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The university tower chimes ring in another session of Ask The professor, the show on 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. To my left ish. It's Professor Dave Chow. Pleasure to be here as always. Excellent. So how's the basement over there Dave? is it dry.

So far so good. I mean, no flooding yet. Hopefully it won't. I've got way more stuff than the last flood so I don't want to deal with it.

It's wild, absolutely wild. It is. Professor Jim Tubbs is here. Hello Hello, how are you.

How's it going, Jim? Good I don't have a basement that's flooded cuz I don't have a basement. So, that is, you were in the catbird seat. Like literally man. I wouldn't say that. usually I want a basement. I want all that place to just throw stuff, you know,

Except for on days like this. I think the final count from the NOAA was four plus inches in a very short period of time. Wow. Professor Beth Oljar is here and she's on her brand new computer,

But still being challenged by technology. Somehow or other, it was the privacy settings that were preventing the microphone. This drives me absolutely mad when things like this happen and I can't figure out, I mean so now Monday, What am I going to do if my headphones don't work. I have to call Dave over the weekend and try them out and see if I can fix it. Well, I'll tell you what it looks to me like, you know, with every little thing you learn you're getting better. You said something about this morning. Did you lose power or internet.

Well, Drew said we lost all power downstairs TV, internet, everything. I mean I still have my lights up here and my computer still worked although I got, you know, kicked off. I lost my internet connection. Good five minutes of you know trying before I got back into the Collaborate session, but they all said the Queen is back when I got back on line so you know that was very cool.

It is awesome. This morning I was on recitation at 8am, and all I really wanted to do, because it's the first one, was share a few documents, walk them through some of the things they already have. And just on collaborate you click the Share button, nothing happens.

Oh,

Just nothing. Everything else working fine, just no sharing. I'm like "we're gonna wing this so hard I'm gonna flap all the way to New York at this point".

So what are you sharing a Word doc.

It just, I wanted to walk them through this big PDF that I give them at the beginning of the semester and I said, Okay, if you're looking at it look at page three, middle of the left side, like I just, that's the way it had to be, you know, that's

so far I've been lucky with both sharing applications, which is what you have to do when you have a Word doc and sharing files as PowerPoint presentations, but I haven't tried other PDFs.

So,

Professor Jason Roche is here with us today, our executive producer, you have a little like Kid zoo going on at your house today.

Yes we do. two little ones of our own and two that we're watching for a friend so they play together and you hear them in the background. they play loudly together.

That's awesome.

As kids should.

Yeah, exactly. Um, it reminded me Jason, when you're bringing your, your children on the camera a little while back that the big internet to-do that's totally tame, it's still very funny. This week was someone screen grabbed the professor lecturing and saying, Oh, that's my cat. And then the chat just starts blowing up "show cat show cat show cat".

I love it, I love it.

My students love it when I show the kids too. I usually have them come over and say hi at the beginning and then "hi" and I'm like "they can't see you because you're not turning on your camera students. You've got to turn on your camera. And to the ones that turn them on, Seth will say hi to them by name.

That's so cute. Oh my gosh. And guess what folks this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways you can email us at atp@udmercy.edu. You could find us on either Facebook or Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by saying, "play ask the professor from University of Detroit Mercy" When last, the Justice League was together, We were finishing off some questions with wonderful background sent to us by Kimberleigh Richards, so we're going to finish those off today.

I'm Wonder Woman, just for the record, if we're doing Justice League.

That is one of the big losses this summer Beth, was all these movies that were supposed to come out and that movie looks really good.

It does.

I'm the invisible man.

Visible shoulder man yeah

i'm john cena, you can't see me.

Who discovered the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu
Cortez.

It was, just to make it clear, that it wasn't Cortez, we're talking someone stumbling across it in 1911.

Oh, oh foster Brooks.

Teddy Roosevelt.

No, but that's a pretty good guess I'd say.

I got the era. Wrong continent.

The initials or H B

hell bent?

Sounds like a pencil grade.

I guess Indiana Jones isn't right, either then.

It's a good guess.

Well, this is a, this is a long shot here, but there is a township close to where we all live
Harrison?

Half of the township is Franklin. In the other half first word is the B. So Franklin is paired up with Bingham farms. The man's name is Hiram Bingham was his name.

Oh,

he found this royal estate or sacred religious site to the leaders of the Incas which of course it stood for hundreds of years before he actually located it in 1911.

