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M Michael Jayson 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 January 2009.

K Kathy Bush 00:12

The University tower chimes ring in 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 today we have people on both sides of the table to introduce. So let me do that now. On my left from the College of Engineering and Science, from the Department of Math and the person who runs the Pre College Engineering Programs, it's Dan Dan, the DAPCEP man, Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 00:44

Hi Kathy.

K Kathy Bush 00:45

Okay, it is right and left, right? I was thought I did that right - or correctly. I always check. Yeah, yeah, yeah. So you've got a busy weekend ahead of you, don't you?

D Dan Maggio 00:55

I do.



K Kathy Bush 00:56
Yes. And you've got FIRST LEGO coming up.

D Dan Maggio 00:59
Well, actually the that the high school FIRST Robotics. I will be just on site to make sure that nobody's killing themselves.

K Kathy Bush 01:06
Oh, good. That's always a great thing to do, Dan. Yeah, safety first. On the other side of the table from the College of Liberal Arts and Education. In fact, the chair of the History Department, as well as the keeper of our Black Abolitionist Archives. It's Professor Roy Finkenbine.

R Roy Finkenbine 01:21
Hey, Kathy. And speaking of thousands, we just had one of our senior majors make a few 1000 on Wheel Of Fortune

K Kathy Bush 01:29
yes. Nick Surowski. He's going to be on the Friday episode at seven o'clock.

D Dan Maggio 01:33
Really?

K Kathy Bush 01:33
Yes. What I think was a shame, though, is that he came to my office and asked me if I could get him a UDM to sweatshirt for him to wear on air? And he got it. We were real happy to get him one. But sadly, when he got out there, because it wasn't the college tournament or college episodes, they wouldn't let him wear. So I said "Keep it anyway, honey." So I can't wait. I can't wait to see -

D Dan Maggio 01:54
Is he still a student here?

K Kathv Bush 01:55

Yes, he is. He's a graduating senior with a 4.0 GPA. I mean, all A's.

R

Roy Finkenbine 02:01

And he's now investigating both graduate and law schools, and somebody's gonna give him a great deal.

K

Kathy Bush 02:06

Oh, somebody should. This kid is super smart, as well as super nice.

R

Roy Finkenbine 02:09

I think his brother was the main person going and Nick said, "I'll go along and try out", and they wanted him.

K

Kathy Bush 02:15

Yeah, which is kinda funny. But he took his dad out to Los Angeles for the taping, and he had a great story about Vanna White that I'll tell during the break. So anyway. Well, this is the show where you can send in questions about Wheel of Fortune, or brothers or antibiotics or whatever. And if you stump the panel, you win one of our fabulous T shirts. And if you don't stump the panel, you still get the fabulous T shirt. So come on. Pretty soon this tundra will melt. It will be spring and summer, and we'll get some warm weather; when T-shirts can actually be worn. So - how can you get in on this deal?

M

Michael Jayson 02:50

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

K

Kathy Bush 02:59

And we're gonna take a break from our questions from last time on 80s TV trivia because we've got a really great set of questions from Craig McLaughlin of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

R

Roy Finkenbine 03:09

Yay, Craig!

K


Kathy Bush 03:00

 Kathy Bush 03:09


I know. This is so nice. He writes "Dear professors, I want to say that I've been listening to Ask The Professor since I was back in high school. Unfortunately, I fell off the wagon after college" (Oh, only by radio listening I'm sure) " and couldn't find it on the radio dial but was so pleasantly pleased to find the podcast. As I travel a lot for work, it's always a nice diversion sitting on the plane listening to your show. Of course, those sitting around me may think it's strange to be snickering when my headphones are on. But I've decided I needed to submit my own list for your enjoyment".

 Dan Maggio 03:11

Well, thank you.

 Kathy Bush 03:11


I know Isn't that sweet? So he said "Everyone knows or wants to know what number one is on every list. But it seems to me that number two is the forgotten one. So for these questions, I want you to name the runner up, that is the number two on the list. A score of 80 is passing. And there's 21 questions. So, best of luck

 Roy Finkenbine 04:07


It reminds me of a great Peanuts cartoon where Charlie Brown was complaining that nobody ever remembered the runners up and Linus proceeded to name every team that finished second in the World Series,

 Kathy Bush 04:18

Alright! That is so cool.

 Roy Finkenbine 04:23

Going back to like, 1905 or whatever.

 Kathy Bush 04:24

Okay, so you have to name who is number two.

 Roy Finkenbine 04:27

Buffalo

K Kathy Bush 04:27
Buffalo. I know. Poor Sister Beth, Detroit Mercy's Sister Beth Finster, who is one of the nicest people on this campus is from Buffalo; and every year she'd have the Buffalo Super Bowl party.

