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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 October 2004.

K Kathy Bush 00:15

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 a very unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Kathy Bush. And today we've got the big three here. And I'm not talking about Ford, Daimler-Chrysler and GM. No, I'm talking about our big three professors because we're waiting for two other ones to slide out when they finish their office hours. So let me introduce the big three who are here now. To my left, from the Department of Philosophy, its chair who just bought down some delicious cookies from their departmental meeting. Thank you, Beth Oljar

B Beth Oljar 00:53

I'm delighted. I'm glad Dave and Marty didn't scarf them all.

K Kathy Bush 00:56

I was gonna say, how did you keep that from happening? Dave is like an eating machine. Dave was talking. Okay

B Beth Oljar 01:01

So he couldn't talk and eat at the same time

so he couldn't talk and eat at the same time.

K Kathy Bush 01:03

There you go. Okay. Good man. And Professor Leever- his wife is expecting a new Leever.

B Beth Oljar 01:10

Yes.

K Kathy Bush 01:11

Marty better eat all those cookies while he can.

B Beth Oljar 01:13

Absolutely.

K Kathy Bush 01:14

There we go. Now on the other side of the table- at the far end - from the College of Engineering and Science, its director of pre college engineering programs. It's Dan Dan, the DAPCEP Man, Maggio..

D Dan Maggio 01:25

Hi Kathy.

K Kathy Bush 01:26

How's it going?

D Dan Maggio 01:26

Good. I'm good.

K Kathy Bush 01:27

And I hope you're enjoying these delicious cookies.

D Dan Maggio 01:30
They're delicious.

K Kathy Bush 01:31
That's right.

D Dan Maggio 01:32
And I speak while I eat

K Kathy Bush 01:33
Don't we all.

B Beth Oljar 01:34
Those are delicious.

D Dan Maggio 01:35
I have no tack

K Kathy Bush 01:36
Let's go Drogering. Yes. (Beth and Dan laugh) No, I remember hearing Neil Young in concert. And the first time he was in Detroit, he said he heard people talking about a store and he misheard it as Droger's not Kroger's. And finally, the third but not the least of the third, (and how appropriate to speak in fractions) from the Department of Mathematics and Math Education. It's Professor Jeffe Boats.

J Jeffe Boats 01:57
I'm trying to be the least of the third, but I just can't seem to drop this summer weight I gained.

K Kathy Bush 02:02
Don't do that. Don't be the least of the third, my friend. That would be so wrong there. No, you don't want to do that. Well, this is a show where you send us questions; and if you stump the panel, you win a terrific t shirt, either Ethics Bowl or Tech Day t shirt. And if you don't stump

the panel, you get the same thing. So I mean, what's there to risk here, folks?

B Beth Oljar 02:21
You really can't lose.

K Kathy Bush 02:22
We are so egalitarian.

D Dan Maggio 02:23
Are we gonna reinstate the autographed photograph and the photograph autograph?

K Kathy Bush 02:27
Well, that's something we need to talk about. That was such a classic part of the show. It is, you know. And I think that we should give that a go. I think we should

D Dan Maggio 02:33
We should. We'll have to find out who's got the best digital camera or I could try to take that over; but God knows, I already have 1000 jobs.

K Kathy Bush 02:39
I know you do.

D Dan Maggio 02:40
Or 1001

K Kathy Bush 02:41
No, we don't want it to turn into Arabian Nights for you.

D Dan Maggio 02:43
Next time, if I remember,(which I won't), I'll bring my digital camera. And maybe we can do photograph autograph.

B Beth Oljar 02:50
We got a Philosophy Department picture today.

K Kathy Bush 02:50
All right. We're Oh, excellent.

B Beth Oljar 02:56
And then pictures of the Philosophy Club members and yours truly.

K Kathy Bush 03:00
Okay. Why not, dawg. Excellent.

B Beth Oljar 03:03
Get the students to do the work.

K Kathy Bush 03:05
There you go.

D Dan Maggio 03:06
If we sign a sheet, we could print it out in color, and that could be the photographed -

K Kathy Bush 03:12
Photographed autograph.

D Dan Maggio 03:13
We can get photograph paper and make it look like a photograph.

J Jeffe Boats 03:17
With digital cameras, we can do all sorts of stuff- like put a little devil's horns and beard on Roy.

