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M **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 00:01

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, it's Professor Heather Hill.

H **Heather Hill** 00:19

Hey,

M **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 00:19

Hey, what's up?

H **Heather Hill** 00:21

I'm freaking tired. Excuse my language. I'm just so tired this week.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:34

I got you. It was the first like real Octobery day today because the sun did not come out. It was very chilly, a little bit rainy right now. It's like the Octobery days will continue until morale improves in April. So,

H Heather Hill 00:49

but I am getting a large shipment of bulbs today.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:54

I bet you are. Well, that's gonna involve some sorting and then, what - you put them in like the basement or something?

H Heather Hill 01:00

Yeah, or probably the garage. Oh, okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Something

D Dave Chow 01:03

cool.

H Heather Hill 01:04

Have to wait for a couple of mild frosts, and then they will go in.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:07

Very nice. Yeah, something to look forward to.

H Heather Hill 01:10

Yeah, it is. That's cool. It's fun.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:13

Professor Stephen Manning is here with us today. Have you been watching these baseball playoffs?

S Stephen Manning 01:18

We've been watching some. Yes, they're on a little bit late for old people, senior citizens

D Dave Chow 01:24

When did you get old?

M Molly Barlow 01:25

Two weeks ago, Thursday.

S Stephen Manning 01:26

Well, you see, I'm just tired at two in the afternoon, so -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:29

Oh, we all are

S Stephen Manning 01:30

But yes, I've been watching as much as I can and waiting for the comeback, which appears to be inevitable, even if they're down four to nothing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:39

100%.

H Heather Hill 01:40

Go Brewers!

S Stephen Manning 01:40

Fun to watch. Great to watch.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42

If you want a real dose of - It actually made me smile, and I surprised myself. There's this wonderful dual-screen TikTok basically, where the Brewers Stadium was packed last night, and they all were watching it on the Jumbotron, and so it's their reaction to the live game on the other side, and it's just - like, when you see, you know, a puppy put in the arms of a small child. It's like just pure joy, and it was just beautiful. I'm like, this is what I love about baseball.

S Stephen Manning 02:12

And I think that there was some report that Brewers, some of the Brewers were a little bit surprised that Dodger Stadium was not full.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:18

It was not full. Boy, are they capricious! What this

S Stephen Manning 02:21

What? This is- I mean, you know, the Milwaukee thing is really, really packed to the gills.

H Heather Hill 02:26

Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:26

I can't let it slide, because it was something that I was looking for. I don't have too much Schadenfreude, but just enough. Looking at Tarik Skubal, who probably would have started the next game, like leaning over the top of the dugout, like wah wah, enjoy free agency, buddy.

H Heather Hill 02:43

Ouch!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:44

Yeah, and you know, free agent, you could end up on a really crappy team real fast. So whoever's got the most money wins. I don't know. Professor Dave Chow is here.

D Dave Chow 02:53

Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:55

Excellent. So what's going on in the neighborhood that I can't see under cover of dark?

D Dave Chow 02:58

I'm just going to apply for press secretary.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:00

Oh, they need you. They want you.

D Dave Chow 03:04

I can read from a teleprompter if need be.

H Heather Hill 03:06
I think you need to go to the drugstore.

D Dave Chow 03:07
I do. There's not enough. You know, in that in

H Heather Hill 03:10
You know, in that bleach.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:11
Oh my gosh, this is so hilarious.

D Dave Chow 03:12
I'm going blonde next week.

H Heather Hill 03:16
There you go. That's your in. And I speak from -

D Dave Chow 03:20
blondeness

H Heather Hill 03:21
actual blondness, so - and blindness.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:24

Oh my!

H Heather Hill 03:26

I don't know where this is going.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:29

I just had a vision of you stepping out from behind the curtain, and the very first hand goes in the air, "What are these things about the rumor that you're a Canadian national?"

D Dave Chow 03:39

I'm allowed to practice law in Canada

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:42

Oh, and China.

