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James Tubbs, Heather Hill, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Brian Curtis, Erin Bell, Michael Jayson, Dave Chow, Danielle Maxwell

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:00
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, the mayor of the neighborhood, it's Professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 00:19
I'm abdicating.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:20
You're abdicating? You need to have a press conference.
- D** Dave Chow 00:23
Why? I let the folks in Washington do that for me.

D Danielle Maxwell 00:26
He has the whole city right here.

D Dave Chow 00:28
No, I don't. Mara's not here.

J James Tubbs 00:31
Is there a spicy scandal attached to this?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:32
Always. There's always a scandal.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:32
I really hope so

D Dave Chow 00:32
More water main breaks thing.

B Brian Curtis 00:32
Yes, daily water main breaks.

D Danielle Maxwell 00:32
Daily water main breaks.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:32

No, it was funny because they went to someone at the Department of Public Works at Berkley on the news, and they were like, "All our infrastructure is 100 years old". It's like, that's pretty much the end of it. But that one close to us was a little bit too close for comfort

D Dave Chow 00:53

Way too close.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:54

Yeah, yikes. Professor Jim Tubbs is here.

J James Tubbs 00:58

Yes, I have not had a water main break this week.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:01

Well, I'm glad to hear it.

D Dave Chow 01:02

We are so thankful your water didn't break.

E Erin Bell 01:04

(Laughing) Oh my gosh.

D Dave Chow 01:07

Professor. Erin Bell is here with us today.

E

Erin Bell 01:09

I was just reflecting on Professor Tubbs' "All cracked to pieces". I feel like that might be my motto for today. No, I'm just kidding.

J

James Tubbs 01:16

(Laughs) Wait till you get up at 3am.

E

Erin Bell 01:18

Yeah, exactly. I have now, we were so excited to get one of our kids driving, right? We have four kids, and there's actually two that could be driving, but we have one now. So now it's just like this musical sort of cars in the Bell family parking lot, because my husband has a car for work, which is a work van. So he has two. I have one. The other kid has one. So it's just like, it's a hot mess.

D

Danielle Maxwell 01:41

Your used car lot is getting bigger

E

Erin Bell 01:44

It is, except they're all kind of, you know, I don't know, not as nice, maybe.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:51

That's okay. That is okay. It's fun to have the parking lot for a while. It makes you think the house is lived in.

E

Erin Bell 01:56

Yeah, yeah. And, I mean, it's mostly doable, but like you said, the water, the rain the - Also, like, I'm the first one up every day. So if someone is parked behind me, it's a little bit annoying.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:04
That is annoying.

J James Tubbs 02:06
I remember my younger brother walking into the house one day saying, "There's four cars in the driveway, not worth \$2,500 collectively" (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 02:18
Professor Brian Curtis has joined us here today.

B Brian Curtis 02:21
Thank you for having me on.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:22
Thanks for coming back again. We're always happy to have you if you've got the spare moment and you're not losing your hair, driving to Ann Arbor.

B Brian Curtis 02:29
Yeah, it's - Well, I actually, cut my hair recently.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:29
Oh, okay, also good.

D Danielle Maxwell 02:29
Just one or all of them?

B Brian Curtis 02:31
What's that?

D Danielle Maxwell 02:33
You got a haircut? Just one or all of them?

B Brian Curtis 02:38
Oh, I shaved my beard. That counts too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:40
Well. Yeah, we understand that you're doing a little bit of job hunting, and I think that that's totally cool, and we're always happy to have you around, but we'd like to see your success either way.

B Brian Curtis 02:42
Very much appreciated. Thank you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:48
I'm sure that all the people who interviewed you listen to the show, so it's going to be very interesting.

D Dave Chow 03:03
Remember - Move the decimal point to the right.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:09
They might start listening one day.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:09
They might start listening. You never know. Professor Daniel Maxwell is here with us as well.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:11
Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:11
So what crazy midterm stories do you have?

D Danielle Maxwell 03:16
Oh, my goodness

D Dave Chow 03:16
It's only a half hour show.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:18
Where do I begin?

D Danielle Maxwell 03:18
Where do I begin?

J James Tubbs 03:20
How many days to retirement now?

D Danielle Maxwell 03:22
Almost 28 years now, we're getting closer by the day.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:22
Oh, my gosh,

D Danielle Maxwell 03:22
We're counting down.

