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Host Matt Mio is back with the first episode of a brand new season of Ask the Professor. This week's panel includes Professors Heather Hill-Vasquez, Stephen Manning, Greg Sumner, Jim Tubbs, Dan Maggio and Dave Chow.

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>> The University tower chimes, bringing another session of Ask the Professor, the show in which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, from the Department of English, it's Professor Heather Hill-Vasquez.

>> Hello.

>> Hello. How are you?

>> I am well.

>> How was the summer?

>> It was up and down.

>> Okay, well--

>> Had some very good ups and some very bad downs.

>> That's okay.

>> Yeah, well--

>> Summer is--

>> So is life.

>> So is life. Summer is over.

>> Yes.
>> The unofficial official end of summer.
>> Um-hum.
>> And fall, based on the weather we just had these last few days, clearly, is ready to go.
>> Gorgeous.
>> Yeah, absolutely.
>> Gorgeous weather.
>> Couldn't agree more.
>> Um-hum.
>> Heading up to Port Huron where the high tomorrow is supposed to be 63, and I would not have it any other way. Yeah. So, that's just me though.
>> Hmm.
>> What's on tap for your weekend?
>> Maybe Arts, Beats, and Eats.
>> Um-hmm.
>> Let's see, no grading yet.
>> Yet.
>> Yet.
>> Knock on wood [inaudible].
>> Well, I have 21 students in my senior seminar.
>> That's a lot.
>> So, I'm not exactly sure if it's a seminar anymore but--
>> That's a lot.
>> Yep, young Adult Dystopian Lit.
>> That's right.
>> They seem to like it.
>> That's right. Very cool.

>> So, we're moving forward.

>> Excellent.

>> But, how are you, Dr. Mio?

>> I am, I am--Matt will do. I'm doing just fine.

>> Oh, wow! I get to call you Matt? Rrrr.

>> Continuing around the table.

>> Matthew.

>> Oh, Matthew.

>> Professor Stephen Manning is here from Political Science.
Good to have you here Steve,

>> Thanks. Glad to be here.

>> Yeah, excellent. You are in charge of the whole shebang for the Detroit Mercy Professors' Union.

>> What's a shebang?

>> Yikes! What's a shebang, yes. So, they tell me, yes.

>> So they tell you.

>> So they tell me.

>> It's technical language.

>> It's jargon. I apologize. I really apologize for that. So, what classes do you have on tap for this semester, Stephen?

>> My Intro class and my Comparative Politics class.

>> Comparative Politics.

>> Yep.

>> Too bad you don't have anything to talk about.

>> Yeah.

>> Yeah, I know.

>> Yeah, it's--

>> I know.

>> Slim pickings.

>> Pretty dull stuff these days. [laughter]
>> Ho-hum.
>> And that's why he fits in perfectly on the panel. Continuing around the table, we have a special guest voice for our listeners this week.
>> Special.
>> Voice.
>> Voice.
>> From long, long ago, Professor Greg Sumner is here from the Department of History.
>> Great to be back.
>> Absolutely.
>> I was last here during the second Clinton administration. [laughter] So, nothing has changed.
>> Nothing has changed. Greg, are you working on, you've had a lot of awesome high-profile publications in the last few years.
>> Oh, yeah.
>> Anything new coming?
>> I'm working on the Italian campaign of World War II from Sicily to Rome--
>> Okay, wow.
>> 1943 to '44.
>> Very cool.
>> Which allows me to visit Italy. [laughter]
>> You got to look at all the sites.
>> Yes, I got to go do my groundwork, you know, field research.
>> Well, and then the revision will require a trip back.
>> Multiple trips.

>> Yeah, yeah.

>> Certo.

>> I wonder if there's any chemistry going on in Honolulu right now.

>> You got to find it. You can't just phone it in. [laughter]

>> What do you think about this lava anyway?

>> Continuing around the table, Professor Dan Maggio is here, of course, from the First Organization.

>> Hi Matt.

>> Great to be back.

>> You brought pie. It's very nice of you.

>> I brought pie.

>> Very, very nice of you.

>> I can't speak for how well you will enjoy it, but--

>> That's why we're--

>> I tried.

>> You're not supposed to say that before we eat it.

