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University tower times ringing 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. It's Professor Jeffe boats.

Hey how's it going?

What's going on. How's the coffee?

Oh, not bad. Not bad. Got a refresher, you know the famous saying that a mathematician is a machine that turns coffee into theorems.

(Laugh)

It's true. We probably drink way too much of it,

if that's what it takes, man. How is teaching going?

pretty good.

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I've been trying to keep up on the grading, and this is the weekend I swear I'm going to catch up on my grading. I swear, just like I was gonna the last couple of weekends.

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Oh yeah,

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This time it's gonna happen, I promise.

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I'm sorry, Jeff, I can't help myself because I promise, I promise that the tax returns will be available in the next two weeks,

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People don't take promising as seriously as they ought to.

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Well, observed.

scouts honor.

Oh yes grading is sort of like that except we have to finish it before the 15th 16th week right.

Mm-hmm.

So they tell us

Yeah, exactly. Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today.

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Apparently I am, at least in physical form.

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So it wasn't until my son dropped a couple pretzels in front of my camera that we saw that you had been sort of like sandbagging us with some pretzels off screen, and their chocolate covered

dark chocolate, the best chocolate

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That's it. We're doing a remote from Mara's house.

Those bags are deceptive like. It's just that's a lot of great chocolate inside the size container. That's all I have to say,

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there is.

(Laughter)

Hello Jupiter.

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Oh, that Cat.

The cats are out. There's nothing wrong with that. Uh, Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today.

Hey Matt.

How's the rain where you are?

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Um. it's starting to come.

down. Okay. And I will share a chocolate story with you. So, when I was up north. You know where Empire Michigan.

Yes,

They have a little store called The Grocer's Daughter, and they make the most amazingly delicious chocolate. So I have several bars of like 70%, dark chocolate in my cupboard, that I've been saving.

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Hold it. Did I hear you say you're gonna share with the rest of us?

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No.

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What delicious things are you going to make and share?

I'm not going to make anything, I like to just eat it.

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Ah.

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And actually they made this, Jeff will appreciate this, this chocolate, coffee drink. Where they take the melted chocolate and mix it with coffee and it was -

Ooh

So if you're ever in an Empire, make sure you stop by The Grocer's Daughter. Now, it is pouring outside.

It is coming down.

Yep.

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Oh. It has quit here.

It hasn't quite started here yet.

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We'll have to pass that along to Tom Daldin, in his ventures around Michigan if he was ever in Empire.

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It's true. That's a good one. Professor Stephen Manning, if we see running, we'll understand.

Yes, I'm going in. It is starting to sprinkle.

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Mind you, Stephen we would prefer sprinkling as opposed to hailstone knocking the living daylights out of you so -

Oh, that's right.

it's going to get dark apparently.

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We need this on the screen. It's almost like watching news footage like "I'm right here, and it's starting to rain."

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Come on, where's Bob Bennett when we need him, you know.

Oh my gosh. Right.

Standing on the overpass.

absolutely hilarious.

I'm in, I'm in and safe.

Excellent.

It is dark, it's like it's -

Yeah

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like eight o'clock.

Yeah. Kinda weird. Twilight. Professor, Beth Oljar is also with us today.

Ah,

Uh-oh, it's just about the way these things are timed I swear

There's that country music again.

It's like a Duane Eddy guitar.

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Our – this – my internet - is - not able

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That sounds like a dying robot.

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Poor Beth. I feel so bad.

I know, what's going on over there? I'm gonna walk over there and find out what's going on.

(Laughter)

Professor Dave Chow is here.

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Pleasure to be here. As always,

Thanks.

With capable internet, I hope, I hope.

I really hope so. Hey, when you turned your head I actually saw. Yeah you did get a haircut. It's pretty it's pretty slick.

I can feel my neck again. But I've got to, I got to be clean for tomorrow so.

That's right. What's tomorrow.

I'm officiating a students, you know, two students' wedding. So, hopefully it's not going to be in the middle of a rainstorm.

I think this should be it for a while, at least I hope it will be. Professor Heather Hill is here with us today.

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Hello.

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What's going on, Heather?

Oh I spent a couple hours with Professor Claire Crabtree this afternoon,

Oh! how is she doing.

