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The University of Detroit Mercy presents another encore presentation about classic ask the professor radio program. Today's show takes us back to 1984.



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The University of Detroit Glee Club sings in another session of the radio program on which you match wits with the University of Detroit professors and unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Edwin do when is he an advertisement for alcohol or against I can't quite tell that's allowed. For today we have our regular panel, more or less with us on my right from the Department of religious studies professor George Pickering.



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Pleasure pleasure to be here. Yeah.



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Pass the aspirin on his right from the Department of Psychology Professor Robert O'Neill. Happy to be here. Happy to be here.



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Often Drake beat him down.



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In sufferable omnipotence, on his right from the Department of Psychology, Bernie green. I didn't drink either. Let's have some loud questions. Yes. And his right from the Department of history professor says another pagan



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Bokassa. Go Go.



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On her right my left from the Department of political science professor john Kaminsky.



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I'm here, Edwin.



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Good. I'm glad most of the questions you hear on this program are sent in by our listeners. If you stumped the panel, you will receive an autograph so we wound them up. almost an autographed photograph. If you fail to stump the panel, you'll just get the autographed photograph on the right group. Here it is 1984



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waste the year without fear. Oh, very



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good. Very good.



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We have nothing to fear but the year.



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The year itself. That's right. That's good. Very good.



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Our first set of questions of 1984 comes from Neil Roberts of Detroit, Michigan. Whoops. Who says Well, that was close. As a student of popular culture, I have developed an interest in two distinct yet related aspects of the American entertainment industry.



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The dissertation was an introduction I want to thank Professor seller, valuable aid and assistance,



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and my wife for typing and all that stuff.



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My children without whom this would have been done years ago.



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One is film. The other is late night TV. They're synonymous Yes. Here is where my interest combined. Have you ever noticed the way in which TV magazines describe movies? Yes. Okay. Limitations they must summarize to our movies into one descriptive sentence,



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not even a whole sentence. every sentence



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presumably is an accurate description of the film as well as this might be clever. Yeah, Below are some movies which have been so summarized. I have taken them verbatim but have added for some of the harder ones the years in which they were made sure about the number of stars. Let me give you an example of a famous movie which fell into the hands of the TV, mag writers, rebels and robots band together to attack the spaceport of an oppressive Galactic Empire. The New York Times Star Wars Star Wars Star Wars That's right. Now we go on to the actual question. You have to get seven out of 11. A young widower recalls his wife a victim of leukemia last



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year, that's an accurate description. That's about all that's worth.



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Really. The lives of five people are deeply affected when a stranger shows up at the local labor day picnic. picnic. That's right. Sure. I got it from picnic generally the last word of the sentence. Okay, ah, my name. Oh, you have to read these very carefully.



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I say Bernie's a student of this. Yes.



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A pair of rival cereal makers compete for the talents of a small girl. Well, you've got the right woman. The right actor Siri says Sarah Churchill. Shirley Temple.



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What were you gonna say? I was gonna snap crackle.



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What what film would it be?



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What did what did she make films? Yeah. Many of the Shirley Temple.



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Yes. That's the only one I know. too little.



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Now what a little miss on the good ship lollipop or whatever.



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Yes. You're gonna lose this one. Yeah. popsy wapsi and Martin pale. Rebecca of Sunny, Sunny. A religion professor and his band. And the thieves attempt to rob the Vatican of its jewels the



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Pickering caper



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a religion professor and there's I didn't see hi



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now. Copy



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Waldo played the religion for ya. It's not



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top copy that's that's some other it's another heist they're stealing whose jewels?



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the Vatican's oh



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it's pink panther



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No, it's called the Vatican affair.



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Oh,



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you're right about that it's



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it's in the title



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it's in the title,



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hairstylist tries to juggle washing, styling and romance



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with the emphasis on romance. Yes.



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Black militants take over a large advertising agency.



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Oh, I've seen that. That's nice. Well, that's right. That was only I had to be done in the 60s of course. The late 60s.



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a Martian calls off a planned invasion when he falls in love with a beautiful Earthling. Hint it stars a net for



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the ad couple



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was this on the beach? Did this take place in the blanket? No more relaxing party? No.



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The wars part in the beach party the you know some kind of party now face porn.



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What kind of parties do teenage girls have?



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sleepover parties? The Jam?



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jam? jam a party. That's right.



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One of the great films featuring a net for Annika straight laced preacher on a South Seas Island attempts to convert a fallen woman to the ways of purity and Christianity Gilligan's Island never



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know. Oh, yeah.



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Lana Turner. No. Well, yes, she played in a remake of it. Oh, big hurricane scene. Yes, it has a big hurricane scene.



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It's tight. It's windy. typhoon. It's raining. Yes. Yes.



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Yes. Yes. Mom raining.



