

The University of Detroit Mercy presents another edition of Ask The professor.

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University tower chimes ringing 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 you our panel for today. From the bottom of the screen. It's Professor Heather Hill. Oh. Hello. It's just, you're at the bottom in my arrangement. Everybody sees it differently. Hello.

Heather I thought of you today because there was this big plump bird that was clearly was it Robin right outside my window with the snow swirling all around it and I tried to get like a snapshot, that would be all artsy and be like oh no what season, are we in and I was thinking of all of your flowers, picking up from underneath the snow.

Yes, there are some lovely blue hyacinths that are now covered with snow.

Ah, they're cold hardy.

Good, good. I don't know how my tulips are gonna make it but we will see. Next up, with fabulous art framed behind him it's Professor Stephen Manning afternoon bad and everyone else. How are you holding up, sir. I'm okay. No. It's better than I've gotten from a lot of the times I've asked a question today. I've gotten in trouble with a few folks I've been very honest when people are like hey what's up. I'm like, I'm terrible. They're like, really, I'm like yeah, global pandemic Have you been paying attention.

Just trying to be honest people don't really want an honest answer to that question. Generally speaking, yeah not in America at least, I agree with that yeah I think in Europe, they're more like Barry just to the point, you know, probably, yeah. I'm scared to death to see what Professor Dave child has been sketching this whole time, I think nothing at all. Pleasure to be here from the angle of your camera it sort of looks like you're in some sort of broom closet. Yes, it's my it's my home studio. Okay, broom closet printer little cubby. Okay, okay, that's cool. I like it cozy snug. Next up we have, what can only be described as the angriest digital representation of Professor.

Yeah.

You look like Apocalypse Now.

Thank you.

Yes, there is that scene in that movie. I think in the background is a beautiful sunset from somewhere in there. Instead of putting the background in the background it actually replaced you with the background. That's what I should do. Everybody knows I have a face for radio and a voice for silent movies. I'm

happy to be here. If you have part of a face like the Phantom of

the Opera. I like that better, I love it. My face is gone.

Yep. Professor, Jim Tubbs is with us again today Hello

Hello, how much snow Are you on.

Well, it's kind of a light dusting but it was pretty watching it fall. Yeah. Isn't it odd to be doing it this time of year but you know it's Michigan.

The last vestiges of winter, you know, coming back to haunt us here, can't be stopped. Although next week is like all 50s and 60s and clears so this is Mother Nature's last gasp

Professor Beth old jar is here with us today. You have a pretty studious background if I didn't know any better I'd say I was talking to like the governor or some of these newsy types, they always have books behind them, you know,

it's my office at home but also behind me is a picture from ask the professor and the zombie bath calendar from 2012 2013. So, it is all serious Believe me,

brains. Oh my gosh. Beth Have you heard that there is this Facebook group out there that basically for lack of better descriptions sort of analyzes the backgrounds of people when they're at home doing zoom calls and stuff like that they zoom in, see what books you have on your shelf, trying to sort of psychoanalyze.

These are people who are really too desperate for things, I should say.

Instead of analyzing people's psychology, based on the books that they had some, something like that.

Oh, Dave has a giant copy of his head. Yeah, exactly.

If they want to look at essays on Aristotle's ethics you know and derive claims about my character from that you're welcome to.

That's what I figured you were gonna say to me, it'd be like well, I've got a lot of philosophies anybody really shocked by this, you know, Professor Morrow Lindsay's here with us today.

I sure I am happy to be here.

You brought sweets but sadly not for everybody, not for everybody. This time, but I can't wait until the next time that there's a Bake Off at a teepee with Dan.

I think you better put the scotch Roos on the shortlist. Oh, don't do that they're quite easy.

Easy is just about my speed too We haven't gotten into the, the baking thing because mostly we get to the end of the school day with a 10th grader a sixth grader and a second grader in my house and we just basically just go to bed and wake up and do it again the next day so nothing wrong with that.

Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today. I'm at a much I'm going to make corn muffins. This weekend injected with raspberry jam on a recipe that sounds really good. And when I'm done with that I'm going to try to figure out how to cut my own hair. So, that's my weekend project, that'd be sick I look at him like oh can I cut my own kicks are desperate here. I'm just doing everything. I just can't handle it anymore.

