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University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask The professor the show on which you match wits, with the University of Detroit Mercy professors and 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 but someone else's right, someone else's top and someone else's bottom. It's Professor James Balfour Tubbs.

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Hello. I was wondering who you were gonna say. I can never tell who's to your left, or to your right because they're, they're rearranged on my screen,

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so it's always a surprise.

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Yes, it is.

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So, who's the Paul Lind for you.

That's a good question. It's not me. That's all I know. it rearranges sometimes.

Hmm.

So my kids are obsessed, Jim, that's why we all have funny names today, with this cartoon they're watching. the lead character's name is Finn. And he encounters this, basically this creature who calls Him Phil. And his response is, How did you almost know my name, and the creature responds with just this classic adult humor hidden in a cartoon. "I have approximate knowledge of many things."

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My students have approximate knowledge of many things.

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Oh yes. Yes, they do.

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It's called a C minus.

Can you give a more pointed example Professor Tubbs.

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I will refrain from doing that. Although, Beth just had one.

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yes. And when you said that one Beth, I couldn't help but think of my colleague Mary Lou Caspers who's told me "I've read enough papers about the heat of salvation". It's supposed to be the heat of solvation.

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You get, it gets complicated.

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Well, you know, once you hear a certain figure of speech and you're kind of used to it, you kind of use it whenever something similar arises.

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oh yeah i mean you know i i didn't think the student was really I assumed it was not she was confused but just typed the wrong word as we sometimes do but it was pretty hysterical in the context

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autocorrect is the enemy of the well read, let me tell you. the number of times I have typed the word or apparently typed the word trumpet into a text is very interesting. That's all I'm going to say,

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I always miss type the word philosophy, believe it or not, I miss type that is Philsofy. I always leave out that first O, for some reason, which is kind of embarrassing but

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we always we all think of certain typing mistakes that we make again and again and again. For me, one of them is that ta ht instead of that, for some reason I just keep making the same mistake over and over again.

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Professor Heather Hill, what's your go-to typing error

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medieval.

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Oh, that's this is exactly what I was talking about,

I always wan to type it, mid ed il

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Yeah, spelling it the way it sounds right you

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know you get kind of, you can kind of self conscious and you're like, "I should know how to spell medieval since it's my area" and then I'm like, "did I spell it right" and then I'm embarrassed that I don't know.

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We know that's why you choose to get a PhD in that area so you can learn how to spell it.

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You're just spending too much time reading Latin. So that probably.

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Fortunately Ethics is easier to spell

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utilitarianism is easy to mistype.

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Yes, that is yes,

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I'm feeling really bad about the fact that my go-to miss typed word is the, I almost always type teh, and it doesn't get much smaller than that.

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Yeah, that's the same mistake I make with that.

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Professor Dave Chow is here with us today.

Pleasure be here as always.

And how many hours of sleep, Dave.

Three. I still got 60 drawings due by tomorrow.

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Thanks for joining us,

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Yeah, what are you doing hanging out with us?

No kidding.

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I've got an attendance record I've kind of like started off and like, I'm not gonna bail on it, that's all so

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Well, you've attended now, so you can leave.

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What, I'm gonna go call Roy Finkenbine right about now and have him come off the bench.

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The Iron Man of ask the professor,

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The Lou Gehrig right. Just what I need.

The Cal Ripken Junior of the Ask the professor panel.

Okay, now if you guys want to talk about horrible spelling errors, in regards to like texting and chatting; I came up with somebody I was, I think it was for a warranty and they, they said, "I'm sorry for your incontinence" as opposed to inconvenience. That was the worst one I've ever seen. For incontinence. I said "I beg your pardon, I didn't know you knew that I had chili for dinner"

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I would be sorry for your incontinence too.

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There's a word that Aristotle uses that gets translated as incontinence but basically means intemperate. That's actually what he's talking about; but when students hear him talking about the virtue or vice of incontinence, they're like "what is that about?"

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O the virtues, the many virtues.

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Those, of course, are the dulcet tones of Professor Beth Oljar. Beth you sent us a picture of your beautiful kitty lying on her back with her paws up like "just don't"

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talk to the paw. She's being quite the little diva. Yeah.

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it happens it's it's okay, I just I think that finding cats in those kinds of positions and preserving them forever in a photograph is very very funny,

as opposed to resin.

