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## SPEAKERS

Michael Jayson, Kieran Aarons, Professors, Speaker 3, Dan Maggio, Beth Oljar, Heather Hill, Stephen Manning, Speaker 4, Dave Chow, Speaker 1, Matt Mio, Ph.D., James Tubbs, Speaker 2

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- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:01  
The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask the Professor the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of sweaty questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. Oh man, I got to transition to Beth, but I did not mean to make that a direct connection. I'm sorry.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:20  
Yes, you did. I totally don't believe you.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:22  
I saw you with your -
- B** Beth Oljar 00:23  
dabbing

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:24  
dabbing your forehead. It is a little warm in the studio. It's Professor Beth Oljar. It's really obvious.

**B** Beth Oljar 00:31  
Well, it could be August in the Briggs Building.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:33  
Seriously

**B** Beth Oljar 00:33  
Yeah, it's kind of warm. Briggs 10 gets really hot.

**K** Kieran Aarons 00:37  
Did you just say you're dabbing?

**B** Beth Oljar 00:39  
I did. I'm dabbing.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:41  
She's dabbing. We are very glad to have Professor Kieran Aarons back from the Department of Philosophy as a guest panelist.

**K** Kieran Aarons 00:48  
Great to see you again.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:48  
You only get to be a guest panelist once, Kieran

**J** James Tubbs 00:51  
And then you become a regular.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:52  
That's right. You become a regular

**D** Dave Chow 00:53  
Or irregular like the rest of us,

**J** James Tubbs 00:55  
yes, and the irregular like the rest of us.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:56  
If you want to blow off steam any Friday afternoon, stop by the studio.

**S** Stephen Manning 00:56  
Well, a couple have never been invited back.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02  
Yeah, but we weren't supposed to say that on the air

**S** Stephen Manning 01:06  
I'm sorry

**H** Heather Hill 01:07  
Not in front of Kieran.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:09  
Kieran, give us some totally triumphant hope from your Democracy Analysis class this semester, from young people

**K** Kieran Aarons 01:18  
From young people

**B** Beth Oljar 01:19  
the wheels are turning.

**K** Kieran Aarons 01:20  
You know, the current unit we're on is about, maybe if you want to realize democracy, you should be trying to realize something else. And in this unit, we listen to the anarchists.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:21  
The wheels are turning - the wheels of justice.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:22  
Oh yeah.

**K** Kieran Aarons 01:22  
So, you know, you might just get democracy without even trying.

**J** James Tubbs 01:42  
Well, you know, Athenian democracy was not too far off from anarchy.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48  
Oh, my,

**B** Beth Oljar 01:48  
Well, yeah, I mean property owning men. Although I've sometimes thought I might be a philosophical anarchist,

**S** Stephen Manning 01:56  
Twice he's been asked to say something positive. You're putting a lot of pressure on him.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:01  
He's being realistic

**K** Kieran Aarons 02:03  
Yeah - in this economy?

**S** Stephen Manning 02:04  
In this day and age. Yeah. Really?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:06  
Tres leches en esta economia?

**J** James Tubbs 02:09  
Feed us and then we'll talk about democracy.

**S** Stephen Manning 02:12  
Let me know after November.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:13  
Let's move on to the other part of the Miss America Pageant here. Dan Maggio, what do you think democracy is? What does democracy mean to you? (Laughs)

**D** Dan Maggio 02:13  
Oh, I like walks on beaches

**J** James Tubbs 02:16  
and world peace

**D** Dan Maggio 02:17  
and world peas. P-e-a-s

**D** Dave Chow 02:25  
Are you also gonna do the Miss Thailand dance too?

**D** Dan Maggio 02:36  
We're gonna get bad mail from listeners.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:38  
Yeah, we are.

**J** James Tubbs 02:38  
And a nice bathing suit.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:40  
well, it could just be ruled by the mob, you know, like Plato thought it was

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:44  
The Ask The Professor pageant will not be coming anytime soon. What's going on with Dan?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51  
Ah - nothing. Curling season is over.

**P** Professors 02:55  
(In unison) Aww!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:55  
I know the Olympics are over. Sorry,

**B** Beth Oljar 02:58  
I didn't watch any

**D** Dan Maggio 03:00  
so I can't talk about that anymore.

**J** James Tubbs 03:02  
There was some exciting curling this year. at


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:03  
It was,

**D** Dave Chow 03:04  
Well, you could talk about the Olympic prices for L.A.


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:08  
That's right. Start buying your tickets. Start buying your tickets


**J** James Tubbs 03:11  
The summer Olympics don't have curling.


**D** Dan Maggio 03:13  
So they're in 2028?


 James Tubbs 03:14  
Yes.