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raining. Almost. Rain. Rain. Rain. Yes. Yes. Rain. 1932.



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I knew that. Yeah.



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Yeah, the goose came down.



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Claude Rains.



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And the rains came. A young woman with a questionable past becomes involved with a marine and a minister on a Pacific Island. No, not the same movie. That's the



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sequel, right?



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That's Robert Mitchum. starred Rita Hayworth. Yes, Rita Hayworth and I Anthony Quinn.



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The only one I know throws South see Betsy. Oh, no. The one that the DFT the Detroit film theater just did it not too long ago.



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This helps me



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Yes, it












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was 3d. I think they



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know.

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kung fu student vows to avenge a massacre right. Revenge of the dragon. That's good enough. A pair of newcomers to New York catch their landlady running a white slaving.
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Do they give a year
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67 star Julie Andrews.
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Not the out of towners. five to nine.
-  08:42
In 67.
-  08:46
Mary Poppins
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This was Thoroughly Modern Millie. Bonus Question. Oh, how about this 1953 movie starring John Wayne and Donna Reed. A football coach saddened by the absence of his wife and child leads his team to victory.
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Imagine whoever writes these what I fund
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they must know. You get paid.



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Okay, that sounds like an interesting movie. But yes,



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I'm not sure what it is. That was a film called trouble along the way.



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Charlie Walker 50 yard line



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began in 1984 by losing



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losers.



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So



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nobody had great expectations for 84. Anyway,



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that was another good film. So Mr. Roberts wins a book and an autographed photograph and fun. I hope he sends in some more like that. next set of questions, Councilman Helen Marina herkimer New York herkimer. Yes,



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she's a regular correspondent



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dear gang gets about time. I think sent you some more questions in the heart of the beautiful Mohawk Valley. Your show was aired here at 8am Sundays on wt lb, you alone hear it this way you'll get eight out of 10. When was the motto In God We Trust first on a US coin in the late 30s. And was there some special occasion for it? Isn't it in the late 30s? Oh, much earlier than that. Oh, I



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was only adopted universally, or something like that. I don't know. Civil War.



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Yes. All right. Yes, that's good. And that was 1864 was there there was a party as a special occasion for it. Is there any reason for it why it existed for



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a significant year? God's birthday? No. Christmas Day.



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No, it is sad that it increased religious feelings during the Civil War. I can well understand. Yes. who signed Clark gables army discharge papers in World War Two Jimmy Stewart.



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But close.



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It's close. Jimmy No, not Jimmy Stewart.



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What was it the president? He is now? Well, Sarah said Ronald Reagan



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and Ronald Reagan. What was General Dwight D. Eisenhower's allied codename?



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Baldy when?



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Neither one I



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know. I like a



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songbird. No, no, it was duck pin. Don't pin well that figures who was the first president to have a telephone on his desk? It's got to be mullard. Fillmore.



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He's got those all those firsts.



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Oh, well, it would have been in the 1880s. Much later to have a telephone on his desk on his desk much later. Well, not too much.



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Try the 1920s.



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You're kidding.



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All right. GEORGE 1920 Hoover's tuber?



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No, that was a vacuum cleaner.



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That country I mean, the left many



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people were on the line with them. I wonder what



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we probably had on there. So like we do. Which of the following US presidents did not serve as a civil war? General? grant Hayes Garfield or McKinley? McKinley. That's right. He was a major.



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Well, yes, yes. He knew that his discharge papers were signed by Ronald Reagan.



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What is the longest Peninsula in the world? The longest Peninsula in the world? How long is long? 800 miles long?



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Is it in America? Yes. And it's the Upper Peninsula know what isn't normal? How



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long is that? That's not all. That's only it's not?



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The baja?



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Yes. The baja that's in Mexico.



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No, that's in an ad. The baja peninsula he



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said North America, North America.



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PG South American scrolls Uh huh. Yes. PG Woodhouse. What were his first name's Peter



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pigeon guts.



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That's why they call



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them PG.



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He always went by the initials and you could understand why how long Grenville



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Yes.



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Bob, you're reading minds again with a shark show.



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only do that when you're paying. Lord, that's astounding. Who was the last Confederate leader to surrender?



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He hasn't yet.



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Down in a holler still fighting?



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Kill again. Stay tuned.



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The answer I have is Brigadier General stand watie. A Cherokee chief on June 23 265. More than two months after Lee surrendered adapa maddix. I should have used the telephone on his desk. What is the official name of the Statue of Liberty? We've had this

Yes, Liberty enlightening the world. That's right. And what is the hometown of Mattias Walter radar. Oh, Riley, Iowa. That's the right state. Get



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on the show. not his real



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Davenport. Cedar Rapids Eagle Grove. A Tomato.



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Tomato, Iowa.



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And then there were a couple of towns left.



