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Matt Mio, Erin Bell, Beth Oljar, Dave Chow, Heather Hill, Michael Jayson, Stephen Manning, Dan Maggio



Matt Mio 00:03

The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, from the Department of English, it's Professor Heather Hill.



Heather Hill 00:21

Hello,



Dave Chow 00:22

Hello. How are you, Heather?



Heather Hill 00:23

I'm a bit cranky.

 Matt Mio 00:25
I'm sorry to hear that.

 Stephen Manning 00:26
Great

 Beth Oljar 00:28
She's covered in grumpy dust.

 Heather Hill 00:29
I'm fine.

 Matt Mio 00:30
(Laughs) Covered in grumpy dust

 Heather Hill 00:31
I'm fine. Thank you. How are you?

 Matt Mio 00:34
I don't know what to say. It's been a rough few days around campus for fairly obvious reasons, I think. But I don't want to get into it, because I don't want to bring all the massive politics of what's going on in the Middle East right now into it. But we have a lot of students with family members who live in that area, so I feel very, very badly for them. They are not going to be given the time to grieve. So - I can see by the look on your face, Heather, that you've also been having discussions with colleagues and students.

 Heather Hill 01:03
Yeah, it's the general atmosphere right now is kind of a big downer.

 Matt Mio 01:09
It doesn't help that Michigan's weather obliges by looking -

 Heather Hill 01:12
Right. It's time to get out the happy lights.

 Matt Mio 01:15
Yeah, exactly

 Heather Hill 01:16
Right. I have one happy light at home and one happy light here.

 Matt Mio 01:16
Of course.

 Heather Hill 01:16
Yeah.

 Matt Mio 01:16
Double light.

B Beth Oljar 01:23
She wants to be happy wherever she is, which makes sense.

M Matt Mio 01:27
Professor Stephen Manning, from the Department of being retired is also with us here today,

H Heather Hill 01:33
so he has no reason to be cranky or grumpy or any of that

D Dave Chow 01:36
He's entitled to it, if he wants to

S Stephen Manning 01:39
You know, just because you're retired, doesn't negate your ability to be grumpy or

H Heather Hill 01:44
No

D Dave Chow 01:44
You might even perfect.

S Stephen Manning 01:46
Yeah, I got a lot of time to perfect it.

 Heather Hill 01:48
Yeah

 Stephen Manning 01:48
I'm rarely grumpy, as it turns out.

 Matt Mio 01:50
Oh!

 Erin Bell 01:51
That's awesome.

 Matt Mio 01:52
Professor Dave Chow is here with his pork buns.

 Dave Chow 01:55
Yes, pleasure to have brought them here.

 Matt Mio 01:58
Yes

 Dave Chow 01:59
I'm just glad they didn't charge me by weight.

- M** Matt Mio 02:01
Yeah, gosh, wow, they're super dense and delicious. They are awesome. And this is the place that you always told me to go in Madison Heights, but I never went to
- D** Dave Chow 02:09
No, it's one of the two places.
- D** Dave Chow 02:11
I also - not that you need to know this, but I also swung by the other place to try them both.
- M** Matt Mio 02:11
Oh, okay,
- M** Matt Mio 02:11
Okay, okay. There is a different flavor to the sauce here, but it is very nice.
- D** Dave Chow 02:11
Another place is slightly different too,
- M** Matt Mio 02:15
Okay,
- D** Dave Chow 02:16
but this is the only place where I can get a dozen easily. That's all

 Matt Mio 02:25
Got it. Got it. They take some real time to put together.

 Dave Chow 02:28
at Mm-hm.

 Matt Mio 02:30
Professor Dan Maggio is here. Dan getting ready for the curling season still, I assume.

 Dan Maggio 02:36
Yes

 Dave Chow 02:36
He looks limber.

 Matt Mio 02:38
We are glad to see Professor Erin Bell from our Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, back on the panel,

 Erin Bell 02:44
I was just here for your buns, so -

 Dave Chow 02:48
I beg your pardon.

 **Erin Bell** 02:49
Don't tell my husband.

 **Dave Chow** 02:50
Don't tell my wife

 **Matt Mio** 02:53
How have things been going, Erin? Busy, obviously,

 **Erin Bell** 02:55
Yes, quite busy, driving children around to various activities. But also, you know, with our intellectual development of faculty and friends, I just feel a little fried. And I think, yeah, some of your grumpy dust might be in my neck of the woods too. So I'm glad for this collegiality. I need a respite.

