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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:01

The 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. Way over on the left is Professor James Balfour Tubbs, Jr.

J James Tubbs 00:22

Yes, here I am.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:23

How are you, Jim?

J James Tubbs 00:24

I'm well. How about you?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:25

Excellent. The really nice guy sitting next to Professor Jim Tubbs is Professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 00:30

Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:32
Yes. And be sure to thank Marcy for helping us set up this event. We are here at the Detroit Historical Museum in the basement, relatively speaking -

D Dave Chow 00:36
with air conditioning

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:42
with air conditioning, it's nice. We're blessed to be joined today by Dean Jocelyn Boryczka, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education. Glad to have you here.

H Heather Hill 00:51
Ah - ah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:52
Yeah, new name. I know. New name coming.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 00:54
So, really glad to be here. We do have a new name for the college, the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:00
Excellent. Excellent.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 01:04
Very excited about that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:06
We're very, very happy to have you here, Jocelyn.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 01:08
Thank you. Professor Erin Bell is here from our Center for Teaching and Learning.

E Erin Bell 01:13
Hello, it's good to see everyone.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:15
Continuing across the panel, Professor Mara Livezey from Chemistry and Biochemistry is here.

M Mara Livezey 01:20
Hello

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:20
Professor Beth Oljar is here. I didn't see that you were wearing your Union Jack Beatles t shirt until just now.

B Beth Oljar 01:25
Oh, of course. Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:27
Professor Stephen Manning, department of retired. Sorry, I didn't introduce you that way. Jim. I could have done that. But happy to have you here.

S Stephen Manning 01:34
Happy to be here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:35
Professor Heather Hill from English, sitting right next to Stephen.

H Heather Hill 01:39
Hello. And last, but most certainly not least, from the Department of Chemistry and

nello. And last, but most certainly not least, from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, it's Professor Kendra Evans. It's been a long time Kendra.

K Kendra Evans 01:47

Hello. It's good to be back.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:49

Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email 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. "The attached file contains a half dozen questions plus one for good luck or a pinch to grow an inch - "

D Dave Chow 02:13

We'll need it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:13

" in honor of Professor Chow's most recent birthday."

D Dave Chow 02:16

What?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:17

"Scoring wise, I'll leave it to him to decide how many wrong answers will make you a chowder head." (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 02:24

Wait a minute. "Best wishes to Professor Chow on his special day with many more to come". That's from Kara Kovalchik of Rochester Hills. She's the Mental Floss person.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:32

She's the Mental Floss person.

- E** Erin Bell 02:33
Oh, very cool. So, I believe that you will catch on very quickly to the theme of this set of questions.
- D** Dave Chow 02:39
Uh-oh. I'm so afraid.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:41
Yeah. No, you shouldn't be afraid. This is fun. I mean, I hope that you think it's fun.
- D** Dave Chow 02:45
I think I left the water running. I gotta go.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:46
If not, then Michael will erase it and we'll never air it. What physical feature unique to purebred Chow Chow and Sharpei dogs is also commonly found in giraffes?
- D** Dave Chow 02:57
Black tongues.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:58
Yeah, it's a blue tongue is what they are. There are many theories as to why pooches have dark tongues but the giraffes is a matter of evolution, protection against the scorching African sun.
- D** Dave Chow 03:10
So their tongue sticks out long enough to catch sunburn?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:13
I mean, they're constantly eating, man.
- J** Jocelyn Boryczka 03:15

Have you ever seen a giraffe eating?

J James Tubbs 03:16
They're always eating up.

D Dave Chow 03:17
Yeah, true.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 03:18
Their tongues go really far out.

D Dave Chow 03:19
I've gotta go for research.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 03:20
Yeah, there you go. You can come with me next time i'm going.

D Dave Chow 03:22
Deal.

H Heather Hill 03:24
Too many mulberries

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:24
Too many mulberries. Absolutely. In what 1978 Top 40 hit song does Warren Zevon mention someone eating a big dish of beef chow mein?

B Beth Oljar 03:25
Oh, Werewolves Of London.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:37
Werewolves of London. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 03:40
He went in to Trader Joe's and his hair was perfect.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:43
(Laughs) I love that song. Amy Chow was the first Asian American to win an Olympic medal in gymnastics when she won both a team gold and the individual silver at the 1996 games, which were hosted in what city?

B Beth Oljar 03:59
Atlanta

K Kendra Evans 04:00
Atlanta

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:01
The great city of Atlanta, Georgia.

