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- A** 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.
- M** Matt Mio 00:20
The University tower chimes ringing in another session of Ask The Professor. The show on which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio. And let me introduce to you our panel for today. All the way at the bottom, living in the black hole, that is the nexus of the universe: It's Professor Jeffe Boats.
- J** Jeffe Boats 00:41
Howdy.
- M** Matt Mio 00:42
What's going on, Jeffe?

J Jeffe Boats 00:44
Nothing. I just want to point out that the episode number this week is two consecutive Fibonacci numbers 21 and 34. Cosmic dude.

P Professors 00:52
Oh, very cool. I didn'tCosmic... Oh...

D Dave Chow 00:55
Time to buy lottery tickets.

M Matt Mio 00:58
It's even more cosmic than I thought it was.

J Jeffe Boats 01:00
I just want to point out that this won't happen again until the 55th episode of the 2034 season. So...

D Dave Chow 01:06
Send in your questions now!

M Matt Mio 01:08
34. (laughter)

M Matt Mio 01:10
Oh my, I think you just broke my brain. (laughter) Oh, that's awesome, though. I love how you're able to do that sort of stuff off the top of your head.

J Jeffe Boats 01:18
The joys of having nothing better to do.

- M** Matt Mio 01:21
Absolutely. We're joined today by Professor Mara Livezey. You know, Mara, at an earlier meeting, because we meet five or six times a day, you actually angled your camera and it was just the cat. And I was starting to think about that lawyer that we saw in the news this week.
- M** Mara Livezey 01:38
I am not a cat.
- M** Matt Mio 01:42
At what point are they just like, you know, fooling with us and actually screwing around? There was the congressional committee meeting yesterday where the guy's head was upside down. I'm like, Really?
- M** Mara Livezey 01:52
You know, our jobs are too boring, without that kind of stuff.
- M** Matt Mio 01:57
It's true, though. It absolutely is true. Absolutely. Continuing around the horn, someone who has, and I quote, "Encased themselves in a bubble of a sabbatical, it's Professor Heather Hill.
- H** Heather Hill 02:10
Hello, how are you? How is everyone?
- M** Matt Mio 02:12
You're doing the full indemnity thing, like "I know nothing. Don't ask me what's going on."
- H** Heather Hill 02:18
I don't know. I described it recently to a friend as sabbatical brain, which is not quite as bad as pregnancy brain, but pretty close.

M Matt Mio 02:27
How would you put it on a scale versus COVID brain?

H Heather Hill 02:31
Luckily, having not experienced COVID brain, (laughter) I don't know. I don't know how to describe...

M Matt Mio 02:38
Fingers crossed.

D Dave Chow 02:38
You can still smell things though. Right?

H Heather Hill 02:41
Yeah, I can still smell things. Lots of coffee. Lots of tea.

M Matt Mio 02:44
That's right. How is the writing going, Heather?

H Heather Hill 02:47
It's, it's, it's okay. It's all right. Yep. I will. That's all I will say. So...

M Matt Mio 02:53
We'll take it. We'll absolutely take it.

H Heather Hill 02:55
Okay. I'm not freaking out yet.

M Matt Mio 02:58
Not yet? Is that what she said?



Dave Chow 02:59

Yet. (laughter)



Matt Mio 03:01

Continuing around the horn. Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today.



Dan Maggio 03:05

Oh, hi, Matt.



Matt Mio 03:06

What's shakin', man?



Dan Maggio 03:08

Not too much. Was it the speaker who was upside down?



Matt Mio 03:12

Yes.



Dan Maggio 03:12

On the video? So, how did, so, how did that actually happen? Because I was trying to see if I could recreate that now. But I can't. I could if I stood on my head.



Matt Mio 03:21

You could do that. You could do that.



Dan Maggio 03:22

That would be a problem. Okay.



Dave Chow 03:24

No, no, no.

M Matt Mio 03:25
The best part of the whole video, though is, you know, someone in the chamber, whatever the committee chamber, is going like... "Ted, Ted, Ted, you're upside down Ted." He just keeps talking. Like it's some sort of Muppet Show or something, you know? Weird. But you got to keep working on it, Dan, because we've seen you from your downtown studio, um... apartment. It'd be nice to see you upside down every once in a while.

