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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 October 2007.

K Kathy Bush 00:14
The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask the Professor, the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Kathy Bush, and how appropriate coming from Detroit that we have the big three with us today. So let me introduce the panel to you. From the College of Engineering and Science. In fact, the director of its Pre-College Engineering Programs It's Dan Dan, The DAPCEP man Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 00:44
I want to be - I'm gonna be Ford

K Kathy Bush 00:47
You can be Ford. Alright. And you know what people used to say that Ford stood for don't you?

B Beth Oljar 00:51
Fix or repair daily?

K Kathy Bush 00:53



There we go. And that's not true. I love my Foci (Ford Focus).



Beth Oljar 00:56

Found on road dead.



Kathy Bush 00:57

There we go. What is it? I have not heard that. My dad would love that, (laughs).



Roy Finkenbine 01:03

So we're fishing for local sponsors, are we?



Kathy Bush 01:06

There we go. And that's the voice - at the far end of the table - from our chairperson of the History Department, as well as the keeper of our Black Abolitionist Archives. It's Professor Roy Finkenbine.



Roy Finkenbine 01:17

Hey Kathy, I guess since my dad was always a Chevy man, I'll go GM.



Kathy Bush 01:21

You're going GM?



Beth Oljar 01:21

Actually, I should be GM, because of Drew's job.



Kathy Bush 01:24

Well, you can be Chevy division.



Roy Finkenbine 01:25

Oh, that's true.

K Kathy Bush 01:26
That's true.

R Roy Finkenbine 01:28
I'm German American, so I could be Daimler Chrysler.

K Kathy Bush 01:30
That's right. Daimler Chrysler. Okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 01:32
but I think we should all go on strike.

K Kathy Bush 01:34
Oh, well, here is that. And finally to my left, from the Department of Philosophy, it's Professor Beth Oljar.

B Beth Oljar 01:44
Representing GM.

K Kathy Bush 01:45
Representing GM, and that's right. And you got the good news that your traveling husband is gonna be home at last. Yay!

B Beth Oljar 01:52
Permanently.

K Kathy Bush 01:52
Yeah, he's been all over the East Coast, hasn't he.

B Beth Oljar 01:56

Yeah, a little bit - mostly in South Carolina. But definitely - he had to make an overnight trip to Newark, New Jersey to visit Gucci - The Gucci people.

K

Kathy Bush 02:06

All right. Oh, everybody's favorite. Bling bling. Indeed.

R

Roy Finkenbine 02:10

Yes. What a lovely city.

K

Kathy Bush 02:11

Well, and really - Newark by the bay. In deed. well this is a show where you can send us questions about automotive manufacturing -

R

Roy Finkenbine 02:19

I want to know - I want one of our people to give us the answer of why is New Jersey called The Garden State?

K

Kathy Bush 02:24

Because of southern Jersey. That's why. Truly.

K

Kathy Bush 02:27

Not the western part of the state.

K

Kathy Bush 02:28

Yeah, the southern part of New Jersey is so gorgeous. The Jersey Shore, Oh! and Ascutic Island and Cape May. Yeah, it's when you hit carcinogenic, New Jersey, from the north - Newark, Port Elizabeth -


R


Roy Finkenbine 02:40


And the southwest isn't so great either.


K


Kathy Bush 02:42


 Kathy Bush 02:42
Yeah, that's true. Yeah. Camden.


 Roy Finkenbine 02:45
Camden, Trenton


 Kathy Bush 02:46
Yeah, and that's their capital - because, like, that's scary on - So that's why. But you can send us questions about Camden or Trenton or anything that you want to.


 Roy Finkenbine 02:54
The governor's mansion is in Princeton.

 Kathy Bush 02:55
Well, that's true.

 Roy Finkenbine 02:57
And I asked - during the summer I was there. I asked why if the Capitol is Trenton -

 Kathy Bush 03:02
Yeah.

 Roy Finkenbine 03:03
is the governor's mansion in Princeton. They said "Anybody we thought enough of to elect governor, we would not make live in Trenton".

 Kathy Bush 03:10
Yeah, that's probably a good - good case. Well, you can send us questions on state capitals. And you can do that in any number of ways to get those questions to us. (SEND QUESTIONS Promo) And we're going to finish up with a set of questions from Tim Hooker of Belleville, Michigan. And again, these are kind of all over the place.

 Kathy Bush 03:11

B Beth Oljar 03:47
They're great though.

K Kathy Bush 03:48
but they're kind of interesting questions. You know, they've been kind of leaping from there -

D Dan Maggio 03:55
How many does he have?

K Kathy Bush 03:55
Eight more.

