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Speaker 1: The university tower chimes ring in another session of “ask the Professor.” The show in which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers, I'm your host “Matt Mio” and let me introduce to your panel for today; to my left hailing all the way from Medicine Hat, it's “Professor Dave Chow.”

Speaker 2: Pleasure to be here as always.

Speaker 1: Excellent!! Now this is like 4 or 5 weeks in a row that you're representing the Tigers, but I feel like in the Medicine Hat Tigers online store like there's only like one person--- [crosstalk]

Speaker 2: They know me.

Speaker 1: ---who's buying the stuff.

Speaker 2: They know me well, they have my sizes, they have everything, they got my credit cards on order, anything comes off the press it's mine.

Speaker 3: Oh it's day, what can we send them today.

Speaker 1: Eh what can we send them, just put it on my tabs, you know that makes sense.

Speaker 2: Exactly, pretty much. I'm like Norman Cheers, that's awesome.

Speaker 1: Oh nice-nice.

Speaker 2: Just pull up and they just give me a drink and a shirt.

Speaker 1: Professor Jason Roach is here.

Speaker 3: And I'm very-very glad I'm here today on cookie day.

Speaker 1: Yes.

Speaker 3: This is so cool, and it's um... I don't know how many different flavors but uh--- 14 or 15 different kinds of Christmas cookies in the box. So...

Speaker 1: It's kind of a big deal, it's kind of a big deal. Mara brought some molasses cookies, Dan brought some Pizza, and everybody is fat and happy, and I think it's reasonable to say that. Professor Dan Maggio is here, he's the one who brought in the traditional Italian Pizza, they're absolutely beautiful and they taste great.

Speaker 3: Thank you.

Speaker 1: Excellent!!

Speaker 3: they're my favorite. So let's say a long time, I hear that you've had it in your family for generations. The one I used last is 3 hours old. [laughter] Because the one I had died. [crosstalk]

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Speaker 1: -uh, that's not bad.

Speaker 3: So my mother make--- made them for years but she has the-the really old kind where the top is about I don't know 4 or 5 inches thick, and the bottom is the same.

Speaker 1: Right.

Speaker 3: And if you plug it in, you can't really plug anything else in the house. [laughs]

Speaker 1: Right. And if you touch it, we'll hear, we'll hear if you touch it.

Speaker 3: Yes, it gets very hot.

Speaker 1: All the way across the table from me, Professor Jim Tubs is here, good to see you Jim. Nice and festive with bright green.

Speaker 4: Thank you-thank you.

Speaker 1: Continuing around the table Professor [02:07 inaudible] is here with us today. I love your molasses cookies, there's only one left, 2 left?

Speaker 5: Four by my count.

Speaker 1: Well, I'm going to grab 2 and make a sandwich before I leave, that's all I've got to say; "Bring more cookies." Professor Kendra Evans is here.

Speaker 6: Hello, it's good to be back.

Speaker 1: It's good to be back, we were hearing; "everybody was asking when's Kendra coming back? When is Kendra coming back?" But you're here now.

Speaker 6: I'm here and it was now, today is the day.

Speaker 1: Today is today. We'll take it.

Intro: On today's program we have a special guest Professor Arthur Beer from the Department of the theatre and performing arts. Arthur is joining us after just finishing up a 3 day weekend Detroit Mercy Theatre Company production, where he starred in the title role of Joseph [02:51 inaudible] Ebenezer.

Speaker 7: So my retirement party.

Speaker 1: It is, it's your retirement party. So this is kind of a big deal, I understand it's a sequel to a Christmas carol basically.

Speaker 7: Right, it takes place 15 years afterwards Scrooge is on his deathbed, it's a comedy.

Speaker 1: Oh. [laughter]

I love it, I can't wait, I can't wait to see it. Hey folks this is a program, you can send us questions regarding anything, if you stumped the panel you win one of our prizes, and if you don't stump the panel you win

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Dear Professor Mio and panelists, I've been a loyal listener to your show for many years now. And I've often heard the panelists call out for questions with topics or themes, the one underlying theme I always hear you talk about is “food.” [laughter]

Where did you get that idea?

