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J Jason Roche 00:01

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. She's looking at something else. It's Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 00:19
Sorry.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:20
It's okay. Hello. It would be the same way if we were in the live studio, which could be around the corner, you know, at any day this at this point, so

H Heather Hill 00:29
Are you saying that I don't pay attention?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:31
No, not at all.

J James Tubbs 00:32
You multiteask Heather

you multitask, Heather.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:34
A lot of us are on our phones when we're in the studio.

H Heather Hill 00:37
No, I was being rude. I was. I fully admit it.

D Dave Chow 00:40
Heather, you do know if we were in the studio, he would only call on you if you had food in your mouth.

J James Tubbs 00:45
That's right.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:45
Oh, that's true.


H Heather Hill 00:46
Yeah, that's That's right.


J James Tubbs 00:47
He would wait 'til you took a big bite of donut and then call on her


D Dave Chow 00:51
or saltwater taffy or something like that. You know


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:54
I'm just saying - I'm waiting to call on somebody with a big mouthful of donut at this point. I want to get back in the studio

 James Tubbs 01:00
or pork bun.


 Heather Hill 01:01
Actually, I was checking Olivia's Etsy site.


 Dave Chow 01:07
Is she selling food too?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:08
How many scarves?


 Dan Maggio 01:09
I just bought a Grogue

 Heather Hill 01:11
Did you? You guys are awesome.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:14
They're super cute.

 Dave Chow 01:15
Dog gone-it, Now I'm gonna have to go shopping. I'd better get in there before the line backs up.

 Heather Hill 01:21
Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 01:24
While he's still a baby

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:26

Yes, yes.

D Dave Chow 01:27

While we can still afford it. Because she's got up her rates on us.

H Heather Hill 01:30

Yeah, they're all homemade.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:32

It's pretty cool.

H Heather Hill 01:33

So Matt, you can talk to somebody else now while I do that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:36

Oh, sure. Yeah, I'll move on to Professor Stephen Manning, who's joining us today.

S Stephen Manning 01:42

Um, I don't know what to say.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:46

(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 01:46

Credit card number please.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48

You know exactly what to say. Actually. I've got a good Yankees story, Stephen. A student

showed up actually looking quite fashionable. And the centerpiece of her outfit was a Yankees cap. And she asked for something in the main office, and Jane Schley and I are both pretty hardcore Tigers fans. And Jane complied with the request and said, "Even if you're a Yankees fan, will still help you out." And the student smiled and pointed at the logo and said, "I don't know what this is. I just think it completes my outfit" and literally turned around and did a flourish. And we were like "That's the real deal right there".

J James Tubbs 02:23
(Laughs) It was attractive lettering.

S Stephen Manning 02:27
Over the years, the rumor was spread around that you couldn't pass my class if you wore any Yankees paraphernalia. And automatically wearing Boston stuff was like extra credit without having to do anything for it.

B Beth Oljar 02:40
Cool!

S Stephen Manning 02:41
None of this was true, of course. This is all rumors.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:44
Hilarious. Professor Beth Oljar is here again with us today in a different environ than the Family Library, which is cool.

B Beth Oljar 02:52
Yes. Sitting in my family room with my newly cleaned windows, which I did, like a weekend or so - Well, Yeah, - last weekend, so -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:01
Nice.

B Beth Oljar 03:02
Currently, the windows are open and the cats have smellivision. And they are - Well. Mia is

currently, the windows are open and the cats have 360-degree vision and they are... Well, this is keeping her eye on the perimeter for possible movement in the rodent population. You know, it's a conspiracy. You have to be ever vigilant.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:17

Absolutely. constant vigilance is the only way

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Beth Oljar 03:21

Exactly.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:21

Even for cats. Absolutely.

B

Beth Oljar 03:23

Indeed.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:25

Professor Dave Chow is here with us. And I don't think he's been asleep for 36 hours.

