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- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 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. In the upper left, Ooh, looks like he recently got a haircut. It's professor Dave Chow.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:22
I had several cut. Pleasure to be here as always.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:26
Oh, good.
- D** Dave Chow 00:27
I was getting sick and tired of my Mickey Dolenz look there, that's all. So I had to cut it back.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:31
As one is wont to do.
- D** Dave Chow 00:34
Yes, I need to.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:35
So what is going in the fried rice tonight? You said you're cooking.

D Dave Chow 00:40
Let's see. I picked up a pound of the barbecued pork. Got two heads of Kohlrabi out of the garden, a stalk of celery and all kinds of weird wacky spices and - let's see, pound and a half of ham, carrots - um, and just -

J James Tubbs 00:56
You're making us all hungry.

D Dave Chow 00:57
Sorry.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:58
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 00:58
Well, you know -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:58
That's what always happens.

D Dave Chow 00:59
Well, you know how the show goes. It always revolves around food.

J James Tubbs 01:02
That's true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:03

Continuing around the horn Professor Bell is here with us from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

E Erin Bell 01:09

Hey, everyone. I liked how you brought up or brought the conversation back, Dave, to Mickey Dolenz, throwing back to a few episodes ago, so that's always nice. Hope everyone's doing well. I had a great time at Homecoming last week and -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:22

Yeah

E Erin Bell 01:23

it was great to see so many of you in person. It was kind of like - "Oh, outside of the box - literally, so

D Dave Chow 01:27

That's what they look like below the waist

E Erin Bell 01:30

I'm really short in person. Don't know if you noticed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:30

Yes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:35

You know, we certainly have recorded in person multiple times since the pandemic started, but I will repeat we have not been in studio since I believe it was Friday the 29th. Uh, it was Leap Day. That's hard to forget, of 2020. So we are hoping to bring that back relatively soon, so -

E Erin Bell 01:53

Awesome.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:54
Fingers crossed. Continuing again around the panel, Professor Jim Tubbs is here.

J James Tubbs 02:00
Hello. Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:01
What's going on, Jim?

J James Tubbs 02:03
Well, not a whole lot. It's been a slow day. Yesterday was busier -

J James Tubbs 02:07
but this has been a good one - and it's nice cheerful autumn looking weather.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:07
Okay,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:11
Yes, it is. Continuing to the end of the panel, but not the end of all things, it's Professor Beth Oljar.

D Dave Chow 02:19
Uh-oh, did we lose her?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:23
Oh no. We see her face frozen in this wonderful smile on the screen but we're gonna have to wait till her internet begins behaving again to be able to get back into that.

D Dave Chow 02:33
She'll be back.

D Dave Chow 02:35
She blinked

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:35
She'll be back. 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 - email us at ATP@UDMercy.edu, Find us on Facebook or Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okay, I think that we've got Beth back here. Let's see what happens if I mention her name. So far - so good.

B Beth Oljar 02:37
I'm sorry. I don't know what is up with my internet connection. I keep trying to get, you know, reconnected. And it connects and then it does whatever it does again, I am not entirely sure but -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:19
No worries. We can hear you loud and clear right now, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 03:22
If I cut out, that's probably why.

D Dave Chow 03:25
Okay, well just tell Drew to stop putting the catnip on the internet wires.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:30
(Laughs) All right, folks. We've got an awesome set of questions here that were sent in by Kymberleigh Richards - long time Ask The Professor question sender from Van Nuys, California. And Kymberleigh just does the most awesome job - Erin, as a newer panelist - of giving tons of background on each of the questions. You know, it's like a meal that makes you feel full for eight hours. It's good stuff here, so -

D Dave Chow 03:55

It's not Chinese food.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56
That's right. No simple sugars here. Let's see. What singer has her own line of sweet potato pies?
- E** Erin Bell 04:08
I've read about this before and I feel like it's someone who is r&b. Uh -
- D** Dave Chow 04:14
Correct
- D** Dave Chow 04:15
Like a Lizzo or somebody like that?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:17
No. No
- E** Erin Bell 04:18
Farther back, I wanna say.
- D** Dave Chow 04:20
What - like a Beyonce - or -?
- D** Dave Chow 04:22
Older?
- E** Erin Bell 04:22
Older



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:22
Older. Good, nice, solid connection to Detroit. That's another clue.

