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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 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 left, from the Department of Philosophy, it's Professor Beth Oljar
- B** Beth Oljar 00:21
Good to be here, Matt.
- M** Matt Mio 00:22
Yes. Thanks for coming, Beth. You got to enjoy the bounty of Dan's pizza. You know, it's either doughnuts or cookies or pizza. No one ever brings like trail mix. You know what I mean?
- D** Dave Chow 00:33
No.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:33
Right. Or crudité We never have that. You know, we're never munching on carrot and celery sticks here.
- M** Matt Mio 00:39
We've threatened a few times though to do like something wine and cheese to the point where

We've practiced a few times enough to do like something wild and crazy to the point where everybody gets at least a little tipsy, and then we record. That's still on the to-do list.

D Dave Chow 00:47
That could be over at my house during the summer, if you want.

M Matt Mio 00:50
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 00:50
Well, if you wait a few minutes, I did put something in the pizza.

M Matt Mio 00:53
Oh my gosh!

D Dave Chow 00:54
Quick. Where's the antidote?

M Matt Mio 00:56
The gummies? The gummies.

B Beth Oljar 00:57
Yeah, I'm not supposed to drink alcohol. So that'll be interesting.

D Dan Maggio 00:59
it wasn't alcohol.

M Matt Mio 01:02
Beth, how is your recovery?

B Beth Oljar 01:05

B Beth Oljar 01:05
Pretty good. Hands - I mean, I can't bend my right forefinger. But I don't think that has to do with the carpal tunnel. So -

M Matt Mio 01:12
Alright.

B Beth Oljar 01:13
the wrists are better. And -

M Matt Mio 01:14
Yeah. All right. You're only semi robotic.

D Dan Maggio 01:18
Can you use your middle finger?

B Beth Oljar 01:19
Oh, yes.

D Dan Maggio 01:20
Then you're fit to drive.

S Stephen Manning 01:24
Essential when driving around Detroit.

M Matt Mio 01:26
Oh, a hundred percent.

D Dave Chow 01:26
is the alternate turn signal.

M Matt Mio 01:30
Professor Dave Chow -

B Beth Oljar 01:32
because Detroit drivers are the worst.

M Matt Mio 01:34
They really are. And it is not a joke. Professor Dave Chow is here. We're looking forward to seeing what possible Superbowl commercials you're going to have.

D Dave Chow 01:41
I've got a few out there. We'll see what happens, so -

M Matt Mio 01:43
Yeah. That's pretty cool.

D Dave Chow 01:44
It's - a day in the life, so -

M Matt Mio 01:47
We've reached, um - It was just on - It's like something that happens every year, right? Like 30 seconds commercial for the Superbowl

D Dave Chow 01:54
A gazillion dollars

M Matt Mio 01:55
Seven million dollars this year.

D Dave Chow 01:56

And I didn't - I barely saw a nickel of it

M Matt Mio 02:00
(Laughs) Well, we hope at least two nickels come your way

B Beth Oljar 02:04
Is Taylor Swift gonna overthrow the republic at the halftime show?

D Dave Chow 02:07
Oh, we can only hope.

B Beth Oljar 02:07
I don't get this whole thing about her and -

D Dave Chow 02:08
We can only hope

S Stephen Manning 02:10
I just heard also - You probably know about this. They spend an enormous amount of time - whatever network is broadcasting the Super Bowl - on how they retain as much of the audience after the game.

M Matt Mio 02:21
Absolutely.

D Dave Chow 02:21
Oh, yeah. Totally. Every time Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 02:22
And the one this year they're doing is Justin Hartley is in tit - TRACKER

M Matt Mio 02:29
Yeah,

S Stephen Manning 02:30
Something like that. You know what the all time most successful - in terms of retaining the audience that watch the Superbowl - was? I guess I can't ask this question in the future. It was in 1996 - not FRIENDS - the other one. Yeah. It was FRIENDS. And they longgated the half =- hour show to one hour -

M Matt Mio 02:31
That's right Oh, my gosh!

S Stephen Manning 02:55
and they added some guests; and they announced that these special guests - Julia Roberts and -

M Matt Mio 03:00
Oh wow.

S Stephen Manning 03:01
Brook Shields for the longer one-hour show. That was in 1996, and that maintained or retained the highest percentage of Superbowl watchers.

M Matt Mio 03:12
Oh, my gosh.

