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- D** Dan Maggio 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. To my right, you have your summer sunglasses out. I think that that's cool. It's very summery outside in Detroit today. Its Professor Heather Hill.
- H** Heather Hill 00:24
Hello.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:25
It's a little bit of a Jackie O' vibe?
- H** Heather Hill 00:27
Yeah.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:28
There's nothing wrong with that.
- H** Heather Hill 00:29
I don't know. You know.

I DON'T KNOW. YOU KNOW.

D Dave Chow 00:30
I was thinking DB Cooper, but -

H Heather Hill 00:32
I don't like how sunglasses look on me or glasses in general.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:35
Really?

D Dave Chow 00:36
What are you talking about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:38
I think they look fine.

H Heather Hill 00:39
Well, thank you. I'm gonna wear them through the entire show then.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:42
(Laughs) Professor Stephen Manning is here with us as well today. You're looking totally summery.

S Stephen Manning 00:48
Well, I was working around the house and in the house on a project and then it was announced to me that it's five minutes before three. So - and it's warm out.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:59
That's all it takes

S Stephen Manning 01:00
Beautiful weather -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:01
That is awesome

S Stephen Manning 01:01
for another day, I think and then we return to normal on Saturday night/Sunday.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:06
Yeah, that's right. Professor Dan Maggio is here. You get around biking in weather like this?

D Dan Maggio 01:12
Yeah, I would go biking

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:13
It's bad for curling.

D Dan Maggio 01:14
It's a little bad for curling.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:15
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 01:16
Although we still have ice, but I'm done. My season is over. We did not advance to the national championship -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:22
Okay.

H Heather Hill 01:25
Aww

D Dan Maggio 01:26
Or the Olympics

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:27
I'm sorry.

D Dan Maggio 01:29
But my ride down here today was delightful. It was. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:36
That's a joke because of all the orange cones on Woodward.

D Dan Maggio 01:39
I didn't even take Woodward. I came down Coolidge. It took me half an hour to get here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:43
It's even worse, because that's where everybody's going. Instead of taking Woodward,

H Heather Hill 01:46
Right. It's a mess.

D Dan Maggio 01:47
So - well, nobody told me. They should put an alert out.

H Heather Hill 01:50
I know.

D Dan Maggio 01:51
I could take the long way around. but -

H Heather Hill 01:54
And it might actually be the shorter way around.

S Stephen Manning 01:56
Well, since the Avenue Of Fashion is now the Avenue Of Fashion. That's, you know, there's literally a traffic jam on that.

D Dan Maggio 02:03
It looks like there is a cantina near there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:05
That's right.


D Dan Maggio 02:06
that popped up. Kuzzo's is open?


D Dave Chow 02:08
Kuzzo's? Yeah.


D Dan Maggio 02:09
There's some other new things. So that's really exciting. But it's pretty jammed there.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:13
Yeah. Kuzzo's actually went out of business a couple months ago.


S Stephen Manning 02:16


 Stephen Manning 02:16
What did?


 M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:17
Kuzzo's did


 D Dan Maggio 02:18
Went out of business?


 D Dave Chow 02:19
Came and went.


 M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:20
Yeah.

 D Dan Maggio 02:21
Oh, I didn't know that. It's not what you're saying?

 D Dave Chow 02:23
Yes.

 D Dan Maggio 02:23
Sorry. I missed that. I only heard Kuzzo's

 S Stephen Manning 02:25
There's a new place close to that called What's Crackin'. seafood place.

 D Dave Chow 02:26
Oh, yes.



S Stephen Manning 02:26
It's not open yet. They still got the things on the window. "Coming soon - What's Crackin'". And there's a thing. A logo with all lobster thing.

D Dan Maggio 02:37
Since we're talking about food.

H Heather Hill 02:39
Gee, what a surprise!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:40
I know.

H Heather Hill 02:41
So, on Coolidge by where we all live - in that new retail space that they built with the pool.

D Dave Chow 02:47
Aqua Tots?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:48
Pita Way.

D Dan Maggio 02:49
There's Poke Poke.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51
Oh!

D Dan Maggio 02:52
which I'm assuming - is poke Hawaiian?

D Dave Chow 02:56
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 02:57
So that's going to be interesting.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:59
Have you been to the Pita Way yet?

D Dan Maggio 03:01
No. I haven't

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:02
It was Buy one, get one last week.

