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Professors, Michael Jayson, Dan Maggio, Mara Livezey, ATP FLASHBACK, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Matt Mio

M Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower chimes 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. All the way at the bottom of my screen, it's not a commentary on who he is, It's Professor Jim Tubbs.


J James Tubbs 00:24
Oh, hello. I didn't realize I was at the bottom of your screen. I'm at the top of mine, actually.


M Matt Mio 00:29
(Laughs) I think it was because of the the login - logout kind of -


J James Tubbs 00:34
That was probably it. Better late than never


M Matt Mio 00:37
And this is a red letter day. There's no question because Jim is not in the easy chair. He's with his glorious hutch behind him.


J James Tubbs 00:44

 James Tubbs 00:44
in front of the china cupboard, yeah.


 Matt Mio 00:46
Exactly.


 James Tubbs 00:47
The china that nobody uses.


 Matt Mio 00:50
How have things been going, Jim?


 James Tubbs 00:52
Well, so far, so good. Yesterday, I had to do a presentation for the Pediatric ICU residents at Children's, and it was an hour and a half long.

 Matt Mio 01:02
Wow.

 James Tubbs 01:03
It took a long time to prepare for. And now it's done. So, it's time to - like - start buying Christmas gifts and that kind of thing.

 Matt Mio 01:12
Perfect. Are we allowed to ask you like the matter of the content of the presentation?

 James Tubbs 01:17
Three topics

 Matt Mio 01:18
Whoa.

- J** James Tubbs 01:20
Four principles of medical ethics, the principles involved in decisions of fetal care and principles involved in consent and assent.
- M** Matt Mio 01:30
Wow, this is some heavy stuff, Jim.
- J** James Tubbs 01:33
Well, yeah. Heavy, but somebody's got to do it.
- M** Matt Mio 01:36
I knows, I was about to say - somebody has to do this people and there's no better person than Jim Tubbs to walk us through this -
- J** James Tubbs 01:41
Well, no. I mean, I admire the pediatricians that are dealing with this stuff all the time.
- M** Matt Mio 01:45
Exactly. Well, and I admire you for getting anywhere near a bunch of people that have probably been so exposed to COVID that they're radioactive at this -
- J** James Tubbs 01:52
No, no. We did it on Zoom.
- M** Matt Mio 01:54
Oh, wonderful. Perfect. Everybody's happy. I just saw the Detroit Free Press numbers for the last 48 hours. And that's all I'm gonna say about it.
- J** James Tubbs 02:04
it's - the number of children that have it and have died from it in this state is what is appalling to me.

M Matt Mio 02:10
Yeah, very appalling. Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today.

D Dan Maggio 02:15
Hi, Matt.

M Matt Mio 02:16
(Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 02:18
I was trying to think of something more positive to say,

M Matt Mio 02:21
I know can you help me do a spin here?


D Dan Maggio 02:24
I was actually thinking -what algorithm does Zoom use to determine the placement of people on the screen?


M Matt Mio 02:30
Oh,


J James Tubbs 02:30
I wonder too. Oh, speaking a placement, Dan, I was gonna tell you. I don't know whether you knew about this or not, but one of the - actually two of the groups that Sue Andrews curls with, they, they were doing a turkey slide where they placed a turkey at the front of the house. And then whoever's stone knocked it the closest to the to the center -


D Dan Maggio 02:52
They won the turkey. As a matter of fact, I saw Sue last night. I stood next to her and I said to Sue, "I don't remember if we've ever curled on the same night before. She's always been on
... .."

different leagues. But last night, I stood next to her and talked to her.


 James Tubbs 03:06
She's now curling three, sometimes four days a week.


 Dan Maggio 03:09
Look at her. Yeah.


 Matt Mio 03:10
Oh my gosh.


 Dan Maggio 03:10
Go Sue.

 Matt Mio 03:11
Get some Olympic training in there.

 James Tubbs 03:14
Yeah.

