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Announcer 00:02

The University of Detroit Mercy presents another brand new episode of Ask The Professor. Today's program was recorded using Zoom video conferencing technology.



Matt Mio 00:20

The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask The Professor, the show on which you match wits with 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. A man who almost certainly is not wearing mittens, it's Professor Jim Tubbs.



James Tubbs 00:39

Oh, well, no, not right now.



Matt Mio 00:42

Not indoors, right?



James Tubbs 00:43

Not indoors. No.

M

Matt Mio 00:45

I gotta say the best two takes of the Bernie Sanders meme that I've seen are not memes at all. The one was the actual picture of him on the Capitol steps, with just a line of text underneath - "This could have been an email". The other one was him coming down the steps with that package under his arm. It's like, "Wake up, have breakfast, Joe's thing. Go to the post office"

D

Dave Chow 01:14

Post office.

J

James Tubbs 01:15

Well, the one that's been attached to everybody's pictures on Facebook is so striking because it's so isolated. He was sitting so far apart from anybody else, and here are those huge mittens, And he's been on park benches with Forrest Gump and just all kinds of stuff.

D

Dave Chow 01:34

It's just so easy to Photoshop, you know, I mean, it's,

J

James Tubbs 01:38

He's become a meme.

B

Beth Oljar 01:39

Such beautiful coats, I mean, Jill and Kamala and Michelle

J

James Tubbs 01:43

And I'll tell you what, that was one power outfit Michelle Obama was wearing.

B

Beth Oljar 01:47

Yeah, and our Youth Poet Laureate. I mean,



James Tubbs 01:53

Then there was Lady Gaga who never does anything small.



Stephanie Conant 01:56

Right.



Jeffe Boats 01:56

She looked like she had parachuted in.



Stephanie Conant 02:01

I'm a big fan of Kamala's husband's daughter.



James Tubbs 02:05

Yes,



Stephanie Conant 02:06

She's like an artist and a fashion designer.



Dave Chow 02:08

That's right. Yep.



Beth Oljar 02:09

Her name is Ella, right?



Stephanie Conant 02:10

Yes.



Matt Mio 02:12

Of course, we just heard the dulcet tones of Professor Jeffe Boats, who is here. How's it going, Jeffe?

J Jeffe Boats 02:17
Not too bad. It's the last couple of mornings I've woken up, flipped on the news as I was awaking, and I wasn't filled with existential dread. I don't know what's changed. Some unidentifiable thing has transformed in my life, and I can't put my finger on it; but I'm feeling much better than I used to.

M Matt Mio 02:38
I'm glad you brought this up, Jeffe, because even though I find myself hardly ever agreeing with him, I'm probably going to regret saying that; Brian Dickerson for the Free Press wrote this very moving piece for Inauguration morning that was like "I haven't had solid mornings as a journalist for about five years. And I sip my coffee and peace the other day, like this is worth it."

J James Tubbs 02:59
No, I have to say I think we're all feeling a lot less Kierkegaardian than we have been before?

M Matt Mio 03:05
Triple word score, Jim. Triple word score. Professor Beth Oljar -

J Jeffe Boats 03:10
I would have went with Kafka. But you get more points for Kierkegaard.

D Dave Chow 03:13
Yeah, More K's.

M Matt Mio 03:16
Uh, Beth, How's it going?

B Beth Oljar 03:17
Less cockroaches. So, you get cockroaches with Kafka? So -

M Matt Mio 03:20
Right.

B Beth Oljar 03:21
Yeah, no, I was just listening to Biden making an economic speech, actually just a few minutes ago. And I was thinking, you know, no matter whether you think government should have a big role, or I mean, independently of that debate, the United States federal government is a huge and enormously complicated thing. And you have to know how to push those levers of power to get things done. I mean, he's just announcing stuff that's sort of so - you know, obvious and self evident. You know, he grasps the scope of the problem? We need New Deal level spending here. And, you know, make sure people don't get evicted and make sure -

D Dave Chow 04:02
And let's talk to our allies immediately.

B Beth Oljar 04:04
Exactly. Yeah. That was the relief I think Jeffe has been feeling.

D Dave Chow 04:10
It's either that or Jeffe passed another kidney stone. That's all, so -

J Jeffe Boats 04:15
The country passed a kidney stone.

D Dave Chow 04:17
A staghorn.

J James Tubbs 04:18
A big one.