D Dave Chow 03:03
Yeah. I was there for the first week. I had to get in.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:07
And - ?

D Dave Chow 03:07
It's okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:08
All right.

D Dave Chow 03:08
It's decent.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:09

I just - We have a lot of family yucks over that Aqua Tots. Because there's just something about even driving by at a reasonable speed and seeing a lot of half clothed, tiny children frolicking around. It's like, "Did you need to put windows around the whole building?"

D Dave Chow 03:25

My nephew and niece actually attend that place? And I'm like - "What?!"

D Dan Maggio 03:28

If you stop and look, it looks a little -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:31

You know what I mean?

D Dan Maggio 03:31

wrong. You have to be a little careful.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:33

Seriously,

D Dan Maggio 03:34

but it's cute to see kids swimming.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:36

Yeah, that part is cute. I will give you that. I'll give you that. So, of course, the only person around the table who I think has been to Pita Way. It's professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 03:46

Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47
So, it was good.

D Dave Chow 03:48
It was good. Very good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:49
What's better - Mr. Kebab or Pita Way?

D Dave Chow 03:52
Ooh - I'm sold on Mr. Kebab.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:54
All right.

D Dave Chow 03:55
Well, the only reason I'm also saying that is Mr. Kebab's been there forever. They know my order. Whereas Pita Way, I was there the first week and the poor gal was still trying to figure out how to use the register.

H Heather Hill 04:05
Aww - Give them a chance.

D Dave Chow 04:07
I know I will. I always do.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:08
I'm sure the Berkley High School kids will too. Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP@UDMercy.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. So this is a little awkward. Stephen sent us some questions. He

actually sent about a bajillion questions, which I think is great. And we'll see. You know, the last time we did this, Stephen, and you were at the table, you were like, "Did I write that?" So we're gonna see if we can get that to happen a couple times. And it's not about food, but it's close to our hearts. "I know this group likes movies and that it prides itself on knowledge of movie history. So here's a 15 question set on the theme of movie trivia. Some real real surprises here" He says. So these are from Stephen and we're very thankful that you sent them in.

S Stephen Manning 05:06

I'm gonna get every one right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:08

(Laughs) When writer Peter Benchley was stuck on a title for what would become JAWS, what was the idea for a title that his father came up with? And what I will tell you to do is set your phasers to be as snarky and hilarious as you can.

D Dave Chow 05:26

Orca Bait? Teeth?

H Heather Hill 05:27

Love At First Bite

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:30

All of these sre very very good N. I haven't heard it yet.

D Dave Chow 05:36

Scheider's Rift. No, no, "Show Me The Way To Go Home?" Also incorrect. I was gonna say that. JAWS mandibles you taste delicious. I just think

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:45

It's great that everybody went the taste, the bite sort of direction, which is very close to what it is. I'm hoping you can get one word from this.

D Dave Chow 05:54

Martha's Vineyard Delight or something?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:56
No.

H Heather Hill 05:56
Teeth?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:59
No

D Dave Chow 06:00
Mandible?

H Heather Hill 06:00
Limb?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:02
I'm giving it to Professor Hill for Limb ,even though the word "limb" does not appear.

H Heather Hill 06:06
Leg? Arm?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:07
It was "Leg". "What's That Noshin' On My Laig?" (The professors laugh)

D Dan Maggio 06:11
You can't name a movie that.

D Dave Chow 06:15
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Yes you can. I mean "Fish Called Wanda."

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19
Sharks (Singing) "Show me the way to go home. I'm tired now and I wanna go to bed. Had a little drink about an hour. ago" . (Laughs) What's that Noshin' On My Laig? Everybody knows John Williams' famous score. What That Noshin On My Leg" To land the part of a navy patrol boat crewman in Apocalypse Now, Laurence Fishburne convinced director Francis Ford Coppola that he was 18 years old, but he wasn't. He was just a large lad. How old was he when he claimed he was 18?
- H** Heather Hill 06:53
14
- D** Dan Maggio 06:54
15
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:55
He was 14 years old. That is exactly correct.
- H** Heather Hill 06:58
I honestly don't know these questions. I really don't. I don't
- D** Dave Chow 07:00
No - no. 14 is a good age to start carding. That's all
- S** Stephen Manning 07:04
You know it had to be under 18. Right.
- D** Dave Chow 07:05
Yeah. so
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:06

It's not likely to be 10.