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Dave Chow 03:30

Pleasure to be here. And no, I did go to bed this morning at about five.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:35

Wow.

D

Dave Chow 03:36

So yeah, Right after I posted something on Heather's page about Whistlepigs. It's all good. And so you just got up for us then, is what you're telling me. Oh, no. I had a meeting at 10 o'clock I had to attend this morning. And Matt, if you were taking a look out your window probably about two hours ago, you would have seen me pouring transmission fluid into my car.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:58

... ..

What! What happened?

D Dave Chow 03:59

Oh, my old car transmission fluid was a little down. So all of a sudden I couldn't shift. I'm 10 feet out of the driveway.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:04

Oh my gosh!

J James Tubbs 04:06

Was this the Chrysler?

D Dave Chow 04:08

Yes. It's all good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:10

It's as big as whale.

D Dave Chow 04:11

And it's all good. So I'm done. You know, I took a spin around the block, topped it off, and I might put it to rest for the year. Doggone it.

B Beth Oljar 04:21

and it's about to set sail, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:23

Yes. it's about to set sail. Well, this weekend would be the perfect weekend for a final tour around Metro Detroit. Yeah, absolutely. Speaking of fancy cars, here comes Professor Jason Roche in his -

J James Tubbs 04:36

The Roche-mobile

J Jason Roche 04:38
Not the fanciest of cars, but hey, it's a Chevy Equinox.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:42
There we go. It's a grocery getter.

J Jason Roche 04:45
Yes

D Dave Chow 04:46
It's a kid escort.


B Beth Oljar 04:47
It's a kiddie limo.


J Jason Roche 04:49
Ain't got nothing in the truck but a bag of groceries.


D Dave Chow 04:52
Jason, your kids have been a little heavier than a bag of groceries for a long while now.


J Jason Roche 04:57
This is very true, depending on the groceries; but yeah, absolutely. One of them. I can still toss up in the air; and the other one gets jealous, but I'm like, "Yep, not gonna happen, buddy. You weigh 90 pounds".


D Dave Chow 05:10
You can still toss him up in the air. Your hernia would let you know though, so


 Jason Roche 05:14
I just probably wouldn't toss him that far.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:16
Oh yeah, that's true. That's absolutely true. Professor Dan Maggio is here with us. We didn't hear, Dan, how your trip had gone.


 Dan Maggio 05:24
Well, actually one of the trips that I've had. The weather was kind of cool, windy, rainy, but we managed to get around the Traverse City, broader area. So, had a great time.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
Nice.


 Dan Maggio 05:41
And I wanted to say that - Heather, I enjoyed your piece on Chaucer that you posted.

 James Tubbs 05:47
Yes, I did too

 Dan Maggio 05:48
I think everybody should do more of those

 James Tubbs 05:51
I'm so relieved to think he's not a rapist

 Beth Oljar 05:55
Was this on Facebook?

 Dave Chow 05:57
Yes. Okay, because I don't have anything to do with the Facebook page. That's all Drew. So.

Get him on it.

B Beth Oljar 06:06
I'll have to read it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:08
The whole thing is put together - Don't you agree, Dan - by "Here's your friendly neighborhood medievalist". Like, you had me at the very first phrase, no matter what you were going to talk about. And I kind of knew it was going to be the Chaucer

D Dan Maggio 06:20
but it's like a little mini podcast.

H Heather Hill 06:22
Yeah, it's a little video that was on the front page of The New York Times that the document that they had - You guys just go watch it.

D Dan Maggio 06:23
I enjoyed it.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:32
Yeah, it's cool stuff. Obviously someone who read it was Professor Jim Tubbs

J James Tubbs 06:37
Yes. You didn't say where they found the document.


H Heather Hill 06:41
Oh, it's in the article. I can't remember exactly where they found it.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:44
What was it Jim?

 Heather Hill 06:45
Somewhere in England, I'm sure.

