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HALLOWEEN TRIVIA



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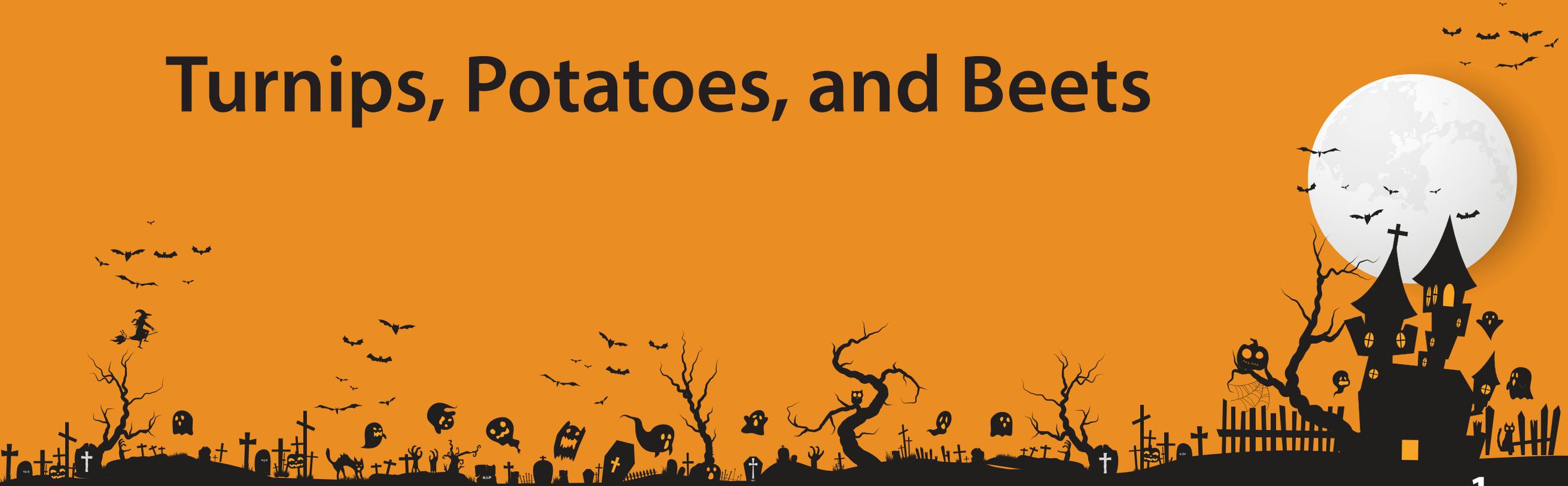


Jack-'o-lanterns originated in Ireland. What other edible items were used to carve these faces before pumpkins became the norm?





Turnips, Potatoes, and Beets



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When was the last time there was
a Full Moon on Halloween?





The last time there was a full moon on October 31, it was 2001. The next one won't occur until 2039.



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Which state in the US produces the most pumpkins?



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Illinois produces up to five times more pumpkins than any other state, and has more than 15,000 acres devoted to gourd growing, according to the USDA. Illinois farms typically grow more than 500 million pounds of pumpkins annually.

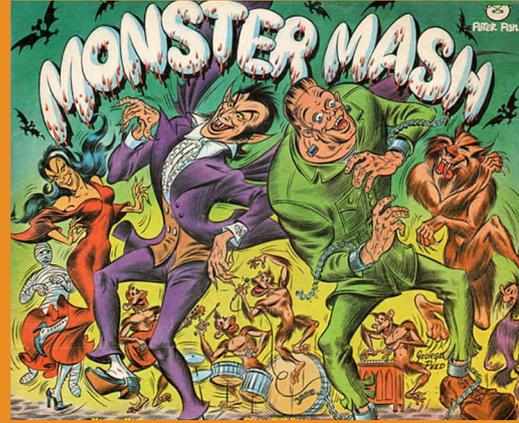


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What year did the song “Monster Mash” reach #1 on the Billboard charts?





