

hollywood q&a

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Q: I enjoy watching the vet shows on Animal Planet. I noticed that when the doctors on "The Vet Life" and "Hanging with the Hendersons" operate on animals they wear masks, but Dr. Jeff on "Rocky Mountain Vet" does not. Why?

A: You aren't the only one who'd like to know.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) barked pretty loudly at Dr. Jeff Young in a letter they sent to his bosses at Animal Planet, criticizing him for "performing surgery in an unhygienic manner."

The letter mentions the lack of a mask as well as a surgical gown, but also things like his habit of passing clipboards and other unsterile items across the "surgical site."

In case the gist wasn't clear, the letter then goes on to quote one of the AVMA's members: "Fast food restaurants require stricter sanitary guidelines than Dr. Jeff."

However, getting a tongue-lashing from a national industry association isn't exactly off-brand for Dr. Jeff. His bio on AnimalPlanet.com sums it up: "Dr. Jeff lives and dies by his own code, as rules sometimes are meant to be broken." In case the ponytail and tattoos didn't tell you, Dr. Jeff is a bad-boy vet.

But is he the worst boy? It looks like he's not.

For one, he's not the only TV vet to receive this kind of criticism. National Geographic's titular "The Incredible Dr. Pol" has gotten similar pushback from the larger veterinary community.

But it seems that even some regular (that is, not TV star) vets take this relaxed approach to suiting up for surgery.

"Veterinarians do use personal protection, but their level of use is less than recommended and is quite variable," says an article by Dr. Navneet Dhand, a veterinary professor at the University of Sydney in Australia. "Such bad habits have continued for decades."

Q: Is it true that the Minis in the original "Italian Job" were almost Fiats?

A: It's almost unimaginable to anyone who saw and loved that film, or who has loved the Mini automobile since, but it almost didn't appear in "The Italian Job" (1969).

The climactic scene of that classic crime-caper movie involved a lengthy chase through downtown Turin, Italy, with the good guys (well, relatively good) in a fleet of Minis, which were made by British Motor Corporation (BMC) at the time but are now made by BMW.

But incredibly, the producers had to pay for every single Mini used in the film. On the other hand, the Italian car company Fiat offered the producers a free fleet of Fiat 500s (also miniature cars not unlike the Mini), plus a free Ferrari and more perks as well.

"You would think that this had to be a major commercial for a product, but the BMC didn't see it," producer Michael Deeley said in an interview with the Birmingham Mail.

But Deeley had to turn Fiat down for story reasons. "I couldn't do it. The whole point about this movie was it was 'us' against 'them,'" he said, meaning Britain versus the rest of Europe.

So they went ahead with the Minis, at great expense (though this was a pretty big-budget movie anyway).

The Mini's new manufacturers have proven more supportive. When an "Italian Job" remake was made in 2003, BMW was happy to use it to promote its relaunch of the Mini, which came just a year earlier. The climax of this one featured these modern Minis, and they once again made a big impact. A CNN review of the film said the cars "steal the show" and called for them to receive billing as part of the cast.

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Late laughs

A Little Late With Lilly Singh



Calling a wedding "the bride's day" is like calling Thanksgiving "the turkey's meal." She is poked and prodded for hours and eventually placed in the center of a room where everyone claps and says, "So beautiful!"

Halloween must be a very confusing day for children. Their whole lives they're told not to talk to strangers, and then on one random day they are encouraged to knock on their doors.



Conan

White House acting chief of staff Mick Mullvaney is in trouble for comments he made about Ukraine. He said, "Look, I'm just here for a couple months so I can go on 'Dancing with the Stars.'"

Today a group of Republicans burst into a closed hearing room to stop a woman from testifying against President Trump. Yeah, there was an awkward moment when the Republicans said, "Hey, you're not Melania."

Vice-President Mike Pence ripped into the NBA for acting like a subsidiary of China. The spokesperson of the league said China is nothing like the NBA. They have a one-child policy.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon



Mitt Romney has been using a secret Twitter account where he supported himself and

criticized President Trump. He goes by the name Pierre Delecto — sounds like an evil chef at Au Bon Pain.

Earlier tonight, ABC aired the classic Halloween special "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." They actually updated it a bit — at the end of this version, the Great Pumpkin gets impeached.

This weekend, Snoop Dogg celebrated his 48th birthday. He received a bouquet of 48 joints, although what he was really hoping for was an edibles arrangement.

Millions of Americans are buying Halloween candy for trick-or-treaters, which they will rebuy in six days after they polish it off themselves.

By the time Trump is done building all these walls, the country's going to look like 50 giant cubicles.

A new study found that mashed potatoes are just as good as Gatorade when exercising. So remember, this Thanksgiving you're not "overeating," you're "training for the winter games."



The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

At the president's first cabinet meeting since the impeachment proceedings began, he invited in the ladies and gentlemen of the press and calmly explained that there's nothing for him to be concerned about for 71 minutes. Seventy-one minutes is not a press conference, that's a one-man show!

[Mick Mullvaney] does realize you don't have to

say the crime to be guilty of the crime, right? To be convicted of homicide, you don't have to stab somebody while saying, "Murder, murder, murder, murder, murder!"

On Wednesday we learned Trump will be attending the World Series on Sunday. Of course, keep in mind we don't know for sure if it'll last that long — Trump's presidency I mean.

The Late Late Show with James Corden



Congress is starting to act on these calls for impeachment, and at least four witnesses are expected to testify before house committees this week. This is like CSPAN's version of "Shark Week!"

House Democrats originally planned an impeachment vote as early as October, but now it might extend into Christmas. Hallmark has already jumped on it with yet another holiday movie: "Impeachment in a Pear Tree."

A new study said that parents only spend 24 more minutes a day with their children than they do with their phones. It's gotten so bad that whenever their children do something good, parents are now trying to "heart" them with a double tap.



Jimmy Kimmel Live

We are in Brooklyn again! And I'm already selling artisanal grilled cheese sandwiches

out of a converted garbage truck.

We're here for the week. We are here for just slightly less time than Felicity Huffman will be in prison.

Watching the Jets try to run on the Patriots was like watching Bill De Blasio run for president.

The Trump Organization has decided to remove the word Trump from two ice skating rinks he owns in Central Park. You know things are bad when even the Trump organization is distancing itself from Trump.

Late Night With Seth Meyers



President Trump will no longer hold the upcoming G7 summit at his golf resort in Florida. Yeah, I guess it is a bad idea to commit an impeachable offense when you're already being impeached. That would be like stabbing the bailiff at your murder trial.

A new article about the campaign expenses of the top Democratic presidential candidates found that former vice-president Joe Biden has spent nearly \$4,000 on ice cream since July. That would explain all the brain freezes.

Sen. Bernie Sanders held a 26,000-person rally this weekend in Queens. The crowd was so huge that Bernie almost had to use a microphone.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg toured a legal marijuana dispensary in Las Vegas. Which was exciting for Buttigieg, because that means his fake ID worked.