B Beth Oljar 04:02
I remember because I defended my dissertation and went home and watched the opening ceremony of the Atlanta Olympics.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:08
Hey. There you go.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 04:09
That's a professor moment.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:10

Excellent. That is a professor moment. That's awesome.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 04:13

That's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:15

Oh, my. It just keeps going, Dave. I'm so sorry. New England Clam Chowder was the secret password used by Jim Carrey to gain entrance into the lair of the hippie computer genius known as Woodstock in what 1994 film?

B Beth Oljar 04:28

Ace Ventura, Pet Detective.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:30

(Laughing) That is correct.

B Beth Oljar 04:30

I can't be the only one who's seen that movie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:35

Oh, man, that is great. That is absolutely fabulous. . Oh my gosh, I think that's awesome. In the 1976 Chowchilla kidnapping (Oh my!) which involved a school bus filled with 26 children being hijacked and buried in a quarry.

D Dave Chow 04:54

Eww!

B Beth Oljar 04:54

What?!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:55

...but what did this happen? Answered

In what state did this happen? Aye-aye-aye!

H Heather Hill 04:59
Texas?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:00
FYI, while you think: After 16 hours underground, the driver and several children dig their way out. Everyone escaped and survived. Three perpetrators were sentenced to life in prison. But by 2022, (special sidenote) they had all been paroled.

D Dave Chow 05:15
What?!

K Kendra Evans 05:15
Ugh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:17
But what state did that happen in - the Chowchilla kidnapping?

S Stephen Manning 05:20
New Hampshire

D Dave Chow 05:21
New Mexico

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:22
No

J James Tubbs 05:22
Idaho

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:23
No

B Beth Oljar 05:23
Texas.

S Stephen Manning 05:24
Vermont.

B Beth Oljar 05:24
Some place with a quarry.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:26
That's a good start. So, unlikely to be Hawaii.

D Dave Chow 05:31
Okay, here. Can we pull up the map?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:36
It's out West.

B Beth Oljar 05:38
Oh

J Jocelyn Boryczka 05:38
Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:40
Nope.

H Heather Hill 05:40
California

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:41
California.

E Erin Bell 05:44
Always - California.

B Beth Oljar 05:45
At least it wasn't Oregon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:48
This was also a basis for one of the vignettes in the movie that none of you saw, but I certainly did called "Trick Or Treat" a few years ago

B Beth Oljar 05:56
I saw that movie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:57
You saw that movie.

B Beth Oljar 05:58
I watched it past Halloween.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:59
Yes

B Beth Oljar 06:00
It turned out to be better than I thought

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:01

This was really disturbing, as horror goes. The children are all causing their parents a lot of problems. So they dress them up in their costumes and pay the bus driver to drive them off a cliff. So -

D Dave Chow 06:12

Ooh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:13

That's some dark stuff. Yeah. Okay. Purina introduced Dog Chow in 1926, the first commercially available dry dog food on the market. But what brand name first dominated the dog food market back in 1918 with its canned food which was comprised mainly of horse meat?

H Heather Hill 06:33

Alpo.

J James Tubbs 06:34

Alpo?

B Beth Oljar 06:36

Ken-L-Ration?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:36

You know, it says that it's Ken-L-Ration. The commercial jingle was "My dog's better than your dog?" Yes, it was Ken-L-Ration

J James Tubbs 06:42

Well, that was still playing in the 70s.

B Beth Oljar 06:43

"Because my dog eats Ken-L-Ration!" Yeah

because my dog eats Keri-L-Ration . Yeah.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:48
Yep. There you go. (Singing) My dog's better than your dog. My dog's better than yours. There we go. See.
- B** Beth Oljar 06:50
I remember the jingle. Exactly.
- D** Dave Chow 06:52
Jim know a jingle? What a shock.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:54
Someone needs to send us a big set of questions with commercial jingles in it. I think that would be -
- D** Dave Chow 06:58
Wait a minute. So, Matt: If they do, do you have to sing them for us?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:01
If it happens, I might, I might sing some.
- J** James Tubbs 07:04
We'll make it happen.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:05
You know there is a movie where the top radio station actually just plays jingles all day. It's called Demolition Man with - Sylvester Stallone and Wesley Snipes.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:12
Oh, yeah Wesley Snipes. That's right.

B Beth Oljar 07:16
Set in the future

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:17
because everybody is sort of like turned really dumb, right? basically is what they're saying?