She's well, she's good. She asked about the ATP crew.

Aww

reminded me of, you know, Edwin, George Pickering and Art Beer. and all of our precursors, so.

Absolutely.

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It's good to hear that she's doing all right.

Do we need to invite her back?

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I think she might like that a lot. Yeah.

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When was the last time she was on an episode? It's been a while,

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It's been a while. Yeah,

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she was one of the originals. And Sarah was a part of that

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I think when we did the goodbye to Edwin, she stopped by.

Yeah. That was it.

Yeah. And of course, last but most certainly not least, Professor James Balfour Tubbs.

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Oh, I can be last and least, that's okay.

You're never the least.

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So things are Well, Jim?

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so far so good.

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How many weekends do you need to catch up on grading?

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Oh, I'm actually almost caught up.



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That's great. I'm very jealous.

Well, it just is more stuff to start, I still got lectures to record. We're getting ready for the next few weeks.

Mm hmm. Okay. Well 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 the questions to us in a number of ways you can email us at ATP at UD mercy dot. edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play, ask the professor at the University of Detroit Mercy. We've got a nice set of listener questions here, "Dear panel, Below is a compilation of various questions for your fine show. The 25 questions are compiled from some fun facts I gather in my daily travels, and I hope they prove challenging and enjoyable. Please enjoy. Best wishes." longtime questions sender Amy Dixon. Thanks for sending these questions, Amy.

Yeah. Thanks, Amy.

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Beth has stepped away she says,

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All right, we'll forgive her.

We'll still give her a chance to say goodbye at the end. Which MLB team calls Globe Life Field their home stadium?

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Globe Life?

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You don't have to think too hard if you've been watching any television for the last couple of weeks.

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Tampa Bay

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Dodgers

Speaker 2

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was that the one in Arlington.

That's right. It's where the Rangers play, in Arlington, because that's where the ALCS and part of the World Series is being hosted so - it's just really really weird to not have the home teams be hosting their own game. Very odd, very odd and globe life by the way, is the one with the retractable roof, but not in the way that you think about like a moonroof and a car, the whole roof rolls off the front of the stadium and over to the side, as one piece. So it's the weirdest thing. you have to go look it up. it's very very odd.

So it's not like the skydome or just kind of retracts a little bit, just kind of -

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It's more like a comb over – on a stadium.

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I think you're right, Jeff. I'll give you a hint. It's a Red Wing. What NHL players scored the very last goal at Maple Leaf Gardens?

Steve Yzerman

Bob Probert.

It was Bob Probert. That's right. It was Bob Probert.

I think, was he playing for them or was he playing for Chicago at the time. I'm trying to remember.

Good question.

I think he may have been playing for Chicago when he scored it.

That's wild. In what year did the Binney and Smith company install a sharpener on the back of the Crayola box?

Oh, that was, uh

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I'll say 64.

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I think 63.

You're all off but some more than others. Actually they're all too recent dates, but you don't have to go much further back.

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No. What I've got here was 1958.

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Oh, 58. Okay,

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I gotta go shut a window or two.

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Okay. Go shut a window.

Yes, I believe that Stephen has also dissolved into the ether.

We'll carry their load.

Can you name, seven of the 15 actors who played Tarzan on film. Wow.

Ron Ely. Johnny Weissmuller

Lex Barker.

Yep.

Mike Henry.

Oh my gosh,

Elmo Lincoln.

That's it, you fulfilled the criteria. That's absolutely incredible.

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Wasn't Brendan Frasier on there too?

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No no, he was George of The Jungle.

Oh, that's right, that's right.

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(unintelligible at first) - about the Opioid Epidemic.

Edgar Rice Burroughs might have issues with that though.

It's clearly an iconic role. I can't even, I mean, I don't think we've got half of those number of people who've played James Bond before. I mean, that's incredible.

Yeah, Elmo Lincoln was the first. I remember that. And the getup that he had was ridiculous, so.

Mm-hmm. What infamous American was once married to Marina Prusakova?

Lee Harvey Oswald.

Yes, that was Lee Harvey Oswald. Now what was Marina's claim to fame?

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She was his Russian wife,

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Married to Lee Harvey Oswald.