Right. Leave it to the chemists, Professor Jeffe boats is here with us today. How you doing, Jeffe,

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not too bad. My autocorrect nightmares have to do with me typing on the wrong language keyboard at the time like, in French the A and the Z are in different places. And then the Danish keyboard there's extra letters so all the things get skinnier which means I keep missing the s and hitting a and vice versa,

Well, Jeff, how many things do you have to type on the Danish keyboard.

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Not too much. I have it on the Danish keyboard sometimes because I'll be doing Duolingo. So I'll be learning more and then I'll then I'll start texting someone and every word gets flagged as a spelling error.

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That is awesome, although I gotta say in more recent years, I've seen a lot of our students using the dual keyboard for English Roman and Korean, and so they have like a layer for their keyboard to go back what is that work, it's it's complex. I can't even believe what we're hearing from Jeffe here that's incredible the code switch like that I can barely understand how to spell different kinds of pasta so it's like crazy.

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I'm lucky if I can hit the right function keys for symbols in Symbolic. I mean it's easier to assign a function key to the to a particular symbol in Symbolic Logic and then I got to remember what key I assigned to what symbols so that I don't make a disjunction out of a conjunction and vice versa. It's not a whole separate keyboard, although that'd be kind of cool.

On the side

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That would be – Ah!

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Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today. What's up, Dan,

Hi Matt. not too much. It's been a long week. So, a little tired.

Yeah, you're back from vacation.

Yeah, it was a, we were up north last week. The colors are beautiful. And really, really nice. Just got there at the right time but just think this is was a really spectacular year, but I don't think I saw the sun once.

Really?

I think it peeked through a little bit, but for the most part it was cloudy and rainy and windy. But that was fine, I managed to enjoy myself nonetheless.

I don't know Dan, you look a little tanner than usual, maybe even taller to on screen.

I don't think so. I think those days are over.

It reminds me of something I read once Dan, "It was a cold gray November day in October." You know it we can wait for that kind of fall. Let's have the fun fall like we have right now. I see the light just streaming into most of your places. I'm in my basement, but it's been glowing all over Jim's.

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The gray is moving in there from the west, we're gonna have.

We're gonna get rain here any minute now.

The warmth we've had all day is meeting a cold front from the west and it's gonna drench us.

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She's gonna blow.

I can see all the changing leaves from my office window, because I have big trees on the street right across from me, so I get to see that whenever I want to take a break from, you know, philosophy. Which is a lot.

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So, Professor Mara Livezey is also here with us today. it was great, doing drugs with you earlier.

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I had a great time with that experience.

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How was your drug demonstration?

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And what did you demonstrate?

Psychedelics. Let me tell you,

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Oh, psychedelics

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LSD?

Mara, can you give the panel and our listeners a little background?

Yeah, before we get busted.

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So I teach a class that I hoped would be called "let's do drugs" but then was later renamed to "how drugs work". And I have a variety of guest speakers, joining me this semester. This week's theme was opioids. So, Professor Mio came to visit, and talked to us about the opioid epidemic.

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Schuyler family is going to have to pay quite a hefty fine which is

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nice. Yes, absolutely. we have lots of fun. It was great.

It was actually a good note Laura and I didn't get a chance to get to Purdue pharma but the students had good questions so I want to make sure I responded to those. Yeah,

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it's interesting that we've worried a lot about the opioid epidemic far more than we worried about the crack epidemic of the 80s. Gee, I wonder why that might be.

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Exactly.

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There may be a reason.

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Just remember this, Donald Trump is the least racist person in the room.
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in the room,
kind of wondering what room he was in when he came up with that idea.

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I think he was defining room as everyone within 10 feet of him,

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sneezing distance,

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I was thinking it might have been a Klan Hall, where he was standing.

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was just gonna say that my autocorrect already clicked in and changed it to trumpet. 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, primarily emailing us at ATP at Mercy dot. edu. Find us on the Facebook or Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play ask the professor at University of Detroit mercy. We have a highly secret set of questions, sent in from anonymous. 15 questions. A few sports related, I can already hear your groans, a few pandemic related, a few political and the rest random hodgepodge. That's like my middle name. So have fun professors. Let's see what we can do with these interesting questions, now that my third grade son has decided to join us. Say hi Emmett.

Hi.

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Hi Emmett.

Speaker 2

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What is the whitest large city in the United States, with a population of 500,000, or more.

Livonia

I mean that's a good guess. I just don't think half a million people live in

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Portland,

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you know it's Portland, Oregon. Yeah, really

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Yeah that's what I would have guessed it, yeah.

