

Tom Atiyeh 00:00

[Conversation begins with chatting about a recent house sale, unrelated to the rest of the interview.] Yeah, we did everything right. And, you know, I wanted it to sell quickly. I didn't want to screw around. And so I did all the stuff, scoped the sewer line, and sure enough, I had a break in. And so I fixed it. \$6,000 later, yeah? And we fixed up the roof, and we cleaned everything out, made sure everything was working correctly, yeah? So and we look for an oil tank, and there was none. Got all that stuff all lined up. So when it hit the market, yeah, everything was ready to go. That's good. We had three offers all over the asking price, wow, yeah, we settled on one that was 30,000 over the asking price, all cash, no consistent, no contingencies. So it's like, I can take that. I'm not even going to counter, you know, yeah. So there we signed off on it, man, they're signing on Thursday. Great.

James Moore 01:02

Were there? Were they always on city sewer, kind of things, or county sewer, or whatever? Does they have a septic tank up

Tom Atiyeh 01:07

there? No, no septic tank? Yeah, it's something. It's a regular sewer line when they did the Broadmoor stuff, yeah, what's really weird is it's not in the street. It's always in the back of the properties, oh. And so I think eventually they'll probably put a supermarket service. Yeah, we, we were early into that Bowman development, yeah, we were on Maple drive, which is the first street, probably the fifth or sixth house that was built by Bowman. Yeah. And then in 62 moved up to the faramore address. Yeah, wow, a long time in one place.

James Moore 01:48

That's why he's just writing. It's like, because they moved it's like, right after you were born,

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yeah, yeah. And you know, they

James Moore 01:57

live in the same neighborhood for the next whatever,

Speaker 2 01:59

well, and so did Richard and Edward. So all the cousins found out that Richard first bought, bought the house was right next door, yeah, on Maple drive, yeah, yeah, wild,

James Moore 02:09

yeah, yeah, your Uncle Ed says, yeah, it was one of tea after another, going through the schools there for about eight years.

Tom Atiyeh 02:16

Yeah, and I'm the eldest of the clan, and I always make sure they know that? Very good,

James Moore 02:24

very good. So I have family things to ask you about, okay, and then impressions as well of your dad as he's moving through the political process and that kind of thing. So let's start out with family things. How much did your dad ever tell you about his parents marriage?

Tom Atiyeh 02:51

Really, not much. Okay, you know, we had to kind of glean that ourselves, yeah,

James Moore 02:55

because I've got strong evidence and circumstantial evidence that it was an arranged marriage. And I need another strong source before that goes in. And it turns out, it's not really relevant to the book, but it's just one of those things that's like, wow, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 03:13

it could have been. Is interesting in 1970 I went to Beirut visiting the family, and I went out to the Ashley residence, which is my grandmother's maiden name, and, yeah, and there was this really foxy girl called Monique, and she was feeding me grapes and playing the guitar. You know, it was really cool, until I found out I was engaged. So I've been telling this story forever, and this last year, a relative, the Ashley family, was out here, and I said, By the way, do you have a aunt named Monique? Oh, yeah, Monique, yeah. She moved it to the United States became an attorney, then my wife is going, God, that's the story that's really true,

James Moore 04:08

yeah. Well, so you've been back, that's great, and I saw you went on several of your dad's overseas trips. I get married, and this is a crucial time. Basically, the chapters that I have are growing up, which is until June, 1944 and then adulthood, because the third week of June, your dad's kind of working at the store, thinking about going to law school, and within two weeks, he's married. Grandfather dies, he takes over the store. His brothers go missing. Yeah, it's just

Speaker 3 04:53

welcome to adulthood. That's right, just boom, just like that. Now

James Moore 04:58

they also lost a child. In there? Yeah, okay. And so I've got all the all the stuff on that. Have you ever seen your dad's he edited a series a circular letter that went out to all the fraternity brothers during World War

Tom Atiyeh 05:15

Two. I've seen that? Yeah, it's just fascinating. It is. And I've also got a box of letters that Richard Edward norm Parsons and other people wrote to my dad, oh, wow, that'll go to Pacific. Yeah, that's

James Moore 05:27

fantastic. Do you happen to have letters from the Syrian family to you guys in World War Two? No, your dad, in one of the interviews with me, mentioned specifically that they were fascinating because they were censored, because they were kind of French occupied. And so it just would be fascinating just to see those, yeah. So five things, basically 10 months, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 05:56

it's like the most traumatic things that can happen in your life. You get married, you get a new job, you get a new house, yeah, all that stuff, yeah. And yeah, he just had to, like, manage it, yeah,

James Moore 06:07

yeah, just any Did he ever talk about what it was like to step into the management at Tia brothers?

Tom Atiyeh 06:12

Well, it was a great responsibility, and he was really preserving the company for the family, basically. Do

James Moore 06:19

you know what happened? Because there was a Your dad or your grandfather had left active management in 1940 because it was hard, right? And so there was a manager. Did that guy stay on or

Tom Atiyeh 06:31

he Well, there were a couple of people that stayed on, and there was a little bit of conflict. Here's the new kid, who's Yeah, who's the owner, and then there's these guys that, you know, yeah, about the business, yeah. And I worked with them, uh huh, so I got along with them,

James Moore 06:46

yeah? So they did stay on, yeah, long term. Seems like a lot of people stayed on long term. Yeah, it's just amazing. Your dad talks about going in there and working with people who've been there since 1905 so they've been there for 40 years,

and at this point, there are people who've been there, you know, for similar lengths of time, right? It's like, huh,

Tom Atiyeh 07:07

1905 was a pivotal year, because that was the Lewis and Clark exposition, yeah, and that's really, when that really jump started the business, yeah, because they won all kinds

James Moore 07:15

of gold medals. Yeah, absolutely. In fact, I've got an appointment with David on Thursday to go look

Tom Atiyeh 07:21

at awards and stuff. No, I've got his collection to the

James Moore 07:24

market. Oh, you have the Lewis and Clark collection. Excellent. Yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 07:31

it's pretty funny. He had a couple. Have you seen the big posters? Yeah, yeah. Well, he had several up in the attic. I said, you don't like one of those. Oh, I'll just go pick one out. So I picked one out next he calls, well, you would pick the best one. Well, he taught me Right, exactly,

James Moore 07:47

exactly, yeah. Jerry Thompson has got, because her husband was really into Lewis and Clark exposition, she's

Speaker 1 07:55

got a big one

James Moore 07:55

framed, oh, yeah, which they just love, just love down there. Yeah, yeah. It's amazing. Lewis and Clark exposition, the population of Portland between 19 1019, 119 10 more than doubles, yeah. So all of a sudden there are customers,

Tom Atiyeh 08:10

right? You know, with money, with money, yeah, it's like, and the building boom was going on in the West Hills,

James Moore 08:17

and, well, the West Hills and a lot of the East Side neighborhoods were being built at that time. Yeah, it was just amazing stuff. Any stories that were passed down to you about the down times World War One was a tough time because where all the rugs came from, the Ottoman Empire was having some issues.

Tom Atiyeh 08:36

Well, it was interesting. Right after World War One is really when they decided to do their own direct importing, yeah, because the Ottoman Empire was kaput, yeah, you know. And so that's when the other half of the Atea family went back to New York and started the importing and wholesale, yeah. Then that went through two generations. And then, you know, there was a revolution in Iran. And it's 7879 and about that time, I started to get interested in the importing, wholesaling, and that side of the family didn't want to have anything to do with it, yeah. So I said, Okay, I'll do it. So yeah, then that'll when you asked me about the trade mission to China, then that'll explain how we got

James Moore 09:19

Yeah, because I saw that you took over the Kerman brand, yeah, which is really neat at how that works, but they're not from Persia anymore.

Tom Atiyeh 09:30

Well, we tried to go back to Iran, yeah, during the Putin administration, they lifted the embargo on pistachio nuts, caviar and rugs, so we went back in, but just couldn't get those guys to, you know, conform to Western type of business. Yeah, I'd order like, a four by six green rug, yeah. And I'd go back and it was four, two by six, seven blue. And I'd say, well,

that's not what I ordered. And they said, Well, that's what we wanted to make. I said, well, doesn't work. That. That way. Yeah, and they they because they valued Clinton and Madeleine Albright. The crew over there in Iran made portrait rugs of Clinton and Albright, but they wouldn't trust the Persians to bring them back, so they gave him to my wife to bring back that we put into Madeleine.

James Moore 10:20
Yeah, that's great. Was

Tom Atiyeh 10:22
hers a very short run. No, they were like, you know, three by five.

Speaker 3 10:24
Well, actually, for her, that's life size, yeah.

James Moore 10:28
When she and Robert Reich, who was the Secretary of Labor, were presented When Clinton first was elected, they're both five feet or under, yeah. And so Robert Reich got up and they were both had to stand on a platform to get up and be seen over the microphone, yeah. But Robert Reich looked at her and looked at Clinton, who he'd known forever, and said, You know, I knew I was on the short list, but this is ridiculous. 1930s any stories come through to you? Yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 10:58
the best one is so is Fred? Yeah. Thing is, Fred was in Iran in 29 bought by a whole bunch of rugs, a lot of cash, yeah, and everything just went to Hell, yeah. My grandfather sent him a telex. Don't spend the money. That's great, yeah. So they he came back without buying a bunch of rugs, yeah, spending all the money. So they lucked out and they had money during the 30s, wow, yeah, where a lot of people didn't.