D Dan Maggio 04:39
Haven't they lost six in a row?

K Kathy Bush 04:40
Thank you. And she would do the Buffalo wing thing. I mean, and Beth can bake. Her baked treats are like beyond belief. And sadly poor Buffalo just couldn't come through. It's kind of sad that way. Okay. What is the second tallest building in the United States? So, second tallest, because the Sears Tower is number one.

D Dan Maggio 05:01
Is it the Empire State Building?

K Kathy Bush 05:03
Yes

D Dan Maggio 05:03
It is. It is the Empire State Building,

R Roy Finkenbine 05:06
With or without the gorilla?

K Kathy Bush 05:08
Uh, it doesn't say, but - You know who was a first kind of president of the Empire State Building Company? Former governor of New York and failed presidential candidate in 28.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:23
Oh, Al Al Smith.

K Kathy Bush 05:24
Absolutely. He was.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:28
In North America, where does the CNN Tower rank?

K Kathy Bush 05:31
Oh, in North America, probably about fourth or fifth? It's tall. It's a good view. It's a beautiful view.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:36
Because I just saw CANADIAN BACON again a couple of weeks ago.

K Kathy Bush 05:39
Oh, Okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:41
Rhea Perlman heading toward the CNN TOWER

K Kathy Bush 05:43
I now, that movie is funny. It is. I have to admit it.

D Dan Maggio 05:48
I've never seen it.

K Kathy Bush 05:48
Oh, you should. It is. It's comical. Who was the second vice president of the United States? So second vice president.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:58

Oh, um, Jefferson.

K Kathy Bush 06:00
Yes. Thomas Jefferson.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:01
That was that odd situation where they hadn't - because the rules were different prior to the 12th amendment.

K Kathy Bush 06:06
Yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:07
They simply took the two highest candidates in the Electoral College. and the number two became vice president. So you had a Federalist -

K Kathy Bush 06:15
Yep.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:16
and a Republican.

D Dan Maggio 06:17
Oh, really?

K Kathy Bush 06:18
Yep.

D Dan Maggio 06:18
That would have been interesting.

K Kathy Bush 06:19
Could you imagine if that was still in effect today? That would be Barack Obama President and John McCain vice President

R Roy Finkenbine 06:23
Although now they're friends.

K Kathy Bush 06:24
Well, that's true. Although yesterday's budget was a scary vote - that no Republican and 11 Democrats voted against that budget package.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:33
Well, when we get to the Senate, I'm counting on two senators from Maine because Maine has turned blue as blue. And they know they got to take care of the constituents.

K Kathy Bush 06:42
I hope so. I haven't gone online yet to see who those 11 Democrats were voted against.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:48
They had a lot of Blue Dogs southern

K Kathy Bush 06:50
Was it?

R Roy Finkenbine 06:51
Yeah. Mm-hm. Oh goodness. That was so disappointing. And again, they were ones that had to kind of do that because their constituency so

K Kathy Bush 06:58
I know but I hope they can - they'll be just better more unity that way.

R Roy Finkenbine 07:04
Have you heard about Sarah PAC? You guys gonna donate?

K Kathy Bush 07:06
Oh, I don't think so. I think my money has to go to more useful things like - let's see - PETA PAC or something. I don't know.

D Dan Maggio 07:14
Sarah PAC?

K Kathy Bush 07:15
Go ahead.

R Roy Finkenbine 07:16
Sarah Palin has formed a - .

D Dan Maggio 07:18
Yeah. I kind of figured -

R Roy Finkenbine 07:19
national political pac to raise money nationally. And they were theorizing on Air America this morning if this was anything like ipecac (laughs)

D Dan Maggio 07:29
How sad for her.

K Kathy Bush 07:30
It really is.

D Dan Maggio 07:31
She thinks her 15 minutes of fame is gonna turn into more than that.

K Kathy Bush 07:34

I know. I was sort of like "Honey, please, you know, just stay put. Okay." What was the second video on MTV? Second video on MTV. Um, Jeez, how to describe this woman? Rocker, I guess would be the best way.

D Dan Maggio 07:50

The Pretenders?

K Kathy Bush 07:51

Not The Pretenders

D Dan Maggio 07:53

Joan Jett?

K Kathy Bush 07:53

No. That's a very good guess. No. Great guitarist. Last name begins with a B

D Dan Maggio 07:56

Cyndi Lauper? Pat Benatar That's it. Pat Benatar. YOU BETTER RUN .

K Kathy Bush 08:03

That was the tune that she did. Yeah. What was the Beatles second number one hit in the United States?

D Dan Maggio 08:03

Yeah, Oh, I wish Beth was here.

K Kathy Bush 08:10

I know.

D Dan Maggio 08:10
I couldn't even tell you.