 Dave Chow 03:14  
Uh-huh. They're selling tickets now,


 James Tubbs 03:17  
if anybody comes

 Dave Chow 03:18  
If anybody can afford it,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:19  
yikes.

 Dan Maggio 03:20  
It's too hot.

 James Tubbs 03:21  
I worry about the World Cup. Who's gonna show up?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:25  
No comment at all.

**S** Stephen Manning 03:27  
Yeah,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:27  
all the way across the table, always on the other side of the forest of microphones. It's Professor Jim Tubbs

**J** James Tubbs 03:33  
Hello. Hello.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:34  
What's going on, Jim?

**J** James Tubbs 03:36  
Well, not a whole lot. I'm trying to see you through the the arms, the many arms.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:40  
It's best that you just keep your eyes closed.

**J** James Tubbs 03:42  
Okay - and imagine you.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:44  
If this was a Zoom, I would not be turning my camera on.

**J** James Tubbs 03:46  
I'll just imagine you.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47  
Yeah, it's been, it's been a rough week. Feel a little beat up.

**D** Dave Chow 03:48  
If you want, I'll draw a map for you.

**J** James Tubbs 03:52  
Okay,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:52  
Professor Dave Chow is here with tiny cupcake in hand.

**D** Dave Chow 03:57  
Yes. I'm trying to eat it eventually

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:59  
You're just holding on to it?

**D** Dave Chow 04:00  
I'm holding on, because I know you're gonna call on me soon as I put it in my mouth.

**J** James Tubbs 04:03  
That's right, soon as you're eating. That's when he'll call on you.

**D** Dave Chow 04:06  
Mm-hm, like a waiter.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:07  
That's why Matt hasn't had one yet.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:08  
I know, because I don't need to gum up the works.

**D** Dave Chow 04:10  
Well, you could. We won't mind.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:12  
You know, oh, the listeners might. Professor Stephen Manning is here.

**S** Stephen Manning 04:19  
Hello, Matt.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:20  
There was somebody that carved a gummy Venus de Milo.

**J** James Tubbs 04:23  
A gummy Venus de Milo?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:25  
Absolutely, I saw it on The Simpsons. What's going on, Stephen?

**S** Stephen Manning 04:31  
Not much. Catching up on sleep.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:33  
That's always a good thing. Different time zone, right?

**S** Stephen Manning 04:35  
Waiting for the weather to finally change.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:38  
Almost there

**S** Stephen Manning 04:39  
Almost there.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:40  
Although a lot of things are blooming right now.

S

Stephen Manning 04:43

Yes, yes. We've had a couple rounds of daffodils coming up and then getting snowed on, and same thing happens, couple of cycles of that. But -

S

Speaker 1 04:51

Nice.

S

Stephen Manning 04:51

we think we're finally done with that.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:53

Yeah. So I've been saving this all week. Professor Heather Hill is here with us. This Reddit that I'm on is all about Detroit. And I thought it was cute. It was sort of taken over recently by a bunch of people who have green thumbs. And the question that was posed - no actual answer, I just thought it was fun - was "In the world of the phenology, (which is just following what the plants do) what is the thing that symbolizes spring in southeastern Michigan", and people had said the daffodils in Palmer Park. They said the forsythia. Of course, the forsythia, right? Well, how would you answer that question, as someone with a pretty green thumb?

B

Beth Oljar 05:32

Um, wow,

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:35

yeah.

B

Beth Oljar 05:37

How about when you start smelling a hyacinth?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:39  
Oh, that's a very good answer.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:42  
Yeah. You smell before you see,

**D** Dave Chow 05:44  
I was thinking like, Polish sausage at Comerica Park.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:46  
I thought this was flower specific.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:49  
It's flower specific.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:50  
There is not a sausage flower out there.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:51  
There is no sausage flower

**B** Beth Oljar 05:52  
A friend of mine has lilacs in her backyard, and the smell is just amazing

B

Beth Oljar 05:53

Oh, when those come out, they're beautiful.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:59

Wonderful smell. Good. I'm going to send you a link to that so you can read what all these other people wrote, because it was actually pretty cute.

