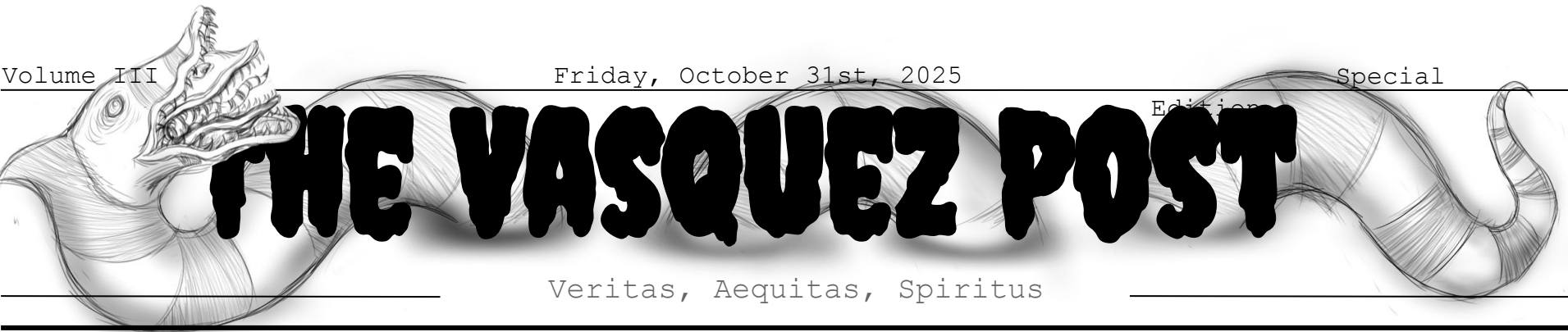




Halloween Movies to Watch

- **The Shining**
A recovering alcoholic and aspiring writer, Jack Torrance, takes a job as the winter caretaker of the isolated Overlook Hotel. He moves in with his wife and young son, Danny, who possesses psychic abilities called "the shining".

- **The Exorcist**
A 12 year old girl named Regan who is gruesomely possessed by a demonic entity. Her desperate mother asks for the help of two Catholic priests, who must perform a dangerous exorcism to save her life.

- **Halloween (1978)**
Michael Myers, a psychopathic patient who escapes a mental institution and returns to his hometown of Haddonfield, Illinois on Halloween night. Throughout the film, Myers has many victims.

- **Shaun of the Dead**
Shaun of the Dead is a "zombie comedy" that follows an aimless man named Shaun who decides to get his life in order after a zombie apocalypse breaks out in London.

- **A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984)**
A group of teenagers is stalked and murdered in their dreams by the disfigured Freddy Krueger, a child murderer who was burned alive by vengeful parents.

Article by *Elijah Hernandez*

unpopular Treats

So first, why don't people like candy corn? That would be how it tastes, and I agree. Why does it taste like wax when you eat it, and it just tastes like they just put a bucket of sugar in it? And how it feels is just worse. It's just a melting sugar wax. And sometimes it's sugar lumpy feeling when swallowing it.

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History of Halloween

Halloween, from what we know, is a holiday at the end of October where we dress in multiple different costumes, trick or treat, and even have Halloween parties.

Whereas back then, Halloween originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, where they would celebrate the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Celts believed that on the very night of All Hallows Eve would be when the veil between the living and the dead would thin out.

The Catholic Church created All Saints' Day on November 1st, which was a day dedicated to the saints. While the Celts believed in merging the Samhain and Christian traditions by creating All Hallows Eve and it's now well-known traditions.

Irish and Scottish immigrants brought their traditional Samhain customs to North America in the 19th century. Which intentionally Americanized the holiday, such as Jack-O'-Lanterns, trick-or-treating, and even costumes.

To ward off spirits and/or to honor them, they would often wear costumes and create bonfires. The 1950s to mid-20th century was when the costumes began to evolve from handmade witch and ghost costumes to mass-produced, store-bought costumes that were bought based on pop culture trends.

Jack-O'-Lanterns originated from an Irish folk tale named "Stingy Jack", who was cursed to wander the earth forever with only a burning coal to light his way for all eternity. This caused Irish and Scottish immigrants to carve faces into turnips and potatoes to ward off his spirit until they migrated to America, where they switched to pumpkins since they were much larger and easier to carve. Now, Jack-O'-Lanterns can be carved whichever way you want and even painted if desired.

Article by *Lina Rodriguez*

Two Sentence Horror Stories

I don't like the man who watches...see him everywhere, in the windows, in the water, he mimics me. With his gruesome face, and his sunken, hollow, bloodshot eyes-ah, but sometimes I forget that it's just me.

- **Sofia Hernandez**

Hide and seek is usually always fun when I play with my cousins, one helped me hide in the freezer. It's been hours, I can't feel my body anymore, but I want to win.

- **Anabelle Vouniozos**

I watched as my house burnt down, the flames mesmerizing as a strange feeling of content flooded me, finally I was burden free. The cries of my family inside couldn't be heard as I walked from the scene.