With a weed whacker right

He was just looking for a place to put some stuff

Yeah, and stuff in the basement right high up stuff.

How do the people of the great country of Poland bid farewell to their winters, what do they do at the end of winter.

Sunbathe?

That's a good guess, that's not what it says here,

They would burn like an article of clothing, or something like that?

They don't burn something. You know what they do, they in effigy I assure you, drown something.

Oh, Old man winter?
their liver?

That is basically it; except in Polish tradition, it's a young girl who represents winter and they make an effigy of her. They drown it in effigy and then say goodbye to winter and they get ready for spring.

Thank goodness it's an effigy.

Yes, that's pretty gruesome.

The girl's name is Marzano. Her name is Marzano, and to get rid of the negative aspects of Marzano a festival goes toss remains into a river or lake to drown symbolically. Hey, if Zoom has taught me anything, it's that somebody is joining us right now. It's Professor Mara Livezey. Yay.

Hey Mara. Thanks for joining us.

Good to be here.

You couldn't stay away. Good job,

My meeting ended early. Yes.

Good.

So we're doing some questions from our last show with Kimberly Richards, Mara. Let's see. Oh, here we go. I'm pretty sure that folk, well at least one of us, will know that the capital of Liberia is named after a US president.

What is it?

Monroe?

Monrovia, Yes.

Founded in 1822, Kimberly writes Monrovia is named in honor of James Monroe, a prominent supporter of the colonization of Liberia. Along with Washington, DC, it's one of the two national capitals on earth named after US President. As the fifth president of the US, Monroe is known for his doctrine disallowing further European colonization in the Americas. Monroe, who died in 1831, was one of the last of America's founding fathers. What is the most visited country in the world, based on the total number of influx of tourists, absolutely incredible. Are you ready, 89, million tourists in 2017. That's incredible.

I was gonna say the US,
it isn't. it's not the U.S.

I was going to say, France.

It's France, that's right. Absolutely. incredible crown, it goes without saying the French capital is a huge draw for foreign visitors, more than any other city on Earth. There's the city's romantic image, stunning architecture, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, with an estimated over 82 million travelers Spain was ranked as the second most visited country. For the record, beating the US in 2017.

Good for them.

I remember watching the Olympics, the Summer Olympics in Barcelona so I want to say 92 maybe, and thinking that looks like a really great city I'd love to go there.

Oh it is it is a great city. Yeah, absolutely, absolutely.

Where is the small community boasting Europe's longest place name found?

Wales.

It is. its Wales.

My mother in-law was Welsh, and she could actually pronounce the name of that town. Yeah, In one breath?

Yeah.

Kimberly has supplied me with the phonetics: land fire pull Gwyn Gilda gear up Quinn droplet silly Oh Gaga ganache. And for the record, yes. The website is that .co.uk.

Oh gosh.

So you better bookmark that one. That is all I gotta say,

Oh my

God forbid you have to do it on a cell phone.

It's on the island of Ainslie along the western coast of Britain in Wales. The extravagant name when translated means St Mary's Church is a hollow of white hazel, near the swirling whirlpool of the Church of St Sileo with the red cave.

I can remember that easier,

All I got to say about the Welsh, Beth, is I've only met probably three or four actual Welsh people in my entire life. Every single person is convinced that they are born with the best singing voice of any person on planet Earth. It's incredible.

Tom Jones Shirley Bassey.

Some of them, like Catherine Zeta Jones, don't have to sing.

Yeah. In what country has Mount Kosciuszko claimed the title as the highest mainland mountain

Mount Kosciuszko

Poland.

It's not Poland that's a great guess,

It sounds, it seems like it would be Hungary or some sort of Central European, and then Poland was what I thought too, the Czech Republic, somewhere.

You know it's not it's not Europe.

Oh,

Mount Kosciuszko and it's not Europe.

No, it is in, let's see our second or the third least likely place for you to guess, is where it is, Clawson Michigan.

Clawson is always a good guess.

Our highest hill in Clawson would be, probably in the skateboard park.

you know, it's on fire. So in closing would be brown. Probably the skateboard park. A couple of ramps to go over. Wait, did someone recently put a plaque there that says Mount Kosciuszko?, because this is the highest point in Clawson I think.

Is it like Australia.

Australia, the highest point of Australia.

Okay,

Mount Kosciuszko. Just a little bit southwest of Sydney 7310 feet above sea level. Yes, it was named after?

