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## SPEAKERS

Announcer, Kathy Bush, Production Element, Lyn Lewis, Jerry Curtsinger, Barbara Bolz

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- A** Announcer 00:01  
The University of Detroit Mercy presents another encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor radio program. Today's show takes us back to September 2003.
- P** Production Element 00:11  
(Recording of the University clock tower chimes)
- K** Kathy Bush 00:15  
Ring a ding ding. Those University tower chimes do ring in another session of Ask the Professor - the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an extremely unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Kathy Bush and today we have a skeletal, but important panel with us. And let me introduce them to you. At the far end of the table from the Department of Communication Studies. Our man of video, film, both foreign and local. It's Professor Jerry Curtsinger.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 00:47  
Oh, yes. And we will get those foreigners in there, but no skeletons.
- K** Kathy Bush 00:50  
No, no, no skeleton pictures, at least not until October 31. Right.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 00:54

We'll have some fun. Actually, you know, Greenfield Village is the place to go for the Halloween thing.

K Kathy Bush 00:57

Really!

J Jerry Curtsinger 00:57

I just found that out. And I'm actually going to go. My wife's got tickets and she's going to take some of the other kids too, and the parents; and it's supposed to be a really good deal for the kids on Halloween.

K Kathy Bush 01:06

Greenfield Village is sort of a local site here connected with the Henry Ford Museum.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:11

Oh, yeah, I'm supposed to call it The Henry Ford.

K Kathy Bush 01:12

Yeah, The Henry Ford. Yes. Just like how out in Los Angeles they have The Getty. Yes. But now we have The Henry Ford.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:18

The Henry Ford.


K Kathy Bush 01:19


Yes, it's sort of Henry Ford's salute to the America that he wished never changed, but his car did do that. So Oh, well. That's how it goes.


J Jerry Curtsinger 01:26


And baseball without gloves.


K Kathy Bush 01:28


 Kathy Bush 01:20  
Yeah, you know, that kind of thing. folk dancing, you know, supporting the Nazi Party - you know, all those good things.


 Jerry Curtsinger 01:33  
Sure.


 Kathy Bush 01:33  
Absolutely. And sitting to my left, also another regular panelist from the Department of Communication Studies. Its chair, actually.

 Barbara Bolz 01:41  
An easy chair. (Laughs)

 Kathy Bush 01:42  
Not an easy chair at all. That's the voice of Professor Barbara Bolz.

 Barbara Bolz 01:47  
It's good to be back.

 Kathy Bush 01:48  
Did you have a nice summer, Barb?

 Barbara Bolz 01:49  
I had an okay summer. (Barbara and Kathy laugh). But I like this measured life of academia. And we have a special guest with us today - someone who has been on the radio before, but sadly not on this program. Someone who has done a Life Talk program as well as being an outstanding professor of sociology here at the University. And that's Dr. Lyn Lewis.

 Lyn Lewis 01:59  
Hello.


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 Kathy Bush 02:03

Welcome, Lyn.

 Lyn Lewis 02:05


Well, it's always good to be in good company

 Kathy Bush 02:13

Well, and having you here makes it even better. So, you do have a radio career.

 Lyn Lewis 02:19


Yes, somewhat. I've been here and there - and everywhere. Yes. (Laughs)

 Kathy Bush 02:23

That's right. Yeah. Lyn has, and Lyn has a number of different specialties in sociology, male-female relationships being one of those,

 Lyn Lewis 02:31


Industrial Sociology -

 Kathy Bush 02:32

Yeah, a lot of diversity studies.

 Lyn Lewis 02:34

A lot of diversity. Black family,

 Kathy Bush 02:36

Absolutely

 Lyn Lewis 02:37

All the stuff that will make us kind of tick - tock. (Lyn and Kathy laugh)

**K** Kathy Bush 02:44

And we hope so. So if you want a tic toc with docs out there, this is the show where you send us questions and if you stump the panel, you win one of three t shirts available. And even if you don't stump the panel, you still win the t shirt. So such a deal. How can you get the t shirt?

**A** Announcer 03:01

You can email Ask The Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu, or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:11

And our first set of questions comes to us from Tom DeWitt of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Yes. Ah, and he writes "Dear professor's: It was sure nice seeing you at Barnes and Noble". This was one of our road shows.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 03:23

Yes, I remember. I couldn't find the place.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:25

Well, Jerry's like me. We get outside of Eight Mile, and we need a passport.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 03:29

I drove right past the thing.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:30

I mean, yeah, we're not with those - Yeah. That's okay -

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 03:34

Then you try to turn around out there. It took me 10 or 15 minutes to turn, around once I realized I missed it.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:38

The traffic is brutal.

J Jerry Curtsinger 03:40

I could never live there. It would be like living in a subway or something.

K Kathy Bush 03:42

Thank you. Yeah, I'm happy for my little place in northwest Detroit, I tell you. He said "I hope you can come back to visit us soon. I hope you liked the cd". Ah, that's right. Because he made the recommendation. I was looking for a CD with Mae West. And sadly, there was one that had Mae West singing a Beatles song which was very interesting,

J Jerry Curtsinger 03:50

That would be surreal.

