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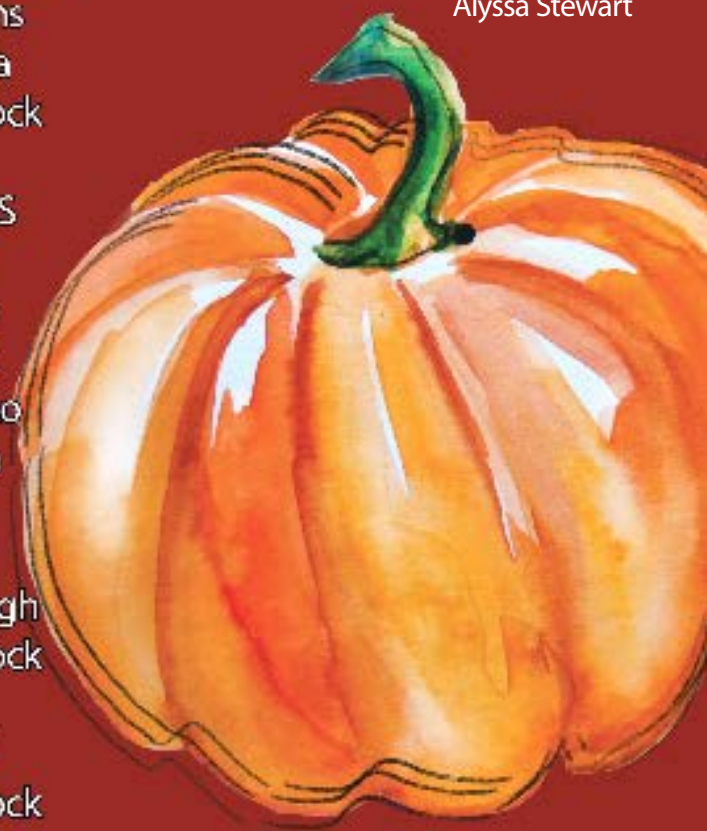
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Prepare to be scared



Leda Alvim

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When the nights draw in and mysterious creatures start coming out of the dark, that could only mean one thing: the spooky season is upon us. For those waiting to get chills and scream from the top of their lungs, Halloween is the perfect and most awaited time of the year.

Instead of going trick-or-treating, here are some spooky events to do around the area if you are up for the scare.

Busch Gardens Howl-O-Scream

On its 20-year anniversary, Busch Gardens is hosting its annual Howl-O-Scream, a Halloween event full of haunts and thrills in the Tampa Bay area. For 22 select nights, students can venture into spooky houses, terrifying scare zones and even ride a roller coaster in the dark.

From Sept. 20 to Nov. 2, guests can enjoy this Halloween celebration while facing their scariest dreams. The event offers tickets starting at \$39.99 for single nights and \$84.99 for all 22 nights.

Students can enjoy six haunted houses and nine scare zones, as well as thrill rides and live entertainment.

Zoo Tampa Creatures of the Night

If you're looking for an option to take the whole family, look no further than Zoo Tampa's Creatures of the Night. The nighttime event transforms the zoo into a Halloween celebration, featuring nightly shows, encounters with fairy-tale



Howl-O-Scream is celebrating its 20-year anniversary. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

characters, not-so-scary scare zones and animal shows.

In addition, guests will be able to interact with some animals as well as learn more about different species by talking to a zoo educator around the zoo. The event takes place every Friday and Saturday in October, with tickets starting at \$26.95.

At Zoo Tampa, guests will experience a different type of Halloween, with less horror and gore. However, the fun is unlimited, especially if small kids are present.

Universal Horror Nights

Famously known across the entire Sunshine State and named the best Halloween event for 11 consecutive years by Amusement Today, Universal Horror Nights is definitely a place to take your Halloween experience to the next level.

With an 80's theme, the event takes guests to the cinematic universe with haunted houses based on famous horror movies and TV shows. This year, the event will feature 10 haunted houses, including Stranger Things, Ghostbusters, the acclaimed horror movie, Us, five scare zones across the park and live entertainment for those seeking to take a breath from screaming.

