

Flicks, picks and snacks for your Halloween enjoyment

■ A guide to classic horror films and snacks to eat while watching them

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For the Emerald

Halloween. Candy. Costumes. Parties. The Day of the Dead seems to carry a certain stigma with it that makes you want to get down with your bad self and let all your obligations drift away in place of egging that professor's house—I mean having responsible fun.

This Halloween, however, some of you may find that there are no parties or ruckus in your immediate future. Enter the VHS tape. Halloween, while the themes revolve around most classic horror flicks, is the best night of the year to bust out the snacks, call your friends over and scare the crap out of yourselves in front of the television set. Hopefully this guide will help you make a few rental decisions, as well as inform you of great opportunities available at your local theater.

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show": This movie rather scares me, but so many people swear by it that I felt I had no choice. Before I go on, let me explain my definition of scary. I'm not talking, "Oh look, it's brain-sucking zombies" scary. It's more like, "Oh look, it's Tim Curry in a bondage suit. And he's singing." If you happen to find this playing in the theaters, don't admit to never having seen it before. I fell into that trap a couple of years ago, and for the duration of the picture you would have thought that I was a garbage can for everyone's popcorn tubs. On second thought, the film does feature an appearance by Meatloaf. I suppose that in itself is a better reason than any to check it out.

Snack tie in: Pieces of frozen meatloaf

"The Exorcist": It's been dubbed the scariest movie of all time, and for good reason. Let us just say that

a few people involved died inopportune deaths during production, and upon its release many viewers suffered from nausea, vomiting, and on rare occasion, mental breakdowns. I personally concluded it would be better not to watch, so don't expect any plot teasers, other than the fact that it has a lot to do with Satanism and demonic possession. Not for the queasy-stomached. Grab a friend (perhaps literally) and enjoy.

Snack tie-in: Devil-possessed eggs.

"Evil Dead Trilogy": Shop smart. Shop "S Mart". No Halloween get-together would be complete without at least one of these movies present. Each chapter seems to get better with time, and after a couple of weeks you'll find yourself spouting out lines without even thinking about it. (This...is my broomstick!) After sitting through "The Exorcist" in the dark, pull yourself together and pop one of these tapes in for comic relief.

Snack tie-in: Chainsaws.

"Scream": The highest-grossing horror film of all time. It starts out great, with a super-sexy Drew Barrymore making a batch of popcorn. Then she gets killed, and everything goes downhill from there...On second thought, don't see this movie. It sucks.

Snack tie-in: Anything that sucks.

"Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadows": O.K. so nobody's seen this film yet. However, since most sequels are fairly similar to their predecessors, here goes. A few quirky teenagers (with convenient access to camcorders) get lost in the woods. Throw in shaky filming, sawed-off fingers, and more cussing than you'd find in a third-rate sailors' bar, and you have the makings of a cult classic. While the first installment left much to be desired on the startled meter, people left the theater feeling just plain weird. The

Baked Monster Eyes

These monster eyeballs are cute and tasty. They are an easy variation on tacos and make a main dish or appetizer for any party. For a less monstrous look, chop the olives and mix the taco sauce with the sour cream before filling. Top with the cheese and tortilla chips. Feel free to add more seasoning and more taco sauce or hot pepper sauce.

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 2 tablespoons ice water
- 1/2 cup shredded Mexican cheese (or cheddar, Monterey Jack, or Colby)
- 1 cup crushed tortilla chips
- 1 cup sour cream
- 32 black olive halves
- taco sauce

Instructions

Mix together the ground beef, taco seasoning and ice water. Press into 32 mini tart or muffin tins. Press firmly into the bottom and sides of the tins. Sprinkle the cheese and then the tortilla chips over the bottom and sides of the beef mixture, gently pressing into the beef if necessary to hold the mixture on the sides. Spoon the sour cream into each meat cup. Top with a half olive, cut side up. Fill the cavity in the olive with the taco sauce. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Serve hot.

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greater your imagination, the more this movie will scare you.

Snack tie-in: Trail mixes. Great for when you've thrown your map in the river and have nothing to do for the next four days. Oh, and M&Ms and yogurt covered peanuts are a must-have. Otherwise you're simply eating gerbil food with raisins.

Halloween jokes so bad they're scary!

Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween?
A. Ghoul-aid!!!

Q. What is a Mummie's favorite type of music?
A. Wrap!!!!

Q. Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?
A. Because demons are a ghouls best friend!

Q. What's a monster's favorite bean?
A. A human bean.

Q. Why can't the boy ghost have babies?
A. Because he has a Hallo-weenie.

Q. What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?
A. A sand-witch.

Q. Where does a ghost go on Saturday night?
A. Anywhere where he can boogie.

Q. What did the skeleton say to the vampire?
A. You suck.

Q. What do ghosts say when something is really neat?
A. Ghoul

Q. Why did the ghost go into the bar?
A. For the Boos.

Q. Why did the game warden arrest the ghost?
A. Because he is always a goblin.



Q. What do you call a goblin who gets too close to a bonfire?
A. A toasty ghosty.

Q. Why did the Vampire read the Wall Street Journal?
A. He heard it had great circulation.

Q. What tops off a ghost's ice cream sundae?
A. Whipped scream.

Q. What do you give a skeleton for valentine's day?
A. Bone-bones in a heart shaped box.

Q. What are ghosts' favorite kind of streets?
A. Dead ends

Q. What is a vampires favorite holiday?
A. Fangsgiving

Q. What kind of makeup do ghosts wear?
A. Mas-scara-a.

Q. Why did the skeleton cross the road?
A. To go to the body shop.

Q. What happens when two vampires meet?
A. It was love at first bite!

Q. Who was the most famous ghost detective?
A. Sherlock Moans.

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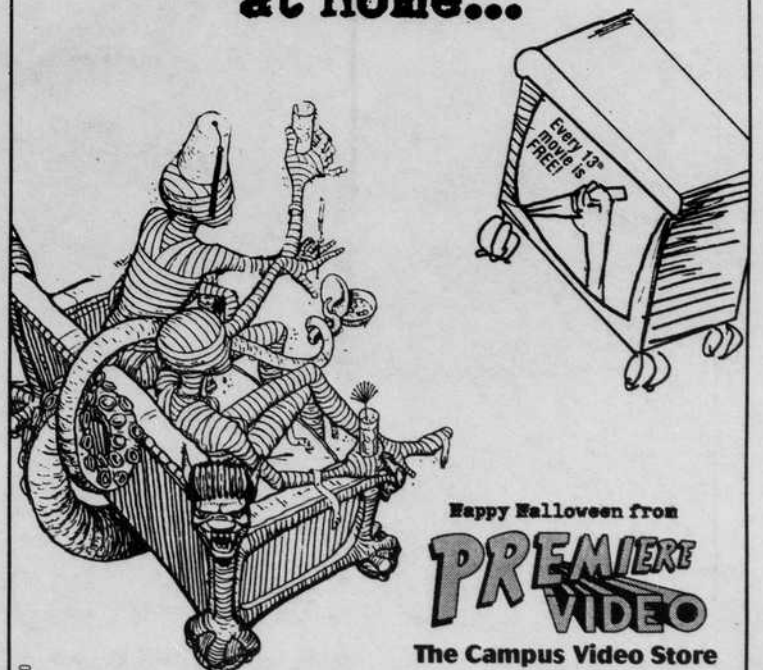
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