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The university tower chimes really 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. Professor Jim Tubbs from religious studies slash

ethics,

Retirement.

Hello. Hello,

is here with us today. How's it going, Jim?

So far, so good. It's a nice day today.

Pretty nice. Outside. Yes, I was enjoying myself with the chilly weekend. And I think I mentioned it a couple of weeks ago. But we did end up going for sort of the kickoff of the Halloween season, and we did the zombie paintball. And it was a lot of fun. The kids thought that it was the greatest thing in the world. So they drive you around on a one-sided truck. And you shoot paintballs at extremely well-padded zombies that are trying to you it's a lot of fun, Walking Dead kind of thing. Yeah, exactly. I thought about you the other night, Matt, because on HGTV they were doing I can't remember whether it was House Hunters or the you know, million dollar house on our show. But anyway, it was this couple. All they were really looking for was a house that had a lot of indoor and outdoor room for their Halloween decorations and their Halloween party. And they had they had like plastic dinosaurs that were 20 feet tall that they put together in the yard and stuff. I thought oh, this is this is Matt, I will not lie to you. When Leslie and I were doing our house hunting I may or may not have been scoping the joint. Just a little bit, just a little bit

for its Halloween potential?

or other things but yes, Halloween potential or haunted potential? That's right.

Professor Mara Livezey is here from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. And Jupiter, our mostly black cat

She just gave the stink eye like nobody's business

It's time to eat, or she thinks it's time to eat. So this is about the time of day when she starts being super annoying.

On purpose, pretty much it.

Making sounds like a cat is Professor Beth Oljar from the Department of Philosophy.

Not actually a cat but you know I can make cat sounds now. Ladies one on television. Exactly. I do. The last couple recordings. Beth I don't think any of your fur babies have been in the room with you. A meal was here for a while when we were doing the first show but she just left so yeah, she's probably in my bedroom now sleeping on them sleeping on the bed.

Sounds like a nice life. Life is rough. Yeah. And they eat and they even have people to pick up their poop with tiny little shovels you know. what more

do you have in the windows so they can sit there watching everything going on outside? Yeah, Mia's bed is right in the window here. They have blankets in Windows. They have beds everywhere. If there's such a thing as reincarnation, can I come back as one of your cats Beth? That's Sainsbury said she wants to be a cat in in my house. Probably Maurice too. I mean, I imagined

starving her cat right about now your cats are doing well.

So spoiled with their food, my cat or

dog? Or you were saying your cats forget that they eat immediately after they've eaten. They have no concept of time. Right? There's now and now. Now and now. Actually, I was gonna make an analogy to trying to raise human children as you like put the dishes away from dinner. Dad, I'm hungry. Like thank you for that. That's great. Professor Dave Chow is here from the Department of the tiny little space in his home. Pleasure to be here as always. Excellent. So I saw the drawing of the cat from I think it was last week. Yes.

That's the only feline that resides in your home I think yes, unfortunately. Well, I also I produce all kinds of other stupid things here as your eldest son has found out from me already, so that's right. We finally had a well Friday nights at the Mio house. The boys have to do at least a little bit of the planning and the cooking and we just couldn't handle it. So Joe made pork buns last week and then Dan lied him with

It's a sort of cover for a fake bus of Joe Mio's pork bun company, you know, and it's the food truck.

Food Truck. So why don't we start pinstriping it? I mean, I'm just telling you, Dave, they did not screw around. They made the dough from scratch. They let it prove they let it rise. They sauteed all the pork and leeks because I onions don't agree with no family. And it was fun. It was a ton of fun. How was it comparable to what I get from Windsor? Well, when the smaller and more compact I can eat more of these were like, softball size. So substantial.

Those are so good.

How many did they make total?

Well, that was one of the things because he did do an egg glaze. And they came out one thing I will say is they looked exactly like the ones that you bring back for a good good, like, just delicious. And he made I think it was 26. So we were eating him for a few days. A few days. Wait a minute, I brought you 26 that'd be a few minutes. That's a lot of pork buns.