 Matt Mio 03:14
As Dan has taught us many times, there's a huge uptick in interest in curling leading up to a Winter Olympics. So we would expect to see that very soon.

 James Tubbs 03:24
Yeah

 Dan Maggio 03:25
We are planning - We have big days ready for lots of people.



M Matt Mio 03:30
That's awesome. Continuing around the horn, Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today. What's going on? Mara?

M Mara Livezey 03:37
Oh, you know, just trying to make it to the weekend.

D Dan Maggio 03:42
Well, you're here,

J James Tubbs 03:43
You're getting close, (laughs)

M Mara Livezey 03:45
So close.


J James Tubbs 03:46
Hey, Matt, how are your assessment forms coming?


M Matt Mio 03:49
Oh. Plea___ - Are you kidding me, Jim?


J James Tubbs 03:52
When I saw that announcement come out, I thought "thank God I've retired".


M Matt Mio 03:58
Thanks for twisting the dagger. (The professors laugh) Is this a bad time, Mara, to say that we've got the three Biochem-specific degree outcomes, and we have to assess at least three. Maybe we'll just do those this year. I'm not gonna do that. We're not gonna do that. But it won't all be Biochem, Mara. I promise. We're gonna mix it up. We have to mix it up.


M Mara Livezey 04:00


 **Mark Livolsky 04:20**
Hey, I'll do what I can.


 **Matt Mio 04:23**
Last but not most certainly not least, it's Professor Dave Chow. In my screen, he's always pretty much in the same place. It's a pretty big deal when he's not there.

 **Dave Chow 04:32**
Oh, okay. Um, pleasure to be here as always. And I'm also thankful not to be teaching anymore, too, because like, man -


 **Matt Mio 04:38**
I bet you are.

 **Dave Chow 04:38**
that just sounds like paperwork galore. I mean -

 **James Tubbs 04:42**
Uh-huh. Yep.,

 **Dave Chow 04:44**
I mean, I just remember the last syllabi I had to fill out. I mean, yeah, I know it's cut and paste, but it's like, You know, it's like you were at the two keys on your keyboard, because you had to cut and paste all day long. It's just like, it's just a time killer, that's all.

 **Matt Mio 04:58**
I completely understand. That's all I can say.

 **Dave Chow 05:00**
Well, I think I told you folks, you know, we had that, uh - We had a sponsored project with a wine label, you know, from Napa.

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M Mara Livezey 05:06

A fun project.

D Dave Chow 05:09

Well, actually, you ready for this? They actually took us to Coach, at the top of the RenCen.

M Matt Mio 05:14

Uh, listeners: Coach is the most exclusive restaurant in Metro Detroit.

D Dave Chow 05:19

It was.

M Matt Mio 05:19

Yeah, it was - when it existed

J James Tubbs 05:22

on the top of the Renaissance Center.

M Matt Mio 05:25

That's right. Well, folks, I'll tell you what, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win one of our prizes. And if you don't stump the panel, you win one of our prizes. You can send us the questions in a number of ways, emailing us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. You can 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. We haven't really dove into this fact yet, but this is our Christmas show. So we're thankful for our listeners sending in Christmas questions. "Dear profs: Seeing as though I've thoroughly enjoyed your show's fine wit the last few years, it's about time I submit a few questions in the mix of hopes of stumping the panel. I saw there was a call for holiday questions and figured it was a perfect opportunity. Attached are 12 for your fine show. And I hope they get used" Three-two-one NOW. "Sincerely, our friend Judy Palmer." Thanks for sending these in, Judy.

J James Tubbs 06:21

Thanks, Judy.

M Matt Mio 06:23
Let's see what we can do with some holiday themed questions. "What Christmas treat, popular in England, has dried fruit and spices and once contained meat as well?"

J James Tubbs 06:37
Minced pie.

M Mara Livezey 06:38
Mincemeat pie.

