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## SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Stephanie Conant, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Heather Hill, Matt Mio

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- A** Announcer 00:02  
The University of Detroit Mercy presents another brand new episode of Ask The Professor. Today's program was recorded using Zoom video conferencing technology.
  - M** Matt Mio 00:20  
The University tower times we're going to another session of Ask The Professor, the show on which you match wits with the 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. He always looks very easy in his easy chair. It's Professor Jim Tubbs,
  - J** James Tubbs 00:39  
Feeling fairly easy. How about you?
  - M** Matt Mio 00:43  
Fairly easy. It's something about weather like we've had recently breaking and the humidity going back to being manageable. Suddenly, it's kind of like real summer.



James Tubbs 00:52

You know, I think the wavering weather that we had throughout the spring; well, for one thing, it made spring start earlier and it lasted longer. And we had more blooms than we've ever had in the spring, since I've lived here at least. It's pretty amazing.



Matt Mio 01:07

Yep. Professor Heather Hill is here with us today. It's been a while since I asked you Heather about how your- How does your garden grow?



Heather Hill 01:15

It's growing well, I think. I dug up the whole front berm, and put flowers in.



Matt Mio 01:22

That's cool.



Heather Hill 01:23

Yeah. So, it's a start, you know, working on it.



Matt Mio 01:30

Do you have to water every day in weather like this?



Heather Hill 01:33

Ah, every other day.



Matt Mio 01:35

Oh, that's not too bad.



Heather Hill 01:36

Yeah. It depends though, what - How much sun stuff gets and - and - so forth. So

- M** Matt Mio 01:42  
Leslie said to me the other day, Heather. "Matt, this is the time of year that you always bring up, 'I wish we planted sunflowers, and I tell you it's too late and then we don't talk about it again for another year.'" I'm like - Thanks for having both sides of the conversation for me.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:52  
It's what marriage is all about
- M** Matt Mio 02:01  
So sad. So sad. Professor Stephen Manning is again here with us today.
- S** Stephen Manning 02:07  
Hello.
- M** Matt Mio 02:08  
What's shakin, Stephen?
- S** Stephen Manning 02:10  
Well, there's far less lawn for me to mow, which is a good thing.
- M** Matt Mio 02:15  
Sure.
- S** Stephen Manning 02:15  
Because of all the planting - so
- D** Dave Chow 02:17  
But the negotiating of all the little shapes and crevices are a little trickier, that's all.

**S** Stephen Manning 02:23  
Yep,

**M** Matt Mio 02:23  
it's a classic move. I've noticed more and more and more over time people just replacing their front lawn with creeping Ivy or or a gigantic garden or just rocks or something you know. It's very hard to mow rocks. Professor Beth Oljar is here - with visitor.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:46  
Ah, yes. Well -

**M** Matt Mio 02:48  
Oh my gosh, that cat is in Heaven right now.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:50  
Yeah, she's getting the head lovin' so she's, you know, but their cheeks and the tops of their heads, as Mara will confirm, are particularly places where they like to get rubbed.

**M** Matt Mio 03:02  
Oh my gosh. That cat's eyes were like squinting as if it was just going straight to heaven.

**B** Beth Oljar 03:08  
She's on her way to Blissville. We're blissing her out here.

**H** Heather Hill 03:12  
She often seems like she's on her way to Blissville.

**B** Beth Oljar 03:14  
She's pretty spoiled.

- S** Stephen Manning 03:17  
It's the catnip talking.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:19  
I think that's probably why she fell out of her bed. She was chewing on her catnip tea bags and then she gets all messed up, you know? So - Next think I know, I look over and she's like half flopped out of the bed and -
- S** Stephanie Conant 03:35  
in the spirit world.
- M** Matt Mio 03:38  
Professor Dave Chow is here with us today. So Dave, am I to understand your -your - the pad for your new garage is poured and ready to go. Hmm,
- D** Dave Chow 03:47  
It is poured. It's hardening up even as we speak. So far, so good. Um, tomorrow, the concrete guys come and carve it up. And then the garage gets built soon.
- M** Matt Mio 03:59  
Unbelievable.
- D** Dave Chow 04:00  
It is like our street is like construction haven right about now. So -
- M** Matt Mio 04:05  
Yes, it is. I know our neighbors just love us to death.
- M** Matt Mio 04:08  
Oh, yeah. And I've also got construction guys that show up at 6:59 on the dot and start moving.

