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## SPEAKERS

Erin Bell, Heather Hill, Speaker 1, Michael Jayson, Danielle Maxwell, Matt Mio, Ph.D., James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Stephen Manning, Dan Maggio, Speaker 2

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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 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. To my left - is the Lions quarter zip new? It's Professor Danielle Maxwell.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:21  
Yes, and it is new. Got it at Ford Field, when we had our private tour in August.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:26  
Private tour
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:27  
I mean, the guy was like, "It's like 33% off if I use my employee discount". And I was like, "Say no more."
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:32  
And you and Brian went to whatever It's called bowl at Ford Field too.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:33

 Danielle Maxwell 00:33


We did. The Game Above Bowl. They rebranded it. I still don't know what Game Above is, even after sitting there for like, six hours, because it went to like four or five overtimes. But I still -

 Dave Chow 00:48


Oh, that was, um -

 Danielle Maxwell 00:48


It's okay. Um, I knew what Quick Lane was, you know, in the previous years, but they really failed on marketing. So maybe, Dave, maybe you need to stop in with Game Above and be like, "What is your product, because no one knows what you're doing".

 Dave Chow 00:49

I'm trying to think what Game Above is.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:54


The Game Above Bowl .

 Danielle Maxwell 00:57

No one knows what Game - I Googled it. I still don't know what they are. What is Game Above?

 Dave Chow 01:04

I don't know. I 've got to find out.

 Danielle Maxwell 01:05

I know

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:06

Very interesting, very interesting

 Dave Chow 01:07

Ugh, branding.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:08  
Well, good to be wearing some Lions swag today. That's cool.

D Danielle Maxwell 01:10  
Yes

E Erin Bell 01:11  
Professor Erin Bell is here. Erin, how are you? I'm well. I'm wearing leopard-ish -

D Dave Chow 01:17  
Hey, we're not playing the Jags this week. So that's all that matters.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:21  
We're gonna call it "Lions adjacent." ,

E Erin Bell 01:22  
I try. I really try. I went with what I had to work with.

D Dave Chow 01:25  
Big cat, that's all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:26  
When we were coming over here. Mara said, "Everybody knows I don't like sports ball" (Laughs)

E Erin Bell 01:31  
Nice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:32

So, you know, you can say the same thing if you want to. Dan Maggio is here with us today. What's up on the other side of Berkley?

**D** Dan Maggio 01:39

We're waiting for those new stores to go in and restaurants to go in on Coolidge. So no developments there.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:45

Not yet.

**D** Dan Maggio 01:46

I know it probably takes you a while to get to the other side of Berkley, so you probably don't see it very often.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 01:51

How big is Berkley? My goodness!

**J** James Tubbs 01:53

Three, four minutes.

**D** Dave Chow 01:54

Yeah, at least

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:56

So funny. It's like we're from different worlds.

**D** Dan Maggio 01:58

But it's good. So when you cross the tracks, come on over and see us.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:03

Cross the tracks? I thought you were on the ritzy side. Oh, my gosh.

**D** Dave Chow 02:08  
Hey, come on. You have a boulevard

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:11  
No, seriously, having a blivid is really important.

**D** Dan Maggio 02:13  
It is actually very nice.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:16  
Jim Tubbs, what is your experience with boulevards?

**J** James Tubbs 02:18  
Oh, not too much. Not too much. I'm not too much of a boulevardier.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:26  
What about Sunset Boulevard? Now there's, well, yeah, I've when

**J** James Tubbs 02:29  
Well, yeah. I've been down Sunset Boulevard when there were not fires going on, yeah,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:32  
Yeah. I was at a conference fairly recently where Loyola Marymount professors were there. They've lost, like, whole faculty homes are gone, you know, properties owned by the university. And just horrific, absolutely horrific.

**J** James Tubbs 02:46  
Yeah. it even - I mean, in Malibu, it even jumped the Pacific Coast Highway and burnt those big houses on the water. That's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:54  
That's right. That's exactly right. Just absolutely horrible. I

S Stephen Manning 02:58  
I just read something today that there's some - I mean, a lot of these wealthy people collect art.  
And a whole bunch of Warhol paintings -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:07  
geez,

S Stephen Manning 03:08  
The Coca-Cola thing that's gone, and there was a David Hockney sculpture thing in the wall.  
The house burned to the ground.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:17  
That's horrible.

D Dave Chow 03:18  
So my hocking is more expensive now. Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:21  
That's, of course, the dulce tones of Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 03:24  
Pleasure to be here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:24  
Excellent.