D Dave Chow 03:12
I'm more intrigued by how many cameras that have at this year's game

M Matt Mio 03:15
Hundreds

D Dave Chow 03:16
Hundreds of them - all over the place. It's like there's no way you can miss anything. Now they

S Stephen Manning 03:20
Now they've got the drones too.

D Dave Chow 03:21
Oh, totally

M Matt Mio 03:22
Sure.

B Beth Oljar 03:23
Wasn't it after the Oscars, that we always got a Barbara Walters interview..

M Matt Mio 03:28
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 03:29
I remember watching quite a few of the ones she did with Patrick Swayze was really good. And of course he's now elevated to -

D Dave Chow 03:29
That's right.

M Matt Mio 03:37
That's right.

B Beth Oljar 03:38
People are not happy about lake Gvllenhaal's redoing Roadhouse

M Matt Mio 03:42

Roadhouse. Yes, I did see that although that's streaming, right. That's not on network TV. I think it's Netflix or something.

B Beth Oljar 03:48

Yes. So as far as I know, the Swayze is beloved. You know,

M Matt Mio 03:49

Yeah. Oh, absolutely. And I cannot let that go by without mentioning that one of my favorite TV shows of all time, Mystery Science Theater 3000 had an entire Christmas episode dedicated to Roadhouse. It's very hard to describe, but they sang a song, "Let's Have A Patrick Swayze Christmas" and it's something that I will never forget. I'm glad you brought it up. "Just be nice until it's time to not be nice." Professor Dan Maggio is here with us. He is - His new kenning: the bringer of pizza.

D Dan Maggio 04:26

Yes.

M Matt Mio 04:28

Do you have any idea where it's from?

B Beth Oljar 04:28

And cookies.


D Dan Maggio 04:30


Uh -


M Matt Mio 04:32

Local


D Dan Maggio 04:33

 Dan Maggio 04:35
I was told that I forgot. It's a Nine Mile in Oak Park.


 Matt Mio 04:36
Oh, okay. I actually think I know what it might be.


 Dan Maggio 04:39
I was told that it was fairly affordable.


 Matt Mio 04:41
Yeah, it's quite affordable and quite delicious.


 Dan Maggio 04:43
It doesn't taste cheap.

 Matt Mio 04:44
I've gotta say

 Dave Chow 04:45
It tastes decent

 Dan Maggio 04:47
It is good.

 Beth Oljar 04:47
There's no identification on the -

 Dave Chow 04:50
None. Plausible Deniability,



M Matt Mio 04:52
None of ther pieces, Dan, had a license. No driver's license for the pieces of pizza, sol don't know what's going on. Professor Stephen Manning is also here

B Beth Oljar 05:04
from the Department of -

M Matt Mio 05:06
being retired.

S Stephen Manning 05:08
He is

M Matt Mio 05:09
And - I mean the fact that you're here, that covers all the bases.

S Stephen Manning 05:13
It pretty much does.

M Matt Mio 05:14
It's a big deal

B Beth Oljar 05:14
puppy is continuing to improve?

D Dave Chow 05:16
bare legged

S Stephen Manning 05:17
Yes, although we had a little incident with him last night. I won't go into details. He had to be -

M Matt Mio 05:20
Oh no

D Dave Chow 05:23
Poor dog. There's more drama.

M Matt Mio 05:25
Disciplined?

S Stephen Manning 05:25
Admonished - disciplined. Yes. And we always get into this thing with the dog. Heather is far more sympathetic to the animal than I am when he misbehaves.

B Beth Oljar 05:35
Is this a surprise

D Dave Chow 05:36
Is this a good cop, bad cop?

S Stephen Manning 05:37
so I isolated him. And she kept saying, you know, after like, three minutes, "Okay, can you let him out now?" I said "Every time you say 'Can you let him out', I'm gonna add five minutes to his imprisonment.

B Beth Oljar 05:49
(Laughs)

S Stephen Manning 05:50
He's being punished. I mean, you know,



B Beth Oljar 05:53
but - do you think he knows?

D Dan Maggio 05:54
does he understand that he's being punished?

S Stephen Manning 05:56
Well, they say that you have to understand if you have a dog - Dogs are like four year olds, an average four year old. Some are smarter than others, but on average four year old. And they have a memory that lasts four minutes. And unless you know that this happened within the last four minutes, you're completely wasting your time. Anything you do. So you just have to keep that in mind. So technically, she's right that - "Okay, after four minutes, he's gonna have no idea why you're punishing him. So let him out". She'd be right.

