

Dimension Films set to produce horror film, Feast, winner of Bravo's Project Greenlight

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When the TV show *Project Greenlight* was first aired in the fall of 2000, the goal of producers Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, and Chris Moore was to give everyday people the chance to make it big in Hollywood.

In order to allow the winning script to be made into a movie, the show needed to have a film company that would produce the film. Miramax agreed to produce the winning script under their Dimension Films, the company that produced the popular *Scream* movies, that focuses mainly on producing horror films.

Affleck and Damon first received attention after they wrote and starred in their own movie, *Good Will Hunting*. Therefore, the idea of creating a show to give everyday people like themselves a opportunity to have their big break in Hollywood seemed like a great idea.

In order to choose the winning script, the producers narrow down the thousands of entered scripts to the top three. After the top three are chosen, the writers experience a three day interview session with Damon, Affleck, Moore, and a few other sponsors who are selected to be on the panel.

The contest

is then narrowed down completely choosing one script as the ultimate winner.

In the last season of *Project Greenlight*, it was decided to make this years contest focus around horror films. In order to find the best horror script out there, the show added horror film director Wes Craven to the list of people on board.

This season's winner was a script titled, *Feast*, written by Patrick Melton and Marcos Dunston. The plot of the movie takes place in an isolated bar. A woman known in the movie as "The Heroine," played by Navi Rawat (*The OC*), enters the bar to inform everyone inside that the area is under attack of cannibalistic creatures with hopes that they will bond together to defeat the monsters.

"It is always a good feeling to be recognized by anyone. And to be recognized by such heavy hitters is even sweeter. Yet, it is surreal at the same time having watched the previous two Project Greenlight shows. Each time we advanced, I was sure that we wouldn't advance again," said Melton, one of the writers of this season's winning script.

"We were not planning on entering since they seemed to only be interested in doing personal coming-of-age stories. But my wife heard on the radio that they were

looking for horror scripts this time. So, having nothing to lose but the 30 bucks to enter, we dusted off our old copy of *Feast* and sent it in. It was a wise investment to say the least," said Melton.

As the film first gets going, the audience get to see glimpse of what the monsters actually look like when a child is abducted through the window. The mother of the child then decides to join forces with Rawat (The Heroine) in order to convince everyone in the bar to work together to defeat the monsters.

In the beginning, the two women join together and try to convince everyone else in the bar that the monsters are going to attack and that they need to come up with a plan in order to defend themselves, and the rest of the film focuses on the characters coming together to defeat the monsters.

Although the film is already being shown at some film festivals, it will not be released until sometime next year.

"The film just needs polishing before being finished. At one point we wanted to do additional photography, but that probably will not happen," said Melton.

The interesting part about this film is that the characters do not have names. They are referred to as nicknames based off their roles in the movie. The movie is also classified as a horror movie with comedy which sets it aside from other scary movies.

Although, according to redmawork.com, the movie

It is nice to finally show it to fans and see their reactions. It has been incredibly positive, which feels good because it means we made an enjoyable film.

-Patrick Melton
Writer of Feast

THE GREAT PUMPKIN

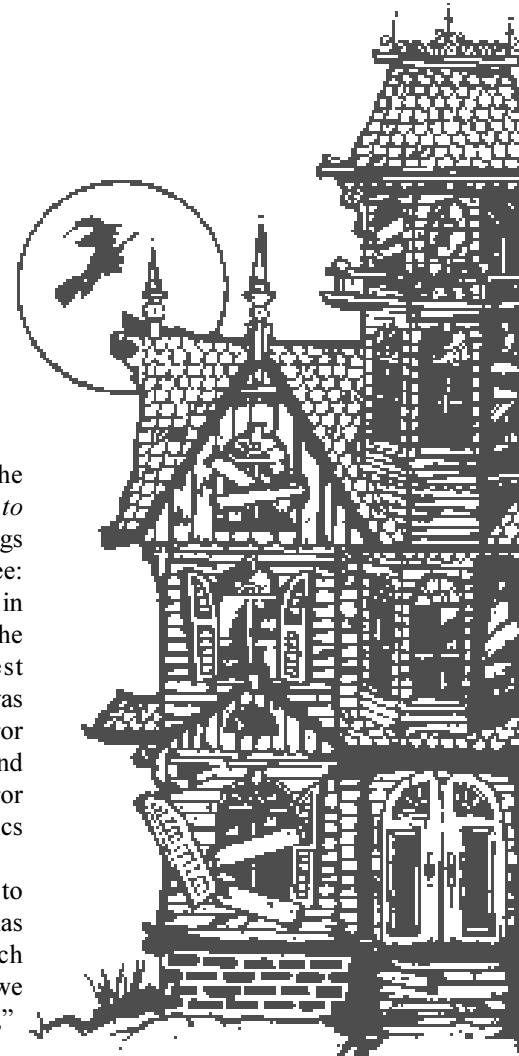
by Amelia Kane

A 1,229 pound pumpkin seems like a Halloween trick or something out of a fairy tale like *Cinderella*. However, a pumpkin large enough to render over 600 pumpkin pies was entered in at the annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half-moon Bay, CA.

