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SPEAKERS

Audience member, Heather Hill, Stephen Manning, Brian Curtis, Danielle Maxwell, Speaker 1, Erin Bell, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Beth Oljar, Michael Jayson, Dave Chow

M Michael Jayson 00:00

The following is a special edition of Ask the Professor, recorded at Detroit Mercy Homecoming 2026.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:08

I'm your host Matt Mio, and we receive this set of questions. "Dear Matt and ATP panelists, I saw there's a call for new questions for the upcoming year, and I stepped up. Below are 20 questions from all over the map. I hope you and the panelists will enjoy them. Thanks, and sincerely", our very good friend Judy Palmer, who is in Dallas, Texas now. What is the prominent plant displayed on the state flag of Nevada? Because of course,

E Erin Bell 00:33
a tumbleweed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:35
I mean, a tumbleweed is really close.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:37
A cactus.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:37
A cactus also kind of close.

D Dave Chow 00:39
Agave?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:40
But there's something that's out west that's pretty much everywhere, and it's on the state flag in Nevada, Nevada to some.

D Danielle Maxwell 00:48
Is it like sharp and pointy?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:50
I have seen people go to the store and buy spice, an herb, and burn it in their home.

D Danielle Maxwell 00:59
Sage?

H Heather Hill 00:59
Sage,

B Beth Oljar 01:00
Sagebrush.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:01
Sagebrush is what's on there. Yes, sagebrush is on the state flag.

B Beth Oljar 01:05
Drew is actually suggesting we burn some sage in one of the bedrooms in our house.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:10
Is something supernatural happening there?

D Dave Chow 01:13
Do I need to come over and sketch?

B Beth Oljar 01:14
No, it was the cat's decompression room.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:16
Oh, okay.

B Beth Oljar 01:18
Smells a little musty. He said "You should just burn some sage". I'm like "What? There's not a witch there. How is this gonna help?"

 Heather Hill 01:27
I can give you some if you want to.

 Danielle Maxwell 01:29
I have some sage at home as well.

 Beth Oljar 01:32
It smells amazing.

 Danielle Maxwell 01:33
It does. It smells really nice.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:35
I'm looking in a very decidedly state of Washington kind of direction when I say, -

 Dave Chow 01:40
Okay, you two.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:40
Where are you going to find the National Rubber Chicken Museum?

 Heather Hill 01:46
Somewhere in Washington State, apparently.

 Dave Chow 01:49
It's Archie McPhee's store, right?

 Stephen Manning 01:52
Spokane.

 Danielle Maxwell 01:52
Seattle

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:52
Not Spokane, but it's in Seattle.

 Heather Hill 01:54
Oh, it's Seattle.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:55
Archie McPhee's

 Beth Oljar 01:56
Archie McPhee's has all of those novelty items.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:56
The rubber chicken.

H Heather Hill 01:56
That was too obvious. Come on

B Beth Oljar 02:01
That's a great store.

D Dave Chow 02:03
I love that store .

B Beth Oljar 02:03
I highly recommend it. Yeah,

H Heather Hill 02:05
I know that store.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:06
Before he was known as the thing he is known as now, he tried a whole bunch of other nicknames. They were mr. America, Sterling Golden, Terry Boulder, and the Super Destroyer. The Rock. We know him better, not as The Rock, but

B Beth Oljar 02:23
Hulk

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:24
Hogan. Hulk Hogan. Yes, he was Terry Belia was his name. What was the

H Heather Hill 02:28
second one again?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:29
Sterling Golden. It's a little bit of a mixed metaphor. Kind of like Matt. Kind of like Max Power.
Max Power. Max. Is this going to be Rudy

B Beth Oljar 02:38
Giuliani or you know?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:40
Wow. Wow. In what on what date did SpongeBob SquarePants make his debut on Nickelodeon?
Okay,

B Beth Oljar 02:48
it was like 1999, wasn't it? Like 30

E Erin Bell 02:51
years ago.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51
It was 1999, May 1st, 1999. Amazing. From the late 1900s. Okay. Yes. Mm-hmm. On the TV
show *Mash* what was the hometown of Father Mulcahy?

B Beth Oljar 03:05
Iowa.

 Dave Chow 03:05
No, no, no. That was Radar.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:07
That's not what it says. He was an East Coaster, actually.

 Dave Chow 03:09
Philadelphia.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:09
He was from Philly.

