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Highlight the fright

Sarah Nagy
Staff Reporter

As the spooky Halloween holiday comes creeping around the corner, costumes, makeup, and haunted houses all come with it. In order to prepare for Halloween, makeup especially matters for some, insane makeup to clarify.

Hannah Farkas ('15) holds a passion for doing Halloween related makeup and goes all out for the occasion.

"Last year I was Morticia Addams so it was just very dark, but this year I'm definitely going all out with prosthetics, contact lenses, and lots of fake blood," Farkas said.

With passion and skill in hand, Farkas adores doing her makeup creatively

and outrageously. Her experience on doing insane makeup formed over the course of several years.

"I started in middle school and I would think of all these great makeup ideas. Once I started doing them and posting pictures, I got great reactions from a lot of people, so I knew I was doing it right," Farkas said.

Farkas test runs the makeup before she documents the final product. In this case, practice makes perfect. From all the practice, her capability with makeup holds the ability to go far with it in life.

"I just can't see it happening as a career. Maybe as a side job because it's a skill I never want to lose, but probably not as a ca-

reer," Farkas said.

Although Farkas plans a career outside the field of makeup artistry, the skills she built through her hobby positively served as a talent she will never lose. When in need of new ideas, she scans the internet for tutorials for the most creative ones.

"I take some inspiration from MadeYewLook by Lex on YouTube; she's a special effects makeup artist and she's one of the best. Other than her, everything is my own," Farkas said.

Farkas uses her hobby to get into the Halloween spirit, and other makeup artists share her passion for the fright. Ashley Ambrose ('16) enjoys insane makeup as a pastime,

morphing her face into a spooky skeleton. Ambrose found her liking for crazy makeup through the internet as well.

"I would just watch YouTube videos for regular makeup. One thing leads to another and then I was watching crazy makeup tutorials and I decided to try one on myself," Ambrose says.

Ambrose plans accordingly for the Halloween holiday, deciding what type of makeup she thinks will be best for the occasion.

"I usually stick to detailed makeup rather than using prosthetics and latex. I like hand-drawing each part to perfection. I'm just doing my normal skeleton makeup for myself and a

few other friends," says Ambrose.

Although Halloween enhances the excitement for their use of insane makeup, their passion extends far beyond the month of October. Farkas and Ambrose enjoy the eerie vibe of insane makeup year-round, spooking and inspiring throughout.

Purge in real life

Bailey Sassatelli
Staff Reporter

As Halloween creeps closer and the season shifts to fall, horror movies and scary stories gain popularity among teens. Anticipation for Halloween leads the movie companies to come out with interesting and creepy movies based on myths and stories. These movies and myth grab a huge amount of attention from teens. Two examples include The Purge: Anarchy and the story of Slender Man. “The Purge is where all crime is legal once a year and you can do whatever you want. The movie states that it is a form of soul cleansing,” Colton Page (‘16) said. Although these fictitious themes play a part in the Hal-

loween vibe, people recently took their obsessions too far. “Someone decided to start a rumor that the purge was allowed and it spread through the United States and I think some other countries too and then people just started killing other people. For example a group of high school students attempted to burn their biology teacher alive,” Elizabeth McCoy (‘17) said. The horrors revolving around the infatuation of The Purge also occur with other aspects of this season’s themes. For example, the myth of Slender Man turned ordinary girls into murderers. “Slender Man is a mythological creature that doesn’t actu-

ally exist and he is known for abducting children. It started off as a video-game and it eventually ended up with people sacrificing other people. A group of girls took their friend into the woods and sacrificed her to Slender Man and then in a different case, a girl tried to burn her house down to kill her family for him. There is something really wrong with people if they think that a fictitious character will come kidnap them unless they kill their family,” McCoy said. Movies allude to the possibilities of what lies ahead and appeals to people’s emotions. “They are trying to make us realize that if we stay on

the path we are on, that may be how the world is in the future,” Page said. People in society now get easily drawn into these types of movies, stories, and myths all year long. “The whole curiosity aspect of it is what appeals to us. We want to be entertained and we have pretty much seen everything already. Like if you just show a simple movie with people hunting each other, it isn’t interesting,” McCoy said. Although people can get starstruck by these types of things, fans believe society must come up with ways to prevent tragedies like the recent ones from occurring. “Don’t show people these

things in movies. Don’t bully. Don’t give people a false sense of power or acceptance because it gives them the courage and ability to act out in these ways,” Trevin Valdez (‘17) said. With those who attempt to commit crimes based on movies and myths in mind, McCoy shares a message of caution and concern. “Please don’t be an idiot. It’s still illegal to kill people. So whether you are sacrificing them to Slender Man or not, just don’t do it. Sacrifice your goldfish instead,” McCoy said.

Halloween around the world

Lexi Michaud
Staff Reporter

In the month of October spooky mummies, ghosts, pumpkins, and decorations appear all over the front yards of homes in the United States. Many countries from around the world also celebrate this holiday, but in different ways. Exchange student Aurelie Drignon (‘16) remembers Halloween celebrations in her home country of France as varied activities, depend-

ing on age. “Little children take candy, teenagers go to parties and watch horror movies, and adults celebrate with dinner and watch movies with their family,” French exchange student Drignon said. In Germany, teens take a more mischievous approach. “Most teenagers drive around and throw eggs at houses and don’t dress up,” German exchange student

Flora Frense (‘16) said. The celebration for German children mirrors that of the United States. Children dress up and go trick or treating with family and friends, although with minimal importance placed on the holiday. “Halloween is not really big in Germany,” Frense said. In Brazil, people in stores, schools, and houses fill bowls with candy and put up frightening decorations. Schools

honor this holiday by having after school parties with haunted houses. “The whole school is dark with orange lights and students hide in classrooms and scare people all around,” Brazilian exchange student Livia Prampero (‘16) said. Most Brazilian houses decorate with pumpkins and haunted themed items and take the fright to the next level with sound machines that

horrify the trick-or-treaters as they walk by. Different countries celebrate Halloween in a variety of ways, from their parties to decorations. The exchange students of Brazil, France and Germany experience both old and new traditions as they celebrate this holiday in the United States.

On the Starkey Ranch development opening Spring 2015 on State Road 54:

By Emily Fowler

Q: What can you tell me about the new development?

A: From what I've heard, there is going to be approximately 1,500 homes built east of Longleaf off of Starkey Road all the way up to Gunn Highway.

Q: Do you think it would be good for the area?

A: I think for the school it is going to have more of an impact, probably more than anything that has happend to the school ever.

