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Matt Mio, Ph.D., Heather Hill, Beth Oljar, Mara Livezey, Danielle Maxwell, James Tubbs, Michael Jayson, Stephen Manning, Dave Chow

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 right is Professor Heather Hill

H Heather Hill 00:20
Hi.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:21
Hi. What are you looking up?

H Heather Hill 00:23
Well, Danielle was sharing pictures of you and the students in Atlanta at the American Chemical Society. And so I was looking at pictures from Mexico with some of the kids that we were the trip with.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:38
How was the trip?

H Heather Hill 00:40
It was, go, go, go. We did a lot of stuff. We were supposed to get back the Sunday night of spring break, and we got stuck in Dallas for two nights. Yeah, so that was not so much fun.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:57
Yeah, sorry about that part, but it did sound like it was a lot of fun.

H Heather Hill 01:00
It was. We went to Monterey too and Mexico City.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:04
Cool.

H Heather Hill 01:05
Yeah, we did a lot of stuff, right Professor Manning?

S Stephen Manning 01:07
Are you wearing that bracelet that you got from that guy at the -

H Heather Hill 01:10
Oh, the guy that suckered me into probably, I don't know, yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:15
Professor Stephen Manning is here to talk about bracelets, apparently.

S Stephen Manning 01:18
We made the best of our time in Dallas by going to see a couple of things, but we went to see One Battle After Another.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:27
Okay,

S Stephen Manning 01:27
which I would highly recommend.

H Heather Hill 01:30
Very good.

S Stephen Manning 01:31
Yeah, I loved it. We loved it. We've subsequently seen - and the funny thing was, we got back to the hotel at 10 o'clock at night, just turned the TV on to kind of find something to doze off to -

B Beth Oljar 01:33
And they had it there?

S Stephen Manning 01:37
And they had it there. We could have just - But It was good to see it on the big screen.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:51
Sure

S Stephen Manning 01:52
but it was streaming on HBO Max, I think it was

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:55
Okay.

S Stephen Manning 01:55
We've subsequently seen Sinner.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:57
Oh, of course.

B Beth Oljar 01:58
Sinner is wonderful.

D Danielle Maxwell 01:59
I want to see that.

S Stephen Manning 02:00
I think on HBO Max . It was less -

H Heather Hill 02:00
Maybe because we had just seen such a great movie

S Stephen Manning 02:00
maybe because it had zombies in it, and since they don't exist, you

D Dave Chow 02:00
What do mean "they don't exist"?

S Stephen Manning 02:00
anyway, One Battle After Another. I can see that, having won the award

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:15
Okay. A man who knows his zombies and vampires is Professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 02:20
Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:21
Oh, okay.

D Dave Chow 02:21
You know, I've got time.

D Dave Chow 02:21
Oh, did you hear about Catalpa being shut down?

D Dave Chow 02:21
From Woodward over to Main in downtown Royal Oak's gonna be shut down as of April 13th.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:22
I'm trying to give you some fodder for your sketches over there.

D Dave Chow 02:25
No, no. I've got three weeks already loaded and ready to go.

D Dave Chow 02:29
For my Instagram feed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:31
Pre-loaded? Holy smokes!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:36
Pretty wild there. So, what's going on in the neighborhood that I didn't see for a week?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:42
I knew he was going to have something. No, I didn't hear.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:49
Well, I'm glad to hear it, because that is the worst stretch of road in Metro Detroit. I just think it's funny because Enzo always says is like "Dad, Is the only things that old people talk about is the weather and the roads?". I'm like "Pretty much".

D Dave Chow 03:05
That's because we have to pay for our cars. That's why.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:07
No, we care about our cars.

D Dave Chow 03:11
Mind you, when his car goes down, who pays for it?

S Stephen Manning 03:13
Wait 'til you start paying taxes, Enzo.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:15
There we go.

M Mara Livezey 03:16
Yeah.

J James Tubbs 03:16
What do he and his friends spend their time talking about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:20
If I told you, yeah, you wouldn't believe me.

B Beth Oljar 03:23
I spent \$1,700 on a new set of tires only a week later to have something blow up one of the tires, some dry walling piece of metal, so I had to go get another tire. At least they gave me kind of a discount on it, because, Hodges Subaru is wonderful and has like the best customer service ever.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:45
They are, they're great.

D Dave Chow 03:46
I feel slightly guilty now

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47
Because?

D Dave Chow 03:49
I traded off artwork for my tires on my car. I bartered.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:52
That's a fair trade.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:54
That's a great idea.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:55
If I could trade chemicals for tires, I would too.