D

Dave Chow 07:09

You gotta remember - physically he's got to be somewhat mature. So 14 on up is accurate.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:16

Which sitcom star - sitcom stalwart has been all around, played a police officer at the end of the movie PSYCHO? Good question, Stephen.

H

Heather Hill 07:26

Would you ask that question again. I'm sorry.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:27

Which sitcom star played a police officer at the very end of PSYCHO. So he's gonna be an older gentleman even in the 80s. I would say 80's sitcom star.

D

Dave Chow 07:40

Like - Abe Vigoda?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:42

No but you're -

S

Stephen Manning 07:43

Hal Linden

D

Dan Maggio 07:44

Carroll O'Connor. No,

H

Heather Hill 07:45

Bob Newhart?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:47
All these are really good but incorrect. Initials T K.

D Dave Chow 07:51
Tom.

H Heather Hill 07:53
Ted Knight? Ted Knight. You're three for three

D Dave Chow 07:57
Uh-oh, it's the proximity.

S Stephen Manning 07:59
Ted Knight from Mary Tyler Moore.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:00
All of you have a better batting average the entire Detroit Tigers team. Incredible. It was Ted Knight. Yeah. Our old friend, Mr. Ted Knight. Who was originally envisioned to star in the movie that became Die Hard. I think I've heard this one before. No surprises here.

D Dave Chow 08:20
Nick Nolte or someone like that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:21
Think older.

S Stephen Manning 08:23
That's a huge - I couldn't believe it when I came across this.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:26

You're getting close. So we're talking about -

H Heather Hill 08:29
But not Bruce Willis

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:30
Not Bruce Willis, who would have been the young action star of the time. Think - Look as far backwards as you can. It's all I can say.

D Dave Chow 08:38
Lke - Charlie Chaplin? Too far back.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:41
No, you're playing in the right realm here..

H Heather Hill 08:43
Seriously? Okay.

S Stephen Manning 08:44
It's like a whole generation -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:46
Yeah, seriously

D Dave Chow 08:47
What - Like a Buster Keaton?

D Dan Maggio 08:48
Roger Moore?.

H Heather Hill 08:51
Lee Majors? (Laughs) Anything I would say - Mostly this person is an actor, but mostly this person is remembered as a singer - if that helps at all.

D Dave Chow 09:01
Mack Davis?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:02
No.

H Heather Hill 09:03
A singer?

D Dave Chow 09:03
A singer?, Glen Campbell? Johnny Cash?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:05
Oh man,

D Dave Chow 09:06
Elvis. Frank Sinatra.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:08
You're all around it. It was Sinatra.

P Professors 09:09
What?!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:10
It claimed that Sinatra was originally the lead for Diehard. That's a surprise right there.

D Dave Chow 09:15
I just can't imagine him running barefoot across glass.

D Dan Maggio 09:17
No! Maybe Die Hard: The Musical.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:19
I'm just thinking of his voice with Yippy Caye Yay.

D Dave Chow 09:23
Yeah, maybe it's entertainment for Nakatomi Towers

S Stephen Manning 09:27
Diehard, the lounge act

H Heather Hill 09:31
Diehard, my way.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:32
There we go. What's that noshing on my leg? Pieces of glass. What was West Side Story originally titled?

H Heather Hill 09:44
Romeo and Juliet.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:46
That's a pretty good guess, but that is not what it says here. That's pretty good.

D Dave Chow 09:49
Checking us late

snarks vs jets.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:51
No. Think as simple as possible.

D Dave Chow 09:58
New York crime scene?

H Heather Hill 09:58
Boy Meets Girl?

D Dave Chow 09:59
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:00
I guess you're taking simplicity in a different direction.

D Dave Chow 10:02
Too simple?

H Heather Hill 10:02
Hey! Does it have to do with the the like, group versus group?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:07
No, it does not actually. Take West Side Story where they settled and kind of deconstruct it, but only one step.

D Dan Maggio 10:15
East Side Story?



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:16

It was East Side Story.

D Dan Maggio 10:16

Oh, I was just joking. That's funny,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:20

It's sort of like, "Why is the internet duperstore in the western world called Amazon?" I know the whole A to Z logo thing but it's just a word that's good to say. It has nothing to do with the Amazon. Right? So - something about making it sound right. East Side Story. West Side Story. Little Rascals actor Carl (Alfalfa) Switzer appears as a high school student in which famous drama?