H Heather Hill 03:52
So, I haven't been here for a few weeks. So Dan, is that an actual studio? It's really cool. Because if it is, I covet it.

D Dan Maggio 03:58
It is an actual studio somewhere, where I am not. It is. It's probably more expensive than I could afford. But, this would be one of my kind of dream homes, I think.

M Matt Mio 04:13
That's cool.

H Heather Hill 04:14
Yeah,

D Dan Maggio 04:15
I love an open kind of an open industrial loft with the exposed brick. Yeah. With the big windows... is something I would enjoy living in.

H Heather Hill 04:23
I love it.

M Matt Mio 04:24
Ok, now Mara's getting in on the act...big time. Big time.

D Dan Maggio 04:28
I like Dave's animations for those...(laughter)

D Dave Chow 04:31
My poor man's animation?

D Dan Maggio 04:33
Yes, thanks.

M Matt Mio 04:34
We're having a lot of fun here. A lot of fun.

D Dan Maggio 04:36
Alright. It's been a long week, apparently...

M Matt Mio 04:39
Someone already coming from inside his dream home living room, It's Professor Jim Tubbs.

J James Tubbs 04:46
Oh, hello, hello.

M Matt Mio 04:47
What's going on, Jim?

J James Tubbs 04:49
Um, well, not a lot. I'm sitting here talking to you.

M Matt Mio 04:53
That's cool. That's a good start.

M Matt Mio 04:56
One week, short week. How was your visit to Diane?

J James Tubbs 04:56
Yeah...

J James Tubbs 04:59
Very good, very good, except it was chillier than normal in Arizona, when we were there.

M Matt Mio 05:04
Something you don't see that often. Wow.

J James Tubbs 05:06
And we ran into snow in the higher elevations. In The Grand Canyon, it started snowing as we were walking around the rim, and then got worse and worse and worse and worse. And we were crawling home on the Interstate. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 05:20
Was, was there... what about a half an inch on the ground?

J James Tubbs 05:22
Uh, no. There was about... when we got there, there was about six inches left from the previous snow storm, but then it started snowing again. And pretty soon, like you weren't seeing the road except for the tire tracks. You know.

P Professors 05:39
Wow. Incredible.

D Dan Maggio 05:40
I did not expect you to say that.

- M** Matt Mio 05:41
Yeah, neither did I. Wow. I didn't even know it snowed at all in Arizona. But, there's a lot of mountains there.
- J** James Tubbs 05:47
In the mountains, it does. Yes.
- M** Matt Mio 05:50
Someone who was born and continues to live in the mountains. It's Professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 05:55
Pleasure to be here as always. So, I'm not saying nothing. My hometown has been under a weather advisory for the last 10 days.
- M** Matt Mio 06:03
Really? Medicine Hat, huh?
- D** Dave Chow 06:05
It's supposed to warm up to a minus nine today.
- D** Dave Chow 06:08
For the high!
- M** Mara Livezey 06:09
Balmy.
- D** Dave Chow 06:10
For the high. Like, holy...it got down to what minus 34 the other day? You know, this is Fahrenheit.

- M** Matt Mio 06:18
When you live like that, you just got to get used to it. You don't have a choice at that point.
- D** Dave Chow 06:23
I just remember as a child, my diaper once froze on me, according to my parents.
- M** Matt Mio 06:28
Nice, nice. We're gonna keep that to ourselves and do everything we can to scrub the image out of our brain. I choose to do so by welcoming our guest panelist this week, Sister Erin McDonald from University Ministry. Thanks for joining us again, Erin.
- E** Erin McDonald 06:44
Hey...
- M** Matt Mio 06:45
That's the Sister Mary Margarita mug there?
- E** Erin McDonald 06:49
Um...this is a Sister Mary Morning Blend mug. My Sister Mary Margarita cup is at home, waiting for me for this evening.
- M** Matt Mio 06:57
That's right. That's right. Now for a second there. I think we saw your background image change to you meeting Papa Francisco there.
- E** Erin McDonald 07:05
Sure was.
- H** Heather Hill 07:06
Cool!