J James Tubbs 03:25  
The Chow man.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:26  
Yeah, we're not going to talk about all the expensive art that you own, but it's always sad to see art burned to the ground no matter what.
- D** Dave Chow 03:33  
That just means I have to make more.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:35  
Yeah, that's right, exactly. An original DC.
- D** Dave Chow 03:38  
I've actually had friends who own Tiki homes, and they've actually burned up. The tikis have survived,
- S** Stephen Manning 03:46  
Oh!
- D** Dave Chow 03:46  
because they're ceramic. They just needed to be dusted off a little bit, but -
- S** Stephen Manning 03:50  
Yeah
- D** Dave Chow 03:51  
So far, so good. , I don't - knock on wood that my house doesn't go up. So -
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56  
That would be nice. Stephen Manning is here, and how are you? You're wearing your like, slightly out of brand Lions hat. I think that's interesting.

- S** Stephen Manning 04:06  
What do you mean 'out of brand'?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:07  
I don't know. It's not - Is it on brand?
- S** Stephen Manning 04:09  
It's blue. It's got the right color, and it's got a Lion
- D** Danielle Maxwell 04:13  
It's Honolulu blue. Exactly.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:14  
It is Honolulu blue.
- S** Stephen Manning 04:15  
What more do you want?
- D** Dave Chow 04:15  
It's close enough.
- S** Stephen Manning 04:16  
I kind of liked it.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:17  
No, I think it's cool
- D** Danielle Maxwell 04:18  
If you squint, it looks just like the logo.



E Erin Bell 04:21  
I like it.

D Dave Chow 04:22  
In the red light, it looks like Ethel Merman. (The professors laugh)

E Erin Bell 04:25  
It's like, ferocious.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:26  
What are we even talking about here? (Laughs)

E Erin Bell 04:28  
I like it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:28  
No, I like the teeth bared element of it. That's kind of nice, because it's time to bite some kneecaps off.

J James Tubbs 04:34  
They're ready to consume.

S Stephen Manning 04:35  
That's what attracted me

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:36  
in the Motor City.

S Stephen Manning 04:37  
M...

Yeah

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:38  
Is it really? It's cool.

**S** Stephen Manning 04:39  
Well, I just like the whole thing

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:41  
Yeah

**S** Stephen Manning 04:41  
It's simple but bold at the same time.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:43  
It's a good aesthetic.

**H** Heather Hill 04:44  
. We got it at the DeVries down at the Eastern Market.

**D** Dave Chow 04:49  
That's right.

**S** Stephen Manning 04:50  
The cheese market downtown. Yeah, they have all kinds of Detroit gear now.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:55  
Sure

**S** Stephen Manning 04:55

A lot of Lions gear down there now,

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:57

What else in the last week that has a lot of Lions gear are these makeshift tents at gas stations.

D

Dave Chow 05:04

Yeah.

D

Danielle Maxwell 05:04

They pop up everywhere.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:05

Yeah, so it's interesting. Speaking of things that may or may not be on brand or off brand.  
Yeah, like GOFF misspelled

J

James Tubbs 05:14

G, O, U, G, H, (Laughs)

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:22

Heather Hill is here. Well, it made you laugh.

H

Heather Hill 05:24

Yeah, that's kind of funny.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:26

Well, it's pretty hard to misspell Goff, but what do I know?

H

Heather Hill 05:29

Well, I don't know Even our President put the Jared Goff chant into the ask for us to wear Lions colors today.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 05:37  
with the appropriate hyphenations,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:40  
I have been traveling recently, and you can't go through the airport without it breaking out at least once. And it's very hard to describe to our listeners, but people just chant Jared Goff at weird places.

**D** Dave Chow 05:51  
Now, I have to ask - what's the over under as far as when will this -

**D** Danielle Maxwell 05:55  
Seven. We're gonna be expected to win by seven.

**D** Dave Chow 05:57  
No, no, no, when will this chant - like - go away?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 06:01  
Never.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:01  
When we win the Super Bowl.

**D** Dave Chow 06:02  
Okay, all right.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:03  
Knock on wood.

**D** Dave Chow 06:04

All right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:04  
Sort of

D Danielle Maxwell 06:05  
You're manifesting it. It's fine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:06  
So I know that you're thinking of better days, Heather, because your your little plant bulbs are all underground.

H Heather Hill 06:12  
They are all underground. Yes, they are

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:14  
waiting for the moment that they can burst forth into spring.

H Heather Hill 06:17  
I did plant some more little bulbs.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19  
Alright. Nice.

H Heather Hill 06:21  
I said I wasn't going to and then I ordered some kind of late and I managed to get them in. It was quite cold, but -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:27  
I think that's cool.

**S** Stephen Manning 06:27  
And with the snow, the squirrels can't get to them

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:30  
Right

**H** Heather Hill 06:31  
Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:31  
They don't like to run on the snow that much.