K Kathy Bush 03:21
Why not. Sounds good to me.

D Dan Maggio 03:23
I think maybe we can move on that. And then we can just take a very simple picture of us in the hallway.

K Kathy Bush 03:30
There we go

J Jeffe Boats 03:31
Erick should have a cowboy hat and 10 star.

K Kathy Bush 03:34
That's right. Sheriff E. Barnes

B Beth Oljar 03:36
Can I be in a toga or something like that?

K Kathy Bush 03:38
(Laughs) As a philosopher you should be.

D Dan Maggio 03:40
What do I get to wear? Don't answer that question.

K Kathy Bush 03:42
I was gonna say Dan, whoa!

B Beth Oliar 03:44

Whatever you want, Dan..

D

Dan Maggio 03:45

Yeah

K

Kathy Bush 03:45

Whatever you want. So if you want to get in on what will - down the road - be the autographed photograph, or photograph autographed, and of course the t shirt, you can do that in a number of ways.

M

Michael Jayson 04:20

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K

Kathy Bush 04:20

And before we get started - those noises you hear in the background, we're not taping somewhere at a truck stop on I-80. Okay,

D

Dan Maggio 04:26

Well we are -

K

Kathy Bush 04:27

Okay. We're at truck world actually, near the border no, just kidding. Close

J

Jeffe Boats 04:31

Why don't I close the window? It's not warm in here today.

B

Beth Oljar 04:33

It will get warm quickly. I haven't gone in there yet.

K

Kathy Bush 04:34

It will get warm quickly. This campus - the McNichols campus now is experiencing just so much renovation and rebuilding and just all types of things. The Commerce & Finance building has been completely gutted and redone and it is pimpin'. It is beautiful and I mean it is gorgeous. You've gotta go. Gorgeous all together.

D Dan Maggio 04:54
You haven't gone in? Oh, you need to go

B Beth Oljar 04:56
I need to ask Bruce Brorby to give me a tour.

K Kathy Bush 04:58
In fact, in between our building renovations and there, there was a sort of brick square area that many of us thought was going to be the Commerce & Finance barbeque pit; but we found out actually, it's the foundation for a statue of the Blessed Mother. So sorry about that, Campus Ministry.

J Jeffe Boats 05:12
When you see the classrooms in there, you're gonna be jealous. Yeah,

K Kathy Bush 05:13
Yeah. You're gonna want - You will fight and kill to get into that building to teach.

D Dan Maggio 05:17
When you walk in, if you if you can picture in your head what it used to look like, you cannot recognize the building yeah, you will not think you're in the same building I can't believe that you haven't gone over. Let's walk afterwards. If I can stay.

K Kathy Bush 05:27
Oh! Yeah, it's beautiful. And we've moved the College of Health Professions and the McAuley School of Nursing over to this campus. So there's been a new wing put on to Lansing-Reilly Hall, which is looking good. But that's what you hear in the background. So I tell my history students at 8am that when we get to the Marshall Plan and the rebuilding of Europe that they will have a complete idea of how this is going to work.

B Beth Oljar 05:50
(Laughs) They'll have sound effects.

K Kathy Bush 05:51
Yes, they will. So let's turn to our first set of questions which were given to me actually, by our former moderator, Edwin DeWindt, because he thought that it would be a good -

D Dan Maggio 06:00
No kidding.

K Kathy Bush 06:01
Well, these are about the GOP in NYC. He got these out of the New York Times,

J Jeffe Boats 06:05
Oh, boy.

K Kathy Bush 06:06
And he thought that these would be appropriate questions -

D Dan Maggio 06:10
I think you're talking to the wrong group.

K Kathy Bush 06:11
I don't know.

J Jeffe Boats 06:12
I wasn't invited to that one.

K Kathy Bush 06:13
They didn't ask you?

J Jeffe Boats 06:15
No.

K Kathy Bush 06:15
Then I would not go to any of their other parties.

J Jeffe Boats 06:17
They thought I might cause a scene

K Kathy Bush 06:19
You? Not at all, Jeffe. Okay. There are - let's see - how many questions here? Yeah, there are 20 questions, and Edwin said 15 out of 20 is passing. So -

B Beth Oljar 06:32
Percent?

