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 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 September 2004.

 Kathy Bush 00:13

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 with 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 brought down some delicious cookies from their departmental meeting. Thank you, Beth Oljar

 Beth Oljar 00:52

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

 00:54

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

 Kathy Bush 00:58

Well, Dave was talking. Okay,

B Beth Oljar 00:59
so he couldn't talk and eat at the same time.

K 01:01
There you go. Okay. Good man. And Professor Leever who's wife is expecting a new Leever child.

B Beth Oljar 01:08
Yes.

K Kathy Bush 01:10
Marty better eat all those cookies while he can.

B Beth Oljar 01:12
Absolutely.

K Kathy Bush 01:13
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 Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 01:23
Hi Kathy.

K Kathy Bush 01:23
How's it going?

D Dan Maggio 01:24
Good. I'm good.

K Kathy Bush 01:25
And I hope you're enjoying these delicious cookies.

D Dan Maggio 01:28
They're delicious.

K Kathy Bush 01:29
That's right.

D Dan Maggio 01:30
And I speak while I eat.

K Kathy Bush 01:31
Don't we all. Mmm.

D Dan Maggio 01:33
I have no tact.

K Kathy Bush 01:34
Let's go drogering. Yes

D Dan Maggio 01:36
(Laughs)


K Kathy Bush 01:37
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 01:54


I'm trying to be the least of the third, but I just can't seem to drop this summer weight I gained.

 01:59


Don't do that. Don't be the least of the third, my friend. That would be so wrong.

 Beth Oljar 02:03

I can't do that either.

 Kathy Bush 02:04


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 come on. I mean, what's there to risk here, folks.

 Beth Oljar 02:19

You really can't lose. We're so egalitarian.

 Dan Maggio 02:21

Are we gonna reinstate the autographed photograph and the photographed autograph?

 Kathy Bush 02:24

Well, that's something we need to talk about.

 Dan Maggio 02:25

That was such a classic part of the show.

 02:27

It is, you know. And I think that we should give that a go. I think we should.

 Dan Maggio 02:31

We should.

K Kathy Bush 02:31
We'll have to find out who's got the best digital camera around.

D Dan Maggio 02:34
I could try to take that over, but God knows I already have 1000 jobs.

K Kathy Bush 02:37
I know

D Dan Maggio 02:37
But a thousand and one.

K Kathy Bush 02:37
No, we don't want it to turn into an Arabian Nights movie.

D Dan Maggio 02:41
Next time, if I remember, (which I won't) I'll bring my digital camera.

K Kathy Bush 02:44
Mm-hm.

D Dan Maggio 02:44
And maybe we can do photographed autographs.

K Kathy Bush 02:47
All right.

B Beth Oljar 02:48
We got a Philosophy Department picture today.

we get a Philosophy Department picture today.

K Kathy Bush 02:52
Oh, excellent.

B Beth Oljar 02:53
And then we can put pictures of the Philosophy Club members and yours truly up on the bulletin boards.

K Kathy Bush 02:58
Okay. Why not, dawg! Excellent.

B Beth Oljar 03:01
Get the students to do the work.

K Kathy Bush 03:02
There you go.

D Dan Maggio 03:03
Plus - if we sign a sheet, we could print it out in color. And that could be the -

B Beth Oljar 03:09
photographed autograph

J Jeffe Boats 03:10
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 03:10
And we can get photograph paper, and make it look like a photograph.

J Jeffe Boats 03:12



Jeff Boats 03:13

With digital cameras we can do all sorts of stuff like put a little devil's horns and beard on Roy. We Alright. Why not. Sounds good to me.



Dan Maggio 03:21

I think maybe we can move on that. And then we can just take a very simple picture of us in the hallway.



Kathy Bush 03:27

There we go.



Jeff Boats 03:28

Eric should have a cowboy hat and 10 star.



Kathy Bush 03:31

(Laughs) That's right, Sheriff E. Barnes.



Beth Oljar 03:33

Can I be in a toga or something?



Jeff Boats 03:35

Cool!



Kathy Bush 03:35

(Laughs) As a philosopher you should be



Dan Maggio 03:37

What do I get to wear? Don't answer that question.




Kathy Bush 03:39

I was gonna say, Dan

B Beth Oljar 03:41
Whatever you want, dear.

K Kathy Bush 03:42
Whatever you want. So, if you want to get in on what will be the down the road, the autograph, photograph, or photograph autographed, and of course the t shirt, you can do that in a number of ways.