B Beth Oljar 06:25
Cats might know but wouldn't care.

D Dave Chow 06:27
Yeah cats will defy you.

M Matt Mio 06:30
Oh my gosh. Well, folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize

B Beth Oljar 06:38
How long a dog's memory lasts.

M Matt Mio 06:41
You can send 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. Okay, we have a set of questions here. "Good afternoon panel. I wondered the other day - " There's just - Let's get right to the heart of things. whatever happened to the San Diego chicken? A stable of 1980s baseball. After reading about

the history of the chicken, I thought I would share some questions. These were sent in by my wife Leslie of Berkley, Michigan. We'll just dive right into this and see where it takes us. What is the official name of the chicken?

D Dan Maggio 07:31
Fred

D Dave Chow 07:31
San Diego chicken.

M Matt Mio 07:33
San Diego chicken is correct.

D Dan Maggio 07:34
That's it?

M Matt Mio 07:36
Well, it has other nicknames- the famous chicken -

B Beth Oljar 07:38
Is this their mascot?

M Matt Mio 07:40
It's not really their mascot. You'll see as we -

D Dave Chow 07:43
He was originally a radio promotion, if I remember.

M Matt Mio 07:46
That's right. "The famous SD Chicken, sometimes called- " (and I think this is really funny) "The KGB Chicken that will become clear here in just a minute".

S Stephen Manning 07:54
I thought it might have been Jim Harbaugh.

M Matt Mio 07:56
(Laughs) In what year did the character first appear?

D Dave Chow 08:01
1981?

M Matt Mio 08:02
it was earlier?

D Dave Chow 08:03
Oh

S Stephen Manning 08:04
68.

M Matt Mio 08:05
It was later.

D Dave Chow 08:06
Oh

B Beth Oljar 08:06
74

D Dave Chow 08:07
Not fried chicken, I hope

M Matt Mio 08:07
it was not 74 is spot on. It was an animated TV commercial. Brian Nurell was working for Odyssey Productions and offered to animate an acrobatic chicken as part of a commercial bid. So this is like in Dave's wheelhouse, you know. What do you think the commercial was advertising for?

D Dave Chow 08:08
A radio station ?

M Matt Mio 08:25
Not food. It was for a radio station. WKGB - or just KGB, pardon me. It's out west. So it's

B Beth Oljar 08:35
Hense the KGB chicken.

M Matt Mio 08:37
Nothing to do -

D Dave Chow 08:38
Nothing Putin-esque

M Matt Mio 08:39
Nothing Putin-esque. No giving comfort to the enemy or anything like that. This was my favorite question of the set. "When after that, did the chicken become corporeal? And I knew it would make Beth laugh.

D Dave Chow 08:55
corporeal?

M Matt Mio 08:56
when did it - because it was iust animated. You know. When did it become cornoreal?

When did it become corporate? Because it was just animated, you know. When did it become corporate?

D Dave Chow 09:01
When did he become a furry, In other words, right?

B Beth Oljar 09:03
When did someone put on the costume?

M Matt Mio 09:03
Yeah, that's it. So we need a month in 1974.

B Beth Oljar 09:04
April?

M Matt Mio 09:04
it was March when it was good enough. Yeah. So the commercial was early on Right when I turned 8 Yeah, exactly.

B Beth Oljar 09:06
Thats All we need -

S Stephen Manning 09:17
Beginning of the baseball season

D Dave Chow 09:18
Yeah. Exactly perfect timing.

M Matt Mio 09:20
At the time when the chicken was to become corporeal. They went to San Diego State and asked a whole bunch of different students who would like to get into a chicken suit to play the character. One student volunteer. Do you know his name?

D Dave Chow 09:35
Jia Nola?

M Matt Mio 09:36
It's pretty close. Ted Geonolis. He was a 20 year old journalism student at St. State time? Yes.

D Dan Maggio 09:43
How do you know that?

D Dave Chow 09:44
I don't know.

D Dan Maggio 09:44
That's a randomly fact.

M Matt Mio 09:46
That is a pretty random fact. Yeah. Where was the chicken's first corporeal appearance?

D Dave Chow 09:52
San Diego State.

M Matt Mio 09:53
No, that's reasonable. It was something that San Diego was known for tourists wise?