B Beth Oljar 03:57
If I had anything to barter -

D Dave Chow 03:59
I'd barter

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:00
Will run fractional distillation in exchange for electrical work.

B Beth Oljar 04:05
Give me some thermite and see what happens.

J James Tubbs 04:08
Will do your chemistry homework for tires.

H Heather Hill 04:13
Will run fractural distillation -

D Danielle Maxwell 04:17
fractional

H Heather Hill 04:17
fractional distillation for a set of tires

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:20
for a set of tires.

D Dave Chow 04:21
I can't wait to see that on the street corner.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:23
Let's ask Professor Jim Tubbs, what would you barter of your skill set for a new set of tires.

J James Tubbs 04:30
Oh, a lecture about something ethical, which means pretty much there's nothing to talk about these days.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:38
Oh, that covers all the bases.

H Heather Hill 04:39
A lecture about something - what's ethics?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:41
What's ethics? How are you doing, Jim?

J James Tubbs 04:44
I'm doing all right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:45
Good. Yes, winter has returned, but I'm pretty sure spring will be back in a couple days.

J James Tubbs 04:51
But you know, getting back to the ethics question, when we have members of the Cabinet who argue that empathy would be our downfall, so we must get rid of it - We're in bad shape.

B Beth Oljar 05:03
Who was that? I mean, it could have been any of them.

J James Tubbs 05:05
The Secretary of War (laughs) but several others nodded in agreement.

B Beth Oljar 05:12
Seems to have decided to rename the Defense Department that, which is really stupid, but he's really stupid so -

M Mara Livezey 05:21
It makes sense.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:21
The story checks out. Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today.

M Mara Livezey 05:26
Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:26
Glad to have you.

M Mara Livezey 05:28
Good to be here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:28
You have your massive Stanley so you stay nice and hydrated.

M Mara Livezey 05:32
Heck yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:32
Unless you're gonna tell me it full of, like, something else or something.

D Dave Chow 05:33
Gin - lots of gin.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
I don't think so.

M Mara Livezey 05:38
No. I mean, no, there's water in there. But, you know, sadly, speaking of water, I had a nice Soda Stream in my office, and it, like, exploded.

J James Tubbs 05:50
Oh no!

M Mara Livezey 05:50
Full on broke.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:50
Oh, no! That's too bad.

M Mara Livezey 05:50
Part of the part that goes from the CO2 cannister to the aparatus that actually injects, that part just came off, and it can not be glued I don't believe.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:05
That's too bad.

B Beth Oljar 06:05
Do we need to get you a new one?

M Mara Livezey 06:08
Maybe. This is pretty old.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:10
You're a fan of carbonated beverages

M Mara Livezey 06:14
ever since Macedonia. Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:15
There you go

M Mara Livezey 06:16
living in Europe. It'll do it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19
That'll do it to you. Absolutely. Professor Danielle Maxwell is here. I was trying to turn the word sparkling into something. I wasn't fast enough.

D Danielle Maxwell 06:28
Sparkling pink glitter, beautifulness.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:30
Sure, exactly.

D Danielle Maxwell 06:31
That's what the tree currently is.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:33

I had a really good Taylor Swift thing too, but I've already forgotten it. It's been a really long week.

D

Danielle Maxwell 06:37

It's been a very long week. I'm excited to go to sleep.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:41

(Laughs) Very long semester, it's been a very long, lot of things.

B

Beth Oljar 06:46

I texted Matt this morning, like, "Do you think my students would mind if I took a nap in class?" He said, "If you find out, let me know".

D

Danielle Maxwell 06:54

Did you find out? Can you please let us know?

D

Dave Chow 06:56

Beth, you do know that if you fall asleep, they will draw all over you. Or at least my students would have. Sharpies are really tough to get out now.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:05

Professor Beth Oljar is here with us, posing the important philosophical questions of our day, "Do you think I can sleep in the middle of my own class". I mean, if you give them something to do, you know, you put up that big book and sort of hide behind it.

B Beth Oljar 07:20

I tried that with proofs a while ago, and, well, they're getting better.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:24

Yeah, they're getting better. That's good, because it's getting close to the end of the term.

B Beth Oljar 07:28

Indeed.

H Heather Hill 07:28

Yeah, I have an 8:30 class this semester.

D Dave Chow 07:31

AM or PM?

H Heather Hill 07:31

AM.

D Dave Chow 07:33

Oh.