- M** Matt Mio 04:15  
Well, I wouldn't have blamed them if it was the last couple of weeks, Dave; because the old adage is get started before the sun comes up, and the sun was already up by 659 on most days.
- D** Dave Chow 04:24  
But Matt, I'm also noticing you're not the only person that wakes up - like, at the crack of dawn. I've got other neighbors that are like, "Oh, it doesn't bother us one bit. We're up at that time". I'm going: Am I the only guy that wakes up at noon.
- H** Heather Hill 04:36  
Yes. Yes you -
- B** Beth Oljar 04:37  
Well, most people don't stay up until like three or four in the morning, Dave; So -
- D** Dave Chow 04:42  
Well, it's my vampirism. That's all.
- M** Matt Mio 04:46  
Dave Chow is not like most people. Not at all.
- B** Beth Oljar 04:50  
The night owl.
- D** Dave Chow 04:50  
Could be worse. Could be worse.
- M** Matt Mio 04:53  
Professor Stephanie Conant is here with us today.

- S** Stephanie Conant 04:56  
Hello.
- M** Matt Mio 04:57  
So kids are all out of school by this point.
- S** Stephanie Conant 05:00  
Today was like sign yearbooks day. I was like, Oh good.
- D** Dave Chow 05:03  
Rubber stamp.
- M** Matt Mio 05:06  
What is it, we used to do things like Field Day or like -
- S** Stephanie Conant 05:06  
Mmm-hmm.
- B** Beth Oljar 05:10  
Track & Field Day
- M** Matt Mio 05:11  
Field trip.
- D** Dave Chow 05:12  
Go to Belle Isle.
- D** Dave Chow 05:14  
So tomorrow's the last day. That's awesome.

**S** Stephanie Conant 05:16  
Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 05:17  
A victory for parents and educators and educator parents everywhere.

**S** Stephanie Conant 05:23  
Yeah. And I took next week off.

**M** Matt Mio 05:25  
You are so wise.

**S** Stephanie Conant 05:26  
I'm gonna go away for a few days, and then I'm going to not answer email for a few more days.

**M** Matt Mio 05:31  
That sounds great. I knew this would be a bad time to bring up the 10 things I'm supposed to be talking to you about. (Group laughter) I'll wait 'til next week.

**S** Stephanie Conant 05:40  
Yeah, right.

**M** Matt Mio 05:43  
Professor Mara Livezey is rounding out our cast for today.

**M** Matt Mio 05:47  
Hello. Hello. We have not been visited by one of your furry home dwellers yet.

**M** Mara Livezey 05:47



Hello, hello.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:54  
Yeah. Where's Jupiter -

**D** Dave Chow 05:56  
In the back.

**M** Mara Livezey 05:57  
You know,

**D** Dave Chow 05:58  
He jumped off the perch a little while ago.

**M** Matt Mio 05:59  
Oh, okay.

**M** Mara Livezey 06:00  
I think - I think we have one - uh, if I move you a little bit. See that little like cubby.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:06  
Ah, yes.

**M** Mara Livezey 06:07  
Someone is in there.

**M** Matt Mio 06:08  
Got it. It's sort of like, I see the sun there. It's sort of like some sort of cooking box. They're staying warm or something.

M Mara Livezey 06:15  
Yes.

D Dave Chow 06:16  
The kitty microwave, right?

J James Tubbs 06:18  
The cozy box.











M Mara Livezey 06:19  
Finding those rays of sunshine.

M Matt Mio 06:21  
Oh my gosh. Folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything if you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways you can email us at ATP at UD Mercy dot edu. Find us on Facebook or Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. When last we left our heroes we were plowing through some awesome questions all over the map from Kymberleigh Richards. We got a few more of those we can get through. Always a good time with Kymberleigh sending us these questions. What does a funambulist do? F - U - N - A - M - B - U - L - I - S - T. What does a funambulist do?

S Stephen Manning 07:06  
It's a party planner.

J James Tubbs 07:08  
Walks funny.

M Matt Mio 07:09  
Okay, so it's not a party planner. But walking, Jim has noticed amb in the middle. And so you know to amble about. It does have something to do with walking in a very specific way.

-  Beth Oljar 07:21  
Pigeon toed
-  Matt Mio 07:22  
Mm - mm.
-  Mara Livezey 07:23  
Like the Ministry of Silly Walks.
-  Beth Oljar 07:25  
I was just thinking -
-  James Tubbs 07:26  
Yeah, me too. Funambulist.
-  Stephanie Conant 07:29  
Skipping?
-  Heather Hill 07:30  
Mushrooms. Walking mushrooms?
-  Matt Mio 07:33  
What if I said that this is probably something that one of the Wallenda family would do?
-  Dave Chow 07:39  
Tightrope walking.
-  James Tubbs 07:40  
Wire walking?