>> Give me good Yelp reviews, I guess.

>> That's right. Yeah, we could--

>> Did you make it?

>> I made it because I tried to, I contacted the Bayview Yacht Club? I tried to get their pie, or recipe, neither of which they were willing to give me. They don't even actually make the pie anymore, they said. Well, actually, what she said to me was, we make our own pie. We haven't made it in a while. We're trying to find the original recipe. I'm not really sure why she offered that, but there's no pie.

>> It feels a little like it's a script that's [inaudible] as opposed [inaudible].

>> Ah.
>> Yes.
>> I think so.
>> It's like, you know--
>> I googled oatmeal pie. I took the first recipe I found, and then I made it.
>> Nice, so--
>> It's not bad.
>> All right, all right.
>> Well, it's not like you're duplicating like Popeye's chicken or anything like that, aren't you?
>> No.
>> Okay.
>> I usually either just use whatever recipe has fewer than 10 ingredients.
>> You did cook it though--
>> But anyways.
>> Okay.
>> You did cook it. [laughter]
>> Cook it. Who said cook?
>> I did cook it.
>> Have you ever been in a kitchen?
>> I baked it.
>> Basically, it's a tin full of slop. [laughter]
>> Turn on the oven once in a while.
>> Oh my God.
>> The pie is baked.
>> I can't wait to sample it.
>> It's been baked.

>> We'll sample it in between questions.
>> It could be a 15-minute show.
>> Professor David Chow is here--
>> Pleasure to be here.
>> Of the College for Creative Studies Alumni Association.
>> Yes, I am now.
>> Yeah.
>> So--
>> It's a nice feeling.
>> Fair to say, right?
>> Yep, 33rd year.
>> Yeah, wow.
>> So--
>> That's incredible.
>> I have stopped teaching for a bit.
>> That's okay.
>> We'll see what happens.
>> I don't think you really ever stop teaching, but--
>> No, my students will still find me on Facebook at 3:30 in the morning like they always do.
>> Um-hmm.
>> The world is your classroom.
>> Oh, yes. How do I get detention?
>> The Dream Cruise is your classroom.
>> Ugh.
>> Yes, all 120 miles put on my car that day.
>> Oh, my gosh! A 120 miles!
>> How much gas did you use up?
>> Too much.

>> What kind of car?
>> A '54 Chrysler.
>> Beautiful.
>> So, I just made loops up and down.
>> Well not so--
>> Not up Woodward, but just down Woodward.
>> Yeah. Did you see my buddy in his Hot Wheels giant skull, flaming skull car?
>> Yes, I did, yes. Wonderful car.
>> Yeah, is an interesting thing, interesting thing.
>> Actually, I found out I made, was it Haggerty Insurance's newsletter.
>> Oh, okay.
>> Wow, that's a big thing.
>> Because--
>> I had no idea they had a newsletter.
>> One more time? What is it?
>> My car, they put it--
>> No, not your car. What's the newsletter?
>> Haggerty car insurance. They specialize in antique cars.
>> Oh, okay.
>> So, they snapped a picture of us coming on southbound Woodward.
>> Let's be serious--
>> Congratulations.
>> Antique is not a bad word to use for that '54.
>> Sure, I guess.
>> It's a--
>> It's 65 years this year.

>> Wow, incredible. So, does my car get like social security now?

>> Probably.

>> Hopefully, hopefully.

>> Medicare.

>> Okay. It does have incontinence.

>> Medi-car. [laughter]

>> All right. We know where this is going.

>> To complete the panel, Professor Jim Tubbs is here from the Department of Religious Studies.

>> Hello.

>> Hello, Jim. And you have one class this semester?

>> Two.

>> Okay, two.

>> Even though I'm a retiree at this point.

>> Yes, you are. Yes, you are.

>> I have two classes this term.

>> Retiree.

>> Oh my gosh--

>> You playing a lot of shuffleboard these days?

>> Right, yes, um-hmm.

>> I think you're doing better there--

>> Nuclear shuffleboard.

>> Nuclear Shuffleboard.

>> Oh my God.

>> Don't ask.

