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- M** Matt Mio 00:01
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. Starting with the birthday boy himself. It's Dan Maggio.
- M** Matt Mio 00:19
Hi Matt. Hi everybody.
- M** Matt Mio 00:22
What's going on, Dan?
- D** Dan Maggio 00:23
Not much. I survived another week.
- M** Matt Mio 00:28
And how are things with all the Legos and such?
- D** Dan Maggio 00:32
Um, I mean our season's about over, but we had a return to in-person events more this season.

M Matt Mio 00:39
Right.

D Dan Maggio 00:39
and I'll be going to the championship in Houston.

M Matt Mio 00:54
That's awesome.

B Beth Oljar 00:55
They should have good food though, because Top Chef is in Houston this season. So yeah, that's one of the good food cities. So I hear.

D Dan Maggio 01:02
Yeah, but it's - it's, you know, the venue catered food.

B Beth Oljar 01:05
Oh, well. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 01:07
You can slip out every once in a while and get some barbecue or something.

D Dan Maggio 01:10
I will bring some fruit and granola bars.

M Matt Mio 01:14
Continuing around the horn, Professor Beth Oljar is here with us today. We thought that we lost you there for a sec, Beth, so I'm glad you came back.

B Beth Oljar 01:22

I just had to hit the litter box. Sorry,

M Matt Mio 01:25
Roger that. (Laughs) That could be construed so many different ways.

D Dave Chow 01:31
You clumped well.

M Matt Mio 01:32
I mean, I'm there are litter boxes in your home. So you know -

B Beth Oljar 01:36
There are. Many, in fact. Yes. You're supposed to have one more litter box than you do cats.

M Matt Mio 01:42
Really?

B Beth Oljar 01:43
So I'm supposed to have four, but we don't.

M Matt Mio 01:46
Mm-hm. Okay.

B Beth Oljar 01:48
Wait, no. Yes, we do.

M Matt Mio 01:51
(Laughs)

B Beth Oliar 01:52

Well, Drew cleans them, you know.

M Matt Mio 01:56

Nice.

B Beth Oljar 01:57

Not my task.

D Dan Maggio 01:58

You brokered a good deal when you came up with that arrangement.

B Beth Oljar 02:01

He does the laundry and the dishes and -

D Dave Chow 02:04

Man!

M Matt Mio 02:05

Pretty nice. Professor Mara Livezey is also here with us today. I'm wondering, where did the litter box plus one - where did that does that math come from?

M Mara Livezey 02:15

You know, I don't actually know. But you know, cats are so particular that like, they have one litter box for the pee and one litter box for the poop and one just for fun. So that must be it.

D Dave Chow 02:29

The vacation litter box?

M Mara Livezey 02:31

The vacation litter box.

M Matt Mio 02:34
One just for fun. I'm like, trying to think, just like - scratching around, throwing their little -

M Matt Mio 02:39
They do sometimes. It's like "poof!"

M Mara Livezey 02:42
I'm like, "What are you doing?"

B Beth Oljar 02:44
Yeah

M Matt Mio 02:44
That's so funny. I've never heard this before, because I've never really been around cats in my life. So that's -

M Mara Livezey 02:50
They're weirdos.

M Matt Mio 02:51
You can have some little weirdos.

B Beth Oljar 02:53
They like to throw that litter around. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 02:57
Dave Chow was also here with us today. Zero litter boxes at his home, if I remember correctly.

D Dave Chow 03:02
Yes. Zero litter boxes. No more cats.

YES. ZERO LITTER BOXES. NO MORE PETS.

M Matt Mio 03:05

Yeah, but you got lots of plants.

D Dave Chow 03:09

Let's not talk about that one. Marcy is getting the garden going in a couple of weeks too, so.

M Matt Mio 03:14

Ooh, It's gonna be exciting.

D Dave Chow 03:16

We're gonna have more dirt than grass this year, I think. We're also having an addition put on the back of the house too. So -

B Beth Oljar 03:22

Oh, neat.

D Dave Chow 03:23

Construction time.

M Matt Mio 03:25

Sounds great. We all love it.

D Dave Chow 03:27

So much for sleeping in.

M Matt Mio 03:30

Not a problem, we'll be able to handle it. And of course we are joined, last but not least, by Jim Tubbs.

J James Tubbs 03:36
Hello. Hello. How are you?

M Matt Mio 03:38
Hello. Hello. So what's going on in your world, Jim, now that you've conquered the Pacific, specifically by - Wait, you said the flight back from Hawaii. So you went to LA. That was the overnight one?