K Kathy Bush 08:12
I can tell you the first was I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND, because that was the one thEY performed on Ed Sullivan. I will never forget watching that at grandma and grandpa's house. I guess it's a happy kind of upbeat song talking about - an alliteratively - about good emotions. Happy emotions.

D Dan Maggio 08:28
I don't know.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:30
All that's coming to mind is I FEEL GOOD.

K Kathy Bush 08:33
I FEEL FINE. Close enough. We'll give you haLF a point ON that one, but yeah, it was I FEEL FINE. "I'm in love with her" and yeah. We know who had the first solo transatlantic flight. Of course Charles Lindbergh, but who had the second solo transatlantic flight.

D Dan Maggio 08:52
These are tough.

K Kathy Bush 08:54
Actually, this is a pretty well known aviatrix

R Roy Finkenbine 08:57
Amelia Earhart?

K Kathy Bush 08:58
Amelia Earhart

D Dan Maggio 08:59
That's what I was gonna say. It was the Pacific she had problems with

K Kathy Bush 09:01
Yeah, I was gonna say other. Other oceans -

D Dan Maggio 09:03
Oh, you said transatlantic. Yes, transatlantic. Yeah, I - She came to mind first, but then I thought no, she crashed. So, she doesn't count.

K Kathy Bush 09:10
But that was in the Pacific. This summer NPR, on the date of that - that they feel is the date that their plane went down - did a really, really interesting interview with a woman in Mobile, Alabama, whose father was a ham operator. And she used to fool around with her dad shortwave. And she swears that there was a signal being sent up by the Earhart plane and nobody believed her. And this journalist now has been investigating it and thinks it might possibly have actually been true. So it is kind of rather tragic to think that she might have been trying to send a signal and it just kind of didn't get through that way. Who was the second man on the moon? Was it Aldrin? Yes, Buzz Aldrin. So - Do you remember where you were when you saw that?

R Roy Finkenbine 09:52
Yeah, in my parents' living room.

K Kathy Bush 09:54
Mm-hm. It was so -

D Dan Maggio 09:55
I was four.

K Kathy Bush 09:57
Except my grandmother didn't believe it. She said "You're making that up"

R Roy Finkbine 10:00
Well, we've all seen CAPRICORN ONE, and we know - you know - they make this stuff up on a Hollywood set. (Laughs)

K Kathy Bush 10:01
Yeah. They couldn't make that up. That, and then later, she would blame bad weather on them shooting all this stuff into space. "If they'd only stopped shooting stuff into space, we'd have better weather."

R Roy Finkbine 10:16
Why is it that the same population that could believe that line won't believe global warming? What is it? I don't understand.

K Kathy Bush 10:25
If I can tell you how many people where my mom's in rehab right now at a nursing center have said to me, "Well, they talking about global warming? Look at all that snow out there." I said, Well, there's a reason for all that snow and that's one of the reasons why. And "Oh no, it's so cold. That's not global warming". Ah ha, it is.

R Roy Finkbine 10:43
Did you see the Obama girls' reaction to the ice shutting down DC?

D Dan Maggio 10:48
His comments were even better.

R Roy Finkbine 10:50
(Laughing) Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 10:50
He said "In Chicago if it was like this, they'd go outside and play at lunch".

K Kathy Bush 10:54
Thank you. It's so true. I remember when I worked in DC the first time a snow hit - and they

Thank you. It's so true. I remember when I worked in DC, the first time to snow the and they closed down all the government offices and sent us home. And my roommate at the time was from Michigan and she taught in the school. Same thing - They shut the schools down. And we were laughing hysterically. Literally two inches of snow. I mean, I know they don't have the equipment. But for God's sake, who can't drive in two flaming inches of snow? Everything was shut down.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:16
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 11:17
People were panicking. They were - On the beltway, people were careening into one another and people were running to the stores to -

D Dan Maggio 11:23
Two inches?

K Kathy Bush 11:24
Yeah. And, of course, in Michigan, we're like, "Yeah, right. Hello!" Too weird.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:28
When I interviewed for this job, initially it was at the AHA in Atlanta

K Kathy Bush 11:33
Which had an ice storm

R Roy Finkenbine 11:34
They had a freak ice storm and shut everything down, including MARTA.

K Kathy Bush 11:38
Mm. Their rapid transit. Their rail system.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:39

R Roy Finkenbine 11:39
So, the only thing that was running - Taxis weren't even running. (Kathy laughs) But there were Jamaican immigrants with vans -

D Dan Maggio 11:41
It's underground.

K Kathy Bush 11:43
Well, in some parts their above. Good for them.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:44
but without chauffeur licenses - that were getting people around.

D Dan Maggio 11:47
Because they are used to the snow?