M Matt Mio 07:07
Pretty exciting!

M Mara Livezey 07:09
Cool.

M Matt Mio 07:10
Both look really excited to meet each other.

E Erin McDonald 07:13
Yeah. And can I just say a little embarrassing story about my meeting with Pope Francis? I was at a conference, in Rome, in 2019. And we were... I was with a delegation from Jesuit, all these different Jesuit universities and ministries. So there's 200 of us going to meet him. And there's, in case you didn't know, right; there's a dress code to go to the Vatican. So, A.) I have to make a confession, I got on an airplane to fly to a conference in Rome and didn't look at the schedule before I went.

E Erin McDonald 07:47
B.) I didn't notice that there was an audience with Pope Francis. Put at the schedule, so Sr. Erin lands in Rome and her colleague says, "Isn't it so exciting we're gonna meet Pope Francis this week?" And I may have said some inappropriate words to myself, thinking that I don't know if I packed clothing that's appropriate. I was so embarrassed because I was, you know, thinking to myself, if I'm with a delegation of 200 people, I was only one of four women religious in this whole group. And if I can't meet Pope Francis, because I didn't bring appropriate clothing, I'm going to be very embarrassed. My religious community is going to be very disappointed in me, if I don't have the attire that's appropriate to enter the Vatican to meet the Pope.

M Matt Mio 07:47
Ooooh...

D Dave Chow 08:16
So...that being said, What is proper attire to meet the pope?

- E** Erin McDonald 08:40
So like, you can't wear short skirts. You can't... but, the Vatican describes short skirt, is like, there's like a protocol if you look at the website. And so it's like your skirts can't be above your knee. And I think you can't wear anything, you know, sleeveless or short sleeves or something and you can't... like, no jeans, no shorts. So, you know, I had some skirts with me, but I don't know that any of them were longer than my knees. So, I have a pair of jeans. What will I do? (laughter)
- D** Dave Chow 09:13
Spray paint! (laughter)
- E** Erin McDonald 09:17
Yes, thankfully, I emailed one of my Sisters at home, here in the states and said, "Oh, panic panic!" And she wrote back to me and said, well, you might be in trouble. You might have to call one of our Sisters in Rome, and ask to borrow a habit so you can get in.
- M** Matt Mio 09:32
Oh no.
- D** Dave Chow 09:33
So, there isn't like a Vatican City Walmart you can dash into and get something off the rack? I mean...
- E** Erin McDonald 09:39
Thankfully, I had one pair of dress pants with me, so I was okay. So, I made, I made the cut. But, I wanted you to know there was a little period of panic there. Thinking how thoroughly embarrassed I'd be for the fact that I didn't bring appropriate clothing to make the... make the cut to get into the Vatican to meet Pope Francis. I'd be standing outside by myself.
- D** Dave Chow 10:00
Ooooooh...

D Dave Chow 10:00
In my short skirt... (laughter)

M Matt Mio 10:02
What a great story though, Erin. That's awesome. Wow. You know, folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. And it's been a while since we've been hit up with a bunch of Papal or Vatican based questions. If you stump the panel, you win a prize, if you don't 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@udmercy.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, I was inspired... I've been inspired ever since, sadly, the passing of Mr. Alex Trebek to watch Jeopardy pretty much every day. And they had a wonderful, wonderful category on last week that I thought that you would get a kick out of. What I'm going to do is, I'm going to say the name of a country on the planet Earth. And I'm going to have it translated into English from the native tongue name. So, an example which was given, which I think is just the coolest thing ever, if you actually knew the native tongue, for Mexico, it would translate into, place in the navel of the moon. That's what Mexico means in the native tongue.

D Dave Chow 11:20
Something like Lint. (laughter)

M Matt Mio 11:23
That's, that's in Switzerland, actually.

D Dave Chow 11:25
Oh, okay, got ya.

