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Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower chimes ring in 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. I'm going to start with Professor Mara Livezey, because she literally might evaporate right in the middle of the podcast.
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Mara Livezey 00:23
I probably will.
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Matt Mio 00:24
How's it going, Mara?
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Mara Livezey 00:25
It's going good for now. We'll see how the flight is out to Denver.
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Matt Mio 00:29
That's right. Coming to you live from Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.
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Dave Chow 00:35
Gate number. We got a great number from you?

M Mara Livezey 00:37
We've got an A 72

M Matt Mio 00:40
Because of course -

B Beth Oljar 00:42
The President has been very stern with bad behavior on airlines, so hopefully you will not experience any of that.

M Mara Livezey 00:49
Thank you. I appreciate it.

M Matt Mio 00:51
Professor Dave Chow is here with us today.

D Dave Chow 00:54
Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio 00:55
How's it going, Dave? Can you tell us a little bit about your next stint on Dead Files?

D Dave Chow 01:00
I don't know. I might be in Ohio in two more weeks and in two more weeks after that, but we're not sure yet, so - I just got done doing an episode last Monday.


M Matt Mio 01:11
Okay,


D Dave Chow 01:11
Locally.


 Beth Oljar 01:13
Dead Files?


 Matt Mio 01:13
I love how it's still on the air.


 Dan Maggio 01:14
Oh,


 Beth Oljar 01:15
I've never heard of this. What is this?


 Dave Chow 01:18
I'll tell you about it off the air, Beth. It's my long standing paranormal TV show.

 Beth Oljar 01:23
Oh, cool.

 Matt Mio 01:24
Doesn't everybody have one of those these days? I mean, come on.

 Beth Oljar 01:28
My students asked me if I believed in ghosts.

 Dave Chow 01:33
And?

 Beth Oljar 01:35
Well, the amount of energy in the universe is constant, right?

M Matt Mio 01:39
That's true.

B Beth Oljar 01:40
So I could imagine that what we now think of as being ghosts or poltergeists are some weird manifestation of leftover energy, and we don't yet understand how it works. But science will ultimately provide the answer.

D Dave Chow 01:57
Kinda like the meatloaf I have in the back of my fridge.

B Beth Oljar 02:00
Sorta. Yeah. I mean, I don't believe in ghosts or ESP or any of this that they think is real. I'm like "Really? You guys think? Think critically. Try hard."

M Matt Mio 02:12
And those are the wonderful opening words of Professor Beth Oljar. All we need is a final statement on constant vigilance and we are all set.

B Beth Oljar 02:22
That's right. Constant vigilance, John Locke and Mad Eye Moody. So, yeah,

M Matt Mio 02:27
And Mad Eye Moody. That's right. Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 02:30
I'm actually not as much of a Mega B in class as I sound like. I just save that for you guys.

M Matt Mio 02:38
(Laughs) I think it's great that they asked you that though, Beth. That's like a teachable moment of epic proportions, right? I mean, seriously.

B Beth Oljar 02:44

If we're gonna do a little metaphysics here, that's cool. Yeah,

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Matt Mio 02:45

Mm-hmm. Exactly. So I think that there's a lot that can be learned from listening to what a learned person thinks - in that area. It's sort of surprising to me, although my version of it, since I'm so obsessed with Halloween, the students make all the requisite assumptions. "Oh, you must love horror movies." Not really. "Oh, you must love blood and gore" No, not really. You know, I mean, there's different layers to that.

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Beth Oljar 03:12

I like watching things blow up.

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Matt Mio 03:14

Yeah, exactly.

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Beth Oljar 03:15

That's what I like.

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Matt Mio 03:16

That's right. Last but not least, Professor Dan Maggio is here with us. We're coming to you live from his library.

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Dan Maggio 03:25

Mmm-hmm. Take care and stay away from the light.

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Beth Oljar 03:28

The TV people. The TV people are here.

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Dan Maggio 03:32

Hi, Matt. How are you today?

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Matt Mio 03:33


What's going on, Dan?


 Dan Maggio 03:35
Another busy week. So things are good.


 Matt Mio 03:37
Yep.


 Dan Maggio 03:38
Trying to get a relaxing weekend. May hit a DCFC soccer game on Saturday.


 Matt Mio 03:43
That's cool.


 Dan Maggio 03:44
Other than that, just enjoying the weekend.

 Beth Oljar 03:46
You going with Dave and Sharon?

 Dan Maggio 03:48
No, I'm going with Tom. I tried to recruit Kenny, but he has dinner plans and apparently dinner from his sister is more appealing than a soccer game with his best friend (laughs). I'm just kidding. Sorry Kenny.

