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## SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Edwin DeWindt, Dan Maggio, Gregory Sumner, Production Element, George Pickering, Kathy Bush, Roy Finkenbine, Michael Jayson

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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 December of 1998.
- K** Kathy Bush 00:16  
Yes, the holiday bells and University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors and guests in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your holiday host Kathy Bush and today we have our regulars back with us. From the Department of Philosophy, Professor Beth Oljar.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:38  
Merry Christmas, Kathy.
- K** Kathy Bush 00:40  
Merry Christmas and Happy B-Day to you. And next to Beth from the Department of History Dr. Greg Sumner.
- G** Gregory Sumner 00:47  
This is Boxing Day?
- K** Kathy Bush 00:48

Kathy Bush 00:48  
Boxing Day.

G Gregory Sumner 00:48  
"I'm King in The World"

K Kathy Bush 00:49  
(Laughs) "You could have been a contender." Yeah.

G Gregory Sumner 00:53  
"Not my night".

K Kathy Bush 00:55  
That's it. Not your night, Okay. And next to Greg from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Professor Dan Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 01:03  
Happy Holidays

K Kathy Bush 01:04  
How are things in Erie, Dan?

D Dan Maggio 01:06  
Things in Erie were wonderful

K Kathy Bush 01:08  
Okay

G Gregory Sumner 01:08  
Have things changed much in Erie?

- D** Dan Maggio 01:09  
No things never change.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 01:11  
Erie?
- K** Kathy Bush 01:11  
That's Dan's hometown
- D** Dan Maggio 01:14  
Poodle haircuts are still in and they're still listening to Journey on the radio.. (The professors laugh)
- B** Beth Oljar 01:18  
That good Stadium Rock. That's what we like.
- K** Kathy Bush 01:24  
Okay, to my right from the Department of History. Professor Roy Finkenbine.
- R** Roy Finkenbine 01:28  
A partridge in a pear tree to you..
- K** Kathy Bush 01:30  
Alright, and lords a leaping back atcha Roy. And between Roy and Dan, again, our ghost of Christmas past, Professor Edwin DeWindt.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 01:38  
They won't let me out of here.
- K** Kathy Bush 01:39  
(laughs) Lock the door!

(laughs) LOCK THE DOORS:

**G** Gregory Sumner 01:41  
DeWindt is in the building.

**K** Kathy Bush 01:46  
So welcome back to the show where you send in questions and we hope that we can answer them. And I'm very happy to report that we have 12 email sets of questions that have arrived.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 01:56  
Wow.

**K** Kathy Bush 01:56  
Not from Holly Snow, but from Timothy P. O'Neill of Bay City, Michigan, who writes "Dear Ask The Professor: Here are my annual Christmas questions".

**G** Gregory Sumner 02:06  
Do you think there's any snow up there?

**K** Kathy Bush 02:07  
I'm sure there's lots of snow in Bay City.

**G** Gregory Sumner 02:09  
What would your dad say, "There's snow up to your - "

**K** Kathy Bush 02:11  
We will just go past that anatomy and physiology lesson. Indeed. He wants us to get 76% of these questions correct.

**D** Dan Maggio 02:19  
Oh, I thought you were going to say 76 questions.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:19  
No, no, but Mr. Maggio is going to be keeping track with his happy calculator. "Most of the questions come from the 'Tis The Season' Christmas trivia game. So have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely, Timothy P O'Neill." So let's let's rock as they say. First question, who wrote the song The Most Wonderful Day of the Year,

**B** Beth Oljar 02:25  
His happy calculator?

**G** Gregory Sumner 02:45  
Andy Williams.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:46  
He sang it. (Laughs) Uh, he sang it. The last name is something that we'll be handing in.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 02:48  
Paul Anka,

**G** Gregory Sumner 02:56  
Grades.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:56  
Well, another term for grades. Marks. And the first name?

**B** Beth Oljar 03:00  
Marks.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 03:01  
Karl

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K Kathy Bush 03:02  
No. (Laughs)

G Gregory Sumner 03:02  
Groucho?

K Kathy Bush 03:04  
Groucho, (Laughs)

G Gregory Sumner 03:05  
Groucho wrote it?

K Kathy Bush 03:07  
No No.

R Roy Finkenbine 03:09  
Chet.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:09  
(Laughing) That's a different one

K Kathy Bush 03:10  
Okay. You got the last name. We're going with that. It's Johnny Marks. Okay. Now, only one answer between us, we are told here. What day of the week was it once considered to be lucky for Christmas Day to fall upon?

D Dan Maggio 03:27  
Sunday

K Kathy Bush 03:27  
Yes. How did you know that, Professor Maggio?

**D** Dan Maggio 03:30  
Well, because that's religious.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:31  
There we go.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 03:32  
That's good.

**D** Dan Maggio 03:32  
There's your religious day for you.

**G** Gregory Sumner 03:32  
There's a theological basis for that.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 03:35  
That's right.

