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- M** Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors and an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. Shining bright, like the light that he is. It's Professor Jim Tubbs.
- J** James Tubbs 00:21
Oh, well, that's the nicest thing I've heard all week. Hello.
- M** Matt Mio 00:25
The the light is perfectly framing your face; and it actually, with the glass behind you, Jim, It looks like you have a bit of a halo.
- J** James Tubbs 00:31
Yeah, it does kind of reflect off the glass. And my glasses.
- J** James Tubbs 00:36
Yeah, exactly. Exactly. How are things going, Jim?
- J** James Tubbs 00:38
So far, so good.

M Matt Mio 00:40
Excellent.

J James Tubbs 00:40
Looking forward to final exam week next week.

M Matt Mio 00:43
Oh, yeah. You and none of my students. Professor Dave Chow was here with us today.

D Dave Chow 00:51
Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio 00:53
Am I getting a vibe from something you said earlier that there's been some more recent Dead Files recordings?

D Dave Chow 01:01
Yes. I don't know when they're going to air, but they should be on sometime soon.

M Matt Mio 01:05
Okay.

D Dave Chow 01:05
And one of the hosts just recently got married yesterday. So

M Matt Mio 01:09
Oh, interesting.

D Dave Chow 01:10

So, it was interesting. Very interesting. So -

M Matt Mio 01:12
The male or the female?

D Dave Chow 01:12
The male.

M Matt Mio 01:15
Okay,

D Dave Chow 01:15
Steve got married, so. Lovely photos.

M Matt Mio 01:18
Excellent.

D Dave Chow 01:19
Happy for them.

M Matt Mio 01:20
Professor Heather Hill is here with us today.

H Heather Hill 01:22
Hello.

M Matt Mio 01:24
Heather, what TV shows have you contributed to lately?

A Announcer 01:28

Contributed to? It depends on what you mean by -

D Dave Chow 01:30
America's Most Wanted?

H Heather Hill 01:33
Ha - ha.

J James Tubbs 01:35
Dancing With the Stars, tell us.

H Heather Hill 01:38
Yeah, that's right. All those ballet lessons just came back to me really fast.

M Matt Mio 01:44
What streaming series are you in the middle of right now that you just can't tear yourself away from?

H Heather Hill 01:49
Um, well, let's see. American Rust.

M Matt Mio 01:56
Oh, yeah.

H Heather Hill 01:57
You know that one? Jeff Daniels.

M Matt Mio 01:59
Jeff Daniels.

H Heather Hill 02:00
That's been really good. Um, there's so much out there. You know.

J James Tubbs 02:04
There sure is.

A Announcer 02:06
I don't - What else have we been watching off and on, Stephen?

S Stephen Manning 02:11
We watched that movie a few nights - Minari.

H Heather Hill 02:14
Oh, yeah.

S Stephen Manning 02:15
About the Korean family,

H Heather Hill 02:15
Yeah. Yeah. You know,

S Stephen Manning 02:18
A Korean family settles in Arkansas and tries to make a go of it.

J James Tubbs 02:22
Oh, with the foul mouthed grandmother. Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 02:25
Yeah.

H Heather Hill 02:25
It's good.

S Stephen Manning 02:26
That's not streaming. That was just a -

D Dave Chow 02:28
A movie. Yeah.

A Announcer 02:29
Yeah. So um, I don't know. I'll have to -

S Stephen Manning 02:34
Big Sky.

H Heather Hill 02:34
Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 02:36
I'm not sure if that's streaming or not. I don't think it's streaming. But

A Announcer 02:38
No, we record it. But yeah,

M Matt Mio 02:41
Sure.

H Heather Hill 02:41
You kind of caught me off guard there. I haven't really indulged in series for a while.

M Matt Mio 02:47
How many times have you watched Back to the Future since last Monday? It's okay. You can tell us. (Stephen and Dave laugh)

A Announcer 02:53
After your presentation with Dave, I don't feel I ever have to watch it again.

J James Tubbs 02:58
There was nothing else to watch. Yes,

M Matt Mio 03:00
I'm telling you right now that there were a couple of clips that we showed where Dave and myself and Heather are chuckling, and there's no other sound coming from the room. I'm like, "This is good. Come on". Oh, my gosh, Professor Beth Oljar is here with us as well. Hey, what's going on, Beth?