D Dave Chow 04:27
Like a Martha Reeves?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:29
Mm-mm

E Erin Bell 04:29
Good solid connection.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:31
Let's see, This singer teamed up with Walmart to make a sweet potato pie which have consistently flown off the shelves, thanks in part to a YouTube star - James Wright Chanel's ode to them. Someone made a special song because he loved the pies. A 2015 video went viral; and as a mid '22, still has more than 6.5 million views. According to Walmart, on average across all their stores they were selling a pie per second after the video dropped, and they are still available there today. Let's see, the singer says "Sweet potato pie is in my blood. My mother and father, all of my great aunts, my great grandmother and everybody grew up eating sweet potato pie."

D Dave Chow 05:16
Um - Anita Baker?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:17
No, but you're getting so close - So close!

E Erin Bell 05:22
Detroit, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:25
I mean, there's a Detroit connection. I won't say that she lives here or anything. Oops.

E Erin Bell 05:31
But like a Motown

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:32
Not Motown - more just like likes hanging out here, has good roots here.

D Dave Chow 05:39
Patty Smith?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:40
Last chance. Last chance - the initials are P L.

E Erin Bell 05:44
Patti LaBelle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:45
Patti LaBelle.

J James Tubbs 05:46
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:46
There we go.

J James Tubbs 05:47
Patti LaBelle

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:48
Yes. Patti LaBelle's Sweet Potato Pie. And of course. it's not iust about the fun of havina a

celebrity endorse a product. It's about a viral video that got people buying that product, so -

- D** Dave Chow 05:54
I can see it now. My fried rice is gonna have to go viral sooner rather than later.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:04
Oh, my gosh.
- D** Dave Chow 06:05
That's how I'm gonna fund my retirement, right?
- J** James Tubbs 06:07
A vulture?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:07
Mm-hm What bird did Edgar Allan Poe briefly consider having utter the phrase "Never more" in the poem we know as The Raven?
- D** Dave Chow 06:20
A mockingbird?
- E** Erin Bell 06:21
Dave, was it a seagull? I'm just kidding.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:23
"Mine mine mine."
- D** Dave Chow 06:27
Who else? Yeah. What other bird can mock human - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:30
A crow is getting - Well. I can't say it's getting closer. I think you might be ignoring the most logical response.

J James Tubbs 06:30
A crow?

E Erin Bell 06:39
Parrot?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:39
Yeah, it was a parrot - is what he was considering.

J James Tubbs 06:42
Ohhh.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:43
Yes. You know, I mean, in the poem, it doesn't make that much sense to have the bird only say one thing and repeat it a lot of times - but I mean, it's a poem. It's not reality. So, uh -

D Dave Chow 06:52
Yeah, but the Raven just seems so much darker and so much more appropriate. You know.

J James Tubbs 06:57
Yes. It's playing with him. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:00
That's right.

D Dave Chow 07:01
Hey, a parrot sounds like - you know, Long John Silver or something like that. You know, it just

doesn't - Not the same.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:08

That's exactly what it says here. "The parrot did not perch so well, in Poe's mind because it didn't fit the mood he was going for". It's like, what mood was Poe going for?

E Erin Bell 07:17

Melancholy

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:18

Melancholy. Yes.

J James Tubbs 07:19

It's sort of like - Why we didn't adopt the turkey as the national bird of the United States.

D Dave Chow 07:24

Yes, thanks, Ben Franklin.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:25

Yes, exactly, exactly. By the way, Poe referred to melancholy as, "the most legitimate of all poetical tones".