**D** Dan Maggio 03:36  
I'm not just good at math. I know my religion.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:38  
You bet. You can't beat a Cathedral Prep education.

**D** Dan Maggio 03:42  
Yes. If there are any Cathedral Prep graduates out there from Erie, Pennsylvania, I would love to hear from you. (Edwin laughs) Please email me and I might get back to you next year.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:49



Okay, there you go.



Edwin DeWindt 03:50

When we can access the email.



Kathy Bush 03:52

Where do we get the x for Xmas or Christmas from?



Edwin DeWindt 03:56

A symbol for Christ



Roy Finkenbine 03:57

Greek Bol?



Kathy Bush 03:58

Yes, actually, it's - he writes here, that's actually he said "They took the symbol from the cross and changed it to the letter X to disguise it from the Roman and local Greek official, so the Christians could openly communicate with each other.



Edwin DeWindt 04:12

That's a crock!



Kathy Bush 04:14

Okay. And that's why I thought I was gonna read the answer. He does note that later the pope also approved of the X in Xmas. Yes, indeed.



Edwin DeWindt 04:26

Sure.



Kathy Bush 04:26

So - we're gonna mark that one right. So how are we doing so far, Professor Maggio?



**D** Dan Maggio 04:30  
There we go. (The professors laugh) All right. 100%

**G** Gregory Sumner 04:36  
Let's miss one.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:37  
I don't know Mr. O'Neill seems to be a little upset. He's asking again only one answer between us.

**G** Gregory Sumner 04:43  
He's starting to get strident here..

**K** Kathy Bush 04:45  
That's right. What evergreen tree is the least desirable Christmas tree.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 04:50  
The last one on the lot.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:51  
The Douglas Fir.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:52  
No. I thought Douglas Fir.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:55  
Not a Noble

**K** Kathy Bush 04:55



No.



Gregory Sumner 04:57

I don't know what -



Beth Oljar 04:57

The rest of your Midwesterners, What do you know about evergreens?



Dan Maggio 05:00

Well, it wouldn't be a - No, not a Blue Spruce.



Kathy Bush 05:05

That's what it claims here.



Dan Maggio 05:06

Uh-uh. I buy one every year.



Kathy Bush 05:09

Thank you.



Dan Maggio 05:09

They're the best.



Kathy Bush 05:11

I agree. I agree.



Dan Maggio 05:12

Douglas Firs are very nice too I wonder what's wrong with them.



Kathy Bush 05:13

**K** Kathy Bush 05:18  
I don't know. There's no explanation given here.

**D** Dan Maggio 05:20  
They're expensive.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:21  
Oh, well that's enough right there. Yeah, but

**K** Kathy Bush 05:24  
Yeah, but that doesn't make it the least desirable tree. I will have to -

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:28  
Maybe they shed a lot.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:29  
And what percentage are we at now, Mr. Maggio?

**D** Dan Maggio 05:31  
(Laughing) A hundred per cent.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:32  
Except we're violating the "One-answer-between-us" rule.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:32  
There we go! That's right. We're gonna keep -

**R** Roy Finkenbine 05:38  
We are one.

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D Dan Maggio 05:39  
I only answered once.

K Kathy Bush 05:40  
Okay. What does Merii Kurisumasu mean? Merii Kurisumasu.

G Gregory Sumner 05:49  
I know, but I can't say.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:50  
"Merry Christmas" in Japanese?

K Kathy Bush 05:51  
There we go.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:53  
Oh! How about that.

G Gregory Sumner 05:53  
Did we impose Christmas on them? We probably did.

K Kathy Bush 06:01  
And here's a special question for Dr. DeWindt: In the film, "It's a Wonderful Life" -

G Gregory Sumner 06:07  
Which you've seen how many times?

B Beth Oljar 06:09  
I've never seen it.

K Kathy Bush 06:10  
what is the name of the main good guy character?

E Edwin DeWindt 06:15  
I have no idea.

G Gregory Sumner 06:18  
I know his first name.

K Kathy Bush 06:19  
What's his first name then, Dr. Sumner?

G Gregory Sumner 06:21  
George.

K Kathy Bush 06:22  
George is the first name. And the last name.

G Gregory Sumner 06:26  
I hate that movie.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:27  
I know.

D Dan Maggio 06:28  
I've never seen it.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:30  
I've seen it once. And that was enough. Bailey. Bailey. That's it.

- D** Dan Maggio 06:35  
It had been on so many times, I just was so annoyed with it. And I've actually never sat down to watch it..
- K** Kathy Bush 06:39  
Okay. But what was the name of that town? What was it changed to during that time?
- G** Gregory Sumner 06:42  
Smallville.
- K** Kathy Bush 06:43  
No, no, it's -
- E** Edwin DeWindt 06:44  
Hooterville. (The professors laugh)
- K** Kathy Bush 06:48  
This is a place where indigents are buried - people without money. It's called \_\_\_\_\_ field.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 06:52  
Potters -
- G** Gregory Sumner 06:53  
Potters Grove
- K** Kathy Bush 06:55  
Pottersville.
- R** Roy Finkenbine 06:56  
After the wealthy, evil curmudgeon

K Kathy Bush 06:59  
Yes

G Gregory Sumner 07:00  
There's only one good Christmas movie and that's Holiday Inn.

