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Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Stephanie Conant, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Heather Hill, Matt Mio

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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 00:19
The University tower times ring 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. Mysteriously, in the upper left corner of my screen, it's not who it usually is; it's Professor Mara Livezey.
 - M** Mara Livezey 00:42
Yeah, I joined first.
 - M** Matt Mio 00:45
That's how he does it, huh? Okay. Okay. How's it going Mara?

- B** Beth Oljar 00:50
Oh, it's going. I am pumped for this weekend. Josh and I are heading out to Seattle. That's where his dad lives.
- M** Matt Mio 00:57
Oh, very cool. Very, very cool. And what is Seattle's weather like this time of year?
- M** Mara Livezey 01:04
Hopefully, not too rainy. I think it's much more mild than it is here. But I don't think it's too rainy during the summer months, so I think it might be perfect.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:12
I think the West is having a heatwave.
- M** Mara Livezey 01:15
That's what I've heard. I'm pumped about that. And
- J** James Tubbs 01:17
And dry. very dry.
- D** Dave Chow 01:19
Who cares? You're in Seattle? You can go out to the water if you have to.
- M** Mara Livezey 01:23
That's right.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:24
Lake Washington is good to swim in.
- M** Matt Mio 01:26

Yeah, I was gonna say they have a new NHL franchise coming with a very, very cool logo, the Seattle Kraken. So you can grab your Kraken merchandise.

M Mara Livezey 01:35
That's pretty sweet.

S Stephanie Conant 01:37
Or just rum.

M Matt Mio 01:40
What a perfect segue to the next person on my screen. Professor Stephanie Conant. What's going on? Stephanie?

S Stephanie Conant 01:45
Hello. I am skipping a meeting to do this instead.

M Matt Mio 01:51
That's awesome!

S Stephanie Conant 01:51
I am science conferenced out, so - I had to bow out half an hour early. And - yeah.

M Matt Mio 01:59
You could have told me that you had any number of meetings with our dean, or who knows what to get ready for fall, And it seems like -

S Stephanie Conant 02:07
I cancelled an early advising session. No, not really.

M Matt Mio 02:09

Exactly. Exactly. Getting stood up for advising. You know, that happens all the time. Yeah, exactly. Good to see you. Now we can get to Professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 02:21
Pleasure to be here as always - with a mouthful of cookies.

M Matt Mio 02:23
(Laughing) And he's - he's got a driveway, which is an improvement.

D Dave Chow 02:27
Well, the guys took down the garage in two days, and the concrete was taken out in a day. And concrete's poured. So, I'm good.

M Matt Mio 02:34
Awesome.

J James Tubbs 02:35
Where's your Chrysler hiding in the meantime?

D Dave Chow 02:37
Okay, can I air it out? I took in down to CCS and parked it in the basement of the school.

J James Tubbs 02:43
Oh, right. You've mentioned that. Yes.

D Dave Chow 02:45
Well, the thing is, it's a Chrysler hiding out an ex-GM building. So is that like sacrilege?

J James Tubbs 02:51
No, it's old enough to where it gets by. Once you get antique plates on the car, you know,

it's okay.

- D** Dave Chow 02:57
Okay. I just want to make sure I wasn't like taking a swig out - like from the baptismal font or something like that. That's all. I just wanna make sure I'm not like desecrating anything.
- M** Matt Mio 03:05
If you'd remove the hood ornament and had it replaced with a Stellantis. Yeah, then - then we'd be in a little bit of trouble. You know,
- D** Dave Chow 03:12
No. It's hiding out in the basement for now, that's all. There's plenty of room down there. I get to park with all the Shinola folks.
- M** Matt Mio 03:19
Right, right. Okay. Continuing on the screen here, Professor Beth Oljar. Sorry to catch you in the middle of a thought, Beth; but the last text I got from you, it looked like a kitty cat had spilled out of its bed.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:33
He fell out of bed. Yeah. It's a totally goofy cat.
- M** Matt Mio 03:39
It was really cute.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:42
They said you were very cute.
- M** Matt Mio 03:44
Oh, there and there we go.