 Dave Chow 03:10
He was a boxer.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:12
Yep.

 Beth Oljar 03:12
Maybe it was Radar that was from Iowa.

 Dave Chow 03:14
Yeah, Ottumwa

B Beth Oljar 03:15
Ottumwa. That's it.

S Stephen Manning 03:16
Who was from - ? I thought somebody was from Toledo.

D Dave Chow 03:19
Klinger.

H Heather Hill 03:19
Klinger was.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:21
Klinger was from Toledo. Yep, that's right.

D Dave Chow 03:21
Tony Packo's

H Heather Hill 03:22
Mudhens

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:25
This is great. I mean, every red-blooded NFL fan should know that Philadelphia Eagles' Chuck Bednarik's biggest claim to fame was what?

D Danielle Maxwell 03:36
Okay, Brian. This is all you.

B Brian Curtis 03:37
I'm not a big Eagles fan by any means, but -

D Dave Chow 03:41
Was he the guy - ? Was it Concrete Chuck or something like that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:43
His name was Concrete Charlie because he was the last NFL player who did what?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:49
(An audience member answers, but he is too distant from a microphone to be heard clearly)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:50
Yeah, He played offense and defense -

D Dave Chow 03:52
He never left the field.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:53
for 60 minutes he was on the field.

B Brian Curtis 03:55
Wait, did you say the last NFL player?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56
He was the last player to do that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:57
Well, we've got um -We got Travis Hunter in Jacksonville. Oh, okay, all right. Well, according to the time when these questions were written -

B Brian Curtis 04:06
Ah, I see

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:06
I mean, being on the field for 60 minutes playing NFL is, uh that's nuts.

B Beth Oljar 04:11
Crazy, yeah.

D Dave Chow 04:11
Concrete Chuck.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:12
What percentage of the sports drink market does Gatorade have?

 Danielle Maxwell 04:16
76

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:18
What was that, Danielle?

 Danielle Maxwell 04:18
76%

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:19
I'm gonna give it to you. It's basically just over 70, followed by what with 28 per cent ?

 Dave Chow 04:25
Powerade

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:25
Powerade. Yes.

 Dave Chow 04:26
Whatever happened to water?

 Danielle Maxwell 04:29
Too bland.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:30
(Laughingly) Whatever happened to water?

 Beth Oljar 04:32
Because you need to get electrolytes that water doesn't have in it.

 Heather Hill 04:34
It's still around for a while until A-I takes it all.

 Beth Oljar 04:38
Until A-I takes it all. (laughs)

 Danielle Maxwell 04:40
Until A-I takes it all. Yes.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:42
Who was the famous husband to Lillian Bounds? They married in 1925.

 Stephen Manning 04:47
Who is Lillian Bounds?

 Heather Hill 04:48
What was the year again?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:50
1925. Lillian Bounds married her longtime husband, till death do they part.

B Beth Oljar 04:56
Not Dashiell Hammett. I'm thinking of Lillian Hellman

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:59
He's pretty famous - for an entertainment empire that basically swallows everything.

D Dave Chow 05:04
Disney.

B Beth Oljar 05:04
Walt Disney.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:05
Disney. I was Walt Disney. Yes. Her husband, Who is the first man to fly a powered aircraft in the country of Australia, 18 March 1910. Huh? Whoa,

D Dave Chow 05:20
Lindbergh? No, he wouldn't have -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:21
No, it's a very famous person who has no business flying aircraft or doing anything of the like. I could give it away in one second. This is one of the most famous illusionists of all time who died in Detroit, Michigan, after -

 Heather Hill 05:36
Harry Houdini.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
yeah, Harry Houdini was the first person who flew a powered aircraft in Australia - because of course.

 Danielle Maxwell 05:43
Why wouldn't he?

 Dave Chow 05:43
Why not?

 Danielle Maxwell 05:44
Yeah.

 Dave Chow 05:45
Doesn't everybody?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:46
Oh my gosh. Specific car model, professors, has been in continuous production since 1935. The oldest surviving model that is still made today in 2026. What is it?

 Dave Chow 06:01
Chevy Suburban.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:02
How did you know that? I'm a car geek. Remember that is got old cars. The Chevy Suburban has been around four times. I care to talk about.

D Dave Chow 06:03
I'm a car geek. Remember?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:04
That is awesome!

B Brian Curtis 06:05
He's got old cars. That's true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:06
The Chevy Suburban has been around for almost a hundred years.

