

The University of Detroit Mercy presents another encore presentation of a classic ask the professor radio program. today's show takes us back to November 1989, University of Detroit presents ask the professor. The university tower chimes ringing another session of Ask The professor that radio program on which you match wits with University of Detroit professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Edwin Dewindt and today we have our whole panel. Well, at least the panel that is not living in England for a year. On my right from the Department of religious studies, professor George Pickering.

Pleasure to be here as always

Pleasure to have you here as always. On his right, from the Department of English, professor Claire Crabtree. Cheers Edwin.

Cheers.

On cheery Claire's right, from the Department of History, Professor Sarah Gravelle.

Hi Edwin. Who's been cured. We won't explain what that means. She's been cured.

And on her right, from the Department of Theatre and performing arts, it's

Professor Arthur beer. Yee Haw! Hi there Edwin.

My gosh.

There must have been a good review.

Yes, it was a very good review. Arthur's play, which by the time this is on the air will have fallen off the boards for seven months, I think. Anyway, you missed it, folks. It was a wonderful performance. All right, most of the questions you hear in

It was just one of those shooting stars.

Yeah, right. Oh, that was the name of the play. Most of the questions you hear in this program are sent in by our listeners if you stump the panel you'll receive a winner's package as soon to be explained in more detail. You get a losers this package, which will also be explained in more detail at a later date but those of you who will win and lose we'll get your packages anyway and you can write in and tell everybody else what you got. All right, on our show last week, somehow I don't know. I can't think of somebody pick him up.

I've been proofreading all day. That will give it to you. Yeah. Well, that's the privilege of the published. That's true. On ou last show we had just uttered the name of Steven Lubich of Receda, California. And then we had to leave the airwaves. shot us right down. That's right, just mentioned his name, we do it again. Goodbye. Well we're with a set of questions from Steven Lubich who sends us 25 questions. And he wants us to get 70%, I think we were trying to figure out how many that 18 and a quarter 17 yeah I forgot to add the three and 17 and a half.

Okay, okay. They're kind of all over the place so here we go. How many countries border, the USSR. How many countries border. Well, that's so close to 12 that we have to name them. No,

Poland, Norway. Yeah,

Czechoslovakia,

Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia. Albania.

Bulgaria. Well, not really.

Does Romania?

Yeah.

Afghanistan certainly does, Turkey does. And we're at -

Iran.

Yes, yes Iran does that. That's what I always say, well, China's
China,

Does Tibet?

China now it's

a province with China. But it doesn't. Well,

no I don't think so. I think there's I think we're missing two

or two, what are we

left out Hungary I think, oh yeah.

Yeah. Doesn't it

Did we do Yugo and Czecho?

How can Yugoslavia border,

Greece doesn't. No, no,

Bulgaria doesn't because it's on the Black Sea.

Pull out your atlases.

Well we need an atlas. Anyway we did some of them.

There's another one out there so

How about that.

How many moons do the planets Jupiter and Saturn have.

Nine.

Saturn has one more than expected. Yes, so the 12 of these are essentially
problematical, is it 12 moons more than that. Is it 20, that's beginning very close.

Yeah, 22 was what we had, with a question mark after it so apparently they keep
discovering a new one every day or something,

I don't know if you want to call some of those little rocks moons. They're more like
asteroids

and Jupiter How about Jupiter?

It doesn't have as many not as many but

it's still a large number. 14 isn't. It's more than that.

17.

17 plus is what I have here, "the source is, I use states that scientists are not sure
how many moons Saturn has that's why there's a question mark after this"

Well, didn't they just find some more and write that
well recently as well.

It's thrilling things.

Within five years,

forward or back. Give the date of Genghis Khan's death.

14 something

13

we're way too late. you're now Now you're going back to 1212

to the pardon, 1270, that's too late. It's the earlier part of the century, 1230, that's
close enough. 1227 1227,

I was off by a couple of centuries.

I was thinking of one of my favorite characters from –

Publico's successor and that's Marco Polo

from Thomas Pynchon the crying of lot 49, the lawyer Genges Cohen, yes.

In fact, there's a wonderful take off on that name in the Great American Game by Philip Roth as well one of the baseball players is called. What did he call Angus. I can't remember what. Karma, Angus Karma, something like that.

What state immediately preceded Michigan's entry into the, into the US as a state, and which state immediately followed Michigan's entry. You got to get both of these right.

Are they both Midwestern. No. So look, which either
We're talking 1836 here right. That's how we nail that down, and with Jackson.