B Beth Oljar 07:34

When I did three classes on Tuesday, Thursday, it was always 8:30, 9:55 and 11:20 and then MFA

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:41
Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 07:41
by then I was like, my brain is mush.

H Heather Hill 07:46
They tell me that they use my class to warm up for their 9:55 class with Stephen Pasqualina
Okay, great.

B Beth Oljar 07:57
They probably mean it as a compliment, and don't really understand -

B Beth Oljar 08:00
"We use it as a warm up, Dr. Hill".

D Dave Chow 08:02
Wait, like Gleyber Torres for Spencer Torkelson?

H Heather Hill 08:04
(Laughs) That's a good one.

S Stephen Manning 08:04
They use it like spring training,

H Heather Hill 08:07
I am. I'm like the warm up, you know.

D Dave Chow 08:09
Did you make the cut?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:11
You're like the the comedian that comes out at the beginning

H Heather Hill 08:13
Yeah

D Dave Chow 08:14
The warm up act.

H Heather Hill 08:14
Or they just become brilliant conversationalists when they get into Pascalina's class. I don't know.

S Stephen Manning 08:19
Like, jogging in place before the actual run.

H Heather Hill 08:22
That's right. That's what I am.

D Dave Chow 08:23
You're like calisthenics.

H Heather Hill 08:24
Yeah, that's a good analogy.

H Heather Hill 08:26
Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you receive a brand new edition of the Ask the Professor coffee mug and the autographed photograph of the pros. If you don't stump the panel, we'll still send you the autographed photograph. You can send us the questions in number of ways. Email us at ATP@UD mercy.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. "Professors, the most important lesson I learned at Six Mile and Livernois was that the simplest answer is always the best, maybe not right, but always the best. So in response to your question a couple of weeks ago, in 'which pizza is always the better buy', I would simplify and say that one, in Detroit, I always get pizza at Buddy's. Two, their pizza is sold by a number of square. The Four Square is about \$4 per square, and the eight about \$3.20 per square. So the bigger is more economical. When measuring round pizzas, the size given - 12 inch is the diameter, not the circumference. And larger pizzas are almost always a better buy. By the way, down here in Charlotte, we now have a handful of 'authentic Detroit style pizza' parlors, at least two of them claimed that they were trained at Buddy's. Now I'm hungry, and I bet you are too." Hank Durkin, our good friend.

D Dave Chow 08:49
Did you hear the news this morning about Buddy's though?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:16
Oh, I heard that it was sold to an investment group.

D Dave Chow 09:23
Yes, sold to three investors in Birmingham.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:28
What? That's not a good thing at all.

D Dave Chow 09:54
Don't know. I don't know. I'm not gonna say anything yet.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:01
We'll see what happens. We've got our rip off Hunter House flipin' burgers right now. I don't know what's going on.

D Dave Chow 10:10
And when's our little burger haven showing up?

D Danielle Maxwell 10:13
Oh, the one that opens up all night?

D Dave Chow 10:15
Yeah

H Heather Hill 10:16
What's the rip off hunter house?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:17
Hunter House was basically there for 70 plus years.

D Dave Chow 10:20
They got chased.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:21
They got chased like they wouldn't renew their lease. But then what they did with the space is they put in -

M Mara Livezey 10:27
the burger joint.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:28
A burger joint, which has a really crappy name too.


D Dave Chow 10:32
What was it - Happy - ? No, no, Better Burgers.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:34
Better Burgers is what they titled the new restaurant built in the space.


H Heather Hill 10:34
so Hunter house isn't there anymore.


M Mara Livezey 10:39
No. They're a KFC.


 James Tubbs 10:43
Oh, okay


 Dave Chow 10:44
Out of a trailer - or a tent.


 Mara Livezey 10:46
Wow.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:47
So it's just weird.

 Heather Hill 10:49
I used to take Olivia to Hunter House quite a bit.

 Danielle Maxwell 10:52
Never been there

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:53
Sliders.

 Dave Chow 10:55
Telway

M Mara Livezey 10:55
Hunter House is a little better than Telway.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:57
Profs, the last time we were together, we had a massive question set - just absolutely massive sent by Frank and the family Burroughs. We had barely scratched the halfway point, so we got to get back to this. It's all over the place. The last question we had was What was the name of the Minnesota town where Winona Ryder was born?

D Danielle Maxwell 11:15
Winona.

D Dave Chow 11:15
Winona.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:16
The correct answer was Winona. That is exactly correct. What is the largest land animal that originates on the North American continent?