B Beth Oljar 07:21
Well, and Arnold Schwarzenegger was president and the only restaurant that survived the restaurant wars with Taco Bell. So now all restaurants are Taco Bell. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 07:29
Back to Taco Bell.

B Beth Oljar 07:31
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:32
Last one here, folks. And you've done spectacular. The Salchow cow or I guess in this case, the Salchow is the signature move used in what Winter Olympic sport?

B Beth Oljar 07:41
ice skating.

J James Tubbs 07:42
Ice skating.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:42
My favorite - figure skating. Yes.

B Beth Oliar 07:45

It's not, but you put up with it. Because you're a good person

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:48

That is absolutely true. It's named for Swedish Ulrich Salchow, who first performed the jump and won the first Olympic gold medal in men's figure skating.

E Erin Bell 07:57

Hmm.

D Dave Chow 07:58

Okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:59

Thanks for the questions, Kara. Those were awesome.

D Dave Chow 08:01

Oh! I'll never live it down.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:02

Professor Chow - I will not speak for him - but I think he was honored.

D Dave Chow 08:05

Oh, gosh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:07

Am I right? Those were great. All right.

D Dave Chow 08:13

I can't wait until the rest of you guys get this treatment.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:15

Let's, uh - Oh yeah, it could happen. It definitely could happen to us, right? Okay, let's go into another set of questions. How can I resist? "Dear Matt and professors: Our family's stockpile of trivia was brimming and it was high time we sent them off to you in case you folks plan on doing any summer shows."

M Mara Livezey 08:36

Thank you.

D Dave Chow 08:36

We are.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:36

"While we still enjoy listening to the classic episodes, who are we to ask for more new shows. Like, we have the audacity to ask you folks to return to the recording studio?" Well, we are still making new shows and we're not there. "We hope you put these questions to good use. As always, we hope the questions prove to be a good challenge. Warmest greetings from Valencia, California". It's the family Burroughs with Frank. Yes. Ooh, a long list here. Let's see we can do with these. Who was the first professional boxer who defeated Muhammad Ali in 1971?

B Beth Oljar 09:09

Foreman? No

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:10

No, it wasn't George Foreman

B Beth Oljar 09:12

Sonny Liston?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:13

No.

D Dave Chow 09:13

Joe Frazier.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:14

His nickname was Smokin'. Smokin' Joe Frazier. Yes. And the only reason I know anything is because it happened on The Simpsons in the late 80's. (The professors laugh) Joe Frazier was one of the first guests voices. It was cool. What was the very first DVD that Netflix rented out, according to their records in 1998? This is great.

D

Dave Chow 09:36

And Beth has yet to return it.

K

Kendra Evans 09:38

The Titanic?

B

Beth Oljar 09:39

Could be, actually.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:40

It wasn't Titanic. That's a great guess. It was not Titanic. It's a movie that was fairly recently made into a Broadway show, and apparently is going to give us the old 30-years-later sequel treatment relatively soon. Winona Ryder.

E

Erin Bell 09:57

Oh Beetlejuice.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:58

Beetlejuice.

K

Kendra Evans 10:01

Oh!

I

Incelyn Borczyk 10:01

Jocelyn Dolyezka 10:01
That was great.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:03
I don't know what to say about that. But 1998. Netflix has only been around since 1998.

D Dave Chow 10:07
Wow, Michael Keaton.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:10
Mm-hm

B Beth Oljar 10:10
And I did return it. (The professors laugh) I'm just saying

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:14
Just saying. Just saying.

D Dave Chow 10:16
No late fees

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:18
Which Major League Baseball teams have had the longest affiliation with their minor league teams?

B Beth Oljar 10:25
Oh

D Dave Chow 10:25
Jason, help us out.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27
This has been since 1967 for two Major League Baseball teams.

H Heather Hill 10:31
Oh, I would say the Red Sox

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:33
It's not what it says

H Heather Hill 10:34
Then it's wrong.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:34
(Laughs) Oh, then the question's wrong. Okay.

H Heather Hill 10:40
Yeah, Exactly.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:41
We're doing this Kobayashi Maru style.

M Mara Livezey 10:43
Oh, I like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:44
Change the game. Change the game.

S Stephen Manning 10:46
What's the question again, longest affiliation with their minor league -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:49
with their minor league team.

B Beth Oljar 10:50
This sounds like something that would happen in the South or the West.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:55
I don't know.

H Heather Hill 10:56
I would think it would be the some of the older teams.