- M** Matt Mio 04:20
If you don't mind, for those of us who are just sort of on the level like myself, make government boring again. Can we please can we just get back to the economic talks and -
- D** Dave Chow 04:29
Give Saturday Night Live writers something to do, you know,
- J** James Tubbs 04:34
A friend of mine sent me a picture of Bill Clinton nodding off during the Inaugural Address, and they said, "Isn't it wonderful that we're now able to do this? Because it's not just boring, it's competent."
- M** Matt Mio 04:49
Continuing around the horn, Professor Stephanie Conant is here with us today. How's it going, Stephanie?
- S** Stephanie Conant 04:54
Good. I feel a little bit like Anthony Fauci feels lately. Have you seen those memes of him like, "Where we started, and where we are", and he's just like super grinny. They're like -
- J** James Tubbs 05:08
Yeah, we're seeing a lot more of his teeth these days.
- B** Beth Oljar 05:11
He's talked a lot about how liberating It is to be able to actually let the science speak for itself.
- S** Stephanie Conant 05:18
Right. So -

- M** Matt Mio 05:19
Well, something about showing up and not seeing a - uh - at all federal level distribution plan might have something to do with that. Like, "Probably now I can bring out this thing I've been working on for the last couple years.
- J** James Tubbs 05:32
And not having to worry about the insertion of UV lights or bleach in to one's body.
- S** Stephanie Conant 05:38
Unless you get to pick who's using -
- D** Dave Chow 05:39
Leeches. I mean, who knows what next, so -
- M** Matt Mio 05:43
Unbelievable. And last, but most certainly not least, because I usually do this thing in order in reverse, even though people can't really see that, Professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 05:52
Pleasure to be here, as always.
- M** Matt Mio 05:53
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. Feel free to email us at ATP at UD Mercy.edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. So many things have happened already in 2021, but I thought it'd be nice to do a little bit of housecleaning, in the folders that I have. I've got a lot of like tiny question sets that don't really work on their own. So, we'll do them all together and maybe they will work on their own in that regard. So
- D** Dave Chow 06:28

Is this like the dust bunny of questions?

M Matt Mio 06:30
Yeah, it's a - it's a hodgepodge. Yeah, we all watch Jeopardy at some level, right?

D Dave Chow 06:34
Yes, Ken Jennings and all

M Matt Mio 06:36
Exactly. "Dear panel: I hope these questions transport you back to a time when we could freely come and go, and social distancing wasn't even a thing. This series of questions focuses on some of the busiest, most attended places and events in the United States." This is Steve McGowan of Colonia, New Jersey. He's actually got us figuring out a vast array of individual details, but I'm going to kind of slim down the question set to make it a little more digestible. So let's pretend like - Can you pretend - that it's September 2019. In order - So let's try to do it this way - What were the five busiest airports in the United States of America?

S Stephanie Conant 07:19
O'Hare,

J James Tubbs 07:19
Hartsfield.

D Dave Chow 07:20
O'Hare, Hartsfield.

M Matt Mio 07:21
So, Hartsfield is number one.

D Dave Chow 07:23

O'Hare. Laguardia.

B Beth Oljar 07:26
Laguardia.

M Matt Mio 07:27
You've hit - You've hit a lot of them already. But I haven't heard number two. Number one's Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta. Number two is -

D Dave Chow 07:35
O'Hare.

J James Tubbs 07:37
LAX?

M Matt Mio 07:38
LAX. Yes. Number three is O'Hare. Number three is O'Hare, outside of Chicago. Number four used to be number one during the 80s.

S Stephanie Conant 07:48
Reagan? JFK,?

D Dave Chow 07:50
Dulles?

S Stephanie Conant 07:51
Dulles? Atlanta?

J James Tubbs 07:53
Oh, DFW.

M Matt Mio 07:53
No, but darn close. Atlanta is number one. Dallas Fort Worth is number -

M Matt Mio 07:53
I was thinking Dallas-Fort Worth and I didn't -

M Matt Mio 08:01
And the new - one of the newest, busiest airports in the United States -

D Dave Chow 08:06
Colorado Denver.

M Matt Mio 08:07
Hint, hint. Yeah. Since 2001. Why did they move the airport out into the middle of the desert? I just don't know. Yeah, Denver.

D Dave Chow 08:14
I mean, it is drop-dead gorgeous airport though.

S Stephanie Conant 08:17
It is pretty.

D Dave Chow 08:18
It's stunning.