D Dan Maggio 06:35
75.

J Jeffe Boats 06:35
He's tenured. He can be tough.

B Beth Oljar 06:36
I was gonna say, even I could figure that one out.

K Kathy Bush 06:38
Okay. The Republican Party became very attached to a certain city in the earliest part of the 20th century. In fact, they held their conventions there for five straight times. Okay. So I left over that period, five times. What was the name of that city?

B Beth Oljar 06:54
Saratoga?

D Dan Maggio 06:55
It's the East Coast. No, it's

K Kathy Bush 06:57
not an East Coast City. Oh, it's

B Beth Oljar 06:58
not a New York? No, it's

K Kathy Bush 06:59
not a New York. It's just about the it's about the grand old party.

D Dan Maggio 07:03
Southern?

K Kathy Bush 07:03
Not southern? Definitely not.

D Dan Maggio 07:05
Oh, no, no, no, no, no, no. Oh, really?

K Kathy Bush 07:07
Yeah. Because the GOP,

D Dan Maggio 07:08
Would it be Texas?

K Kathy Bush 07:09
No, this this is from the early founding? I mean, this is like in the early 20th century. Think the city of big shoulders.

B Beth Oljar 07:17
Chicago?

K Kathy Bush 07:18
Chicago. That's it. From 1904 through 1920. There were five Republican conventions held there

D Dan Maggio 07:24
in Chicago, considered Republican nowadays?

K Kathy Bush 07:27
Well, no, but I think because the GOP was a party of the Midwest. One was founded in the 1850s. You know, I think that maybe that was probably the affiliation. It was also a central hub too I mean, you know, when you think about railway, and, you know, that was

B Beth Oljar 07:41
That makes sense.

K Kathy Bush 07:42
Yeah. I mean, so it wasn't to East Coast or too far west, sort of middle west, you know, a little compromise. At the first war time convention of the 20th century, the Republicans nominated Thomas E. Dewey in Chicago. In 1944. Dewey received 1056 of 1057 votes cast on a first and only ballot? Can you name the lone dissenting vote? That is who somebody else voted for for the presidency? In 1944.

D Dan Maggio 08:16
Who cast a Vote?

K Kathy Bush 08:18

No, who would that be cast for? Who would have been the other person? It's more time remember,

J Jeffe Boats 08:23
Oppenheimer?

K Kathy Bush 08:24
Yeah, right. They were totally fine of him.

D Dan Maggio 08:28
What year was this in?

K Kathy Bush 08:29
44? It wasn't pana rights ? This would be another general good. Good discernment there. Good duction. Think

B Beth Oljar 08:36
De Gaulle?

D Dan Maggio 08:38
MacArthur

K Kathy Bush 08:39
That is Douglas MacArthur. Yeah, but no, I, you know, I know you talked to my Dan

B Beth Oljar 08:43
Really one of the most arrogant people probably who ever lived?

K Kathy Bush 08:46
Well, it's not because later again, he wanted to seek the Republican National nomination, you know, but sadly, I beat his behind. So there you go. Who was the first Republican presidential nominee to accept the party's nomination in person at the convention? because prior to that,

they didn't always go- The Democrats certainly changed that earlier than the Republicans with somebody that we just mentioned.

B

Beth Oljar 09:13

Well that's sort of nicely civilized. Why couldn't you do both things?

J

Jeffe Boats 09:13

Dewey?

K

Kathy Bush 09:13

Yeah. Thomas Dewey. It was an amazing thing when Franklin Roosevelt actually flew out to Chicago to accept the Democratic Party's National - you know, their nomination. Prior to that, there would be someone from the committee that would come to that person's home, you know, and there would be a ceremony there. And you know, at the candidate's home Yeah, I know, doesn't it? Well, I think like John Kerry's trying to do that with these front porch visits that he does, but yeah, that was always the big thing. You know, that you would go to the nominee's home and then at you know, give this formal acceptance, but Roosevelt thought this would be a very dynamic and very dramatic acceptance, which he did, which is where he introduced the phrase the New Deal. "I pledge to you and -

B

Beth Oljar 09:42

Was he in his wheelchair when he -?