**Bobby "Boris" Pickett reached #1
on the Hot 100 in 1962 just before
Halloween and later recharted in 1973
— but this time in August.**



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What are two most popular type of Halloween costumes for children?



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Princesses and Superheroes.

As an aside - the most popular costume for dogs in 2019 was a pumpkin. For adults, the most popular costumes in 2019 were vampires and witches.



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What is the top selling
Halloween candy?





Skittles. The bite-sized candies outranked M&M's, Snickers, and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. \$2.6 billion was spent on candy for the estimated 41 million trick-or-treaters in 2019.



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What famous magician died
on Halloween in 1926?

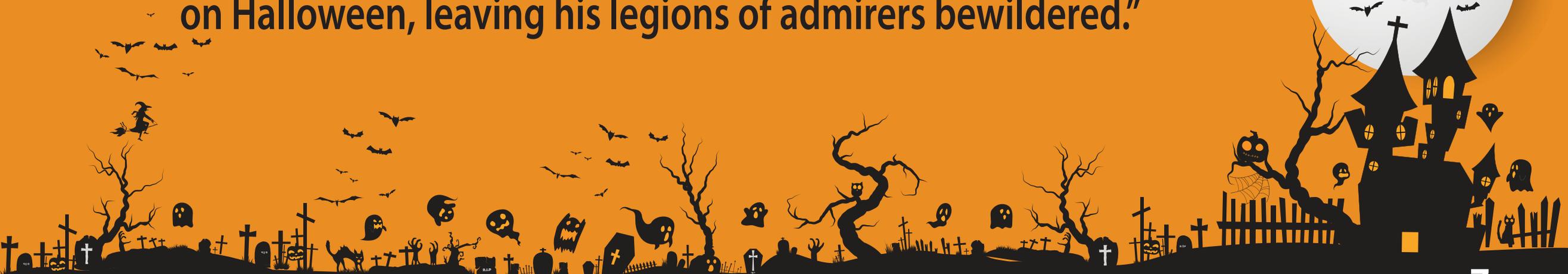


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Harry Houdini

He died from peritonitis caused by a ruptured appendix, but multiple contradicting reports caused quite the mystery around his death at the time.

According to the History Channel, "the 52-year-old performed before a packed house in Detroit on October 24, but was rushed to the hospital afterward with an apparent case of appendicitis. He died just a week later on Halloween, leaving his legions of admirers bewildered."



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When was Candy Corn created?





Originally named chicken feed because of its looks, Candy Corn was created in 1880 by George Renninger, and was sold to the masses by Goelitz Confectionery Company (now Jelly Belly Co.). Today, 35 million pounds of Candy Corn are produced each year.