R Roy Finkenbine 11:50
No. Because they saw a chance to make some money

K Kathy Bush 11:52
And good for them. God bless 'em.

D Dan Maggio 12:04
The second to last time I was in Atlanta - it was the last time I'll ever take a cab in Atlanta. (Kathy laughs) because the cab driver was going 80 - 85 miles an hour on the freeway.

K Kathy Bush 12:12
Oh my gosh!

D Dan Maggio 12:13
And I asked him to slow down, and he wouldn't - he didn't.

K Kathy Bush 12:16
A cab. Right.

D Dan Maggio 12:16
I don't think he could understand me. And then he was passing cars in the carpool lane. And I thought, "Well, technically there are two people in this car, but I don't think you count because you're driving a cab."

K Kathy Bush 12:16
Oh, my gosh!

D Dan Maggio 12:21
So that's the last time - And I didn't tip him either. So the next time I went, I took The MARTA. The MARTA is much easier.

K Kathy Bush 12:33
Mm-hm. And it just goes all over the city. It's really wonderful rapid rail.

D Dan Maggio 12:37
I was not happy

K Kathy Bush 12:38
I so wish we had that here.

R Roy Finkenbine 12:39
I wish we had even - I know there's some in there, but I wish more mass transit money was in the, uh - the stimulus bill.

K Kathy Bush 12:45
Oh, in the budget? Yeah, I know. Hopefully, maybe some infrastructure subsidies might kind of divert it that way. Here's hoping

D Dan Maggio 12:51
Maybe.

K Kathy Bush 12:52
It could be. And while we think about diversions, let's take a break.

M Michael Jayson 12:57
You're listening to an encore presentation of Ask The Professor from January 2009. Matt Mio and the current panel of professors will be back with more brand new episodes of Ask the Professor later this summer. So email your questions today to ATP@UDMercy.edu. Now let's return to this classic edition of Ask Professor from January 2009.

K Kathy Bush 13:24
And we're back with questions from Craig McLaughlin. dealing about "Who's number two?"

R Roy Finkenbine 13:29
We're number two! We're number two!

K Kathy Bush 13:31
Hey, why not? You know, there's some areas that that would be just fantastic.

D Dan Maggio 13:35
Sure.

K Kathy Bush 13:35
I'd take a silver medal. I don't know about you guys

D Dan Maggio 13:38
They get money too.

R Roy Finkenbine 13:38
Hey, if the Lions get a chance to just be allowed in the stadium at Tampa, they'd be happy.

K Kathy Bush 13:47
(Jokingly) Oh gosh, Roy has been drinking again during the day. See, what's in that bottle of Diet Coke.

R Roy Finkenbine 13:51
Hey, if Miami can turn around a 1 and 15 season to an 11 and 5; you know, you've got to hope

K Kathy Bush 13:57
I always hope. I live in Detroit. I live with hope every millisecond of every day. But those guys this year just - Ow! Poor babies. Alright, what's the second longest river in the United States?
Second longest river

D Dan Maggio 14:11
Colorado?

K Kathy Bush 14:11
This is surprising - unless this is a typo.

D Dan Maggio 14:14
It's not the Mississippi.

K Kathy Bush 14:16
Yeah, it is.

D Dan Maggio 14:17
I thought that was the longest

K Kathy Bush 14:18

He said - He's got -

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:19

In North America?

K

Kathy Bush 14:20

In the U.S. Just in the U.S. And he has here the Mississippi. He said the Missouri River is the longest.

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:26

Okay. And I would want to check on that. I gotta admit. Sorry, Craig. Not that I doubt you, dear. But maybe you just meant that in the converse, because I was always taught that the Mississippi was a longest . We know it's not the Platte.

K

Kathy Bush 14:36

Yes, it's not the Platte.

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:36

What is it - a mile wide and an inch deep -

K

Kathy Bush 14:41

deep or something. Yeah, and I know it's not the mighty Pigeon River. (Dan laughs) I know that.

D

Dan Maggio 14:46

Where's the Pigeon River?

K

Kathy Bush 14:47

In The Thumb!

D

Dan Maggio 14:48

Oh, my!

K Kathy Bush 14:49
The mighty Pigeon River - or the Pinnebog River

D Dan Maggio 14:52
New York. Pinnebog River?

K Kathy Bush 14:52
"Rollin, rollin, rollin. Big wheels keep on turning" What is the second most populous state in the United States? No, thism surprised me too.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:02
Texas.

K Kathy Bush 15:02
It's Texas. California is the number one.

D Dan Maggio 15:05
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 15:05
But Texas is number two.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:06
It's gotta go blue one of these decades.