- **Amy Wang**

I tug on the rope, making sure it will hold my daughter's weight as she swings All I need to do now is convince my wife not to do an autopsy after they find her. - **Jenna Dematteis**

The clown smiled and instructed the kids "this is how you carve jack-a-lantern kids!" as he slammed down the knife. As the blood splashed, the kids grin wide and, poor little Jack looked as gruesome as can be.

- **Rebekah Bullard**

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Trick or Treat Spots

Happy Halloween! Want to get the most candy this year? Then check out these popular trick or treat spots for a candy jackpot!

The **Antelope Valley Mall** has an event from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM featuring mall-wide trick-or-treating for children ages 3-12, with a magic show by The Amazing Dave scheduled for 6:30 PM. Some restrictions apply, such as children needing to be accompanied by an adult and a prohibition on full-face masks or make-up for those participating in the trick-or-treating.

Trunk or Treat this family-friendly event allows children to visit local businesses to get treats, with some streets closed for safety. Activities like a pumpkin giveaway and haunted house will also be featured. Host and decorate a vehicle - get a form at Acton Women's Club Resale Shoppe to reserve your space or request a form: **ActonEventsTeam@gmail.com**

Desert Road is the most popular neighborhood for trick or treating in Acton. Houses there will typically have king sized candy bars and very festive decorations.

Article by *Rylie Wagner*



THE VASQUEZ POST

Veritas, Aequitas, Spiritus

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Next we have black licorice, and well I don't even know where to start it's just bad it tastes horrible, and the taste is lingering it stays way after you eat it. And it gets worse the longer it stays. It's just bitter and it's way too strong. The flavor of black licorice is most definitely the worst part about it, kinda like grape flavor candies.

Grape flavor candies, are not liked manly because they taste like the grape flavored medicine kids usually take. I could understand why they don't like it, and also some grape candy are a bit much like they can be too sweet or just taste wrong. Like in some grape flavored things you can taste the synthetic grape flavor, it will just be off and I think that's when it just reminds people of the medicine.

That's not all but those are three hated candies most of the reasons are just how it taste or feels when eating it.

Article by Aron Van Blarcom

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- I asked ChatGPT what hair colors look good on pale skin, and it replied," blonde would look best with your hazel eyes." I never said what color my eyes were. - **Lina Rodriguez**
- "The funeral was lovely", they said. But I kept banging on the coffin; no one heard. - **Raymond Carlin**



Recipes

Halloween is a great time to have festive parties and activities! Everybody loves some fun festive meals or munchies.

Chocolate covered strawberry characters are a fun and festive treat to make. First, wash your strawberries and make sure they are completely dry. Then, melt down some white chocolate and separate into 3 batches. Color one orange, green, and keep one white. Dip your strawberries in each color evenly. If you would like a cute and tasty touch, after you dip the strawberries, roll them in some sanding sugar the same color as the chocolate. After this you can then decorate the white chocolate ones with 2 ghost eyes and a mouth. For the orange one, add some vertical lines to make it look like a pumpkin! And Finally for the green one you can add some zombie eyes and a mouth.

Rice Krispie Treats are a delicious touch that everyone will love! Add one stick of butter to a pot, along with your marshmallows. Then, add some green dye to make it spooky! Finally add a box of Rice Krispie Treats. After this add your mixture to a greased pan and let it sit until cooled. Once your treats have cooled, add some spooky eyes made from fondant! This dessert is sure to be delicious for your ghoulish gathering.

If you want a recipe with less dyes this is for you. A cute dessert that you could make are peanut butter spider cookies. To make this all you have to do is make your peanut butter cookies and add some pizzazz. Cut a Whopper candy in half, and stick to your cookie with both beside each other. Then with a plastic bag, pipe out some spider legs with melted milk chocolate. A great dessert that all your spooky acquaintances will enjoy.

A great freaky dinner option is to make your own pizzas! All you need is some store bought dough, sauce, and toppings. Shape your dough into whatever shape you want. For example, pumpkins, ghosts, or even a black cat if you want to be crafty. Then add your sauce, cheese, and toppings. Bake it up and you're done! This is a very highly recommended dinner.

Article by Ella Etheridge

Halloween Word Search

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Candy, Costume, Fear, Friends, Fright, Fun, Ghost, Halloween, Monster, Neighborhood, Night, Sneak, Treat , Trick

Top Five Scariest Antagonists

- **Pennywise The Dancing Clown (IT)**

- He is known to be the scariest and most popular clown in all horror movies. He is a demon who can shapeshift to manifest a victim's worst fears.

- **Michael Myers (Halloween)**

- Michael Myers is a classic evil antagonist that appeared in the movies back in 1978. He is known for stalking and murdering people in his hometown of Haddonfield.

- **Freddy Krueger (A Nightmare on Elm Street)**

- Freddy was also a classic that was released back in the 80's. He was known as a disfigured killer who attacks his victims in their dreams.

- **Chucky (Child's Play)**

- Chucky is initially portrayed as a vicious serial killer that is a doll who bleeds out from a gunshot wound and becomes Chucky through a soul transfer into a "Good Guy" doll.

- **Leatherface (The Texas Chainsaw Massacre)**

- Leatherface Is a cannibalistic killer who wears a mask made of human skin. He is by far one of the scariest antagonists, at least to me.

Article by Sophia Gonzalez