B

Beth Oljar 06:05

Okay, thank you. This

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:06

This is a program, folks, where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you'll receive a brand new edition of the ATP coffee mug and the autographed photograph of the professors. If you don't stump the panel, we'll send you the autographed photograph. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP@UDMercy.edu, find us on Facebook and Instagram, listen on your favorite smart speaker, also by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. "Dear Matt and professors, it's been nearly a whole month since I sent in questions. Shame on me. Not sending in questions to ATP within a timely manner is sacrilegious", (and I'm going to add sacrilegious as well). Please find in your warm and generous hearts to forgive the trespass. Now that we buttered you up, we hope the attached 20 varied questions will prove challenging and perplexing. We hope they provide a good fodder for your hilarious banter and joy. Warmest greetings, as always, from Valencia, California, Frank and the family Burroughs". Here we go.

B

Beth Oljar 06:53

These are always fun.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:04

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, question mark, what percentage of the United States claims Hispanic or Latin descent?

**D** Dan Maggio 07:20  
24,

**H** Heather Hill 07:21  
30

**S** Stephen Manning 07:22  
18,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:22  
Beth's gotta venture a guess.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:26  
I think it's in the 20s.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:27  
I mean, Stephen is closest. It says 19.5 as of the last census. But you know, we don't know anything about our country anymore because the Bureau of Labor Statistics was dismantled,

**B** Beth Oljar 07:38  
And how many people actually want to admit that they are Hispanic?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:41  
Yes. That is true.

**D** Dave Chow 07:42  
I'm not tanning anymore.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:43  
Charles Joughin had an important position on the Titanic. Jim, what was it?

**D** Dan Maggio 07:54  
Look out.

**J** James Tubbs 07:55  
Charles Joughin?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:56  
Yeah,

**S** Stephen Manning 07:57  
He was the chef.

**J** James Tubbs 07:58  
I don't remember that name.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:59  
I mean, you're pretty close. Stephen. You're pretty close.

**D** Dave Chow 08:03  
Sous chef?

**S** Stephen Manning 08:04  
Stevedore.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05  
(Laughs) Stevedore, we had that in a recent question set

**J** James Tubbs 08:08  
Was he the sommelier?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:11  
We start branching off from chef

**B** Beth Oljar 08:13  
Pastry show,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:14  
it's going to Heather. He was the chief baker of The Titanic.

**J** James Tubbs 08:17  
Oh, he was the guy that drank half a bottle of booze and then jumped off.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:22  
That's exactly right. He was the last survivor who left the ship. treaded water for over two hours and then was picked up

**J** James Tubbs 08:29  
that he treaded water for two hours is the miracle. 28 degree water.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:34  
Incredible,

**S** Stephen Manning 08:34  
incredible souffle.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:36  
Yeah. How did he know?

**J** James Tubbs 08:37  
But he Clae later, is because he had a real stiff drink that before he jumped that would have killed him faster. Yeah,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:44  
right, right, yeah. Professors. What is art Garfunkel's middle name? Because, you know, you get asked this a

**J** James Tubbs 08:51  
lot, Arthur, Paul.

**D** Dave Chow 08:53  
It's not Paul.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:54  
Give us an initial.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:56  
It starts with the letter i

**B** Beth Oljar 08:58  
Ignatius.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:00  
It's not Ignatius, not Ichabod, Ian, it's not Isaac. It's a very short name that is also

**S** Stephen Manning 09:09  
Ike,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:09  
Ira. Like it's IRA. I couldn't get Irish Republican Army out of my this American Yes, Ira Glass, I reflect. This

**B** Beth Oljar 09:19  
is Ira Glass,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:20  
Manhattan, real estate people call this neighborhood Clinton, but it's way more popularly known as,

**D** Dan Maggio 09:27  
oh, Harlem.

**D** Dave Chow 09:28  
Not Harlem, Hell's Kitchen. Hell's

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:30  
Kitchen is what it says here. Yes, is

**D** Dan Maggio 09:32  
that reference to the President?

**B** Beth Oljar 09:34  
No,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:34  
I don't think so. I don't think so. Didn't

**D** Dan Maggio 09:37  
the Clinton set up shop in Harlem? I think

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:40

they did when she ran for Senator, yeah, maybe, yeah. But I don't think that that's what this is referring Yeah. I thought that these were long standing, like neighborhood nicknames, just like we have in the metro Detroit area, like Manhattan, you know. But I subscribe to this group online that's like, cool maps and a. Apparently, the boundaries and the names of the neighborhoods in New York have changed in just the last 50 years. So you go look, and it's all like, you know, it's sort of interesting. It's not been that way forever. In other words, if one types in, oh, this is wonderful, don't do it. Hudson.com's Looking for the defunct department store from Detroit, they'll get redirected immediately to this URL. What is it?