M Matt Mio 08:18
It's beautiful, but you have to take a 45 minute car ride to get to the -

J James Tubbs 08:21
(unintelligible) is a lot closer.

- D** Dave Chow 08:24
Yeah, these those are probably the two most gorgeous airports in the States. But no shuttle service, no buses, nothing, which is - Oh!
- S** Stephanie Conant 08:32
Has anybody ever talked to Father Staudenmaier about airports? I'm serious. He is big on history of technology, but also big on architecture of airports. He's got thoughts about Denver's airport, and -
- J** Jeffe Boats 08:49
You mean, the shape of the terminals? That sort of thing?
- S** Stephanie Conant 08:51
The way - like the acoustics of the terminals and the way that they build them. And yeah,
- D** Dave Chow 08:56
What's that one in New York that they've transformed into a hotel? That was it the TWA?
- J** James Tubbs 09:00
That was the TWA. Yeah,
- D** Dave Chow 09:02
Yes. I want to go there. I just want to stay in one of those rooms. That's all.
- M** Matt Mio 09:06
I was just thinking of some of the things that came out after that airport had sort of arisen out of nowhere in the middle of the desert near Denver. The classic meme of seeing a sign that says "Not where the US government would go if there's another 911" I was like - Okay, and we won't do this in order because this one doesn't really lend itself that way. What were the five most visited us national parks of 2019?



James Tubbs 09:33
Yellowstone.



Dave Chow 09:34
Not Isle Royal.



Matt Mio 09:36
You know, Yellowstone is number six. I'm looking for number 1-2-3-4-5.



Dave Chow 09:41
Acadia?



Jeffe Boats 09:43
Does the Everglades count as a national park?



Matt Mio 09:46
Acadia is actually number seven, and Everglades is not in the top 10.



Stephanie Conant 09:51
Yosemite?



Matt Mio 09:53
Yosemite's number five



Dave Chow 09:54
Glacier?



Jeffe Boats 09:57
Is the Grand Canyon a national park?

M Matt Mio 10:01
Yes. Grand Canyon's number two.

J James Tubbs 10:03
Mount Rushmore.

M Matt Mio 10:05
Mount Rushmore is not in the top 10

J James Tubbs 10:08
Okay, let's see.

M Matt Mio 10:09
I apologize. Our metric is "number of individual visitors".

D Dave Chow 10:13
Oh,

B Beth Oljar 10:15
I assumed that was the metric.

S Stephanie Conant 10:17
Right. Me too.

J Jeffe Boats 10:18
Central Park isn't a national park.

D Dave Chow 10:23
Yeah, Graceland wouldn't count.

- B** Beth Oljar 10:24
The bunnies.
- J** James Tubbs 10:26
The bunnies.
- M** Matt Mio 10:28
This one beats the second place, Grand Canyon, by more than twice the attendance every year.
- D** Dave Chow 10:34
Redwoods? Anything California?
- M** Matt Mio 10:37
No. It's out east.
- S** Stephanie Conant 10:43
That - Is it something with the Appalachian Mountains?
- M** Matt Mio 10:45
I'm giving it to you. It's the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Yeah,
- S** Stephanie Conant 10:48
That's what I meant.
- D** Dave Chow 10:50
Yeah, that. Yeah.
- M** Matt Mio 10:52
Now there is a Mountain Park. This is giving everything away. That's out west



Dave Chow 10:57
Mount -



James Tubbs 10:58
Rocky Mountain



Matt Mio 11:00
Rocky Mountain Park. Yeah, that's right. And last but not least, the one that comes at the end of the list because it starts with the Z



Dave Chow 11:07
Zion? Mount Zion National Park?



Matt Mio 11:09
Zion National Park.



Stephanie Conant 11:10
Where is that?



Jeff Boats 11:11
I've never heard of half of these.



James Tubbs 11:12
It's in Utah, southwest corner of Utah.



Matt Mio 11:16
Just to recap, Great Smoky Mountains, Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountains, Zion and Yosemite. Those are the top



Jeff Boats 11:22

Is Zion where the monolith appeared? The first monolith?

M Matt Mio 11:26
Oh yeah.

S Stephanie Conant 11:26
Oh it might have been

J Jeffe Boats 11:27
Did they find the one on the moon yet?

J James Tubbs 11:27
I think so. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 11:30
We need another one.

J Jeffe Boats 11:32
There have been a bunch of them. Not on the moon though.

D Dave Chow 11:35
No, no, no,

J Jeffe Boats 11:36
The government is probably just not telling us.