Yeah. That's plenty.

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That's basically it.

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I would say infamous, right.

Yes, totally infamous. What percentage of citizens of the United States of America have blue eyes?

11:42

30%

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No. Okay, hold it. Why we just use ourselves as a cross section. Anybody here have blue eyes?

Nope.

I do.

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Blue - green.

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yeah, does bloodshot count?

I mean, you all throw some darts at the board and you get within some kind of error bar. It's basically a third. It's 27 per cent.

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And my guess is hazel eyes are being counted as blue if it's that high.

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Yeah, I have hazel eyes and I never -



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I have hazel and I refuse to be counted as blue.

Yeah.

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So Hazel is what? A combination of brown and green?

Maybe mine are just green then. I always say Hazel. Nobody ever questioned me on it or challenged me.

Yet.

Mine still says blue on my driver's license. There kind of blue- green.

Flexible

bloodshot

Right. What sport was originally going to be called mintonette is as in the first syllable is mint.
Mintonette.

Badminton?

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That's a good guess, but that is not it.

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Volleyball.

It's volleyball.

Oh!

(Group laughter)

13:04

I mean, there's the, like, "Let's all go play volleyball" kind of like more sort of jockey way of saying it and then there's the "partake in mintonette".

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Let's partake in mintonette. Yes!

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Never.

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It sounds so highbrow

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I love it,

I like George Carlin's take about how any game with a net is just a variation of ping pong.

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Yeah, basically,

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volleyball is team ping pong standing on the table with a raised net.

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Oh, it's so true, absolutely true. What are the three most common names for the Pope?

Of all the pope's.

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Oh, you mean -

Gregory?

You mean first names?

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Oh you mean their names -

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Leo would be one of them.

Gregory?

Pius.

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John

John is number one at 21 occurrences.

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Yeah.

Francis,

Francis has only been one.

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Oh,

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Benedict is probably not there.

Benedict is number two, with 17.

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Really?

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It says that there's been 17 Benedicts and 16 Gregorys is number three.

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Gregory. Okay.

Yep. What is the most common item found on the ground as litter?

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Cigarette butts.

Speaker 2

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Yeah, it's a cigarette butt, absolutely. It makes perfect sense, doesn't it. We're seeing less of it these days but still.

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I was gonna say dirty tissues.

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Oh Yeah, like latex gloves and masks right about now maybe. Whatever happened to good old bubblegum wrappers? you know, I mean geez, we don't even have those anymore.

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spare change.

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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.

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And we've got questions from Amy Dixon. For those who actually go and do work there, it's called Dreamland, Paradise Ranch, and sometimes Watertown. What are these lesser known names referring to?

Amusement parks.

Mm-mm. The exact opposite of an amusement park.

What, like Fermi Two or something like that. I mean -

Prison?

Not a prison, not a power plant, but getting closer. People work there for the US government.

The Pentagon.

Fort Knox.

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Oh, is it on like an aircraft carrier,

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getting closer.

Naval bases?

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a submarine (laughter)

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area 51,

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It's area 51

Oh. Okay.

16:02

Off to work at Watertown, sure. In the middle of the desert.

It's like working for control and chaos or something like that, you know, it's like the old Get Smart thing.

Ooh, this is a great one. You see that we have, of course, Brian Maisonville one of our helpers joining us today. There are 1.2 million Brian's with an "I" in the United States. How many Brian's with a "Y" are there the US?

16:29

30,000

600,000

100,000

750,000.

(Group laughter)

16:37

I was like "Woe".

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You're all quite a bit off.

More? There's more?

No, no. I want to repeat there are 1.2 million Brian's with an I

Yes,

but in Latin Jehovah starts with Y.

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Thank you, Sean Connery.

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Brian's with a "Y" is 312,000. So, it's a factor of just about four now.

Okay. All right. So one out of four, they decided to go where a "Y". Okay,

We got an "I", and we're very happy with him.

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We should have figured that out from the fact that a Scrabble set has four "I"s, but only one 'Y". Or No
It has two y's so -

Speaker 2

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Oh, but that would have been close.

Yeah, but how many Brians are there with a "Q". Or a "J".

Uh, we don't talk about that.

Oh, Okay.