>> Yeah. Hurricane, Dorian, what can we do? This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize, and if you don't stump the

panel, you win a prize. You can send the questions to us in a number of ways. You can email us at atp@udmercy.edu. You can reach us on the web at udmercy.edu/atp. You can find us on Facebook or listen to your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. We are not continuing anything questions because we are starting a set of questions sent to us by long-time listener, many-time question sender, Kimberly Richards, from out in California, 20 questions on various matters. It sounds like the name of a course, frankly.

>> Various matters.

>> Various matters.

>> I would like to teach a course in various matters.

>> Would that be chemistry or--

>> Then I could cover ocean liners. You know.

>> True.

>> You've reached the point where you probably could do whatever you want with the classes you have.

>> You should do research on ocean liners.

>> What are they going to do, fire you? [laughter]

>> How many missions did the now--how many missions did the now-retired space shuttle Discovery go on in logging its record, are you ready, 148,221,675 miles of travel.

>> Okay, divide.

>> Dan, you're the numbers guy.

>> What's the distance from here to the moon and back?

>> They never really went to the moon.

>> Actually not even the moon, space station.

>> Space station, yeah, yeah.

>> Ah, just guess.

>> I'm going to just guess 22.
>> It's, I'm, partial credit. It's 39, 39 missions.
>> He's very generous.
>> He's within 17.
>> Yes--
>> Million.
>> Geez.
>> The standards have really dropped on this.
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>> Partial credit, that number is on the way to 39.
>> No, it's like the Price is Right. As long as we don't go over.
>> Oh, yeah.
>> That's right.
>> He went way under, my friend.
>> Exactly, so--but he was the closest.
>> Because nobody else said anything.
>> He was the only sentient being to answer.
>> I was going to say 33, which would have been [inaudible].
>> Oh yeah, yeah.
>> Oh, yeah, yeah.
>> Well let's, let's spin it this way.
>> Okay.
>> Because it's different than the, certainly the number of miles traveled, specifically. How many days did Discovery spend in space between 1984 and 2011 when it was decommissioned?
>> Four hundred and twenty-five.
>> That's a little high.

>> Two fifty-seven.

>> Two fifty-seven is closer without going over, exactly 365 days.

>> I was going to guess that.

>> A year.

>> You were going to guess that?

>> Uh-huh.

>> He was onto it, that's all.

>> Yes.

>> Kendra would have nailed it based upon how we always--

>> Yeah.

>> She always just aims for the middle and, you know, takes it down.

>> She's the moderator.

>> What distinction do the cities of Cincinnati, Ohio; Palm Springs, California; and Carmel, California all share?

Cincinnati, Ohio; Palm Springs, California; and Carmel, California.

>> Is it food related?

>> It is not food related.

>> Is it Les Nessman related?

>> It is not Les Nessman related either.

>> Darn it.

>> Is it letter related?

>> It's not about the words, no.

>> Geography?

>> It has to do with people.

>> People.

>> It has to do with people.

>> Same population size?
>> No.
>> Does it have to do with the fact that Jerry Springer is from Cincinnati?
>> Yes.
>> Oh my gosh.
>> They all have, they all have insane--
>> Oh mayors.
>> Former mayors that have a TV show at the moment.
>> They're celebrities.
>> I'm going to give you--
>> Oh, celebrity mayors.
>> Partial credit, celebrity mayors.
>> All mayors.
>> Yeah, so Jerry Springer was mayor of Cincinnati, '77, '78--
>> Clint Eastwood, there in Carmel.
>> Clint Eastwood, yes.
>> The mayor of Carmel from '86 to '88.
>> Yeah.
>> And Sony Bono.
>> And Sony Bono.
>> Sony Bono, mayor of Palm Springs.
>> The late and great.
>> Yes.
>> Four-year term.
>> I got you babe.
>> Four-year term.
>> Yeah. [laughter]
>> All right, Dan.

>> The not so great skier.

>> Good job, Dan.

>> Good job.

>> That's unfortunate.

>> And the beat goes on.

>> I always chart that, Professor Manning, I know I'm going to get in trouble for saying this, as the moment that I became politically woke, because I remember watching the news and seeing him get smushed by a tree, and he was like, his position will be taken over by, uh, this person he just lives with. And I'm like, is that how it works? You can just become a senator? Like I need to marry better, you know. It's like, you got to be kidding me. Is that how it goes? I don't really get into it because my brain will just break. What significance does the date the first of May 1962 have in retail history?