K Kathy Bush 15:09
There was a weird article in NEWSWEEK about this just last week saying everybody's predicting they will. And here's the reason why it won't. And I thought, "And here's some more reasons why it will"

R Roy Finkenbine 15:17
Why it will. Yeah

K Kathy Bush 15:18
So - yeah. Do you get Newsweek?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:19
Yeah, I saw that. I didn't buy it.

K Kathy Bush 15:21
I thought "What is up with that?" Yeah, I didn't - No, that didn't convince me in the least. I thought "there's something wrong with that". What is the second oldest European settlement in the United States? Second oldest?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:34
Santa Fe.


K Kathy Bush 15:35
No, again, this is a bit of a surprise to me again, because I knew that the first was St. Augustine. Okay.


R Roy Finkenbine 15:43
Yeah.


K Kathy Bush 15:43
St. Augustine, Florida is the oldest European settlement.


R Roy Finkenbine 15:46
1565.


K Kathy Bush 15:46


 Kathy Bush 15:40
Yeah.


 Roy Finkenbine 15:47
First permanent


 Kathy Bush 15:48
Permanent. Yeah. Not like, you know, the Roanoke thing, like the vanishing colony or something. I mean, you could go back to like the Vikings or something and say, "Hey, you know"


 Dan Maggio 15:57
Is it Alaska or Hawaii.


 Kathy Bush 15:58
No, it's odd. This again, is on the east coast. It's on the Atlantic coast, but a little more southern, not New England. So that's why this surprises me.

 Roy Finkenbine 16:06
Does he say Jamestown?

 Kathy Bush 16:07
He says Jamestown, Virginia.

 Roy Finkenbine 16:09
Uh, no, because that - Craig

 Kathy Bush 16:12
Yeah, dude. (laughs)

 Roy Finkenbine 16:16
Because I think Santa Fe is 1598

K Kathy Bush 16:18
Thank you. That's what - I just kind of like, "Hmm, Okay, that one. Yeah, yeah.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:23
We're always checkin.

K Kathy Bush 16:24
We are.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:25
So you don't get misled.

K Kathy Bush 16:26
And not only that, this is so great. Once again, Michael Jayson fact man extraordinaire just handed me a list of lengths of major rivers. And on this one, Craig is right. The Missouri River is the longest river - 2540 miles, and the Mississippi is 2340. So by 200 miles of river Ooh, followed up by the mighty Yukon than the Rio Grande. The St. Lawrence is in fourth place.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:52
The St. Lawrence is such an impressive river.

K Kathy Bush 16:54
It's gorgeous. Thank you. And the Ohio River is 12345678 - 9. So there you go. That's amazing! Huh. So Craig, you're right. But this one on number nine, we've gotta check this one out. Because that just you know,

R Roy Finkenbine 17:09
Michael will probably work on that one.

K Kathy Bush 17:10
(Laughs) Okay. Now this is real - this is a more at home question. What is the second oldest

(Laughs) Okay. NOW THIS IS REAL - THIS IS A MORE AT-HOME QUESTION. WHAT IS THE SECOND OLDEST CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE UNITED STATES? ST. AUGUSTINE, AGAIN, HAD THE OLDEST BUT THIS ONE IS RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN MOTOR CITY.

D Dan Maggio 17:25
It is?

K Kathy Bush 17:25
Yes, it is.

D Dan Maggio 17:27
Is it the one on Corktown?

K Kathy Bush 17:30
Yeah - well not Corktown but it's near our bridge.

R Roy Finkenbine 17:32
Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility?

K Kathy Bush 17:34
One only wishes.

D Dan Maggio 17:35
Is it the Irish one?

K Kathy Bush 17:36
No, it's not the Irish one. This started off as a French parish. In fact, their old school still has "Ecole St. Anne". Oops, it's St. Anne Parish

D Dan Maggio 17:42
Oh!

K Kathy Bush 17:42
It still has the name of it in French on the outside of the building.

R Roy Finkenbine 17:45
We get that one right.

K Kathy Bush 17:46
Well - But it's absolutely beautiful. That's where Father Gabriel Rashard is buried.

D Dan Maggio 17:51
Oh, okay.

K Kathy Bush 17:51
And he was so famous, like - a founder of the University of Michigan, owner of the first printing press in the state of Michigan. published the first newspaper here - Well, it wasn't even a territory at that time. But yep. 1701. St. Anne.

R Roy Finkenbine 18:06
Part of New France?

K Kathy Bush 18:07
Yes. When it was part of New France. We did that in class today - the conquest. So I had them read translated-from-French documents called The Bombardment Continues; and one of them said "It's too early in the morning to read about death and gore and people eating rats." And I said, "No, it's never too early in the morning for that, children." Okay.

D Dan Maggio 18:26
And you pointed out that it was around noon?