K Kathy Bush 04:00

I did like it. Very surreal. He said "I wish Professor Oljar could have been there". So do we all. "Well, on to the questions. These are questions that a friend emailed me. Some people would think they're so easy that it's an insult to the professors. But you might need hints. 27 out of 29 is passing. I already have to have your T shirts. All I need is the Ethics Bowl t shirt." Okay, because we have the Engineering and Science Tech Day.

J Jerry Curtsinger 04:24

Boy, he's serious.

K Kathy Bush 04:25

Yes, that's right. We've got that one.

B Barbara Bolz 04:27

He wants to supplement his wardrobe.

K Kathy Bush 04:28

Yeah. Then we have our orientation Follow-the-Leader shirt and then there's the Ethics Bowl t shirts, so "I need this to complete my collection. Your largest size, please". Okay. All right, here goes.

J Jerry Curtsinger 04:38  
Tom, will we see these on eBay next week?

K Kathy Bush 04:40  
It would be something. On the standard traffic light, is green on the top or the bottom?

J Jerry Curtsinger 04:46  
The bottom.

K Kathy Bush 04:46  
The green light is on the bottom. How many states are there?

B Barbara Bolz 04:53  
50.

K Kathy Bush 04:54  
How many territories are there?

B Barbara Bolz 04:57  
There's two.

K Kathy Bush 04:58  
Yes. Okay. and they are

B Barbara Bolz 05:01  
They are - uh, you know that place -

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:04  
Puerto Rico?

K Kathy Bush 05:05  
Yeah, Puerto Rico. They're always at the convention.

L Lyn Lewis 05:09  
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 05:09  
Yeah. And then there's one more.

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:11  
Virgin Islands?

K Kathy Bush 05:11  
Yes. The Virgin Islands, indeed. In which hand does the Statue of Liberty hold its torch.

B Barbara Bolz 05:20  
Right

K Kathy Bush 05:21  
Yes, indeed. I was gonna say - picture coming in to New York Harbor.

L Lyn Lewis 05:25  
We're just getting off the boat.

K Kathy Bush 05:27  
Yeah, really. finastra sinistra - which one is it? Okay, there are six colors on the classic Campbell Soup label. Can you name those colors?

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:40





Red.



Kathy Bush 05:41

Okay, definitely red.



Barbara Bolz 05:42

White.



Kathy Bush 05:42

White.



Barbara Bolz 05:43

Gold.



Kathy Bush 05:44

Yes. gold,



Jerry Curtsinger 05:45

Black.



Kathy Bush 05:46

Yes, the lettering.



Barbara Bolz 05:47

And there's some blue.



Kathy Bush 05:48

There is a bit of blue. And there's one more color. Very similar to one that you've already named.

B Barbara Bolz 05:54  
So it's - I said gold, so it's yellow.

K Kathy Bush 05:56  
That's right. It's yellow. So blue, red, white, yellow, black and gold.

L Lyn Lewis 06:00  
Okay.

K Kathy Bush 06:01  
Very patriotic.

B Barbara Bolz 06:02  
My soup.

K Kathy Bush 06:03  
Yeah, really.

L Lyn Lewis 06:05  
All to get our attention to buy more Campbell's Soup.

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:07  
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 06:07  
Exactly. I have a really dear friend - who's actually been on the show before - Ken Kotter who always associates tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches with the nuclear warning thing that we go off on Saturdays

K Kathy Bush 06:11  
The first Saturday of every month we'd get - I think - What is it, The civilian defense system?

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:24  
Yeah, it goes off. Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 06:26  
And he'd always - (well, there were like eight kids in the family), so every Saturday they had the same lunch, which was tomato soup and grilled cheese. So he always associates that sound with that -

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:35  
Well, my grandmother - in the old days. The (unintelligible) thing on the radio. She'd just freak.

K Kathy Bush 06:38  
Oh, yeah.


J Jerry Curtsinger 06:39  
She thought the world was coming to an end. I tried to explain to her as a little kid. (Kathy laughs) But I'd go, "Grandma. It's not gonna end"


B Barbara Bolz 06:43  
And she wouldn't eat Campbell's Soup. It had to be made from scratch.


J Jerry Curtsinger 06:47  
Oh, from scratch. Definitely. She was a really good cook.


K Kathy Bush 06:51  
As grandma's could. What two letters do not appear on the telephone dial. Now, I guess this was still when there were dial telephones


B Barbara Bolz 06:59  
X and Z


 Kathy Bush 07:00  
Z is one. But not X. X is actually on there. Which surprised me as well.

 Barbara Bolz 07:05  
Q


 Kathy Bush 07:05  
Yes, it's Q.


 Lyn Lewis 07:07  
All right!


 Jerry Curtsinger 07:08  
Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 07:08  
Now. I don't know. Now, Jerry, you were an Eastsider growing up.