B Beth Oljar 03:18
Not a whole lot. I'm finishing up the semester - same as everybody else.

M Matt Mio 03:24
That's right. We wish you all a very healthy and happy holiday season, where I'm sure this will air after all of that. So

B Beth Oljar 03:33
I bought Christmas presents today. My first of this year.

M Matt Mio 03:35
That's a big deal. That's a big deal. I'm assuming you shopped online?

B Beth Oljar 03:42
Yes. Yeah. I don't do anything else - anymore.

M Matt Mio 03:48

I still think it's funny, Beth, when we see the - you know, the economic data being posted to the news, and they do the B roll of people walking around malls. I'm like, is that still a thing? Or am I in the wrong year?

J James Tubbs 04:00

I like it. It just - it's - there's not many, you know, not as many people there anymore.

M Matt Mio 04:06

No, that's the truth. That's the truth.

B Beth Oljar 04:08

It could be festive. I mean, I remember feeling pretty festive in some malls in the holidays. You know. So -

M Matt Mio 04:13

Sure

J James Tubbs 04:14

Especially, if you're successful in your shopping.

B Beth Oljar 04:16

Yeah,

D Dave Chow 04:17

Or your shoplifting.

J James Tubbs 04:18

No. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 04:21

We do not endorse shoplifting. This show does not endorse shoplifting, by the way, (Stephen laughs). Professor Stephen Manning is also here with us today. We've heard about his recent movie and streaming service exploits.

S Stephen Manning 04:34

Yeah, I actually watched the the newer, the non-animated version of The Lion King, which I had never seen before. I'm, I'm doing mostly the the original animated version that we had. I think. Dr. Hill told the students to watch both. I had never seen the second one. So sometime between now and Monday, I suppose we're going to have to watch the original animated version of The Lion King.

M Matt Mio 05:01

I haven't seen the second one, Stephen, but from what I've heard, it's basically almost exactly the same movie.

S Stephen Manning 05:09

Yes. I was looking for differences, because I know that's one of the themes of the course. And there really aren't that many differences. There's a couple of things I think better in the original - the animated one. But yeah, they were essentially, they're essentially very much the same.

M Matt Mio 05:24

Got it?

J James Tubbs 05:24

Of the stage version.

M Matt Mio 05:26

Right.

D Dave Chow 05:27

Speaking of which, I'm really curious about West Side Story.



J James Tubbs 05:30
Yeah. Me too.

M Matt Mio 05:31
Sure.

D Dave Chow 05:32
I'm mildly curious.

M Matt Mio 05:33
Who doesn't like Spielberg?

D Dave Chow 05:35
Mm hmm.

J James Tubbs 05:36
And it's got some new characters.

M Matt Mio 05:38
That's right. Uh, Professor Dan Maggio is also here with us today. What's on your - uh, I mean, holidays always involve a little bit of streaming. Right, Dan?

D Dan Maggio 05:47
I will tell you - Okay, so last time I mentioned Midnight Mass.

M Matt Mio 05:51
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 05:52
So, I made it to Episode Five in the middle. And I have stopped watching.

M Matt Mio 05:56
Oh, no!

D Dave Chow 05:57
What! What happened?

D Dan Maggio 05:58
I don't understand. I don't - I'm not - It's not clicking with me. And, um, I just don't get it. And it's just - I told Beth, they're like - Tom and I will say, "Are they just babbling again. Yeah, let me take a five minute break. And I'll come back and maybe they'll be stopped babbling." I don't understand really the point of this - I kind of - I know - I think I know where it's going. But I just don't enjoy it. So I'm going to find something else. I'm going back to the Derry Girls.

M Matt Mio 06:26
Okay.

D Dan Maggio 06:27
Cuz I never finished watching that. And that's hilarious.

M Matt Mio 06:30
Wonderful comedy.

D Dan Maggio 06:31
It is. It's great. And we get a little slice of Northern Ireland.

B Beth Oljar 06:35
Is that on Netflix?

D Dan Maggio 06:37
Yes.

B Beth Oljar 06:38
Oh! Cool.

D Dan Maggio 06:39
Other than that, I'm looking for some suggestions on things to watch. I only have Netflix. I want to see Ted Lasso. Everybody tells me to watch it.

