Ride a roller coaster or try a seance for Halloween

Halloween doesn't have to mean a heart-pumping, nail-biting terror trip through the nearest gory 'haunted' attraction.

A mildly spooky, off-beat or downright funny event may be just the ticket for an entertaining Halloween experience.
Here's an electic list of Halloween happenings:

ON STAGE

Tales from the Script at Planet Ant Theatre is more Planet Ant Theatre is more likely to make you scream with laughter than shrick in terror. The original comedy, written through improvisation, aims to help solve the question: Who help solve the question: Who are you, who are the people around you and are they involved with the battle to save the human race? Ant colony members Lauren Bickers, Shawn Handlon, Quintin Hicks, Michael Ishaa, Mike McGettigan, Thra Nida and Denise Swindell improvised and then wrote the play. They'll perform the piece for three weeks beginning Thursday, Oct. 17. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 8 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the theater, 2357 Canliff, Hamtramek. Tickets are mtramek, Tickets are

\$15; \$10 for students with ID. Call (313) 365-4948, ext. 1

SCARY FOR CHARITY

The Children's Leukemia
Foundation sponsors its fourth
annual Boo Ball Spooktacular
from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct.
26, at the Shotwell-Gustafson
Pavilion on the Oakland
University campus, Rochester.
The fund-raiser — tickets are
\$150 for adults and \$75 for
children — generates money to
help support Michigan families
of adults and children with
leukemia, lymphoma and relatof adults and children with leukemia, lymphoma and relat-ed blood disorders. The party last year mised \$145,000. Hundreds of costumed party-goers will get a chance to make their own take-home music video, taste gourmet quesadi las, roasted fish, sliders and las, roasted fish, silders and fries, chicken fingers and desserts. Non-stop pop from the band, Nafhythym keeps ghouls and goblins on the move. Children's activities run the gamut, from face painting and an arts and crafts room to a bucking Bungee Bull and a sticky Velero wall. Other games include a gladiator joust, eastle moonwalk. Ferris wheel and moon. Ticket deadline is Oct.

A ZOO TRADITION

The tickets for the Detroit Zoo's annual Zoo Boo go fast, with the popular event selling out every year. The 'friendly' and 'mery'-not-so-scary' event for children, age 2-7, includes costumed greeters handing out treats along a half-mile decorated trail. A mini musical shows every half hour, starting at 6:15 p.m. Zoo Boo runs 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 18-20, 25-27 and 30-31. The zoo is located at Woodward and the 1-6:96 expressway service drive in Royal Oak. Tickets are \$4 per person, ages 2 and older, available through Ticketmaster. (24:8) 645-6566. The tickets for the Detroit

Livonta Mall will sponsor Frights & Dolights for families on Saturday, Oct. 26. Here's what's in store: Free movie at 11 am. in the American Family Cinema; trick or treat throughout the mall from 11 am.5 pm., for children, age 11 and younger, Halloween crafts from 1-3 pm., a costume contest from 3-4 pm.; and The Wizard of Oz from 4:30-5:30 p.m., \$30 per person. per person. The mall is located at Seven

Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia.

You'd think the Millennium
Porce and Wicked Twister
roller coasters are scary
enough, but Cedar Point
amusement park, in Sandusky,
Ohio, heightens the fear factor
during its HallowWeckends
through October, Scary stuff
includes: Roaming characters
who jump out of the shadows
in the park's Fright Zone; three
haunted houses, including one
that offers a "School of
Mortuary Science" and a re-Mantent Touse, and a re-talling of The Tell Tile Hear.
Younger children can see
Snoopy and The Great |
Pumpkin Patch, visit a fun
house and watch a master
magician. The park is open 6
p.m.-midnight on Fridays, noon
to midnight on Saturday and
noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, weekends this month. Admission
ranges from 842-824, depending on age and day. (419) 6272230 or www.cedarpoint.com
on the Internet.

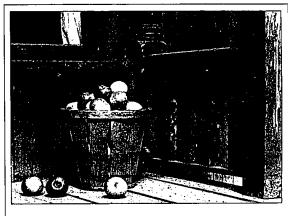
SCIENCE AND SPOOKS

What's Halloween without a few bats? Visit the Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills and see a fruit bat with a 4-foot wingspan or look a sloth in the eyes. The Bat Zone is open weekends noon-5 pm. Science and Halloween collide at the institute from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. The event includes stage shows, treats and a scary

Witches Involve audience members at an entertainment show in Cedar Point at Sandusky, Ohio,

planetarium show. Visitors may wear costumes.
The cost is \$6 for members and \$6 for non-members. Registration deadline is Oct. 18. (248) 645-3210.

PUMPKIN FACTORY
Think pumpkins, pumpkins
Think pumpkins, pumpkins



25. (248) 353-8222

There are many photo opportunities for fall pictures. How about these apples in a rustic setting at the old cider mill? Monte Hagler took this in Arlington, Ohlo.

Use slide film on cloudy days to capture best fall colors in photos

n past columns, I've writ-ten about capturing the abundance of fall colors on film. Today, 'fd like to give you more tips on fall photog-raphy as the air chills, the leaves begin to change and colors creep gently south-ward.



saturated colors, For black and white lovers, fall

colors provide an excellent opportunity to obtain full tonal range prints. No matter what your choice of films, use ones with low ASA numbers.

near age inter will be sharp and crisp.

Best days to shoot:
Contrary to what you may think, cloudy days are best.
Contrast and glare are reduced and colors will appear more vibrant. And don't pass up rainy or foggy days. Moistened autumn leaves after a rain or foggy morning provide good possibilities for your camera. Dark clouds formed by a receding storm also are an excellent backdrop for a stand of brilliant trees. If nature doesn't cooperate, use a spray bottle of water to dampen a grouping of leaves.

Use good composition: Place your main subject, off center for a more dynamic appearance in your shot.

Frame" your pictures with

center for a more dynamic appearance in your shot.

*Frame" your pictures with overhanging branches and place foreground subjects in the viewlinder. Use roads, fences and streams to your advantage as "lead-in" lines. Use a small aperture: The smaller the aperture, the greater the depth-of-field meaning everything will

You'll get finer grain and your enlargements will be sharp and cisty.

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field.
Which lens to use:
Remember that wide-angle
lenses will give a greater
expanse to your shot while a
telephoto will "move you in
close" to isolate a particular tree or capture a splash of color in a cluster of fallen

color in a cluster of fallen leaves.

A macro lens or close-up filter will enable you to highlight the texture and details of an individual leaf.

Look for other opportunities: Gider mills, football games, Halloween festivities and patches of pumpkins all offer other exciting fall pieture possibilities. Keep your eyes open for these and more.

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FOX THEATRE

Saturday, November 9 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 10 1:00 p.m.

For tickets:

TicketMaster: 248-433-1515 Box Office: Event Info 313-471-6611 TicketMaster.com Nutcracker.com

TicketMaster Outlets: Fox Theatre Box Office, Hockeytown Authentics (Troy), Joe Louis Box Office, Harmony House, Marshall Fields

Children's Dance Coordinators: Christine Sickle, Sickle's Dance Gallery and Dori Matkowski, Dance Dynamics



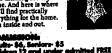
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