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I mean, I have to give partial credit to Dave for going with Livonia which is definitely one of the whitest cities in the United States. I believe it's like a solid 98.7, or something like that, when my parents live there I think they tip the scale so. Wow. The study published in April 2020 found that men were how many more times likely to die of COVID-19 versus women. Five times

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three.

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I have to give it to Mara., 2.4 2.0 returns likely. Does anybody know the reason why?

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Well women rule Honestly,

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I think that that goes,

We're just fragile creatures that's all. we're just fragile like wicker furniture.

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I'm gonna go with the scientific explanation. Men have increased expression of the ACE receptor.

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That's a version. It says the women actually produce more T cells. So it's pretty much the same thing. How about, who was the only man to witness both of the New York Mets title clinching games in 1969, in 1986, as a uniform player at old Shea Stadium.

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Oh, I was a Mets fan growing up. I'm thinking Rusty Staub, but he was in Montreal back in the 60s

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La Grande L'orange. That's what his nickname was was his nickname was.

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The great orange.

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Don't ask me why.

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Tom Seaver yeah it was Tom Seaver. Oh, he

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was a coach.

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He was actually with the Red Sox in 86, though a knee injury kept him off the World Series roster so it was kind of both sides of the similar coin.

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You're listening to a special edition of Ask The professor, in which each of the eight professors participating in this recording session, were connecting to each other from different locations. Thanks to zoom video conferencing technology. We're grateful for those listeners who submitted questions for the show, and we invite you to send your questions to ATP at UD mercy.edu. The professors will return in a moment to answer more questions but first,

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(Ask The Prof FLASHBACK)

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Hey, we've been joined by Professor Stephen Manning.

Good afternoon, sorry I'm late.

That's all right. We know you're busy,

Are you outside.

Yes.

All right, let's try this one. In March, 2020, there was an online survey conducted by the New York Times research and analysis department. How did 2250 subscribers respond to this question. "Which body part do you feel most squeamish imagining being injured?"

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I love this question.

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eyeball.

Yeah, it's eyeballs by like leaps and bounds. I was trying to think of -

Yeah. That was my first guess.

73%. The next one, underneath was 14% What was it?

Pinky toe.

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The tongue.

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No, but you're so close Dan.

Teeth.

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Yeah.

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Oh,

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anything facial is like - ruin our Sterling good looks, you know, I mean,

Let's try this one. What percent of new car sales in the US are battery powered? So electric vehicles

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4%

yeah it's it's really small I appreciate your forward thinking Professor Tubbs, but in the United States, it's only to 2%. Five in Europe is what,

two cars, or 2% ?

2%. Yeah, it's 2% in the US and 5% in Europe

Ah, it's too bad

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Whole cars taste better than 2%

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What are those pretzels, hey, I live pretty close.

Yeah, we've got pretzels.

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What kind of pretzels are they?

They were curly.

chocolate covered pretzel.

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How about what country, with a population of 11 point 2 million, that's on par with the population of the great state of Michigan, had as of, let's see, September 18 just over 5000 coronavirus cases and 115 deaths. This is among the lowest mortality rates for COVID in the world.

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New Zealand,

Norway.

South Korea.

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Is it in Eastern Europe?

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New Zealand.

No.

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11 million,

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Sweden, Denmark,

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Iceland.

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Alright, I'll go Canada.

No, Canada's got 30 million,

I know. I was just - I was hoping

it is in the Americas.

Oh.

Oh,

Bolivia?

Nope.

Ecuador?

Nicaragua?

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It is and island nation

Cuba?

It's Cuba. The great country of Cuba. Of course don't forget, I think that this is the way that I would have solved that last one. If it was North Korea, then it would have only been one case, with no mortality because that's all they've reported to the WHO.

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They're too busy killing their citizens in other ways.

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Exactly, exactly.

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When was the last time. The University of Michigan, had a home football crowd of fewer than 100,000 watching the Wolverines

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1952.

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It's a good guess but you're a little bit off.

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No, it would have been a 1997

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back from that. if we split the difference we end up pretty quickly at

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75.

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Yep. 1975. 1975

nice Heather with the math,

way to go.

But I do believe that records such as these if we can even call them that you know are going to very quickly go away, starting with this weird weird world of little groups of people just sort of sitting in the middle of nowhere at these games. How many nuclear armed countries are there on planet Earth.

Eight

Jeff What was that?

I said eight.

Yeah, it says it's nine.

Okay, Russia, China, US, India, Pakistan, India, North Korea

North Korea, Israel,

France.

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okay, t

Nine that we know of.

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Yeah, that's also true. Yeah, I just had this thing about Luxembourg from the beginning. and frankly Vatican, I mean let's get serious.

