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## SPEAKERS

Stephen Manning, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Dan Maggio, James Tubbs, Matt Mio, Dave Chow, Announcer, Mara Livezey, Heather Hill, Beth Oljar

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- M** Matt Mio 00:02  
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask The Professo, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy Professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. Busily working on a key for Symbolic Logic. I think it's Professor. I mean, I know it's Professor Beth Oljar.
- D** Dave Chow 00:23  
What - you had doubts?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:24  
I think that's what you're doing though, right?
- B** Beth Oljar 00:26  
Yes.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:27  
I saw the symbology
- B** Beth Oljar 00:29  
so you know, it's me and you think that's what I'm doing? Yes, that is in fact what I am doing

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M Matt Mio 00:34

A man who knows, um - Ooh, I'm trying to see what symbol is on your hoodie. Is it the tiger cats?

D Dave Chow 00:39

Yeah, no, it's the new Tigers hoodie for this year.

M Matt Mio 00:42

Nice. Nice. This is Professor Dave Chow

D Dave Chow 00:45

Pleasure to be here as always

M Matt Mio 00:46

Excellent. Does it say Medicine Hat on the back?

D Dave Chow 00:48

No, it doesn't, its very discreet

M Matt Mio 00:49

This is quite discreet. Under Armour.

D Dave Chow 00:53

Yes. And they do actually make the nicer ones as opposed to the CCM and the Russell's and the other ones.

M Matt Mio 00:59

I mean, it just must be really nice. You can wear this around Detroit and people will just accept it as a Detroit Tigers fan. You know

**D** Dave Chow 01:05  
Mm-hm. I just say nothing. I just nod up and down.

**M** Matt Mio 01:08  
Exactly.

**D** Dave Chow 01:08  
Take my accolades, walk away.

**M** Matt Mio 01:11  
Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today. What's going on Dan?

**D** Dan Maggio 01:14  
Not much


**M** Matt Mio 01:15  
Good week?


**D** Dan Maggio 01:16  
Yes, actually, I think


**M** Matt Mio 01:17  
Okay


**D** Dan Maggio 01:18  
Pretty good.


**J** James Tubbs 01:18  
How is the curling season developing?


 Dan Maggio 01:20  
Good. My knee's killing me.

 Matt Mio 01:22  
Oh


 Dan Maggio 01:22  
My back aches.


 Dave Chow 01:23  
That's why you need another donut


 James Tubbs 01:24  
Yes, Sue was complaining of that last weekend. She said it's better now.

 Dan Maggio 01:29  
I've been practicing a lot, so it's taking its toll but it's a good season.

 Matt Mio 01:33  
That's really good.

 Dan Maggio 01:34  
It's good to be back.

 Matt Mio 01:34  
Good to be back in business

 James Tubbs 01:36  
Back on the ice.

**D** Dan Maggio 01:37  
Absolutely.

**M** Matt Mio 01:37  
That's right. A man who - I don't know - Do play on the ice sometimes. Jim?

**J** James Tubbs 01:42  
Oh, I have occasionally

**D** Dave Chow 01:43  
He's had drinks on the ice.

**J** James Tubbs 01:45  
I have friends who are curlers. (Laughs) curlers and curlets.

**M** Matt Mio 01:45  
Oh, very, very nice.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:48  
Curlers and curlets (laughs)

**M** Matt Mio 01:53  
There's some sort of, um - I saw a video the other day - uh, from this past year or about to be set up current year that there's going to be some sort of like ice based bumper cars down in Campus Martius?

**J** James Tubbs 02:03  
Oh, that'll be fun.

**D** Dave Chow 02:03  
Mm-hm

**M** Matt Mio 02:04  
I thought that - that'd be very -

**D** Dave Chow 02:04  
Or somebody you like - or really like

**M** Matt Mio 02:06  
You could ram into somebody you don't like

**J** James Tubbs 02:08  
Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 02:10  
Yeah, exactly.

**J** James Tubbs 02:11  
"Oh, too bad".

**M** Matt Mio 02:14  
Well, we can put them

**D** Dave Chow 02:17  
When we get broom ball going.

**M** Matt Mio 02:19  
Oh, man. There we go. Come on.

**D** Dave Chow 02:22  
Loved it.

**M** Matt Mio 02:24  
Professor Mara. Livesey is here with us as well?

**M** Mara Livezey 02:26  
Sure am.

**M** Matt Mio 02:27  
Yep. And how was your week? Mara?

**M** Mara Livezey 02:29  
Oh, fantastic. I swear yesterday was Monday and I was like, Oh, now it's Monday. But now it's Friday. Thank goodness. I made it through the week. One less week left in the semester.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:41  
Oh my gosh end of week 11. I just-

**M** Mara Livezey 02:43  
So excited

**M** Matt Mio 02:44  
Wrap my head around. It is very exciting, especially for you with this sort of like very definitive deadline to all of your work and excitement over the next month and a half.

**M** Mara Livezey 02:53  
Definitely a definitive deadline. But when that deadline comes maybe less clear.

**J** James Tubbs 02:59  
A definitive deadline

A floating deadline.