>> Retail history.

>> Sixty-two?

>> Bar code?

>> Sixty-two.

>> Nope.

>> The introduction of the mini skirt.

>> No.

>> Darn, good one.

>> That was pretty good for retail, I got to say, but no, it has to do with the town of Roseville, Minnesota.

>> Something to do with Wal-Mart?

>> Getting close.

>> The first Target store.

>> The first Target, yes.

>> Oh, Target.

>> Of which it is very well pointed out here, Wal-Mart still beats Target in volume, but Target is pretty far up there.

>> What's the town? Rose--

>> Roseville, Minnesota.

>> Roseville, Minnesota.

>> Roseville, Minnesota, yeah.

>> So, are they going to put up a museum there or anything like that?

>> The Target museum.

>> The Target museum, yep.

>> It can't be that far from the Spam museum, right?

>> Not too far, that's right. Oh, the Spam museum, yeah.

>> Where's the Spam museum?

>> It's up in Minnesota somewhere.

>> Yeah, somewhere up there.

>> The Spam museum, what would be in a Spam museum besides spam?

>> Lots of spam.

>> Hopefully the Monty Python song.

>> Hopefully.

>> True, yeah.

>> It better be, absolutely.

>> A lot of Hawaiians.

>> The entire skit.

>> I think I had a spam taco two weeks ago. I loved it.

>> A spam taco?

>> Are you serious?

>> Do you know what was in that spam?

>> You're serious. You had a spam taco?
>> At Grass Skirt Tiki in Columbus, Ohio, two days before they closed.
>> What do you put on a spam taco?
>> They closed it down. [laughter]
>> It was good.
>> It says here, by the way, considering I believe, if I'm remembering correctly, it's three concentric rings of two colors. The bulls-eye logo of Target is licensed from having been founded before 1962. Target of Australia, which existed before as a separate retailer.
>> Modeled on a tick bite.
>> Yeah.
>> Oh.
>> Ow.
>> That's our next category.
>> That's our next category.
>> Tick bites for 20.
>> Lyme disease for 500 please.
>> Ringworm.
>> Ringworm.
>> Right.
>> What internet company had television ads featuring a cowboy named Wylie Gustafson?
>> AOL?
>> Internet company.
>> Wylie, internet company.

>> It's been a while since you've heard this, but every once in a while you hear the jingle and you're like, oh, yeah, that's the way things used to be.

>> Yahoo, AOL.

>> Again--

>> Oh, it's Yahoo.

>> Yeah, it's Yahoo.

>> He was the guy who yodeled, who-o-o.

>> Yeah.

>> The Yahoo jingle.

>> Yeah.

>> Isn't Yahoo a soft drink too?

>> Yoo-hoo.

>> Yeah. Yoo-hoo.

>> That was chocolate.

>> Yoo-hoo, Yoo-hoo, Yoo-hoo.

>> Yoo-hoo.

>> Wiley Gustafson's band is the Wild West, and it's his yodel you hear whenever you hear the ya-hoo.

>> That's pretty lame.

>> Um-hum.

>> Geez, what's your deal? Are you into Yahoo?

>> What was the--

>> Yeah.

>> Are you working for Google?

>> Huh!

>> Mmm.

>> When do we eat the pie?

>> That's why my summer's been up and down.

>> Right. [laughter]
>> We're having pie at the break. If you behave.
>> What is the first product that was marketed by the Wham-O company--
>> Slinky.
>> That also gave us the Frisbee, Hula Hoop, and Superball?
>> The Hula Hoop ball.
>> Slinky.
>> It wasn't a Slinky.
>> Silly Putty.
>> No.
>> Was it the, the, the--
>> I was going to say Frisbee.
>> The bubbles in a jar?
>> Nope.
>> No.
>> Etch A Sketch.
>> It's probably something a lot more practical.
>> 1948 by the way.
>> Oh, '48.
>> Oh.
>> 1948.
>> We just started blurting out things before we heard the date.
>> Wham-O.
>> I went to a nightclub called Wham-O once.
>> Was it full of games?
>> I don't remember.
>> Was it something much more practical, not toy related?
>> It's not alcohol then.