D Dan Maggio 03:56
Oh

K Kathy Bush 03:56
Okay. So there were about 35 in total. But again, you know, one other thing we'd like to remind you is that as professors, we take grading very seriously. And we don't believe in inflated grades at the University of Detroit Mercy. So, you know, send us a grading scale, you know, what you want us to get, you know, 75%, 80% or, you know, you could put it on an Honors scale and make us get 90%. However, you want. In your class -

B Beth Oljar 04:19
A's don't start until 95%.

K Kathy Bush 04:20
Mm-hm.

R Roy Finkenbine 04:22
Just don't make it like one of Sarah's teachers. Her homework policy is if it's not 100% done and 100% correct, you get no credit for that day's homework.

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K Kathy Bush 04:32
Oh, wow.

B Beth Oljar 04:34
That seems a little steep. What grade is your Sarah in?

R Roy Finkenbine 04:37
Ninth

K Kathy Bush 04:37
Yeow! And this teacher Her name is Mrs. Mengele? or -

R Roy Finkenbine 04:43
We've had some interesting conversations with her and the assistant principal. Yes.

K Kathy Bush 04:47
I bet.

D Dan Maggio 04:47
What school is this?

R Roy Finkenbine 04:48
Livonia Stevenson.

K Kathy Bush 04:50
Oh, that's tough for the kids in that class. Ow! That's a little tough. I had a ninth grade homeroom when I taught high school and, you know, you got to do a lot of emotional cheerleading for that grade a. You know, you really -

B Beth Oljar 05:01
Mm-hm

K Kathy Bush 05:01
Yeow. Poor kids. Okay, well, I hope she changes. How many cubic yards of earth were removed to make the Panama Canal?

R Roy Finkenbine 05:13
Lots.

K Kathy Bush 05:13
That's a lot. It's in the millions. Let's just put it that way.

D Dan Maggio 05:17
Um, I would say -

B Beth Oljar 05:20
4 million.


D Dan Maggio 05:21
No. Let me take a guess.


K Kathy Bush 05:23
Oh, wow.


R Roy Finkenbine 05:23
500 million.


K Kathy Bush 05:24
That's high, but -


D Dan Maggio 05:26


 I'm calculating.


 Kathy Bush 05:27
All right, Dan's gonna solve it - mathematically. Let's solve this mathematically.


 Dan Maggio 05:32
How long is it?


 Kathy Bush 05:33
The Panama Canal. The canal would be what?


 Roy Finkenbine 05:35
I have no idea.

 Kathy Bush 05:35
Is it 17 miles?

 Roy Finkenbine 05:36
It's not long. I know that.

 Kathy Bush 05:37
Yeah. I mean, it's at that very narrow.

 Beth Oljar 05:39
It's narrow.

 Kathy Bush 05:40
Yeah. So very narrow. So we're looking at millions of cubic yards.

 Dan Maggio 05:47

D Dan Maggio 05:47
How deep is it?

B Beth Oljar 05:48
30 million cubic yards?

D Dan Maggio 05:52
Yeah, I was gonna say, Oh, what am I up to - 60 million cubic yards about

K Kathy Bush 05:56
It's more than that.

D Dan Maggio 05:56
Oh, then I'm off.

K Kathy Bush 05:57
175 million cubic yards of earth.

B Beth Oljar 06:00
That's a lot of dirt.

K Kathy Bush 06:02
I think that's like more than Panama.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:04
So where did they put it?

K Kathy Bush 06:05
That's what I'd love to know. That's what I mean -

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R Roy Finkenbine 06:09
They've created a whole new Central American country

K Kathy Bush 06:11
Yeah, there you go. It's Belize now. That's what we did. We made Belize out of that. Okay.

B Beth Oljar 06:15
Or -The Falklands, right?

D Dan Maggio 06:16
Salt.

K Kathy Bush 06:16
Yeah. One gallon of this can ruin approximately 1 million gallons of fresh water.

B Beth Oljar 06:18
Can ruin?

K Kathy Bush 06:19
Can ruin - like, contaminate.

D Dan Maggio 06:28
Salt?

K Kathy Bush 06:28
Not salt. This is, sadly - Uh, think Exxon Valdez.

D Dan Maggio 06:33
Oh, oil.

K Kathy Bush 06:34
Yeah, one gallon. Think about that.

B Beth Oljar 06:36
And then, you know, all of the ducks and the birds and things get covered with oil and they have to wash them with Dawn dishwashing detergent to get it off -

K Kathy Bush 06:43
to get them clean.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:44
But they're squeaky clean (laughs)

K Kathy Bush 06:45
No.