D Dave Chow 06:09
I've drawn that thing more times than I care to talk about.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:10
Mm-hm

E Erin Bell 06:12
I thought he was joking.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:13
Oh my! This makes Justin Verlander, at 41, look like downright a baby. Who was the oldest player in the NFL who ever rushed into the end zone for a touchdown?

S Stephen Manning 06:23
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 06:24
O.J. Simpson.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:28
There's an obvious answer.

S Stephen Manning 06:30
Bart Starr.

B Brian Curtis 06:31
When did this happen?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:32
It doesn't say, but that's part of the clue for sure. This person was 45 years old when they rushed for a touchdown. Joe

H Heather Hill 06:39
Joe Montana.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:40
No, but getting closer. What? Joe

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:42
What?

E Erin Bell 06:43
Joe Namath. I don't even know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:44
It's not Favre. It's not Favre.

E Erin Bell 06:45
I have no idea.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:49
What if I had, like, eight rings on me right now?

D Dave Chow 06:51
Oh, Tom Brady.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:52
Yeah, Tom Brady actually rushed in during his last season.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:55
He used the walker.

 Beth Oljar 06:56
Yeah., but how many of them did he actually earn?

 Heather Hill 06:58
Yeah, I know.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:59
That's a different question. That is a different question. Which state has the taller building, Michigan or Ohio? Dun dun dun.

 Danielle Maxwell 07:07
It has to be Michigan, because Ohio is not it

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:10
Unfortunately, it is Ohio. 947 feet. That is the Key Tower. Michigan, of course, has the Renaissance Center, which is only 727.

 Dave Chow 07:20
Only.

 Danielle Maxwell 07:20
The Hudson's site needs to keep building then

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:22
Yeah, well, that's right.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:23
I'll let them know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:24
Thank you for the questions, Judy. Those were those were actually awesome.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:27
THE tallest Ohio building.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:29
The tallest. Yeah, the tallest

D Dave Chow 07:31
Yeah. With a capital T.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:33
Oh my gosh,. "Dear professors: We've spent the last few months accumulating all sorts of minutia and meaningless knowledge to send to you". Yes, sounds about right. "They're varied and meant to spur discussion and banter amongst the professors. Don't be intimidated. We're sending you 80 - yes 80 questions.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:52
80? Oh my goodness!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:53
"We don't expect you to use them all in one sitting. Spread them out. Feel free to use them at your discretion. And no, we haven't forgotten about a future list of more Imponderables."

B Beth Oljar 08:02
I figured it had to be the Burroughs family.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:05
Yep, absolutely.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05
"But those are harder to come by than the daily influx of trivia to our lives. Please enjoy, and we look forward to a fun new season from you folks. Warmest greetings, as always, from Valencia, California. Frank and the family Burroughs."

B Beth Oljar 08:18
Just open an Intro to Philosophy textbook if you want imponderables.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:23
There you go. That'll really get your head going, right? In what state was Pepsi invented? Pepsi Cola, to be specific.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:33
Is it on the bottle? Because I've got one right here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:36
I mean, it could be.

 Heather Hill 08:37
That's cheating.

 Danielle Maxwell 08:39
So, it's not in Geogia?

 Danielle Maxwell 08:39
Not in Georgia.

 Brian Curtis 08:40
I 'm gonna guess Minnesota.

 Heather Hill 08:41
Let's use A-I.

 Brian Curtis 08:42
Pepsi.

 Audience member 08:42
North Carolina

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:43
Oh, North Carolina. No, that's right. Absolutely,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:48
Hank. You got it. It's North Carolina. It's very - You know, pop is a Southern deal, except for Faygo and Vernors, right?

B Brian Curtis 08:54
You mean soda?

D Danielle Maxwell 08:55
Do not call it soda.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:57
I mean pop. And Town Club.

H Heather Hill 09:00
We call it soda in New England

D Danielle Maxwell 09:01
That doesn't make it right.

H Heather Hill 09:03
Really? Soda in New England too. Soda with your Whoopie

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:04
Well, you've gotta have soda with your lobster dinner for sure. Why have there been exactly zero official dinosaur fossils found in the great state of Florida?

 Danielle Maxwell 09:24
Did they get washed away

 Dave Chow 09:25
Underwater?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:27
Washed away is really close. Underwater.