J James Tubbs 03:52
The overnight flight was - yeah - into LA and arrived there like 4:30 in the morning and then at a 7:30 or something flight here.

B Beth Oljar 04:00
It's a good six hours from the West Coast.

J James Tubbs 04:03
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 04:03
To Hawaii - so.

M Matt Mio 04:04
Yeah, sure. So. So anyway, yeah. What's next for you after conquering Hawaii?

J James Tubbs 04:09
Well, actually in June, all of my siblings and their spouses and I are going on a Seine River cruise a Viking Cruise -

M Matt Mio 04:20
Whoa!



J James Tubbs 04:21

from Paris, up to Shivani and Charles and up to La Havre and then over to the Normandy cemeteries. And then we'll work our way back down to Paris. So it starts and ends in Paris.

B Beth Oljar 04:35

Oh, wow.

B Beth Oljar 04:36

But then after that, my younger brother and I are going to fly to Prague for three days, and then Vienna for three days before coming home.

M Matt Mio 04:47

You're given Rick Steves a run for his money here, man.

J James Tubbs 04:51

I'm using Rick Steves' DVDs, you know, to figure out some things to do at these places.

M Matt Mio 04:56

That's so cool. Very, very cool stuff. 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.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. When last we had the Superfriends together, we were finishing up a set of questions from Kymberleigh Richards. Some interesting counting numbers, and there's just a couple questions left, and they're pretty fun. So let's give it a whirl. How many windows - professors - are in the Empire State Building?

D Dave Chow 05:33

Ooh!

B Beth Oljar 05:34

It'd be better to have none. But -

M Mara Livezev 05:36

Mara Livezey 05:30
How many floors?

D Dan Maggio 05:38
How many floors are there? 100 and something?

D Dave Chow 05:40
No

M Matt Mio 05:41
You know, it doesn't say the number of floors here, but it gives this as the clue - that there are 73 elevators -

D Dave Chow 05:49
Yeah

M Matt Mio 05:50
in the Empire State Building.

D Dave Chow 05:52
I've been up that thing a dozen times. I don't -

M Mara Livezey 05:55
100,000 windows.

B Beth Oljar 05:57
I was gonna say 10,000.

M Mara Livezey 05:58
(Laughs) Okay

M Matt Mio 06:00
So, it's more in the 10,000 range that is in the 100,000 range.

J James Tubbs 06:04
22,000.

B Beth Oljar 06:06
That sounds like a good number. I like it.

M Matt Mio 06:08
It's still a little high. It's 6,514 windows. It's a lot of windows.

J James Tubbs 06:14
Oh!


M Mara Livezey 06:15
I overshoot.

J James Tubbs 06:16
It is a lot of windows


D Dave Chow 06:17
It's job security.


M Matt Mio 06:19
Yep. I love these comparisons - because, of course, we're in a world where everybody's pretty obsessed with inflation. The Skyscraper costs basically \$41 million to generate the first time around, which if we scaled up to 2022 dollars, it would be \$572 million, over half a billion dollars to be able to generate the same thing. Yep.


D Dave Chow 06:40


 Dave Chow 06:40
And how do you wash all those windows?


 Matt Mio 06:42
Don't even get me started


 James Tubbs 06:44
I'm glad I don't have the job.


 Beth Oljar 06:46
Yeah, me too.


 Dave Chow 06:48
It's security.

 Matt Mio 06:49
So the longest possible period of time that a solar eclipse can last will happen again - I know you've got your calendar circled on the 16th of July 2186. Till then, how long is that?

 Dave Chow 07:05
Huh?

 Matt Mio 07:06
How long is the longest possible solar eclipse? The next one will be July 16, 2186.

 Dan Maggio 07:14
Jeff would know this,

 Mara Livezey 07:15
How long does the eclipse last?

M Matt Mio 07:18
Mm-hm.

D Dave Chow 07:18
Or how long between the next -

D Dave Chow 07:20
No, it's actually how long the eclipse itself lasts

D Dan Maggio 07:24
Three and a half minutes.

M Mara Livezey 07:25
Like - 10 minutes?


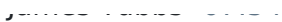
J James Tubbs 07:27
No, I don't think it's that many. I think it's about four or five.


M Matt Mio 07:30
It says here the longest possible duration is seven minutes and 32 seconds. And I think it has something to do with the old adage about "it takes the sun like eight minutes to get here - to go 93 million miles or so." Something like that.


D Dave Chow 07:44
Okay. All right. I'll buy that.


