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Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Dan Maggio, Stephanie Conant, Matt Mio, Dave Chow


- M** Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show in 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's always in the upper left, It's professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 00:20
Pleasure to be here as always.
- M** Matt Mio 00:22
How's it going, Dave?
- D** Dave Chow 00:24
Not too bad. I drove by your house yesterday in the middle of the night, and you guys are brightly lit.
- M** Matt Mio 00:29
You do not need to - like - drive by. You can just look out your front window. You could walk 10 feet if you wanted to, you know.
- D** Dave Chow 00:37


 Dave Chow 00:37
I'm tanning off the glow from your living room. So -


 Matt Mio 00:40
Oh, I see. We do have a lot of LEDs. We have a lot of LEDs.


 Dave Chow 00:44
Yes, you do. I can grow my plants for my front yard - in the middle of a night off of you.


 Matt Mio 00:49
We had a family discussion at the table last night about putting together - I'm not joking, by the way - a, like just a quick roster of everyone in the family, where we're from (80 feet away), and then dropping it in everybody's mailbox on your side of the street - because we really don't know any of the people down the other side. Dave.

 Dave Chow 01:10
I did talk to a couple of neighbors this morning. We - I don't know if it's going to happen - But we're hopefully going to get like a block party going.

 Matt Mio 01:17
Oh, that's great. That's a great idea.

 Dave Chow 01:19
Because but here's the thing I was just reminded of, I think I'm the longest living resident on the street now.

 Matt Mio 01:26
I think you are. You're the dean of the neighborhood.

 Dave Chow 01:28
AHH!

 Dave Chow 01:30

B Beth Oljar 01:28
You're Dean Dave.

M Matt Mio 01:32
(Laughs) Those, of course, are the dulcet tones of Professor Beth Oljar from philosophy.

B Beth Oljar 01:41
Hey, Matt.

M Matt Mio 01:43
I know who you are, Beth. That's all that matters.

D Dave Chow 01:47
Actually, that matters vastly more. (Matt laughs) Yeah, way, way more, not even in the same ballpark.

M Matt Mio 01:57
Oh, man. So how things been going, Beth?

D Dave Chow 02:01
Uh, the Philosoph, learning outcomes are being assessed at the moment. So my head is ready to explode as is - Among other things, it's fundamentally ambiguous whether we're evaluating student performance -

M Matt Mio 02:18
Hmm

B Beth Oljar 02:18
or the assignment.

D Dan Maggio 02:21
It sounds like a philosophical discussion to me

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D Dave Chow 02:24

I'm - As somebody who literally makes distinctions for a living, this is a fundamental ambiguity that I was made very uncomfortable by. I mean, that's just the question of what it is that we're doing. I mean -

S Stephanie Conant 02:41

Well, I thought the whole goal is you do not assess their performance - at all.

D Dave Chow 02:47

Yes, but if you look at the rubrics, the rubrics are expressed in terms of student performance, deftly analyzes the basic elements of argument, elegantly analyzes the - They're assessments of student performance, which since I've already done it, is a little confusing.

M Matt Mio 03:16

Interesting.

B Beth Oljar 03:16

But the point is, I take it to make sure that the students understood well enough what it was we wanted from them that their performance somehow says something about whether the learning outcomes have been met.

M Matt Mio 03:31

Right.

M Matt Mio 03:32

I think.

M Matt Mio 03:33

Right. I'm gettin' a vibe about checking a box and moving on about this whole process here.

D Dave Chow 03:40

D Dave Chow 03:40

The fact that - Yeah, I mean, the very fact that nobody can really say with any degree of clarity, what it is we're doing here, seems to me to invite a stop and reflect on the process. But I fear American academics have let that ship sail by (laughing)

M Matt Mio 03:58

Long, long ago. Well, we'll see the whole process through and then of course, we'll see what's on the other side. Right?

D Dave Chow 04:07

Possibly my exploded head.

M Matt Mio 04:09

Yes, possibly. Just possibly.

D Dan Maggio 04:12

Oh, Dave could draw a calendar for that.

D Dave Chow 04:14

I could. And I have.