One is Midwestern, I'm sorry. What is
it, they both come in in 18.

No one came in in 1836, other 1845. What about the Missouri Compromise.

That's 1820.

Now, but you're in the right part of the world,

Is it Arkansas. Yes, it's Arkansas was the one before. The one after?
is further west

No,

is it part of the Northwest Territory

no not

Western

Is it Ohio

It is South

Florida?

Florida.

Amazing.

Well what about well until at what about Indiana, Wisconsin and those boys, they
came in earlier.

Really, Michigan was that much later?

Until 1845. Where did people retire?

I don't know. That's a good question.

They died in harness.

I guess that was a Puritan ethic, they weren't allowed to retire. That's right.

Oh, I see. JOHN Jacob Astor was still alive.

When they became too weak to work the fields they --

Social Security hadn't been invented.

And a good thing, too.

Yes. For them.

How many countries are members of the United Nations. How many United Nations
are there?

107?

140 something.

It's more than 140.

More than 140 but not many more.

Not all that many more.

than , 150. That's . You're almost there 159.

I think I'm right. Well, that's an awful lot of countries when you think about it.

That's too many really. Yeah.

There is whole world out there.
I know. I'm not happy about that.
It was not a small world.
You and Jean Kirkpatrick.
How many countries are in South America?
As of this moment,
Bolivia,
Uruguay, Paraguay. 12?
12 is close.
Brazil.
14
see we'd like more than numbers. we go towards the words. George has got, got
them at his fingertips, right.
After Brazil, what South American country is both number one in population and
area?
Argentina.
Argentina. That's right. 32,617,000 people.
Not to mention, all the cows.
But, where are the llamas?
They're some place else. somewhere.
I don't have my llama necklace on.
Oh, Sarah can't talk about Bahama llamas and pajama llamas.
We gotta get Sarah on to llamas again. How about I'll rephrase that.
How did the state of Wyoming get its name.
I presume it's an Indian word, no I
bet it is an Indian word but it's certainly not indigenous to that part of the country,
I'll put it that way.
Is it sort of related to an English word that sounds similar. Does it have a name.
Natural Resources,
no it does not, it has to do with a name from another part of the country. An Indian
tribe from somebody brought the rain with them from another part of the country.
It's named after Wyoming Pennsylvania?
Wyoming, Pennsylvania, it is.
Why is that, Wyoming? That's it. Art just told us.
I recognized it, you know, linguistically as being a Chippewa sort of name.
This is, This calls for my reading, Can I read,
He claims to read Apache too, which was never written.
I gotta read this review of his behavior in the play shooting stars –
“Art Beer as a diabolical Orville Redenbacher. But he has the pinched face and nasal
voice of a fussy country schoolmaster”. Honestly folks, he's really kind of cute. “He
rules like a bad parent with rasping put downs with phony condescending
confidence” It sounds like just the way you act on the show.
it's very easy.
it's not acting. That's not at
all.
In the 1984 movie Amadeus, who played sayari?

But I think that's the first time I've ever remembered a movie.

I think it's- I think you're right.

We made history here today.

This is true, he was really impressed here, I'll tell you. You know George invariably will sit down in front of a movie saying I have never seen this and two minutes into it, he will say oh my god I've seen this movie

Oh, that movie.

Who was William C. Bullet? His dates are 1891 to 1967 who was bu double l i double t. William C bullet.

Did he invent something?

No, he didn't.

Did he write something?

He didn't shoot anything he didn't write anything.

Was he a businessman?

probably was.

Wild Bill something.

But he's known primarily for a diplomatic role.

Bullets compromise.

Was he an ambassador?

yes he was

To the Soviet Union.

Exactly. He was the first one.

George, where did you pull that from?

Out of a hat.

My vast store of knowledge.

Actually, I modeled my voice on GEORGE Yeah, You'd better watch out. It might stick that way.

"Broadly sketched goon", it says here.

It's beginning to sound true.

Now, this is, this is, I'll tell you, this is this is tricky. You are to identify the following cities based on their longitude, latitude.

Whatever these things are that have degrees,

And after that I think it's minutes and seconds.

Okay. But wait, no wait we gotta set some rules to do this.

I need to know what's the longitude and latitude of some city

Like Greenwich, outside of London?

no no I mean like New York or Detroit or someplace.

What are we, we're um.

This way.

We're 37th parallel.

I don't even know if I'm using longitude and latitude correctly here.

Okay. All right.

I'll give you one: 40, this is this is 42 degrees 19 minutes 48 seconds I believe it is north and 83 degrees, two minutes 57 seconds West

It's 40 north.