D Dave Chow 10:58
Yeah. I'm thinking like - L.A.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:00
Not L.A. I seriously have not heard a single - Tigers is one of them. Yes. They've been associated with the Lakeland Flying Tigers of the Florida State League since 1967. But there's another team that also has a direct - uh, let's see. Well, I can give the whole dang thing away I suppose. They're in Reading, so I guess that's the -

M Mara Livezey 11:03
Are you saying The Tigers?

H Heather Hill 11:23
Pennsylvania

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:23
The Philadelphia Phillies. The Fightin' Phil's of the Eastern league. Because, you know, Stephen and I were just talking over lunch how it used to be the Pawtucket Sox, right? And now they're the Worcester Sox. So when you change hands like that, I guess they're not counting -

D Dave Chow 11:36
Changing sox.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:37
Yeah. Changing socks.

H Heather Hill 11:38
Well, I just didn't understand the question.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:42
Who is known as the father of American music?

B Beth Oljar 11:45
It could be Woody Guthrie, Arlo Guthrie?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:53
We're talking before the Guthrie's

B Beth Oljar 11:55
Irving Berlin?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:56
before Irving Berlin

M Mara Livezey 11:58
Nice one,

B Beth Oljar 11:58
John Philip Sousa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:00
Just about that, but not Sousa. That's good.

J James Tubbs 12:03
Stephen Foster?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:04
Stephen Foster is what it says here. Stephen Foster

B Beth Oljar 12:07
I set that up for you ,Jim.

J James Tubbs 12:10
Thank you.

B Beth Oljar 12:10
You're welcome.

D Dave Chow 12:11
Whew! I was gonna say Quincy Jones

B Beth Oljar 12:14
Quincy Jones. That'd be awesome.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:17
What is the official language of Brazil, panel?

J James Tubbs 12:20
Portuquese

E Erin Bell 12:21
Greg Grobis is there right now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:21
Portuguese

J Jocelyn Boryczka 12:24
He is there right now.

D Dave Chow 12:25
Lucky devil.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:26
Yes. What Beatles album contains these songs: "Dr. Robert", "For No One", "I'm Only Sleeping"?

D Dave Chow 12:37
No pressure, Beth.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:38
Lots of pressure, Beth. Lots of pressure. So sorry.

B Beth Oljar 12:41
"For No One". Is that "Revolver"?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:43
It is "Revolver." Perfect.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 12:46
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Well done. (The audience applauds)

B Beth Oljar 12:51
It would have been really embarrassing to miss that with my Beatles shirt on.

K Kendra Evans 12:57
Shame.

D Dave Chow 12:59
Kendra would have saved you.

K Kendra Evans 13:00
I assure you I would not have saved you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:09
Professors: Larry Dolan is the principal owner of this Major League Baseball team. Which team is it? It's gonna be very very difficult for me to clue you in without giving a completely away.

S Stephen Manning 13:22
I think it the Mets.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
It's not the Mets.

D Dave Chow 13:24
Does it have a mascot?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:25
Uh, They used to.



M Mara Livezey 13:30
They used to?

D Dave Chow 13:32
Cleveland? Cleveland?

K Kendra Evans 13:33
They lost their mascot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:33
Cleveland. Yes. The Cleveland Guardians . Cleveland Guardians. Yeah, cuz it would just be a statue. Right, Jim? I mean, the guardians are supposed to be the statues on the bridge that crosses into the city, if I understand.

J James Tubbs 13:47
Well, That's one kind of guardian.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:48
One kind of guardian? Yep, that is true. What are the two countries that Canada share a land border with?

D Dave Chow 13:55
The US and -

S Stephen Manning 13:57
Russia?

D Dave Chow 13:58
Denmark?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:59
.....

It says "Denmark "here, because of Hans Island. And I'm gonna trust the Canadian.

- D** Dave Chow 14:04
That was the island I was telling Stephen about. That was the one where they would leave the bottle of whiskey or whatever. You know, if they were the last ones there, they would leave a bottle there and they claim it's theirs. So the other countries would come over, take the bottle and leave their own.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:16
Interesting. Interesting
- D** Dave Chow 14:17
And they finally settled on, uh - just a few months ago, if I remember right, so.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:22
Would it have been, you know, a bottle of Canadian Club, Dave?
- D** Dave Chow 14:24
Probably
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:25
because it's made just a few hundreds of feet from where we're sitting now. Right?
- D** Dave Chow 14:28
Probably.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:29
Yeah, Canadian Club. What is Denmark's other land border neighbor that is not Canada.
- J** James Tubbs 14:38
Norway

S Stephen Manning 14:38
Norway.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:39
That's not what it says here.