M Matt Mio 06:39
Mincemeat pie. Mostly, I think of minced meat was - you know - I grew up on some of them Bugs Bunny cartoons. He said he was gonna make mincemeat out of somebody. And I'm sure I asked someone older than me what that meant before, uh -

D Dave Chow 06:54
Or what was it? Succotash too. So -

M Matt Mio 06:56
Yes.

J James Tubbs 06:56
Well regular mince is just like chopped up beef - you know, like ground beef.

M Matt Mio 07:00
Yeah, yeah, that makes sense.

J James Tubbs 07:02
Right. But mincemeat pie includes a lot of other things, too. Fruits and stuff.

M Matt Mio 07:08



Matt Hancock 07:00

You certainly can't miss if you're wandering anywhere close to Food Network or Cooking Channel, all of the Christmas themed things that basically started the day after Halloween in our culture. And one of the things that always kills me about those tiny pies that the Brits like, is they have to eat the room temperature. Just something about that that's just - just not right. That's all I'm gonna say.



James Tubbs 07:27

Well, the hard sauce they often put on them is great, you know. That's nice.



Dan Maggio 07:33

If you watch The Great British Baking Show, you will see a lot of those pies being made. And I hope that they taste better than they look.



James Tubbs 07:41

(laughs) I don't think they do, Dan.



Dan Maggio 07:44

They don't really look appetizing, and I hate to say that but -



Mara Livezey 07:49

Yeah, they look terrible.



James Tubbs 07:52

They kinda look like chopped prunes mixed with some dark meal.(Laughs).



Mara Livezey 07:58

(Laughs) Yeah.




Dave Chow 07:59


just dim the lights. That's all. Just dim the lights.



James Tubbs 08:00


 James Tubbs 08:02
Put some holly on top, and then light it on fire.


 Matt Mio 08:04
For those profs that actually left stuff out for Santa's reindeer, what did you leave for Santas reindeer?


 James Tubbs 08:15
Carrots


 Matt Mio 08:15
On Christmas Eve night?

 Dan Maggio 08:16
Carrots.


 Dave Chow 08:17
Apples


 James Tubbs 08:18
and cookies for Santa.


 Dan Maggio 08:19
Mm-hm. And milk.


 Matt Mio 08:21
So just to be clear, cookies for Santa and carrots for the reindeer is some sort of Family Feud-esque combination that the majority would respond. The runner up though, for what folks would leave for the reindeer is kind of out of the ordinary. I'm just going to let you all know, we would leave a leaf of lettuce. We never got to the carrot stage. But the lettuce is not in the second spot.




 James Tubbs 08:44
They weren't hamsters.


 Dave Chow 08:46
Yeah, I was gonna say.


 Dan Maggio 08:47
What about straw? grass?


 Matt Mio 08:49
I mean, I'm giving it to you, just because you mentioned almost directly a grain. It's -it's oats apparently. Raw oats -


 Mara Livezey 08:55
Oh yeah.


 Matt Mio 08:55
for the reindeer. Okay.


 Mara Livezey 08:57
Yeah, horses eat oats.


 Matt Mio 08:59
Yeah. And mares eat oats.


 James Tubbs 09:02
And little lamzy divey.

 Mara Livezey 09:03
Mairzy doats.


 **Matt Mio** 09:05
Hey, how many turkeys are cooked in the United States every year for Christmas?


 **James Tubbs** 09:13
100 million.


 **Matt Mio** 09:15
That's a little high.


 **Dan Maggio** 09:17
15 million.


 **Matt Mio** 09:19
I mean, somewhere in between, as we've done before. I think Dan said 15? I'm gonna assume you said 15. It's actually 22. So that's pretty good.

 **Dan Maggio** 09:28
I was going with 10% - about 30 million. And then I halved that, because I thought that was too much.

 **Matt Mio** 09:33
Yeah.

 **Dan Maggio** 09:33
So - 22 is right in the middle.

 **Matt Mio** 09:35
Not too shabby at all. Hey, how do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?

 **James Tubbs** 09:42

Feliz Navidad.