- M** Matt Mio 03:02  
That's right, because first kids, they always say that they're they're late. At least that's what we found in our family. So -
- M** Mara Livezey 03:08  
if that's true, we're good.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:09  
My mom like to joke that my older sister was ready to start school by the time she was born.
- H** Heather Hill 03:15  
Oh no, please. No.
- M** Matt Mio 03:18  
That's pretty hardcore.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:19  
That's a frightening thought.
- M** Matt Mio 03:20  
Yes. Professor Stephen Manning is here. I'm sure tons of Thanksgiving plans formulating in your mind.
- S** Stephen Manning 03:27  
They are in process.
- M** Matt Mio 03:28  
Okay, what's that?



**S** Stephen Manning 03:29  
Yep. Well, the usual, but this year, I'm going to I'm going to spatchcock the bird

**M** Matt Mio 03:36  
I had a great time doing that myself.

**S** Stephen Manning 03:38  
I've done that many times with chickens, but I've never done it with a with a with a 14 pound turkey

**M** Matt Mio 03:44  
right.

**S** Stephen Manning 03:44  
So Im going to get out the chainsaw and cut out that backbone and crush-

**B** Beth Oljar 03:51  
It's got to be the same principle right? smash down the breast and cut down the back.

**S** Stephen Manning 03:56  
Oh, yeah, the backbone just four times bigger than

**B** Beth Oljar 03:58  
Yep.

**S** Stephen Manning 03:58  
On a three pound chicken

**D** Dan Maggio 04:00  
Don't you have a pan big enough to do fit.

**S** Stephen Manning 04:03  
Yes.

**D** Dan Maggio 04:04  
Pretty big pan.

**M** Mara Livezey 04:06  
And an oven big enough?

**D** Dan Maggio 04:07  
Yeah, and a oven big enough.

**M** Matt Mio 04:08  
Yes, that's true. It was. I have to say -

**B** Beth Oljar 04:11  
he has a huge oven.

**M** Matt Mio 04:13  
I've been told this story multiple times to people just because I think it's funny, but at the room temperature bird we did a spatchcock Turkey last year with my wife's family and my mother in law's face upon me saying that it only cooked for three and a half hours because it really does not need to cook for very long. It's half the half the time and she's like that doesn't sound like everything that I've ever done. With this sage gravy.

**S** Stephen Manning 04:38  
Well three and a half hours, it a long time.

**M** Matt Mio 04:40  
It was pretty- It was big was over 20 pounds.

J James Tubbs 04:44  
When deep fried and peanut oil one year.

B Beth Oljar 04:48  
Good southerner. Of course you did.

J James Tubbs 04:50  
It was on the farm. My brother in law's family.

S Stephen Manning 04:53  
Leslie Pruitt does this every year.

D Dan Maggio 04:55  
Does she ?

S Stephen Manning 04:56  
Yes.


B Beth Oljar 04:56  
Well her husband does


S Stephen Manning 04:57  
Her husband does Yeah. One year, she told me they got into it a little bit because he wanted to do it in the house.

M Matt Mio 05:05  
Oh


S Stephen Manning 05:06  
No in the driveway


no in the driveway


 Matt Mio 05:07  
No way. In the bunker maybe


 Stephen Manning 05:14  
His excuse was, well, he wanted to watch the game too. Leslie kicked him out-


 Matt Mio 05:20  
Professor Heather Hill is also here with us today.


 Heather Hill 05:23  
Hello

 Matt Mio 05:24  
How are things?

 Heather Hill 05:25  
Okay.

 Matt Mio 05:26  
Okay, good.

 Heather Hill 05:27  
Yeah, you know

 Beth Oljar 05:28  
Your course next semester. Sounds awesome.

 Matt Mio 05:31

Oh, what's your special course next term ?

**J** James Tubbs 05:32  
What course?

**H** Heather Hill 05:34  
It's called something female monsters and disruptive women.

**M** Matt Mio 05:39  
Oh, very nice

**J** James Tubbs 05:40  
The one Jeff said is his favorite to put in the schedule.

**M** Matt Mio 05:42  
Oh, that's very, very cool. And you have a good healthy enrollment for that at this point.

**H** Heather Hill 05:47  
I think I'm up to 15

**D** Dave Chow 05:52  
For sure you guys get to have some of the craziest fulfilled titles around.

**H** Heather Hill 05:56  
Except for Maura.

**D** Dave Chow 05:58  
Yeah, you got rejected one time. I was so bummed

**M** Mara Livezey 06:01

Mara Livezey 06:01

I was not allowed to be fun. What can I say?

M Matt Mio 06:05

Well, folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything we stumped the panel you win a prize, you can send us the questions and a number of ways emailing us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. We're a little bit low right now. So send us anything you got. You can find us on Facebook or Instagram. Or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking you to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. didn't mention it till just now but since you know this is our Christmas show. So we got some great Christmas questions here. And who knows when this will air hopefully a little bit closer to you know the lions already having won 10 games by then? Dear professors,

H Heather Hill 06:41

Or it's our holiday show?