 Dave Chow 09:28
It was underwater, right?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:29
Yeah, I mean, during the time of the dinosaurs, Florida was not dry land; it was completely in the ocean.

 Heather Hill 09:36
So you need to accept my answer. Soggy.

 Heather Hill 09:37
Absolutely, soggy.

 Danielle Maxwell 09:39
It was moist there.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:40
We call it the Captain Crunch hypothesis.

 Beth Oljar 09:44
It may become part of the ocean again.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:45
You know, anything is possible.

 Dave Chow 09:47
Hey, there's plenty of fossils living there now.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:52
(Laughs). Oh my!

 Heather Hill 09:52
Boom!

 Stephen Manning 09:52
It's called the villages.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:55
What costs airlines more money: Having a plane that has a painted surface or a polished aluminum surface?

B Brian Curtis 10:04
Painted

D Danielle Maxwell 10:06
Probably polished aluminum.

H Heather Hill 10:06
I'm going painted.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:08
I mean, I would appreciate a little C-E-R here, so claim, evidence, reasoning. I mean, you can make an answer, but you got to tell me why you think that aluminum.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:15
Aluminum is going to corrode over time or something, and they keep going back to it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:18
Danielle, you got it exactly correct. It's the aluminum because it corrodes a little bit too quickly.

E Erin Bell 10:23
There you go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:24
Three times a year maintenance. Three times a year.

 Danielle Maxwell 10:27
it's that chemistry knowledge.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:28
Yeah, chemistry.

 Danielle Maxwell 10:29
There it is.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:30
Did you know that aluminum can rust?

 Beth Oljar 10:32
Mm-hm

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:34
What is the full name of Fred Flintstone's boss? You've got to be kidding me.

 Dave Chow 10:38
Something's Slate

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:40
Mr. Slate, I remember.

 Dave Chow 10:42
Yeah, but what's his first name? Like, Nate?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:45
Nate Slate is his name. Yes. Wow.

 Heather Hill 10:49
Oh my goodness.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:50
Oh ,my.

 Dave Chow 10:50
Sorry, I'm that geeky. I'm sorry.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:52
Yes, you are. You're

 Heather Hill 10:53
You're something.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:54
I'm expecting you to jump in on this one too, Dave.

 Dave Chow 10:55
Oh, no.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:56
Of all the actors that have portrayed Batman in movies and TV, who was the tallest?

 Erin Bell 11:03
Christian Bale

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:04
It's not Christian Bale. Oh, that might

 Beth Oljar 11:06
Oh, that might be Adam West.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:07
It's Adam West. He was 6' 2".

 Heather Hill 11:10
Adam West was 6' 2"?

 Dave Chow 11:11
I was thinking it was Val Kilmer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:13
The OG Batman.

B Beth Oljar 11:15
That's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:16
Let's see. According to actor Vincent Price, what was the one role he turned down that he regretted the most? This, if you've never heard this bit of trivia before, will blow your mind. Just gonna put it out there.

B Beth Oljar 11:31
Vincent Price, what role did he turn down.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:34
Vincent Price turned down. It is a full-on straight comedy role, if you can believe it.

D Danielle Maxwell 11:39
What decade are we talking about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:41
1980's. But I think just in the 80's. I think it's a movie from 1980. One of the most important broad, as they used to be called, comedies of all time.

H Heather Hill 11:50
Broad comedy in 1980.

 Erin Bell 11:52
When Harry Met Sally.

 Dave Chow 11:55
Yeah.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:55
No. No. It's it's basically just top to bottom slapstick. If my niece were here, she would get this immediately. He was gonna play Doctor Rumack in Airplane, played by Leslie Nielsen.

 Beth Oljar 12:08
Ah,

 Dave Chow 12:08
That'd be strange.

 Heather Hill 12:10
That would be funny.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:12
Don't call me Shirley is all I have to say.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:13
Don't call him Vincent.

 Heather Hill 12:14
Don't call me Shirley.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:15
Yes, exactly.

 Beth Oljar 12:16
I'm totally serious, and don't call me Shirley.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:19
I just want to let you know that we're all counting on you. Who is older, musician Gary Newman of CARS or actor Gary Oldman?

 Beth Oljar 12:30
Gary Oldman.

 Danielle Maxwell 12:31
Gary Oldman. His name is Old.