M Matt Mio 06:48
Everybody talks about it.

D Dan Maggio 06:49
But I have to pay, of course, to access that.

D Dave Chow 06:53
Dan, do you have access to Disney?

D Dan Maggio 06:56
I - not - Well, no, I don't mind paying for Disney, because that just means I can watch The Mandalorian again.

D Dave Chow 07:02
No I was going to suggest Hawkeye. Hawkeye has been really good. Three or four episodes, it's been pretty good. So

M Matt Mio 07:07
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 07:07
Oh, you know what else is coming out on Disney? Is it the Book of Boba Fett.

D Dave Chow 07:11

Mm hmm.

D

Dan Maggio 07:11

I'm dying to see that. I'll see anything Star Wars related - that isn't directed by George Lucas (laughs).

B

Beth Oljar 07:17

The next season of the Marvelous Mrs Maisel comes on February 18.

D

Dan Maggio 07:25

And you know what else starts next Friday is the The Witcher season two is out.

M

Matt Mio 07:29

That's right.

D

Dan Maggio 07:30

So, I'm looking forward to that too.

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Matt Mio 07:31

Lots of fun things, Dan.

D

Dan Maggio 07:33

So that's the answer to my question. The Witcher.

B

Beth Oljar 07:35

You and Drew will talk about that a lot, I'm sure.

S

Stephen Manning 07:37

We were watching Succession too. It's not screaming I know.

D Dan Maggio 07:40
I've heard good things about that.

M Matt Mio 07:42
Yes.

S Stephen Manning 07:43
Every one is so horrible and we occasionally - Heather said this the other night, we were - after we watched it. There's a glimmer of "maybe this person is like a - has some redeeming quality". But then very quickly, they don't. Everybody's horrible. There's no one in this show to root for. They're all just so mean-spirited and terrible. I would recommend, uh, what was his name? Drew Michael. Drew Michael is a comedian. And he's got an HBO show that goes for about an hour. I had read something about it. We just watched it last night. It's really good. It's really good. If you like, you know, stand up, really smart stand up comedy.

J James Tubbs 08:23
I'm thinking Succession might be a good Ethics course.

M Matt Mio 08:26
There you go.

H Heather Hill 08:27
Absolutely.

S Stephen Manning 08:29
Or lack of ethics course. Yeah.

J James Tubbs 08:31
That's what I mean - What NOT to do in life.

A Announcer 08:35
You just keep trying to find something moral about these people.

S Stephen Manning 08:40
One of the guys is the - what is he, the brother of the Home Alone kid,

M Matt Mio 08:45
Kieran Culkin. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 08:46
Oh, yes. Yes.

J James Tubbs 08:47
Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 08:48
Horrible, horrible people.

D Dave Chow 08:50
Yeah, they just had a thing on, uh - was it Fresh Air with Terry Gross - interviewed one of the Culkin kids.

M Matt Mio 08:56
Okay.

M Matt Mio 08:56
We just watched The Power Of The Dog. Drew and I did. So speaking of characters you cannot root for.

S Stephen Manning 09:05
That's the Jane Campion film. Right?

R Beth Olin 09:07

B Beth Oljar 09:07

Yes. So it's beautiful. The cinematography is beautiful. As is always the case with her films.

S Stephen Manning 09:14

Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 09:14

Benedict Cumberbatch will get an Oscar nomination for sure - for his portrayal, but it's not the kind of movie that you really want to watch over and over again, once you do the analysis of what's going on with the characters, which took Drew about five seconds to do. It's not like it's a happy story. But the performances are amazing.

J James Tubbs 09:39

Has she ever done a happy story?

B Beth Oljar 09:41

No, I mean, *The Piano* is not a particularly happy story.

J James Tubbs 09:45

No. She came out with another one recently that I watched too, and it wasn't particularly happy either.

B Beth Oljar 09:51

But she's always looking at sort of gender themes, right? and gender roles and toxic masculinity.

M Matt Mio 09:57

Well, listeners, it's been a while since we've gotten some streaming questions here. So maybe that would be a great idea for a nice extensive set - maybe on all sorts of different topics regarding multiple streaming series. But I think besides that, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. Send us the questions in a number of ways - 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. We have a set of questions here penned by our very own Stephen Manning. "Okay, profs. Here's a quick 10-question set covering three topics. Halloween, sports and automobiles. Have fun." Thanks, Stephen.