M Matt Mio 07:41  
It's tightrope walking. Yes tightrope walking. Sadly the - uh - Wallendas -

J James Tubbs 07:48  
It wasn't so fun for them. Not always.

M Matt Mio 07:50  
Yes. They lost one of their children in an event that happened in the city of Detroit, Michigan. During the 60s if I remember correctly. Yeah. Okay, which pizza chain - and it is a chain - is credited with inventing deep dish pizza?

J James Tubbs 08:10  
Pizza Hut?

M Matt Mio 08:11  
Not Pizza Hut.

S Stephen Manning 08:12  
Domino's?

M Mara Livezey 08:15  
Jets?

M Matt Mio 08:15  
No.

D Dave Chow 08:16  
Is Pizza Papalis locally? I mean, that's the famous one, but -

M Matt Mio 08:19

Sure, but I would say Pizza Papalis honestly modeled their product after this very famous chain from Chicago

**D** Dave Chow 08:27  
Gino's?

**M** Matt Mio 08:27  
Mm-mmm.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:29  
Not Buddy's.

**D** Dave Chow 08:30  
Pizza One.

**H** Heather Hill 08:31  
Pizza Uno.

**M** Matt Mio 08:32  
There we go.

**D** Dave Chow 08:33  
There we go.

**M** Matt Mio 08:34  
Heather got it. It's Pizzeria Uno. They used to have a little more - I don't know what you want to call it - a presence in the Metro area. It's kind of bowed out. I mean, Detroit has a lot of things that a lot of other metro areas don't have. We don't really need more pizza, (laughs).

B Beth Oljar 08:49  
Well we've got Buddy's, so I mean,

M Matt Mio 08:52  
Come on.

B Beth Oljar 08:53  
Who cares?

M Matt Mio 08:53  
Detroit style is uh perfect. But deep dish in the way that we know it was basically - it would have been between the early 40s and the mid 50s. So it's actually relatively new. Where -

B Beth Oljar 09:09  
Lasagna. Eat lasagna.

M Matt Mio 09:11  
(Laughs) I just - I'm laughing inside because it will take my dad out to Buddy's. And the the waiter - waitress will come around the table, "And you, sir." And every single time he orders mostaccioli. I am not joking. I'm like, "you could make this at home for 17 cents. Get the pizza."

B Beth Oljar 09:31  
And it's not super Chicago-style deep dish. I mean, it's square but it's, you know, recognizably pizza.

M Matt Mio 09:39  
Right.

J James Tubbs 09:39

It's not Giordano's. No,

- M** Matt Mio 09:41  
Right, right. Where was the coldest temperature ever recorded in North America? Where?
- B** Beth Oljar 09:50  
somewhere in Canada.
- M** Matt Mio 09:52  
partial credit on somewhere in Canada.
- D** Dave Chow 09:56  
Yellowknife?
- M** Matt Mio 09:57  
You're very close without actually getting there. It was actually in the Yukon in Canada.
- M** Matt Mio 10:03  
Yeah. The name of the small hamlet was Snag. What a great name - Snag. The temperature reached a bone freezing negative 81, February 3, 1947. And that was not calculated with windchill.
- M** Mara Livezey 10:03  
The Yukon.
- J** James Tubbs 10:24  
Matt, my brother keeps the weather information for Yakutsk, Siberia, on his phone, so he can always see in the winter - what it is there. Because it's usually in the negative double digits.

- M** Matt Mio 10:43  
It's uh - it just always - it's that psychological turn, right Jim. It's like, "Oh, this doesn't feel that bad".
- M** Matt Mio 10:49  
It's better than it is in Siberia. Oh my gosh. In which city did the Beatles perform their last concert - 29 of August 1966.
- J** James Tubbs 10:49  
Yes,
- J** James Tubbs 11:00  
San Francisco?
- B** Beth Oljar 11:02  
Yeah, Yes.
- M** Matt Mio 11:03  
Yep.
- J** James Tubbs 11:04  
And they had to be taken away in an armored truck off the field because of the swarming people.
- M** Matt Mio 11:09  
Yep. FYI: It was at good ole Candlestick Park in San Francisco. Fans paid between \$4.50 and \$6.50 per ticket to see that concert.
- J** James Tubbs 11:21  
Wow.