James Moore 11:30
Yeah, exactly, exactly, um, how often do you did your grandfather go back? I haven't found him really traveling back to the Middle East until after Aziz leaves. Yeah, it's like 1920s his first passport or something,

Tom Atiyeh 11:45
right, right? He I think Aziz did more of the traveling. Yeah, I'm the traveler of the family on my side. Before I was 30, I was around the world twice, uh huh, so and I've lost track the number of times had been to China, yeah, over 30. Yeah,

James Moore 12:04
amazing stuff. And it's fun to see the records from them, because you you get a lot of the records on the ships. Yeah. So one of the first because I started an ancestry.com on the Atea fan. Oh, so I have your genealogy other than their young as far as I can go. But one of the first things I found is your dad, Richard and Ed coming through customs. Oh, from their 1929

Tom Atiyeh 12:26
Sure, there's pictures a blast. And that Franklin car that, oh yeah, that was purchased from what was then Braley Yeah, became Braley and Graham, yeah. And we sent a picture of that to buzz Braley before he sold the business.

James Moore 12:45
Oh, that's great, yeah, yeah, yeah. It just the thinking of that. I don't know who would, who would think to buy a car here and send it there for basically a vacation so and leave it there. And then leave it there, yeah, okay,

Tom Atiyeh 13:04
well, I've considered a motorcycle ride from India into Tibet and just on a, you know, a bike that I can just leave there. Yeah, yeah. When I lived in Italy, I had a moped, and

James Moore 13:15
it certainly didn't come back, right? We just went on to the next person. But I but a car in the 1920s Yeah, it's a

significant thing. It is, and I was actually looking at it trying to the price, the price is not out of line. I think the price today would be like \$37,000 for the car. So it's not, it's a nice car, but it's not out of line. But still, then you ship it there and have a driver and leave it there. Fascinating stuff. Where's that car today? Exactly? Yeah, I was expecting when, when your dad went back to the village in 1984 I was expecting the car to be mounted up on top of the hill, or something

Tom Atiyeh 13:55

interesting. You can't get a car through that village right in the middle. It's the streets are too narrow, too narrow, which is good, because you can't get a tank

James Moore 14:03

in there. Yeah, yeah, absolutely, when thinking about this, because I've been talking with your dad as he was donating things specific for years, thinking, Boy, it'd be nice to get over there

Speaker 2 14:27

and see that not gonna happen. Yeah, we're not going too

James Moore 14:35

rough. Any stories about your dad from grade school, college, high school, any of that kind of stuff jump out at you? No something that's not going in the book is him drinking a lot of gin and never drinking

Tom Atiyeh 14:48

gin again. Yeah, that's a good one. We've got pictures of me and Tom calls and Campbell Eva College.

James Moore 15:03

Introduction to that circular letter that he did for the Fiji's. He's got a really nice remembrance of regular Sunday. He doesn't say people run over upstairs, but people were sleeping in. Yeah. You know, reading the comics and the sports page. Nobody read any further part of the paper. And all of a sudden, this comes on the radio, and within an hour or two, some of them were preparing to leave to school. Leave school right then, and it's basically final time, yeah, leave school right then. The rest of them were looking around saying, well, our lives have totally changed. And I don't think any of them finished college in four years. No, nobody who heard that finished college in four years. Yeah, huge break, yeah? Just a huge, huge break. Just, and then the heartbreak of your dad, what he really wanted to

Speaker 1 15:59

be in the military? Yeah? They

Unknown Speaker 16:02

couldn't do it. You know, I'm

Tom Atiyeh 16:04

trying to piece that together, because I've got some documents that where he was summoned for a physical, and then another one that said he was good to go. And then I haven't seen anything, it says, No, they'll

James Moore 16:18

qualify well, because there were two, well, there were actually three stages. So the first one there was, like an on campus group of people who were doing military training, yeah. And so he was fine with that. But when it came to the actual military, because at that point he'd had his cyst removed and was in a cast, yeah, and they looked at him and looked at his stuff and said no, and then everybody left. That's in he has that surgery in December, so in the spring, when they're looking at him, they say no. And then so everybody leaves campus, and he finishes out the year. But he everybody leaves campus, and there's a series of orders that he gets from Salt Lake City, yeah. And eventually they give him his discharge papers, yeah. And so then the third part comes in. He goes down to to the draft board, and it's all the same people, and they just look at him and say, no, what

Tom Atiyeh 17:15

part of No Don't you get exactly well, as it turns out, work out fine, yeah, yeah,

James Moore 17:21

yeah, it did. And, you know, he jumped into the I love the US Coast Guard, temporary reserve, yeah, walking the docks, walking the docks one night a week, 12 hours wild, and seeing all the ships are loading to send over to the Soviet Union. Yeah, there's a great description in his oral history, where he says that they

Speaker 3 17:46

appeared to load them

Speaker 1 17:49

until the captain in the bridge put his hand

James Moore 17:54

in the water. Yeah. Now, did you hear stories that he was recruited by the OSS, the forerunner of

Tom Atiyeh 18:00

the CIA, yeah, I heard something about that, but I don't know much about

James Moore 18:04

it. It becomes an issue because, A, I think it's cool, but B, they he said they wanted him because of his French, and he had high school French, yeah, your grandmother was basically a native French speaker, right? Your dad didn't take any French in college at all. And so it's like, and when he was to hit, in his mind, it was so they he would go over. And as they were going through Vichy France, work there, I it's not going to go in the book, because there's no evidence of for it whatsoever. But I was wondering if they were going to send him to Southeast Asia, because the war in Japan was still

Speaker 1 18:41

going, Yeah, but, but

James Moore 18:43

it becomes an issue because several weeks later, there's a government car in front of the store. They think so that's the OSS. It's the telegram saying Your brothers are officially missing, yeah, for your grandfather, who they don't know is dead, but, and so then we go through all of that pretty amazing stuff. Any stories about your dad and your mom? Courtney? They met senior year in high school. She was happy here

Tom Atiyeh 19:13

behind I've got a really cool letter she wrote to him, uh huh, saying she's gonna be the best wife possible.

James Moore 19:20

Oh, right, that's fantastic. One. Is that written 1944 ish, it's written, I think, in November of okay, so they've already just been married, yeah, because I was trying to figure out it's once again, there's no evidence, one way or the other. And Ed, you know, was out of there, so he wasn't there. In day to day contact. When did they decide to get married? And all of a sudden we're getting married now?

Tom Atiyeh 19:50

Well, remind me, some of my high school friends who were courting in high school hooked up and stayed together. Yeah,

Unknown Speaker 19:58

yeah. And. Uh,

Tom Atiyeh 20:01

were you at the memorial in in Salem, yeah, so you heard my quote of Ted Wheeler, yeah, which is quite true, yeah, stayed married for 70 years. Yeah, yeah, no,

James Moore 20:13

it's, it's, it's an amazing thing. It's an amazing thing. It's also amazing your grandfather dies at age 61 your grandmother dies at age 51 Yeah, and

Speaker 1 20:29

all through their kids,

James Moore 20:31

I know what on earth happened to that

Tom Atiyeh 20:35

change? Yeah, and Edward is now going to be moving out of his house. Oh, yes. Get that done, yeah. And I said, look, it's good to go through this stuff and explain some of the things that you require to be kids so they know. Where did this thing come from? Right? I'm still scrambling bunch of stuff,

James Moore 21:01

yeah, yeah, absolutely, yeah. We had, my mom died several years ago. My dad then sold the house and got remarried, but he was kind of offended because we knew there was all this stuff, and, you know, the kids could go in and put stickers on it, yeah, that kind of stuff. But he was kind of offended at how little actually we wanted,

Tom Atiyeh 21:22

yeah. We wanted, I know,

James Moore 21:24

no that cuckoo clock that we got. We lived in Germany. You know, none of us ever really like to hear that.

Tom Atiyeh 21:31

What was interesting, I organized the dispersal of stuff at the house. What I did is I put numbers in the hat, and then we go to a room, and everyone would draw the numbers express what we'd like, yeah, or what we didn't like, and then we make the pick, yeah, to the next room, yeah. And do the same thing. And after you pick, like, one or two things, everyone's going, I'm done here. Yeah, I don't want to sell it.

James Moore 21:55

Yeah, absolutely. Yeah. Amazing stuff. I so your dad takes over the business in 44 Richard and Edward come back and do a tag team of finishing college, right? And they're basically firmly ensconced by about 48 Yeah, they're there. And then one of the very first things they do is they say, you know, we should start our own

Tom Atiyeh 22:24

clean rugs in the basement. Yeah, and pretty inefficient, but yeah, did the job. I

James Moore 22:30

found Fun, fun descriptions of liquid ivory flakes and stuff, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 22:34

when I started working there, I started sweeping the basement, yeah, yeah.

James Moore 22:40

So as you guys were growing up, didn't you all work in there? We would go

Unknown Speaker 22:44

there and hang out, but we would

Speaker 1 22:50

do stuff, yeah? Kids get that bucket,

James Moore 22:52

yeah? That kind of thing. When your dad was growing up, boys

Unknown Speaker 22:56

all, I think they had to

Speaker 1 23:02

go in. Actually

James Moore 23:09

usually got their \$5 in your dad, but not necessarily all the time. What was your impression? Or did your dad talk to you about what he thought about working in the business. He wanted to go to law school. Your grandfather was clear. She didn't have to come back growing up. Your dad, in the world history, talked pretty clearly about, I don't think my dad ever thought I'd come and work. But then there he is, and he's there early for 35

Tom Atiyeh 23:41

years, well, I think he's done his responsibility at that point. And also Richard and Eva were very supportive back then. It was volunteer citizen legislature thing, yeah, you know, in 59 in his first session, the session ended

Unknown Speaker 24:05

in the now, like it goes into July. Yeah.

James Moore 24:08

I just talked to somebody last week who was elected in 1964 Bob Patman, this guy. Guy's from Pacific City. He's a fisherman. Get home in time to go fishing in the session in the middle of Maine, yeah? And that was about the last time in the next because this guy served for 26 years. It's the last time that ever happened.

Speaker 4 24:37

Wow, that pop pack went really new, yeah. So,

James Moore 24:49

yeah, yeah. I think living like an apartment in Chuck's Steakhouse,

Speaker 1 25:07

yeah,

James Moore 25:10

who would ever think, yeah, wild stuff. So do you remember that? I mean that that first, that first session, that's when you and your dad put on your

Tom Atiyeh 25:20

your pioneer? Well, that was way cool. That was the centennial year. Yeah, that stuff, yeah, and I was a page.

