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Matt Mio 0:01

University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show in 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. Did he just put a doughnut in his mouth? It's professor Dave Chow.

Dave Chow 0:19

Pleasure to be here; and no, I didn't. But I did think about it though.

Matt Mio 0:22

You thought about it.

Dave Chow 0:23

I thought about it. it's just out of arm's reach.

Matt Mio 0:25

Now I'm not gonna say you have to open it, because obviously it's very special. But Jim looks like he brought you something very special

Dave Chow 0:31

Hawaiian chocolates, are they?

James Tubbs 0:33

Yeah, they're chocolate covered macadamia nuts.

Mara Livezey 0:35

Ohh! excellent.

Matt Mio 0:37

Absolutely awesome. What does it say on the side? "Hawaiian host".

Dave Chow 0:41

Hawaiian host

Matt Mio 0:43

Wow. That's a big deal. Big deal

Dave Chow 0:46

Since 1927. So -

Matt Mio 0:48

Really? Well, that's been a while. Well, you figure that they should be good at it by now. Right? We hope.

James Tubbs 0:52

We hope

Matt Mio 0:53

So you and Marcy are recovered from your COVID stint?

Dave Chow 0:57

Yes, we are.

Matt Mio 0:58

Yeah

Dave Chow 0:58

We're back to fighting form.

Matt Mio 1:00

Excellent.

Dave Chow 1:00

Although my voice sounds a little crackly. So if I sound as though I'm going through puberty, please forgive me.

Matt Mio 1:04

It's okay. We will forgive you. You should only have to do that once in your life after all, let's be serious.

Dave Chow 1:10

I'm trying to get it right.

Matt Mio 1:10

(Laughs) Speaking of doing it over and over again - like 1927. Just back from his tour of who knows what? Wait, I do. Arizona and Hawaii and a million other principalities. It's Professor Jim Tubbs.

James Tubbs 1:27

Hello. Hello.

Matt Mio 1:28

What's going on?

James Tubbs 1:28

Yes. Diane Monica says hello. I saw her when I was in in Arizona.

Matt Mio 1:33

Nice. Nice. Yeah.

James Tubbs 1:35

And it was - It was sunny both places. It was - Actually, Arizona was chillier than normal while we were there; but still, I mean, it beats snow. I mean, you know when you can go out and walk and hike every day and the sky is totally clear. It doesn't matter that it's not 75 degrees.

Matt Mio 1:54

Yeah, that's true.

Dave Chow 1:55

It's a dry cold.

James Tubbs 1:57

It's - Well, it wasn't really cold, it was just a little chilly some days, but it was very, very nice. And Hawaii was even nicer.

Matt Mio 2:04

I can only assume, having never been. I can only assume.

James Tubbs 2:09

Oh, well we were we were on the Big Island, right below Kailua Kona. And we were in a condo, and our balcony overlooked the pool and then the ocean beyond that. So every evening, we got to watch the sunset.

Matt Mio 2:23

Unbelievable.

Mara Livezey 2:23

That's amazing.

Dave Chow 2:24

My heart bleeds.

James Tubbs 2:26

Excellent.

Matt Mio 2:28

Absolutely incredible. Coming back from not a tour of Hawaii, but probably just teaching Biochem today. It's Professor Mara Livezey.

Mara Livezey 2:35

Hello.

Matt Mio 2:37

Were you in Hawaii today?

Mara Livezey 2:39

Sadly, no, but maybe part of my brain was there.

Matt Mio 2:42

Okay. All right

Mara Livezey 2:43

In the sun.

Matt Mio 2:44

Have you ever been?

Mara Livezey 2:45

No, never. It's on the list of things to do as soon as possible.

Matt Mio 2:48

Oh, absolutely. I couldn't agree more. Because it's winter, mostly.

Mara Livezey 2:53

Yes. Mostly that.

Dave Chow 2:55

We can go whenever.

Matt Mio 2:56

As soon as possible. What else is on the "as-soon-as-possible" list? I'm kind of intrigued. Is it like all travel?

Mara Livezey 3:03

Oh, yeah. It's all travel. So this summer, Josh and I will be going to Rome.

James Tubbs 3:08

Ooh, nice.

Mara Livezey 3:09

Yep. But like the next next thing I want to do is probably New Zealand, Australia, and maybe Iceland. But Hawaii is high up there.

Matt Mio 3:20

That's high up there.

Dave Chow 3:20

I've also been told to see Hawaii first before going to see New Zealand.

Mara Livezey 3:24

Oh!

Matt Mio 3:24

Because - ?

Because if you see New Zealand you'll be overwhelmed. And you'll look at Hawaii and you'll think it's a tourist trap.

I see. Interesting.