42 North 83 West

now wait a minute, what's the Canadian boundary?

haha you're getting very clever.

So, it's In Canada?

no,

but just tell me what that boundary line is. the 42nd parallel right. so we're right on the border and it's 42 what?

42 1948 north and 83 257 West.

so it's north of us.

And it's west of us.

Is it ?

It's Detroit.

Yes!

So we're 42.

Now that we got our bearings, let's take a break.

You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic ask the professor program from November 1989. Matt Mio and the current panel of ATP professors will return next week with more brand new shows, so send your questions today to atp@udmercy.edu. Now, let's return to this classic episode of Ask The Professor from November 1989.

We're back, trying to figure out where we are.

And what was the what was the latitude, the longitude while we're at it?

Detroit is 42 19 48 north and 83 2 57 West.

83 okay

west of Greenwich, England.

That's right, west of Greenwich. All this stuff west of Greenwich.

I was just remembering - this this last summer they've, they've taken the big clock away at Greenwich, the clock they used to tell you what time it really was, it's gone.

it's all computerized?

well, they moved that to an atomic clock somewhere in the south of England,

You'd think they could have just kept the old site.

And it's so unlike the British.

Oh, Thatcher probably thought it cost too much money.

and they could sell it,

but she privatized the clock.

All right, 39 degrees 17 minutes 26 seconds north, 76 degrees 36 minutes 45 seconds west.

whoa whoa how many 76

so that's further here. Oh that's right. a few degrees further south. A couple of washy Washington D.C?

you're so close, Philadelphia,

Delaware somewhere?

Baltimore?

Baltimore. That's right.

21, degrees, 18 minutes 22 seconds North. 157 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West.

Honolulu?

Yes.

Right. Yeah.

34 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds North. 119 degrees 41 minutes 55 seconds West.

Los Angeles.

It's -

San Francisco.

you're right it's in California .

Anaheim?

it's not LA or San Francisco?

No. No, but it's the title of a very bad soap opera on NBC.

Oh, Barbara. Santa Barbara.

Yes.

Okay.

Who would care about Santa Barbara?

Folks from Santa Barbara.

Oh, he lives there. That's why. Doesn't he?

Receda.

close Yeah.

42 degrees 16 minutes 59 seconds North. 83 degrees 44 minutes 52 seconds West.

Sounds like Detroit. Chicago?

No, it's too far west.

Toledo?

It's like Flint or Ann Arbor.

It's Ann Arbor.

Okay, he's goin' for some cute little towns.

34 degrees three minutes 15 seconds North. 118 degrees 14 minutes 28 seconds West.

L-A,

That's L-A. That's right below Santa Barbara.

And that's it. I mean - that's - you've done that question.

oh yeah.

hey great.

You got them all, that's very impressive.

Am I glad I subscribe to the National Geographic.

Next question. What state has the most counties in it?

Virginia?

No.

wouldn't be -

California,

Texas?

It is the largest. Yes, Texas.

Deep in the heart of Texas.

Texas is not the largest state by land size.

No Alaska is.

Right.

I go back to my childhood and the way it was.

He still thinks of the lower 48.

That's true,

Then again you have to have a few people to have a county even in Alaska.

Probably have big counties.

When I went to Alaska they assured me that there wouldn't be any problem with romance because there was a woman behind every tree. Of course, there aren't any trees to speak of.

Who was Great Britain's first - I should say they do have trees on Kodiak Island.

Who was Great Britain's first -

There they have Grizzlies behind everybody.

Who was Great Britain's first prime minister?

First ever.

This was before the nineteenth century.

Okay, come on you history people.

They didn't have a prime minister -

That's exactly -

Well, what did they do for their Parliament before that?

Well, they didn't have a prime minister. They didn't have the cabinet system.

Well, of course Cromwell was a -

They had monarchs that ruled probably to some extent.

Right. Below, are the Latin names of six animals. What are the English names of these animals?

Oh my gosh.

My goodness.

No cognitive

ergonomics ACI no and yx you bought us as an onyx you bought us JPA to us ACI no

and YXJ up at four foot, yes

yes and then have eponymous first

thought is too bad

it's very it's right family. Yes.

Chetah.

Yes.

Panthera pardus.

Black leopard

the panatela, they were called the parks in middle England.

De saros b cornice.

It's got two horns, whatever it is.

called di c r o s.

Oh a two-horned rhinoceros.

That's right. That's right.