M Matt Mio 06:42

Yes. Yes. The holiday show. I saw the call for this season's holiday questions came out with a little bit of thought. I think I've come up with a unique take on questions about the 12 days of Christmas. Taking the presents listed in the song given them a twist and I hope they provide challenging and fun for the professor's hope you all have fun with the 12 questions sincerely, and happiest holidays to all. Amber Hubley. Yes. Thank you for sending those in. Amber. Let's see we can do with of course the first one right. A partridge in a pear tree. I believe that this question in particular was written for a very specific member of our panel. You must list all the members of the Partridge Family.

D Dave Chow 07:24

Oh, okay. Shirley, Lets start from the mom

B Beth Oljar 07:29

David, okay. Well Shirley right?

D Dave Chow 07:32

Purely Jones? Yep.

B Beth Oljar 07:34

Laury, Danny Vaughn Danny, And then Christen, Tracy.

**D** Dave Chow 07:38  
Bonaduce Chris-

**B** Beth Oljar 07:43  
There were to chris's

**D** Dave Chow 07:44  
Christ Irish or something like that. That's some some?

**M** Matt Mio 07:47  
No, you've got it in the order that we're on the paper.

**M** Mara Livezey 07:51  
Wow.

**M** Matt Mio 07:52  
Okay. Yes. The Chris. Season One was Jeremy goalbox.

**D** Dave Chow 07:57  
Okay, that's the one Ive's seen

**M** Matt Mio 07:58  
And seasons two through four was Brian Forrester says yes, but otherwise you literally listed them in the order that

**D** Dave Chow 08:05  
We don't count Ruben as family so



**M** Matt Mio 08:07  
Got got it. Tow turtledoves right. In what US city was the dove bar invented in 1956?

**J** James Tubbs 08:17  
Boston ?

**M** Matt Mio 08:18  
Wasn't Boston. That's a great guest

**J** James Tubbs 08:19  
St. Louis.

**D** Dave Chow 08:20  
Philadelphia.

**S** Stephen Manning 08:20  
Seattle.

**M** Matt Mio 08:22  
No, it wasn't Pensilvania

**H** Heather Hill 08:24  
Chicago?

**M** Matt Mio 08:24  
I haven't heard it yet. It was Chicago. Chicago 1956.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:27  
56?



**D** Dave Chow 08:29  
It's been around that long?

**M** Matt Mio 08:31  
It's been around for-

**M** Mara Livezey 08:32  
Oh

**M** Matt Mio 08:33  
Quite a while.

**M** Mara Livezey 08:34  
I thought It was a bar of soap.

**M** Matt Mio 08:36  
Oh my gosh. I was thinking

**H** Heather Hill 08:40  
Maybe it is

**J** James Tubbs 08:41  
No, No, No its a little over. A dove bar means the ice cream

**M** Matt Mio 08:47  
Is it? That's what I assumed.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:53  
Intention really ambiguous.

H Heather Hill 08:55  
Yeah.

J James Tubbs 08:57  
Bar of Dove like-

H Heather Hill 08:59  
They would have said-

D Dave Chow 09:00  
And doesn't Dove also make like -

B Beth Oljar 09:02  
I assumed it was -

D Dave Chow 09:03  
Shampoo and other stuff, too.

H Heather Hill 09:04  
Yes they do.

B Beth Oljar 09:05  
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 09:06  
It's weird though. Because I think that in dubs marketing, they actually don't call it a bar of soap. It's a dove bar. It's a beauty bar something like something like that for the marketing

H Heather Hill 09:20  
Ivory soap what is it, so pure it floats

**M** Matt Mio 09:23  
So pure It floats, Yeah, exactly. three French hens, the heaviest hen's egg ever laid was how many ounces and of course we got to measure it ounces instead of-

**J** James Tubbs 09:34  
nine and a half

**D** Dan Maggio 09:35  
13?

**S** Stephen Manning 09:36  
14 ?

**M** Mara Livezey 09:37  
12 ?

**D** Dave Chow 09:38  
22?

**H** Heather Hill 09:41  
18?

**M** Matt Mio 09:41  
It was 16

**J** James Tubbs 09:42  
Wow,

**M** Matt Mio 09:43

For the record, it had a double yolk okay. But it had a double shell that's pretty darn weird. I mean, imagine

B

Beth Oljar 09:50

How does that work ?

J

James Tubbs 09:51

Well we're gonna have to survive

H

Heather Hill 09:53

Radioactive

B

Beth Oljar 09:55

Sounds like its from Springfield

M

Matt Mio 09:59

For the record, I I think I see where Amber is going with these that happened February 25 1956. For Again calling birds if my wife called in, she would say Cali birds is just a way of referring to pheasants, but now we say calling birds. What's the top prize of the Iowa State Fair for the winner of the husband calling contests?

S

Stephen Manning 10:24

Husband calling?

D

Dave Chow 10:25

Is this the one where? No, no-

J

James Tubbs 10:27

Ten pounds of fat back.

H

Heather Hill 10:29

Great.

**D** Dave Chow 10:30  
Pretty good. Which one am I thinking about

**D** Dan Maggio 10:34  
Is that butter in it ?

**M** Matt Mio 10:36  
No, but if I say something, you'll immediately get what it is. I mean, don't think that the prize is worth very much. Let me just put it that way.