Q: Why?

A: Along with Mitchell Ranch and the Trinity Preserve, all of these new [neighborhoods], there is going to have to be either a new high school built, which I'm guessing is most likely what will happen, or half of the student body is going to be sent to some exisiting schools. So it is going to change Mitchell, it's going to change the borders of who [can go] to Mitchell.

Q: What is reduction in-force?

A: When a new school opens, depending on a lot of factors, [many] teachers want the new facility, they want the nicer place, the new technology. Since we are the closest school, and a lot of our students would be affected, we could lose half of our staff.

Photo of Starkey Ranch provided by pascoountyfl.net

Esta es la día de los muertos

Sophie Sajecki
Staff Reporter

Halloween remains one of the spookiest times of year, yet other celebrations exist around this time as well. Our school’s Spanish National Honor Society celebrates one overlooked holiday called Day of the Dead. “Day of the Dead or Día de Muertos started in Mexico and is basically a celebration of those who have died and just being positive and celebrating,” Elliot Evangelista (‘15) said. Day of the Dead typically spans three days (October 31st, November 1st and November 2nd) to honor family members or friends that died. “Different people of different cultures celebrate Day of the Dead differently. Some have an offering table where you they put gifts for the departed as an offering for the dead. Most places that celebrate day of the dead are Central America and some places in South America,” Mrs. Pitcher (FAC and Spanish National Honor Society sponsor) said. The Spanish National

Honor Society celebrates day of the dead in a unique way compared to other cultures. “For the past year we used the Day of the Dead as a day to do inductions into the Spanish National Honor Society’s new members. We talk about what people celebrate and what they do in different countries and then we give [new members] a diploma, t-shirt, and welcome them all into the SNHS,” said Mrs. Pitcher. In addition to the inductions into SNHS, Day of the Dead includes some creative aspects. “This year we’re going to make dolls and then we’re going to bake them. At the end when everything is baked we [will] make cocoa with lit-

tle marshmallows,” said Mrs. Pitcher. The students involved in the Spanish National Honor society look forward to celebrating Day of the Dead. “We’re going to have food and music, The Day of the Dead party should be a lot of fun,” said Evangelista. New member selection for the Spanish National Honor Society occurs in September of each school year. SNHS requirements include a 3.0 overall GPA, 3.5 GPA in Spanish and all members must be in at least Spanish two. In addition to

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DIY RECIPIES & CRAFTS: HALLOWEEN

Alyssa Magilligan
Staff Reporter



Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes

Ingredients
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon ground allspice
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup butter softened
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
¾ cup milk
1 cup pumpkin puree

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease 24 muffin cups. Sift together the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, allspice, salt, baking powder, and baking soda; set aside.
2. Beat ½ cup butter and white sugar with an elective mixture in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Add the room temperature eggs one at a time allowing each egg to blend into the butter mixture before adding the next. Stir in the milk and pumpkin puree after the last egg. Stir in the flour mixture mixing until just incorporated. Pour the batter into the muffin tins.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until golden and the tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 26 minutes.
4. Spread the choice of frosting on top of all of the cupcakes, and spring a little cinnamon on top.

Materials Needed
Styrofoam balls-medium size
White cloth
Black marker
Black, orange, or purple ribbon
Hot glue gun

Directions
1. Cut 9x9 or 10x10 pieces from the cloth
2. Place Styrofoam ball in the middle of the newly cut cloth
3. Take the edges of the cloth and gather all of it making sure the Styrofoam ball is completely covered.
4. Hot glue the spot where all of the cloth meets on the Sty-rofoam ball.
5. Tie a piece of the ribbon you chose around the area of the cloth you hot glued.
6. Take another piece of ribbon and hot glue a logo to the top of the Styrofoam ball.
7. Take your black sharpie and draw any face wanted to finish your ghost.



Hanging Ghosts

Teacher’s pets and their costumes

By Chrissy Couture



Lily: Pumpkin

“Courtney [her daughter] will dress Lily up and have a field day taking pictures,” Ms. Jennifer Kaelin (FAC) said.



Lionel the bunny

“We do not dress up our bunnies,” Ms. Jessica Schultz (FAC) said.



Daisy: Devil

“I have an annual Halloween party that’s themed, so I always dress my dogs up to go along with the theme,” Ms. Beth Seletos (FAC) said.