D Danielle Maxwell 11:27
currently alive or dead?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:28
I think you can look at it either way

J James Tubbs 11:30
Bison.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:32
What did you say, Mara?

M Mara Livezey 11:33
I was gonna say. I was gonna ask the same question.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:34
Yeah, it says bison,

D Danielle Maxwell 11:36
I was gonna say woolly mammoth.

B Beth Oljar 11:40
Jim was right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:41
But, you know, I know this is weird. I think woolly mammoths are actually from Northern Asia, and if they came here, they were on the land bridge,

H Heather Hill 11:52
and therefore became a bison.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:54
Possibly. Anything is possible

H Heather Hill 11:56
or Steve Bannon, no offense to the bison.

D Dave Chow 12:01
We're still hoping for extinction. So

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02
(Laughing) or they became Steve Bannon,

H Heather Hill 12:05
well, you didn't hear what he was saying.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:08
No. I did.

H Heather Hill 12:08
Alright.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:09
What vegetable was the first to be grown in outer space?

H Heather Hill 12:13
Onions

B Beth Oljar 12:14
Potatoes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:15
It's potatoes. That's why they did that commercial.

B Beth Oljar 12:18
That was so funny when I was watching that movie and he had that line, "I'm gonna science the bleep out of this". I thought - I have to tell Matt - because I knew you'd love it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30
Well, now you've got to get Professor Oljar to read Project Hail Mary.

D Danielle Maxwell 12:33
Have you read Project Hail Mary? It's my new favorite book.

B Beth Oljar 12:36
I have not, although I know Ryan Gosling has gotten tons of you know, props

D Danielle Maxwell 12:40
The science is accurate in the movie, except for one scene, which I will not spoil, because it's been spoiled for me.

B Beth Oljar 12:46
But I should read this?

- D** Danielle Maxwell 12:47
You should read the book. People say to listen to the audio book. I read the book, but the audio book sounds fantastic as well
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:54
Awesome.
- D** Dave Chow 12:55
So who's doing the reading?
- D** Danielle Maxwell 12:57
Who's - ? I mean, I did the reading when I read the book.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 12:59
No, no, no. The audio book.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 13:00
Oh, I don't know who the person is.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:02
Danielle makes all of her own audio books.
- B** Beth Oljar 13:04
Remarkably Bright Creatures is being made into a movie on Netflix.

H Heather Hill 13:08
What is?

B Beth Oljar 13:08
Remarkably Bright Creatures.

H Heather Hill 13:10
I saw that.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:11
I bought the book. You recommended it.


B Beth Oljar 13:13
the element, the giant octopus. Yeah. I want to know who's going to play, Marcellus the octopus.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:21
Marcellus the octopus. According to Instacart, what is the most disliked food in America? To qualify - because we got a lot of qualifying questions, things that people do order, but order the most infrequently


D Dave Chow 13:39
Limburger cheese?


D Danielle Maxwell 13:40
Like sushi?


- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:45
According to Instacart, what is the most disliked food in America? So people order it, but it's the least ordered thing.
- D** Dave Chow 13:48
Is it a cheese item?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:50
It's not cheese.
- H** Heather Hill 13:51
Is it a vegetable?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:52
It is not a vegetable
- D** Dave Chow 13:53
Is it an Italian mob boss?
- D** Danielle Maxwell 13:53
Is it a meat?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:54
It is a meat - by some perspective.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:54
Anchovies.


 Stephen Manning 13:54
Really?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:54
I love anchovies.

 Heather Hill 13:58
SPAM.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:59
No.

 Dave Chow 13:59
I like SPAM.

 Beth Oljar 14:00
Livermush.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:01
No.

J James Tubbs 14:02
No, I like Livermush.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:04
I would like to point out that your first impulse was seafood. You've gotten the closest with "sardines".

M Mara Livezey 14:10
Anchovies.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:14
Sardines were sold out at Trader Joe's the last two times I've been there. I don't know what people are doing with sardines.

B Beth Oljar 14:22
That concentrated essence of fishiness.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:25
No, I've got you on that. But if you have a really good like, marinara, and then you, like, pulverize, you know, like, literally, liquefy the anchovy meat -

S Stephen Manning 14:38
You can't make a Caesar salad without anchovies

H Heather Hill 14:39
Oh, absolutely

D Danielle Maxwell 14:39
How are you liquefying the anchovies?.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:41
it's spectacular

D Dave Chow 14:41
It's a flavor

H Heather Hill 14:41
in Ceasar salad.