K

Kathy Bush 10:03

No, he walked. I mean he had that very sad gait that he was able to push his legs forward, you know, with the braces and then clutch a podium, you know, he had very good upper body strength at that point. So it looked like, you know, he might have limped and he had that cane, but he stood - The only time he ever gave a speech in public where he remained seated was, sadly, when he returned from Yalta in 1945. And he even told the audience - and this was a national radio broadcast, very sadly, that it was so difficult - this journey, that he didn't want to stand with this extra 10 pounds of braces. That's the only public acknowledgement he ever gave of his infirmity.

B

Beth Oljar 10:05

That must have been right before he died.



K Kathy Bush 10:34

And it was. Yeah, I mean, that was in the spring of 45. So poor bugger. That was not good. This general election, the first since September the 11th attacks is accompanied by intensive security measures. The New York City Police Department will be the most visible security element during the Republican convention. But the Secret Service is going to coordinate protective operations. What is the nickname or the codename for a vehicle in a presidential motorcade? What might they call that?

B Beth Oljar 11:18

Liberty's car?

K Kathy Bush 11:19

You would think. I thought it'd be something cool, but it's really kind of like - Minnow? No, you know what it is? It's like the name of an old western, a classic Western by John Ford, starring a very, very young John Wayne. A type of transportation in the Old West.

J Jeffe Boats 11:37

Chuck Wagon?

K Kathy Bush 11:37

Not chuck wagon, but a different wagon.

B Beth Oljar 11:40

Covered wagon?

K Kathy Bush 11:41

Stagecoach

D Dan Maggio 11:42

Oh Okay.

K Kathy Bush 11:43

So you know, I guess maybe that's set Texas influence thing - you know

J Jeffe Boats 11:47
It could be.

K Kathy Bush 11:48
There you go.

B Beth Oljar 11:48
Because isn't liberty, the code word for the President?

K Kathy Bush 11:53
You would have thought- like, Liberty wagon. Liberty boogie. Liberty something.

J Jeffe Boats 11:57
Robin Williams joked that the code word was Gilligan.

B Beth Oljar 12:00
Little buddy!

K Kathy Bush 12:01
Oh, no.

J Jeffe Boats 12:03
That's why I guessed minnow earlier.

K Kathy Bush 12:06
All Right. Who was the first woman to deliver a keynote address at a major political party's national convention? This is amazing.

D Dan Maggio 12:16

Recent?

-  Kathy Bush 12:17
No, it's not recent. And it's at the Republican National Convention of 1972.
-  Dan Maggio 12:23
Oh, that's - well, that's recent.
-  Kathy Bush 12:25
Well recent enough-
-  Dan Maggio 12:26
but 72
-  Kathy Bush 12:28
Yeah, I mean that I find that unbelievable.
-  Jefte Boats 12:30
Jane Fonda
-  Kathy Bush 12:31
No, yeah, that's right. She came right on in.
-  Beth Oljar 12:33
She would have been theirbtop guest
-  Jefte Boats 12:34
Republicans hear me roar.
-  Kathv Bush 12:35

Yeah, really. It's Ann Armstrong. Okay. And I guess here's the reason I'm surprised. I think it's something like an Eleanor Roosevelt. I mean, I just find it shocking. I-

B Beth Oljar 12:48

That the Republicans didn't get around to having a woman speak until 72?

K Kathy Bush 12:51

That's right. That's amazing. And when we think about that, let's take a break.

P Production Element 13:02

(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)

M Michael Jayson 14:11

You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor program from October 2004.

K Kathy Bush 14:25

And we're back. Yes, indeed. And needed that. So rock on. And we're back with questions about the GOP in NYC. And you guys are doing really well. You know. Look at Dan, I wish you could see Dan's face, it's so marvelous. Dan's like "get out of here".

D Dan Maggio 14:40

I'm focused.

K Kathy Bush 14:41

Okay. How many American presidents were born in New York?

B Beth Oljar 14:46

Oh, a bunch.

K Kathy Bush 14:47

Well, you know, not as many as Ohio.

D Dan Maggio 14:50
I'd say three. Ohio's got seven?

K Kathy Bush 14:53
Yeah, Ohio's seven, but you're very close

B Beth Oljar 14:55
At least two

D Dan Maggio 14:55
Four?

K Kathy Bush 14:56
Four

D Dan Maggio 14:56
The other close.