- B** Beth Oljar 03:45
(Speaking in a cartoon character voice) "I know. I'm just adorable."
- M** Matt Mio 03:50
The look on this cat's face right now, Beth, pretty much says it all.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:54
She's like "Yeah, this is what I have to put up with to get food and to have people pick up my poop with a tiny shovel."
- D** Dave Chow 04:01
Not that you have to, but - You know, you could always leave it there, but -
- J** James Tubbs 04:05
Something we can all aspire to.
- M** Matt Mio 04:07
Recommended. Recommended.
- B** Beth Oljar 04:09
The life well lived. I could see.
- M** Matt Mio 04:12
Good to see you here today, Beth. We have Professor Stephen Manning with us here today too.
- S** Stephen Manning 04:17
Good afternoon.
- M** Matt Mio 04:18

What's going on Stephen?

S Stephen Manning 04:19
Not much. A lot of building on the house stuff.

D Dave Chow 04:24
Man. It is a trendy thing to do.

S Stephen Manning 04:26
It's ongoing.

M Matt Mio 04:28
It's what all the cool kids are doing, you know. I mean, what can I say?

S Stephen Manning 04:31
I guess

D Dave Chow 04:33
It's what all the cool people with money who can afford the lumber and shingles are doing right now.

M Matt Mio 04:37
Right. Right.

S Stephen Manning 04:38
I just heard that lumber prices were coming down finally.

M Matt Mio 04:41
Oh,

- J** James Tubbs 04:41
A little bit. Yeah, Not a lot.
- S** Stephen Manning 04:44
Of course after all my lumber stuff is done and I paid - you know -
- J** James Tubbs 04:48
top dollar
- J** James Tubbs 04:49
a king's ransom
- S** Stephen Manning 04:50
An unbelievable price - but -- what are you gonna do?
- D** Dave Chow 04:53
Gold gutters too. I mean -
- S** Stephen Manning 04:56
(Laughs) No, the gutters are special order too, of course. That's not who I am, by the way.
Why is my name coming up like that?
- M** Matt Mio 05:04
I know, I was just gonna say - To segue to our next person, I'll use the name in Stephen's box. It's Professor Heather Hill.
- H** Heather Hill 05:11
I think it's because I used the laptop a while ago and signed in, and never signed out. Long story short, it's my fault.

S Stephen Manning 05:22
I'm losing my identity over here.

H Heather Hill 05:24
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 05:25
You could sign on and see the name of your dog in the lower left corner too, so - Then you'd really wonder what the dog's up to at night; you know, going to Zoom meetings and stuff like that.

J James Tubbs 05:34
Yeah, you'd better start checking the search history then.

D Dave Chow 05:36
(Group laughter) Or just change it up right now if you want to, you know.

M Matt Mio 05:40
Everything going well, Heather?

H Heather Hill 05:42
Yeah, yeah, it's okay. Summer seems to be evaporating, but I continue to write, continue to spew. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 05:52
I agree. Summer is evaporating, and it's not pleasant. Not pleasant at all.

H Heather Hill 05:57
Yeah, it's okay. It's alright.



Matt Mio 05:59

We'll get there.



Heather Hill 06:00

Yep. Your hair looks really dark, by the way.



Matt Mio 06:04

Oh.



Heather Hill 06:04

Like, really black.



James Tubbs 06:06

Yeah, it looks freaky.



Beth Oljar 06:07

Did you blend away some gray or - ?



Heather Hill 06:11

No, I think it's the video.



Matt Mio 06:14

If you all say Grecian Formula, I don't know what I'm gonna do.



Dave Chow 06:17

Hey, it could be Krylon. I mean, it could be worse.



Matt Mio 06:19

I can't imagine doing that. And I think if I show my beard, it's it's pretty clear to see it's about 90% white at this point. So, uh, whatever.