**J** James Tubbs 10:22

Hudson Bay Company,

**D** Dave Chow 10:23

like Macy's or something?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:26

No, it's not Macy's. Is it

**B** Beth Oljar 10:27

like a

**S** Stephen Manning 10:28

car called Hudson? Yeah,

**B** Beth Oljar 10:31

risky, risky clothing line.

**D** Dave Chow 10:33  
Who else who also taken you don't remember who bought Hudson's? Huh? It was Marshall

**J** James Tubbs 10:38  
Field. Marshall Field bought Hudson's. But

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:40  
then right after that, somebody bought Marshall Field

**D** Dan Maggio 10:42  
Target. It

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:43  
was target.com Yeah, target.com I love the fact that they own the URL. Hudson, calm, that's crazy. Oh,

**D** Dave Chow 10:52  
cyber squad,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:53  
yeah, exactly. How can I let this go by look it up, because it's an absolute scream. Of course. It was 2520 years ago, whatever. But the guy Google originally did not have google.com as its URL. It was something more extensive than that, and a guy knew it was going to be big, so he went and registered google.com with the people that sell those URLs, and got hit up by Google and gave it back to them for 6000 Wow,

J James Tubbs 11:20  
it wasn't 6 million,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:21  
yeah, or billion.

B Beth Oljar 11:22  
How

S Speaker 2 11:23  
could

D Dan Maggio 11:23  
somebody smart enough to know to do that? Not smart enough to know

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:27  
all the time

J James Tubbs 11:28  
they do they do this, people that they know full

D Dave Chow 11:31  
time jobs. Oh, no, no. And then also with names like, right now I found out Dave chow.com is  
they want 750 for it? Oh, man, you got to get that.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:39  
John Oliver does this all the time.

**D** Dave Chow 11:40  
No, you

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:41  
squat. You squat. Popular names, that's all, huh? You probably have seen the camp at good store Rei before. But what do those initials stand for? Recreational equipment Incorporated?


**B** Beth Oljar 11:53  
It's


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:54  
actually recreational equipment Incorporated,


**B** Beth Oljar 11:57  
okay, from our part of the country,


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:58  
it is


**B** Beth Oljar 11:59  
I mention that to Kieran, because you went to graduate school there.


 Kieran Aarons 11:59  
1930s - right?


 Kieran Aarons 12:00  
Mm-hm


 Dave Chow 12:02  
I love that store

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:04  
on the TV show The Addams Family, how does Uncle Fester alleviate his migraines?

 Dave Chow 12:08  
Dan,

 James Tubbs 12:09  
oh, he puts his head in a vice.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11  
He puts his head in a vice.

 James Tubbs 12:12  
Yeah, a furniture vice.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:13  
Screw press is what it's called, but it's a vice. You know, Frank really knows how to hit everybody at the table, Professor Manning. What MLB pitcher has thrown the most pitches in one game? And how many pitches was it?

**S** Stephen Manning 12:29  
Oh my gosh, that's a great question.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30  
I can give you this - 1974 versus your Boston Red Sox.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:36  
Carl Yastrzemski

**S** Stephen Manning 12:38  
I hate to say it was probably a Yankee.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42  
It wasn't a Yank/ Are you ready for this? Are you sitting down? 19 total strikeouts for the game, 10 walks. They lost the game in the 15th inning, and he walked away with a no decision.

**J** James Tubbs 12:57  
ames

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:57  
Just incredible. Who was it? Pitching for the California Angels,

S Stephen Manning 13:03  
oh, angels,

D Dave Chow 13:05  
in a 15 inning game, he got, he got into a fight with a guy. He bulldogged. And what was his name?

S Stephen Manning 13:12  
That was the Red Sox pitcher.

D Dave Chow 13:13  
Was it?

H Heather Hill 13:15  
That was Pedro Martinez.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:18  
I mean, it's one of the greatest pitchers of all time

H Heather Hill 13:20  
74

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:21  
74 - Angels - California,

H Heather Hill 13:24  
Who was a great pitcher for the Angels?

S Stephen Manning 13:26  
in 74

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:27  
74. Yep. Start of his career.

H Heather Hill 13:30  
Nolan Ryan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:31  
It was Nolan Ryan right there, and here we go. How many pitches did he throw at that game?

H Heather Hill 13:38  
Wow.