Dave Chow 3:31

That's why I've been told

Mara Livezey 3:32

It probably is a tourist trap.

Dave Chow 3:33

I'll find out.

Matt Mio 3:34

I mean -

Dave Chow 3:34

I'll gladly do the research

Matt Mio 3:35

New Zealand sounds like it's Middle Earth after all.

Mara Livezey 3:38

It is Middle Earth.

Dave Chow 3:40

I will admit I have seriously looked there for employment.

Mara Livezey 3:44

Ooh.

Matt Mio 3:44

Listen to you

Dave Chow 3:45

Hey, the New Zealand Film Board. I mean, there's only so many storyboard people around New Zealand, right?

Mara Livezey 3:49

That's right.

Matt Mio 3:50

Gosh, well, we are very much favored today because we have Detroit Mercy alum, Bob Rogowski visiting with us. We're so glad to have you here with us today, Bob.

Bob Rogowski 3:59

Thank you. It's pleasure to be here.

Matt Mio 4:01

Yes. And speaking of traveling, I mean, you and your family are pretty well traveled. We're friends on Facebook, and it seems like every other day, you have some fantastic thing going on.

Bob Rogowski 4:11

Yeah, we have a daughter that just got back from living in Japan for a while. So we visited her a number of times. And we have another daughter that just moved from Munich to Amsterdam. So we'll be visiting her in May. And next week, I'm going with a group of 15 University of Detroit Mercy students to New York City as part of a -

Matt Mio 4:28

Awesome.

Bob Rogowski 4:29

We're just taking along but there's kind of a theater immersion experience,, and Greg Grobis who manages the programs had a little bit of room and invited us to kind tag along, so we're really looking forward to it. We did that a couple years ago.

James Tubbs 4:41

Which shows are you going to?

We're going to go see LIFE OF PI AND we're going to see CAMELOT which is - I think we're gonna see it on opening night.

Hmm

Mara Livezey 4:50

Wow.

Bob Rogowski 4:50

I'm not sure if I'm pronouncing this right. It's called TITANIQUE.

Matt Mio 4:57

Oh

Bob Rogowski 4:57

It's a comedy about the sinking of The Titanic

James Tubbs 5:00

Oh, how comic!

Mara Livezey 5:01

Oh. It's so funny. Ha-ha.

Bob Rogowski 5:01

And Sweeney Todd. So we're gonna see at least four plays, go to a few jazz clubs and maybe squeeze in a matinee, too. So

James Tubbs 5:12

That will be fantastic.

Bob Rogowski 5:14

Yeah.

Dave Chow 5:14

New York is one of those cities, you can have so much fun and get in so much trouble.

Matt Mio 5:17

Yeah, absolutely

Bob Rogowski 5:18

And there's a good number of alum that are, you know, doing different things career wise in the city. And so they do like little lectures and things for the students. And they really give them some practical advice about how to make a living in New York City or some other environments. So it's a great experience for the students. Yeah.

Matt Mio 5:36

Very cool.

Bob Rogowski 5:37

I'm looking forward to it.

Matt Mio 5:38

Excellent. Can you real quick, just remind us what your alum cred here is like, what year, what degree?

Bob Rogowski 5:43

Well, I'm not really a professor, but I was a teaching assistant in 1977 to 79, when they used to have such a thing. And so I used to like proctor exams and correct papers when those were done manually.

Matt Mio 5:58

Sure.

Dave Chow 5:59

Paper?

Bob Rogowski 5:59

I got my master's degree in Public Administration, and I'm involved with Athletics a little bit and I love the Theater program, and I also volunteer in the Career Center here.

Matt Mio 6:08

That's so great,

Bob Rogowski 6:10

I'm retired now.

Matt Mio 6:11

Yeah, thanks for doing that.

Dave Chow 6:13

Retired? You sound busier than ever

Matt Mio 6:15

I know, and he's a walking advertisement now, so that's also good. Yeah, we've got to wear our colors here too. Well, folks, listening: 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. You can 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. We have a list of questions submitted. "Hello, professors". Hello. "This is my second set of questions I have submitted. I was successful in my first attempt and hope to be again with this set. Let me preface my questions by saying many people are famous for doing many things. And then there are people who are famous for basically having done one thing. It's the latter which I'd like to focus on. Below is a list of 10 questions about people who are famous for basically doing only one thing. I'll give you their name and a general area for which they are known. With minimal hints". Oh, geez. "from Professor Mio. Your job is to figure out what they're famous for. I hope you'll find them interesting. Eight out of 10 is passing". Love that high bar. Here we go. And thanks, Steve Barney of Garden City, Michigan. Thanks for sending the questions, Steve. Keep them coming. So some of these hints are going to be in the name of the person. Some of them are going to be in the years. Some of them are going to be in the area. So let's start with a relatively softball here. So Willis Carrier lived from 1876 to 1950. And he was generally in the area of engineering and inventing. What is Willis Carrier famous for?