>> I would not say that it's practical depending on, well, maybe Dennis the Menace would think it's practical.

>> Sling shot.

>> Sling shot.

>> Yeah, it's a sling shot.

>> Oh boy.

>> Yeah.

>> I was going to give Greg partial credit because they did not have a company name, but they sold the sling shot, and they named the sling shot Wham-O because of the sound that it made, and they're like, yeah, good enough for the whole company.

>> It's going to put your eye out.

>> Yeah, exactly.

>> That's a BB gun [inaudible].

>> Yeah.

>> Yep, that's what it says. When you hit the target, it goes wham-oh.

>> [Inaudible] you're going to have the compass in the stock.

>> Wham-O or Yahoo.

>> Or Yahoo. Yeah.

>> Lame.

>> Remember the game jarts, remember jarts?

>> Yes.

>> You throw giant darts at people.

>> And then after a number of people got their eyes put out--

>> Finally it was taken off the market.

>> They quit marketing them. [laughter]

>> Lawn darts.

>> You'd be surprised to hear that I actually played jarts one month ago.

>> Let me see your shins.

>> It was actually fun.

>> I actually have a picture. My friend found a bag of jarts at a garage sale, so the actual original jarts, which were removed because somebody got hurt, yeah.

>> Yeah, yeah.

>> Yeah, more than somebody.

>> Much more violent.

>> What could go wrong?

>> [Inaudible] thinking.

>> Yeah.

>> What animal was used as a spy for the CIA during the 1960s?

>> A dog.

>> It wasn't a dog.

>> A monkey.

>> It wasn't a monkey.

>> A fly.

>> A flea.

>> It wasn't a flea.

>> You could really [inaudible].

>> A dolphin.

>> Not a dolphin.

>> A parrot.

>> No.

>> What animal was used as a spy?

>> If I start giving you the details on this, and you haven't heard this before--

>> A pigeon.

>> It's going to blow your mind.

>> A lamb, a goat.

>> About World War II era.

>> A worm.

>> It was not. It was not any of those things.

>> A whistle pig

>> It wasn't a whistle pig.

>> Oh, no, let's not go that way.

>> It wasn't a worm.

>> No.

>> A cat.

>> It wasn't a worm.

>> The CIA spent over \$25 million in the '60s retrofitting these animals surgically in order to spy on foreign officials.

>> Ew.

>> A bat.

>> It wasn't a bat.

>> Dogs.

>> The director of science and technology used these animals to infiltrate Kremlin and Soviet embassies by putting microphones-

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>> Did somebody say rats?

>> Inside their corpus--

>> Ew.

>> Kitty cats.

>> And antennas into their tails. They were cats.

>> Oh.
>> Oh.
>> Are you ready? Project Acoustic Kitty.
>> I hate this.
>> This is great though. The cats--
>> Your tax dollars at work.
>> The cats win. The project was abandoned in '67 due to the repeated difficulty of training the cat to behave a certain way.
>> I'm sure. Or behave at all.
>> Or behave at all.
>> The cat just wandered off in the Kremlin.
>> Dan is looking at me--
>> I'm mortified.
>> Look--
>> Where was the ASPC or whatever, PETA?
>> Yeah.
>> Where was PETA in all this?
>> You mean People Eating Tasty Animals?
>> Meow.
>> No, the other PETA.
>> Unbelievable. I'm getting a, we need a kitty version of Stranger Things to happen now, and this could be like the set piece for it. What happened to the five million unsold copies of the home video game created by Atari to tie into the 1982 Blockbuster film E.T., The Extraterrestrial?
>> They got buried in a landfill. And they were worth a fortune.
>> Yes, they did. They were dumped, crushed, and covered with concrete in the landfill in Alamogordo, New Mexico, in 1983.
>> Oh.

>> The game made for the Atari 2600, I received it for Christmas that year, failed to sell because many fans found it too difficult to play. I gave up on it in five minutes. It was a good game, but it was horrible.

>> That sounds like my life.

>> It was a good game, but it was horrible.