K Kathy Bush 18:27
Yeah. Well, by that point, it was like five minutes to 10. This is at 8:00 on Monday Wednesday Friday. I said "you should have had your brekkie well before five minutes to 10 " Although I

Maddy, I said you should have had your skinnie well before five minutes to 10. Although, I think some of them just rolled out of bed before they have their 9:55 class

R Roy Finkenbine 18:39

Oh, and their pajama pants were a giveaway?

K Kathy Bush 18:41

Aren't they just? I'm like "It's a little cool to have the flannelettes on, honey". What was the second state to ratify the Constitution?

D Dan Maggio 18:50

Pennsylvania

K Kathy Bush 18:51

Yes, Dan, your home state. Did you know that?

D Dan Maggio 18:53

Because we're number two

K Kathy Bush 18:54

Okay.

R Roy Finkenbine 18:55

You know your quarterhorse.

K Kathy Bush 18:56

You do. Well, you know what's -what state was number one?

R Roy Finkenbine 18:59

Delaware..

K Kathy Bush 19:00
That's right. Joe Biden's state

R Roy Finkenbine 19:01
Because Delaware knew there's no way he could survive without being part of a larger -

K Kathy Bush 19:05
Thank you. Yeah, those were some practical people there that way. What is the second most widely spoken language in the world?

D Dan Maggio 19:13
Um, Spanish

K Kathy Bush 19:15
No, this is a surprise

D Dan Maggio 19:17
English.

K Kathy Bush 19:17
Yeah, it's English.

D Dan Maggio 19:19
Chinese is number one?

K Kathy Bush 19:20
Mandarin Chinese is the first and English is the second.

D Dan Maggio 19:23
See, 20 years ago English would have been the most spoken

K Kathy Bush 19:25
Probably, probably, but Mandarin Chinese is first. Yeah. What is the second smallest state in the United States via land area? Delaware? Yes, it is.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:32
Rhode Island is the

K Kathy Bush 19:38
Yeah, Rhode Island is the first but once again, Delaware. Gosh, Joe Biden must be proud to live in this first state to ratify and the second smallest state. He must be proud.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:47
Did you hear about his wife not using her name until - because she didn't - When he was senator,

K Kathy Bush 19:53
Mm-hm

R Roy Finkenbine 19:53
she didn't want it to be a distraction -

K Kathy Bush 19:56
Yeah

R Roy Finkenbine 19:56
away from her career and so forth. So it's only since he ran for vice president she's been using the Biden name.

K Kathy Bush 20:04
Like why not? You know, I mean, she's got a pretty good record of being a teacher according to
-

R Roy Finkenbine 20:09
Dr. Biden.

K Kathy Bush 20:10
Dr. Biden. Absolutely. What is the second longest suspension bridge in the United States? So suspension bridge, not just - Verrazzano-Narrows Um, that's the first, actually. That's because that's

R Roy Finkenbine 20:24
Is it the one in Seattle then?

K Kathy Bush 20:25
No

D Dan Maggio 20:26
it's not the - Is it the Golden Gate.

K Kathy Bush 20:28
It is the Golden Gate Bridge. It's the second longest. The Verrazano Narrows is the first.

R Roy Finkenbine 20:33
Where does the Mackinac Bridge come in?

K Kathy Bush 20:34
We're third.

P Professors 20:35
We're number three! We're number three!



R Roy Finkenbine 20:35
We're third?

K Kathy Bush 20:38
And I don't mind being third either. I don't think that's so bad.

D Dan Maggio 20:41
I've never been over the Mackinac Bridge. It must be big.

K Kathy Bush 20:44
Oh, it's five miles of bridge.

D Dan Maggio 20:46
Five miles? Oh, okay.

K Kathy Bush 20:47
And I mean, so when you first drive on it - You've been over the bridge? Five miles. My father used to joke to us that it was a distance from Pinnebog to Kinde. So just imagine if they built a bridge from Pinnebog to Kinde. Michigan, that's how long it would be because it's exactly five miles.

D Dan Maggio 21:01
No, I haven't.

K Kathy Bush 21:02
Oh, you've never been over the bridge? Oh, it's brilliant. It really is.

D Dan Maggio 21:05
I need to go up to the U.P. sometime.

K Kathy Bush 21:07
...

It's so beautiful up there.

D Dan Maggio 21:10
I would like to go.

K Kathy Bush 21:10
The quality of air and light is so incredible.

D Dan Maggio 21:13
Clean?

K Kathy Bush 21:13
Clean, like a cedar smell. It's just like the best. It's so great.

R Roy Finkenbine 21:17
As I recall, that was something Soapy Williams gave us.

K Kathy Bush 21:20
Yes. Mm-hm. And that's why they always had the big tradition on Labor Day of walking across the bridge.