That's a great question.

Probably somebody sent there on a prison ship. Yeah.

Named after a wallaby or a kangaroo

That doesn't seem very high, I mean Mount Rainier is 14,000 feet, maybe I just come from part of the country with really high mountains but.

No, it's true. that's quite true. Australia is relatively flat.

What is the largest country on the continent of Africa, in terms of land size,

Egypt,

It's not Egypt,

Algeria?

Dave, what did you say?

Algeria.

It is, it's Algeria, yep. The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to be specific, with an area of 919 595 square miles, it's actually the 10th largest country in the world. We live in an era, I don't think I need to say that to this group, where the, the Mercator dimensions on most world maps have minimized the size of the continent of Africa, so we don't even really from our grade school roots have an ability to understand how big the country of Algeria is.

You know, there is an episode of The West Wing because they have this tradition where people who normally don't get the air of the White House get to go in and plead their case. One of them is the cartographers for social justice.

Mm hmm.

Exactly this point

right along, remember that. Yeah.

Yeah, and it totally freaks CJ out I remember that.

Well that was a fantastic set of questions from Kimberly, thank you so much and as always Kimberly send us some more.

You're listening to a special edition of Ask The professor, in which each of the six professors participating in this recording session, were 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 program, and we welcome your questions at ATP at udmercy.edu. The professors return to answer more questions in just 60 seconds. But first, (PSA Flashback: VOTE)

You know we have a very interesting set of questions sent in here. They're called "random for \$250, Alex" Oh, sent to us by Charlie B of Traverse City, Michigan. And apparently 16 out of 18 to pass. Wow, those are standards.

That's tough.

A set of 18 random questions with no binding tie in sight. let's see what we could do. let's start with a couple softballs. If you were paying attention to the news this week, which amendment gave women the right to vote in the United States and what year was it ratified the 19th amendment in 1920

We had the 100th anniversary this last week, yes. Fantastic. The 19th amendment.

In cooking, why do we use the word fond.

why do we use it or what is it,

what is it?

Who is "we"?

. Yeah.

Is it frying something, like those little bits that get on the bottom of a pan.
Yep, that's right,
because you add wine or stock or something and deglaze it to make the sauce.
Yeah, you got it. I'm used to watching Food Network and I would have just said like brown bits
or something but fond sounds way more cool.
Okay. What does the French word Auber gene mean in English?
egg plant, and it is Diane Manica's favorite color and I think her favorite word.
It is the worst vegetable.
It's a festival Mara?
The worst vegetable.
Oh no, but it's a great color.
Wait a minute, why is it the worst? Who rated this?
Me.
I love Eggplant Parmesan. Oh, it's wonderful.
Mara, What's your beef with eggplant?
So my beef with eggplant s the same as my beef with zucchini, if you don't cook, right, it's just
soggy.
That's true. If you do cook it right it's delicious.
You want to know what's really the worst though, German sausages.
The worst.
Oh, gee,
My dad used to call parsnips and turnips and rutabagas trick vegetables.
I don't know why but he did.
I love it, I love it.
I couldn't do without turnips and rutabagas frankly,
Who is Elton John's longtime music collaborator?
Bernie Taupin.
That's right, yeah, Bernie Taupin.
It's enough to make you think there might be benevolent being. I mean, Bernie Taupin and Elton
John meeting is like Lennon and McCartney meeting like there is a God after all right if we're
getting these two.
That's right, that's right.
Oh and Elton John's feud with Madonna. Have you guys seen that lately? Oh, well, he has an out
from Madonna, I think he called her something like a
What was it, like a state fair diva or something like that.
I thought they fixed things.
Oh, I guess they're still at it.
No. Wow.
And you know I don't know if you guys saw, what was it, Madonna turned 62 last week.
She looks good for 62.
Yeah, but did you see what she posted on Instagram. She shows a plate of marijuana and she's
hanging out with a 25 year old boyfriend.
With her six children around her. Hmm,
Livin' life, you know,
I'm starting to get a little bit of background on who the secret, uh, you know identity of Charlie B
might be. What's the probability of rolling a sum of six. If you have two fair dice?

One out of 12, right.

Basically. Basically Beth came the closest because it's not just the two in the three, it would be three and two would be another combination. So it's five out of 36 possible rolls, is what it is. Five out of 36,

Beth had basically listed them all except for the permutations. No, I'm just kidding.