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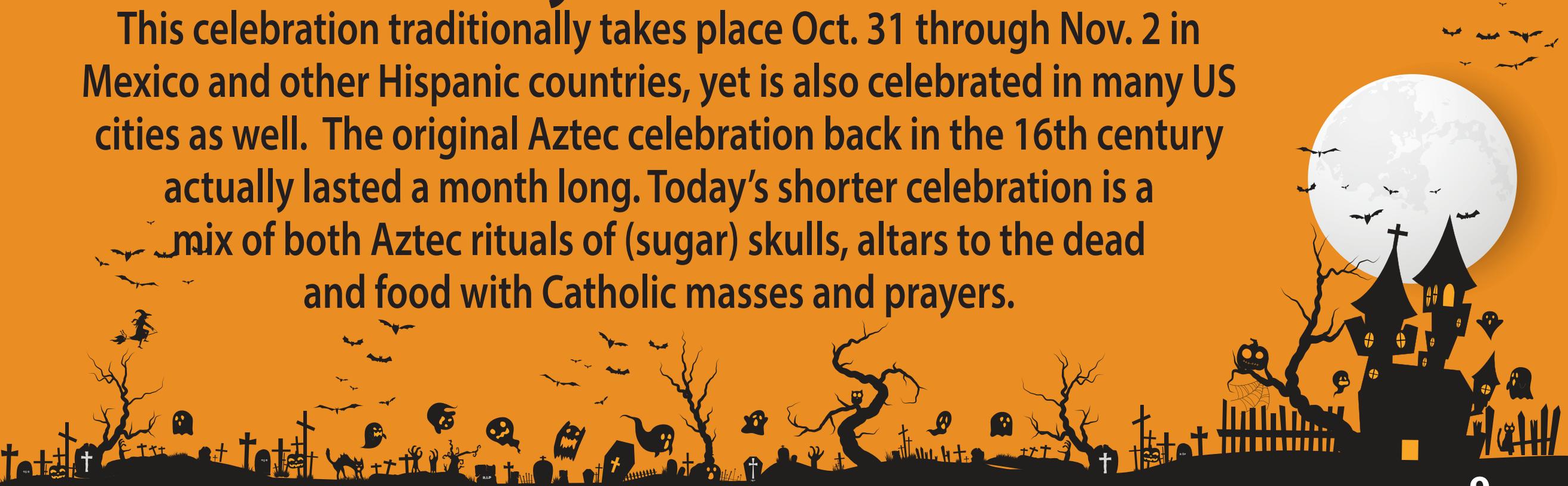
What is Dia de los Muertos?





The Day of the Dead.

This celebration traditionally takes place Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 in Mexico and other Hispanic countries, yet is also celebrated in many US cities as well. The original Aztec celebration back in the 16th century actually lasted a month long. Today's shorter celebration is a mix of both Aztec rituals of (sugar) skulls, altars to the dead and food with Catholic masses and prayers.



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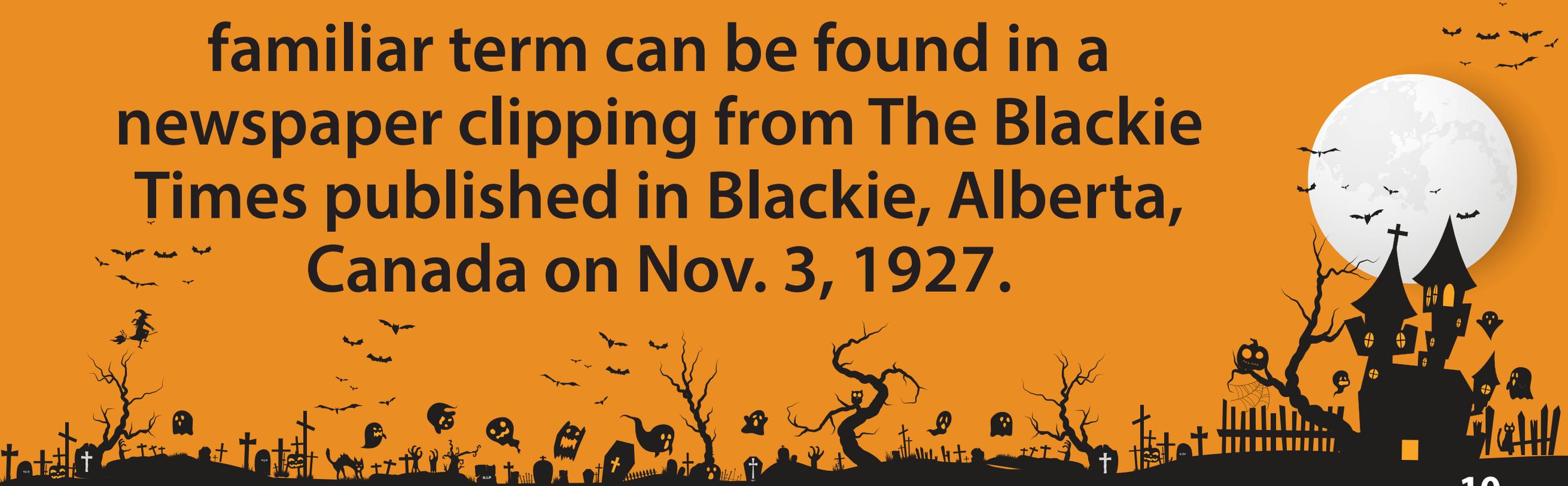


When was the term
“Trick or Treat” first used?