**H** Heather Hill 10:44  
You get your husband?

**D** Dave Chow 10:47  
Like a six pack of-

**J** James Tubbs 10:48  
A whistle?

**D** Dave Chow 10:49  
Yeah, A whistle pig.

**M** Matt Mio 10:50  
I think that you need to even think more simply than that. So all participants get a ribbon it says Oh, at the top prize is a \$5 Bill.

**M** Mara Livezey 10:59  
Excellent.

**S** Stephen Manning 11:01  
What is the contest, husbands calling?

**M** Matt Mio 11:04  
It's self explanatory but I don't know any other details.

**J** James Tubbs 11:08  
Rural fair.

**D** Dave Chow 11:11  
How do you know if you're successful?

**J** James Tubbs 11:12  
They have pig calling.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:14  
If your husband shows up.

**H** Heather Hill 11:16  
They have a board of judges.

**M** Matt Mio 11:19  
Five gold rings. What was the price for a single ounce of gold first of November? 2023. That's a few days away.

**J** James Tubbs 11:26  
180,039

**D** Dave Chow 11:28  
119,000 isn't it?

M Mara Livezey 11:29  
That much?

D Dave Chow 11:30  
It's it's gone way up. It's actually more expensive than platinum now.

M Matt Mio 11:31  
Yep, that's right. Usually Platinum is the top of the Yeah, that's right. Going in a Stephen Manning direction with six geese a laying. What was the last major league baseball team the goose Gossage pitch for a great piece of trivia 1994. I'm giving it to Dave 198,666 is -

S Stephen Manning 11:54  
Yankees?

M Matt Mio 11:54  
It was not the Yankees.

H Heather Hill 11:59  
1994?

B Beth Oljar 12:00  
Was it the mariners?

M Matt Mio 12:02  
It was the mariners? Yes, Seattle, seattle

B Beth Oljar 12:07  
Vaguely remember watching the- They were in the playoffs? Right?



**M** Matt Mio 12:11  
I think so. Seven swans a swimming in what city? Was Michael Phelps born make sense? You know?

**J** James Tubbs 12:17  
Ann Arbor

**D** Dave Chow 12:18  
No, no, no, no, no.

**J** James Tubbs 12:19  
Oh, no Baltimore, Baltimore.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:21  
He trained in Ann Arbor

**M** Matt Mio 12:21  
Baltimore

**D** Dan Maggio 12:25  
Anybody UofM?

**J** James Tubbs 12:27  
You did what?

**D** Dave Chow 12:28  
He practiced some commercial with him? He didn't go to UofM.

**M** Matt Mio 12:31  
I don't think he went to U of M. I'm not sure that people like that go to college to be frank.



J James Tubbs 12:36  
If I remember right, yeah, he was there for the swim coach.

M Matt Mio 12:39  
That's right. Eight maids a milking. Yeah. How many squirts of milk from a cow's utter make up a gallon?

M Mara Livezey 12:46  
Oh my God

J James Tubbs 12:46  
It Depends on how good you are at milking the cow?

M Matt Mio 12:50  
Yeah, well, you know, I don't mean to make a gallon, how many?

M Mara Livezey 12:55  
That's kind of-

H Heather Hill 12:55  
250?

M Matt Mio 12:56  
It's more

S Stephen Manning 12:57  
I would say.

H Heather Hill 12:59  
470?

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**D** Dan Maggio 13:00  
400.

**M** Matt Mio 13:01  
That's a lot of time

**S** Stephen Manning 13:02  
375 ?

**H** Heather Hill 13:03  
350?

**M** Matt Mio 13:04  
350 is what it says. Wow. But do you know heather is the one-

**J** James Tubbs 13:09  
That's why they have the machines to do it Now.

**D** Dave Chow 13:11  
You gotta have some strong hands.

**S** Stephen Manning 13:14  
Yeah

**M** Mara Livezey 13:15  
I've milked a cow before.

**D** Dave Chow 13:16

That's carpal tunnel right there.

**M** Mara Livezey 13:17  
How much milk do you get from a cow? In one lifetime?

**S** Stephen Manning 13:22  
I tried to do it once. It was constantly thought you had to do it gently because -

**H** Heather Hill 13:28  
You really gotta be firm?

**S** Stephen Manning 13:32  
You know you got to twist it

**B** Beth Oljar 13:33  
And if you don't do it at the same time, every day they give less milk.

**H** Heather Hill 13:36  
In fact human babies aren't very gentle either.

**M** Matt Mio 13:39  
They are not

**S** Stephen Manning 13:40  
I have a milking question on the way.

**M** Matt Mio 13:45  
Nine ladies dancing. This dancer Mary Jack pepper Lou Ayers, Jack Briggs, Jack Bruce rock and William Marshall. Who is it?