D Dave Chow 03:43

That too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:44

Oh my gosh!

D Dave Chow 03:45

Strike one and two.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:46
Oh my gosh! Incredible.

S Stephen Manning 03:48
Kash Patel is a big hockey player. I did not know that before.

D Dave Chow 03:52
Yes. Huge fan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:53
Professor Molly Barlow is joining us today. Do you like to call yourself a lawyer or an attorney?

M Molly Barlow 03:58
I like to call myself a barrister, just to sound different.

S Stephen Manning 04:01
Barrister, yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:02
I figured you were going to say that, or comma esquire.

D Dave Chow 04:04
Esquire. E S Q

H Heather Hill 04:08
Juris doctor,

D Dave Chow 04:08
Oh, jeez. A J-D.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:11
Unbelievable. I mean, I literally just found this out a few minutes ago, so I'm reveling in it a little bit.

D Dave Chow 04:16
It's official.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:19
How are your classes treating you?

M Molly Barlow 04:22
You know, they're going okay. They're going okay. They're turning in papers and reading them, turning them back. Nobody's offended me massively yet.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:31
Okay. That's good.

M Molly Barlow 04:31
which is a good sign.

D Dave Chow 04:34

The day is young.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:36

It's only midterm. Just give them a little more time.

M Molly Barlow 04:39

It's only week seven.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:41

Well, folks, this is a program. You can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you receive the brand new edition of the ATP. That's Ask the Professor Coffee Mug, an autographed photograph of the profs. If you don't stump the panel, we'll still send you the autographed photograph. You knucklehead. You can send us the questions. In a number of ways, you can 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 before it becomes a part of the gray goo and takes over the entire world. We have some Halloween-themed questions from two different writers, and I think that they're nice.

H Heather Hill 05:24

Dueling questions, cute.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:26

They are going to duel each other. That's right. "Dear professors, I'm answering the call". I love it when they say that. "For Halloween questions, by sending a smattering of questions regarding the perennial Halloween fruit, the humble pumpkin.

H Heather Hill 05:40

The humble pumkin

H Heather Hill 05:40
humble pumpkin.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:41
"Please enjoy and thanks for the wonderful weekly entertainment. Regards from Las Vegas, Michelle Horner." Thanks, Michelle.

H Heather Hill 05:49
Thank you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:50
Let's see what we got here. What U.S. state claims to be the pumpkin capital of the world?

S Stephen Manning 05:56
Minnesota.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:57
It's not Minnesota.

S Stephen Manning 05:58
Illinois. It

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:00
says Illinois.

H Heather Hill 06:01

I don't understand. State claims to be a capital.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:04

Yeah. Oh, yeah. You're making a good point. Yeah. You know.

M Molly Barlow 06:07

Just kind of roll with perspective.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:09

Anyway, what U.S. state claims to be the pumpkin capital of the world? They did say C A P I T A L. If that helps. Oh, yeah. They didn't misuse the other word. Yeah. Morton, Illinois, is the base for the Libby's pumpkin plant. So I think that that's fair to say that they're doing a lot of pumpkins. Self-appointed too. I'm sure Morton, Illinois. What are trichomes? T R I C H O M E S. Those are those corn

S Stephen Manning 06:38

kernel. Oh, oh, sorry. Say it

H Heather Hill 06:40

again. I'm so sorry. Pumpkins with

S Stephen Manning 06:41

three colors.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:42

It's a good guess. Are they gorged? Trichomes. T R I C H O M E S to pumpkins. The seeds. No. Tricomes. That's a good guess.

D Dave Chow 06:52

Vines.

H Heather Hill 06:52

Sprouts. They have

S Stephen Manning 06:53

three handle things on them,

D Dave Chow 06:55

like a credenza. No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:57

no. That's not what it says here. You could. I'm about to give you a sensory tactile experience because I guarantee that all of you have dealt with question mark trichomes on a pumpkin.