Speaker 2: Good data. [04:00 inaudible]

Speaker 1: Yeah I've heard you talk many times about oatmeal pies, pork bones, donuts, cookies, Taco Bell or some other restaurant that one of the professors just enjoys. So why stray too far from a topic the pros seem comfortable with? Here are 20 questions on fast food, please enjoy, best wishes, Amy Dixon. Thanks for sending these questions Amy, that's very kind of you.

Let's see if we can do with these, which of the following fast food restaurants was founded 1st, Whataburger, McDonald's, Burger King, In-and-out?

Speaker 2: McDonald's.

Speaker ?: I think it's In-and-Out.

Speaker 1: It says here that it's In-and-out, by what year?

Speaker ?: 54.

Speaker 1: It says 48, 1948 was In-and-Out Burger.

Speaker ?: I have never had an In-and Out.

Speaker ?: They're quite nice.

Speaker 1: Yeah I thought that... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: We don't have one here.

Speaker ?: What?

Speaker 1: Are you sure?

Speaker ?: It's impossible.

Speaker 1: No, that's Burger King. [laughter]

Speaker ?: Ok, I think that's I've been told that they have to stay where they are local, because there's some sort of like shipment regulations about how far the meat can go or something like that.

Speaker 1: That's right, they have to... they have to do it like cool but not frozen or something like that. I

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have heard that too.

Speaker ?: Something like that.

Speaker 1: I thought that we had one, and I'm probably thinking... [crosstalk]

Speaker 2: I'm sure there's a place in [05:17 inaudible] that makes a Burger akin to that.

Speaker 1: Ok... All right, some people swear by it, it's mostly California.

Speaker ?: I remember.

Speaker 1: In what city was the 1st pizza hut ever built?

Speaker ?: Kansas City.

Speaker 1: You're really close.

Speaker ?: What?

Speaker ?: St Louis. [laughter]

Speaker ?: You can't say that, you know it Louis... Colombia Missouri.

Speaker ?: Wegita [05:43 overlapping conversation]

Speaker ?: Where did you pull that one out?

Speaker ?: I know my geiography.

Speaker ?: I guess so.

Speaker ?: Oh my gosh pizza hut, I just I have such fond memories of eating a pizza in the eighty's and now the buffy for the current Pizza Hut... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: Like they're getting rid of all the sit down ones.

Speaker 1: Yeah they are. They're going to like booths only, or whatever. How many secret herbs and spices are used in KFC's original recipe?

Speaker ?: 11.

Speaker 1: It's eleven.

Speaks unanimously: woo.

Speaker ?: So we have [06:14 inaudible]

Speaker 1: Jason flashing fingers, and they were all legal.---

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Speaker ?: Thank you for all that.

Speaker 1: ---And they were very not vulgar and it was 11 fingers, K.F.C.'s original herbs and spices recipe. What fast food chain offers products called Jomocha shakes and curly fries?

Speaker ?: Arby's.

Speaker 1: Arby's, I didn't even need to say that. And he was all over it.

Speaker ?: What is a Jomocha shake?

Speaker ?: Coffee-ish, or coffee chocolate or coffee.

Speaker ?: Java.

Speaker ?: Yeah.

Speaker ?: Javamocha.

Speaker ?: Ok. All right.

Speaker ?: Coffee chocolate.

Speaker 1: Just making up words here.

Speaker ?: Coffee and chocolate.

Speaker 1: My morning drink. You go check that out.

Speaker ?: I know.

Speaker 1: What was the 1st fast food chain that opened in China? I believe what is meant here is American fast food chain?

Speaker ?: KFC?

Speaker ?: KFC is what it says.

Speaker ?: Yes, KFC.

Speaker ?: You see...

Speaker ?: It is all over Africa too.

Speaker 1: You know I'm hoping that I'm not jumping too far ahead in these questions, it doesn't look like I am but in Japan KFC is intimately tied to the celebration of secular Christmas and they can't even do the business that they need to within that 48 hours, like everybody eats KFC on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Japan. Yeah it's an interesting trend.

Speaker ?: No my cousin kids in China have their birthday parties there. It's like... [crosstalk]

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Speaker 1: Ok, it's a big deal, it's a big thing.