 Beth Oljar 04:01
Well Carol's a really good cook.

 Dan Maggio 04:03
I know she's an outstanding cook.

 Matt Mio 04:05
Well, I hope you have a good weekend, Dan. It looks like we're getting a nice lease on summer this year. So we're just waiting for that inevitable break to fall which will come at some point next week.



Dave Chow 04:16

Uh-oh, It looks like Mara is going down the path. We might be losing her.



Matt Mio 04:20

Uh-Oh, We'll see how far -



Dave Chow 04:21

Oh, geez. Ah, dog gone it. We're gonna get all Canadian Ballet questions today?



Matt Mio 04:28

(Laughs) Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you can win a prize. Send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP at UDMercy dot edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okay, we've got a classic set of questions here, fairly recently sent in. "Dear panelists: Like some of the questions I've sent in the past to your show, I'll provide a list of four films, it'll be up to the panelists to come up with the name of the celebrity actor or actress that appeared in all of them. There will also be a bonus question at the end, as all of the responses have something in common. It'll be up to the panel to solve that one as well. I will defer to Professor Mio's judgment as to what he deems worthy of a passing grade." I don't think you want to do that. "Please enjoy." That's Julie Elder of Poughkeepsie, New York. Thanks for sending those in, Julie.



Beth Oljar 05:28

It's always good to hear from upstate New York folks.



Matt Mio 05:31

Absolutely. Now there's a place where America does autumn right. That's what I like to say.



Dave Chow 05:38

True.



Matt Mio 05:39

"Deep in the rolling hills of the Hudson, dot-dot-dot." There you go. Okay, so let's see if we can warm up a little bit here. Especially because Mara is cracking me up.



Dave Chow 05:50

Uh-oh, no, Mara was on the plane now. I can tell from the vent above. Oh, she's got the best Purell on God's green earth.



Dan Maggio 05:58

If there's any resistance on the plane, where you live stream? (Group laughter follows)



Mara Livezey 06:04

I will -- directly to ATP.



Dan Maggio 06:07

Because we'll certainly make the news on that, and that's free publicity. I don't know whether the University wants that kind of publicity, but - (Laughs)



Matt Mio 06:15

Oh my gosh. Alright, so four films, and you're going to give me an actor or actress that starred in all three.



Dave Chow 06:24

Okay.



Matt Mio 06:25

Uh, four. Yes.



Beth Oljar 06:25

Three or four?



Dan Maggio 06:27

The Monty Python skit?



Matt Mio 06:29

There you go. Not "shalt thou go forth." Okay - The Man Who Fell to Earth, Eating Raoul, The Graduate, Grumpy Old Man

men.

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Dan Maggio 06:39

Uh, who played the lady in Graduate? Anne - Anne Bancroft?

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Dave Chow 06:44

Uh, Anne Bancroft, yeah. It was - not Ann Margret,

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Beth Oljar 06:47

not Raul Julia

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Dan Maggio 06:49

not David Bowie.

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Beth Oljar 06:50

What are the films again?

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Dan Maggio 06:52

Wasn't David Bowie in The Man Who Fell To Earth?

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Dave Chow 06:54

Yeah, yeah.

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Matt Mio 06:54

The films were The Man Who Fell to Earth, Eating Raoul, The Graduate and Grumpy Old Men. I think it'd be a good clue to say this is a classic first few seasons of Saturday Night Live straight man

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Dave Chow 07:10


Saturday Night. Who -

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Beth Oljar 07:11


Not Dan Ackroyd.

 Dan Maggio 07:13
No.

 Dave Chow 07:14
Was it the host?


 Dave Chow 07:16
Who are you thinking of Dan? Come on. Work with me.


 Dan Maggio 07:16
Was it the guy with glasses on Saturday Night Live?


 Dan Maggio 07:24
Come on. He was kind of the background character. He Oh, he wore wire-rimmed glasses.

 Matt Mio 07:29
Yep.

 Dan Maggio 07:29
Ah!

 Matt Mio 07:31
Mara's in chat saying she has no idea. It's worth a shot here.

 Beth Oljar 07:35
It's not Buck Henry

 Matt Mio 07:36
Yeah. It's Buck Henry. There we go!

D Dan Maggio 07:39
Way to go, Beth. I can't - It was on the tip of my tongue. I could picture him.

B Beth Oljar 07:42
it was one second - Yeah, yeah.