 **Matt Mio** 03:15
Nice. We can supply you with collegiality and pork buns anytime.

 **Dave Chow** 03:20
In that order. In that order

 **Matt Mio** 03:22
Professor Beth Oljar is here from Philosophy.

 **Beth Oljar** 03:24
Hi, Matt, how you doing?

M Matt Mio 03:26
I wasn't happy to hear about the students ditching your class.

B Beth Oljar 03:31
They let me know. And I mean, you know -

M Matt Mio 03:33
They were honest about it.

B Beth Oljar 03:34
Oh yeah, let me know in advance

M Matt Mio 03:36
Okay.

B Beth Oljar 03:37
But yeah. I mean, this is certainly occasionally, I understand if you have to meet with a professor in their office hours, or, you know, it can be a real emergency. I was a little surprised that it was happening more than once, but,

M Matt Mio 03:50
oh, geez,

B Beth Oljar 03:51
whatever. I just, like, don't worry about these things anymore very much.

 Matt Mio 03:56
I understand

 Beth Oljar 03:57
if you're getting the material and you're here most of the time, I'll call it good.

 Matt Mio 04:02
That's a good start

 Beth Oljar 04:04
mostly because I'm just too exhausted to really get head up about it and -

 Matt Mio 04:08
Right, yes,

 Beth Oljar 04:09
worry about it anymore,

 Matt Mio 04:11
Folks. Let me tell you, this is a program where you could send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP@UDMercy.edu, find us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okay, those listening don't know that we are recording this show on Friday the 13th, so I grabbed some interesting Halloween trivia questions, not the same ones we did a few years ago.

D Dave Chow 04:43
Not that we remember

B Beth Oljar 04:44
Exactly.

M Matt Mio 04:46
These are actually doable.

S Stephen Manning 04:49
Didn't I ask a question on about candy corn in that set a while ago?

M Matt Mio 04:54
Yes, candy corn, that's right. It's such a big divider of people. I just had no idea. I's like pineapple on pizza. Some people like it. Some people hate it.

D Dave Chow 05:02
It's so polarizing, so polarizing.

B Beth Oljar 05:04
No Candy Corn on pizza.

M Matt Mio 05:04
Right . Not yet. Professors, I think you will remember, because it was a little out of the ordinary, that the fall of 2020 had a full moon on Halloween night. When's the next full moon? What year will the next full moon on Halloween be in the eastern time zone,

 Beth Oljar 05:21
24

 Dan Maggio 05:22
48

 Dave Chow 05:25
32

 Matt Mio 05:26
I'm giving it to Dave. It's 2031, 2031

 Dave Chow 05:30
I overshot. I wouldn't have made it on The Price Is Right, but I'll be okay.

 Stephen Manning 05:33
So what does that mean? How many years? What's the cycle?

 Matt Mio 05:37
There really isn't a cycle to it. I mean, there's a cycle to it, and that we can predict when it will be but it's not really, it doesn't it's not regular cadence or anything like that. For instance, before 2020 the Full Moon on Halloween was 1944. Was how long it had been before then.

 Beth Oljar 05:55
If there's no regularity to it, how's it we're able to predict it?



Matt Mio 06:00

Well, there is regularity to it. It's just that there's not regularity in the intervals of how many years it takes to get back. I know that sounds kind of weird, but there's leap years in between. So if you miss a day, you got to wait seven more years, right?



Dave Chow 06:12

There's a formula for we don't want to know



Matt Mio 06:15

yeah,



Stephen Manning 06:16

We're having a part a partial eclipse.



Matt Mio 06:17

We are like,



Stephen Manning 06:18

tomorrow morning



Matt Mio 06:19

or tomorrow morning, right?



Stephen Manning 06:20

Well, not us, because we're gonna be too far north too Cloudy.



Matt Mio 06:26

Looks like we're doing years here. What year was saw the first printed use of the word Jack O' Lantern.



Heather Hill 06:35

Oh, wow.



Beth Oljar 06:36

Pretty early 17th century.



Matt Mio 06:39

It was before 17-



Dave Chow 06:40

1609



Dan Maggio 06:41

1630



Stephen Manning 06:43

1645



Dave Chow 06:45

When did -

M Matt Mio 06:46
I take Dan's response, Dave's response and Steven's response smoosh them together and ignore a couple of the last numbers, yeah,

B Beth Oljar 06:53
1650 something.