M Matt Mio 11:27
So, let's, let's start with a couple softballs and see where this takes us. In the native tongue, What would the Land of the Rising Sun be?

M Mara Livezey 11:36

China.

D Dave Chow 11:37
Japan.

P Professors 11:38
Japan (professors speaking at once) (?)

D Dave Chow 11:38
You were close!

M Matt Mio 11:42
I think Jeffe might have said it. In the native tongue, Japan is called Nippon.

P Professors 11:47
Yes, yes.

M Matt Mio 11:49
How about...um... home ruler. And what I can give you about this one is, you translate this set of places in the world that are named after the first name of one of the people who first came during colonization. You get home ruler.

D Dave Chow 12:08
Home ruler?

M Matt Mio 12:14
The earliest use of this word, in reference to the country where we live, was in 1890.

E Erin McDonald 12:25
Why do I feel like you're speaking, but I just don't understand them.



Dave Chow 12:25

Ewww...



Dan Maggio 12:29

Yeah.



Dave Chow 12:29

America? Greece?



Erin McDonald 12:31

In English, what native tongue are you speaking in?



Dave Chow 12:33

Yeah. We see your lips moving and we can't understand this.



Matt Mio 12:37

Let's try this again.



Erin McDonald 12:38

The words aren't make sense.



Mara Livezey 12:38

Can you read the first sentence again?




Heather Hill 12:43


So...Really slow. (laughter)





Matt Mio 12:46


I think it's the pineapple juice. So, There was a colonial era explorer, and his first name was given to a certain land. He was Italian. And the translation of his name is home ruler.


 James Tubbs 13:01
Amerigo Vespucci?

 Jeffe Boats 13:01
America?


 Matt Mio 13:02
Yeah, it was Amerigo Vespucci. So America, was the word we were looking for.

 Dave Chow 13:06
Okay. Gotcha.

 Matt Mio 13:07
It's just rather interesting, as many things that we've talked about before, the earliest use of the word America, thank you, to only mean, the United States was as late as 1890. That was not that way from the beginning.

 Dave Chow 13:21
Yeah. Didn't we also get that question about a year or two back? That he was, like, a pickle exporter or something like that?

 Matt Mio 13:28
Makes sense to me.

 Dave Chow 13:29
I can't see it.

 Matt Mio 13:30
Yeah.

- E** Erin McDonald 13:31
Now if you would have said pickle exporter, I would have gotten it!
- D** Dave Chow 13:33
(Laughter)
- E** Erin McDonald 13:36
I mean - What kind of clues are these?
- M** Matt Mio 13:39
How about we go very, very literal. If you have the sort of Roman understanding of Italian and Spanish and French. The bearded ones...
- D** Dave Chow 13:51
Hmm...
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:51
Barbary Coast?
- M** Matt Mio 13:53
Getting close.
- J** Jeffe Boats 13:55
Barbados?
- M** Matt Mio 13:57
Bardados.
- D** Dave Chow 13:57
I was gonna say it's not "Themyscira" from Wonder Woman. So I mean...

- D** Dan Maggio 14:01
So, can I ask a question? I'm still trying to figure out, uh... what we're doing here?
(Laughter) So, if you take Barbados and you, and you translate into their native language, that word means in English, the bearded ones?
- M** Matt Mio 14:20
Bearded ones. So, their country is called the bearded ones. It's the bearded country.
- D** Dan Maggio 14:26
So, to undo what you're saying to us, we have to take the English phrase you're given, and put it back into the native language. And, and then the whatever that word is, that's the native language version of the English name of the country.
- M** Mara Livezey 14:26
I like that.
- M** Matt Mio 14:42
Yes.
- D** Dan Maggio 14:43
See how easy that was to explain?
- H** Heather Hill 14:44
Thanks Dan. Now, I get it.
- M** Mara Livezey 14:47
That was so much simpler.
- P** Professors 14:49
Laughter.