M Mara Livezey 11:22  
Woe.

M Matt Mio 11:23  
Sheesh. Wow, is the only thing to say.

J James Tubbs 11:26  
And the Beatles just couldn't wait to get out of there.

M Matt Mio 11:29  
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 11:30  
Can you blame them? I mean.

M Matt Mio 11:31  
No.

B Beth Oljar 11:32  
The interesting thing to think about is they couldn't possibly have heard each other play.  
With the crappy PA systems.

M Matt Mio 11:41  
Yep.

M Mara Livezey 11:41  
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 11:42  
And think of how tight they sound.



Matt Mio 11:43

Yep.



Beth Oljar 11:44

Nonetheless, right.



Matt Mio 11:45

Mmm-hmm. Uh, FYI, they started at 9:27pm local time, and performed exactly 11 songs. No encore, and then were carted away.



Dave Chow 11:58

Wow.



Matt Mio 11:59

I mean, that's that's, that's 4.50 to 6.50 in 1966 dollars, you know,



Stephanie Conant 12:04

That's like about a five-dollar concert.



Beth Oljar 12:06

There's a really good movie about their touring years, called Eight Days A Week that Ron Howard made. I can't blame them for getting tired of touring.



James Tubbs 12:16

I don't understand how Ringo ever heard them in those big arenas, the stadiums where they played. How did he ever keep up with them?



Beth Oljar 12:24

Because he's Ringo Starr, I mean, those guys were unbelievably tight. That's what happens when you had to play as much as they did in Hamburg.

J James Tubbs 12:32  
Well, he said he had to watch George's leg, because he tapped his foot to the beat that they were doing. And that's how Ringo followed along.

M Mara Livezey 12:41  
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 12:41  
But they were pretty in sync with each other musically. They would have had to -

J James Tubbs 12:45  
Yes, they were. Remarkably.

B Beth Oljar 12:47  
Thank God.

M Matt Mio 12:48  
Professors, What gives Flamingo birds their trademark pink color?

S Stephanie Conant 12:54  
Shrimps?

M Matt Mio 12:56  
Yeah, you know, they're they're born gray; and when they start eating all of that wonderful seafood, that's what turns them pink.

J James Tubbs 13:04  
Seriously?

M Matt Mio 13:05

Yeah.



James Tubbs 13:07

I like seafood too, but -



Stephanie Conant 13:10

The pigment shows from the shrimp.



Matt Mio 13:12

No, that's absolutely right.



Stephanie Conant 13:13

Like if you eat too many carrots, you turn a little bit orange.



Beth Oljar 13:18

That's good to know.



Matt Mio 13:21

If you get a little bit of -



Stephanie Conant 13:22

Like a lot of carrots, but it can happen.



James Tubbs 13:25

My great nephew would eat nothing but strained sweet potatoes, and he began turning orange.





Matt Mio 13:31


Oh, my. Okay, in which state in these great United States did the first drive-in movie theater open in 1933?


 Stephen Manning 13:41  
Ohio,

 Matt Mio 13:42  
Mmm-mm.


 James Tubbs 13:43  
Kansas.


 Dave Chow 13:44  
It's a midwest city.


 Stephanie Conant 13:45  
New Jersey.











 Stephen Manning 13:46  
Pennsylvania?

 Matt Mio 13:47  
No, no, I can tell you it's actually east coast.

 Dave Chow 13:51  
Massachusetts

 Beth Oljar 13:52  
It's dense, but -

 Heather Hill 13:54  
New York State.

-  Matt Mio 13:56  
No.
-  Dave Chow 13:56  
Maryland.
-  Stephen Manning 13:57  
Delaware,
-  Dave Chow 13:57  
Delaware,
-  Heather Hill 13:58  
Virginia. Maine. New Hampshire.
-  Stephen Manning 14:01  
Conneticut.
-  Dave Chow 14:03  
It was Jersey - professors. It was New Jersey,
-  Stephanie Conant 14:05  
I said New Jersey.
-  Matt Mio 14:06  
I'm sorry.
-  Stephanie Conant 14:07  
That was my first answer.

M Matt Mio 14:08  
I'm sorry. Point to Stephanie.

D Dave Chow 14:11  
We need the UDM map. We need to be back in the studio again. That's what we need.

S Stephanie Conant 14:15  
Yeah, before you even said East Coast, I said New Jersey.

