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Dan Maggio, Stephen Manning, Beth Oljar, James Tubbs, Danielle Maxwell, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Dave Chow, Heather Hill

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:00
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 and other ding dongs 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, from the Department of English, it's Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 00:20
Hey,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:20
What's going on?

H Heather Hill 00:21
I don't know, I've been working all day, you know.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:24
Okay.

 Heather Hill 00:25
Although I really have - I have some plants to plant, and I would like to get out there. Actually, I'm waiting for a special rose bush,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:33
Which is - Why is it special?

 Heather Hill 00:34
Because it's coming from England.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:36
Whoa!

 James Tubbs 00:40
Is it a Tudor rose?

 Heather Hill 00:42
Sigrid. my master gardener friend, Sigrid Streit, also from the English department, told me about David Austin roses.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:49
Wow!

 Heather Hill 00:50
They are the creme de la creme.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:51
Well!

 Dave Chow 00:52
Ooh, Gigi!

 Heather Hill 00:53
I have one right here.

 James Tubbs 00:54
Are they York or Lancaster roses?

 Danielle Maxwell 00:56
These are now stunning.

 Heather Hill 00:56
I don't know. That's a good question.

 Danielle Maxwell 00:59
Let's look at the rose

 Heather Hill 01:01
Oh, I got a text saying it's been dispatched.

 James Tubbs 01:05
Dispatched. That could mean it's been killed.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:09
hese flowers have been assigned to you.

 Heather Hill 01:12
Well -

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:13
Well, exciting because the weather report looks like about six days of on and off rain. You know, coming up starting tomorrow. So get stuff in the ground and let's get it to grow. Come on.

 Heather Hill 01:24
And the last one, they deliver them so nicely.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:26
Awesome!

 Stephen Manning 01:27
Every car that goes down the street, she's running down the stairs.

H Heather Hill 01:30
Well, it was supposed to come by 3o'clock today.

D Dave Chow 01:33
3o'clock Eastern Standard Time?

S Stephen Manning 01:35
Their truck sounds significantly different than a regular automobile.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:38
Of course,

S Stephen Manning 01:39
roaring around.

H Heather Hill 01:40
Yeah, it has a British horn.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42
I was gonna say, does it sound more like?

H Heather Hill 01:44
And they send you this beautiful catalog, and it's just



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48

That's cool. I think that that's cool. If you're gonna splurge on something, make it fun. You know.



Beth Oljar 01:52

I wouldn't ride on the double decker bus because there was no driver on the top. You would recognize. You'll recognize where that comes from.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:00

Got it. Got it.



Dave Chow 02:02

The Waymo.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:03

Professor Stephen Manning. That is the U in this case. Who do we got here? Department of Oh, the Department of the Interior. Okay, the Geological Survey.



Stephen Manning 02:13

I think it still exists. They got a couple of people working there



James Tubbs 02:16

this week.

S

Stephen Manning 02:18

Mount Washington on our summer trip, we were going from A to B, and we had a little extra time before we got to B. Didn't really get too early, so we were going right by. This is not on the original itinerary, which is pretty much you know we don't deviate from that too much, unless we see a fried clam shack over here. So we said, well, we have an hour. Let's go up, and we look checking the thing. It's like 30 minutes up, 30 minutes down. So we had an hour. So we

H

Heather Hill 02:43

in the car.

S

Stephen Manning 02:44

In the car. But we ended up climbing. Yeah, in the car. But I almost wish we were climbing. Has anyone done this in the car?

H

Heather Hill 02:51

Mount Washington.

D

Dave Chow 02:52

No, not that one.

D

Danielle Maxwell 02:53

No.

S

Stephen Manning 02:53

Driven up Mount Washington.

D Dave Chow 02:54
No.

S Stephen Manning 02:54
It's this tiny little road with no guard. It's one lane road. The cars both go up and down.

D Dave Chow 03:02
Yeah,

S Stephen Manning 03:02
you know, and many vehicles are bigger than ours. So this big, you know, Cadillac Escalade or something is coming down. There's not room for both of us. There are no guardrails on the side.

H Heather Hill 03:12
It is pretty crazy.

S Stephen Manning 03:13
I'm freaking out. I was driving. I am freaking out. I almost turned around, but there was no place to turn around.

D Dave Chow 03:19
Back all the way out.

S

Stephen Manning 03:20

We finally get up, and then we got to come down. Coming down is a lot easier, but they do tell you to pump your brakes. Don't hold them. Pump your brakes, and they have a number of pull-offs where they advise you to pull over and put the car in gear, (Now you're supposed to be in the lowest gear possible on the way down) Put the car in gear and just sit there for a couple of minutes.

H

Heather Hill 03:41

You can start-

S

Stephen Manning 03:41

allow the brakes to cool.

H

Heather Hill 03:42

It'll start to smell. Yeah, you can smell the brakes.

S

Stephen Manning 03:44

You can smell like you know that smell when a truck, the burning rubber, when a truck has to stop short. It's not quite like that, but it's like the smell you'd get if you left the pot on the stove and it went dry.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56

Right.

S

Stephen Manning 03:57

It's like burning metal.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:58
Burning metal,

 Stephen Manning 03:59
which is what it is essentially.