**H** Heather Hill 06:34  
Evil creatures

**D** Dave Chow 06:36  
Whistle pigs.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:37  
Whistle pigs. Flks, this is a program where you could send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't 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](mailto: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. "Dear professors, I'm on a roll. I've come up with another series of questions for the show. I was recently inspired by watching a show on the History Channel where they had mentioned the name of an Italian mob figure and their amazing nickname. I thought the nicknames were inventive, evocative, endearing and some outright hilarious. It led me down the Wikipedia rabbit hole to do my research. But rather than ask you and the profs to recall some of those nicknames, I've included a list of 25 names, and the professors' job is to determine whether I'm referring to a well known Italian mob figure or cheese. (The professors laugh)

**D** Dave Chow 07:39  
Cheese?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 07:41  
Okay. 50/50 chance.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:44  
And it's listed here "bonus points if you know the nickname of the -

**D** Dave Chow 07:48  
oh no

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:49  
of the mobster - and maybe it is true on your show - it always circles back to food"

**D** Dave Chow 07:53  
Oh, true.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:56  
"I hope you will enjoy these", our very good friend, Amber Hubley from Norwalk, Iowa. Wow. I don't even know where to start.

**D** Dave Chow 08:07  
From the beginning.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08  
From the beginning. Uh, Barbato.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:12  
So is that the cheese name, or is that the nickname of a mobster or the actual last name?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:17

I believe it's a proper name if it is a mobster, and it's a proper name, if it's a cheese. Let's be serious.

D

Dan Maggio 08:24

So if we say it's a mobster, she would also like us to -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:27

say the nickname of that mobster

D

Danielle Maxwell 08:29

for bonus points

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:30

Yeah, for bonus points.

D

Dave Chow 08:31

So like Big hips Barbato or something like that?

E

Erin Bell 08:34

Right.

D

Dan Maggio 08:35

The question is, does that sound like a cheese name that anybody recognizes? If not, then you've got to go with a mobster.

D

Danielle Maxwell 08:40

Doesn't sound like a cheese name. I don't think the - what is it -

D

Dave Chow 08:43

I think it's a mobster.



S Stephen Manning 08:44  
I think it's a mobster too.

D Dan Maggio 08:45  
I think it's a mobster

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:46  
Are we going for consensus here?

D Dave Chow 08:48  
Dan, do we need a show of hands?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:51  
It is a mobster. You got that one correct.

E Erin Bell 08:53  
Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:53  
But what do you think John Barbato's nickname was?

S Stephen Manning 08:56  
Big Mike (Matt laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:00  
John "Big Mike" Barbato.

H Heather Hill 09:02  
Barto the barbarian

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:04  
That's really good.

H Heather Hill 09:05  
Thank you.

D Dan Maggio 09:06  
Can you give us anything to base a guess on?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:09  
Well, there's a bunch of categories where mobsters get their nicknames from. We've all seen at least a clip of The Sopranos, right? This one is definitely a food-based nickname.

S Stephen Manning 09:17  
His name, again, is?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:18  
John Barbato. John Barbato

D Dave Chow 09:22  
Big buffet or -

H Heather Hill 09:23  
Cheesy

D Dan Maggio 09:24  
Big Rig,

H Heather Hill 09:27

Big buffet Barbato, I like that.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:30  
Oh man

**D** Danielle Maxwell 09:32  
Grillin'

**S** Stephen Manning 09:33  
Johnny Baguette.

**E** Erin Bell 09:34  
I was thinking baguette.

**H** Heather Hill 09:40  
The baker.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:42  
The last clue I'll give you is that it is - you'd find this in the butcher shop. So don't go down the bread -

**H** Heather Hill 09:49  
The cleaver?

**D** Dan Maggio 09:50  
Salami, ham.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:53  
No. I mean, Dan's gotten the closest

—

**D** Dan Maggio 09:56  
Prosciutto. Capicola?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 09:58  
Bacon

**H** Heather Hill 10:03  
pepperoni,

**J** James Tubbs 10:05  
John pork chop

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:07  
His nickname was Johnny Sausage.

**J** James Tubbs 10:11  
Oh, Johnny Sausage. I do not want to know how he got that nickname.

**D** Dave Chow 10:15  
No, we don't need to know.

**S** Stephen Manning 10:17  
Only his friends could call him that.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:19  
That's right. That's right.

**E** Erin Bell 10:20  
Special sausage friends

D Dave Chow 10:22  
Lovingly

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:23  
How about Montasio?

J James Tubbs 10:25  
I think that's a cheese.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:26  
Sounds like a cheese.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27  
Yes, it is a cheese. That is a cheese. I will tell you a very quick story about Montasio. I discovered a recipe from the region of Italy over the holidays, where my family's from. I'd never heard of this recipe before, and it called for Montasio Cheese. I've never even heard of it before. Just a few weeks ago, so I went to (I wish Beth was here) the cheese lady at Westborn, yeah. And I have never seen a more excited human being - for me to ask about an esoteric cheese. "You want Montasio? It's right over here, and these are the things you could do with it." She's been there for like, 25 years. She's really good.