S Stephen Manning 13:39  
Well, he didn't pitch all 15 innings, presumably

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:42  
He only pitched 13.

H Heather Hill 13:46  
How many strikeouts did he have?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:47  
He had 19 strikeouts for the game

S Stephen Manning 13:51  
So he pitched 150 pitches.

D Dave Chow 13:54  
No, it's gotta be more than that.

H Heather Hill 13:56  
No, it could be less. 89

D Dave Chow 14:00  
No, no,

S Stephen Manning 14:00  
no, no

D Dave Chow 14:01  
No, it's gotta be 210.

S Stephen Manning 14:02  
They pitch 89 when they take 'em out after six.

D Dave Chow 14:06  
Yeah, but this is back in the day when those guys -

J James Tubbs 14:08  
strikeouts, he didn't long innings, hundreds

S Stephen Manning 14:10  
and 60

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:11  
this this paper says he pitched 235

S Speaker 2 14:14  
Oh, wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:17  
That is incredible. Nobody does that anymore. Derek scobel takes a phone call in the sixth  
inning and he's like, I'll be shoulder

B Beth Oljar 14:26  
for another 200

S Stephen Manning 14:27  
starters are now geared to pitch six innings,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30  
only five or six.

S Stephen Manning 14:31  
What

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32  
was the subject matter of the very first photo that was posted on Instagram? This is one of those wasn't meant like the guy was giving a tour of the zoo for the first posting on YouTube,

S Speaker 2 14:43  
like

D Dave Chow 14:43  
something a taco bell or something like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:45  
You're very close. You're

D Dave Chow 14:47  
close. I've heard this before,

**S** Stephen Manning 14:48  
a cat trying to get up a grease pole.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:50  
Cat eating a taco

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52  
I'm bringing all three of your ideas together. It was a picture of a dog. Yep, near a taco truck is what it was. Okay? One little bit of everything you all said, Was

**S** Speaker 2 15:01  
he


**D** Dan Maggio 15:01  
the actual founder of MySpace?


**S** Speaker 3 15:04  
Maybe they just want you to think that. Why not? Because he looks friendly.

**D** Dan Maggio 15:08  
I know that a photo is still floating around the internet


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:12  
Over the entire lifespan of a typical automobile, what percentage of the lifespan of the car is spent in park?


 Dan Maggio 15:22  
99.9


 James Tubbs 15:26  
This is the average?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:29  
Kieran's nodding

 Kieran Aarons 15:30  
Most of it

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:31  
Most of it is a good answer,

 Stephen Manning 15:32  
80%

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33  
you've got 80%

 James Tubbs 15:34  
I'd say 89 per cent

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:36  
89

D Dave Chow 15:36  
I was gonna say, yeah, 90.

H Heather Hill 15:39  
91.57432

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:43  
I'm giving it to you, 95% is what it says here spent in park

D Dave Chow 15:47  
Nailed it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:47  
If you want to go, like, check out the car. I know Kieran was buying a car recently. It's like, let me get a sense of what it's gonna be like in park here. That's most of the lifetime.

S Stephen Manning 15:49  
It may be even higher than that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:59  
Would be even higher than that?

S Stephen Manning 16:00  
I got this low mileage discount thing through State Farm

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:04  
Oh, my gosh

S Stephen Manning 16:05  
And every six months, when it renews, they ask for an odometer reading.

K Kieran Aarons 16:07  
I hope you can get a kickback for that.

S Stephen Manning 16:10  
Then they call me, especially in the winter, they call me and say, "Are you sure you're not reading the total - " I know how to read an odometer.

J James Tubbs 16:18  
Yeah,

S Stephen Manning 16:18  
you'd like to go by

H Heather Hill 16:19  
the house, theater, sports car. So we usually drive my Tucson most of the time. So

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:26  
In what category did Sir Winston Churchill win his Nobel Prize in 1953?

B Beth Oljar 16:31  
literature

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:32  
Beth said, literature. That is exactly correct, absolutely. Literature

B Beth Oljar 16:36  
probably for the History of World War Two,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:38  
Yep. On the Hollywood Walk of Fame, who got their star first: Pee Wee Herman, or Paul Rubens?

D Dan Maggio 16:50  
Pee Wee Herman.

H Heather Hill 16:50  
Pee Wee Herman.

D Dave Chow 16:50  
Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:51  
That's a fair guess. It also says here "Trick question, Paul Rubens does not have a star"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:58  
Pee Wee Herman does?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:59  
but Pee Wee Herman does.

