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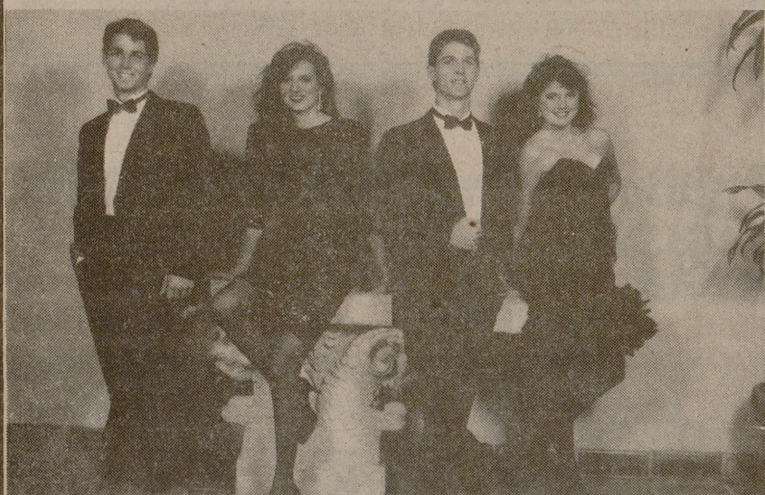


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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Off Campus Aggies to host Aggieland Spooktacular

By ELIZABETH TISCH
Of The Battalion Staff

If you're looking for a "spooktacular time" with ghosts, monsters and creepy people, Texas A&M Off-Campus Aggies has the event for you.

OCA is sponsoring its annual haunted house tonight on the second floor of the MSC. The event, called Aggieland Spooktacular, will begin at 6 p.m. and won't "rest in peace" until midnight.

"We want people to have a safe Halloween," Karen Dudek, OCA Haunted House chairwoman, said. "We want to provide an evening filled with chills and thrills as well as a lot of fun and excitement, and make it a safe and eventful Hallow-

een for those on campus and in the Bryan-College Station community."

Along with the haunted house, OCA will provide a carnival with games run by student organizations.

Door prizes donated by various businesses in the area will be given away every hour.

Forty-eight sponsors donated gifts such as a free dinner for two at Rita's Restaurant, a lunch from Red Lobster, plants from local florists, a set of sculptured nails and car wash specials at Wolf Creek Car Wash.

During the evening, there also will be clips from scary movies showing for those waiting in line to enter the 20-room haunted house.

The haunted house, designed by the students, will attempt to scare Aggieland with its electric chair room, a spooky swamp, a funeral

graveyard, a Vietnam war room and scenes from the movie "Exorcist."

Dr. John Koldus, vice president of Student Services; Carl Bailey, owner of Beetles Barbeque; Aggie 96's radio personality Josh Hallsted; College Station Fire Marshal Harry Davis; and Mascot Corporal John Draeger will judge the best and most original costumes for children and adults.

The children's costume contest will begin at 7 p.m. Winners will receive a candy basket from Yummies and a balloon bouquet from Popabilities.

Costume winners in the adult division will win a free weekend in the Victorian Condohotel in Galveston. Runners-up will receive \$50 gift certificates from Mission Jewelers.

Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for those in high school and younger.

Devil Night Halloween sparks arson

DETROIT (AP) — Police and firefighters were on alert Tuesday, a curfew was in place and patrols by residents toting fire extinguishers were organized for Tuesday's Devil's Night, Detroit's annual pre-Halloween arson rampage.

"I'm afraid," Mildred Koyton, 67, said. "It's like you're a prisoner in your own house. I wouldn't go out."

Koyton said that every Devil's Night she paces from her front door to the back, ready to protect her two-story home next to an empty lot where a house burned two years ago.

"All you can do is hope for the best," Koyton said. "But sometimes faith can be weakened when you see so much going on."

Police arrested 154 youths Monday night for violating the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, compared with 160 arrested during the first night of the curfew last year, said police spokesman John Leavens. The curfew is for people under age 19.

In one effort to keep would-be firebugs at home, the Southeast Michigan Cable Association this year decided to unscramble TV signals to non-subscribers. That made available Tuesday night's cable offerings "In Country" with Bruce Willis, "Gung Ho" with Michael Keaton, and "The Muppets Take Manhattan."

To reduce the number of targets, the city knocked down about 5,000 abandoned homes during the fiscal year from July 1, 1989, to June 30, according to the latest city records available.

Mayor Coleman A. Young last week unveiled a "My Heart Is with Detroit" campaign that urged residents to take pride in the city and increase the number of anti-arson patrols.

He said more than 35,000 residents and city workers volunteered, many wielding fire extinguishers as they walked their streets and alleys.

"The people are tired," said Toni McIlwain, coordinator of three Detroit neighborhood associations of 4,100 homes near City Airport that united for Devil's Night patrols. "They're the ones that are out there making sure it doesn't happen again, and that's going to be the difference this year."

