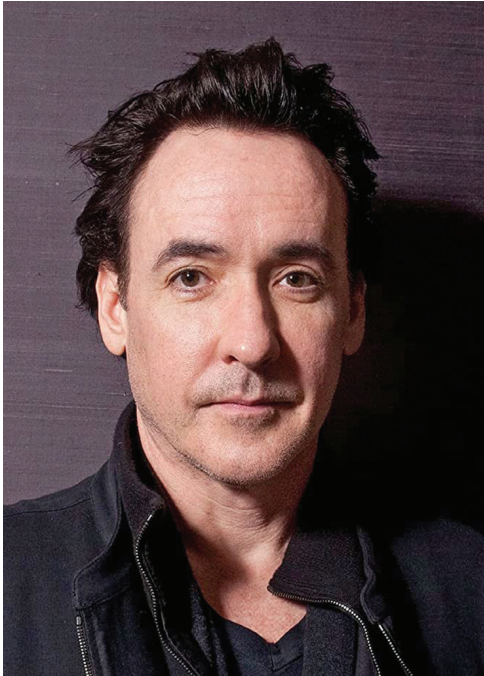


celebrity q&a

BY GEORGE DICKIE

John Cusack

OF 'UTOPIA' ON AMAZON



This series obviously takes on new relevance in the COVID era. Was working on this and then living through the pandemic and continuing to live through it weird?

Yeah, it was. I mean, when we started it, the pandemic wasn't happening. But the themes of this kind of fantastic gang of people who are obsessed with utopia, who know that within utopia lies kind of a roadmap or a secret to a dystopic or apocalyptic future. That included viruses, it included famine, it included perhaps a nuclear accident. So, the theme itself covered a lot of that but it was kind of disturbing and surreal to see it come so close to life, I guess, with the pandemic.

Have you been a comic fan? Have you had any experiences at Comic-Con-type events?

I had a really good experience ... I'd never been to one and then I made a couple of horror movies that people liked. So, they said, "Yeah, you've got to come to this Comic-Con." And I went there and the thing that you get, like, when you do a panel

or if people are doing Q&As after a movie, in Hollywood sometimes people are a little bit too cool for school or whatever. But these people were so into the movies, and they asked such informed, detailed questions. And they knew everything about the film. And they were like, "Why did you do this thing here? And in the third act the character did this; did you know what you were doing?" I mean, they were just so into it that it sort of made you fall in love with the moviemaking again, too.

Because I was very surprised; the Comic-Con people were, like - it's a very cool, little, weird culture. You know, it's like people who want it to be Halloween every weekend. They just want to dress up and fly their freak flag and just they love what they love and they're into their movies.



Phylicia Rashad

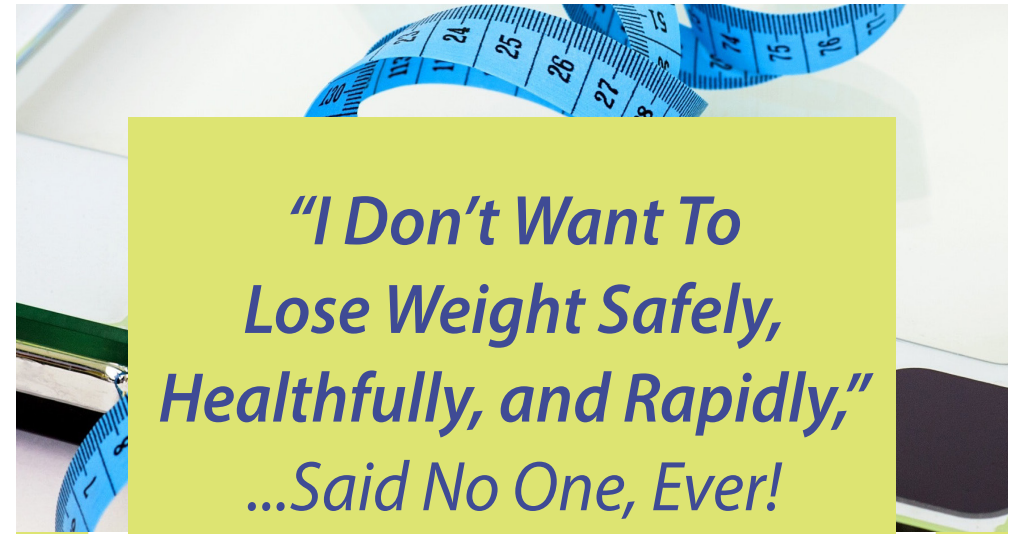
triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK

Order in the court

Questions:

- 1) What was Clair Huxtable's (Phylicia Rashad) occupation on "The Cosby Show"?
- 2) E.G. Marshall cut a towering figure as attorney Lawrence Preston in "The Defenders." Who co-starred as his Ivy League son, Kenneth?
- 3) Carl Betz of "The Donna Reed Show" later starred for two seasons in the courtroom drama "Judd, for the Defense." What was Judd's first name?
- 4) "L.A. Law" took place in the law firm of McKenzie, Brackman, Chaney and Kuzak. In the series premiere, Chaney was found dead. Identify the regular members of the cast who played the three surviving partners.

- Answers:**
- 1) Legal aid
 - 2) Robert Reed
 - 3) Clinton Douglas
 - 4) Richard Dysart
- played Alan Rachins
McKenzie;
Leland
Judd
played
Douglas
Brackman
Jr.; Harry
Hamilton
played
Michael
Kuzak.



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