R Roy Finkenbine 21:25
Yeah

D Dan Maggio 21:26
You know, kind of thing. So, which is pretty cool. Which president is on the \$2 bill? Jefferson

K Kathy Bush 21:32
Yes, it is Jefferson.



R Roy Finkenbine 21:35
We won't talk about the \$3 bill.

D Dan Maggio 21:36
Uh, Lake Superior.

K Kathy Bush 21:36
Well, no, no, no,. What is the world's second largest lake in surface area? Yes, it is. And what Lake is number one?

D Dan Maggio 21:57
Lake Victoria. No, it's another Great Lake. What? Say the question again

K Kathy Bush 22:01
Okay. What is the world's second largest lake in surface area, and that's Lake Superior,

R Roy Finkenbine 22:06
Lake Michigan.

K Kathy Bush 22:07
The other side of the mitten.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:09
Huron.

K Kathy Bush 22:09
Lake Huron. I heard a really interesting fact on Prairie Home Companion -

D Dan Maggio 22:13
That's worldwide? I don't believe it.

K Kathy Bush 22:15
It says "What is the world's largest lake?"

D Dan Maggio 22:17
Michael

K Kathy Bush 22:18
They said "If you emptied all the water out of the five Great Lakes - "

D Dan Maggio 22:21
Okay, I believe you.

K Kathy Bush 22:21
"it would flood North and South America with 12 inches of water".

R Roy Finkenbine 22:22
Why do you think those Great Lakes governors are holding on to this stuff like -

K Kathy Bush 22:28
Oh, honey, you bet.

D Dan Maggio 22:29
In surface area. That was what he said?

K Kathy Bush 22:31
He said - Yes. "What is the world's second largest lake in surface area?" Okay. What is the second busiest airport in the world? Atlanta is number one, and it should be.

D Dan Maggio 22:41
Atlanta. New York.

K Kathy Bush 22:45
Uh-uh, and that's really surprising.

D Dan Maggio 22:46
London.

K Kathy Bush 22:46
No,

R Roy Finkenbine 22:47
Chicago O'Hare.

D Dan Maggio 22:49
Really? More so than New York?

K Kathy Bush 22:49
Chicago O'Hare. Oh, yeah. Oh, my gosh. Well, remember, you've got JFK, you've got LaGuardia, and then you've got Newark, which a lot of people go into Newark, because it's so much easier to deal with Newark Airport, then - You just get on the carry bus to go over to Manhattan or whatever. That's fine there. What is the second most popular tourist destination in the United States according to Forbes, the business magazine?

D Dan Maggio 23:13
Walt Disney Land?

K Kathy Bush 23:16
No.

D Dan Maggio 23:18
Disney World?

K Kathy Bush 23:19
No, it has nothing to do with either of the Disney mania.

D Dan Maggio 23:22
Oh, the Grand Canyon.

K Kathy Bush 23:25
No. And that surprises me as well.

D Dan Maggio 23:28
The Mall of America

K Kathy Bush 23:29
The Mall of America (Laughs)

R Roy Finkenbine 23:31
Well, there are a lot - Anyone in the Dakotas has flown in there.

K Kathy Bush 23:35
Oh! You have got to ask Ken Kotter about the Mall Of America.

D Dan Maggio 23:40
Oh, I've been there.

K Kathy Bush 23:40
You've been there?

D Dan Maggio 23:41
Yeah

K Kathy Bush 23:42

This is - I'm speaking of a friend who used to do corporate travel for a certain company who rewarded their executives or sales personnel with incredible trips, and they rented out the Mall of America for a morning and that these employees were actually given - in more lucrative times - were given this sort of script - you know, fake money to use as mall bucks to go shopping in that mall.

R Roy Finkenbine 24:05

This is before all the rewards went to the executives.

K Kathy Bush 24:08

Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 24:10

because these people can't shop when other human beings are around?

K Kathy Bush 24:13

I don't know. I asked that same question. I said, "Well, why did the mall have to be closed for them?" " Because they wanted exclusive shopping rights."

D Dan Maggio 24:19

Right. You know what? That's why (name of company bleeped out) is in the position that it's in?

K Kathy Bush 24:23

Thank you. You got it. Okay. Well, the most popular - the second most popular destination -

D Dan Maggio 24:29

In the United States?

K Kathy Bush 24:29

In the United States

in the United States.

D Dan Maggio 24:30
Can I get one more guess?

K Kathy Bush 24:30
Sure can. Think more adult-ish travel.

R Roy Finkenbine 24:33
Las Vegas

K Kathy Bush 24:34
That's it! The Las Vegas Strip.

D Dan Maggio 24:36
Ohhh!