B Beth Oljar 14:41
I don't like Caesar salads that actually - which means they're not real Caesar salads.

H Heather Hill 14:46
You know what else you can do with anchovies? You can put them in olives and then put them in a martini

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:51
Oh, see, there you go. Now, that's flavor, right there,

B Beth Oljar 14:54
That concentrated essence of fishiness just will never -

S Stephen Manning 14:58
Yummy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:59
Every time we talk about things like this, there was a small window where my brother was trying to cut down on preparing for his lunch at work. He is the principal of a Catholic Middle School locally, and he just had a stack of sardine cans next to his desk, he'd crack it open and eat it and then just go back to work.

J James Tubbs 15:23
Sardines on crackers are good

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:26
I know, I get it, but not when you're the principal of a middle school

D Danielle Maxwell 15:29
I mean, I'm pretty sure your lunch today was Cheez-Its. I like

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:29
Oh, 100% it was

J James Tubbs 15:33
and they're healthy

S Stephen Manning 15:34
and they're healthy, yep.

J James Tubbs 15:36
a lot of high density lipoproteins.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:38
What two U.S states have one of those, you know outdated, funky old laws where you cannot get married if it's on a dare? Two states where you cannot get married on a dare.

D Dave Chow 15:48
It couldn't be Las Vegas or Nevada

H Heather Hill 15:50
New Hampshire.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:50
Ohio.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:51
I don't even know how to help you. The first one starts with the letter D is in dog. The second one starts with C as in cat.

D Dave Chow 15:58
Delaware.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:58
Delaware is the first one.

- D** Dave Chow 16:00
Colorado.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:01
Colorado is the second
- S** Stephen Manning 16:03
you can't get married on a dare.
- H** Heather Hill 16:04
How do they prove that?
- D** Dave Chow 16:05
So Evel Knievel cannot get married.
- J** James Tubbs 16:07
Why would that get codified in to law?
- M** Mara Livezey 16:09
Right?
- S** Stephen Manning 16:10
Why is this any of the state's business?

J James Tubbs 16:11
What precipitated that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:13
Just silliness.

B Beth Oljar 16:14
Exactly

S Stephen Manning 16:14
We're supposed to be free, and we're free to do stupid things, aren't we?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:19
What would you fear if you had colorophobia, C O, U L R O, phobia?

D Danielle Maxwell 16:25
Cauliflower.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:27
Mm-mm

B Beth Oljar 16:27
Colors

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:28
Cauliflower is good, colors is good.

S Stephen Manning 16:30
Too many calories, fear of calories

D Dave Chow 16:32
Fear of colors

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:33
No

H Heather Hill 16:33
C, O, U, L?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:34
C O, U, L, R, O - phobia

J James Tubbs 16:38
Oh, C O, U

B Beth Oljar 16:38
It's not fear of cats.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:38
Fear of clowns.

B Beth Oljar 16:38
Creepy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:38
It's a reasonable fear.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:39
It's not fear of cats.

D Dave Chow 16:43
Fear of cauliflower. Fear of - uh -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:46
There's not many root words in Greek that I can get you back to - but color was a good thing because these people are very colorful when they put on their makeup.

D Dave Chow 16:58
Clowns?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:00
Clowns.

M Mara Livezey 17:03
Ohhh.

S Stephen Manning 17:04
Kramer was afraid of clowns, wasn't he?

D Dave Chow 17:06
isn't there a rally this Saturday about that too?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:09
Yeah, possibly

B Beth Oljar 17:10
They're kind of creepy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:11
No kings. No fear either. No, no, that's fear of kings. Oh, which of the original comic book Avengers did not appear in the first few MCU movies. And I would argue, I would add on to the question, would not have joined the Avengers formally until the very last scenes of Avengers End Game?

D Dave Chow 17:32
The Wasp.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:33
The Wasp is correct. Of course. Mr. Comic book knows this.

D Dave Chow 17:37
I know my comic books

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:38
Absolutely. Played by - what's her name? Evangeline Lilly in the movies. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 17:40
Interesting.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:46
In what movie do you find the character Andrew Dufresne?

B Beth Oljar 17:51
Oh, uh - Shawshank Redemption.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:52
Shawshank Redemption. What a great movie that is.

B Beth Oljar 17:54
It's a better story. I mean, that's really one of his best novellas, actually

J James Tubbs 17:55
It was.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:55
Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 18:01
The full title is Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:04
That's right.

H Heather Hill 18:04
Oh, really?