D Dave Chow 07:36

Well

E Erin Bell 07:37

Original email.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:38

(Laughs) That's right. Exactly.

D Dave Chow 07:41
The Baltimore goth kid, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:42
For the record, a parody of The Raven titled THE PARROT appeared in 1856, about a decade after Poe revealed the original thought process was, "Well, what's a bird that can talk?" because that was really his only criteria at that point. Yeah. Okay. In restaurant jargon, -

D Dave Chow 08:00
Oooh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:01
See, everything comes back to food. We started with Patti LaBelle's Sweet Potato Pies. In restaurant jargon, what is an Auto Grat? And we're glad to have you back, Beth

B Beth Oljar 08:14
Automatic gratuity. It would be a tip.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:16
There we go.

D Dave Chow 08:17
Oh, look at that.

J James Tubbs 08:20
She logs in and knocks it right out of the park.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
Automatic gratuity.



- E** Erin Bell 08:25
Yeah, you've gotta do that. As a former server, sometimes you get those parties of 15 or 20 people split checks and you leave with like a \$2 tip. So - Auto gratuity all the way.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:37
Oh, man.
- D** Dave Chow 08:38
That's when somebody loses a tire. Right? Oh, I did I say that. Oh!
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:43
By the way, among some diners, it is commonly referred to by a derogatory term. Can you think of that term might be?
- D** Dave Chow 08:51
My mom used to call it communism. (The professors laugh)
- D** Dave Chow 08:54
Oh, okay.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:54
Some people call it a mandatory tip. A mandatory tip.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:00
Love it. Love it.
- D** Dave Chow 09:01
Uh-oh, Beth, liked the term communism. (The professors laugh).
- D** Dave Chow 09:04
No, no, seriously, that's what she called. I mean, because they tried it for a month where she worked, and they just didn't fly. That's all

worked, and they just didn't try. That's all.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:11
You're going to love this next question. This question has a very high probability of going into Ask the Professor lore forever.
- J** James Tubbs 09:21
Ooh
- D** Dave Chow 09:22
Wait a minute. Is this like a Diane Manica - Johnny Mattress kind of lore?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:26
I hope that I didn't just jinx it by saying that out loud. But how did the device - the container, let's say - the dumpster get its name? This is great.
- D** Dave Chow 09:40
Named after like Enrico Dump or something like that?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:44
(Laughs) Well, I laugh out loud, but that is a reasonable guess, is all I'm going to say.
- J** James Tubbs 09:52
Because it used to be carried on the back of a dump truck.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:55
That's the most logical way to approach this. Okay, it's like Dan Maggio's "Let's approach this mathematically" Right? But that is not it. That is not it.
- D** Dave Chow 10:04
(Laughs) I mean, it could have been called a Prasad. I mean, you know.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:06

It's true. It's true. Oh my gosh, for the record in most large cities, pre 1930s, folks had to toss trash by hand, and use a bunch of easy-to -carry buckets or bins to accomplish the task. However, if one had a large amount of waste to go out and very few city services available, largely by the way, horse drawn wagons to collect, it might take weeks before it reached the capacity to do so. Today's Dumpsters range from small driveway size, of course, to some that are bigger than a minivan and sometimes even bigger than that. So how did the dumpster get its name? This is great. This is just great. All I can tell you, for your last clue is that it does have to do with someone's name.

D

Dave Chow 10:51

Oh, so I wasn't that far off from, uh -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:54

You were not. your we're not. I believe you said Enrico Dump, (laughs)

B

Beth Oljar 10:59

Somebody named Dumpster? I mean, it was -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:02

I mean, I'm giving it to you. That's 99%. The first dumpster company was founded by George Dempster -

E

Erin Bell 11:11

Ohhh.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:11

whose name was all over the product.

J

James Tubbs 11:15

Yes, it was. Dempster Dumpster.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:16
And that is the way it got its name. That is - That's legendary.