D Dan Maggio 04:16

Beth's exploding head over the year.

D Dave Chow 04:19

Yeah.

M Matt Mio 04:20

Someone whose head hasn't exploded lately, at least that as far as I know, it's Professor Dan Maggio. Yeah, that's who we're hearing from.

D Dan Maggio 04:26

So can I - Because back in the day, even though I was not involved, I lived through these assessments. And I watched an extraordinary amount of work go into them; so when I hear you complain -or not complain, but reflect.

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Beth Oljar 04:31

Complaine is fine. I'm down with that.

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Dan Maggio 04:41

Are the students better off because we've done assessment? What is the point?

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Matt Mio 04:52

I mean, the main point - to be quite frank, is that our accreditation hangs in the balance to having performed the process.

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Beth Oljar 05:03

Yeah. It's

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Dan Maggio 05:04

Okay.

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Dave Chow 05:05

I take three students out of a class of 35. So right away, there's a question about the size of the sample and therefore how representative it is, and therefore whether you could get any useful data at all. Sorry to intrude on the expertise of my scientific colleagues, but it's not clear to me how this helps students. It's not clear how it helps us either. I mean, we talk to each other all the time about teaching - as we should. We talk to each other all the time about assignments and what we want students to get out of them.

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Matt Mio 05:44

Right.

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Dan Maggio 05:45

I'm fine. Thanks for asking.

D Dave Chow 05:46
Dan, I'm so sorry. If I hadn't just come from this meeting, and -

D Dan Maggio 05:53
No, no, I was actually really curious.

M Matt Mio 05:56
Dan, your shirt looks like it means business.

D Dan Maggio 05:59
Oh, it's my warm flannel shirt. I was cold today. It's actually - it's um - what does it remind you of?

D Dave Chow 06:07
Eddie Bauer?

D Dan Maggio 06:08
No, Matt should pick up on this.

M Matt Mio 06:10
I mean, I see some red, white and blue. Right?

D Dan Maggio 06:13
It's orange.

M Matt Mio 06:14
Oh, that looks like Tiger colors or Illinois colors.

D Dan Maggio 06:17

I don't think Land's End meant it to be Tigers colors. But it reminded me of the Tigers when I saw it.

D Dave Chow 06:17
Oh

M Matt Mio 06:23
I'll see you it opening day in June. Maybe?

S Stephanie Conant 06:27
Did it get pushed back?

M Matt Mio 06:29
No, it's just - there's all these projections that are saying "if you can't negotiate for more than 15 minutes, we may not be having a season", that's all so. Those of course are the dulcet tones of Professor Stephanie COVID of biology who is a baseball players association, union negotiator extraordinaire,

S Stephanie Conant 06:49
That is all of my baseball knowledge, so please don't ask any other questions. (Matt laughs)
They explained it on the radio the other day, and I was like, oh, that sounds ridiculous; but - now I know.

M Matt Mio 07:00
There's something about bringing both sides of any problem together and only getting 15 minutes of discussion that makes you go "What happened at that meeting?" Like seriously? Yeesh. Crazy. How's everything over in Ford Life Sciences, Stephanie?

S Stephanie Conant 07:15
We're still here. Crazy busy.

M Matt Mio 07:18
Good.

S Stephanie Conant 07:19
I made my advising list today.

M Matt Mio 07:22
Yay! It is advising time.

S Stephanie Conant 07:25
There's only 90 names on here. C'mon.

D Dave Chow 07:27
Only?

M Matt Mio 07:28
it's a slow term.

D Dave Chow 07:30
You know, if there were literally any way I can help you with that advising load, I would do it.
But -

M Matt Mio 07:37
We would train you, too. Some people like advising, some people don't. Some people are good at advising. Some people aren't. Yes.

D Dave Chow 07:47
Sounds like a green eggs and ham thing here.

B Beth Oljar 07:49
I was pretty good at it.

M Matt Mio 07:51

Matt Mio 07:51

We're also being joined by Professor Stephen Manning from the Department of Retired. so you've taken that mantle from Diane Manica now that we had her as a visitor.