D Dave Chow 10:44
Sure.

M Matt Mio 10:47
According to a 2020 poll, what percent of parents admitted to having stolen some of their candy from their kids?

B Beth Oljar 10:57
80%

J James Tubbs 10:59
43.

M Matt Mio 11:01
It goes directly to Beth - who hit it right out of the park. 80% is what it says here. That's a pretty damning statistic, if you think about it,

D Dave Chow 11:09
Somewhere, I still have that one cartoon of you clipping out the bottoms of the pillowcase at your house, Matt.

M Matt Mio 11:13
Oh, yes. Oh, yes.

B Beth Oljar 11:15
"Daddies are sneaky snackers" you once got a card that said that, if I recall correctly,

M Matt Mio 11:21
That is exactly right. That is the name of the game, frankly. The name of the game

B Beth Oljar 11:26
And sending your kids up to the counter at A & W to get another coney -

M Matt Mio 11:31
Oh, heck yeah.

B Beth Oljar 11:31
when they're 25 cents. Yeah,

M Matt Mio 11:33
I know. That was awesome. Those days, those days are - that's the origin of a Mio family trope that was originated by my brother which is - Whenever you go to a Coney Island, you get a giant stack of pancakes and two coneys. Like, it doesn't matter what time of day, that meal will take care of you. So yeah,

B Beth Oljar 11:54
Wow

B Beth Oljar 11:55
that's the way the Mio boys are being raised. Profs: What percent of Americans like or confess to liking candy corn.

D Dave Chow 12:04
75

D Dan Maggio 12:05
25

H Heather Hill 12:06
40

M Matt Mio 12:08
Heather's the closest it's 49.

M Matt Mio 12:10
It's basically 50%. But this percentage said, even though they don't personally like it, it's very important to be a part of Halloween. What percentage is that?

D Dave Chow 12:10
Oh!

J James Tubbs 12:21
85

J James Tubbs 12:23
70?

M Matt Mio 12:25
Yeah, I'll go got 70 So I'll rephrase the question. So you have a chance of getting it spot on.
50% of people, give or take, 51% said they don't care for candy corn. What percentage of that
50% said they can't imagine Halloween without candy corn.

H Heather Hill 12:42
30

J James Tubbs 12:43
42.

M Matt Mio 12:44
Yeah, getting closer, Heather. It's 21. But it's within the error bars, so I'll give it to you. How
long and how heavy was the biggest Twizzler ever made?



B Beth Oljar 12:58

Oh, so -

D Dan Maggio 13:00

100 feet. 50 pounds.

B Beth Oljar 13:03

Yeah, I was gonna say 200, but -

H Heather Hill 13:06

Three yards - annnd 85 pounds.

J James Tubbs 13:11

No, given how they're made, there's nothing that says you have to cut it at a particular point.
So -

M Matt Mio 13:15

Yeah, Jim, I want to make sure that we highlight what you just said. Because I think you're actually onto something.

D Dan Maggio 13:21

Yeah,

M Matt Mio 13:22

This isn't a scaled up Twizzler. This is just a very, very long regular girth Twizzler.

J James Tubbs 13:29

So, it could curl around and around and around.

D Dan Maggio 13:31

Oh, then miles. Two miles. 10,000 feet.

D Dave Chow 13:35
It's a little long.

J James Tubbs 13:36
I'm thinking 100 yards.

M Matt Mio 13:39
Honestly, Heather, who's been knocking it out of the park for the last few minutes here, about 1200 feet, but you had said something about the poundage. It's basically just about 100 pounds.

M Matt Mio 13:48
Okay, so 1200 feet is what? How many yards is that, Dan?

D Dan Maggio 13:53
1200 feet 400.

D Dave Chow 13:55
Wow. So it's four football fields long. Okay. Okay,

M Matt Mio 13:58
Exactly.

H Heather Hill 13:59
Wow.

M Matt Mio 14:01
What country's population consumes the most candy per capita?



H Heather Hill 14:06
Germany

D Dave Chow 14:07
No, Switzerland.

M Matt Mio 14:09
Not Switzerland.

D Dave Chow 14:11
I'm thinking chocolatiers. Who likes -

D Dan Maggio 14:13
Let's say Japan.