D Dave Chow 11:02  
Jeff Boats needs to be here for this.

J James Tubbs 11:04  
Okay, so what part of Italy is your family from?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:06  
So we are from Fiume Veneto, (I'm looking up at the American map) Extreme northeast, basically, in the Alps

J James Tubbs 11:16  
Okav

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:16  
north of Venice

J James Tubbs 11:17  
North of Venice, okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:19  
And this is the most easy recipe in the world. And I'm telling you, I saw this basically in a YouTube short the day before Christmas Eve. We already had our meal planned. I go out, I get the cheese. You just shred a whole bunch of potato, add some butter and salt and pepper, fry the crap out of that into a pancake, and then add the Montasio shredded at the end, and you just sort of cut it up into wedges. It was the most incredible -

H Heather Hill 11:43  
What kind of, I mean, what kind of cheese is it like? What does it taste like?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:47  
It's creamier Asiago.

E Erin Bell 11:49  
Okay, that's my thing.

D Danielle Maxwell 11:52  
So when are you making this for our next department meeting?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:54  
I'm gonna make . It's too easy.

H Heather Hill 11:55  
Bring it here.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:56  
Once I know how to make it, I'm gonna let you know.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 11:58  
I have a big paella dish. It sounds it could be perfect for this.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:00  
Perfect

**D** Dave Chow 12:00  
Matt, We're giving this away for Halloween next year.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02  
Okay, there you go.

**H** Heather Hill 12:03  
Here's a slice. Open your bag.

**J** James Tubbs 12:08  
Have a wedge.

**D** Dave Chow 12:10  
Hey, come on, Matt and I, you know, we agreed to cook for Halloween. I'll be doing a stir fry on my porch

**D** Danielle Maxwell 12:14  
Ooh, I'm comin' over .

**D** Dave Chow 12:14

Yep, I'm just gonna have ladle of chili to put in the kids' hands. Oh, no, No-no, remember I gave up corn chowder.

**J** James Tubbs 12:20  
How about stew?

**D** Dave Chow 12:22  
Clam chowder is gone.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:23  
How about a figliata - F, I, G, L I, A, T, A

**S** Stephen Manning 12:28  
That's a mobster.

**H** Heather Hill 12:29  
That's a cheese.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 12:29  
That's a mobster.

**D** Dan Maggio 12:31  
I would say cheese.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:32  
You're gonna go 50/50 on me for all these

**D** Dave Chow 12:34  
I'm gonna go cheese,



**H** Heather Hill 12:37  
Cheese,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:37  
It's a cheese.

**D** Dave Chow 12:39  
And the cheese wins.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 12:40  
We can't go 50/50. There's an odd number.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42  
How about Cassatella? C, A, S, S, A, T, E, L, L, A

**H** Heather Hill 12:46  
Cheese.

**J** James Tubbs 12:46  
That sounds like a cheese.

**D** Dave Chow 12:50  
That's a mobster.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:51  
Heather's on a roll. It's a cheese.

**D** Dan Maggio 12:56  
We should take the entire cheese list to Westborn, and show our cheese lady.

**S** Speaker 1 13:01  
Oh my gosh, we'd have to defibrillate

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:03  
Oh, she would be in Heaven..

**D** Dan Maggio 13:03  
And say "We want all these", and then next week, we could have a tasting.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 13:06  
Sample.

**E** Erin Bell 13:06  
Yeah

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:07  
I wonder if she listens to us. She told me "I bought our, like, pre prepared mac and cheese and then a block of montazio, and I graded it on top. And it was so great". Oh my gosh. It's like Trader Joe's, where they have to tell you how to serve the dish..

**D** Dave Chow 13:22  
I have not seen this look on Matt's face since I brought pork buns.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:26  
Calabrese.

**D** Dan Maggio 13:27  
That's a cheese.

**E** Erin Bell 13:30  
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I feel like it's cheesy.

**D** Dan Maggio 13:31  
That's an area of Italy

**E** Erin Bell 13:36  
Yeah, it is. Caprese

**D** Danielle Maxwell 13:37  
That's how you pronounce it, yeah.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:38  
Calabrese is a mob figure. That's a person. Sorry. But what do you think Frank Calabrese's

**D** Danielle Maxwell 13:44  
Frankie,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:46  
It is Frankie something

**E** Erin Bell 13:47  
Frankie bones.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:49  
You know, it starts with a B and you did boy and she did bones. It's Frankie, starts with a B something, Calabrese,

**J** James Tubbs 13:56  
Frankie butcher.



**D** Dave Chow 13:58  
Frank broccoli.

**D** Dan Maggio 13:59  
Frankie brains.

**E** Erin Bell 14:00  
Beast Man,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:01  
No. Frankie breeze Calabrese

**H** Heather Hill 14:09  
Does Calabrese mean anything in Italian? It's just a region?

**S** Stephen Manning 14:14  
It's an Italian sir name too

**D** Dan Maggio 14:17  
Also, Matt, Have you been to Cantoro? You've been to Cantoro

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:20  
Absolutely.