D Dave Chow 10:45

Oh, I should know this one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:47

I would say -

D Dave Chow 10:48

What - like giant or rebel without a cause? Was it a James Dean vehicle?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:53

No, it was a Jimmy Stewart vehicle.

D Dave Chow 10:56

Oh. Um - The Christmas one possibly.

D Dan Maggio 10:59

"It's A Wonderful Life"?

M Matt Mio. Ph.D. 11:00

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Yeah, It's A Wonderful Life. That's it. Everybody put all their heads together. Alfalfa.

D

Dave Chow 11:05

He was already too old by the time that movie - I couldn't remember. (Laughs) I'm sorry. I've been playing too much with Wonka Vader's all this morning. So

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15

In the first draft of the movie Toy Story, instead of being a cowboy, Woody was something else. What toy was he?

D

Dan Maggio 11:22

A fireman?

H

Heather Hill 11:24

Soldier?

D

Dave Chow 11:26

Big Jim.?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:27

Soldier is getting closer. He wasn't a cowboy.

D

Dan Maggio 11:32

He was a pilot?

D

Dave Chow 11:33

Police officer?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:34

No. Something that's traditionally made out of wood. That's where he got his name, I would assume since he's not a cowboy.

D Dave Chow 11:41
A Lincoln Log house?

H Heather Hill 11:43
Something that's traditionally made out of wood. A puppet?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
Yes. Yeah, that's right. It wasn't a ventriloquist dummy. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 11:49
What - like Charlie McCarthy?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:52
Pretty creepy stuff there. Pretty creepy stuff.

H Heather Hill 11:55
(Singing) What's that noshing on my leg?

D Dave Chow 11:55
Oooh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:57
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 11:57
What's that sawing on your leg?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:00
Oh my gosh, you're gonna be singing that all day.

Oh my gosh, you're gonna be singing that all day.

H Heather Hill 12:02
I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02
That's awesome. What song was almost cut from the movie that of course made it famous. That's a pretty broad question. Like, The Star Wars theme.

D Dave Chow 12:03
Oh. Uh, Wizard of Oz.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:06
Yeah. Over the Rainbow was name of that song. That's pretty hilarious when you think about it. I looked ahead on these questions. Stephen. I read this one and then I just love it. Titanic released in 1997. cost about \$200 million to film. About how much did it cost to build the Titanic and its ill-fated voyage in 1912?

D Dave Chow 12:36
Where's Jim when we need him? Yeah,

D Dan Maggio 12:37
20 million dollars.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:38
It's less

D Dan Maggio 12:40
12 million

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:40
Less

D Dan Maggio 12:41
A million.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42
It's more. Oh, I'm done.

H Heather Hill 12:45
A million and a half.

D Dan Maggio 12:45
I'll pass it on.

D Dave Chow 12:46
Yeah. Can we get Kendra on speed dial?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:49
Just give me one more guess Dave

D Dave Chow 12:51
3.5.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:52
Okay, double it. 7.5 million. 7.5 million.

D Dave Chow 12:56
The error bars are flexed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:59
Yeah. We want to tell your story for two more orders of magnitude more than it took to

Yeah, we want to tell your story for two more orders of magnitude more than it took to originally tell it. Ay-ay-ay. Who was originally cast as Indiana Jones but couldn't get out of his TV series contract. Every red blooded Detroiter knows this.

D Dave Chow 13:14
Uh - Tom Selleck

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:15
Tom Selleck. Yes. And what a completely different character Indiana Jones would have been.

S Stephen Manning 13:20
So he would have been contracted to

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:22
Magnum P.I.


S Stephen Manning 13:23
Magnum P.I.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:24
Yeah, That's what I would say. I love looking that far back, which isn't that far, and realizing all these actors were like "Oh, I can't get out of my lucrative TV contract. I have to go to Hawaii to film a couple more episodes." Don't you want to go to the Amazon and find a mysterious idol and -


D Dave Chow 13:42
and sweat


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:42
Yeah, exactly. Reese's Pieces, of course, were not the first choice for the alien treat in E.T. What was?


D Dave Chow 13:40


 Dave Chow 13:49
Skittles? Or m&ms?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:51
m&ms Yeah, it was pretty good to go for the bite size action there. Yeah. They couldn't get the uh -


 Dave Chow 13:57
Peeps?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:58
Yeah, Peeps.

 Dave Chow 13:58
Yeah. I can see it now. E T. can't speak because he's got a mouthful of Peeps.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:02
He can't peep Yes. What famous director made a cameo as a clerk in the Cook County Assessor's Office in the Blues Brothers ? He was not involved in the film, just made a cameo.

