

1 **Salvador Gaytan:** Welcome to SmileTalk, an entertaining and informative dental talk
2 show featuring the latest news and developments in dentistry. I'm
3 Salvador Gaytan here.
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5 **Dr. John Chao:** And this is Dr. John Chao, happy Halloween everybody. We're
6 going to have a special show for all of you.
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8 **Salvador Gaytan:** You sound very scary, Dr. John. Don't scare me like that. I still
9 have some nightmares from Halloween.
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11 **Dr. John Chao:** You do?
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13 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yes, very scary nightmares.
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15 **Dr. John Chao:** What kind of nightmares have you had?
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17 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, I've always had, when I was a little kid -- I thought ghouls
18 and goblins were real.
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20 **Dr. John Chao:** I did too.
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22 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, okay, and sometimes those ghouls and goblins still visit me
23 in my dreams.
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25 **Dr. John Chao:** I had to sleep with the lights on.
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27 **Salvador Gaytan:** The lights on. Now, you're not still sleeping with the lights on,
28 though, Dr. John?
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30 **Dr. John Chao:** Not every night.
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32 **Salvador Gaytan:** Not every night, yes.
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34 **Dr. John Chao:** Especially not Halloween night.
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36 **Salvador Gaytan:** Not Halloween night, yes, our show does fall on Halloween.
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38 **Dr. John Chao:** No, actually every Halloween, I actually leave the lights on.
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40 **Salvador Gaytan:** Leave the lights on, yeah? That's right, that's right. Well, we kind
41 of have a -- since it's in the theme of Halloween there, we have a
42 few things about Halloween and some scary stories and so forth.
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44 **Dr. John Chao:** Entertaining stories also.
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46 **Salvador Gaytan:** Entertaining, exactly. Now, Dr. John, Dr. John, there is this -- you
47 were telling me earlier, this kind of got me. It's, Halloween is
48 about trick or treat, kids going out for candy and stuff.
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50 **Dr. John Chao:** Right.
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52 **Salvador Gaytan:** You were telling me about this dentist in Arcadia.
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54 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, this was quite a number of years ago. He had a bright idea
55 that he should give toothbrushes and toothpaste to the trick-or-
56 treaters.
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58 **Salvador Gaytan:** A very outstanding idea.
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60 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, great idea, right? I say what's wrong with that? So, he
61 passed it out all evening long, and so he had a busy night. The next
62 morning, when he went to his driveway, he looked at his car and
63 he realized he was going to have to need a new paint job.
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65 **Salvador Gaytan:** Why?
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67 **Dr. John Chao:** So, guess what those kids did?
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69 **Salvador Gaytan:** They...
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71 **Dr. John Chao:** They didn't like the fact they got no candies, so guess what they
72 did with the toothpaste?
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74 **Salvador Gaytan:** They didn't put it on his car, did they?
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76 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, they painted it all, they squirted it on all over his car. Now,
77 toothpaste is pretty corrosive, so he had to have a new paint job.
78 So, needless to say, no dentist ever did that again in that
79 neighborhood.
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81 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, you know what, you should try that out this year, Dr. John.
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83 **Dr. John Chao:** Not with my car on my driveway.
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85 **Salvador Gaytan:** You get some good trick-or-treaters, I'm sure, in your
86 neighborhood, right?
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88 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, I may get some toothpaste on my door.
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90 **Salvador Gaytan:** Oh, come on, come on now.
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92 **Dr. John Chao:** No, it's not fun, it's not fun. You got to go along with the spirit of
93 Halloween.
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95 **Salvador Gaytan:** Now, I was asking, you came to this country, you were about 13,
96 right?
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98 **Dr. John Chao:** Yes, about 13.
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100 **Salvador Gaytan:** 13. Now, Halloween, that's not a tradition from where you came
101 from in China.
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103 **Dr. John Chao:** No, Halloween is an English tradition.
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105 **Salvador Gaytan:** English, yes. So, you came here, did you ever dress up for
106 Halloween? You were a little old then, but probably...
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108 **Dr. John Chao:** I don't remember dressing up for that. I think I was a bit older than
109 that and our family wasn't really celebrating it, but I do recall
110 giving away candies when people come by the house, so it was not
111 a big thing with us.
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113 **Salvador Gaytan:** And did you ever have any rowdy trick-or-treaters?
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115 **Dr. John Chao:** No, it was pretty good. I mean the whole ritual itself, in different
116 ways, was actually done at different occasions in Asia. There's the
117 offering of food to the idols, to statues of the gods and to the
118 ancestors practiced by the families that I saw who were around.