K Kathy Bush 07:06  
Ooh - With Bing.

E Edwin DeWindt 07:06  
Bing Crosby -

K Kathy Bush 07:07  
Yeah, and Vera-Ellen

E Edwin DeWindt 07:09  
So, whatever happened to Vera-Ellen?

K Kathy Bush 07:13  
You know, I don't know, but she could dance.


E Edwin DeWindt 07:15  
Yes, she could.


K Kathy Bush 07:15  
She had legs that did not quit. What was the name of the town where George Bailey grew up.


B Beth Oljar 07:21  
.... ..


Whoville


 Kathy Bush 07:22  
(Laughs) We're fixating on a little Seussville


 Gregory Sumner 07:29  
Bad Axe


 Edwin DeWindt 07:29  
Racine (Laughs)

 Kathy Bush 07:29  
(Laughs) It could have been.


 Gregory Sumner 07:34  
Before they had a Walmart

 Kathy Bush 07:36  
I'll give you a hint. The last name is Falls. The first name would be -

 Gregory Sumner 07:40  
Wichita

 Roy Finkenbine 07:40  
Beaver Falls?

 Beth Oljar 07:41  
Bishop Falls.

 Kathy Bush 07:41





It begins with a b



Edwin DeWindt 07:42

Oh. Okay.



Kathy Bush 07:44

The last syllable is car manufacturer here in the Detroit area.



Edwin DeWindt 07:49

Buford?



Gregory Sumner 07:50

Bedford?



Kathy Bush 07:50

Bedford . That's it. Bedford Falls. Okay.



Beth Oljar 07:53

Isn't that Lizzie Borden territory?



Edwin DeWindt 07:58

That's Fall River.



Kathy Bush 07:59

Yeah. Okay.




Beth Oljar 08:00


Did she do it?





Edwin DeWindt 08:01

 Edwin DeWindt 08:01  
Oh -


 Roy Finkenbine 08:02  
Guilty as sin. She and OJ


 Kathy Bush 08:04  
Lizzie Borden took an axe -


 Beth Oljar 08:06  
gave her mother 40 whacks That's right. When she saw what she had done - She gave her father 41


 Kathy Bush 08:11  
Indeed. Okay. Elizabeth Montgomery was like so creepy in that movie though. Have you seen that? Yes, I did. And she was very unlike herself in Bewitched. You're correct. It was she was frightening

 Gregory Sumner 08:21  
Although I wish she had axed her Darren. Either one of them.

 Roy Finkenbine 08:26  
She did that's why they had to make the quick switch.

 Edwin DeWindt 08:30  
(Laughs)

 Gregory Sumner 08:30  
Dick Yorkwas gone. Dick Sargent was in

 Kathy Bush 08:32  
What Christmas song is most often sung in Latin?

B Beth Oljar 08:33  
"Adeste Fideles"

E Edwin DeWindt 08:37  
O Come All Ye Faithful

K Kathy Bush 08:38  
Yeah, O Come All Ye Faithful. Okay, and who sings the most popular version of Felice Navidad?

G Gregory Sumner 08:45  
JosÃ© Feliciano

K Kathy Bush 08:45  
Yes, very famous version.

G Gregory Sumner 08:47  
Who did the definitive version of the Star Spangled Banner at Tiger Stadium.

E Edwin DeWindt 08:51  
That's right.

K Kathy Bush 08:51  
Indeed. The famed individual No, no, no. The definitive version of The Star Bangled Banner was by Marvin Gaye. Yeah

B Beth Oljar 08:58  
I was thinking Roseanne

K Kathy Bush 09:02

**K** Kathy Bush 09:02  
Yeah.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:02  
That smoked when Marvin Gaye did it. I mean -

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:05  
You liked that?

**K** Kathy Bush 09:06  
Well, unfortunately, I was watching the game with a traditionalist, and there was much moaning and gnashing of teeth.

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:14  
They didn't play it that way in Korea. That's right. He was very upset about that. Or at Catholic Central. They didn't play it that way either.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:21  
Oh, when Roseanne sang

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:22  
Did your father react to Roseanne's performance..

**K** Kathy Bush 09:25  
Yes, he surely did.

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:27  
What were some of the words he used?

**K** Kathy Bush 09:28  
Uh, I think the FCC covers most of those words. (laughing)

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:32  
We'll lose what stations we have

**K** Kathy Bush 09:34  
We're gonna be barred for life.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:35  
Good for your dad. I agree with him.

**K** Kathy Bush 09:37  
You bet. What annual Christmas special always featured. Claudine Longet as a guest star?

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:44  
Kathy Lee Gifford.