- J** James Tubbs 06:27
Yeah, your hair and your beard don't look anything alike today.
- M** Matt Mio 06:30
That's wierd. Those being the dulcet tones of Professor Jim Tubbs here with us today. O
- J** James Tubbs 06:35
Oh, yeah, the last block. That's me. (Laughs)
- M** Matt Mio 06:38
You got it. In my screen, you're the lower center. You know, that's a key juncture, if this was Hollywood Squares, so consider yourself lucky, Jim.
- J** James Tubbs 06:47
All right. I will. I will.
- M** Matt Mio 06:49
Not quite Charles Nelson Reilly, but pretty close.
- J** James Tubbs 06:52
Oh, well.
- D** Dave Chow 06:53
It could be worse,you could be RoseMarie.
- J** James Tubbs 06:55
We all have aspirations.
- M** Matt Mio 06:59
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 us the questions in a number of ways. - emailing us at ATP at UDMercy dot 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. Okay, we've got an awesome set of questions here. "Matt and panel: For a variety of reasons. I'm near hopelessly behind on listening to your program. I just finished 2119 and that puts me more than a calendar quarter behind. I think the main reason is that I download them to a standalone mp3 player and I used to listen to them while riding the bus around San Fernando Valley. The pandemic has curtailed that activity. Now I drive a five year old smart EV. I listen to the podcast when I decide to sit in the car while it charges, but obviously that doesn't make a huge dent in the backlog. Anyway, hope these evoke their usual entertaining responses from the scattered panel. You'll be happy to learn I've been able to make Zoom work on my tablet, although with a handful of pickups. Hope you and your family are well. Best Kymberleigh Richards of Van Nuys, California." Thanks for sending these in, Kymberleigh, we love it when you do. Kymberleigh always has the best background info for all the questions. So let's see we can do here. Whoo. What a great question. I haven't even looked at these still just now, and we're starting off with a bang. Oh, what fictional comic book character has won a Pulitzer Prize?

D Dave Chow 08:35
Green Arrow, Green Lantern.

M Matt Mio 08:37
Nope.

D Dave Chow 08:38
That wasn't -

B Beth Oljar 08:39
Lois Lane.

M Matt Mio 08:40
No, but you're pretty close.



James Tubbs 08:42

Brenda Starr.



Dave Chow 08:43

Who else was a reporter? Jay Jonah Jamison, Peter Parker.



Stephanie Conant 08:49

Who was Peter Parker's boss?



Heather Hill 08:50

Clark Kent.



Matt Mio 08:52

It was. It was Clark Kent. Yeah, it was actually Clark Kent himself. It says "The civilian and secret identity of superheroes Superman, the mild mannered reporter working for the Daily Planet in Metropolis. In the post Crisis on Infinite Earth's reboot of Superman, It's revealed Clark Kent is the successful author who's actually one not one but two Pulitzer Prizes. Wow. He's written two award-winning novels as well. Well.



Stephanie Conant 09:19

I'm not buying it.



Dave Chow 09:21

Yeah. Peer review. Peer review.



Mara Livezey 09:23

Who has the time?



Matt Mio 09:25

(Laughs) Who has the time.



James Tubbs 09:26

And they were pure (unintelligible)



Stephanie Conant 09:27

Who was the ghostwriter.



Heather Hill 09:29

Yep, Lois Lane was the ghost writer



Matt Mio 09:30

100%. Frankly, that was sort of the tip off. It has to be some sort of a Crisis on Infinite Earths, if I remember correctly is a little bit of sort of like an alternate timeline kind of thing. It's like wasn't Lois Lane, the real hard hitting journalist? Let's be serious here. You know. Alright. One in four shot. During which season of the year has it been scientifically proven that children grow the most?



Heather Hill 09:56

Summer.



James Tubbs 09:57

Spring.



Mara Livezey 09:58

Spring.



Matt Mio 09:58

Yeah, it's it's Spring. Spring generally sees children grow the most, with summer close at it's heels. The seasonal growth spurt is probably the result of increased exposure to sunlight, (which we always joke about us being animals and not plants). But it does -



James Tubbs 10:14

And hormones.

D Dave Chow 10:15
So, we can't get like fertilizer, right?

B Beth Oljar 10:19
It's the vitamin D, right? Because vitamin D and calcium are tightly linked, and you can't grow bones without calcium.