B Beth Oljar 11:38
Of course.

- D** Dave Chow 11:39
You know what, I should just do like a three ton cast concrete Easter Island head and just drop it all over the city of Detroit.
- J** James Tubbs 11:48
But then you'd have to get space aliens to deliver it. You know.
- D** Dave Chow 11:52
Shhh. Quiet That just means I'll have to kill all of you. That's all.
- M** Matt Mio 11:57
So I'm definitely recasting this problem. You have to put yourself in the mindset of March 2020.
- J** James Tubbs 12:04
March, okay.
- S** Stephanie Conant 12:06
Early March 2020?
- M** Matt Mio 12:09
Only March 2020.
- J** Jeffe Boats 12:09
I fondly remember that mindset. I'd like it back.
- M** Matt Mio 12:13
The top five movies as of March 12 2020 by ticket sales remained in that order for the rest of 2020.

S Stephanie Conant 12:23
I bet it did.

M Matt Mio 12:24
So, I am going to give you the greatest leeway in history, and I'm really really sorry for doing this with these questions. But if you can name any of the top five movies -

D Dave Chow 12:34
The Croods

S Stephanie Conant 12:36
No. That just came out. We watched that at home.

D Dave Chow 12:37
Oh, okay, alright.

D Dave Chow 12:38
Like Wonderwoman?

B Beth Oljar 12:39
Knives Out?

S Stephanie Conant 12:42
Knives Out might - That was when we saw.

J James Tubbs 12:45
1917

M Matt Mio 12:47
No.

- B** Beth Oljar 12:49
That was a good movie though.
- J** Jeffe Boats 12:51
Dunkirk?
- J** Jeffe Boats 12:53
No, that's too far back.
- M** Matt Mio 12:54
No.
- J** Jeffe Boats 12:54
Too far back. Okay.
- J** James Tubbs 12:55
Too far back. Yeah.
- D** Dave Chow 12:56
2020 - I mean -
- S** Stephanie Conant 13:01
What did anybody watch in the movie theater in 2020?
- D** Dave Chow 13:02
Yeah, did they have Talkies then?
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:10
I have kids. I didn't watch anything in the movie theatres.

- S** Stephanie Conant 13:11
There was like Trolls World Tour that we watched.
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:11
Wait a minute. I did take the kids to one at the beginning. I think was Sonic the Hedgehog.
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:14
Sonic The Hedgehog.
- D** Dave Chow 13:15
Oh, dear. With or without the teeth?
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:20
That was a good movie. Jim Carrey is awesome.
- J** James Tubbs 13:22
What does that say about this year?
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:25
Some of the best movies I've seen in the last few years have like been stupid kids movies I thought I would hate. You know, Teen Titans movie, man. I never laughed so hard in my life.
- S** Stephanie Conant 13:34
Teen Titans are amazing.
- D** Dave Chow 13:36
What about Parasite? Was that out then?
- M** Matt Mio 13:38

Well, that was - You're naming a number of movies that came out at the end of 2019.

S Stephanie Conant 13:43
Yeah, that was 2019.

B Beth Oljar 13:44
I feel that way about The Secret Life of Pets 1 and 2, Jeffe.

S Stephanie Conant 13:47
It was so good.

J Jeffe Boats 13:49
I've never seen 2.

S Stephanie Conant 13:50
Yeah, very good.

M Matt Mio 13:51
So, Um, just to bring everybody up to speed. uh, I'd like to

S Stephanie Conant 13:55
We haven't named any yet.

M Matt Mio 13:56
Well, I'd like to tell Professor Boats, because the last movie that I saw live in the theater was Sonic the Hedgehog, Number one was Bad Boys For Life. Sonic The Hedgehog, Doolittle, Birds of Prey and the Invisible Man. Those are the top five.

J James Tubbs 14:12
Oh, this is sad.

- J** Jeffe Boats 14:15
My youngest is a huge fan of Tails. He dressed up as Tails for Halloween. Tails from Sonic the Hedgehog. That final scene at the end - he flipped - he was like vibrating at a frequency I think you could set atomic clocks by it.
- J** James Tubbs 14:30
Well, all I can say is thank goodness for Netflix and Amazon Prime.
- M** Matt Mio 14:36
Okay -
- B** Beth Oljar 14:36
Speaking of which, everybody should see One Night In Miami, if they get a chance.
- M** Matt Mio 14:42
Oh, I heard it was great.
- J** James Tubbs 14:43
That's on Hulu, isn't it?
- B** Beth Oljar 14:45
No, it's Amazon Prime.
- J** James Tubbs 14:46
Amazon Prime. Okay.
- B** Beth Oljar 14:47
Yeah, yeah - Really - the the guys who played Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali, in particular, we're really really good.