Speaker 2: I've been noticing in Johannesburg South Africa, there was like a k.f.c. on every corner.

Speaker 2: Interesting.

Speaker 2: It was the biggest American fast food place around.

Speaker 2: My Chinese friends in Kentucky told me that the KFC is very different in China than it is in Kentucky.

Speaker 1: Ok... Do they serve the chicken soup?

Speaker 2: Maybe something like that. [laughter]

Speaker 1: All I can think of when we talk about this is the famous quote from The Simpsons which is "if there's one thing that all Jews Christians and Muslims agree on is fried chicken is awesome." [laughter]

It pretty much covers the whole basis. What burger chain was founded by Janie and Jerry Murrell? Whatever is the opposite of what you think you could be, this is definitely it. I don't even know of any other clues I can give you because Jamie and Jerry sounds like a male and a female couple working together.

Speaker 2: Yeah.

Speaker 1: So the last thing you'd name your chain is...?

Speaker 4: 2 guys.

Speaker 1: Getting close Jim.

Speaker 4: Five guys.

Speaker 5: Aw.

Speaker 2: Yeah.

Speaker 1: Yeah we have a couple of those around here.

Speaker 2: Yeah.

Speaker 1: You get a whole shopping bag full of fries I think when you go to 5 guys.

Speaker 2: And then you get the transparent bags.

Speaker 1: Oh yeah, that's right.

Speaker 2: Also listen, it is probably where all the potatoes come from.

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Speaker 1: What restaurant at least in its early days featured blue roofs, Cape Cod style buildings, wooden benches?

Speaker ?: [08:50 inaudible]

Speaker ?: Long John Silver's.

Speaker 1: You have to put it all together [08:56 inaudible]

Speaker 3: Yeah it was Great River Avenue in Redford.

Speaker 1: Fast food fish.

Speaker 2: And then on the one tiger side in 3rd base.

Speaker ?: Yeah. [laughter]

Speaker 1: Oh my gosh, I just love that part of the eighty's ninety's still exist to some extent today when you see old Pizza Hut's and Long John Silver's haven't been repurposed as banks and gift shops. [laughter]

It's like that totally used to be a pizza hut.

RECAP

Speaker ?: It's the professor flashback

I'm your holiday house Kathy Bush and today we have our regulars back with us. What does the 12th night actually mean?

It's the 12th Night after epiphany. [09:35 overlapping conversation]

Yeah, it is a feast that is known to Canadian as Little Christmas. We cannot take down our tree until after Little Christmas and it's a family tradition.

Speaker ?: And then you can put it in front or what?

Speaker ?: Yes, and it is watched and stopped as they take it away.

Speaker ?: Yeah there's a truck that comes around and throws all of the dried out limb.

Speaker ?: Her father is a trash fanatic, he picked up every time.

Speaker ?: Yeah

Speaker ?: And they get put through that wood chipper in Fargo

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RECAP ENDS.

Speaker 1: And we are back with some questions from Amy Dixon. Where is the food quote way better than fast food, this would have been a couple different Jingles ago... way better than fast food who used that tag line?

Speaker ?: It's not Taco Bell, is it?

Speaker 1: No, way better than fast food.

Speaker ?: And not that they were fast food?

Speaker ?: They must be slow if they're way better than fast food.

Speaker ?: Was it subway?

Speaker 1: Just a regular old burger joint, just one we haven't mentioned yet.

Speaker ?: Not Wendy's.

Speaker 1: It is way better than fast food.

Speaker ?: I don't remember that.

Speaker 6: Well their thing is that you're sitting down in the dining room in the carpet you know. So it's not supposed to feel like that fast food.

Speaker 1: Right.

Speaker 6: So that's probably... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: So when you drop the ketchup it stays in the carpet?

Speaker 6: No, when you just walk through the soda that's been spilled on the floor. [laughter]

Speaker 1: Speaking of this, we will give Kendra a chance to redeem herself because I think one or 2 jingles or taglines ago this chain was good mood food.

Speaker ?: What did you say said earlier?

Speaker 6: I don't remember, what did I say?