B Beth Oljar 11:22
That's cool.

D Dave Chow 11:23
Well, I don't know right about now it could also be named after the 45th president too.

J James Tubbs 11:28
Well, he's in competition with Thomas Crapper there

D Dave Chow 11:33
Well, or Herschel Walker.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:35
Oh, my gosh. In 2004, were you paying attention?

D Dave Chow 11:41
No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:41
Congress designated a national tree for the United States of America. What is it?

J James Tubbs 11:48
Pine Tree?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:49
It is not.

D Dave Chow 11:50
Douglas fir.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:52
Nope.

B Beth Oljar 11:53
Should be a Douglas fir.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:54
It should be. It should be.

D Dave Chow 11:57
A Sequoia?

B Beth Oljar 11:58
A rRdwood, one of those giant Redwoods.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:01
These are all really good guesses. The only other thing that I feel like I can mention is it's not a Maple. And I'm pretty sure they did that on purpose. Because of course, we don't want to be confused with our neighbor to the north.

B Beth Oljar 12:12
An oak.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:13
It is an oak. It's a simple old oak tree. Yep. This was a vote hosted by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Oh, my - I mean, how many people live in this country? Over 300 million?

B Beth Oljar 12:26

About 350, I think - now.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:27

That's right. They got 101,000 votes. It just - it's kind of paltry. But yeah, dogwood, pine made the top five. Passage of the bill, HR 1775. And the 108th Congress was led by Congressman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia and Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska. It amended federal law to make the specific genus Quercus the national tree of the United States of America. Yes.

J

James Tubbs 12:57

Do we have a national rock?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:59

I feel like we should.

D

Dave Chow 13:01

Yeah, It's called Newt Gingrich.

J

James Tubbs 13:02

Do we have a national insect?

J

James Tubbs 13:03

I feel like we have that too.

D

Dave Chow 13:06

Yeah, the mosquito.

B

Beth Oljar 13:08

Yeah.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:09

Oh my gosh.

B Beth Oljar 13:11
Well, our national bird should be a turkey instead of a bald eagle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:15
That's true.

B Beth Oljar 13:16
I know that was Ben Franklin's suggestion. We should have listened to him.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
Professors, what country won the first ever World Cup - 1930 in soccer? I can give you this much of a hint. The two finalists were both from South America. That narrows it down pretty quickly.

J James Tubbs 13:36
Brazil,

D Dave Chow 13:37
Argentina. Argentina was defeated - not by Brazil - in the final 4 to 2 in front of 93,000 people.

B Beth Oljar 13:47
Chile,

E Erin Bell 13:48
(Laughing) So let's go through all of them.

D Dave Chow 13:48
Paraguay.



J James Tubbs 13:51
Bolivia

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:52
No, I'm afraid it was all the ones that you didn't mention. No. It was Uruguay. Uruguay defeated Argentina

B Beth Oljar 13:58
They're both Guays, you know,

D Dave Chow 14:00
Uruguay, Paraguay

J James Tubbs 14:01
All those Guays.

D Dave Chow 14:02
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:03
Oh my gosh. Professors, What Pulitzer Prize-winning play later made into a movie was the inspiration for Thomas Hart Benton's sensuous 1948 painting POKER NIGHT?

D Dave Chow 14:15
Dogs Playing Poker. Oh, no, I'm kidding.

E Erin Bell 14:17
I know, that's what came to my mind.

B Beth Oljar 14:20
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:22
For the record, Kymberleigh has at the bottom "The painting obviously will never be confused with Dogs Playing Poker.

D Dave Chow 14:28
(Laughing) That's what you think.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30
Which by the way originated in 1894. Dogs Playing Poker. That's your trivia for today. But what Tennessee Williams play became Thomas Hart Benton's sensuous 1948 painting POKER NIGHT?