Maybe Let me tell you, they heat up like nobody's business. I'm telling him at food truck. He does that and that boy does not need to need to go to college. He'd spare you a ton of money and you guys be eating well. And perhaps he'd give me a discount. That's actually I don't know about that. Now. What bulk discount. This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything if you stumped the panel, you win a prize, you can send us the questions in a number of ways you can email us at ATP at UT mercy that Edu you can find us on Facebook or Instagram. or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play ask the professor at University of Detroit mercy. All right, we've got a wonderful set of questions here from an old friend. Dear professors below are 20 questions with topics all over the place for your show. I've noticed that a good variety seems to keep the panelists on their toes and the discussions are quite lively. Thanks for a thoroughly enjoyable and educational half hour every week, our old friend from Norwalk, Iowa, Rachel Ralston. Thanks for sending those in. Rachel. Thanks, Rachel. Okay, who what character who made their literary debut in the 1924 book, when we were young was the title when we were young.

Like Alice in Wonderland.

I think it's more for all of our time.

Thinking Lifetime movie channel there, Mara.

So I could give it away very, very quickly without even giving anything that it's a direct contact with. Let's just say that very soon after these books became popular to read to the very young

Walt Disney got wind of it.

Like Pinocchio or leaping beauty? No.

I'm kind of surprised. Not Mickey Mouse. What if I said last clue here before we'll go forward. This was a recent movie about this character, starring Ewan McGregor as a grownup version of the boy and the stories of Winnie the Pooh. Yeah, it's Robin. Okay.

Well, he was also just in Doctor sleep as the grown up version of Danny Torrance. Right. He's getting around. Although I gotta say there were some wonderful little mashups on the Internet of the imaginary Winnie the Pooh speaking in Star Wars voices as if he was speaking to Obi Wan Kenobi in the movie and just warm warm the cockles of my heart.

So 10 pardon me 13 states in these great united states do not have a Springfield. Let's talk for just one second. How many do you think of the 13th you can get sort of name that tunes Montana. Montana is one of them.

South Dakota

I'm sorry South Dakota is not on the line. Oh, Hawaii.

Hawaii is on the list. Idaho is not on the list. You have to Alaska. Alaska is on the list. Colorado.

Colorado has a Springfield and it's not Ohio.

Arizona doesn't have a Springfield,

New Mexico. Yeah, let's go. Let's go out west. New Mexico does not have a spring feed.

A Texas has one.

Yeah, Utah's a good guess. Utah is on the list. What about West Virginia? You know, I heard you say that before Beth. I'm sorry. circling back. West Virginia has a Springfield turn.

to other w states. Why Wyoming? Washington and Wyoming. Don't have Springfield.

There is 12345 Let's even get one more.

I see. Tennessee has a Springfield dark. Okay.

Maine has a Springfield, Rhode Island. Rhode Island does not have a Springfield. The only ones you didn't get her Connecticut, Kansas, Nevada. And Oklahoma for some reason, even though you might have guessed that that had a Springfield

I would have guessed Connecticut had a Springfield. Massachusetts does next door. No, that's right. Maybe that's why maybe not. Yeah, maybe. So what country is the largest exporter of rice?

Us? Vietnam.

doesn't say that. It says a different country. Jim. Japan. No, not Japan. China.

As you already said Vietnam. Yeah.

India, exporter of rice says here that the answer is Thailand.

The biggest exporter of rice. No other details given but that does sound at least geographically speaking correct.

This is actually kind of fun. What was Los Angeles Rams halfback Fred jerkins major contribution to the NFL,

the ram helmet. That's the little squiggle on the side of the head. Yeah, we would expect the graphic artists to know he was the person who first painted the iconic ram horn on the side of the helmets, making it for the record the first decorated helmets in the history of the league. That's kind of interesting, huh? It's iconic. Have you ever seen the new one, the new ram helmet? It's got different blue on it. It's not too bad. I had totally forgotten about all these realignments. You know, I? I visited San Diego for an ACS meeting a few years ago, and I'm like, why does the charter stadium look so cobwebby? They're like, LA. Yes. forgot about that. Yeah. And the Raiders are in Las Vegas now.