M Matt Mio 06:55
1660 is apparently what it was. Yeah, so pretty old

D Dave Chow 06:59
we circled it like the drain,

M Matt Mio 07:01
However,

H Heather Hill 07:02
Jack o lantern,

M Matt Mio 07:03
When we when we start really looking at modern Halloween practices, things are pretty darn recent. For instance, the first year of the New York City Greenwich Village Halloween Parade, which is very well known, was

S Stephen Manning 07:16
1973

M Matt Mio 07:18
I'm giving it to you, 74

D Dave Chow 07:20
recent.

E Erin Bell 07:22
What a party Halloween in the 70s in New York,

M Matt Mio 07:27
The first on the historical record seasonal haunted house for charity was in what year of the United States?

D Dave Chow 07:35
What year was your house built?

S Stephen Manning 07:37
52

H Heather Hill 07:37
What year?

M Matt Mio 07:40
What year of the United States? What year in the United States? Still nursing this?

 Heather Hill 07:46
1927

 Matt Mio 07:48
No, it was 1970 that was the first charity haunted house, very recent, something that'll definitely keep us on his toes, because we cannot have a set of Halloween questions without some version of this, the Halloween of what year when Harry Houdini died in Detroit, Michigan,

 Dan Maggio 08:06
29

 Heather Hill 08:07
27

 Matt Mio 08:07
it's 26 but, you know, they're pretty darn

 Dave Chow 08:10
fair birds,

 Matt Mio 08:11
pretty darn fast, yes,

 Beth Oljar 08:14
like I was actually there, like Matt, no,

D Dave Chow 08:17
you punched him.

D Dave Chow 08:20
I know she did

S Stephen Manning 08:20
He died in Detroit?

M Matt Mio 08:20
He died in Detroit.

S Stephen Manning 08:21
What he die of ?

M Matt Mio 08:22
You know, as the tradition goes, we never really know the specifics, but he did the thing where he learned how to tense his stomach muscles, to take a cannonball. Then he started because he got older, I'll take the biggest guy's punch right in the gut and I'll survive it. And someone came up to him before he had a chance to like himself correctly and really pounded him and basically destroyed his insides, and he died after a show.

B Beth Oljar 08:47
Internal bleeding

S Stephen Manning 08:47
So it wasn't in the bottom of the Detroit River wrapped up in chains

M Matt Mio 08:51
No nothing that cool, nothing that cool

H Heather Hill 08:54
Nothing that cool.

M Matt Mio 08:55
Oh my gosh. Okay, so here's a little bit about Halloween and fortune telling. Oh, what do you think it was supposed to mean? If you took a single contiguous apple peel and threw it over your shoulder right before midnight on Halloween, what was it supposed to do

S Stephen Manning 09:13
for good luck

D Dave Chow 09:13
you were littering?

B Beth Oljar 09:14
No, it would form, if it formed the shape of a letter, would tell you who you were going to marry.

M Matt Mio 09:20
That's right, initials of the person you would marry, that's right.

B Beth Oljar 09:24
Colonial woman believe that,

 Stephen Manning 09:26
but only if it came out as a landed as a letter that you could see

 Matt Mio 09:30
Which font dave comic sans

 Dave Chow 09:36
Old English. Oh, my goodness.

 Beth Oljar 09:38
You are such a font nazi what do you have against comic sans

 Dan Maggio 09:41
Its awful?

 Dave Chow 09:43
Thank you Dan

 Matt Mio 09:45
No candy corn.

 Dan Maggio 09:47
What is it?

 Matt Mio 09:48
Religion, politics, the Great Pumpkin. Don't touch

 Dan Maggio 09:51
and fonts

 Matt Mio 09:52
And fonts

 Dave Chow 09:52
And Papyrus.

 Matt Mio 09:55
Have you ever seen the harvest party? Dealio, the little game, where. They will dangle the apple on the end of the string, and it's sort of like bobbing for apples, but you're just supposed to grab it with your teeth. You know? It's that sort of thing. It originated in Scotland only. Apples are not that big in the British Isles, at least not in the north. What were they bobbing in the air for

 Dan Maggio 10:17
Haggis?

 Matt Mio 10:18
That's a really good guess

 Dave Chow 10:20
the crown,

 Matt Mio 10:21
really good guess

 Dan Maggio 10:22
blood pudding,

 Beth Oljar 10:24
Booze.