D Dave Chow 14:45
STREEETCAR NAMED DESIRE?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:46
STREEETCAR NAMED DESIRE is a pretty good guess. Yeah, because it was the year before. It was the year before.

E Erin Bell 14:51
GLASS MENAGERIE?.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52
No, it was the STREEETCAR NAMED DESIRE.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:54
Oh, good. Yes. Yeah, no. So for the record STREEETCAR NAMED DESIRE, 1947. The painting was 1948. The movie - I believe we all know - Marlon Brando, Jessica Tandy, Kim Hunter AND Karl Malden. That was 1951, so quick turnaround with some interesting tropes.

J James Tubbs 15:13
You left out the star.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:15
Who's that?

J James Tubbs 15:18
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:18
The streetcar?

J James Tubbs 15:19
Yeah, um - What's her name? um -

B Beth Oljar 15:22
Elizabeth Taylor?

J James Tubbs 15:25
No she was in GONE WITH THE WIND.

B Beth Oljar 15:27
Vivien Leigh?

J James Tubbs 15:27
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:28
Oh, Vivien Leigh, of course.

J James Tubbs 15:30
Vivien Leigh

vivien Leigh.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:31
Professors, for what achievement was non grid star George Toma inducted into the National Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2001. So did not play the game, but was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 2001.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:45
He invented the helmet.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:47
I was thinking that helmet.
- D** Dave Chow 15:48
The kicking T
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:49
No, that's good. That's good.
- D** Dave Chow 15:52
The forward pass?
- B** Beth Oljar 15:54
Shoulder pads?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:56
No.
- D** Dave Chow 15:57
Was it equipment related?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:59
It - well, not technically.

D Dave Chow 16:02
He invented the yard marker.

B Beth Oljar 16:03
Yeah. Did he make the field 100 yards? Is that - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:07
I mean, you're getting very much closer. George Toma had been the groundskeeper for every Super Bowl, from 1967 to 2001. He also did groundskeeping for the 84 and 96 Olympics, and for much of his career, tended the yard in Kansas City, Missouri for of course, the great Kansas City Royals, and was an inaugural inductee into Major League Baseball's Groundskeepers' Hall of Fame in 2012. If you're good at what you do -

D Dave Chow 16:36
Hmm. Now, who was it - What's that Heather, what's her name - in charge of Comerica Park.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:41
Oh, yeah, Heather - Heather Nabozny.

D Dave Chow 16:43
Yeah. I wonder if she's up for a -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:46
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 16:46
Up for it. That's all. I remember she was getting some acclaim when Comerica went up.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:50
Yeah. She was the first female head groundskeeper in Major League Baseball history at Comerica Park. And she's still there. She's still there. FYI. Toma officially retired in 2001, but continues to work as a consultant at age 93 for sports facilities all around the US.

D Dave Chow 17:09
Boy, must be nice.

E Erin Bell 17:10
Livin' his best life. That's cool.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:12
Yeah, it is. It's kind of cool to think that people can keep doing what they love.

D Dave Chow 17:16
Yeah, he gets to cut grass and actually enjoy it.

M Matt Mio 17:18
That's right. Who was the only fictional character on the list "Time Magazine's Most 100 Influential People of the 20th Century as the Millennium turned over?"

D Dave Chow 17:33
Pac Man?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:35
It's not what it says.

J James Tubbs 17:37
Oh, Gordon Gekko?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:38

No

E Erin Bell 17:39
Homer Simpson.

D Dave Chow 17:41
Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:42
I'm going for 98% credit there, because it's Bart Simpson.

E Erin Bell 17:46
Oh, yes.

D Dave Chow 17:47
Oh, you took it up the family tree. That's all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:51
Absolutely. Oh, my gosh, don't have a cow over all this, but in 2000, Bart, along with the rest of the Simpsons, (The Simpsons, not the voiceovers) were awarded a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. And of course, Nancy Cartwright ,the voice of BART, for many decades, has earned primetime Emmys and Annie's for her work on The Simpsons. Lot's a background data there. We love it. Kymberleigh, we just love it.