 Heather Hill 04:00
A common phenomenon

 Stephen Manning 04:01
going up was unbelievable.

 Stephen Manning 04:06
and I thought that you know this is going to be - I can't believe that people fall off this thing every year. I mean,-

 Beth Oljar 04:09
It's sounds too scary to me.

 Heather Hill 04:13
It's pretty scary,

 Danielle Maxwell 04:13
Where is this?

 Stephen Manning 04:14
New Hampshire.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:14
New Hampshire. Okay.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:14
where is this?

 Stephen Manning 04:15
New Hampshire.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:15
New Hampshire. Okay.

 Stephen Manning 04:16
It's the highest point in New Hampshire.

 Stephen Manning 04:16
It's the highest point in New Hampshire

 James Tubbs 04:17
Highest point in the Northeast

 Stephen Manning 04:19
Wow. Yep. No, it's like 56. It says right there. Yeah, it's only 6288 feet.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:20
Wow.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:21
Yep.

 Stephen Manning 04:22
Well, it's like 56 -

 Danielle Maxwell 04:23
It says right there.

 Heather Hill 04:24
Yeah, it's only-

 Danielle Maxwell 04:26
6288 feet. 6288 feet.

 Beth Oljar 04:28
You eastern people in your idea of what counts as a mountain?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:34
Wait, now am I not seeing the back of the shirt? It's like "I survived".

 Heather Hill 04:39
It's been worn down.

 Dave Chow 04:41
Take a listen.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:42
It has the road

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:43
It's got the road. Oh my!

 Danielle Maxwell 04:46
Oh, we're looking at the map.

 Stephen Manning 04:47
It's up there.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:47
Oh yes.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:47
It's up there.

 Dan Maggio 04:47
Oh yeah, I've been there

 Stephen Manning 04:53
My certificate says 14 410, but they've since done better triangulation, GPS triangulation is 14 411.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:56
Oh, that's incredible!

 Beth Oljar 04:59
Well, I was watching-

 Stephen Manning 05:02
six thousand-

 Heather Hill 05:05
he's actually hiked Rainier.

 Dave Chow 05:09
Somebody knocked over a car, that's all

S Stephen Manning 05:11
The starting point, the starting point was 5600, which is this is only like 400.

H Heather Hill 05:17
Okay, so our mountains are worn down entirely.

D Dave Chow 05:20
Ice nipples. Ice nipples

J James Tubbs 05:22
They are much older. The Appalachian is much older than that.

B Beth Oljar 05:24
When I was watching the Power of the Dog, that Jane Campion film. I'm like, "Okay, seriously, she expects me to believe this is Montana? No, no, it's not happening."

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:36
Next up is Professor Chow, who just the other day was visiting the highest point in Berkley, Michigan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:43
I was?

D Dan Maggio 05:44
What - The house of Dank?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:50
(Laughing) The House of Dank. Well, then there's seven high points in Berkley. I was sure that someone was going to chime in with the highest point in Berkley is sea level, which is probably also true.

 Dave Chow 06:02
House of Dank probably is too.

 Danielle Maxwell 06:05
20% off for new customers. That's on the window.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:08
Oh my gosh

 Dave Chow 06:09
I'm sorry.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:10
How are things going, Dave? So

 Dave Chow 06:11
So far, so good. Frazzled, but good.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:13
Been back to Buns and Patties yet?

 Dave Chow 06:15
Tonight, possibly.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:15
Oh well, already got a plan.

 Dave Chow 06:18
Possibly.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19
That's awesome.

 Stephen Manning 06:20
I wanted to tell you I was listening to DETs today.

 Dave Chow 06:23
Here we go,

 Stephen Manning 06:24
and they're doing the fundraising.

 Dave Chow 06:25
I know. No, I do.

S Stephen Manning 06:27
And they mentioned the shirt. No,

D Dave Chow 06:30
no, the cup. No, no. The mug

S Stephen Manning 06:31
mentioned the shirt, and they mentioned the person, the local artist. They said that designed the shirt, and then they talked the mug together for \$7,

D Dave Chow 06:41
\$7 a month,

S Stephen Manning 06:43
and I'm waiting for them to say done by local artists, and they never mentioned your name.

D Dave Chow 06:47
Oh no! Wait, wait till tomorrow and Sunday. My name will be rattled off like I was a convict.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:52
I can't wait.

D Dave Chow 06:53
It's a drinking game right now. Sacred game. I was going to call

S

Stephen Manning 06:56

I was going to call in. I was going to call and say, hey, I'm listening to the show right now, and you mentioned her, but you didn't mention him. No, no, no. What gives? I designed the Don Was shirt though. I designed other shirts.

D

Dave Chow 07:01

No, no, no.

S

Stephen Manning 07:01

What gives?

D

Dave Chow 07:02

I designed the Don Was shirt though. I designed other shirts.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:05

Oh, okay.

S

Stephen Manning 07:07

But I happen to mention this artist, the woman who did the current one.

D

Danielle Maxwell 07:12

Secret.