 Heather Hill 10:26
No, why not? Yeah,

 Matt Mio 10:28
I think it might help if I tell you it's a pastry.

 Heather Hill 10:30
Oh, oh, pork buns,

 Matt Mio 10:32
Partial credit,

 Beth Oljar 10:34
pork pies.

 Dan Maggio 10:37
Oh, meat pies,

 Erin Bell 10:38
dumpling Cloutie dumpling dumpling

 Beth Oljar 10:40
Biscuits.

 Matt Mio 10:41
It says it was scones.

 Beth Oljar 10:45
Is it Scones or scoffs

 Heather Hill 10:49
Scoffs

 Dave Chow 10:50
Where was Prasad when we needed him?

 Matt Mio 10:52
I know. I know. Where's our Canadian ringer when we need him? Nunavut in Canada had to cancel trick or treating a couple times during the pandemic, due to what

 Dave Chow 11:02
it's too cold or too warm,

 Matt Mio 11:04
no

 Matt Mio 11:05
contract related to coldness, but

 Dave Chow 11:08
too frosty,

 Heather Hill 11:10
related to cold,

 Matt Mio 11:11
related to coldness.

 Beth Oljar 11:12
Everybody had a cold.

 Matt Mio 11:13
The coldness had lured some unwelcome visitors to

 Dave Chow 11:18
polar bears.

 Matt Mio 11:19
Polar bears, yes, polar bears were-

 Dave Chow 11:21
Party favors.

 Matt Mio 11:24
Oh my gosh, this is so great.

 Heather Hill 11:26
Some lovely sleeping polar bears at the Toledo Zoo. Recently, they were sleeping.

 Dave Chow 11:33
We have three new ones here in Detroit,

 Matt Mio 11:35
Cute. The first large Halloween festival with over 1000 attendees, was held in Japan in what year I let you know, this is pretty darn recent,

 Heather Hill 11:49
1989

 Matt Mio 11:50
Even recenter,

 Dan Maggio 11:52
2010

 Matt Mio 11:53
2012 it says first major Halloween event in Japan.

 Dan Maggio 11:57
Why is that significant? Because the number,

 Dave Chow 12:00
I don't think they celebrate

 Matt Mio 12:02
they didn't celebrate until recently yeah

 Stephen Manning 12:05
Really?

 Matt Mio 12:06
Yep

 Dave Chow 12:06
Halloween is not celebrated worldwide.

 Matt Mio 12:08
It's getting there,

 Dan Maggio 12:09
but I think the opportunity to dress up in a costume would appeal to a lot of cultures.

 Dave Chow 12:14
Yeah,

 Matt Mio 12:15
the the reason the original writer of these questions

 Heather Hill 12:19
the way you delivered that was really funny.

 Beth Oljar 12:22
In fact every culture has some tradition or other,

 Heather Hill 12:26
right?

- B** Beth Oljar 12:27
People dressing up, or people being transgender. I mean, it's not, you know, no, that's an invention of the, you know, 2000s or something
- S** Stephen Manning 12:35
like you were an academic conference.
- D** Dan Maggio 12:39
Make it good
- M** Matt Mio 12:40
Proffesor Maggio's sentiment there. From a minute ago. I'll just say the question and the response. The vast majority of foreign country populations treat Halloween as colon and the knowing nuisance of American intrusion,
- B** Beth Oljar 12:54
Fair enough
- S** Stephen Manning 12:55
including Japan, until 2012
- M** Matt Mio 12:56
Exactly
- D** Dave Chow 12:57
The Ugly American rears his ugly head again.

M Matt Mio 13:00
The word Phantom, meaning ghost or apparition, is from what language,

E Erin Bell 13:06
Greek.

M Matt Mio 13:07
It's Greek, yes,

E Erin Bell 13:08
what's that famous poem Professor Hill, antias magoria, there you go.

D Dave Chow 13:16
Sounds like an orange drink. You got a McDonald's?

M Matt Mio 13:19
Oh, dear God. I really hate these questions, even though they are interesting.

B Beth Oljar 13:23
That's where phantom came from

E Erin Bell 13:29
Drink all the sugar.



Matt Mio 13:29

About 20 years ago, a poll of Americans found this percentage believes in ghosts.



Beth Oljar 13:37

Oh, it's something ridiculously high.



Heather Hill 13:40

70%



Matt Mio 13:41

it's not, it's not 70 %



Dave Chow 13:43

40%



Stephen Manning 13:44

40



Dave Chow 13:44

it says 32 here we were doing the whole kind of bouncing around. Yeah,



Beth Oljar 13:50

That's better than I thought.