J James Tubbs 18:17
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:18
How many hazard cards are there in a game of Mille Bornes?

D Dave Chow 18:24
Okav. there's Flat Tire. Out Of Gas. Stop Sign and Collision. So how manv did I count?

okay, there's that one, out of each stop sign and combine so how many did I count.

J James Tubbs 18:32
Four.

D Dave Chow 18:33
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:33
(Laughs) Well, technically, they're saying that the answer is 18, because there are multiple copies of each of those calamities.

D Dave Chow 18:41
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:42
I don't know if you've ever played Mille Bornes before. It's a popular worldwide road race card game invented in 1954. There are five red stoplight, four speed limit, and three each of accident, flat tire and out of gas.

D Dave Chow 18:58
Speed Limit - I always forget that one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:00
Yes. I'm telling you right now that my parents had a version of the game. And they bought it in Canada. So the whole thing was in French - Completely in French.

D Dave Chow 19:09
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:10
And I just thought that it was colorful and cool. And I always wanted to play it. But since I could

not read French, it was difficult. Very difficult.

D Dave Chow 19:17
Matt, Come on over. I got the bilingual edition.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:20
Mm-hm.

E Erin Bell 19:20
There you go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:21
It looks like what we have here is something along the lines of 1960s, it became very, very popular in the United States. Kind of declined since then, but, uh - yeah. In which US city was the first hospital opened in 1752?

J James Tubbs 19:41
Philadelphia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:42
I think that's a pretty darn good guess, because of course it was the streets of Philadelphia. Good old Ben Franklin and Thomas Bond opened the Pennsylvania Hospital, the very first hospital in the United States of America. Great guess, Jim, I mean, it was a good answer. (The professors laugh) I know you're not guessing. I know you're not guessing. Speaking about the hospital's origins, Franklin was known to say "I do not remember any of my political maneuvers, the success of which gave me at the time more pleasure". Since 1997, Pennsylvania Hospital has been part of the UPenn system and offers a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic medical services, in addition to being the major teaching and clinical research for the University of Pennsylvania. Still kickin'.

J James Tubbs 20:27
Well, I know there's a medical history museum there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:30

That's right. That's right. There's a -

D Dave Chow 20:31
What - The Mutter Museum?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:33
Yeah, a chemical history museum there too. When it comes to being a marsupial -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:38
(What a great start to a question), How does a kangaroo pouch differ from that of a wombat?

J James Tubbs 20:38
Yes

D Dave Chow 20:47
What - I'm assuming the baby can feed with inside the kangaroo pouch?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:50
As far as I can tell from this explanation, that's true of both.

D Dave Chow 20:54
Oh, okay. Um -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:58
Tricky. Tricky stuff.

D Dave Chow 20:59
Size? Obviously size.

D Dave Chow 21:01

Yeah, I think size is definitely something, but that's not what it says here. There's something a little more, um - Gosh, fundamental

D

Dave Chow 21:07

Side entry? Top entry? It comes with a zipper?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12

Yeah, basically, you've covered all the bases.

D

Dave Chow 21:14

It comes with a button?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:16

A kangaroo's pouch faces forward and opens towards the head of the animal. The wombat's is way lower and faces essentially down. So - that is very, very interesting. Remember, kangaroos spend most of their time upright, because gravity keeps the young in the pouch. For the wombat, which does a lot of burrowing, a backwards facing pouch is going to be more useful.

J

James Tubbs 21:39

The poor little baby wombats are looking at feet all the time?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:43

Yes, I think that they are.

J

James Tubbs 21:45

Oh!


M


Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46

Just a little side note, because that's what Kymberleigh is known for. There's only one marsupial native to North America. Do you know what it is?


E


Erin Bell 21:52


 Erin Bell 21:55
Opossum


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:55
Opossum?. Yes.