B Beth Oljar 06:46
Just the poor little things

K Kathy Bush 06:50
I know that's just like so, so sad.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:52
But hey, what a great advertisement for Dawn.

K Kathy Bush 06:54
Yeah, really. When the Exxon Valdez crashed -

R Roy Finkenbine 06:58
We cleaned the ducks.

D Dan Maggio 07:00
No, there really was a commercial -

B Beth Oljar 07:01
There was. Yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 07:02
(Laughing) Was there really?

K Kathy Bush 07:03
Yes

B Beth Oljar 07:04
Yes. There were in deed.

R Roy Finkenbine 07:05
All I remember is - At the time. Remember, Rob Lowe had his indiscretion in -

K Kathy Bush 07:09
Oh!

R Roy Finkenbine 07:10
in Atlanta. And he got community service apparently appearing in a sex education class. And somebody's comment on the news was "If Rob Lowe gets community service teaching sex education, then the captain of the Exxon Valdez should get community service teaching drivers ed."

K Kathy Bush 07:31
Yeah, really. Wasn't he inebriated? Wasn't that the issue? That poor guy was like - kinda torqued and driving that way?

R Roy Finkenbine 07:37
He was well lubricated.

K Kathy Bush 07:39
In deed. Yes. About how many people work on research in Antarctica each year?

R Roy Finkenbine 07:46
500

K Kathy Bush 07:47
That's low. I would have thought like 100 or something. I wouldn't have gone that high, but -

D Dan Maggio 07:51
800, I guess.

K Kathy Bush 07:53
It's more than that. I can't -

D Dan Maggio 07:55
3000?

K Kathy Bush 07:55
It's 3000 right on the nose, Dan. Did you figure that out mathematically?

D Dan Maggio 07:58
I would have guessed 300.

K Kathy Bush 07:59
Yeah, I mean,

R Roy Finkenbine 08:00
So what is the Penguin to human ratio? (Dan laughs)

K Kathy Bush 08:02
I know, I mean - I'm just thinking about the Al Gore film, you know, and when they're showing Antarctica and how bits of it are breaking

B Beth Oljar 08:08
Well, but if you think about lots of different countries, rotating research teams,

R Roy Finkenbine 08:13
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 08:14
Oh, okay. That's true. Okay. I didn't think of it like that. But I mean, that just seems like a lot -

B Beth Oljar 08:18
Then, if you added them all up.

K Kathy Bush 08:19
of people.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:20
Well, that explains something from my undergraduate days that the instructor for 20 Century America used Frank Friedell's book.

K Kathy Bush 08:29
Oh, yeah. Okay.

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R Roy Finkenbine 08:31

And - I remember reading on the dust jacket, on the side of the back flap that he had lectured on six continents, including Antarctica. I had this vision as a young undergraduate of Frank Friedell speaking to several hundred penguins.

K Kathy Bush 08:48

Well, that's the point, I guess. All right. How many seconds are in 32 years?

B Beth Oljar 08:56

Oh, my gosh. Okay, that is

R Roy Finkenbine 08:58

This falls in your court, man.

K Kathy Bush 09:00

Seconds in 32 years

D Dan Maggio 09:02

What's the song from RENT? 525 thousand -

K Kathy Bush 09:05

thousand, 600 minutes a year. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 09:06

So I would say - times 60 or 30?

K Kathy Bush 09:11

32. Yeah

B Beth Oljar 09:11

Times 32.

D Dan Maggio 09:12
Times 32. Uh, 15 - about 16 million.

K Kathy Bush 09:17
This is a way bigger - (laughs). It says 1 billion - or 1 billion seconds

D Dan Maggio 09:24
Hold on. Maybe it's 525-thousand minutes in a year

K Kathy Bush 09:27
Right.

B Beth Oljar 09:27
So, multiply that by 60 and then that by 32.

D Dan Maggio 09:31
So, multiply my answer by 60. So, that's about a billion. What's the answer?

K Kathy Bush 09:37
1 billion

D Dan Maggio 09:38
Yeah, maybe that's it. (Roy and Beth laugh)

K Kathy Bush 09:39
But, see - Look how you guys can do this. You could break that down. I would be like - duh! (The professors continue to laugh)

D Dan Maggio 09:47

It's the best song in the show.

K Kathy Bush 09:50
Oh, it is. It's great. It's really good.

D Dan Maggio 09:52
You're gonna make me want to figure this out. But all these plates are stuck together, so I can't.

K Kathy Bush 09:55
Well, those -

B Beth Oljar 09:55
And I have nothing to write on.