At the October 11 competition, Joel Holland, defended his title by placing first in a pool of 50 competitors. Last year, his entry weighed the exact same amount. He received 6,145 dollars in prize money, equivalent to about five dollars per pound of pumpkin.

Holland planted the monstrous pumpkin at his home and grew it in specially prepared soil combined with copious fertilizer, water, and meticulous hand-pollination according to miramarevents.com.

"Maybe we will set a record for the size of a pumpkin pie next", said Holland on washingtonpost.com. For now, Holland will concentrate on carving the massive pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern in time for Halloween.



Local Haunted

Reapers Realm

- Hammond, Indiana
- Features the Haunted Mansion, Reapers Woods, and Nightmare in 3-D.
- The three story Haunted Mansion features a slide of death, Midnight Masoleum, Screamatorium, Psycho Circus, and more.

Frightmare Haunted House

- Open for the 15th year in Burbank
- Intended to rouse childhood fears of a circus.
- Visitors wander through a 600-foot maze surrounded by sideshows filled with actors portraying the scarier sides of clowns.

Famous Ghost, Resurrection

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In a city filled with creepy alleys and a history of mysterious events, it is fitting that Chicago would be filled with numerous amounts of horror and ghostly Eerie tales have been told for years, but there is one that stands out amongst them. The tale of Resurrection Mary is one that has haunted the city of Chicago for approximately 70 years.

"The legend has charm to it, but people should know that Mary is not a ghost," said Kathy Svoboda, Village Clerk of Village of Justice, Illinois.

Mary's story first begins in the 1930's. Supposedly a young girl was at a dance at the O Henry Ballroom with her boyfriend. She and her boyfriend allegedly got into a fight which resulted in Mary storming out of the ballroom and walking down Archer Avenue. It was very cold out because it was the middle of winter, so Mary decided the best way for her to get home was to hitchhike.

As she was standing by the side of the road with hopes of getting picked up, Mary was allegedly hit by a passing automobile. Not wanting to deal with the consequences, the driver that had hit her decided to flee the scene of the accident leaving Mary alone to die.

After choosing to bury Mary at Resurrection Cemetery, Mary's parents decided to bury her in her favorite white dress and a pair of dancing shoes.

Since her death, many people have claimed to have seen Resurrection Mary in various situations. Whether it is just walking along Archer Avenue or it is at another dance at the O Henry Ballroom, the many stories about Resurrection Mary seem to be similar in multiple ways. In every account of her, it seems as though she is seen wearing the same white dress she was buried in.

"The legend [of Resurrection Mary] has been fa



Autumn attractions, activities entertain locals

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Ghost, goblins, witches, and candy are all things associated with Halloween. However, many do not realize that there are other things that can be done for entertainment other than going to haunted houses and trick-or-treating.

APPLE ORCHARDS

While there are not many apple orchards where people can pick their own apples in the area, there are a few that experts feel are worth the drive.

One of these orchards is County Line Orchard in Hobart, Indiana. The orchard has many varieties of apples including Rome, Sundance, Blushing Gold, Suncrisp, and Fuji. All of these apples will be ripe for the end of October. Ladders are not allowed in the orchard to ensure safety for the customers.

After customers have picked as many apples as they can carry, they flag down the wagon that will take them back to the checkout building. For more information on the orchard, visit countylineorchard.com.

Another orchard, Apple's On Oak, located in Lockport, also allows people to go straight into the orchard and pick whichever apples they want. Apples grown in Peceniak's Orchard, the orchard that customers pick from, range from Sweet 16 to Liberty to Red Free. Apples picked in the orchard cost \$1.25 a pound. More

information can be found at peceniak.tripod.com or by calling (815) 726-0386.

PUMPKIN PATCHES

Before anyone can start to carve the perfect design into their pumpkin they must first find the best one. Many pumpkin patches are open around the area that offer a variety of pumpkins and other ways for family and friends to enjoy themselves.

Butler's Pumpkin Patch in Beecher is another patch where people can go to find the perfect pumpkin as well as gourds, straw bales, corn stalks, and Indian corn. There is also a corn maze and a haunted house.

On Fridays and Saturdays a wagon is available to take visitors to the patch. Otherwise customers must walk.

H-F PARK DISTRICT

Sharon Simpson, CPRP Superintendent of Recreation from the H-F Park District, offered many options that family and friends can attend to celebrate Halloween. HFPD is hosting their fifth annual Haunted Hounds Halloween Party today at Rover's Run Dog Park. Participants bring their dog dressed in a costume. "Prizes are awarded to the best puppy and adult dogs and many other giveaways will also be awarded," said Simpson.

Another event that students in grades six through nine can attend is the Teen Halloween Party at Irwin Center today from 7-9 pm. For the price of five dollars (at the door, four dollars in advance) teens can enjoy a scary movie, music, video games, snacks, and more with their friends.