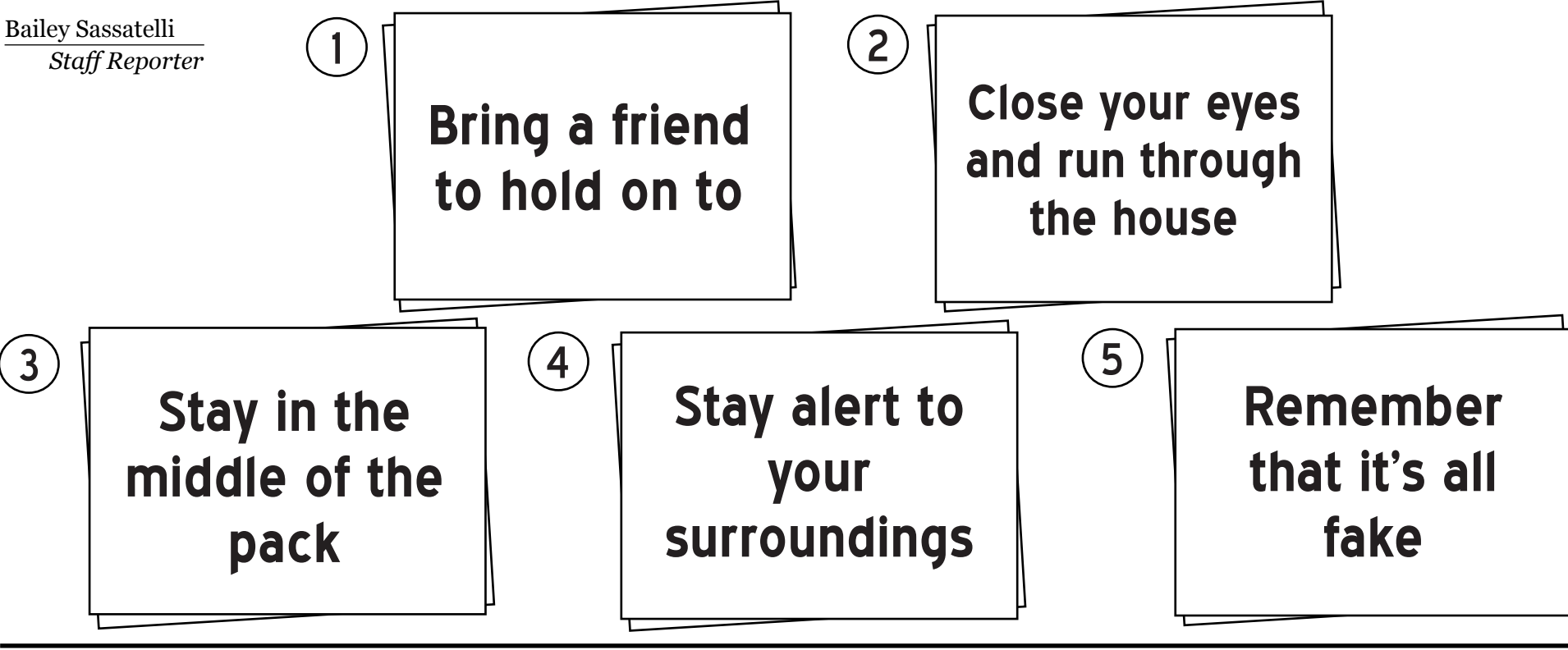


Minnie: Cowgirl

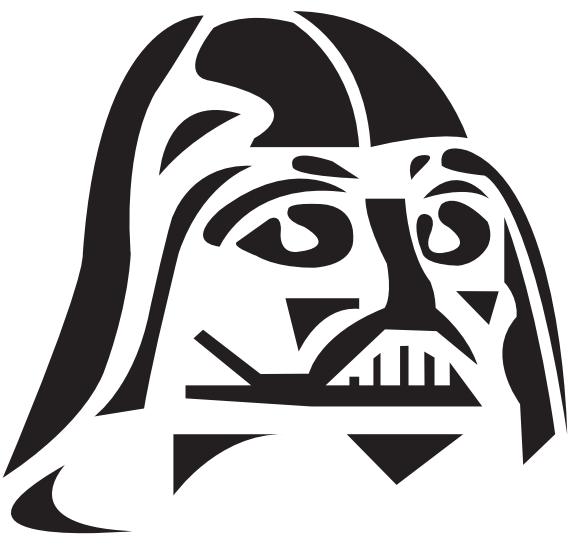
“She’s my fur baby, definitely. She’s my best friend. You know, she’s always happy to see me. I take her everywhere I go. She sleeps in my bed,” Ms. Sherri Hungler (FAC) said.

How to keep your cool in a Haunted House

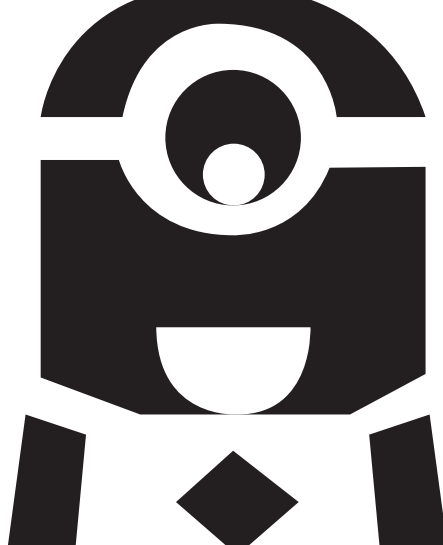
Bailey Sassatelli
Staff Reporter



Carving those pumps



Darth Vader from *Star Wars* : A pop-culture classic; villains like Darth Vader and Darth Maul paired with classic heros Yoda and Luke Skywalker turn your front porch into a scene that’s out of this world.



Minion from *Despicable Me*: The lovable, yel-low minions that everyone wants could be your way to show your love of them.



Olaf and Elsa from *Frozen*: People can’t seem to ‘let it go’ and move on from this past year’s hit animated movie.



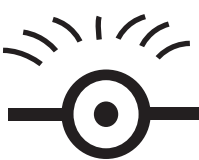
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle: The Ninja Turtles hit an all time high this year with the debut of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (2014). This simple carving becomes instantly recognizable, especially if you carve four pumpkins and add different colored LED lighting inside.

SCRAMBLING FOR THE SCARE

Lexi Clark
Staff Reporter



Jelly Belly bag
How to: take a clear trash bag and cut holes in it, then put it on and tie the bottom. Blow up different color balloons and put them inside, print out Jelly Belly logo and tape on the front of bag.



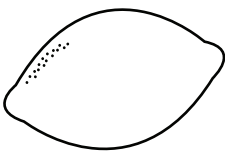
Minion
How to: wear a yellow shirt and jeans with goggles (or if you don't have goggles, glasses.)



Regina George
How to: cut two holes in the chest of a white tank top and wear it over a purple tank top.

404 Error: 404 Not Found

How to: take black marker, sharpie, or fabric marker and simply write the words "Error 404: Costume Not Found" on a plain white t-shirt!



When life gives you lemons

How to: take any color marker, sharpie, or fabric marker and write "life" on a shirt and carry around lemons.

Fall fashion must-haves

Sarah Nagy
Staff Reporter

Flannels: Flannels are great for looking cute, while also being comfy. Flannels never go out of style, and they go with virtually anything. **Best place to buy a Flannel:** Target! They run roughly \$16.00 here, which is the cheapest you'll find.

Combat Boots: Combat boots are edgy, and very in style. Look around at all the girls that tuck them into jeans, wear them with sweater dresses, etc. **Best place to buy combat boots:** Forever 21, even though they run a little more pricey, it's completely worth it! They run about \$30.00.

Boot Socks: Whether a full sock or just a cuff, boot socks add a unique and individual touch to the tops of even the most ordinary boots. Various styles include those with embroidery, stripes, patterns and bright colors, as well as the more daring fur topped socks. Avoid the boring, and let your boot socks speak to your own unique style. **Best place to buy boot socks/cuffs:** Urban Outfitters, about \$20.00.

Scarves: Scarves are a universal fashion accessory, that also keeps your neck warm. They come in many different textures and patterns, and can be added on to almost any outfit to enhance it. Scarves are timeless! **Best place to buy scarves:** Charlotte Russe. A single scarf runs pretty cheap at \$9.99 here!

Sweater Dresses: Sweater dresses are definitely in for this Fall season! Cute, yet casual, you can never go wrong with a sweater dress, and boots perhaps. **Best place to buy a sweater dress:** H&M. A good quality sweater dress for around \$24.95!