The earliest reference to the now-familiar term can be found in a newspaper clipping from The Blackie Times published in Blackie, Alberta, Canada on Nov. 3, 1927.



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Are pumpkins a
fruit or a vegetable?



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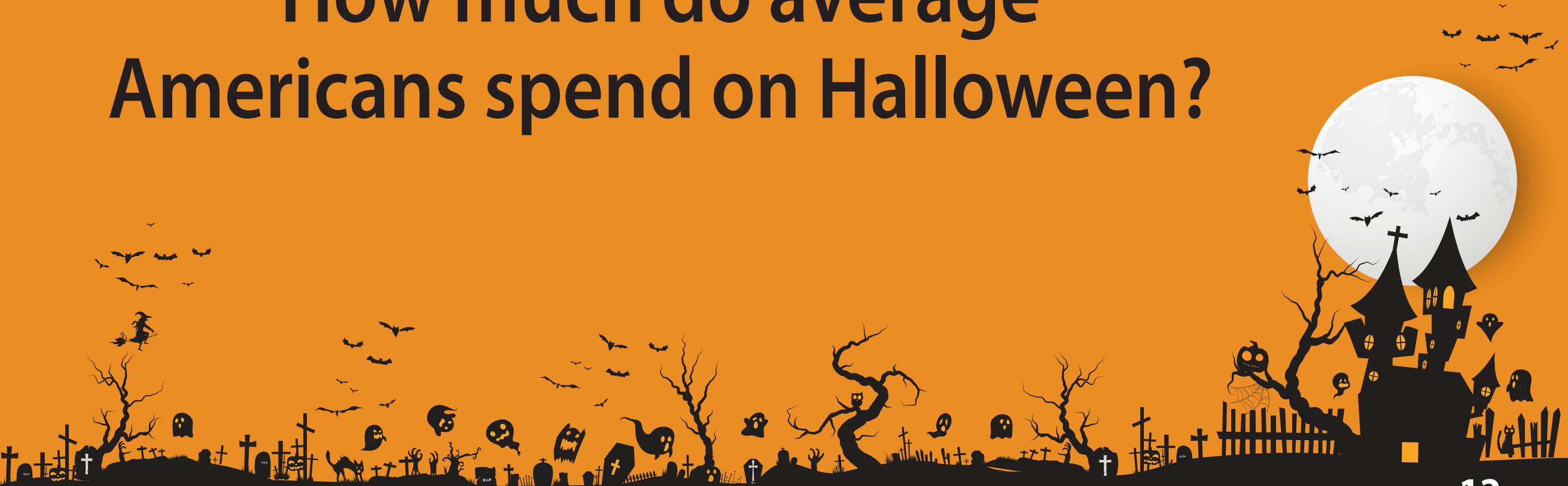
Although you may think of pumpkins as a vegetable, these squashes are indeed fruits. They grow from the flowers of plants and contain seeds. Other commonly mistaken fruit are tomatoes, avocados, peppers and olives.



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How much do average Americans spend on Halloween?





Americans spent an estimated \$9 billion on Halloween-related goods in 2019. That's about \$86.79 per person. However, men spend \$14 more, on average, than their female counterparts. 32% of Americans threw a Halloween party in 2019.