D Dave Chow 03:22
This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you're gonna receive a brand new edition of the ATP coffee mug and autographed photograph of the profs. And if you don't stump the panel, we'll still send you the autographed photograph. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP at UD mercy.edu, find us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask tTe Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. "Dear profs: Here's another sideways glanced cold list of trivia fresh off the family computer. As always, the topics wander all over the place, and a huge part of why that happens is we input silly facts in whenever we hear a quirky factoid we think might prove interesting to the show. I've been known to sneak downstairs at a hideous hour of the night and add a few questions to the mix."

J James Tubbs 04:15
Is this from Valencia, California?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:16
It is, absolutely.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:18
The Family Burroughs

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:19
"Please use them to your discretion, we hope that they provide a good challenge. Enjoy and warmest greetings as always Frank and the family Burroughs."

J James Tubbs 04:27
Now my question is, what does "discretion" mean?

D Dave Chow 04:31
Yeah, and what does "hideous hours" mean?

H Heather Hill 04:33
Right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:33
Yes, exactly. What are we about to find out here? What is the terminology for a female mule? A male is often called a John,

E Erin Bell 04:43
a Sally

D Danielle Maxwell 04:44
a Jane.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:45
Jane is the obvious choice, but that's not it. It's an Irish name that starts with M.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:51
Molly.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:52
Molly is what it is here, Molly, yes, a Molly and a John. I was

J James Tubbs 04:56
I was onna guess Mildred Molly sounds better.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:00
In what country would you find the world's tallest statue, 597 feet tall.

J James Tubbs 05:08
India.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:08
It says India. It's called "The spirit of Unity". FYI: By comparison, Statue of Liberty, even with the base, is only 305 feet tall, so it's just about half. That's wild. Yeah. Uh, I usually say, Don't think too hard, but I'm gonna ask you to think hard on this. Where is the Strait of Belle Isle located?

D Danielle Maxwell 05:32
Belle Isle.

D Dave Chow 05:32
Oh, It's in the Maritimes,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:36
Yes. But can you be a little more specific,

D Dave Chow 05:38
Newfoundland - Labrador?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:39
That is exactly where it is. It is the straight between Newfoundland and Labrador. That is exactly where it is. They love their beautiful islands

E Erin Bell 05:47
Canadians.

D Dave Chow 05:48
It's a Canadian thing.

E Erin Bell 05:49
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:49
We have a Canadian ringer

D Danielle Maxwell 05:49
The butter tarts are fueling you

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:51
Yep. Butter tarts fuel the questions. Where was the world's earliest-known wine made circa 6000 BC?

D Danielle Maxwell 06:00
Italy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:01
Italy is a good guess. It's closer to Italy than where we're sitting right now, but it's not Italy

E Erin Bell 06:08
somewhere middle eastern?

J James Tubbs 06:09
Persia.

D Dave Chow 06:10
You know, it's a little further north of that

J James Tubbs 06:14
Turkey, Anatolia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:15
You're getting closer

D Dave Chow 06:17
Russia? Georgia?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19
Oh, Georgia, yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:22
Okay, good job.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:23
What's the capital - Tobil - ?

J James Tubbs 06:23
Tbilisi.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:23
Tbilisi. Thank you. I knew I was gonna screw it up, but yes, 6000 BC. I think we're thinking Middle East a lot, but I'm not sure about grapes growing in those early climates.

E Erin Bell 06:36
I was just thinking of Jesus and the wine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:39
There you go.

D Dave Chow 06:40
I wonder if it's still good to drink.

J James Tubbs 06:41
And I remember my teetotaling grandfather insisting that it was just unfermented grape juice. I said, "Not long in that climate"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:49
Dave muses, "I wonder if it's still okay to drink". 6000 years later. I'm sorry that would be 8000 years ago.

D Danielle Maxwell 06:56
If it's rehydrated, it will be fine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:58
Oh my gosh.

D Dave Chow 06:58
What's the vintage?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:59
Did you know that the the US Navy has a graduate school? It is not at the Naval Academy. That's undergrad. And where is it?

D Dave Chow 07:07
San Diego?

J James Tubbs 07:09
The Naval War College?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:10
I mean, San Diego is pretty darn, pretty darn close. It's Monterey is what it says, California. Yep, the Navy has a grad school.

D Dave Chow 07:18
Next to the Cetacean Institute

E Erin Bell 07:21
Yeah

D Dave Chow 07:21
Sorry. We're Star Trek geeking out here. Forgive us

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:24
Uh-huh. What soft drink once offered to "purify your blood and make your cheeks rosy"?

E Erin Bell 07:32
Purify your blood?

D Danielle Maxwell 07:34
Like, Dr Pepper?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:36
I mean, Dr Pepper is not the right answer, but you're in the zone of when this soft drink would have been first made.