James Tubbs 7:51

The Jeep

Dave Chow 7:52

Heating and cooling?

Mara Livezey 7:54

That's very specific

Matt Mio 7:56

Jeep is specific. It is not Jeep, but it is actually heating and cooling.

James Tubbs 8:00

Oh

Matt Mio 8:01

Do you know why?

Dave Chow 8:02

I have a Carrier air conditioner outside of my house.

Matt Mio 8:04

You do - Because he invented the air conditioner. Yes, he did.

James Tubbs 8:08

What year?

Matt Mio 8:08

Yeah, what a year is my follow up question. What year was the air conditioner invented? Good old fashioned American ingenuity.

Dave Chow 8:15

Well, we used to call it open the window

1902.

Matt Mio 8:17

Uh - gosh -

Mara Livezey 8:18

I was gonna say like 1908, 1909, 1910

Dave Chow 8:19

1904

Matt Mio 8:22

I gotta give it to both of you. 1907. We split the difference there. 1907. Willis Carrier invented what we now call the modern air conditioner. Yes, recirculated air. Isn't that wonderful? Kevin Moen was born in 1961. That's a pretty big hint and it's not yet left us. The general area is athletics. Kevin did something very important on November 20 1982. It's a very important date in the history of modern American sports.

Bob Rogowski 8:55

What's the date?

Matt Mio 8:56

It was November 20 1982.

Bob Rogowski 8:59

First three-point shot?

Matt Mio 9:00

That's - That's good. That's really really good.

Dave Chow 9:03

Isn't there a Moen - Let's see there's -

Matt Mio 9:05

I'm thinking of Moen faucets.

Dave Chow 9:07

But did he do something with like a football helmet or like Lacrosse.

Matt Mio 9:11

Football is going in the right direction.

Dave Chow 9:14

A kicking tea.

Matt Mio 9:15

I guarantee at some level all of us in the room have seen a very famous piece of footage having to do with athletics from November 20, 1982

Dave Chow 9:22

He invented the athletic supporter.

Matt Mio 9:24

No.

Dave Chow 9:24

Oh

Mara Livezey 9:25

Was he an athlete?

Matt Mio 9:26

He was an athlete.

Mara Livezey 9:27

Okay. Okay, So HE did something.

Matt Mio 9:27

Yep. This is a good one. This is a good one

Dave Chow 9:31

Moen. I'm trying to remember.

Matt Mio 9:33

Does the name ring a bell? That's the question.

Mara Livezey 9:36

Did he invent like one of those silly flops that you do when you like jump -

Dave Chow 9:40

The Fosbury Flop?

Mara Livezey 9:41

Yeah. like a technique to do. Did he invent a technique

Matt Mio 9:44

No inventing here.

Dave Chow 9:46

Oh, no inventing.

Matt Mio 9:46

Just general athletics. So I'll give, uh - just a - It said minimal clues from Professor Mio. I hope you know that that means maximum clues.

Okay. Yeah, we're in for that.

So the very, very famous football game on that date was between CAL and Stanford. Now they hate each other's guts.

Bob Rogowski 10:05

Oh, he blew up the field.

Dave Chow 10:07

No, no, no. What was this the marching band?

Matt Mio 10:09

Yes. The one where the band had already taken the field -

Dave Chow 10:12

Yeah,

Matt Mio 10:13

but the clock hadn't run out yet. And he was running through the band with the winning touchdown. That was Kevin Moen. Yeah. That is a fantastic piece of footage. You've got to see that, if you've never seen it before.

Dave Chow 10:24

I personally think marching band should be on the field all the time. I think they would make an interesting game.

Mara Livezey 10:29

That would make it harder.

Dave Chow 10:29

Yeah.

Mara Livezey 10:30

But you're not allowed to tackle them. Because that's just unfair.

Dave Chow 10:34

The tuba is -

James Tubbs 10:35

They may be impaled upon their instruments.

Matt Mio 10:38

You sound like the nice little meme that went out last year with baseball was "Celebrity first pitch. I triple double dog dare you. How about celebrity last pitch? "Tigers are down to their last out. Here comes Danny DeVito". That would be entertaining. Like that would be great.

Mara Livezey 10:53

High stakes

Dave Chow 10:54

Todd Jones all over again.

Matt Mio 10:56

Oh, the walrus. Okay. Russell Johnson lived from 1924 to 2014. The world is entertainments.

Dave Chow 11:06

He was the professor on Gilligan's Island.

Matt Mio 11:09

He was the professor Gilligan's Island. That's right.