James Moore 25:26

Oh, you were a page. That's great. Yeah, fun things. Did you anything stick out? You know, any of the personalities around one thing in the earlier this summer or spring, you brought over all these rap books that you did, yeah, for new sessions, which is a gold mine for me, but the very first, the first one is 61 to 63 so those first two sessions, he kept all the notes.

Tom Atiyeh 25:57

Oh yeah, that people said, No. They text,

James Moore 26:01

yeah, yeah, no. Just after that, I was there's a guy named Roger Martin has an old timers gathering. Dad would go do faithful. And I went this last June, and I was telling people that in the lobbyists who have been around since then and now, saying, Yeah, it's really hard to figure out what's going on now, because they all text,

Tom Atiyeh 26:19

yeah. It's interesting. Roger Martin is a good example how you could, you know, oppose somebody and beat them and still be friends. Yeah? The same with Straub Yeah, exactly, because my dad wrote the forward to Straub's book,

James Moore 26:32

yeah, yeah, absolutely, yeah. Roger Martin was a fan of your dad's then, as Roger said, you know, we both got bigger, bigger than we should have for our britches. And I was shown that. And then as soon as the election was over, he came over and said, you know, what can I? What can I do for you? And the campaign manager looked at him and said, you can give me. Greg Walden, I was 21 years old at that point. Yeah, that's right, but just, you know, clearly a savvy publicity kind of guy. So that's that's all Roger needed to contribute to the campaign, which is very funny. So no personalities jump out at you from

Speaker 1 27:21

those early days governor. Well, he's quite the character,

James Moore 27:32

yeah, yeah, because Monty Montgomery eventually was a Mexican. He was the chief lobbyist for the loggers Association, and it got caught up in what was happening with their money and safe. Oh, yeah, right, and can't do that. I haven't figured out if there was any criminal stuff, but he could have been put in prison. And when Jerry came in with the Attorney General, Dave from Meyer and your dad, just listened totally silent, and then just put his head in his hands and said, That's not the Monty I know. But other things I found out about Monty, and some of those first term notes, Monty was a slimy ball. Who Monty was a slimy ball, just amazing, but your

Tom Atiyeh 28:27

dad liked him. I mean, real gregarious guy, yeah, yeah, brother.

James Moore 28:40

That leads me to another, back to what the EVA brothers thing. So Ed is

Unknown Speaker 28:46

running the game plan

James Moore 28:49

with norm. And I discovered norm baby sat

Tom Atiyeh 28:52

with the boys. He did he was a few years old. I just

James Moore 28:56

found that as, Oh, I gotta put that in that paragraph. And so Richard is Richard basically running the store, and your dad's, like, the sales. How does it? How do Richard and your dad work?

Tom Atiyeh 29:09

Well, Richard was more into the wall to wall carpet thing. Oh, my dad was more into the area rugs. Okay, hand knotted rugs. Yeah.

James Moore 29:18

Cuz in the history that your uncle, Ed did of the store. You know, they saw oops, area rugs are going out and while the walls coming in, yeah, well, these things come and go, yeah, and oh, we have to clean things differently too. So all that

said, Okay, that's good. That makes sense. Did you know that when your dad was governor, that occasionally strange people would come up and ask to see him, and he would wave them in. And it was a rug sales guy. They'd come in just having to be in town, and so they'd roll out rugs in the governor's office and check thread counts and talk about sores.

Tom Atiyeh 29:52

Well, I remember he told me that he was in the Oval Office when Reagan was president. He heard that story.

James Moore 29:58

I've heard the Ford story, but. Yeah, so, so he

Tom Atiyeh 30:01

kicks over the rug to look at the knockdown on the back and the middle, which is something you do in the trade. You don't even think, oh yeah, flip it over with your foot. Exactly.

James Moore 30:10

The Ford story is when he was running in 74 Yeah, it was his first run. So Ford has just become president, and so Ford invited people, governors, candidates, who they thought would had a chance to come back. So like eight of them from around the country go to go for Office. So your dad's on a private jet, goes back there, and they talk to the President, and they also are able to film it, and if they want to use it in commercial, they can. And so they do that. Your dad then flies back on the jet. He's amazed, because he's been in the Oval Office, and then, lo and behold, he's at the happy canyon that night. And your mom says, so was the Oval Office really oval? And Ted says, you know, I didn't notice, but the carpet is really nice.

Tom Atiyeh 31:05

Yeah, all depends what you're looking for, exactly,

James Moore 31:09

exactly. So McCall. Did you go up into McCall or hear your dad talk about

Tom Atiyeh 31:16

McCall? McCall came over for dinners occasionally, uh huh. And unfortunately, his son drank too much, yeah, and would come by to pick him up, and I know, really be driving like this, yeah,

James Moore 31:32

so, so he would come over for dinners, yeah, because he just lived up the hill,

Tom Atiyeh 31:39

over the hill, and my dad told McCall that he was, you know, he was running, yeah, and McCall made the mistake like kit cyber, trying to run again. Yeah,

James Moore 31:49

exactly. I just found a great article, actually, one of those scrapbooks that you brought over from 74 when your dad beats Clay Myers McCall's in an article, quoted as saying, this is the end of the Republican Party, and I don't know earlier than this, but your dad probably first met McCall in his first run. Yeah, I've got a great one where the Raleigh hills, PTA, Mrs. Victor Atilla President is having a campaign thing where people come in and talk. THE MODERATOR is Tom McCall, Oh,

Tom Atiyeh 32:32

that's great. So I'm one of the organizers for Raleigh Hills class reunion. Oh, yeah, that's great. Class of 61 class of 61 and even high school class, it's the 50th Yeah. And when my parents were on their committee for Washington High School, that's really old, yeah? And now I'm it Yeah. Most of us are more excited about the grade school reunion than the high school because a lot of us were kindergarten together. Yeah, yeah, absolutely growing up there. And quite a successful bunch, uh huh. I mean, like Fred Jubitz was in my class. Scott burns, yeah. And, you know, some really notable people, yeah, that's

James Moore 33:18
just amazing, the way that happens.

Tom Atiyeh 33:19
And the person that's organizing the class reunion with me beat me for senior class,

Unknown Speaker 33:28
and I was beating her sister.

James Moore 33:36
That's great. Do the same people put it together every time, pretty much I know my class people put it

Speaker 1 33:45
together when we get just like somebody who owns it

Tom Atiyeh 33:49
on the committee says we got one guy who's really enthusiastic about it lately as a reward for his efforts, he's really on it. He's very detail oriented. Likes to do lists and stuff. Yeah,

James Moore 34:04
that's the skills you got to have. Mark Hatfield, did he ever come over for dinner? I mean, he was governor, no,

Tom Atiyeh 34:13
he didn't. But, you know, they were friendly with each other, yeah?

James Moore 34:19
Yeah, that's one of the things as writing about the motivations for your dad getting into politics, the Jim Campbell side is saying, you know, you've never been totally happy at the store. You need to get out and do something. Yeah, you just, you know, whatever it is, you know, be the professional gun collector, whatever, yeah, but your dad always had this. He liked to talk politics like conversation. Likes people too, yeah? He likes people. But just before he's doing that, there are huge scandals in Portland, cool, yeah, just amazing scandals. Cool. And, you know, one of the bright lights is this young guy, Mark Hatfield, so that's kind of, you know, your dad is deciding it into politics as God. He specifically says, I want to clean this up. Yeah. And here's somebody who's also trying to do that just a year older, I think 1922

Tom Atiyeh 35:22
so I remember going to Hatfields house in Salem when it was there, if it was a dinner or reception or something. And Hatfield was quite instrumental in Opal Creek.

Speaker 3 35:39
Yeah, exactly

Tom Atiyeh 35:40
1996 he was going out and he wanted to go out with a bang, and yeah, and that's how that all got into switching

James Moore 35:52
for 10 years after your dad was really involved in that switch to Opal Creek. Right now, your dad appears to have been telling George one thing and his staff another thing. Yeah, and it's not clear if he was doing that. I don't think he was doing it to lie. I just think he was totally into talking to one person and talking to another person. Yeah. Did your dad ever talk about Opal Creek stuff in your well,

Tom Atiyeh 36:22
he was kind of in a bind, because he couldn't be the proponent for turning it into wilderness, yeah, and still be friends with the industry, yeah? So he's kind of just hands on,

James Moore 36:37

yeah, yeah, she does, and that fits in exactly with what I've learned. Your dad was in favor of wilderness, but he was really worried, because wilderness is forever. It is and so what do you do with that? So when I interviewed your cousin, Bob was his driver, Bob was asking, no, I should have. I should have confronted him more, or talked to him more about wilderness stuff. And then I came across the Pat Amedeo stuff. The concept was really neat. It was just so Bob's looking at it kind of from 10 years later. Whoa. We should have done this. It wasn't clear at the time at all. Well, it

Tom Atiyeh 37:23

was interesting because, you know, the we own the property, and we were quite defensive about booting people out of the out of the mining area, yeah. And then eventually it hit us, we want to preserve this. We got to be inclusive. Yeah? It was a whole different mindset. We just changed flipped Forest Service. Couldn't believe it. Yeah, here we are, years later, successfully, lucked out.

Speaker 1 37:54

That's what

James Moore 37:57

happens, yeah, that's what happens a lot. I did your dad talk to you about his decision to run for governor in 74

Tom Atiyeh 38:07

he did talk to the family says, I'd like to do this. That's, that's fun, you know, because we wanted to be on the, you know, the back steering committee thing,

James Moore 38:18

right? Do you remember when that was? I mean, his official announcement is just before Christmas in 1973

Tom Atiyeh 38:25

Yeah, it must have been around Thanksgiving. Okay, he's

James Moore 38:29

lining his ducks up, yeah, yeah. Were you part of the campaigns at all?