That's right. Well, what did you translate there. What did you -

Well I got CRS for rhinoceros.

Yeah.

I have to write it down.

Orso arktos Horiveras.

Polar Bear?

No it's not. Grizzly?
It's the Grizzly.
They come from pretty far north.
I suppose the Latins didn't know any further north bears.
An Hydra
lutris hareis.
That means waterless right? and
an Hydra lutris hareis.
Does it have anything to do with rabbits
That's Leporidae.
Wrong language here.
One more time.
An Hydra lutris hareis.
Is it an amphibian?
yes
A frog?
no
A toad.
they put on a great show at zoos.
Dolphin.
seal seal,
They're close to the seal
walrus.
No, no, you're right in the right family now.
Sea Lion.
People get all upset over these little things.
Otters.
Yeah.
Well, why didn't you give us a Wind in the Willows clue.
I apologize for that.
Isn't there an otter
a baby otter who gets rescued by pets.
This show has just reached a new, a new dimension. However, it used to be that the
listeners complained.
about, about the clues we were getting. Now it's the panel complaining. I like it.
All judge how j h us h al jet us, Lord, Lucas a follow us Liu CEO,
Shining head?
Well yes.
Now what what kind of creature would have a shining head?
Something something bald.
Yes.
Not an eagle. Yes. The bald eagle?
The bald eagle. Very good. All right, next question.
No, we're off of that. All right, what countries are the following ethnic groups native
to? the eye new AI –
northern Japan.

That's right and the messai,
Kenya. Yes, yes.
It what country is
Romansh an official language?
Romania?
No.
Not Romania.
Is it one of the borders between Italy and some other country.
It's right near there.
It's north of Italy,
Switzerland.
What is Romanch?
I thought the official languages in Switzerland were Italian, French and German.
Got a show that was official.
So what is it is a bunch
of different candles that have official languages. Some of them were quite like Latin
those in the Alps because that's where the
only thing that was left it was quite like it, I know
They just stayed Pure Latin for quite longer than the rest of Europe.
It's true with the Dolomites too. they speak louder than
the Dolomites.
Who are The dolomites?
The little mountains.
Big Mountain.
Compared to their big brothers the Alps.
I thought it was a fishing store.
It's a calcium substitute.
Keep your hair from growing grey.
How many countries -
Well, isn't there an opera The Dialogue of the Dalai Lama?
Yes. It ends up with all these things being sliced into pills. How many countries have
a flag that is red, white and blue?
Lots. America, France -
Let's put a number on a lot.
Everyone who is derived from Great Britain, I suppose.
England.
Oh maybe 15.
a little more than that.
17, 20?
20.
Does this person list them?
No. Below are the names for collections of various types of animals name, oh yeah
so those are fun. A Cast?
A cast of actors.
No, that's good.
A cast of trout fisherman.

That is very good but that's not correct either.

These are plaster animals, of course.

I should give credit for that. Ah, this is something that flies and makes lazy circles in the sky.

A hawk.

Because you cast them from your wrists.

a seat CETE?

Badgers.

that's right. A clowder?

Kind of birds?

no, no.

It's a very powerful animal

isn't it? Cat.

Yes, cats

extremely powerful.

Who invented these?

I don't know,

a crash?

A crash of looney birds?

Crash of hippy

No, but think of hippos, and you're getting close.

A rhinoceros.

Yess.

They can't see well.

A drift.

A drift of arguments.

A drift of loons.

No. This is an animal that you find in a barn yard, but usually unclean,

A drift of pigs?

Yes.

Why isn't it a pen of pigs?

Well when they're let out of the pen, they tend to drift.

That's very good. And a knot.

Of gnats?

No, it should be. Now this is amphibian,

Not a frog.

Snakes.

Not snakes, but close to the frog family.

A toad.

That's right. That's right.

What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. It's Italian.

Sicily.

Oh my goodness, we have to stop here, but we still have questions to do. So, hang on Mr Lubich. We'll wrap things up on our next program. In the mean time, I'd like to thank the panel today. Professor Pickering, Professor Crabtree, Professor Gravelle and Professor Beer. And now this word.

You can email ask the professor at ATP at UD mercy.edu or visit the Ask the professor Facebook page.

Ask the Professor is transcribed at the facilities of the Smith Media Center on the U of D campus. Ask the Professor is produced today by Joy Chesbrough, technical director is Jerry Curtsinger.

Vivian Dicks is the executive producer of this catastrophe. Until next time this is your host Edwin Dewindt.

And we're back next week with another edition of Ask The professor, so please plan to join us.