The Vatican has nuclear weapons?

Well the problem the Vatican has is they don't have enough room to build the centrifuge there, they would have to, you know, dig up all the Vatican gardens have room for the centrifuge.

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What would they find buried in those gardens?

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oh gosh yeah

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Yes, let's go find out.

roughly 60% of known infectious diseases and 75% of new or emerging infected diseases are zoonotic in the origin. What zoonotic mean

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every animal from animals from an animal

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animals to humans, animals to humans. Yep,

Ewww!

very disturbing .

Settle down Dave, It's okay.

It's kinda like makes my eyeballs itch.

Oh, don't say that.

Oh, sorry. I

Life sentences in prison in the US have risen how many times. As a multiplier, since the 1980s to the 2020's?

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Could you repeat that question

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prison life sentences in the US have risen how many times since the 1980s?

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I thought this had something to do with drug laws

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yeah, 100

100 is a little high, but any let's be serious - even if it was twice over, you know, yeah, so.

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85?

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No, it's four times.

Yeah.

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You know that's

That's mucho plenty.

Yeah, that's a lot. A few more here. Who's the only person to have served as chief of staff to two US presidents? Now that's kind of interesting.

Jim Baker?

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Jim Baker is absolutely

Yeah. For both Reagan and Bush.

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You jumped right on that Jim. It must be the James connection.

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No. There's a. It's that - they were doing a special about him, they were talking about him on on CNN or MSNBC or one of the channels, a new book is out about him. Because he, he was involved in several administrations in big ways, very big ways,

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I think, the way we could think about it with the current administration is how many different chief of staffs did Trump have just this afternoon.

Yeah,

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like George Steinbrenner.

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Oh my gosh. According to a 2010 Harvard study, what percent of the time does the average person's mind wander from the task at hand?

What?

say it again

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Did you say something?

Where am I?

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30.

you knew that question was elicit that response Matt.

That was a softball one.

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You all are nuts. No, Jim basically got it. its 47 % of the time.

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It increases when you retire,

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Can you confirm that, Jim?

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yeah yeah I think so.

Absolutely.

We lost Bethy.

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I know we lost her. She'll come back though, I hope. Last question here professors, last question. In the modern era, which Major League Baseball player holds the record for the highest batting average over a 60 days span.

60 day. Ooh.

I can help, sort of, give you a locus by saying it was June 30 to September 4 2004.

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I'll guess Barry Bonds.

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That's a good guess.

Mark McGuire.

No,

That's too early.

This player batted June 30th to September 4 2004, batted a .460.

Whoa,

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whoa,

the reincarnation of Ted Williams?

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That's a very good guess.

just his frozen head.

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I'm back.

We're glad to have you Beth.

Sorry.

That's all right.

Tony Gwynn

Uh, one more time, Jeff.

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Tony Gwynn. Or had he retired by then?

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I think he may have been gone by then.

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David Ortiz?

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This is the most underrated fantastic baseball player basically of all time as far as I'm concerned.

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Alex Rodriguez

Don Kelly,

Derek Jeter.

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None of these people are understated. None of them.

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You said understated.

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You know who it was. it was Ichiro Suzuki.

Oh!

My clue was going to be, because we all know that Tiger Woods was holding a golf club before he could actually talk to his father, his dad was giving him pointers on his swing. The same applies for Ichiro who basically has spent his entire life practicing or playing baseball, from the moment he could stand on two legs, and he was spectacular, but recently retired last couple years yeah. so he played for the Mariners those seasons in the time when the Mariners of 2001.

Now, didn't he sign somewhere else and then resigned back to retire under the Mariners,

I think that he signed with the Yankees, it was his last team. Yeah,

but but didn't they sign him to like a one day contract with the Mariners so he can retire.

Yeah,

Wasn't it one of those deals?

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They had some pretty good seasons while Heather and I were in graduate school. the Mariners had some good seasons in the mid to late 90s. I recall

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what the king dome was it?

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We used to call it the thing Dome.

The one that they finally dynamited.

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That's right. They imploded it. right.

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It had been there a long time though.

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Ooh, The rain has started.

Uh-Oh,

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Big time, big time.

I haven't gotten it yet.

I tell you what, though profs, We had a real great set of questions, and you did really, really well. I'm afraid the time has come for us to say good bye. Mara.

Good-bye.

Dan,

goodbye,

Stephen

Bye

Jeff.

Bye.

Dave.

See ya.

Heather

bye

and Jim

Arrivederci

And now these words,

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