 Dave Chow 12:32
Yeah. It's obvious

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:34
Now that is some C-E-R I can sink my teeth into right there, and of course it's Gary Newman. He is 13 days older than Gary Oldman, they were born March 8 and March 21, 1958. They put a lot of thought into these questions. What are collectively, collectively, Laura, Ada, Iota, Ida, Fiona, Ian, Beryl, Helene, Milton, and Melissa, you know they are hurricanes, but they're very special hurricanes,
- B** Brian Curtis 13:05
category fives.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 13:07
Hurricanes that hit a specific area,
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:09
they were all used in the 2020s, if that helps you,
- H** Heather Hill 13:13
2020s
- S** Stephen Manning 13:14
used in the 2020s.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:17
They were used as names in the 2020s, but something happened to them after the storm.
- D** Dave Chow 13:20
Retired?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:22

They were retired names. Weather Channel has an entire department that takes in people's angry phone calls because "you're besmirching the name of my sainted grandmother by naming that hurricane,(blah blah blah)", and there's a shrinking list of names they can use. And by the way, there's a whole psychological area apparently to when one gets really really bad. Like you have that name and it ruins your life forever. So be very thankful if your name is not Laura, Ada, Iota.

E

Erin Bell 13:54

There was a tropical storm Erin, but it just fizzled out.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:57

Oh, okay, good for you. Good for you.

D

Danielle Maxwell 14:00

You're like okay.

B

Beth Oljar 14:01

Nothing compared to the real Erin.

E

Erin Bell 14:03

Right, right.

H

Heather Hill 14:03

That could kind of psychologically damage you too. "I fizzled out".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:08
"Oh, no, I really wanted it to be a barnburner."

D Dave Chow 14:12
I wanted casualties. Doggone it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:15
Oh my gosh. Name the five NHL teams that have a color word in the name of their mascot.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:21
Red Wings,

E Erin Bell 14:23
Blackhawks,

D Dave Chow 14:24
Golden Knights.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:26
We have Golden Knights, Red Wings, Black Hawk -

A Audience member 14:29
Blue Bombers.

 Dave Chow 14:29
Blue Jackets

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32
Blue Jackets, and same color.

 Dave Chow 14:35
St. Louis Blues.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36
The Blues.

 Dave Chow 14:37
I was gonna say California Golden Seals, but that's a long time ago.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:41
That was a long time - Oh, golden seals! Wow, we're going that far back. What was Frank Zappa's final, in quotes, public performance? This is another little Gen X piece of trivia here.

 Stephen Manning 14:57
Frank Zappa.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:57
It wasn't really public. His voice was recorded for use in animation.

 Erin Bell 15:01
Was it on Beavis and Butthead?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:03
Not Beavis and Butt Head, but you're really close. What?

 Beth Oljar 15:06
Pinky ns the Brain.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:07
Not Pinky and the Brain, getting closer.

 Dave Chow 15:09
A duo?

 Erin Bell 15:09
Ren and Stimpy.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:11
Ren and Stimpy. He was on Ren and Stimpy. Yes. "Stimpy, you fool".

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:19
The actor Dolph Lundgren has a master's degree in this field. What is it? It's from University of Sydney

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:25
Wrestling?

 Erin Bell 15:27
No, I just saw him in the news for this, and I can't remember what it was. Like it's really impressive

 Beth Oljar 15:31
Some science field.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33
It is science. It is a degree that we used to have at this fine university, but no longer have.

 Danielle Maxwell 15:38
Chemical Engineering.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:40
Chemical Engineering is what it is. Yeah, that's right. He actually got a Fulbright to go to M-I-T before he pivoted to acting. That's what it says.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:49
Wow.

 Beth Oljar 15:50
We don't have a chemical engineering degree?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:51
We do not have a chemical engineering degree. We did, but we don't.

D Dave Chow 15:54
Much more lucrative.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:55
It's been a long time.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:57
We used to. Yeah, we did.

B Beth Oljar 15:58
I suppose mechanical and electrical are the big -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:02
Yes, that is true. And civil, environmental. Dolph Lundgren zoomed in and said to the current faculty, "I will break you". And then that was the end of it. (The professors laugh). Statistically. Who in your circle (Oh my! Oh geez!) is the biggest homicide risk? I mean, this is a weird question.

D Danielle Maxwell 16:22
What?! Who in your circle?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:23
Statistically, who in your circle is the biggest homicide risk? And I'm just going to call it out right now.

 Beth Oljar 16:31
Me.