J James Tubbs 14:43
Germany.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:44
Germany.

E Erin Bell 14:46
Oh, right. My son knew it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:49
Oh, you knew it? Well done. Yeah, Germany.

D Dave Chow 14:52
You should be up here.

S Stephen Manning 14:54
Did you not bring the world map, Dave? The U.S. map is useless.

D Dave Chow 14:59
This doesn't help.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:00
The lower 48 is not going to help with the Denmark border.

D Dave Chow 15:03
And the freak states are here too, so -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:04
(Laughs) The freak states. Uh, to all of our listeners in Alaska, I apologize.

D Dave Chow 15:09
No you - Right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:11
in what U.S. state capitol do you find the seagull monument? You don't have to think too hard about this one

S Stephen Manning 15:18
Maine?

D Dave Chow 15:19
The seagull monument?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:21
There's a very famous bit of lore about seagulls coming and saving the day. That is not a joke. Oh,

J James Tubbs 15:30
Baltimore?

B Beth Oljar 15:31
Is this from literature?



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33
it's not a literary reference. It is an actual semi historical reference.

D Dave Chow 15:36
I was gonna say - It sounds like something that happens at Macomb Mall.

H Heather Hill 15:39
I think one of the members of our audience may know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:41
Oh, really, someone knows?

A Audience member 15:43
Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:43
It is. It's Salt Lake City. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 15:45
Awesome! (The audience applauds)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:49
If I remember correctly, there was a plague of insects. And everybody sat down and prayed really, really hard. Like "God, you have to save us from this" and then a giant Flock of Seagulls came and -

S Stephen Manning 15:59
Seagulls in Utah?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:01
Yes.

S Stephen Manning 16:01
I didn't know there any birds in Utah.

B Beth Oljar 16:03
Maybe that's where the band got their name.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:05
Flock Of Seagulls.

K Kendra Evans 16:07
That's a very big lake.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:10
Oh my gosh, that is awesome.

H Heather Hill 16:12
We should thank Tom Page for his correct answer.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 16:14
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:15
Thank you very much for chiming in. That was awesome.

D Dave Chow 16:19
I'm sure Erin's got that 12-inch, you know, Flock Of Seagulls.

E Erin Bell 16:22
You know I do.

D Dave Chow 16:22
Of course

J Jocelyn Boryczka 16:23
Oh!

M Mara Livezey 16:23
Oh, my goodness.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:23
To give us a small distraction here, you have to go and check out what's happening right now in Utah with regard to - They're done with their blue bedsheet with the state crest on it as their state flag. So they've designed something brand new to be passed through the state legislature soon. And your Michigan State Legislature is working on the exact same thing for our great state. So if you need to look into it, the symbol in the middle of the new Utah State Flag is - ?

B Beth Oljar 16:47
A seagull.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:48
A beehive which is the big symbol for Utah. Yes. So check that out. We were rated one of the worst state flags in the Union fairly recently by this internet personality because it's just the stupid -

M Mara Livezey 17:05
Too much.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:06
Yeah, there's some weird stuff on state flags. There is nudity on some state flags. There is blood on some state flags. You have to go look it up. It's weird.

S Stephen Manning 17:16
For which state is there nudity, Matt?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:18
Um, I'll see you after the show. (The professor laugh)

B Beth Oljar 17:22
I'm pretty sure the beaver on the Oregon State Flag is unclothed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:26
Oh!. Oh, my? Now that I'm thinking of the moose and the elk on ours. Oh my gosh!

D Dave Chow 17:31
Full frontal nudity on a flag.

B Beth Oljar 17:32
Or at least the the mascot for my high school growing up was unclothed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:37
Unclothed.

B Beth Oljar 17:37
I'm pretty sure.

H Heather Hill 17:38
It is amazing to me the tangents we get off on

D Dave Chow 17:42
Us go on tangents? No.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:43
Not at all.

E Erin Bell 17:44
I was actually praying for a flag question because I just watched a whole TED talk on flags and I learned the new term - vexillology - that I can't say very well

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:53
Vexillology. Yes, Vexillology, the study of flags. Awesome. Folks, what is the color of Hanna Barbera's very famous character, Snagglepuss?

D Dave Chow 18:05
Hot pink.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:06
He is hot pink. "Heavens to Murgatroyd", that's all I have to say. "Exit stage left." That's right. What is he parodying, Dave ? Help me out here. He's parodying a famous Hollywood actor.