Tom Atiyeh 38:36

Yeah, uh huh. That was in the back room. Uh huh, which is where I like to be. Yeah,

James Moore 38:40

the 1974 campaign has been described as fun and one of the most disorganized things that anybody has ever seen. Yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 38:48

I'd go with that. Okay, it's all brand new to us. Yeah,

James Moore 38:53

yeah. Had you ever worked on your dad's legislative campaigns

Tom Atiyeh 38:58

a little bit? You know, I was in school and did

James Moore 39:02

it impression was the legislative campaign, the way they worked was the gubernatorial campaign, 74 just like a bigger version of that. Yeah, okay, lot more money too. Yeah, a lot more money. That's, that's the impression I get. And when he brings in a campaign person, Shirley Woodward, she comes in and she looks because she's done campaign, she looks at it in September and says, there's just no way we can win. But your dad didn't. He wouldn't, my gut feeling right, his gut feeling about three weeks out, he said, Yeah, we're not going to win this one.

Tom Atiyeh 39:38

Well, I think I even had her plan. I think it's Yeah, because she put a plan together. Yeah, this is what. This is what's got to happen. Yeah. Do you have that? I think I already gave it to Pacific. Okay,

James Moore 39:49

good, good, yeah, because I've got that 78 ones where there was a similar Sharon page was kind of the person who went between them. Everybody loved. Loved her, but Sharon didn't have organizing. She had the volunteers organized. Yeah, the rest of the stuff she took wasn't that great at so by 78 it's a professional, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 40:11

to do it this way, yeah. Gang weren't paying very

James Moore 40:15

well, but it was a professional Yeah, coming out of that 1974 campaign. It's fascinating. Your dad loses by the largest amount since 1950 and yet he is incredibly optimistic. Well,

Tom Atiyeh 40:32

the timing was terrible. Yeah, you know, yeah, Watergate and all that, yeah, all

James Moore 40:37

those, all those things, throw the bums out. Yeah. So would it be your impression then that, in effect, your dad was discounting Watergate, so I lost by a lot, but the Watergate discount is there, so if I lost, it wasn't by as much, right? Absolutely, okay. And then as he goes around the state, people love him, yeah, he basically introduced himself to the state. And people say, Wow, this is great. Do you remember any talk about him when he went to the national conventions? 6872 76

Tom Atiyeh 41:13

Well, I know he liked going to them. They don't interest me at all. Yeah, he liked going and being a part of the action, okay, yeah, found

James Moore 41:25

some fun things. One great one from 72 once again, 15 days before the Watergate break, your dad is officially welcomed as a member of the committee

Speaker 1 41:41

to reelect the president.

James Moore 41:42

Oh, wow. By so I've heard little

Speaker 1 41:49

opinion of the next administration.

Tom Atiyeh 42:01

Oh, yeah, we're up at oval Creek. I Ogle Creek, and I'm the president of shiny rock mining Georgia. Is the vice president? Yeah, suddenly there's choppers in the air and police coming in, and they're looking for this guy that I'd done business with in Eugene. And I said, Well, he's not here. And so they, they eventually they left. But I said, Well, how? What? On what authority do you? Are you here? Well, the Attorney General said we could be here. Okay, look around. So they, they left. So I call up the Attorney General, uh huh, what's the deal? He didn't know anything about it. Next week, I'm being audited by the IRS, and I took my attorney down, and I said, Well, Mr. T if you just quit complaining, we can make this go away for \$100 so I wrote him a check for \$100 and that was the end of it. But that administration was like, Yeah, run amok, yeah, yeah,

James Moore 43:00

yeah. I grew up in Southern Oregon, and so during that time, I was born in Eureka and grew up in Medford. And, you know, that's same time we started seeing helicopters all over the place, yeah. And it's like, you know, and Ronald Reagan was the governor in California. So you're thinking, you know, if you want to find the pot, really, just walk in the woods, really, huh, wild stuff.

Tom Atiyeh 43:33

Yeah, no search warrant, yeah. Just doing it on their own. Just doing it on

James Moore 43:40

their own. So, what did your dad say when he decided to run again?

Tom Atiyeh 43:48

I think he felt really confident that he could pull it off. First of all, the economy was terrible for Bob's drop, it didn't look like he was doing anything. I know he was, but sometimes there's only so much you can do, yeah. So the timing was flipped, yeah, and the campaign was better organized, as you, as you pointed out, I think, okay, I can do this

James Moore 44:16

any sense. When McCall got in, what does that do to the dynamic. It was

Tom Atiyeh 44:20

really weird, you know, I know my dad had some conversations with McCall, really, you really want to do this, you know, I'm going to win. I'm going to beat you, McCall, of course, with bravado, I'm talking McCall. I think ran a terrible campaign, too.

James Moore 44:40

It seems like his campaign just consisted of being Tom McCall,

Tom Atiyeh 44:44

yeah, that's right, you can't pull that off anymore.

James Moore 44:47

Yeah. I one person described it really well. By the time McCall left office at the end of 74 there was already the myth of Tom McCall, yeah, and then four years later, even Tom McCall couldn't live up. To the myth. Did your dad ever talk about the mythical meeting that took place between him and Roger Martin to get them to pull out of the race in 78

Tom Atiyeh 45:13

I heard a little bit about it, but I Okay. I can't Okay.

James Moore 45:18

I have the version that I'm going to go with, and it's not your dad's version. The evidence is really clear. But then his staffers, so especially people like Denny miles and things like that, they then blow it up. You know, it wasn't quite like that, but your dad was really surprised the outcome when they decided that he should pull out of the race, but it was non binding. It was not Yeah. So he just said, but I'm gonna win. And he did, yeah. So takes on strap last time.

Speaker 1 45:55

Yeah. Pretty amazing

James Moore 45:58

stuff, actually, based on some stuff your dad said to me, I went back and did the thorough research in Oregon history, only 12 governors have been elected to second terms, and that encounters kit saber twice, yeah, but of those 12, only six completed their second terms. Interesting, yeah, a couple die, yeah. And Kitzhaber resigns an hour and a half into his term. But it's just, it's elite company to do that and win re election. Pretty amazing. It's just that we've seen it a lot with Hatfield served two. McCall served two, yeah. And so you know of those six? You know, we've seen five of them right

here in our lifetime. Be

Tom Atiyeh 46:44

interesting. What happens with brown?

James Moore 46:46

Yeah, yeah, it really is. I think right now, I don't think she'll have any problem. But who knows? Who knows? Just hard to find a Republican. Yeah, and run statewide. That's right, yeah.

Tom Atiyeh 47:00

People ask me, why don't you run for governor? What are you nuts? I've

James Moore 47:04

seen that. Yeah, I've seen that. Yeah, all sorts of things come up, even with all the kids hover, things going on. Denny miles, the legislature still is stingy on protection for the governor, yeah, so a lot more now, but it's still stingy. And Denny with things, with the rajneeshees and, you know, all sorts of other stuff, with your dad, it's like, man, if they asked me to come and testify, I'm gonna say you pay more money. Yeah. This is a, this is a nasty job where you need more protection. Aside from the decisions and all that other kind of stuff, as I my sabbatical started at the end of January. So started this, doing a lot of interviews, and then kids harbor blew up. So it was two weeks of my life doing that kind of stuff. But in the middle of that, I was interviewing Barbara Roberts and all this stuff. And so when I talk to Barbara Roberts, I said, Okay, here's all I want you to pass along to new Governor Brown. I want would advise her to channel her inner Barbara Roberts and her inner Victoria, yeah, and it seems like she has channeled her in her Vicker Tia. She walks around the Capitol grounds and shakes hands and

Speaker 1 48:22

says, Yeah, Barbara never did. No, no, take my work here. It's done good for her.

James Moore 48:31

Yeah, yeah, yeah. So you can seem to see what happens, but it's hard to see how she so your dad's in office. Did he talk to you? All of a sudden, the economy was falling apart and that kind of stuff. Well, you're running your own business. I mean, you got your own family. You're doing all that kind of stuff,

Tom Atiyeh 48:58

yeah, and he's calling special sessions and, yeah, and imposing taxes, you know? Yeah, really, income tax surcharge there. Yeah, that was gutsy, man, fortunately put a sunset clause, yeah, yeah, yeah, but that's tough times for Oregon, yeah, then tough times for Republican Yeah,

James Moore 49:16

yeah, absolutely, yeah. In political science, we're pretty convinced that if the economy's gone south, there's no way an incumbent will be re elected. Yeah, guess what? He's re elected by a record amount. So there you are. But a lot of it is because he was able to convince people that what he'd done had been working, and he was the steady hand,

Tom Atiyeh 49:38

and it was no easy task, and someone has to take the lead. So yeah, yeah, he'll take the lead. One

James Moore 49:44

thing I haven't been able to find because your dad, his rule was, govern as if you're not running for re election. Yeah. So what if he decided not to run for re election? Who would. The Republican, not only, I don't know the people in the legislature, but none of them really would have the stature, right?

Speaker 4 50:07

Who would it have

James Moore 50:12

been? And I haven't found any scuttlebutt or anything. I think everybody just said, but no, you know, Thanksgiving dinners and he would, you know, geez, hard day at the office or anything like that. Not so much. Okay. Okay, did you go see him much when he was down in Salem, yeah, would

Tom Atiyeh 50:33

you visit the house in winter Street? Uh huh, that's, of course. Now they've got a honey Hill Hall, but, yeah, yeah, that house was converted to an office and then back to a house. It really wasn't quite up to snuff.