D Dave Chow 07:45
The other way around, of course, with the lunar eclipse - that can last approximately 11 minutes long - for whatever cosmological reason.

J James Tubbs 07:54

 
Well, it's a lot smaller.


 Matt Mio 07:56
Yeah.

 James Tubbs 07:56
So when it's in a shadow, it can stay in there longer.


 Matt Mio 07:59
Mm-hm.


 Mara Livezey 08:00
Did anyone see the Eclipse a couple years ago?

 Matt Mio 08:03
I remember that. It was in August, right?

 Mara Livezey 08:06
Yeah, it was - I had to drive a couple hours south in Illinois. It was awesome.

 Matt Mio 08:11
Oh, that is. That's cool.

 Dave Chow 08:12
I had a couple of friends do that too. They followed it around the country.

 Mara Livezey 08:15
Cool.

D Dave Chow 08:15

It's interesting.

M Matt Mio 08:16

Just a couple more here. Pretty interesting. I believe we all know the song - quote unquote - the tune Taps. How many notes are actually sounded in Taps if it's played from start to finish?

M Mara Livezey 08:29

Like six

B Beth Oljar 08:32

Ten

J James Tubbs 08:33

I think five

D Dave Chow 08:35

Isn't it just one - just kind of like droned out?

M Matt Mio 08:39

No

D Dan Maggio 08:39

There's at least three.

M Matt Mio 08:41

There's at least three. That's a good start.

D Dave Chow 08:43

All right. Shows how musically gifted I am.

M Matt Mio 08:45
You know, it says that there are 24 notes, and you can kind of picture it in your head. (Matt begins humming the tune to Taps)

J James Tubbs 08:52
Oh, but not different notes. There are 24 notes all together.

M Matt Mio 08:54
Not different notes. Lik, actual individual tones.

M Mara Livezey 08:57
Oh,

J James Tubbs 08:58
I thought you meant how many different notes they were.

B Beth Oljar 09:00
Well, that wasn't clearly specified.

M Mara Livezey 09:02
Wasn't answering that question.

M Matt Mio 09:04
Yeah. That's okay. Interesting fact, which we always get from Kymberleigh: Taps' alternate title is The Butterfield Lullaby. The Butterfield Lullaby. Last but most certainly not least, (thanks again for sending these in Kymberleigh), tobacco seeds are notoriously small. How many tobacco seeds can be found in an ounce of mass?

D Dave Chow 09:27
I'm sorry, my brain just went to "Tomacco". That's all. Sorry, Matt.

M Matt Mio 09:33
I can give you this to help you. We're talking about an ounce here. This is about 10,000 seeds per teaspoon full. So if you can do the ounces-to-teaspoon full, you'll get there pretty fast.

M Mara Livezey 09:46
30,000. I don't know. How many ounces are a teaspoon?

J James Tubbs 09:49
Well, a teaspoon full is five milliliters.

D Dan Maggio 09:52
Three teaspoons in a tablespoon, four tablespoons in a quarter cup. That's 12. Four quarter cups in a cup.

D Dave Chow 09:59
And Mercury's in retrograde.

D Dan Maggio 10:00
So it's 48 teaspoons in a cup.

B Beth Oljar 10:03
A quarter cup is four ounces. A cup is eight ounces.

M Mara Livezey 10:07
Oh, so it's two tablespoons.

M Matt Mio 10:10
10,000 per teaspoon full.

M Mara Livezey 10:13
So it's 60,000

50, it's 50,000.

M Matt Mio 10:14
So it says here, it's 500,000 seeds -

D Dan Maggio 10:18
Well, that's wrong.

M Matt Mio 10:19
Per ounce. (Laughs)

J James Tubbs 10:22
Per ounce of weight, not volume.

D Dan Maggio 10:23
Yeah, so ounces is confusing -

M Matt Mio 10:25
Yeah, it's math.

D Dan Maggio 10:26
because I was doing fluid ounces.

M Mara Livezey 10:28
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 10:28
Oh geez.

D Dan Maggio 10:29

So I think we're right, if we put the seeds in water.

J James Tubbs 10:32
Yeah, you get 'em good & wet. (Dave laughs)

M Mara Livezey 10:35
If we turn them into liquid (laughs)

M Matt Mio 10:38
I will answer your email in the order it was received, Dan, the same way I do my own students.
"It's okay. I'll waive those points."

D Dave Chow 10:46
Wow.

M Matt Mio 10:47
Okay, we've got another set of questions here. So that's always fun. These questions were sent in by someone who sent us questions before - Ben Fouty. He always signs off on his email "currently in Norfolk, Virginia". So that's a good place to find him.