Speaker 2: Michael play the tape back.

Speaker 1: It was Arby's

Speaker 6: it's still Arby's?

Speaker 1: That was Arby's likes a couple decades ago.

Speaker ?: And oh, Arby's had like a big tall hat for their sign.

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Speaker 7: Yeah exactly. Don't they still?

Speaker 6: They took down the tall hat, it is really weird.

Speaker 1: It's really sad actually.

Speaker 7: All the big signs are gone now.

Speaker 7: [11:47 inaudible] that where that was there for a long-long time.

Speaker 1: What American city was the birthplace of White Castle?

Speaker 6: In the South.

Speaker 1: It wasn't in the South. [11:58 overlapping conversation]

It was Wichita Kansas. [shouts]

They really like their fast food, I don't know what to say.

Speaker 7: That's it, we're going to Wichita, we're opening up a cookie franchise there.

Speaker 7: No, I'm going to open up cookie downtown next to the pot shop.

Speaker 6: Yeah.

Speaker 2: That's what we should do.

Speaker 5: We should do that.

Speaker 1: I really appreciate that Amy didn't transpose that question with someone. What restaurant in its early days was a castle in white color?

Speaker 7: White Castle.

Speaker 1: We figured out. Let's see here what fast food chain is credited with having the 1st modern drive through in 1970? This is a classic piece of fast food tribute.

Speaker 7: We've had this before.

Speaker 1: You've already mentioned this is one.

Speaker 7: Isn't like Sonic.

Speaker 1: It wasn't In-and-Out, it wasn't Sonic, it wasn't McDonald's.

Speaker 7: Burger King, Wendy's.

Speaker 1: Wendy's.

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Speaker ?: Wendy's again.

Speaker 1: Yeah, Wendy's had the 1st modern drive through window.

Speaker 6: 1970.

Speaker 1: It's 1970 Yeah. Pretty recent, Pretty recent.

Speaker ?: We didn't have a drive through until then?

Speaker ?: I'm amazed.

Speaker ?: What did we do before then?

Speaker 6: What about soccer practice? [13:02 overlapping conversation]

Speaker ?: Like I used to be able to walk into Arby's and they would shave the meat.

Speaker 1: Oh yeah, right. so who could forget having grown up in the eighty's and the ninety's, the tiny Chihuahua that [13:19 inaudible] Taco Bell. What was that actual name of that dog?

Speaker ?: There was a name?

Speaker 1: It had a name.

Speaker ?: Who knew.

Speaker 1: The same name as a... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: MacKenzie.

Speaker 1: No, partial credit.

Speaker ?: Appetizer.

Speaker 1: I am not too proud to say we actually have a Spuds MacKenzie ornament on our Christmas tree but when my kids look at it they're like "why do we have a target dog?" [laughter]

Speaker ?: They upgraded to the modern times.

Speaker 1: Now what was the name of the... I know I'm going to get this wrong, please don't kill me. Sixty's era, I'm looking in Dave's direction because he knows his TV, sixty's era t.v. surfer girl t.v. show, what was her name?

Speaker ?: Gidget.

Speaker 1: That was the name of the dog. So I did good with Mike. Gidget the dog. Which chain has a signature burger by the name the big Buford.

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Speaker 6: Hardy's.

Speaker ?: Oh no it's Checkers.

Speaker ?: Checkers is what it is. The big beef...

Speaker 3: It is nice know we all eat well you know. [laughter]

Speaker 1: We covered everyone we haven't heard yet and then I heard checkers, very well done. Which chain has been around longer; Baskin Robbins or hog [14:26 inaudible]

Speaker ?: Baskin Robbins.

Speaker 1: So Baskin Robbins started in 1905, [14:33 inaudible] started in 1976. So they are quite young, quite young. Oh my I don't know we're going to do with this but maybe you know this, maybe don't. so McDonald's Chicken McNuggets are specifically formed into 4 shapes that all start with the letter b, and this is a well known piece of trivia; "What are the 4 shapes of McDonald's McNuggets?"

Speaker ?: Box, bowl.

Speaker 1: No.

Speaker 6: Ball.

Speaker 1: Ball is one of them.