M Matt Mio 07:46
I was kind of obsessed with him at the beginning of Saturday Night Live just for the reason that I think his only job was just sort of to stand there and absorb everything that was going on around him. I'm like - that's kind of a cool role to be the straight man, and it's like if you do it well, you know, you can really get a good laugh, so -

D Dave Chow 08:03
They say -they say being the straight man is the toughest role; so, I mean -

M Matt Mio 08:06
That's right. That's right.


B Beth Oljar 08:07
He's written screenplays and stuff.


D Dave Chow 08:09
Yeah.


B Beth Oljar 08:10
He's hilariously funny.

D Dave Chow 08:11
Because wasn't he - Was he in Blazing Saddles?

D Dan Maggio 08:15


 Dan Maggio 08:15
Uh - wrote? I don't think so.


 Dave Chow 08:17
or partial or - No, he was part of Get Smart. I know that, so -


 Beth Oljar 08:21
Ah! Okay. Yeah, Blazing Saddles, a movie that could not be made today. (laughs). For sure.


 Dave Chow 08:28
No, I'm sure they - I'm sure they can take flatulence to a different level with today's level of


 Beth Oljar 08:35
All the racest jokes would not be allowed.

 Matt Mio 08:37
Yeah, that's for sure. Here's our next set of four films, Jabberwocky. Eric the Viking, Monty Python's The Meaning of Life.

 Dave Chow 08:46
Ooh!

 Matt Mio 08:47
Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

 Beth Oljar 08:49
Eric Idle?

 Dave Chow 08:50
Terry Gilliam?



D Dan Maggio 08:51
Terry Gilliam.

B Beth Oljar 08:52
John Cleese.

D Dave Chow 08:55
Erica, um, Michael Pailin. It's got to be one of the -

D Dan Maggio 08:59
Terry Jones.

B Beth Oljar 09:00
Terry Jones.

D Dave Chow 09:01

M Matt Mio 09:01
It's Terry Jones.

D Dave Chow 09:02
Yeah, because there were only so many more.

D Dan Maggio 09:04
It was gonna be John Cleese's wife next.

M Matt Mio 09:06
(Laughs) Terry Jones was, gosh, I in the middle of the pandemic, I think I've mentioned it before, I picked up a whole bunch of Monty Python documentaries and stuff. And he really had a steep and very quick mental decline at the end. He passed away, if you remember, like the day before the pandemic hit the United States, and it kind of got lost. Oh, Mara, got a seat. That's always good. It's always good to get a seat on the plane. That's what I always say.

M Matt Mio 09:34
As opposed to just hanging on -

D Dave Chow 09:35
Keep flapping, Mara. Just keep your arms flapping. Oh,

M Matt Mio 09:38
I just remember Eric the Viking coming out when I was in high school. And I think it was one of the first times ever in my life. I purposely went to see a film and then sat in the middle of what was essentially a completely empty theater, like nobody saw that movie, but me and my friends were there.

D Dave Chow 09:55
Wow.

D Dave Chow 09:57
Next up, The Glass Menagerie. The Bad and the Beautiful. Gunfight at the OK Corral. The Big Sky and To Catch a Spy. Classic sort of golden Hollywood actor,

D Dave Chow 10:14
Jimmy Stewart.

D Dan Maggio 10:15
John Wayne.

M Matt Mio 10:17
Mm-mm. Passed away relatively recently but at a very advanced age.

D Dan Maggio 10:22
Kirk Douglas

D Dan Maggio 10:23

Kirk Douglas, there we go, Kirk Douglass.

M Matt Mio 10:26
Yes.

D Dave Chow 10:27
What? No Spartacus on that list? Doggone it.

M Matt Mio 10:29
I know. No Spartacus. You know, Julie likes to do these the way that she likes to do 'em. You got to come in from the side a little bit, you know.

D Dave Chow 10:36
I'm waiting for like the Clawson Public Theater performance or you know Playhouse or something like that.

M Matt Mio 10:41
That's right.

B Beth Oljar 10:42
I don't know if you guys have seen the movie Trumbo. If you haven't, you should. It's about Dalton Trumbo who was a - who was blacklisted in Hollywood - because he was communist, basically. And the guy who plays Kirk Douglas, in that film - because when Kirk is making Spartacus, I think, with, uh, I can't remember the director's name, but Trumbo may have been part of it. The the guy who plays Kirk Douglas is literally such a dead ringer for him.

M Matt Mio 11:10
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 11:11
It's unbelievable. Plus, there's all the - you know, John Wayne was pretty anti- communist and pretty free with his criticisms of actors who actually had served in the war when he had not.

D Dave Chow 11:23
Yikes!

B Beth Oljar 11:24
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 11:25
Let's go to The Greatest Story Ever Told, The Exorcist, Three Days of the Condor, Awakenings.