**K** Kathy Bush 09:44  
Oh no. A little earlier than Kathy Lee

**E** Edwin DeWindt 09:46  
Yeah, Perry Como's. Wasn't it?

**G** Gregory Sumner 09:47  
Andy Williams.

**K** Kathy Bush 09:48  
Andy Williams.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 09:48  
Of course That's right

B Beth Oljar 09:51  
Probably the only place they'd let her out of jail to go.

G Gregory Sumner 09:54  
Spider Savage.

K Kathy Bush 09:55  
(Laughs) Yeah, really. When Scrooge was a young man, to whom was he apprentice?

G Gregory Sumner 10:02  
Bill Gates (The professors laugh)

E Edwin DeWindt 10:04  
It wasn't Marley was it?,

K Kathy Bush 10:09  
No, not Marley.


E Edwin DeWindt 10:10  
Marley was a partner.


K Kathy Bush 10:11  
Yeah, the first syllable is a small hat worn by shriners in Middle East -


B Beth Oljar 10:17  
Fez


K Kathy Bush 10:17  
Okav and the last is something that Fva Gahor sells


okay, and the last is something that Eva Sabot says.


 Gregory Sumner 10:20  
Wigs.

 Kathy Bush 10:21  
That's right. So put it together.


 Beth Oljar 10:22  
Fezziwig


 Kathy Bush 10:23  
There you go.

 Edwin DeWindt 10:25  
That's such a Dickens name.

 Kathy Bush 10:26  
Isn't it? Yes. Fezziwig. Yes. What is the main dish that is served for Christmas eve dinner in Finland?

 Edwin DeWindt 10:33  
(Laughs) Lutefisk

 Gregory Sumner 10:33  
Uh, that would be cod.

 Roy Finkenbine 10:36  
Christmas cod

 Kathy Bush 10:38



Katny Busn 10:38

Yes, it is. It is codfish Oh man, in Seattle t- here's an area of Seattle called Ballard where a lot of people of Swedish descent have settled. "Uff Da" is the saying. I mean, they had like Lutefisk festivals. Ooh!



Beth Oljar 10:54

Big Lutefis celebrations, and people actually ate it.



Roy Finkenbine 10:58

Ugh.



Kathy Bush 10:59

Well, whatever - floats your boat. You have to drive around with your seat belt buckle hanging out of the car. That was another thing you did in Ballard. Really?!



Dan Maggio 11:08

Huh?



Kathy Bush 11:09

Okay. Not for any particular reason. I mean, it didn't even really have to do with being Swedish. But there were a lot of bumper stickers with "Uff Da"



Gregory Sumner 11:18

(Sings) "Born to be wild"



Edwin DeWindt 11:20

(Laughs)



Kathy Bush 11:24

With their seatbelts hanging out. Okay.



Beth Oljar 11:29



And my sister lives in that area.

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:30  
Do you watch the Kathie Lee Christmas special?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:33  
I've got to admit I've never seen it.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:34  
I've never seen it

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:35  
She has her kids on there, Cody and -

**K** Kathy Bush 11:37  
Cassidy.

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:40  
Frank wasn't on it last year.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:41  
Is Perry Como still alive?

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:43  
Yes.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:43  
Yes.

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:44

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:44  
He's not well, but -

**R** Roy Finkenbine 11:46  
Did she finish the show with Stand By Your Man? (The professors laugh)

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:51  
No, it's I Saw Santa - What was it - I Saw Santa kissing Mama?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:56  
I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus.

**G** Gregory Sumner 11:59  
White Christmas. .

**K** Kathy Bush 11:59  
What 1943 song made GI's really homesick? No, no, no.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 12:05  
No. Now wait a minute. I'll Be Home For Christmas?

**K** Kathy Bush 12:08  
Yes, which is I defy anyone that's a four-hanky rating. Okay, that that that's a heartbreaker right there. Who portrayed Susan in the first film version of Miracle on 34th Street?

**B** Beth Oljar 12:20  
Was it Natalie Wood?

**K** Kathy Bush 12:20  
Yes, it was Natalie Wood. It was in deed. Also in that movie: How does Susan, her mother and her boyfriend, (I guess they mean the mother's boyfriend), know that their dream house was their Christmas present from Kris?

E Edwin DeWindt 12:34  
He's left the cane.

K Kathy Bush 12:35  
Yes. He left the cane behind. Okay. How many freckles does Santa Claus have?

D Dan Maggio 12:42  
None.

K Kathy Bush 12:43  
That's right. Indeed. He has dimples. We are told here.

G Gregory Sumner 12:47  
Why? Does he use special skincare products?

D Dan Maggio 12:48  
Well, those aren't mutually exclusive.

K Kathy Bush 12:51  
Well - I don't write them, Dan. I just read them. Okay. And how are we doing Professor Maggio?  
Uh - a hundred per cent. (Edwin laughs) I'm working hard over here. What Carol was originally titled "Hark, How All The Welkin Ring"?