J James Tubbs 18:19
Oh, uh -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:21
Come on.

J James Tubbs 18:21
Not Charles Laughton, but he was a heavyset guy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:25
I'm sorry. I put you on the spot.

D Dave Chow 18:26

D Dave Chow 18:28
Fatty Arbuckle - uh, Jackie Gleason.

J James Tubbs 18:29
Jackie Gleason.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:29
Okay, okay, I'll take it. I'll take it. What's the, uh - Ooh, I'm looking right at Mara for this one. What's the masculine equivalent word for a ballerina?

M Mara Livezey 18:39
Well, the truthful answer is ballet dancer. Ballerino is a lie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44
Ballerino is what it says here.

B Beth Oljar 18:45
I have never heard of this.

M Mara Livezey 18:45
No one ever uses that word. (The professors laugh) No actual ballet dancer uses that word.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52
That's awesome.

D Dave Chow 18:53
Ballerino? But I like ballet dancer. That covers all the bases.

B Beth Oljar 18:56
Baryshnikov wasn't going around calling himself a ballerino? Is that what you're telling me?

M Mara Livezey 19:00
Not quite.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 19:03
Not publicly anyway.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:08
Professors: what company sells a line of products with these wild names: The Sonic Satellite, The Mosquito, The Flying Panda and the Throw Monkey?

E Erin Bell 19:17
What kind of company?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:19
What company sells a line of products with those names?

H Heather Hill 19:22
Frisbee?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:23
Frisbee is a really really good guess. That's very close to the correct answer.

B Beth Oljar 19:27
It could be Ben and Jerry's Ice cream.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:28
The UDM bookstore. No, they are not food. It's a toy.

D Dave Chow 19:32
Oh. Hasbro?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:34
It's not Hasbro. If I tell you the company, you'll know what the products are. But that would be giving away the answer.

B Beth Oljar 19:41
Legos.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:41
You know, Legos a good guess.

B Beth Oljar 19:43
G.I. Joe

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:44
So what have I told you it's Duncan Toys.

D Dave Chow 19:47
Oh, Yo Yo.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:47
They're Yo Yo's.

D Dave Chow 19:49
Like I said - the UDM Bookstore.

H Heather Hill 19:51
Do I get credit for Frisbee, because they're round?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:55

— It's pretty close.

J James Tubbs 19:56
And they spin.

D Dave Chow 19:58
And they're circular.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 19:59
Yeah, no string though.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:59
If you had Frisbee with a string on it, you're pretty much there.

M Mara Livezey 20:03
Partial credit.


D Dave Chow 20:03
Can't lose it.


J James Tubbs 20:04
Double Frisbee with a string on it. Yeah.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:07
Professors, what's the name of the northernmost city in the great state of California?


D Dave Chow 20:13
Beth


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:16


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:10
This is a tough one


 Beth Oljar 20:16
Farthest north? Eureka? No That's not what it says.


 Dave Chow 20:21
North


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:22
It is a two word name where the second word is City if that helps.


 Dave Chow 20:25
North City. Oh!

 Mara Livezey 20:26
I like it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:27
(Laughing) Northern California City. No.

 Heather Hill 20:32
How many letters in the first word? (The professors laugh)

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:37
Eight, and it starts with the letter "C"

 Stephen Manning 20:40
Culver City.



J Jocelyn Boryczka 20:41
Carson City.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:41
It's not Culver City or Carson City, but you're really close. At the last stage - right - when the moon is coming in or going away, it's referred to as a

B Beth Oljar 20:53
waning moon

J James Tubbs 20:53
crescent.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:54
Crescent. Crescent City is the northernmost city in California.

D Dave Chow 20:57
I was going to say "Clawson?"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:58
Clawson. Nice. You got in a Clawson reference. That's awesome. Got a get in the Clawson reference. I'm waiting for the - you know - the B'Wana Don. (Laughs) Oh, my gosh. Someone said something to me the other day about that they thought that like Troy was going to declare war on Clawson. I thought, I just want to sit back and watch that. That would be awesome. (The audience laughs) Does any suburb have its own military? I don't know. Too many questions.

J James Tubbs 21:26
Bring a lawn chair and a long drink

H Heather Hill 21:28
A standing militia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:29
Exactly. According to Google Maps, how long would it take to drive from Crescent City to California's southern most city Imperial Beach. Holy smokes! This is, by the way, I need time. I do not have miles,

J James Tubbs 21:44
Eight hours.