B Beth Oljar 18:05
Well, yeah, because originally the poster, right, the the wall is being dug out of was a poster of Rita Hayworth. And then, of course, over the decades, it changes. And -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:07
That's right

B Beth Oljar 18:11
Linda Ronstadt is there.

H Heather Hill 18:18
oh, is this a tunnel that he's digging.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:23

It's the tunnel he's digging to get out of prison. We have to spoil the movie, unfortunately, I am somehow more enamored of Stephen King, when there's nary a supernatural element like that story than other things. Yeah. So what some of his aliases that he's written Richard Bachman

J James Tubbs 18:42

Stand By Me. I mean -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44

Yeah, that's a great story.

B Beth Oljar 18:44

I did not like the body. I actually - which is what Stand By Me is based on. I thought that was the weakest of the four in that book. Apt Pupil was much better.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:54

Oh, Apt Pupil. Whoo!

B Beth Oljar 18:55

And the breathing method was unbelievably creepy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:00

Okay, that's cool.

B Beth Oljar 19:01

I mean, a woman doing natural childbirth after being decapitated.

M Mara Livezey 19:06
Ohhh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:07
Yeah, we don't, we don't ever need to talk about that again.

B Beth Oljar 19:09
but the book he wrote about 11-22-63, about Kennedy going back in time.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:14
People love that story. Yeah, people love that story. Back to geography - What's the largest island you can't see on that map. I always look up at it, though, what's the largest island of the Mediterranean?

J James Tubbs 19:26
Sicily.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:28
Sicily is what it says.

H Heather Hill 19:30
Good job.

B Beth Oljar 19:30
I was in the Caribbean for a second.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:32
I know. I was like, "Cuba?" Maybe. I don't know.

B Beth Oljar 19:36
The D.R. Haiti Island?

D Dave Chow 19:37
Belle Isle? Zug?

H Heather Hill 19:39
D.R. Haiti.

D Danielle Maxwell 19:42
Same spot

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:42
Which American author became famous for writing a six volume biography of good old Abe Lincoln?

B Beth Oljar 19:51
Carl Sandburg.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:51
Carl Sandburg, yes, that's right.

D Dave Chow 19:54
Oh, sorry, I keep on thinking third baseman for the Phillies. That's all

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:58
(Laughs) Ryan Sandberg

D Dave Chow 20:01
That was my ball glove

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:02
Who is credited for inventing, let's say either the actual item or the name the LBD, the little back black dress,

J James Tubbs 20:13
Coco Chanel.

H Heather Hill 20:13
Chanel?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:15
It says here it's Chanel, Coco Chanel

B Beth Oljar 20:18
Well, she was a bit of a Nazi, but okay,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:22
she was only like, What's the joke about? "I'm only slightly pregnant". It's like, "I'm only a little bit of a Nazi". Like, oh, you know, that's fine.

J James Tubbs 20:32
She took her financial remuneration from wherever it might come from.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:36
Uh-huh. How many cards are there - I bet you've never thought about this - in a standard deck of UNO?

H Heather Hill 20:45
Wow.

D Danielle Maxwell 20:45
Oh, Uno.

H Heather Hill 20:46
100

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:47
It's not 100, but you're close.

S Stephen Manning 20:47
108

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:47
It's 108. How did you know that? That's a weird number?

D Danielle Maxwell 20:47
Wow.

S Stephen Manning 20:47
I'm pretty good at UNO.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:47
(Laughs)

S Stephen Manning 20:47
as it turns out

M Mara Livezey 20:47
We play it a lot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:48
I'm a bit of an UNO player myself

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:02
Are you allowed to go out on a draw two or any of those. Okay, all right. Okay. Those are some of those other obscure rules.

S Stephen Manning 21:10
I would be famous for when you - you know, you have your second to last card. You're down to one card. You have to say -

D Dave Chow 21:15
say Uno. You draw two

S Stephen Manning 21:17
say Uno. But then -


D Dave Chow 21:18
if you get caught,


H Heather Hill 21:19
drop the draw four


S Stephen Manning 21:20
Yeah, you'd say the wrong thing to get people to think that the card you have left is this, when it's in fact not.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:27
Oh yes.


S Stephen Manning 21:28
And if they fell for it, then you could -


 Mara Livezey 21:30
Sneaky


 Heather Hill 21:31
Wow


 Stephen Manning 21:31
I was accused of being devious at some point.

 Danielle Maxwell 21:33
This is some advanced UNO.

 Heather Hill 21:34
I know.

 Stephen Manning 21:35
Oh yeah.