M Matt Mio 14:19  
My bad. My bad.

H Heather Hill 14:21  
You're bad.

M Matt Mio 14:21  
The story (laughs). The story goes that the inspiration of the gentleman who invented quote, unquote, drive in movies was his mother, who found it difficult to sit comfortably in a traditional movie theater seat.

J James Tubbs 14:36  
She liked the car seat better?

M Matt Mio 14:38  
Yeah, apparently, apparently.

D Dave Chow 14:40  
Or she sat in the back of a pickup truck. So -

M Matt Mio 14:42

Mmm-hmm.

- S** **Stephanie Conant** 14:44  
You're listening to a special edition of Ask The professor in which the eight professors participating in this recording session. were connecting to each other from different locations, hanks to Zoom videoconferencing technology. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Now let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.
- M** **Matt Mio** 15:11  
We've got questions from Kymberleigh Richards. This is perfectly well timed. Does anybody remember who tried on New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft's Super Bowl ring, and just so happened to never give it back to him.
- B** **Beth Oljar** 15:27  
Vladimir Putin.
- M** **Matt Mio** 15:28  
Yeah, it was Vladimir Putin.
- D** **Dave Chow** 15:30  
Ooh.
- M** **Matt Mio** 15:30  
It's such a great piece of trivia.
- B** **Beth Oljar** 15:34  
Well, he was just looking so pouty and sulky when he was photographed with Biden, as you know, now he's got somebody telling him, "you better knock this off".
- M** **Matt Mio** 15:43



Right, right. Oh, my gosh. So basically, Craft says "I put my hand out and Putin put it in his pocket. Three KGB guys got around him and they walked out of the room. I just - I don't know what to say.

M Mara Livezey 16:01  
This is mine now.

B Beth Oljar 16:02  
He's a thug. This is hardly surprising.

S Stephanie Conant 16:06  
You see him riding a horse. Come on.

B Beth Oljar 16:10  
But he's not into that macho stuff. That's not part of Russia's political culture.

S Stephanie Conant 16:16  
I was told he was topless in jeans on a horse.

M Matt Mio 16:16  
Right.

M Matt Mio 16:21  
Yeah, I was - it was -

D Dave Chow 16:22  
Doesn't he play hockey in those rec leagues?

M Matt Mio 16:24  
(Laughs) It was on the radio this morning. It looked like they had booked two people to do

point-counterpoint on this summit today. And the person's like, Well, you know, they were clearly trying to go after Joe Biden. You know, he did call him a killer. That was the word. And the superduper sort of like Hunt for Red October analysis, guy is like "No, no, Putin loves that. He loves it when people call him a killer. Like that shows respect." I'm like, this is gonna be a fun day of politics.



James Tubbs 16:54

Or - When he told Putin 10 years ago, "I look into your eyes and I don't see a soul at all". And he said, "We understand each other."



Beth Oljar 17:02

Oh, that's right. Yeah.



Matt Mio 17:05

Okay, how about this one? Let's switch gears, but not too far. On which side of a building do icicles most likely form?



Heather Hill 17:15

The South.



Mara Livezey 17:16

Are we talking in the Northern Hemisphere?



Matt Mio 17:18

Yeah, I believe we're talking about Northern Hemisphere. So it says "South is most likely. Icicles are a product of the sun's warmth melting snow. A melted drop begins to slide off the edge of the roof and then freezes in the surrounding cold air, and an icicle starts to form from just a few frozen droplets. Once it reaches a certain size, the drops begin to drip down the sides. They're more likely to form on the south side, because that's the sun's strongest rays shining from the south in the winter."



Dave Chow 17:46

Okay.

M Matt Mio 17:47  
This is not a joke at all. I had breakfast with my nine-year-old son this morning. We were talking about the solstice coming up. And I gave him - he actually had a toy that was sort of a dome shape. And I said, Well, you know, the sun doesn't just go right up the middle of the dome of the sky every day. It's sort of like makes these loops that go closer and closer to the horizon. And I'm like doing science dad, and I look up and and Emmett's got the toast with the butter side directly against the side of his face.

M Mara Livezey 18:18  
(Laughs) What?

M Matt Mio 18:18  
I'm like, that's great. Fantastic.

D Dave Chow 18:25  
Oh boy.

M Matt Mio 18:26  
I wish I was making it up. Um, moving on.

S Stephanie Conant 18:29  
He was so intrigued. He forgot he had toast in his hand?

