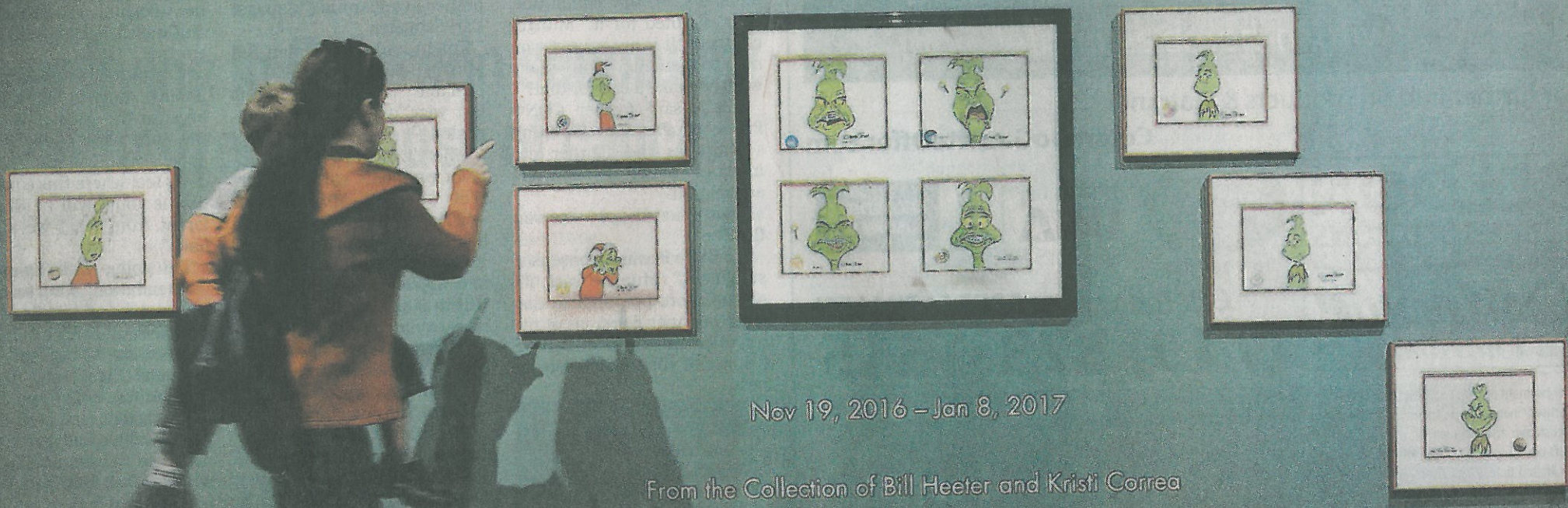


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Beloved Grinch celebrates 50 years



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“How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” one of the most beloved animated television specials, has been entertaining children — and even adults — for years. The cartoon first hit the airwaves in 1966 and is celebrating its 50th birthday. The Fine Arts Center is exhibiting one of the most significant collections of original hand-drawn Grinch animation cels and related artworks in America, on loan from private collectors, Bill Heeter and Kristi Correa. Animator Chuck Jones brought to life the Dr. Seuss classic. Above, Mindy Nichols takes her 4-year-old son, James Nichols, to look at some of the cels that were used to make the cartoon. This Friday is a free day at the Fine Arts Center.