James Moore 50:47

Seems to wasn't quite up to stuff for really, anything, yeah, really, yeah, at one of the parties, because your mother, especially for the first term she might have in like, Jerry Thompson's daughter or something to help. But she was the total hostess. Yeah, she did the cooking. She did everything. Yeah, we had to be holding court back. Yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 51:09

we've got her recipes for like, 40 people. Oh, great. But

James Moore 51:13

at one point somebody came in and said, Oh, is this a TIA brothers said, Oh, no, this thing could never

Tom Atiyeh 51:24

afford that. Yeah, yeah. We were when the cut sober thing blew up. We were asking my mom, well, what kind of staff and office did you have? She says, I have a closet,

Unknown Speaker 51:33

yeah, yeah. And Jerry had to work really hard to get her a closet. Yeah,

James Moore 51:40

yeah. And another thing, talking to Robert Roberts didn't call them first ladies. Well, there was inefficient stuff, so like, when you go to the national governor's conference, yeah, called First Lady back here in Oregon, you weren't called First Lady. And it's sharing kids, however, kind

Tom Atiyeh 52:00

of an imperial person that's now changed their name. That week that kit saber was going down. She Oh, she did that week. That's now,

James Moore 52:13

that's great. So ride that as long as you can then get off that surfboard. That is very funny. But yeah, she's the one who said, you know, the wife governor is the First Lady. He called me the First Lady. All those weird things, anything, while your dad's Governor jump out at you, as you know, kind of the personal way that he dealt with things.

Tom Atiyeh 52:47

No, he was, you know, honestly concerned about family and business and, you know, would be poking around, asking questions, yeah. How's

James Moore 53:01

it going? Yeah, yeah. During that, especially the recession time, and then the recession and the rajneeshees, come on. So your dad makes that a bookend. You know, recession, the Rajneesh sheets, one of the other, but both of them together. That was really hard, yeah, but at one point, Jerry came in and said, I just can't sleep at night. How do you sleep at night? I just stick

Tom Atiyeh 53:29

with my principals. Isn't that the

Unknown Speaker 53:33

truth? She thought, son of

James Moore 53:40

a bitch as growing up, did you see those principles? Did you see him have that calm

Tom Atiyeh 53:43

demeanor? Well, yeah, you know he's true Boy Scout, yeah, yeah. Kept the coin in his pocket, but doing a good turn every day, yeah? So he's stuck with the principles. Yeah.

James Moore 53:55

I've just, for the past week and a half, dug through and so I've got his principles. So I've got his principles. There's like 10 of them, and that's crystal clear. Just crystal clear. Sometimes they come into conflict. So one of them is do good for the state of Oregon, right? And another one is government. Government is okay, but there has to be a really good reason for government to get into people's lives. It's not that it shouldn't be there. It has to be a really good reason. So the bottle bill does COVID, yeah, so he eventually

Speaker 4 54:33

votes for the bottle bill. But there

James Moore 55:04

This during all of this time, your dad is a good I've gotten great stuff of him being the founder of

Unknown Speaker 55:17

the muzzle book, muzzleloaders, yeah, all that kind

James Moore 55:22

of stuff he is. 1969 or 71 he's down in Green's pass. Which Bill's another one who's served 26 years? He's around now he's 92 Memorial Day, there's always a muzzle loader contest down in grass pass, north of grass pass. And so Bill and your dad enter the contest, target contest, and Bill says, you know, they had to load the gun for me. I'd never shot one of these things before. And it's your dad and bill in the finals and Bill pizzas, dad is so ticked off. Turns out, in one of the one of the junkets that the lobbyists would take them on, they'd actually had a fishing

Tom Atiyeh 56:20

contest my daughter random picked a rifle that I had shot, and my dad had won a contest with it. Oh yeah, yeah. We have the targets that I was a spotter at that contest. Uh huh. And the guy who shot before him got a 10. My dad got a 10x which is right in the scope

James Moore 56:43

of 10x Yeah. Wow. That's fascinating. But the other thing is fishing, yeah, Yo, you. You brought out the fishing rod at the service. 1978 in the campaign, Paul Phillips was ordered to keep a fishing pole in the trunk to pull over, as your dad would get stressed, yeah, pull over and, you know, take 15 minutes and have him just

Speaker 1 57:11

Yeah, fish, whether

Tom Atiyeh 57:12

or not you catch anything makes no difference. Um, so

James Moore 57:15

talk about fishing growing up. Well,

Tom Atiyeh 57:18

we just put a photo in the family cabin at Rhododendron of him fishing as a teenager on the zigzag, yeah, remember telling me he caught some big fish. It must have been like a stealing or something like that. Showed it that was talking

about it to Merle Campbell, Jim Campbell's dad, and showed him the fish. And Merle said, I'll never doubt you again.

James Moore 57:47

It's not a fish story, it's a fish story. Yeah, did you and your dad go fishing a lot when you were growing up?

Tom Atiyeh 57:54

Yeah, up at Opal Creek in particular. First of all, there's nobody up there, yeah, and there's the rainbow trout, Eastern Brook, uh huh. And have you been up to Opal Creek? No, you got to do it. It's beautiful, yeah. And the geology is great. And these nice, smooth rocks, you know, you could see the fish. Got to sneak up on them, because the water is so clear, yeah? So, growing

James Moore 58:19

up in Southern Reagan. That's the Smith River. Yeah, it just, you can, in fact, because I was a swimmer, we would go swimming down there, and you're down there with the steelhead, yeah, under the rocks. It's like, this is cool, yeah, I wish I could hold my breath forever. And

Tom Atiyeh 58:34

you heard the story that fly rod my dad made for me, yeah, yeah. And I caught my first fish on it, yeah, in the little North Fork, which is just down below where battle ax and Opal

James Moore 58:47

work. Did he make his own did he tie his own flies? Did he do any of that kind of

Unknown Speaker 58:51

stuff? Tie flies? He make other rods. He didn't meet other rods.

James Moore 58:56

Yeah, my closest friend, his family, actually was big in the fly time in Long Island. Oh, really, like beginning the 1890s or something, yeah, yeah, great. So that's, that's something he just, it's, it's like golf. It kind of stays with him

Tom Atiyeh 59:16

forever, yeah, absolutely, yeah. And, of course, we have fishing of the shoots. Yeah, yeah. And it's pretty funny, I had this rug of my dad, so that was selling expensive rugs, like \$65,000 yeah. And the guy who was buying it in California said, Well, I'll buy the rug, but you got to take me fishing onto the shoots. I can live with

Speaker 3 59:38

that. Yeah, it's a condition I can do

James Moore 59:46

your dad with fishing and become such a source, well at the guns too. I mean, it's, it's not just the shooting of them. It was therapeutic for him to clean these. Oh

Tom Atiyeh 59:57

yeah, he would spend the hours. You know, policy and cleaning, yeah, fiddling

James Moore 1:00:02

with, actually, the guy I just talked to at the coast at one point in the like, 8384 the fishermen were just angry. So your dad was burning effigy down in Charleston. Mainly, they would burn an effigy. JD McDermott, who was the head of the fish and wildlife. And so the representative had a delegation of fishermen that wanted to come and see so he they said, but they wanted to see the governor. It's like fine, easy to get an appointment with the governor. And then the governor's office called. Said, Well, how many beach usually three or 415, including one guy who'd been in charge of burning the EVA. G, Oh, great. So they get in there, to the office, and they have to wait. And, you know, they have like, 20 minute 20 minute window, yeah, they have to wait. And then after about 10 minutes, that comes out and finds them into the office, into the conference room, where he had a gun rack, and so your dad, classic managerial power kind of

stuff. He just starts talking to him about the guns, and he goes over and he opens up the rack and takes one out. He tells him about the gun shows him, and the guys got out of there, and they were barely able to shake his hand that didn't let any conversation take place

Unknown Speaker 1:01:24

whatsoever. Start talking about guns. Just start talking about guns. Yeah.

James Moore 1:01:29

But therapy for him and the fishing therapy, sure, sure. So in fact, at the same same time, when I was meeting with him, when he asked me to write the book, he was showing us his governor's fisherman's license, because His license was always 00, yeah. And then he showed us his 1979 license, because it was regular, whatever it was, 3422 that's how you know you're not governor,

Tom Atiyeh 1:01:58

right there. Um, yeah, I was counting on when he had to renew his driver's license. I was counting on the state not giving him the license, yeah, but they say, oh, Governor will give you another 10 years. I go, you guys, and then he you showed me the license. Yeah?

James Moore 1:02:18

Exactly. Oh, my dad is 80, gonna

Unknown Speaker 1:02:23

be 81 and

James Moore 1:02:25

he just loves to drive, but he hasn't been able to see at night for 10 years, yeah, and he still drives at night and talks on the phone. Yeah,

Unknown Speaker 1:02:34

right. He wonders why you don't call very often?

James Moore 1:02:38

It's the reason I don't call very often is because you're gonna pick up the phone if you're in the phone if you're in the car right, there you go. Don't do that. It's the fishing that leads into Warm Springs, which is just so cool. Do you remember your dad how he got involved with

Tom Atiyeh 1:03:03

tribes? Well, you know, I know he's big into diversity, and I think he just started paying attention and listening

Speaker 4 1:03:12

to them time of day, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 1:03:15

just felt a sense of history, especially with the des this warm camaraderie.