S Stephen Manning 08:00

Yes. Speaking of baseball, I will miss Cactus League baseball next week in Phoenix. Unfortunately.

D Dave Chow 08:07

That's right. You're supposed to catch a game. Weren't you?

S Stephen Manning 08:09

Yeah, highlights. I have every year I've gone and next week, it's not going to happen.

M Matt Mio 08:14

That's so sad.

S Stephen Manning 08:15

That's sad. Yeah. They really shouldn't start regular season baseball as early as they do these days. Again because of greed. But it's supposed to be - you know, it used to be called the game of summer, the boys of summer, you know?

M Matt Mio 08:29

Right. Right.

S Stephen Manning 08:30

And now we start when the when the snow is still flying - and and end when the snow is flying.

M Matt Mio 08:35

That's right.

S Stephen Manning 08:35

Which is unfortunate. But -

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Matt Mio 08:37

Yeah, it is. I did see on Twitter the other day though, Stephen. I've literally waited all week to tell you this that, uh - I shared it with our colleague in Biology, Jacob Kagey. He's a big Tigers fan as well. He said like "If baseball is looking to like really pump up the juice a little bit, forget celebrities throwing out the first pitch. Now it's celebrities closing the game. Uh-Oh, bases loaded down by one. Here comes Danny DeVito".

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Stephen Manning 09:05

Yeah.

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Matt Mio 09:09

And so we started going back and forth about what kind of local celebrity could accidentally have to close for the Tigers. And I suggested Mike Morris's mother, I thought it'd be a nice touch.

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Dave Chow 09:21

If only Irv Nusbaum was still around. You know, I mean -

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Matt Mio 09:26

Oh my gosh.

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Matt Mio 09:28

Well, folks, This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. Send us your questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP at UDMercy.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. I have a brand new set of questions here. Should be tons of fun. "Dear panelists, I've attached a set of questions with a very specific topic, I think would be of interest to your show and your listeners. Some of which I've noticed over the years, the listeners seem to resonate with the professors." That's definitely for sure. "This list is Presidents, but their pets.

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Dave Chow 09:28

Oh, geez. Ollie Fretter.

D Dave Chow 10:10
Oh!

M Matt Mio 10:11
I'll defer to Professor Mio - what he deems worthy of a passing grade. Accommodations during COVID say as long as you show up for the show, you pass. Regards," Julie Elder of Poughkeepsie, New York. So here we go with presidential pets. And boy, there are a few here that - I do not have any idea of. It's a list of pets that once had residents of the White House. I'll give you the pet, and you tell me the president. So we'll go with a couple of softballs to start here. Victory. Victory was a golden retriever. You can picture it running across the White House lawn.

D Dave Chow 10:49
Okay.

M Matt Mio 10:50
Which President?

S Stephen Manning 10:52
Truman.

M Matt Mio 10:53
No, it would be - I would -

D Dan Maggio 10:54
Was it Kennedy?

M Matt Mio 10:56
It wasn't Kennedy. I'm gonna say modern era for this one - as your clue.

S Stephanie Conant 11:00
Reagan?

Reagan:

- M** Matt Mio 11:01
It was Reagan! Yeah, it was Ronald Reagan. Doesn't that just make perfect sense. Golden Retrievers - Slo mo all the time. Here comes victory.
- D** Dave Chow 11:10
Wait, wait a minute, it's starting to sound like an IAMS ad right about now.
- M** Matt Mio 11:15
Things are gonna get a little quirkier. We'll go all the way to the other side of the spectrum. So this will be a definitely an early president- named his greyhound after Cornwallis.
- B** Beth Oljar 11:29
Washington?
- M** Matt Mio 11:30
It was Washington. Yeah. Now that is a slap in the face.
- D** Dave Chow 11:36
Wow.
- M** Matt Mio 11:39
"PS: I beat you in the war. And I named my dog after you".
- D** Dave Chow 11:45
(Laughs) That's brutal. Oh,
- M** Matt Mio 11:47
All I can think about, by the way when we say that is "Wait, your nickname is Indiana. We named the dog Indiana". You know, it's like

D Dave Chow 11:57
I got a lot of fond memories of that dog, (Dave laughs)

M Matt Mio 12:02
All right now we're crossing over to the sublime. Who had a cow named Suki grazing on the White House lawn?