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Matt Mio 09:44

Feliz Navidad. Yes. Where's Jose Feliciano when you need him? You know that the way that the federal system of, uh - what is it called - the Uniform Federal Holiday Act was set up, each state had to buy into each one of the federal holidays. Without going into too much politics here, you remember in the 1990s, there was an issue because Arizona refused to recognize Martin Luther King Day, you know, that sort of thing. So that means there was a last state to adopt Christmas as an official holiday. What state was that?

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Dan Maggio 10:23

Was it Alabama?

D

Dan Maggio 10:24

So, Dan, your memory serves you well, Alabama was the first state to make Christmas an official holiday. What was the last?

J

James Tubbs 10:32

Hawaii?

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Mara Livezey 10:33

Yeah, I would have guessed Hawaii, too.

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Dan Maggio 10:35

Mississippi?

D

Dave Chow 10:36

Montana?

M

Mara Livezey 10:37

Utah.

D Dave Chow 10:39
It's not one of the freak states, obviously. So

M Matt Mio 10:41
(Laughing) "Not one of the freak states". It's not Utah? No, it's not any of the ones you've said so far. I think I can give it away by saying one word, because it's one of those words that's associated with the state that nobody really knows exactly where it came from. How about if I said Sooner?

J James Tubbs 10:58
Oklahoma?

M Matt Mio 10:59
Oklahoma was the last state -

D Dave Chow 11:02
Oh


M Matt Mio 11:02
to make Christmas -

J James Tubbs 11:03
Does it give a reason?

M Matt Mio 11:04
No, that doesn't really say, but, I mean, it's weird the way that law reads, you have to buy in. Because in the end, it's not true of every state. But I just found out yesterday, it's true of Michigan, that the largest single employer in the state is the federal government. And so you need to make sure you have your holidays lined up correctly. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 11:27
Okay. But can you imagine being the legislator, "Yeah, I think I'm gonna vote no, against Christmas". Like, how do you -? How do you - how do you defend that amongst your


constituents?

 James Tubbs 11:36

When I was in graduate school, the University of Virginia had classes on Labor Day.

 Matt Mio 11:41

Oh, my gosh!

 James Tubbs 11:42


The state didn't officially recognize Labor Day.

 Matt Mio 11:45


That is - That is overt.

 Dave Chow 11:47


Wow!

 Matt Mio 11:49

Meanwhile, on the easier side of the difficulty scale, how many days traditionally do we have between Christmas Day and the Epiphany?

 James Tubbs 11:59

Twelve.

 Matt Mio 12:00

Twelve. The 12 days of Christmas.

 Dave Chow 12:03

Okay.





Matt Mio 12:03

Yes. I really wish that that was more of an American thing. In my neighborhood, without any exaggeration. 8am, the morning of December 26, there are naked Christmas trees out at the curb.



James Tubbs 12:17

Yeah, I know. And it's Boxing Day. They ought to at least recognize that.



Mara Livezey 12:21

At least until New Year's. Come on.



Mara Livezey 12:23

I really think, yeah, it's a shame that Christmas, the whole celebration, is this feverish build up and then it's over. I think celebrating the 12 days of Christmas makes a lot of sense.



Matt Mio 12:32

Yes, it does.



Dave Chow 12:34

I like Mara's idea. At least wait till New Year's. I mean, come on. You got what, five, six days of just lounging and loafing? Why not enjoy it.



James Tubbs 12:42

Kwanzaa gets seven, and Hanukkah gets eight. I would think twelve days of Christmas would just be very appropriate.




Matt Mio 12:49

Being such a Halloween nerd, and knowing that pretty much every day of October is sort of like an Advent for Halloween, I mean, this is the reason why we see Christmas take over on November 1, because you know, no one can touch Christmas, everybody - I mean, we have to have a two-month build up you know. Oh my, Okay. Professors, which of Santa's reindeer is named after another animal?