 Danielle Maxwell 16:31
I vote Beth.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:31
Wait, Beth? Wait, specifically, Beth.

 Dave Chow 16:34
Beth would be a killer.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:35
There's a couple people in the room that should be sweating a little more than maybe they already are. Oh no.

 Dave Chow 16:41
What?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:41
Yeah, it's your spouse.

 Dave Chow 16:43
Oh yeah, I can see that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:46
Yeah.

 Dave Chow 16:46
Nice knowing you two.

 Brian Curtis 16:47
Yeah. Sorry. You can hold this table on your own, I guess.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:53
Let's move on. Where would you find the second largest Air Force behind the United States Air Force?

 Dave Chow 17:00
FedEx?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:00
And this is a wonderful piece of mind-screwing trivia. Everybody remembers we didn't have an air force in World War II, right?

 Danielle Maxwell 17:11
No, I did not know that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:11
We did not have an air force. They were invented after World War II. So who has the biggest air force after the U.S. Air Force?

 Danielle Maxwell 17:18
Germany

 Beth Oljar 17:22
England.

 Danielle Maxwell 17:22
Italy, Japan,

 Heather Hill 17:23
Canada.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:25
No. It's not another country.

 Dave Chow 17:27
Wait a minute. So could it be Delta Airlines, or no? No, it's got to be a military force.

 Heather Hill 17:31
What do you mean it's not another country?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:33
It's not another country.

 Audience member 17:33
The U.S. Navy

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:34
The U.S. Navy has an air force. Yes, that is one of the weirdest pieces of trivia ever.

 Danielle Maxwell 17:41
I did not know that

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:42
That is a beautiful trick question.

 Dave Chow 17:44
I thought FedEx was it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:47
Let's see. Oh my word! How many miles of cooling system pipes are underneath a standard hockey rink?

 Dave Chow 17:55
Ooh,

 Danielle Maxwell 17:55
12.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:57
It's 13. I'm giving it to you. Wow, that's -

 Danielle Maxwell 18:00
I'm counting it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:01
13 miles! Wow, that's from the river to 13 mile road. Yeah, absolutely. What country outside of China has the largest population of people who identify as Chinese?

 Danielle Maxwell 18:17
The United States.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:18
It's not the United States, but we are number four.

 Dave Chow 18:20
Oh

 Stephen Manning 18:21
Malaysia.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:22
Ooh, Malaysia's number three. We're going backwards through the group.

 Beth Oljar 18:28
Indonesia.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:29
Indonesia's number one. That's right. Over 10 million people of Chinese descent, followed by Thailand, Malaysia, U.S.

 Dave Chow 18:36
Hey, Where are the Canadians in this?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:39
A distant seventh.

 Beth Oljar 18:40
You were it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:40
Yeah.

 Danielle Maxwell 18:42
You were it.

 Beth Oljar 18:43
Your family was it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44
Oh, my gosh.

D Dave Chow 18:45
We tipped the scales. Doggone it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:48
Oh, my gosh. This is, I don't even know what to do. According to the people who keep these statistics, I love questions that start like that. Rank the following animals. Oh my word! By how many people that they kill every year, so I can give you in the order: bear, horse, deer, cow. But I would like to know which one of those four kills the most people. Is it

E Erin Bell 19:12
like cow by way of like E. coli and food poisoning? That's like a trick question. You know

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:17
it is, except for cow is number two because one does deer is number two because of the yeah, deer is number one by a long shows of good times. No, because of car accidents. The car accidents is what I know. You don't like these. So, folks, for the record, annually in the United States, deer kill 130 people. Cows in somewhere in the 20s. Horse just 20. Bear is only three. You know, I mean, those black

D Danielle Maxwell 19:43
bears. I don't. They did not specify the kind of bear. It could be a polar bear. One

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:47
of them was a teddy bear. Someone choked on the fuzz. Like

D Danielle Maxwell 19:53
I got some official polar bear training. Those things are vicious.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:55
What is generally the largest mattress size that's available for mercy? California states. It is not the California king. So just to be clear, a California king is 72 inches wide and 80 long. Is it

D Danielle Maxwell 20:08
Alaskan king?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:09
It's the Alaska king, which is 108 inches square. I didn't even know that was the thing. And who

D Danielle Maxwell 20:17
makes the sheets? You custom make them at home.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:20
"Dear professors, we've spent the last few months accumulating all sorts of minutia and meaningless knowledge to send to you". Sounds about right. "They're varied and meant to spur discussion and banter amongst the professors. Don't be intimidated. We're sending you 80 yes 80 questions".