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120 It's kind of like a Halloween thing. My father and my mother were
121 Christian preachers, so we didn't get into that, but in various
122 forms, Halloween is being practiced all over the world.
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124 The offering of food to the spirits, and in fact I think that's how
125 Halloween came about, right? It started as a Celtic tradition of
126 offering food to spirits that come and visit you on Halloween night.
127 If you offer food, then they won't take away your daughter,
128 something like that.
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130 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, yeah, that's right, I have the origins of trick or treat
131 Halloween, the Celts tried to appease evil spirits, ghosts and
132 goblins and demons with -- huge bonfires were built to light the
133 way for all the spirits to find their way into the world of the living.
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135 They would leave out food, hoping that this would please the spirit
136 world. If they did not leave a thing, then the spirits would play evil
137 tricks on the living in that house.

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139 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, something like that goes on in almost every non-Christian
140 family that I saw. There was always food being offered to the gods
141 and to the evil spirits. There will be idols and statues being placed
142 at the doorways to scare away the evil spirits. It's kind of like
143 worldwide.
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145 **Salvador Gaytan:** That is true.
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147 **Dr. John Chao:** It's very interesting how the people do these things just out of their
148 nature.
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150 **Salvador Gaytan:** Now, you have a funny, scary story that happened at the Wax
151 Museum. Why don't you tell the audience about that?
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153 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, it has to do with Dracula and scaring people, there was -- I
154 think this Hollywood Wax Museum is still there on Hollywood
155 Boulevard. It's a place that tourists go, and my friend and I went to
156 see it.
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158 In fact I took my friend there, because I had the intention of
159 scaring him. It was in the afternoon, and as you walk in on the left
160 hand side, at that time there was this coffin, a real dark place and
161 there will be this guy dressed like Dracula with the cape and
162 everything.
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164 He would just stand there like he's totally dead, all of a sudden he
165 starts moving around and scare the heck out of you. So, I went
166 ahead of my friend, and I put the costume on and I laid in the
167 coffin.
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169 **Salvador Gaytan:** No.
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171 **Dr. John Chao:** He came around, I jumped out of the coffin, I screamed like a
172 banshee, and of course most of the times these moving figures,
173 they stay behind the banister, right? I jumped over there and I
174 approached him, I cornered him against the wall, he screamed and
175 yelled, he was one scared guy. So, that was not very nice what I
176 did. I don't think he ever forgave me, though.
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178 **Salvador Gaytan:** Now, I've got to say, that's one the better stories that I've heard.
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180 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, so, that was...
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182 **Salvador Gaytan:** That was good timing, because the guy that's normally in the
183 costume, was not there, right?

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185 **Dr. John Chao:** No, he's not there in the afternoon, I noticed that, so I tricked my
186 buddy.
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188 **Salvador Gaytan:** Now, is he still your buddy?
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190 **Dr. John Chao:** I haven't seen him for years, I'm sure he still remembers that
191 particular event.
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193 **Salvador Gaytan:** Remembers that particular event. Well, I was telling earlier when I
194 was a kid, I liked Halloween, dressing up, but when I got older, I
195 used to think, "Well, I can't dress up, but how can I scare the
196 kids?"
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198 So, at my parents' house, there was a long entrance way going to
199 the front door. So, I dressed up as a big monster, had a big scary
200 mask on and I hid in the bushes, and I told my sister, who was
201 there at the time. I said, "When they knock trick or treat, you turn
202 the lights out for three seconds," then I would come out of the
203 bushes, "Growl, ah" scaring the heck out of the kids.
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205 **Dr. John Chao:** So, what did the kids do? Did they scream? Did they laughed?
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207 **Salvador Gaytan:** Oh yeah, they screamed, they were just totally taken by surprise.
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209 **Dr. John Chao:** Now, were you really scaring them or do you think that actually
210 they were having fun?
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212 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, it was fun, I mean, they were -- after they were scared, one
213 kid said, "Man, that guy is good, that guy is good." But then, what
214 happened was, because we were at the end of the cul-de-sac, after
215 about an hour, hour and a half, I started hearing kids a house away
216 and they would say, "Yeah, I think that's the house down there."
217 So, they were giving my information away.
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219 **Dr. John Chao:** It was getting around the news. Now, weren't there adults with
220 these children?