Speaker ?: Bead.

Speaker ?: Bowl.

Speaker 1: One of them is a bit looks like a bone.

Speaker ?: Bird.

Speaker ?: Bird? Too obvious.

Speaker ?: Belly.

Speaker 1: I'm going to give you partial credit for Bell. And one of them sort of looks like Italy.

Speaker ?: Boots.

Speaker 1: Boots is the last one; ball, Bell, bone and boots are the pressed shapes of a MacDonald's Chicken McNuggets. [overlapping conversation]

Honestly the only thing that my kids will eat from McDonald's and like just give me 320 piece chicken McNuggets, it's a nice?

Speaker ?: Wow.

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Speaker 1: Yeah it's pretty brutal. In the continental US you are at a point that is furthest from the nearest McDonald's, how many miles away is it?

Speaker ?: 147 miles.

Speaker 1: Oh man you freak me out sometimes, it's a little bit less than that but you're really-really close.

Speaker ?: 98.

Speaker 1: 115 miles is the furthest you can be from a McDonald's, 2 hours.

Speaker ?: That is kind of depressing.

Speaker ?: Where is that?

Speaker ?: I was just going to say where is it?

Speaker 1: Yeah I'm going to guess it's out in the... [16:05 overlapping conversation]

Speaker ?: Usually when you're lost in the wilderness out in the Rockies, all they have to do is... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: Montana. [16:12 overlapping conversation]

Speaker ?: It must be Montana. Look for the Golden Arches. It must be in the mountains in Montana.

Speaker 1: That makes sense.

Speaker ?: Or Wyoming or anywhere.

Speaker ?: Somewhere out there. Yeah exactly, all you gotta do is use your nose, close your eyes.

Speaker ?: How is that supposed to be comforting, you know you're only 2 hours from the nearest McDonald's max.

Speaker ?: You can't starve.

Speaker 1: You cannot, let me tell you I was wondering this exact trivia question and I have an answer, this is awesome, it was about 2 months ago my family dined at Subway, anybody who has eaten at Subway, have at least seen the subway Italian Subs, it's called the b.m.t, why does it have those initials? This is good, this is good.

Speaker ?: Is it a tomato.

Speaker 1: It is not ingredients.

Speaker ?: Oh.

Speaker 1: It has to do with...?

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Speaker ?: Meat ball.

Speaker 1: No b.m. has to do with a subway.

Speaker ?: Oh the b.m.2 subway.

Speaker 1: Which is?

Speaker ?: Brooklyn metro.

Speaker ?: Manhattan.

Speaker ?: Manhattan. [17:17 overlapping conversation]

Speaker 1: It says it's the Brooklyn Manhattan transfer. So that's it.

Speaker ?: I saw the T in there.

Speaker 1: You got it, you got it 100 percent. I was trying really hard to make it fit, I'm like a couple cola, pepperoni. Salami [laughter]

No, that's not going to work. So it has nothing to do with the ingredients, but it does have something to do with the subway. What famed n.b.a. star owns just about 10 percent of all the 5 Guys Burgers and Fries in North America? This is kind of interesting... retired n.b.a. star.

Speaker ?: Charles Barkley.

Speaker ?: John Salley.

Speaker 1: That's a good guess. it's not John Salley.

Speaker ?: Shaquille O'Neal.

Speaker 1: Yes Shaquille O'Neal.

Speaker ?: Yes I knew it was one of those guys. [overlapping conversation]

Speaker 6: Is he the tall guy?

Speaker 1: Is he the tall guy? Yeah, he could be in the middle because he's tall you know. That makes sense to me?

Speaker 6: Bench pressing all the others.

Speaker 1: Oh, at least they're doing something smart with their money afterwards.

Speaker ?: Yes, exactly.

Speaker 1: Absolutely, I mean invest. What was supposedly I guess this is popular knowledge not a

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possible fact, Colonel Harlan Sanders favorite fast food to eat? It wasn't k.f.c.

Speaker ?: MacDonald's

Speaker 1: No.

Speaker ?: Wendy's

Speaker 5: No.

Speaker ?: Burger King.

Speaker 1: No.