I need a haircut, but I also made orange spice sugar cookies that were good.

Everybody needs to bring all this stuff in together, hey folks this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything frankly it's been a while since we've had a good old fashioned cookie based questions so if you stumped the panel you win a prize. You can send us the questions and a number of ways you can email us at atp@mercy.edu. And reach us on the web at UTmercy.edu/slashATP, you're going to ask hermie and Rudolph to send something if you want to, you can find us on Facebook or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking you to play ask the professor at University of Detroit mercy. Okay, we've got a set of questions from longtime questions sender. Hi there profs hope you're all continuing well and happy as one can be under these circumstances, I'm here in beautiful downtown hygiene Colorado, where the population doubles every calving season. We're enjoying weather normally reserved for the first week of February. I've been thinking of

these questions for a while. So here are a few questions on the theme of, let's see what happens to date child's eyes hear the TV show The Flintstones, are these questions. Wait Is it hygiene as an HIV, though that's absolutely true. Yeah. Fabulous.

Las Vegas Corona virus infections.

Something about calves something about coronavirus.

What was willman Fred's saber toothed cats name. Kitty, I believe, wasn't it. No it wasn't Tabby a human diminutive name.

I think

getting closer, getting closer to the kind here.

It was named baby, it was named baby, really. Okay. Very cute. Meet The Flintstones wasn't the original theme song of the show during the first and second seasons, when it wasn't understood the show would be such an enduring hit in instrumental was played the you know what the name of the song was. If you think about the opening sequence, you might be able to sort of like extrapolate the drive in the monster. Get it getting closer. What does the very first part of this show actually showed you remember, Fred bleeding worm and leaving

driving home. Well, turning his dinosaur down and then going out

and sliding down coming in the front door. So the very first part of the show actually showed him going to work. The show's theme was called Rise and shine because that was the rise and shine. Okay. Okay. It says here that the meat The Flintstones song is actually based on movement to have Piano Sonata number 17 by who.

Ah, Beethoven.

I'm giving you the be though bath yeah that's Beethoven. Okay. Very interesting.

The voices of Fred Wellman Betty were chosen deliberately to imitate their counterparts on The Honeymooners the party didn't end up sounding much like Ed Norton. Why was Barney, so different sounding than Ed Norton from The Honeymooners it's Mel Blanc was in the hospital he did most of those voices. Yeah, that's right. As a matter of fact they blink really bad, and he made it very clear in his contract quote I don't do impersonations, unquote, made up the boat party rebel.

Extra, extra credit

for a while in season two, Barney was voiced by another actor, I think you're getting close to this Dave, Dause Butler. Um, no, actually I'm not looking for it just the reason why. Oh, Mel Blanc was an auto accident. He did his body cares. That's right. Let's see here. June Foray, perhaps best known for being the voice of Rocky The Flying Squirrel and granny Hazel who was the owner of Tweety Bird in Looney Tunes audition for a part in the Flintstones. She didn't get it. What part wasn't

that was Betty Rubble pq or.

Fred Flintstone was in line to receive a sizable inheritance from a rich uncle Do you know the name of Fred Flintstone is rich uncle. jp got rocks or something somebody like that did have rocking it was Yeah. Was it like better off wasn't. You're really really close. When I say overpriced hamburger restaurant with a lot of guitars. Hard Rock.

There we go. Got it.

Come on, did we want we won the no contest thing.

Remember,

we did, but it sounds familiar. Okay. All right, rock.

How much is it estimated using regular material mass that Fred's car must weigh

pretty nuts. See, no no, you're a little bit over the top Jim but you're in the right order of magnitude 1.62 point. 865 kilograms so it's basically just about a ton one to one for each tire and the wood canopy couldn't weigh that much. So, I believe that giant. Rolling Rock cylinder is what we're

right in the back of the waiting part.

There's gonna be no way around this for posad so I hope he has his ears perked up. Let's see, um, there is a physics of Fred Flintstone. Okay, on the internet that says, given that Fred likely weighs about 95 kilograms. What's the top speed at which he could probably be capable of making the 865 kilogram rock we'll be able to go. You can give us the response in miles per hour. One half mile per hour.

flows downhill.

That's a good point because it says what is the theoretical top speed so this would be just like totally cranking it right on the surface to that you're driving on, I would say we'd better be in the salt flats. Yeah, two miles per hour, it's higher.