K Kathy Bush 14:57
You were close. You were totally close there. What do you call it when you're only one off in math,

D Dan Maggio 15:02
You're one away

J Jeffe Boats 15:03
Off by one

—

K Kathy Bush 15:04
(Laughs) Off by one? Or - you're wrong and you flunk my test. Okay. I just wondered if there might be a term for that being very close to something in mathematics

D Dan Maggio 15:05
In the neighborhood

B Beth Oljar 15:11
(laughing) Off by one

K Kathy Bush 15:15
In the neighborhood, okay. 2004 marks the first time the Republicans have convened in the Big Apple for their national convention. How many times have the Democrats held their national convention in New York City?

B Beth Oljar 15:28
Three

K Kathy Bush 15:29
No.

B Beth Oljar 15:30
Four?

K Kathy Bush 15:30
No,

D Dan Maggio 15:31
zero?

K Kathy Bush 15:32

No, too low.

B Beth Oljar 15:34
6?

K Kathy Bush 15:34
5

D Dan Maggio 15:35
Oh

K Kathy Bush 15:35
5 different times they've held their convention in NYC? Yeah, I was there actually, for the one in 1980.

D Dan Maggio 15:41
Why have the Republicans avoided New York?

K Kathy Bush 15:43
Oh, I don't know. That's an interesting question. I'm surprised they were there this year, except for the backdrop of the 911 stuff. In New York City alone, it's not exactly a big Republican voting town. You know, I mean, until you get out toward Long Island, and that way, you're not finding a whole lot of real strong - although they did elect wonderful Republican mayors like Fiorello LaGuardia, who was a Republican and a reformed Republican and currently beloved, The last time a sitting Republican president was nominated by his party was in 1992 at the GOP convention in Houston. How long did the nominee President George Herbert Walker Bush, speak in that year for his acceptance speech from the convention?

D Dan Maggio 16:24
How long did he speak?

K Kathy Bush 16:25
How long did he speak?

D Dan Maggio 16:28
90 minutes?

K Kathy Bush 16:29
That's a little high actually.

J Jeffe Boats 16:30
Well, it just seemed like 90 minutes

K Kathy Bush 16:31
It just seemed like 90 minutes. Okay,

B Beth Oljar 16:34
45 minutes?

K Kathy Bush 16:35
That's a little low.

B Beth Oljar 16:37
An hour ?

K Kathy Bush 16:37
He came right in at an hour. 59 minutes.

D Dan Maggio 16:40
Did the music start? (The professors laugh)

K Kathy Bush 16:42
Yeah, wasn't it awful the other night at the Emmys. It was sort of like "Come on. I mean -",

although I did like when your man started singing. I thought that was very-

D Dan Maggio 16:50

My man?

K Kathy Bush 16:51

Your man - the one who - I forget his name. But he was really good that started singing that way.

D Dan Maggio 16:55

Who?

K Kathy Bush 16:55

I'm trying to think of which was the award recipient, that he said, "Oh, good". They started playing the music. And he started kind of singing along with that. It was brilliant. Whose speech went long at the 1992 convention, therefore knocking Ronald Reagan's appearance out of prime time. Now this speech was -

B Beth Oljar 17:13

Pat Buchanan

K Kathy Bush 17:14

That was. Remember -

B Beth Oljar 17:15

That was so scary.

K Kathy Bush 17:15

Yeah. That was the Battle of the culture war

B Beth Oljar 17:18

In America. Yeah. It was terrifying.

K Kathy Bush 17:20
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 17:21
I just remember sitting there open mouthed. Like "He can't really be saying this in public".

D Dan Maggio 17:24
Oh, yes, he can.

K Kathy Bush 17:25
And he did. Although he's just written a new book about the loss of conservatism. I mean,

B Beth Oljar 17:30
Well yes.

K Kathy Bush 17:31
Which is I mean, I, I know people might scream at me here. But I was very interested in reading that book.

D Dan Maggio 17:36
No I would scream. There's interesting, I'll just hate you but-

B Beth Oljar 17:43
But I think people like Buchanan and Goldwater have a better understanding of what it means to be politically conservative than -

K Kathy Bush 17:49
Yeah

B Beth Oljar 17:49
Then a lot of other people did

K Kathy Bush 17:50
He claims that the Republican Party of today has gone past what he saw as the neoconservatism of the Reagan years, that he - especially the war in Iraq - that he feels that that has been a betrayal of the Republican party

D Dan Maggio 18:01
He feels that they should stay true to the original?