D Dave Chow 07:41
Which cheeks? Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:42
Uh, it's a root beer. It's not a popular root beer anymore, but it still exists.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:48
Not Barq's, then, okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:49
It's not Barq's

D Dave Chow 07:49
Not A&W,?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:50
No

E Erin Bell 07:51
Those are the only two I know.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:52
Is it like Sprecher's ?

D Dave Chow 07:53
No. Is it - What's the one with the bear? There's another one with a bear.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:58
I thought the bear was A & W

D Danielle Maxwell 08:01
The bear is A & W, yeah.

D Dave Chow 08:04
Oh, Hires?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:06
Yeah, Hires.

E Erin Bell 08:07
Good job.

B Brian Curtis 08:07
You know, maybe I would need to see the cans.

D Dave Chow 08:11
And actually, I found out two of my students are now dressing up as the A & W Root Beer mascot

D Danielle Maxwell 08:16
The bear

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:17
As in, like, for their job?

D Dave Chow 08:18
For their jobs.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:19
Oh, okay

D Dave Chow 08:20
It's a side hustle.

D Dave Chow 08:22
Hey, might as well take furies to the next level.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
Nice,

J James Tubbs 08:24
Hmm

J James Tubbs 08:24
Well, I would rather drive the Oscar Meyer hot dog mobile but -

E Erin Bell 08:27
Yeah, for sure. I saw an ad looking for Wienermobile drivers, and I kind of wanted to, like, tell one of my kids, but then I'm like, gonna be like, "This is my child. They drive the Wienermobile"

D Danielle Maxwell 08:45
Well, I can't do Mr. Peanut.

E Erin Bell 08:46
Monocle? Top hat?

E Erin Bell 08:48
Yeah, they want younger people. I thought that'd be a great retirement job, but they want younger people.

D Dave Chow 08:48
I think they're also looking for a Mr. Peanut

B Brian Curtis 08:48
You can also embrace that role having the allergy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:54
The A&W mascot is The Great Root Bear.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:02
Oh, that's so cute. I never put that together until now.

D Dave Chow 09:06
I remember as a kid, my dad would always take us there. You'd get the Mama Burger the Papa Burger.

E Erin Bell 09:06
Oh, yeah. It's all coming together. I had no idea. I did not know about that.

D Dave Chow 09:12
What famous musician was once married to Cynthia Powell? If only Beth were here.

J James Tubbs 09:18
John Lennon

E Erin Bell 09:19
John Lennon, yeah, because I remember Cynthia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:21
I did not know that.

J James Tubbs 09:22
Yeah, mother of - um -

E Erin Bell 09:23
Julian

J James Tubbs 09:24
Julian, yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:25
Which came first Orange Crush or orange Fanta?

B Brian Curtis 09:31
I'm gonna guess Fanta.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:32
I'm gonna guess Orange Crush then

J James Tubbs 09:34
I'm gonna guess Orange Crush

E Erin Bell 09:35
Orange Crush is that 70s -

D Dave Chow 09:37
I'm going Crush just because.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:39
Crush it says here was 1911. Fanta was, of course, if you do the math, 29 years later. Because Fanta was, um -

D Dave Chow 09:47
Was that a Coca Cola product?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:49
It was Coke because they thought that Coke was too American and they couldn't make Coke in Nazi Germany anymore. So they made Fanta. That's where Fanta comes from.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:59
Ohh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:59
It was literally using the Coke bottling and all that, but they couldn't use the branding

D Danielle Maxwell 10:04
so it was like a Coke-flavored Fanta at some point,

J James Tubbs 10:07
so they got the Germans to buy artificial orange drink.

D Dave Chow 10:10
Well, I think that that was one of the flavors that survived since World War Two. Yes, I think that's fair to say

J James Tubbs 10:16
I liked Fanta grape better.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:18
Ugh! That's the worst.

D Dave Chow 10:20
No, but think about that grape. It's artificial. There's no grapes that taste like that.

J James Tubbs 10:25
It tastes like fizzy Kool Aid. (Laughs)

D Danielle Maxwell 10:28
Anything grape flavor tastes like cough syrup.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:31
We had our James Bond questions a few weeks ago. Of all the James Bond theme songs, there was really only one movie song which the singer appeared singing the song in the opening credits.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:44
Skyfall? That's the only one I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:46
It is not. It's a little before that, and I can give it away.

D Dave Chow 10:49
Sheena Easton.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:50
It is Sheena Easton

J James Tubbs 10:51
Oh, okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:52
You're just a bruiser. That's all.

D Dave Chow 10:55
What's the name of the song though?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:56
The name of the song is the name of the movie. That's your last clue.