B Beth Oljar 14:14
It's not the US?

M Matt Mio 14:16
It's not the United States. This country per capita is 30 pounds per person per year. That's a lot of candy.

J James Tubbs 14:24
The UK.

M Matt Mio 14:26
It's not the UK. We heard Switzerland, but I hesitated because I thought we might get the right answer

J James Tubbs 14:32
Sweden?

M Matt Mio 14:33
Sweden is the right answer. Yes.

H Heather Hill 14:35
Really?

M Matt Mio 14:36
They love their candy.

B Beth Oljar 14:38
Well, it is really cold. So, you know -

J James Tubbs 14:41
Back about three years ago, Denmark started imposing a tax on fat food sold - Food that was high fat.

M Matt Mio 14:49
That's right.

J James Tubbs 14:50
But the Danish were so addicted to their butter, particularly for making cookies that they all started going over the border into Sweden to buy the butter and bring it back without the tax.

D Dave Chow 15:01
Wait a minute - so butter's like contraband?

J James Tubbs 15:03
Within one year, the the parliament in Denmark got rid of that fat tax.



M Matt Mio 15:09
Crazy.

A Announcer 15:11
You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. 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 15:30
Profs: What year was the first New York City Marathon?

D Dan Maggio 15:34
1906

D Dave Chow 15:35
32

H Heather Hill 15:37
28

J James Tubbs 15:39
68

B Beth Oljar 15:40
70

M Matt Mio 15:42
This one goes to Beth. It was 1970, on the dot.

B Beth Oljar 15:46
Oh, wow. Okay.

M Matt Mio 15:48
How many runners competed in that race?

B Beth Oljar 15:50
200

D Dan Maggio 15:51
512.

M Matt Mio 15:53
Beth, now you're taking the baton from Heather. It was 127. I just figured people would say 1000s and things like that. But it was a small number.

D Dave Chow 16:00
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 16:01
How about this one, Beth. How many finished?

B Beth Oljar 16:04
I'd say about 20

D Dan Maggio 16:06
70

D Dave Chow 16:07
50.

M Matt Mio 16:08

It says about 55 finished

D Dan Maggio 16:11
Oh!

M Matt Mio 16:11
of 127. So you can do the percentage there.

B Beth Oljar 16:14
I can't do the percentage, but Dan can. So - (Matt laughs)

D Dan Maggio 16:18
About 45%.

D Dave Chow 16:20
And the others stopped off for like what? Like -

J James Tubbs 16:23
A pastrami sandwich.

D Dave Chow 16:25
Yeah, there you go.

M Matt Mio 16:27
Pretty good. Pretty good question here. Stephen. I love this one. How many participants in the first running are among the roughly 33,000 that competed in this year's event, The 50th running?

B Beth Oljar 16:42
Wow.

A Announcer 16:43
Wait a minute. What's the question again? I'm sorry.

M Matt Mio 16:45
How many people who ran in 1970, ran in this year's?

J James Tubbs 16:51
23.

A Announcer 16:52
Yeah, I was gonna say 25

D Dave Chow 16:54
10.

M Matt Mio 16:55
A little bit further off. We have to give this one to Dave. It's only one. Good ole Larry Trachtenberg of Long Island City High School who was a senior in 1970. He finished 30 seconds with a time of three hours, 22 minutes and four seconds. And now he's really a senior. So -

M Matt Mio 17:13
Yes, he's definitely a senior, definitely.

S Stephen Manning 17:16
It was also a interesting thing. Women were not allowed to even register to run in 1970.

B Beth Oljar 17:24
Yep.

D Dave Chow 17:24

Unreal.

S Stephen Manning 17:25

So in 72, women protested the race. And the - whoever did the race - the New York Athletic something union, I think it's called - changed the rules so women could start to register and run in it, starting in the mid 70s.

D Dave Chow 17:40

Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 17:40

There's quite a famous picture, actually, of the woman who first ran. I guess it was New York.

D Dave Chow 17:47

No, it was Boston.

B Beth Oljar 17:49

Oh, yeah. And - so she's trying to run the marathon and some guy's shoving her out.

M Matt Mio 17:54

Oh, geez.

H Heather Hill 17:54

Yeah, because women weren't allowed. So that woman she registered under - I think just her initials.