M Matt Mio 13:51
A little better.

E Erin Bell 13:52
90% of the librarians over here assure me that there's ghosts all over the McNichols campus library. So

M Matt Mio 13:58
Wow. Until essentially the mid to late 1990s Halloween was really only celebrated in what two countries,

D Dave Chow 14:07
US and Canada,

M Matt Mio 14:08
US and Canada. That is exactly correct, 100%. the legend of the jack o lantern, or mean or Stingy Jack who is rejected from both hell and heaven, can be traced back to what modern day country,

D Dan Maggio 14:22
Ireland.

M Matt Mio 14:23
That's Irish, yes. Oh, that is an Irish legend

H Heather Hill 14:26
Hence Jack or lantern.

 Dan Maggio 14:29
Oh,

 Matt Mio 14:30
As far as anybody who has any recorded history can tell, it took until the late 1700s for pumpkins to grow anywhere else besides where

 Dave Chow 14:42
North America.

 Matt Mio 14:43
North America is the only place where pumpkins grow.

 Dave Chow 14:46
Part of that was turnips, right?

 Matt Mio 14:48
Turnips? Back in Europe, very bitter, bitter turnips. I know I've mentioned this one before, but I just love it primarily in in Iowa and southern. Minnesota trick or treaters have to do something before they can get their treat. Do you remember what it is?

 Dave Chow 15:05
X ray machines,

 Heather Hill 15:07
jumping jacks,

D Dan Maggio 15:10
tell a joke.

M Matt Mio 15:11
They have to tell a joke. You cannot get your treat without doing something first. I think that's kind of cool. I like that. Yeah.

H Heather Hill 15:18
That's better than a kid just coming to the door and holding their hand out which they do.

D Dave Chow 15:22
Out, which they do. You could, I mean, with a night's worth of jokes, you could end up with a couple that are gonna last for a while.

B Beth Oljar 15:28
But could you use, like, did you have to have a different joke for every house? Or can you use the same,

M Matt Mio 15:34
I feel like you work a joke and then you spread it around the name, wait a minute-

S Stephen Manning 15:37
next door neighbor's knocking

B Beth Oljar 15:39
that's actually gonna be really hard.

 Heather Hill 15:41
You had to have a different joke for every house.

 Matt Mio 15:44
Absolutely.

 Heather Hill 15:45
What if your joke has already been told?

 Erin Bell 15:47
Yeah, there you go. No plagiarism,

 Stephen Manning 15:49
no Kit Kat for you.

 Beth Oljar 15:50
There not gonna be using chat GPT to figure out

 Erin Bell 15:55
exactly really good piece of it. It'll be terrible though

 Stephen Manning 16:00
You get this joke off the internet. No candy for you.

E Erin Bell 16:03
Ah,

M Matt Mio 16:03
I tell since the pandemic started a dad joke to start class for every class meeting, and 99% of the time the students, they don't even groan. They just sit there and stare at me. I'm like, I'm trying here. I told the dumbest dad joke in the whole world this morning, and they all cracked up. I go, that's it. I don't get it. I'm too old.

D Dave Chow 16:23
That's it. Mark Ridley's has no use for you.

M Matt Mio 16:25
My wife apologized to me the other day. She said, I'm sorry I ever married you. I'm like, That's the lowest form of a dad joke you could think of. And it's like, they're like, that's awesome. What that was me scraping the internet before class started

B Beth Oljar 16:44
I was like for a second. Did Leslie really?

M Matt Mio 16:47
That makes sense, though. That was the only time she ever apologized

S Stephen Manning 16:51
followed up by that's no joke, Matt,

M Matt Mio 16:52
yeah, that's real.

D Dave Chow 16:54
As she throws the meat cleaver at your forehead.

M Matt Mio 16:56
Oh my gosh. According to national surveys, there are two cities, I can tell you, they're out on the west side of the country, that cross the board have the absolute best Halloween candy. What cities are they? Major cities,

M Matt Mio 17:10
Seattle, yes,

S Stephen Manning 17:10
Seattle,

B Beth Oljar 17:11
San Francisco

E Erin Bell 17:12
and

M Matt Mio 17:13
San Francisco. Oh, my God, this is like

B Beth Oljar 17:17
San Francisco kind of makes sense because you've got the Ghirardelli Chocolate factory.