 Danielle Maxwell 21:35
Very advanced UNO.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:36
AP UNO.

B Beth Oljar 21:38
Coming to a high school near you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:42
We got Emmett, my youngest son, a uh - he loves card games. We play them all the time, and a stocking stuffer one Christmas. And it was Uno. It's mostly wild cards. And all I can tell you is, as advertised, about 90% of the deck is wild cards. So it's over in like, a turn or maybe two. Because, like, wild, wild, wild. "Okay, I'm out". Why do we buy this? (Laughing) so stupid

D Danielle Maxwell 22:09
Have you seen the giant Uno cards that are like this big?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:11
Absolutely, please never bring those into our house. We'd be playing it all.


D Danielle Maxwell 22:15
This sounds like a challenge.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:17
Oh, my gosh. In what country would you find the world's largest escalator?


H Heather Hill 22:21
What country? Germany


D Danielle Maxwell 22:25
China.


 Heather Hill 22:25
India.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:26
It's in Asia. It is close to China.

 James Tubbs 22:29
Hong Kong

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:30
It's Hong Kong is what it says here.

 James Tubbs 22:33
Yeah, I'm trying to think of the metro entrances, because they've got some deep ones in London too.

 Dave Chow 22:39
Is it from the ferry boats.

 Danielle Maxwell 22:40
Does it say how long the escalator is?

 Dave Chow 22:42
I've caught those things, I'm like, they last forever.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:44
Gotta Google it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:46
It's gonna be like, five stories or something like that.

H Heather Hill 22:49
Yeah, I don't remember.

S Stephen Manning 22:54
There's a huge one in the Moscow thing too. I The first time I got on it, I thought there was engineering mistake

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:00
Sure.

D Dave Chow 23:00
Or Kilimanjaro relived

S Stephen Manning 23:03
It took like six minutes to get down the stairs

D Danielle Maxwell 23:05
It is 3000 feet, roughly.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:08
Oh, my gosh!

D Dave Chow 23:08
What?!

D Danielle Maxwell 23:09
3000 feet.

B Beth Oljar 23:11
There'd better be something at the top that makes it worth it.

D Dave Chow 23:14
There'd better be like gold bullion. I mean, good grief.

J James Tubbs 23:16
Mm-hm. And I'll tell you what it is - not having to walk up there.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:21
It's a 20-minute ride.

M Mara Livezey 23:23
20 minutes?!

D Danielle Maxwell 23:26
it beats a one-hour climb.

D Dave Chow 23:30
It's called elevators at this point, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:35
Profs, In what state of these United States would you find North America's largest airport parking structure?

S Stephen Manning 23:35
Atlanta.

J James Tubbs 23:35
Dallas.

S Stephen Manning 23:35
Mm-mm

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:35
I'm looking in a Beth Oljar direction.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:35
Sea-Tac is what it says. The parking garage can hold 13,700 cars. That's a lot of cars.

B Beth Oljar 23:39
Is it Sea-Tac?

J James Tubbs 24:02
It doesn't look that big from the air.

D Dave Chow 24:05
Multi levels, though

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:07
Part of its underground.

J James Tubbs 24:08
I guess

S Stephen Manning 24:09
That's where the Boeing employees must park.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:11
or something like that. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 24:12
It is a decent airport, as airports go.

D Dave Chow 24:15
It is.

B Beth Oljar 24:15
It's not as good as the Portland airport, which is like literally the best in the country, in my view.

H Heather Hill 24:20
Why? Why is it the best in country?

B Beth Oljar 24:23
It's clean, it's well decorated, it's not full of people who are completely rude and without manners.

H Heather Hill 24:31
Do they give out free drinks, like in a casino?

B Beth Oljar 24:33
They have support llamas.

H Heather Hill 24:36
Well, there you go. That's the answer

D Danielle Maxwell 24:38
You don't even need seating when you have support llamas

D Dave Chow 24:41
and you don't need 3000-foot escalators.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:43
That's right

D Danielle Maxwell 24:44
because we sat on the floor at the Atlanta airport. There were no seats.

B Beth Oljar 24:47
I've been to an airport that I thought was any nicer than in my hometown

H Heather Hill 24:51
Llamas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:53
There was an old school position you could hold, job you could hold, called the stevedore. Do you know what they did?

J James Tubbs 24:59
Of course. They carried the luggage aboard ships.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:03
That's right.

M Mara Livezey 25:03
Of course

J James Tubbs 25:05
Of course, ocean liners.