 James Tubbs 06:47
I'm sure


 Heather Hill 06:48
In the House Of Records, Jim


 James Tubbs 06:49
Oh, or Somerset House where they have all the ancestry stuff

 Dave Chow 06:53
House of records? You mean - like Harmony House? Wrong kind of records. My bed.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:59
I figured you were gonna make that joke or I was gonna be like "So this wasn't discovered in Clawson". I mean, it could have been anywhere

 Dave Chow 07:05
Or Sam's Jams or something like that. I mean, Exactly.

 James Tubbs 07:07
No it's under a slab of cement stadium that we're tearing down.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:12
Oh, yeah. In Foxborough. There we go. Jimmy Hoffa. He was in Jimmy Hoffa's hand. Professor Erin Bell is here with us today from our Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

 07:22

E Erin Bell 07:23
You know, though, I feel like I've really found my people here. I learn something every time

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:27
Every time. Maybe something I didn't want to know. But-

J James Tubbs 07:31
a lot you didn't want to know. Yep.

H Heather Hill 07:33
Well, it's great having you here, Erin. It's fun.


E Erin Bell 07:37
Thank you.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:38
Yes, we're glad that you're here.


H Heather Hill 07:39
You add an important aspect to our madness.


E Erin Bell 07:44
I did just buy a Baby Grogg.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:45
It's all about the love professors. Just like with this 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@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. It's going to be quite shocking for the professors to learn that long time - possibly longest time question sender Kymberleigh Richards has sent us a brand new set of great fun with background info. Let's see what we can do. What city hosts the longest foot race in the world, The self transcendence 3100 which as the name implies, is a 3100 mile foot race?


 Jason Roche 08:37
In one city?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:38
in one city


 Dave Chow 08:39
Foot race?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:40
Mm-hm


 Heather Hill 08:41
What city? Athens?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:43
No, it is an American city.


 Heather Hill 08:45
It's an American city,

 Dave Chow 08:47
Phoenix


 Stephen Manning 08:48
San Francisco,

 Jason Roche 08:49
Los Angeles,


 Heather Hill 08:50
Chicago.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:52
Nope.


 Dan Maggio 08:52
Gotta be a big city. New York?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:54
You know, the answer is New York. Specifically, it's Queens. The twist is that the race course circles one extended city block where the runners have to complete a circuit 5649 times to complete the distance. They have 52 days to complete the distance - an average of 59.62 miles every day. And by the way, I can't help myself - The self transcendence 3100. It's perfect. I mean, it's -

 Dave Chow 09:23
Matt. I will never complain about Vincetta Garage parking in front of my house with that kind of repetition.

 James Tubbs 09:30
Nope.

 Dan Maggio 09:32
So who's counting the laps?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:34
I mean, somebody is. That's pretty interesting, right?

 Dave Chow 09:36
What - an honor system? I think Dan's got a good point.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:39

For the record, Founder Sri Chinmoy wanted to discover the physical limits of the body and then push beyond them. The current record holder completed the race in 40 days, nine hours, six minutes and 21 seconds. Absolutely incredible!

D Dave Chow 09:59

That person has no life.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:01

Well, they've transcended the need for their corporeal form.

D Dave Chow 10:04

Yeah, they were self transcending.

B Beth Oljar 10:04

Well, by dying. That would be one way to transend yourself (Laughs)

D Dave Chow 10:07

Yeah, he died at the finish line.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:13

Oh my word. Professors, What's the most popular meat to serve with food in Japan?

D Dave Chow 10:20

Fish.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:21

That's not what it says here.

B Beth Oljar 10:23
Beef

E Erin Bell 10:23
Chicken

D Dave Chow 10:24
Pork.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:25
It says its pork. For the record, the amount of pork eaten nationwide is almost more than beef, chicken and fish combined. Which is incredible.

D Dave Chow 10:36
It makes sense.