D Dan Maggio 17:22
San Francisco,

B Beth Oljar 17:23
Yeah

D Dave Chow 17:24
Why San Francisco we give away fresh trout.

H Heather Hill 17:27
Think they would hand out granola bars

B Beth Oljar 17:30
Go to the pike -

E Erin Bell 17:32
Other kinds of treats that are green. Just-

B Beth Oljar 17:32
I hate that.

 Dave Chow 17:34
What's that

 Erin Bell 17:37
Not green? You know

 Beth Oljar 17:39
people who give out anything other than candy for Halloween. It's like, you know.

 Dave Chow 17:44
Here you go, kids, stocks and bonds,

 Erin Bell 17:47
like a penny, I don't know, like inflation, come on

 Beth Oljar 17:51
Bags of potato chips.

 Dan Maggio 17:54
Does anybody remember popcorn balls?

 Dave Chow 17:54
Yes of course

D Dan Maggio 17:55
Or pennies I used to get Pennies

M Matt Mio 18:01
Pennies all the time.

E Erin Bell 18:02
I got a rock. My kids would just look at a penny be like, What is this like? Yeah,

S Stephen Manning 18:07
we had a neighbor at one point that gave out onions, sat with like a fire pit in the front lawn, in a chair, and had the, you know, the big bags that onions come in series.

M Matt Mio 18:18
I'm serious, If they would have given me, I would have given it back, like 12 hours later in the middle of the night, but, you know, Erin's delivery on her line, by the way, reminded me of the the Seinfeld bit. When he talks about Halloween, he's like, What are we giving out at this house? Oh, the giant orange circus peanut. You know what lady you keep that love that line. Oh, professors,

B Beth Oljar 18:18
You really got to go for those.

D Dave Chow 18:41
I still wish I could give way clam chowder.

B

Beth Oljar 18:43

It took me a long time because kids, kids kept saying they liked my house. And I'm like, What on earth are you talking about? You haven't been inside. I didn't figure out. And then one year, one kid made a comment about the candy, and I put it together. I'm like, Oh, I give out the good stuff, the little bags of Skittles and the candy. I mean onions, really an apple, no

D

Dave Chow 19:06

At least give me like a blooming onion or something, yeah, like an appetizer reserve,

B

Beth Oljar 19:11

At least, you're supposed to get a ton of sugar on Halloween

M

Matt Mio 19:15

Nationwide,

B

Beth Oljar 19:16

nationwide,

M

Matt Mio 19:17

What percentage of households will give out candy on Halloween night,

D

Dan Maggio 19:22

I would say 13%

M

Matt Mio 19:25

you said 14

 Dan Maggio 19:26
13,

 Matt Mio 19:27
13.

 Heather Hill 19:27
Oh, I like that.

 Stephen Manning 19:28
35

 Dan Maggio 19:29
that was coincident.

 Stephen Manning 19:30
22

 Beth Oljar 19:31
70

 Matt Mio 19:32
Everybody gets a guess.

 Dave Chow 19:33
Where's Kendra?

 Matt Mio 19:34
Come on Heather.

 Heather Hill 19:36
59

 Matt Mio 19:37
it goes to Beth. This time it's 80%

 Dan Maggio 19:41
There's no way.

 Matt Mio 19:46
Well, you know, these were pre pandemic questions.

 Dan Maggio 19:51
I think my street is one out of every five or six house.

 Stephen Manning 19:54
I'd like to see the demographics on that. What neighborhoods? Yeah.

 Dan Maggio 19:59
The data on that? No, it's true. So we can suspend the answer on that research.

 Dave Chow 20:03
Research correct you.

 Heather Hill 20:05
We're not accepting the answer.

 Beth Oljar 20:06
You're welcome to come help me give out Halloween candy

 Dan Maggio 20:09
Your neighborhood rocks So

 Dave Chow 20:11
No, no, you know what?

 Beth Oljar 20:11
I'm actually gonna need help this year because of my hands.

 Dan Maggio 20:15
Oh, we'll come down.



Dave Chow 20:16

No. Beth. You know what is on a bell curve? You screwed it up for all of us.



Matt Mio 20:21

What cartoon debuted in 1969 with an episode titled, What a night for a night,



Dave Chow 20:28

Scooby Doo.



Matt Mio 20:29

Scooby Doo, that's right. Sit down every once in a while with my youngest and watch the original series run. And he's like, What the heck is, so weird.