**D** Dan Maggio 14:21  
I think Calabrese is a - It's the round, a little round loaf bread.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:24  
Oh, sure, yeah, the bread from that region, yeah.

**S** Stephen Manning 14:27  
Isn't Cantoro where - Under the Tuscan Sun? Isn't that the town? I just read that.

**H** Heather Hill 14:33  
I think he's talking about a restaurant.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:34  
He's talking about the Italian superstore.

**D** Dan Maggio 14:35  
I didn't know that that was a town. Oh

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:37  
Yeah. You'll have to look it up. How about Buccieri? B, U, C, C, I, E, R, I.


**J** James Tubbs 14:45  
That sounds like a mobster.


**D** Dave Chow 14:46  
Yeah, that's a mobster.


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:49  
it is. It's Frank Buccieri.


**H** Heather Hill 14:51  
I think it's a cheese too. What if it's both?


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:53  
It's a mobster. But his name is Frank. What's his nickname?


 James Tubbs 14:57  
Big Buck.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:59  
It has nothing to do with his last name. That's my only clue.


 Heather Hill 15:02  
Frank Fingers.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:03  
It's a Frank (animal) Buccieri

 Dave Chow 15:07  
The weasel

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:08  
No

 Heather Hill 15:08  
Fox.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:10  
No

 Dave Chow 15:10  
Whistlepig

 Danielle Maxwell 15:11  
Lion

H Heather Hill 15:12  
Does it alliterate with an F?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:13  
It does not

H Heather Hill 15:15  
What kind of animal,?

D Danielle Maxwell 15:16  
Dog

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:17  
Frankie "the horse" Buccieri.

E Erin Bell 15:19  
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:20  
Come on.

D Dave Chow 15:21  
Oh, dear.

H Heather Hill 15:22  
That's not inventive.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:23  
How about Bilotti? B, i, l, o, t, t, i

**D** Dan Maggio 15:26  
I would say it's a mobster.

**S** Stephen Manning 15:28  
Cheese

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:28  
It is definitely a mobster.

**H** Heather Hill 15:31  
I'm just going with cheese for all of them - because I'm hungry.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33  
Tommy Bilotti. What's his nickname?

**H** Heather Hill 15:35  
Tommy baloney.

**J** James Tubbs 15:37  
Tommy the gun.

**E** Erin Bell 15:41  
Tommy Gun.

**D** Dave Chow 15:42  
Tommy win through thighs.

**S** Stephen Manning 15:46  
Tommy the gun



D Danielle Maxwell 15:47  
Does it start with a "T"?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:48  
it starts with a T,

D Danielle Maxwell 15:49  
Okay, Tommy turtle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:51  
Nope. Not an animal.

H Heather Hill 15:53  
Tiny Tommy

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:53  
It's an object. Tommy (object.) -

D Dave Chow 15:56  
Tommy toilet head.

E Erin Bell 15:58  
Trigger.

H Heather Hill 15:58  
Tommy Tommy gun,

D Danielle Maxwell 15:59  
(Laughs) That's a good one

(Laughs) That's a good one.

**H** Heather Hill 16:01  
Thank you.

**S** Stephen Manning 16:01  
I like Tommy Gun

**D** Dave Chow 16:04  
I mean, I can completely give it away. Give it away.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:06  
Back in the day, it was a little more common for men who had lost all their hair to wear

**J** James Tubbs 16:10  
Toupee -

**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:11  
Tommy the toupee,

**H** Heather Hill 16:13  
Tommy the toupee,

**D** Dan Maggio 16:16  
I would think that a man would not appreciate that.

**S** Speaker 1 16:18  
Obviously, this is not a nickname you get in your early 20s.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:22

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No. You earn that one.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:24  
How about Puzzone, P, U Z, Z, O, N, E?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:28  
That's a cheese.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:28  
That is a cheese, 100 percent. Yeah.

**J** James Tubbs 16:31  
Puzzone!.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:31  
How about Mancuso, M, a, n, c, u, s, o?

**J** James Tubbs 16:34  
That's a mobster name

**H** Heather Hill 16:36  
Manchegos. Yummy. Is that Spanish cheese?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:39  
It is a Spanish cheese.

**D** Dave Chow 16:40  
So what was it? Mancuso is a - ?


**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:42

 Danielle Maxwell 16:42


It sounds like a cheese.

 M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:43


It's a mob figure, unfortunately. yeah, Michael (or Mikey) Mancuso, what was his nickname?  
Um, within reason and non vulgarity, a part of the body

 H Heather Hill 16:55


within reason. Michael,

 M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:56


Michael " Mikey" \_\_\_\_\_ Mancuso

 E Erin Bell 16:58


Fingers

 M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:59


Mm-mm. That's good.