D Dave Chow 12:13
This sounds like a Teddy Roosevelt kind of thing, isn't it?

M Matt Mio 12:16
It does. But it's not Roosevelt.

D Dave Chow 12:19
I'm thinking 19th century. Would that be correct?

M Matt Mio 12:23
You're in the wheelhouse. I could give it away in about 10 seconds by saying "my guess is Suki never really got settled in on the White House lawn.

D Dave Chow 12:32
Yeah, the guy who died. Harrison.

D Dave Chow 12:34
Okay.

M Matt Mio 12:35
William Henry Harrison.

S Stephen Manning 12:37



Harrison.



Matt Mio 12:39

She never unpacked



Stephen Manning 12:40

The cow's name was Suki?



Matt Mio 12:43

Suki the cow.



Stephen Manning 12:45

Suki the cow.



Matt Mio 12:46

Yes. So there was a Newfoundland. That's pretty nice. A Newfoundland pup -



Matt Mio 12:52

named Faithful. A Newfoundland pup named Faithful.



Dave Chow 12:54

Okay.



Dave Chow 12:55

Wilson.



Matt Mio 12:57

It would be before Wilson.



Dave Chow 12:58

D Dave Chow 13:00
Before Wilson? That's a whole bunch of people.

M Matt Mio 13:03
Another general - to narrow it down. I think that's fair to say.

D Dave Chow 13:09
Grant.

M Matt Mio 13:10
It was. It was Grant. I was just about to say my final clue is he was a very important general but possibly the worst president. (Stephanie and Dave laugh) And we are being joined now by Professor Mara Livezey. Thanks for joining us. Mara.

M Mara Livezey 13:25
Hello. Sorry to be late.

M Matt Mio 13:28
You're fine. Mara, we're taking on some questions here where I am listing the White House based pet - and you're telling me the president that had that pet?

M Mara Livezey 13:41
Oh, fantastic.

M Matt Mio 13:44
There was a cat. And the cat's name was Misty Malarkey Ying Yang.

D Dave Chow 13:50
Sounds like Bush 43.

M Matt Mio 13:52
It does, but you need to go just a little bit further back

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D Dave Chow 13:55
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D Dave Chow 13:56
Wait a minute. Who had wacky children? Was it like JFK, maybe?

D Dan Maggio 14:02
Carter?

M Matt Mio 14:03
It was Carter. Yeah. Dan hit it. It was Jimmy Carter.

D Dan Maggio 14:07
Well, I wouldn't say she's wacky, but yeah. children.

M Matt Mio 14:10
Yeah, children

D Dave Chow 14:10
Yeah, youngish.

M Matt Mio 14:13
Who had a - (oh my) - who had a rabbit named Zsa Zsa?

S Stephanie Conant 14:18
Nixon.

M Matt Mio 14:20

No

D Dave Chow 14:21
He had a dog named Checkers, I believe.

M Matt Mio 14:25
Yes. He had a dog named Checkers.

D Dan Maggio 14:27
It would have to be somebody with kids.

B Beth Oljar 14:29
Yeah, JFK?

M Matt Mio 14:31
JFK. Yeah. I was gonna say, you know, you're doing a pretty good job of narrowing it down based on who possibly named these things. You know, like, I have a feeling that Uncle Joe - President Uncle Joe named Commander. That just feels right, you know, but I don't think JFK woke up one morning and went "Let's go buy a Zsa Zsa". You know.

D Dave Chow 14:54
Dan said "someone with kids", and he had young children when he was president. So actually it goes to Dan.

D Dan Maggio 15:01
Well, he could have named it for other reasons but -

M Matt Mio 15:04
Yes, also true.

M Matt Mio 15:05
Who knows?

...the name.

B Beth Oljar 15:06
Probably Caroline.