Dave Chow 13:14

 Dave Chow 13:14
Vixen.


 Matt Mio 13:15
Vixen is a female fox. Yes. Vixen.


 Dave Chow 13:19
Yeah, I had to rumble through the -


 James Tubbs 13:20
Yeah. Me too.


 Mara Livezey 13:21
Yeah, go through the song.


 Matt Mio 13:22
Donna Dixon.


 Dave Chow 13:24
Oh, come on. It wasn't any worse than like Mara trying to do the square root two last week, running out of fingers and toes. I mean,


 Mara Livezey 13:30
I got to four.


 Matt Mio 13:30
The square root of two is no joke - as I'm sure Dan could tell us. According to Italian tradition, it's not Santa or any Santa-based character who delivers gifts to good children, and actually does so on the eve of the Epiphany. Do you know who it is?


 Dave Chow 13:48
The Amazon Prime driver.


 Mara Livezey 13:50
According to which tradition?


 Matt Mio 13:52
It's a witch. Yeah, it's a witch.


 James Tubbs 13:54
Oh.


 Matt Mio 13:55
Her name is La Befana. And she really only brings it to good children.

 Mara Livezey 14:00
Witches are the best.


 Dave Chow 14:02
With or without a broom.

 Matt Mio 14:05
Actually, she does ride a broom.


 James Tubbs 14:06
Well, when I was a kid, we used to always talk about Belsnickel, who lived at the South Pole and would come and take them away from the children that were not good.


 Matt Mio 14:15
I remember hearing that legend.


 Dave Chow 14:17


 Dave Chow 14:17
Man. That's a brutal one.


 Matt Mio 14:19
It's a legend. Right?


 Dave Chow 14:22
We hope.


 Matt Mio 14:24
Where - uh - This question is phrased a little odd, so I'm looking in Mara's direction because there's a definite ballet bent. It says "Where did the Nutcracker start?" Do they mean the story, like where does it start to take place in the story?


 Mara Livezey 14:38
I guess so. It's at the house.

 James Tubbs 14:41
Yeah. A wealthy home.

 Mara Livezey 14:44
Yeah.

 Matt Mio 14:44
Right. But in what city is it supposed to take place?

 James Tubbs 14:47
St. Petersburg?

 Mara Livezey 14:48
Oh.

J James Tubbs 14:48
Yeah, St. Petersburg is was it says here.

J James Tubbs 14:50
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 14:51
Oh, Okay.

M Matt Mio 14:52
St. Petersburg, Russia 1892 - The Nutcracker. Everybody is familiar - Well, I actually immediately start arguing with the questions. Sorry, Judy. Most people know what mistletoe is.

J James Tubbs 15:07
Poison.

M Matt Mio 15:09
Exactly. What's the color of a mistletoe berry?


M Mara Livezey 15:12
White?


M Matt Mio 15:13
It's white. It's, uh -


M Mara Livezey 15:15
You know why I know that?


J James Tubbs 15:16
And it comes on the nutcracker. Santa and his reindeer are with the nutcracker and the nutcracker is


And it grows on live oak trees down South and people would go in with a shotgun and shoot it. You know, so it would fall down.


 Matt Mio 15:23
Oh my gosh.


 James Tubbs 15:24
Yeah.


 Matt Mio 15:25
Don't shoot the mistletoe.


 James Tubbs 15:27
That's where people would get their mistletoe, when I was growing up.

 Matt Mio 15:30
Oh my gosh.

 Dave Chow 15:31
So Mara, was that you were saying?

 Mara Livezey 15:33
I was just saying the only reason I know it's white is because of Harry Potter.

 Mara Livezey 15:37
I was gonna say - Or did one of your cats get to it? N

 Mara Livezey 15:40
No.



M Matt Mio 15:42

It's a very mystical Celtic thing. Mistletoe is kind of a big deal to them. Last question from Judy here: In 1953, this Christmas song became the biggest selling single of Eartha Kitt's career.