A Announcer 03:53
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 04:01
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 04:07
Well, we are actually.

K Kathy Bush 04:08
(Laughs) Okay. We're at truck world, actually, near the border. No, just kidding.

J Jeffe Boats 04:11
Why don't I close the window. It's not warm in here today.

K Kathy Bush 04:13
Umm -

B Beth Oljar 04:14
It will get warm quickly.

K Kathy Bush 04:15

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's gorgeous all together.

B Beth Oljar 04:32

I haven't been in there yet. You've gotta go. It's gorgeous all together

D Dan Maggio 04:35

You haven't gone in? Oh, you need to go

B Beth Oljar 04:37

I've gotta make Bruce Brorby give me a tour.

K Kathy Bush 04:39

In fact, in between our building where we're taping here in Briggs and there there was a sort of brick square area that many of us thought was going to be the Commerce & Finance barbecue pit, but we found out actually it's the foundation for a statue of the Blessed Mother. So sorry about that.

J Jeffe Boats 04:52

When you see the classrooms in there. you're gonna be jealous.

K Kathy Bush 04:54

Yeah, you're gonna want - You will fight and kill to get a room in that building to teach.

D Dan Maggio 04:59

When you walk in - if you can picture in your head what it used to look like, you cannot recognize the old building.

K Kathy Bush 05:04

Yeah, you will not think you're in the same building.

D Dan Maggio 05:06

I can't believe that you haven't gone over.

K Kathy Bush 05:08

Oh!

D Dan Maggio 05:09

Let's walk over afterwards. If I can stay.

K Kathy Bush 05:11

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-Reilley 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 in the rebuilding of Europe, that they will have a complete idea of how this is going to work.

B Beth Oljar 05:30

(Laughs) They'll have sound effects.

D Dan Maggio 05:32

No kidding


K Kathy Bush 05:32


Yes, they will. So let's turn to our first set of questions which were given to me actually, by our former moderator, Ed DeWindt, because he thought that it would be a good - Well, these are about the GOP in NYC. He got this out of the New York Times.


J Jeffe Boats 05:38

Oh, boy





 Kathy Bush 05:39
And he thought that these would be appropriate questions.


 Dan Maggio 05:50
I think you're talking to the wrong group.


 Kathy Bush 05:52
I don't know.


 Jefte Boats 05:53
I wasn't invited to that one.


 Kathy Bush 05:54
They didn't ask you?

 Jefte Boats 05:56
No.

 Kathy Bush 05:56
Then I would not go to any of their other parties.

 Jefte Boats 05:58
They thought I might cause a scene.

 06:00
You? Not at all, Jefte. Okay. There are - let's see how many questions here? Yeah, there are 20 questions, and Edwin said 15 out of 20 is passing


 Beth Oljar 06:13
Per cent?

D Dan Maggio 06:16
75

J Jeffe Boats 06:16
He's tenured. He can be tough.

K Kathy Bush 06:17
Yeah, I was gonna say -

B Beth Oljar 06:18
Even I can figure that one out.

 06:20
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 over that period, five times. What was the name of that city?

B Beth Oljar 06:35
Saratoga?

D Dan Maggio 06:36
Is it East Coast?

K Kathy Bush 06:37
No, it's not an East Coast city.

D Dan Maggio 06:39
Really?

B Beth Oljar 06:39



Oh, it's not New York?



06:40

No, it's not New York. It's just about the - it's about the grand old party.



Dan Maggio 06:43

Southern?



Kathy Bush 06:44

Not southern - definitely not.



Dan Maggio 06:46

Oh - no, no, no, no. Really?



Kathy Bush 06:48

Yeah. Because the GOP -



Dan Maggio 06:49

Texas?



Kathy Bush 06:50

No, this is from the early founding. I mean, this is like in the early 20th century. Think the city of big shoulders.



Beth Oljar 06:58

Chicago?



Kathy Bush 06:59

Chicago. That's it. From 1904 through 1920, there were five Republican conventions held there.

D Dan Maggio 07:06
Is Chicago considered Republican nowadays?

K Kathy Bush 07:08
Well, no, but I think because the GOP was a party of the Midwest when it was founded in the 1850s, 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 -

B Beth Oljar 07:22
That makes sense.