- M** Matt Mio 14:58
I was gonna mention, Beth, When we had a chance that Leslie and I finally got into the The History of Swear Words, and I think it's good just for the totally unironic overacting - question mark - of Nicholas Cage. Like - just the fact that he's the host - is good enough for me. I'll have this on in the background. Okay,
- J** Jeffe Boats 15:17
Well, if we're talking about that, I just have to throw out there - Have you ever seen a movie called The Aristocrats?
- M** Matt Mio 15:22
Oh, yeah. I've seen -
- J** Jeffe Boats 15:25
Oh, okay. I'm just throwing it out there.
- D** Dave Chow 15:28
I'm sorry. I'm thinking the Disney Aristocats that's all. So - sorry, wrong movie.
- J** Jeffe Boats 15:33
That one's a little bit cleaner
- M** Matt Mio 15:33
The furthest thing away from The Aristocrats is The Aristocats. Okay, 2019 - Can you name any of the top five most visited North American amusement parks?
- D** Dave Chow 15:47
Six Flags.
- M** Matt Mio 15:49
Six Flags is not in the top five.

- D** Dave Chow 15:51
Cedar Point?
- M** Matt Mio 15:53
Cedar Point is not in the top five.
- D** Dave Chow 15:54
Disney World, Disneyland.
- M** Matt Mio 15:56
Well, the problem is that Disneyland breaks everything down by individual parks. There's Magic Kingdom,
- B** Beth Oljar 16:02
Adventureland!
- J** James Tubbs 16:04
Disney World, Disney World.
- M** Matt Mio 16:06
Disney World, that's right. Disneyland is actually number two.
- D** Dave Chow 16:09
Epcot
- M** Matt Mio 16:10
Disney's Animal Kingdom is three. Epcot is four.
- D** Dave Chow 16:13
The Star Wars one.

M Matt Mio 16:15
Universal Studios is number five. So there you go.

J James Tubbs 16:17
Wow.

D Dave Chow 16:21
Okay. I was gonna say, Where's Dollywood in all of this?

M Matt Mio 16:25
Just as a point of reference, because obviously our question writer, Steve here really knows that he's dealing with some Midwesterners, even though he's from New Jersey, Cedar Point has an annual attendance during a non pandemic year of 3.7 million. The Magic Kingdom - just the Magic Kingdom has 21 million annual attendance.

D Dave Chow 16:45
Wow.

J James Tubbs 16:46
Wow,

M Matt Mio 16:46
Big difference. These are great questions. But let's try one more. What are the top five major league baseball teams with the greatest home attendance of 2019?

D Dave Chow 16:58
The Dodgers

M Matt Mio 16:59
Dodgers were number one. Yes.

- J** Jeffe Boats 17:02
Think of stadiums that have big capacity.
- J** James Tubbs 17:05
Yankees.
- M** Matt Mio 17:07
Yankees are number three.
- S** Stephanie Conant 17:09
Braves
- B** Beth Oljar 17:10
Cubs,
- D** Dave Chow 17:11
Mets
- M** Matt Mio 17:12
Cubs actually are number four. Braves are not in the top 10, I'm afraid - Stephanie,
- D** Dave Chow 17:16
The Mets, Cleveland, not Detroit.
- S** Stephanie Conant 17:20
The Blue Jays? Or do they have to be in the US?
- J** Jeffe Boats 17:25
The Washington Nationals have a pretty big stadium. Right?

- M** Matt Mio 17:28
You know, they do; but they are decidedly, (considering they won the World Series a couple years ago) they're decidedly mediocre. They're right in the middle.
- J** James Tubbs 17:35
It just depends on how many people show up again and again and again. Not necessarily how big the stadium is.
- D** Dave Chow 17:40
Not Comiskey, could it? No, it wouldn't be Comiskey.
- M** Matt Mio 17:43
No. The one you're missing is a classic Midwestern franchise, the mortal enemy of the Cubs.
- J** James Tubbs 17:52
Oh, St. Louis.
- J** Jeffe Boats 17:52
St. Louis.
- J** James Tubbs 17:53
Cardinals.
- D** Dave Chow 17:54
Cardinals, okay.
- M** Matt Mio 17:55
And one where, unlike the Tigers, you have to beg, borrow and steal to bring people to your games in April. The team that Mike Trout plays for.