—

**D** Dave Chow 13:56  
Dancers, female dancer?

**M** Matt Mio 13:59  
Well, ladies-

**J** James Tubbs 14:00  
Centuries?

**M** Matt Mio 14:01  
Nope. It's the the one that often comes to mind what we're talking about.

**D** Dave Chow 14:05  
Debbie Reynolds?

**H** Heather Hill 14:06  
It's not Ginger Rogers .

**M** Matt Mio 14:11  
Ginger Rogers Yeah.

**H** Heather Hill 14:13  
Oh wow

**D** Dave Chow 14:14  
Cause I was thinking ballet

**H** Heather Hill 14:16  
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 14:17  
10 lords a leaping and what sport would one utilize their Fosbury flop?

S Stephen Manning 14:24  
high jumping?

M Matt Mio 14:25  
Oh my god. That was incredible. I've never heard it

B Beth Oljar 14:28  
Dick Fosbury?

J James Tubbs 14:29  
Yeah, That's where the phrase comes from.

M Matt Mio 14:31  
Flop. Yep. Live in pipers piping. What country according to popular lawyer has the most registered bagpipers? It's not Scotland.

D Dan Maggio 14:42  
Ireland?

D Dave Chow 14:42  
Canada?

M Matt Mio 14:43  
That's a good guess, not Canada but you're gonna go down the list pretty quick.

H Heather Hill 14:48  
Australia?

M Matt Mio 14:49  
Australia but it's not Australia, It's -

D Dan Maggio 14:51  
New Zealand?

J James Tubbs 14:53  
Oh, yeah, there are a lot of Scots.

M Matt Mio 14:56  
Yep, exactly. Last but not least 12 drummers. drumming what's the most expensive drum set?  
In the world? It's sold for \$2.1 million in 2015. Was

H Heather Hill 15:08  
it owned by somebody in particular?

S Stephen Manning 15:11  
Ringo Starr?

M Matt Mio 15:12  
Yeah, it was Ringo Starr is Ludvig set.

D Dave Chow 15:15  
That was 2015? Oh my gosh.

H Heather Hill 15:17  
How much was it selling for again?

M Matt Mio 15:19

2.1 million

**D** Dave Chow 15:20  
So that was original Beatles set?

**J** James Tubbs 15:23  
That Ludvig ever had has every picture he solved. They're in big letters.

**M** Matt Mio 15:23  
Yes it was

**D** Dave Chow 15:30  
Oh, by the way, have you seen the new Beatles video

**B** Beth Oljar 15:33  
Now and Then I've listened to the song? Yeah.

**D** Dave Chow 15:36  
The video is a little disconcerting.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:38  
I didn't care about the video. I just was interested.

**D** Dave Chow 15:40  
We watched the video. I'm like, Oh, it's just creepy watching old Paul and new Paul and new Ringo and old George all in the same room at one times. slightly awkward.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:50  
Like Tupac.

—

- M** Matt Mio 15:51  
Yeah, so we'll we'll continue with a little thing I put together here. I'm calling it M J Mio's. Weirdest Christmas questions ever. Cool. Some folks say the biggest Christmas gift ever was sent in 1865. Do you know what it was?
- D** Dave Chow 16:09  
What like Alaska or something like that?
- M** Matt Mio 16:11  
No you're getting there
- H** Heather Hill 16:13  
Statue of liberty?
- M** Matt Mio 16:14  
It's the Statue of Liberty a gift from France to the United States? Yes.
- S** Stephen Manning 16:19  
1865?
- M** Matt Mio 16:20  
It says 1865 wasn't dedicated until 1868. Is that right? 1866? Or maybe they announced that we're gonna send it to us.
- D** Dave Chow 16:28  
Oh, so we had a gift receipt
- J** James Tubbs 16:30  
Because they didn't build the pedestal until the 1870s.
- D** Dave Chow 16:34



Pennies and dimes,

**J** James Tubbs 16:34  
Right.

**M** Matt Mio 16:37  
Everything I know about the Statue of Liberty. And of course it's pear in Paris is I learned from watching national treasure Nicolas Cage. This was the first song ever played as far as human beings know in space.

**D** Dave Chow 16:52  
Here comes the sun?

**M** Mara Livezey 16:53  
White Christmas?

**H** Heather Hill 16:55  
Beethoven? Mara is catching on it's a Christmas set.

**B** Beth Oljar 17:00  
Santa Claus is coming .

**H** Heather Hill 17:02  
Jingle Bells?

**M** Matt Mio 17:02  
It was Jingle bells. For the record, Apparently it was done in jest. But now-

**D** Dave Chow 17:03  
Wasn't it Louie, Louie? I mean come on

**H** Heather Hill 17:10  
I am so sorry. What is the title of the special questions again?

**M** Matt Mio 17:13  
M J Mio's Weirdest Christmas questions ever. So considering the number of people who have an issue, we could go on forever. With writing the word Christmas Xmas. This certainly is not new. And the first usage of a word like that to abbreviate the word Christmas goes back to the 1500s. But why I'm looking at a Lindsay's direction. Would we be using the letter X to mark Christmas?