D Dave Chow 10:59
(Begins humming) I can hear it.

J James Tubbs 11:05
Yeah, I can to.

E Erin Bell 11:06
I believe she hails from Scotland. That's about all I know.

D Dave Chow 11:09
All I know she was like naked from the shoulders on up and I couldn't stop watching.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:13
(Laughs) I'm glad her face wasn't covered


D Dave Chow 11:17
For Your Eyes Only


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:18
(Sings) For your eyes only"


D Dave Chow 11:21
Phew! We can breathe easy now


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:26
Oh, my gosh. What island country's capital is Port Moresby?


 Erin Bell 11:31
I'm gonna defer to Professor Tubbs.


 James Tubbs 11:34
Uh -


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:35
Not on the map

 James Tubbs 11:36
New Caledonia.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:37
That's not what it says.

 Dave Chow 11:38
What? Port huzza?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:39
Port Moresby. M-o-r-e-s-b-y

 James Tubbs 11:41
It's right off of Australia

D Dave Chow 11:43
What? In New Zealand?

J James Tubbs 11:45
No, north of Australia. Right across the straight from Darwin

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:50
I'm gonna be honest with you -


E Erin Bell 11:51
Papua, New Guinea.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:52
I'm usually pretty good with my maps. Oh, wait, Erin just said it. It's Papua, New Guinea. Yeah.


E Erin Bell 12:00
Total guess.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:01
Nice, nice. What automaker had a truck model called the D 22? You see these once in a while during -


D Danielle Maxwell 12:11
Dodge?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11
No, but it does start with a D.

 James Tubbs 12:11
Datsun

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11
It's Datsun.


 Dave Chow 12:12
Yeah, how fast you need it.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:14
That's right (Laughs)


 James Tubbs 12:20
Dat soon.


 Danielle Maxwell 12:24
Oh, that's cute.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:24
Yeah, what animal is on the flag of the great State of Wyoming?


 Danielle Maxwell 12:28
A bear


 James Tubbs 12:29
A bear


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30
It's not a bear.

 Dave Chow 12:30
Wyoming?

 Danielle Maxwell 12:31
A goat

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:32
Not a goat.

 Dave Chow 12:33
Unicorn

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:34
Not a unicorn.

B Brian Curtis 12:35
A buffalo, a bison.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:38
The quintessentially American steer would be, what?

D Dave Chow 12:42
Elk?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:43
Buffalo. It's a bison

E Erin Bell 12:46
You said bison, I think. Didn't you?

B Brian Curtis 12:48
I said bison.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:49
If I missed it, I apologize. Yeah, that makes sense.

D Danielle Maxwell 12:53
Good job.

B Brian Curtis 12:53
Yeah, I'm invited back now

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:55
And now - for Brian.,What movie did the buffalo - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:59
I'm kidding. I'm kidding.

B Brian Curtis 13:00
Oh!

B Brian Curtis 13:00
Uh-oh. No!

D Danielle Maxwell 13:02
(Laughs) After movie trivia we learned

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:05
What famed country singer once had a pet goat - Oh my gosh, we're going back to the goat.
What famed country singer had a pet goat named Smitty and claimed that he was his center
during the long tour?

E Erin Bell 13:18
Willie Nelson,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:19
That's a great guess. That's not what it says.

D Dave Chow 13:22
Hank Williams

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
Not Hank Williams.

E Erin Bell 13:23
Johnny Cash, nope.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:24
No, A little more Gen X

J James Tubbs 13:26
Who sang Achy Breaky Heart?

D Danielle Maxwell 13:26
Billy Ray Cyrus. Yeah, Billy Ray Cyrus.

J James Tubbs 13:26
He looked like he would have a goat.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:26
No. A little more Gen X and a little less millennial. How about chicken roasters?

D Danielle Maxwell 13:38
What are you talking about?

B Brian Curtis 13:39
Is that the name of the band?

D Danielle Maxwell 13:42
the song title?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:45
because when he retired from performing, he started a chain of chicken restaurants.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:51
Dave's Hot Chicken? Is it somebody named Dave?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:51
Mm-mm

E Erin Bell 13:54
Randy Travis

D Dave Chow 13:54
No, no, no. The beard, the bad plastic surgery.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:59
What?!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:01
There was a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers during our 2000 -

D Dave Chow 14:08
Kenny Rogers.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:09
There we go.

J James Tubbs 14:10
Oh, Kenny Rogers' goat.

D Dave Chow 14:10
He needed a goat?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:10
He needed a goat to keep him happy.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:11
Okay, then. To each his own.