 Jerry Curtsinger 07:10  
Yes.

 Kathy Bush 07:10  
Do you remember the letter exchange?

 Jerry Curtsinger 07:12  
Lakeview.

 Kathy Bush 07:13  
Okay.

J Jerry Curtsinger 07:13  
Lakeview 6-2373.

K Kathy Bush 07:15  
Okay.

J Jerry Curtsinger 07:16  
And then I was, uh - Venice. I think 839

K Kathy Bush 07:20  
Okay. V-E

B Barbara Bolz 07:21  
How about walnut?

J Jerry Curtsinger 07:21  
V-E.


K Kathy Bush 07:21  
Yeah, now on the westside. You really don't -


B Barbara Bolz 07:24  
Walnut 48129. I still remember that.


K Kathy Bush 07:26  
Now, Lyn, you were from Louisiana, right?


L Lyn Lewis 07:28  
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Yes.


 Kathy Bush 07:28  
Okay.


 Lyn Lewis 07:29  
And we just had numbers, you know, any state that has parishes -


 Kathy Bush 07:34  
Oh, there you go. Yeah, on the west side of Detroit, I was BR for two, seven - Broadway. Yes. And VE was the Vermont exchange eight, three, whatever. And then it was KE for Kenwood.


 Jerry Curtsinger 07:48  
Five, three.

 Kathy Bush 07:49  
Yes. Five, three,

 Jerry Curtsinger 07:50  
Because I had west side friends. And that was Kenwood.

 Jerry Curtsinger 07:52  
Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 07:52  
Yep,

 Kathy Bush 07:53  
KE. Yeah.



J Jerry Curtsinger 07:53  
And then my aunt and uncle lived in Rosedale Park.

K Kathy Bush 07:56  
Yes. I remember my friend Sue Harmon lived in what we called AR, almost Rosedale.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:00  
Oh yeah.

B Barbara Bolz 08:00  
How about Woodward and Seven Mile? Twinbrook.

K Kathy Bush 08:05  
That's it. So yeah, now I think it's called Grandmont. I know. That's the -

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:09  
Yes

B Barbara Bolz 08:11  
Grandmont one,

K Kathy Bush 08:12  
Grandmont two. Yes. And so hers was that same exchange.

B Barbara Bolz 08:16  
Oh, those good old simple days.

K Kathy Bush 08:18  
Ah, in deed.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:18

Yeah, no cell phones.

K Kathy Bush 08:19

Yeah, I asked that question in my history class today about imagining life without a phone. And there was this gasp that ran through the room. Absolutely. They were shocked to think that people at one time had no telephones. They just didn't - couldn't get it. They could understand no lights. They said like from camping, but they couldn't understand no telephone.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:38

And I didn't know what a telegram was - because I told them I bought this house 20 years ago and the woman had moved back to Missouri or somewhere.

K Kathy Bush 08:45

Oh, yeah.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:45

And to close the deal, I got a phone call at three in the morning from my real estate agent. She was kind of unconventional, but she was cool. And she told me that "I've got the telegram in my hand. I'll read it to you". This is like 1983.

K Kathy Bush 08:56

All right. And these kids were like what?

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:57

Yeah, "What's a telegram"

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:59

It's kind of a dumb thing. How do you - ?

K Kathy Bush 09:00

I just remember my grandmother saying that if ever a telegram came to the house, everyone was so nervous. That it had to be bad news.



J Jerry Curtsinger 09:06  
Yes, not that was typically -

K Kathy Bush 09:08  
That nothing good would ever come by telegraph. Yeah, she said it usually meant death.

K Kathy Bush 09:11  
It was like death-o-gram. And she was horrified by it - which would really frighten her. What two numbers on the telephone dial do not have letters by them that they stand alone.

J Jerry Curtsinger 09:11  
Yes.

B Barbara Bolz 09:22  
One

J Jerry Curtsinger 09:23  
Zero.

K Kathy Bush 09:24  
Yes. one and zero. That's right. I guess the operator thing. Yeah, that makes sense. When you walk, does your left arm swing with your right or left leg? So if you're walking, okay, does your left arm swing with your right or left leg?

B Barbara Bolz 09:43  
Your arms swing opposite your legs.

L Lyn Lewis 09:45  
Exactly.

B Barbara Bolz 09:46  
So, that - Read that again. I had a hard time following.

K Kathy Bush 09:48  
Okay. So it would be, does your left arm swing with the right or left leg?

L Lyn Lewis 09:52  
With the right.

K Kathy Bush 09:53  
It would be with the right. Absolutely.

J Jerry Curtsinger 09:54  
I was thinking of those Muybridge slides, you know.

K Kathy Bush 09:56  
Oh yeah, I know.

J Jerry Curtsinger 09:57  
And I was trying to think in my head "Well, that was a horse. So this is -

K Kathy Bush 10:01  
Neee! Mr. Ed.

