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This Week on Home Video

Midsommar (2019)

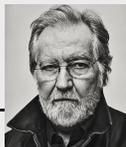
After patching things up with my VHS bootlegger, Ace, after a mishap mistaking the movies *Hereditary* and *Little Miss Sunshine* (Issue No. 2), I ended up really liking *Hereditary* and even gave it two acting awards in last years prestigious HANKS (Issue No. 29). Director Ari Aster is back with his much awaited follow up to *Hereditary*, *Midsommar*. I am happy to say that I loved *Midsommar* way more than *Hereditary*, and I would even go as far as saying that not only is it one of the best Horror films in recent memory, but I can also say that it may be one of the greatest Horror movies ever made. This movie is haunting and powerful. Florence Pugh delivers a truly outstanding performance here as Dani, and Aster once again does an amazing job of making the horrors of life even more terrifying than the horrors of the cult we encounter. Expect a full review in the coming weeks.

This Week on TV

El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie (Netflix)

Generally in Halloween Issues, I try to stick to Horror themed shows and movies, but I would be remiss to not talk about the spinoff movie of the greatest show of all time, *Breaking Bad*. The movie, *El Camino*, premiered on Netflix last week and Prudence and I watched it over the weekend. While rather entertaining, it doesn't live up to *Breaking Bad*. I wish they'd shot it on film to keep the look consistent with the show, and I also wish there were more twists as the narrative was rather predictable. That said, it was great to everyone's favorite baby-faced psycho, Todd, again.

Director Spotlight: Tobe Hooper



Birth: 3/21/1968 Austin, TX
Death: 8/26/2017 Los Angeles, CA
Notable Works: *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre 2*, *Poltergeist*, *Lifeforce*, *The Toolbox Murders*, *Salem's Lot*
Fun Fact: Directed the video for Billy Idol's "Dancing with Myself".

THE PURITAN POST'S IV WEEKS of HALLOWEEN WEEK II: The Top Ten Best Halloween Television Episodes of All Time

For the Week II of our IV Weeks of Halloween, I have decided to count down the top ten best Halloween episodes in the history of television.

No. 10: *Friends* - S08E06 "The One with the Halloween Party"

Makes the list primarily for Sean Penn's cameo and Ross's Sputnik costume. Also newly pregnant Rachel "befriending" trick or treaters.

No. 9: *How I Met Your Mother* - S01E06 "The Slutty Pumpkin"

An iconic episode of *HIMYM* highlighting Ted's hopeless romanticism. Season 7's "The Slutty Pumpkin Returns" is an honorable mention as well.

No. 8: *South Park* - S21E06 "Sons a Witches"

One of Trey Parker and Matt Stone's personal favorite episodes. Came out at a time when the term "witch hunt" was being used quite frequently in the national lexicon and makes a hilarious, Halloween-themed commentary.

No. 7: *American Horror Story* - S01E04&5 "Halloween"

This two part episode has some of the best writing of the series featuring tons of reveals with fascinating backstory and world building. It also has some of the saddest moments of any *American Horror Story*.

No. 6: *Freaks and Geeks* - S01E03 "Tricks and Treats"

Probably the most heartfelt episode of any listed, and shows the strange and universal divide that happens on Halloween as one gets older.

No. 5: *Boy Meets World* - S05E17 "And Then There Was Shawn"

While it technically wasn't a Halloween episode as it aired in February, *Boy Meets World's* slasher/*Scream* parody is a classic to watch around this time of year and may be the best *Boy Meets World* episode ever.

No. 4: *The Office* - S02E05 "Halloween"

The first *Office* episode I ever watched and it still holds up to this day. The show was definitely a lot darker and more deadpan in the early seasons and Michael's indecision of who to fire is absolutely classic.

No. 3: *Always Sunny in Philadelphia* - S08E03 "The Maureen Ponderosa Wedding Massacre"

It was difficult to choose between the two Halloween episodes of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, so this Zombie-parody could have easily been 2. Features a hilarious Guillermo Del Toro cameo as Pappy McPoyle.

No. 2: *Always Sunny in Philadelphia* - S06E07 "Who Got Dee Pregnant?"

This Sunny episode edged out the latter mostly for the brilliant writing of Kaitlin Olson's real life pregnancy into this episode. Other highlights include "Man-Spider" and Mac's "Vijo Morganstein" costume along with the amazing use of the different characters' points of view.

No. 1: *South Park* - S16E12 "A Nightmare on Face Time"

When Randy buys a Blockbuster, Stan's Halloween plans turn into a hysterical *Shining* parody and one of my favorite episodes ever. Also includes the running gag of Cartman being mistaken for Bruce Vilanch.

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