Wow. miles an hour,
it's higher than 1017.

I have to give it to Heather, It's the old residential 25 miles per hour is the absolute top speed.

So, to me.

Yeah. See the math on this one. But that your final example size. I am. You got that.

You're gonna use that next week for sad.

Yeah. Can you just send me a copy of that, including the solution so I don't have the solution again.

Thanks for those questions for those are awesome, you're listening to a special edition of Ask professor, in which each of the 10 professors participating in this recording session,

we're connecting to each other, from different locations, thanks to zoom video conferencing technology. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UT mercy.edu. Now let's return to our host Matt Mio, with more questions for the panel core team quarantine questions.

Hello Prof. It's been a while since I submitted any now they're all isolating I have some time to put together a highly intellectual quiz tangentially related to current events. Below is a series of eight questions about yours and my favorite topic. Toilet paper, putting up with this quiz will yield a passing grade. I'm gonna steal that for my next exam.

That's awesome, putting up with this quiz will give us all the best is always Nat pike of Livonia Michigan. The first US patent for toilet paper was issued to Seth Wheeler in 1883.

After improving on what was called gay Eddie's paper introduced in 1857. But the product had actually been used for hundreds of years. In what country, that's not the United States, Japan. It's not what it says here.

Oh, yeah. Germany, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Poland.

It's Canadian typing paper.

It says a document attributed to an ancient scholar in this country 589 ad quotes paper on which there are quotations or commentaries from the five classics or the names of sages, I dare not use for other purposes, China, China, yes, there we go. Stephen chimes in with China.

What companies, some

of it when he was there was

still the first rogue toilet paper. This is a fairly well known Paper Company Scott. Scott. Scott sounds like we're saying that some like single person came up to it but you know, you get the idea. It was a, it says here, 1890, the

Scott paper company began selling toilet paper by the rolls. What while I'm sorry when Scott brand toilet paper was first introduced. It was sold as a medical item. Why

a generic clean. Um, yeah, kind of, but not really. Let's just say that in the middle of solid the husband's. What was that present, they first saw that the hospitals. Nope, that's not the reason he wasn't absorbent. You're gonna be all being to logistic and not thinking about the social implications, social social implications, like in high as in hygiene Colorado kind of social.

No, it's because, um, when people ask for it by name. They were embarrassed to purchase it. So it hadn't sold as a medical device. Instead of what it actually was yes I'd like a roll of Pathak napkins.

Oh my word.

This is a fairly well known piece of TV trivia. Give your TP to d okay God

in 1973, a famous person inadvertently caused the toilet paper shortage who was it.

Richard Nixon,

the President, you know, it has to be someone with some pretty far reaching ties right. The Pope.

What year was this

December, 1973,

Henry the Eighth.

The Beatles, The Queen

was

73.

Henry Kissinger.

No. Give you a little bit more of a clue.

It's, I'm sorry Heather. What. Oh, I thought you would respond to Johnny Carson. Yes Oh, Beth. Carson Oh yeah, yeah. It says, I'm on December 19 1973, Johnny Carson read a real newspaper clipping about a toilet paper shortage and made a few jokes, the public didn't realize the story had been about commercial paper and consumers hit the stores the very next morning and created essentially a national shortage. It took some stores in some parts of the country three weeks before they were able to restock their shelves.

Well that's

about as logical as the current source shortage, frankly, most of us aren't going to the restroom at work or at restaurants anymore we're doing it at home and consequently the purchases of toilet paper for home use are probably increasing over what they would normally be when you have a fully functioning economy. Where did you just go into work and schools and restaurants and bars and movie theaters.

Exactly, exactly.

Bet you just made me realize where I can find for large rolls of toilet paper. After going to school tomorrow. Our markets a commercial market at a residential market and the residential market is in screen, because the commercial market is obviously not, you know, was also being strained by the people coming out of Costco with a whole pallet.

I just don't think we should talk about toilet paper and use the word string in the same sentence. If something just doesn't work. Let's move on.

1391 1391. The Emperor in China began using a very special type of toilet paper designed for the royal family what was so special about this paper. It was, was scented.

No. The old adages. Nope, that his name on it was two ply. That's a good one though it wasn't two ply No.