What newspaper is often called "the newspaper of record".

The New York Times.

Yes. The New York Times.

Thank you,

The gray lady.

17:34

Yep, that's right,

All the news that's fit to print.

And then some.

And then some. What MTV vj once appeared in The Brady Bunch sequel as the bride of Bobby Brady.

Oh wow.

So, what, not Nina Blackwood or

Martha Quinn.



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Martha?



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Yeah. Martha Quinn.

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I don't know if you've listened to Nina Blackwood lately.

But -

She , she clearly has had many packs of cigarettes.

Oh. Has she?

Oh yeah.

What, does Nina Blackwood sound more like Bea Arthur now? I mean kinda

I'm assuming, and I'm sorry if Nina is listening to the show, because we have a lot of listeners. And if there's another reason why, I apologize.



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She's never playing any of your requests again.

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She's got that Brenda Vaccaro voice going on there.

Breathy.

Yeah. She's never gonna play my request.

Speaker 2

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Your Kajagoogoo requests will never be played again. So -

Yeah. That's it.

Who were the first two hosts of the TV show Good Morning America.

18:42

Uh – Jane Pauley.

It was before Jane Pauley.

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What was the show again, Matt.

Good Morning America.

Oh well, David Hartman wasn't it?

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Yeah, David Hartman was on there.

Speaker 2

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and who was the female

The female was initials, n d.

Oh, she was one that played -

Nancy Dickerson.

Oh, No, she was the one who played Ted Knight's wife on that one show.

Wow.

Nancy

First name Nancy.

Nancy Dussault.

Nancy Dussault is who it was.

Sorry, how I had to work that one out. It was like a kidney stone so

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You had to pass Dassault.

Oh my gosh. What great American novel had its title translated in Japanese to “Angry Raisins”?

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Grapes of Wrath.

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The Grapes of Wrath.

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That's amazing.

Angry raisins,



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Angry raisins? I'm like what. A little bit of angst there.

Speaker 2

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I think that you all can work this one out too. If you just rub a couple neurons together.

What, like Nancy Dussault?

although you already figured that out. After the US military, What is America's largest, or second largest in that case, purchaser of explosives.

Mark Benvenuto,

Partial credit,



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The second largest -

Speaker 2

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I think that they're bending the rules a little bit, because I believe that pyrotechnics aka fireworks would count as explosives.

The Park Service.

No, it's not the Park Service, it's an independent money making venture. Oh, Disney World, Disney, yeah.

Oh, that would make sense. okay, got it.

Dan! Dan!

20:41

Yes.

Dan.

Oh.

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Chanting for Dan here.

Lucky guess.

This New Jersey City, served as the nation's capitol in 1784 only. What is it?

Trenton

Trenton, New Jersey,

Not, not Trenton Michigan So,

No, not Trenton Michigan and not Clarkston or Clawson. Okay. Oh wow, this is quite interesting. Oh, wow, Amy is definitely speaking our language here. How many Belle Isles are there in the United States? Are you ready, whoops I nearly gave it completely away. I'll try again.

Five?

That many.

It's not five, it's a little bit higher than five.



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Eight.

Speaker 2

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No, it's eight. Good job Jim. Five are islands. One is the town. One is a historic house and one is just a peninsula. What a lie. It's not an isle, it's a peninsula.

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A house

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A house on an island?

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That's a good question. Very good question. I would go if it was a haunted island. What famous gameshow host graduated with a chemistry degree from the University of Manitoba.

Alex Trebek.

Mm-mm, that's a good guess though.

like wink Martindale. Who else was.

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What's his name Oh Wheel of Fortune

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Pat Sajak?" No,

no, he's not, no

Not Chuck Woolery. Who else

Game show host

Who else

There's not a lot of game show hosts with Detroit ties. I'm getting a little freaked out.

Tom Kennedy.

Is it recent our old?

Well it depends on your perspective. My middle son Lorenzo who's going to turn 13 in a few months told me the other day, "back in ancient times, you know, dad. 2009". We're talking about, I mean I could give it away in a second, the original big time host of let's make a deal was -

Monty Hall,

Monty Hall,

really

had a chemistry degree. Weird, huh. Weird stuff.

