



Halloween is coming up and some houses are already decorated to look haunted. People are planning on what costume they will wear and little kids will soon go through every neighborhood to ask for candy. Halloween is a holiday that we celebrate every year, but why do we celebrate it? Is it some sort of demonic worship or type of witchcraft? Or is it just a harmless event that originated thousands of years ago?

Halloween or "All-Hallows-Eve" actually originated from a Catholic holiday that honored all saints, it was called "All-Hallows-Day" or "All Saints Day." The day before "Hallows day" is the eve, otherwise known as "Hallows Eve." Through the years, the name evolved to Halloween.

However, it wasn't the Catholics that embraced Hallows Eve, it was the Celts of Ireland. Since the Celts were not Christian, they believed that on that day, the spirits from the people that died in that year would rise from hell and possess over the living bodies for the following year. Many people believed that it was the only hope for the spirits in their afterlife. But of course, the people that were still alive did not want to be possessed by these spirits. So on October 31, the villagers would put out all fires in their homes to make themselves cold and undesirable. Then, they would dress up in ghostly costumes and noisily parade around their neighborhoods being as destructive as possible. This way, they would scare away the spirits. Some people tell of how they would burn others at a stake because they thought they were already possessed. They would do this also to show the spirits not to mess with them.

Somehow people began to originate the custom of "trick-or-treating" with a custom called "souling". Souling was ninth century custom brought by the early Christians when they would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes". The more soul cakes the beggars received, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the donor's deceased relatives.

So although many people believe different stories of how Halloween was originated, this is the one I find most credible. You may have heard many different stories passed down to you from many generations, but hopefully you learned something from this one. And with that I say to you HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

Halloween

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ghost
magic
spell
treat
trick

6 Letters.

cobweb
fright
horror
shadow
spider
spooky
terror

3 Letters.

bat
boo
cat
hat

fear
howl
moon
yell

7 Letters.

lantern
monster
vampire

5 Letters.

black
creep

4 Letters.

cold

8 Letters.

skeleton

Halloween Quiz Answers

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- 1.) B 2.) A 3.) C 4.) B 5.) D 6.) B

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Safety Tips

By: Melanie Rodriguez

For all those kiddy minds out there who like trick-or-treating or “who take their siblings”, here are a few safety tips:

1. DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS
2. CHECK YOUR CANDY BEFORE YOU EAT THEM (they might have poison)
3. DON'T WALK ON THE STREETS
4. WEAR BRIGHT COLORED GARMENTS
5. DON'T GO ALONE!!!
6. DON'T TAKE ANY RIDES HOME
7. DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE
8. MAKE SURE YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE DENTIST



AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL:

Have Fun!!!!

Halloween Jokes

By: Maria Flores

What did mama cannibal said to baby cannibal when he told her that he really liked his grandfather?

"Would you like another piece?"



Did you hear about the cannibal who was expelled from school?

He was buttering up his teacher.

What do ghosts add to their morning cereal?

Booberries



Did you hear about the unsuccessful vampire hunter?

He tried to kill a vampire by driving a pork chop through its heart because steaks were too expensive.



Q. What do you call a goblin who gets too close to a bonfire?

A toasty ghosty.

RENT TO OWN: Hemmingway Super Saw 110

By: Steven Guerrero



The Hemmingway 110 is the strongest chain saw yet. It flies at a whopping 2000 rotations per minute. It can easily cut through a 2 inch piece of titanium and can snap through any bone in your body with ease. It has a blade that is 3 and a half feet long with teeth that are each 2 inches.

History of Edcouch-Elsa: Fact or Fiction?

By: Irasema Del Angel

It is a little hard to imagine that a small community like Edcouch-Elsa could have such a mysterious past. Almost 100 years ago, this area was covered by cacti and mesquite trees. Around 1916, one of the first families, the George family, moved from San Antonio to the Delta Area. Both Mr. William and Elsie George bought some land 9 miles north of Weslaco.



As the years went by, the George family was kind and very helpful. They ran the local grocery store, and often gave their neighbors discounts if they ever needed help. As the years rolled by, people started to notice that Mrs. George began to make mistakes in the store, such as forgetting who owed her money. Sometimes she would walk out of her store and wander away on the roads staring at the corner street. People began to think she was losing her mind. To make things worse, her husband started noticing strange occurrences. One Friday morning, William was awakened at 2:13 AM to the soft whisper of somebody calling his wife's name. "Eeeeeeeeee..." During other occasions, William would notice his wife react violently as if somebody had given her a swift and cold tap on the shoulder, even though no one was around.

These strange things went on for nearly two years before Elsie George finally passed away. An obituary in the Edinburg Review listed Elsie's death as a result from some unknown illness. However, local legend has it that she became ballistic and hung herself on a tree near the corner of the main road of Edcouch. People say that at exactly 2:13 AM on that very corner of the road, the face of the devil appears within the rustling branches of that tree. For that reason, that corner road of Edcouch is known as the "El Rincon Del Diablo." Dare to find out yourself and live to tell it!