B Beth Oljar 09:59
Sea world?

D Dave Chow 10:00
Beach?

M Matt Mio 10:00
Not SeaWorld not Beach,

S Stephen Manning 10:02
Navy base.

M Matt Mio 10:03
No they wanted Geonolis to give out easter eggs to children at this very famous San Diego tourist spot?

D Dan Maggio 10:13
The zoo?

M Matt Mio 10:13
The zoo

D Dave Chow 10:16
before he got mauled by the gorillas, oh, I'm kidding.

M Matt Mio 10:19
So as the history as the oral history of the San Diego chicken is approached, basically what we find is that after the event Geonolis was writing a little bit of a high he did something good that day. His first thought was, I bet I could get into Padres games for free. In this get up, that was his idea. So he actually did things legally and approach the San Diego Padres who did not have you know that there actually is a Franciscan friar mascot Get up now.

S Stephen Manning 10:51
Oh

M Matt Mio 10:51
Like an oversized cartoony fryer

B Beth Oljar 10:53
I did not know that but I do now.

M Matt Mio 10:54
Now you do. But before that, because it just didn't exist. He said, can I just be the de facto mascot and dance around at the games? And they're like, yeah, we'll knock yourself out. That's how the story goes. In order to get a prize from the chicken, which almost always was an egg with something on the inside. Oh, what did you have to say to the chicken?

S Stephen Manning 11:14
May I have an egg please.

D Dave Chow 11:16
This is a stick up.

M Matt Mio 11:17
May I have an egg please-

D Dan Maggio 11:19
Is it baseball related.

M Matt Mio 11:21
No, it's more chicken pun related.

S Stephen Manning 11:24
chicken egg.

D Dan Maggio 11:26
Which came first?

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Matt Mio 11:29

you all are coming up with stuff way better than what? I'm sure had to be like 13 or Well, yeah, basically. So you had to go up to the chicken and say lay one on me. That's something unfortunate happened to the chicken. Oh,

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Beth Oljar 11:47

boy, chicken.

M

Matt Mio 11:48

Well, that's not gonna happen. I get into this with my students. Just the other day. I was like, you know, the whole thing about saying is reindeer. Only female reindeer retain their antlers during winter. So apparently they're all female. We had a someone tell a dad joke that involve polar bears and penguins. And I went off because unlike polar bears and penguins, and for opposite sides of the earth, they do not exist together. And they're like, What are you talking about? And suddenly I found myself on every president since Reagan said the word nucleolar. Instead of nuclear. It drives me bonkers Absolutely. Awful. minimum amount of science just what happened and not so good. On May 3 1979. To the San Diego check, do you get run over by a four by four? No, that's a pretty good sign on fire across

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Beth Oljar 12:35

the room and just never made it to the other side.

D

Dave Chow 12:40

You had a slip and fall.

S

Stephen Manning 12:42

He fell down during the game.

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Matt Mio 12:44

He fell into a vat of boiling grease. Now you know what happened here on Saturday. He was fired. Oh by the radio station. So a series of events follows another unnamed employee don the costume at that day is Padres game fans, many of whom are aware that Geonosis was not in the outfit booed the chickens so loudly

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Dan Maggio 13:05

Oh no,

M Matt Mio 13:06

he had to leave the field after a June so this is right around the corner and lawsuit in Geonosis favor he was allowed to resume playing the chicken as long as it was a different costume. So Leslie wanted you to know that there were images as part of this. This is the original costume chickeny

B Beth Oljar 13:24

Yeah.

M Matt Mio 13:25

And of course we're all very familiar with what the chicken looks like. Yeah, the chicken with Monterrey. What TV show did the chickens star in starting in 1981?

S Stephen Manning 13:40

Star?

M Matt Mio 13:40

star and this is the real deal.

D Dan Maggio 13:43

Is it a kid show?

M Matt Mio 13:44

It was a kid show and we can get the basics-

D Dave Chow 13:47

I'm trying to remember is like a Hong Kong phooey esque type of show

M Matt Mio 13:51

it is a little bit over the top... classic... very famous people were in it

it is a little bit you're getting closer some very very famous people were in it.

D Dave Chow 13:56
Well, not wasn't like a Mr. T or anything like that

D Dan Maggio 13:58
It was like a Pee Wee Herman's.