>> It was horrible. In retrospect, it was pretty horrible. Which super model was valedictorian of her high school class and won a full college scholarship to major in chemical engineering?

Dekalb High School, Class of '84.

>> Rebecca Romijn.

>> Cindy Crawford?

>> It was Cindy Crawford.

>> Oh.

>> Yes, Cindy Crawford.

>> Good.

>> I knew she was smart, but I didn't know she was that smart.

>> Dr. Tubbs, that was very [inaudible].

>> FYI, where was the full undergraduate scholarship for?

>> Where?

>> Yeah, where?

>> Yale.

>> USC.

>> Oh, we have to, this is not a drop in the bucket.

Northwestern.

>> Oh.

>> Ooh.

>> She dropped out after one quarter to go full-time modeling.

>> Wow.

>> If only we could say the same about our own lives.
>> Financially, I think she did okay.
>> Decisions, decisions.
>> Now she's selling facial lotion that's developed by a French chemist, so she found her way back.
>> Yeah.
>> Have you seen what her daughter looks like?
>> And you know what's funny?
>> No.
>> Her daughter looks just as good, so--
>> Yep. Wow.
>> It's the genetics.
>> Was she married to Billy Joel?
>> That was Christie Brinkley.
>> No, Christie Brinkley.
>> Who did Cindy Crawford marry?
>> Richard Gere.
>> Yes.
>> Yeah.
>> Oh, wow.
>> Was that a question?
>> That was not one of the questions.
>> Can we get credit for that one?
>> Partial credit, yeah, absolutely.
>> We need the help.
>> It's a bonus question.
>> First building built on planet Earth to have more than 100 stories?
>> First building, 100 stories.

>> I'd say the Chrysler building.
>> It's not the Chrysler building.
>> The World Trade Center.
>> No, no.
>> Chicago?
>> This building stood as the world's tallest for more than 40 years.
>> Ooh.
>> The Empire State Building.
>> The Empire State Building.
>> Wow.
>> The Empire State Building.
>> Hard to call that, because that 102nd floor up there is just a little observation deck.
>> Yeah.
>> I think that's how they're getting away with it because we're doing 100 plus. So, yeah, absolutely.
>> Because I read somewhere that they were actually like competing to see who'd get the tallest building, and they actually build a spire inside, and then they hoist it up so nobody would know until--
>> Until the end.
>> Until the end.
>> Until the very end.
>> Boy, Freud would have a field day with that one.
>> Well, right now, I think the Empire State Building is right now the fourth or fifth tallest building, and it's about to go down the list. They're building so many tall, skinny skyscrapers in

New York now that look like the good hurricane would take them all down.

>> And then there's the Trump Tower.

>> Right. So, what we've got here is exactly correct.

>> That's not that tall.

>> The Empire State Building is fifth in the U.S. after One World Trade Center, The Willis, The Trump International Hotel and Tower, both in Chicago, and 30 Hudson Yard in New York City. What's its position worldwide in ranking?

>> These are U.S., right?

>> Tenth.

>> It's way--

>> No, it's about 30th.

>> Way low on that, yeah.

>> It's even further than 30.

>> Huh.

>> There must be something in Dubai too that they've been building.

>> Seventieth.

>> Oh, Dubai and Shanghai.

>> And Indonesia.

>> The one in Kuala Lumpur.

>> It says here it's the 44th tallest structure in the world.

>> Do you travel a lot?

>> Wow. No.

>> But I think that's ironic because of what you were saying about Europe and what you were saying about the Middle East, that it's still the fifth tallest in the U.S., so we're not building them like that much anymore.

>> Well, pretty soon it's going to be like the fifth tallest in Manhattan.

>> Yep.

>> Because they're building more and more of these.

>> I was just there last month, and oh, these tall skinny buildings that they're building. You wonder how they, they're not much of a footprint, but boy, they go way up.

>> Right.

>> Who was the first former Little League baseball player to be elected President of the United States?

>> Ooh.

>> Ooh.

>> That's a good one.

>> George Bush?

>> That would be--yeah, George Bush.

>> It's George W. Yes, absolutely. Played for the Cubs of Central Little League Midland Texas from 1955 to 1959.

>> He would have made an excellent baseball commissioner.

>> At some level, I think that what you're saying is true.