D

Dave Chow 07:12

No, no, no. She's a sign painter.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:15
The the person who designed Professor Jim Tubbs' shirt was drinking a mint julep at the time,

S Stephen Manning 07:22
perhaps

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:23
it's very minty, Jim. Perhaps

J James Tubbs 07:24
yes, it's minty. When you're when you're talking about the the hot brakes smell, I remember driving in the western part of Ireland and smell that same smell, and I thought, uh oh. So I kept pulling off the road and I go around sniff around the wheel wells, trying to figure out which brake was overheating? No, it was a. There was a. I was going near a no, sort of a traditional village. Yeah. And peat burning in snow. It's exactly the same way. Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:54
that's right. Yeah. Got to burn the peat to keep warm. You know how it goes.

B Beth Oljar 07:59
Well, you use what you get, what you have. What's there?

D Dave Chow 08:02
It burns,

S Stephen Manning 08:03
and you use it to make scotch. Good scotch.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05
Professor Dan Maggio is also here.

 Stephen Manning 08:08
Oh yeah. I mean,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:09
you can use Pete to make booze, but yeah,

 Danielle Maxwell 08:12
it's not good. Scotch is good.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:15
I mean, scotch is good, but tastes like decaying bog matter.

 Beth Oljar 08:23
Drinking the wrong scotch, people. Probably.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
What's going on with you, Dan?

 Dan Maggio 08:25
I survived another week.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:26
Well, it's great. We're glad. Another mark on

 Dan Maggio 08:29
the wall.

 Dave Chow 08:30
Optimism.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:33
my son is heading to Robots and Pizza next Monday at the U of D Jesuit Robotics Team. Oh, great! So yeah, really excited about meeting

 Heather Hill 08:41
robots and pizza.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:43
Yep, robots and pizza. Robots

 Danielle Maxwell 08:44
better be serving pizza. Guess

 Heather Hill 08:46
what I was just going to ask.

 Dan Maggio 08:47
Last night I was actually over at the Berkeley.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:50
Of course.

 Dan Maggio 08:51
Oh, over on the field center. They so the church that was you used to be at the corner.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:57
That's right.

 Dan Maggio 08:57
They so the that was taken over by the district, and it's basically converted into the entire robot build space.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:04
I think that's awesome.

 Dave Chow 09:06
Skynet Berkeley.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:06
It's called the Den, right?

 Dan Maggio 09:08
It's called the Den. So anyway, that was it. Was nice to reconnect with the team.

 James Tubbs 09:14
AI temple of doom. Yeah,

 Beth Oljar 09:17
it's pretty interesting.

 James Tubbs 09:18
We will eat you.

 Beth Oljar 09:19
The texts are all like, oh my God, maybe we better slow this down.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:24
Yeah, maybe we should.

 Beth Oljar 09:25
Really?

 James Tubbs 09:25
Well, I'm thinking of having visions of how all last week, 2001.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:31
I'm sorry, Jim.

 Dan Maggio 09:32
I can't do that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:34
I can't do that.

 Dan Maggio 09:36
I'm sorry.

 James Tubbs 09:36
I know you'll die.

 Dan Maggio 09:38
Are they carefully afraid that somebody is going to use AI as a tool, or AI is just going to be become self-aware.

 Dave Chow 09:45
I think it's It already has.

 Beth Oljar 09:46
Yeah, that. That's the idea. It's going to become Skynet.



James Tubbs 09:49

Did you hear it? Latest noon, it convinced somebody in the military that a what looked like a big fishing boat was carrying parts of a nuclear. Warhead toward North Korea.



Beth Oljar 10:01

This is the scary,



James Tubbs 10:02

which was not true, and there was a whole plan that it drew up to attack this boat in the China Sea,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:09

september 17, 1997. The skynet that becomes self-aware. I couldn't finish the accent. Professor Daniel Maxwell is here wondering what all of these Gen X references are. I'm so sorry.



Danielle Maxwell 10:24

That date was before I was born.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27

Well, then you wouldn't have had to worry about surviving Judgment Day. You just would have been there. Yeah.



Beth Oljar 10:32

Anyone not wearing 10,000 SPF sunblock was going to have a bad day. Yeah, that's



Danielle Maxwell 10:38

really high SPF sunblock.

 Beth Oljar 10:39
That is very.

 Danielle Maxwell 10:40
Haven't found that one yet.

 Dave Chow 10:41
Toasty.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:42
Oh my gosh! And of course, Professor Beth Oljar is here from the Department of Philosophy, so we are glad to

 Beth Oljar 10:48
wishing we could just recognize that intelligence requires consciousness, and therefore, artificial intelligence is a misnomer-a

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:58
bit of a misnomer-

 Beth Oljar 11:00
and an algorithm is not intelligence.

 Dave Chow 11:02
I agree.

B Beth Oljar 11:03
In my world,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:04
I agree with that.

D Dave Chow 11:04
What's that other thing? As opposed to artificial intelligence, we go for natural stupidity.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:08
Yeah, exactly.

J James Tubbs 11:09
Oh, we all right.

B Beth Oljar 11:10
We got so much of that

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:14
Folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you'll receive the brand new edition of the ATP coffee mug and an autographed photograph of the profs. If you don't stump the panel, we'll still send you the autographed photograph. You can send us questions in a number of ways. Email us at atp@umercy.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. This was actually put out a few weeks ago for fairly obvious reasons. At least we'll figure it out before the end by NPR, and I just thought it would be a nice jaunt for us

 Heather Hill 11:49
Jaunt.