K Kathy Bush 18:04
Yeah, true to that. He's worried about deficit spending, which he claims Republicans would support. I mean, he's talking about the Republicanism of Reagan, you know, it was very interesting

B Beth Oljar 18:15
Before Reagan -

K Kathy Bush 18:15
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 18:16
went To bed with the Christian right?

K Kathy Bush 18:17
Right. Exactly. That's what he's talking about. George Walker Bush's - GW's 2000 convention acceptance speech ended with the words "Thank you and God bless you." Do you remember what sentence he uttered directly before that?

J Jeffe Boats 18:31
Who sneezed?

K Kathy Bush 18:33
(Laughs) Good! Nice, Jeffe.

J Jeffe Boats 18:37
Well, "God bless you" Okay, I'm gonna give you some choices here A: Together we can build a better America. B: I will restore honor and dignity to the Oval Office, so help me God

D Dan Maggio 18:47
That sounds like a Klingon.

K Kathy Bush 18:49
C: Don't stop thinking about tomorrow. And D: And we are ready for the day to come.

D Dan Maggio 18:56
D. Please don't tell me it's B

K Kathy Bush 18:58
It is D, "And we are ready for the day to come". I think he used that line about honor and dignity in oval office during the debates, but I don't think he did it at the convention. There we go.

D Dan Maggio 19:08
Oh, that would be ironic.

K Kathy Bush 19:10
Both President Bush and Senator John Kerry were members of the Skull and Bones society when they attended Yale University. Other than Mr. Bush's father, George Herbert Walker Bush, who was the last president to be a member of the Skull and Bones at Yale.

D Dan Maggio 19:25
That's a rowing Club, I'm assuming

K Kathy Bush 19:27
No, it is not a rowing club.

D Dan Maggio 19:28
Oh, no

B Beth Oljar 19:29
It's a fraternity. It couldn't have been Nixon.

D Dan Maggio 19:31
Oh,

K Kathy Bush 19:31
No, Nixon did not go to Yale

D Dan Maggio 19:33
I just assumed that it was that, but apparently it's not. What is it?

J Jeffe Boats 19:36
No, it's like it's like a fraternity. It's kind of a secret society. It's definitely

D Dan Maggio 19:43
We're hearing about it, so it can't be that secret

B Beth Oljar 19:45
A league of networking with former members of the society who typically had positions of great wealth

K Kathy Bush 19:50

Yeah -and power.

D Dan Maggio 19:50
Oh, it's one of those clubs

J Jeffe Boats 19:53
They chuckle at the Illuminati

K Kathy Bush 19:54
Yeah, so (Laughs) Uh, this is a president who's probably best known, sadly, in many ways for his weight - even though he later goes on this -

B Beth Oljar 20:06
It couldn't be Taft.

K Kathy Bush 20:07
Yes, it was. William Howard Taft. He was a Yale graduate, who later went on the Supreme Court. Yeah, our 300 pound president. I know, isn't it - And that sad that most people do truly know him as - you know -

B Beth Oljar 20:17
Well, Aquinas was fat too.

K Kathy Bush 20:19
That's true. So, you know, there's something to say about - about these guys. Okay. Which wartime president changed vice presidents between terms? So during war time, changed his vice presidential candidates.

B Beth Oljar 20:35
Nixon didn't do it between terms. He did it because Agnew was -

K Kathy Bush 20:38

Well, yeah, he kind of had to because yeah, Agnew got convicted, you know, kind of thing.

J Jeffe Boats 20:42
Roosevelt

K Kathy Bush 20:43
It was Franklin Roosevelt, certainly that his - you know, he was-

B Beth Oljar 20:46
I was looking for a republican president

D Dan Maggio 20:47
We had a limited choices of wars.

K Kathy Bush 20:48
Yeah. I was gonna say, you know, there is that.

B Beth Oljar 20:51
I was thinking it had to be a Republican president, so the war that came to mind was Vietnam.