J James Tubbs 11:03
to be currently. Yes.

M Matt Mio 11:05
Yeah. "Here's a set of questions that followed an odd train of thought I had let's start with - How many states make up the country of Brazil?"

D Dan Maggio 11:14
Oh, 26.

M Matt Mio 11:18
It is 26 - on the dot. How many of those states are fully north of Earth's equator?

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D Dave Chow 11:27
Nine.

B Beth Oljar 11:28
13. I'll split it in half.

J James Tubbs 11:31
Four.

M Matt Mio 11:32
No, you know what? It's zero. None of them are fully north of the equator.

M Mara Livezey 11:37
Oh

B Beth Oljar 11:37
Okay.

D Dave Chow 11:38
Sneaky.

M Matt Mio 11:40
How many of those 26 states lie on the equator, touch the equator.

D Dan Maggio 11:46
Four.

M Matt Mio 11:47

Its four. Dan got it right off the top. It's pretty incredible. That's wild. absolutely wild. How many independent countries comprise South America?

D Dan Maggio 12:00
11 Actually.

M Matt Mio 12:03
It says it's 12. But you know -

B Beth Oljar 12:06
Yeah

M Mara Livezey 12:07
Oh, wow.

M Matt Mio 12:08
Yeah

B Beth Oljar 12:08
I had seven - just sort of listing them on my fingers.

M Matt Mio 12:12
And that's what I saw you doing there, Beth. Let's start with this list. Argentina, and of course we're going semi-alphabetical here. Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador

D Dave Chow 12:25
Ecuador.

M Matt Mio 12:26
Colombia. Venezuela. Which two am I missing?

J James Tubbs 12:32
Guyana.

M Matt Mio 12:34
Guyana. Yes. And - Starts with the letter S.

D Dave Chow 12:39
Sana -

D Dan Maggio 12:41
Is it the Solomon Islands or something?

B Beth Oljar 12:44
Santiago? No.

D Dave Chow 12:46
Saint?

D Dave Chow 12:49
No,

M Matt Mio 12:50
Saint something is a pretty darn good guess. I gotta say. It's pretty good.

D Dave Chow 12:53
Okay. What are the South American freak states? Come on. Help me out here.

M Matt Mio 12:58
You know, Professors, it's Suriname. Suriname is what it is. Yes

M Mara Livezey 13:03
Suriname.

D Dave Chow 13:04
Okay

B Beth Oljar 13:05
is in South America? Why did I think it was -

D Dave Chow 13:09
Southeast Asia.

B Beth Oljar 13:10
Yeah, actually, that's what I thought.

M Mara Livezey 13:14
It sounds like -

B Beth Oljar 13:15
probably because - Oh, it sounds like Siam. That's why -

M Matt Mio 13:18
Possibly.

B Beth Oljar 13:18
which was the old name for Vietnam or Thailand. One of the two.

D Dave Chow 13:23
Nope. It was Ceylon?

NO, NO. IT WAS CEYLON?

D Dan Maggio 13:25
No Siam is Burma.

D Dave Chow 13:27
Burma. Yeah. The shave thing.

M Matt Mio 13:30
Speaking of going off in odd directions: it's not even that odd, we're just talking about countries here; you know. What are the two remaining non completely self governing territories (essentially, colonies) left in South America? Could you name one of them?

B Beth Oljar 13:45
The Falkland Islands?

M Matt Mio 13:46
The Falklands. Absolutely. The other one is French Guiana. French Guiana.

D Dave Chow 13:52
And what are the Falklands called by Argentinians? They have a different name for them.

M Matt Mio 13:58
They do, don't they.

D Dave Chow 13:58
Like, the Maldives or something?

B Beth Oljar 14:00
I'm sure they do. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 14:02
What was it called? Or does it start with an "A".

J James Tubbs 14:05
No, it starts with an "M".

D Dave Chow 14:07
I thought it was Maldives or Mal -

J James Tubbs 14:09
It's Mal something, but it's not Maldives. They're in the Indian Ocean

D Dave Chow 14:12
and it's not Mall of America. Um, It's -

B Beth Oljar 14:15
not Molokai, which is an island in Hawaii, speaking of Jim's trip.

M Matt Mio 14:20
It's the one with the with the lepers, right?

J James Tubbs 14:23
Yeah. it was.

D Dan Maggio 14:24
Was it Malvinas?

J James Tubbs 14:26
Malvinas. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 14:27
Sure.