Speaker 6: White Castle.

Speaker 1: White Castle is what it says here. His favourite is White Castle.

Speaker ?: There's some similarities there, they both slide.

Speaker ?: Oh [laughter]

Speaker ?: My brother is a fan of the chicken rings. Oh okay.

Speaker ?: Has anybody here tried the Asian corn beef on the corner over there on the... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: Is it good.

Speaker ?: Yeah, it's decent, it's not bad. It's corn beef.

Speaker 1: Kendra says she's the greatest fast food eater that you know?

Speaker 5: Something like that.

Speaker 1: But between you and Dave, like I mean we've got everything covered basically. Dave is a pretty big fanatic.

Speaker ?: I'm a foodie. So I mean I'll admit it.

Speaker 6: Really?

Speaker ?: Yeah, I love food. I grew up in that culture besides I've got the name to prove it, so...

Speaker 3: Yeah, it's true.

Speaker 6: I just thought that you might have been eating like higher quality food.

Speaker 1: I do that too every now and then.

Speaker 6: Yeah I stepped up to Outback or something every once in a while.

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Speaker ?: Outback!!! Did you say step up to outback? That's awesome.

Speaker 1: Did you do the thing where you just pull up and they throw it in your car and you driveway?

Speaker ?: No. [19:40 overlapping conversation]

Speaker ?: You've got to go for the whole thing.

Speaker ?: You know why do you think they like to look at the boomerangs you know and all the picture on the wall and stuff.

Speaker 1: Exactluy, you've got a good stake.

Speaker ?: Lambchops.

Speaker 1: Oh lambchops... There you go.

Speaker ?: Not the [19:53 inaudible] lambchop, right.

Speaker 1: Ok perhaps one more to go here and basically were running on like a 4.0... through the last one in finals week, who cares you know. What American fast food chain is called Hungry Jack in Australia?

Speaker ?: Big boy.

Speaker 1: Big boy is a good guess, but that's not it and it has to be because they weren't allowed to use... [crosstalk]

Speaker ?: Like the Jack in the box?

Speaker 1: No. Oh I don't... does Jack in the boss exist anymore.

Speaker ?: I don't know.

Speaker ?: Is it Burger King.

Speaker 1: It is Burger King.

Speaker 6: Oh is that because they had to avoid royalty in their restaurant.

Speaker ?: So what do they call the you know..... [crosstalk]

Speaker 1: They don't want to insult the crown. [20:36 overlapping conversation]

Speaker ?: So what do they call their instant mashed potatoes?

Speaker 1: Good question. Dave says what do they call their instant mashed potatoes? [laughter]

Hungry Jack's already taken, I can't let this chance to go by since I got my graduate degree in urban

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Illinois just south of us is Charleston Illinois, where there was a single mom and pop style think Hunter house white castle style restaurant called "the Burger King." And as the story goes they are still down there, they sued Burger King when Burger King got really really big and they won. So there's this giant sort of like you know fake force field around the county where no Burger Kings are allowed to penetrate. [laughter]

Because everybody who goes there knows the Burger King is the place.

Speaker ?: Is that with two E's too?

Speaker 1: No, it's spelled exactly the same and the whole deal is that the patriarch of the family, last time I checked he takes your order and he brings it to the table, just like Kendra was saying. Now, it's like you're being served like a king, what can I say. It's pretty cool, great questions Amy, thanks for sending those in.

We've reached the portion of our show called a.t.p. favorites, so this should be real interesting. All we have to do is come up with something that the listeners want to know are favorite of, which we've been doing and then going around the table and filling that in. This is our holiday show as you can tell by all the cookies and the fast food discussion. So what favorite thing about the holidays should we ask everybody to chime in on?

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Matt how about what's your favorite thing about Christmas?

Speaker 2: Sounds.

Speaker 1: We don't do this in any kind of order or anything, so people can just chime in what they want to say. Frankly, I'll start it's the food. Through Me I'm looking forward to more pizza and maybe some pork on Christmas Eve. And yeah it's going to be great food.

Speaker 5: I'll go next, because I feel like someone is going to take this and I'll feel bad because I don't have anything else to say. I like having all my family come back, so that like me and my brothers and my parents are really close, and my 2 brothers are elsewhere at the moment but having family is nice.