 Heather Hill 14:15
Oh, yeah.

 Dave Chow 14:16
Spielberg? Hitchcock? Woody Allen?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:17
it was Spielberg. I love how you just went - you're just listing a bunch of them, but you hit it on the first try. Yeah, that's pretty cool. The carpet in the bad neighborhood kid's house in Toy Story is an homage to what set of horror films? Oh yeah. The carpet in his bedroom is the same as a very famous horror film.



D Dave Chow 14:35
The Shining, It's the most famous carpet -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36
The Shining.

D Dan Maggio 14:36
Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:37
It's very distinctive carpet. very distinctive carpet. I came across, um, someone who wouldn't know me from Adam, as my old boss used to say, who does online movie reviews recently because the kids wanted to go see Super Mario Brothers and the first one that I read was actually written by someone I knew in high school. Again - would never remember me. And she had written a book about how far the Shining Movie is from the book itself, and how it was purposefully taken in racist directions by the virtue of making the film. And I had never heard of that kind of critical treatment, and now I kind of want to read more about it. Yeah. Interesting. That's my anecdote for today.

D Dan Maggio 15:23
Well, was Stephen King consulted? Was he part of the production of the movie - the writing?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:27
The deal is based off of having read DOCTOR SLEEP, the book and then seeing the Ewan McGregor follow up movie, basically the sequel. King felt both the book and the movie an apology for how the original movie had turned out, and I had never heard that before either.

D Dave Chow 15:44
Hmm.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:44
Yeah, kind of interesting. Which actress was the first pick for the lead role in ALIEN, which of course eventually went to Sigourney Weaver?

—

D Dave Chow 15:55
Hmm. Laura Dern?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:57
No, that's good.

D Dan Maggio 15:58
That was late 80s?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:00
We're talking mid to late 80s. Yeah. Or Gosh - ALIEN - that may have been 1980.

D Dave Chow 16:06
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 16:07
Oh, that was way back.

D Dave Chow 16:08
Jamie Lee Curtis?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:09
No

H Heather Hill 16:10
Not Sean from Blade Runner.

D Dave Chow 16:12
Sean Young?

H Heather Hill 16:12
Yeah, no.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:14
A good clue if you're big Seinfeld fans is Jerry once called this actress a quote, "big phony baloney", unquote. Dan's laughing already?

D Dan Maggio 16:27
No, I don't know. But I can picture him saying that.

D Dave Chow 16:29
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:30
In pop culture, this is known as one of the greatest actresses still live of our time.

D Dan Maggio 16:36
Meryl Streep?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:37
Meryl Streep was originally supposed to be - Yeah.

H Heather Hill 16:39
Really?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:39
I don't see her -

H Heather Hill 16:42
That is so interesting.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:44
I don't know where you found this stuff. No, no, it is it's interesting. I'm just looking -

H Heather Hill 16:48
I'm just trying to rethink the movie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:50
Stephen's grilling over there.

S Stephen Manning 16:51
You wonder what I do all day around the house.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:53
Yeah,

H Heather Hill 16:53
That and vacuuming up dog hair.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:57
How many gallons of water were in a performance capture tank used to film water scenes for the film (just came out) AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER?

D Dan Maggio 17:08
How many gallons?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:09
How many gallons of water were in the motion capture tank?

D Dave Chow 17:12

None.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:13
Well, apparently they did some motion capture in water. Well,

D Dan Maggio 17:17
Well - I mean, that's going to be - I don't even know how to estimate that.

H Heather Hill 17:20
Yeah, I know. Right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:21
And you're good at that stuff.

D Dan Maggio 17:22
So, I would say- I don't know - half a million.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:27
I mean, you're a little high. It's 90,000. But that's still a lot.

D Dan Maggio 17:31
That's really high. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:32
Now, if you remember, almost all of the practical special effects for the sinking of Titanic were actually practical effects. They were not CGI. They had a motion capture performance tank. How many gallons were in that tank to film Titanic? Here's a hint: it's more than 90,000

D Dave Chow 17:53
What a shock

H Heather Hill 17:55
500,000

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:57
It's more

H Heather Hill 17:59
750,000

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:00
More.

H Heather Hill 18:01
1 million

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:02
More than a million.

H Heather Hill 18:03
Whoa, baby.