B Beth Oljar 10:37
I could never give up pork. There are just so many delicious things going on in an animal.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:43
That's true.

B Beth Oljar 10:43
I mean, I might be able to manage being a vegetarian except for -

H Heather Hill 10:48
Meat!

B Beth Oljar 10:50
having to give up pork. (The professors laugh) Yeah, except for the meat part.

D Dave Chow 10:53
Yeah, except for the meat part - you'd be a great vegetarian Beth

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:56
I'm not sure how many of you are familiar with this, but the number one pork dish by far is Tonkatsu, which is a breaded deep fried pork fillet and is basically basic breakfast in the country of Japan.

B Beth Oljar 11:10
It would be their version of Schnitzel.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:12
Yes, that sounds delicious.


H Heather Hill 11:14
I'm hungry


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15
Professors, I bet you're familiar with the Academy Awards, nicknamed the Oscars, for the best in filmmaking and film production. But there are also Raspberries, known as the Razzies, for the worst in all of those things. A very, very famous American actress won both an Oscar and a Razzie in the same year for two different movies. Who was this?


D Dave Chow 11:38
Halle Berry? No. The year was 2010.


H Heather Hill 11:43
Meryl Streep?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:44
Nope.


 James Tubbs 11:46
Sandra Bullock


 Dave Chow 11:46
Oh, good one.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:48
It was Sandra Bullock. I have no idea how you all know this sort of thing


 Heather Hill 11:51
Because we live very, very sad lives. That's why.

 Beth Oljar 11:56
So - The Blind Side.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:57
She got The Blind Side was the Oscar.

 Heather Hill 11:59
I'm sorry. I interrupted. What were the two movies again?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:03
So Beth said that it was The Blind Side for the Oscar, no question. But the Razzie was for All About Steve which one for Worst Actress and half of Worst On Screen Couple with Bradley Cooper. She showed up to the Razzie ceremony as a surprise, with a broken wagon full of All About Steve dvd's. I think that's great. That is - Being able to make fun of yourself is important.

 James Tubbs 12:28
She is very self possessed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30
That's awesome.

J James Tubbs 12:31
I remember the coverage of her showing up for the Raspberrys Awards.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:36
The Raspberrys. And I was kind of surprised because she had just won the Oscars. Mm-hm.

J James Tubbs 12:42
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:43
What is the significance of the twist tie on a loaf of bread having a certain color to it?

B Beth Oljar 12:49
It tells you what kind of bread it is?

D Dan Maggio 12:51
The day of the week it was made.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:53
Yeah, it's the day of the week. Most companies use it to keep track of Monday blue, Tuesday green, red for Thursday. Friday is white, Saturdays color is yellow. Remembering this simple code could help you choose a fresher loaf when shopping. Pretty interesting.

J James Tubbs 13:08
And if it's orange, just pass it by.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:11
(laughs)

(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 13:13
Or if it doesn't have one and it's furry, leave it be.

B Beth Oljar 13:15
Dan, you are so smart. My favorite bread at Westborn has increased in price. So it's now 7.50 a loaf.

J James Tubbs 13:21
Oh!

D Dan Maggio 13:24
Oh my.

B Beth Oljar 13:26
I'm not kidding you. But it's the best sourdough bread for toast in the universe.


D Dan Maggio 13:31
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 13:31
What is it that CRUST stuff you're buying?


B Beth Oljar 13:33
Yes. Yes. It's so worth it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:36
Mm-hm.

M 13:37

 Heather Hill 13:37


It is good bread

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:38


That's true.

 Dave Chow 13:38

Oh! food of the gods.

 Beth Oljar 13:40

Indeed.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:41


It is good stuff. Professors, Did you know that a popular variety - or if you will, cultivar of asparagus shares its name with a famous First Lady of the United States.

 Heather Hill 13:54

And I guess you're asking what that is. What vegetable is it? (Matt and Heather laugh) Oh, no, I did say it was asparagus. Who's the first lady? Asparagus. Correct.