D Dave Chow 14:11
No, but do you remember the bad plastic surgery he got?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:21
He got bad -

D Dave Chow 14:22
Oh yeah, He looked like four miles of bad roads.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:25
Yep. What actress was born with the name Joyce Penelope Wilhelmina Frankenberg?

D Danielle Maxwell 14:31
That's the name?

D Dave Chow 14:32
What?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32
It is almost all - this is the best clue I can give you - It's almost all of my wife's name

D Danielle Maxwell 14:43
Leslie Mio

D Dave Chow 14:46
Little did you know, Matt

D Danielle Maxwell 14:46
Jane Seymour?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:46
Jane Seymour. You've got it.

D Dave Chow 14:46
Wait a minute. How did you pull that one out?

D Danielle Maxwell 14:46
Because I was thinking about Leslie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:46
Because she knows that Leslie's name is Leslie Jane Seymour. Named after Lady Seymour.

E Erin Bell 15:02
It's like doubling up on the trivia. You've got, like, the Mio family trivia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:04
I know. The Mio family trivia.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:05
Oh, we should have a whole set sent in on Mio family trivia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:07
We had the Axolotl questions.

D Dave Chow 15:08
The Axolotl questions. So, now, are we gonna have, like, Enzo questions next week?

D Danielle Maxwell 15:13
Yeah, we'll have Leslie write a question set about her family.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:17
Let's get ready for March Madness with "What university has Boomer, the bobcat as its mascot?"

B Brian Curtis 15:23
Not Charlotte.

D Dave Chow 15:24
No, no. That's NBA

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:26
A very oddly titled university. That's all I can say. But they make the tournament every once in a while

D Danielle Maxwell 15:32
Monmouth University or something.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33
I mean, you're, you're getting closer. It starts with the letter Q,

D Danielle Maxwell 15:38
Queens University?

D Dave Chow 15:41
or I'm sitting here thinking what's other university in the - ? Oh, crud!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:48
This is interesting. Oh yeah.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:49
We've got a Michael response.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:51
Michael got it. Quinnipiac.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:53
Oh. He knew that. He was weighing in.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:55
Where is Quinnipiac?

J James Tubbs 15:56
New Haven.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:57
New Haven, Connecticut, okay, Alright.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:59
I've walked around that campus before.

B Brian Curtis 16:04
What is their record in March Madness?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:06
That's a great question.

D Dave Chow 16:07
Yeah, what's their mascot?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:08
I have a feeling I know what it is. What continent would you say is the driest place on Earth?

D Dave Chow 16:15
Antarctica

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:16
It is. The McMurdo dry valleys of Antarctica. We still have no idea what the land mass under the ice actually looks like. We've got an idea, but we've never seen it.

J James Tubbs 16:27
I'm afraid we're gonna find out way too soon.

D Danielle Maxwell 16:29
Find out in my lifetime.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:32
Oh my gosh. Only one US state - (I don't think the map's gonna help, at least, to find out the answer to this question) has a motto, state motto that's in another language.

D Danielle Maxwell 16:44
Hawaii?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:44
No

D Danielle Maxwell 16:45
Alaska

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:45
No

J James Tubbs 16:46
Oh, Virginia, "Sic Semper Tyrannis"


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:49
Oh, you know what? I'm qualifying that because basically what I mean the question to say is anything that's not Latin, so a not Latin or not English, and that narrows it down to only one.


D Danielle Maxwell 17:03
Texas.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:03
Texas is a good choice.


B Brian Curtis 17:04
Louisiana.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:04
I haven't heard it yet.


 Danielle Maxwell 17:05
Is it in Spanish?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:06
It is in Spanish.


 Danielle Maxwell 17:06
New Mexico?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:06
No.

 James Tubbs 17:07
Florida

 Dave Chow 17:07
Arizona

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:09
I could tell you what the motto is, and I don't think it's gonna help you.

 Dave Chow 17:13
Okay, go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:14
The motto is "Oro y Plata", gold and silver.

E Erin Bell 17:18
Florida,

D Danielle Maxwell 17:19
Colorado,

B Brian Curtis 17:20
Mississippi

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:21
We've named every state in the Union except for the right answer.

E Erin Bell 17:25
Arizona, Arkansas

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:27
It is Big Sky

D Dave Chow 17:29
Montana,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:30
Montana. I'm sorry if someone said it. There were a lot of things being said.

D Danielle Maxwell 17:33
We did not say it.

B Brian Curtis 17:34
No, I guessed Montana.

D Danielle Maxwell 17:35
I would not guess a Spanish slogan for Montana.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:38
Yep. That's where our gold and silver comes from, at least as of the time of the writing of that motto. What did the Raines Law, enacted in 1896 in New York do?