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Places to satisfy your pumpkin crave

Sophie Sajecki
Staff Reporter

1

Dunkin Donuts

DD has assorted fall items depending on location and availability such as a pumpkin muffin (\$1.49), pumpkin pie donut (\$.99), pumpkin donut (\$.99) and MUNCHKINS® donut holes (\$5.49-\$8.29). They also have Pumpkin coffee and lattes as well as Pumpkin Crème Brulee.

2

Starbucks

Pumpkin Spice Latte, of course (hot/iced/frappe). Other ways to order pumpkin (expect about \$1 extra):
- Caramel pumpkin Frappuccino? Yes please. Ask for a caramel Frappuccino with two pumps of pumpkin syrup next visit to Starbucks
-Pumpkin pie flavor? Ask for a pump or two of cinnamon dolce syrup into your PSL

3

IHOP

Four fluffy pancakes made with real pumpkin, cinnamon, ginger & nutmeg for a perfect taste of Autumn (\$4.99).

4

Cold Stone

Pumpkin Ice Cream Pie (\$10) and 'Pumpkin Pie in the Sky' ice cream creation with pumpkin ice cream, graham cracker piecrust, whipped topping and caramel (\$4-\$6).

5

J.J. Gandy's Pies, Inc.

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie (\$18), There is bit of a drive to get here and the price is a little high but the pie is TOTALLY worth it! (3725 Alt. 19 and Palm Harbor Blvd)

6

Panera

They have Pumpkin Muffies, Pumpkin Bread, Pumpkin Muffins, and Curried Pumpkin Soup to fill your pumpkin cravings.

Top disgiuses for the big night

Sam Burchick
Staff Reporter



Pictured: Zachary Rossignol, Gabby Trujillo, Austin Plouffe, Gigi Bodon, Sabanna Wagner, Blake Perry, Braedon Morecraft, Kadin Trucksis, Julia Capo, Sam Bogdan, Brooke Perry.

Looking for a sporty group costume theme? Your friends could dress up as opposing teams from the classic movie *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story* (2004).



Pictured: Alexandra Whiteley, Amani Durate, and Mario Genduso

Villains may take over Halloween this year, but *Guardians of the Galaxy* emerge as a top pick for groups seeking to promote their inner superhero.



Pictured:

This popular Netflix TV show about a middle-aged woman sentenced to prison for a crime she committed years ago emerged as a new costume idea this year. With an orange jumpsuit and a self-centered attitude, head to your Halloween party as Piper Chapman.



Pictured: Becca Roberson, Aurelie Drignon, Caitlin Freitas, Taryn Kupeczyk
Kneeling: Jackie Freitas

Countless girls dress up as princesses for Halloween every year, and the Disney princesses remain the most popular. The Frozen sisters join Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, and Belle for a fairy tale Halloween.



Across the street from Mitchell, Hope UMC offers a huge selection of pumpkins ranging from 50 cents for mini pumpkins to around \$40 for extra large pumpkins.




Photo by Caroline Weyer

FANGTASTIC FUN FOR HALLOWEEN

Still don't have Halloween plans? There are tons of places in the Trinity area that offer movie nights, pumpkin patches, haunted houses, and more!

MOVIE NIGHTS



MONSTERS & MENACE
Oct. 29 @ 5:30 & 8:00
INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS/
THE BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN
Oct. 30 @ 5:30 & 8:00
ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S THE BIRDS/
CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

DOUBLE FEATURE
Fri., Oct. 31 @ 9:00 p.m.
on Halloween
NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET/
FRIDAY THE 13TH

COST: Suggested \$3 donation per movie, available only before the start times

WHERE: The Center for the Arts at River Ridge, 11646 Town Center Rd., New Port Richey

COST: \$7 for both movies

WHERE: Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St., Downtown Clearwater

HAUNTED HOUSES



HAUNTED ANGELUS HOUSE
Fri. and Sat. from Sept. 26 through Nov. 1 @ 6:30

TASCO FIELD OF SCREAMS
Fri. and Sat. from Sept. 26 through Nov. 1 @ 6:30

COST: \$12 for main haunt, \$8 for pirate haunt and \$8 for haunted hayride (\$23 for all three). Unlimited admission for one night: \$30 adults, \$12 children ages 5-10, \$3 for child's haunt

WHERE: The Angelus, 12413 Hudson Ave., Hudson.

COST: Tickets \$10 age 18 and under, \$15 age 19 and over

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ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS

ZOOBOO
Th./Fri. (7-10:00) Sat./Sun. (7-11:00) through Nov. 1

FALL FAMILY FISHING FEST.
Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HAUNTED HORSE-A-WEEN
Every Fri. and Sat. in Oct. from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

BIG CAT RESCUE'S HAUNTED TRAIL
Fri., Oct. 31 @ 7:00 p.m. on Halloween

COST: \$18 for ages 12 & up. \$14 ages 3-11. Free for ages 2 and under. (People attending can buy tickets online or at gate.) FREE parking.

WHERE: Lowry Park Zoo, 1101 West Sligh Ave., Tampa

COST: \$18 for ages 12 & up. \$14 ages 3-11. Free for ages 2 and under. (People attending can buy tickets online or at gate.) FREE parking.

WHERE: Withlacoochee River Blvd., Dade City

COST: Free admission. \$6 for haunted hayrides (\$5 for non-haunted hayrides), \$5 for pony rides, and \$30 for moonlit horseback riding

WHERE: In the Breeze Ranch, 7514 Gardner Rd., Tampa

COST: \$25 per person

WHERE: Lowry Park Zoo, 1101 West Sligh Ave., Tampa



FALL FESTIVALS

MEADOW POINTE 1 FALL EVENT
Nov. 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FALL FAMILY FUN FEST
Oct. 31st from 5 to 7:45 p.m. on Halloween

FALL FESTIVAL
Nov. 9th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COST: Free admission

WHERE: Meadow Pointe 1 clubhouse, 28245 County Line Rd, Wesley Chapel

COST: Free admission

WHERE: Unveiled Church, 6213 Grand Blvd., New Port Richey

COST: Free admission

WHERE: Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church, 8812 Old County Road 54, New Port Richey



PUMPKIN PATCHES AND MORE

SWEETFIELDS FARM
Weekends from Sept. 27 through Nov 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HAY RIDE AND STARGAZING
Nov. 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

HARVESTMOON FARM MAZE
Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COST: 12 years and older: \$9.50 plus tax. Ages 3-11: \$5. 2 & under: free

WHERE: 17250 Benes Roush Rd, Masaryktown

COST: Free admission (pay for parking)

WHERE: J.B. Starkey Wilderness Park. 10500 Wilderness Park Blvd., New Port Richey

COST: Ages 3 & up are \$11.95. Children under 2 are free

WHERE: Harvestmoon Farm, 15990 Stur St Masaryktown,



Bolting to the beginning

Brock Shively
Staff Reporter

Last year they faltered in a first round playoff battle, but now the Tampa Bay Lightning start the season bolted up for a new challenge. The Lightning retooled their roster, regained supreme players, and feel poised to compete with the teams at the top.