What famous politician was preceded in office by Jim Lucan and succeeded by Bobby Stern.

Classic piece of trivia. Very famous TV personality. You just so happened to be a major US city mayor before he became a venture? No. What's his name that has all the people fighting on the show? Oh, Jerry Springer. Jerry Springer. Yeah. He was mayor of Cincinnati. Cincinnati. Yeah. So those were the preceding and post seeding. mayors of Cincinnati. Where is the oldest operating lighthouse on the west coast of the United States located?

Anywhere again. You know, it's not it's going to be South but not too far south. So it's in Northern California, San Francisco. Big Sur Monterey. San Francisco is good, but specifically, Alcatraz. Alcatraz. Yeah.

I know I've mentioned it before. So I might as well bring it up again. That's where my wife wanted to go on our honeymoon. So I took her to San Francisco. And she ended up writing her master's thesis on the American Indian is the way they refer to themselves. Occupation who occupied Yeah, because she had never seen the graffiti before. And when we went for the visit, we were going for the gangsters and came away with this whole different view of the knowledge of the islands. Yep, I am do out there sometime soon, too. So okay, I've got cousins that just moved from China there.

And supposedly, that's where my great grandfather first came into the states. Okay, so I gotta go to Angel Island and see if I can find this graffiti. That's also totally You know, I think when the US government closed the Presidio that had to become some of the most expensive real estate in the country. Yeah.

Yeah, but have you guys seen some of the pictures? You know, with the fires out there? That looks terrible. Does yeah. Oh, yeah. We're sky.

But it's just a blue state. Dave. I mean, really? Who cares? They haven't swept their forest floor. They don't

know why we do they do in some Scandinavian country. Finland. Yes.

What was the name of the actor who played multimedia sensation Max Headroom. Matthew Frewer. Matt Frewer was his name. Yes.

Matt. Frewer. Love that show back in the day. Absolutely. Love that show. Yeah, I watched that when I was a kid was a Jeffrey Tambor Amanda Pays and were some of those other people that were in that show. Just kind of an interesting oral history to hear about something that was invented to sell Pepsi becoming popular enough to have its own sort of side Empire. Yeah. Who was the first? I don't know if I've ever heard this trivia before. Who was the first American? Who won the Nobel Peace Prize?

Oh, Teddy Roosevelt.

Yeah, it says it's Teddy Roosevelt. Jim, you knew that. But I've never heard that before.

Yeah. Peace Prize for getting a treaty just in the sino Russian war.

That's right. That's right. Cuz the Spanish American War is her war. Right. So I'm guessing a big wars. fan of tr as so many of us are, I would say so. Um, I think I've mentioned before, I'm lucky even though I don't know much more than this sentence that I guess, my great grandfather rode with the Rough Riders in the Philippines in particular. And so he would have known the Big Cheese, and lots of interesting stories that I regret letting my grandparents pass without asking. So we'll have to go into the annals of history some other time to find out whether it's true or not. So you guys must have loved the Roosevelts. Right? The Ken Burns, right. Oh, Ken Burns, anything.

That anybody anything by him, really, except I haven't seen baseball.

I'm not really a baseball fan. It doesn't matter. Yeah, the country music fan. But his series on country music was wonderful. You know, it's a storytelling. It's not the subject necessarily. It's a story, like this iconic American, you know, jazz and civil war. And so yeah, I probably should watch it. I know that I'm possibly even getting a little bit too deep into my psyche here. But it's true that every x number of years, I just wake up one morning and go got to rewatch the Civil War.

Go to the DVDs. And you know, by the end of the day, it's Mary chestnut all over again. Yeah. For that one was good.

Yeah.

What is the waist measurement in feet? 10. For the Statue of Liberty.