M Matt Mio 14:01
Yeah

S Stephen Manning 14:02
he ha. Was

D Dave Chow 14:03
it was a Saturday morning series. I remember I vaguely remember it. Chicken runners. Not

S Stephen Manning 14:10
Sesame Street.

B Beth Oljar 14:12
Scooby Doo chicken.

M Matt Mio 14:16
I don't know why it's so funny still it's really funny.

D Dave Chow 14:19
They got a picture of him in the back of the Mystery Machine.

M Matt Mio 14:21

they were called it was like I believe there was I believe there was an element of crimson. It was the baseball bunch. So he was part of a team of kids did things but regulars on the show two very, very famous baseball players of that day. First of all, a Cincinnati Reds catcher.

D Dave Chow 14:41

Johnny Bench

M Matt Mio 14:42

Johnny Johnny Bench was on the show weekly, and the eventual LA Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda Tommy Lasorda we're on the show. It's kind of a big deal here is a picture of the cast Leslie's

D Dave Chow 14:56

Oh thank god you weren't animated. I can only met character of Tommy Lasorda

M Matt Mio 15:02

In 1998. Just a little bit of a history jump there. We were in at 91 now were in 98. G and olace was sued by another famous children's television icon for copyright infringement. Who could it have been?

B Beth Oljar 15:18

Oh, something connected with McDonald's?

M Matt Mio 15:21

Ooh, I mean, not McDonald's,

D Dave Chow 15:23

Burger King?

M Matt Mio 15:24

Not children television icon Big birds got better things to do this time with the San Diego check it let's be serious

B Beth Oljar 15:28
Big Bird, Elmo.

D Dan Maggio 15:34
TV icon that looks like a chicken?

M Matt Mio 15:36
No, I didn't say anything about it looking like a chicken 1998 is a pretty big clue. Sorry, who was it would have been a children's television icon of the moment.

B Beth Oljar 15:48
Barney

M Matt Mio 15:48
Barney. Yes, it was Barney dinosaur. The suit was over a sketch in which the chicken engages in a slapstick dance contest against a Barney like suited character. Giannoulas prevailed in the suit and recovered his attorneys fees based on the court's determination that his sketch was, as they say, legitimate parody?

D Dave Chow 16:08
parody works wonders.

M Matt Mio 16:09
Here is a picture of the chicken-Dancing. Oh my gosh, it's so great. All right. So you already know about Reagan? How many other presidents has the chicken been photographed?

D Dave Chow 16:22
I'm sure Carter possibly.

M Matt Mio 16:24
No. He was too classy.

D Dave Chow 16:27
Oh.

B Beth Oljar 16:27
Both Bush's

M Matt Mio 16:29
One Bush W Bush. No Clinton,

D Dan Maggio 16:32
No Clinton,

D Dave Chow 16:33
Obama

D Dan Maggio 16:34
Obama

M Matt Mio 16:34
Pick a president without saying anything else. Not Obama, pick a president who you're like, yeah, it would make sense that that President during that era would get photographed with a giant chicken.

B Beth Oljar 16:43
Trump

D Dave Chow 16:44
Ford.

S Stephen Manning 16:45

Ford.

M

Matt Mio 16:45

I wouldn't say Gerald Ford, you know, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, W. Bush. And here's the the key to the whole thing that really, I mean, I remember the day that Leslie was actively using her powers of provenance as a historian discovered all this information. This is true. The chicken still performs all over the place. Yeah, as of 2024. How many people have played the chicken

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Dave Chow 17:11

three?

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Matt Mio 17:12

It says here only Ted giannoulas, the end. That -

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Dave Chow 17:16

Really?

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Matt Mio 17:17

He has only ever been in the chicken peas.

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Dave Chow 17:19

No offense. How will How old is he now roughly,

S

Stephen Manning 17:22

only started in


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Matt Mio 17:24


He was 20 in 74. So he's 70, so I don't think he's the split on top of the San Diego dugout anymore.


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Stephen Manning 17:33


 Stephen Manning 17:33
He's not laying many eggs these days. either


 Beth Oljar 17:35
You got to admit a if he-

 Matt Mio 17:38
As recently as a few years ago, Geonosis as stated on famouschicken.com


 Dave Chow 17:44
Of course


 Matt Mio 17:45
to this day and forever. I'll be the San Diego chicken. There's only one Michael Jordan. There's only one Wayne Gretzky. There's only one Babe Ruth, and nobody else will be in this suit when -

 Stephen Manning 17:56
Comparing himself-

 Dave Chow 17:57
I know. I was gonna say, is it gonna be his casket? in this outfit?