M Matt Mio 18:34  
Oh my gosh. How many hearts will a dissection reveal inside the body of an octopus?

S Stephanie Conant 18:42  
Three.

- M** Matt Mio 18:43  
Yeah. It's three hearts. Three hearts. Two pump blood exclusively through the animal's gills, while the third one maintains blood circulation. That's pretty interesting.
- S** Stephen Manning 18:52  
I believe we recommended that octopus documentary several weeks ago.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:56  
Well, you recommended it to me, I remember. Because I told you I was doing my own Shark Week at home.
- H** Heather Hill 19:02  
Like an octopus teacher.
- S** Stephen Manning 19:04  
I don't think that factoid was in there, ut we heard about it some other place.
- M** Matt Mio 19:09  
Oh my gosh, another definitional one here, professors. We're looking for what exactly is a stone chat? S T O N E C H AT. What's a stone chat?
- D** Dave Chow 19:22  
Is this like vinegar valentine again?
- M** Matt Mio 19:24  
It's in that wheelhouse.
- J** James Tubbs 19:27  
Stonechat?

- M** Matt Mio 19:27  
I can tell you, because it sort of sounds that way, that it's kind of a British thing.
- H** Heather Hill 19:30  
Is it a cat?
- M** Matt Mio 19:33  
It's an animal, but it's not a cat.
- M** Mara Livezey 19:35  
Is it a fox?
- M** Matt Mio 19:37  
It is not a fox. Although we need a few more of those in Berkeley to control the dang rabbit population. Holy smokes.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:43  
Ugh! No. It's just having - hearing them scream is aw - I mean they're - It's unpleasant.
- M** Matt Mio 19:49  
No. That's true. That is also true.
- J** James Tubbs 19:53  
A stonechat.
- S** Stephanie Conant 19:54  
Is it some kind of bird?
- M** Matt Mio 19:55  
You know what a snonechat is? It's a little bird. It's a little bird of the British Isles. Uh,

actually very interesting, it's one of the very few insect-eating birds that does not migrate. And so that's how they maintain their insectless ecosystem during the winter in Britain. A stone chat. They haunt the moors at night. What can I say.

**M** Matt Mio 20:12  
The Moors. Ooh!

**D** Dave Chow 20:17  
Mary Tyler -

**J** James Tubbs 20:19  
Well, they're eaten by werewolves.

**M** Mara Livezey 20:20  
(Laughs)

**M** Matt Mio 20:22  
What iconic actor from the 30s, 40s and 50s had the birth name Leonard Franklin Sly? Eventually became a fast-food symbol for a short time.

**D** Dave Chow 20:36  
Jimmy Dean?

**M** Matt Mio 20:37  
No. Passed away in 1998 at the age of 86.

**J** James Tubbs 20:44  
Roy Rogers?

**M** Matt Mio 20:45

it was Roy Rogers. Yeah. The King of the Cowboys, they used to call him Yep. Jim, I'm not making this up. There was a short lived fas- food chain. Roy Rogers, right?

**J** James Tubbs 20:56  
Yes.

**H** Heather Hill 20:57  
Isn't that the little boy equivalent of a Shirley Temple?

**M** Matt Mio 21:01  
Oh, is it really?

**H** Heather Hill 21:03  
Yeah, so the girl orders a Shirley Temple, and the boy orders a Roy Rogers?

**M** Matt Mio 21:08  
For real?

**M** Mara Livezey 21:08  
Ah, That sounds right.

**M** Matt Mio 21:10  
I wonder what happens if a little boy orders a Rob Roy? Hmm, I wonder -

**S** Stephanie Conant 21:15  
A nap. They get a nap.

**D** Dave Chow 21:20  
Yeah. And not by choice.

- M** Matt Mio 21:23  
Who? Who was the stapler originally invented for? I'll give you a hint that it was the 18th century. And it was meant -
- D** Dave Chow 21:32  
I thought it was for Beth.
- M** Matt Mio 21:32  
- for someone. Oh, it was invented for Beth - many years later.
- B** Beth Oljar 21:36  
The character in The Office.
- M** Matt Mio 21:39  
No, it was before that.
- S** Stephanie Conant 21:40  
Office Face.
- S** Stephanie Conant 21:40  
Office Face. That's what I was trying to think of.
- M** Mara Livezey 21:42  
Did you say 1800's?
- M** Matt Mio 21:44  
18th, uh 18th Century
- M** Mara Livezey 21:45  
18th Century.



