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The Meaning of Halloween

Halloween is an ancient holiday referred to as Samhain, named after a God of Death. Samhain was celebrated by ancient western Europeans. It marks the third and final harvest of the season, when most of the plant life dies until Spring. Samhain, with its association with the passing of plant life until Spring, is also a time to remember the dead.

Christianity replaced many of the ancient religions in western Europe and the Christian church declared November 1st All Saints Day. People made their old customs of Samhain part of the All Saints Day rituals. The Catholic church also made November 2nd All Souls Day to honor the dead. The mass said on All Saints Day was known as Allhallowmas. The evening before, October 31st, became known as All Hallow Eve. Over time the name has been shortened to Halloween.



English Eligibility Exam

The English Eligibility Exam is for students who want to demonstrate reading and writing competency so they can skip a class or classes in the sequence. Some students also use this exam to challenge their initial placement on the English Placement test. It is important to note, that the reading for the exam is geared to the English 1A level. This exam is recommended for students at the English 93 level to attempt a placement into English 1A, but any student may take this exam. Students will still need to earn a grade of C or higher in their current English class may use this exam to advance.

You do not need to register for this two hour written essay exam. You should simply show up on time with pens, a dictionary, a student ID, a photo ID and be prepared to write. The test center will provide the paper.

You may take the English Eligibility Exam once during the week of October 20th at the following times/locations:

Monday, Oct 20 from 6 to 8 in R 304

Tuesday, Oct 21 from 3 to 5 in R 304

Wednesday, October 22 from 8 to 10 in R 301

Thursday, October 23 from 3 to 5 in R 304

For more information, contact Jessica Brown at 239-3574 or e-mail jjbrown@ccsf.edu.



SF Symphony Student Discounts

The San Francisco Symphony is offering **half-price tickets** to students for the 2008-2009 season. Packages include "Create Your Own Series" of four or more concerts and "6-concert pre-packaged Davies Symphony Hall series".

Please see the SF Symphony website for more info at: www.sfsymphony.org



CCSF Student Health Fair

Student Health Services will offer a Health Fair the last week of October. Here are the details:

When: October 29 @ 9:30am-3:00pm

Where: Student Health Center Building, Ocean Campus

There will be a limited supply of flu vaccines available for credit students free of charge!

Free health exams are also being offered and will include anemia screening, blood pressure check, body mass index check, carbon monoxide test for smokers, and blood sugar screening. There will be a \$10 charge for a complete cholesterol panel.

Free educational materials will be available for asthma, family planning, self breast & testicular exams, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis b free campaign, and smoking cessation.



Bay Area Events - October 15-31, 2008

October 25-26, 2008

Harvest Festival

Ferry Building, Foot of Market Street at Embarcadero

Celebrate autumn with the Harvest Festival activities at the Saturday market including apple tasting, butter churning, wool spinning, apple pressing and seasonal cooking demonstrations.



Information: 415-291-3276 or www.cuesa.org

October 24-25, 2008

Exotic Erotic Ball

Treasure Island

Part burlesque, part Mardi Gras and part rock concert, the Exotic Erotic Ball on Oct. 25, 8pm-2 am, marks its 29th anniversary as one of the most edgy evocations of the Halloween spirit ever to bare all (or almost all) in the name of free expression. The two-day Exotic Erotic Expo is open 2:00– 10:00pm on Friday, Oct. 26; Saturday hours are noon to 6 pm. Featuring more than 100 vendors offering the latest in exotic fashion and art as well as adult products, the Expo has its own entertainment lineup including special guest performers, a judging panel for the ball's world famous costume contests, and a large number of variety acts. Ages 18 and over admitted to Expo, 21 and over for Ball.

Information and ticket pricing: 415.567-BALL or 415-421-TIXS (8497) or www.exoticeroticball.com

October 24-26, 2008

15th Annual Vintage Poster Fair: Haunting Images

Fort Mason Center, Landmark Building A

Friday 5-9 pm

Saturday 10 am-7 pm

Sunday 11am-6 pm

The International Vintage Poster Fair will feature more

than 10,000 vetted vintage posters from around the world. These original works capture the culture and ambiance of the country, as well as the era of their origin. Weekend admission is \$15.

Information: www.posterfair.com



October 23-November 22, 2008

Dia de Los Muertos

Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, 2868 Mission St.

A party for the dead and the living, this year's Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) theme is "Muerte Sin Fronteras" (Death Without Borders). This is a time to honor cultural tradition, as we remember those close to our hearts and important to our lives. Be they family, friends, relatives, role models and all those who have played a part in who we are and what we believe. We keep the memories of them alive by honoring those souls who have passed on before us, wait for us, and remain in our hearts.

Information: 415-643-5001 or www.missionculturalcenter.org

October 17-30, 2008

San Francisco Documentary Film Festival

Roxie Cinemas, 3117 16th Street

With close to 50 flicks from countries across the globe, the 7th Annual Documentary Film Festival (DocFest) is offering a week-and-a-half of rather complex, but certainly entertaining, non-fiction films and videos. These documentaries, while exploring fun and lighthearted subject matter, often uncover serious truths.

Information: 415-820-3907 or www.sfindie.com

October 31, 2008

Halloween!

Celebrating Halloween in San Francisco is a fun and exiting experience! If you don't mind crowds, dress in your favorite costume Halloween night and head to the Castro (around Church St. and Market St.) for a freaky feast for the eyes!

Some event information taken from www.sfvisitor.org.