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Very good. Very good. You only got to what you just made it you got the eight out of 10 get



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a real Yeah. Finally on



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Well, yes, yes. But you just got a week by



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Are you telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth? Yes, yes. Yes. It's we're into Newspeak, I think yes. Mm hmm. Well, it's



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84. Yes. Yep. We thank Helen Marina brother. Glad to hear from her again. She'll get her photograph and send in some more. You're listening to a special encore presentation of a classic ask the professor To show from 1984 Matt Mio and the current panel of UDM professors will return next week with more brand new programs. But for now, let's return to this classic show from New Year's Day. 1984. Our next question comes from Marcia Hudson of Otisville, Michigan Who says I'm a freshman at Lakeville High School and Otisville, Michigan. I listened to your show every Sunday night when I can stay awake. 10 questions here? I say probably we don't help



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that.



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Pretty easy. You must have eight correct to pass the other day. And you may give hints who says why would you give the hints first and then ask the question. Sure. What event took place on July 20 1969?



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She was born. No.



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They hit the moon. They reach the moon. That's right or wrong stuff. the wrong stuff. They missed the moon and hit Mars. Aiming for London. What event took place on April 20 1939. The Hindenburg no war of the world is involved. April is involved the media. Yes. Hindenburg names show. Oh, Orson Welles show No, no, not the one where it's not a specific show. It's a certain type of broadcast television.



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That's right.



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Right. It's the first commercial TV run ever amounted to anything?



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Yeah. To fuzzy small a thing of the rich doesn't work. Well.



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What event took place in 1934?



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Well, several I'm sure



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in 34 Yeah,



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I mean, I this event of what many people did not pay their income tax. I'm gonna have to I mean, this is this is this is not phrased well. When she was sleeping, yes, that's right. She was sleeping when she wrote this obviously. sneezing what is a section of the country referred to that was hit very badly by the desk by



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Henry Fonda was born. Again, it's now a college football game. Yeah, today or tomorrow? Yeah.



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Yeah, it's just for the really loser teams in the country. They play in the Dust Bowl.



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I live in the desert.



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I'll clean up Marley.



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Yeah, I mean,



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we could always be in the office. We told you to plant the sun green side up. What event took place on March 1 1932?



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Well, Roosevelt, no, no, no. This



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was March 26. Famous crime in those days. It wasn't Lindbergh. Lindbergh kidnappings right.




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In those days. The inauguration was March March 20. Somethings




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you get the impression they're doing a different show here. You trying to get control? Again, I just thought I'd start the new year. I know exercise. They've been on a different wavelength.


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year. I

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know. Some ask is really from chemistry.


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As he doesn't know my name, either, john.


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You're a judge.

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You guys are on a different way. a psychologist, you know, it's approximate. It's so Bernie verde

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Clemente Yes. What event took place on August 21 1959. And this was a Sputnik

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youtube youtube incident.

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And in what, again, of American political constitutional significant, no, say April 21 1959. amendment? Well, I suppose it would have been out there. Alaska was admitted to the union. Alaska, Hawaii, Hawaii. That's right. The amendment

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50 states not an amendment to the Constitution



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or whatever it is. It's an amendment to the amendment to the country. What event took place on July 23 to 30 1967?



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July 23.



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Right. That's right. The insurrection? What event but they still delivered pizza? Yes. What event took place on September 25 1515 ponstel. In



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the Northwest pass.



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No, it was beyond. Yeah. De Soto invented the car.



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Oh, bow bow at the Pacific.



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Ocean. That's right. That's right. That's what event took place on March 5 1770. of Pickering doesn't get this



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must have been the tea party or something.



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Well, it was like that. on what day March 5 17 7017.



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I don't know it's not Concord and Lexington No, because that's April 19.



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results



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in a new silver bowl.



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Master of kung fu decided to take revenge.



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So what was it the mass massacre?



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was Irish. What event took place on April 14 1865?



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Sounds Lincoln's assassination. Right.



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That's right. And finally, what event happened on January 24 1848? The Paris Commune?
No, that's a good guess. Yeah.



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We into the Mexican War there.



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We're finishing it. You're, you're on the right hemisphere now. 1848 1848 January 24 1840. Alamo. No, no, no, no.



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That wasn't we're in North America. That's right. Are we in the southwest? No, we're not in the cellar in the West in the West. Oh, California. That's right.



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Fremont discovery of gold. Sutter's folly Sutter's mill. That was Acapulco. She says no, that's where that's where the gold is now. She says she hopes she hoped we had fun with these. Well, we did. We're sorry if she didn't stop the panel, but I would really wake up. Yeah, but sending some more sentences. Wake up. Well, it's true. It is. Alright, next set of questions comes from Mike Richter of Urbandale, Iowa.



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Carbondale sounds like Central City.