D Dave Chow 15:07
He wasn't gonna name it Marilyn. So, I mean -

S Stephanie Conant 15:08
That was the fish.

M Matt Mio 15:11
How about a Belgian Sheepdog? It's a big dog. And boy, it must have been a big dog because its name was King Cole. King Cole the Belgian Sheepdog. Not exactly our talking-ist president of all time.

D Dave Chow 15:28
Harding?

M Matt Mio 15:29
Mm-mm.

D Dave Chow 15:30
Who was it - Silent, uh Calvin Coolidge.

M Matt Mio 15:32
Yeah. It was Coolidge. It was Coolidge. He had King Cole, the Belgian Sheepdog. Okay, we've heard this president already named as a guess. But, uh - wow! 48 unnamed sheep who were allowed to graze on the White House lawn and whose wool was sold in direct benefit of the Red Cross.

D Dave Chow 15:53
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I ruman. No, it wasn't I ruman. You're thinking positive. You need to think a little more negative.

D Dave Chow 15:59
It couldn't be Jackson.

M Matt Mio 16:03
Mm-mm.

D Dave Chow 16:04
Ah, and who sheared the sheep? It's not like he called one of his cabinet secretaries, "Hey, can you go shear the sheep". I mean -

D Dave Chow 16:10
This sounds like a Lincoln thing.

M Matt Mio 16:12
It does, but it's later than that. And I always am struggling to find the right clue. I mean, aside from Jefferson being essentially like an amateur scientist, I would put this president as our most academic president.

B Beth Oljar 16:28
That would be Wilson.

M Matt Mio 16:30
Wilson. Yeah. He was the president of a university. It was Woodrow Wilson. That's fairly modern era, if you think about it.

S Stephen Manning 16:36
PhD in Political Science.

M Matt Mio 16:38
Yep.

D Dave Chow 16:39
Now, how many sheep was it?

M Matt Mio 16:40
48 unnamed sheep. That's a lot of sheep.

D Dave Chow 16:44
Where do you - I'm just, I'm just picturing like, you know, on Pennsylvania Avenue, all the sheep and the front lawn there. I mean, like, it'd be interesting.

D Dave Chow 16:54
How about Polly, a parrot that lived so long, he outlived both the President and the First Lady? I will narrow things down by saying it's a character in the very energetic stage show known as Hamilton.

M Mara Livezey 17:13
Jefferson?

M Matt Mio 17:14
Mm-mm.

S Stephen Manning 17:17
Madison.

M Mara Livezey 17:19
I was thinking Hamilton, but he wasn't president.

S Stephen Manning 17:20
Did someone say "Hamilton"?

M Matt Mio 17:22
Okay. Madison. Got it.

M Mara Livezey 17:24
I said Hamilton, but he was never a president.

M Matt Mio 17:28
He showed up on the \$10 bill.

D Dave Chow 17:30
He couldn't be president because he wasn't born in the United States.

S Stephen Manning 17:34
Right

M Matt Mio 17:34
That's right.

B Beth Oljar 17:36
It's literally unconstitutional.

M Matt Mio 17:38
How about this one, and we'll do it in the reverse. Even though I'm pretty sure that's not what Julie intended, I think it would be more fun. Rutherford B. Hayes had a pet cat, a certain kind of cat, that was the first cat of that breed that was brought to the United States.

D Dave Chow 17:55
Okay, you cat people

D Dan Maggio 17:56

Siamese?

M Matt Mio 17:56
It was Siamese. Yes. Siamese.

M Mara Livezey 18:00
Hmm.

D Dave Chow 18:00
Oh. Okay.

M Matt Mio 18:01
I'm not sure if we use that term to describe that cat anymore. But that's what it says here.

D Dave Chow 18:06
No, that's still the breed.

M Mara Livezey 18:07
Yeah. That's still the name of the breed.

M Matt Mio 18:09
Okay.

D Dan Maggio 18:10
What else would you - the cat formerly known as Siamese?

D Dave Chow 18:14
Prince.