H Heather Hill 07:12

It's the ribs. The little

M Molly Barlow 07:13

ribs.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:13

No, you're getting quixiness. No, trichomes are those little hairs that are on the vines. They're actually a pest deterrent, and when you get like a fresh pumpkin, there's these little hairs sticking out of the stem. Oh, so it's like a

D Dave Chow 07:27

wolf, like a wolf urine kind of thing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:29

Yes, except for a little hairy and a little less urinary. Yes, that's right.

D Dave Chow 07:34

Uriny? Sure.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:36

I just made up a word. Did they

S Stephen Manning 07:37

turn gray?

H Heather Hill 07:39

Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:40

Yeah. According to the USDA, how many pounds of pumpkins are grown every year in the United States?

M Molly Barlow 07:46

5 million.

D Dave Chow 07:47

2 billion.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:48

A 2 billion is what it says here. Oh, where are you pulling this? I have no idea. It's just

D Dave Chow 07:52

crazy guess.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:53

Yeah, 2 billion. I don't know. A billion pounds. It was just

D Dave Chow 07:56

like sound like a good number. Kendra Evans would pull out. I

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:59

wish I was a billionaire of pumpkins. That would be fun. 2 billion pumpkins. According to tradition, where was the modern word pumpkin first used in Western literature?

M Molly Barlow 08:13

I feel like Dickens is Dickens. Dickens is a good

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:16
guess. That's not what it says here.

S Stephen Manning 08:18
Ichabod Crane.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:19
I mean, Washington Irving is a good guess. That is not what it says here. It would have been part of a very very classic fairy tale that I'm pretty sure we all know.

H Heather Hill 08:27
Cinderella. Cinderella is what

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:28
it says here. Charles Perron. Translation of Cinderella. I'm

M Molly Barlow 08:34
not sure, but the

D Dave Chow 08:36
carriage.

S Stephen Manning 08:37
The carriage was

M Molly Barlow 08:38

yeah yeah was a transformed pumpkin. Yeah yeah. Right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:40

It reminds me a little bit. I'm sure you've seen some version of this online. We've got these words in English that are very unique to English. The one that always comes up is pineapple. Every other translation across most languages, some variation on the word anana or ananas. Everybody calls a pineapple that, but we call it a pineapple. Everybody else, what is it in Spanish? It's a calabaza is a pumpkin, and everything sort of sounds like that except for we call it pumpkin. So English

D Dave Chow 09:12

is weird. We're strange.

M Molly Barlow 09:13

Well, yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:14

What percentage of any given pumpkin is water?

M Molly Barlow 09:18

80.

D Dave Chow 09:19

It's more 85. It's more

S Speaker 1 09:22
really

S Stephen Manning 09:22
9292

D Dave Chow 09:23
is what it says here. How'd you pull that one out? Everybody's well. I know it was

S Stephen Manning 09:28
higher than 80 and 9090. That's all fine. It was less than 100. So I mean,

M Molly Barlow 09:35
105. I love it. 105.

D Dave Chow 09:37
It's a very wet pumpkin.

S Stephen Manning 09:38
92% water. Well, watermelon is water too. Is that?

M Molly Barlow 09:42
Yeah. Well,

D Dave Chow 09:43
that's why they call it watermelon. Yeah, I would say so.

M Molly Barlow 09:45
There you go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:46
We had this a few years ago. I'm hoping that maybe some of the people who are here today weren't there for it. Maybe you already know what country produces the most pumpkins. It's not the United States of America.

D Dave Chow 09:57
Philippines, China,

M Molly Barlow 09:58
Canada.

D Dave Chow 10:00
Laos, South America,

D Dave Chow 10:02
no,

M Molly Barlow 10:03
Peru, Ecuador. What

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:04

what continent? Tell us about that. You know, it's a it's a classically like straight up in a lot of ways vegan country. So you're gonna eat a lot of gourds. You're gonna eat a lot of squash. Does that help? And it's got a very high population.

