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This page's stories will vary from week to week. This week, Billboard's top ten singles and LP's, Gospelfest '85 is Saturday night, a Port Arthur native will travel around the world with his changing art show, and the Rocky Horror Picture Show celebrates its 10th anniversary with a Big Apple bash.

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A guest columnist foams at the mouth about non-tippers, a majority of whom she says are C.T.s.



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The Jaycees annual Haunted House opens this weekend at the La Salle Hotel in downtown Bryan.

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Halloween evolved from an unlikely pair, a Christian holiday and a pagan festival. Our writer explores Halloween's roots.

MARY COX

7 Transylvanian trip tops traditional Halloween fare

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We wanted to be the first to give you a treat so here's our Halloween issue almost a week early. At least this way, you'll be prepared for the big event.

To fully appreciate the festivities of Halloween, you need to know its history. The American way of celebrating Halloween differs greatly from the original druid celebration. The Celts thought the spirits of dead relatives would rise every Oct. 31 to pay a final visit to the living. These spirits were supposedly evil and the Celts took great measures to avoid them.

To keep these evil spirits from recognizing them, they would dress in elaborate costumes. This custom still holds true today, although the motivation behind it is more one of greed than fear.

These early celebrations were the birthplace of other traditions as well. The jack-o'-lantern came from Ireland; but instead of being made from a pumpkin, the Britons used a turnip.

As time passed, Halloween evolved from its pagan roots into a Christian celebration. But most people still think of Halloween in terms of ghosts, goblins and vampires.

Perhaps one of the most famous vampires is Dracula. This blood-sucking nobleman is widely known for his unquenchable thirst for hemoglobin. Because this legend is so popular, a travel agency has even booked a Halloween tour to his Transylvanian homestead. One of our writers conjures up an imaginative excursion that takes her half-way around the globe in the comfort of her couch.

But if you're like most people, you'll probably do about the same thing for Halloween this year as you did last year. You'll make it to a party, possibly in costume. But Halloween is a bit more exciting to some second-graders at a Bryan elementary school. They can hardly wait to get their goodies as they go trick-or-tricking from door-to-door. Saturday morning cartoon characters are the more popular costumes this year; He-man and She-ra are two of the favorites.

Aggies aren't without their fun, either. The Cadets will have their sacred Great Pumpkin Run and the non-reg dorm residents will be trick-or-treating as well.

All in all, Halloween is fun for kids of all ages. Have a happy one.

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