K Kathy Bush 20:56
Yeah, this question doesn't really fit in there, which is - Hmm, okay. In which year did the Republican platform first call for a constitutional amendment banning abortion?

J Jeffe Boats 21:06
72?

K Kathy Bush 21:07
No, that's a little early, which I'm really surprised. I would have went with that one totally.

D Dan Maggio 21:12
80?

K Kathy Bush 21:12
1980. Yeah. So that would be how many years after Roe? Like eight years?

D Dan Maggio 21:18
When was Roe?

B Beth Oljar 21:18
Rowe was 73

K Kathy Bush 21:19
73. Okay. Yeah. Wow, that's amazing. I would have gone with Jeffe's - I would have gone with like that or 76.

J Jeffe Boats 21:26
I feel better now.

K Kathy Bush 21:27
Oh, I'm glad.

J Jeffe Boats 21:28
Thank you Kathy.

K Kathy Bush 21:29
Very good. Party platform planks range from the serious to the offbeat to the contentious. Which party declared in its 1980 form platform ad for platform that and I open quotation., "Americans were environmentalists long before it became fashionable. Our farmers cared for the earth and made it the world's most bountiful,. Our families cared for neighborhoods as an investment in their children's future. We pioneered conservation that replenished forest, preserve dwildlife, and created the National Park System". Which party made that claim?

D Dan Maggio 22:04
Well, I would say democratic. (Long silence from Kathy). But i'm obviously wrong,

K Kathy Bush 22:08
It was, it was the Republican Party. Which is true. That , when you think about Teddy Roosevelt in particular, who was a great conservationist set aside tons of government land for reserves.

B Beth Oljar 22:08
Republicans would say that. Well, in an Oregon too, a lot of the most important conservation and reconstruction work, especially the downtown area in Portland, was done by - our Republican governors were actually environmentalists.

D Dan Maggio 22:31
But that's not how I viewed - I mean today. I would always guess that the Democrats are the environmentalists and the Republicans are not.

K Kathy Bush 22:37
You know, but it's interesting how that has changed. Because when you had someone like a Roosevelt or progressives, which I would assume would be out in the Pacific Northwest, that that was terribly important to them. I'm not so sure environmentalism is real high on their agenda today, in the same way.

B Beth Oljar 22:52
But I think in the 70s Yeah, there were - I mean, because I remember-

K Kathy Bush 22:55
Nixon actually was -

B Beth Oljar 22:56
Yeah,

K Kathy Bush 22:56

I mean, some of the legislation that he sponsored, believe it or not, I can't believe I'm saying this, (someone's got to clean my mouth out) believe me. Yeah, I had a hard time for many years. I couldn't even teach about Nixon in my class because I was so afraid I would not be balanced and fair. In my presentation, I would refuse to talk about him. Because I was so terrified I would say something that was not fair to the students.

B Beth Oljar 23:19

But since the early 70s environmentalism has been- I remember when Earth Day started in 1992, And Drew and I are looking at each other like "Recycling is a new idea? Where have these people been?" I mean, that stuff's been going on. You know, we've had bottle bills and recycling legislation in Oregon since then,

K Kathy Bush 23:36

Yeah. G O P was originally an acronym for what ?

B Beth Oljar 23:41

Didn't always mean Grand Old Party?

K Kathy Bush 23:43

It's Old Party but originally something more - um -

D Dan Maggio 23:47

God's

K Kathy Bush 23:48

No not God's Old Party.

B Beth Oljar 23:50

Great?

K Kathy Bush 23:51

It's gallant old party,

D Dan Maggio 23:52
Gallant old party?

K Kathy Bush 23:53
I think that's a little off there. Okay.

B Beth Oljar 23:56
Not a word you would apply to Lincoln. I mean -

K Kathy Bush 23:58
I was gonna say,

D Dan Maggio 23:59
You could say the gay old party

K Kathy Bush 24:00
There was a gay ole party. Yee -ha! Gerald Ford wrapped up his 1992 convention speech in a hurry because of what reason?

D Dan Maggio 24:10
Would you repeat that

K Kathy Bush 24:12
Gerald Ford wrapped up his 1992 convention speech in a hurry because of what reason?

D Dan Maggio 24:19
He fell?

B Beth Oljar 24:19
I remember him speaking in 92.