 Beth Oljar 11:51
Are we feeling jaunty.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:52
"The cover better than the original" is what it's called. So everybody remembers the very very highly ranked Sinead O'Connor, Nothing Compares To You, but who originally wrote and performed.

 Heather Hill 12:07
Prince

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:07
The entity at the time was known as The Family. We'll accept Prince. Yes,

 Beth Oljar 12:12
The Family?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:13
The Family.

 James Tubbs 12:14
That's what- that was his original group.

S Stephen Manning 12:15
Yeah, Lisa and what was the other one's name?

D Dave Chow 12:18
Time.

S Stephen Manning 12:19
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 12:20
Oh no, no. Who else? There was also Lisa Lisa and the culture -No rock group.

B Beth Oljar 12:24
Oh, you're thinking of somebody in Pearl, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:28
Oh my gosh!

H Heather Hill 12:31
They were both in the movie. Weren't they both in Purple Rain with him?

B Beth Oljar 12:33
I've actually never seen that movie.

H Heather Hill 12:34
Oh, there's somebody else that was in the original band with him, not just Apollonia. Like he-

B Beth Oljar 12:43
his percussionist was in it

D Dave Chow 12:45
Sheila E.

B Beth Oljar 12:45
Sheila E. Okay.

S Stephen Manning 12:47
Yeah

H Heather Hill 12:47
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 12:48
Who was in town recently

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:49
So, Johnny Cash had a huge hit with Hurt, who was the original writer and performer of Hurt?

 Beth Oljar 12:57
Is it the Smashing Pumpkins guy?

 Dave Chow 12:58
Was it Chris Cornell?

 Beth Oljar 12:58
Trent Reznor

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:01
Yeah, with nine-inch nails. That's right.

 Dave Chow 13:04
I love that show.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:05
How about how about Jeff Buckley did Hallelujah to better success than

 Stephen Manning 13:11
Cohen

 Dave Chow 13:11
Leonard Cohen

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:12
Leonard Cohen, That's right.

 Dave Chow 13:13
Fellow Canadian. Thank you.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:15
I mean, here's a couple of no-brainers, even for some boomers around. Jimi Hendrix's All Along
The Watchtower much better received than

 Beth Oljar 13:23
Bob Dylan.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:24
Bob Dylan's

 James Tubbs 13:25
well.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:26
I mean, okay, yeah.

 James Tubbs 13:28
You have to be able to sing a song that -

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:30
Yeah,

 Dave Chow 13:31
The words are good

 Beth Oljar 13:32
If you're saying that Bob Dylan is not the greatest singer, I would agree.

 James Tubbs 13:36
Great songwriter though.

 Beth Oljar 13:38
Yes.

 Dave Chow 13:38
G R A T E ,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:40
You can imagine how this line of thinking for these questions might have come up when I say everybody knows that Whitney Houston did a huge hit with "I Will Always Love You".

 Danielle Maxwell 13:51
Dolly Parton

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:51
written by Dolly Parton. Yep. A couple others and a couple of recent ones too, which I think is is awesome. Whitney Houston, I did Whitney Houston. Luke Holmes charted what much much higher than Tracy Chapman did.

 Beth Oljar 14:07
Wow!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:07
Al Green looking in a Beth direction charted what way way higher than the Beatles did.

 Beth Oljar 14:15
Not let's stay together.

 Dave Chow 14:18
What was it?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:19
No, I want to hold your hand. Actually, charted better for Al Green.

 James Tubbs 14:23
You're kidding.

 Beth Oljar 14:24
Wow, I did not know.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:26
Isn't that wild? Who originally wrote Respect before Aretha Franklin made it a huge hit?

 Stephen Manning 14:31
Oh, Barry Gordy.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:34
That's not what it says. Dan thinks he knows.

 Danielle Maxwell 14:36
Diana Ross.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:37
Nope. Sam Cooke. Very famous in that era, Sam Cooke,

 Beth Oljar 14:41
Otis Redding,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:42
Otis Redding, yeah, Otis Redding. I don't know what you were thinking.

 Dave Chow 14:45
No, I'm thinking of who wrote Jackie Wilson.

 Dan Maggio 14:49
Never mind.

 Dave Chow 14:50
Oh, brain cramp.

 Stephen Manning 14:51
What song are we talking about?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52
We're talking about respect. R e s p e c t.

 Dan Maggio 14:56
What's the song that Aretha sings? A real natural woman. But that was

 Heather Hill 15:01
Carol King.

 Stephen Manning 15:01
Carol King. Yeah. Yep.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:04
The only other one that I thought well, there's a couple more that maybe we could get because there's a bunch that are really, really esoteric. Mad World was originally Tears for Fears, but made way more popular.

 Dave Chow 15:15
Danny Darko.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:16
That's not what it says

 Dave Chow 15:17
Oh no. Who was it? It's for the movie Danny Darko.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:20
Gosh, this guy knows this stuff off the top of his head. Initials are G J

 Dave Chow 15:25
Gary Jewel.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:27
Gary Jewel. Oh my God! Wow!

 Danielle Maxwell 15:29
Impressive.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:30
Incredible!

 Dan Maggio 15:30
I don't even know what that is.