K Kathy Bush 09:56
A party store thing. Oh, you can peel them apart. (Dan laughs)

D Dan Maggio 10:00
He's showing us -

K Kathy Bush 10:00
Our engineer is holding up a calculator to the panel here through the window. Thank you, Michael. I always go for the calculator. No lie. It's my favorite. What's the nickname of the aircraft, The Boeing 737? It's a cartoon character and they actually made a film about this cartoon character. A very large young man, but very pro education from the ghetto.

R Roy Finkenbine 10:30
Fat Albert.

K Kathy Bush 10:31
That's right

that's right.

K Kathy Bush 10:32

I wonder why they would call that the Fat Albert? Is it the design of a 737?

D Dan Maggio 10:32

Oh.

K Kathy Bush 10:37

Maybe one of the designers was Albert or something. Who knows?

D Dan Maggio 10:40

It was big?

K Kathy Bush 10:41

I guess. I mean, I'm just - It's not - a 737 isn't that big as some of the others, like - when it first came out. Yeah, maybe that's it. Hmm. Because Boeing is in your part of the world. Is it not?

B Beth Oljar 10:51

In deed.

K Kathy Bush 10:51

Okay. True or False: Divorced women have more trouble starting new relationships than divorced men.

D Dan Maggio 10:58

True. But the men won't live as long, so it doesn't matter

R Roy Finkenbine 11:01

They've got more time.

D Dan Maggio 11:04
For those watching our last show -

B Beth Oljar 11:05
Well, who has custody of the children?

K Kathy Bush 11:05
It's true - that studies have shown that divorced women have more trouble starting new relationships that they -

K Kathy Bush 11:11
Well, yeah, I would think that would be one of the big reasons that way, at least I would -

B Beth Oljar 11:17
My sister in-law thought nobody would ever marry her again, because she had four children.

K Kathy Bush 11:21
Oh, because she had children.

B Beth Oljar 11:22
Well, you know, my mom had four children when she lost her husband and you know, she got married again.

K Kathy Bush 11:28
Well, there you go.

B Beth Oljar 11:28
And we all turned out okay.

K Kathy Bush 11:29
Absolutely Okay. And our final question is "African tribes, some African tribes refer to them

absolutely. Okay. And our final question is "African tribes, some African tribes refer to themselves as this instead of as families". And it's very gender oriented, this term.

D Dan Maggio 11:44
Oh - matriarchal units?

K Kathy Bush 11:48
Well, it has something to do with women. That's true.

D Dan Maggio 11:50
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 11:51
And it - It can't be mothers.

K Kathy Bush 11:53
It is. It's motherhoods.

D Dan Maggio 11:54
Just motherhoods?

K Kathy Bush 11:55
Yeah. They refer to themselves as motherhoods instead of families.

B Beth Oljar 11:58
Cool.

K Kathy Bush 11:59
Yeah. Which I do. I think it's totally excellent. Okay. Well, I don't know if we won or lost, but I think we should still send him a t shirt.

B Beth Oljar 12:06
Absolutely.

K Kathy Bush 12:07
Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 12:07
And the questions were so wonderful.

K Kathy Bush 12:09
So we say, send us some more. That's what we would say. Now. Our next set of questions comes to us from Dave Chow, our good friend Dave Chow down at CCS.

D Dan Maggio 12:18
From Berkley?

K Kathy Bush 12:19
Mm-hm

D Dan Maggio 12:19
Yay, Dave.

K Kathy Bush 12:21
Yeah, he had sent a postcard to me this summer from his hometown of Medicine Hat, Alberta. And while we think about postcards, we're going to take a break.

P Production Element 12:35
Ask The Professor FLASHBACK

A Announcer 14:28
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You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor program from October 2007. Matt Mio and the current professors will return later this summer with more brand new episodes. So send your questions today to ATP at UD mercy.edu. Now let's return to this classic episode of Ask the Professor from October 2007.

K Kathy Bush 14:56

And we're back starting off with questions from Dave Chow. And he writes "Dear professors: Here we are again. A new semester and a new season of Ask the Professor. I take it that the entire panel had a wonderful time away from the merry UDM campus in the summer and had time to recharge their batteries for another semester of academia. Granted, Kathy, you had to spend your summer on campus, but I bet it was fruitful as well". And it was. Thank you, Dave, you're always so considerate. "A score of 14 out of 20, (70%), will be considered passing."

R Roy Finkenbine 15:26

Okay. No D's.

K Kathy Bush 15:28

So no D's.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:28

This is like PASS/FAIL.

K Kathy Bush 15:29

Yeah, this is like sort of like "C" and stuff. Okay. What was the first American novel to sell more than 1 million copies?