- D** Dan Maggio 14:50
If you would have just started with that, we would have been at a much better place.
- H** Heather Hill 14:52
You're so much better at explaining things than Matt.
- M** Matt Mio 14:55
Oh, yes. Oh, yeah. Okay, How about I go very, very, very literal; and I say, Black Mountain.
- J** Jeffe Boats 15:04
Montenegro?
- M** Matt Mio 15:05
Montenegro. Montenegro. Yes. Okay, for this one, and I'm not joking...
- M** Mara Livezey 15:12
(Indecipherable)
- M** Matt Mio 15:12
Exactly. This was a double jeopardy, \$1200 clue, and I'm like, "Come on Ken Jennings. Land of the Angles. Professor Hill..."
- J** James Tubbs 15:23
England.
- M** Matt Mio 15:26
England, England.
- H** Heather Hill 15:27
Was this for 1200? 1200?

M Matt Mio 15:32
That was a 1200! How about - Made from silver?

D Dave Chow 15:36
That's a softball! I mean...geez.

J Jeffe Boats 15:39
Argentina. Very good.

J James Tubbs 15:39
Argentina.

M Matt Mio 15:40
Argentina. Argentina. The land of silver. Yes. In the native tongue of this country, kind of giving it away, there is no point in this country that is wider than 200 miles. In the native tongue, they call their country, "Snow," as in the snow falling outside.

D Dave Chow 15:59
Chile?

M Matt Mio 16:00
It's Chile. Yeah, that's Chile.

M Mara Livezey 16:03
Cool.

D Dave Chow 16:04
Literally and figuratively.

M Matt Mio 16:05

A lot of mountains. A lot of mountains there. Alright, Dan, I'm going to insert an extra step. Because the Greek version of this King's name is "Lover of Horses", but they loved the Spanish King so much, that they named their country after him.

D Dan Maggio 16:23
Spain.

M Matt Mio 16:25
Mm-hmm (No)

D Dave Chow 16:25
It's not Roy Rogers...

D Dan Maggio 16:27
Of course, I went equestrian, horse, and espanol...

M Mara Livezey 16:31
Ecuador?

M Mara Livezey 16:31
Portugal?

D Dave Chow 16:31
Hippos....

J Jeffe Boats 16:33
Hippos is another word for horse, right?

D Dan Maggio 16:35
Yeah...

- M** Matt Mio 16:35
This is Greek.
- D** Dan Maggio 16:36
Oh...(?)
- M** Mara Livezey 16:37
I don't know my Greek.
- E** Erin McDonald 16:41
I want to say, Macedonia? I don't know if that's Greek? It's just an old place?
- M** Matt Mio 16:48
That's good. It's...
- M** Mara Livezey 16:49
Hey, I'm Macedonian.
- D** Dave Chow 16:50
Yes. Come on. Come on Mara. Let's go.
- M** Matt Mio 16:53
I was looking at our, our Sister, and our Macedonian panelist and I'm trying to see what we could do here?
- E** Erin McDonald 17:01
Babylonia? I don't know...
- M** Matt Mio 17:04
No, um...so, this would be, this would be the Philippines are named after King Philip of

Spain. And his name from the Greek means lover of horses. So, okay, they ended up with that as your name.



Dave Chow 17:16
Kinky devil!



Matt Mio 17:18
How about it makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Little Venice.



Mara Livezey 17:25
Sicily?



Dave Chow 17:28
Mic... Micronesia?



Professors 17:30
Little Venice?



Matt Mio 17:31
Little Venice as translated from Spanish.



Jeffe Boats 17:35
Oh, Venezuela.



Matt Mio 17:36
Venezuela. This was the... this was the \$2,000 clue. And it was, it was a doozy, for absolute, sure. But, if you, if you know your Latin, you might be able to get it. Tiny, tiny little country in Europe. Lichten... I gave it away, great.



Professors 17:57

Lichtenstein! (laughter)

E Erin McDonald 17:59
Mara's like, "I got it! I got it!"

H Heather Hill 18:01
What's the Latin? What was it?

M Matt Mio 18:03
The Latin is, "It's bright stone" is what Liechtenstein means. So there you go. 2,000 bucks. 2,000 bucks. Everybody gets...