A Announcer 14:29
You're listening to Ask The Professor, from University of Detroit Mercy. 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 14:48
We're finishing up a set of questions from Ben Foudy in Norfolk, Virginia. Professors if you wanted to go as far as everything that appears on the tectonic plate that we call the South American Plate, you'd get one more full country and one more colony. Can you name either?

D Dave Chow 15:05
What - like Easter Island, or something like that, way out there?

M Matt Mio 15:11
I mean, you're getting closer, but technically I think a lot of the stuff over there is on the Pacific plate. It's not on the South American plate.

D Dave Chow 15:18
Oh, is it Galapagos?

M Matt Mio 15:20
No. The country is, uh - easy giveaway - T and T.

D Dan Maggio 15:26
Oh, Trinidad and Tobago.

M Matt Mio 15:28
How about the colony. It belongs to the Netherlands, as far as we know.

D Dave Chow 15:28
Okay.

J James Tubbs 15:33
Antilles?

M Matt Mio 15:34
You got it. It's the Antilles. Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao make up the Netherlands Antilles. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 15:40
The Dutch East Indies.

M Matt Mio 15:42
Yep, that's right.

B Beth Oljar 15:43
Okay.

M Matt Mio 15:44
Absolutely. What colonizer relocated their entire government to the South American colony, while occupied by a foreign military back home. I love this.

D Dave Chow 15:55
Huh?

B Beth Oljar 15:55
It sounds like something Germans would do.

M Matt Mio 16:02
It does. But there's a very limited number of countries that really got their hands in South

it does. But there's a very limited number of countries that really got their hands in South America, if you think about it.

M Mara Livezey 16:08
Portuguese.

M Matt Mio 16:09
Yeah, it's Portugal. Napoleon invaded, so they picked up the capital and move to Brazil. I love it. That's a great piece of trivia. I love that. Professors: Canada is on the verge of qualifying for the World Cup soccer finals in Qatar. The last time they made the finals was in 1986. What other countries made their last World Cup of Finals appearances in the year 1986? There are four. Could you grab any one?

D Dave Chow 16:40
I - I didn't even know about Canada.

B Beth Oljar 16:43
In the World Cup competition or in the finals?

M Matt Mio 16:46
So, I think that they do refer to the tournament as the finals, right? You have to make the tournament to be able to be a part of what would turn into the finals. So -

D Dave Chow 16:56
Quick, Beth: Get Drew in here.

M Matt Mio 16:57
I bet Drew would know. I bet Drew would know.

D Dan Maggio 16:59
Would these be unlikely soccer countries?

B Beth Oljar 16:59

B Beth Oljar 16:59
He would know.

M Matt Mio 17:02
Actually, I think there's a way you can do this using the Dan Maggio method, Dan.

M Matt Mio 17:07
There is a country that would have made it in 1986 to the big grid, and quite simply doesn't exist anymore, so the last time they made it was 1986.

D Dave Chow 17:07
You have a method?

J James Tubbs 17:17
The Soviet Union.

M Matt Mio 17:18
Yeah. USSR.

M Mara Livezey 17:19
USSR. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 17:20
I was gonna say- or Czechoslovakia or something. Yeah

M Mara Livezey 17:23
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 17:24
The other ones we have here are Iraq, Hungary - and technically, it's a country -(Please go watch CGP Gray's videos on how the UK works), Northern Ireland, technically a country but technically not a country. It's very complicated.

B Beth Oljar 17:43
It is now. It's the - They're two separate -

M Matt Mio 17:46
Oh, yes.

B Beth Oljar 17:47
Right?

M Matt Mio 17:48
Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 17:49
Oh

M Matt Mio 17:49
but the way they look

M Matt Mio 17:54
at the UK is different - even back in '86 - than they do now.

B Beth Oljar 17:57
In '86. I see.

M Matt Mio 17:57
Mostly because of the European Union.

B Beth Oljar 17:59

But there's Southern Ireland, and Northern Ireland is its own country. Right?

M Matt Mio 18:03
That's right.

J James Tubbs 18:04
1921. But it's a dependent.

J James Tubbs 18:07
It's governed by the British Parliament.

M Matt Mio 18:07
It's a dependent.

J James Tubbs 18:09
Its own Council.

M Matt Mio 18:09
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 18:11
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:12
How many countries have won the FIFA World Cup, but only once. And I think this is good. Because I'm not that big of a soccer fan. I follow the World Cup when it's out there. I hear about these teams, when I talk to my students, all the time. But technically they've only won it once - in the history of FIFA.

B Beth Oljar 18:30
But that would be most countries. It's not very many countries that repeat.