M Matt Mio 10:25
Not too surprisingly, other growth factors include nutrition, genetics, and home environment. In other news, water is wet. Okay, what group was Marvin Gaye a part of before he sang solo for Motown?

 10:47
The Four Tops, The Temptations, The Platters, The Ink Spots.

B Beth Oljar 10:53
Smokey Robinson and the Miracles,

M Matt Mio 10:55
No, it wasn't one of the classic super groups that we know of. However, it's a relatively easy one, I think to guess. Um, let's say there's a full moon and you're walking around when it's dark, and you see your shadow. Um - I just totally gave it away. I'm gonna try again.

S Stephanie Conant 11:18
You did not give it away.

B Beth Oljar 11:22
Right

M Matt Mio 11:24
So, not too surprisingly, a lot of the Motown solo artists started as lesser known groups, and they got sort of plucked from them and became solo artists in their own right. He was a member of The Moon Glows, was the name loon

J James Tubbs 11:35
The Moon Glows. Okay.

M Matt Mio 11:37
And I didn't know whether anybody had picked up on the 50th anniversary of What's Going On -

J James Tubbs 11:42
Yes.

D Dave Chow 11:42
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 11:43
and they would have seen that. So - it didn't take long for Gaye to take on individual endeavors. First, he filled in as the session drummer for Stevie Wonder The Supremes, Marvelettes and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. Perhaps his greatest solo accomplishment was the love anthem Let's Get It On.

D Dave Chow 12:02
And trying out for the Lions.

M Matt Mio 12:03
and trying out for the lions. That's right.

B Beth Oljar 12:05

I didn't know he played drums. That's cool.

M Matt Mio 12:08
Yeah.

J James Tubbs 12:08
And his duets with Tammi Terrell.

M Matt Mio 12:11
Yep.

M Mara Livezey 12:12
I think there's a new mural being painted of him - on Livernois.

M Matt Mio 12:16
Oh, that's cool. Very cool. For the record, Let's Get It On was Billboard number one the following week after its release, so. Okay, what unit of measurement does the 20 of 20/20 vision refer to?

B Beth Oljar 12:33
yards,

J James Tubbs 12:35
no distance in feet,

M Mara Livezey 12:36
feet,

M Matt Mio 12:37
it's feet. Yes, it's feet. But yards You know, I'm going hardcore partial credit with that. This

is the visual acuity or sharpness that you would need to watch something or see something at a distance of 20 feet. If you have 20/20 vision, you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance. If you had for instance, 20 100 vision, it means you must be as close as 20 feet to see what a normal person would see at 100 feet. What is Beth saying? Are you 20/20 Beth?



Beth Oljar 13:09

No. Are you kidding?



James Tubbs 13:11

I had 20/15 vision in high school. but it went downhill fast once I got to college,



Beth Oljar 13:16

when the people at Henry Ford OptimEyes are telling your spouse how bad your prescription is, how strong it has to be. It's like you're so far from 2020. It's not even -



Matt Mio 13:27

I was just picturing us starting up our long-rumored optometry school and like suddenly, everybody has to ask questions from the point of view of "What this 2020 mean, blah, blah, blah.



Stephanie Conant 13:42

We do it in Gen Bio.



Matt Mio 13:43

Yeah. Yeah, that makes sense. That makes sense.



Dave Chow 13:45

As we all get fitted for German Shepherds and white canes next week, right. Lovely.



Matt Mio 13:50

That's right.

B Beth Oljar 13:50
That'll work.

A Announcer 13:53
You're listening to a special edition of Ask The professor, in which 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 to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Now let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

M Matt Mio 14:20
We've got a set of questions here from Kimberly Richards of Van Nuys, California. I guarantee, especially those who may have little ones at home, that sometimes you can go down this rabbit hole just by using the internet. Those official terms for groups of animals like a Murder of Crows, things like that. Does anybody know what the group term - who decides these things seriously? Who polices these things - What's the group term for owls?

S Stephanie Conant 14:48
There's a vortex of sparrows. That one I know.

D Dave Chow 14:52
We had this one before. I know we had

M Mara Livezey 14:54
A hoot.