 Beth Oljar 21:56
Yuck! They're ugly, mean little animals.


 Erin Bell 21:59
They are ugly, but they eat pests. They eat bugs.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03
They do. They do.

 Dave Chow 22:04
Yeah. They eat all the ticks.

 Erin Bell 22:05
The ticks. Yeah,

 Dave Chow 22:06
I'm okay with them.

 Dave Chow 22:07
Don't forget about the ticks.

 Erin Bell 22:08
They are pretty funky looking though.



D Dave Chow 22:10
I'd much rather have them in my yard than the skunks at 3:30 in the morning.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:13
That's for dang sure.

J James Tubbs 22:15
But a whistlepig tops them all. (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 22:18
True. Yeah, Heather would just cringe right about now. (Jim laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:21
Oh my gosh. Faye Dunaway co starred with Steve McQueen in The THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR movie that was made in 1968. She also had a role in the 1999 remake. What was it?

B Beth Oljar 22:34
She was his therapist.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:36
Yeah, That's what it says here. It's pretty interesting stuff.

B Beth Oljar 22:39
It's a great movie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:40
Yeah

B Beth Oljar 22:40
It's a great remake. I really liked it. I mean, it's not quite as good as the original, because if you don't have Steve McQueen, I mean, come on, but

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:48
Right. But that was Pierce Brosnan. Right?.

B Beth Oljar 22:52
And Rene Russo. Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:54
Awesome. Awesome. Awesome. Which planet weighs over twice as much as all the other planets known in our solar system combined?

B Beth Oljar 23:04
Jupiter?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:05
Yeah, that's a pretty good guess. And it's absolutely correct. Fifth planet from the Sun, largest in the solar system. It is a gas giant 2.5 times the mass of all the other planets in the solar system combined. It has a minimum 67 moons, including the four large moons called the Galilean moons, because they're big enough for Galileo to see and 1610. Ganymede, the largest is the diameter greater than the planet Mercury. Jupiter's volume is - geez! 1,321 Earth's all put together.

D Dave Chow 23:37
Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:38
Absolutely incredible. Yep. How high can Australia's flightless Emu, The second largest bird alive today, jump?

B Beth Oljar 23:47
30 feet.



D Dave Chow 23:49
Seven feet.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:50
It says seven feet.

E Erin Bell 23:52
Really? How'd you get that right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:53
It says seven feet. I mean, that's that's pretty good, if you think about it.

D Dave Chow 23:57
You ready for this? I'm just thinking fences. That's all. Just thinking fences.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:00
Oh, yeah. And it also can run at a top speed of what?


E Erin Bell 24:05
30.


B Beth Oljar 24:05
25 miles an hour.


D Dave Chow 24:07
35 miles an hour?


M Matt Mio 24:08
It says that that is its standard gait. So just to be clear, that's its regular walking speed. So it can hit 60 miles per hour over short distances.


 James Tubbs 24:08
An Emu?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:09
Yeah, that's what it says.


 James Tubbs 24:13
Wow.


 Dave Chow 24:13
Downhill - with a tailwind.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:16
Mm-hm

 James Tubbs 24:25
Falling.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:29
We all know that Eastern Michigan University really missed an opportunity when they got rid of their indigenous mascot and missed the chance to be the Emus. Let's just be serious here. You know? Come on. Come on. Oh, wow. I didn't even mean for it to go in that direction. And here's question 16. Which state was the first to hold an official Columbus Day observance - 1907?

 James Tubbs 24:56
Ohio

 Beth Oljar 24:58
Virginia?



D Dave Chow 24:59
Massachusetts?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:00
Yeah, you know, it was way out west.

B Beth Oljar 25:03
Oh

D Dave Chow 25:04
Wyoming,

B Beth Oljar 25:06
Idaho

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:07
One of the four corners.