D Dave Chow 11:35
Awakenings - Was that the Robin Williams -

D Dan Maggio 11:38
Yeah - And Robert De Niro.

B Beth Oljar 11:42
It would be the guy -

D Dave Chow 11:43
Who else was in The Exorcist?

D Dan Maggio 11:43
And the Exorcist?

B Beth Oljar 11:46
It would have to be the guy who played the priest.

D Dave Chow 11:49
Max Von Sydow?

D Dan Maggio 11:51
Max Von - yeah.

M Matt Mio 11:52
Yes. It was Max Von Sydow. Is who it is.

D Dave Chow 11:54
Okay.

M Matt Mio 11:54
Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 11:55
Who's sadly gone as well.

D Dave Chow 11:57
He starred in everything, didn't he? I mean, geez.

M Matt Mio 11:59
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 12:00
Come on He was Ming the Merciless in The Flash, or no Flash Gordon.

M Matt Mio 12:04
I was going to give a bonus to the list. That was Star Wars Episode Seven, The Force Awakens of which he was in the first you know, minute and a half or whatever, but still, you know, great actor. Try Jason and the Argonauts, Bridget Jones' Diary, A Night To Remember, Goldfinger.

D Dave Chow 12:23
Hold it, what was the first one again, Matt?

D Dan Maggio 12:25

Jason And The Argonauts.

M Matt Mio 12:27
Jason And The Argonauts.

D Dave Chow 12:28
Oh, um -

M Matt Mio 12:30
Bridget Jones Diary. Night To Remember, Goldfinger.

D Dave Chow 12:33
Was it the woman that played Athena?

M Matt Mio 12:36
It was a woman.

D Dave Chow 12:37
Okay.


B Beth Oljar 12:39
The woman who played Holly Golightly? No I've got

D Dave Chow 12:42
No. No, um


B Beth Oljar 12:44
the woman who got painted with gold. Right? And was that the -


M Matt Mio 12:46
No, this is one of the starring roles in Goldfinger actually.


no, this is one of the starring roles in Goldfinger actually.


 Dave Chow 12:50
Honor Blackman.

 Matt Mio 12:51
It's Honor Blackman. Yeah, that's right.


 Beth Oljar 12:54
Drew would have known that had he been here, because Jason and the Argonauts is one of his favorite films.

 Matt Mio 12:58
Oh, that's a great film.

 Dan Maggio 13:00
Yeah. I don't know - I don't know the first three.


 Beth Oljar 13:02
Ray Harryhausen is one of his - I knew Dave would relate to that.


 Dave Chow 13:07
I met the man twice in my life. Okay, I can die happy.


 Dan Maggio 13:11
Who's the - What's A Night To Remember?


 Matt Mio 13:14
That's the Titanic.


 Dan Maggio 13:16
Oh, that's probably why I haven't seen it. Okay.


 Beth Oljar 13:18
I've seen parts of it.


 Matt Mio 13:19
if Jim were here, we would have at least been able to fill in that bit. Yeah.


 Dave Chow 13:24
Jim was probably on that boat too, so -


 Matt Mio 13:26
Oh, gee.


 Dave Chow 13:29
Jim's been on every boat to our recollection, right.


 Matt Mio 13:31
Something like that.

 Dan Maggio 13:32
Bye,


 Matt Mio 13:34
See ya. Enjoy flying.


 Dave Chow 13:37
Oh! We're down to a trio now.


 Matt Mio 13:39
Okay. How about Lord of the Rings - Return of the King, The Fifth Element, Brazil. and Chariots of Fire.


 Dave Chow 13:49
Wow.

 Dan Maggio 13:50
Well, Lord of the Rings has like a cast of like 10,000.

 Matt Mio 13:53
It really does.

 Dan Maggio 13:54
So, it doesn't really help.


 Dave Chow 13:55
I was gonna go Bruce Willis for a bit, but -

 Matt Mio 13:57
The Fifth Element, Brazil and Chariots of Fire. Well known -

 Beth Oljar 14:01
Ian McKellen?

 Matt Mio 14:02
Not Ian McKellen.

 Beth Oljar 14:04
John Hurt.

 Beth Oljar 14:05
But a - how about another Ian, Beth?

B Beth Oljar 14:09
Uh -

D Dan Maggio 14:10
In - from Lord of the Rings?

D Dave Chow 14:12
Yeah. Ian McKellan -

B Beth Oljar 14:14
Ian Holm?

M Matt Mio 14:16
Ian Holm. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 14:17
Nice one, Beth.