 J James Tubbs 17:01


Muscles

 M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:02

No

 S Stephen Manning 17:03

Thumbs, knees?

 H Heather Hill 17:05

Is this gonna have to be bleeped?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:07  
No,

H Heather Hill 17:08  
Oh, okay.

D Dan Maggio 17:09  
Belly?

E Erin Bell 17:12  
Ears, eyes?

D Danielle Maxwell 17:13  
Nose,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:16  
Mikey Nose, Mikey "Nose," Mancuso. Yep,

S Stephen Manning 17:19  
Mikey, "I'll break your legs"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:21  
(Laughs) Mikey, the spleen, you know,

J James Tubbs 17:26  
I'll rip it out.

D Dave Chow 17:27  
Yeah. Mikey, the adrenal gland doesn't sound -

**H** Heather Hill 17:29  
I think we're getting less and less concerned about getting any of these right.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:32  
That's alright.

**J** James Tubbs 17:32  
(Laughs)

**D** Dave Chow 17:33  
Have we ever?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:34  
Gineprino, G, i, n, e, p, r, i, n, o


**D** Dan Maggio 17:38  
I vote cheese.


**D** Danielle Maxwell 17:39  
Mobster.

**S** Stephen Manning 17:41  
Gineprino!


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:41  
It's a cheese.


**J** James Tubbs 17:43  
Oh. What kind?


 Heather Hill 17:44  
Yeah. Doesn't say Gina, prino,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:47  
Fauci, F, A, L, A, G, O, N, E, oh, man, it's getting into it. He's using his hands. Sounds


 Danielle Maxwell 17:52  
like a cheese, like you'd add falag on a to a pasta, yeah? Monster,


 Dan Maggio 17:55  
yeah.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:58  
I love the little streaks that Amber did here, which actually makes it really about la pietra, l, i, p, i, e, t, r, a mobster, mobster, mobster. I'm just gonna keep saying Jimmy, Jimmy la pietra. What do you think his nickname was? Little Caesar. This one does work with the last name, sort of

 Heather Hill 18:20  
La Pietro, pedi. Mm. Oh, come on. It's got to be pencil

 Danielle Maxwell 18:25  
neck. Jimmy the pizza. Last name is,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:27  
what love, Pietra, l, i, p, i, e, t, R, A,

 18:31  
the painter the Petri fire. I don't

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:33

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:33

even know if there's a way that I can get this done. Jimmy the lapper was his nickname. You always mean people at races, I don't know, L,

H Heather Hill 18:44

A, P, P, E, R, sounds like something your

D Dan Maggio 18:46

dog does? He sit on people's laps. They do. They'll laugh at it up. Maybe

H Heather Hill 18:49

that's what he liked when he went to certain kinds of clubs. Right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52

Exactly. Oh, what? How about a Runda, a, r, u n, d, a cheese. Oh, that's the first one you've all been together on, and you were correct. It is a cheese. Atanasio, a T, T, S, I O, Cheese. Cheese, cheese. Mobster. It's a mobster. What was Louis? AKA Louis blank, Antonio's nickname Louis the lip. I mean, that's great, but it's not a body like zeal is a sound you could make,

H Heather Hill 19:26

pop, pop, laugh, laugh, close, bang, bang,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:29

not, bang, bang, pew, pew, not Pew, Pew, pew,

D Danielle Maxwell 19:38

pew, bang. It's not bang, bang, Capel, I know

E Erin Bell 19:44

I'm like, looking you for like the Batman, you know, a chew exclamation. I

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:49



would guess this will be my last clue that he had probably had a distinctive laugh after this nickname, Apple



19:57

chortle.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:59

Chortle. His nickname was, ha ha ha. That's right, ha ha. He was the practical joker. Yep, SCO de lado, S, C, O, D, E, L, L, A, Cheese. Cheese. I'm going cheese. 100% cheese. Coordin. This one I've actually had before. There's only two cheese on this old list that I Oh, well, I guess I gave it would. It's Torino. Torino is a cheese, all right. It's a car too. Zapolo, Z, A, P, P, o, l, a



Danielle Maxwell 20:29

monster.



James Tubbs 20:31

No, I think that's mobster.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:33

It is a mobster. It's George. Zapolo. What was his nickname? George body part again, different body part.



Heather Hill 20:41

Georgie the lip,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:42

Nope. Georgie finger, Nope.





Dave Chow 20:44


Above or below the waist?





Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:45


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:45  
It's above the waist. It's not a spleen.


 Heather Hill 20:48  
Georgie the beard.