B Barbara Bolz 10:01  
Unless you're really cool though, then walking is a whole different-

K Kathy Bush 10:04  
This is true.

J Jerry Curtsinger 10:05  
Oh, uh, what was the guy - the Saturday Night Fever - when he's walking through the meat store.

K Kathy Bush 10:09  
Oh, yes. Oh, please.

J Jerry Curtsinger 10:11  
He's got the woman's walk.

K Kathy Bush 10:12  
That's right. Oh, please. No he didn't. I'm sorry, he did not. How many matches are in a standard pack or book of matches?

J Jerry Curtsinger 10:20  
24

K Kathy Bush 10:21  
That's a little high, actually.

K Kathy Bush 10:23  
20. That's right.

L Lyn Lewis 10:23  
20

B Barbara Bolz 10:25  
Alright!

K Kathy Bush 10:26

**K** Kathy Bush 10:20  
You know, because I remember that in Ireland they used to sell cigarettes by a pack of 10 or 20. And then they would ask you did you need matches. And if you needed matches for a 10-pack of cigarettes, they would just give you 10 matches. That was a little small pack.

**B** Barbara Bolz 10:40  
What if it was windy? I mean, there was no - (Laughs)

**K** Kathy Bush 10:42  
That's too bloody bad. Go hang out in a doorway, crawl under a card - you know, not our problem. Yeah, no, they didn't seem to care.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 10:51  
The answer's called Zippo

**K** Kathy Bush 10:53  
Zippo. That's it. You just had better hope there's some flame somewhere. On the United States flag - is the top stripe red or is it white?

**B** Barbara Bolz 11:02  
Red.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:04  
Yes, absolutely. It is a red stripe. Now this is one for Mr. Broadcast here. What is the lowest number on the FM dial?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 11:15  
Oh 88.1 is the lowest.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:17  
88. They have 88.0 here.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 11:18

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:19  
Yeah, that would be - That's where it starts.

B Barbara Bolz 11:21  
Is that why I can't get that station? Because it's the lowest number?

K Kathy Bush 11:26  
The lowest number.

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:27  
Yeah, it goes from 88 megahertz to - It ends at 108.

B Barbara Bolz 11:31  
I never can get that. I thought it was I couldn't get it because of the watts. I don't know.

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:36  
Well some of it has to do with the power. At the end of the dial there are a lot of educational stations that aren't just full power

K Kathy Bush 11:41  
and here locally it's - Well, 89.9 is CBC - Canadian Broadcasting

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:46  
CBC

K Kathy Bush 11:46  
Yeah, is 89

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:47  
And then you have schools like your Henry Ford Community College is 89.3

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:50  
Yes

K Kathy Bush 11:50  
That's right - WHFR - which is a good station.

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:54  
Yes, it is for a -

K Kathy Bush 11:55  
For a college station. I think it's a really good station.

J Jerry Curtsinger 11:58  
Adray's give us some equipment instead of them, (laughs)

K Kathy Bush 12:00  
I mean. And then, my other favorite college station locally is 91.5 which is CJam, the University of Windsor station.

K Kathy Bush 12:06  
It's an excellent station, but sadly the Ann Arbor station blocks it out a lot of time. They're 91.7

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:08  
That's a good station.

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:12  
Yeah, you've got to live on the east side to get CJAM, I think is what they call it.

K Kathy Bush 12:15  
I can get it until like to Ford Road and then it starts fading out on me.

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:19  
Yeah, because I'm south of that.

B Barbara Bolz 12:20  
You guys. You are so technical

L Lyn Lewis 12:22  
Aren't they.

B Barbara Bolz 12:23  
I just drive with one hand and mess around with the dial, and almost get in an accident.

K Kathy Bush 12:27  
Well, I hate to say but since the late unpleasantness in the Middle East I do not trust American broadcasting of any kind. I listened to nothing except CBC News now.

B Barbara Bolz 12:35  
Makes sense to me.

K Kathy Bush 12:36  
Yeah, I just - I'm sorry. I can't - I cannot hang with the gang. Just - Nope. Nope, can't do it.

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:40  
And the National is so good on television.

K Kathy Bush 12:42  
Yeah, it really is. You know, it's very unbiased. It's international news, not told from a certain slant, so gotta listen to that. And when we think about listening, let's take a break.

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**P** Production Element 13:06  
(Ask The Professor flashback from 1988)

**P** Production Element 14:17  
You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor program from September of 2003. Matt Mio and the current panel of professors will return this summer with more brand new episodes. So send your questions today to ATP@udmercy.edu. Now let's return to this classic episode of Ask the Professor from September of 2003.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:09  
And we're back with questions from Tom DeWitt of Farmington Hills, Michigan. And these are questions of what are supposed to be common knowledge, but somewhat surprisingly not too common. Although you guys are definitely kicking them out.