 Dave Chow 15:32
Definitely, it's a slower version, much more darker.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:35
I feel for you by Prince charted okay, but someone else got it to chart way higher.

 Heather Hill 15:40
Chaka Khan.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:40
Chaka Khan.

 Dave Chow 15:40
No relation to Edmund Szoka

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:43
That's right. Awesome, awesome. That's great. Let's move on to another set of questions we got. "Somebody here asked for Magnam P-I questions in the May 8 episode. Boy, did I fail miserably. So here's just a handful". Steve McGowan of Holland, Michigan, sent these in. We're very grateful, Steve, for you sending these questions.

 Dave Chow 16:02
We're thankful now,

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:03
and these are not necessarily about Magnum PI, but some of the things that happen on the show. The signature ride. So Thomas Magnum famously drives his bright red Ferrari throughout the series. What's the model of the Ferrari?
- H** Heather Hill 16:19
Something from the 80 s,
- D** Danielle Maxwell 16:21
A red one.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:22
Partial credit. Red is also partial credit.
- D** Dave Chow 16:24
Four wheels. Got a engine.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:26
Four wheels.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 16:28
It has a horsey on it.
- D** Dave Chow 16:31
Italian.

 Stephen Manning 16:31
GTO.

 Dan Maggio 16:32
I was gonna say GTO.

 Beth Oljar 16:35
Ferrari GTO. I like that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:35
So it says it's a GTS but I'm not familiar with how they., um - You should get credit for that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:40
Yeah, I'm giving credit. It's a 308, is what it says.

 Dave Chow 16:43
I knew there were numbers in it.

 Stephen Manning 16:45
And that was the owner of the plantation,

 Heather Hill 16:47
Robin Masters.

 Dave Chow 16:48
Yes, yeah.

 Heather Hill 16:49
That was his car.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:51
Yeah. The owner of the estate, Robin Masters, is a celebrated novelist on the show who is never seen on screen, which legendary actor and director provided the voice. Wow. Legendary.

 Beth Oljar 17:02
Ron Forsythe.

 Dave Chow 17:03
No, no, no, no.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:03
That was a James Forsythe thing, but it's not John Forsythe.

 Heather Hill 17:07
Give us the letters. Can we cheat a little? Can you give us the letters?

 Dan Maggio 17:10
James Earl Jones.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:12
I mean, if I give you the letters, it's it gives it completely.

 Heather Hill 17:14
Okay, never mind.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:15
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 Dave Chow 17:16
Orson Welles.

 Heather Hill 17:16
Orson Welles.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:17
Orson Welles.

 Heather Hill 17:18
Oh, that's right.

 Stephen Manning 17:19
Wow.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:21

Let's see. The lads. Higgins is the stern major domo of the estate and is constantly accompanied by 200



Heather Hill 17:26

Zeus and Apollo



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:28

Doberman Pinschers. What are their names in the order that are here? That's awesome.



Dave Chow 17:32

And the year that are born.



Stephen Manning 17:33

What are their names?



Heather Hill 17:34

Zeus and Apollo.



Stephen Manning 17:35

Oh, that's right.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:36

Yeah. He refers to them as the lads.

H Heather Hill 17:38
The lads.

S Stephen Manning 17:39
He's the only one who could control them.

B Beth Oljar 17:41
That relationship between he and Magnum was always so interesting because it's supposed to be antagonistic.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:49
Right,

B Beth Oljar 17:49
that's who is because they have very different personalities. But there were episodes where they end up talking about their respective military experiences. Higgins in World War Two, I think, and then Magnum in Vietnam, where you lots more in common than you think.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:06
That is exactly where these questions are going. You're flowing with everything. Magnum TC and Rick all served together in the same elite military unit during the Vietnam War. Do you know the name of the unit? Man, this is hardcore.

B Beth Oljar 18:17
Naval intelligence,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:18
but I mean, basically, yep.

 Beth Oljar 18:20
Seals

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:21
They weren't seals. They tough.

 Heather Hill 18:28
Special Forces Black Ops 4923.

 Danielle Maxwell 18:34
That's exactly it, Heather.

 Dave Chow 18:35
How did you know?

 Heather Hill 18:36
Thank you.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:36
It says Marine Observation Squadron Two. So there was a number in it. I'm giving partial crap.
The peeping town.

 Heather Hill 18:42
You're in the wheelhouse.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44
You're in the wheelhouse. Let's see. TC Theodore Calvin runs a helicopter charter service. What is the name of his business?

 Heather Hill 18:52
Oh, that's a good one. Something island.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:55
Yeah, that's right.

 Heather Hill 18:56
Island hoppers.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:58
Island hoppers. Yes.

 Beth Oljar 19:00
Fist bump.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:00
come on! We all wish we lived in Hawaii when we went.

 James Tubbs 19:05
Well, Jim's gonna go there and figure it out for us.

 Beth Oljar 19:07
Tom Solk is a lot of fun coming to Detroit and going to Tiger Stadium because Magnum was such a Tiger fan.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:15
Absolutely.

 Heather Hill 19:15
Well, he is too. I think Tom's real here.

 Dave Chow 19:18
That's where he's from here.

 Beth Oljar 19:19
Good for him.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:20
Rick Wright is the manager of this exclusive beach club. What is Rick's actual first name, which he rarely used on the show?