K Kathy Bush 07:23
Yeah. I mean, so it wasn't too 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 the 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 07:57
Who cast the vote? No, who would that was cast for?


K Kathy Bush 08:01
No. Who would have been the other person? It's war time, remember.


J Jeffe Boats 08:04
Oppenheimer.


K Kathy Bush 08:04
(Laughs) Yeah, right. They were totally fond of him.


D Dan Maggio 08:09
What year was this in?


 Kathy Bush 08:10
1944


 Beth Oljar 08:10
Patton or Ike.


 Kathy Bush 08:10
It wasn't Patton or Ike. This would be another general. Good discernment there. Good deduction.


 Dan Maggio 08:14
MacArthur?

 Kathy Bush 08:20
It is. Douglas MacArthur. Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 08:23
He was really one of the most arrogant people probably who ever lived.

 Jefte Boats 08:27
Dewey?

 08:27
Well, it's odd, because later again, he wanted to seek the Republican National nomination, you know, but sadly, Ike 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. It was somebody that we just mentioned.

 Kathy Bush 08:27
Yeah. Thomas Dewey. It was an amazing thing when Franklin Roosevelt actually flew out to Chicago to accept the Democratic Party's nomination. Prior to that, there would be someone

Chicago to accept the Democratic Party's 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.

B

Beth Oljar 09:13

That seems sort of nicely civilized. Why couldn't you do both things?



09:16

Yeah, I know, doesn't it? Well, I think John Kerry is 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 he'd do 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".

B

Beth Oljar 09:37

A ha. Was in his wheelchair?



09:41

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. He had very good upper body strength at that point. So it looked like he might have limped and he had that cane, but he stood - The only time he ever gave his 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 in that way.

J

Jeff Boats 10:22

That must have been right before he died. So, poor bugger - that was not good. This general election, the first since the 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 code name for a vehicle in a presidential motorcade? What might they call that?

B

Beth Oljar 10:55

Liberty's car?



10:56

You would think - I thought it'd be something cool, but it's really kind of like -



Jeffe Boats 11:00

Minnow?



Kathy Bush 11:00

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.



Jeffe Boats 11:13

Chuck Wagon?



Kathy Bush 11:14

Not chuck wagon, but a different wagon.



Beth Oljar 11:16

Covered wagon?



Kathy Bush 11:17

Stagecoach.



Dan Maggio 11:18

Oh, okay.



Kathy Bush 11:20

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



Jeffe Boats 11:23

It could be.

K Kathy Bush 11:25
There you go.

B Beth Oljar 11:25
Because isn't Liberty the code word for the -

K Kathy Bush 11:28
for the President. Yeah. So you would have thought like "Liberty wagon". "Liberty boogie".
Liberty something.

J Jeffe Boats 11:33
Robin Williams joked that the codeword was Gilligan.

K Kathy Bush 11:36
Gilligan. (The professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 11:37
"Little buddy!" That's why I guessed "Minnow" earlier.

K Kathy Bush 11:40
There we go. Alright. Who was the first woman to deliver a keynote address at a major political
party's national convention? This is amazing.

D Dan Maggio 11:51
Recent?

K Kathy Bush 11:52
No, it's not recent, and it's at the Republican National Convention of 1972.

B Beth Oljar 11:57
Oh!

D Dan Maggio 11:58
Oh, that's - Well, that's recent.

K Kathy Bush 12:00
Well, recent enough, but -

D Dan Maggio 12:02
72

K Kathy Bush 12:03
Yeah. I mean, I find that unbelievable.

J Jeffe Boats 12:05
Jane Fonda. No.

K Kathy Bush 12:06
(Laughing) Yeah, that's right. She came right on in.

J Jeffe Boats 12:08
"Republicans hear me roar".

K Kathy Bush 12:10
Yeah, really. It's Anne Armstrong. Okay. And I guess here's the reason I'm surprised, I think is something like an Eleanor Roosevelt. I mean, I just find that shocking.

B Beth Oljar 12:22
That the Republicans didn't get around to having a woman speak until 72?



12:25

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



Production Element 12:36

(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)



Michael Jayson 13:45

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



Kathy Bush 13:52

And we're back. Yes, indeed. And we're back with questions about the GOP in NYC. And you guys are doing really well. You know. (Laughs) Look an Dan. I wish you could see Dan's face. Dan's like "Get out of here."



Dan Maggio 14:14

I'm focused.