B Beth Oljar 25:06
That's what bouillabaisse was made for.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09
Uh-huh. Bouillabaisse. That's right.

B Beth Oljar 25:11
Stevedores, because, of course, there's so much shellfish.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:15
What is the newest NFL football franchise? What's the last one that was founded?

D Danielle Maxwell 25:24
The Las Vegas Raiders, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:25
I mean, you know what, I would give you partial credit for that, except for that the Raiders existed before -

B Beth Oljar 25:32
I was gonna say the Arizona Diamondbacks -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:32
No. That's baseball.

D Dave Chow 25:36
Texans. Houston Texans?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:37
It's the Texans. Yeah, the Texans came out of nowhere. So -

B Beth Oljar 25:41
because they were the Oilers

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43
They just literally showed up to a game one day

D Dave Chow 25:45
Spontaneous combustion.

B Beth Oljar 25:46
They were the Houston Oilers.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:47
They were the Oilers before.

D Dave Chow 25:49
No, the Oilers became the Tennessee Titans.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:51
Oh, no, yeah. So they were from nowhere, yep

D Danielle Maxwell 25:54
From nowhere.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:54
They were from literally from nowhere

B Beth Oljar 25:56
Ex nihilo

J James Tubbs 25:57
Ex nihilo. Well, they weren't from nothing,

D Dave Chow 26:01
from the big punt theory

H Heather Hill 26:03
from nowhere.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:04
If you drove south on Livernois, as far as you could go, you will end up at a T-shaped intersection at what?

D Danielle Maxwell 26:16
Canada.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:16
Partial credit.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:17
You'd end up in the river.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:20
Also partial credit.

J James Tubbs 26:20
I don't know, Fort Street?

M Mara Livezey 26:22
Michigan Avenue?

D Dave Chow 26:23
Jefferson?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:24
It says Jefferson

M Mara Livezey 26:25
Jefferson

D Dave Chow 26:26
Jefferson is kind of the riverfront.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:28
Well, it's got me thinking, though, and again, I'm looking at a map that will not help us at all.

M Mara Livezey 26:32
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32
Like, if you drove north on Main Street, I think it's like 33 or 34 miles

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32
It's like Rochester, isn't it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32
all the way past Rochester

S Stephen Manning 26:32
on Main or Livernois?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32
Well, Main is Livernois

S Stephen Manning 26:32
Oh, that's right, yes

S Stephen Manning 26:33
We need to take a field trip. Gotta see where it ends.

D Dave Chow 26:46
Okay. Who wants to go north, who wants to go south?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:48
Someone's got to look it up on their phone.

B Beth Oljar 26:51
Somebody can go and just tell me

D Danielle Maxwell 26:53
Verify it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:54
Hey, you let me know.

D Dave Chow 26:55
Hey, it's not any worse than me asking Jim to flush the toilet in Australia

J James Tubbs 26:59
and take a video of it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:01
Fantastic question set as always, family Burroughs. Thank you so much. Last one. What color were the first Converse All Stars, the Chuck Taylors, as they are known, they were made in 1917 What color were they?

S Stephen Manning 27:14
Black

D Dave Chow 27:14
Brown.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:18
It says brown here.

D Danielle Maxwell 27:20
Brown?

M Mara Livezey 27:22
Boring.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:22
Not a common sneaker color.

S Stephen Manning 27:24
Who would wear brown sneakers?

J James Tubbs 27:27
My grand niece has Converse high tops in like - lavender

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:31
Oh, yeah. I used to have multi-colored ones. I mean, c'mon.

J James Tubbs 27:35
She wore them to her quinceanera.

D Dave Chow 27:38
Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:39
I think that is cute. If they have just a little more foot support, I might actually wear them.

H Heather Hill 27:43
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:45
They make great house slippers

D Danielle Maxwell 27:47
Orthopedic shoes.


J James Tubbs 27:48
Flat footers


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:49
Yeah, I know my orthopedic shoes. This is the world that I live in now. Professors, I'm so sorry. The time has come for us to say goodbye. Beth


B Beth Oljar 28:02
Goodbye.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:03
Danielle


 Danielle Maxwell 28:03
Adios


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:04
Mara


 Mara Livezey 28:04
Bye.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:05
Jim


 James Tubbs 28:05
Farewell.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:06
Dave


 Dave Chow 28:06
See ya

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:07
Stephen

 Stephen Manning 28:08
Goodbye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:08
and Heather

 Heather Hill 28:09
Bye, bye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09
And now these words

 Michael Jayson 28:11
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