**J** James Tubbs 17:39  
Oh, because it was used by the early Christian to indicate-

**M** Mara Livezey 17:42  
It represents Christ.


**D** Dave Chow 17:43  
Elon Musk wants to own it. No,

**M** Mara Livezey 17:47  
I mean, I don't know the latin, but it's ICXC Well, yeah, It's it's it's the Greek key is the letter and it looks like an x. So when you write C for christ, It starts with an X it only makes sense that it would be that way. But the way you see it in the news, sometimes at this time of year is like it just started a few years ago. And it's meant to bring down the end of society


**S** Stephen Manning 18:06  
Speaking of X and the news. How long are we going to continue to see every reference to x followed by comma formally known as twitter


**M** Matt Mio 18:15  
Because we're just assuming he's gonna change his mind.


**S** Stephen Manning 18:17


 Stephen Manning 18:17  
We know that right? Why did they have to keep telling you money?

 Matt Mio 18:20  
Like, you know, no comment.


 Beth Oljar 18:22  
He deserves it.


 Matt Mio 18:25  
We get this one in some form every year, but this is the way we're getting it this year in 1939. Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer was a marketing creation of what famous retailer


 Dave Chow 18:35  
Montgomery Ward

 Matt Mio 18:35  
Montgomery Ward

 Dave Chow 18:37  
Not Montgomery burns.

 Matt Mio 18:38  
And for the record before it was a song. It was a poem. Before it was a poem. It was something made for kids. Do you know what it was?

 Dave Chow 18:48  
A plushie?

 Matt Mio 18:49  
No, it was a coloring book. Oh, and they said all these pictures are really cute, but it really needs a story. So then they wrote the lyric. This could be a song and then boom, boom, boom,

boom.

**S** Stephen Manning 18:58  
So they're still in existence. They must be

**M** Matt Mio 19:01  
I don't think Montgomery Ward's are gonna -

**B** Beth Oljar 19:02  
Oh no, no, no not anymore.

**S** Stephen Manning 19:04  
I took in Paul's mail today and I believe the other Montgomery Ward catalog that.

**D** Dave Chow 19:08  
Isn't that usually on JC Penny?

**M** Matt Mio 19:10  
Maybe online only maybe

**J** James Tubbs 19:11  
I think it is online. I think it's available.

**H** Heather Hill 19:14  
Monkey ward.

**M** Matt Mio 19:14  
I was gonna say when I lived in Minnesota for 14 months. Everybody said monkey ward. I'd never heard that before. I think it's funny? Monkey Ward

**H** Heather Hill 19:24  
Monkey Ward. Yeah. That's what people used to refer to it as- monkey Ward catalog.

**M** Matt Mio 19:31  
The monkey word catalog. Yeah,

**H** Heather Hill 19:33  
The monkey Ward toys Christmas catalog has come.

**M** Mara Livezey 19:37  
Okay,

**D** Dave Chow 19:38  
Still around

**M** Matt Mio 19:39  
These creepy crawlies are traditional Eastern European Christmas decorations, especially in Ukraine,

**D** Dave Chow 19:45  
Spiders?

**H** Heather Hill 19:46  
Cockroaches,

**J** James Tubbs 19:47  
Of tinsel?

**M** Matt Mio 19:47  
Spiders, spiders. So their version of the classic story about how Martin Luther was walking through the forest and saw the stars through the tree right was the lights. Is that some One

came out the next morning and the tree was covered with spider webs that were glistening in the sun. And that was their version of how we came - Holiday tree. Exactly. So

**J** James Tubbs 19:54  
well, the Germans hang little pigs on there.

**M** Matt Mio 19:59  
That's right. And pickles

**J** James Tubbs 20:01  
And pickles.

**M** Matt Mio 20:02  
Yes. And pickles. According to Christian lore, what can animals do, but only as bell towers chime midnight on Christmas Day,

**H** Heather Hill 20:22  
Speak

**M** Matt Mio 20:23  
Speak and talk? Yes. It's like, I wonder if that's all you got was just a few seconds every year like what would you say?

**D** Dave Chow 20:31  
What's the last digit of pi?

**M** Matt Mio 20:35  
Everybody around here, would have a great opinion. So what are we doing for dinner tonight?

**J** James Tubbs 20:40  
What's the meaning of life?

**B** Beth Oljar 20:41  
Where's that manger?

**M** Matt Mio 20:47  
In popular lore, who invented the first set of electric Christmas lights?

**D** Dave Chow 20:52  
Edison

**M** Matt Mio 20:53  
It was Thomas Edison. Yes. Showing off trying to kick Nikola Tesla's butt didn't work out.

**J** James Tubbs 21:01  
Well that was better than electrocuting people.

**M** Matt Mio 21:02  
Yes. To some level that is true.


**H** Heather Hill 21:04  
Or setting trees on fire


**M** Matt Mio 21:06  
Or setting trees on fire still happens. How many species of pine trees are found on planet Earth?


**H** Heather Hill 21:14  
Wow.


**M** Mara Livezey 21:16


230?


 Matt Mio 21:17  
It's way more


 Beth Oljar 21:19  
560?


 Heather Hill 21:20  
3000?


 James Tubbs 21:20  
12,400?

 Matt Mio 21:22  
It's not 3000. But it's more than whatever Beth just said.

 Heather Hill 21:27  
1600?


 Matt Mio 21:28  
I'm looking at Dan. I'm expecting him to do this math and math?