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222 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yeah, there were adults. Well, some of the kids were like even 12,
223 13, 14, and the little kids I didn't -- when they're like five or six, I
224 didn't scare them, but it was more like the 10 to 14 range that I
225 zeroed in on. So, the parents were on the street there, they were
226 hanging back.
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228 **Dr. John Chao:** So, you didn't scare any adults into having heart attacks or
229 something?

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231 **Salvador Gaytan:** I did not, no adults came -- well, they would come at the door with
232 the little kids, but I wouldn't scare the little kids.
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234 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, yeah, okay.
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236 **Salvador Gaytan:** And so, that was a fun time, I actually enjoyed that, one of the best,
237 but going back earlier when I was...
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239 **Dr. John Chao:** Well, it's still not too late, after the show you can go and hideout
240 and...
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242 **Salvador Gaytan:** Maybe at your house.
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244 **Dr. John Chao:** Scare more kids.
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246 **Salvador Gaytan:** I can scare at your house. You got a nice, long driveway there to
247 come through, huh?
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249 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, well, not too many people come by anymore. It is kind of
250 strange, huh?
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252 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, I guess...
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254 **Dr. John Chao:** They go to their malls and they go to these organized places
255 nowadays.
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257 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, you got to set out a few pumpkins and make it Halloween
258 friendly.
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260 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, that's right, if you put the lights on and everything else,
261 yeah, that's true.
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263 **Salvador Gaytan:** That's right. When I was a younger kid, back like in around 1970,
264 and we went to this house, trick or treat, and the gentleman said, "I
265 have a treat for you," I mean, yeah, a trick, and his garage door
266 went up and down, and we thought that was so cool, but we didn't
267 realize that was the first garage door opener.
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269 **Dr. John Chao:** Like Open Sesame type of thing, huh?
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271 **Salvador Gaytan:** Exactly, exactly.
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273 **Dr. John Chao:** Actually, talking about trick or treat, actually last year -- I'm so
274 busy this year with so many projects, I couldn't to it, but last year I
275 organized a trick and treat campaign. Did you know about that?

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277 *Salvador Gaytan:* I did not know about that.
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279 *Dr. John Chao:* Okay, trick and treat. What I did was, I publicized it through the
280 newspapers and it was even announced on the radio program on
281 KFI. I would pay a dollar a pound for candies, so the kids with
282 their parents can come to the office a day after Halloween, and
283 drop off their candies, and I'll give them a dollar a pound, and I did
284 magic tricks for them.
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286 *Salvador Gaytan:* That's right, because you do magic tricks.
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288 *Dr. John Chao:* Yeah, so I did some coin tricks and things, I entertained them with
289 the tricks and I paid them for their treats. So, it was called a Trick
290 and Treat campaign.
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292 *Salvador Gaytan:* Trick and Treat, very nice.
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294 *Dr. John Chao:* It was amazing, we collected something like 12 large containers of
295 candies that we dropped off at this place.
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297 *Salvador Gaytan:* At your house?
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299 *Dr. John Chao:* No, I mean...
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301 *Salvador Gaytan:* You didn't keep the candies, did you?
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303 *Dr. John Chao:* No, I actually have them all. No, we took them and I drove them to
304 a place on Victory Boulevard in Encino, it's an Armory, they were
305 packing these candies into these care packages that were being sent
306 to troops all over the world, especially to Afghanistan and Iraq.
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308 In these care packages, there would be DVDs, there would be all
309 kinds of stuff that people donate. It's really, really a wonderful
310 project. They were busy, there were just care packages all over that
311 huge, huge facility.
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313 *Salvador Gaytan:* Now, you mentioned operation...
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315 *Dr. John Chao:* It's called Operation Gratitude, and so kids, parents, if you have
316 candies left over, you want to donate them, call Operation
317 Gratitude. You can find it on the internet. If you happen to have a
318 pencil, I'll give you the phone number. It's 818-909-0039.
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320 *Salvador Gaytan:* And they also take other stuff besides candy, right?
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322 **Dr. John Chao:** They will take anything, they will take a DVD, they will take your
323 old CDs, they will take your beanies, your dolls, anything that --
324 chewing gum, whatever it is. Now, why would they need dolls?
325 You know what the GIs do with those things?
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327 **Salvador Gaytan:** What did they do with those dolls?
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329 **Dr. John Chao:** They give it to the native children.
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331 **Salvador Gaytan:** Wow.
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333 **Dr. John Chao:** Okay? You give them something that they can give to the children
334 over there. So, whatever you've got, just donate it and they'll take
335 it, including money. They need funds to fund this project, it's just a
336 wonderful bunch of people, I met them last year.