M Molly Barlow 10:18

So not the Falkland Islands. Okay,

S Stephen Manning 10:21

Bolivia.

D Dave Chow 10:21

It's not Vatican City.

M Molly Barlow 10:23

Japan or China?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:24

It's not China. It's not Japan. India. India is what it says here. Yeah, India.

S Stephen Manning 10:29

What's the question again? How?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:31

What country outside of the U.S. produces the most pumpkins? Produces India. They actually grow pumpkins. Okay. Pumpkins. Pumpkins love to sweat.

M Molly Barlow 10:39
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:40
From what I understand, it never gets below 100% humidity in India. So yeah, what's the nickname for spiced dried pumpkin seeds?

H Heather Hill 10:49
Pepitas. Pepitas. Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:50
pepitas. Pepitas. They're delicious. I love them. Sounds

D Dave Chow 10:54
like a Taco Bell. It is.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:57
In what country is the green kabocha pumpkin grown? Cabocha. Mexico, K A B O C H A,

D Dave Chow 11:06
Korea,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:07
no, but you're close.

D Dave Chow 11:09

North Korea, oh, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand,

H Heather Hill 11:14

Thailand since

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15

Japan here, but it just keeps circling, and you know, it sounds Japanese. I'm still giving you the credit for. Oh my gosh! Where was the world's largest pumpkin pie made? Where it took 1,212 pounds of filling, 109 gallons of evaporated milk, 2,696 eggs, six. Pardon me, seven pounds of salt, 14 and a half pounds of cinnamon and 525 pounds of sugar. Dear Lord,

M Molly Barlow 11:47

somewhere on the East Coast, Texas. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 11:49

this sounds like Pacific Northwest.

H Heather Hill 11:51

Illinois. I mean,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:52

you're you're a lot. You've you've given the closest response, Heather. It's more of a Midwestern thing. Missouri, Indiana. Yeah, it was Ohio. Ohio, of course. The final mass of the pie was 3699 pounds, 20 feet of diameter. That's just a lot of pie.

D Dave Chow 12:10

No, I'm just picturing that seven pounds of salt. I don't think I have that on my front porch in the dead of winter.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:18

According to SNL writers, by the way, thanks for these questions, Michelle. They actually really were great. What does the S in David S. Pumpkin stand for?

S Stephen Manning 12:28

Sweet. No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30

it's actually a name. Do you know David S. Pumpkins is? Yes.

D Dave Chow 12:34

Yes. The the elevator doors open up. It's Tom Hanks. It's Tom Hanks. He's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:38

wearing a pumpkin suit. Yeah. It's pretty weird,

H Heather Hill 12:40

Stan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42

It's not Stan.

D Dave Chow 12:43

Salamakia,

M Molly Barlow 12:44

Sally.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:44

Oh gosh, I have to give you a yeah.

M Molly Barlow 12:46

You didn't need to give us a pointer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:48

Oh my gosh, isn't our our resident Jesuit who teaches Catholic studies isn't this his actual name? But he goes by Sai.

H Heather Hill 12:56

Simon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:57

Simon is what it is. Yes, David S. Pumpkin. Simple. Simple Simon went to the pieman. Thanks for those questions, Michelle. That was great. We got another set of questions, dear panelists. I saw there was a call out for Halloween questions for an upcoming show, and while this isn't a huge batch, it's an appropriate 13 questions to challenge your team of learned professors. While they're not all Halloween holiday themed. They are all very spooky. Please enjoy. Our good friend Amy Dixon sent these in.