J James Tubbs 15:57

Oh, Santa Baby.

M Matt Mio 15:59

Santa Baby.

J James Tubbs 16:00

Still the most lascivious version of the song, I think.

M Mara Livezey 16:03

Oh, yeah.

M Matt Mio 16:04

100%. That is brutal. Great piece of chemistry though, because I tell my students all the time, like- it's a good piece of trivia about the periodic table - that gold is not the rarest element, by a longshot. It's also not the most expensive element, but she actually mentions, you know, the deed, "give me a deed to a platinum mine". I'm like, that's getting closer with platinum. It's getting closer. Thanks for sending in those questions. Judy.

M Michael Jayson 16:30

You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. We're grateful for those listeners who recently sent questions to the show, and we invite you to send your questions by emailing ATP at UDMercy.edu. The professors will return to answer more questions in a moment. But first, we invite you to enjoy these Ask the Professor memories from Christmas of 1983.

A ATP FLASHBACK 18:06
(CHRISTMAS 1983)

M Matt Mio 18:59

Let's move on to another set of questions. "Ordinarily, I like sending in questions with a wide breadth of topics, but heard the show needed holiday help. I'd like to think the following 10 questions provide a really good challenge for the professor's too. Thanks for the weekly entertainment and education. Happy holidays. Sincerely, our friend Rachel Ralston of Norwalk, Iowa." Thanks for sending those in Rachel. Robbie Lester provided a voice for a very famous Christmas character in the Rankin and Bass stop motion animated Santa Claus Is Coming To Town. What character did Robbie Lester voice?

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Dave Chow 19:38

Was he that little elf that wanted to be a dentist? Was that the one? No.

M

Matt Mio 19:42

No, this was Santa Claus Is Coming To Town. You're thinking of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. And I think it's important to mention that Robbie Lester is a woman.

D

Dave Chow 19:51

Oh, um Mrs. Claus. Jessica. Right?

M

Matt Mio 19:54

She was Mrs. Claus. Yes, Mrs. Claus. Yep. That was the - I mean, after a while, you know, being in our generation, I'm like, Wow, there are a lot of very, very different background stories to how Santa got to be where he is today. And - if you're a kid and you're looking for some like MCU-level canon of what's official - you don't get it for Santa. There's so many things all over the place. What was the name of the 1971 Christmas song that Cheech and Chong wrote?

D

Dave Chow 20:27

Oh! um, what is it? I can hear it.

M


Matt Mio 20:34


You can hear it. I love it, but you don't know what it's called.


M


Mara Livezey 20:38


I gotta know.


 Mara Livezey 20:40
It wasn't like Grandma Got Run Over By A -


 James Tubbs 20:43
No.

 Dave Chow 20:43
No, it was, uh -


 Matt Mio 20:45
It's funny that Dave is getting that vibe. You know what it was - Santa Claus and His Old Lady is what it was called. So - very simple.


 Matt Mio 20:56
Professors, in the classic 1947 Miracle on 34th Street movie, who didn't Kris Kringle list as his next of kin?


 Professors 20:56
(Laughing)


 Dave Chow 21:06
His elves?


 Matt Mio 21:08
Mm-mm.


 James Tubbs 21:08
Rudolph?


 Dave Chow 21:10
The reindeer?


 Matt Mio 21:11
Yeah, he listed all eight of the reindeer as his next of kin.


 Mara Livezey 21:14
Oh.


 Dave Chow 21:14
Ooh, I wonder who gets to be the executor of that estate.


 Matt Mio 21:18
Hey, in what Christmas TV show does the main character scale to the summit of Mount Crumpet?

 James Tubbs 21:27
The Grinch, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".


 Dave Chow 21:29
Mount Crumpet?


 James Tubbs 21:31
and teeters on the top with the sleigh at the end.


 Mara Livezey 21:34
He's gonna push off the presents.


 Dave Chow 21:37
Oh, Max.