D Danielle Maxwell 17:50
Banned the rain (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:52
You can't do that. Even if you want to, you can't do that.

J James Tubbs 17:57
The Raines Law

E Erin Bell 17:59
Is that like a last name, or like a - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:01
It's the last name of the person.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:03
How do you spell it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:04
R, A, I N, E, S, so Raine's Law

D Danielle Maxwell 18:07
Oh, okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:08
In New York. Okay, does New York have anything specific - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:13
We have had laws like this, even in the state of Michigan. They were pretty popular for a time in the early -

D Danielle Maxwell 18:13
Prohibition?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:15
You're getting closer. So what did they prohibit?

J James Tubbs 18:23
Smoking

D Danielle Maxwell 18:24
Gambling

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:25
I mean alcohol. They prohibited alcohol, but they've been known by other names across the country - these laws.

D Dave Chow 18:31
What, like age restriction?

J James Tubbs 18:33
Prohibition laws.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:36
Basically, prohibition of selling liquor on a Sunday.

D Dave Chow 18:39
What do they call those - blue -?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:42
Blue laws.

J James Tubbs 18:43
Doesn't Canada still have some?

D Dave Chow 18:45
Probably

J James Tubbs 18:46
They did when I moved here

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:47
Minnesota had them when I lived there in the early 2000s.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:51
Come on, like any self righteous Canadian wouldn't have a stash of Labatts in the back anyway. Only someone as sheltered as Matt Mio could get culture shock from moving to Minnesota and going, like, "Okay, let's go get some (whatever we were gonna buy)". They were like, "You can't buy that". I'm like, "All right, well, then we'll just go to a party store". "What's a party store?" It just kept happening.

D Dave Chow 19:13
And then what - they had to tell you what a Costco was too or what?

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:17
Exactly. Who was the first woman who got inducted into the United States Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- D** Dave Chow 19:23
Aretha Franklin?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:25
It was Aretha Franklin, yes.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 19:26
Oh, good job
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:27
A Detroiter herself. Who was the character who was the famous fashion designer in Pixar's Incredibles movies?
- E** Erin Bell 19:27
Edna -
- D** Danielle Maxwell 19:31
Edna. Yeah, she's a tiny one that walks around. Edna something. Edna Moe.
- D** Dave Chow 19:40
Edna Mode.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:43
Edna Mode, you put it all together, syllable by syllable.

D Danielle Maxwell 19:47
Yes, she used to walk around all tiny

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:50
We have heard this in the news, because this person actually passed away in recent years, but which U.S. president fathered a child at the age of 70, making their grandchild pass away recently, in the 2020s.

D Dave Chow 20:05
Oh, you told us this recently.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:07
Yes, it's the weirdest thing you've ever heard.

D Dave Chow 20:09
Not Cleveland, is it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:10
Not Cleveland? Nope

D Danielle Maxwell 20:13
Roosevelt?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:13
Mm-mm. I don't even know how to help you with a clue.

D Dave Chow 20:17
No, you told us this before.

E Erin Bell 20:18
It goes way back, right? It's surprisingly -


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:20
Surprisingly, way back.


E Erin Bell 20:21
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:22
It's really disturbing.


D Dave Chow 20:23
You told us this before.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:25
He had the this child with basically a woman of 13 or 14 years old -


 Dave Chow 20:30
Yikes!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:30
at age 70 -


 Danielle Maxwell 20:31
No

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:32
and then that person who is like, basically his grandson is still alive in 2025.

 James Tubbs 20:32
This is a president?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:36
A president. Yeah,

 Danielle Maxwell 20:38
Ew!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:38
It's the weirdest piece of trivia. Oh my gosh, super weird

D Danielle Maxwell 20:42
Disturbing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:43
I don't know how to help you.

B Brian Curtis 20:44
What year of presidency?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:46
Yeah, I can't do that. The initials are J.T, that's the best I got.


J James Tubbs 20:51
John Tyler?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:52
John Tyler, yes. It's really disturbing. That was a long time ago, long time ago, about the time of the Civil War.


J James Tubbs 21:00
Well, he became president because he was the Vice President to the president who gave the longest inaugural address in the rain and died of pneumonia a month later.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:11
Yep. 40 days later. What is the only US state that can be spelled on one line of the standard QWERTY keyboard? Oh, man, that's a piece of trivia, right there


 James Tubbs 21:23
Utah.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:23
So you have to think of all three lines. One state can be spelled with just one line

 Danielle Maxwell 21:33
I'm just like typing in my head. Hawaii

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:39
It's not Hawaii

 Erin Bell 21:40
Iowa

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:41
It's not Iowa.