 Beth Oljar 18:00
Was Leslie really worried about providence of Providence? She didn't think we'd believe her.

 Matt Mio 18:04
No, no, it was just funny that she can use her powers of historical research. Diego chicken.

 Beth Oljar 18:11
Amazing what you tell me.

M

Matt Mio 18:12

He's not on the the Cooperstown ballot. Oh, gosh, you know what? That is a question to ask you. And I haven't had a chance to talk about Jim Leyland statement from the other day because kind of a big deal. It's a really big deal when you make it to the Hall of Fame like the Tigers got -

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Dave Chow 18:30

What hat your gonna wear

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Matt Mio 18:31

What hat you're going to wear because it has the logo with the team you're best known for no matter how many you've worked for. And he's decided to go without a logo on his cap because he served a lot of different teams. It's kind of a big deal, actually. Because when you go up there and it says pirates, you're going to be idolized by that fan base in perpetuity. Right. So it's kind of a big deal.

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Dave Chow 18:51

I say we just give him a four brim hat one on each side.

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Beth Oljar 18:55

That seems perfectly reasonable to me .

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Matt Mio 18:57

Well, yes. out of the ordinary for the Hall of Fame. That's the way it would be for instance, we talked we'll talk about it forever. Sooner or later Verlander is going to make the ballot and probably get in first try. He's going to be wearing an Astros cap because he earned his World Series wins with Houston with the Tigers.

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Stephen Manning 19:14

Well, it could be based on how many years did you did you play for each of these teams or manage? Who Did you win World Series with OSI Young's with etc.

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Matt Mio 19:23

Anwvav. that is that is where we are right now. I don't know what else to sav the San Dieao

anyway, that is that is where we are right now. I don't know what else to say, the San Diego chicken I am certain our listenership had their ears glued to their speakers during

- D** Dave Chow 19:35
And I'm still trying to figure out how in the world do I remember the guy's name?
- M** Matt Mio 19:37
Whatever that that is bananas. Right there
- D** Dave Chow 19:40
I don't know how he did-
- B** Beth Oljar 19:41
Because we all possess sort of random factoids like that where we can't figure out how they got in there or why we still have-
- D** Dave Chow 19:48
I still remember Jim Tubbs once said, I must have cleared away some other bits of knowledge or retain that.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:53
I remember the name of the person who won the first Heisman trophy. When I had to look it up in junior high for something.
- M** Matt Mio 20:01
That's awesome. Yeah, I love that.
- D** Dave Chow 20:03
Who is it?
- B** Beth Oljar 20:04
Jay Berwanger like 1933 or something

D Dave Chow 20:11
That makes my Ted Giannoulas sound so much more terrible

S Stephen Manning 20:16
whatever possessed your your wife,

M Matt Mio 20:18
too. There was mention of the San Diego chicken on TV and she goes whatever happened

D Dave Chow 20:23
At Cranbrook?

M Matt Mio 20:25
It's you know, they he's still around TED is still dancing around.

D Dave Chow 20:28
Yeah, but I'm sure

M Matt Mio 20:29
70 years old. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 20:30
but he's gonna break a hip.

B Beth Oljar 20:32
Well, I think, from the woman who thought that Boba Fett Oh short for Robert, we ought not be surprised. Leslie also was interested in what happened to the San Diego chicken as part of her idiosyncratic charm.



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Matt Mio 20:48

I brought up the chicken once you got into doing the research and I'm like, wait a second. You mean he wasn't technically like formally associated with the Padres? was literally just a chicken guy. Doing the mascot thing?

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Dave Chow 21:01

Yes. Not like a Philly fanatic or No. Who's the other one I'm thinking of.

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Matt Mio 21:05

There's one in the NHL.

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Dave Chow 21:07

The Greedy?

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Stephen Manning 21:08

The Greedy Yeah.