**B** Barbara Bolz 15:21  
Hey we're doing good.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:22  
You are doing it. Okay. Oh, here we go. These are one of those awful physics questions in high school that used to give me a headache.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 15:29  
Oh, no.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:30  
Which way does water go down the drain?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 15:34  
Counterclockwise.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:35  
Yes, it is. Now, that's true of certain geographic locations.



J Jerry Curtsinger 15:40  
North of the equator.

K Kathy Bush 15:41  
North of the equator is counterclockwise and south of the equator is simply clockwise.

L Lyn Lewis 15:46  
I was so tempted to just say it goes down.

K Kathy Bush 15:49  
Thank you, Lyn, (laughs). Or you hope it goes down?

L Lyn Lewis 15:53  
Yeah, if the drain is not clogged.

L Lyn Lewis 15:56  
Yeah - yeah.

J Jerry Curtsinger 15:57  
Well, that's the only physics question I've ever gotten right. I really feel cool.

K Kathy Bush 16:01  
Good for you. When I see those type of questions, my brain would just start -

J Jerry Curtsinger 16:05  
It's like the day I got a math question right a couple years ago. I was stunned.

K Kathy Bush 16:08  
Oh, is that like those awful questions. What is it - "If Jerry is boarding a train in Los Angeles going 135 miles per hour and I'm boarding a train in Denver -"

going 100 miles per hour and Lynn is boarding a train in Denver.

J Jerry Curtsinger 16:17  
We get there when we get there.

K Kathy Bush 16:18  
Thank you.

J Jerry Curtsinger 16:18  
Wherever you go, there you are.

B Barbara Bolz 16:20  
If you're boarding it at a hundred and some miles, that's pretty dangerous.

K Kathy Bush 16:20  
Thank you.

K Kathy Bush 16:24  
Yeah, really? I don't think you're getting on the train. But those were those horrible questions. They used to say, "Well, this is to help you with your SAT's".

L Lyn Lewis 16:24  
Right.

K Kathy Bush 16:24  
It's like - No.

J Jerry Curtsinger 16:31  
Yeah, in what country?

K Kathy Bush 16:32

-  Kathy Bush 16:32  
Thank you. It helps send me to an MD, because I need my head shrunk. Which way does a "No Smoking" sign's slash run?
-  Jerry Curtsinger 16:40  
Left at the top and it ends at the bottom right.
-  Kathy Bush 16:43  
Bottom right. Toward the bottom right. That's absolutely correct. Okay. Well, no, that's - I've never really thought of that slash thing. I suppose that would be true with "no" anything. No whining. No. None of those.
-  Jerry Curtsinger 16:48  
Well, if you're dyslexic -
-  Barbara Bolz 16:57  
Go Jerry.
-  Kathy Bush 16:57  
That doesn't help. How many channels are on a VHF television dial?
-  Kathy Bush 16:59  
I was gonna say - Jerr Man.
-  Jerry Curtsinger 17:05  
Well, we go from ch - VHF?
-  Kathy Bush 17:07  
Yeah, it says a VHF TV dial.
-  Jerry Curtsinger 17:09  
Well, you go from 2 through 13. And that's VHF.

K Kathy Bush 17:12  
Now that's interesting, because he lists -

J Jerry Curtsinger 17:13  
And UHF starts at 13 and goes to like 81.

K Kathy Bush 17:16  
Okay, because he said there's no channel 1.

J Jerry Curtsinger 17:18  
No channel 1

K Kathy Bush 17:19  
which makes sense.

J Jerry Curtsinger 17:20  
No channel 1


K Kathy Bush 17:21  
and he lists it to channel 12. So he said 2 to 12


K Kathy Bush 17:24  
There is a 13?


J Jerry Curtsinger 17:24  
No, 13


J Jerry Curtsinger 17:25


Yeah.


 Kathy Bush 17:25  
Channel 13.


 Jerry Curtsinger 17:25  
You can pick up a Toledo. Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 17:27  
Oh, really?


 Jerry Curtsinger 17:28  
Yeah, I can do all - if you live like south of Ford Road.

 Kathy Bush 17:30  
Okay.

 Jerry Curtsinger 17:32  
Because actually, when the Lions were good many years ago, we were able to watch a football game and glorious black and white by -

 Kathy Bush 17:38  
Oh,

 Jerry Curtsinger 17:38  
the outside antenna and manipulating it to a Toledo station.

 Kathy Bush 17:41  
Jerry, you devil you.



J Jerry Curtsinger 17:43  
Because they blackout the signal from like, 50 miles away. So it has to come from Toledo. But yeah, there's a 13.

K Kathy Bush 17:48  
Okay, Well, that's interesting. We'll have to keep that in mind.

K Kathy Bush 17:50  
Using heavy duty aluminum foil.

K Kathy Bush 17:52  
I was gonna say - really. Do you remember those weird rabbit ears when you were a kid -on TVs - and like moving?

J Jerry Curtsinger 17:57  
Well, every time you changed the channel, you had to fool with the antenna to get the picture.

K Kathy Bush 18:00  
Yes. Exactly.