J Jeffe Boats 18:10
German, right?

M Matt Mio 18:12
Yep. How about Southern land? It doesn't get any easier.

J Jeffe Boats 18:17
Austria.

J Jeffe Boats 18:18
Australia. Australia, actually Australia.

J Jeffe Boats 18:21
Actually both, right? Isn't it? Uh, well, same word group.

M Mara Livezey 18:25
Same word group, yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:25
Exactly. Exactly. The Iroquois word for "Village" gives us this very, very large country.

D Dave Chow 18:35
Canada?

M Matt Mio 18:38
Canada. Canada. Yes.

P Professors 18:38
Canada?

E Erin McDonald 18:39
I knew that only because Dave pointed to it.

P Professors 18:44
(laughter)

M Mara Livezey 18:44
I was thinking where the Iroquois lived. I'm like, well, North America.

J Jeffe Boats 18:47
I grew up on the reservation, and uh...

E Erin McDonald 18:48
I'm like over analyzing all of the data you've just given me. (laughing)

M Matt Mio 18:55
What was that Jeffe?

- J** Jeffe Boats 18:56
I was just saying, uh...I grew up, uh... right next to the "o-no-wuk-nuk" / "O-yo-no" reservation. And I think "O-no", "O-no", was people or village. It must be, must be, well, there's different tribes in the Iroquois nation.
- M** Matt Mio 19:11
Right, right. How about in the native tongue, which, if I gave the native tongue, would give it away... The rather blandly named people's land.
- D** Dave Chow 19:25
People's land?
- M** Matt Mio 19:26
The people's land.
- P** Professors 19:28
Hmm...
- M** Matt Mio 19:30
They had a car that they affectionately called: "The People's Car."
- D** Dave Chow 19:35
Oh, China? No.. "People's Car"...
- D** Dave Chow 19:38
Oh, Volkswagen. So, Germany?
- M** Matt Mio 19:40
Germany. Yes. Deutschland is "the people's land." I'm like - That's kind of bland, but it fits the bill, you know? Reminds me of Kramer on Seinfeld, trying to come up with a nickname that would catch on in the press for a local serial killer. "I came up with Son of Dad as a

catch all." Basically, that people's land. If you translate this from this very, very wonderful and beautiful language that is dying very, very slowly every year, you get, "The Fertile Place". Almost, as if, they meant the green place.

J James Tubbs 20:18
Greenland?

D Dave Chow 20:19
Iceland?

H Heather Hill 20:20
Greenland?

M Matt Mio 20:22
That's a good guess. But it's not Greenland.

D Dan Maggio 20:24
Ireland.

M Matt Mio 20:25
It's Ireland. Yes. "Aire". The dying language of Gaelic. Yes. Don't think too hard. The low country.

P Professors 20:37
...the low country...

J Jeffe Boats 20:40
Netherlands?

M Matt Mio 20:41

The Netherlands? Yes.

D Dave Chow 20:42
Ah, okay.

M Matt Mio 20:44
Is the low country.

E Erin McDonald 20:46
Somebody is on fire now.

M Matt Mio 20:48
Yeah, somebody is.

E Erin McDonald 20:50
Somebody's caught on.

M Matt Mio 20:51
Somedody's caught on...

H Heather Hill 20:52
Somebody was watching that Jeopardy, apparently.

E Erin McDonald 20:56
Yeah. (laughter)

M Matt Mio 20:56
Come on. There's only five of those things on Jeopardy. I had to do some research. How about, uh, how about "Beautiful port?"