 Stephen Manning 14:07


Close enough.

 Heather Hill 14:08

Correct! I want full credit.

 Stephen Manning 14:11

Ladybird.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:12

No, we're going backwards from there.

J James Tubbs 14:15
Jacqueline.

B Beth Oljar 14:18
There's white and purple asparagus and green asparagus.

J Jason Roche 14:24
Eleanor.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:24
So no. This is the classic green American Experience is usually named after - the variety is named after this first lady.


J Jason Roche 14:34
Martha Washington?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36
Martha Washington. Yeah. It was the first First Lady. Yes.


D Dave Chow 14:39
Oh,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:39
Martha Washington. Pretty interesting stuff. Fun fact, for the record. Yes, eating asparagus does give your urine an odor. But what's interesting genetically is that the majority of people cannot smell it. Less than 25% of the world has the ability to smell. Yes, this is not a joke.


B Beth Oljar 14:58
I can


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:58
The name of the amino acid is asparagine.


 James Tubbs 15:01
Yes.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:02
Aspagine.

 James Tubbs 15:02
I didn't realize there was anybody that couldn't smell it.


 Beth Oljar 15:04
Me neither.

 James Tubbs 15:06
Huh.

 Jason Roche 15:07
We're all in the top 25 people.

 Beth Oljar 15:09
Yeah

 Heather Hill 15:10
I bet Olivia could crochet an asparagus for somebody

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:15
Oh! That's perfect.

H Heather Hill 15:19
A Martha Washington asparagus

E Erin Bell 15:22
It's a good cartoon as well, I think.

D Dave Chow 15:24
No, no, no, no, but I'm not touching that one. That could get pretty rude and crude.

B Beth Oljar 15:29
But, you know, sauteed in butter with a little salt and pepper and just a light dusting of parmesan cheese at the end.

D Dave Chow 15:37
We're getting hungry! Again!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:40
Mm-hm. It's happening again. It's happening again.

D Dave Chow 15:42
McDonald's fries.

M Matt Mio 15:45
Oh, geez. Just - Don't do that.

B Beth Oljar 15:47
That's just mean, Dave.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:50
That's just mean Which states intersect at the four corners?

J James Tubbs 15:55
Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:00
That is correct. Yes, they intersect at one point. Despite only four US states touching in this area, six governments have jurisdictional boundaries at the four corners monument. The states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, as well as the tribal governments of the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Tribe. So that is pretty interesting. What is the sunniest city in the United States, with an average of 4,015 hours of sunshine every 365 days?

D Dan Maggio 16:30
Philadelphia,

D Dave Chow 16:31
Albuquerque


S Stephen Manning 16:31
San Diego. You know, Albuquerque is the closest to this that I've heard.


H Heather Hill 16:37
Phoenix?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:39
Nope.


J James Tubbs 16:41
or Tucson


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:42
Mm-mm


 Dave Chow 16:42
Flagstaff?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:43
No. I can give it away pretty easily. The first letter of the city in Arizona is "Y".


 Dan Maggio 16:51
Yuma. Yuma?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:53
Yuma, that means Yuma has sun on average 90% of the days every year, the sunny spot gets pretty hot, too. With an average high of three months a a 107 degrees Fahrenheit.

 Beth Oljar 17:08
Ugh! That's the setting for London Broil.

 Dan Maggio 17:11
Yeah.


 Dave Chow 17:12
Hey, Medicine Hat is Canada's sunniest city. So -


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:16
Is it?


 Dave Chow 17:16
Yes, it is.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:18


With a grand total of two sunny days every year?


 James Tubbs 17:20
(Laughs) No, I was gonna say four.

 Dave Chow 17:24
No, we just leave the porch light on. That's all.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:26
Oh my gosh.


 Beth Oljar 17:28
And the city with the smallest number of sunny days is Seattle?