M Matt Mio 14:56
A hoot is a great answer. That is not what it says here. Although FYI, North America -

- D** Dave Chow 15:02
A wisdom or something like that.
- M** Matt Mio 15:04
200 species of owls - nearly all of which are solitary. So this is a really useful piece of English.
- S** Stephanie Conant 15:11
A solitary of owls.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:16
It's a parliament
- M** Matt Mio 15:18
It's a parliament of owls. Yes, it's a parliament of owls.
- D** Dave Chow 15:21
A Parliament and not a Funkadelic of owls.
- M** Matt Mio 15:23
Exactly. Grand Trunk but not Grand Funk. Oh my gosh,
- S** Stephanie Conant 15:29
Yes. It would probably be like a Grand Trunk of weasels or something. That would be awesome.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:35
A mischief of beagles
- M** Matt Mio 15:37

It makes perfect sense.

M Matt Mio 15:38
So, do we need like a term for gathering of professors other than Council of chairs?

B Beth Oljar 15:43
Oh, please. Yes, yes.

S Stephanie Conant 15:46
We could use the wisdom.

B Beth Oljar 15:48
Those are not fun.

M Matt Mio 15:49
I'd just like to say that owls - This is like birthing some sort of future question set from Kymberlyeigh - owls are one of those very few species of animal that can be found on every single continent except for Antarctica. So -

D Dave Chow 16:05
I could use a few more in my yard.

M Matt Mio 16:08
A person with Epistaxis is experiencing what medical condition?

M Mara Livezey 16:15
Can you spell it.

H Heather Hill 16:16
breathing problems?

- B** Beth Oljar 16:20
Seizures?
- M** Mara Livezey 16:20
Can you spell it for us?
- M** Matt Mio 16:22
EP IS TAXIS. epistaxis
- S** Stephanie Conant 16:30
It's not like dry eye or something. To go along with our optometry theme, is it?
- H** Heather Hill 16:35
Is it a rash?
- S** Stephen Manning 16:36
A skin thing, a skin thing.
- M** Matt Mio 16:39
It's not - it's not skin. It's not dry eyes. Although a lot of commercials tell me dry eyes should be a problem that I have.
- J** James Tubbs 16:45
Is it dizziness?
- M** Mara Livezey 16:46
When you wake up and can't move.
- M** Matt Mio 16:48
That is not what it is. I would guess - to lead you down hopefully not too Primrose of a

path - that every single person on this call has experienced Epistaxis once or twice in their lives.

M Mara Livezey 17:03
Only once or twice?

M Matt Mio 17:05
Probably sometimes larger for other - little kids. It's sort of like a standard stereotype. Oh, there's the kid in your class that gets this all the time.

S Stephen Manning 17:16
Pink Eye.

S Stephanie Conant 17:16
Pink Eye?

M Matt Mio 17:19
No, you know what Epistaxis is, It's a nosebleed. It's a spontaneous nosebleed.

S Stephanie Conant 17:25
Okay,

M Matt Mio 17:26
Yep. This frightening condition is a sudden acute episode of bleeding from the nose. It's a frequent problem seen by emergency room personnel usually in patients who are also experiencing anxiety or fear. So there you go.

S Stephen Manning 17:40
Spontaneous, as opposed to -

- D** Dave Chow 17:42
planned?
- S** Stephanie Conant 17:43
like getting hitting in the face or something
- S** Stephen Manning 17:45
or running into a door and having a nosebleed.
- S** Stephanie Conant 17:47
Yeah. It's probably just caused by like high blood pressure.
- M** Matt Mio 17:51
Right
- S** Stephanie Conant 17:52
or being like super anxious or something, and then those tiny vessels in there
- M** Matt Mio 17:55
I'll get in trouble in the future, but my middle son was prone to them. He's 13 now. Probably when he was younger than eight, and I don't know if you saw this in your sons Stephanie, but there was at least once preschool kindergarten first grade age where he would have woken up after a long night of having had them, and it basically looked like a murder scene. And he wakes up and comes to your room, and he's like "Hi mom. Hi dad." His face is covered in smeared blood. And, it's just sort of like - what the heck were you doing.
- D** Dave Chow 18:24
So, what does the pillowcase look like at that point?
- M** Matt Mio 18:27
We don't talk about that.