Kathy Bush 14:14

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



Beth Oljar 14:19

Oh, a bunch.



Kathy Bush 14:20


Well, you know, not as many, of course, as Ohio.





Dan Maggio 14:23


I'd say three.





 Kathy Bush 14:27
You're very close.


 Dan Maggio 14:28
Four


 Kathy Bush 14:29
Four.


 Dan Maggio 14:29
The other close,


 Kathy Bush 14:30
You were close. You were totally close there. What do you call that when you're only one off in math?

 Jeffe Boats 14:35
Off-by-one.

 Kathy Bush 14:35
Off-by-one (The professors laugh)

 14:36
Or "You're wrong, and you just flunked my test? Okay. I just wondered if there might be a term for that being very close to something in mathematics.

 Beth Oljar 14:45
(Laughing) Off-by-one.

 Dan Maggio 14:45
In the neighborhood.

K Kathy Bush 14:48
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 15:01
Three

K Kathy Bush 15:02
No

B Beth Oljar 15:03
four.

K Kathy Bush 15:03
No

J Jeffe Boats 15:04
Zero.

K Kathy Bush 15:05
No. Too low.

B Beth Oljar 15:06
Six.

K Kathy Bush 15:07
Five. Five different times they've held their convention in NYC. Yeah, I was there actually for the one in 1980.

D Dan Maggio 15:13
Why have the Republicans avoided New York?

K Kathy Bush 15:17
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. I in New York City alone - that's not exactly a big Republican voting town. You know, I mean, until you get out toward Long Island in 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 greatly 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 15:56
How long did he speak?

K Kathy Bush 15:57
How long did he speak?

D Dan Maggio 16:00
90 minutes.

K Kathy Bush 16:01
That's a little high, actually.

J Jeffe Boats 16:03
Well, it just seemed like 90 minutes

K Kathy Bush 16:04
(Laughing) It just seemed like 90 minutes. Okay,

B Beth Oljar 16:07
45 minutes

45 minutes.

K Kathy Bush 16:07
That's a little low.

D Dan Maggio 16:09
I don't know - 53 minutes.

B Beth Oljar 16:09
An hour.

K Kathy Bush 16:10
He came right in at an hour. 59 minutes,

D Dan Maggio 16:12
Did the music start? (The professors laugh)

K Kathy Bush 16:15
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 cool.

D Dan Maggio 16:23
Who? My man?

K Kathy Bush 16:23
I'm trying to think of which was the award recipient. The one who said, Oh, good. They start playing the music, and he started kind of singing along with that. Your man - the one wh- I forget his name. But he was really good that started singing that way.

D Dan Maggio 16:33
I didn't watch it.

K Kathy Bush 16:34
It was brilliant. Whose speech went long at the 1992 convention therefore knocking Ronald Reagan's appearance out of prime time? Now this speech -

B Beth Oljar 16:45
Pat Buchanan

K Kathy Bush 16:46
It was.

B Beth Oljar 16:46
Oh, it was so, scary.

K Kathy Bush 16:48
Yeah. That was the battle of the culture

B Beth Oljar 16:50
The culture war in America. Yeah. It was terrifying.

D Dan Maggio 16:53
Oh yes he can.

K Kathy Bush 16:53
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 16:53
I just remember sitting there opened mouth. Like "He can't really be saying this in public"

K Kathy Bush 16:58
And he did. Although he's just written a new book about the loss of conservatism. I mean

And he did. Although he's just written a new book about the loss of conservatism. I mean -

B Beth Oljar 17:03
Yes.

K Kathy Bush 17:04
Which is - I mean, I know people might scream at me here, but I am very interested in reading that book.

D Dan Maggio 17:09
No, I wouldn't scream. There's an interesting - I'll just hate you. But - No, I'm just kidding

K Kathy Bush 17:14
No, no, no, no,

B Beth Oljar 17:15
No. But I think people like Buchanan and Goldwater have a better understanding of what it means to be politically conservative than -

K Kathy Bush 17:21
Yeah

B Beth Oljar 17:21
a lot of other people.

K Kathy Bush 17:22
He's 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 17:34
He feels that they should stay true to the original?

K Kathy Bush 17:36
Yeah, to that. He's worried about deficit spending, which he claims no Republicans would support. I mean, he, so he's talking about the Republicanism of Reagan, you know, and so it was very interesting.

B Beth Oljar 17:47
Before Reagan went to bed with the Christian Right.