D Dave Chow 18:00

Yeah, she did. Yeah.

H Heather Hill 18:01

Yeah.

D Dave Chow 18:01
But I just - I just sometimes wonder about like that, the guy that ran out to the crowd try to grab her. It's like, Dude, are you really proud of that moment? You know, like 30 years -

D Dan Maggio 18:11
This was 50 years ago in this country. This was happening.

D Dave Chow 18:14
Yeah, but still, I'm like, unreal. That's all.

D Dan Maggio 18:16
And people say - When you say there's a problem, these people say "there's no problem. What are you talking about?" Well, 50 years ago, this craziness was only 50 years ago

B Beth Oljar 18:25
Right.

D Dan Maggio 18:26
Don't tell me there's not a problem.

B Beth Oljar 18:27
But it's still part of the battle days, you know.

D Dan Maggio 18:30
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:32
Professors: In the 20 years, from 2001 to 2020, how many different franchises won the Major League Baseball World Series?

A Announcer 18:43
Ooh, that's a good question.

D Dave Chow 18:45
Since what year now?

D Dave Chow 18:46
01 to 2020?

M Matt Mio 18:47
2001 to 2020. And remember, our sort of master number here is there are 32 franchises. But how many of those 32 won the World Series in the last 20 years?

J James Tubbs 18:58
14

D Dave Chow 19:00
8

H Heather Hill 19:01
Seven.

M Matt Mio 19:02
We're sharing the wealth today, which is great. It's 14.

D Dave Chow 19:05
Wow!

M Matt Mio 19:06
By way of comparison, how many franchises had the NFL win during that window?

D Dave Chow 19:12
Ooh, okay. If the Patriots were there constantly, so -

D Dan Maggio 19:15
I would say it's like 15.

M Matt Mio 19:18
I see what you're trying to do there mathematically, Dan, but it's the opposite direction.

M Matt Mio 19:22
It's actually 12, it's a little less. How many in the NBA during that window?

D Dan Maggio 19:22
It is?

D Dan Maggio 19:27
Less than that.

M Matt Mio 19:28
Yep.

J James Tubbs 19:30
Uh, 10.

M Matt Mio 19:31
10 is right. Jim helps us share the wealth. That's right. Um, not too surprisingly, the first Major League Baseball team who repeated leading up to that era was?

D Dan Maggio 19:45

Yankees

M Matt Mio 19:46
Yankees. Yep, absolutely. The Yankees

A Announcer 19:49
Don't say his name.

M Matt Mio 19:50
Whose name?

H Heather Hill 19:53
Don't say his name. Don't say their name.

M Matt Mio 19:55
Oh, I'm sorry.

D Dan Maggio 19:56
It wasn't it the Red Sox, (laughs)

M Matt Mio 19:59
This ones for you, though, Heather. Three other franchises during that time had at least two wins. What were they? I think you already know the first one.

H Heather Hill 20:08
Red Sox,

M Matt Mio 20:09
Red Sox was 13/18. And what other two franchises?

—

H Heather Hill 20:14
Dodgers?

H Heather Hill 20:15
No. Dodgers is a good guess, but it's definitely two - well one California team and one
Midwestern team.

D Dan Maggio 20:21
Oh

J James Tubbs 20:22
Cardinals

M Matt Mio 20:23
Cardinals, Cardinals. And the other one is the Giants from San Francisco.

D Dan Maggio 20:29
So Boston did win? I didn't know that. So I take back my comment.

M Matt Mio 20:33
Boston one a minimum -

M Matt Mio 20:35
I only thought Boston won once in the last 20 years. They want four times, Dan. 04, 07, 13 and
18, during that window.

D Dan Maggio 20:42
I don't follow baseball. Obviously,

B Beth Oljar 20:45
We can tell.

D Dan Maggio 20:47
So what was the year that they broke the 80 or 83 year - ?

B Beth Oljar 20:50
The Curse of the Bambino?

D Dan Maggio 20:52
Yeah

M Matt Mio 20:52
That was 04. Right.

D Dan Maggio 20:54
That was 04. And then they went on to win three times after that?

M Matt Mio 20:57
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 20:58
But it was using Billy Beane's system,

M Matt Mio 21:02
Moneyball,

D Dan Maggio 21:03
Oh, Moneyball?