Dave Chow 11:11

He was also the sheriff on Dallas.

Matt Mio 11:13

That is true. What was the name of the professor, by the way? First and last name

Mara Livezey 11:17

Is it professor - Is itt Livezey?

Dave Chow 11:19

No, no, no,

Matt Mio 11:19

No, but it's close.

Dave Chow 11:20

Dog-gone it. I should know it. Not Jonas Grumby. What is it? Dog-gone it.

Matt Mio 11:26

Jonas Grumby, that rings a bell, too.

Dave Chow 11:27

That was the Skipper

Matt Mio 11:28

The Skipper. Yeah

Dave Chow 11:29

Uh, he was Roy something

Matt Mio 11:32

He was Roy something. Yeah. See, Dave knows -

Dave Chow 11:32

Oh, crud!

Matt Mio 11:37

The first initial was H

James Tubbs 11:39

Hinkley

Matt Mio 11:40

Hinckley, Roy Hinkley. Yes, the role of the professor

Dave Chow 11:45

Couldn't develop a coconut-based glue to save their lives.

Matt Mio 11:47

Yeah.

Mara Livezey 11:48

Wow.

Matt Mio 11:48

Oh, well,

James Tubbs 11:49

But somehow managed to invent radios and all kinds of stuff.

Dave Chow 11:52

Everything else.

James Tubbs 11:53

Chandeliers, evening clothes for everybody.

Matt Mio 11:57

Exactly.

Dave Chow 11:58

And wasn't there also like a car or a tricycle that Gilligan would ferry the Howells around in?

Matt Mio 12:08

That show. Okay. How about Edward Smith, lived from 1850 to 1912. Hint, hint. Was a British military officer. I'm definitely looking in a decidedly Jim Tubbs direction.

James Tubbs 12:20

Well, Edward J. Smith was the captain of the Titanic

Matt Mio 12:23

That is who it was. Died in 1912, as far as we know.

James Tubbs 12:28

Yes. That was his first and last voyage. The Titanic

Matt Mio 12:32

Yes, it was.

James Tubbs 12:33

He had come over from the Olympic.

Matt Mio 12:34

I'm still stuck on Titanique or whatever

Dave Chow 12:34

Yeah.

Bob Rogowski 12:39

It's some sort of Celine Dion parity rolled into the sinking of the Titanic

Matt Mio 12:44

Has enough time passed that it's okay to - you know -

Bob Rogowski 12:47

In some local trivia, Tiger Stadium, the old Tiger Stadium opened up like the same day or the same week as -

Matt Mio 12:47

That's right. As the Titanic sinking. Okay, how about Melinda Lou Thomas Morse. She was born in 1961. She's still alive. Essentially, she's a pop culture icon.

Bob Rogowski 13:08

What was the name again?

James Tubbs 13:09

She's not an influencer, is she?

Matt Mio 13:12

No. Well, I mean, no, but gee, this one's hard. Melinda-Lu Thomas-Morse, hyphenated surname there, Thomas-Morse.

Dave Chow 13:22

Is it in entertainment?

Mara Livezey 13:24

Does she has a different name she goes by? or no?

Matt Mio 13:27

Possibly, but it's not too far from the name that she has been given. It didn't say entertainment. It said pop culture icon.

Pop culture.

Dave Chow 13:34

Wait a minute. So is Mara. I mean, you know.

Matt Mio 13:36

I mean, speaking of influencer. I mean, I would center in on her birth year 1961. That should help you. And the fact that at one point in her life, her last name was just Thomas.

Dave Chow 13:54

Marlo Thomas?

Matt Mio 13:56

No, That's a good guess.

Dave Chow 13:58

English muffins.

Matt Mio 14:00

See, you said "Is this person an influencer?" And what I will say is, she represents a very, very large company in the United States. Her visage represents a large -

Bob Rogowski 14:13

Wendy's. Is it Wendy's burgers?

Matt Mio 14:15

It's Wendy's. Yeah.

Mara Livezey 14:16

Wow!

That's exactly right.

Matt Mio 14:18

So Dave Thomas models his whole company based on his daughter's visage.

Mara Livezey 14:23

Yeah.

Matt Mio 14:23

And the reason that I waffled on influencer is everybody who's anybody knows on Twitter that the Wendy's Twitter account is extremely like hardcore snarky.

Dave Chow 14:33

Yeah, seriously.

Matt Mio 14:34

Like, if you go at it and go "I'm going to McDonald's tonight". It will say "What's your problem? It'll like message you back.

Dave Chow 14:39

Oh, it will terrorize you.