M Molly Barlow 13:27

Thank you, Amy Dixon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:28

Thanks, Amy Dixon. Send more. What was the name of the band that backed up Bobby Boris Pickett's famous song, "The Monster Mash"

D Dave Chow 13:36

? Oh,

S Stephen Manning 13:37

did the Monster Mash

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:40

sing the whole song, and you'll get. It was the

D Dave Chow 13:42

crypt, crypt keepers, crypt kickers, something like that. The

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:46

crypt kicker five. Yes, that's right. The crypt kicker. Crypt kicker five. Yeah, the vocal group. What a name! What band supposedly supplied the music for Nightmare Before Christmas? It's hard to say that it's the band that did the music that was orchestrated to

D Dave Chow 14:03

Danny Elfman,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:04

right? Oingo Boingo. Oingo Boingo is Danny Elfman's band. Almost

M Molly Barlow 14:08

said Toto.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:09

Dead Man's Party, great song, great great song. What story, movies, limited edition mini series on television featured this quote: "We all float down here. You'll float too."

D Dave Chow 14:29

Huh? What? What? We have that Dennis Rodman at the Spelling Bee look. Oh boy, we all float down

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:37

here. You'll float too. No, that's a good guess. I mean, Tim Curry recently passed, and he was the set piece character for the miniseries. It, it, that's from it, Stephen King's it. Really? Yeah, disturbing. We all float down here. You'll float too. Okay, all right. Creepy. There was a while. Remember. About 20 years ago, 15 years ago, where people were just tying red balloons to super Greeks, it was getting out of hand. Like it's absolutely horrifying. In what country did the term trick or treat first appear in print in 1927? Wow, not even 100 years old.

H Heather Hill 15:17

Germany,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:18

not England,

M Molly Barlow 15:19
Spain,

S Stephen Manning 15:20
Belgium.

H Heather Hill 15:22
Trick or treat. If I

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:23
say it's in North America, narrows it down to three.

H Heather Hill 15:26
Canada, Canada,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:27
Canada. It says in Alberta. Yeah. What do you think? Oh

D Dave Chow 15:30
my, my crazy province.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:31
Yep, your crazy province. Wrote it down for the first time, right? So maybe it existed in Oregon. Yeah, it almost certainly. We can spell. Yeah, you can spell barely. Ah. Just watching last night. What a great movie it is! And I discovered it a little too late in my life. In what city was the first Halloween movie set in? What was the name of the city, even though it's not real?

H Heather Hill 15:55
Springfield,

D Dave Chow 15:56
Cleveland. It

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:57
is something Field, Illinois, but it is not Springfield. Like

M Molly Barlow 16:01
Deerfield or something like that. I mean,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:02
it's not Deerfield, but pretty darn close.

D Dave Chow 16:05
Chicago Field, Soldier Field, Wrigley Field. Hey,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:10
Soldier Field. Bears are going to play in Illinois, in Indiana. Oh, Indiana.

M Molly Barlow 16:14
What?

D Dave Chow 16:15

Yeah. Well, we'll tell you later. One

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:17

of the writers for the original Halloween movie. I think it was 1978. Grew up in another state in a city called Haddonfield, and so decided to have the events of that movie take place. Is that a real

D Dave Chow 16:31

town?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:32

I don't think it's real. There is a awesome clothing company, though, and of course, you know, sorry, I would know this, where they have all your classic horror characters, and then what city they would have been from, like whatever the city is supposed to be in Jaws and whatever, and they make like a fake sports jersey as if that was a team that was in that area. So it's like the Haddonfield slashers, and you see like Myers coming, and I was like, oh, that's actually kind of cool. It's so cute. Could never afford it. Could never afford it. No, during Halloween in Scotland, they call something duking. D O O K. What's that? Something we do here too, just not as much as we used to.

H Heather Hill 17:12

Apples dunking for apples. Bobbing for apples is what it is. Duking.

D Dave Chow 17:17

That sounds like a boxing match. Let's

S Stephen Manning 17:18

duke it out. Yeah. Yeah, it

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:20

does sound like that, but D O O K. You know, was it Queensberry

D Dave Chow 17:23

Rules or whatever?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:24

Yes. Remember, if you know the story of the movie Nosferatu, they quote unquote couldn't get the rights to Dracula, even though they modeled the entire story after it. What is the name of the main big bad vampire in Nosferatu? Since they couldn't call him Count Dracula, Count

D Dave Chow 17:42

Orlok, Count

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:43

Orlok was his name. Yes, that's right. I know there's a story behind that too, and I should be better read, but I don't remember what it

M Molly Barlow 17:52

is. That's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:54

What is the direct? Who? What is the director? Jeez. Who is the director of Michael Jackson's hit music video thriller? Was it

D Dave Chow 18:02

Landis?