B Beth Oljar 21:04
Yeah

team.

D Dan Maggio 21:04
That was a good movie, by the way.

M Matt Mio 21:06
Fantastic.

J James Tubbs 21:06
It was.

D Dan Maggio 21:07
That's worth watching.

B Beth Oljar 21:09
Yep

M Matt Mio 21:09
Let's try one more of those. What was the last time a Major League Baseball team clinched the World Series when they were at home?

B Beth Oljar 21:17
Oh

J James Tubbs 21:19
Clinched the World Series when they were playing at home?

M Matt Mio 21:23
Yes,

D Dan Maggio 21:23
That's all.

B Beth Oljar 21:24
The Yankees seems like a decent guess.

A Announcer 21:27
But you said - you want the year, don't you?

M Matt Mio 21:29
Well, you can give me any information about the last time it happened. That's fine.

J James Tubbs 21:33
We clinched it in 96.

M Matt Mio 21:34
Mm hmm.

D Dave Chow 21:36
That was a Magglio homerun, wasn't it, Jim?

J James Tubbs 21:39
Yeah. Let me think who - ? Oh,

D Dave Chow 21:42
Houston?

M Matt Mio 21:44
It's like these questions were written for Heather.

H Heather Hill 21:46
The Cardinals? Actually, you're not too far off, Heather. So partial credit. 2013 - The Red Sox were down two to one. They topped the Cardinals in Game Six at Fenway Park. Atlanta's clinching of the 21 World Series on November 2 in Houston extends the streak basically now to

eight years. So it's actually quite rare, considering there's a 50/50 chance to win at home, which is interesting, very interesting stuff. Couple more questions from Professor Manning. Great set of questions, Stephen. What percentage of the global economic output does the auto industry account for? Great question.

D Dave Chow 22:27
13%.

M Matt Mio 22:29
That's a little high.

D Dan Maggio 22:29
3%?

M Matt Mio 22:31
It is spot on 3%, Professor Maggio. Very well done. I want to know where you got that.

D Dan Maggio 22:37
I just guessed. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 22:40
Don't tell me that.

D Dave Chow 22:41
No, Dan, you're gonna buy lottery tickets for us, if you keep this up.

D Dave Chow 22:45
As mathematicians do. Right? They guess.

M Matt Mio 22:48
They guess all the time, all the time. According to the EPA, what percent of cars produced for sale in the United States for the 1980 model year had manual transmissions?

cars in the United States for the 1999 model year had manual transmissions.

B Beth Oljar 23:03
Oh, a large percentage, I'm sure

D Dave Chow 23:06
I was gonna say 26%.

J James Tubbs 23:08
I'd say 21.

H Heather Hill 23:10
39.

M Matt Mio 23:11
I'm giving this one to Heather. 35 is what it says.

D Dave Chow 23:14
Okay. Alright.

D Dan Maggio 23:15
No kidding?

D Dan Maggio 23:16
What is the share, as of 2020, what is that percentage?

J James Tubbs 23:21
I think it's maybe 2%, (laughs)

H Heather Hill 23:27

12%.

M Matt Mio 23:28
It goes to Jim. It's actually 1%.

H Heather Hill 23:31
Holy Toledo!

D Dan Maggio 23:32
Oh, I am one of those 100 by the way. Die-hard stick person.

M Matt Mio 23:39
Well, then this question is for you, Dan. How many Americans when polled say they can drive a manual transmission?

D Dan Maggio 23:46
2%

B Beth Oljar 23:47
Not me.

D Dave Chow 23:48
No, I think there's gotta be more. No?

J James Tubbs 23:50
15

D Dave Chow 23:52
10%

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D Dan Maggio 23:53
20

M Matt Mio 23:55
This is going to Heather. It's 18. 18%

D Dan Maggio 23:58
Really?

B Beth Oljar 24:00
I don't know how to drive a stick.

D Dan Maggio 24:02
Well, wait a minute, does it - drive well. Or? (The Professors laugh) Because you could get the car to move. That doesn't mean you know how to drive a car.

D Dave Chow 24:10
Yeah, you'll hiccup it all the way down the street.

S Stephen Manning 24:11
It could be a whole lot of grinding, maybe.

D Dan Maggio 24:15
That's much higher than I would have guessed.