D Dave Chow 14:19
Wow. Oh, that's right. Okay. Okay, I was just trying to think Fifth Element. Cool. Okay, Got it. Okay.

B Beth Oljar 14:24
There's a limited number of actors named Ian, so that helps.

D Dave Chow 14:27
Okay.

D Dave Chow 14:28
Yeah, that always

M Matt Mio 14:29
hopefully. How about oh, this is speaking of all over the map. Holy smokes. Fatal instinct. It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World.

D Dave Chow 14:39
There's another movie with a billion actors and actresses in it.

M Matt Mio 14:43
Oh, God. And Toy Story 4.

D Dave Chow 14:48
What?! Wait a minute, from Mad Mad Mad World to Toy Story 4? which just recently came out. I mean -

M Matt Mio 14:53
It's just less than three years old. Yeah, I think.

D Dave Chow 14:56
Yeah, but Mad Mad World's like done in like a billion years ago.

D Dan Maggio 14:59
Yeah. 60's or 70s

B Beth Oljar 15:01
Yeah, it seems it was - I think it was one of my childhood -


D Dan Maggio 15:04
Not George Burns.


D Dave Chow 15:06
Yeah, That was in Oh God. Not John Denver, because -

 Matt Mio 15:06
Mm-mm.


 Dan Maggio 15:09
It's not John Denver, fortunately.

 Dave Chow 15:10
Okay. 'Cause. I don't remember anybody else in Oh God.


 Matt Mio 15:16
I mean, this was a bit part, but it was a part of the movie.


 Dave Chow 15:20
And what's the other movie , Matt?


 Matt Mio 15:22
So we have It's Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World; Oh God; Fatal Instinct and Toy Story 4.


 Beth Oljar 15:28
Fatal Instinct, not Basic Instinct?

 Matt Mio 15:31
Right. Fatal Instinct.


 Beth Oljar 15:33
Can we have initials?

 Matt Mio 15:35
The initials are C -R. You'll definitely get it when you get it.


 Dave Chow 15:39
Christopher?

 Beth Oljar 15:41
I should think so.

 Dave Chow 15:42
Carl. Carla, I'm watching Matt's eyebrows.

 Dan Maggio 15:51
I'm trying to picture the cast of Mad Mad Mad Mad World.


 Dave Chow 15:54
I'm trying to think of Toy Story 4. Who were the voices?

 Dan Maggio 15:57
Oh, I wouldn't know. I wouldn't know because I'm not so great with the audio connection.


 Dave Chow 16:03
I'm just that geeky and I can't think of who -


 Dan Maggio 16:05
I know.

 Matt Mio 16:06
So, you know who it was? It was Carl Reiner.


 Dave Chow 16:09
Carl Reiner. Wow. Who was he in Toy Story 4?


- M** Matt Mio 16:13
I'm trying to remember, because it really was a - whew! - That was a departure, and I it's hard for me to get Keegan Michael Key and Jordan Peele out of my head as the little ducky and the little bunny. They were absolutely hilarious -
- D** Dave Chow 16:27
Yeah.
- M** Matt Mio 16:27
but there was some - you know - character getting on in years and he was in it, so yeah. How about -
- B** Beth Oljar 16:35
I haven't seen Toy Story 4 yet.
- B** Beth Oljar 16:36
Uh, it's - You know, you really are at the cash grab stage, Beth - but you can't beat a Pixar story to catch your attention for at least a few minutes. I mean, even their worst is so much better than most of what's out there, you know. It's - yeah. So, wow ,this is wow!
- D** Dave Chow 16:54
Uh-oh. Matt, quit - don't scare us like this. Don't scare us.
- M** Matt Mio 16:59
I know, but wait 'til you see. The Bad News Bears Go to Japan. Little Nicky, Little Miss Sunshine, and Shrek the Third
- B** Beth Oljar 17:10
Not Walter Matthau
- D** Dave Chow 17:12
yeah not Tatum O'Neal Shrek the Third
- D** Dan Maggio 17:15
Oh, who played the grandfather and Little Miss Sunshine? Alan Arkin.


 Matt Mio 17:19
That's not what I have here. Not what you have their initials are P.

 Dave Chow 17:25
Robert Ricci. Raul

 Dan Maggio 17:29
Little Miss Sunshine.

 Dave Chow 17:32
Ray.

 Matt Mio 17:33
I'm gonna be - I'm gonna put it out there now. I think it's about time. I've never seen the Bad News Bears Go to Japan. But now maybe I'm interested in seeing it though. Okay. You know it is it's Regis Philbin, if you can believe it. Regis Philbin.