- J** James Tubbs 18:28
They had to throw it in the trash.
- S** Stephanie Conant 18:29
Right. Duct tape and garbage bag.
- S** Stephanie Conant 18:36
There we go. Duct tape and garbage bag - together at last. What is a Maris Piper? Ma r i s p i p e r. What is a Maris Piper?
- S** Stephanie Conant 18:50
A bird?
- M** Mara Livezey 18:51
A bird.
- M** Matt Mio 18:52
It is not a bird.
- H** Heather Hill 18:53
Is it a boat?
- M** Matt Mio 18:56
It is a living thing. It's not a boat.
- S** Stephanie Conant 18:58
Is it a musician of some sort?
- D** Dave Chow 18:59
It plays the recorder



Matt Mio 19:01

No.



Mara Livezey 19:01

Is it a rodent?



Matt Mio 19:03

It's not a rodent.



James Tubbs 19:05

Oh, it's not a whistle pig.



Stephanie Conant 19:09

Is it an insect of some sort?



Matt Mio 19:11

You know, it is, um - it's a plant.



Stephanie Conant 19:16

It's a plant.



Dave Chow 19:17

Heather?



Stephanie Conant 19:18

What more do we need to know other than it's a plant?



Matt Mio 19:21

So it has leaves - No, I'm just kidding.



Dave Chow 19:24

It's green.



Matt Mio 19:26

It is tied to a sort of classic historical event in the history of Europe that most everybody on this call probably knows.



Heather Hill 19:35

Is it a poppy?



Beth Oljar 19:36

Black Death.



Matt Mio 19:37

Not Black Death. Not Poppy. But we're getting closer. If I say the island of Ireland, you're going to tell me Oh, it's -



James Tubbs 19:44

A Shamrock?



Heather Hill 19:45

A potato?



Matt Mio 19:46

It's the potato that died out during the potato famine. Yeah, that's the that's the name of that potato.



Dave Chow 19:52

Awe, poor potato.

- M** Matt Mio 19:53
Yep. This, uh, John Clark. He's the United Kingdom's most popular potato but is seldom found for sale in the US. Clark was a prolific breeder who created 33 different species of potato in a 50-year period. So, this was actually to replace all the different varieties of potatoes that were lost during the Great Famine.
- D** Dave Chow 20:17
So they didn't have that Norwegian seed archive or anything like that back in the day, huh?
- M** Matt Mio 20:22
Right, right. Oh, yes. Yes. What medical condition accounts for more than 17 million outpatient doctor visits every spring?
- B** Beth Oljar 20:33
Allergies
- J** James Tubbs 20:34
allergies?
- M** Matt Mio 20:35
No question. Allergic reactions. Holy smokes - 17 million! Our healthcare system seems fine.
- B** Beth Oljar 20:42
I used to have to get shots when I was a kid.
- M** Matt Mio 20:45
Did you really, Beth. That's troublesome.
- S** Stephen Manning 20:47

I did too, for asthma. Once a week,

B Beth Oljar 20:50
but I grew out of them. I grew out of the period where I had to get shots, so

M Matt Mio 20:56
Ooh, that's a good thing. Professors, what were Vinegar Valentine's? What were Vinegar Valentine's?

B Beth Oljar 21:05
Spoiled wine?

M Matt Mio 21:08
Good Good extrapolation there, Beth; but that's not what they were.

S Stephanie Conant 21:12
Pickles. No. Um, hmm. What kind of a - Uh, this was a missive. a communication

J James Tubbs 21:19
Like breakup cards?

M Matt Mio 21:21
Pretty darn close. Jim.

J James Tubbs 21:23
Dear John letters.

M Matt Mio 21:26
Basically, during the Victorian Era, when Valentine's Day was catching on for the first time, Vinegar Valentine's were intended to let someone know - they were not desired.