Matt Mio 14:40

Tries to terrorize you. Yeah, but not in a bad way. In a friendly burger. square-shaped burger kind of way, you know? Okay. Oh, this one's a little bit of a giveaway for my generation. We'll see. He lived from 1927 to 2004 in the realm of entertainment, our good friend Mr. Bob Keeshan. Does that ring a bell?

Dave Chow 14:47

Oh, Captain Kangaroo

James Tubbs 14:58

Captain Kangaroo.

Matt Mio 14:59

Captain Kangaroo. Can you get the years that Captain Kangaroo ran on the air correct? Yeah,

Bob Rogowski 15:06

I'm gonna save 59 to 64

Matt Mio 15:10

Pretty solid. 55 was the start, so very close.

Dave Chow 15:13

I remember watching him as a kid, so probably '78

Matt Mio 15:17

I remember watching him as a kid.

Dave Chow 15:19

Oh!

Matt Mio 15:19

So you get one more guess.

Dave Chow 15:21

Where's Kendra when we need her?

Matt Mio 15:23

I know, I know.

James Tubbs 15:25

'55 to what? '82?,

Matt Mio 15:26

You know, it said '84 here so it was -

Bob Rogowski 15:28

I stopped watching him in 64. That's why I guessed that.

Dave Chow 15:31

As soon as you got a color television, that was it. Right?

James Tubbs 15:34

What would Mr. Greenjeans and Clarabelle say about that?

Dave Chow 15:37

Well, that was Mr. Greenjeans back in the day?

James Tubbs 15:39

Mr. Greenjeans. (The professors laugh)

Matt Mio 15:41

Oh my gosh, I think I showed my kids a clip where they would try to get him to say the word and then ping pong balls would fall on his head. And they're like, "What the heck is this?" I was like, "You watch things way worse than this. That's all I can say."

Dave Chow 15:53

Well, no, you just have to start them off with The Friendly Giant. That's all.

Matt Mio 15:55

Exactly. Oh, that's good.

Dave Chow 15:56

Or Mr. Dress Up, for us Canadian lads.

Matt Mio 15:59

My wife grabbed my phone out of my hands and started showing clips of old HOT FUDGE episodes. And then everything got really out of hand.

Dave Chow 16:07

Oh, I was gonna ask you, have you looked - the New Zoo Review's got an Instagram account now?

Matt Mio 16:12

Really?

Dave Chow 16:13

Yes. The daughter of Emily and Doug are all over it.

Matt Mio 16:17

Okay. How about -

Dave Chow 16:19

Nobody remembers them.

Matt Mio 16:21

Stevens Mason lived from 1811 to 1843 - in the realm of politics,

Mara Livezey 16:27

Short life

Matt Mio 16:28

Yeah.

Dave Chow 16:30

Stevens? Plural?

Matt Mio 16:30

Stevens was his first name. Mason. I feel like if I give the middle initial, it might give it away.

Dave Chow 16:37

He didn't invent a jar, did he?

Matt Mio 16:40

Mara already landed very quickly on the fact that this person was a very young person when they passed. They were also a very young person when they got into politics. Very young.

Dave Chow 16:50

Oh, I was gonna say he' was, like, a model for like, Ivory Soap or something like that.

Mara Livezey 16:54

I mean, famous for being the youngest, like Governor or something?

Matt Mio 16:57

That's exactly correct.

Dave Chow 16:58

Oh!

Matt Mio 16:58

the first and youngest governor of the great state of Michigan.

Mara Livezey 17:01

Oh, Michigan!

Matt Mio 17:02

That's exactly right. For the record, he was appointed governor at age 24.

James Tubbs 17:09

Wow.

Mara Livezey 17:09

Oh, no.

Matt Mio 17:10

Yes. "The Boy Governor" as he was known.

Bob Rogowski 17:12

I think he's buried - they recently moved his -

Matt Mio 17:15

Oh, really?

Bob Rogowski 17:16

Yeah, it's in. Oh, I'm trying to think of the little area there. Can't remember what the little area is called, but they recently moved him.

Matt Mio 17:24

But like, is it downtown?

Bob Rogowski 17:26

Yeah, it's downtown.

Matt Mio 17:27

Yeah, exactly. So yeah -

Bob Rogowski 17:29

Right off Washington Boulevard.

Matt Mio 17:30

I just remember my wife bringing it up that it's just sort of like the bench has got to be really shallow. When we would scoff at 24 year old getting elected to Congress these days. You know what i mean. "Oh, We're just gonna put you in charge of the whole territory". I'm like "Okay". And then he croked a few years later too.

Dave Chow 17:47

Stress. Stress on the job.

Matt Mio 17:49

Mm-hm. I think this one's going to be another giveaway, but we'll see if I'm right or not. Born in 1970. still alive. The world is athletics. The great Heather Nabozny.

Dave Chow 18:00

Oh, Comerica Park groundskeeper?