J James Tubbs 21:47  
Benjamin Franklin?

M Matt Mio 21:48  
No.

D Dave Chow 21:49  
The clergy?

D Dave Chow 21:50  
Who was it invented for? or what was it invented for?

M Matt Mio 21:54  
Who was it invented for?

M Mara Livezey 21:56  
We're talking about a specific person, not like a group of people?

M Matt Mio 21:59  
Right. A person.

H Heather Hill 21:59  
A person or a profession?

M Mara Livezey 22:04  
A person.

B Beth Oljar 22:05  
Thomas Jefferson.

- J** James Tubbs 22:06  
Louie the 16th while he still had his head.
- S** Stephanie Conant 22:09  
George Washington.
- M** Matt Mio 22:10  
Well, I gotta give Jim partial credit. It was Louie the 15th -
- J** James Tubbs 22:14  
Oh, his father.
- J** James Tubbs 22:15  
That actually the stapler was invented before. So the idea was -
- S** Stephanie Conant 22:19  
So, did he have a lot of papers?
- M** Matt Mio 22:20  
He had a lot of papers. And they were just - We all remember this transition that we went through, moving away from having wax affixed to the back of our letters and envelopes.
- M** Mara Livezey 22:21  
Yes, I remember this.
- J** James Tubbs 22:33  
like it was yesterday.
- M** Matt Mio 22:36  
So yeah, basically, somebody invented it for him to take care of his papers, and each

staple was inscribed with the insignia of the Royal Court.



James Tubbs 22:45

Ooh!



Stephanie Conant 22:46

Woe!



Dave Chow 22:47

Beth, That's something you got to aspire to.



Matt Mio 22:50

Someone should try to push a PO through Detroit Mercy with like, you know, "These staples are inscribed with the insignia of the Royal Court."



Stephanie Conant 22:59

I think Elaine would say no without even reading it.



Matt Mio 23:03

What is the name of the fruit commonly known as Starfruit, simply because of its shape?



Beth Oljar 23:10

Carambola.



Matt Mio 23:11

Yeah. carambola. It's a popular variety of fruit packed with nutrients and minerals. The name comes from the distinct shape of the fruit. While it's cutting cross sections, you see the shape of a star. Let's see - used in cooking, relishes, preserves and juice drinks, lots of different possibilities here. One last question from Kymberleigh. Thanks so much for sending these in Kymberleigh. What strange objects appeared around the Gulf of Ob, O - B, in Siberia during winter 2016?



James Tubbs 23:44  
UFOs.



Matt Mio 23:45  
It wasn't UFOs.



Mara Livezey 23:48  
Did they wash ashore?



Matt Mio 23:51  
Let's see. I can tell you that they formed naturally. They were very unusual. And were likely an environmental phenomenon.



Stephanie Conant 24:00  
Were they balls of ice?



Matt Mio 24:02  
They were balls of snow. That's right. Yeah, exactly. They were giant, uh, as a matter of fact. They were rolled into perfect spheres, by wind and water currents. Although the exact type of weather and environmental mix needed for the balls to form isn't clear, most experts agree it was likely a combination of ice formation temperatures and ocean currents.



Heather Hill 24:24  
How big were they?



Matt Mio 24:26  
That - you know, it doesn't say but it does use the word giant. So I'm thinking - I don't know - five feet - six feet. You could walk up to it and knock on it like a door. You know,



Dave Chow 24:34

like snowman quality.

**M** Matt Mio 24:35  
Yeah, exactly.

**J** James Tubbs 24:36  
Or 30 and you might get rolled on it and squished - rolled over it.

**M** Matt Mio 24:41  
I'm wondering whether the - considering it said 2016 - the phenomena isn't tied to the end of human civilization, since people are saying that the the more that the ground warms up, the more that viruses that haven't existed for millions of years are being defrosted, mostly from Siberia. Yeah, yes. Yeah. So let's hope it's just playful snowballs and not the end of human civilization.