K Kathy Bush 24:36
Although they have tried this big effort in Las Vegas to do like, family packages.

R Roy Finkenbine 24:41
Yeah,

D Dan Maggio 24:41
I wasn't thinking -

R Roy Finkenbine 24:42
But they're hurting now. The economic downturn has hurt them big time. No. No.

K Kathy Bush 24:45

Roy, You're a dad, father of four. Would you have thought about taking your kids when they were small to Las Vegas? Okay, thank you. I always wondered - like - why they kept touting this as a family spot.

R

Roy Finkenbine 24:55

No.

K

Kathy Bush 24:56

Times Square is the number one destination by the way. And that's been really cleaned up, because there would have been a point in time there would have been no way I would have taken a kid near Times Square. Are you kidding me? But now they have like that big Disney shop there and Giuliani and his rat patrol went all over the city. I mean they went crazy so so it's definitely cleaned up. But there was a time that, like, Times Square was so sleazy. What is the second most popular dog breed in the United States according to the American Kennel Club?

R

Roy Finkenbine 25:25

Labrador

K

Kathy Bush 25:25

Labs are number one.

D

Dan Maggio 25:28

Number two I would say would be some sort of a terrier.

K

Kathy Bush 25:32

It is a terrier. It's a Yorkie.

D

Dan Maggio 25:35

Yorkie?

K

Kathy Bush 25:35

It's a little - little -

D Dan Maggio 25:36
Oh, like a pocket dog?

K Kathy Bush 25:38
Yeah, like a -

D Dan Maggio 25:39
Like the first dog.

K Kathy Bush 25:40
It's a Yorkie. They're kind of tiny.

D Dan Maggio 25:45
They're both

K Kathy Bush 25:46
Yeah, I can see the labs being number one.


D Dan Maggio 25:48
Yeah. Labs are number one. You know, look how well "Marley and Me" did at the movies. What dog did the Obamas finally agree to get?


R Roy Finkenbine 25:54
They haven't decided. They're down to two. You know, they're some kind of hypoallergenic.


K Kathy Bush 26:01
That's right. There's somebody who -


D Dan Maggio 26:03


A poo-lador


 Kathy Bush 26:03
Poo-lador?

 Dan Maggio 26:03
or a labra-doodle.


 Kathy Bush 26:06
Oh, that's right. That's a mixed breed.


 Dan Maggio 26:08
I couldn't figure out which breed came first.

 Kathy Bush 26:12
(laughing) A poo-lador?

 Dan Maggio 26:12
I mean, never mind. I don't want to upset anybody out there. So I'll just keep it

 Kathy Bush 26:16
No, but one of the children has an allergy. Isn't that it?

 Roy Finkenbine 26:20
Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 26:20
So

 Dan Maggio 26:21

Yes, those are the only - Those are some of the only two that wouldn't, uh - cause her problems

K

Kathy Bush 26:26

Oh okay.

R

Roy Finkenbine 26:26

You know, when we got Baby, we weren't sure what was going to happen. Baby is a lab mix and fairly short hair.

K

Kathy Bush 26:34

Okay,

R

Roy Finkenbine 26:34

and both Barb and the girls are extremely allergic.

K

Kathy Bush 26:38

Oh!

R

Roy Finkenbine 26:38

But not to Baby.

K

Kathy Bush 26:40

Really?

R

Roy Finkenbine 26:41

No.

K

Kathy Bush 26:41

So they never sneeze. There's no problems with Baby?

R Roy Finkenbine 26:43
No

K Kathy Bush 26:43
Maybe Baby 's just a really clean dog.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:45
Baby is a clean dog Baby grooms like a cat.

D Dan Maggio 26:48
I mean, we could guess all day.

K Kathy Bush 26:48
There you go. See, that's what's important that way. What is the second most popular baby name for boys? This is as of 2007. So most popular baby name for boys, It's a really - this is like amazing, because I thought it would be something really exotic and really out there. But it's not

D Dan Maggio 27:08
Michael.

K Kathy Bush 27:09
It's Michael. Jacob is the number one name.

D Dan Maggio 27:12
Jacob?

K Kathy Bush 27:13
Yeah, so we'll have to stop here.

D Dan Maggio 27:15
I like Jacob

MIKE JACOB

K Kathy Bush 27:16
I think they're both great names.

R Roy Finkenbine 27:18
Michael was number one when we named our son Michael.

K Kathy Bush 27:21
Aw! That's a cool name. Okay. Well, let me thank our panelists. Dan, who wishes his name was Ian Maggio,

D Dan Maggio 27:26
Thank you.

K Kathy Bush 27:28
And Roy, who is happy to be called Roy.

P Production Element 27:31
(Closing theme music begins)

K Kathy Bush 27:32
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M Michael Jayson 27:53
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