E Edwin DeWindt 13:11  
That's Hark The Herald Angels Sing

B Beth Oljar 13:13  
How All The Welkin Ring?

K Kathy Bush 13:15  
Yes. Dr. DeWindt, I'm sure could explain the derivative of that.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:15  
Yeah

G Gregory Sumner 13:19  
Spare us

E Edwin DeWindt 13:19  
No. (Laughs)

G Gregory Sumner 13:20  
Let's try this. (Begins to sing) "Hark how all the welkin rings"

D Dan Maggio 13:24  
It sounds like Barbara Walters.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:26  
It does. (Laughs)

K Kathy Bush 13:28  
What does the 12th night actually mean? It's the 12th night after Epiphany.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:33  
Yeah, it is Epiphany.

K Kathy Bush 13:34  
It is. It is the feastday known to Canadians as Little Christmas.

**G** Gregory Sumner 13:39  
Anybody go into Christmas City in Hendersonville, Kentucky this season?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:42  
Oh, my gosh, no.

**K** Kathy Bush 13:43  
Is it Kentucky or Tennessee?

**G** Gregory Sumner 13:45  
Tennessee

**K** Kathy Bush 13:45  
Tennessee.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:45  
It's also when the Greek Orthodox celebrate Christmas. Yes.

**K** Kathy Bush 13:48  
Yes - on their calendar. Yes, Gary Garrett - I always wish him a happy Christmas on that day.

**G** Gregory Sumner 13:53  
Do you have Christmas tree pickup in your neighborhood? What's the trash procedure there?

**K** Kathy Bush 13:58  
Well, we cannot take down our tree until after Little Christmas and it's a family tradition

**G** Gregory Sumner 14:04  
And then you can put it in the front or what?

K Kathy Bush 14:05  
Yes. And it is watched and stalked as they take it away. Okay.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:11  
What part of Detroit do you live in in?

K Kathy Bush 14:13  
In Northwest.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:14  
They don't do that in my part of Detroit.

K Kathy Bush 14:15  
Really? Oh, yeah. There's a truck that comes around and throws all of the dried out limbs.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:21  
My gosh!

G Gregory Sumner 14:22  
Her father is a trash fanatic. It has to be picked up and -

E Edwin DeWindt 14:25  
Alright.

G Gregory Sumner 14:26  
He times it.

K Kathy Bush 14:27  
Then they get put through that wood chipper in Fargo (Kathy and Edwin laugh) Can we name the three wise men or kings from the east?

the three wise men or kings from the east.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 14:36  
Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
- G** Gregory Sumner 14:36  
There's Moe -
- K** Kathy Bush 14:39  
There we go
- G** Gregory Sumner 14:40  
Very good
- R** Roy Finkenbine 14:41  
(beginning to laugh) And Shemp.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 14:41  
And Shemp (Laughs)
- R** Roy Finkenbine 14:51  
We're not gonna let this one go.
- K** Kathy Bush 14:55  
Now, how many here have seen the TV show Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?
- B** Beth Oljar 14:58  
Oh, except, well, yes.
- G** Gregory Sumner 14:59

Burl Ives

- K** Kathy Bush 15:00  
Yes, with Burl Ives, It made me - I couldn't watch it when I was - When you were small?
- B** Beth Oljar 15:05  
Because I got so upset when they were mean to him.
- K** Kathy Bush 15:07  
Aww. Well, while we talk about childhood trauma, let's take a break.
- P** Production Element 15:14  
(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK: Christmas
- G** George Pickering 15:20  
You're listening to a special asked Professor Christmas encore presentation from December of 1998 - featuring the late Professor Kathy Bush as the moderator. We'll return to the second half of this episode in a moment. But first, let's travel back in the ATP archives even further to these memories from Christmas of 1984.
- P** Production Element 17:10  
ATP FLASHBACK: Christmas 1984
- K** Kathy Bush 17:48  
We're back with questions from Timothy P. O'Neill of Bay City, Michigan, all centering around the lovely holiday of Christmas. I think I've seen it since. And we were talking about the cartoon Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. And the question here is "What does Clarice say to Rudolph that makes him so excited that he out flew everyone, all the other reindeer?"
- B** Beth Oljar 18:10  
Shine your nose for me, baby.
- 



**K** Kathy Bush 18:12  
(Laughs)

**R** Roy Finkenbine 18:13  
I thought it was "cute".

**K** Kathy Bush 18:14  
That's it.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 18:14  
"I'm cute. I'm cute!"

**K** Kathy Bush 18:19  
How many times have you seen this, Dr. Finkenbine?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 18:21  
Oh, I have four children!

**B** Beth Oljar 18:22  
We've obviously needed a parent on this show.

**K** Kathy Bush 18:25  
That's right.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 18:26  
Known as the Beatrix Potter phenomenon.

**K** Kathy Bush 18:27  
Although I love How The Grinch Stole Christmas. Okay.

G Gregory Sumner 18:32  
I like that story.