James Moore 1:03:25

And the tries so neat that, you know, the tries were part of the state memorial service, yeah, yeah. Delvis did a great job, yeah. And I know going up there, Jerry was kind of nervous about what the heck

Tom Atiyeh 1:03:36

he was really good at, yeah. Now we just returned the headdress, yeah, that was quite the ceremony, yeah? And yeah, it was cool, and it was special for the tribe and special for the

Speaker 5 1:03:56

family. Yeah, that's great. Sportsman's

Tom Atiyeh 1:03:57

air Park is down in Newberg, okay, so give a lot of airplanes, yeah, and occasionally I see a gulf stream come over head going to Hillsboro. Oh, yeah, tail number and one ke which is Philips plane. Yeah,

James Moore 1:04:13

my wife, she works for the Hillsboro school district. In her office is right across from the airport. Have you been there and seen the Nike hanger. Yep, not bad, huh? And, you know, the glass is facing the road, yeah, just saying, we're marketing, yeah, yeah. We live right over there. And so last week was fun because blue wing was practicing right

Tom Atiyeh 1:04:34

over our house. Yeah, they were over here too, because, you know, they had to turn around, yeah, back to Hillsboro, yeah, when you're going,

James Moore 1:04:41

I'm sure they're not going 700

Tom Atiyeh 1:04:43

miles an hour, but they're going fast. Yeah, my own air show here, yeah, don't have to go anywhere. Yeah, that's great

James Moore 1:04:50

fun. Uh, golf, do you golf? I don't okay to see what goes you know, through the family, I've got his clubs,

Tom Atiyeh 1:04:57

though. Oh, okay, so eventually. Yeah, take up some some golf when I got time. Yeah, yeah. We, our neighbor up over there has a as a pin, uh huh, and he drives from the top of his property towards the pin. And a lot of times the golf balls will go over in Atlanta, my property, right? So we gather him up in the once a year, we just chip,

James Moore 1:05:22

get him back over the fence. Yeah, yeah. Funny stories about golf. When he was governor, he actually was really conscious of the fact when he was going to Japan and stuff. While there's a golf thing that needs to happen, he can't be seen as the governor who goes to Japan to golf, right? And then when he becomes a consultant afterwards golf the storm, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 1:05:45

I've got some golf balls that have the state seal on one side, Victoria signature on the other side. That's great.

James Moore 1:05:51

That's great. So let's talk International, yeah? So he's, there's, there's some international trips. There's one trip to Costa Rica. I haven't gotten into the first term. That would have been a fun one to go on, which is fascinating, because I don't know if you're aware, Oregon and Costa Rica are like sister states, yeah. So there's a high school, you know, students going back and forth all the time, yeah? So I don't know if it's tied into that, but it could be fascinating Costa Rica, yeah, Costa Rica, but especially after that, after his re election, we're going to travel. Yeah, we're going to get business here. We're going to go do that. So what was it like to be on those trips?

Tom Atiyeh 1:06:32

Well, it was a lot of fun. The first one I went on was to the Middle East, and I caught up to them in Egypt, they could have work to do. Yeah. So it's pretty funny. Alan ODA, who was a reporter for The Oregonian, very polite Japanese guy, he was on the flight with me, so we land in Cairo and negotiating for a taxi. So I start negotiating now, it's going, Oh no, does pay him? No, no, he's got an expense account. Yeah? So the price was, like, from \$80 to like \$9 or something like that. And he was really embarrassed, because I put the bags in the trunk and take them out, yeah, haggle with the Egyptian tech. Yeah, that was, that was kind of fun, yeah. And then, of course, going to Syria was, like, really big deal for my dad. Yeah, I got to get the media up there. I knew the route by the castle and over the hill and village,

and it was pretty cool. Yeah,

James Moore 1:07:35

that trip has been described as blasting along those Roads. Oh, yeah, I gotta

Speaker 5 1:07:59

get this thing

James Moore 1:08:02

back. So had you been to the village

Tom Atiyeh 1:08:05

before? Oh, yeah, you were there in 70 Yeah, 70 and then 72 and 76 Yeah.

James Moore 1:08:14

Now is the village just filled with attiyas? No,

Tom Atiyeh 1:08:17

there's a lot of other families, but the Atea family is pretty prominent because they have one of the larger houses, and they also have olive orchards. Okay,

James Moore 1:08:29

doing research, it's amazing people have written about that village, yeah, because still, 70% of the Middle Easterners who come to the United States are Syrian or Lebanese, and Amar turns out to be a great case study, partly because, once again, I'll never be able to go there. Well, not for the next tax years. But they've they've got a in the library. They have all the lists of overseas people. So you just go through and see, yeah, so the first one to leave town was an Atea, but not euratiya. And then the prominent one who left town was an Atea, but not your Tia. And then there was actually an Aziza, Tia, and his brother, George, George went back, but then George is actually the George that's still in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. So there's, so there's, you know, a huge chunk of people from the village in Allentown.

Tom Atiyeh 1:09:28

And one thing that they had going for them was, I think they went to the American University of Beirut, yeah, and they also had a bunch of horses that they sold, yeah, so they had cash. And they were smart, you know, when they came to the US, right? A lot of immigrants had that type of damage.

James Moore 1:09:44

Yeah, yeah. I'd love to be able to talk to Aziz and see how he chose the linen business, going into the rug business. And then, you know, pretty quickly found out in in Pennsylvania, there's just too many. Of them here, yeah? So Portland,

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yeah. What a great place to land, yeah, yeah. And

James Moore 1:10:07

you're trying to figure that out. It turns out between 1880 and 1900 the population Portland quintupled, yeah, because the railroad came in and that all of a sudden. You know, if Aziz comes and looks at it and says, aha, yeah, this place will happen. There is a connection. I can get my rugs here. Yeah, it becomes a it becomes a good option. Whereas 15 years earlier would not have been a good option at all. Do you know the other parts of the world that people from tomorrow went to, and Atea is one too. There's a chunk of them in Argentina.

Tom Atiyeh 1:10:42

Oh, really, and the Caribbean? Well, I know because I own the domain atea.com uh huh. Thought she's the first thing you look up and yeah. So I get, you know, connections from all over the world, yeah,

James Moore 1:10:54

yeah. And then when your dad was was governor, there was an Atea who was drafted in the NFL, and

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that's right, yeah, George too, yeah, wild

James Moore 1:11:09

stuff. So, so going the Middle East, so it's a combination of business and home. Yeah, were you firmly in the business at that point?

Tom Atiyeh 1:11:19

I was firmly in the teen brothers the retail side, yeah.

James Moore 1:11:22

So were you doing business connections while you were there? I was

Tom Atiyeh 1:11:25

looking, but there really wasn't so much to do in Egypt or Syria, yeah, yeah. But then when we went to China, that sort of

James Moore 1:11:34

thing, so tell me about that. So this is the Is this the 84 Yeah, so silver, did you go to Japan and China? Okay,

Tom Atiyeh 1:11:42

and so, but China is really great. Couldn't do this today. We were at the Great Hall of the People. Then premieres. Young was there with his group, and we were there with our group, and they start talking about Taiwan and how you shouldn't be, you know, thinking Taiwan is China, and going back and forth, back and forth. And finally, my dad pulls out. There's a very old Chinese technique, he says, but they're our friends. We can't abandon our friends. The term is

Speaker 4 1:12:16

Chinese, the Chinese technique

Tom Atiyeh 1:12:22

Zhao found out I I was in the rut business, and said, Tomorrow, yes, sir, Judy rooks, Dean Barrows TV didn't even cover factor number one. That's when I said, I can move our production here. So I came back and we started the tea international importing side of things, all the production from Iran to China and office from New York to Portland. Yeah. Was in China for years

James Moore 1:13:00

and years, wow. So the way things worked out, you eventually kind of became your generation's Aziz, exactly, okay.

Tom Atiyeh 1:13:07

And, yeah, my wife speaks Chinese, yeah,

Unknown Speaker 1:13:11

yeah, that helped a lot. Yeah,

James Moore 1:13:15

wow. So you saw direct benefits absolutely

Tom Atiyeh 1:13:18

right away, yeah. And we imported some things like locker wear and the camper wood chests while we're trying to get things going. Yeah. Then brokered some TVs and chairs for other people getting things going. We had one of the first fax machines in Portland. Oh, yeah, because China went from telex to fax overnight. Cost like six bucks to send a little bit of Telex. The faxes were cheap. We were charging the attorneys like \$5 a page to borrow our fax. Wow, that fax.

That's great. And now people were early faxing.

James Moore 1:13:59

Oh yeah. It's amazing to see how many people have fax numbers on so it's like, yeah, Jesus. We have the fax in our office. It's a big deal. You got to find the machine. Yeah, I don't know what the number is, yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 1:14:12

ours is, we still have our fax number, but it goes through the internet. Yeah, it's not even physical when it comes Yeah,

Speaker 5 1:14:21

that's amazing. Did you go into the other trips, international trips? No, those are the two things, and

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one's really productive. Yeah,

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seeing you also one of

James Moore 1:14:33

those other things, Aziz and your dad were also, it's not clear to me exactly when your dad got to a TIA and brother, because George, throughout his life, put different dates on different official documents when he arrived in the country. So David was saying, Well, this is the obituary that's really definitive. It's like. Know, this is the Oregon Historical Society that's definitive. It's like, No, it's not either.

Unknown Speaker 1:15:04

It's like Wikipedia, you know, I know, I know, but,

James Moore 1:15:07

but in any case, in the first several years, I don't know when it ended, um, they were known as oriental rugs and brass wear and, you know, all that other kind of stuff. And ayat and, bro, yeah, ATM bro, um, your dad always thought that that they went to the Lewis and Clark with that. But that changed in at the end of 1904 Yeah, the ads are the ATM bro in 1904 and first one in 1905 is the TIA brothers,

Tom Atiyeh 1:15:33

right? And that's where the awards are, yeah, brothers, yeah. And there's a banner apparently,

Speaker 3 1:15:39

yeah, there's all sorts of stuff, and

Tom Atiyeh 1:15:41

the retail store has all the cool stuff, gold medals, I've got all the honorable mentions.

James Moore 1:15:49

So 12 first places. We don't talk about the fifth places, but yeah, that's great. That's really great. The parallels are just really fun in your generation, it's basically you and David are the ones who got into the business as whatever, you know, forms of that,

Tom Atiyeh 1:16:10

yeah. And it worked out great because he came in, he's very smart. He's a CPA, yeah. And so he took over the retail thing, and then I started the importing, wholesaling, yeah. We all had our own turf profit centers

James Moore 1:16:24

thinking about families. I mean, it's remarkable. You know, it looks like it

Unknown Speaker 1:16:28
may go to the fourth generation. Yeah, Kevin is working there.