M Mara Livezey 21:45
12 hours.

D Dave Chow 21:46
Are we taking the PCH during rush hour?

H Heather Hill 21:46
15

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:49
Everybody should just say a number and then we'll go to Kendra.

D Dave Chow 21:53
Thank God Kendra is here. Yeah.

K Kendra Evans 21:54
Yeah, but I mean, are we talking like 5pm on a Friday?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:57
What a good point. What a good point.

D Dave Chow 22:00
Yeah, when did you Google Maps this?

B Beth Oljar 22:01
It's in the teens.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:02
FYI, "it is a direct route, ot scenic" is what it says here

J James Tubbs 22:07
11 hours.

S Stephen Manning 22:08
12 hours.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:09
Okay, Kendra, go for it.

K Kendra Evans 22:10
12 and a half hours.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:12
I mean, you're the closest. It's 13 and a half hours.

B Beth Oljar 22:14
I said it was in the teens.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:16
All right. All right. We're good.

B Beth Oljar 22:19
See, Heather said 15

See, Heather said 15.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:20
Mm-hm. You're pretty good.

B Beth Oljar 22:22
Kendra was closest.

J James Tubbs 22:23
I've driven most of that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:25
Apparently, only one mammal can be born with horns

B Beth Oljar 22:31
Ouch!

D Dave Chow 22:32
Did you guys talk to my parents?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:35
Which animal is that?

J Jocelyn Boryczka 22:37
Rhinoceros.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:38
It's not a rhinoceros. That's a good guess.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 22:42

A unicorn.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:42

It's not a unicorn. It's an animal we've already had mentioned of during our questions.

S

Stephen Manning 22:47

A giraffe.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:47

It's a giraffe. Yeah, a giraffe.

D

Dave Chow 22:48

Wait. That's got to be a long birth.

J

James Tubbs 22:49

Uh-huh. And then four hours later, the rest of the rest of the body

D

Dave Chow 23:01

It's like an L.A. commute.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:04

I'm in awe of the fact that it's like what? four and a half minutes after a baby giraffe is born, it's like walking around and eating leaves. That's nuts. standard. How do you do that?

S

Stephen Manning 23:14

Eating leaves with its blue tongue

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:16

Yeah, with a blue tongue

D Dave Chow 23:17
Is that any worse than us having lunch? I mean -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:20
Not that worse. What sells better historically, (psychologically) at McDonald's, a hamburger or a cheeseburger?

J James Tubbs 23:27
Cheeseburger

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:28
It is the cheeseburger. Yes. Makes sense. Makes sense to me. Okay, what city is nicknamed the air capital of the world?

E Erin Bell 23:42
Not here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:43
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 23:44
Not today

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45
I'm giving you that Zinger.

J James Tubbs 23:46
Where's Nike Headquarters?

B Beth Oljar 23:49
Denver, Colorado.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:50
No, not Denver, Not Denver,

D Dave Chow 23:53
like Dayton, Ohio?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:55
I mean, you're getting into the right wheelhouse, Dave. It says it's the home of Beechcraft, Cessna and Stearman. So we're not talking about air air here. We're talking about aircraft.

S Stephen Manning 24:05
Dayton, Ohio.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:06
So, Dayton is what Dave thought. It's not correct. Beechcraft, Cessna and Stearman are all headquartered in - ?

K Kendra Evans 24:12
St. Louis.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:13
St. Louis is getting closer geographically.

E Erin Bell 24:16
Okay.

K Kendra Evans 24:18
Kansas City.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:19
I mean, I feel like I have to give it to you when you get there. Except for I could have asked, "Did you mean Missouri or Kansas?" It's Wichita, is the air capital of the world.
- E** Erin Bell 24:28
I was thinking "air" like -
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:31
who has the most air?
- D** Dave Chow 24:33
H-e-i-r?
- J** Jocelyn Boryczka 24:34
I thought of New York City where they sell air rights to properties.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:39
True. Make sure you check out your Free Press or local news tonight because there's a lot of citizens that are trying to develop apps with a little plug and play dongle for your phone so that the citizens data brigade can keep track of air quality in Metro Detroit going forward
- B** Beth Oljar 24:55
Okay.
- E** Erin Bell 24:55
Oh
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:55
which seems like it's a great, great idea.
- J** James Tubbs 24:58

Yeah, because it is off the chart right now. Right.