Unfortunately, it had a fortune wrapped in it had images of all his enemies

colored with expensive ink.

It was for some ungodly reason, two feet by three feet.

NAD has supplied all sorts of side notes here and the side note next to that one is what could possibly be more fun

than this quest. Oh my. Oh, new feature, and this is this is carried to this day, when new feature to Charmin toilet

paper have beginning about 1932. Well,

those performing perforate for freakin. No, um, Heather was your comment. Well,

no, not quoted no

plastic tube that made it squeeze easier to fly.

It came in multi, multi packs sense exactly it it was the it started coming in four packs yeah that was it.

Now I'm not sure who came up with the idea of fours Bossa six or eight or 12 for Costco which is like, you know, 84.

Yeah,

I think it was like one roll for family member, with the average American family being 2.2, kids, and two adults.

Oh,

so everybody gets their own roll. You have to carry your roll around and you have four dispensers in the bath, that would actually not be a bad idea,

just had one roll everybody and say, that's it.

You're on your own. You're on your own your own bill by the way bath I can't help but bring up this anecdote your

your comments about the commercial toilet paper market versus the personal or the how household toilet paper

market. We're about a week and a half in a few weeks ago

to the kids being homeschooled. And I said, How do you think things are going and my wife paused and said, Do you think our toilets can take this that was her first comment. More than ever before, is rather a concert considered essential.

Oh,

I really hope so. I have a question.

Is there a proper way to hang it on the roll. Oh yes, it depends on whether you have a cat. Does it work.

People do actually

have a cat needs to hang up, or the wind down needs to be next to the wall, you don't have a cat you can be normal.

Oh, normal

hanging down the front, yes the professor Lindsay really reacted down the front is normal.

That is normal.

Yes.

What did you say,

I said everyone knows that normal.

Okay. Are you Am I getting in the middle of that but I just want to say, Matt, and Mara, I mean if I find any of those toilet paper rolls missing from the chemistry bathroom.

There might be a little problem there because I know that maybe a student already had that same idea.

Let's try a couple more of these these are hilarious in 1935.

What did northern tissue advertise their toilet paper as to get more people to buy it. Winter free. That is exactly correct splinter free.

Firstly,

month or two ago,

we're so grateful. I'm like,

I love splinters in my toilet paper
cleans better. Oh, I love that. look at
that.

Can I have that.

Let's see, that ultra wide.

Rewind if you have to.

Everything has come to toilet humor even on Ask the
professor, what else to say.

We have one more question. These questions were really
great. Now, please keep sending them in and we'd like the
bite sized question sets this one had eight questions all with
a theme that always fits really well with our shows. What
special feature. Did the old Farmer's Almanac have that
made it distinguishable as a source of toilet paper.

Split for free. No, but I'm afraid to do that off the top of your
head. One

ply. Hmm. Precisely. Was it. No.

So you mean using the actual Farmers Almanac as toilet
paper was biodegradable.

No. For the longest time the Farmers Almanac has printed
itself on newsprint basically whatever that kind of paper is
called we've got Dave Chow here I know he knows.

But the bottom line is, it had especially.

No staple staple

Heather, you're getting really close.

Ah,

say the bottom one, it was easy to take apart.

Yeah, like that wasn't found.

It is the bottom line. Getting closer, getting closer.

unbond. No, you know,

I can actually remember this, because my, my third grade
educated Italian grandfather subscribed wholly to the
Farmers Almanac from the time I was young, you could only

buy the Farmers Almanac during that time so 6070s 80s I think with a hole punched in the upper corner so that it would hang, and you can easily rip out a page. Oh, functional.

So they actually meant it to be used as toilet paper when you're

done. Absolutely. How perfect for your premise.

What's the correct way to hang the Farmers Almanac. I know for my camera.

The Farmers Almanac for uses toilet paper. one week after the four Cynthia's have blossom, would you use during the winter, there I ask, oh my gosh, icicles.

Didn't expect things to go the way that they went but yet, I did. Does that make any sense.

They went south on

questions. How many more questions. Oh that's that's all the questions we have for today Professor Hill so I'm afraid. the time has come for us all to say goodbye, Dan. Goodbye. Mara.

Farewell.

Before the gym.

Why bite

sized toilet paper questions.

Stephen, signing off. Heather, It will stop snowing eventually.

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