Silly Pranks & Tricks

Moving dollar bill

Items

- Tape
- Thin rope
- A real dollar

Tape the thin rope to the dollar bill and throw it to the floor. Wait for a person, as they try to pick it up, you pull the string.



Giant jumping spider



Climb a tree then wait for a victim, when someone is near, throw the spider on them.

Items

- Big black plastic spider
- Tree
- The night

Scary sounds

Item

- Recorder
- Bushes

Record scary sounds, when the victim is near, press play on recorder and enjoy.



THE ENTITIES

By: Sara Anne Uribe

Ghost, ghouls, and goblins. We have all watched these entities on popular T.V. shows such as “Charmed”. Now, good witches destroying evil may be stretching it a bit, but it’s entertaining in a sick, scary, twisted way.

There are actually people who have dedicated their entire lives to hunting down and trying to exploit the paranormal to non-believers.

For all those non-believers out there, here are a few of my personal thoughts that just might change your mind. . . .

If you think about it, there is so much scientific evidence. Like those creepy videos you can see on “YouTube” (sure, some of them might be fake but isn’t there a possibility that they’re real?) I think people choose to deny these phenomena because they’re too afraid to admit the truth; there are such things as ghost. If there weren’t, how would you explain where the sprits with “unfinished business” go? Or how you mysteriously hear someone call your name, and it’s not your parents or anyone in the house (or so you think). Who is it?

Also, if there are no such things as ghosts, then why do you hear footsteps in the hall when no one’s really there? Or see things in a glance, turn, and it’s gone? Spooky isn’t it? Well, these things happen. The only possible answer that lingers in my mind is ghosts, or at least some kind of supreme being that is forced to stay behind, left to linger the earth for an eternity alone.

So remember why you believe in ghosts and don’t forget! Because one day, when you hear something out of the ordinary, maybe you’ll think twice about ignoring what you just don’t understand.



Angela's Asinine Facts

The world’s fastest time to carve a face into a pumpkin is 54.72 seconds.



More than 93% of children go Trick-or-Treating each year.



Consumers will spend over 2.5 billion dollars during Halloween.

Instead of saying “trick or treat,” kids in Scotland say “the sky is blue, the grass is green, may we have our halloween.”

Halloween is recognized as the 3rd biggest party day after New Years and Super Bowl Sunday.



Alyssa's Movie Corner

By: Alyssa Chavarilla

Don’t have any plans for this weekend? You may want to check out these five hot movies that are being shown at the movie theaters in Weslaco and Edinburg. Check the newspaper for the start times.

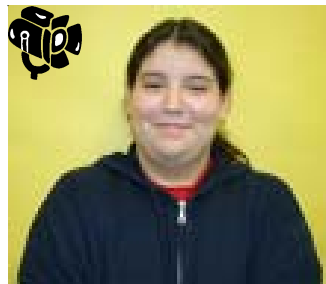
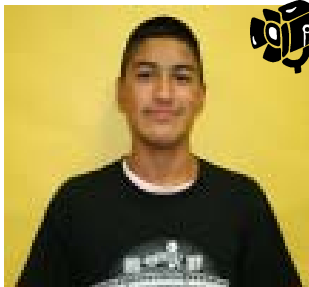
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- 4.THE GAME PLAN-RATED(R)
- 5.MR. WOOCOCK-RATED(PG13)



Spotlight Shines on You



Not to be fooled by that “cool, yet tough guy” exterior, Giovanni Milan has earned this issue’s spotlight through his hard work during the 1st six weeks. Milan is part of the Stinger soccer team, but likes playing other sports after school. When at home, Milan like to chill with his family and friends. According to Milan, all those unluckly ladies out there are going to have to wait, because he is already taken. Congrats to Milan and keep up the good job!



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Top 5 Scariest Halloween Characters

By: STEPHANIE SHORT



Michael Myers Jason Voorhees Chucky Freddy Kreuger Jeepers Creepers

HOT FALL FASHION!

By: Vanessa Garcia



Halloween Quiz

- 1) What do pumpkins grow on?
 - a) trees
 - b) vines
 - c) stalks
 - d) bushes
- 2) In Halloween parties, what do people usually “bob” for?
 - a) apples
 - b) skulls
 - c) oranges
- 3) According the phobia list, what do you call the fear of Halloween?
 - a) Hallowphobia
 - b) Triskaphobia
 - c) Samhianophobia
 - d) Eat-too-much-candyophobia
- 4) What is a male witch known as?
 - a) Witchman
 - b) Warlock
 - c) Hallowenie
 - d) No such thing
- 5) What was Halloween originally known as?
 - a) Night of the Dead
 - b) Samhian
 - c) All Hallows Eve
 - d) All of the Above
- 6) Which country do they celebrate their culture’s Halloween by eating candy skulls?
 - a) Scotland
 - b) Mexico
 - c) Italy

*Find Answers in last page