>> Yeah, well, he's got the passion for it.

>> Yeah.

>> Yep.

>> Maybe not other jobs, but that one.

>> Yeah.

>> Yeah.

>> I'm holding out for Justin Verlander, by the way. He would be a--

>> As a commissioner?

>> As the Comish, yeah.

>> The Comish.
>> The Comish. Either that or maybe he could run the Tigers someday. That would be nice too.
>> Is he still married to--
>> Yes.
>> Yes.
>> Super model.
>> Yes.
>> Or actress.
>> Kate Hudson.
>> Kate [inaudible]. No, no, Kate--
>> Oh my--
>> Upton.
>> Kate Upton.
>> Kate Upton, Kate Upton, yeah.
>> Upton, yeah.
>> We were circling it, so.
>> Which NFL team hired the first cheerleading squad?
>> Dallas Cowboys.
>> Dallas Cowboys.
>> You know, that's not what it says here.
>> Kansas City Chiefs.
>> No.
>> Washington?
>> Minnesota Vikings.
>> 1954.
>> First--
>> Fifty-four?
>> Fifty-four.

>> Cleveland Browns.
>> Washington Redskins.
>> I'm going to say Detroit, just because--
>> Packers.
>> New York Giants.
>> I feel like it's Detroit.
>> The Packers.
>> It was the Baltimore Colts.
>> What?
>> Now the Indy Colts.
>> That was my next guess.
>> Yes, yes.
>> Yeah, right.
>> The expansion of the concept came when the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders debuted, listen to how much further later, 1972.
>> Wow.
>> Yeah.
>> What was the first year?
>> The first year was '54 for the Colts. Isn't that incredible?
>> Hmm.
>> Colts.
>> Hmm. We have a bonus question. As of 2016, six teams do not have squads and have never had squads.
>> Oh.
>> And for the record, the Lions started one last year, so they're not on that list anymore. But could you get let's say three.
>> Green Bay.
>> Green Bay is one of them.
>> Too cold.

>> Yep.
>> Too cold. What?
>> On the frozen tundra.
>> I don't understand.
>> They kept moving.
>> They have like winter wear though.
>> Who else?
>> Leggings.
>> You mentioned almost all of them.
>> The Jets?
>> Do the Chargers have one?
>> Philadelphia?
>> The New York Giants.
>> The Giants don't have, yep. One more and we'll be done.
>> Vikings.
>> Jets.
>> The Vikings have one.
>> The Vikings have cheerleaders, yeah, they do.
>> Yeah.
>> Cold.
>> I'm thinking cold.
>> The Bears.
>> The Vikings are indoors now.
>> That's right.
>> No.
>> No, no, they're not. They're outdoors. Whatever, the Bears is another one, yeah.
>> I'm confused, indoors, outdoors.
>> The Bears.

>> You're hurting my little girl brain.

>> FYI, the rest of the list is the Bills, pretty cold.

>> Yeah.

>> Cleveland, cold.

>> Yeah.

>> Pittsburgh, cold.

>> Yeah.

>> Oh, I was going to say--

>> The Packers hire a different collegiate squad to come to every home game and cheer the Packers on.

>> That's kind of--

>> Clean up the seats.

>> The last one who left the list, it's pointed out here in the bonus question, of course, is the Lions, who started their squad last year.

>> Why do you have to hire somebody to come in and cheer? Is it because the 60,000 paying fans in the stands aren't cheering?

>> They need direction.

>> They need direction.

>> They need inspiration.

>> And then also if you found out what they were paid it's hideous too. So--

>> They're pretty--

>> Yeah, and the, the other practices that go along with running a squad.

>> Yes, absolutely.

>> Who's credited with inventing the pet door by legend?

>> The who?

>> The pet door.