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In what city would one find the American TV game show Hall of Fame. Ah, I'm seeing a segue.

23:05

Somewhere in California?

Vegas?

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It's Vegas.

Oh. Oh, okay. I was gonna say La I mean, you know, Culver City or something like that but okay. Vegas.

Oh no, I guess I should read a little bit ahead. It's Las Vegas, Nevada, of course, it was located inside the Las Vegas Hilton, and permanently closed in 2008. You know, ancient times. Okay, let's see if we can play a little bit with our common knowledge to figure this one out, and I think everybody will probably have some input here. What is Stephen King's best selling book,

The Stand.

It's not

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Christine.

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Yeah, I was gonna say Christine.

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Not Christine.

the year 2020?

The Shining.

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No?

Speaker 2

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It is. I heard the 2020. It's The Shining. yeah

Oh okay.

I mean, I wonder whether that correlates to the success of the movie. was the shining successful, do you remember it being successful

The movie?

Yeah.

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The book and the movie were successful. Yeah.

I have heard though that Stephen King hates the movie.

24:19

Oh, really?

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Apparently, there are a lot of things that Stanley Kubrick through in that have nothing to do with the book, and he didn't like it.

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Interesting.

Well, what was it. Didn't they also like borderline torture Shelley Duvall in it. In order to get her reaction.

Right, right.

Oh,

creepy movie, very very creepy movie, who played the US president in the John Candy movie. So this was the movie where Canada. It was a wonderful movie, By the way, sort of had a small release back in the 90s. Canada basically runs out of money and goes "what are we going to do", so they invade America, and immediately surrender. Well, I guess you got to take on all of our debt now blah blah blah. It is actually really really cute.

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Phil Coleman.

No, but that's a great, that's a great guess. So this was a fairly distinguished actor of that time again mid late 90s if I remember correctly,

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Eugene Levy,

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No. that's a good guess too. Initials A, A, Doesn't get easier than that.

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Alan Alda

Alan Alda, yeah. Oh, okay. All right. Alan Alda played the unnamed president in the movie.

Yeah, President Hawkeye Pierce,

President Hawkeye Pierce. That's right. Well, it's time to dig deep into the Annals of the Burroughs family so that we can find out what ask the professor favorites we're going to be talking about today.

And it's a cool one. It's a cool one. What is your favorite reason to sleep in?

Hold it. What's this concept of sleeping – what – hah

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Up late the night before.

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Yeah.

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My favorite reason is laziness,

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thanks Jim.

yeah that's about as logical, straight to the point. Yeah,

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I would say because the coffee's not ready yet.

Yeah.

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Mara. What were you saying?

26:31

My favorite reason to sleep in is because it's Christmas day and I have nothing else better to do.

That's awesome.

Yeah, I was gonna say because it's - I'm on vacation.

26:41

We can dream right.

Well right about now I've told my wife just to splurge for ourselves for Christmas. I think we're gonna go get ourselves one of those weighted blankets. See what those are like,

I can't help but think of friends of ours who noticed that Leslie and I were waking up extra early on Sundays to attend church service, and the couple, as they were, looked at each other and the wife remarked, "we go to Our Lady of the very warm covers and mattress on Sundays" and I've never forgotten that. I thought that was really cute.

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I think it's only a matter of time before we see a parish named after that, given some of the creative names I see around.

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Jim Let's not talk about parish names okay. I still have not been forgiven by my in law's family you know, what's the one church on 12 Mile, St. Bede's or whatever

St. Bede's. Yeah.

27:35

Yeah, well I always read it "St. Bidet's"

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Yeah, so I was, I was in trouble.

27:42

Hey, These days I spend more time there than at church.

27:46

Well there's there's Our Lady of almost everything.

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Our Lady of Blessed Acceleration.

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I'm so happy to announce that we've reached the end of our episode, before things get too far out of hand. So the time has come to say goodbye. Professor Hill.

28:09

Beth says she lives to amuse.

Speaker 2

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Professor Chow.

See ya.

Professor Livezey.

See ya

Professor Tubbs.

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Goodbye,

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Professor Manning.

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See ya

Professor Maggio.

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Good-bye.

and Professor Boats

Blessed be.

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And then these words

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