The Lightning changed their stadium name this off-season from the Tampa Bay Times Forum to Amalie Arena. The reason for the change involved the higher amount of cash offered by the Amalie Oil Co. The Lightning fans persist that they do not like the new stadium name.

“They should have left it as The Forum; it just doesn’t feel like it fits the Lightning,” Ryan Penland (‘16) said.

On the ice, fans expect goaltender Ben Bishop to play elite championship caliber hockey.

“I feel Bishop is a top five goalie. Even after his off-season surgery on his hand, he still looks the same if not better,” Penland said.

Dylan Roosa (‘17) agrees, but took Penland’s opinion to another level.

“I think he is a top three goalie. He was in the final voting for best goalie in the NHL last year,” Roosa said.

The Lightning made numerous moves in the off-season to deliver a Stanley Cup contender. General Manager Steve Yzerman focused on strengthening the blue line and the defense in front of Bishop.

“The most crucial additions to the Lightning are the defensive acquisitions of Jason Garrison and Anton Stralman. They are going to bring the veteran talent to the defense that they’ve needed,” Penland

said.

Last year’s first round selection Jonathan Drouin supplies a ton of buzz to the Bolts’ offense. Last year, Drouin developed his game in the junior league where players clean up deficiencies in their game to prepare for NHL athletes.

“I expect Drouin to be an offensive playmaker and a good scorer,” Penland said.

Fans also expect certain players to enhance their game by avoiding mistakes and strengthening their performance.

“Radko Gudas needs to take his game to the next level, and he had way too many costly penalties,” Penland said.

Predicting teams that look to give the Lightning fits in the upcoming season, fans arrived at a consensus of one team that posed the biggest threat.

“I feel like the Bruins are

going to give the Lightning the most trouble due to their defense,” Penland said.

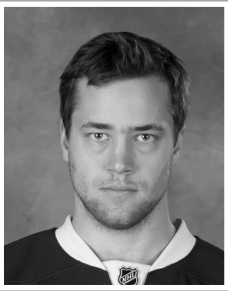
Lightning fans feel optimistic for ascension in the team’s play this season.

“They can make it to the second round this year because of playmakers like Steven Stamkos,” Roosa said.

Penland showed an even bigger confidence in the team.

“If everything goes planned they can make a solid run and get to the conference finals, or even the [Stanley] Cup,” said Penland.

The Lightning organization afflicted a ton of change, from the name of the stadium to the team on the ice, but their chances for a championship team remain a mystery.



Victor Hedman
(Defenseman)

Victor Hedman plays a very crucial role in the Lightning defense. Hedman checks other competitors into the boards with his towering body. The Lightning also like to use him to drop down into the offensive zone and create an opportunity for a goal. Hedman played outstanding in the five games he stayed healthy in. Hedman broke his finger October 18, 2014 against the Vancouver Canucks. The star studded defenseman seems likely to miss 4-6 weeks. Now the Lightning look to replace a key component to the teams’ success.

No pucks no glory

Katy White
Staff Reporter

Spectators watched as fierce skaters zoomed down the ice while other players breathed down their neck and slammed them into glass walls. Bumping each other’s shoulders, these boys fight to get the puck in the goal.



benched but we came

Ethan Corrow (‘15) refuses to give up on his team during the season. The team won their first game against Freedom High School 8-2.

“We were short

through,” Corrow said.

Thousands of people in Florida within the past 20 years started to show an enormous interest in hockey.

“It’s fun going to the games and watching because it’s different. Not a lot of people get to watch hockey in Florida, so it’s fun to go down to the games, the ones that are closer,” Corrow said.

Lucas Sowder (‘17) followed in the path of his family by taking up the sport.

“My older brother’s the one that actually got me into hockey; he started playing when he was younger and got me into playing,” Sowder said.

David Hawkins (‘17) started skating at the young age of seven and also shares a family connection.

“My uncle plays hockey, he still plays up in Canada.

He’s pretty much the reason I skate today,” Hawkins said.

Fighting the battle last year, the hockey team worked long and hard for their win at States. The team expects to wriggle their way to States again this year.

“We just have to stay positive and we’ll be able to take home another State Championship,” Hawkins said.

Hockey never leaves these players’ minds, yet it remains

a club activity, not an official FHSAA sport.

“We’ve been trying to get it to be a school team for a while now,” Sowder said. “It’s just too expensive to insure a hockey team,” Corrow said.

The team plays every Friday at different locations. Fan support intimidates the other team and helps pump up the hockey players during the game. Their next puck drops on Friday, October 31,

at 7:30PM at the Tampa Bay Skating Academy in Oldsmar.

STATS

W 8-2	Freedom
L 2-3	Lakewood
L 3-4	Newsome
W 11-2	Plant

Lucas Sowder
8 goals
Ethan Corrow
5 goals
Jacob Serpe
GAA 1.78



At the Mitchell versus Newsome game, Brandon Napoli (‘15) scored a goal with an assist by Ethan Corrow (‘15).

Practice makes perfect

Amanda Garcia
Staff Reporter

The smell of fresh cut grass filled the air as the boys and girls soccer teams ran onto the field for their first practice. With adrenaline pumping they practice, hoping to surpass last year’s result and reach the state finals to bring home a championship trophy.

“Our biggest rival is definitely River Ridge. Wiregrass is also out there because us two, especially last year, were the ones competing for number one district seed, and so we developed a rivalry in soccer with them. But ultimately, as it is in any other sports team at Mitchell, the main goal is to send the Knights out,” Viraj Patel (‘17) said.

Although the team the boys wish to beat resides across town, the girls focused their energy on a team across the state.

“Our biggest rivalry will probably be Melbourne, that’s going to be our object this year, going to states and facing Melbourne,” Amanda Hayes (‘15) said.

Teammate Sabrina Wagner (‘17) remains motivated to avenge the overtime loss in the semi-finals.

“We lost to them in states last year in PK’s [penalty kicks], and they were the reason we didn’t end up moving on to the states finals, and they ended up winning states,” Wagner said.

The two teams worked hard, but also experienced some fun with some pre-game rituals by their teammates.