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338 They're very dedicated, and they want to show support for the
339 troops, and I have met -- one of my patients actually really, really
340 was supportive, he said, "I was in Iraq" he said, "I received one of
341 those care packages," he said, "I was touched. It's so nice to have
342 something from America that was given to me."
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344 What they do is, they give it to everyone in the platoon, and they
345 send the care packages in care of one member of the platoon. So,
346 everybody in that platoon gets one. So, it's really a wonderful
347 thing, ladies and gentleman, if you're listening to this show, and
348 kids, if you happen to be listening, donate these candies to this
349 worthy cause.
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351 **Salvador Gaytan:** Or your old toys or DVDs, things like that.
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353 **Dr. John Chao:** Anything, anything that you think they can use, just take it over
354 there, if they can't use it, they will do something with it.
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356 **Salvador Gaytan:** For anyone just tuning in, you're listening to SmileTalk with Dr.
357 John Chao from Alhambra Dental. You can reach Dr. John at
358 AlhambraDental.com or 626-308-9104.
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360 **Dr. John Chao:** And this is a Halloween edition of our regular dental show, and
361 this is why we're going a little bit off the script, which is kind of
362 hitting it here and there, as long as it has to do something with
363 Halloween.
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365 But we were talking about Operation Gratitude. I'm so grateful
366 that people involved with this operation are working so hard. I do
367 want to recognize Carolyn Blashek, who is the president and

368 founder of this wonderful, wonderful project. They send these care
369 packages out two or three times a year.
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371 **Salvador Gaytan:** Excellent, Dr. John. Now, Dr. John, what is the scariest movie that
372 you've ever seen?
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374 **Dr. John Chao:** When I was about 10, I saw this movie -- it's actually a black and
375 white movie, so scary I couldn't believe it, it's called Creature
376 from the Black Lagoon.
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378 **Salvador Gaytan:** That sounds scary.
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380 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, it was scary, I was oh so scared. Later on, a few years later,
381 when I got older, I looked at it, I said, "That's not very scary" but
382 at the time, man, it was scary, scary, scary. I couldn't believe it, the
383 monster comes out of the cave.
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385 **Salvador Gaytan:** You thought the monster was real when you were a kid, didn't
386 you?
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388 **Dr. John Chao:** It was pretty real to me, I knew it was a movie, but it was scary.
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390 **Salvador Gaytan:** Well, that's -- the scariest movie I ever saw was The Shining, with
391 Jack Nicholson.
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393 **Dr. John Chao:** I heard that, I never saw it.
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395 **Salvador Gaytan:** You never saw it. There is no blood or anything like that, it's more
396 psychological scary, because it's Jack Nicholson as the father and
397 he and his wife and one child, they are the caretakers of this lodge
398 in the dead of winter, but it's all closed down for winter. It's a
399 huge lodge, big, and so it's a very -- it plays mind games,
400 emotionally.
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402 **Dr. John Chao:** Well, anything Jack Nicholson is in, you can be sure that it's pretty
403 real.
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405 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yes, now I told my niece one time, she asked me, she says "What's
406 the scariest story you've ever seen?" or scariest movie, and I told
407 her. So, when she was about 11 or 12 or so, she decided she
408 wanted to see it.
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410 So, she got her mother to rent it, and so she tells me like a few days
411 later, she says, "I saw the movie, The Shining. You know what? It
412 really wasn't that scary." I said, "Really?" I said, "When did you

413 see it?" She goes, "Yesterday", I go, "What do you mean
414 yesterday? Well, what time did you see it?"
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416 They watched it at 12 noon in the sunlight with the drapes open. I
417 said, "Come on now, you've got to watch a scary movie at night,
418 you chicken." Well, she didn't want to watch it at night, so...
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420 **Dr. John Chao:** Well, your niece is Cierra, right?
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422 **Salvador Gaytan:** That is correct.
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424 **Dr. John Chao:** Since we're wandering off the subject, so let's talk about Cierra a
425 little bit. Cierra is a tennis player.
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427 **Salvador Gaytan:** That is correct.
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429 **Dr. John Chao:** Worked very, very hard, practically all her life.
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431 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yes.
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433 **Dr. John Chao:** She's 18 now. Something really nice happened to her recently,
434 what was that?
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436 **Salvador Gaytan:** That is true. Well, she's been playing tennis and golf all her life,
437 more tennis. So, she finally got a tennis scholarship to the
438 University of Texas. She verballed to them, and she'll be signing
439 actually in, I guess, a month or so for the following season.