M **Molly Barlow** 18:02

Landis. John

M **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 18:03

Landis. Yeah, that's right. I love it. And then did John Landis do Captain Io as well for Disney? Yes. That sound about right. And then

D **Dave Chow** 18:12

didn't he also wasn't was the one set that a couple people got killed on it? It was

M **Molly Barlow** 18:16

the movie right before he filmed Thriller, as it happens. It was Twilight Zone? Okay, yeah.

D **Dave Chow** 18:24

There was a helicopter blades. It was

S **Stephen Manning** 18:27

a Judge Landis. It was a early baseball commission, wasn't there? Judge Landis. What was his first name?

M **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 18:33

Mountain was his name.

S **Stephen Manning** 18:35

Mountain Landis. That's right. Yes, yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:38

What was the name of the man who was pressed to death with rocks during the same. Oh, Jim Tubbs know this

H Heather Hill 18:44

one. I

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:45

thought you were gonna say Jim Tubbs.

D Dave Chow 18:46

Oh well, Jim Tubbs too. Maybe I mean you know

H Heather Hill 18:48

more weight.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:50

He's getting pressed. More weight. That's right.

H Heather Hill 18:53

Cleary Corey.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:55

Yeah, Giles Corey. That was his name. Yeah, very good. I'm remembering because I loved the the movie. It was Daniel Day Lewis, I think, that played Giles Corey from about 25 years ago. What a horrible way to go! Oh, you mean

H Heather Hill 19:09

the Crucible?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:10

Wait, oh, I'm messing up. I'm mixing the Salem witch trials with well, the Crucible. Yes, I do mean the Crucible. They are the same thing. No, he played John

H Heather Hill 19:18

Proctor.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:19

Proctor. That's what I'm thinking of, gosh,

H Heather Hill 19:21

that's okay.

M Molly Barlow 19:21

Messed up.

H Heather Hill 19:22

I know that movie pretty well. There we go. Like it. Sorry. And I like the Crucible play. You know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:28

How many Emmy awards did the TV show Bewitched win in eight seasons? Three. Three is the correct answer. No. How'd you pull that one out? Everybody gets one, and all that's missing is Heather. Heather's just gonna say something. It's just gonna be exactly correct.

M Molly Barlow 19:44
And I'm assuming Lizzie Montgomery didn't win any of them. What?

H Heather Hill 19:47
What? What? What? What?

D Dave Chow 19:49
Paul Lynn?

M Molly Barlow 19:50
No, Darren.

H Heather Hill 19:52
What's the question? I

M Molly Barlow 19:53
don't know. How many

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:54
Emmy awards did the TV show Bewitched win? Oh, I thought it was three. Yeah, three. Oh, right. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 20:00
Finally got it right.

M Molly Barlow 20:00
Yeah,

D Dave Chow 20:02
we're good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:03
Can I just

H Heather Hill 20:04
go back in time?

M Molly Barlow 20:06
Sure,

S Stephen Manning 20:06
we're revisiting the whole four

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:08
seconds. Yeah. What now famous actor had the small role of Jack Burrell in the very first, the original, the OG Friday the 13th movie?

M Molly Barlow 20:17
Kevin Bacon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:18

Kevin Bacon was his.