On Halloween, the Park District

is also sponsoring Halloween Happenings at James Hart Junior High School from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It is meant to be an evening of safe fun where families can get dressed in their costume and march in the parade. Judges will

dollars for students.

Another option while at County Line Orchard is the Trail of Fears. A long ride on a wagon takes visitors to a rustic shack near the edge of the woods. There is a gatekeeper at the front who sets them down a narrow and uneven path of trees with very little light. There are haunted things all around as well as one part where one must crawl and another where visitors have to feel their way through pitch-black passages. Trail of Fears is not recommended for young children because it includes many scary elements such as loud noises, darkness, and other special effects.

APPLE CIDER RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 LITER BOTTLE OF APPLE JUICE
- 3 CINNAMON STICKS
- 1 TEASPOON ALLSPICE
- 1 TEASPOON WHOLE CLOVES
- 1 3/4 CUP OF BROWN SUGAR

DIRECTIONS:

COMBINE APPLE CIDER AND CINNAMON STICKS IN CROCK POT. WRAP ALLSPICE AND CLOVES IN A CHEESE CLOTH AND PLACE IN POT. STIR IN BROWN SUGAR AND BRING TO A BOIL OVER HIGH HEAT. AFTER BOILING, REDUCE HEAT TO WARM. MAKES EIGHT SERVINGS.

Source: drink.allrecipes.com

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be awarding special prizes to the participants.

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COUNTY LINE ORCHARD

Another event taking place at County Line Orchard is the Maize in the cornfield. The maze is on eight acres of corn with the challenge of getting to the center of each circle. This year's maze is a crop circle where a spaceship has landed. There are nine crop circles, a center circle, and the alien himself. The nine crop circles are the centers of the nine existing planets.

There is a wooden post inside each of the circles with four color-coded questions about the solar system. Each person receives a colored index card which they have to match to the question on the post. So not only is the maze difficult to get out of because of the complex formation, but it is also an astronomy quiz. The cost is five

At County Line Orchards, there is also the Thirteen Chambers of Terror built in a barn with no windows that the owners could not find any use for. Visitors also have a triple play for 15 dollars which includes admission to the Thirteen Chambers of Terror, Trail of Fears, and the Maize.

Now along with trick-or-treating and costume parties, maybe when people think of Halloween they will also think of the other activities that are available.

Haunted Houses

Eleventh Hour

located in Downers Grove is a haunted house around a family with a dark secret. Not only do you have skeletons in their attic, but those skeletons happen to be their next-door neighbors.

Waukegan Haunted Prison

located in Crest Hill. It is a haunted house and Chicagoland's Number One Haunted House for the past four

years. Visitors walk through dark, narrow hallways and into 30 maximum security cells where they must crawl on their hands and knees. Their way above ground before they are captured to become prisoners of the army of the

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Resurrection Mary, haunts Resurrection Cemetery in local city, Justice

for longer than I can remember. Resurrection Cemetery is in Justice, this is what makes our town such a tourist attraction," said Svoboda.

The first one-on-one account with Resurrection Mary came from Jerry Palus. According to prairieghosts.com, he met a young woman at the O Henry Ballroom. They spent the entire evening dancing, although he claims that she was "very cold to the touch." After a long night of dancing, the young woman asked him for a ride home to which he agreed.

She took him down Archer Avenue where they passed a large Catholic cemetery. As they advanced toward the gates of the cemetery, he recalls that she began to act very strangely. Then, without explanation, she asked Palus to pull to the side of the road where she scurried away from the car.

He watched her as she quickly ran away and distinctly remembers watching her disappear before reaching the main gates. He returned to the cemetery not long after the incident where he recalls meeting a woman who was mourning the loss of her daughter.

When he asked about the woman's daughter, she showed him a picture and said that she had been dead for some time. Palus is sure that the girl in the picture is the girl he had been with just a few days before.

One of the most famous sightings of Mary was on August 10, 1976. Supposedly, a young girl was locked in the Resurrection Cemetery and was seen by a man driving past.

The man felt the only way to help the girl was to stop by the local police station and report what he had seen. He told the police officers that there had been a young woman in a white dress locked inside the cemetery.

Immediately after the report had been filed, an officer was sent to the cemetery to find the young girl. Unfortunately, he could not find any trace of the girl at the cemetery. As he was examining the area around the gates, he noticed that the gate had apparently been pulled apart creating sharp angles. Also, there were scorch marks with what appeared to be handprints indented into the metal.

The accounts of Resurrection Mary reached their peak in the 1970's and the 1980's, but slowed down in the 1990's. According to prairieghosts.com, Resurrection Mary is merely a ghost that is a mysterious, elusive, and a romantic spirit of the Windy City.

"The legend of Mary follows our town, and although the story is more popular amongst the older kids, everyone who lives in Justice knows [the story]," said Svoboda.



Courtesy of ghost-story.co.uk

Ghost in the graveyard Resurrection Mary haunts the citizens of Justice, IL at Resurrection Cemetery located along Archer Avenue.