D Dan Maggio 15:38

GONE WITH THE WIND

K Kathy Bush 15:39

No.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:40

Uh, Uncle Tom's Cabin.

K Kathy Bush 15:41
Yeah, I was gonna say something very much connected to that. Yeah

B Beth Oljar 15:45
And so much better. I mean, what a better result between two novels.

K Kathy Bush 15:49
Yeah. What was the famous Lincoln quote to her?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:52
"The little lady who started this great big war"

K Kathy Bush 15:54
Great big war. Yeah. But I mean, that book had such an emotional appeal to it. Then when it became a stage production too, when they started having these traveling companies go about with that story. I think for Northern people who would never have really run into or had have any idea of the real cruelty,

K Kathy Bush 16:11
I mean, just personal cruelty of slavery. Oh, yeah. It's still it's very real.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:11
Absolutely

R Roy Finkenbine 16:17
It took antislavery into the parlor.

K Kathy Bush 16:18
Yeah. You know, which is -

B Beth Oljar 16:20
Go Harriet!

K Kathy Bush 16:21
Yeah,

R Roy Finkenbine 16:22
There was a nice video piece on the Online New York Times this morning about anti slavery and Henry Ward Beecher.

K Kathy Bush 16:29
Oh, okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:30
Their brother's church.

K Kathy Bush 16:31
Yeah

R Roy Finkenbine 16:31
And him bringing former slaves up and auctioning them off and going through this whole thing to get the congregation involved and kind of sympathizing, and -

K Kathy Bush 16:38
Yeah. Again, hey, we do this to animals. Okay. You're not supposed to do to like people. Hello. Who was the first person to appear on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine?

D Dan Maggio 16:49
Oh, I used to read this.

K Kathv Bush 16:51

Did you, Dan? Good for you.

B

Beth Oljar 16:52

Was it? No. Jim Morrison would have been too late. Um - Andy Warhol?

K

Kathy Bush 16:59

No, no. This is in the 60s. Rolling Stone was not published in the in the 50s. In the 60s. So who do you think would be -

B

Beth Oljar 17:06

Mick Jagger?

K

Kathy Bush 17:06

Not -

R

Roy Finkenbine 17:07

Keith Richards.

K

Kathy Bush 17:08

the Rolling Stones? But -

D

Dan Maggio 17:10

The Beatles?

K

Kathy Bush 17:10

It's one of the Beatles. That's correct.

B

Beth Oljar 17:12

John Lennon.

K Kathy Bush 17:13
John Lennon. Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 17:14
"The U.S. versus John Lennon" is a good documentary, by the way.

K Kathy Bush 17:18
Oh, now, Here we go. The state of New Jersey - who would have thunk it? Oh my god, this is cosmic. Dave, I hope you're listening. What is the state of New Jersey's state mammal?
(Laughs)

R Roy Finkenbine 17:30
The sewer rat.

K Kathy Bush 17:31
I mean. And I love what he wrote after. He said, "Who comes up with this kind of legislation anyway?" Really. You got it right, Dave.

B Beth Oljar 17:39
That's a really good question. Who comes up with this type of legislation.


K Kathy Bush 17:42
I didn't know Michigan had a state mammal,


D Dan Maggio 17:44
Yeah, our mammal is the, uh - I want to say the beaver but it's not. It's the -


K Kathy Bush 17:49
That's the Wolverine.


K Kathy Bush 17:50


 Right.


 Roy Finkenbine 17:50
But Wolverines are not native to Michigan.


 Beth Oljar 17:52
The beaver is my state.


 Kathy Bush 17:54
Yeah.


 Roy Finkenbine 17:55
And they also can't beat B teams from North Carolina, but that's a whole another story.

 Kathy Bush 17:59
Yeah, I was gonna say.

 Beth Oljar 17:59
Oh, I was so happy when Appalachian State beat Michigan. I just loved it.

 Dan Maggio 18:02
So, the mammal of -

 Kathy Bush 18:03
The mammal of New Jersey and this is -

 Beth Oljar 18:05
The cow.

K Kathy Bush 18:06
I would think that Tony Soprano would approve of this. Let's just put it that way.

D Dan Maggio 18:10
A horse?

K Kathy Bush 18:10
Yes. The horse.

R Roy Finkenbine 18:12
At least the head. Right?

K Kathy Bush 18:13
Well -

K Kathy Bush 18:14
I suppose Well, you know, the Tony had the horse that he invested in on the series but -

B Beth Oljar 18:14
Wilbur-r-r

B Beth Oljar 18:20
Oh, and did he cut the head off and put it in somebody's bed?

K Kathy Bush 18:23
No. A really nasty person on the show set the barn on fire to get insurance money. I know. It was horrible.