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441 **Dr. John Chao:** That's quite an honor, isn't it, to have for years of education totally
442 paid for.
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444 **Salvador Gaytan:** That is correct.
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446 **Dr. John Chao:** And be treated -- isn't there kind of a special program for athletes
447 in that university?
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449 **Salvador Gaytan:** They have a lot of special stuff, yeah, they have a special place
450 where they eat, a special lounge...
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452 **Dr. John Chao:** Just for them, right, just the athletes?
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454 **Salvador Gaytan:** The athletes, yeah.
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456 **Dr. John Chao:** Don't they have like a tutor that follows them around and make
457 sure they get good grades, take notes for them in class and all that?
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459 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yes, they have special tutors -- I don't know about the notes, but
460 they do have special tutorship facilities, and yeah, they're treated
461 like rock stars down there, so she's really -- that was her first
462 choice, so she's really, really happy.
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464 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, and she's such a beautiful lady, and so beautiful not only
465 with the way she looks, but the way she treats people.
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467 **Salvador Gaytan:** That's right.
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469 **Dr. John Chao:** Everywhere she goes, people just love her.
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471 **Salvador Gaytan:** And she's a patient of yours.
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473 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, she's a patient of mine, and her mother and I are just
474 wonderful -- well, actually very, very good friends, but the moral
475 of that story and for the kids who might be listening or for the
476 parents that -- give your children a chance to participate in sports.
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478 **Salvador Gaytan:** That's true, or some activities.
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480 **Dr. John Chao:** Any kind of activity, it could be swimming, it could be volleyball,
481 it could be soccer, it could be tennis, anything...
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483 **Salvador Gaytan:** Piano or something.
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485 **Dr. John Chao:** Piano or something, so that you know what, not only will they
486 enjoy the discipline, they will enjoy the company of people who
487 are with similar interests, rather than just hanging out somewhere.
488 Then eventually, if they stick with it, then they get to get the
489 college paid for.
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491 **Salvador Gaytan:** Her college is paid for, that's probably about \$200,000.
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493 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, room and board, the whole works, and they'll be treated like
494 totally elite, right?
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496 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yes.
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498 **Dr. John Chao:** Crème de mint of the campus, looked up to by everybody in
499 campus, it's just -- what a tremendous life that is.
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501 **Salvador Gaytan:** I'm envious, I told her, I said, "Hey, kid, do they have room for an
502 uncle? Can I be part of your -- like security, something?"
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504 **Dr. John Chao:** So, I told you that you should enroll over there, just to watch over
505 her.
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507 **Salvador Gaytan:** That's right. I mean, I said, "Hey, I can still party, I mean come
508 on." She says, "No, no, you can come visit, but you can't live
509 down there"
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511 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah. I have my practice and everything, I could apply for a
512 teaching position there.
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514 **Salvador Gaytan:** We can all go down there, right? Let's all get in on this.
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516 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah. Austin is beautiful. So, but anyway, that's such a wonderful
517 thing for the kids to do, to get into a sport or something that's
518 going to give you a scholarship.
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520 **Salvador Gaytan:** That's right.
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522 **Dr. John Chao:** And academic or athletic, it's such a wonderful thing. I see it first
523 hand, how this could be such a wonderful thing for your kids to
524 grow up in.
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526 **Salvador Gaytan:** That's right. Now, talking about my niece, I went on a lot of
527 Halloweens with her, and she used to love to dress up and go out.
528 So, we had fun there, but she used to ask me also, what's the
529 scariest story I knew.
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531 So, I would tell her, "Oh, it's a story about {Wilhelmina}." So,
532 finally one day she says, "I want to hear the scariest story you
533 know." I said, "Are you really ready for this?" She was only 10, so
534 we went in her closet, in the dark. I said it's got to be told in the
535 dark, right.
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537 I made up this story about {Wilhelmina}. I disguised my voice
538 with a {Mina}. I got halfway through the story, and she says,
539 "Stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, I can't hear anymore." She left the
540 closet, right? She has never wanted to hear the finish to that since,
541 and I don't even know what it is, because I made it up.
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543 **Dr. John Chao:** Not too late, you can grab her after the show and tell her the rest of
544 it.
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546 **Salvador Gaytan:** Exactly, on Halloween, on Halloween. Now, you have a story
547 about a Mr. Krone. Well, tell us about that story, because that kind
548 of fits in with our dentistry.