M Matt Mio 18:15

Matt Mio 18:15

Well, Siam doesn't exist anymore. So - you know -

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Stephen Manning 18:17

AKA a Salonese, maybe

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Mara Livezey 18:17

Maybe like a Dark Point. Sometimes they refer to cats as the colors.

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Matt Mio 18:24

There we go.

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Dave Chow 18:25

Or a seal point. Yeah.

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Dave Chow 18:26

(Laughs) Okay.

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Matt Mio 18:28

Who had a jolly beagle named Freckles? Now that's - that's cute.

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Beth Oljar 18:34

LBJ.

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Matt Mio 18:35

That was LBJ. Yeah, Beth knew right off the top of her head.

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Dave Chow 18:39

Well, there's quite a famous picture of them pulling the dog up by the ears.

D Dave Chow 18:43
Oh, by its ears. Yeah, that's right. Fun guy that he was. Urgh!

D Dave Chow 18:48
Oh, he was a hoot. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:50
Who had a Norwegian Elkhound named Weegie?

D Dave Chow 18:57
What - as in the board? How about there was a live stage show of a musical that mentions this president by name back in December on television. Does that help?

S Stephanie Conant 19:12
No, it doesn't. Back in December?

M Mara Livezey 19:15
No. (laughs)

M Matt Mio 19:16
There are two presidents mentioned in a very, very famous modern era, Broadway musical. And this is one of them. I tried. So Weegie was owned by Herbert Hoover. I was referring to the stage show Annie, where Hoover is mentioned. Hooverville.

S Stephanie Conant 19:38
I was thinking Annie.

M Matt Mio 19:40
Okay, now we're getting back to - I mean, I don't even know what to do with these. Julie did such a great job. Who had a one legged rooster named Fierce. Named Fierce, long before Beyonce came along. (Dave laughs) Don't think too hard. Don't think too hard.

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B Beth Oljar 19:58
That ctually sounds Trumanesque.

M Matt Mio 20:01
It does, but I was hoping you'd go with a different T direction.

D Dave Chow 20:07
Tyler?

M Matt Mio 20:08
Mm-mm

D Dan Maggio 20:09
Teddy Roosevelt?

M Matt Mio 20:11
Yeah. It was Teddy Roosevelt. I mean Teddy Roosevelt seems like the guy who would have a one-legged rooster.

B Beth Oljar 20:16
Ah

D Dave Chow 20:17
He had a menagerie, wasn't it? I mean, didn't you have like hippopotamus and he ran like a small zoo practically?

M Matt Mio 20:23
Mm-hm.

S Stephen Manning 20:23
Do we get an explanation for the one leg?

M Matt Mio 20:25
Uh, we do not know. However, the name of the bird was Fierce so we can extrapolate.

M Matt Mio 20:25
It won. That's all you need to know. (Matt laughs)

M Matt Mio 20:30
Exactly.

M Matt Mio 20:35
You should see the other rooster.

D Dave Chow 20:37
Yeah, the other rooster is shuffling along on a skateboard right now.

M Matt Mio 20:40
Not so fierce. Yes. Going back to the Hamilton cast, who had Cleopatra and Caesar, a pair of horses in the White House stable?

D Dave Chow 20:51
Wait a minute. There's a stable in the White House?

M Matt Mio 20:54
There was.

S Stephanie Conant 20:55
Jefferson?

M Matt Mio 20:57

Mm-mm.

S Stephanie Conant 20:57
Adams?

M Matt Mio 20:58
It was John Adams. Yeah, it was John Adams. Cleopatra and Caesar.

D Dave Chow 21:05
I'm just picturing like, who maintains this stuff? You know. I mean, because I'm assuming they obviously have staff.

S Stephanie Conant 21:11
Yeah. Right.

S Stephen Manning 21:13
Back then slaves.

M Matt Mio 21:14
Mostly. Yeah, that's right. That's true. A couple of others, and I'll try to narrow it down because there's some pretty nice trivia here. Thank you so much, Julie, for sending these in. So a president we've already had as an answer, also had a very well known pair of canaries named Nip and Tuck. It's rather cute.

D Dave Chow 21:38
Sounds Reagan. Sounds like Reagan.