A Announcer 24:17
Stephen, That's what happened when I tried to drive your car the other day.

M Matt Mio 24:21
Uh, oh.

D Dave Chow 24:22
Oh, so is that your transmission on Woodward? Oh. (The professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 24:26
Dave Koukal is with you on this, Dan. He's uh, I think he's a die hard, uh -

D Dan Maggio 24:31
Well, you know that I've never owned an automatic transmission car.

B Beth Oljar 24:35
For some reason. I thought you had one in your Subaru, but I didn't -

D Dan Maggio 24:39
No. It's a stick.

A Announcer 24:40
Dan, did you have to pay extra for the stick?

D Dan Maggio 24:43
No, it's actually cheaper. When I bought Fords, it was about \$1,000 cheaper to buy a manual transmission

M Matt Mio 24:50
Sounds about right

A Announcer 24:51
Yeah, that's what I'm saying. It's - You have to pay extra for the manual.

D Dave Chow 24:55
Yeah

Yeah,

D Dan Maggio 24:56

Yeah, manuals are cheaper.

D Dave Chow 24:58

Yeah. Do you remember like right about now if you wanna - like - take out the radio, they actually charge you for it?

S Stephen Manning 25:02

Yes.

M Matt Mio 25:02

That's right. That's right. Professors, one more question from the great Stephen Manning here. These have been great. What were the only three carmakers who saw an increase in sales for sales year 2020?

D Dave Chow 25:18

Jeep?

B Beth Oljar 25:19

Ford?

M Matt Mio 25:20

You know what, I'm gonna say if you can get one of these -

D Dan Maggio 25:23

Tesla

M Matt Mio 25:24

Tesla. Yeah, Tesla's on the list. There's one that starts with the letter M, just like Matt,

D Dan Maggio 25:30
Mazda?

M Matt Mio 25:31
Mazda. And the last one starts with the letter V.

D Dave Chow 25:35
Volvo?

M Matt Mio 25:36
Volvo. So it's Mazda, Tesla and Volvo had increases in sales. All other automakers saw a decrease in sales. Thanks for those questions, Stephen. It's pretty awesome. You know, we've got a few minutes left here, and I figured we'd dropped the big ole imponderable right in the middle here, because of course, our listener Frank Burroughs and the Burroughs family always sends us something really interesting to chew on. And this is a great one. "This isn't exactly a list of questions or a typical Imponderables. Our family was watching some History Channel. It was being narrated by Morgan Freeman and the topic of his voice came up. We adore his authoritative voice and smooth delivery. Then it dawned on us that Morgan Freeman would be the ideal person to do a voice over in my biography or documentary; not that it would happen, but it'd be an amazing honor. But it also brings up the question of who the professors think they would want narrating their biopic.

J James Tubbs 26:35
Oh, James Earl Jones.

M Matt Mio 26:36
That's a great one.

B Beth Oljar 26:37
Orson Welles

M Matt Mio 26:39
Orson Welles. That would be pretty awesome, I gotta say,

J James Tubbs 26:44
You know who else is good? And he does a lot of stuff on the History Channel is Peter Weller.

M Matt Mio 26:48
Yeah, that's true. I have to point out, even though I'm not necessarily answering the question this way, that one of my favorite streaming sitcoms is Never Have I Ever, and it's a basically a teen comedy, but it's got a lot of really, really good jokes in it. And the whole shtick of the show is that it is a young Indian-American Girl, learning the ropes at her high school, and she hears John McEnroe's voice in her head. He is the narrator of the entire series, and it is a total cut up just because of that voice -somehow narrating everything. Folks, I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye, Jim.

J James Tubbs 27:33
Good bye,

M Matt Mio 27:34
Dave. See ya.

D Dave Chow 27:35
Beth.

B Beth Oljar 27:37
Uh, bye. Heather needed to give her mom a call, which is why she exited.

M Matt Mio 27:41
Thanks.

B Beth Oljar 27:42
I just wanted to let everyone know.

M Matt Mio 27:44
Stephen

Stephen

S Stephen Manning 27:45
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 27:47
And Dan

D Dan Maggio 27:48
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 27:49
And now these words.

A Announcer 27:50
You can email ask the professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu, or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page

M Matt Mio 28:00
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