In addition, some of Universal's most famous rides will be fully operational during the event, including Rock It, Revenge of the Mummy and the Simpsons Ride. The event takes place from Sep. 6 to Nov. 2, with tickets starting at \$67.99 for single nights.



Zoo Tampa's Halloween event will feature fairy-tale characters, scare zones and animal shows. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**



Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party will be Aug. 16 to Nov. 1. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party

Famously known for being a place where dreams come true, the most magical place on Earth could not have been left out of this list. Walt Disney World is hosting its annual Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party, a Halloween event that welcomes children and adults from all ages to celebrate the scariest event this fall season.

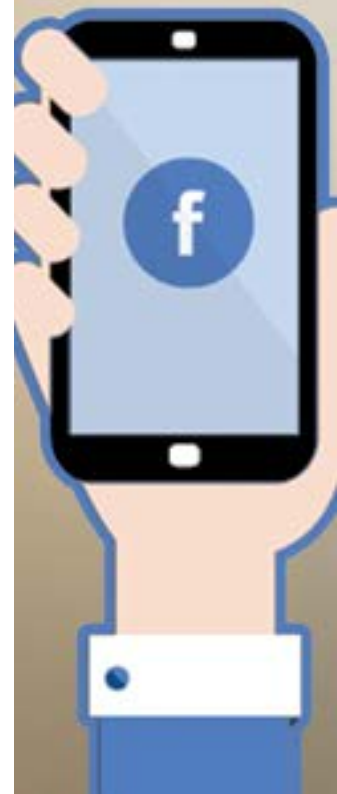
The special event is separate from regular park admissions, with tickets starting at \$79 for select nights from Aug. 16 to Nov. 1.

While the event does not feature scare zones, guests will be able to enjoy live shows featuring fireworks, parades with some of its most famous characters and even trick-or-treat throughout the park. Guests are also welcomed to dress up as their favorite characters while enjoying the nightly festivities.

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Too early for pumpkin spice



Nolan Brown

STAFF WRITER

I love fall. I enjoy the subtle, crisp change from a low of 85 degrees to a low of 75 degrees, trips through corn mazes and, most importantly, pumpkin spice. I love the complex flavors of pumpkin pie, spice cake and, yes, especially pumpkin spice lattes.

But when one of my favorite flavors of fall is shoved in my face

in late August, some problems are bound to arise.

As early as Aug. 21, Dunkin' rolled out its autumn jewel, the pumpkin spice latte, according to an announcement made on the coffee and confection giant's website.

That's right, gone are the days of waiting in line for pumpkin spice lattes on the first day of October. Coffee joints don't even wait until late September, let alone September at all to launch their pumpkin products.

As far as Dunkin' is concerned, if you haven't gotten your pumpkin spice fix before Labor Day, you're behind the pack.

Dunkin', unfortunately, isn't the only company launching

the sought-after staple of fall. Starbucks released its fall line, including the pumpkin spice latte on Aug. 27, topping last year's release date of just a day after, according to the talk show Today.

It seems that once again, a beloved aspect of fall has become just another marketing scheme to convince javaphiles to part with their hard-earned money.

But that's okay, that's not the problem. In fact, I will happily pass my debit card off to the cashier as I eagerly await frothy, spicy sweetness in scorching liquid form.

However, when considering the length of the fall season, which runs from the end of September

to just before Christmas, selling pumpkin spice products a month in advance is unnecessary.

In math terms, the pre-fall selling period takes up one-third of the total period of fall.

But consider the Florida weather. We don't catch a glimpse of the cold weather or the changing of the leaves until



Dunkin' rolled out its fall drinks Aug. 21. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

drinks by the poolside and slowly ease my way into fall territory.

The unfortunate fact is that most people don't seem to agree. A survey conducted by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters found that 68 percent of people surveyed crave pumpkin spice way before the release date.