K Kathy Bush 24:21
This is odd. This was at the Astrodome.

D Dan Maggio 24:24
There was a baseball game.

K Kathy Bush 24:25
No. Really -"Get out of centerfield!" It had to do with something that dealt-

J Jeffe Boats 24:31
The kissing bandit ran out. (Kathy laughs)

K Kathy Bush 24:34
It was an electrical problem. The podium was losing power, and it was going to cause a major electrical outage throughout the entire Astrodome. So they had to tell the former president that he had to stop speaking because of this electrical malfunction with that

D Dan Maggio 24:45
Did the lights go out?

B Beth Oljar 24:50
Not a great loss.

K Kathy Bush 24:51
Yeah, that's pretty interesting. The Republican Party's symbol of the elephant was designed by Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist and illustrator. What Magazine did he work for? And this magazine is still in place today.

B Beth Oljar 25:06
The New Yorker,

D Dan Maggio 25:06
New Yorker

K Kathy Bush 25:07
Not The New Yorker. Good guess. That would have been one of the first

B Beth Oljar 25:10
Atlantic Monthly?

D Dan Maggio 25:11
The Enquirer. Playboy?

K Kathy Bush 25:14
No, no, that's bunnies. Not that.

D Dan Maggio 25:17
Oh, bunnies. Sorry,

K Kathy Bush 25:17
That's just bunnies that way.

B Beth Oljar 25:19
It's not Atlantic.

K Kathy Bush 25:20
Harper's did you say, oh, but you said Harper's Bazaar. But it's Harper's,

J Jeffe Boats 25:23
Well, she meant to say that,

K Kathy Bush 25:24
okay. I did

D Dan Maggio 25:27
If she said Harper's that's bizarre

K Kathy Bush 25:28
And - (Laughs) No, no, that's a fashion. This is Harper's.

B Beth Oljar 25:33
Conde Nast publications?

K Kathy Bush 25:35
No

J Jeffe Boats 25:35
Now the historian shows up.

K Kathy Bush 25:38
And we've just been joined by Professor Finkenbine from the History Department. We're doing questions about the Republican Party. Like New York City itself, Madison Square Garden is as much of a state of mind as it is a configuration. How many New York City arenas were named Madison Square Garden before this current one opened in 1968? Because the gardens have been -

D Dan Maggio 25:58
I'd say 4

K Kathy Bush 26:00
You are so close

B Beth Oljar 26:01
5

D Dan Maggio 26:01
3

K Kathy Bush 26:02
3. It's three. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 26:03
"Close" means one, by the way. You missed that part. ,

K Kathy Bush 26:05
Yeah. So then Dan - Yeah, we got an explanation finally of what "off by one" means in mathematical terms, which was really, really good. And let's see here. And our final question.

B Beth Oljar 26:17
Off by one

K Kathy Bush 26:17
Off by one. That's it. So close but yet so far Ed Koch who was the former New York Mayor who is apparently a Democrat, crossed the party aisles to star in commercials - Oh, and we're now joined by Professor Curtsinger.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:20
(Laughing) Story of my life.

J Jerry Curtsinger 26:21
The slowest traffic -

K Kathy Bush 26:24
That's okay. You've got to - (The end-of-show bell rings) Oh, and the bell.

B Beth Oljar 26:38
Saved by the bell.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:39
The only time we like Saved by the Bell

K Kathy Bush 26:41
There you go. Okay. But let me stop here. And hopefully everyone will tune in next week to hear that last question. But let me thank our panelists. Professor Oljar.

B Beth Oljar 26:50
Bye

K Kathy Bush 26:51
Professor Curtsinger.

J Jerry Curtsinger 26:52
Fleeting as it is.

K Kathy Bush 26:53
That's okay. Professor Finkenbine.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:55
Still bud nipping

K Kathy Bush 26:57
Professor Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 26:58
Thanks for writing in, Edwin.

K Kathy Bush 27:00
Okay - and Professor Boats.

J Jeffe Boats 27:01
Finally we have enough to play hockey.

K Kathy Bush 28:04
There we go.

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K Kathy Bush 28:27
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M Michael Jayson 28:46
Matt Mio and the current panel of Ask The Professor return in late January. So send your questions today and make plans to join us.