D Dan Maggio 18:34
How long has it been around?

M Matt Mio 18:35
It says that there's only two countries who've only won the World Cup once.

D Dan Maggio 18:41
Really?

B Beth Oljar 18:42
Uh, England.

M Matt Mio 18:43
England is one of them. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 18:45
1966

M Mara Livezey 18:46
And Spain?

M Matt Mio 18:47
And Spain is the other. You hear about Spain all the time.

M Mara Livezey 18:50
That's ridiculous. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:52
Isn't that wild. All right. Let's see, Which country has been runner up for FIFA the most? Uh-oh -

Four times.

D Dave Chow 19:00
Argentina?

M Matt Mio 19:01
It's not what it says here.

B Beth Oljar 19:04
Runner up. Germany?

M Matt Mio 19:05
It says Germany - at four. Germany has been runner up. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 19:08
Have they ever won? Does that imply that they've never actually won?

D Dave Chow 19:08
Always a bridesmaid.

M Matt Mio 19:13
Actually, it says here that that's a follow up from "How many countries have won the World Cup four or more times?" Brazil is five. Germany and Italy are four.

D Dan Maggio 19:25
Oh, so Germany is up there?

M Matt Mio 19:26
Yeah, they're pretty much a powerhouse, if they've been runner up four times.



B Beth Oljar 19:29
Oh, yeah.

M Matt Mio 19:30
Yeah. That's the real deal. Oh, and thank you so much for these, Ben. You really are all over the map. Let's go from there to "Two people have been elected President of the United States from the Whig Party. What do they have in common?"

B Beth Oljar 19:46
Other than being Whigs?

D Dave Chow 19:48
George Washington, was he a Whig?

J James Tubbs 19:50
No. Millard Fillmore was a Whig.

B Beth Oljar 19:51
We didn't have parties when Washington was elected president.

D Dave Chow 19:57
Now, who was it -

J James Tubbs 19:58
Were they from the same state?

M Matt Mio 20:00
No, they had something else - happen.

B Beth Oljar 20:06
They died.

M Matt Mio 20:07
They died in office.

D Dave Chow 20:08
Ooh!

M Matt Mio 20:10
Harrison and Taylor is what I have here. And by the way, it says "they weren't reelected". I'm like, "Well, duh." (Laughs) I think that's pretty funny. Little side note to to marry the the thoughts that Jim and Beth had a minute ago - You know, we did technically have two presidents who were Whigs who were not elected. They must have inherited their position. And I believe that - if you were on the Whig ticket, and your boss died, and you became president - then yeah.

D Dave Chow 20:39
That counts.

M Matt Mio 20:40
Yeah. This is pretty awesome. I gotta say I'm super hyped about this question. Who is Brigadier Sir Nils Olav III?

D Dave Chow 20:49
Wait a minute - Is this like the winning Kentucky Derby horse or something like that?

M Matt Mio 20:55
Oh, man, this is too cool for school.

M Mara Livezey 20:58
Fantastic name.

M Matt Mio 20:59

— It's an awesome name.

B Beth Oljar 21:01
Erik the Red. (Matt laughs)

D Dan Maggio 21:04
Is it a cat?

M Matt Mio 21:05
It is not, but man - Dan, you are on the right track. It is an animal.

M Mara Livezey 21:09
Is it like - someone's pet turtle?

D Dave Chow 21:13
A top breeder -

B Beth Oljar 21:16
or hamster or something


D Dave Chow 21:18
Yeah, Like Ferris Bueller's cat or something like that. I mean -


M Matt Mio 21:18
Oh - my gosh


M Matt Mio 21:21
This is so great.


B Beth Oljar 21:24

 Beth Oljar 21:27
It's a parrot.


 Matt Mio 21:25
You're the closest so far, Beth.


 Mara Livezey 21:27
Is it a bird?


 Matt Mio 21:27
It is a bird, but what kind of bird is it?


 Beth Oljar 21:30
It's a macaw.

 Dave Chow 21:32
It's a chicken. It's a rooster.

 Mara Livezey 21:33
Bald eagle?

 Beth Oljar 21:35
It's a love bird.

 Matt Mio 21:36
(Laughs) I cannot - I cannot - I don't even know what to say. Brigadier Sir Nils Olav III is a king penguin from the Edinburg Zoo, who is an honorary colonel in chief of the Norwegian King's Guard. And as long as he lives, he will get a chance to walk down the troops and inspect them. Feel free to watch it on YouTube. I guarantee it will be the funniest thing you see. (Laughs)

 Dan Maggio 22:04
Hold on. What's the - Repeat name of that, please.