 Dan Maggio 21:31  
No. I can't

 Dave Chow 21:33  
Take a stand


 Dan Mannin 21:35





 Dan Maggio 21:35  
I'm listening to their guesses.


 Heather Hill 21:36  
932?


 Dan Maggio 21:37  
110,047?


 Beth Oljar 21:39  
How could we possibly do it? Mathematically? It's there's no equation here


 Matt Mio 21:43  
I'm trying to be funny. Let's count the number of points on a pike cone divide by-

 Heather Hill 21:47  
that went really really well.

 Matt Mio 21:48  
It says there's there's 630 species. It's a lot

 James Tubbs 21:52  
That's enough.

 Mara Livezey 21:54  
Quite a few

 Matt Mio 21:55  
You saw on the news today. That as of today, the statisticians tell us the 8 billion person has been born on earth. Wow. So that's a big deal.

**D** Dave Chow 22:04  
And we'll probably sign up for Beth's class

**M** Matt Mio 22:06  
Probably. There are some spots left.

**B** Beth Oljar 22:09  
There are

**M** Matt Mio 22:11  
Props, how long according to what we hear about every year, did it take Mariah Carey and her company? Right. All I want for Christmas is you.

**D** Dave Chow 22:21  
Way too quickly.

**J** James Tubbs 22:22  
Three hours?

**H** Heather Hill 22:23  
10 minutes?

**M** Matt Mio 22:24  
I'm giving it to Heather It. She claims it took them 15 minutes.

**H** Heather Hill 22:28  
What?

**M** Matt Mio 22:29  
15 minutes.

H Heather Hill 22:30  
It's a genius song.

M Matt Mio 22:32  
It's a genius song

H Heather Hill 22:33  
Just genius.

M Matt Mio 22:37  
I love all the Halloween memes where you show some bucolic Halloween thing happening in the days leading up to Halloween, but there's sort of like a ghostly blue Mariah Carey in the back. It's coming. You can't stop it

B Beth Oljar 22:53  
Britney Spears has one. I mean, Michael Bolton has one in fact, I have them on the Now that's what I call Christmas collect. So there's one disk of the classics right and then there's one disk of pretty much everything else the best of which of course is so this is Christmas.

M Matt Mio 22:59  
Yep of course. Yeah. In the same vein, Prof. So how long purportedly did it take Charles Dickens to write a Christmas carol if you know the story, he was under great duress to deliver to a printer. How long did it take him to write well,

D Dave Chow 23:24  
I started teaching classes or some like that

M Matt Mio 23:26  
It was a classic in literature

H Heather Hill 23:27

Nine days?



Matt Mio 23:28

Nine days is on the order of what it says here. It says it took six weeks but still.



Heather Hill 23:33

That's not on the order but you're very generous.



Matt Mio 23:35

Oh, he had to go to the bathroom speaks very good. What percentage of Americans in 2022 celebrated Christmas by attending at least one religious service?



Beth Oljar 23:49

Not me?



Heather Hill 23:50

What percentage?



Dave Chow 23:50

Define religious?



James Tubbs 23:52

15 ?



Heather Hill 23:53

No it's probably more than that. I'd say. I'd say I was gonna say like, 49%



Matt Mio 23:59

I've giving it to you 50 is what it says here?

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**H** Heather Hill 24:01  
I think Jim actually said what did you Jim?

**J** James Tubbs 24:04  
38?

**H** Heather Hill 24:05  
Oh okay

**M** Matt Mio 24:06  
It is for you. But you're all very, very close.

**H** Heather Hill 24:08  
I said 49. So I think that's I'll take I'll take it.

**M** Matt Mio 24:11  
I thought this was a great one. Paul McCartney earns this much annually in royalties for his tune. Wonderful Christmas time coma widely regarded as his worst single. I took that right from the internet Yeah, I liked that song.

**B** Beth Oljar 24:30  
I don't think it's his worst recording

**M** Matt Mio 24:32  
Whether it's his worse recording or not. How much do you think makes?

**B** Beth Oljar 24:36  
A Million?

**J** James Tubbs 24:38  
Oh, no, certainly not. Consider give me a run for it.

M Mara Livezey 24:41  
20 grand?

D Dan Maggio 24:42  
two and a half million?

M Matt Mio 24:45  
Let me grab like struck me as being really funny. Like the episode of Seinfeld where he's getting the 17 cent checks. By they keep signing him to make the money?

S Stephen Manning 24:53  
Yes,

H Heather Hill 24:53  
lets say -

M Matt Mio 24:54  
Everybody give at least one guess

H Heather Hill 24:55  
3 Million?

J James Tubbs 24:59  
\$900,000 ?

H Heather Hill 24:59  
It's probably more than one

M Matt Mio 25:00

It says here that it's \$400,000. I'm sort of thinking like, I can write a crappy song and make royalties forever.

**S** Stephen Manning 25:00  
One a half Billion.

**D** Dave Chow 25:09  
It's passive income I can deal with that.

**J** James Tubbs 25:10  
If you change your named to Paul McCartney-

**B** Beth Oljar 25:12  
In the video. It recreates the World War One. Christmas armistice.

**M** Matt Mio 25:19  
That's right.

**B** Beth Oljar 25:19  
Right, right. Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 25:20  
Well, that's what it looks like. Right?