 Dave Chow 21:41
Ohio?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:42
No, no, not Ohio. You can start going through every state

D Danielle Maxwell 21:51
I'm on Minnesota right now. Ohio?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:54
(Laughs) Oh, you guys are cracking me up.

B Brian Curtis 21:59
Indiana

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:02
No.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:03
(begins quietly singing a song about the 50 states)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:06
You're singing the song.

D Dave Chow 22:07
I'm envisioning the keyboard.

B Brian Curtis 22:13
I don't know what the keyboard looks like until I'm typing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:15
If you sing the alphabetization song of the states, you don't have to go very far before you find out what the answer is.

D Dave Chow 22:22
Alabama?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:23
Uh-uh.

J James Tubbs 22:23
Alaska?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:23
It's Alaska, is what it says.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:23
Oh, yeah, A-l-a-s-k-a

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:25
They're all on one line.

E Erin Bell 22:30
Are you all referring to the 50 Nifty United States?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:32
Fifty Nifty

D Danielle Maxwell 22:33
The song that we all know, regardless of generation?

E Erin Bell 22:35
I didn't know that song until my kids started singing it. Now, it's like an ear worm for me.
(Sings) "50 Nifty United States"

D Dave Chow 22:43
Somebody cue this up on the karaoke machine.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:45
O yeah, because like A-l-a-s-k-a. You can't do that?

B Brian Curtis 22:46
I can, but I need to have email or Microsoft Word in front of me so I can do it.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:50
Imagine the screen in front of you.

E Erin Bell 22:56
Professor Mio also got stuck listening that song 100 times, I bet, with your kids.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:00
I sang it when I was in grade school.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:02
so did we!

J James Tubbs 23:03
That was after my time.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:04
We should have questions on that song. Who composed it? In what year did it come out?

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

D Danielle Maxwell 23:09
a whole question.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:12
According to those who know, who is Eminem's, as in Marshall Mathers, Eminem's Alcoholics Anonymous recovery mentor? It's a very famous person

D Dave Chow 23:23
Elton John.

E Erin Bell 23:23
Oh, I love that for them.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:26
Elton John is the correct answer Yes, Sir Elton John

D Danielle Maxwell 23:28
He went to school with who?

E Erin Bell 23:29
Cheddar Bob

D Danielle Maxwell 23:31
with Eminem's daughter's husband

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:35
Oh, very cool. Who was the first author, according to tradition anywhere on Earth, (I love this for the Writing Center), who used a typewriter to begin his writing?

E Erin Bell 23:47
E.E. Cummings, I don't know,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:50
a very, very famous, almost, essentially, the quintessential American novelist.

E Erin Bell 23:55
F Scott?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:55
Mm-mm

E Erin Bell 23:57
Mark Twain.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:57
Mark Twain. You got it..

D Dave Chow 23:57
There you go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:57
I think that cool.

E Erin Bell 23:57
Gotta give some kind of cred.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:57
That's a cool piece of trivia.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:57
That is very cool.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:57
Yep. I mean, I want you to think about this. They're writing everything out by hand. If they want to insert something or cross something out, it's as simple as the stroke of a pen or a pencil. The typewriter must have been a big deal.

D Dave Chow 24:15
But wouldn't that have slowed them up?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:19
I would guess it would have.

E Erin Bell 24:21
Um - for the younger folks - Back in my day, I used to have to type out my papers on a typewriter, and that really was awful, because you can't keep editing. You have to have it right. And then -

J James Tubbs 24:30
I never composed anything on a typewriter.

E Erin Bell 24:32
No, you had to write it out.

D Danielle Maxwell 24:34
I owned a typewriter, up until about two years ago.

J James Tubbs 24:38
Oh, I owned one

D Danielle Maxwell 24:39
Yeah.

J James Tubbs 24:39
Until very recently, I owned one, but I wouldn't type anything until it was the final draft.

D Danielle Maxwell 24:44
I do love a good typewriter

E Erin Bell 24:45
ASMR

D Danielle Maxwell 24:47
It is very ASMR-ey

J James Tubbs 24:49
an IBM Selectric three was a really nice typewriter

D Danielle Maxwell 24:53
Yeah, you don't need to do that the computer.

D Dave Chow 24:58
You want to know what I miss. I miss the bell once you get to the very end.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:08
Oh, yeah. "Ding!" Send it over again.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09
What country music artist threw Javelin when he attended Oklahoma State University?