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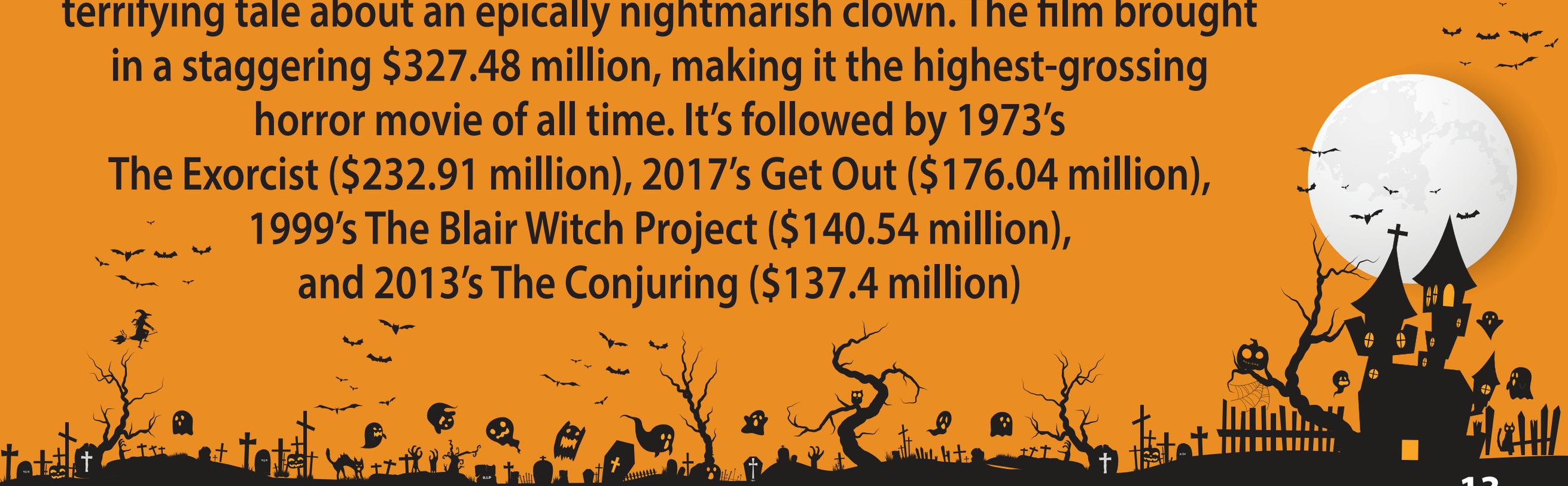
What is the highest grossing horror movie?



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In 2017, Warner Bros released *It*, a retelling of Stephen King's terrifying tale about an epically nightmarish clown. The film brought in a staggering \$327.48 million, making it the highest-grossing horror movie of all time. It's followed by 1973's *The Exorcist* (\$232.91 million), 2017's *Get Out* (\$176.04 million), 1999's *The Blair Witch Project* (\$140.54 million), and 2013's *The Conjuring* (\$137.4 million)



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What does it mean if a candle burns with a blue flame on Halloween?



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If a candle burns a blue flame on October 31, superstitions say that a ghost might be haunting it.

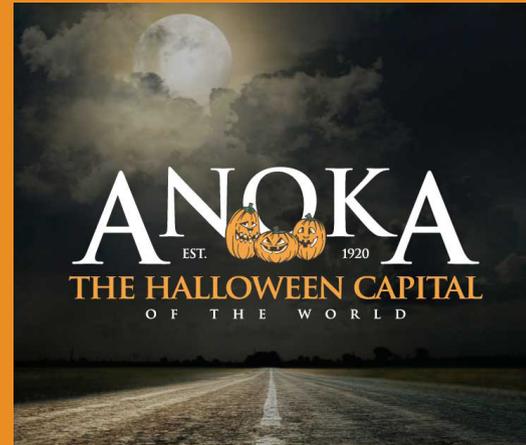


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What city hosted the FIRST city-wide Halloween celebration?