B Beth Oljar 18:30
With the horse in it?

K Kathy Bush 18:32
Mm-hm. He was a very cruel, man.

B Beth Oljar 18:34
That is seriously wrong.

K Kathy Bush 18:35
I know. According to the Gallup poll, who was the most admired woman in the United States in 1970.

B Beth Oljar 18:44
Me!

K Kathy Bush 18:46
You would have been like what?

B Beth Oljar 18:47
Four.

K Kathy Bush 18:48
C'mon, you.

B Beth Oljar 18:49
Uh, Pat Nixon

K Kathy Bush 18:50
No, actually somebody who was not real nice to Pat Nixon, which I'm astonished by.

B Beth Oljar 18:56
Betty Ford?

B Beth Oljar 18:57
Not Betty Ford.

R Roy Finkenbine 18:58
Ladybird.

K Kathy Bush 18:59
Not Lady Bird - because she was nice to everybody.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:01
Politics?

K Kathy Bush 19:02
Yes, she is, this woman. In fact, she was she was -

R Roy Finkenbine 19:07
Margaret Chase Smith.


K Kathy Bush 19:08
No, in fact, this woman made a really cruel comment to Pat Nixon, that when she was going to tour South America with her husband and she came to ask for advice about clothing -


D Dan Maggio 19:18
It's not Kennedy


K Kathy Bush 19:19
she said to "go buy anything off the rack like you usually do, dear".


B Beth Oliar 19:23


 Beth Oljar 19:23
Oh, Jackie Kennedy. It wasn't?"


 Kathy Bush 19:24
No,


 Beth Oljar 19:26
No, that's

 Dan Maggio 19:26
Jackie Kennedy wouldn't talk like that.


 Kathy Bush 19:28
No, of course she wouldn't. It's Mamie Eisenhower.

 Beth Oljar 19:30
Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 19:31
In 1970. How old would Mamie be?

 Dan Maggio 19:33
Who would know -

 Kathy Bush 19:34
I was gonna say - did Mamie die that year or something?

 Roy Finkenbine 19:37
I think we need Dan's math skills for how old she was.



K Kathy Bush 19:39

Okay.

B Beth Oljar 19:40

Well, and I don't remember. I mean, could be that I just haven't seen enough photographs of her, but I don't know that Mamie's ever struck me as a particularly stunning dresser.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:49

Well the problem - hence, Kate. Right?

K Kathy Bush 19:53

Yeah, well really Kate Summersby, but -

B Beth Oljar 19:56

Oh, so you think - Do you think they really did have an affair?

K Kathy Bush 19:59

Oh, totally. I totally do. I absolutely believe that. You know, I think a lot of people during wartime you know that - there's an immediacy or this notion of what's left in the world or a loneliness or single -

B Beth Oljar 20:11

Like Hawkeye and Hot Lips on MASH.

K Kathy Bush 20:14

Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 20:14

Their one night

K Kathy Bush 20:15

But I mean, she was a very striking woman. Kate Summersby

but, I mean, she was a very striking woman, Kay Summersby.

K Kathy Bush 20:19

She had been a model, you know, for worth. I mean, you know, a very high class design fashion institution. I mean, at that point. With gowns that were worn by like princesses.

B Beth Oljar 20:19

Mm-hm

B Beth Oljar 20:29

Oh, yeah.

B Beth Oljar 20:29

People who had their portraits done and stuff. So, I mean - Sorry, I'm not saying anybody should cheat on their spouse. I don't mean it like that. But I think that can happen.

B Beth Oljar 20:37

Oh, sure.

K Kathy Bush 20:38

But I'm just surprised that 1970 - Mamie Eisenhower, I would just be thinking more like Jackie Kennedy or Jackie Onassis by that point.

B Beth Oljar 20:44

She has far too much class.

K Kathy Bush 20:46

Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 20:47

Name the four animals that are subdivided into bulls, cows and calves.

D Dan Maggio 20:55
Four animals?

K Kathy Bush 20:56
There are four different animals and they're subdivided (categorized) by bulls, cows and calves.

D Dan Maggio 21:03
Cattle.

K Kathy Bush 21:03
Yeah, cattle certainly.

D Dan Maggio 21:05
Sheep?

K Kathy Bush 21:06
No. No, because those are lambs and ewes.

B Beth Oljar 21:09
Whales?

K Kathy Bush 21:10
Whales are. Okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 21:11
Horses?

K Kathy Bush 21:12
No, I would I would have thought that as well. Let's see.

R Roy Finkenbine 21:16
Water buffalo.

K Kathy Bush 21:19
Both of the two remaining animals are often in - in like circuses.