D Danielle Maxwell 25:13
Billy Ray Cyrus.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:14
No

D Danielle Maxwell 25:15
We'll go through all the ones again.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:18
I could probably give it a little bit away by saying he was known by one name. And then he did one of those weird albums where he took on a different persona.

D Dave Chow 25:27
Oh, Erin got it already then - Garth Brooks

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:31
Oh, I'm sorry

E Erin Bell 25:32
He seems like -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:32
Yep. Garth Brooks.

E Erin Bell 25:33
He seems like, built for it,

D Dave Chow 25:35
Yeah, and Oklahoma.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:35
What name did he take on? What was his name?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:35
Oh, what was, it he did an album.

E Erin Bell 25:35
Chris something or no?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:36
It was Chris - something

E Erin Bell 25:43
Yeah, didn't he do like a switch over and got all, like, dark, and he was, like, edgy and goth.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:47
He was literally emo for that whole album. That is not a joke.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:47
I do not listen to Garth Brooks, so -

D Dave Chow 25:47
and then, do you remember when he showed up on Saturday Night Live?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:47
Yes

D Dave Chow 25:47
He was amazingly funny.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:50
Absolutely. No, he was a good guy.

J James Tubbs 25:58
I think the man has a soul.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:00
Yep, one more for today, profs. And we only have a couple minutes left. What is the name of the Minnesota town where Winona Ryder was born?

D Danielle Maxwell 26:10
Minneapolis

D Dave Chow 26:11
St, Paul

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:12
It's not obvious.

D Dave Chow 26:13
Minnetonka.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:14
Or, maybe it is.

E Erin Bell 26:16
Winona

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:18
It is Winona, Minnesota. That's where she got her name from. Yeah, you knew that was coming.

D Dave Chow 26:24
Where is Winona?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:25
That's a good question. I mean, there's a million suburbs around the Twin Cities. That's entirely possible.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:30
I got my Super Bowl spot with her.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:33
Super Bowl spot?

J James Tubbs 26:34
with Winona?

D Dave Chow 26:35
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:37
That's pretty sweet.

D Dave Chow 26:38
And Timothee - I can never remember -

D Danielle Maxwell 26:38
Chalamet-

D Dave Chow 26:38
Thank you

D Danielle Maxwell 26:38
Wow! Very fancy. Willy Wonka himself.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:44
Oh, my gosh. Was that - ? Well, it had to be semi recently, because Timothy Chalamet is like 10 years old.

D Danielle Maxwell 26:54
I was like 10 years old then

J James Tubbs 26:54
He's like 28, I think

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:54
Well, but you know what, Jim -

J James Tubbs 26:55
I know. It goes fast once you get old,

D Dave Chow 27:00
What's that old line - "Once you're over the hill, you pick up momentum".

J James Tubbs 27:04
Yes, I've picked up a lot of momentum.

D Dave Chow 27:06
Baggage. You've picked up baggage.

D Danielle Maxwell 27:09
Prasad's birthday is today, 60 years old. One of our =

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:11
Prasad turns 60 today, that's a big deal

D Dave Chow 27:11
Wait. He cannot be 60.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:11
Yes, he is.

E Erin Bell 27:11
60 years young.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:11
60 years young.

D Dave Chow 27:12
We're cutting him in half. I'm counting the rings. I don't believe it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:12
Oh, my gosh. I couldn't help myself. I've been been saving it up because he's just being relatively adamant about, like, "Don't you dare tell my students so that they're like, clapping for me".

J James Tubbs 27:29
It's on Facebook.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:30
I know, I know, but none of the students are, Jim

J James Tubbs 27:33
Okay.

D Danielle Maxwell 27:34
They did sing to him today.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35
They did sing to him. But I sent him a gift of Frodo from the movie, saying to Gandalf, "You've been officially branded a disturber of the peace". He's like, "I love this."

J James Tubbs 27:48
He's always been a disturber of the peace.

D Dave Chow 27:50
Matt, I thought for sure you'd get him like a footstool next to the copier.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:54
No


D Danielle Maxwell 27:54
I gave him a moment of silence yesterday.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:58
He said we were gonna talk about happy things at the department meeting "What about the silence?" Danielle says. "Why?" "Because Prasad is turning 60 tomorrow." "Oh, okay". So anyway, the time has come for us to say goodbye. Danielle.


D Danielle Maxwell 28:12
Adios.


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


 Brian Curtis 28:13
Thank you for having me on.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:13
Erin


 Erin Bell 28:13
Goodbye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:13
Jim

 James Tubbs 28:13
Goodbye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:13
and Dave

 Dave Chow 28:13
See ya

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:15
and now these words



Michael Jayson 28:17

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:28

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