 Dave Chow 17:46
Regis Philbin?

 Dan Maggio 17:48
He was in Little Miss Sunshine?

 Matt Mio 17:50
Little Miss Sunshine. Yeah.

 Dan Maggio 17:51
Was he a judge at the competition?

 Dave Chow 17:54

or did he play himself? I mean, you know, that seems like more his role more his speed for this sort of thing. You know,

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Beth Oljar 18:00

I bet he was a judge at the Little Miss Sunshine pageant.

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Dave Chow 18:03

Or even the host of it, possibly.

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Matt Mio 18:06

How about - this one will warm us right back up again. Cocoon, The Natural. The Electric Horseman, The China Syndrome.

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Dave Chow 18:16

Who was the guy that they shot up? Um, as he's trying to stop the meltdown, the cop

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Beth Oljar 18:23

It's not Steve Duesenberg

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Beth Oljar 18:25

No, uh -

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Beth Oljar 18:26

He was in Cocoon.

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Dave Chow 18:28

He was selling oatmeal or something like that.

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Beth Oljar 18:30

Oh, Hugh Cronin.

D Dave Chow 18:32
No, no bald guy, glasses, big walrus mustache.

B Beth Oljar 18:38
Oh, Wilford Brimley

B Beth Oljar 18:38
Wilford Brimley. There we go.

D Dave Chow 18:39
Okay, for a moment I was gonna draw him and put him up to the camera so everyone can see who is talking about.
Oh my g - . Ohh!

M Matt Mio 18:48
Now we're really putting it together here. Let's continue on with The Great Muppet Caper, Theater of Blood, Snow White, and On Her Majesty's Secret Service.


D Dave Chow 19:01
George Lazenby?


M Matt Mio 19:03
No. Uh, think female.

B Beth Oljar 19:06
The woman who played the secretary. I can't remember.

D Dave Chow 19:10
Lois Maxwell.

M Matt Mio 19:10
No. I'm kind of surprised. Usually you - you all are all over these James Bond references like a lot.

 Dave Chow 19:19
Wait, who's the female lead in that?


 Dan Maggio 19:21
I can't picture the movie. So -


 Beth Oljar 19:24
Diana Rigg.

 Matt Mio 19:24
Yes.

 Beth Oljar 19:25
It was Diana Rigg.

 Matt Mio 19:26
It's Diana Rigg. That's right. You got it.

 Dave Chow 19:29
Mrs. Bond.

 Beth Oljar 19:30
Yep.

 Dan Maggio 19:30
So what, um - What Snow White movie are you referring to?

 Matt Mio 19:34
Yeah -

D Dave Chow 19:35
Not the Disney one.

M Matt Mio 19:36
Yeah, it's not the Disney one.

D Dave Chow 19:38
Okay,

M Matt Mio 19:38
so I'm not quite sure which it is but yeah, it's uh, you know, you look at these titles and you're like, Okay, could it be anything. I swear, Bad News Bears Go to Japan. I'm looking it up on Wikipedia when we're done here. I'm not even joking.

B Beth Oljar 19:51
(Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 19:51
Oh, it's a real movie - if that's what you're worried about. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 19:57
I remember seeing the original in the theater.

D Dave Chow 19:59
Yeah. Same here.

M Matt Mio 20:00
Right. Time Bandits, Marni, Dragonheart and Darby O'Gil And The Little People

D Dave Chow 20:10
Oh, your favorite movie! Oh. (laughs). Um, Sean Connery.

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Matt Mio 20:15

That's Sean Connery. Yes, Sean Connery. So now, you only get one guess here, Professors and I'm pretty sure you're going to hit it right in the center. Remember Julie's pledge that we would get to the end, and they all have something in common - Buck Henry. Terry Jones, Kirk Douglas. Max Von Sydow, Honor Blackman, Ian Holm. Carl Reiner, Regis Philbin, Wilford Brimley, Diana Rigg, Sean Connery

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Dave Chow 20:43

They all passed. I know that. Right?

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Matt Mio 20:45

I'll have to give it to you. Not only that, they passed during the year 2020. They all passed within 12 months of each other.

D

Dave Chow 20:51

Oh, okay.

M

Matt Mio 20:53

That is quite a stack of celebrity there, if you think about it. Some long timers there. You know,

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Beth Oljar 20:58

A great Diana Rigg movie Evil Under The Sun with Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot.

D

Dan Maggio 21:05

Yeah,

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Beth Oljar 21:05

She plays - she gets murdered. But she plays this unbelievably, sort of snotty Broadway actress who has a run in with Maggie Smith, and it's pretty hilarious. I highly recommend the movie.