 James Tubbs 17:33
Could be.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:34
It doesn't say here, but that sounds about right.

 Erin Bell 17:37
Detroit. That's how I was feeling this week. (The professors laugh)

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:43
Which Irish symbol, professors, remembers the combatants who died in the 1916 Easter Rising?

 Erin Bell 17:51
Come on, Liam.

 Dave Chow 17:53



Help us out.



Erin Bell 17:56

For the Easter Rising.



James Tubbs 17:58

Which symbol?



Dave Chow 17:59

Which symbol?



Jason Roche 18:01

Is it like an Easter bunny?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:03

I tell you what, I I'd have to give you a partial credit Professor Roche, because it's certainly a classic Easter symbol, but it is not the Easter Bunny.



Jason Roche 18:11

It'a gotta be a cross then.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:13

It's not a cross.



Beth Oljar 18:15

An egg?



Dan Maggio 18:15

Is it the butter lamb?

B Beth Oljar 18:17
(Laughs) The butter lamb.

D Dan Maggio 18:18
That was a Kathy Bush joke, by the way.

B Beth Oljar 18:20
It should be a butter lamb.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:20
That's a good one Um, it's a long shot for sort of odd superstitious tradition. But there is a tradition among Catholics that every place after He was resurrected that Jesus stepped this happened.

D Dave Chow 18:35
Oh, was it marigolds or Posies or something?

D Dan Maggio 18:38
Clovers grow or something?

D Dave Chow 18:39
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 18:41
It's an Easter Lily

D Dan Maggio 18:42
Easter Lily.

D Dave Chow 18:42
Oh, okay. Yeah. I knew it's some kind of flower

Oh, okay. Yeah, I knew it's some kind of flower.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:45

Yep. I think that would be kind of a cool superpower in general. You know, but probably not Lily, something a little more -

J

James Tubbs 18:54

They still got the old post office popped with all the bullet holes.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:58

That's right. That's exactly right.

J

Jason Roche 19:01

You know, in Coming To America whenever Prince Hakim would walk anywhere, they would put petals on the ground. Right, Dan?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:07

Right. That's right. Oh my gosh.

D

Dan Maggio 19:10

Okay, so I'm gonna quote Mean Girls and say "Stop trying to make that movie happen".

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:18

That's awesome. This is a pretty interesting. It fits into Professor Bell's want of "Wow, I'm going to walk away with some new knowledge here". Which flowers - one specific kind of flower - have their own festivals each spring in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, Australia? So both of those sites have the same flower festival every year.

H


Heather Hill 19:39


Tulips?


M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:40


They're tulips. Yeah, Tulip Festival in Australia. That's pretty cool. Yeah, there are multiple tulip festivals in both cities

 Jason Roche 19:47
probably right about now.


 James Tubbs 19:48
Yeah, probably right about now.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:49
That sounds about right. That's right.

 Beth Oljar 19:51
Tulips and daffodils, my favorite flowers.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:55
What animal is likely the so-called Indonesian Sea Monster? A sea monster washed up on Seram Island, Indonesia. You'd think that only Hollywood could dream up something like this.


 Dave Chow 20:08
Oh, like a knife fish or something like that?


 Beth Oljar 20:10
Giant squid or something.

 Dave Chow 20:12
An eel?


 Dan Maggio 20:13
Like a River Salamander?


- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:16
No, it really freaked people out. It says it was 50 feet long when it washed up on the shore and it's an actual real animal that was found in a state of decomposition.
- S** Stephen Manning 20:28
A Komodo dragon?
- B** Beth Oljar 20:29
A whale?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29
You know, it was a whale, Beth. It was a Baleen whale that was about 50% decomposed and looked pretty horrifying, so they just assumed that at one point in it been alive.
- J** James Tubbs 20:38
That's disgusting. "Better luck next time", Kymberleigh says, "Monster Hunters". Ooh, this is kind of fun. What is Vin Diesel's real name?
- J** Jason Roche 20:50
Vinsetta Diesel
- H** Heather Hill 20:51
Bob
- J** James Tubbs 20:54
(Laughs) Vinsetta Diesel.
- B** Beth Oljar 20:55
Well, I was asking Drew because I just assumed he would know, but he didn't. So
- D** Dave Chow 21:00

 Dave Chow 21:00
Come on. Erin, one of your kids got it? No? Oh, darn.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:06
I mean, the hint is absolutely nothing, because I think I know why he changed his stage name to Vin Diesel. Aside from perhaps, with all due respect to those out there named John Smith, it's just a couple steps up and boringness from John Smith.


 Dave Chow 21:21
What - like Bob Jones or something like that?


 Heather Hill 21:23
Bill.


 Beth Oljar 21:25
Sinclair, did you say that?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:27
Yeah. Mark Sinclair. Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 21:30
Well, he looked it up on his phone, so

 Dave Chow 21:33
Oh, okay. I was waiting for like a Millhouse or something. Yeah, well,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:39
Millhouse, right?

 Dave Chow 21:39
No. No. What's his middle name? Mill.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:43

Oh, geez. I don't remember. Oh, no. My mind is blank. I'm losing trivia power. I will compliment the joking by saying the most recent time I can remember where I said a simple one liner, and my wife laughed so hard I thought that she might possibly pass away of laughing, was straight off the internet. I cannot take credit for this. Someone posted to the Star Wars Reddit that they think that Boba Fett's full name was Robert Fettuccine. I gotta say that is a very simple but effective joke. Folks: For what role is voice actor Jim Cummings probably best known?

D

Dave Chow 22:31

Wasn't it like Mickey Mouse?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:32

No.

B

Beth Oljar 22:34

Jim Cummings.

D

Dave Chow 22:35

Oh, Donald Duck.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:36

No, no, he is a very very overused voice actor in the world of the Disney World. That should be your clue.

D

Dave Chow 22:47

Yeah, because I know - Was it Goofy?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:50

No

D

Dave Chow 22:51

Mickey Mouse

Mickey Mouse.

J Jason Roche 22:52
Is it Mack from CARS.

D Dave Chow 22:54
It's not SpongeBob, is it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56
This actor has played Darkwing Duck in the cartoon, did multiple voices in The Lion King, and he's done all sorts of different bits and pieces for Disney. But at the top of the line is one of Disney's lock stock and barrel characters.

D Dave Chow 23:14
Not Mickey, Minnie -

B Beth Oljar 23:16
Cinderella?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:17
I'm surprised. What if I said A.A. Milne?

D Dave Chow 23:21
Oh, Winnie the Pooh.

H Heather Hill 23:22
Winnie the Pooh.

B Beth Oljar 23:23
Oh, right.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:24
Winnie The Pooh right after Sterling Holloway passed away, Jim Cummings took over. Yes. "Oh bother". What can I say? And of course, "Thanks for noticing". Which soap opera holds the record as the longest running scripted program in the history of modern broadcasting?
- E** Erin Bell 23:44
Coronation Street
- B** Beth Oljar 23:45
Days of Our Lives
- J** James Tubbs 23:46
As the World Turns.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:48
It says "This began on the radio in 1937.
- J** James Tubbs 23:53
Guiding Light.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:54
Yes, Guiding Light is a 72-year run. That's a pretty big deal. That's a pretty big deal. But I know, Erin, from mentioning Coronation Street. My mom has been an anglophile since the moment she was born. It's the only soap opera she's ever watched. I remember it being on the air And she still watches it to this day. It's so wild.
- E** Erin Bell 24:14
It is, and there's some - I mean, for a while there are some original cast members and I loved it because we can watch it through Canada - CBC, because we were right across the river.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:23
Yep. Guiding Light closed its doors April 1 2009. Oh, let's see the show's final episode aired September 18 of that year and that was a 72 plus year run. That's pretty incredible

September 18 of that year, and that was a 7/2 plus year rain. That's pretty incredible.