- P** Professors 21:05
El...?
- J** James Tubbs 21:06
Puerto Rico?
- M** Matt Mio 21:07
Puerto Rico is rich port.
- D** Dave Chow 21:11
Porto Prince, Porto? Porto? Porta Potty? Um, uh...
- M** Matt Mio 21:17
Mara said it a few minutes ago.
- D** Dave Chow 21:20
You did? (laughter)
- M** Mara Livezey 21:21
I did?
- D** Dave Chow 21:23
Mara, you get credit for it.
- E** Erin McDonald 21:25
Lichtenstein?
- P** Professors 21:25
(Ha Ha Ha)

- H** Heather Hill 21:25
Canada?
- J** Jeffe Boats 21:30
Huh, hmm...beautiful port?
- M** Matt Mio 21:31
Portugal. Yes. Port-u-gal.
- D** Dave Chow 21:38
Ah, okay
- M** Mara Livezey 21:39
What a dum dum...
- D** Dave Chow 21:40
Ah, short term memory.
- M** Matt Mio 21:42
That's all right. I was hoping Prasad would be here, because I bet he would know that "Holy Island" means what?
- D** Dave Chow 21:54
Erin...Help, Help, Help, Help...
- D** Dave Chow 21:55
In India... Holy is Pujum.
- E** Erin McDonald 21:57
It's not an island. I don't know?

M Mara Livezey 21:59
Sri Lanka?

M Matt Mio 22:00
It's Sri Lanka. Yeah. There we go.

D Dave Chow 22:03
Oh, Mara's on fire now.

M Mara Livezey 22:05
I got one. That means I'm on fire. (laughter)

M Matt Mio 22:15
This is giving a little bit too much away. But Erin just revealed she had been there recently in photographic form, which cannot ever be faked.

E Erin McDonald 22:24
Nope.

M Matt Mio 22:26
That..uh... do you remember? Was that the first time you've been to the Vatican, Erin?

E Erin McDonald 22:30
No, actually.

M Matt Mio 22:31
Oh, okay. I asked because they have a, the best translation they can from ancient Roman Latin for Vatican City is named after Vatican Hill. And what the Vaticanus was or what it meant. Did you ever learn that when you were there or read it?

E Erin McDonald 22:49
I don't think so. If I did, I don't remember.

M Matt Mio 22:53
It means to prophesy because in ancient times, but after the time of Jesus, people were literally just hanging out pretending like they were prophets. So, as per many things in the Christian faith, we'll build something there that actually does the job instead of you yahoos. Last, but certainly not least, in the native tongue, "House of Stones," House of Stones.

J Jeffe Boats 23:20
Lithuania?

M Matt Mio 23:21
It's not Lithuania. This one is actually on the continent of Africa.

M Mara Livezey 23:25
A lot of countries in Africa.

M Matt Mio 23:27
There's a lot of countries in Africa.

J Jeffe Boats 23:29
Greek is "Lith".

J Jeffe Boats 23:31
What would be Spanish, though... It was the Portuguese who colonized a lot of Africa. What's Spanish for stone? I don't know Spanish.

M Mara Livezey 23:37
Don't remember.

- M** Matt Mio 23:38
"House of Stones" in Africa, that's Zimbabwe. That is the great country of Zimbabwe.
Thanks for watching Jeopardy, everybody. And I'm just going to come out and say it, when they said that they had their second slate of guests hosts for Jeopardy, and Dr. Oz was on that list...
- M** Matt Mio 23:57
I specifically went to my calendar and blotted out my plans to watch Jeopardy during those days. That's all I got to say.
- D** Dave Chow 23:57
Pass!
- D** Dave Chow 24:03
Who else do they have on there that was kind of like, ah, you know, like, um, Aaron Rodgers?
- M** Matt Mio 24:08
Aaron Rodgers. Yes. That is true.
- D** Dan Maggio 24:10
What did you think of Ken Jennings?
- M** Matt Mio 24:12
I thought he did a fine job.
- D** Dan Maggio 24:15
I don't think he has the voice to do it.
- P** Professors 24:19
Yeah, maybe.

M Matt Mio 24:21
I'm all for Jeff Probst, but they're never gonna give him a chance. So, you know.

D Dave Chow 24:24
I'm a sap, I like the historical relevance of, you know, Ken Jennings. That's all...So...

M Matt Mio 24:31
Okay.

D Dave Chow 24:31
I'm sentimental that way.