 James Tubbs 21:39

 James Tubbs 21:55
Oh, yeah, that long suffering dog.

 Matt Mio 21:42
I mean, this is classic utility, Dr. Seuss style. And the whole line is that "he went to the top of Mount Crumpet to dump it". So the only reason that mountain has its name is to rhyme with that line -


 James Tubbs 21:55
To rhyme with "dump it".


 Matt Mio 21:57
Yeah. Hey, where, in the animated special of the same name - Where does Frosty, The Snowman meet his demise before being reanimated by Santa Claus?


 James Tubbs 22:08
It's the front yard, isn't it? I mean, he melts.


 Dan Maggio 22:11
I know it was on a street. Was it on Main Street, though?


 Matt Mio 22:13
Nope. It wasn't in a yard and it wasn't in a street.


 Dave Chow 22:17
He was in the Chem Lab autoclave.


 Matt Mio 22:19
(laughs)


 Mara Livezey 22:20
That'll do it.


 Matt Mio 22:22
Mara, That'll do it.


 James Tubbs 22:24
He was in a tanning parlor.


 Matt Mio 22:26
I mean, to be quite frank, you all aren't - I mean, it may have been a while since you've sat down and watched that. But you're not actually that far off.


 Dan Maggio 22:35
Was it a skating rink? No.

 James Tubbs 22:36
In a field?

 Dave Chow 22:38
No.

 Mara Livezey 22:39
At a bus stop.

 Matt Mio 22:42
You know what? We have the voice of God chiming in in the Zoom chat - getting it exactly correct. So oh, he was with a little girl.

 Dave Chow 22:50
Oh, greenhouse.

—

M Matt Mio 22:51
Uh, his friend, right. What was her name? Karen. Oh, my.

D Dan Maggio 22:55
There's some more stereotypes. And he took her inside a greenhouse.

D Dan Maggio 22:55
Oh, and "It's hot in here".

J James Tubbs 22:59
Oh, the greenhouse. Yeah. The greenhouse.

D Dave Chow 23:03
Yeah, well, okay. Explain this. Why couldn't she go in the greenhouse and he went outside the door, you know, I mean -

J James Tubbs 23:09
Well, he was not aware of what was going to happen in the greenhouse. Obviously.


M Matt Mio 23:14
Right, right. And already a little bit freaky since the night was so cold that it could have chilled a little girl to frostbite. And it's like, "what's in this greenhouse? Oh, of course, poinsettias." I mean, it only makes sense. You know,

D Dave Chow 23:26
Or mistletoe.


M Matt Mio 23:28
What animated TV series had an episode titled "Red Sleigh Down" for Christmas?


J James Tubbs 23:36


Animated TV series?

 Dave Chow 23:38
Red Sleigh Down?


 Dan Maggio 23:40
Star Trek. (Laughs) Only because you said "red"

 Dave Chow 23:47
That almost sounds like a cop show or something like that. I mean,


 Mara Livezey 23:51
Animated?


 James Tubbs 23:53
Animated?

 Matt Mio 23:55
It's been a while.

 Mara Livezey 23:57
Spongebob Squarepants.

 Matt Mio 24:01
No, you know what folks, this is an episode -

 James Tubbs 24:03
The Jetsons?

 Matt Mio 24:06

No, it was, uh - you have to think about a little bit of post 90s context here. That was an episode of South Park. They are shot down over Iraq.

D Dave Chow 24:17
Oh, alright.

D Dan Maggio 24:19
Beth would have gotten that.

J James Tubbs 24:20
Yeah, Beth would have gotten there

D Dan Maggio 24:21
Immediately.

M Matt Mio 24:23
And there is major major bonus points for the professors if you can name any of the backup reindeer that were engaged to extract Santa and his original team from Iraq. Their names were - this is taking me back. The 2000's were a weird time. Santa's backup team where Steven, Fluffy, Horace, Shantelle, Skippy, Rainbow, Patches and Montel.

D Dave Chow 24:54
Montel? (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 24:57
If only Beth were here.