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10 questions are enclosed variety ranging from music and television to Disney and movies. couple of questions I can do with any of the above i think is 80% because hey, I want the book. Have another couple of cocktails and go for it. All right name jack Benny's polar bear, which he kept in his basement.



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Mary Livingston No.



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Think of the last name of an American popular composer of the 30s and 40s. Copeland, who wrote songs with incredibly long convoluted titles. How am I called? That's reigle what are the radio station call letters where Mark megaphone slack Meyer from the comic strip Doonesbury is DJ that's wB B y. That's right. Name the setting of the TV series Apple's way it's about these home computers. Take over the kitchen. It sounds like



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it's a Western news, San Francisco. It was a it was a it was Apple, his wife on apples. It was a rip on her Little House on the Prairie or something. I know it was written by Proust. It's after a small shop in



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Appleton, Iowa Appleton I would name the name of the invisible doorman of Rodas apartment building and the team Carlton Karl house, named one of the three groups that Steve Winwood appeared in



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all blind faith traffic. You got to keep going. Spencer Davis.



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Okay. Hey,



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what were the first spoken words in the 1939 movie Gone with the Wind?



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Franklin? Scarlet? No, no. Hi.



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What do you say, Mommy?



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What did you say? The first this is the last the first Well, I thought you'd almost said it. Then why don't you almost say



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I don't particularly care if



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something like Ole Miss Scarlet No. Person baby. It was quit and quit. Miller



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who remembers that? reminds me of this friend of ours who once said that he went goes to see gone to the wind every time it comes out because he feels he's never seen it. And then two minutes into the film. He realizes Oh, it's this ball rolling.



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Given the name of the Kwik Trip trip, mini Mart dog. I don't know what I need to do. I think Kwik Trip midnight dark dog rover. Anyway, the name is Lamar. Okay. I don't



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even know what it means. Show. It's gotta be a local



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Mr. Cranston, sort of like 711



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thinking Iowa Lamar Krantz



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named the Mouseketeers and the Mickey Mouse Club. A net fool and cello.



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Well see Bobby dinky



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lazy,



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Roxy mopsy wrong. Cheryl Bobby Annette Karen Covey, Darlene Sharon. jello.



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Tommy, Tommy, we



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would have gotten Yeah, they were to the name of the Disneyland's 1953 Dec sternwheeler steamboat on the half mile long rivers of America. What is the name of it? Robert E. Lee.



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No new enterprise constitution.



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The Samuel Clemens that's right the Mark Twain and the finally the name of the rather strange doorman and Butler for Dr. Frank and ferriter Frankfurter In other words, haha.

Got The Rocky Horror Picture Show?



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I've never seen that. Have you ever seen never seen I'd never had the costume? Yeah, so I couldn't go straight. No, no, no,



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no, they don't let You're not allowed



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to kids will rip your parents. Yeah, really? Oh, yeah. No, you



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can't do they cannibalize you? Oh, yeah,



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I heard once that this was made as a serious movie. No. Yes. Yeah. And it busted. They hired a public relations firm that got this cult business going. That's the only way you're going to the only way you're gonna make money on it is to trash it. And so they hired kids to go and trash the movie and then it caught on. And it making a fortune trashing this movie?



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Some people have seen it 50 times my daughter.



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What are we talking about? Some people like we never we don't know who they are. robot. Butler is Riff Raff. Of course. We were getting around to that. I don't know why you jumped the gun.



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I can name another putting it in historical context.



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Can I name another Butler? larch? Oh, yes.



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Larry



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larches the butler in The Addams Family With Carolyn. And who is the husband? Oh, wait a minute. Johnny Austin john.



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Very good course husband divorce estranged husband does. Daddy puke or whatever?



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Strange.



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He is waking up from



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life is coming back.



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We're sorry, Mr. Victor. stumped the panel. But



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how did we do on the Richter scale?



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You did very well on the Richter scale. Mr. Richter will have to contend himself with the autographed photograph



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That's right.



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Does our panel have anything appropriate to say as we launch ourselves into 1984 when I



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don't choose b i think that as we face a new year we should all realize that nothing is really going to improve



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the optimist great












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we have nothing to fear but improvement



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as my father used to say when I was about a child cheer up George things will get worse.

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worst is yet to come.
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We have the same father.
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He was right of course. Yes.
-  27:14
Sarah any words of wisdom?
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You can think of any him in light Well, that
-  27:19
was good. I like that.
-  27:21
That was good. That was
-  27:22
wife is harsh and complex and
-  27:25
and that's why we like it. Oh, yes.



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Life is wonderful. Should be having a good time.



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so loud.



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We can't do this. No.



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Seven.



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and I'm Michael Jason. Thank you for listening to today's classic ask the professor New Year's program from 1984. Matt bio in the current panel have asked the professor return next week. So please plan to join us