James Moore 1:16:30
It just that doesn't

Tom Atiyeh 1:16:32
happen. No, it's Oregon State honored us for leadership and family business a couple years ago. Yeah,

James Moore 1:16:39
any sense of what it was like for your dad and his brothers to work together. I mean, Ed is, Ed is a sweet guy, yeah, so Ed, you know, boy, we got along. We did all this. And then I hear from other people it's like, well, you know, tensions between Richard and your dad sometimes and all this thing, they came to decisions. But

Tom Atiyeh 1:17:00
yeah, what's this family? The family business. You're going to have all kinds of different things, yeah? Like Richard one time wanted me to clean up my desk, and I asked him for a match that went over real big. Richard was a real clean freak and really organized, yeah, but I'm not that way. But, yeah, everyone's got their own technique. Yeah,

James Moore 1:17:22
exactly. But no stories when you know of them, you know, arguing with each other and then saying, Okay, well, then we'll do it this way, or

Tom Atiyeh 1:17:31
anything. No, there could be little squabbles. Yeah, I'm sure they had the cords like any brothers would. Yeah. Just fascinating. Yeah, you know, they would share a car, yeah? Well, we'd share a car to go to

James Moore 1:17:49
work. They end up living within like, you know, they could walk to each other's house in five minutes. Yeah, I have good friends I grew up with who are twins who live within the same distance from each other. Okay, I don't live near my siblings, believe me, any other things from when your dad's Governor jump out at you? Attitude issues that came up your mom. How did she deal with with all of that,

Tom Atiyeh 1:18:27
she was the consummate, you know, do everything for Dad, type of person

James Moore 1:18:34
I know at the end, she was really, really, really, really happy to

Unknown Speaker 1:18:37
get home. Yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 1:18:40
in fact, we are. We have dealt with boxes that she didn't unpack from Salem, oh yeah, put it in the attic. Wow, wow, that's great.

James Moore 1:18:54
Your mom's personality will come in a little bit for two reasons. First of all, it's pretty clear that she just got ticked off at Bob and wanted to make sure that your dad did not have him back as a driver for the general election. And secondly, the artistic side of your parents would come through in very interesting

Tom Atiyeh 1:19:18
ways. Yeah, my dad would look into doodles and things.

James Moore 1:19:21

Doodles. In the 82 campaign, no campaign stuff could go out unless he approved the

Speaker 4 1:19:25

colors. Yeah, not the shapes

James Moore 1:19:27

or the words, you know, he would approve of that, but the colors. So things, some things, were pulled back. And then in the 78 campaign, your mother and your sister, I think we're actually critiquing the layout and art stuff drove the campaign manager nuts. Yeah. Well, you do what you do. Yeah.

Tom Atiyeh 1:19:52

Well, we that. I think in the family, we're very color oriented. Two reasons. One, the. Artistic side. And also rugs, color is a big deal. Yeah, yeah. In fact, my cat is named son, by which is the color for black in Chinese. Oh, yeah, the number. That's great. And at restore Oregon, which is the nonprofit I was working at, I was helping to rebrand it. So the colors I picked are the state of Oregon, the blue and gold colors for the logo. That's nice. How did you get this state of Oregon? Yeah, that's

James Moore 1:20:33

wonderful. I was involved in writing a textbook on Oregon politics and published by university Nebraska, these politics textbooks, but the colors they picked for the book are the colors of one of the state. So ours. I didn't go to courting the state, but I everybody else makes

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it. Else.

James Moore 1:21:06

I was asked by somebody there to give recommendations to brief the new president of U, of O, on Oregon politics. He's from Chicago, yeah. Well, so here's this book we did which actually works really well. All come talk to him, if you want. There's a couple of other college presidents who know this stuff really well, I said. And the book will really appeal to him, because it's University of working colors,

Unknown Speaker 1:21:32

so it'll work. Yeah, that's good, but colors,

James Moore 1:21:34

that's That's great. Yeah, my dad was a politician, county commission level, and he did not do colors well. So he's running 74 when your dad's running for governor the first time, and it's all this mod stuff. Oh, so it's this bright green and kind of fonts that do this, and at that point the stick em on bumper stickers was really nasty, yeah, so for six months afterward, my brother and I were required to go to supporters and stuff and clean their bumper, six bumpers off. So mom, very supportive. Yeah, quite, uh huh, she ever get frustrated with it?

Tom Atiyeh 1:22:25

Oh, I'm sure she did, because didn't have any staff. So yeah, do everything by herself. Basically, yeah,

James Moore 1:22:35

doing, doing her stuff. Yep, yep. Okay. Another meeting story. Have you ever heard the story about your dad and your mom's first kiss? No, okay, I've only got one source on it, so I can't go with it until I have it, but it's I know they that it fits in with what I have verified, which is that your dad basically saw her and said, Who the heck is that? Yeah, he then the Christmas dance was coming up, and so that Washington High School, yeah, and so he knew her last name, so he called Hewitt's in the phone book. And he finally got her and she said yes, she'd go Come to find out later that he'd actually called the right number fairly early on, but her dad was tired of guys

Tom Atiyeh 1:23:32

calling that sounds like Jimmy,

James Moore 1:23:35

but then at the dance. So here's the unverified part at the dance. It's getting close to the end of the dance, and some people, one source, says that it's a New Year's dance, but I think it's this Christmas dance. And so your dad has been told by Jim Campbell,

Tom Atiyeh 1:23:50

you have to kiss her. I could just see Jim Campbell.

James Moore 1:23:54

Jim Campbell, yeah, I just would love to see them together, yeah. Well, you have to kiss her. And so your dad's sweating tall. I all this. And finally, it's the time he turns around. She's not there because she was the popular girl. So she was going around and she was kissing

Tom Atiyeh 1:24:13

everybody. That's Donna Campbell, yeah, she doesn't,

James Moore 1:24:15

she doesn't remember that. I think you think because she was awesome. Wish I could use that. But Christmas dance we've got, yeah, that's nailed down. Your dad leaves office. He's the ex governor, so when he's in office, was it harder for family to see him, or

Tom Atiyeh 1:24:44

no, he's accessible. He's just busy. Yeah, just busy, yeah. But he came in and came into our office in Portland, uh huh, because we were set up with a fax machine and telephones, and I gave him my corner office, and I went down down the hall, uh huh. Just. Can work out pretty well. Uh huh, it's we, you know, we own the building. Yeah, I was managing the building, yeah. And fortunately, we had positive cash flow. And yeah,

James Moore 1:25:10

worked out. Okay, yeah. So that's when he starts his consulting. He's right out of your Yeah, your point. He

Tom Atiyeh 1:25:16

was hard on our board. But, you know, third board is my wife and myself, yeah, whatever is legally required, yeah, yeah. And so he had some nice consulting giggles.

James Moore 1:25:30

I think I've just become more than the fabric. Oh, I'll sit on the sit on the grass. Okay. Well, that thing's pretty old. My

Tom Atiyeh 1:25:37

parents, if they're over

James Moore 1:25:40

20 years old, all of a sudden, a

Tom Atiyeh 1:25:44

sudden, that's about the time so, and he got some good gigs, and of course, he was on Greenbrier board, yeah, yeah. And he he gave us some of his stock, which is we're using when we make donations to nonprofits. Okay? Because it's high value, low basis, yeah, so sell it. You just get beat up in a capital gain. So, yeah, easy, yeah,

James Moore 1:26:07

absolutely. Do you remember him being on the board of the

Tom Atiyeh 1:26:11

equitable? Oh, yeah. He's really still pissed that thing went down, yeah, savings and loan debacle and yeah, Bill love was the chair. He's president back then, yeah, because that shouldn't have been liquidated,

James Moore 1:26:26

yeah, but yeah, when it was like a mania took over. Yeah? You know, all sorts of them were just Benjamin Franklin and yeah, all Yeah, Jackson County done in Southern Oregon, and they got caught up in all that

Tom Atiyeh 1:26:40

Bob Hazen was the big deal at Benjamin Franklin. Yeah, yeah. When I

James Moore 1:26:47

graduated from high school, I graduated in 77 and my grandmother gave me \$1,000 basically the equivalent of a CD at the time, and said, when the depression comes and live off the interest on this. I went to Stanford, so it lasted for about a year and a half, and it went for tuition. Yeah?

Tom Atiyeh 1:27:08

Boy, in cash these days. I mean, I've got CDs and then really it's like nothing, yeah, yeah, waiting for the interest rates to come back again. Yeah.

James Moore 1:27:16

My wife just had a CD that just rolled over, and she went to the credit union and said, Well, I can get twice as much. You can get twice as much. You can get 1% here as compared to half a percent. Yeah, but, you know, she's just trying to figure out, what do you what are you going to do with it to get a higher return?

Tom Atiyeh 1:27:33

I've been going to ETFs happy with that, yeah, getting like four to 6% Yeah, for conservative stuff, yeah, it's nothing, yeah, just

James Moore 1:27:46

incredible. Yeah. When I teach site about what the inflation was like and things like that, my grandmother gave me a savings thing here was great. Got 18% interest. Well back, let me teach you about inflation

Tom Atiyeh 1:28:00

back in in the 70s, when I was at Tia brothers, I was managing the cash before David came in, and I would easily cover my salary, plus some, by just moving money every day, wow, because we had cash, yeah. And, you know, the 18% Yeah, you can make a chunk of change just, you know, 10, \$20,000 yeah, every day, back and forth, yeah,

James Moore 1:28:23

something off the top, boom, boom, boom, amazing. Yeah. How long was your dad? Really active in his, his post gubernatorial consulting career, he still had, you know, people kind of into his late 80s and stuff.

Tom Atiyeh 1:28:40

Yeah, he was kind of winding down Uh huh. And then I said, you know, Dad, it's really time to leave downtown Portland. Yeah, he didn't like that at all. Oh, I know. But you know, the office had been robbed, and you know, the area was coming a little seedy down there and stuff. And, yeah, he was just getting too old to be going downtown every day. Yeah.