D Dan Maggio 24:58
Yeah, she's gonna be very disappointed

D Dave Chow 25:01

Poor Beth.

M Matt Mio 25:02
What year was the first Radio City Rockettes show that was Christmas themed?

J James Tubbs 25:07
1934

M Matt Mio 25:10
Oh my gosh, Jim. 1933 But I'm just giving -

J James Tubbs 25:14
33

M Mara Livezey 25:14
Whoa.

D Dave Chow 25:16
He was on the front row. That's all.

J James Tubbs 25:17
Well, it was not long after the building was finished.

M Matt Mio 25:20
That's right. Oh my gosh, that's so hilarious. Just right off the top of his head. Plus, you're starting to see a lot more of those dates. I mean, here we are. We're only a few years away from the building that I'm coming to you live from being 100 years old, but those dates are starting to freak me out in my generation here. Just a couple more probs. Who provided the singing voice for the main character Jack Skellington in The Nightmare Before Christmas.

M Mara Livezey 25:48
Don't know.

D Dave Chow 25:51
Danny Elfman wrote the music. So did he sing it?

M Matt Mio 25:56
Yeah, it was Danny Elfman. It was quite controversial at the time that they had a separate voice actor, because he was very talented doing the regular voice and then Danny Elfman did all the singing for that character. Yeah. In what Christmas movie would you find the character Holly Janiero? Holly Janiero.

D Dan Maggio 26:17
Oh, uh - Bruce Willis.

M Mara Livezey 26:21
Oh, Die Hard?

M Matt Mio 26:23
Die Hard. Yes.

M Mara Livezey 26:24
Christmas movie.

M Mara Livezey 26:25
Oh, that was with Bonnie Bedelia, wasn't it?

D Dan Maggio 26:27
Beth is gonna be really disappointed. Because that is her and Drew's, like every Christmas Eve, that's their go-to movie -

J James Tubbs 26:34
Her favorite Christmas movie, which I find a little disturbing.

M Matt Mio 26:39
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 26:39
But it's Beth. What do you expect?

M Matt Mio 26:41
You know, um, we're gonna start seeing the memes soon, too, because they got the 3d printing plans circulated all across the Internet last year, where you could do a small 3d print of the Nakatomi Building and make it your Christmas tree topper, while the top floor is getting blown out. And I'm like, I gotta say that is - That's kind of slick.

J James Tubbs 27:03
That's sick. That's just sick.


D Dave Chow 27:06
actually the one that I was looking for was the the John McLean in the ventilation duct one.


M Matt Mio 27:11
Oh, right. Exactly.


D Dave Chow 27:13
That's been out for a while.


M Matt Mio 27:15
One more. And I know it's one of your favorite movies of all time, because quite frankly, it stars for a brief four-second stint The 45th President of the United States. In Home Alone 2, Lost in New York, In what hotel does the main character Kevin stay?


J James Tubbs 27:34
The Plaza?

 Matt Mio 27:35
It's The Plaza. Yes. And for a brief moment -

 Matt Mio 27:38
The Trumps managed The Plaza at one point. Yes.

 Matt Mio 27:41
Yep. That's right. Very well done, professors. I mean, that was hardcore. And I'm giving you essentially full passing marks for both of these sets of questions. You did very, very well. But I'm afraid, just taking a look at our clock here, that the time has come to say adios to the Christmas season. Dave.

 James Tubbs 28:01
No.


 Dave Chow 28:04
Oh, uh - See ya.

 Matt Mio 28:04
Mara.


 Mara Livezey 28:05
Merry Christmas,


 Matt Mio 28:06
Dan.

 Dan Maggio 28:07
Merry Christmas,

 Matt Mio 28:08
Jim.

 James Tubbs 28:09
Not adios. Merry Christmas until next Christmas, too.

 Matt Mio 28:15
And now these words,

 Michael Jayson 28:16
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 Matt Mio 28:25
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