“Before a game, we would usually get together in our circle and playfully push someone around the circle for a few seconds before the start of

every game,” Mario Bennetti (‘17) said.

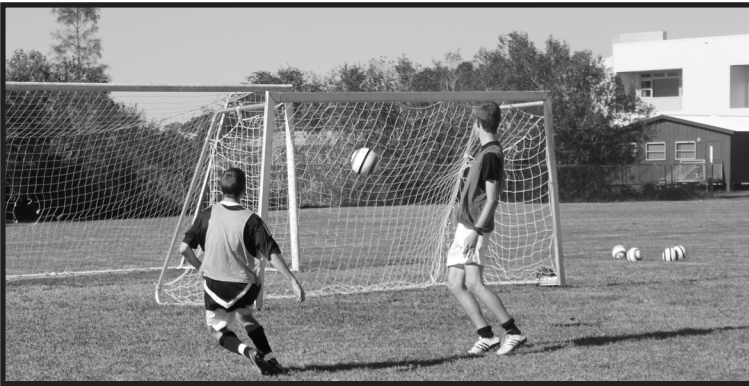
The girls had a more of a heartfelt ritual.

“Before the game, we would pick a candy and kiss the goal keeper’s gloves,” Wagner said.

Both teams feel the pressure for this upcoming season, but for newcomers trying out, the upper classman shared their ideas for a winning attitude.

“Just remember that you are a freshman and that you still have four more years to play varsity, so if you’re only on JV just work your hardest so you can be on varsity next year. Just don’t get too nervous,” Matt Nelson (‘16) said.

Both girls and boys soccer teams remain more determined than ever to bring home the big wins this year.



Jordan Salzer (‘15) scores on Carson Oakes (‘15) in practice. The two athletes challenged each other to show their coach who would win the one-on-one battle.



The girls soccer team runs in a drill to build endurance and speed for the season. On Thursdays the girls team worked on cardio to physically improve.

Fighting for the cure

Chrissy Couture
Staff Reporter

October brings a sense of crispness to the air and anticipation for the fast approaching holiday season. Like clockwork, sports teams break out pink gear for more than just a fashion statement; wristbands, socks, athlete’s tape, and bandanas shine bright pink to represent Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“Coach allows us to wear one pink item which can be like a pair of gloves or cleats, and we write on it someone who has cancer or someone who we know that has cancer. So it’s pretty emotional sometimes,” Nick Boler (‘15) said.

That sensitivity serves a positive purpose for both the person and the team; wearing pink brings a different dynamic to the field that makes

their close-knit bond even stronger.

“For individuals, it makes them play harder, and as a whole, we have our teammates’ backs so we’re there to support them if they’re feeling emotional,” Boler said.

On the volleyball court, the teams’ focus shifts from the competition to a more purposeful cause.

“It brings us more together because usually we’re just playing a game to win, but when we’re wearing pink, we’re playing a game to beat cancer,” Payton Murchie (‘16) said.

However, Breast Cancer Awareness Month presents a common concern. Those directly or indirectly affected by this disease recognize the importance of remembering

that the battle continues beyond October.

“I found my tumor on April 1st [2008]. It’s good that there’s the awareness month so it gets people to think about things, but it’s something you need to be cognizant of year round,” Ms. Meredith Jewell (FAC) said.

In addition to breast cancer, other cancers such as prostate, lung and colon cancer plague the population.

“They should do different things for different types of cancers, too, since breast cancer isn’t the only kind,” Emily Bromberg (‘16) said.

Regardless, October brings together current fighters, survivors, athletes, and family.

“I know that when I wear pink I’m showing my teammates

that I support them,” Boler said.

The American Cancer Society estimated the emergence of more than 1,665,540 new cancer cases in the U.S. in 2014 alone. For athletes, wearing pinks lets them show respect

for their teammates, loved ones, and even those they do not know. Breast Cancer Awareness Month turns pink into a symbol of support.

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Annabelle gets the spotlight

Alex Moreno
Staff Reporter

Scary movies arrive in theaters as Halloween creeps in, with Annabelle as the newest release. The most memorable character in James Wan’s *The Conjuring*, Annabelle makes a come back this time in her own movie.

Annabelle’s brief appearance in *The Conjuring* left the audience with nightmares. Paranormal researchers Ed and Lorraine Warren kept the doll in a room where many other possessed artifacts resided in their home. In one scene, the Warren’s young daughter becomes trapped

in the room at night with the Annabelle doll rocking in a chair. When her parents get home to their daughter’s horrific screams and her loud banging on the locked door, they find the Annabelle doll sitting in its locked case inside the room along with their other possessed items. That short scene’s creepy intensity inspired the prequel *Annabelle*.

The movie *Annabelle* bases its story on a young expectant couple, John and Mia. John found the perfect gift for his wife: a rare, vintage doll named

Annabelle. But Mia’s love for Annabelle fades quickly, and the longer the doll lives with them the creepier things get.

In true horror movie fashion, of course the couple chooses to keep Annabelle regardless of the scary unexplainable events and sightings.

“If you don’t want to get scared then don’t watch it,” Casey Hesselbirg (‘16) said, at the verge of tears while watching *Annabelle*.

This movie’s highly suspenseful moments followed by surprise pop outs totally induce screams. *Annabelle*

packs each moment with unpredictable and somewhat confusing happenings all at once, leaving the audience with a lot to grasp.

This movie resembles the traditional scary movie, with creepy rocking chairs and unexplainable noises happening throughout the house.

Although this movie contains the random frightening pop out here and there, nothing really makes an impression or will leave you with nightmares lasting weeks.

For those moviegoers that get scared easily and

don’t like things creeping up suddenly, watch at your own risk. Others who enjoy nail-biting moments will really appreciate Annabelle, with its strong storyline that carries this film.

Horror movies in review

By Sebastian Miller

Annabelle: After The Conjuring, a prequel should scare everyone. Sadly the “big scares” in this movie involved the director just zooming into the doll’s face. There was only one semi scary scene, so don’t waste your time.

Ouija: A group of kids try talking to their dead friend. The scariest thing that occurs is the Ouija board flipping: HORRIFYING stuff. Don’t see this movie.

Tusk: Kevin Smith, the director of *Clerks*, *Clerks 2*, and *Chasing Amy* gives his first take on horror. This movie couldn’t decide if it wanted to make people laugh or make them cringe. The final verdict: cringe at the awful premise of the movie. Kevin Smith makes great movies, but needs to stay away from horror and remain within his area of expertise.