James Tubbs 21:38

Oh, whoa. Please cease and desist communicating with me.



Dave Chow 21:45

Or the personal protection order of its day.



Mara Livezey 21:48

This is just bringing back memories of like elementary school - when you're giving those cards out. You're like, "Oh, no, like, what if I don't get cards for everyone?"



Stephanie Conant 21:56

Right, The yes or no box that they could check



James Tubbs 21:59

Well, but no card is better than a Vinegar Valentine, I'm assuming



Matt Mio 22:03

these kinds of missives were very popular from almost 1840 to 1940. Well, they obviously fell out of favor. They were very often crude, and could even be emotionally damaging to the recipient



Dave Chow 22:19

Ohh!



Stephanie Conant 22:20

Now, were they like -



Beth Oljar 22:21

of course,

- S** Stephanie Conant 22:22
out of the blue, or were they like somebody's trying to get your attention? You're like, No, thank you. Or were they just like, I think I should probably let that random individual know.
- S** Stephen Manning 22:31
An early version of ghosting.
- M** Matt Mio 22:33
Uh, at some level. Yep. Yep. I think that that's true. I would have gone for Anti Valentine. But I get the idea with vinegar. You know, you all tried to wrap the, you know, the title around an object like a pickle or something. But no, it's just exactly what it says it's, uh
- J** James Tubbs 22:50
sour Valentine.
- M** Matt Mio 22:51
People are jerks. There - I said it. In 1983. February 11, was declared National Inventors Day, fittingly being the birthday. Of what person?
- J** James Tubbs 23:06
Thomas Edison.
- M** Matt Mio 23:07
It was Edison. It was Thomas Edison's birthday. Born on that date 1847. Many consider Edison to have been the most prolific and famous inventor in American history. Others pick other people. But many people pick Thomas Edison.
- J** James Tubbs 23:23
Well, he was very good at making money off of everything he invented. That's for sure.
- M** Matt Mio 23:28

That is true. It's just, uh - if you've never dug deep into Edison and Tesla, now would be a good time because it's pretty funny stuff. Even Linus Pauling got the structure of DNA wrong. What more do I need to say? Okeydoke. Folks, let's do one more question and then we will move on to, as always, Ask The Professor Favorites or I'm sorry, I'm sorry, The Imponderables.

J James Tubbs 23:51
The Imponderables.

M Matt Mio 23:53
By what name was Spring, as in the season of Spring, also known before it became Spring?

D Dave Chow 24:01
post winter

M Mara Livezey 24:04
The Awakening.

B Beth Oljar 24:07
The green time

J James Tubbs 24:08
Vernal something. The Vernal Equinox.

M Matt Mio 24:12
I think it might be, no offense Kymberleigh, a little bit of an unfair question. Basically, what Kymberleigh was going for was people would have referred to it as springing time, springing into existence, springtime and then it basically, you know, this is old English here, where's my wife? Like? It's just a really dumb language, sorry Heather. And people just got tired of saying all those syllables, so they're like, Alright, let's just call it Spring. You know, we're done here.

- D** Dave Chow 24:41
So 10 generations from now it'll just be called S, right?
- J** James Tubbs 24:46
Or SP. It'll be SP.
- M** Matt Mio 24:49
Oh my gosh, absolutely true. Okay. We are moving down the list of Imponderables, and the professors are being asked, Can you tell us who your favorite movie villain is.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:02
movie villain The Joker.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:04
Joker is a great villain,
- H** Heather Hill 25:06
Severus Snape.
- M** Matt Mio 25:07
Snape is a great villain. Oh wonderful. Was Snape a villain?
- J** James Tubbs 25:11
No, he turned out to be not so villainous. He started out that way.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:14
Hannibal Lecter,
- M** Matt Mio 25:16
Hannibal Lecter. It's a classic.