- D** Dave Chow 18:04
California Angels.
- M** Matt Mio 18:05
The Angels.
- D** Dave Chow 18:07
Or - are they California? Or is it Anaheim? I can't even tell what they are anymore.
- J** Jeffe Boats 18:10
They're Anaheim lately.
- D** Dave Chow 18:11
Okay,
- J** Jeffe Boats 18:12
Oh, They're Los Angeles now. Yeah, you're right.
- D** Dave Chow 18:15
California - Anaheim - Oh gee.
- J** Jeffe Boats 18:17
And next year, they'll be Reseda. I think they rotate.
- D** Dave Chow 18:19
Yeah, it's gonna be Sacramento. Or it's gonna be Diane Monica's Angels or something like that. Who knows?
- S** Stephanie Conant 18:25
I only know where that is because of Cobra Kai. We've been watching a lot of Cobra Kai

lately, so

B Beth Oljar 18:31
My husband's been enjoying that too.

S Stephanie Conant 18:33
It's super good.

B Beth Oljar 18:33
He agrees with you, Jeffe. He thinks it's really good.

J Jeffe Boats 18:36
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:36
Oh my gosh.

J Jeffe Boats 18:37
Oh, it was surprisingly not quite as clean as the movies.

S Stephanie Conant 18:40
No! It's only - it's really only the first couple episodes where you're like, ooh, and then after that, it's okay.

D Dave Chow 18:47
The shock value wears off?

J Jeffe Boats 18:48
Because by then, they've heard it all.

S Stephanie Conant 18:50
Right.

M Matt Mio 18:52
We have a random question that was submitted by Avery Duncan. Avery Duncan is a student at University of Detroit Mercy. I think it's kind of a cool one. And if Kendra were here, I bet she could reason it right by listening to us all get it wrong. How many horsepower does a dragster make?

D Dave Chow 19:13
Hmm.

J Jeffe Boats 19:15
Dragster, as in a drag racing car?

D Dave Chow 19:17
425

J James Tubbs 19:21
I say 800.

M Matt Mio 19:23
Haven't heard anything even close

J James Tubbs 19:25
1300

B Beth Oljar 19:27
2500



Jeffe Boats 19:28
10,000



Matt Mio 19:30
I can name that tune in one note, okay. Yeah, you're in the -



Beth Oljar 19:34
You have the answer - so, of course you can.



Matt Mio 19:37
This is the complete - completely wrong order of magnitude. It's 8000 horsepower is one -



Dave Chow 19:44
Wow.



James Tubbs 19:44
Whoa.



Matt Mio 19:45
It literally could take off like a rocket, if it wanted to. Isn't that wild?



Beth Oljar 19:50
That's a lot of horsees.



Dave Chow 19:52
That's why they have a nice long straightaway and a parachute.



James Tubbs 19:54
I just wonder what letting out the clutch is like.

D Dave Chow 19:58
That's what your (unintelligible) catches up to you.

J James Tubbs 20:01
Yes.

M Matt Mio 20:03
We have a set of questions that was sent in by Dorothy Foley. "As I sit in my car at the local carwash, an ATP post appears on Facebook begging for questions. As my car goes through for the second time to clean the bugs smears off the windshield, I ponder the following questions which I don't have the answers to. Unfortunately, FYI, bug cleaning attempt number two failed. I'll have to clean this bugger off myself when I get home."
Okay,

B Beth Oljar 20:37
It makes me think of the opening sequence in Men In Black. Bugs splattering on the -

D Dave Chow 20:45
Oh!

M Matt Mio 20:45
I love it. Frankly, when I saw the bug splatter being mentioned in this email, I was like, when was that? Was that last year? Well, yesterday. "Do you prefer to either have someone else or you yourself hand wash a car or drive it through?" So this is actually a question for the professors

S Stephanie Conant 21:07
I drive it through. My husband has a phobia of car washes, which we only tease him about a little bit.