Dracula Untold: Finally, this was a movie that I actually didn’t regret watching. As long as you enjoy seeing Dracula just rip people to shreds, you’ll like this movie and should see it.

Top 5 children Halloween movies

By Caroline Weyer

1. **Halloween Town saga**
“Magic is really very simple, all you've got to do is want something and then let yourself have it,” Aggie Cromwell said.

2. **Twitches series**
“Go twitches, go twitches, go twitches...” Illeana said.

3. **Tim Burton series: Frankenweenie/Corpse Bride/The Nightmare Before Christmas**
“Eureka! This year, Christmas will be ours!” Jack Skellington said.

4. **The Little Vampire**
“We want to become humans, not eat them for dinner,” Rudolph Sackville-Bagg said.

5. **It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown**
“I got a rock,” Charlie Brown said.

Top 5 classic Halloween movies

By Caroline Weyer

1. **A Nightmare on Elm street**
“Whatever you do... don’t fall asleep,” Nancy said

2. **Rosemary’s Baby**
“He chose you, honey! From all the women in the world to be the mother of his only living son!” Minnie Castevet said.

3. **Poltergeist**
“They’re here,” Carol Anne said.

4. **Evil dead series**
“Hail to the King, baby,” Ash said.

5. **The Shining**
“Here’s Johnny!” Jack Torrance said.

No latte today

Kaitlyn Klein
Staff Reporter

Pumpkin Spice Lattes undoubtedly became the biggest hype in fall once again. However, this ongoing trend may come to a halt this fall season. Be prepared for quite possibly the scariest thing of this Halloween season - the ingredients of a Pumpkin Spice Latte.

For years, Starbucks kept the recipe a secret and now, with the big reveal of the ingredients, the world found out why. Starbucks agreed that drinking and eating there every day evokes an unhealthy lifestyle; however no one thought they might cause cancer. According to the experts at FoodBabe, the drink contains Monsanto, milk cows fed GMO corn, soy, and cottonseed, or soy milk that contains carrageenan stabilizer linked with intestinal inflammation and cancer. Monsanto companies make a profit off feeding animals unhealthily for the purpose of selling antibiotics to the consumers.

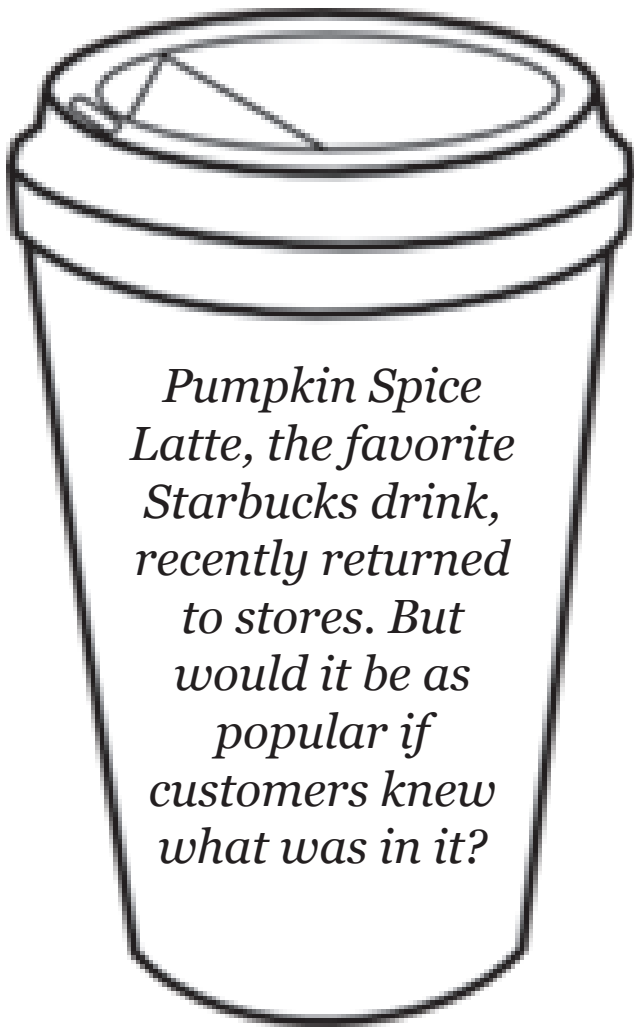
The drink also serves pre-

servatives and sulfites that cause allergic reactions, with a toxic dose of sugar; a Grande contains 49 grams. They also carry ambiguous natural flavors, formed by anything found on Earth. Pumpkin Spice Lattes contain possible pesticide residue from using non-organic coffee beans. The drink contains condensed and conventional milk. Even the signature pumpkin flavor of the drink may be artificial considering the drink contains zero pumpkin ingredients. The pumpkin color comes from annatto, a chemical used in dyeing fabric.

The lattes also carry two doses of level four caramel coloring made with ammonia, an ingredient considered a carcinogen. Caramel coloring, amongst the most hazardous chemicals added to food, contains ammonia and sulfites under high pressure and temperature, which produces a byproduct called 4-mel, yet another chemical found in Pumpkin Spice Lattes.

Even though over a hundred thousand customers are demanding it, Starbucks refuses to serve healthier versions of the Pumpkin Spice Lattes. Due to consumer pressure, they stopped using milk from cows injected with growth hormones several years ago. However, the milk that they use comes from cows that feed on genetically modified food all day long, which supports Monsanto and the biotech companies, who continue to profit of the cow's and consumer's unhealthiness. Starbucks refuses switching the milk they use with organic milk, or any other healthier option.

Starbucks sold over 200 million Pumpkin Spice Lattes, or 150 thousand a day, since the debut 11 years ago. People may never stop buying the Pumpkin Spice Lattes, however it may be the best option for their own health and safety.



Rally around HALLOWEEN

Katy White
Staff Reporter

Every year the school puts forth an amazing amount of effort during Homecoming, but by Halloween the enthusiasm dwindles for most. Administration permits costumes on Halloween, as long as students remain in dress code and leave the masks at home. Wearing costumes to school offers students the chance to show off their creativity, but the school could take Halloween one step further by allowing a Halloween event at school.

Putting together the perfect costume for Halloween gives students a chance to express themselves. Showing off their costumes during Halloween at school lets them see how others react to it, and see if they like the costume as well. The faculty and staff admire

all the students' cute costumes throughout the school day on Halloween, and may take some notes. Many teachers create the absolute best costumes and put an extreme amount of effort into their attire. The lunch ladies dress up for every holiday and put effort into their costumes, just to make the students smile.