S Stephen Manning 17:00  
The Burroughs are tricking us.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:02  
"We love your alter ego, but you, eh". The Mattel doll Barbie has a full name. Do you remember what it is?

B Beth Oljar 17:10  
Barbara?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:11  
It is Barbara is the start, a middle name that starts with M and a last name that starts with our

S Stephen Manning 17:18  
Barbara Marie

**D** Dave Chow 17:19  
No, Barbara Millicent

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:22  
Millicent is her middle name. Yeah, I remember the name. That's Rogers. Well, you're really close Roberts, Barbara Millicent. Roberts. I almost gave it

**J** James Tubbs 17:31  
to Robert Okay, so what is Ken's whole name?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:34  
That's a good question. He just can he's eye candy. He's canuff. According to the US Census Bureau, what state has the highest percentage of Canadians?

**S** Stephen Manning 17:47  
Hey, main

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:48  
Yeah. Number two, in what sense, I think, by population?

**S** Stephen Manning 17:54  
Montana,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:55

yeah. Vermont, Montana is not in the top five. Vermont is number three, Washington. Washington is not in the top five. Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania is not in the top I feel like Michigan. Michigan's number five. New Hampshire is number one. So we've got New Hampshire. Maine, you said Vermont, you said

D Dan Maggio 18:12  
Hampshire,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:13  
blank and Michigan. What's the missing one starts with the letter M,

S Stephen Manning 18:16  
Massachusetts.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:17  
Massachusetts. Are you ready? Michigan has point three, 5% of its population Canadian nationals. That goes all the way up to New Hampshire. Point eight, 8% the population is point eight,

D Dave Chow 18:31  
Canadian

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:32  
National. Turns

**S** Speaker 3 18:32  
out Canadians are fine where they are. They're pretty

**B** Beth Oljar 18:35  
good say. Obviously people are just leaving Canada.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:38  
Took the words out of my mouth,

**D** Dave Chow 18:39  
not really.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:41  
90 plus percent of the Canadian population lives within 50 miles of the border with the United States. What 90% used

**J** James Tubbs 18:49  
to be 100 miles now it's 50.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:51  
Yeah, I think it's getting closer. I

**D** Dave Chow 18:53  
spilled over and I didn't know what

**S** Speaker 2 18:55  
to

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:56  
do, where was, or what was,

**S** Stephen Manning 18:58  
what

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:00  
was John Wayne's collegiate alma mater?

**S** Speaker 2 19:04  
He

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:04  
was pre law, but at a drop out do the loss of his athletic scholarship, Stanford. USC,

**D** Dave Chow 19:10  
UCLA,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:11  
you hit it. USC, USC. He broke his collarbone during a body surfing incident and left the football  
Of course he did, because he's John Wayne. You know, it's this, in what city was Office Max, the  
company founded.

**S** Speaker 3 19:25  
I'm just reeling that you just said John Wayne was a sponger.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:28  
I'm telling you right now, body surfing.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:31  
Watch Trumbo, that movie, to get a different view of John Wayne.

**D** Dan Maggio 19:36  
Minneapolis.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:38  
Minneapolis is a good guess. I'll give you broadly. It's definitely Midwestern. I'll even give you another level. It's very Rust Belt. Very Rust Belt, Cleveland, Cleveland. Oh, I say Rust Belt. Immediately. You say Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, 1988 that was August Max 88 what for British civilian liners? Oh, here we go, Jim.

**S** Speaker 2 19:59  
You're

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:59  
used. During the 82 Falklands War,

**J** James Tubbs 20:02  
okay, the QE two was one of them,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:04  
that is correct.

**J** James Tubbs 20:05  
I was the Oriana used as one of them.

**D** Dave Chow 20:08  
I

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:09  
don't see that. I

**J** James Tubbs 20:10  
know orient corona. I'm trying to remember

**B** Beth Oljar 20:13  
we know still in California, right?

**J** James Tubbs 20:16  
Yeah, the Queen Mary was already retired at that point. Let me think. No

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23  
QE two and one other was used for troop transport. It says, what was

J James Tubbs 20:28  
the other? Trying to remember

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29  
what same name as a big city in Australia,

S Stephen Manning 20:33  
Sydney

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:34  
starts with the letter C, Canberra.