D Dan Maggio 18:06
I don't know how to picture a million gallons of water.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:08
It's hard

S Stephen Manning 18:09
It is hard. Yeah.

H Heather Hill 18:10
1.7 million.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:13
I'm gonna give it to you, but we're gonna multiply by 10. It's 17 million gallons of water. Isn't that incredible?

D Dave Chow 18:17
(Laughs) Can you imagine the water bill?

H Heather Hill 18:18
Partial credit.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:18
Yeah, partial credit. Oh, 100 per cent.

D Dave Chow 18:21
The decimal point was in the wrong place.

S Stephen Manning 18:23
(Laughs) Close enough.

H Heather Hill 18:24
Yeah. Well, thank you Stephen.

D Dave Chow 18:26
I'm glad my accountant doesn't look at it that way.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:29
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P Production Element 18:37
(IMPONDERABLES sounder)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:39
Let's take a positive bent today, shall we? If you had a favorite, (so we're thinking positive) politician, who would that politician be?

D Dan Maggio 18:49
Oh, That's easy. Jimmy Carter

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:51
Jimmy Carter.

D Dave Chow 18:52
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52
That's solid. That's a solid response.

D Dave Chow 18:54
Everything else is south from there. Doggone it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:56
Yep. Oh, it's true. That's pretty solid.

D Dave Chow 19:00
I don't think I could top that one. Can you?



H Heather Hill 19:02
I think Jimmy Carter is a pretty good choice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:04
Mm-hm. What if we went to the realm of people who may not have been alive during your lifetime? Does that change your answer? And I mean, Abraham Lincoln, I suppose would be sort of a safe response.

S Stephen Manning 19:17
I'd say FDR

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:18
FDR, okay Sure.

S Stephen Manning 19:19
Or John F. Kennedy, more recently. You know, I read a book on - (you'd like this) on Carter called THE OUTLIER, which really got into his presidency And some of the controversies about it. It's a really good read.

D Dave Chow 19:34
What about Abrams - down in Georgia?

H Heather Hill 19:36
Stacey Abrams?

D Dave Chow 19:39
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:40
I think a lot of people might say Obama too.

D Dave Chow 19:42

Yeah, I was thinking of Abrams just because of the "Get Out The Vote".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:47

Sure.

D Dave Chow 19:47

For all the people down south. I thought that was really noble

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:50

Yep.

S Stephen Manning 19:50

The two Justin's in Tennessee these days.

D Dave Chow 19:52

True. That's very topical.

S Stephen Manning 19:54

Uh - Cuomo, the father

D Dave Chow 19:58

Oh - okay. who gave the speech at the - - 68? No, no later than that, because it's sometimes counted with Reagan's speech, it would have been 7880, or something, his speech at the Democratic National Convention, which was really a statement about what liberalism was all about.

H Heather Hill 20:20

How about Shirley Chisholm?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:21

Shirley Chisholm, first woman to run for president. 100%. That's a great one.

H Heather Hill 20:26
Thank you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:27
I like that. I like that a lot. I don't know who I would put at all on the list. Like, I gotta say that I had a very unique opportunity in high school, Presidential Classroom was what they called it, and they would take a bunch of promising youngsters and send them to DC. And we met both Carl Levin and Sander Levin. Sander Levin would have been a rep at that point. And they were just like, "You guys want to hang out in my office while I go take care of this vote?" And they like left us alone.

D Dave Chow 20:55
What?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:55
Yeah. Well, you took a picture at his desk. I remember that. That's just sort of odd.

H Heather Hill 20:55
That's pretty cool..

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:55
It was just so weird. Do you guys know who Patrick Leahy is? Yeah, Patrick Leahy. That's good.

H Heather Hill 21:05
Yeah, he's from Vermont. So -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:06
Yep.

S Stephen Manning 21:07
Yeah.

H Heather Hill 21:07
I met him first when he was - um - milking a cow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:13
Um - at home or at a like a state fair?

H Heather Hill 21:16
At a state fair.

D Dave Chow 21:17
Yeah, It wasn't on the floor, I don't think.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:19
Okay, nice.

H Heather Hill 21:20
Bernie Sanders.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:22
Bernie Sanders.

H Heather Hill 21:22
Also, Vermont.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:24
Yeah. It's a good one.

S Stephen Manning 21:26

I did shake Obama's hand once. No, well, not really a shake, but there was a rally and got close enough at a local high school in Ohio, not here.