D Danielle Maxwell 20:37
80? Oh, my goodness.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:38

"We don't expect you to use them all in one sitting. Spread them out. Feel free to use them at your discretion. And no, we haven't forgotten about a future list of more Imponderables. But those are harder to come by than the daily influx of trivia to our lives. Please enjoy, and we look forward to a fun new season from you folks. Warmest greetings, as always, from Valencia, California, Frank and the Family Burroughs".

B

Beth Oljar 21:04

Just open a philosophy text, an intro philosophy text, if you want imponderables.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:09

There you go. That'll really get your head going, right? Do the people of the great country of Japan exhaust more paper using it for toilet paper or for creating Manga.

D

Danielle Maxwell 21:22

Manga.

D

Dave Chow 21:23

Yeah, let's go Manga.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:24

It says manga actually here.

D

Dave Chow 21:26

It could also do double duty.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:28
I suppose that's also true. How many public escalators are there in the entire state of Wyoming?
- B** Brian Curtis 21:40
Two.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:41
There are two. Now you're at level two, Brian. One is at the Hilltop National Bank, and one is at the First Interstate Bank. So they're only in two banks.
- D** Dave Chow 21:51
And that's just to get to the mattress.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:53
Oh yeah, well of course, of course, yeah, absolutely. One was founded in 1997, the other was founded in 1998. Pair them up correctly: Netflix and Google.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 22:06
I feel like Google has to come first, right? Well, Netflix did it by CD for a bit, right? Or DVD?
- B** Beth Oljar 22:13
DVDs. Yeah. They would. Did you like VHS
- D** Danielle Maxwell 22:16
before that?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:17

Was that like Redbox? I don't think so. Brian Masonville thinks that Netflix is older. Yeah, he's got an honest face this time. To phone a friend. Yeah,

H

Heather Hill 22:26

I'm going to go with Brian. Trust Brian here.

D

Danielle Maxwell 22:29

Yeah, we trust you. Netflix

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:31

was 97. Yeah, there we was 98. Yeah, not that old overall at all. What movie won the first Academy for Best Animated Feature Award. It was the 74th Academy Awards 2002.

M

Michael Jayson 22:45

Was it Shrek or Shrek? Such a great movie. Great

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:50

movie. And then what happened? And Shrek do it. And they're ruining

D

Danielle Maxwell 22:52

the newest one. Absolutely. They're ruining it.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56

Let's see. Out of all the Disney characters, oh jeez. Well, I'm starting to notice a trend here, Frank. Let's let's cool it for a while. Who has the highest kill rate? This character even beat all other Disney villains, and she's a hero.

H Heather Hill 23:12
No, Mulan. Mulan,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:14
Mulan. People. Oh, jeez, that's not good. And by the way, who's keeping track? Body count. Somebody is. Somebody is. Let's see. Who are the top two buyers of explosives in these United States?

D Danielle Maxwell 23:32
Mark Benvenuto's up there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:34
Mark Benvenuto is in the top 10. However -

B Beth Oljar 23:37
The U.S. military, I would guess.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:39
the Department of Defense is a good guess, and that is number one. But number two is the big surprise.

B Brian Curtis 23:44
Oh, Disney World!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45
It's Disney because they have so many fireworks every single day. Yes.

 Danielle Maxwell 23:50
Wow.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:50
Yes. What is the westernmost city in the great state of Michigan? I just recently found this out for fairly obvious reasons. It is actually in the Central Time Zone.

 Danielle Maxwell 24:01
It's where your son is.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:02
It is not. This is even further west than that.

 Dave Chow 24:05
Like Ironwood?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:07
Ironwood is what it's called. Ironwood, Michigan. Yes, is actually in the Central Time Zone. I understand they're all Packers fans.

 Danielle Maxwell 24:13
Eww!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:14
It's really brutal. Really brutal. I don't think Colts fans. Where is the tallest church in the United States, at 392 feet tall,

B Beth Oljar 24:24
Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:25
It's not, but that's a really good guess. I'm thinking of the temples out there. Yep,

S Stephen Manning 24:29
The Tabernacle Choir.

B Beth Oljar 24:31
That's what I was thinking of.

B Beth Oljar 24:32
Is it like some old church in New England?