D Dave Chow 24:37

And the Jeffersons came and bought their place too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:39

That's right. Exactly. Beautiful high rise. Queen Victoria is often credited with starting what fashion trend?

J James Tubbs 24:48

Wearing black all the time.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:50

(Laughs)

J James Tubbs 24:51

Oh, a white wedding dress.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:53

Yeah, it's the white wedding dress, the opposite of what you just said. Having a white wedding dress was attributed to her wedding to Prince to Albert in 1840. That's exactly correct.

J Jason Roche 25:03

Does she have Prince Albert in a can?

D Dave Chow 25:05

(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:06

At some level I would guess that that was true.

B Beth Oljar 25:09
They should let him out. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 25:10
Yeah, it's a little cramped in there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:12
That's right. The green crocodile logo belongs to what clothing company

D Dave Chow 25:16
Izod

J James Tubbs 25:17
Lacoste.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:18
Yeah, Lacoste. Izod is also acceptable, but Lacoste is, is appropriate. Yep. 1926 27 named after you know, Lacoste was a superstar tennis player. They nicknamed him the crocodile because of his tenacity. Lots of other things you could be nicknamed for tenacity but; the crocodile, you know.

D Dave Chow 25:40
I'm just thinking of short arms or something like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:44
Who was Ronald Reagan's best man when he married Nancy Davis?

H Heather Hill 25:50
John Wayne

D Dave Chow 25:50



Jimmy Stewart



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:55

I haven't haven't heard it yet.



Beth Oljar 25:56

Is this an actor we would know?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:59

I hope



James Tubbs 26:02

Henry fonda.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:03

Initials W. H. A buddy of his who was actively -



Heather Hill 26:06

William Holden.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:07

William Holden. Yeah, it was William Holden.



Dave Chow 26:09

I was gonna say - White House? Oh!





Erin Bell 26:11


I was thinking of that movie with a monkey. Nevermind. Oh,





Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:15


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:15
Oh, Bedtime For Bonzo


 Dave Chow 26:16
Yeah, Bonzo's my best man. Or - Joe Mendi. Oh. Holden's wife Ardis, by the way, was the matron of honor. Yes, the Holden's were actually the only guests at the ceremony. Holden was one of the most popular movie stars at the time, and remained one of the biggest box office draws during the 50s and the 60s - starring in Sunset Boulevard, Sabrina, Bridge on the River Kwai and Network.


 Beth Oljar 26:45
I've seen two of those.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:47
Absolutely. Wow. That was pretty spectacular set of questions here. Kymberleigh. Thanks for sending those in.


 Beth Oljar 26:54
They were awesome. Yeah You always give us the best background info, and that's what makes those questions work. Oh my gosh, the show was so full of laughter and fun that if you can possibly believe it. Our time has expired. So the time has come for us to say goodbye, Erin.


 Erin Bell 27:12
Goodbye, everyone.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:13
Jim


 James Tubbs 27:14
Goodbye all.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:15
Jason.


 Jason Roche 27:16
Adios


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:18
Dave


 Dave Chow 27:19
See ya


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:20
Beth.


 Beth Oljar 27:21
Auf Wiedersehen


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:23
Heather.


 Heather Hill 27:24
Moonlight made crochet on Etsy. Baby Yodas, Grogu and more.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:30
(Laughs)

 Dave Chow 27:30
There's only nine left.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:33
And Dan

 Dan Maggio 27:34
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35
And I'll say goodbye for Stephen too and say this is the time that I say. "Now these words"

 Michael Jayson 27:41
You can email Ask The Professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:51
Ask The Professor is produced and directed by Michael Jayson and Brian Maisonville and our executive producer is Professor Jason Roche. Until next week, I'm your host, Matt Mio