M Matt Mio 21:41
Doesn't it? But it's before Reagan.

S Stephanie Conant 21:43

Johnson?

M Matt Mio 21:43
Mm-mm

B Beth Oljar 21:43
Oh, Okay.

D Dave Chow 21:46
JFK?

M Matt Mio 21:48
Nope. It's before JFK.

D Dave Chow 21:50
Okay.

S Stephanie Conant 21:51
Carter?

M Matt Mio 21:52
Before Carter

B Beth Oljar 21:53
Ike? We haven't had Ike yet.

M Matt Mio 21:57
It was before Ike

S Stephen Mannina 21:58

Not Truman.

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Beth Oljar 22:00

FDR? Did he have -

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Beth Oljar 22:03

No, this President's initials are the same letter for first and last name. We've already had it as an answer.

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Dan Maggio 22:09

Herbert Hoover.

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Dan Maggio 22:10

It wasn't Hoover but -

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Dave Chow 22:11

Calvin Coolidge.

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Matt Mio 22:13

It was Coolidge. Yeah. Coolidge ends up with - if you remember - Coolidge was King Cole, the Belgian Sheepdog and a pair of canaries named Nip and Tuck. I think that's kind of a nice little thing there.

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Dave Chow 22:25

What a cute, adorable name.

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Matt Mio 22:28

Okay, for the people who keep track of these things - There was a time when my wife actually had a connection to some of the curators at the White House. And they take this kind of like keeping track of stuff for the Presidents very, very seriously.

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Dave Chow 22:41

D Dave Chow 22:41
Before they try flushing it down the gold toilet, right?

M Matt Mio 22:43
Also true. But according to the people who keep track of these things, only two presidents did not have any formal pet at any time when they were in the White House.

D Dave Chow 22:55
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M Mara Livezey 22:56
Trump.

M Matt Mio 22:58
That's right.

S Stephanie Conant 23:00
And who's the other weirdo?

D Dave Chow 23:01
Poppy Bush? Did he have no pets?

M Matt Mio 23:04
No, this one is actually going back to the surrounding decades of the Civil War.

D Dave Chow 23:11
Jackson?

M Matt Mio 23:13
atMm-mm.

D Dave Chow 23:13
Johnson.

M Matt Mio 23:14
It was Johnson. It was Andrew Johnson.

D Dave Chow 23:16
Andrew Johnson. Okay. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 23:17
And FYI, because these are the sort of things that they keep track of. Andrew Johnson did not have a formal pet. But it may just actually, in the eyes of history, boil down to Trump, because Johnson made friends with the mice that lived in his master bedroom and fed them during his entire presidency.

D Dave Chow 23:39
Eww!

M Mara Livezey 23:40
Counts.

S Stephanie Conant 23:41
Totally counts. He probably named them. So -

M Matt Mio 23:44
(Laughs) There you go. That's the cut off. I love it. I love it. Very well done pros. Very well done. All right. We have just a few minutes left here. So it's time to go to you know what it is? Frank Burroughs and the family Imponderables.

D Dave Chow 24:02
Oh, have they sent in new? Or are we still on the old?

M Matt Mio 24:04
We're still finishing up -

M Matt Mio 24:06
Okay

M Matt Mio 24:06
you know, the old stuff. And I think it's a fun one today. Let's talk about what your favorite decade could be. And I know when we hear that, sometimes we immediately go to like fashion or music or something. Let's not narrow ourselves down. It could be for any reason that you like a certain decade.

M Matt Mio 24:23
Didn't we do this? I thought we did this one.

M Matt Mio 24:26
Did we?

B Beth Oljar 24:27
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 24:27
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 24:28
But I'd like to change my answer.

D Dave Chow 24:30
So what's your answer, Dan? I think I said the 70's.



D Dave Chow 24:35

I'm pretty sure you said 90's.

B Beth Oljar 24:38

No, I definitely didn't say the 90's.

D Dave Chow 24:40

Alright, somebody's gotta roll back tape.

M Matt Mio 24:42

All right, we're gonna roll back the tape. We've got plenty of time here.