 Dave Chow 19:28
Spunky or something like that?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:30
No, it's just an old-fashioned name, like the people who quote-unquote invented human flight.

 James Tubbs 19:37
Orvol.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:37
Orvol was his first name.

 Dave Chow 19:40
I was waiting for like Thaddeus or something like that. That's all.

 Stephen Manning 19:43
I see why he prefers rich.

 Danielle Maxwell 19:44
Yes.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:44
Yeah. The name of the club, by the way, was the King Kamehameha Club, so that makes sense.

 James Tubbs 19:49
King Kamehameha the Great.

-  Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:51
Yes. Higgins often bores Magnum with long-winded stories about his military service in which specific regiment of the British armed force. Did he serve? Oh my God!
-  Danielle Maxwell 20:02
Hey Heather, what is it?
-  James Tubbs 20:03
The King's Dragoons or something?
-  Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:05
I mean,
-  Beth Oljar 20:07
Or it's the SAS.
-  Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:08
He wasn't Royal.
-  Heather Hill 20:09
The Royal Marshal.
-  Stephen Manning 20:11
The 12th

 Heather Hill 20:11
Ambassadors of the Welsh orders.

 Stephen Manning 20:15
All you got to do is mention the number.

 Dave Chow 20:17
Throw a number up.

 Heather Hill 20:18
David Austin Roses.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:19
Just this. Just once, there's no there's no numbers in the.

 Danielle Maxwell 20:24
Darn it!

 Dave Chow 20:25
Is there a city involved?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:27
No, there is a part of Britain involved. That's usually

 Danielle Maxwell 20:32
Wales.

 Stephen Manning 20:33
The Westminster

 Heather Hill 20:35
kennel fighting

 Dave Chow 20:36
the the haggis corps.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:38
I mean, what if what if there might have was a small, darkly colored dog involved. Would that help?

 Dave Chow 20:44
The Dachshunds?

 James Tubbs 20:44
Yorkie?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:45
Yeah, the Yorkshire Regiment. Yeah, there you go.

 Dave Chow 20:51
The running Dachshunds.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:53
Yes, star.

 James Tubbs 20:53
The wobbling royal.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:56
Yes, like the biting corgis. In a famous 1986 crossover, which character from another very popular CBS detective show traveled to Hawaii to work a case with you?

 Stephen Manning 21:05
Oh, the guy with the raincoat. You know,

 Heather Hill 21:08
Peter Colombo.

 Dave Chow 21:08
Colombo. Oh no, no, no, wrong.

 Heather Hill 21:12
Beretta.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12
We have to think about speaking of cross

 Stephen Manning 21:15
MacGyver

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:15
generations. We need to go more into the greatest slash boomer demographic for this

 Dan Maggio 21:22
Kojak?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:23
No. Oh,

 Stephen Manning 21:24
Kelly Savalas. That's Kojak.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:26
It was.

 Stephen Manning 21:26
That's why I thought

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:27
it was a woman.

 Dave Chow 21:28
Oh, oh, I'm thinking. What's her name?

 Heather Hill 21:32
Something and something.

 Dave Chow 21:32
Murder she wrote.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:34
Murder she wrote.

 Danielle Maxwell 21:35
Jessica Lesberg.

 Dave Chow 21:36
The woman that lived in the most dangerous town in America.

 Beth Oljar 21:39
That's right.

 Beth Oljar 21:39
Thomas.

 James Tubbs 21:40
Yeah, hardly anybody survived the year.

 James Tubbs 21:42
I know nobody did.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:43
The signature look, aside from of course his Detroit tigers cap and wine shirts, Magnum is known for a very specific piece of jewelry-a gold ring that had a black stone. Do you know what was carved into that ring?

 Dave Chow 21:57
Green Lantern trivia.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:58
This is great trivia.

 Beth Oljar 22:00
Something have to do with his wife.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03
No, that's at least that's not what it says here.

 Dan Maggio 22:06
Was it show related or separate?

 James Tubbs 22:08
It was it was show related.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:12
Oh, it was his not too surprisingly his military service.

 Dave Chow 22:16
Ah, yes.

 James Tubbs 22:18
So it wasn't simplified.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:20
Ovaltine.

 Danielle Maxwell 22:21
Is it a phrase?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:21
It's not a phrase. It's a symbol.

 Stephen Manning 22:24
Marine marine

 Beth Oljar 22:26
Trident

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:26
Well, try to think of the easiest way to do this. I mean, the most basic symbol of Christianity

 Beth Oljar 22:32
cross,

 Dave Chow 22:33
and it would

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:33
have been from Vietnam. That's like the best I can do.

 Dave Chow 22:36
It's the Vietnamese cross.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:38
Sure. Oh, partial cross. It's the Da Nang cross from the people who serve in North Vietnam. Last but not least, in the series finale, wow! Resolution was the name of the episode. Thomas Magnum makes a life-changing decision regarding his career and his daughter Lily. What rank and branch of service does he return to?

 Stephen Manning 23:01
Marine Corps.

 Dave Chow 23:02
Gore Pyle, USC.

 Danielle Maxwell 23:05
Lieutenant Sergeant.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:07
I mean, he returns to the Navy. Just to, but what rank did he go to?