**B** Beth Oljar 25:21  
Yeah. Right. There's actually a great movie about that culture. We know well, which everyone should see

**M** Matt Mio 25:26  
You bring it up every year and every year

**B** Beth Oljar 25:28  
So, good.

**H** Heather Hill 25:31  
Actually, it doesn't really exist. Beth, just likes say, we know well.

**B** Beth Oljar 25:35  
I actually hate french So

**H** Heather Hill 25:37  
She hates french?

**B** Beth Oljar 25:39  
I do

**M** Mara Livezey 25:40  
That Sounds great.

**H** Heather Hill 25:41  
How can you hate a language ?

**M** Matt Mio 25:42  
Professors?

**B** Beth Oljar 25:43  
If everything you say sounds like you're trying to seduce someone. It's not actually a language.

**D** Dave Chow 25:49  
It's Pepe Le Pew



M Matt Mio 25:50  
That's right. Oh,

B Beth Oljar 25:51  
Bonjour

M Matt Mio 25:52  
Professors. Michigan is in the top 10 of Christmas tree producing states at what ranking?

H Heather Hill 25:57  
I'm sorry. Say that again I was being

M Matt Mio 25:59  
Michigan is in the top 10 of Christmas tree producing states at what rank-

J James Tubbs 26:01  
4

H Heather Hill 26:01  
4

M Matt Mio 26:01  
It says it's number four. Number four. Sidenote, ooh, this one hurts for organic Climate Action  
Now, folks, how long does it take for a pine tree to mature and be harvested at eight to nine  
feet tall?

D Dan Maggio 26:18  
30 years?

M ... .. 26:19

**H** Heather Hill 26:19  
10 years?

**D** Dave Chow 26:20  
6 years

**D** Dan Maggio 26:21  
Yeah,

**M** Matt Mio 26:22  
it says 15 Heather's on a wrist today just saying

**H** Heather Hill 26:26  
I didn't say 15 I said 16

**M** Matt Mio 26:28  
Well close enough You have been getting everything-

**D** Dave Chow 26:33  
And we were gonna kiss the hem on your dress.

**J** James Tubbs 26:35  
My folks used to have a summer house in the mountains of North Carolina and a town that's all they did was grow Fraser fir tree and

**M** Matt Mio 26:42  
You know where that's recored here it's number two.

**J** James Tubbs 26:47  
Now when they decided to spend the whole year up there one year the neighbors you know, gave them a beautiful Christmas.

**S** Stephen Manning 26:53  
Whats number one ?

**M** Matt Mio 26:55  
Oh, gosh, number one was actually Oregon.

**S** Stephen Manning 26:57  
Oregon

**M** Matt Mio 26:58  
Correctly. Yeah, that's right. But I think I think it's cool that we're up there because I think that the tree farms will harvest right? I mean, they have a little bit of forest and

**J** James Tubbs 27:06  
They're constantly being re planted


**M** Matt Mio 27:09  
Yeah. Last but not least, and you knew was coming. I did say weirdest questions ever. Right? Who's the what's the name of the demonic character that wanders the streets of Europe with chains and bells looking for misbehaving children.


**J** James Tubbs 27:21  
Elsner?


**B** Beth Oljar 27:21  
Krampus.

**M** Matt Mio 27:22  
Krampus. Krampus is his name. He is pretty scary. Dude.


- B** Beth Oljar 27:27  
Do you guys have a live Christmas tree with your cats? We can't we don't have one.
- M** Mara Livezey 27:32  
We don't we also feel like our house is too small to find an appropriate spot to put a tree
- D** Dave Chow 27:37  
from the ceiling?
- M** Mara Livezey 27:38  
Someday we will try and then maybe fail with the cats from the tree climbers.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:44  
So you have a we have a fake one to just spend the money.
- M** Matt Mio 27:49  
Oh, exactly.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:50  
From Balsam Hill, professors.
- M** Matt Mio 27:52  
Professors That's all the time we have to be very, very holiday minded. So I think the time has come for us to fan ourselves. It's the holidays after all, so we're all burning up.
- D** Dave Chow 28:02  
Im feeling the vapors
- M** Matt Mio 28:05  
But the time has come

 Beth Oljar 28:06  
I am feeling the vapors


 Matt Mio 28:09  
To say goodbye Heather.


 Heather Hill 28:11  
Bye Bye


 Matt Mio 28:11  
Steven


 Stephen Manning 28:12  
Bye

 Matt Mio 28:13  
Mara

 Mara Livezey 28:13  
Goodbye

 Matt Mio 28:14  
Jim

 James Tubbs 28:14  
goodbye

 Matt Mio 28:15  
Dan

**D** Dan Maggio 28:15  
Merry Christmas

**M** Matt Mio 28:16  
Dave.

**D** Dave Chow 28:17  
See ya

**M** Matt Mio 28:17  
And Beth

**B** Beth Oljar 28:18  
Froelich a Viner. Im not Doing it

**M** Matt Mio 28:20  
Now these words

**A** Announcer 28:22  
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**M** Matt Mio 28:32  
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