J James Tubbs 20:36  
Okay,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:37  
the Canberra and the QE two were used for troop transport. Another one was a formal educational cruise ship. It was converted to hospital,

B Beth Oljar 20:46  
former educational

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:48  
Yep, starts with the letter U, same name as a country,

**S** Speaker 4 20:52  
Uruguay,

**D** Dave Chow 20:53  
Ukraine. You kidding? Uzbekistan.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:01  
It says the SS, Uganda Jim. I

**S** Speaker 2 21:03  
say, Uganda, I'm

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:04  
sorry. I'm sorry. That's my bad ear. And the last one was a car and passenger ferry that was converted to a very small troop transport. Starts with the letter N.

**J** James Tubbs 21:16  
Have no idea where the car ferries went,

**B** Beth Oljar 21:20  
the Nina.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:21  
No, it was the Norland. Is what it says here. Is converted. So, yeah, just interesting,

**B** Beth Oljar 21:28  
interesting

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:29  
name, three sports where you win but you have to go backwards.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:35  
Golf,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:36  
rowing, I don't have golf. Golf would have been a good way to interpret this. But

**S** Speaker 2 21:40  
we're

**D** Dan Maggio 21:40  
facing backwards.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:41  
You're facing backwards.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:43  
Not your score,

S Stephen Manning 21:45  
you're facing backwards. Oh, pole vault, no, that's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:49  
not what it says here, but I would agree with that. High

S Speaker 2 21:52  
Jump,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:53  
yep, pole vault, high jump, they fit that, but that's not what it says here. Well, it's going backwards. There's one where you're literally racing against other people, also going backwards. Why not and not rowing as a team? This is an individual sport, tough.

D Dan Maggio 22:12  
Oh, is it on a bike?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:14  
This

D Dan Maggio 22:14  
on a bike?

S Speaker 2 22:15  
No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:15  
no, not on a bike. It is an Olympic sport.

D Dan Maggio 22:19  
What?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:19  
Michael Phelps was really good at it.

D Dave Chow 22:21  
Oh, backstroke.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:23  
Yes, and the last one, apparently, is going to be - It was a test Olympic sport, but mostly it's just for, like, family reunions and

D Dave Chow 22:31  
tug of war.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:32  
Tug of War is the other one

D Dave Chow 22:33  
because remember Sister, what's her face participate in that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:37  
(Laughing) Sister what's-her-face.

D Dave Chow 22:38  
No, remember she was a guest on our show. Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:40  
Oh, Sister Erin McDonald.

D Dave Chow 22:43  
Thank you.

J James Tubbs 22:45  
Oh

D Dave Chow 22:45  
Yeah. She was talking about nuns with - you know, fun nuns or something,

B Beth Oljar 22:50  
nuns having fun

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:51  
nuns playing tug of war. It's the way to go.

- D** Dave Chow 22:54  
No, but she had pictures of like these nuns in their habits, you know, pulling on a rope.
- J** James Tubbs 22:59  
Organized joy, as one of my Sister of Mercy friends used to say
- B** Beth Oljar 23:02  
It sounds like something Gilmory Bauer would say
- J** James Tubbs 23:07  
It was Dolores Noraker that used to say that. And she used to roll her eyes, as she did
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:14  
the last time I saw sister, Erin McDonald, I walked out of the main office in Chemistry, and she was walking by, and she stopped, and she put her hands on her hips and says, "Give account of yourself" (Laughs). Like, Yes, ma'am.
- D** Dave Chow 23:28  
She had some great stories
- B** Beth Oljar 23:30  
She's a nun, and you're a good Catholic
- H** Heather Hill 23:35  
Better you're a good Catholic.

**B** Beth Oljar 23:36  
(Laughs)

**D** Dave Chow 23:37  
I love her story about going to the Vatican. She didn't have anything to wear

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:40  
That's right. She made it all the way there, but didn't know she was gonna meet the Pope, so did not have nice clothes. Well, that's right, I got a feeling Pope Bob wouldn't care about that.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:49  
No, I don't think Francis would have either

**D** Dave Chow 23:51  
Yeah, just don't show up in a Cubs hat, right?

**B** Beth Oljar 23:51  
I really wish that she had washed the feet of the poor instead of washing the feet of 13 priests or whatever.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:58  
Yeah, that seemed a little little bit weird. It's a weird tradition in the church. I know I've made this thing before, and I love being, quote, unquote, love being Catholic. But if you go to Holy Thursday mass and you see five priests laying face down in front of the altar for like, about 10 minutes straight, you're like, Yeah, this is weird. Like, that's, you know, that's, that's just like - Is something else gonna happen here. But, I mean, hey, this is the mass where we celebrate -

**S** Speaker 2 24:23  
Gil.

**J** James Tubbs 24:23  
Gilmary had to do that when she took her final vows.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:25  
I bet she did.