J Jerry Curtsinger 18:01  
Instead of this remote like my kid going back and forth.

K Kathy Bush 18:04  
Jerry's son is what five years old?

J Jerry Curtsinger 18:05  
No, he's almost eight.

K Kathy Bush 18:07  
Oh, that's right.

J Jerry Curtsinger 18:08  
He went - I brought him in a Friday during the summer. He said, "Aw, no radio on Friday? I wanted to be at a radio again. It was fun". I said, Well, maybe -

K Kathy Bush 18:14  
He was so good. Bring him back this year.

K Kathy Bush 18:16  
Well, yeah, there's a few days with no daycare. I'm sure.

K Kathy Bush 18:18  
Way cool. He's got daycare with us. We'll just feed him full of sugar and send him home to Laura. Okay, that'll work. What side of a woman's blouse are the buttons on?

L Lyn Lewis 18:28  
On the left.

K Kathy Bush 18:29  
That's exactly right.

L Lyn Lewis 18:31  
I'm glad I have on a blouse.

K Kathy Bush 18:31  
I was gonna say. Really. Got a knit top on here, honey - working. But we're all covered radio audience. Please, this is a Catholic university. On a New York license plate, is New York on the top or the bottom of the plate?

B Barbara Bolz 18:44  
Top.

**B** Barbara Bolz 18:45  
Yes, you're right. It is on the top.

**B** Barbara Bolz 18:45  
Ah, New York - New York.

**K** Kathy Bush 18:52  
which is kind of different, I guess, from other states. Hmm, Didn't know that. At least that's what he notes here. In which way do fans rotate - as you're looking at the fan? Which way would it rotate?

**L** Lyn Lewis 19:04  
From left to right?

**K** Kathy Bush 19:06  
Yes, that's true. It would be clockwise - as you look at it. Good, Lyn. Whose face is pictured on the US dime? And he writes "Keep your hands out of your pockets".

**K** Kathy Bush 19:11  
Yes, it is. It is Franklin Roosevelt on the American dime. How many sides does a stop sign have to it?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 19:11  
FDR.

**B** Barbara Bolz 19:24  
Five.

**K** Kathy Bush 19:26  
A little bit more than five, actually.



J Jerry Curtsinger 19:27  
Six.

K Kathy Bush 19:27  
Actually more than six.

K Kathy Bush 19:29  
It's octagonal. Yes. Yeah. When you're reading a book, the even numbered pages are on what side? Right or Left?

B Barbara Bolz 19:29  
Eight.

J Jerry Curtsinger 19:38  
Left.

K Kathy Bush 19:39  
Yes, they are on the left hand side with the odd numbers, he notes on the right. Now, here's a good question. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?

L Lyn Lewis 19:51  
Four.

J Jerry Curtsinger 19:51  
Five

K Kathy Bush 19:52  
It's five. I would have said four in a minute.

J Jerry Curtsinger 19:54

I have had way more flat tires than you have.

L Lyn Lewis 19:56  
I must have one missing.

L Lyn Lewis 19:59  
(Laughs) Oh, no!

B Barbara Bolz 20:00  
On my car, not just in my head.

K Kathy Bush 20:01  
Oh, no, no, no, don't say that. Now there's a team that's called the Lugnuts, right?

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:09  
Oh, Lansing baseball - minor league baseball, I believe.

K Kathy Bush 20:12  
Yeah, they're the Lugnuts.

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:12  
Lansing Lugnuts? I think I'd find another name. You know,

K Kathy Bush 20:15  
I know it's pretty -

B Barbara Bolz 20:16  
And there's nine of them. Right?

B Barbara Bolz 20:17

**B** Barbara Bolz 20:17  
Yeah, hopefully. There'd better be more than five of them or they wouldn't be playing like. How many sides are there on a standard number two pencil?

**B** Barbara Bolz 20:26  
How many sides?

**K** Kathy Bush 20:27  
Yeah.

**L** Lyn Lewis 20:28  
Four.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 20:29  
No, that's at least six.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:30  
It is six.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 20:31  
Because when I worked at the station, the best pencils were like Dixon Ticonderoga - 2.5's

**K** Kathy Bush 20:34  
Ooh, Ticonderoga. Yes. Nice pencil. Yeah,

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 20:37  
And I would be mad when they'd buy some el cheapo ones. I'd say, Come on. How much money are we talking about here? Like 25 cents a box? Get the good pencils.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:43  
(Laughs) I have a niece who did marketing and public relations in Florida at Florida International. She's now working for an ad agency, and they just landed the Ticonderoga pencil

account. And she's very excited about new ways to market the Ticonderoga.

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:55  
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 20:56  
So I'll have to tell her -

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:57  
Those are great.

K Kathy Bush 20:57  
They swear. She called me - she was so excited. And she said "Oh, Aunt Kat, they're the best pencils in our world".

L Lyn Lewis 21:02  
I mean, unless you're gonna get like, you know, Cross or something.

K Kathy Bush 21:05  
Oh yeah, yeah.