M Matt Mio 24:33
We've got a little side note sent to us by listener Chris Bovitz of Lakeville, Minnesota. "Professors, you might already be aware that there's a very interesting and in depth podcast that looks at Spiro Agnew's rise to VP and his subsequent fall. The podcast is called "Bag Man," and it's done by Rachel Maddow on MSNBC. You can find it on iTunes. Thanks, Chris. That's cool. Most of our listeners, I hope, know that we're in Detroit. And it's a big, big deal. Big, big deal with our Polish population in Hamtramck, one of the two tiny cities that's in the middle of the city of Detroit, when it comes to jelly doughnuts called Paczki, and man, they start rolling out, like, January 1st around here.

D Dave Chow 25:19
Yeah, it's wonderful.

H Heather Hill 25:20
I've done the Paczki Run now.

M Matt Mio 25:22
Oh, yeah...

- D** Dave Chow 25:23
That's right.
- H** Heather Hill 25:24
At the end of it, you get a paczki, and a beer.
- J** James Tubbs 25:28
Which filling? Do you get?
- H** Heather Hill 25:32
They don't really label them. So, one year I got prune.
- D** Dave Chow 25:35
How long of a run was that, Heather?
- H** Heather Hill 25:36
It's three miles.
- D** Dave Chow 25:38
Eh...That's not too bad.
- M** Mara Livezey 25:39
Definitely, my kind of run.
- H** Heather Hill 25:40
It's a 5K.
- D** Dave Chow 25:40
Yeah.



Matt Mio 25:43

I believe, I've heard before Heather, that prune is up there. It's got to be in the top three for the most traditional, I think....I think it's the most traditional.



James Tubbs 25:50

It's the most traditional.



Mara Livezey 25:52

So, we do it a little bit differently, in the Eastern Orthodox community, because we don't like give things up for Lent. For the season of Lent, we don't eat any animal products. So, that means before Lent, generally, we're eating a lot of like, eggs, cheese and meat, because you can't have any of that during Lent.



Matt Mio 26:11

Mm hmm. Oh, I remember that wonderful, cheesy, meaty thing that you brought for Chem club, ethnic food day. And you're like, yeah, I need to get into that after Lent is over. So, yeah. Crazy. What about you, Erin?



Erin McDonald 26:28

Well, I don't have anything too special either. I was just thinking, you know, back, like, in the sense, like, I grew up in New England and grew up Catholic but, um, you know, really, my parents were Irish Catholics. And so, we're not... we were just... my family were really sort of like, Easter, Christmas kind of Catholics. And so, surprisingly, because I'm a professed Catholic nun, I actually didn't grow up with a lot of strong Catholic traditions. Like, I, we were like, culturally Catholic, more than anything. Like I went to Sunday school every Sunday because that's what good Irish Catholic kids did. But half the time I played hooky and went down the street and got ice cream with my friends. Um, I had a little bit of a conversion somewhere along the line there. But um, so I don't necessarily have any strong like family practices, but in religious life, like we, our Sisters of St. Joseph, my community geographically extends down to New Orleans to Louisiana. So that's all part of our like region. And so I have loved in more recent years, when anywhere near Mardi Gras, being down with our Sisters in the south and having like King Cake, and you know, some of the really rich and beautiful foods in Louisiana, especially. So...



Matt Mio 27:47

Nice.



Erin McDonald 27:48

Yeah.



Matt Mio 27:49

Folks, I'm afraid that's all the time we have for today. So it's time to say goodbye, Jeffe.



Jeffe Boats 27:55

Oh, Happy Mardi Gras. Les bons temps rouler (french)



Matt Mio 27:57

Mm..hmm...



Matt Mio 27:58

Mara



Mara Livezey 27:59

See you later.



Matt Mio 28:00

Dan.



Dan Maggio 28:01

Bye.



Matt Mio 28:02

Heather.



Heather Hill 28:03
Goodbye.



Matt Mio 28:04
Jim.



James Tubbs 28:05
Arrivederci.



Matt Mio 28:06
Dave.



Dave Chow 28:07
See ya!



Matt Mio 28:08
And Erin.



Erin McDonald 28:09
Bye!



Matt Mio 28:10
And now these words...



Announcer 28:12
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Matt Mio 28:21
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