Dave Chow 20:40

Have you shown your kids the funky Phantom?



Matt Mio 20:43

No, no, but I should, I should, because we tried to get Emmet to sit down and watch the end of the most hilarious horror movie ever made, Halloween three Season of the Witch the other night, and he's like, I don't think I should be watching this. Give me a break. Everybody's a robot. Everything is dumb. The music is dumb. Everybody's acting dumb. It's hilarious.



Stephen Manning 21:04

He's censoring himself.



Matt Mio 21:05

He's censoring himself.

H Heather Hill 21:07
Do you all remember a cartoon called Hong Kong?

M Matt Mio 21:11
Yeah, of course I do. He's the number one super guy,

H Heather Hill 21:13
super -

D Dave Chow 21:15
Straight man. Carruthers, are you kidding?

H Heather Hill 21:16
I had a dream the other night. I just remembered that I was dreaming about Hong Kong. He had that buggy with like the free

D Dave Chow 21:27
Yeah and the cat, I don't know we save them.

H Heather Hill 21:32
I don't rememeber at all

B Beth Oljar 21:34
Had a dream that he and I met the Pope.

 Matt Mio 21:36
Yep that's right

 Heather Hill 21:37
I would rather have that dream than dreaming about Hong Kong.

 Beth Oljar 21:41
But it's funnier.

 Heather Hill 21:42
It is

 Matt Mio 21:44
what famous Halloween TV show is this line taken from we are obviously separated by denominational differences.

 Heather Hill 21:53
Halloween TV show?

 Dave Chow 21:55
Stranger Things?

 Heather Hill 21:56
Great Pumpkin.



Matt Mio 21:57

It's the Great Pumkin, How could you believe in the Great Pumpkin Well, what do you believe in Santa Claus Well, denominational differences makes sense.



Heather Hill 22:09

Linus Hanging out in the pumpkin patch,



Matt Mio 22:12

yep.



Heather Hill 22:12

Oh, and then, as Sally goes out and covers him with a blankie,



Beth Oljar 22:17

She does have a crush on him.



Matt Mio 22:18

What's the name of Jack skellington's dog in 30th anniversary of The Nightmare Before Christmas,



Dave Chow 22:26

not Zenith or something like that.



Matt Mio 22:28

Very close

 Dave Chow 22:29
Xenon, Zephyr. No dog got it. No pun intended.

 Matt Mio 22:34
I'm sort of surprised. Like this is a mainstay at my house. I never tire.

 Dave Chow 22:43
Mind you I have the action figures

 Matt Mio 22:44
Nightmare Before Christmas. His name is zero. His name zero. The dog got a little pumkin for a nose.

 Dave Chow 22:51
It wasn't Zachary or -

 Matt Mio 22:53
Zenith. I mean, you immediately went to the TV related sort of thing, yeah. All right. This is something that makes me go nuts pretty much every year when everybody's playing these scary movies on TV, how many days, purportedly, did it take to film the 1978 classic Halloween by John Carpenter?

 Heather Hill 23:14
Oh, let's go with two weeks.

 Matt Mio 23:17
Very, very close

H Heather Hill 23:19
16 days.

M Matt Mio 23:20
It's 21 days. That's all it took to make that movie

B Beth Oljar 23:23
Still the scariest movies I've ever seen

M Matt Mio 23:26
Dead of summer, by the way, so they're blowing in fake leaves from the side, from all the shots, everything is green, I mean, and it's that's a scary butt movie. That's all I got to say.

B Beth Oljar 23:37
The Music, yes, one of the things that makes it so scary, theme music that he wrote.

M Matt Mio 23:43
So we joke about this in my family all the time, because there's a YouTuber that I watched who's big into horror, and he designed a chart to show that when they started making the more recent Jamie Lee Curtis sequels that they jumped over the original Halloween two sequel. And it's only a direct sequel from the movie Halloween, but they titled The 2018, movie Halloween. So you have to always put the year after the name of the movie when you're not to bring up the Rob Zombie remake, which name is also Halloween with a year after it. And it's very, very confusing.

B Beth Oljar 24:20
I've seen all those recent Jamie Lee Curtis sequels,



Matt Mio 24:24

Even the more recent ones. Did you see Halloween ends? It came out last year? Yeah, that's supposed to be the last one in the alternate time.



Beth Oljar 24:33

It wasn't just Halloween because she was in a lot of other Oh, horror movie, and not just the fog, right?