Matt Mio 18:02

Yes, she's the head groundskeeper, the first head groundskeeper who was female in Major League Baseball history. She's held this position since the year 2000 when the park opened.

Mara Livezey 18:13

Oh.

Matt Mio 18:14

And I can't believe we're saying this, but Comerica Park is already 23 years old. It's kinda fascinating when you say things like that. I remember old Tiger Stadium too.

Dave Chow 18:24

Yep.

Matt Mio 18:25

How about Roy Thorton. Born 1908, passed 1937. Another short lifetime. American outlaw.

Dave Chow 18:36

Doc Holliday or somebody like that?

Matt Mio 18:38

Roy Thorton

Dave Chow 18:40

Wait a minute. Did he go by another name?

Matt Mio 18:43

That's not what it says here. But he is associated by somebody with a name not even close to his.

Dave Chow 18:48

Like a Bonnie and Clyde kind of thing?

Matt Mio 18:51

Yeah. That's exactly - He was Bonnie Parker's husband.

Dave Chow 18:54

Oh!

Matt Mio 18:54

Yeah. He died in an attempted prison escape. Yes, he actually married her in 1926. And they never divorced. So there's a short lifespan for you there. Roy Thornton. Everybody thinks Bonnie and Clyde go together; and they do but not in that way.

Dave Chow 19:10

Like peanut butter and jelly.

Matt Mio 19:11

Yeah, exactly. Okay. Chi Loon, according to history died in 121 ad. Okay, so put your time travel hats. Okay. Inventor/Chinese court official.

Dave Chow 19:24

Paper?

Mara Livezey 19:25

Famous for the invention, I'm assuming

Matt Mio 19:27

The invention of paper.

Mara Livezey 19:28

What!

Matt Mio 19:28

Now, how did you know that off the top of your head?

Dave Chow 19:30

It's a DNA thing. You know, it's just kinda - they just transfer the knowledge on down. I don't know.

James Tubbs 19:35

It's that Canadian thing.

Dave Chow 19:37

It's that land bridge thing, you know?

Matt Mio 19:39

It had to do with having cheap, easily recordable stuff on hand. Right. And yeah, that's

Dave Chow 19:47

because part of that didn't they write - Like I vaguely remember seeing a museum in Beijing where they wrote like formulas on strips of bamboo.

Matt Mio 19:54

Right.

Mara Livezey 19:54

Oh, it was bamboo?

Dave Chow 19:55

Yeah, long strips of bamboo and they used to write everything on it. It says

Matt Mio 19:59

It says "woodfibers, old textiles and fish nets were common in China since third century BC. Lun, completely redefined all steps of the paper production process in the way that the paper mix was finalized in its state". It's actually very fascinating to see someone do the classic sort of like wet paper generation. That's pretty cool. Steve says, "Thanks for taking the time to use my questions, and thank you for all the entertainment over the years"

Dave Chow 19:59

Did we pass?

I'm gonna give us a big thumbs up. I'm saying yeah, those were great.

Mara Livezey 20:14

Nice!

Matt Mio 20:15

Those were great questions.

Thanks for sending those in. That's awesome.

Dave Chow 20:25

Those were really good. Send more.

Matt Mio 20:33

Absolutely.

Dave Chow 20:34

Lots more,

Matt Mio 20:35

You know what we're going to have to do here - is that we're going to have to go to a little place that we call the Burroughs family Inponderables.

Dave Chow 20:40

Uh-oh, here we go again.

Matt Mio 20:42

So we've got some things we need to talk. Ponder the imponderable. Bob, I think you're familiar with this. But the Burroughs family has sent us both questions like traditional questions, but also wants to get to know us better. So they throw out like "What's your favorite - whatever -"

Dave Chow 20:55

Shoe size Or

Matt Mio 20:55

and we kind of chew on it for a while -

Dave Chow 20:58

Your favorite guava.

Matt Mio 20:59

(Laughs) Your favorite guava. Your favorite thing to do with Dragon Fruit. That's my favorite thing. No. Let's see what can we say? Okay, all right. All right. Favorite National Monument. Feels pretty - pretty general.

Dave Chow 21:13

National monument?

Matt Mio 21:14

What's a national monument that you just like to see? I'll go first.

Dave Chow 21:18

Go.

Matt Mio 21:18

I'll go first. I was in Washington last weekend. And you drive from the Reagan Airport closer to downtown, and you have to cross the Potomac. So you're gonna see - you just can't miss. It's the Jefferson Memorial. I don't know, I've always connected with Jefferson. He may be the only president we had there was actually at least partly a scientist, you know. So that makes sense. But you're driving by, and inevitably the sun is down. It's winter. And all I can think of, as per usual - (laughs) -

Dave Chow 21:48

is the Simpsons

Matt Mio 21:48

the Simpsons episode, where Lisa goes to ask him for help. And his first impulse, as the statue of him comes alive and interacts with her, is "What - was there like too long a line at the Lincoln Memorial?"