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Dave Chow 21:10

Well, he's he's gotten his fair share of licks too

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Matt Mio 21:13

We've had our questions over the years. The classic one is the New York Yankees. There are a number of teams that still do not have any mascot at the epic game. So interesting stuff. Okay. Let's go to our list of burrows, family tangibles for today. I think that this will be kind of fun. So what is your favorite thing? I'm gonna see if I can do this in a reasonable kind of way. I was what's your favorite thing to like, add in or do with ice cream before you eat it? I was gonna say what's your favorite thing to do with ice cream? I'm just hoping that either it was the first thing but I mean, what what's, where's the state of ice cream technology in your mouth. So I could say that I am very excited that as recently as the 2020s A lot of the ice cream joints around my house have warmed up to something that I've done since I was a kid, which is mixing certain cereals with the ice cream. It's actually a lot of fun. It gives it a good crunch. And if you got the right cereal, it's great taste.

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Stephen Manning 22:14

Chocolate sauce from chocolate sauce.

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Beth Oljar 22:15

Yeah, I like to make if I have vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce on it. I make it into chocolate soft serve.

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Matt Mio 22:22

Nice

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Beth Oljar 22:22

Basically those so I used to work at Dairy Queen so but now blue bunny actually makes

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Matt Mio 22:28

Oh that's right

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Beth Oljar 22:28

chocolate and vanilla soft serves was there

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Stephen Manning 22:30

Was there someplace that you would do the what you're referring to you do the ice cream. And they put it on this marble countertop. And you'd say what the m&m is or whatever the cereal and they'd add it and they right in front of you. They would kind of fold it all in

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Matt Mio 22:45

Cold Stone Creamery.

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Stephen Manning 22:47

They do that?

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Matt Mio 22:48

They didn't go out of business but they really dialed back. They were big in the early 2000s. And then it kind of went away for a while but you're right, because the slab was chilled on purpose. So you wouldn't get you know sloppy pile or whatever. So but they were the pioneers

of the oh my gosh, I've never had a better flavored ice cream. They had a birthday cake ice cream and they would put chunks of cake in it and Woodward. Oh my gosh.

D Dave Chow 23:11
Woodwind 14, what's that other one?

M Matt Mio 23:13
Dairy Deluxe?

D Dave Chow 23:14
No, there's another one

S Stephen Manning 23:15
right

B Beth Oljar 23:15
Sweet treats or something?

D Dave Chow 23:17
No, no.

D Dan Maggio 23:19
Oh, it's a little little custard stand.

M Matt Mio 23:22
Yes. Yeah. I think that's what you're referring to.

S Stephen Manning 23:24
Over vice

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D Dave Chow 23:25
Over vice. It was overall Oberweis came up with I went over I meant overweight.

M Matt Mio 23:30
Oh, nice.

B Beth Oljar 23:31
that's good to know. Thanks for sharing.

D Dave Chow 23:33
So that's AutoCorrect.

M Matt Mio 23:35
weet dreams is like our local like micro Creamery. Yeah, the ones that do flavor batches.

S Stephen Manning 23:40
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 23:40
They're like close to nine Mile.

S Stephen Manning 23:42
Yeah. 9 mile and Woodward

M Matt Mio 23:44
Yeah, it was a terrible little article a couple of weeks ago that because of that, you know, basically nine month 10 month long diversion of Woodward, that they basically have nearly gone out of business between that and the pandemic about 10 times. And I think they did it on purpose to get people to go there. I don't know what we would do without that place, frankly. So

D Dave Chow 24:00

D Dave Chow 24:02
well, it's one of the few places where my wife can go because she's lactose intolerant.

M Matt Mio 24:05
There you go. That's right.

D Dave Chow 24:06
So actually, that to me has been as far as our family. So it's been

B Beth Oljar 24:10
you can get dairy free ice cream at Meijer now.

D Dave Chow 24:13
Yeah, but it's not the same as going.

M Matt Mio 24:14
You gotta go out for that.

D Dave Chow 24:16
Yes, thank you. Yeah. And what's that one by us on Coolidge? They've actually got softserve now,

M Matt Mio 24:21
yeah,

B Beth Oljar 24:22
I used to work at Dairy Queen so I can sympathize.

M Matt Mio 24:25
All Right, Dan,

B Beth Oljar 24:25
you have to go out.

M Matt Mio 24:26
I see it in your eyes.

D Dan Maggio 24:27
Caramel sauce. Probably.

M Matt Mio 24:29
Of course.

D Dan Maggio 24:30
And I don't like all the fancy more traditional when I was a kid though. Used to make well floats with like vanilla ice cream, Pepsi. That was always nice. Or Vernors of Boston cooler.