H Heather Hill 20:20

Wow, nice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:21

Came out of nowhere. I'm loving watching the 1978 Halloween. It cracks me up every time. It's clearly the dead of summer. Yeah, they're playing it off as Halloween. I have no idea where they got the pumpkins they carved. Like they wouldn't even have existed by that point. It's quite warm and everybody's bundled up. It's fall, but then when you watch on Friday the 13th. It's the same thing. It's not an abandoned summer camp. It's just a summer camp that's not being used at that point. What's the budget for this movie? Like $306. Like seriously, but they're both like iconic movies, whether you you know agree with the subject matter or not. What movie features the recently deceased couple Adam and Barbara Maitland.

M Molly Barlow 21:05

Oh, Beetlejuice! Only say it once, though.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:08

Only say it once.

M Molly Barlow 21:09

Between us, we said it three times. Divyed

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12

up. So, Gregory Peck and Lee Remick played Robert and Catherine Thorne in this classic horror movie.

H Heather Hill 21:20
Cape Fear,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:21
not Cape Fear. Yeah,

M Molly Barlow 21:22
singing in the right now. This

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:23
is my generation. Oklahoma. Oh no, but but when I would have been like pre-kindergarten, just to give you a window when it was released.

S Stephen Manning 21:34
Gregory Pack?

M Molly Barlow 21:35
I got nothing

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:36
To kill a mockingbird.

S Stephen Manning 21:37
So, in the early aughts, then

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:39

There was a long string of movies. People have used it as a cultural touchstone for why Gen X is so small. A lot of the art of the time was children are evil, and this is the oh the Exorcist, the omen, the omen is what it was. Yes, there was just a whole Rosemary's Baby. There was like don't don't have children; they'll hold you back, and they're just a mess, and you know, I agree. Demon

H Heather Hill 22:03

spawn.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03

Demon spawn. Yeah, exactly. Oh my gosh. Well, we can't, you know, finish a show without talking at least a little bit about Halloween memories for everybody. We have a different group of profs every year to talk about stuff. What's a core memory you have from Halloween? Do you have any like classic costumes to talk about, or things that happen at houses you trick or treated at, or maybe even like special candy that you liked. Because every year, at this time, I definitely laugh out loud. The Free Press will have a headline: Michigan again number one in the purchase of candy corn, and since it's garbage, we're all morons. I mean, they literally write headlines like that every year, and I think it's hilarious.

M Molly Barlow 22:46

I'm afraid to say I don't like peeps because I know those are popular too. That's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:49

That's okay. I'm a big candy corn guy. I will not leat it all the time, but I'm not offended by it. You know, and people are like, it is the devil's -

D Dave Chow 22:58

Ilt's morally corrupt. Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:59
It's morally corrupt. It's like pineapple on pizza.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:02
Whoa, whoa, whoa.

D Dave Chow 23:04
Easy now. Whoa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:05
I love pineapple on pizza, but people talk to me that way all the time.

D Dave Chow 23:09
It's like sacrilege.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:10
It is an offense in front of God.

H Heather Hill 23:14
That's just really weird.

S Stephen Manning 23:15
Like ketchupon a hot dog.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:16
I got you. It also settles the stomach.

D Dave Chow 23:19
Well, but but isn't it also like - What is it - gravy or ketchup on a pastie?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:27
Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. Can't put any juice -

D Dave Chow 23:30
I mean, come on, you have that debate at your house.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:31
Yes, that's right.

H Heather Hill 23:34
My grandmother used to make really good caramel apples.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:36
Oh, that's wonderful.

D Dave Chow 23:38
Oh, I can picture that.

S Stephen Manning 23:41

Would she put him in the bag, the trick or treat bag? Wouldn't they get all sticky and stuff? No, it's just that time of the year. It's just that time of the

H Heather Hill 23:47

year.