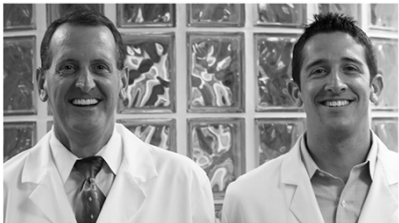
Creating an event to promote school spirit on Halloween could be a reality if the students all collaborated and showed administration that they can celebrate at school without causing disruptions. Administrators worry about students fooling around and getting hurt. However, enjoyment shows on students' faces when they attend school events. Putting a pep rally together with fun activities

and games makes for a great Halloween at school. The whole school interacts and smiles when they're able to go to pep rallies. They laugh with their fellow classmates and create great memories.

Halloween activities allow students to cherish their years in high school. Students love participating in such a popular holiday, and this could be a chance for the school to bond together in the celebration.

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In order to live up to its reputation as one of the must-see Halloween attractions in Florida, Busch Gardens' Howl-O-Scream added two new haunted houses for fans to walk through. With the Dead Fall house bringing in an element of Victorian-era horror and the Zombie Containment Unit 15 house doing something never seen before in any other haunted house, Howl-O-Scream paved the way for new haunts.

Following the ghost of a little boy, Dead Fall takes the viewer into a greenhouse, out into the yard near his treehouse, and through the boathouse. Much of the design was fan-driven, with even the name of the estate having been voted on by social media. Fans of Howl-O-Scream chose between Adelaide Acres, Myristica Manor, and Hemlock Hall for name of the property, and in the end, Hemlock Hall won. The crest of the namesake can be seen on the top of the greenhouse

before entering the building. Before stepping inside the house, a bright, reflective moon can be seen over the roof, shining down on those who enter. In order to guarantee that guests never see two moons in their line of vision, the production department for Howl-O-Scream calculated where in the sky the moon would be on the dates that the attraction runs. In addition to the "Cursed" theme song of Howl-O-Scream this year, Dead Fall plays its own song throughout the house. It is the only house in the

park with its own exclusive song and can be heard in the background in the form of whistling, humming, or singing, adding an eerie feel to the already ominous house.

For those who want to feel like they are part of the action that takes place in haunted houses, Howl-O-Scream released Zombie Containment Unit 15 (ZCU15) this year. Each visitor is given a Zombie Eradication Device (ZED) that they use to stop the zombies from attacking. While the action seems

very similar to laser tag, some of the zombies removed their receptors and can not be affected by the ZED, so visitors are left helpless. No other haunted house has reported doing anything similar to a giant game of zombie laser tag, so Busch Gardens took the risk and made it possible.

While some may think that Howl-O-Scream pales in comparison to some other, larger Halloween-centered attractions, they managed to improve upon their already impressive and haunting houses.

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The grass is GREENER

Kelsey Williams
Staff Reporter

As the month of October washes over Florida, less humid weather and pumpkin flavored everything brings fall to locals. The change in season, while different in other parts of the country, gives Florida its own unique vibe. The beginning of October presents the area with evening rainstorms, which carry cooler weather. Unlike other parts of the country, the temperature stays in the sixties to eighties until the beginning of December. While a number of locals find the warm, wet conditions unsatisfactory, others look forward to the perks Florida presents in the fall. The temperature begins to drop up north, while Florida remains steadily warm. Weather in the north forces people to bundle themselves in layers and layers of clothing, but Florida's weather allows locals to rock cute fall outfits without being weighed down by all the fabric. Dresses painted in fall colors ranging from deep reds to pumpkin

oranges, paired with boots and cream socks, allow fall in Florida its own brand of fashion that includes pieces northerners may not wear due to colder temperatures. This weather difference also allows for flexible Halloween costumes, which include the ability to wear shorts or skirts. Floridians, find the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving outside, without bundling themselves in jackets and sweaters. Beaches, fall picnics with various pumpkin flavored treats, and other enjoyable outdoor activities create fun opportunities for locals to enjoy the nice weather. (Take notes boys; these are some good fall date ideas.) The warm weather of Florida is preferable to many northerners, attracting "snow birds," who flood the area looking to spend the holidays by the ocean. Relatives far

beyond the reach of the state border find the chance to visit Florida and experience the warmth of family in the Sunshine State. The leaves may not change gracing the scenery with a sea of oranges and reds, but Florida is flooded with the colors of fall in a different way. Fall finds its own unique way of changing from summer to winter, allowing locals the chance to celebrate the holidays in their own way.

Florida's unchanging scenery as the fall season approaches creates a divide between those who love the warm weather and those who miss the changing leaves.

FALL IN LOVE WITH FALL

Jaelyn Moser
Staff Reporter

While other states cool down in preparation for winter, Florida stays just as hot and humid as ever with torrential afternoon rainstorms. This weather prevents the excitement Northerners feel when autumn rolls around. In Florida, the climate stays a steady heat wave all year long from April to December. The rare times the temperature drops below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, Facebook statuses emerge about how nice the weather feels and how the people wish it would continue. Sadly, the temperature usually jumps back up at the end of the week.

However, in states up north like New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the residents stroll around in pants, furry boots, and long sleeves, enjoying their "sweater weather." Northerners, unlike Floridians, get to experience the joy of seasonal clothing. While Floridians wear short sleeves and shorts year round, Northerners collect a wide range of outfit choices to supply themselves throughout the year. In the summer, shorts and light shirts hold the spotlight, but once autumn hits town, people pull out their coziest sweaters and heavy boots. The clothing stores allow them to bundle up and stay warm while also looking adorable, a very important tool for any

girl looking for a cute boy to snuggle up to during the colder nights. Right, ladies? Something commonly seen up north when fall arrives remains the glorious feat of the leaves changing from jewel-bright greens to ripe reds and blood oranges. This creates scenes for spectacular pictures, and the cooler weather provides more of an incentive to go outside and run or enjoy a family picnic. Another perk of living up north includes the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. On Thanksgiving Eve, the streets of New York fill up with pedestrians eager to see the famous parade up close and in person. By Thanksgiving morning, thousands of

floats in the shapes of various iconic characters such as Garfield, Pikachu, and Snoopy, maneuver through the city streets. More than 5,000 balloon handlers and various musicians stand ready to perform, bringing a certain excitement into hearts. This annual parade plays a major part of many Thanksgivings and always ends with the traditional Santa Claus indicating that the joyous holiday dawns upon the horizon. The north celebrates autumn in a traditional way with the brisk cold and beautiful changing colors. Fall leaves beckon locals and tourists outside to observe the beauty of the season and bask in its glory.