 Heather Hill 23:11
Lieutenant

 Danielle Maxwell 23:12
Sergeant.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:13
No, he actually went almost all the way to the top.

 Danielle Maxwell 23:16
Commanding officer.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:16
He was a rear admiral.

 Dan Maggio 23:18
Not a general. That's the wrong branch

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:22
in the very last episode. That's awesome. I mean, I wow. What's carved into Magnum PI's ring?
I'm not forgetting that anymore.

 Stephen Manning 23:28
Do we know what that looks like?

 Heather Hill 23:30
Did we pass?

 Danielle Maxwell 23:31
No, we have to come up later.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:33
Needs to. You passed like with flaming colors. Besides the fact that you answered about the
lads even before I got to the end of the question.

 Dan Maggio 23:39
So I never watched the show. Oh,

 Danielle Maxwell 23:41
same.

 Dan Maggio 23:42
What wasn't there? Okay, so who was the British guy?

 Dave Chow 23:45
John Hillerman.

 Heather Hill 23:46
John Hillerman.

 Dan Maggio 23:47
Yeah, wasn't there a rumor that he was actually the who was the owner of the plantation?

 Heather Hill 23:54
Robin Hill was Robin Masters.

 Dan Maggio 23:56
That was that true?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:58
I don't. I maybe.

 Dan Maggio 23:59
Or is that still gonna be it?

 Dave Chow 24:01
I mean, is this like another urban myth?

 Dan Maggio 24:03
Oh,

 Heather Hill 24:03
I don't.

 James Tubbs 24:04
Because you never actually saw Masters. yeah, that's true.

 Dave Chow 24:07
He was hanging out with Charlie from Charlie's Angels.

 Beth Oljar 24:09
Yeah, probably.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:10
Who was John Forsyth?

 Dave Chow 24:11
Yeah, right.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:12
Is that right?

 Dan Maggio 24:13
Yes, yes.

 Beth Oljar 24:14
In fact, the Kate Jackson, Jacqueline Smith, and Cheryl Ladd were

 Dave Chow 24:19
on the Emmys.

 Beth Oljar 24:19
On the Emmys.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:20
Yes, right.

 Dan Maggio 24:20
Yes, Jacqueline Smith still looks unrecognizable.

 Dan Maggio 24:24
Yeah, at least one of them.

 James Tubbs 24:26
She has well preserved.

 Danielle Maxwell 24:27
This is what this cross looks like. Well,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:29
is it the diamond cross

 Dan Maggio 24:30
butcher yourself?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:31
Yep. There you go.

 Dan Maggio 24:32
Always seem to me. No, I didn't mean it in the negative. I meant it in a. You've had a lot of surgery.

 Heather Hill 24:37
You've had a lot of work done.

 Stephen Manning 24:39

That's a nice ring, yeah.

 Danielle Maxwell 24:42

There's lots of them online if you want to buy a replica.

 Stephen Manning 24:44

How much? How much is that ring?

 Danielle Maxwell 24:45

That one is \$20 on eBay.

 Dan Maggio 24:48

That's it?

 Danielle Maxwell 24:50

Sold. Sold.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:53

Real quick profs, because of course we have just enough time left to do one of our wonderful Imponderables sent by Frank and the family Burroughs. Talk about some of the hottest food, as in I guess spicy, that you've ever eaten.

 Stephen Manning 25:05

Oh my gosh!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:06
I will bow out.

 Danielle Maxwell 25:08
Okay, Prasad brought -

 Dave Chow 25:10
Oh no, not not Prasad.

 Danielle Maxwell 25:11
Yes, he did, like homemade salsa, and just brought it to my office and was like, he just put it in front of me and just said, "Try it".

 Heather Hill 25:18
I dare you.

 Danielle Maxwell 25:19
And I was like, "What is it? He's like, "It's hot sauce", and I was like, "Oh my gosh ! So then I grabbed a spoon and I put some on there. He's like, "No, no, no, not that much". He was like, "Take it off, take it off", and it was very, very hot, hot sauce.

 Dave Chow 25:30
The humanitarian that he is

 Danielle Maxwell 25:31
Then he was like, "You have to save some for Kendra". So all I had was a Starbucks mug. So I just poured the hot sauce into a Starbucks mug.

 Dave Chow 25:39
Share the torture,

 Danielle Maxwell 25:40
and then I shoved it in my fridge until I saw her next.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43
Man, you better not have any marshmallows in that fridge.

 Dave Chow 25:45
They're gonna just melt in the fridge, right?

 Danielle Maxwell 25:48
Yeah. You'll have to ask Prasod what kind of was, but it was someone here made it for him, and they gave him a jar of the spiciest salsa, and it was really spicy. My face turned red. He said.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:56
I cannot even hear you tell that story without getting sick. Like, I just -

 Heather Hill 26:01
I like spicy food. I really do.

 Dave Chow 26:03
Spicy and hot are two different things, though.

B Beth Oljar 26:05
I bought a jar of chili starter from Williams Sonoma one time that turned out to be way, way hotter than -

D Dave Chow 26:16
volcanic hot.

B Beth Oljar 26:17
Yeah, I don't get this electroshock therapy for the mouth, sort of thing.