>> Thomas Edison. Ben Franklin.
>> Albert Einstein.
>> Was it a dog that actually invented it?
>> Is it a well-known name?
>> Most definitely. [laughter]
>> Voltaire.
>> Voltaire--
>> Ben Franklin.
>> Is not too far off.
>> Really?
>> No.
>> Robespierre.
>> Thomas Jefferson.
>> He also one day sat down and invented calculus.
>> Oh, ah, Newton.
>> Euclid.
>> Ptolemy.
>> Newton, Sir Isaac Newton.
>> Sir Isaac Newton.
>> Did he own dogs?
>> Why would--
>> Legend has it--
>> The weird thing is, he didn't own dogs.
>> That's right, he had a friend.
>> The famed physicist and mathematician was studying light and color in his attic where it was very, very dark, and his cat kept pushing the door open and ruining his [inaudible].
>> But it's not a dog door, it's a cat door.
>> This is one of those spy cats? Oh, that was later on.

>> It's a pet door.
>> Oh, I thought you said dog door.
>> Pet door.
>> So even whistle pigs come in.
>> Pet door.
>> I can't do that. I was joking when I said Voltaire.
>> I said Ptolemy.
>> I said Euclid.
>> In the name of science, Sir Isaac cut a small hole in the door, covered it with a flap of felt--
>> Anybody come out with it. You don't need Sir Isaac Newton.
>> Oh, this is bogus, anybody could have done that.
>> It's not canon, it's legend.
>> [Inaudible] pig flap [inaudible].
>> We're having a ton of fun today.
>> Did an apple really fall on his noggin? Do we know?
>> Legend has it.
>> Legend has it. Legend has it.
>> This is a pet door, not a cat or a dog door.
>> So, worms could crawl in through it too, right.
>> Yep, caterpillars, anything.
>> Oh my gosh. What word, rejected by Twitter's founders as the name for their social networking site led them to their winning selection?
>> Abyss.
>> Tweet.
>> No, but very, very close. I'm not quite sure I can help you that much.

>> Chirp.

>> There is another app that you can use now that has this name that mostly is for streaming, playing video games, and having other people watch you do it. That's the best I can do. But it does start with a T-W. That's how they found it in the dictionary. Any ideas?

>> Twit.

>> Twit.

>> Twitch.

>> Oh Twitch.

>> Yeah.

>> Oh Twitch.

>> I like Twit then.

>> Twitch would have been--

>> Yeah.

>> They basically wanted to do Twitch because they thought it sounded good, and literally someone in the board room said, here's a T-W word that means short, inconsequential bursts of information, done. Twitter.

>> A lot of twits on Twitter.

>> The key is inconsequential.

>> I hope that wasn't something somebody wanted to use for this show.

>> Which is a [inaudible].

>> What is the largest snowflake ever recorded. Let's do width in inches.

>> It's the size of a canned ham.

>> You're not too far off, by the way.

>> A foot long.

>> Width.
>> A foot in diameter.
>> No.
>> Seven inches.
>> Let's go with--
>> Six, about six inches.
>> Let's go with--
>> A bowling ball.
>> An inch and a half. [laughter] Why do I make you laugh that much?
>> It's three inches.
>> Fifteen inches wide.
>> No.
>> No.
>> Baloney.
>> Where did this happen?
>> Eight inches, eight inches thick.
>> Wait a minute.
>> Fort Keogh, Montana.
>> No.
>> January 28, 1887.
>> How'd you like to get hit with that thing.
>> That's not a--that was a snowball.
>> That's a snowball.
>> That's not a snowflake.
>> It's still in the Guinness Book of World Records.
>> Baloney.
>> What law enforcement tool was inspired by and named for Tom Swift, the boy inventor whose adventures are recounted in

a series of early 20th Century young adult novels? I don't know if there's dystopia.

>> The taser?

>> The taser, yes. The electric stun gun.

>> Good.

>> Absolutely.

>> Tom Swift.

>> It was invented in 1974 by aerospace engineer, Jack Cover, who named it taser, which literally is an acronym for Tom A. Swift's Electric Rifle.

>> Wow.

>> All right, Stephen.

>> Named after Tom Swift as in electric rifle.

>> Don't tase me, bro. [laughter]

>> Oh, my gosh, I'm afraid we've come to the end of this fabulous set of questions. Tons and tons of fun, and it's time to say goodbye, but just for now. Jim.

>> Good bye just for now.

>> Dave.

>> See ya!

>> Dan.

>> Good bye.

>> Craig.

>> Arrivederci.

>> Stephen.

>> Next time.

>> Heather.

>> Good bye.

>> And now these words.

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