So it seems that I am almost alone in my quest to enjoy my summer before the barrage of pumpkin spice lattes and pastries.

I don't hate pumpkin spice. In fact, I appreciate it very much. I just wish we had time to enjoy the waning days of summer before the months of pre-winter.

Starbucks released its fall line, including the pumpkin spice latte on Aug. 27 **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

late November, if we're lucky.

I'm still in summer mode in late August, making last-minute beach and road trip plans before the start of the fall semester. I'm in no way ready for sweaters, scarves and most certainly not pumpkin spice.

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Six spooky movie screenings to attend this season



Jared Sellick

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October is just around the corner and that means it is time to watch some spooky movies to get you into the Halloween spirit. There are a number of venues all around Tampa Bay

that pride themselves on sharing the spookiest flicks around.

Iberian Rooster: Rocky Horror Picture Show on Sept. 27

The Iberian Rooster in St. Pete will be screening the Rocky Horror Picture Show. This movie is not your typical haunted house story, considering that it is filled with interdimensional aliens in high heels. This unconventional cult-classic will surely make you want to dance and sing to all of its hit songs. The tickets cost \$5 and

the movie will start at midnight.

Second Screening Cult Cinema: Cronos on Oct. 9

The first movie from famed director Guillermo del Toro will be screened at the Epicurean Hotel in New Tampa. This Mexican horror drama features ancient ruins and bloodthirsty monsters. Second Screening Cult Cinema screens cult classics monthly and often breaks down the history of the movie as well as its historic legacy in a discussion after each of its screenings. If

you are interested in a thrilling drama and want to learn about the history of this movie, this is the event for you. The movie is at 7 p.m. and there is a \$5 suggested donation.

Tampa Theatre: Hocus Pocus on Oct. 19

Here is an opportunity to take the whole family to see a screening at the Tampa Theatre. Hocus Pocus is PG-rated film that tells the tale of three Salem witches thrown into

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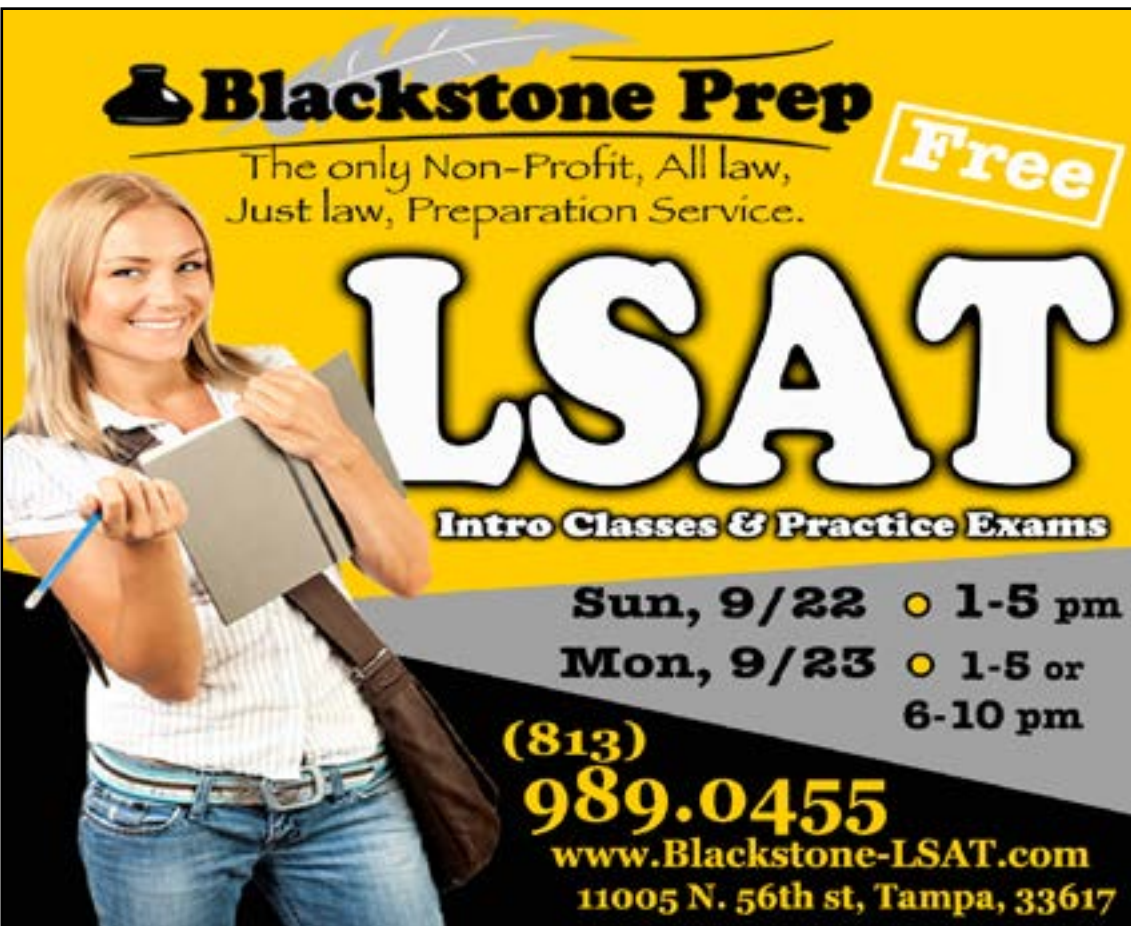
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modern day, on Halloween of all nights. The tickets cost \$10 for general admission and all kids get in for free. The movie will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Tampa Theatre: Young Frankenstein on Oct. 20