Matt Mio 24:41

She the original



Beth Oljar 24:42

She was in terror trade, which scared the crap out of me.



Heather Hill 24:47

I'm so terrible today



Beth Oljar 24:48

when I saw it and prom night, I mean, she was the scream queen, yeah. So I was really glad when she won her Oscar, because she actually is a far better actress than, I think, her. You know, early films would have, you know, led you to believe



Heather Hill 25:04

that for everything everywhere all at



Beth Oljar 25:05

once. But she's great and knives out too.

 Heather Hill 25:10
Yeah, she's good in knives out

 Matt Mio 25:11
Absolutely.

 Heather Hill 25:12
I know Dan loves everything everywhere all at once

 Beth Oljar 25:18
Right up there with astroid city

 Dan Maggio 25:19
All the Tom Cruise.

 Matt Mio 25:20
All right, a couple more of these, and then we'll close out our Halloween show for 2023 what famous horror film, supposedly takes place in Georgetown and stars a couple of Jesuit priests.

 Dave Chow 25:35
Oh, The Exorcist.

 Matt Mio 25:38
Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 25:39
They are remaking that now, actually, and I saw the trailer now, looked really scary,

M Matt Mio 25:43
yeah, super duper scary.

E Erin Bell 25:44
I grew up too Catholic to watch any of those. I was forbidden.

D Dan Maggio 25:47
Oh, thats true

D Dave Chow 25:48
that makes it better.

B Beth Oljar 25:49
Drew had not seen it until he and I got together

D Dan Maggio 25:51
like the power of Christ compels you.

M Matt Mio 25:56
Yeah, that's right. Where's John Saliba, seriously,

 Beth Oljar 25:59
the SNL skit with Richard Pryor.

 Matt Mio 26:05
Oh, Lord,

 Dave Chow 26:09
Oh she was wonderful

 Dan Maggio 26:10
yeah I do remember that, yes,

 Matt Mio 26:14
Let's let's finish with a question that's been on my mind since the commercial aired, and I just saw it in its original form on regular broadcast TV. The other day, within five can the professors predict how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll? Tootsie pop,

 Dave Chow 26:30
17.

 Matt Mio 26:31
It's way more than

 Stephen Manning 26:31
Way more than that,

 Dan Maggio 26:31
1140

 Matt Mio 26:31
Way less than that,

 Stephen Manning 26:31
310

 Heather Hill 26:31
997

 Beth Oljar 26:31
102

 Matt Mio 26:31
What was it Steven

 Stephen Manning 26:42
310

 Matt Mio 26:43
you're a little bit over. So we're gonna give it to Erin for the final win.

E Erin Bell 26:50
295

M Matt Mio 26:51
250 is what it says. So, yeah, you did the prices right style

D Dave Chow 26:54
Not according to the commercial right?

M Matt Mio 26:56
250 um, I believe that I subscribe to a very interesting Facebook group where people post things about actual scientific studies that have been done where you had to invent something to do the study. The classic example I'm just putting this out there is like they wanted to study things that rats would do, so they made tiny little underpants for the rats to wear. Okay, and this is real this is real science.

S Stephen Manning 27:19
These are actual scientists

M Matt Mio 27:22
actual scientific studies. And they invented a really, really gross looking they used a pig's tongue licking machine because they had to get to the bottom of how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop.

E Erin Bell 27:36
This is so weird.

 Matt Mio 27:37
Yeah, it is. Professors, you're gonna have to ponder all this. But I'm so sorry. We're out of time, and the time has come to say goodbye. Beth,

 Beth Oljar 27:44
goodbye.

 Matt Mio 27:45
Erin

 Erin Bell 27:46
toodaloo,

 Matt Mio 27:46
Dan,

 Dan Maggio 27:48
goodbye,

 Matt Mio 27:49
Dave,

 Dave Chow 27:49
see ya,

 Matt Mio 27:50
Stephen,

 Stephen Manning 27:50
Goodbye,

 Matt Mio 27:51
And Heather

 Stephen Manning 27:51
I dont think she is coming back

 Heather Hill 27:53
I just dont know, goodbye

 Matt Mio 27:55
And now these words

 Michael Jayson 27:56
You can email, Ask The Professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu, or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

 Matt Mio 28:06
Ask the Professor is produced and directed by Michael, Jayson and Brian Maisonville, and our executive producer is Professor Jason Roche. Until next week, I'm your host, Matt Mio.