A Announcer 24:45

All right, Matt. Well, while we can't rewind the tape, we can rewind on the timeline of the digital audio workstation. And we'll go back to the episode from two weeks ago and this is what Professor Maggio said -

M Matt Mio 25:01

Dan, it looks like you're cogitating, uh, deeply here.

D Dan Maggio 25:04

I'm gonna go with the 70s

M Matt Mio 25:06

70s?

D Dan Maggio 25:07

I mean, there are some things about the 90s I liked. Nothing culture related, (laughs), but I say 70s.

A Announcer 25:13

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And since Professor Stephanie Conant wasn't here on last week's show, we never did get her answer to the question. Stephanie, what decade of music would your favorite be?

S Stephanie Conant 25:23
Something - like, within my lifespan?

M Matt Mio 25:26
It doesn't have to be. Go ahead and say.

S Stephanie Conant 25:30
If that's alright.

D Dave Chow 25:32
No. No, no. Because I remember - because I remember we were making fun of Mara because she's only lived through three, you know, three decades. That's all. So -

S Stephen Manning 25:41
I chose the 60's too, because I remember we chose the same thing.

S Stephanie Conant 25:42
I'm pretty sure I chose the 60s,

D Dave Chow 25:44
I think I had the 40s. And then, for decades, I've lived through the 70s because I was born in the mid 60s. So I don't really get to count that one.

S Stephanie Conant 25:54
I mean, I'd probably say the 80s, but I don't know. I mean, when you look back at everything, it's like, we should have known better, but I don't know. You know, like somebody was like "the 90s were amazing, because there was good music and there was - "you know, yes. But like, we also just ignored a lot of stuff.

D Dave Chow 26:10

D Dave Chow 26:10
The 80's had good music

D Dan Maggio 26:12
The 80's had better music.

D Dan Maggio 26:13
Yeah, I'd say the 80s. It's all coming back now. Anyway.

D Dave Chow 26:18
My parachute pants haven't gone out of style yet. Right?

M Matt Mio 26:20
I think that I'm about to make the same joke I made the first time then, because I was like, as long as nobody chooses the 1920s, then I think we're going to be you know, just fine. Or maybe the 1920s are all about what you're about. I don't know. Great Gatsby and all that.

B Beth Oljar 26:35
Well, there were some fairly happening things going on in the 1920s.

M Matt Mio 26:40
Totally. Yep.

M Mara Livezey 26:41
I think the worst choice is the 2020s. (Matt laughs)

D Dave Chow 26:45
Oh! Yeah, I kind of noticed nobody chose those. So I mean -

M Matt Mio 26:49
A decade that will live in infamy.

D Dave Chow 26:51
The Thirties were pretty bad too.

D Dave Chow 26:55
The what?

B Beth Oljar 26:56
The 1930s

M Matt Mio 26:58
Kind of rough.

D Dave Chow 26:59
Okay. All right.

M Matt Mio 27:00
I'm writing down now, "Don't ask this one again. Next time ask for favorite century".

M Mara Livezey 27:06
(Laughs) Yes.

S Stephanie Conant 27:07
That's true. Gotcha. 16th

D Dave Chow 27:10
Well, that's cool. Because we could like go back to the fifth century BC. I mean,

M Matt Mio 27:15
Exactly, exactly. I knew that your eyes were gonna light up with -

D Dave Chow 27:19
Or the 18th century, the Age of Enlightenment, which unfortunately ended. So.

M Matt Mio 27:27
All good things, Beth. All good things. I'm afraid, professors, we've reached the end of what all of this great learning can teach us. So the time has come to say goodbye, Dave.

D Dave Chow 27:39
See ya.

M Matt Mio 27:40
Beth

B Beth Oljar 27:41
Bye

M Matt Mio 27:42
Stephen

S Stephen Manning 27:43
Bye

M Matt Mio 27:45
Stephanie.

M Matt Mio 27:49
and Mara

S Stephanie Conant 27:49



Good-bye



Mara Livezey 27:50

Goodbye.



Matt Mio 27:50

And now these words.



Announcer 27:52

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Matt Mio 28:01

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