B Beth Oljar 25:09
Oh, Colorado

M Matt Mio 25:10
It was Colorado. Yeah, it says Colorado. Pretty interesting. They had started something, uh - the Society of St. Tammany, also known as the Columbian order, which commemorated the 300th anniversary of Columbus's landing , or rather - decided to on October 12 1792, in New York City. Columbus Day was not made a federal holiday until 1971, despite their having been discussions about the same in lobbying by the aptly named Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus, as early as 1892 when President Harrison issued a proclamation "recommending to all the people observing the in the localities, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America", false, false, false, false, false, horrible, false, Happy Thanksgiving, Dave.

D Dave Chow 25:56
Thank you.

- M** Matt Mio 25:57
Okay, we have time for one more question, just enough time for one more question. What did the pirate Blackbeard demand in exchange for hostages when his heavily armed fleet blockaded the harbor in Charleston, South Carolina, mid May 1718?
- B** Beth Oljar 26:15
What did he demand?
- D** Dave Chow 26:15
A Klondike Bar
- J** James Tubbs 26:20
Matches to light his beard on fire.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:22
Yeah, there you go - matches, something fundamental. It actually is - we're talking 1718 - by today's standards this is fundamental.
- B** Beth Oljar 26:30
Fresh water.
- M** Matt Mio 26:31
You're getting there. Getting close.
- D** Dave Chow 26:34
What - like a flush toilet or something like that?
- M** Matt Mio 26:36
No, not a flush toilet. Not water.

B Beth Oljar 26:39
Food?

M Matt Mio 26:40
Getting closer. It wasn't food though. It wasn't food though.

E Erin Bell 26:44
Tea?

D Dave Chow 26:44
Booze?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:47
You know what he wanted? He wanted a first aid kit. He wanted medicine.

E Erin Bell 26:52
Oh, that's smart.

M Matt Mio 26:53
Because his men were so sick. Yes.

J James Tubbs 26:56
That's kinda sad no.

D Dave Chow 26:57
Okay. That almost sounds noble even.

M Matt Mio 26:59
Blackbird had captured nine sailing vessels - oh my lord - one of which contain many prominent members of the Charlestown community, demanding medicine from the colonial governor by threatening that the prisoners would be beheaded and the ships burned if the medicine was not

threatening that the prisoners would be beheaded and the ships burned if the medicine was not supplied. So - you know.

B Beth Oljar 27:16

Did he get it?

D Dave Chow 27:17

Yeah. Did he get it then? I mean -

M Matt Mio 27:19

You know, Kymberleigh just gives us enough information to be able to get to that point.

D Dave Chow 27:24

Ohhh!

B Beth Oljar 27:25

You know, if you've seen the series Black Sails, you get a really vivid depiction of what keelhauling looks like.

M Matt Mio 27:36

Uh-huh.

J James Tubbs 27:37

Yeah

D Dave Chow 27:37

Eww!

B Beth Oljar 27:37

And that's who they're doing it to.

B Beth Oljar 27:42
It's true.

J James Tubbs 27:43
Oh, all of those barnacles are awfully painful.

E Erin Bell 27:47
Man, I've just been watching Taika Waititi - um -

M Matt Mio 27:47
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 27:48
Mm-hm

E Erin Bell 27:51
Our Flag Means Death, which I do not think is an accurate representation of Blackbeard and his exploits, but it's really adorable. So

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:58
But stars Rhys Darby, who is one of the funniest people ever to walk the earth. So yeah, my wife tried very, very hard to pull me in. But there's only 24 hours in the day, AND only 30 minutes on every episode of Ask the Professor. So the time has come for us to say goodbye, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 28:14
Bye

M Matt Mio 28:15
Jim.



J James Tubbs 28:16
Bye

M Matt Mio 28:17
Erin.

E Erin Bell 28:18
Bye,

E Erin Bell 28:19
and Dave.

D Dave Chow 28:19
See ya.

M Matt Mio 28:20
And now these words.

M Michael Jayson 28:22
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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:31
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