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Matt Mio 21:19

Excellent.

D Dave Chow 21:20
I just remember having puberty watching her in the Avengers. That's all, so -

M Matt Mio 21:24
I knew the Avengers were going to come up at some point.

B Beth Oljar 21:27
Well, and then finishing it up - finishing off her career in Game of Thrones, I thought was really -

D Dan Maggio 21:32
Yeah, she was - she was really outstanding in Game of Thrones.

B Beth Oljar 21:38
Yep.

D Dave Chow 21:39
That was a good list. That's a good list. Send more.

B Beth Oljar 21:41
Those were good questions.

M Matt Mio 21:42
Fantastic questions.

D Dave Chow 21:43
I think if Jim was floating around, I'm sure he'd love some of these questions, too, because I'm sure he - you know, he probably knows a few of them, so.

M Matt Mio 21:50
I almost gave it away without realizing it again. You know, Matt should really read more ahead or maybe just

remember more ahead, but I was like, "Oh, yeah, didn't Terry Jones die right before the - ?

D Dave Chow 22:00

You did. Oops. Oh, well, there goes a bonus. There's a bonus hint.

M Matt Mio 22:05

It was a bonus. I'll tell you what, let's, uh, you know for our last little bit here, as we usually do - The Imponderables.

D Dave Chow 22:13

Uh-oh.

M Matt Mio 22:13

I'm wondering whether we could talk about - This one's been on the list for a while. And I haven't avoided it. I'm just like, "Well, we'll have to wait for the right moment. I think we've arrived.

B Beth Oljar 22:22

Okay.

M Matt Mio 22:22

What's your favorite sports-themed movie? And I'll get us going as I have in the past. I just got to say, if there is one movie, that if it's on television, even if it's just with 10 minutes of commercials on an in between, I will just be wrapped to the screen, it's Moneyball. Moneyball might be one of my favorite movies of all time. I just love everything about it. I love it.

B Beth Oljar 22:26


Yeah, he's so - That's a very nice subtle performance for him.


M Matt Mio 22:50

Yes.


M Matt Mio 22:50


And Philip Seymour Hoffman is - Boy there's another actor we're -


 Dan Maggio 22:55
Mm-hm.


 Matt Mio 22:56
Um, I like The Replacements with Keanu Reeves, hich is like the funniest football movie ever.


 Matt Mio 23:04
Ever. Yes.


 Beth Oljar 23:06
Uh, Glory Road.


 Matt Mio 23:08
Oh, wow.

 Beth Oljar 23:09
For basketball. Remember when we saw that in the theater, Dan?

 Dan Maggio 23:13
Huh? I actually paid to see a basketball movie? You're gonna have to give me some better - You're gonna have to ring - the ring the bell a little louder.

 Dave Chow 23:23
(Laughs)

 Beth Oljar 23:23
Remember the Titans. That's a great -

 Matt Mio 23:26
Of course, Remember The Titans. Denzel Washington.

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Beth Oljar 23:28

The Cutting Edge. Shout out to Leslie.

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Matt Mio 23:30

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. If she were here, it'd be Cutting Edge all the way. Either that or uh, I always mess it up. What was the Miracle on Ice movie called? Was it called Miracle On Ice?

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Dave Chow 23:39

Miracle On Ice. Yeah.

D

Dave Chow 23:40

The Herb Brooks movie. Yeah.

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Matt Mio 23:40

Okay. Okay.

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Matt Mio 23:43

Yep. That was great.

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Beth Oljar 23:44

But Moneyball - I actually liked Moneyball quite a bit, too. I thought that - We own that one, so.

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Matt Mio 23:49

It's, it's weird. I feel like I'm in the movie, when of course obviously I am not; but it's just at the point where I think I knew enough about watching the Tigers, and then there's this brief moment where the A's are trading and sending Juan Gonzalez to the Tigers, which was the great experiment of the early 2000s that failed miserably, but I just think that that's, it's interesting to see how it's all woven together. And yeah, I think there was a time when people in my generation thought that Brad Pitt was just destined for hunky rolls, and then that's it. But he is one of the greatest actors of all time. I just love him.

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Beth Oljar 24:07

Oh yeah. He's a great actor.

M Matt Mio 24:28
Yes, just love him.

B Beth Oljar 24:29
But you're right. I think he gets that sort of pretty boy -

M Matt Mio 24:32
Mm-hm.

B Beth Oljar 24:33
designation. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 24:36
But Dan, you had to have seen and liked some sports movie sometime. It's definitely not all The Bad News Bears Go To Japan, is it?