K Kathy Bush 18:36  
Who played the ancient elf in Santa Claus: The movie?

G Gregory Sumner 18:40  
George Jessel

K Kathy Bush 18:41  
No. Good guess.

B Beth Oljar 18:42  
George Burns?

K Kathy Bush 18:43  
No. This would be another kind of older actor. He was in the Rocky movies.

G Gregory Sumner 18:49  
Burgess Meredith. (Makes the sound of the Batman character, Penguin)

K Kathy Bush 18:52  
And yes, played on Batman too. Yes.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:55  
The only Santa Claus movie I know is Santa Claus Conquers the Martians that's been done on MST 3K.

K Kathy Bush 19:02  
Okay. Did that involve Abbott & Costello?

E Edwin DeWindt 19:05  
No, no, it's indescribable.

K Kathy Bush 19:08  
It just sounds so good.

G Gregory Sumner 19:13  
Was Michael Landon in that?

E Edwin DeWindt 19:14  
No, he wasn't

R Roy Finkenbine 19:14  
Was that on that list they put out of the 10 worst Hollywood movies of all time?

G Gregory Sumner 19:15  
I think it is.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:19  
It should be Yeah, I think it is. I think there's actually a brief appearance in it by a very young Pia Zadora. I think she's about 12 or something.

K Kathy Bush 19:30  
Ooh!

B Beth Oljar 19:31  
There's a talent.

K Kathy Bush 19:32

There we go.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:33  
Unappreciated

**K** Kathy Bush 19:34  
indeed. In France, who is their version of Santa Claus?

**G** Gregory Sumner 19:38  
Charles de Gaulle.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 19:41  
Pere Noel. Father Christmas. Yeah.

**K** Kathy Bush 19:45  
Let's see. What happened to Pope Gregory the seventh while he was saying a Christmas Mass?


**B** Beth Oljar 19:50  
He died.


**E** Edwin DeWindt 19:51  
Henry the Fourth stood in a snowdrift outside saying "I'm here!" (The professors laugh)


**K** Kathy Bush 19:57  
Now this is something very bizarre to happen to a pope.


**E** Edwin DeWindt 19:58  
That was pretty bizarre. Yeah.


**K** Kathy Bush 20:04


 No, this is something that usually is referred to children.


 **D** Dan Maggio 20:08  
He wet his pants?


 **K** Kathy Bush 20:09  
No.


 **G** Gregory Sumner 20:11  
Oh, well,.


 **K** Kathy Bush 20:13  
No, this would be a Robert Louis Stevenson title as well.

 **G** Gregory Sumner 20:16  
Kidnapped.

 **K** Kathy Bush 20:17  
Yes. He was kidnapped.

 **D** Dan Maggio 20:17  
Off the altar?

 **K** Kathy Bush 20:17  
It does not say from where.

 **B** Beth Oljar 20:17  
That is really rude!

 **F** ... 20:18

**E** Edwin DeWindt 20:19  
No. I know what they're talking about.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:26  
Really? You do?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 20:27  
Yeah. Yeah.

**D** Dan Maggio 20:27  
Could you expand on that?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 20:28  
Yeah. It was the Normans who grabbed him

**K** Kathy Bush 20:30  
Okay,

**E** Edwin DeWindt 20:31  
He wasn't really kidnapped, it was a deal.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:33  
Oh, it was a deal.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 20:34  
It was a deal, because the Germans were coming to get him, and so the Normans came in to rescue him. And they just kind of grabbed him and bolted him off and ended up -

**D** Dan Maggio 20:42  
While he was standing there saying mass and just a group of guys walked in and grabbed him and ran off?

E Edwin DeWindt 20:45  
Yeah, the Normans did that.

K Kathy Bush 20:46  
Boy, Pretty short sermon that day. Okay. This wasn't the vacation in Avignon?

E Edwin DeWindt 20:50  
Oh, no, no, that's a couple 100 years later. Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 20:53  
Okay.

E Edwin DeWindt 20:53  
This is - the German emperor was coming down and so they got him out of there fast. And then he sat there whining till he died, saying "What a waste of time. Nothing got done. I didn't accomplish anything."


K Kathy Bush 21:00  
"Didn't even get to finish Mass."


E Edwin DeWindt 21:07  
That's right.


K Kathy Bush 21:08  
Okay. Who starred in the 1934 movie March Of The Wooden Soldiers? And it's not the Stooges.


B Beth Oljar 21:18  
Frederick Forrest


K Kathy Bush 21:19


 Kathy Bush 21:19  
It's a comedy duo.

 Gregory Sumner 21:21  
Abbott and Costello

 Kathy Bush 21:22  
No, another one.


 Roy Finkenbine 21:24  
Laurel and Hardy.


 Edwin DeWindt 21:25  
Laurel and Hardy. Yes, yes, yes.

 Kathy Bush 21:27  
One of Edwin's favorites.

 Edwin DeWindt 21:29  
Oh!