D Dan Maggio 21:25
Oh

K Kathy Bush 21:26
Elephants. Yeah, Elephants. And I know this other animal is always in circuses, because my poor cousin in New York at Madison Square Garden was bitten on the ear by one.

B Beth Oljar 21:26
Elephants.

B Beth Oljar 21:37
Tigers?

K Kathy Bush 21:37
Not Tiger.

D Dan Maggio 21:38
(Laughs) I think if you were bit in the ear by a tiger, you would have a head left.

K Kathy Bush 21:41
Not a tiger, but this poor kid was traumatized by this for life.

B Beth Oljar 21:45

It can't be monkeys.

K Kathy Bush 21:46
They're from the African subcontinent. And, uh - gosh, if I give an a-

R Roy Finkenbine 21:53
Wildebeests.

K Kathy Bush 21:53
Wildebeests! (Roy laughs) Uh, Giraffes

D Dan Maggio 21:55
Oh, giraffes.

D Dan Maggio 21:56
Yeah. So giraffes are - So a male giraffe must be a bull, the female a cow and that they're giraffe calves. Hmm. Okay. Which US president fathered the most legitimate children, and I love how Dave highlighted the word "legitimate" (laughs)

R Roy Finkenbine 22:12
John Tyler

R Roy Finkenbine 22:15
15, wasn't it?

K Kathy Bush 22:15
Yes. 15 children, but didn't he marry twice? Didn't he have two wives?

K Kathy Bush 22:15
Yes.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:22
I'm not sure.

K Kathy Bush 22:22
I thought one of his wives had died early - probably in childbirth.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:25
But I do know he was one of the poorest of our presidents.

K Kathy Bush 22:28
Yes.

B Beth Oljar 22:29
Well, now we know why.

K Kathy Bush 22:30
Yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:31
And I mean that in every sense of the word.

K Kathy Bush 22:33
Right. but yeah, he writes that "Lord knows how many were conceived illegitimately".

B Beth Oljar 22:37
Mm-hm

K Kathy Bush 22:37
But John Tyler father 15 children, so. But I thought he had been married twice. Maybe I'm wrong. I could be wrong. I've been wrong before.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:46
We know he wasn't elected even once. So -

K Kathy Bush 22:48
No, no, he was like the Jerry Ford of his day. You know, there was that.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:54
Unfortunately, our long national nightmare was not over.

K Kathy Bush 22:57
No. That was only starting. What year did the last Spanish American War veteran pass away?
Now, this is really - This answer is -

R Roy Finkenbine 23:08
1979


K Kathy Bush 23:09
That's way too early.


D Dan Maggio 23:11
What?


K Kathy Bush 23:11
Now, his guy lived to be 110 years old. I want to give you that clue.


B Beth Oljar 23:15
Well, it would have to be after 2000. Right?


K Kathy Bush 23:17


 Kathy Bush 23:17
No, it wasn't after 2000

 Beth Oljar 23:19
Okay.


 Roy Finkenbine 23:20
1993


 Kathy Bush 23:22
Yes. Right on the nose. You got it. Right.


 Roy Finkenbine 23:24
Well, I actually did the math

 Kathy Bush 23:25
I was gonna say, you went back from the war. Okay. See, Dan -

 Dan Maggio 23:28
When was the Spanish - When was the war?

 Roy Finkenbine 23:29
1890

 Kathy Bush 23:31
So yeah, so 100 Yeah. His name was Jones Morgan. And he passed away in 1993. "Supposedly", he puts in parentheses "at the ripe old age of 110. There was some dispute over many veterans' ages due to rampant under age enlistment.

 Beth Oljar 23:46
Oh, how lovely.

B Beth Oljar 23:46
Mm-hm

K Kathy Bush 23:46
which is true. I remember Sunday, this past Sunday coming back from from Canada from Thanksgiving. On NPR, they interviewed the daughter of a couple who are celebrating their 80th wedding anniversary. And she was 17. No, he was 17 when they were married, and she was 14. And they're still alive. Both of them are living in the same nursing home in the same room. They share the room and -

K Kathy Bush 23:54
I know. Yeah. And it was like Beulah, and I'm trying to think of his name. But they're having their 80th wedding anniversary. It's amazing. But anyway, he did the same thing - that he enlisted in World War. He tried to enlist in the war when he was like, only 15.

B Beth Oljar 24:24
Right.