D Dave Chow 23:47

No, she wouldn't pass him. There are certain smells this time of the year that. Oh, absolutely, absolutely. There was a guy

S Stephen Manning 23:53

in Ohio, and they were in Ohio where I lived for a while, and the guy would sit on his on his front lawn, and he'd have a fire, like a fire pit type fire, and he would pass out onions, of all things, like

D Dave Chow 24:07

Vidalia

S Stephen Manning 24:08

onions, and he just had this huge bag of onions, huge bag of onions, like I don't know, 80 pound bag of onion. Kids would come up, and and the kids would always go, "What's with this guy? Why the onions?" But we would say, "Well, get those onions. I'm cooking. I'm cooking. You know, soup or something. Were they good onions? Chili. Oh yeah, they're excellent. The kids didn't like them. Do we have to go there? Yes. You have to get the dip them in

H Heather Hill 24:33

caramel. Or you go bobbing for

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:35

them if you don't have apples. Oh my gosh, that is funny. I mean, you're making me feel better about you know I'm cooking the hot dogs for the kids. We have candy too. Do you know how much fried rice I'm gonna have to get for that night now? Wait, are you seriously doing fried rice? Yeah, seriously. I'm coming over to your house. Well, Dan's coming over. The one thing I found out, Danielle's not gonna be in town. Oh, that's right. Brian's gonna double dip. Well, I'll bring you an all beef Costco hot dog and. You can pass me off a little. A little. You know how much I'm

D Dave Chow 25:03

making that day.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:04

Oh boy! I'll eat it all.

D Dave Chow 25:06

I know you will eat it all. I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:08

So I'm trying to think. When I was growing up, there was some some funny things that the guys did in the neighborhood. It's what inspired me to get into the the decorating that I do, but there were there were guys that would like hang out in the front yard pretending like they were a dummy and then follow you up the walk, you know, freaky stuff like that. And a lot of this one guy was big into he made car commercials, so he always had cool lights, and it didn't matter what they were doing; they were just blinking and like disorienting to you as you walk to the front door, I always thought that was try try

D Dave Chow 25:43

going to an art college with crazy creative people around Halloween. The costumes that people come up with were insane.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:49

That's awesome.

M Molly Barlow 25:50

I spent two years being a Rubik's cube for Halloween, so we just took a big old cardboard box, spray painted it black, got some construction paper, and put stickers in. Yeah, the problem was is that my arms were so far apart I could barely hold the bag up? I went one year as an eraser. Do you know how tough it was trying to fold that stuff inside and out and try to walk around as an eraser? Oh, one of my friends went as an Exacto blade. We went as art supplies. I had a friend of mine who went to a Halloween party. It's a Christmas tree. Had everybody water his feet all night.

D Dave Chow 26:19

Ooh, oh, okay. Oh no, Matt. You'll appreciate this one. There was one time Halloween party at the frat house, and my girlfriend at the time had her keys locked out of her car. So, but here we are in the Cass Corridor, and I went to a friend of mine who was in the seminary, got the priest robe, the hat, the whole to do. You go, "Look, honey, here come the cops. I'll flag them down. We'll,get your keys out". The cops took one look at me and just peeled off.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:46

Oh my gosh!

D Dave Chow 26:48

In the Cass Corridor, just took off on me. I'm like, "oh, wow!" Cops won't even stop for a priest, or at least a guy dressed as a priest.

S Stephen Manning 26:57

I don't remember wearing any uniforms. But me and my two brothers, when we came back home for the night, we would sit in the living room floor and we'd all dump our bags out three piles, and then we would trade back and forth because we all had different likes and dislikes. So we would I'll trade you two of those for one of these.

D Dave Chow 27:15

Okay, so what was gold?

S Stephen Manning 27:18

I don't quite recall. I like Butterfingers, for example, and one of my brothers did not. Sorry, this nice brotherly bargaining, and it's very soon deteriorated. People are throwing stuff.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:31

Of course. Well, I hope that everybody has a very very happy Halloween. But the time has come for us to say goodbye, Molly.

M Molly Barlow 27:40

Trick or treat, everybody.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:41

Dave,

D Dave Chow 27:41

See ya.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:42

Stephen,

S Stephen Manning 27:42

Goodbye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:43

And Heather,

H Heather Hill 27:44

bye bye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:44

And now these words.

M Michael Jayson 27:46

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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:59

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