James Moore 1:29:05

It was actually kind of surprised, and actually, once again, one of those scrapbooks, they'd only bought that building like 72 or 73 or something. Yeah, 71 one in the 73/10

Tom Atiyeh 1:29:22

of and Alder to park in Washington. Yeah, right

Speaker 1 1:29:27
around the corner.

James Moore 1:29:32
But so he was, he was winding down. I mean, he was winding down mid

Tom Atiyeh 1:29:37
90s, 2000 ish, yeah, he was on the boards. Yeah, yeah.

James Moore 1:29:45
Because right after, when we start, first, starts the consulting. I mean, you know, the Japanese love him. He's got those great business cards to go to the Middle East. I speak Arabic and read Arabic, so I was actually able to read it and say, yes, it actually. He says, what you hope it does on the other side. And I found out in 1990 he was in DC, because he's spending a lot of time there on, you know, lobbying people into it. He just popped in to see President George Bucha senior to lobby for one of his friends to be going into the federal bench, and it was a log jam, and broke the log jam, and the guys stuff went through. So it's just like, this is cool. Did you get a sense of him as a national figure?

Tom Atiyeh 1:30:37
Well, I think people knew him nationally, but he wasn't either. Using that as a as a big deal,

James Moore 1:30:44
yeah? Well, so much of his life, it wasn't a big deal. Yeah, then you need

Unknown Speaker 1:30:52
to make a bigger deal out of

James Moore 1:30:55
this. I'm discovering, for instance, in 1960 234, a member of Congress died, first district here, and editorials were talking about, your dad would be the best person for the job, Wyatt. No, it's before Wyatt. It's nor blood, yeah. So he dies, and it eventually goes to Wyatt gets the seat. Yeah. And the editorials don't mention Wyatt, but they're talking about, well, because nor blood had a son, Alvin, and so he would probably do it. But down at the bottom, he'd also say, Well, you know, really ought to get it covered Michigan County, which is pretty amazing that he's only been in legislature for five years or so. At that point,

Tom Atiyeh 1:31:39
people are thinking of him in that I just sent Bill Wyatt a Christmas card that Wendell sent to my dad. Oh yeah, as a congressman, oh yeah. That's great. That's great. Bill has gotten into the motorcycle crash.

Speaker 1 1:31:50
Oh yeah, oh,

Tom Atiyeh 1:31:54
he'll be okay. But yeah,

James Moore 1:31:56
sure, wasn't a longshoreman. No,

Tom Atiyeh 1:32:01
no, he and my wife were on the first direct flight Portland to Tokyo. Oh, yeah. And this pretty great, because she was, she was in business class, then the flight was delayed so much at Portland airport because of mechanical problems that they gave her a free first class ticket for another flight and then the next flight, the same thing happened. So she got three flights for the price of one. That's amazing.

James Moore 1:32:40

Crazy stuff, as your dad got older, he's always been a storyteller. Did you notice that his stories changed,

Tom Atiyeh 1:32:50

no matter if I could, like, telling him, like the same story over and over again. My sister, I think I mentioned

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this, she said, Dad, why are you telling that

Tom Atiyeh 1:33:01

same story? And he says, well, because I like it.

James Moore 1:33:04

Yeah, one thing I noticed because he did an oral history with the Oregon Historical Society in the early 90s. So when I started interviewing him, I was in the process of reading those 1600 1800 pages, which I had in every single one of them right here. And so he'd tell me something. I'd be looking it up. And he'd read word for word, what he said in 1992 Yeah. And then I'm discovering as I go back and then look at the original stuff, it's word for word, what he told the reporter in 1981 wow, word for word. So there's just something there it gets and for as a biographer, it actually makes me suspicious. And so you verify and see what's there. But it's just, it's just a fascinating, fascinating way that works. One thing that was, you guys all knew about, but then didn't become public until 78 was his professional football, and it became public because the campaign staff was there, and Sharon page actually was looking at stuff on the wall and said, What's this? Yeah. Came and said, Why don't we know about this? Yeah. And so by December, after he's elected, by December, he flies down to the Green Bay Packers. And it's fascinating, because the people involved there, so there's a guy named Wayne Thompson, reporter. There's Denny miles, and I think it might be punch Green, who goes down with him. I can't remember Claire Bucha, but they all have different memories of it. It's happened at different times. Wayne's pretty convinced that it was an RV, and they went to the Seahawks, all the stuff. So you get all this together and you figure out what really happened. But it's just just fascinating. There's truth in there, yeah, somewhere. But the truth and the time and how it happened are different things. So it's just just a fascinating. Process. So when your dad does the same word for word, I always go back. I gotta nail this down, really, to make sure that's what happened. So anything else jump out?

Tom Atiyeh 1:35:13

No, it's just fascinating having your dad be governor, yeah, yeah. And

James Moore 1:35:19

now you had a professional life at that point. So, yeah, did it people say a TIA? You know? Do they Well, it's

Tom Atiyeh 1:35:25

really funny. You know, usually they would say, Are you related to, are you related to Victor, a TIA? But in the last few years, they'd say, you related to Megan, Atea. That's my daughter. Yeah, that's, that's pretty cool. Yeah, things are, things changed a little bit, yeah,

James Moore 1:35:47

yeah. I don't know if she has the same office, but somebody was in her office who was in the legislature when your dad was governor, and basically from there, you can look right down to the house. Yeah, that's right, yeah, just kind of cool. He was saying, Oh, the receptions there,

Tom Atiyeh 1:36:08

yeah, yeah. And, of course, we had to behave the minor way.

James Moore 1:36:14

That's because my dad was the county commissioner. We had that as well. Yeah, it's like, so that's right, and it for me going into high school and stuff, when I was becoming really politically aware and I wanted to write letters to the editor

Tom Atiyeh 1:36:26

and stuff, and you couldn't, no, you can't do that.

James Moore 1:36:30

My brother, however younger and always The Wild One, would answer the phone and say just horrible things. But yeah, my brother also grew pot in the backyard. So when the county sheriff would come over for a party, it's like, make sure they don't go in

Unknown Speaker 1:36:46

the tomato plants. Well, now it's legal, yeah, exactly.

James Moore 1:36:49

Now it's legal. That's legal.

Tom Atiyeh 1:36:51

Yeah? Who'd have thought that? Yeah,

James Moore 1:36:53

yeah.

Speaker 2 1:36:56

It's pretty amazing. I think that's great. Less people in prison and oh yeah, yeah, yeah.

James Moore 1:37:01

Just see what the federal government does, because that collision is still

Tom Atiyeh 1:37:06

Yeah, just trying to stay away from the collision. I think, yeah, yeah. Talking

James Moore 1:37:10

to Earl Blumenauer, he's been in the middle of that for a long time, and I don't know if it'll ever resolve. Well,

Tom Atiyeh 1:37:18

the big thing knows all the cash that's floating around, you'd think

James Moore 1:37:23

that the cash would eventually force the banking system to happen. You think the banking system would say, we want to change the rules because we want access to that money.

Unknown Speaker 1:37:32

Yeah, it's a lot of money, yeah?

James Moore 1:37:35

But becomes thing people thinking with their hearts and not their heads, just something, you know, looking at your dad, he did. I mean, his heart was really important to him, but he was, he was fundamentally a businessman, saying, do things add up or do they not? Yeah, what are our goals? Well, that's fine, figure them out. But then, how do we implement this?

Speaker 2 1:37:59

Yeah? Pure business, yeah, yeah,

James Moore 1:38:03

from that very first term he it's not in the other stuff that had already come over. There's three pages of yellow rolled paper, and he's taken him home and with the budget, and he's gone through the budget, and he looks at it and says, This doesn't do what we think it does. Yeah, very first term, very first committee, and he's sitting there saying, you know, we

can do this, but this isn't it. So

Speaker 3 1:38:35
it's just remarkable. Yeah,

Tom Atiyeh 1:38:36
and some legislators get it, and others don't. Yes, it's there to make big stuff for themselves and yeah, not for the state. Yeah, absolutely,

James Moore 1:38:47
yeah, when your dad is involved in repealing the unitary tax, yeah, that's a big deal. So when you guys go to Japan, you're welcome to Japan like conquering heroes, yeah, because of that,

Tom Atiyeh 1:38:58
and Jim Gaffney had a lot to do with that,

James Moore 1:39:01
yeah, yeah, yeah, but it's there. There's a memo that Jerry put together of who would vote for the in the special session. And then your dad goes through and he adds, like, 17 names. He just pencils them in. He's on top of this, yeah, dialed in. But there's another memo that she wrote where she's talking about the details. Barbara Roberts is in favor of it and thinks it's a great idea, and understands she was on the revenue committees and all that kind of stuff. Liz van Lewin, another legislator, doesn't understand this at all. She doesn't know she's for her against it. She just can't conceive of what it is. It's just funny to see that written very clearly out this legislator doesn't know what the hell's going on. We may be able to count on the vote or not, and it passed overwhelmingly. But just the what you have to do to get legislation passed? Just a big lesson for your dad. Yeah, legislature, how do you get here to getting 31 votes?

Tom Atiyeh 1:40:11
Yeah, I had that discussion with my executive director at restore Oregon. We're sponsoring Senate Bill 565, which was the main street. She was, well, we need to do this. And now this is how you do it, really, yeah, just be honest, yeah,

James Moore 1:40:35
pretty amazing. The guy that I interviewed on the coast elected 64 and so he goes in there, and he thought that the way that you legislate it is you just clearly explained things to people and they would agree with you, and then people wouldn't agree with him. And he started mentally just saying, Well, I don't know if I can ever trust that person. Took him about halfway through the session to figure out there are a lot of motivations for why people vote. That's right. If you do this, you're going to be a party one pretty quickly. Yeah, but reality of a legislature,

Tom Atiyeh 1:41:12
yeah, people have long memories, and they have different relationships. Anything else? No. But let me take you in the office, so I'll dig out that letter that

Unknown Speaker 1:41:22
my okay mom wrote. Yeah, that'd be great. I.