Good. Girl. 30

Yeah, you know, it's 35 I'm just giving it to you see, Mara has been corrupted by the 13,000 mile. 30 735 feet. I mean, that's that's why

it's so creepy at the very end of the man in the high castle when they destroy the Statue of Liberty, because of course the Nazis would. Of course Yeah.

I always think of Planet of the Apes. I mean, the original movie. Oh, yeah. You know when he is that's just this damn depressing.

was the first individual who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth the Second now she's been around a while. So be the 50s.

Winston Churchill. No, it doesn't say that.

Who is?

Anthony Eden?

Well, this, if I remember correctly, this is a very famous Explorer. Or Sir Edmund Hillary. It was Edmund Hillary was the first person. Yes. Okay, that makes sense. I love how David immediately went to the decade It was like, all right, well, because I always love the fact that she's like the last, you know, ruler to actually fight in the war herself. Right? The fact that 52 but one crown until 53. That's right. Yeah. But the fact that she drove a Jeep I mean, that's pretty rock. Yeah, exactly. Well, in her parents, I mean, Georgia six, right. And Queen Mary. I think that there. The fact that they remained in Britain with girls and didn't go to Canada was quite, you know, something that the British people found quite uplifting. And of course, they were, you know, the very models of bravery. And, yeah, and then her kids and her grandkids are also enlisted as well. So I mean, I think that says something like her mom said after Buckingham Palace got bombed Well, now I can look the East Enders in the eye. And yeah, yeah. You know, they didn't run away when they easily could have.

I will probably bias you when I introduced this question by saying it could be just a little depressing. What is the country of Brazil's largest private employer?

What like Exxon or something like that? No, I think you need to get a little darker.

cartel? Probably no, arguably, possibly darker than

Brazil is a massive country.

Okay, now this is this isn't. It can't be Amazon. Well, you know, if it was the aerobars like we do for our numbers, I'd give it to

You it's McDonald's.

Gosh, I was an Amazon in in Brazil way. But that doesn't sound right. No, it does it doesn't. There are French fries. Yes, yes. Yeah. Well, the news they were reporting on the uptake in cases of COVID-19 in Russia, and the reporter was in Moscow and there was a KFC right behind him. Next to the Kremlin, or all over,

capitalism will win.

Hey,

all these people have something in common. And if you think really hard about maybe what they look like what they've done, it'll come to you. Hugh Jackman. Molly Ringwald, Tony Hawk, Gillian Anderson, Mary Lou Retton.

They're not all short but Tony Hawks kind of tall and lanky.

Hugh Jackman is just you know, eye candy.

So was Molly Ringwald to me too? Okay. I mean, and Sue's Gillian Anderson. Oh, yeah. True. Yeah. Golly.

They like fitness.

You know what? They were all born in 1968. They're essentially the same age. Good way. They're two years younger than me. Yep. Oh, this is actually kind of fun. It's been a while since we've had something this fun show up even as an individual question. I'm going to say four words. You have to tell me what these things are. They all basically have something in common that is their definition. justa chime. sunbelt dnl

they're all delivery companies. What was it sunbelt? That was a drink back in like the 90s wasn't it? That's right. You know what they're all failed pops is. Oh, no way. So Johnston was Pepsi's product that featured the stimulant guarana, if you remember in the market almost immediately.

chime was cokes a chance to take over for Dr. Pepper, because nobody knows what goes into Dr. Pepper in that failed. signboard. Hey, I love it. I like it. Really? Yeah.

Do you remember? Do you want to be root beer? Pick one?

Well, my aunt said, you know, it's kind of like a cherry coke. Dr. Pepper is.

Um, Dave, you mentioned that you recognize sunbelt, do you remember what it was? Was it the Mountain Dew derivative or something like that? I remember it was. It's close. You know what it was caffeinated Gatorade. Oh, and I do have a great story for those who care dnl if you write it upside down is seven up. So Oh, no was seven up with caffeine. That's all it was. And my wife and I purchased it because we were purchasing seven up. And we're like this seven up like tastes the best seven up that we've ever had. And we look at the can and like, what is this? And I'm telling you? caffeine has a weird effect on human beings. That's all I'm gonna say. Oh, changes every day.

