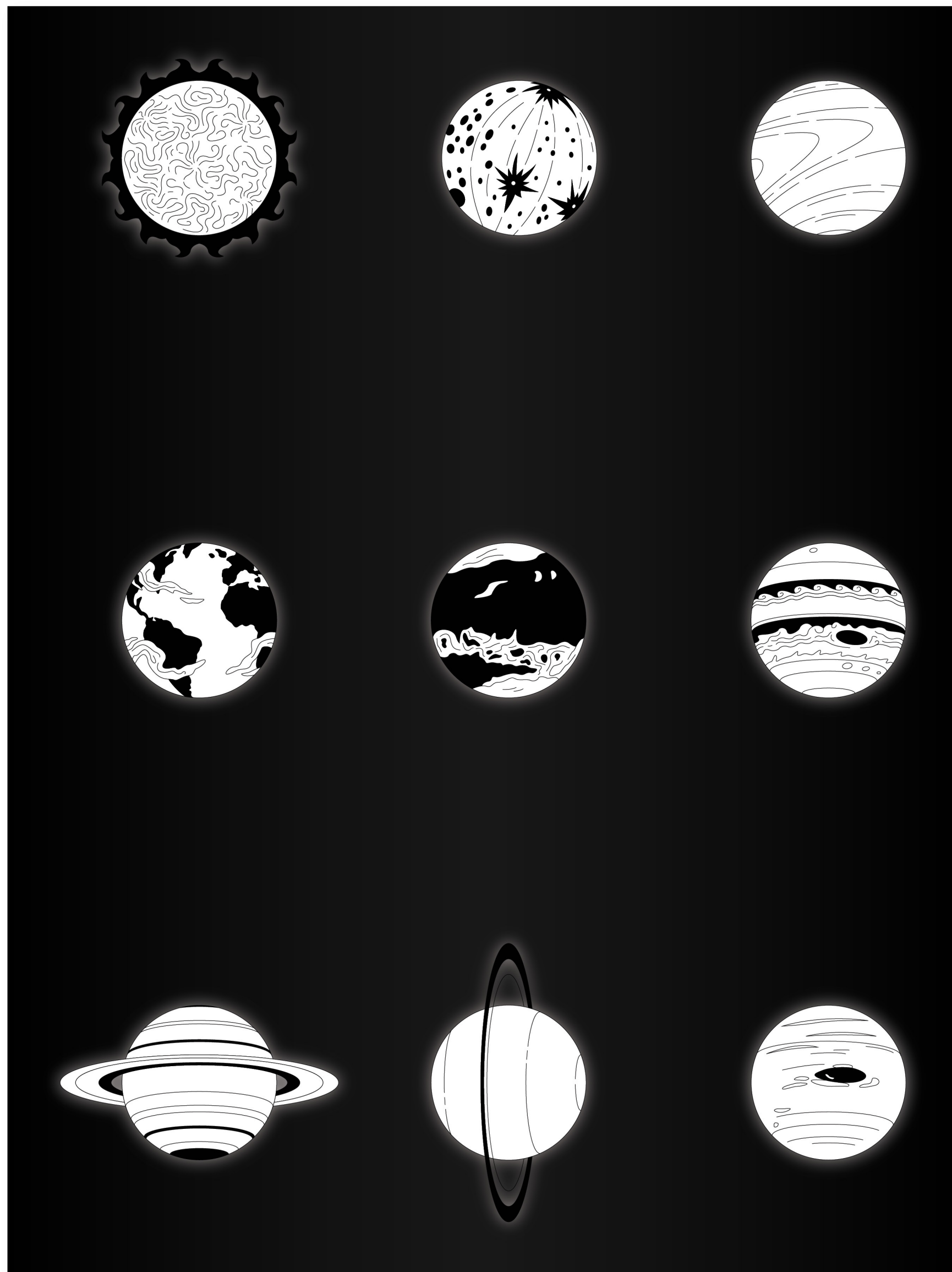
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11" x 14"