**Anoka, Minnesota, in 1920.
They continue to celebrate annually
including their 100th Anniversary in 2020.**

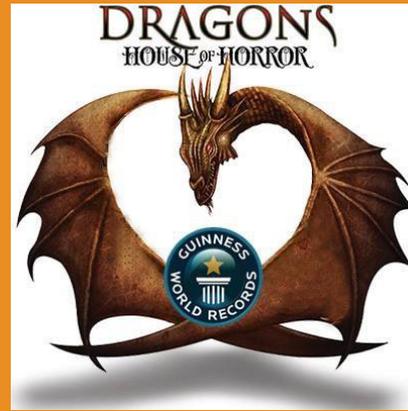


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Where is the longest walk-through Haunted House located?





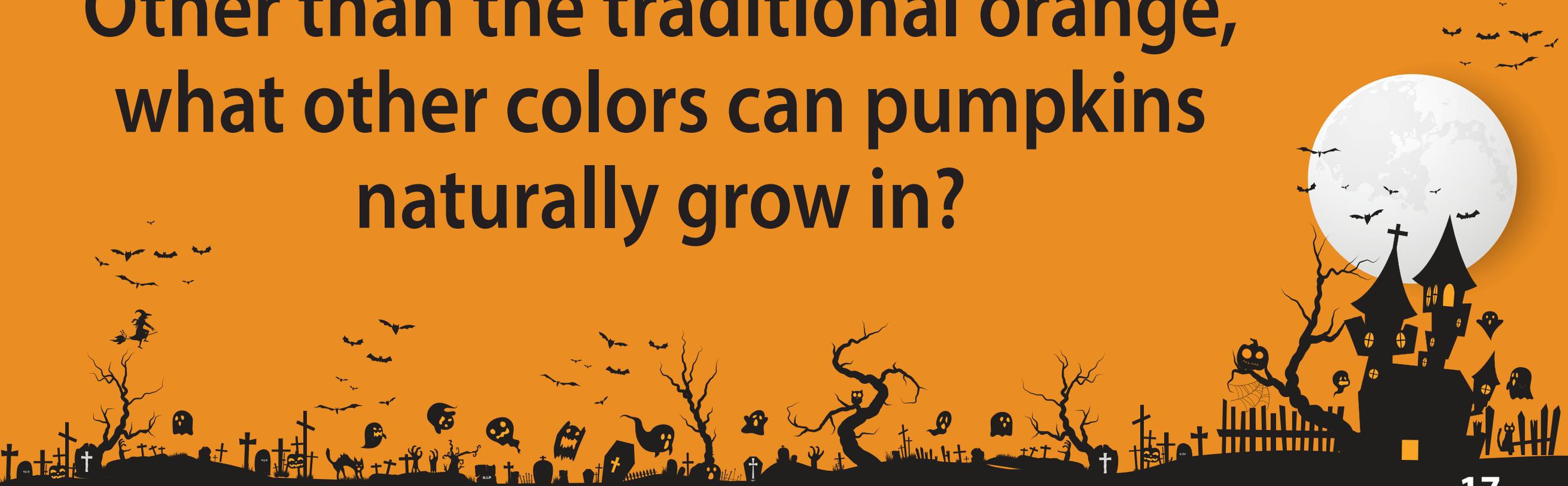
Dragon's House of Horror in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is 7,183 feet, 8.4 inches — nearly a mile and a half long.



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Other than the traditional orange, what other colors can pumpkins naturally grow in?





Blue, White, Yellow or Green



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What does it mean if a spider crosses your path on Halloween?





Superstition states that if a spider crosses your path on Halloween, it means the spirit of a loved one who has passed is watching over you.



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With the exception of 2020
(as the celebration is cancelled),
where is the largest annual Halloween
celebration located?





With over 2 million annual visitors, of which over 50,000 are in costume, the Greenwich Village (NY) Halloween Parade is the largest yearly Halloween celebration in the world.



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What weight is the world's record for the largest pumpkin ever grown?





The record is 2032 pounds. It was grown by Ron Wallace of Rhode Island, and won the 2012 Giant Pumpkin Contest at the Topsfield Fair in Massachusetts. It was awarded a prize of \$5500.