O and I dnl. Okay, which two Supreme Court judges were nominated by President Bill Clinton?

Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Yeah. And let me think I'm not sort of my our prior. No.

Actually, Beth, I think you got it. I it's a little bit of a lag here. You said Briar, didn't you? Yeah. See how bright? Yeah.

We can hardly forget RBG breaking down even more barriers today. There's a piece of trivia that literally just happened, the first woman and the first Jew ever to lie in the Capitol. Yeah, that's incredible. I was thinking, why did he pick that venue to go and pay his respects when he knew that everybody in that line was going to dislike the fact that he was there? Right, anywhere? He? I mean, I think anywhere he goes, but good question, I suppose. But anywhere he goes, and just the way he slinked back. I mean, I just I actually felt some sympathy for him because like, to be that reviled at that event. I mean, he just kinda like, yeah, it was literally like watching that Homer Simpson thing where he kind of fades back into the bushes. We probably shouldn't be having a political conversation when all this is gonna be broke.

Hey, my wife just finished reading a book not too surprisingly about history, American colonial and early American history, which US president and was very well known for having a dog named Satan.

john quincy adams, john adams.

It was john adams. Yeah, that sounds like Oh, wow.



Abigail would have decided all

probably named him. Oh,

I love my wife very dearly. She is the reason that single handedly, that when you go to impulse buys that have books that there's at least one history book there because we're just checking out at Meijer and she goes now I'm reading about the atoms as I like, because, you know, I mean, she's seen the minute Have you guys seen the miniseries? John Adams? Oh, my gosh, body, isn't that right. And Laura Linney. It's just amazing. Yeah, it's, it's awesome. But the surgery scene is just, I can do it without surgery.

We have just a couple minutes left and a couple questions left. And these have been really great, Rachel. So thanks for sending them in. Which talk show host had Jefferson airplane's Grace Slick under the first live f bomb on American television. David Letterman. No, no it great slick that was like early Johnny Carson. JACK. JACK Paar might have been dead cabinet. Who was Dick Cavett. Yeah.

I didn't understand. When I was growing up. When Kevin was on some game show or something. It was like, so what does this guy do? And my mom's like, give me a minute.

Like, does stuff? Yeah, I mean, it's kinda like David Frost. I mean, you know, he was just horrified host he was an intellectual talk show.

I just couldn't process so no sports. No TV. No, no, no. does remind me of one of my favorite Simpsons jokes, though, in the spinning newspaper to reveal headline that moves the plot forward. In the in the lower right corner was dick Cabot born today. I thought that that was pretty good. But I mean, you know, he would have like, he would have all these intellectuals on the like way, Matt Buckley on there and hold it, you know, in conversation. But here we go. We can wrap these questions and this show up with another piece of trivia that I'm never gonna forget. I think this is fascinating. The first Canadian inducted into the American Baseball Hall of Fame. Oh, Chatham, Ontario, is Fergus Jenkins. What year was it? 89.

I have to give it to you for that it was 1991 was the I remember? Yeah. He picks high as a kite. So

I was thinking, you know, at the time, we at least have the Blue Jays and the expos. And, you know, there's a ton of baseball happening in Canada, but it took all the way till the 90s to get someone inducted in the Hall of Fame. But I'm trying to remember, who did he play for wasn't Philadelphia or something like that? I can't remember. If he wasn't pitching for a Canadian team. No, he wasn't. He wasn't. I'm just thinking of, you know, Canadian contributions to baseball. Yeah. Those questions were fantastic. Rachel, you always put together quite a great group. But unfortunately, we have reached the end of our show. So the time has come to say goodbye.

Goodbye, Mara. Bye, Jim.

And Dave. See ya.

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