D Dave Chow 24:59

If we can see the screen through the haze.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:01

It's definitely off the chart. Great questions, Frank and the family Burroughs. We got one more to go. These have been really, really fun. What TV show had children named David, Mary, Joanie, Susan, Nancy, Elizabeth, Tommy and Nicholas?

P Professors 25:14

(In unison) Eight Is Enough.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:15

Eight Is Enough. All at once. Holy smokes. That's great.

B Beth Oljar 25:18

Who was the youngest?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:20

I don't know.

D Dave Chow 25:21

Nicholas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:21

Nicholas was the youngest.

D Dave Chow 25:22

Oh, and he just passed recently.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:25
He passed away recently?

D Dave Chow 25:27
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 25:28
Who did?

D Dave Chow 25:28
Nicholas. Adam Rich.

H Heather Hill 25:28
Eight Is Enough to fill our lives with love.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:33
Aww, they filled our lives with love. Absolutely they did

B Beth Oljar 25:35
I watched that show every week.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:36
Oh my gosh. Professors, we are not at the end of the show. But we're relatively close. And you know, that means it's time for us to ponder an imponderable

J James Tubbs 25:45
Uh-oh. An impondeerable.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:45
That's a big deal. And this is one that actually Kendra and I were talking about a few weeks

ago. So I'll prime the pump as I try to do. I'd like to know about your favorite stand up comedian. Maybe this person branched out and did TV and movies, but maybe just stand up in general is where you you know, figured them out. I've been watching a lot of Nate Barr gates a lately and I don't think I've ever laughed harder in my entire life. That's all I'm gonna say. Check it out. 100% totally clean stuff. He just fancies himself the dumbest person who's ever lived and very, very amusing stuff. Lots of stuff on Netflix. So I'm gonna say the marvelous Mrs. Maisel. Oh, hey, that's

B Beth Oljar 26:25
awesome. Very, very nice. George Carlin or Robin Williams.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 26:30
There you go. I'm gonna go way back, Phyllis Diller. Oh, yeah, horse. Good choice. I'm going Chris Rock, Chris Rock.

D Dave Chow 26:37
Very good. I'm gonna go Rodney Dangerfield. He was good. Okay, yeah. Ty sweating on stage constantly, no matter. You know what his tombstone says on there goes the neighborhood goes the neighborhood. Respect. soft, soft face in the neighborhood. All right, Aaron, how about you?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:55
I know. We're kind of going down the line here.

D Dave Chow 26:57
No pressure.

E Erin Bell 26:58
I like Flight of the Conchords. But I also like Jim Gaffigan, because he's got a bit about eating an ice cream cone in his car so his kids won't see him eating a treat. And it just really, really resonated with me - like, he got the ice cream cone and he went out to the car and - (The professors laugh). I have four kids so - sometimes I want to -

J James Tubbs 27:13
He snuck it.

B Beth Oljar 27:14
Isn't he the one who said "bacon is the pixie dust of the culinary world because you sprinkle it on anything and it just makes anything better", which is so true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:23
He literally has an a one hour Netflix special that's basically all about Hot Pockets.

B Beth Oljar 27:28
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:28
Yes.

K Kendra Evans 27:30
(Laughs)


D Dave Chow 27:30
That is the truth, right there. That is the real truth.


M Mara Livezey 27:34
I'll go with a British comedian, contemporary Daniel Sloss. I saw him in in Ann Arbor. He like tells a good story. He's really funny. He also like makes fun of Americans and like a really excellent way.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:45
Mm-hm. Nice.


K Kendra Evans 27:47
I would go with Mitch Hedberg.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:49


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:49
Mitch Hedberg. Very good. Very good.


 Kendra Evans 27:52
Gone Too Soon. He talks about cavities. Like they're supposed to be negative. He's like i"!s places to put stuff."


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:00
I'm afraid professors that the time has come for us to say goodbye, Jim.


 James Tubbs 28:05
Good afternoon.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:08
Dave.

 Dave Chow 28:08
See ya.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09
Jocelyn.

 Jocelyn Boryczka 28:10
See you soon.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:11
Erin.

 Erin Bell 28:11
Bye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:12
Mara.

M Mara Livezey 28:13
See ya' next time

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:13
Beth.

B Beth Oljar 28:14
Bye,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:15
Stephen

S Stephen Manning 28:15
Bye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:16
Heather.

H Heather Hill 28:16
Bye bye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:17
and Kendra

K Kendra Evans 28:18
Toodeloo

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:21

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