 Danielle Maxwell 20:49  
The heart


 Dave Chow 20:50  
Internal organ or external


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:51  
A part of the body that is obviously there, but you would - Oh, it's sort of hard to describe. If people don't think about it -

 Danielle Maxwell 20:58  
The appendix?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:00  
Not an internal organ.

 Dave Chow 21:02  
Oh, not internal. Okay.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:03  
External. You can't even call it an organ. It's just sort of a feature.

 Heather Hill 21:07  
Eyebrow

**D** Danielle Maxwell 21:09  
Eyelash

**D** Dave Chow 21:10  
Body hair.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12  
Alright. We're done. His name was Georgie Neck. Georgie Neck, it's very hard to give a description.

**J** James Tubbs 21:19  
He probably didn't have one. Yeah.

**D** Dave Chow 21:21  
Yeah, Went straight from ears to shoulder.

**H** Heather Hill 21:22  
I don't get the clue.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 21:25  
(Laughs)

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:25  
Pioggi . P, I, O G, G, I.

**D** Dan Maggio 21:27  
I say cheese That sounds like a mobster.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:30  
It's a mobster. Another Louis. What do we say when someone is sitting in a chair and they're just not active or doing anything?

just not active or doing anything?

**D** Dan Maggio 21:38  
Lazy?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:39  
You're sitting there like a - ?

**D** Dan Maggio 21:41  
Lump

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:41  
Like a lump. He's Louis the lump. Call

**D** Dan Maggio 21:44  
They should have called him Lumpy at least

**D** Dave Chow 21:47  
No, that's a Leave It To Beaver thing, Isn't it? Dan, what am I thinking about?

**J** James Tubbs 21:53  
Did, um, did Donald Trump give them these nicknames? (The professors laugh)

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:58  
I'm so afraid, so afraid for our country. How about Puzzone? P, u, z, z, o, n, e

**D** Danielle Maxwell 22:04  
Cheese. It is a cheese Yay!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:09

This will be kind of interesting. If you know your Italian geography, Dolomiti, D, o, l, o, m i, t, i

**D** Danielle Maxwell 22:16  
Cheese.

**J** James Tubbs 22:17  
It's an area of Italy.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:19  
That's right

**E** Erin Bell 22:20  
I know. It's like dolomite.

**J** James Tubbs 22:20  
The Dolomites.

**D** Dan Maggio 22:23  
I'd say cheese.

**J** James Tubbs 22:24  
I'd say cheese.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:25  
It is a cheese, absolutely. From the Dolomites. That's right. Grappino, G, R, A, P, P, I N, O,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 22:34  
Mobster

**E** Erin Bell 22:36

**E** LINDA 22:30  
It sounds like wine.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:37  
It's cheese. It does sound like grappa. That's the first thing I thought of. Everybody who's Italian knows what grappa is.

**H** Heather Hill 22:43  
A little grappa

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:44  
Yeah. Grappino

**H** Heather Hill 22:47  
Grappino. Give me a few little Grappino.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:50  
The story I remember my dad saying it took him until he was honestly in his 40s before he finally went and visited his family in Italy. And they would eat and eat and eat for like, three straight hours. And then there were the after dinner drinks, and you had your homemade liquor, which was the grappa. And dad, my dad was like, it basically was, like gasoline mixed with ethanol, like there was no flavor to it, because you're making it in your bathtub or whatever, everybody would light it on fire and be like, "Ooh, look at the alcohol!"

**D** Dave Chow 23:17  
But nobody would drink it

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:18  
No, you'd have to drink it.No, you'd have to drink it

**H** Heather Hill 23:19  
Was this after you'd had wine at dinner and stuff?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:22  
Absolutely. I mean, this is an all-day eat here. It's just incredible.

**H** Heather Hill 23:26  
So "Ooh, look at the alcohol?"

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:28  
Oh, my Gosh, We could make some grappa.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 23:29  
We could. We have a whole building for it.

**D** Dave Chow 23:32  
Is it called toilet wine?

**H** Heather Hill 23:35  
We can label it with the Ask the Professor label. Official, Ask The Professor Grappa

**J** James Tubbs 23:40  
ATP Grappa.

**H** Heather Hill 23:42  
You can design the label. Dave can design the label

**D** Dave Chow 23:45  
It's on my list of things to do.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:47  
We can drive around the South selling it as a revitalizing tonic, but not with

J James Tubbs 23:51  
But not with vapors

D Dan Maggio 23:51  
(Laughs) Revitalizing tonic.

S Stephen Manning 23:54  
At carnivals.

J James Tubbs 23:55  
At carnivals. Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:57  
How about Magnocca? M, A, G, N, O, C, C, A. Magnocca

J James Tubbs 24:01  
That sounds like a mobster.

D Dan Maggio 24:03  
I think it's a cheese

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:05  
It's a cheese. There's only one of these left, and honestly, I can't remember a time when we had more fun with these questions. Thank God there were no Mio or Maggio Passover. Oh, there you go. For

H Heather Hill 24:23  
cheese. Damn the man, Maggio.