J James Tubbs 22:04
Wow.

M Matt Mio 22:07
Brigadier Sir Nils Olav III

D Dave Chow 22:11
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 22:12
Or as they call him in Happy Feet, "The Great Guin".

M Mara Livezey 22:17
Oh my gosh, there's pictures.

M Matt Mio 22:19
I don't know if it's gonna work, but he sent a picture. I've got my stupid background thing on.

D Dave Chow 22:24
And we can't see it. Oh, dog-gone-it.

D Dave Chow 22:25
Yeah, I'm gonna see if I can turn it off - because it's just just too funny. Too funny to not show.

M Mara Livezey 22:32
He fits right in. His coloring, his suit.

D Dan Maggio 22:34
Yeah, (Dan chuckles)

yeen. (Dave laughs)

M Matt Mio 22:37
Why can I not figure this out quickly? Can you see that?

D Dave Chow 22:40
There it is! Perfect!

M Matt Mio 22:41
There he is -

B Beth Oljar 22:42
I love it!

M Matt Mio 22:43
inspecting the troops.

D Dave Chow 22:44
I love the armband too. That looks so regal.

M Mara Livezey 22:47
What a cutie!

M Mara Livezey 22:48
Oh my gosh, that is so great. That is the coolest thing I've ever heard in my entire life. And - you know - that is it from Ben. He's like "Best regards". I'm like, "Yeah, you kind of went all over the place". I love it.

M Mara Livezey 23:00
Think about it, Matt: Joe Mendi didn't even get that kind of respect. You know, I mean -

M Matt Mio 23:04
I knew a Joe Mendi reference could not have been far behind. (Jim laughs)

D Dave Chow 23:11
Oh, Joe Mendi

M Matt Mio 23:12
All right. Professors, You know what time. The Imponderables of the Burroughs family haunt us forever. And this is kind of a cool one. I don't think we've ever done it before. But I've screwed that up as well. What's your favorite unsolved mystery? Whether it's something personal for you, your family, The United States, the region, the world. What's your favorite unsolved mystery?

D Dave Chow 23:34
I got one that haunts me my entire life. So, I mean -

M Matt Mio 23:37
Uh-Oh

D Dave Chow 23:37
It's Sasquatch.

B Beth Oljar 23:39
Oh, please!

D Dave Chow 23:40
Seriously!

B Beth Oljar 23:40
There's - No! There is no Sasquatch.

M Matt Mio 23:43
(Laughs)

M Mara Livezey 23:45
I want to know what's going on in Area 51.

M Matt Mio 23:49
That would be cool.

M Mara Livezey 23:50
What's the government doing? (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 23:51
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 23:52
Um, The Black Dahlia.

M Matt Mio 23:55
Yep, that's a good one. I feel like there's a list of things we could list and then pop into our caskets on our way out the door so we can make sure to ask The Almighty, but I'm always scared, Beth, that like if I asked about like, "What's the deal with Jack the Ripper?" "Oh, it was the dude that you guys knew it was, and there's nothing special about it". Like, you know, that's what science does.

J James Tubbs 24:14
For local color - It'd be nice to know what happened to Jimmy Hoffa.

M Matt Mio 24:18
Yes, there's a good one.

B Beth Oljar 24:19

D Dave Chow 24:19
Okay. That's a good one. All right.

M Matt Mio 24:20
There's a good one. Wow.

B Beth Oljar 24:22
Or DB Sweeney. Yeah,

M Matt Mio 24:24
DB Sweeney. Yep.

D Dave Chow 24:25
Or DB Cooper.

B Beth Oljar 24:26
That's it. Sorry. Yeah,

M Matt Mio 24:28
Well, DB Cooper was Loki, Beth. You know that. (Dave laughs) I mean, it's already been proven.

B Beth Oljar 24:34
And we're pretty sure we checked - Well, nevermind. I think we know who Jack the Ripper was.

M Matt Mio 24:39
Right.

D Dave Chow 24:40
Beth I'm serious. I want to know - definitive proof - if Bigfoot's real.

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B Beth Oljar 24:45
He's not. It's just not.

D Dan Maggio 24:49
You can't -

D Dave Chow 24:49
Okay.

M Matt Mio 24:50
Dan: What are you thinking here?

D Dan Maggio 24:52
I don't know how - I I don't have anything really.

D Dave Chow 24:55
Don't you want to know like the 11 herbs and spices that are in The Colonel's chicken or something. I mean,

B Beth Oljar 24:59
That would be good, and now I'm craving Kentucky Fried Chicken.