M Matt Mio 24:41
Did you call it a brown cow?

D Dan Maggio 24:43
No, Pennsylvania. We call them floats. I think -

B Beth Oljar 24:49
We did an Oregon too directly and we called them root beer floats.

D Dave Chow 24:53
Root beer floats.

M Matt Mio 24:55
I know. Yeah, I know. I brought it up before But Dairy Deluxe that I mentioned, the kids called

have called it since they were little Double D's like, are we going to Double D's? And I'm like, yeah, they closed the day after Thanksgiving, but they open on February 1 every year and in a very sacred family moment. Somebody realizes that it's February 1, and we all just jump in the car and go there. We went there the other night. We always get our picture taken next to the giant snowbank like we are getting ice cream and then we take lint off because you know wouldn't be proper to be eating

D Dave Chow 25:28

I almost drove up to Clark's other night at like

M Matt Mio 25:30

Clark's well they're open year round year round

D Dave Chow 25:32

Yeah, I almost went there good ice cream but just because i got hungry for it

S Stephen Manning 25:35

has its place in Ohio Young's dairy it's actually part of it an actual functioning dairy farm you can pat the cows you can put money in the thing and get some nuts out for the goats

M Matt Mio 25:47

Sure. Oh, sure.

S Stephen Manning 25:48

And you can sit on a tractor people take pictures they love tractor and they have the hue they have a huge it's a ceramic something paper mache cow. People put their kids up in the cow take pictures of this thing and the ice cream is so fresh suburb

B Beth Oljar 26:04

We did that when I was a kid we went to alpenrose dairy that was one of our Go field trips

M Matt Mio 26:09

Coming Swiss

B Beth Oljar 26:10
Melt to thew cow -melted it cow- milk the cow sorry.

D Dave Chow 26:14
So okay, Matt, so

B Beth Oljar 26:16
really mean to those cows.

D Dave Chow 26:17
So Matt, what would you say is the preeminent ice cream place by us?

M Matt Mio 26:22
I'm I'm partial because what they do up there I've mentioned it before they have the no fry fried ice cream at Double D's and that pretty much is how I live my life based on that. They butter saute cornflakes and then crush them and then pack them around and ice cream ball and then serve it with cinnamon chocolate sauce. And caramel, and it tastes like the old fried ice cream. Even though it's not fried. And it's delicious.

D Dave Chow 26:51
Careful, careful. You're short at the mic

B Beth Oljar 26:53
That can be pretty good.

M Matt Mio 26:54
I know. I gotta say. I remember being a kid. Little things that pop into my head. And I remember my dad swearing under his breath as he pulled out a \$10 bill to pay for ice cream out for five people in a family. So when I dropped to 20s the other day. I was like, yeah, it's a little different than the 70s

B Beth Oljar 27:13

Oh my gosh, four times as much yep

M Matt Mio 27:16
but they have good portions and they actually have a bunch of fat free options on top of it. So I know and

D Dan Maggio 27:24
go with your decaffeinated coffee

D Dave Chow 27:26
or sugar free decaf Mountain Dew I mean really? Really? Yeah, I agree. Dan,

D Dan Maggio 27:31
live it up. But if you're ever up north, make sure you go to murmurs.

M Matt Mio 27:35
Murmurs. Everybody talks a lot about

D Dan Maggio 27:37
They have really good ice cream.

M Matt Mio 27:38
Yep. Absolutely. It seems like a thing that would be a big deal now that it's whatever 65 in Detroit today, like people probably will go out for ice cream.

D Dave Chow 27:47
Drag the miss's over to get some ice cream today

B Beth Oljar 27:49
rays cinnamon ice cream is-

M Matt Mio 27:53
Very, very good. Again, I feel like that I need like a third, fourth and fifth mortgage to go to raise like I tell the kids like we have to be strategic about this. Let's go into the streets and find change like it's getting expensive. Well, now that we are doing everything that we usually do Russian Yeah, I'm afraid that the time has come to say goodbye, Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 28:13
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 28:13
Dan.

D Dan Maggio 28:14
Goodbye,

M Matt Mio 28:14
Dave.

D Dave Chow 28:15
See ya

M Matt Mio 28:15
and Beth

B Beth Oljar 28:16
Have fun mixing things into your ice cream.

M Matt Mio 28:19
And now these words,



A Announcer 28:20

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M Matt Mio 28:30

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