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ROMEO VS. TYBALT

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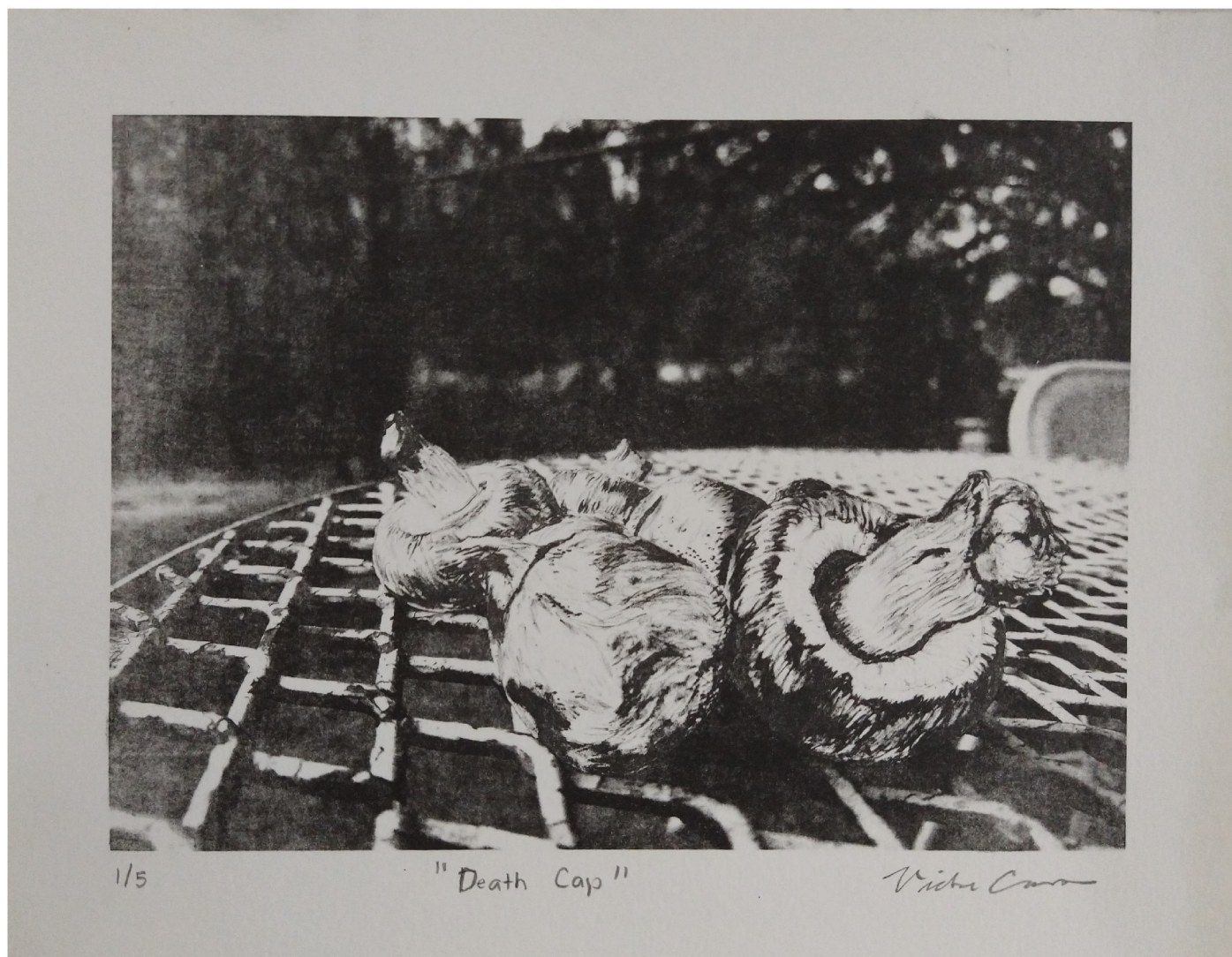




SKY'S THE LIMIT

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DRYPOINT INTAGLIO PRINT  
11" x 15"



DEATH CAP

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POLYESTER LITHO PRINT  
8.5" x 11"



STUDIO ART



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CHARCOAL ON MIXED MEDIA  
18" x 24"



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KALLITYPE  
8.5" x 11"



"DEATH CAP" REFERENCE

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GUM BICHROMATE  
8.5" x 11"



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