M Matt Mio 25:02
Oh, geez! Isn't that the way we always end these shows.

D Dave Chow 25:07
It's always on food.

M Matt Mio 25:08
Dan, you look like you're being pensive though. Maybe there's something in there.

D Dan Maggio 25:11
I'm trying to think about what mystery have I always wanted to find the answer for, but I don't have one.

J James Tubbs 25:17
Loch Ness Monster?

D Dan Maggio 25:18
No.

M Mara Livezey 25:20
Probably not real

D Dan Maggio 25:24
We're gonna get letters from Scotland now.


B Beth Oljar 25:25
I think the balance of probability is against Sasquatch. I mean, I'm not absolutely certain, but it seems to be incredibly unlikely.


D Dave Chow 25:34
Yeah, but they also said that about the mountain gorilla a century ago too.


B Beth Oljar 25:39
Yeah, but science has advanced quite a ways since, you know, a century ago


M Matt Mio 25:45
So what about - What about, like, construction of the Great Pyramid at Giza? Like there's -


B Beth Oliar 25:51


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Well, slaves.


 Dave Chow 25:56
Dan, I got one for you. Is there such thing as a last digit of pi?


 Dan Maggio 26:01
All right. Easter Island.


 Matt Mio 26:04
Easter Island is a good one. That's a good one. Absolutely.


 James Tubbs 26:07
Stonehenge.

 Mara Livezey 26:07
Stonehenge. Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 26:08
What happened to Amelia Earhart?

 Matt Mio 26:08
Yeah.

 Matt Mio 26:12
Mm-hm. Mm-hm.

 Dave Chow 26:12
Or her luggage.

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- D** Dan Maggio 26:14
We all know what happened. It's just we just don't know where
- M** Matt Mio 26:17
yeah, yes.
- B** Beth Oljar 26:18
Yeah, that's true. Obviously she's not still alive.
- D** Dave Chow 26:25
Okay. Or better yet. Why do cats need more litter boxes than - you know?
- J** James Tubbs 26:30
Why do cats need screen time.
- D** Dave Chow 26:35
Mara's cats do.
- M** Mara Livezey 26:36
They just do.
- B** Beth Oljar 26:37
Because we're cats. You know, we're, you know, we're always the own - Our own explanation for anything that we do is just that we're cats,
- B** Beth Oljar 26:44
Wait a minute. Okay, I got one. Why did why did Jim Tubbs hop on that flight back from Hawaii? That's a mystery that I'll never -
- J** James Tubbs 26:52
Well, it's because I already paid for the ticket.

D Dave Chow 26:56
That's not an excuse.

J James Tubbs 26:57
Oh, yeah it is.

B Beth Oljar 27:00
So what's yours, Matt? I mean, did you say?

B Beth Oljar 27:02
Well, I think the Great Pyramids is a good one. I mean, there's certain things that you just can't be - It's like, it's so tantalizing to think that there's an answer. But after studying science for almost 25 years, I already know that at least half of the things we could list here, whether we're actually watching an episode of Unsolved Mysteries, or thinking about Unsolved Mysteries, is it's going to be like, "Oh, that was just - that was Bob Smith". You know, it's like

B Beth Oljar 27:30
It may be totally anticlimactic. Right, is that it?

M Matt Mio 27:35
Yeah. Anti-climactic. I mean, we love to build drama into these things. And I will be honest, I grew up on Unsolved Mysteries. They started rebooting that on Netflix, I was not missing a single episode. They were absolutely stellar. Something about a documentary without a narrator. You're just putting it together yourself. And I'm like, "This is better than half of the movies I've seen. This is awesome". You know.

B Beth Oljar 27:35
yeah,

D Dave Chow 27:49
Mm-hm. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 27:53
Professors, it's sort of a downer way to end our episode, but I'm afraid we're out of time. So yeah, from all these intellectuals, to you, our listener, it's probably a really dumb explanation. And with that, our time has come to say goodbye, Jim.

J James Tubbs 28:11
Bye.

M Matt Mio 28:14
Dave.

D Dave Chow 28:15
See ya.

M Matt Mio 28:15
Mara

M Mara Livezey 28:16
Bye

M Matt Mio 28:17
Beth

B Beth Oljar 28:18
Pursue the dumb explanation

M Matt Mio 28:20
and Dan

D Dan Maggio 28:22
Good-bve

M Matt Mio 28:22
And now these words.

A Announcer 28:24
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M Matt Mio 28:33
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