S Speaker 1 24:26



No, no, I Dan, I did see maggio wine over at West Point. I saw that. I've seen that too. No offense, it's only a \$12 wine though. Dan, come on, step it up. We're

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:34  
cheap. And I'm sure you've seen the MIO Neto Prosecco at Costco. They only have 80,000 things of it. Also

**D** Danielle Maxwell 24:43  
the flavored water, the meal. Oh,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:45  
the meal. Does it come in five gallon bottles with a little basket on

**H** Heather Hill 24:50  
the O additive. So one more of these folks you could do with that phrase, MEO additive. Let's

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:58  
finish it off. Let's finish it off. A strong here.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:00  
Bring it back to organic chemistry.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:01  
Canterella, C, A, N, T, A, R, E, L, L, a cheese,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:09  
mobster, mobster. We haven't had one in a while. See

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:12  
if we can work this one all the way through. So it is a mobster. Haven't had one of those in a while. It's Richard Richie, something. Canterella, no, another body part, no. I mean, it is, but it's more of the state like you know sometimes

MORE OF THE STATE, LIKE, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:27  
rigid rigor mortis. No,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:29  
like, like you might say, like, when you heard the pirate, like, Barbara Rosa, you know, the translation is red beard, right? Yeah, so we'd say red beard. So it's like a state of this person's head? Does that make any sense?

**H** Heather Hill 25:42  
No, no, not

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43  
at all. Red Face. We already have the toothpaste and not bald, so no, you know what it is. Refer we'll see if we can get all the way there. This is referring to the fact that he must have been bald as a cue ball.

**H** Heather Hill 25:53  
Okay? Cue Ball. Richy. The head, brown, shiny, shiny

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:58  
head. Something head. Shiny head is really close. You're really polish is even closer. Oh my gosh, this is great. Watch, not sheen, but you're even shine marble head, rubbed head. Actually, I'm going in more of an artistic direction, because marble, when you want to shine things, Polish not

**D** Danielle Maxwell 26:24  
but

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32  
I'm thinking more of some of the paper sculpting that I did when I was in grade school. And we always sprayed it with - Glue

S Stephen Manning 26:39  
Lacquer

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:40  
to keep it together. Oh, I'm looking at the art guy.

D Dave Chow 26:43  
Shellac?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:43  
Shellac head. I tried so hard,

D Danielle Maxwell 26:49  
Think shellac nails, Matt. Shellac nails

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:51  
Oh, see, I'm sorry

D Danielle Maxwell 26:53  
You don't get your nails that obvious. You

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:55  
said shiny. You were getting it

H Heather Hill 26:57  
sitting around. He's like, Hey, I think this is a job for shellac,

S Stephen Manning 27:02  
shellac. I don't see that. I don't see it requires thought. Hey, shellac head, come here. I got, I  
got the job for you. Shellac head.

**S** Speaker 2 27:11  
that doesn't work. Immovable quaffer, if they've already been drawing a

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:17  
if I've learned anything, and I have never actually watched an entire episode of The Sopranos, but I did watch every episode of Breaking Bad. It's something that you do that brings you fame, and it may not be something you like, but that becomes your nickname. That's just

**H** Heather Hill 27:32  
the way it is. Maybe he shellac somebody's head, yeah? Well, oh,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35  
he could have shellacked some guy too.

**E** Erin Bell 27:37  
I don't think he's bald. I think he has a lot of hair, and he used a lot

**D** Dave Chow 27:39  
of hairspray, okay? Like a Ronald Reagan pompadour

**H** Heather Hill 27:43  
shellac. Also mean to like, I'm gonna shellac, yeah?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:46  
Like, take him out. Take him out. No, 100% Oh, he was a hit man.

**E** Erin Bell 27:49  
I like that use as a sort of violent verb.

**D** Dave Chow 27:54  
It's either that or records

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:56  
"Who won the game?" "We shellaced them"

**D** Danielle Maxwell 27:59  
We're gonna do that tomorrow. We're gonna shellac 'em

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:01  
Yeah, we've gotta shellac the Commanders. Yeah, that's the plan, and their wild young quarterback. Oh, I'm so sorry, profs, the time has come for us to say goodbye. Heather

**H** Heather Hill 28:14  
Buh- bye.

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

**S** Stephen Manning 28:15  
Goodbye.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:17  
Jim

**J** James Tubbs 28:18  
Farewell.

**D** Dan Maggio 28:19  
See ya

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:19  
Dan,

E Erin Bell 28:20  
Goodbye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:20  
Erin and Danielle,

D Danielle Maxwell 28:21  
To quote Heather "Go Lions!"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:22  
and now these words,

M Michael Jayson 28:26  
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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:36  
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