D Dan Maggio 24:43
No, I don't. I don't typically, like, flock to sports movies, but I do like Sandlot and I do like Men With Brooms.

M Matt Mio 24:50
There we go.

D Dan Maggio 24:51
because they're kind of just light hearted and funny. So-

D Dave Chow 24:55
Well, what what about like Slapshot for back - you know - a little older?

D Dan Maggio 24:58
I never saw it.

D Dave Chow 24:59
Oh! It's a -

D Dan Maggio 25:02
I like Field Of Dreams. I do like Field Of Dreams.

D Dave Chow 25:04
That was gonna be my - You know, that was gonna be mine. Rudy. You know, that was also another one. Um -

B Beth Oljar 25:12
Uh, Bend It Like Beckham.

M Matt Mio 25:13
Oh, sure.

D Dave Chow 25:14
Yeah or The Longest Yard maybe. The original.

B Beth Oljar 25:18
Yeah, I remember that with Burt, Burt Reynolds.

D Dave Chow 25:21
Dom DeLoise.

M Matt Mio 25:24
I'm glad you brought up Sandlot though, because I feel- I don't know if you all caught how Major League Baseball had the the Field of Dreams game this year between the Yankees and whoever else was playing the Yankees.

D Dave Chow 25:37
Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Chicago White Sox.

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Matt Mio 25:38

The White Sox. The players came in to their - you know - a sound off at the beginning, right, the lineups - from the corn in the outfield and came from the corn onto the field.

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Dave Chow 25:51

It was - It was so moving. It was unreal.

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Matt Mio 25:53

It was so over the top.

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Dave Chow 25:55

I mean, I'm not a huge Kevin Costner fan, but boy did Major League Baseball do it right.

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Beth Oljar 26:00

Well, Bull Durham is a - speaking of sports movies -

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Matt Mio 26:00

Yeah.

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Dave Chow 26:02

There's another one. Yeah, there we go.

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Beth Oljar 26:05

The Catcher Was A Spy about Moe Berg.

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Dan Maggio 26:09

Yeah, I saw that. It was good.

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Dave Chow 26:12

Oh, what's - what's the other one I'm thinking about - the Jamaican bobsled run movie.

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Matt Mio 26:16

Oh, Cool Runnings.

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Beth Oljar 26:18

Cool Runnings.

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Dave Chow 26:18

That's right. That's right. I remember the soundtrack was amazing. That's all. I love the soundtrack, so.

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Matt Mio 26:23

That was quite a phenomena when it first came out, I think.

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Matt Mio 26:26

Yeah. When you think about it, that was the last time like amateurs could actually compete in the Olympics. After that, they kind of like "that's it no more, you know"

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Beth Oljar 26:35

and everybody rooted for the Jamaican bobsled team.

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Dave Chow 26:37

Yeah, wasn't that also the year that Eddie, the eagle, Edwards also like, did the ski jump for England with no experience and almost killed himself. And - but again, people were cheering for him. You know, I mean, he was a celebrity after that.

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Matt Mio 26:52

Now you all are firing me up. We're only a few months away from Winter Olympics. This is gonna be quite a bang up 12 months here.

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Dave Chow 26:59

Yeah, Lord,

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Beth Oljar 26:59

This is the first Olympics, the one in Tokyo that I have not seen any of since I was six.

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Matt Mio 27:06

Wow!

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Beth Oljar 27:07

Since I started watching them. So 1972 Munich Olympics was the first. That's right, so I watched the one where people get killed, of course. I remember that. It was awful. Yeah, I didn't watch any of the -

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Matt Mio 27:22

Really?

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Beth Oljar 27:22

I normally am glued to the screen for the gymnastics and the diving and the swimming and the track and field; and I don't know, I just didn't do any of it.

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Matt Mio 27:31

Interesting.

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Dave Chow 27:32

Yeah, I'm not much of a Summer Olympic fan. I'm more of a Winter Olympic fan. So

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Beth Oljar 27:36

I think people tend to be one or the other.

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Dave Chow 27:39

Yeah, I'm definitely winter, so.

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Matt Mio 27:42


Well, Professors. Thanks for that update. We - considering the Imponderables we've done in the past, t's absolutely awesome. I think we listed like 25 films to get everybody fired up the weekend. But that's all the time we have for today. So let's say goodbye, Dan.


 Dan Maggio 27:59
Goodbye,

 Matt Mio 28:00
Beth.


 Beth Oljar 28:01
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio 28:02
and Dave.

 Dave Chow 28:03
See ya.

 Matt Mio 28:04
And now these words

 Michael Jayson 28:05
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