D Dave Chow 21:14
You know why? Because you can't play the recorder in one. That's why

- S** Stephanie Conant 21:17
Right? Yeah. No, because he can't, because it can't see the other end. Anyway. It's ridiculous.
- B** Beth Oljar 21:23
I get that. I get how that could creep you out.
- J** James Tubbs 21:26
I drive it through. I used to handwash, but now drive it through.
- S** Stephanie Conant 21:28
Yeah, I drive it through. I'll let my kids handwash it.
- D** Dave Chow 21:31
Okay, Matt, does this count - if you pull in one of those places where you drop in like the handful of quarters and wand it yourself? Does that count?
- M** Matt Mio 21:37
You know, I think that you've just come up with a compromise
- J** James Tubbs 21:40
That's kind of in between -
- D** Dave Chow 21:41
That's what I do. I mean, yeah, it's cheaper. And you can also like, if you've got bugs on one area, you could just stay there a little longer if you have to.
- D** Dave Chow 21:42
I don't wash my car.



Matt Mio 21:54

Really, Jeffe?



Jeffe Boats 21:56

It rains enough, you know,



Dave Chow 21:57

Vlad. goes unwashed?



Jeffe Boats 21:59

Vlad the Impala was a long time ago. I got a new car. But in the five years I've owned it, I don't think - maybe once I took it through a carwash just because the kids were with me and you know, give them a thrill.



Dave Chow 22:09

I used to tell my wife, if I wash the car, we'd get like four extra miles to the gallon. Didn't fall for it. So -



Matt Mio 22:16

Dorothy was wondering, "In what decade do you think the first public automatic, (so drive thru), carwash came to be?"



Matt Mio 22:24

The 20's.



Matt Mio 22:27

You think so? The 20s?



Beth Oljar 22:29

I'm thinking 60's.

M Matt Mio 22:31
I think it's a matter of perspective.

S Stephanie Conant 22:31
70's

B Beth Oljar 22:33
that's when we got the movie and the song.

D Dave Chow 22:36
Oh, Rolls Royce CAR WASH. Okay.

M Matt Mio 22:39
Oh, my gosh. I love it.

D Dave Chow 22:40
I'm thinking 50s that's all but I don't know why.

J James Tubbs 22:42
I'd say 40s then I'll say 40s.

M Matt Mio 22:44
Again, You know, I -

S Stephanie Conant 22:46
There's no right answer?

D Dave Chow 22:49
Oh! You see, I'm just thinking car culture. You know, like, when did - you know - I don't know.

S Stephanie Conant 22:55
Car hops, and -

D Dave Chow 22:56
Well, 50s -

D Dave Chow 22:58
Yeah,

S Stephanie Conant 22:58
Sure.

M Matt Mio 22:59
Something else, too. I can't help but bring it up - There was a time, as I know Professor Conant completely understands with three young boys only a few years apart, that going to the carwash was like Christmas Eve, you know,

J James Tubbs 23:11
Big entertainment. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 23:13
So, what was the answer?

S Stephanie Conant 23:15
There isn't one.

D Dave Chow 23:16
She doesn't - They don't know.

M Matt Mio 23:17

We don't know. These are just existential questions being posed, Beth.

J James Tubbs 23:22
Oh, it's like "What's the meaning of life?"

M Matt Mio 23:24
Yes. As we go through the carwash for the second time

B Beth Oljar 23:27
But that actually has answers, but okay.

S Stephanie Conant 23:31
Yeah. But they would like you to go look it up.

M Matt Mio 23:34
I think it's a crossover point for families when - it will come - if it - I'm sure it's happened to you too.

S Stephanie Conant 23:39
Oh Yeah.

M Matt Mio 23:40
They are no longer at all excited about going through the carwash.

S Stephanie Conant 23:43
No, I had to bribe my 11 year old with - bribe him - with - I'd buy him a like a fancy coffee, if he left the house with me today. I was like, "Go run errands with me and get out of the house for five minutes." "Will you buy me coffee?" "Sure".

J James Tubbs 23:58

Your 11 year old wanting coffee.

M Matt Mio 24:00
Wow.

S Stephanie Conant 24:00
Um, He's secretly an old man. He will eat an Egg McMuffin and a black coffee.

J Jeffe Boats 24:07
Then he'll read the Wall Street Journal.

D Dave Chow 24:08
And do crossroads, right?

B Beth Oljar 24:10
So, he sound more like he's going on 60, is what you're telling us?

D Dave Chow 24:15
Get off my lawn, you kids!

S Stephanie Conant 24:18
Yeah. Seriously. Give him like a Danish and a coffee.

D Dave Chow 24:26
And he'll sit on the barstool for hours on end, right?

S Stephanie Conant 24:29
Yeah. He likes dark chocolate.

D Dave Chow 24:34
And Robitussin, Right?