 Gregory Sumner 21:29  
There's a film festival this weekend at the Redford Theater.

 Kathy Bush 21:32  
(Laughs)

 Gregory Sumner 21:34  
Oh, you don't really like Laurel and Hardy.

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- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:37  
I hate Laurel and Hardy. I think they are evil. Absolutely evil.
- G** Gregory Sumner 21:39  
"I'm sorry Ollie." (The professors laugh) What Lord Protector of England banned Christmas?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:49  
Oliver Cromwell
- K** Kathy Bush 21:49  
Yes. I don't know if I can read all the words. Mr. O'Neill has an editorial comment that "he raped Ireland and his treatment of the Irish rivaled that of Hitler's of the Jews."
- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:58  
Not quite.
- K** Kathy Bush 21:59  
Well, That's what he's claiming here.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 22:01  
Yeah, well, you know
- R** Roy Finkenbine 22:05  
O'Neil, is that the name?
- K** Kathy Bush 22:06  
Yes. So, it might have something to do with it. Okay,
- B** Beth Oljar 22:09  
Edwin probably thinks there is no worse thing one could do, so -

**E** Edwin DeWindt 22:12  
That's right.

**K** Kathy Bush 22:13  
According to Irish tradition, how can you help guide the Holy Family to shelter on Christmas Eve? Put a candle in the window.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 22:19  
Yeah. Put a bottle in the middle of snow

**G** Gregory Sumner 22:19  
Give them a drink

**B** Beth Oljar 22:24  
Light a red candle and put it in the window.

**K** Kathy Bush 22:25  
That's it. You put a candle in the window. And in Ireland the feast of the Epiphany is known as -  
? This has been answered already because it's also known as that in Canada

**E** Edwin DeWindt 22:34  
Little Christmas

**K** Kathy Bush 22:35  
That's right. It's Little Christmas.

**G** Gregory Sumner 22:36  
How are we doing?

**D** Dan Maccio 22:38

I think we're still at a hundred per cent. (The professors laugh) I honestly have - I don't think we've missed one of these

K

Kathy Bush 22:43

These grades that are easy to calculate. Don't you love that?

D

Dan Maggio 22:46

How many questions are there?

K

Kathy Bush 22:47

Many but let's see. What happened on Christmas Day, 1941, A very sad day for the British in Asia?

E

Edwin DeWindt 22:56

Oh, was that the fall of Singapore?

K

Kathy Bush 22:58

Not Singapore, but the other big colony. Yep, had to surrender to the Japanese.

G

Gregory Sumner 23:00

Hong Kong.

E

Edwin DeWindt 23:01

Hong Kong.

G

Gregory Sumner 23:02

(Speaking with a British accent) Very bad business there.

K

Kathy Bush 23:08

It wasn't cricket All right.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 23:10  
Is it time for tea?
- G** Gregory Sumner 23:13  
Bridge on the River Kwai, you know.
- K** Kathy Bush 23:17  
In Austria, what is served as the main course for Christmas dinner?
- B** Beth Oljar 23:23  
Wienerschnitzel?
- K** Kathy Bush 23:25  
(Speaking with an Austrian accent) Noodles. No.
- G** Gregory Sumner 23:27  
It depends on whose house you go to.
- K** Kathy Bush 23:29  
Yeah, really.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 23:29  
Yeah.
- K** Kathy Bush 23:30  
But this would be a fish that we in the Midwest would consider a scavenger type fish
- G** Gregory Sumner 23:35  
Catfish? (Doing his impression of Bullwinkle) "Fanmail for some flounder". (The professors laugh)

laugh)

**K** Kathy Bush 23:36  
No.

**B** Beth Oljar 23:36  
Flounder?

**K** Kathy Bush 23:36  
No. It rhymes with harp.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 23:45  
Carp

**K** Kathy Bush 23:46  
Exactly. I wonder if that's true.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 23:47  
It's a bottom feeder.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:48  
It is a bottom feeder.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 23:49  
Like other lawyers. Yes. (Kathy laughs)

**K** Kathy Bush 23:53  
Aren't carp and whitefish the two most common fish in Gefilte fish? Yeah

**E** Edwin DeWindt 23:57

I think they are.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:59  
Yeah, we want to keep that percentage going for you. Okay. In a terrible remake of It's a Wonderful Life -

**E** Edwin DeWindt 24:05  
They did?

**K** Kathy Bush 24:06  
that starred Marlo Thomas (Edwin laughs)

**G** Gregory Sumner 24:08  
'Nuff said there.

**K** Kathy Bush 24:10  
Okay. What was that remake called?

**G** Gregory Sumner 24:16  
That girl, uh -

**B** Beth Oljar 24:18  
gets another chance. (The professors laugh)

**G** Gregory Sumner 24:21  
With special guest star Phil Donahue

**K** Kathy Bush 24:24  
No, he tells - he makes a claim here that it's "one of the worst Christmas movies ever made".

E Edwin DeWindt 24:29  
I believe it.