This classic Mel Brooks movie will be shown at the beautiful Tampa Theatre in downtown Tampa. Starring Gene Wilder, the film chronicles the journey of a man going back to his family's time-honored tradition of creating monsters. Only this time the monster is much kinder than you would expect. The tickets cost \$10 for general admission and movie will take place at 6 p.m.

Tampa Theatre: Us on Oct. 21

The Tampa Theatre is at it again, this time screening a modern movie directed by Jordan Peele. Us tells the story of a family confronted with a horrifying version of themselves. This movie is filled with jump-scares that will be sure to catch you by surprise. The tickets cost \$10 for general admission and the movie will take place at 6 p.m.

Tampa Theatre: Psycho on Oct. 24

The Historical Tampa theatre in downtown Tampa is bringing this Hitchcock classic back to the big screen on Oct. 24. Take a trip to the Bates Motel and see what mysteries reside there. The Tampa Theatre is a beautiful venue that takes part in screening new and old movies all throughout the year. This classic thriller will be sure to spook you. The tickets cost \$10 for general admission and the movie will take place at 7 p.m.



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The negative effects of fall fashion on the environment



Amelio Nazarko

FOCAL POINTS
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Fall is one of the seasons where consumer spending spikes

in preparation for the changing weather. Seasonal spending contributes to the detriment that fashion has on the environment. However, this cycle may be coming to an end with the power of outspoken activist groups.

Extinction Rebellion is an activist group that uses non-violent civil protests in hopes of halting mass extinction. Hours before the first show of London Fashion Week (LFW) kicked off on Sept. 13, Extinction Rebellion staged a "die-in" on the Strand,

where one of the first LFW shows was being hosted.

Members of Extinction Rebellion covered themselves in fake blood in an effort to boycott fashion and encourage consumers to change their purchasing habits.

Global textile production has reached an excess, with 100 billion pieces of clothing being produced every single year. Each second, up to a truckload of clothes are burned said Stella

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Extinction Rebellion hosted a 'fashion funeral' on the first day of London Fashion Week. The group aims to urge designers and consumers to reduce their environmental impact and use more sustainable practices when buying and making clothes. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

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Florida's fall to an out-of-state student



The average temperature in Tampa during October is 84 degrees Fahrenheit. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**



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Florida is known for its warm weather, lightning storms and world-class attractions. Aptly named the Sunshine State, Floridians know best how seasons work down here.