Speaks unanimously: Yeah.

Speaker ?: That's the thing about the holidays.

Speaker 1: Absolutely.

Speaker ?: I'll go for music, I like music.

Speaker ?: Oh course.

Speaker ?: What a shock, [22:48 inaudible] song.

Speaker 1: And yeah, whenever we have a Christmas carol questions, everybody sits down, takes a nap and takes over. [laughter]

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Speaker ?: So we just leave the building, that's all. Jim, do you like too hot to handle?

Speaker 1: Yes.

Speaker ?: Yeah, well I don't think they're doing [23:02 inaudible] but I think they are doing it that because they do it every year.

Speaker 1: Ok.

Speaker ?: Somewhere down there is so much happening I can't tell what's going on.

Speaker ?: Yes and actually the d.s.l. is doing the Messiah with the expanded d.v. chorus.

Speaker 1: I got to say having seen Messiah a couple times that kind of should be somewhere on the top 20-25 bucket list for pretty much everybody, it's a big deal.

Speaker ?: Yeah.

Speaker 1: I see someone perform that right, it's pretty awesome.

Speaker ?: You know of course it's long unless you're Robert Shaw to think you can get it done in about 45 minutes. But for most people it's 2 hours you know.

Speaker ?: Yeah, it's takes... [crosstalk]

Speaker 1: Who's next?

Speaker ?: Oh I can share one, the thing is this only happened once. so I can't say it's like my favorite thing that happens every Christmas but one year we had a 12 foot tree because we had a very high ceiling in this house we rented, an old wooden farmhouse and we decided to light it traditionally. So we put birthday candles in a little cups. And lit them all, they were only on the tips of the things you know, they were relatively safe, there was nothing above flame.

But both my mother and my wife's mother practically had heart attacks watching it happen, [laughter] but I have to tell you it is really exciting to see a tree with live flame on it.

Speaker ?: I bet just not like... [crosstalk]

Speaker 6: But you didn't have cats there?

Speaker ?: No, no cats.

Speaker ?: My father who's 98 remembered his father doing that. Well his father and his oldest brother, his oldest brother was standing there with a bucket of water in case there were any mishaps.

Speaker ?: My mother was too.

Speaker 1: Yeah that's awesome. Can I like sort of picture in my head what that would have looked like?

Speaker ?: Really exciting.

Speaker ?: 12 feet tall.

Speaker ?: Wow. All right Ok because I was doing that all night, I just saw the mayhem you know, C.C.'s always talked about like homecoming because we don't have any sports teams. So for me doing the all night you know in the midst of all the insanity, watching Jim pay off everyone student loans, it's always just kind of what I need to see.

Speaker ?: Yes, you see the people you've taught for years you know show up for the craft fair.

Speaker ?: Yeah.

Speaker ?: So it's always nice seeing old friends come back.

Speaker 1: That's awesome, we only have a few seconds left, who's going to finish us off here?

Speaker 6: I'll go, I'll go.

Speaker 1: Kendra.

Speaker 6: For me it's returning to my family.

Speaker 1: Of course.

Speaker ?: And I will say that Christmas Eve service is pretty special.

Speaker 1: Always special. [25:27 overlapping conversation]

Nice.... Yes, although the movies are already all over the t.v, that's for sure. [25:37 inaudible]

Of course, last night....

Speaker ?: I was a little bit surprised.

Speaker 1: Can't beat that.

Speaker ?: [25:44 inaudible], so...

Speaker 1: And he won't again because I'm afraid. We're out of time but it has been very good speaking with all of you. So the time has come to say goodbye Dave.

Speaker ?: See you.

Speaker 1: Jason.

Speaker 3: Ciao.

Speaker 1: Dan

Speaker ?: Merry Christmas.

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Speaker 1: Jim.

Speaker 4: Have a great Christmas.

Speaker 1: Mara.

Speaker 5: Happy holidays.

Speaker 1: Kendra.

Speaker 6: Take care.

Speaker 1: And Art.

Speaker 7: Happy Holidays everybody

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