Day of the Dead Mexico fights to retain identity with annual rite

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Youngsters along Mexico's northern border prefer trick-or-treating for candy to visiting gravesites for skull- and skeleton-shaped bread, which has officials in nationalistic Mexico spooked.

Recently the local Department of Education office issued a decree urging citizens to commemorate the national Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, holiday and defend themselves against the annual Yankee Halloween cultural invasion.

The Day of the Dead celebrated Nov. 2 is a mingling of ancient, native and Catholic traditions. On the holiday, Mexicans visit gravesites where they replace old flowers and polish headstones.

In some parts of Mexico, parties are held at the gravesites and food is prepared to symbolically welcome relatives and loved ones from the grave.

Several schools, city hall and many residents in Juarez have answered the decree. Colorful altars that are part of the holiday tradition will be on display.

"We want to make sure our youngsters are fully aware and understand our traditions before they don their Superman or Batman costumes," Federico Martinez Lechuga of the Department of Education in Juarez said. "After all we are separated by a river and it's very easy to be influenced by the United States."

But following the decree is difficult in this border town where America and its traditions are only as far away as a drive or stroll across a bridge.

Part of the tradition of Day of the Dead is to pass around bread in the shapes of skulls and skeletons.

"Big deal," said Ana Nunez, who plans to dress as Cinderella and make a trek to El Paso to trick or treat. "On the Day of the Dead all we get is bread. I want my M&M candies."

Some children from across the Rio Grande illegally cross the river on Halloween and trick-or-treat in El Paso neighborhoods.

In some Juarez neighborhoods, passing out candy on Oct. 31 has become tradition.

"The tradition of Halloween is another manifestation of the strong U.S. culture influence in Mexico," said Fernando Garcia, a University of Texas-El Paso professor who teaches Latin American and Mexican literature. "It's something you cannot stop with even decrees or laws."

In fact, the Day of the Dead is "artificially" celebrated by many northern Mexicans, Garcia said. The holiday is celebrated in grander style in southern and central Mexico.

Esther Vargas plans to take her two daughters to El Paso Wednesday night for trick-or-treating.

"Instead of being negative about Halloween, I try to take advantage of being on the border by exposing my children to the two cultures," she said.

Kappa Alpha raises money, MDA benefits

Texas A&M's Kappa Alpha fraternity expects to raise more than \$5,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during its fourth annual Haunted House at Manor East Mall running through today.

Patrick Watkins, a Kappa Alpha pledge, says the 16-room haunted house opened Monday and the fraternity raised \$800 in one night.

Although the haunted house will mainly benefit MDA, the Rector Scholarship Fund also will receive a portion of the revenue.

Construction on the project started about a month ago, he says.

The first haunted house was the Kappa Alpha house, but had to be relocated because of its popularity, he says.

This is its first year at the Manor East Mall, and Watkins says the fraternity is pleased with the location.

"There is lots of parking," he says. "It's convenient and safe." Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 12.

Lawyer uses fake graves, real names

AUSTIN (AP) — With Halloween here, there's a witch on the roof and a skeleton in the grass. But the tombstones on Austin lawyer Le Biggart's yard are what's causing "R.I.P. ples" among environmentalists.

Biggart has put hauntingly real last names on his grave markers — names that call to mind foes of the former Texas Water Commission chairman, who now represents developers and waste disposal firms of the state agency. Could "Bunch" be Austin attorney Bill Bunch, who worked for Earth First! and the Barton Creek Association has been thorn in the side of Biggart client Freeport-McMoran?

Could "Scarlett" be Houston environmental writer Harold Scarlett, who reported that Biggart would earn \$340,000 by winning a Water Commission permit for a large hazardous waste incinerator?

Could "B. Ryan" be Austin attorney Brent Ryan, who represents the city of La Porte, which opposed Biggart's client in that permit battle?

Biggart won't say. He does admit that he and his wife, Dianne, every year "come out with a list of enemies of the family we'd like to bury."

But, Biggart says, the list and names on the headstones don't necessarily match.

"That could be Scarlett O'Hara and Wally Bunch from New England," Biggart said. "You have to put names on gravestones to make them look authentic. So we just put them at random, or use enemies of the family. I can't tell you which."

"I use it for the kids to try to read them about friends and enemies," said Biggart, who has three children ages 6, 12 and 15.

"A person who doesn't have enemies, his friends ought to wonder about him."

But Biggart added that the annual graveyard isn't meant to be taken seriously.

"It's Halloween. You're supposed to enjoy ghoulishness."



12th Man Squad Members and Their Wives Endorse Mary Ann Ward For Brazos County Clerk



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Mary Ann Ward and her family have strong ties to Texas A&M. Mary Ann's father-in-law, Albert "Pop" Ward, worked for Texas A&M for 34 years as Campus Security Officer and also directed the planting of the live oak trees across the campus.

Mary Ann's family includes four uncles and seventeen cousins who graduated from Texas A&M.

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