B Beth Oljar 24:34
Some Catholic place in New York?

H Heather Hill 24:35
Is it New York?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:37
I don't know whether it's Catholic or not, but it's New York City. It's Riverside Church at New York City. Yeah, that's what it says here. 392 feet tall. In 1912, what percentage of the automobiles on Earth were electric in 1912,

 Danielle Maxwell 24:57
Like less than 1%

 Brian Curtis 24:59
50%

 Stephen Manning 25:00
10.

 Dave Chow 25:00
Probably higher because there might not have been that many cars.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:06
Approximately 38% in 1912.

 Danielle Maxwell 25:10
Really?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:10
Currently, that percentage stands at what?

 Brian Curtis 25:15
5

 Danielle Maxwell 25:15
12.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:16
It's 4%

 Beth Oljar 25:18
That's kind of pathetic.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:19
That's kind of pathetic. More than 100 years ago, don't you think? Crazy. Who hit the most home runs in MLB All-Star games for their career? Six is the total.

 Brian Curtis 25:31
Albert Pujols.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:32
That's not what it says.

 Stephen Manning 25:33
Reggie Jackson.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:35
No.

 Beth Oljar 25:35
Barry Bonds.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:35
Initials S. M.

 Brian Curtis 25:38
What team was he on?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:39
Oh, it doesn't say. It doesn't say.

 Dave Chow 25:45
Stan Musial.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:45
Yeah. There we go. We all know that Smith is the most common surname in Canada and the United States, but what is the same most common surname in Italy?

 Danielle Maxwell 25:55
Mio.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:56
It is not Mio.

 Dave Chow 25:58
Maggio.

 Beth Oljar 26:03
Mazzi. M-A-Z-Z-I.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:05
It is not. I believe it is a derivative of the Italian word for red, but that's about as far as I can go.

 Danielle Maxwell 26:12
Rojo.

 Heather Hill 26:14
Rinaldi?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:16
We have a really famous graduate of our department with this last name. Ended up becoming a professor of biochem and medicine down at Wayne State, she just retired a few years ago.

 Danielle Maxwell 26:26
Okay, Brian, who is your colleague that retired a few years ago.

 Brian Curtis 26:29
I don't know. They're retired.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:30
Yeah. They're retired. Her name was Noreen Rossi. Rossi is the name.

 Heather Hill 26:36
wine. Like Martini and Rossi.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:39
Oh, Martini & Rossi

 Beth Oljar 26:40
That would have been a good clue.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:41
Jeez, gosh, I should really try harder.

 Danielle Maxwell 26:45
We need a couple clues beforehand. Come on.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:47
Oh, my gosh

 Dave Chow 26:47
It's the height. (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:49
It's really - The air is really thin up here, and oh my gosh,

D Dave Chow 26:54
Thank God we don't have him doing Pyramid right about now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:56
We have one question left, professors. You all have made today very very entertaining for all of our listeners, but there's one question left to go. Out of nearly 300,000 plus Ferraris that have been built since 1947, what percentage of those cars - 1947 - are still on the road?

B Brian Curtis 27:18
Well, Dave's got one.

D Dave Chow 27:19
I do?

D Danielle Maxwell 27:22
I want to say 27%

H Heather Hill 27:23
56%

S Stephen Manning 27:24
80%



Dave Chow 27:24

No, no. I think those cars are stored - hermetically sealed so well



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:29

and for the record, a lot of these are stored in collections in heated garages, but that's road ready for this question.



Heather Hill 27:36

Oh, road ready.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:36

So 80% I heard? It's 90, 90% of the Ferraris since 1940.



Dave Chow 27:43

Well, if you can afford one, I mean, you can do whatever you want.



Beth Oljar 27:46

There's been a big movie about Ferraris, and now there has to be one about Maserati. That's in the works.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:53

Yep, absolutely. Oh my gosh, professors, this has been a lot of fun, but I'm so sorry. The time has come for us to say goodbye, Beth.



Beth Oljar 28:03

Goodbye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:04
Heather.

 Speaker 1 28:04
Bye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:05
Stephen.

 Stephen Manning 28:06
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:06
Dave.

 Dave Chow 28:07
See ya.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:07
Brian.

 Brian Curtis 28:08
See you later.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09
And Danielle

 Danielle Maxwell 28:09
Adios.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:10
And now these words,

 Michael Jayson 28:11
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