H Heather Hill 21:33
Ooh, can I touch you?

S Stephen Manning 21:34
He was going through and it was like - It was kinda like this.

D Dave Chow 21:39
Well, I mean, is that almost like sitting at the Jolly Pumpkin? You know, where Obama ate too?

H Heather Hill 21:43
Mmm - close.

D Dan Maggio 21:48
Which one did he eat at? The Ann Arbor one?

D Dave Chow 21:50
No. No, the one in Midtown

D Dan Maggio 21:51
Downtown?

D Dave Chow 21:52
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:52
Really?



S Stephen Manning 21:53
Did you pick someone?

D Dave Chow 21:54
Pardon?

S Stephen Manning 21:55
Did you pick someone for the -

D Dave Chow 21:56
I was thinking Abrams.

S Stephen Manning 21:58
Oh, Abrams. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 22:00
What about a Canadian?

H Heather Hill 22:01
Oh, yeah, Canadian.

S Stephen Manning 22:04
The first Trudeau.

D Dave Chow 22:05
Yeah. I was thinking of the first Trudeau. Yeah, my dad always liked him. So I was still too young, but I remember some things he's done. And not to mention, he's also given birth to one too. So -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:13
Oh, that is true.

H Heather Hill 22:15
That's true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:17
Honestly, only because I think every single politician just listed, leans a little blue - um, you know, in the interest of balancing everything out, I will say the more that I learn about HW Bush, the more I'm like, Okay, he was an ok guy. He knew what he was doing. I didn't agree with everything he did, but it's like last of the old school politicians. Let's just put it that. That's all

H Heather Hill 22:41
I thought maybe you were gonna say John McCain.

D Dave Chow 22:44
Or Mitt Romney?

D Dan Maggio 22:47
No.

S Stephen Manning 22:49
I'd pick McCain before -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:50
Yeah, I think I would. You know, I'm not forcing us down, you know, a red fill in the blank here. But I think -

S Stephen Manning 22:57
Well, what's interesting too is I mean, I think a response like that is in retrospect.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:02
Right.

D Dave Chow 23:02
Yes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:02
Right. Right.

S Stephen Manning 23:03
We wish we had a George W. Bush around these days.

H Heather Hill 23:07
Liz Cheney.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:07
Oh, a hundred per cent.

S Stephen Manning 23:07
More rational.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:10
Well, there you go.

H Heather Hill 23:11
I mean, you know, I don't agree with much of her public policy

D Dave Chow 23:15
But she did take a stand

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:17

Oh, that's true

S Stephen Manning 23:17

Yeah. Paid dearly for it. You know, those stories of the relationship between Tip O'Neill and Reagan? They got this stuff done. They respected each other, although disagreed ideologically

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:23

Reagan, oh my gosh.

D Dave Chow 23:28

Vehemently. Uh-huh.

S Stephen Manning 23:28

On almost every single issue, but I think they both assumed that -

D Dave Chow 23:33

for the betterment of the country -

S Stephen Manning 23:34

the other guy had the best interest of the country in mind. "I think the best way to get there is this, you think it's this; okay, we'll figure something out."

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:41

That's my feeling. And that's all I'm saying. Not necessarily thought but feeling - what I feel about HW, but you're right. It's not like I didn't see that happening in the midst. It was like looking back, when you saw his son get elected and everything. So I don't know. That's a weird one. Locally, though. I mean, a lot of people are big fans of Big Gretch, in these parts. You know.

S Stephen Manning 23:50

Right.



H Heather Hill 24:02

Mm-hm.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:02

Our governor has a pretty big following. So -

S Stephen Manning 24:05

Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:06

Gretchen Whitmer. I mean, there's a lot of other people that would be put on the opposite list, too. I've been reading a lot of these Michigan state Republican Party news stories, and it's just sort of like, it's like, it's like a nuthouse. Like I don't even know what to say. I just, we have to save everybody from Satanism. And I just -

S Stephen Manning 24:25

Yeah. Well, and the leader of the Republican - the Michigan Republican Party now was the woman who had that disastrous - uh - What was she running for?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:31

Secretary of State.

H Heather Hill 24:35

Just unbelievable - for her to be -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:37

Right

H Heather Hill 24:37

in that position.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:38

Yep, that's right. So yeah, I don't know. I don't know what else to say about that - only - we've been cursed to live in interesting times. You know,

D Dave Chow 24:48

Well, when I buy my hotel over in Canada, you're more than welcome to stay. So

D Dan Maggio 24:53

So - What I would like to always know is - if you go back 50 years and you take a table like this, were they having the same conversations that we are, or is this truly unusual? Or is it just our unusual?