Something that may surprise many out-of-state or international students is the fact that Florida doesn't have seasons. Humidity levels fluctuate around the turn of the new year, however, the heat is constant throughout the year.

This was the case for New York native, Corryn Mathis, a sophomore studying social science education and history. The heat at this time of the

year came as a surprise for her.

"I'm used to wearing jeans and sweaters by the third week of school and switching iced coffee for pumpkin spice lattes as soon as those jeans come on," Mathis said.

Pumpkin spice lattes are available across the nation, however, in Florida, they are most likely ordered iced.

"In Florida, I don't get the cozy feeling and need to cuddle under blankets and watch scary movies as I do in New York," Mathis added.

The average high in Tampa during October is 84 degrees Fahrenheit, whereas in New York it is 65 degrees, according to U.S. Climate Data. In November, the average in Florida is 78 degrees Fahrenheit and in New York the temperature could drop down to 54 degrees.

While rainfall totals and storm chances diminish throughout the autumn months and Atlantic storm season concludes Nov. 30, the lack of visible changes in seasons can be new to out-of-state students.

Notable consistencies of Florida's year-long, single season include

the fact that leaves do not fall on the ground or change colors, the temperature does not change by much and the fact that many people can still be seen wearing shorts and flip flops all year round.

Daylight Savings Time plays a big part in helping bring fall to Florida. On Nov. 3 at 2 a.m., clocks will turn back one hour in order to have more daylight in the morning. This will cause sunsets to be much earlier during the day and evenings to feel longer.

Daylight Savings Time will be in place until March 8, 2020, when clocks move forward by one hour, adding more light to the evening and lengthening the days.

"Although I love the warm weather, I do miss the crisp mornings a lot," Mathis said.

Mathis has been in Florida for one year now, visiting home only during semester breaks.

"I love Florida, but sometimes during this part of the year I really miss home," Mathis said.



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McCartney in Vogue's September 2018 issue. She is an English fashion designer and long-time advocate for sustainable practices in the fashion industry. Fashion's negative environmental impact only surges during fall months. Shoppers stock up on knitwear, coats, trenches and denim, all of which use more resources and take more energy to produce.

In July, Extinction Rebellion petitioned the British Fashion Council to shut down LFW altogether and host a people's assembly instead. Their efforts failed and fashion week is on schedule to carry on as planned. This protest is the first in what is expected to be five days of action.

Before the doors to the venue opened, protesters poured red liquid all over the ground, meant

to symbolize a red carpet made of blood.

Police were on the scene and led many members of the group away as protesters chanted, "You choose profit over planet, profit over people, profit over our future."

The actions of Extinction Rebellion are radical, but they signify a change that must be made by fashion industry leaders.

"Fashion should be a cultural signifier of our times, and yet the industry still adheres to an archaic system of seasonal fashions, doing pressure to relentlessly create new fashion from new materials," said Extinction Rebellion on their Facebook page.

It seems that while their efforts to stop LFW did not work, their message did not go unnoticed.

In response to the protests, Caroline Rush, chief executive

officer of the British Fashion Council, said, "We hear the message of Extinction Rebellion. Our role is to make the information digestible for

fashion businesses so that they can take practical action."

But not everyone has the spending power of the high-fashion market or the influence



Some practical ways to be more sustainable are to shop vintage or resale, purchase clothes that can be worn all year and learn to repair clothes rather than throw them away. **SPECIAL TO THE ORACLE**

of the world's major designers. What can the average consumer do to aid in this movement and make more sustainable choices, especially during the fall months?

Some practical ways to be more sustainable are to shop vintage or resale, purchase clothes that can be worn all year and learn to repair clothes rather than throw them away. For fall, this means choosing lightweight, layerable jackets and coats.

The need for sustainability is only growing. As consumers and creators, we all have an individual responsibility to care for the planet.

This means lessening our environmental impact by reducing water consumption, decreasing waste, and halting the spread of toxic chemicals, all of which are unfortunate byproducts of the fashion industry.

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