**M** Mara Livezey 25:07  
I Googled what they looked like. They're like twice a basketball.

**M** Matt Mio 25:12  
Oh, that's pretty good.

**M** Mara Livezey 25:13  
They're like -

**M** Matt Mio 25:14  
Okay, that's good.

**D** Dave Chow 25:16  
Catapult worthy.

- M** Matt Mio 25:19  
Okay, we're gonna go back to The Imponderables list. We've got just a couple minutes left. And this is pretty laser focused, but I think we can have some fun with it. What is your - it says - favorite potato chip flavor. I know people are pretty protective of just like is it straight up potato chip or is there a flavored chip that you like?
- J** James Tubbs 25:40  
Barbecue.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:41  
No flavors for me.
- M** Matt Mio 25:42  
No flavors for Stephen, but Jim likes barbecue.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:45  
Sour Cream and Chive isn't bad, but I'm kind of a straight up girl too.
- M** Mara Livezey 25:49  
I agree with Plain, BUT - must be a kettle chip.
- M** Matt Mio 25:55  
Ah, yes.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:56  
Yep.
- J** James Tubbs 25:57  
Yeah, they're good.



Matt Mio 25:58

That extra crunch.



Beth Oljar 26:00

Better Made's low sodium ones are actually really - or lightly salted or whatever are eally good.



Matt Mio 26:05

They are pretty good. And do we count - um - my favorite the rainbow chips, the super starch ones as regular or is it, you know -



Stephanie Conant 26:13

There's burnt.



Matt Mio 26:15

Hey, I mean my dream came true. It's been a few months, but Cheez-It now has basically a heavily toasted version. And I'm like Hmm, we might be starting a trend here.



Heather Hill 26:26

Better Made has a good Sweet Heat Barbecue.



Matt Mio 26:31

Mmm-hmm.



Dave Chow 26:31

I'm going to go off the board here. Salt and Vinegar



Stephanie Conant 26:34

It depends on the brand

- D** Dave Chow 26:37  
Um - - Better Made.
- D** Dave Chow 26:40  
Better Made's are good.
- D** Dave Chow 26:42  
Lay's aren't that bad. Now has anybody here tried the Meijer brand Steak and Onions?
- M** Matt Mio 26:47  
Oh my gosh.
- M** Matt Mio 26:48  
It tastes like steak and onions. It's like whoever - God love you chemist, okay, but whoever made that that recipe for that thing is like - Ohh!
- H** Heather Hill 27:00  
I don't know if Trader Joe's still has these or not. I hadn't thought about these in a while, but they have like a taste of a potato chip that's just like pepper. It's just like pepper.
- D** Dave Chow 27:10  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
- H** Heather Hill 27:11  
Do you know what I'm talking about? They're not -
- D** Dave Chow 27:14  
They're cracked pepper. Yeah,
- H** Heather Hill 27:15



Yeah, cracked pepper.

**D** Dave Chow 27:16  
Yep, yep. That's not bad.

**H** Heather Hill 27:18  
In our household we're not allowed to get anything but plain chips.

**M** Mara Livezey 27:22  
Oh.

**D** Dave Chow 27:23  
Go rogue. Go rogue.

**S** Stephanie Conant 27:24  
Not allowed? What!

**M** Matt Mio 27:28  
it's a - it's a sacred event in the life of all Detroiters to find a place - like I know a number of you have been to Ernie's - but you find that party store that for whatever reason they stock every variety of Better Made, and you go in there and see things you've never even seen before - like dill pickle and and stuff like that, and really enjoy it.

**S** Stephanie Conant 27:47  
I miss - in New England there's Wise.

**D** Dave Chow 27:50  
Yeah. They have them. With the little owl on there. Yeah,

**M** Matt Mio 27:53

Absolutely.

**D** Dave Chow 27:54  
Now, I found out that Better Made discontinued the Green Onion ones too.

**M** Matt Mio 27:58  
Huh?

**B** Beth Oljar 27:59  
Now, those I would probably like

**D** Dave Chow 28:01  
They don't have them anymore.


**M** Matt Mio 28:02  
Well, professors. I'll let you ponder more about chips, but I'm afraid that's all the time we have for today. So the time has come to say goodbye. Mara -

**M** Mara Livezey 28:14  
See ya.


**M** Matt Mio 28:15  
Stephanie.

**S** Stephanie Conant 28:16  
Bye.


**M** Matt Mio 28:17  
Dave.

 Dave Chow 28:18  
See ya.

 Matt Mio 28:18  
Beth.


 Beth Oljar 28:19  
Goodbye,


 Matt Mio 28:20  
Stephen.


 Stephen Manning 28:21  
Bye

 Matt Mio 28:22  
Heather.

 Heather Hill 28:23  
Bu-bye

 Heather Hill 28:23  
And Jim.

 James Tubbs 28:24  
Farewell.

 Matt Mio 28:25  
And now these words -



**Announcer 28:26**

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**Matt Mio 28:36**

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