Oh, geez.

And she goes, "Yes". (Laughs) So nobody is at the Jefferson Memorial, but I think it's cool. I actually liked the look of it being open air with all the columns, and then the statue of him in the middle.

James Tubbs 22:12

And the Rotunda.

Matt Mio 22:13

Yeah, exactly. Very Monticello, you know, what can I say? So that's my, uh - that's my story.

James Tubbs 22:21

Well, Lisa stole my thunder, because I was gonna say the Lincoln Memorial, (laughs)

Matt Mio 22:26

No, that's great. Come on. It's perfect. It's just a perfect sculpture. Right?

Dave Chow 22:33

Hmm.

Mara Livezey 22:34

I feel like I'm not patriotic enough for this question. It's a challenge.

Matt Mio 22:38

It could be anything.

James Tubbs 22:39

Oh, it could be anything.

Mara Livezey 22:40

Yeah

James Tubbs 22:40

It could be Mount Rushmore.

Dave Chow 22:42

It could be the giant slide of Belle Isle. I mean, you know -

(Laughs) The giant slide at Belle Isle.

James Tubbs 22:49

How about Belle Isle conservative? But that's not a national monument.

Matt Mio 22:54

It's just a monument. You can say anything, Mara.

Mara Livezey 22:56

I'll say the Mackinac Bridge -

Matt Mio 22:58

Yeah

Dave Chow 22:58

That's a good one.

Mara Livezey 22:58

because as a kid I remember you know, we did that trip to Mackinac Island, and crossing the bridge we were like, "Wow, it's so big!" And now I'm like, "It's not as big, but it's still cool."

Matt Mio 23:09

It's still cool.

Mara Livezey 23:09

Because it's Michigan.

James Tubbs 23:10

There are times I have to say when the Interstate Highway System is my favorite national monument. (The professors laugh)

Dave Chow 23:14

When it moves. When it moves and doesn't have orange cones. Yeah,

Matt Mio 23:18

Not the best pictures on the news lately with all the weather about the interstates?

James Tubbs 23:22

No. When I was in Arizona, Northern Arizona got hit - Oh, again and again and again. I mean, in the three weeks I was there, they had one major snowstorm after another, and I-40 and I-17 going up to it would be closed every time you turned around.

Matt Mio 23:39

They're just not used to it.

James Tubbs 23:40

Flagstaff got 22 inches of snow one weekend.

Mara Livezey 23:42

Wow!

Dave Chow 23:43

Have we even had 22 inches of snow here?

Matt Mio 23:45

No, we haven't even had 12.

Dave Chow 23:46

Yeah, I was gonna say.

So it's just - Sheesh! Alright, we're waiting on Dave and Bob here.

Bob Rogowski 23:51

Okay, I'll way in. It's - I don't know if it's my favorite, but it's very recent. So it's in my mind. Who's been to the Plymouth Rock?

Oh, yeah.

I don't know what - You know, it's funny, because I really had no sense of what the Plymouth Rock was like, and we visited some friends on Cape Cod and they said, "Oh, we're close to the Plymouth Rock", but they kept like lowering expectations. Because, you know, in your mind think the Plymouth Rock is large.

James Tubbs 24:13

Vast. Yes.

Bob Rogowski 24:13

But, you know, it's like a little bit bigger than a basketball. And it's like in a cage, but it's like down. And it's it's - I guess it's not my favorite. In some ways. It's the - it's almost the most disappointing. (The professors laugh) because you know, everybody's heard of the Plymouth Rock, and they want to go visit it; but it's really kind of - It's a rock. It's basically a large rock

Mara Livezey 24:33

It's a rock.

Bob Rogowski 24:35

Yeah, so that's my story.

Mara Livezey 24:36

I love that.

James Tubbs 24:37

There's a town in South Carolina called Little Rock, and it's really just two two-lane roads that cross one another, so hardly anything there; but at the intersection, there's a rock about this big, (Laughs), and that's how it got its name.

Matt Mio 24:50

See, absolutely hilarious.

Dave Chow 24:52

Now for me it's. I'm torn between two. The Statue of Liberty and Angel Island. Just because for immigrants coming to this country, it's got to be - I don't know, I think Statue of Liberty gives you hope because, I mean, coming into the harbor, you can see it a mile away. And I can only imagine what those poor people were like "Oh, we're here!" kind of thing. And then Angel Island's where my great grandfather came into America. So - I've always wondered what he went through there. That's all.