- M Mara Livezey 25:18
I'm going to say Thanos.
- M Matt Mio 25:20
Thanos is a good one.
- D Dave Chow 25:22
I was gonna go with Darth Vader.
- B Beth Oljar 25:23
because you can really understand why you'd want to kill off half of the existence.
- M Matt Mio 25:29
And - and do it with that Josh Brolin charm.
- D Dave Chow 25:33
No, I'm gonna have to go with Darth Vader.
- M Matt Mio 25:35
That's a classic.
- D Dave Chow 25:36
The classic look, the samurai helmet, the all black.
- D Dave Chow 25:40
Mine will be very specific. Christopher Lee's Dracula.
- M Matt Mio 25:43
Oh, was hammer films.



James Tubbs 25:45

The most awful.



Beth Oljar 25:47

It was really scary.



James Tubbs 25:49

Yeah. Very.



Matt Mio 25:52

It was hardcore, Jim.



Stephanie Conant 25:54

I think you've hit all the major villains.



James Tubbs 25:56

Wile E Coyote. I knew it.



Matt Mio 26:02

I could tell you this much, I landed on because I'm the guy that still watches cable. They had Raiders of the Lost Ark on over the weekend. And I don't know, now that I think about it, a huge Marvel fan, Star Wars, Star Trek all these other nerddoms. But that was really close to being a perfect movie. Even with a ton of ethnic stereotypes and some colonial hardcore, it still plays well. And every single time I see Harrison Ford say "Nazis. I hate these guys." I'm like, this is so perfect.



Beth Oljar 26:34

That was in the Last Crusade.



Matt Mio 26:35

Actually, he says it in both movies, Beth.

D Dave Chow 26:38
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 26:39
I guess that's true.

D Dave Chow 26:40
Matt, You know he's redoing the roll again.

M Matt Mio 26:42
Yeah, we're gonna not talk about that.

B Beth Oljar 26:44
I've seen some pictures from on the set. It's like that line in the original film where he says "It's not the years honey. It's the mileage"when he says to Carrie - It's like, well, that's turned out to be right.

M Matt Mio 26:57
Yeah, yeah. So do you got anything Stephanie? Sorry to put the pressure on you.

S Stephanie Conant 27:01
No. Like, I don't -

D Dave Chow 27:02
Go with Biff Tannen.

M Matt Mio 27:04
What's your like go-to movie, like every single time it's on you watch it. It's like one of your favorites.

- S** Stephanie Conant 27:09
Well, Here's the problem. I like to watch things once.
- M** Matt Mio 27:12
Oh, okay.
- S** Stephanie Conant 27:12
I don't like to own - Like- my husband has a whole library of everything like he's ever loved to watch. I just - That's -
- B** Beth Oljar 27:19
What about Regina George. How you feel about her, Stephanie?
- S** Stephanie Conant 27:22
She is a good villain. Yeah,
- J** James Tubbs 27:25
I'll tell you, once - Now this dates me - goes back a long way. But Anne Bancroft as Mrs. Robinson in The Graduate. Boy, that was one that stuck with you for a long time.
- H** Heather Hill 27:36
How about Norman Bates.
- M** Matt Mio 27:38
Yeah. Norman Bates is a good one too.
- M** Mara Livezey 27:40
A really good villain is actually Trunchbull from Matilda.
- M** Matt Mio 27:45

Oh, Matilda. Oh, sure. Sure.

M Mara Livezey 27:47
She's scared my pants off as a kid.

S Stephanie Conant 27:49
Mrs. Hannigan. She's a good villain.

M Matt Mio 27:54
Yeah, absolutely. Well, professors, I'm afraid that's all the time we have today. I'd like to thank the panel and give them all a chance to say goodbye, Jim.

J James Tubbs 28:04
Good bye,

M Matt Mio 28:05
Heather.

H Heather Hill 28:06
Bu-bye

M Matt Mio 28:07
Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 28:08
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 28:09
Beth.



Beth Oljar 28:10

Goodbye,



Matt Mio 28:11

Dave.



Dave Chow 28:11

See ya,



Matt Mio 28:12

Stephanie,



Stephanie Conant 28:13

Goodbye.



Matt Mio 28:14

and Mara



Mara Livezey 28:15

Goodbye



Matt Mio 28:16

and now these words,



Announcer 28:17

you can email Ask the Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.



Matt Mio 28:26

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