**J** James Tubbs 24:26  
And her brother, her younger brothers, who were in the pew right next to where she was prostrate on the floor, said, "Is Mary Ann, dead?" (The professors laugh)

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:39  
Good piece of trivia, by the way, for Michiganders, this is good. Who was the only sitting US president who marched across the Mackinac Bridge for the annual Labor Day walk?

**B** Beth Oljar 24:49  
Gerald Ford.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:50  
No, That would make a lot of sense.

**J** James Tubbs 24:54  
Clinton. Wasn't it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:54  
Clinton almost makes a lot of sense. But this is - aside from the other idea that you have that would make very little sense, the other one that would make very little sense.

B Beth Oljar 25:03  
Obama?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:04  
Not Obama. Obama makes sense to me

S Stephen Manning 25:06  
Obama would make sense too.

H Heather Hill 25:07  
Ronald Reagan?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:08  
It wasn't Reagan. That's a good guess.

D Dan Maggio 25:10  
Oh, Bush.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:10  
It was HW Bush actually, yeah, HW Bush,

**D** Dan Maggio 25:16  
He walked across the whole thing?

**B** Beth Oljar 25:17  
That was the Republican governor.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:19  
Those were the 80s, right? You know. But who is, who was governor at the time? Because I feel like they were chummy. Engler, right?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:26  
John Engler.

**S** Stephen Manning 25:27  
Well, the most pro labor president, recent president, was Biden

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:31  
Sure. Yeah, he would have made sense too. Yeah, that would have made sense.

**J** James Tubbs 25:34  
Well, I think he appeared in the parade here in Detroit

**S** Stephen Manning 25:38  
the Labor Day parade,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:38  
yeah

**D** Dan Maggio 25:40  
Was it a windy day, because they could have blown him off the bridge.

**J** James Tubbs 25:42  
If it was a Yugo, it would have blown off -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:46  
Leslie's gonna listen to this and be afraid to go visit our son who recently committed to Michigan Tech

**D** Dave Chow 25:51  
Well you can have somebody drive her across

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:53  
Yeah? Well, he's gonna do it. What is Emma Morano's odd claim to fame? Last Name, M, O, R, A, N, O, I can't give you any other information. Emma Murano is very well known, yeah, for this very interesting thing

**D** Dan Maggio 26:11  
Is it food-related?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:13  
It's not food related. Good way to narrow it

**D** Dan Maggio 26:15  
music related.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:15  
It's not music related. Is it an invention? It's not an invention. Her

**D** Dan Maggio 26:20  
thing.

**J** James Tubbs 26:20  
She a writer.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:22  
She did not do anything besides last a really long time

**B** Beth Oljar 26:27  
like a world record.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:28  
It's sort of a world record.

**D** Dave Chow 26:30  
She's the world's oldest -

D Dan Maggio 26:31  
She held her breath underwater the longest,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:34  
oldest, but with a very specific spin on it,

D Dan Maggio 26:38  
she's the oldest.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:41  
We'll have to look her up after the show. So she passed in 2017 - this is your last hint - at the age of 117 years.

D Dan Maggio 26:52  
Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:52  
So she was the last person, according to the United States census

D Dan Maggio 26:57  
born in the 1800s?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:58  
born in the 1800s Yes, that's right. And she just died a few years ago. Mind blowing.

**J** James Tubbs 27:05  
All of my grandparents were born in the 1800s

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:09  
well, and I think that there's the John Tyler thing about to happen, how he married the very young woman, and he has a grandson who's alive today that walks around like, that's weird. Man, like, that's just the weirdest thing I've ever heard. You have to look it up. It's messed up, man. But unfortunately, we are counting down the final seconds here, profs. Always a lot of fun, but the time has come for us to say goodbye. Beth

**B** Beth Oljar 27:32  
Goodbye.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:32  
Kieran

**K** Kieran Aarons 27:33  
Bye, bye.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:34  
Dan

**D** Dan Maggio 27:34  
Goodbye.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:34  
Jim

J James Tubbs 27:35  
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:36  
Dave

D Dave Chow 27:36  
See ya

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:37  
Stephen

S Stephen Manning 27:37  
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:38  
And Heather.

H Heather Hill 27:39  
Buh-bye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:39  
And now these words,



Michael Jayson 27:41

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:50

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