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550 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, this is a very interesting story. This man by the name of Ray
551 Krone was innocent of a crime, but he was convicted of murdering
552 this lady, who was the manager of a bar that he was going to. He
553 was convicted in part, because the bite mark on this victim,
554 according to the expert forensic dentist, matches his teeth.
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556 He was convicted and sentenced to death. He was on death roll for
557 two years, he was given a new trial and he was sentenced to prison
558 for 46 years for this crime that he did not commit.
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560 **Salvador Gaytan:** Now, but how did they prove that he didn't commit it though?
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562 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, so he was convicted twice. He was in jail 10 years until
563 2002.
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565 **Salvador Gaytan:** That was just based on the bite mark.
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567 **Dr. John Chao:** A bite mark and other circumstantial evidence, but in particular it
568 was based on the testimony of this expert forensic dentist. Then in
569 2002, DNA evidence came out and exonerated him, because this
570 DNA evidence actually pinpointed the actual culprit by the name
571 of Phillips.
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573 So, then he was released, based on testimony also again on the
574 same dentist who decided now that the bite marks actually fitted
575 Mr. Phillips better than Mr. Krone.
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577 **Salvador Gaytan:** Now, Mr. Krone, the reason that he had some accident as a child,
578 so his bite was kind of messed up, wasn't it.
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580 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah, his bite was messed up, his bite was irregular, and the bite
581 marks on the victim was irregular. So, the long and short of it was
582 that because of the crooked arrangement of his front teeth, he was
583 then put through this horrible ordeal of two years on death roll, and
584 eight years in prison.
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586 But the testimony of the forensic dentist changed, and that was --
587 and that -- the contributing part, and in part also then to convince
588 the judge to actually release him right away, now because that's a
589 good ending.
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591 **Salvador Gaytan:** Yes.
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593 **Dr. John Chao:** But what's actually even more interesting is that around that time,
594 around 2002, Extreme Makeover was a very popular show and
595 they wanted to do extreme makeover on people with a good story,

596 so extreme makeover approached Mr. Krone and said, "How
597 would you like it if we just redo your face?"
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599 **Salvador Gaytan:** Your crooked smile.
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601 **Dr. John Chao:** Yeah. "We will redo your crooked smile, because this crooked
602 smile got you in trouble and now let's do it differently, and give
603 you a beautiful smile." They also offered him a new -- a nose job, a
604 brow lift, hair transplant and facial peels, ablations, laser eye
605 surgery in addition to the dental work, but he turned down
606 liposuction.
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608 **Salvador Gaytan:** Turned down the liposuction, okay.
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610 **Dr. John Chao:** That was going to be too painful for him, he didn't want that. So,
611 then when he was all done, he became quite a good looking guy,
612 and he became very famous of course, especially after he was on
613 Extreme Makeover.
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615 **Salvador Gaytan:** He was on People's -- he was number one on People's sexiest list,
616 right?
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618 **Dr. John Chao:** I'm not sure about that.
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620 **Salvador Gaytan:** No, I'm just kidding. That'd be too good of a story
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622 **Dr. John Chao:** If we nominate you or something like that. But anyway, so with his
623 new celebrity status, he went on a campaign to advocate DNA
624 testing as a means of proving the innocence of convicted people.
625 So, he became quite active, he testified before congress, and
626 lectures all over the country on that.
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628 **Salvador Gaytan:** Wow.
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630 **Dr. John Chao:** So, it's a good story,
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632 **Salvador Gaytan:** Absolutely.
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634 **Dr. John Chao:** It's a very sad story that he was innocently convicted, but it's a
635 good story that it turned out so well for him. He did get, he got
636 \$1.5 -- he probably got several million dollars out of the state
637 agencies that convicted him.
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639 **Salvador Gaytan:** For the wrongful conviction.
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641 **Dr. John Chao:** For the wrongful conviction, so he actually turned out pretty good,
642 but he was a very nice guy, he served in the Air Force, he became
643 a sergeant, just all around, he was totally free of any criminal
644 record until the day he was convicted, so a very good story.
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646 **Salvador Gaytan:** Excellent. Well, Dr. John, we're coming to the last few seconds of
647 our Halloween Special, Dr. John. You're not going to be scared to
648 drive home tonight, are you?
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650 **Dr. John Chao:** No, I won't be scared. I'll just keep the lights on all night.
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652 **Salvador Gaytan:** Just keep the lights on, huh? Okay.
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654 **Dr. John Chao:** Okay, happy Halloween everybody, we'll see you next week.
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656 **Salvador Gaytan:** Next week.
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