K Kathy Bush 24:31  
It's sort of like the film with Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. It's happened one -

B Beth Oljar 24:36  
It Happened One Night?

E Edwin DeWindt 24:37  
Christmas. Oh my gosh.

K Kathy Bush 24:39  
Yeah. as anybody ever seen this?

E Edwin DeWindt 24:42  
No. I think they burned the negatives. (Kathy laughs\_

R Roy Finkenbine 24:46  
I'm guessing the angel comes, and it shows what the town would have been like if she would not have existed; and they found that there was no difference.

K Kathy Bush 24:53  
There you go. Okay. (The professors laugh)

G Gregory Sumner 24:56  
Danny Thomas was sad.

K Kathy Bush 24:58  
Now, Edwin, I think you brought this up. What really dumb Christmas movie starred a very young Pia Zadora?

E Edwin DeWindt 25:05  
Santa Claus Conquers The Martians.

K Kathy Bush 25:06  
Yes.

G Gregory Sumner 25:08  
What's the plot of that anyway?

E Edwin DeWindt 25:10  
Yes, the Martians have a plan to kidnap Santa Claus. And Santa Claus fights back

G Gregory Sumner 25:15  
Any special effects?

E Edwin DeWindt 25:16  
No.

K Kathy Bush 25:17  
Now, Timothy notes here - He says he would rather watch this than Marlo Thomas's movie.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:21  
I think he's wise, and especially the MST-3K version which comes with editorial comments. (The professors laugh) I'll leave it out for you this Christmas.

K Kathy Bush 25:30  
Please do. I can't wait now.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:32



Edwin DeWindt 25:32  
(Laughs)

K Kathy Bush 25:33  
Maybe I could show it to my class. There we go. What famous bodybuilder died on Christmas Eve of 1972.

G Gregory Sumner 25:41  
Charles Atlas.

K Kathy Bush 25:42  
Charles Atlas.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:42  
Charles Atlas. Okay.

G Gregory Sumner 25:43  
He was lifting the tree. (The professors laugh) He strained is grown.

K Kathy Bush 25:43  
Yep.

G Gregory Sumner 25:51  
He had "a grown injury". (The professors laugh)

K Kathy Bush 25:54  
Yes, In the Thumb of Michigan, on a certain radio station, they were reading about hockey news; and my father was listening and the commentator reported that yes, "Sergei Federoff was suffering from a groan injury. (Edwin laughs) In the made-for-TV colorized version of Miracle On 34th Street, who played the employee that Chris attacked and later took Chris to court?

Edwin DeWindt 25:57

**G** Gregory Sumner 26:27  
Jane Fonda

**K** Kathy Bush 26:27  
No, this would be an actor who died recently - a friend of Elizabeth Taylor's and star -

**E** Edwin DeWindt 26:32  
Oh, Roddy McDowall.

**K** Kathy Bush 26:32  
Yeah, Roddy McDowall

**B** Beth Oljar 26:34  
What did Roddy die of?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 26:34  
Okay

**K** Kathy Bush 26:36  
Of cancer


**B** Beth Oljar 26:36  
I liked him


**K** Kathy Bush 26:37  
Yes, very much so.


**E** Edwin DeWindt 26:38  
A very talented photographer also.


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- K** Kathy Bush 26:40  
Ah! Who portrayed a young Marley in the 1951 version of A Christmas Carol? He's a British actor, probably best known for a series that many of us enjoy - The Avengers.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 26:52  
Oh, John Steed.
- K** Kathy Bush 26:53  
Yeah.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 26:55  
That would have been the Alastair Sim version. Wouldn't it?
- K** Kathy Bush 26:57  
Yes. That would have been 51. What Christmas cartoon did Jim Backus, Morey Amsterdam -
- G** Gregory Sumner 27:03  
Mr. Magoo.
- K** Kathy Bush 27:03  
Yes. And Jack Cassidy provide the voices for? (The end-of-show bell rings)
- E** Edwin DeWindt 27:08  
Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol.
- K** Kathy Bush 27:13  
Yes. So we're gonna have to stop here with our questions from Mr. O'Neill. But let me thank our panelists: Professor Finkenbine.
- R** Roy Finkenbine 27:20  
Oh, looking forward to the new year.


 Kathy Bush 27:21  
Indeed. Professor DeWindt.


 Edwin DeWindt 27:23  
Thank you very much.

 Kathy Bush 27:24  
Professor Sumner.

 Gregory Sumner 27:25  
Thank you.

 Kathy Bush 27:27  
Professor Oljar

 Beth Oljar 27:28  
Happy New Year.

 Kathy Bush 27:30  
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 Michael Jayson 27:51  
And I'm Michael Jayson. Thank you for listening to this special encore presentation of Ask The Professor from Christmas of 1998, with special memories of the late Professor Kathy Bush. We hope that you join us again next week and throughout the year ahead. From all of us at Ask the Professor, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.