J Jerry Curtsinger 21:06  
The things that cost a fortune. But yeah,

B Barbara Bolz 21:07  
It's a name - The name gets it. It's like - it's those names that kind of roll off the tongue with that. Ti con -

J Jerry Curtsinger 21:13  
Ti con Der-RO-GA

B Barbara Bolz 21:13  
CIN-DER-EL-LA

K Kathy Bush 21:13  
Yeah.

B Barbara Bolz 21:13  
RE-FRIG-ER-A-TOR.

K Kathy Bush 21:17  
It does. it has a real kind of like, class kind of sounding name. So she's supposed to send me a box of Ticonderoga's to check them out. So I'll have to have to lay a few on Jer that way. Can you name the Seven Dwarfs?

J Jerry Curtsinger 21:30  
Sleepy

K Kathy Bush 21:31  
Okay. All right, my favorite. Thank you.

B Barbara Bolz 21:34  
Dopey

K Kathy Bush 21:34  
Yeah, Dopey

B Barbara Bolz 21:36  
Doc.

K Kathy Bush 21:36

Okay, Doc.

**B** Barbara Bolz 21:38  
Bashful.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:39  
Yes. Bashful. Yeah. You know, Bashful usually gets left out. Good for you.

**L** Lyn Lewis 21:44  
That's for those of you who have kids.

**L** Lyn Lewis 21:46  
Yeah, really. (Lyn laughs) Okay,

**B** Barbara Bolz 21:48  
I remember this for my own youth in the 19 - (clears throat to avoid finishing the date)


**K** Kathy Bush 21:51  
Okay. Think of somebody who's always upbeat.


**J** Jerry Curtsinger 21:56  
Happy.


**K** Kathy Bush 21:56  
That's right. Happy. Okay. Think of hay fever season.


**B** Barbara Bolz 21:59  
Sneezy.


**K** Kathy Bush 22:00


 Kathy Bush 22:00  
Sneezy. Okay, and then think of somebody who's miserable


 Barbara Bolz 22:06  
Grumpy.

 Lyn Lewis 22:07  
Okay. Yeah, I was gonna say, think of all the characteristics of former dean (name deleted).  
(The professors laugh)


 Barbara Bolz 22:14  
Grumpy to the tenth power.


 Kathy Bush 22:15  
Thank you.

 Jerry Curtsinger 22:16  
Well, he asked me - when he was leaving - you know it was like the last day or something - Did I like wear a suit or a sport coat and a tie when I got hired? (Kathy tries to suppress her laughter) He wasn't sure. And I said yeah, you can rest assured on your way out that yeah -

 Kathy Bush 22:28  
Thank you. Yeah, at one point in my life.

 Jerry Curtsinger 22:30  
Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 22:31  
Why would he ask that?

 Jerry Curtsinger 22:32  
Well, you know, once in a blue moon he'd make a joke and he made so few that -

K Kathy Bush 22:35  
Oh, no lie. Exactly. Wow, he made a joke.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:37  
He was such a serious guy.

K Kathy Bush 22:39  
Wasn't he though.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:40  
And then, he was like "I don't watch television, Jerry" I'm like "Everybody watches television".

K Kathy Bush 22:43  
Oh, give me a break.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:43  
I don't care if you're the dean or not.


B Barbara Bolz 22:44  
He thought being grumpy and, and looking mean and evil would get folks to do what he wanted them to do. I said, "That's how you get folk not to do what you want"


K Kathy Bush 22:53  
Thank you. Let a sociologist lay it out for you, hun.


J Jerry Curtsinger 22:56  
Yeah. If you don't like speed one you're not gonna like speed two.


K Kathy Bush 22:59




 Kathy Bush 22:55  
No. No. No.


 Lyn Lewis 23:01  
Intimidation behavior does not work on people who can not be intimidated.


 Kathy Bush 23:06  
You know, my father used to say "You get a better day's work out of people that you say 'I appreciate you being here' than kicking them in the fanny' ". And I always thought that was a good way to work.


 Lyn Lewis 23:13  
Yes.


 Jerry Curtsinger 23:13  
That's why people steal pencils.

 Kathy Bush 23:15  
Ticonderogas, (laughs) Oh no! How many hot dog buns are in a standard issue package?  
Standard issue?

 Lyn Lewis 23:23  
Eight.

 Kathy Bush 23:23  
Yes.

 Jerry Curtsinger 23:24  
It would match up with the pack of hot dog buns. I know this, because Dylan's favorite food is "Hot dogs, Dad!".

 Kathy Bush 23:29

Oh, okay.

J Jerry Curtsinger 23:30

So, I know there's eight hot dogs in the pack of hot dogs. So I think there's eight buns.

K Kathy Bush 23:34

Tube steaks. Yes, as we used to call them.

J Jerry Curtsinger 23:36

It's like "Dylan, would you like steak or a hot dog?" "HOT DOG".