Well, it had to be some sort of disjunctive event, right, this or this or this or this has to happen, right. I just wasn't going to do the math.

Can you name the four largest moons of Jupiter called often the Galilean moons he saw them first, quote unquote, high.

It IO one of them.

io is number one yeah that's right, right. One second, see you right no was I Oh, Fibi?

No Joey no Ross.

No one is named after. Well, the continent where white people come from Europa, Europa. Yes.

We actually have a senior biochemistry major professor Livezey who has the female version of this male version Greek name as one of the moons. As a first name.

As a first name. her last name is Esterline.

Calista

yeah so it's Callisto,

Oh, there you go. Cool. Can't miss the name like cool stuff let's be serious. All right now. The fourth one is Ganymede, I tried really hard to get a made off. So think of a clue

Tip of my tongue.

Yeah, we were getting there.

The only reason I could have gotten that right, is because I didn't play Monopoly growing up, I played solar quest which was the monopoly of the solar system.

Of course you did.

What is the only mammal that flies, that actually flies and not glides?

Bats?

Yeah, bats. we're not allowed to say squirrels, it says here, because they only glide.

Now if you throw them far enough

Anybody, anybody who grew up reading Calvin and Hobbes knows that bats are bugs.

Yeah. Kinda, they're just really big hairy ugly bugs

Yeah, but they eat mosquitoes. They are very, they do they really eat the mosquitoes

Name the person who is reportedly depicted, and we're gonna hear a lot about this by the way, all along in the coming months. in the logo for the National Basketball Association. That's actually a silhouette of a person,

Aaron West.

Yes, Aaron West. There is a lot of talk about replacing him with either Michael Jordan or LeBron James Yeah. Oh my. So apparently this word is real. And if you just let your mind take you there, you'll get its definition quickly.

Truel

What is a truel?

Can you use it in a sentence

That, I'm afraid is a little too much of a context clue.

Is it a kind of mushroom.

No, but that's a good guess. Animal vegetable mineral?

Well, no, I think that you have to think quite a bit more literally to get this one.

A truel.

I was expecting Dave's facetious response to be spot on and then we move on

Is it something that's true?

Three opponents.

Yeah, it's a three way duel.

Yes, in which players can fire at one another in an attempt to eliminate the one while surviving themselves. So I guess it's just a duel with better odds.

It could be worse odds. Yes.

This is like Kevorkian odds isn't it.

You've got two chances of getting bumped off in that one.

That was really funny. I'm sorry that was really funny. I was just sure that Dave was gonna say is it a duel for three, well that's it yeah we got it. Oh my gosh. So, the loudest animal in the world can make individual noises that are as high as 230 decibels. That's a big deal when like in the hundreds. That's a jet engine that's like standing next to a jet engine so it's really loud, what is the loudest animal in the world?

Whales?

it is, it's a whale Yeah, that's what I would think we perceive it differently because we almost always hear it through water and if it was through air, I'm guessing that our ear drums would explode or something.

I was gonna say, it was one of Jason's children during a, you know, if they're hungry. That's all. Let's not listen to a whale song through air then, I think that's something we want to avoid. Yeah. Did we see this in Star Trek?

Let's not invite any blue whales to speak to us in the air.

Okay, one of those classic "Do you know your Greek phobia" questions. What is mcgeary phobia mcgeary phobia

Fear of Scotland

Fear of kilts.

I can't even think of a way to connect these two points.

Wow.

My or Ma,

it's ma G, ei r o co phobia

Fear of wise man.

I think it's something that all of us do every day, at some point, fear of blinking.

No. I like that guess though. It's a fear of cooking. That would be a tough fear to have as a human being.

Yeah, It would.

And now you can are all your food online if you really want to, so I suppose, unless microwaving counts as cooking too, then you're probably -

It does.

Last one here from Charlie B in Traverse City, Michigan, "what was the first animated movie to get nominated for an Oscar as Best Picture. Snow White. You know, it wasn't, it was 1991.

was it cars

was it Little mermaid

Oh, beauty and the beast.

It was Beauty and The Beast. It did not win that year but that was the first time ever an animated film and now there are like, I'm exaggerating, of course, but like 15 nominees, half of them are live action movies the other half are streaming blah blah blah blah. I'm afraid, the time has come to say goodbye. Mara.

Goodbye,

Jason. Adios,

Beth. Hi,

Jim, bye

Dave. See ya,

And Now these words,

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