K Kathy Bush 24:25
But he got caught. Well, I suppose in some rural areas, they probably didn't have birth records or written, you know,

R Roy Finkenbine 24:32
There still are some people - there's a lady that they did an article on the Free Press, who was born in rural Western Pennsylvania, and she's like, I don't know in her 80s now or whatever. She went to Canada each year, but under the new rules -

K Kathy Bush 24:44
Oh, yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 24:45
because she doesn't have a birth certificate. She has - I forget the name they give to them - the ones that you'd get long after the -

K Kathy Bush 24:51
Oh, okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 24:52
That's not good enough for the US government, so she can't get a passport.

K Kathy Bush 24:55
Oh my gosh, that's so crazy. I mean, she must have to conduct business or have a bank account or something that could prove -

B Beth Oljar 25:02
The Department of Homeland Security at its finest, no doubt.

R Roy Finkenbine 25:05
The Department of Homeland Insecurity.

K Kathy Bush 25:06
Insecurity. You got that right. In what year did Mr. Potatohead switch over to using a plastic body?

R Roy Finkenbine 25:13
Oh gosh, after I left all those ones under the couch and my mom discovered them. Yes.

K Kathy Bush 25:19
Oh, no (laughs)

R Roy Finkenbine 25:20
Growing little tentacles all over.

K Kathy Bush 25:22

K Kathy Bush 25:22
The one thing about Mr. Potato Head, after a while you could smell him. He got easier to find.

D Dan Maggio 25:28
I was gonna ask what they used, and you just answered my question before

K Kathy Bush 25:31
Yeah, well, I remember when you used a potato and that you just had the things to shove on the potato

D Dan Maggio 25:36
Lovely.

K Kathy Bush 25:38
It was a cool toy.

D Dan Maggio 25:39
In '72, or something?

K Kathy Bush 25:40
Well, in '73 they had to double his size because of child safety regulations. You know, the kids could like -

R Roy Finkenbine 25:47
'66, probably

K Kathy Bush 25:47
'65 Yeah, I mean, that's, you know, like a lot of those little toys that they tell you not to buy for children between the ages -

B Beth Oljar 25:53
Because of all the pieces the kids could swallow.

K Kathy Bush 25:55
Yeah, so I suppose that's true. I didn't think about - We never tried to eat Mr. Potato Head's nose.

B Beth Oljar 26:00
I never tried that either, or eat any of my little Lite-Brite things.

K Kathy Bush 26:05
Yeah. Or those little Barbie shoes and stuff. And I guess - well, I mean, I didn't have Barbies so - my friends did. Detroit's very own Island Park, Belle Isle was temporarily renamed during World War Two. What was it called? And why?

R Roy Finkenbine 26:22
Liberty Park. Victory Park.

K Kathy Bush 26:24
No, this is named after a specific battle - a very famous battle in the Pacific. Wow.

K Kathy Bush 26:30
Bella Jima Park.

B Beth Oljar 26:30
Iwo Jima Park?

R Roy Finkenbine 26:32
Bella Jima.

K Kathy Bush 26:34
That's so neat. "The Marines and Navy corps reenacted the landing of Iwo Jima on Belle Isle as a public relations move". That is really cool.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:43
Interesting

D Dan Maggio 26:44
Bizarre

K Kathy Bush 26:45
No. Did you watch the series The War, the -

D Dan Maggio 26:48
No, but I've heard wonderful things about it.

K Kathy Bush 26:50
You should watch it when comes back on.

B Beth Oljar 26:51
I caught a little bit of it after you read -

K Kathy Bush 26:53
Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 26:53
and I taped one episode, so I'm sure it'll be released on DVD.

K Kathy Bush 27:00
Oh, yeah.

B Beth Oljar 27:01
So I can see all of it.

- B** Beth Oljar 27:01
Oh, true. You know, I mean, it was certainly very American. You would have thought that only the Americans were really fighting and winning in Italy but nevertheless, it was remarkably done. On the TV Show Gilligan's Island what was Mrs. Howells full name?
- B** Beth Oljar 27:15
Lovey.
- K** Kathy Bush 27:16
(Laughs)
- B** Beth Oljar 27:19
That's what he called her.
- K** Kathy Bush 27:20
Anybody know? Eunice Wentworth Howell, III. Well, we'll stop there.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:29
He did call her Lovey.
- K** Kathy Bush 27:30
He did call her Lovey. You are right. Well, let me thank the panel. Professor Oljar.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:35
Thank you.
- K** Kathy Bush 27:35
Professor Finkenbine.

R Roy Finkenbine 27:36
Thank you.

K Kathy Bush 27:37
Professor Maggio

D Dan Maggio 27:38
Thank you.

A Announcer 27:39
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K Kathy Bush 27:48
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A Announcer 28:09
We're back with another edition of Ask the Professor next week. So please plan to join us.