K Kathy Bush 23:39

Of course. He's a kid. He's smart. There you go. On which playing card of the deck is the cardmaker's trademark posted on. So this is a trademark of the card maker. On which playing card?

L Lyn Lewis 23:54

The Joker?

K Kathy Bush 23:55

I would have said the same thing, Lyn. This really surprises me, because -

B Barbara Bolz 23:59

The one-eyed jack.

K Kathy Bush 24:00

The one-eyed jack (Kathy laughs)

L Lyn Lewis 24:01

Ace?

**K** Kathy Bush 24:02  
It's an ace. It is an ace.

**L** Lyn Lewis 24:03  
Ace of Spades?

**B** Barbara Bolz 24:04  
All of my playing cards have the logo because I have Hello Kitty cards.

**K** Kathy Bush 24:04  
It's the Ace of Spades. Exactly. I got to look at a deck of cards. I always thought the Joker had all the little print and things on it.

**K** Kathy Bush 24:07  
(Laughing) Alright. There you go. I just know that we have this horrible carton of cards that the kids use at the cottage, and they're in all different horrible shapes. I'll probably have to look for new cards. But I'm gonna have to look on that one in particular. On what side of the Venetian blind is the cord that adjusts the opening between the slats of the Venetians?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 24:34  
That would be the left side.

**K** Kathy Bush 24:36  
Yes.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 24:37  
We have them in our family room.

**K** Kathy Bush 24:38  
Oh, okay.

B Barbara Bolz 24:40  
Alright.

K Kathy Bush 24:40  
And Laura's always, like opening up everything, and I'm like, "No, this is just too sunny". Yeah, it's just like the thermostat. Okay, I'll put the air conditioner on, so it's cool. And I'll walk by like half hour later, and I'm like "Oh, I'm starting to get hot", but she turned her thermostat up. And we've never argued, we've never spoken about this. And then I'll just go turn it back down. So it cools off. And then she'll turn it back. We'll go back and forth. It's been like this for years.

K Kathy Bush 25:03  
You have heating and cooling wars going on.

J Jerry Curtsinger 25:05  
Yeah, that's our only real argument is the heating and cooling, the silent heating and cooling a passive-aggressive thing.

K Kathy Bush 25:10  
Well, okay,

B Barbara Bolz 25:11  
But you can talk about it with a smile on your face like that.

J Jerry Curtsinger 25:14  
Well, it's funny.

K Kathy Bush 25:14  
There you go.

J Jerry Curtsinger 25:15  
It's funny.

L Lyn Lewis 25:16  
Yeah, well, that's the right idea to have. Otherwise you might be in divorce court.

J Jerry Curtsinger 25:20  
Well, if you're in Divorce Court over a thermostat -

B Barbara Bolz 25:26  
Some people are in divorce court over squeezing the toothpaste in the wrong places.

B Barbara Bolz 25:30  
And the toilet paper up or down.

K Kathy Bush 25:31  
I saw one of my favorite Simpsons last week where Homer went away to a spa for a couple hours, left grandpa in charge of the kids. And the kids ended up getting picked up and put in foster care - sadly with the Flanders family. But that was one of the charges that the toilet paper was on the wrong way. And that what a great episode. On the back of the \$1 bill, what is in the center of the bill?

L Lyn Lewis 25:31  
Yes.

L Lyn Lewis 25:32  
In God We Trust

K Kathy Bush 25:37  
Now, same thing, I would have said the exact same thing.

B Barbara Bolz 25:53  
It's a building.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:03  
That's not what's listed here, which is very surprising to me. Because I guess I have a bad image of American money then.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 26:08  
The center?

**K** Kathy Bush 26:09  
"The very center" he said "of the bill" of the \$1 bill on the back of the \$1.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 26:13  
In the very center it says "One"

**K** Kathy Bush 26:15  
Exactly that's what he has written here. Is it spelled out as "ONE" or -

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 26:19  
Complete with drop shadow.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:20  
Oh, okay.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 26:22  
Yes.

**L** Lyn Lewis 26:22  
Okay.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:23  
Hmm. Okay. Make sense.

**B** Barbara Bolz 26:27  
I don't keep them long enough to examine them.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 26:30  
Well, if you asked me about the back of a 20 or something; I'd have to ask somebody else, because I haven't seen one in a while.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:35  
I'm sure our faculty have a lot of ones in their wallet. Yeah. I'm gonna check this out, because I gotta go to Canada pick up a wedding gift this week. (End of show bell rings). Oh! They have nothing except people playing hockey on the Fiver. Let's stop here. And let me thank our panelists. Professor Bolz.

**B** Barbara Bolz 26:51  
You're welcome


**K** Kathy Bush 26:52  
Professor Curtsinger


**J** Jerry Curtsinger 26:53  
Loonies and toonies all around.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:55  
And our special guest Professor Lyn Lewis

**B** Barbara Bolz 26:57  
Ask me back in time.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:58  
We'd love to have you. Now this word.

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(ATP Send Questions appeal)

 Kathy Bush 27:52  
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