S Stephanie Conant 24:36
Right. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 24:38
Unbelievable.

D Dave Chow 24:39
And a corned beef sandwich. No dressing,

M Matt Mio 24:41
So, since we're talking about carwashes, I can't let this chance to tell a story that actually is one that I don't think I've ever mentioned on the air or to any of you. X number of years ago, see if we can figure it out. So I'll leave the names out. A friend of mine was going to one of Dave's, Dave had mentioned where you pull your car in and you get the giant gun and you just sort of spray art. And he goes, "Hey, I found this in the drain in the middle of the bay where my car was, and it says Detroit mercy on it. I figured I'd give it to you. And I sat there stunned, as he handed over one of our magnetic, you know, nameplates for a fairly recently, but high level dismissed administrator from Detroit Mercy, and it was just so surreal. I'm like, I think I'm gonna save -

J James Tubbs 25:31
Found in the car wash drain.

B Beth Oljar 25:35
That's prophetic. Oh my gosh.

D Dave Chow 25:36
Wow!



Jeffe Boats 25:37

I wanna hear - I want to hear off the air what the name was.



Matt Mio 25:42

I might have the guts to tell you all.



Stephanie Conant 25:45

That's how they clean out their offices. They just hose 'em out.



James Tubbs 25:49

I'm gonna that administrator right out of my hair.



Dave Chow 25:51

Wow.



Matt Mio 25:57

Oh, my gosh, I've been thinking about carwashes actually a lot lately, because I did a little, you know, after you've seen the whole series, well now there's the episodes of Breaking Bad. I just those are the only ones I want to go back and rewatch, and somehow they always come back to "Come to the back room. I have \$5 million on the floor at our car wash" Oh, man, what a great series. Finally convinced my parents to see it- finally. And they're like, "That was really good. How come you didn't tell us to watch it earlier?" I've been telling you for ten years. Anyway -



Beth Oljar 26:27

And the science is good, which is even more important, right? All of the chemistry is solid in that?



Matt Mio 26:33

It's- it's not just solid. They did the reverse of solid - not meaning liquid, but they had to take out steps in the synthesis of meth, because they were scared that people would use it -



James Tubbs 26:43

Right. Yeah,



Matt Mio 26:44

But they did it on purpose. And there's like little chemistry winks, because that would never work for that step. And only a chemist would know that, you know,



Jeffe Boats 26:53

There were a handful of episodes of MacGyver where they did something like that for similar reasons. They didn't want people actually blowing up their garage.



Dave Chow 26:59

Yeah, do you guys remember like Mythbusters, they would actually hide some of the formulas.



Beth Oljar 27:03

But we have to go to the pharmacy counter now to get



James Tubbs 27:06

Sudafed.



Beth Oljar 27:07

Yeah, Sudafedrin, which is the only decongestant that works on me I'm like -



James Tubbs 27:11

Yeah, that's heads that only one that works for a lot of people.



Stephanie Conant 27:15

Now the pharmacist knows my name.

B Beth Oljar 27:18
Are you kidding? As much medication as I'm on, they've like got me on their Rolodex for sure.

D Dave Chow 27:23
Pull up under the Oljar wing, please.

M Matt Mio 27:26
There are some aspects, by the way, of meth culture - meth synthesis culture that they didn't even touch on in Breaking Bad that will blow your minds.

J Jeffe Boats 27:33
Would you tell us all about it, Matt Mio.

M Matt Mio 27:37
Have you ever heard of Smurfs? Just because of what Beth mentioned? Smurfs were the nicknames for the little kids, before pseudoephedrine was behind the counter, that you would pay, "Here's 10 bucks. Go buy all the Sudafed, and I'll give you a toy or I'll buy -" You know, you would get your Smurfs into action to go get the starting material. Pretty fascinating stuff. I could go on forever, but I won't. Because the time has come to say goodbye. Professor Chow.

D Dave Chow 28:03
See ya.

M Matt Mio 28:03
Professor Conant.

S Stephanie Conant 28:04
Goodbye,



Matt Mio 28:05
Professor Oljar.



Beth Oljar 28:07
Goodbye.



Matt Mio 28:07
Professor Tubbs



James Tubbs 28:08
Farewell.



Matt Mio 28:09
And Professor Boats.



Jeffe Boats 28:11
You're the Smurfiest, guys.



Matt Mio 28:14
Now these words,



Announcer 28:15
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Matt Mio 28:24
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