Matt Mio 25:20

Nice.

Dave Chow 25:20

Actually, I've been meaning to go there.

Matt Mio 25:22

That's close to Liberty Island, if I remember correctly.

Dave Chow 25:24

No that's San Francisco Harbor.

Matt Mio 25:26

Oh, is it?

James Tubbs 25:26

Yeah.

Matt Mio 25:26

San Francisco. That's right.

James Tubbs 25:28

Ellis Island,

Matt Mio 25:29

Ellis Island is what I'm thinking of. Yes. Okay.

Dave Chow 25:31

But they've turned it into a national monument.

Matt Mio 25:33

Mm-hm.

Dave Chow 25:34

And I've got to take one of my cousins because she can still read Chinese, whereas I can't, I guess inside the barracks, there's graffiti all over the place.

Matt Mio 25:43

Oh!

Dave Chow 25:43

So I'm wondering, "Okay, did the old man scribble something? Was he tagging before his time? What's going on here?"

Matt Mio 25:49

Very cool.

Dave Chow 25:50

So, I'm curious. Just gotta go.

Matt Mio 25:51

My dad's dad's side of the family also came through Angel Island. I was like, I knew I recognized it, but I was like, Wait, he was out in Richmond, which, you know, is basically close by there. So that's pretty cool. I mean, when we say something like "What's your favorite National Monument?", it feels like it has to be like a certified monument. Like -

Dave Chow 26:09

Belle Isle Slide

Bob Rogowski 26:11

Joe Louis fist.

Matt Mio 26:13

Joe Louis fist?

Dave Chow 26:13

There you go. Yeah.

Matt Mio 26:14

Okay. So how about we twisted just a little bit? I mean, Mara is ahead of her time. We do like Michigan or like Detroit like, what? What's a monument - ? I like Joe Louis' fist. That rings a bell? You know, no pun intended.

Dave Chow 26:26

What about the Underground Railroad?

Matt Mio 26:29

Underground Railroad. Sure.

At Hart Plaza. Yep.

Dave Chow 26:31

Under the Gucci fountain.

Matt Mio 26:34

Mm-hm.

Dave Chow 26:34

Climbing up that thing. Oh!

Matt Mio 26:36

See, now the Belle Isle slide has legitimacy.

Dave Chow 26:38

Yeah

Matt Mio 26:38

because you, uh -

Dave Chow 26:40

I remember when I was a little kid, we used to take field trips there. Five cents a ride, as opposed to a dollar now.

Matt Mio 26:45

Wait - How much was it?

Dave Chow 26:46

Five cents

Matt Mio 26:47

To ride the Belle Isle slide.

Dave Chow 26:49

Now it's \$1.

Matt Mio 26:50

I was thinking about this the other day, it's just been a very long time since I've taken Lodge all the way to the river. And then it's kind of disturbing still, for someone of my age to drive by and see that Joe Louis Arena isn't there anymore, you know, and whatever they're building. But there were some very strong voices that I don't feel like were listened to -when it was torn down. It would be like, you know, you name something after a very, very important person of color. And then you just tear that down. Are we gonna port that name over to something else? Are we gonna lose it forever?

Dave Chow 27:18

Yeah, and I think - wasn't that one of the last arenas not named after corporate entity?

Matt Mio 27:23

Oh, seriously.

James Tubbs 27:24

Yeah.

Matt Mio 27:24

I think so.

Mara Livezey 27:25

It must be.

James Tubbs 27:25

And what is it? Is it condos that they're building down there?

Matt Mio 27:28

it's wild, because there's this central, like elevator shaft that's been built. And so you're like, "Yeah, it's probably going to be just a place for people to live".

Bob Rogowski 27:35

The University of Detroit played in the first event there against University of Michigan.

Mara Livezey 27:40

Wow!

Matt Mio 27:40

That's right.

Bob Rogowski 27:40

I was at that game.

James Tubbs 27:41

Wow

Bob Rogowski 27:42

probably 1980, maybe,

Matt Mio 27:44

Yep. And let's not forget that it was Titans versus Wolverines for the very first college basketball game played at LCA - because of exactly what you said. And I was at that event.

Mara Livezey 27:54

Yeah.

Matt Mio 27:55

Well, professors, we had a good go of it. And we explored all sorts of monuments, but I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye, Mara.

Mara Livezey 28:04

Goodbye

Matt Mio 28:05

Bob

Bob Rogowski 28:06

Wow, time really flew. Goodbye,

Matt Mio 28:08

Jim

James Tubbs 28:08

Farewell

Matt Mio 28:09

Dave

Dave Chow 28:10

See yo.

Matt Mio 28:10

And now these words.

Michael Jayson 28:12

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Matt Mio 28:22

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