D Dave Chow 26:21
No,

D Danielle Maxwell 26:21
(Laughs)

J James Tubbs 26:23
The hottest I can remember having was - It was unlabeled, so I don't know what it was. It was in a Thai buffet in Chinatown in London.

B Beth Oljar 26:32
probably in Thai burn chili, right?

J James Tubbs 26:34
And you know, it really looked good, so we went in there and you know helped ourselves, and then - (Makes a gesture of how hot it was)

 Heather Hill 26:41
I've had some really hot Thai food. Yeah,

 James Tubbs 26:43
it was killer.

 Dave Chow 26:45
Do you folks remember - What was it - Bangkok Cuisine on Nine Mile?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:48
Oh yeah, of course

 Dave Chow 26:48
Yeah, like the original Thai place in town,

 Stephen Manning 26:50
Bangkok Cafe

 Dave Chow 26:52
Cuisine, the one over on Marshall, I believe.

 Stephen Manning 26:54
Oh.

D Dave Chow 26:55
So anyway, there was one time my wife and I and my brother-in-law and his girlfriend were there. The waitress came over and said, "Oh, you're Asian. You'll want it medium." I said, "No, no, no. I'm a Canadian palate boy. Okay, you know, back bacon and you know, back bacon and poutine, lady. I'm you know mild, please, mild plus at best".

J James Tubbs 27:10
Mild plus is my limit.

D Dave Chow 27:12
Yes. So anyway, she brought over medium.

J James Tubbs 27:13
Oh dear.

D Dave Chow 27:14
I could not - It took me two bowls of rice just to wash it down.

J James Tubbs 27:19
Oh my gosh. They say that milk is the best thing to drink to deal with that.

B Beth Oljar 27:23
Yeah, I've heard that.

S Stephen Manning 27:24
Yeah,

 Danielle Maxwell 27:24
Yes

 Dave Chow 27:24
I prefer rum at that point

 James Tubbs 27:26
I can tell you that a whole pitcher of water did not help.

 Beth Oljar 27:29
And I don't like milk, so that spells trouble for me.

 Danielle Maxwell 27:31
So the chemistry there is that capsaicin's water soluble, so it's not going to help.

 Stephen Manning 27:35
One of the worst things is beer. Cold beer, you'd think that cold beer would be really you know, but it's not

 Danielle Maxwell 27:41
Those alcohol groups.

 Stephen Manning 27:43
Milk's a lot better. Well, we grew some peppers. You know,

B Beth Oljar 27:48
You grew some ghost peppers, right?

S Stephen Manning 27:50
Yes, at that point, it was the hottest pepper that they made. So we we bought a plant at

D Danielle Maxwell 27:56
Home Depot,

D Dan Maggio 27:57
Westborn Market?

S Stephen Manning 27:57
Telly's,

D Dan Maggio 27:58
Oh, Telly's.

S Stephen Manning 27:59
We grew it, and it's one of the few things that actually grew that we bought.

H Heather Hill 28:02
that not true

- S** Stephen Manning 28:03
Not flowers, but food. But we harvested them, and I don't know what we tried in first - a stew or a soup or something - and it just ruined the whole dish. So I eventually heated these things and roasted them and put them in the blender, you know the the spice.
- D** Dave Chow 28:24
There goes the blender.
- S** Stephen Manning 28:24
We made them in to powder, and we try them in powder. Too much. So I I packaged them. I gave them away for Christmas presents.
- J** James Tubbs 28:34
With a warning: Eat at your own risk
- D** Dave Chow 28:36
as a crowd dispersal thing.
- H** Heather Hill 28:38
Yeah, we did.
- S** Stephen Manning 28:39
We still have some. It was just it was just too hot.
- B** Beth Oljar 28:41
Yeah, just aerosolize that, and you got a weapon.

 Dave Chow 28:43
Matt, you know who you should be asking this is Mara.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:46
Oh, she loves spicy.

 Dave Chow 28:48
Oh my gosh!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:49
I was gonna say you could have left that in an unmarked package to unwrap on Prasad's doorstep too.

 Danielle Maxwell 28:55
He would have loved it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:56
"Some random pepper showed up in my house. It was great."

 Danielle Maxwell 28:59
My Korean students did tell me that I'm an honorary Korean because I can eat Buldak Ramen with all the spice packet in it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:05
That's a big deal. That is a big deal.

 Danielle Maxwell 29:06
So I received that status this year.

 Beth Oljar 29:08
That's very cool.

 Dave Chow 29:09
Another thing to put on your CV, right?

 Danielle Maxwell 29:11
Exactly. I can eat Buldak Ramen with full spice strength.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:14
Folks, I'm afraid we've come to the end of our time together, and the time has come to say goodbye, Beth.

 Beth Oljar 29:20
Goodbye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:20
Danielle.

 Danielle Maxwell 29:21
Adios,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:22
Dan.

 Dan Maggio 29:22
Goodbye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:23
Jim.

 James Tubbs 29:23
Adios,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:24
Dave.

 Dave Chow 29:24
See ya

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:25
Stephen.

 Stephen Manning 29:25
Goodbye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:26
and Heather.

 Heather Hill 29:26
I hope my rose isn't sitting on the front stoop.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:29
And now these words from University of Detroit Mercy.