D Dave Chow 25:07

I think it's probably more divisive than ever before, "It's my way or the highway". That's the one thing I noticed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:12

Yeah

H Heather Hill 25:12

Absolutely.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:13

What I would say in my youth, Dan, you certainly have more experience than I do. Is that

D Dan Maggio 25:20

(Laughs) Just a little more.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:21

Just a little bit. Two months, right?

D Dave Chow 25:25

Two days

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:25

It was not an indirect - is that nobody could have predicted how a lot of these politics were going to change because they're coming from a place where people don't do the sort of things that Stephen was talking about. "I have my idea. I'm gonna try to push for it. If I lose, Eh, I 'll live to fight another day". Nobody thinks that way anymore.

D Dave Chow 25:45

Or just think about the, you know, just the idea of conceding an election - Right was a given. And now it's kind of like, "Nope. I'm gonna hang in there - " till what?

S Stephen Manning 25:57

Well, even bitterly fought elections and very, very close elections. There was the phone call.

D Dave Chow 26:03

Mm-hm

S Stephen Manning 26:03

You know, there was -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:04

There you go. respect. Respect for the process, respect for the office. And -

D Dave Chow 26:08

I always thought that was - that was the one thing that the United States always did better than any other country in the world, that you know, you can still be a gracious loser.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:15

Yeah. No, 100%

D Dave Chow 26:17

Whereas I don't know, you know, in moving forward . Now it's like, okay, "We're gonna challenge the machines. We're gonna challenge everything about the election". It's like, wait a minute, where's that civility in regards to accepting losing?

S Stephen Manning 26:29
Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:30
Civility or otherwise, it's just reality.

S Stephen Manning 26:32
I wouldn't be surprised if Trump stays in this race. He says even if he's convicted and jailed, he'll still run. So it would be just like him to pick Kari Lake as his running mate.

D Dave Chow 26:44
So now, what would happened? You know, let's just say he does get convicted, you know, is he going to serve prison time, then what?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:44
Oh, a hundred per cent.

D Dan Maggio 26:50
They're not gonna make him serve prison time.

S Stephen Manning 26:52
No. I mean, there's nothing to prevent him from doing that.

D Dave Chow 26:56
True.

S Stephen Manning 26:56
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Nothing constitutionally.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:58

We are running out of time, and it means we have to end on a high note. So I'll tell everybody who listens to my voice, both at this table and in the future over the airwaves this: Apparently it is an interesting personality quirk of Ron DeSantis that he likes canned pudding. Have you heard about this?

D Dave Chow 27:15

No.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:16

However, he does not eat said pudding with a spoon. He sticks two fingers into the little pudding can and smears it in to his mouth.

H Heather Hill 27:23

Okay. This is - That's enough. (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:25

And all you need to know is that at the NRA convention this weekend, where he's speaking remotely, but Trump will be speaking in person - in the (Indianapolis) metro area - there are anti Ron DeSantis ads on the TV this weekend, where it's all this bad stuff about DeSantis, and someone's in the background eating pudding by putting fingers in their mouth. That is not a joke.

H Heather Hill 27:49

Yuck!

S Stephen Manning 27:49

Hadn't heard that.

D Dan Maggio 27:52

These are our future leaders.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:53
(Laughing) I was trying to end on a high note.

H Heather Hill 27:56
We all have our quirks, but geez! (Matt laughs)

D Dave Chow 27:59
You know, my cousin's in Vancouver think I'm living in one huge soap opera.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:03
Oh, yeah. Well, you sort of are, but that's just your regular life.

D Dave Chow 28:06
Yeah, but can't I just deal with like Joan Collins wrestling like into Linda Evans in evening gowns in the fountain? It's so much easier.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:13
Yeah. Now, that was drama I could relate to.


D Dave Chow 28:15
No, 100%. Professors, I tried but obviously failed. So the time has come for us to say goodbye, Dave. Yeah. See ya'


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:24
Dan.


D Dan Maggio 28:24
I like pudding too.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:26

 Stephen.

 Stephen Manning 28:27
Goodbye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:27
Heather.

 Heather Hill 28:28
Bye bye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:28
Now these words.

 Announcer 28:30
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 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:40
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