K Kathy Bush 17:50
Right. Exactly. Yes. That's what he was 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? (Laughing) Who sneezed? Good, nice. Jeffe.

J Jeffe Boats 18:04
Who sneezed? Well - "God bless you"


K Kathy Bush 18:10
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"


J Jeffe Boats 18:20
That sounds like a Klingon. C) "Don't stop thinking about tomorrow" And D) "And we are ready for the day to come".


D Dan Maggio 18:27
D. Please don't tell me it's "B"


K Kathy Bush 18:30
It is "D"





 Dan Maggio 18:31
It's "D"?


 Kathy Bush 18:31
It is "D" - "And we are ready for the day to come." I think he used that line about "honor and dignity to the oval office" during the debates, but I don't think he did it at the convention. There we go. 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. That's


 Dan Maggio 18:56
That's a rowing club, I'm assuming.


 Kathy Bush 18:58
No, it is not a rowing club.

 Dan Maggio 18:59
Oh, no?

 Beth Oljar 19:00
Fraternity. It couldn't have been Nixon

 Kathy Bush 19:02
No, Nixon did not go to Yale.

 Dan Maggio 19:04
I just assumed that it was that, but apparently it's not. What is it?

 19:07
No it's like - it's a fraternity. It's kind of a secret society.

 Dan Maggio 19:13

D Dan Maggio 19:15
Well, we're hearing about it, so it can't be that secret

B Beth Oljar 19:16
They're big on networking with former members of the society who typically have positions of great wealth and power.

D Dan Maggio 19:22
Oh, it's one of those clubs.

J Jeffe Boats 19:23
They chuckle at the Illuminati.

K Kathy Bush 19:25
Yeah. So - (Loud laughter). 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 19:36
It couldn't be Taft.

K Kathy Bush 19:37
Yes, it was - William Howard Taft, who was a Yale graduate who later went on the Supreme Court. Yeah, our 300-pound president. I know, isn't it - And that's sad that most people do truly know him as you know -

B Beth Oljar 19:47
Well, Aquinas was fat too.

K Kathy Bush 19:48
That's true. So you know, there's something to say about that - about these guys. Okay. Which wartime president changed vice presidents between terms? So during wartime changed his vice presidential candidates - from the first and second -

B Beth Oljar 20:05
Nixon didn't do it between terms. He did it because Agnew was -

K Kathy Bush 20:08
Well, yeah, he kind of had to because yeah, Agnew got convicted, you know, kind of thing.

J Jeffe Boats 20:12
Roosevelt.

K Kathy Bush 20:13
It was Franklin Roosevelt, certainly that his, you know, he

B Beth Oljar 20:16
Oh, I was thinking of -

D Dan Maggio 20:17
We have limited choices of wars.

K Kathy Bush 20:18
Yeah, I was gonna say, you know, there is that

B Beth Oljar 20:21
I was thinking it had to be a Republican president, so the war that came to mind was Vietnam.

K Kathy Bush 20:26
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 20:35
72?

K Kathy Bush 20:36
No, that's a little early, which I'm really surprised. I would have went with that one - totally.

D Dan Maggio 20:41
80?

K Kathy Bush 20:41
1980 Yeah. So that would be how many years after Roe?

B Beth Oljar 20:47
Roe was 73.,

K Kathy Bush 20:48
Okay. Wow, that's amazing. I would have gone with Jeffe's- I would have gone with like that or 76.

J Jeffe Boats 20:54
Well, I feel better now.

K Kathy Bush 20:56
Oh, I'm glad.

J Jeffe Boats 20:57
Thank you, Kathy.

K Kathy Bush 20:57
Party platform planks range from the serious to the offbeat to the contentious. Which party declared in its 1984 platform that "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 forests, preserve wildlife, and created the National Park System". Which party made that claim?

D Dan Maggio 21:29

Well, I would say Democratic. (Long pause from Kathy) but I'm obviously wrong.

B Beth Oljar 21:35

I think Republicans would say that,

K Kathy Bush 21:36

You know, it was the Republican Party.

B Beth Oljar 21:36

Teddy Roosevelt.

K Kathy Bush 21:38

which is true. That - when you think about Teddy Roosevelt in particular, he was a great conservationist. He set aside tons of government land for reserves.

B Beth Oljar 21:46

Well, and in Oregon too a lot of the most important conservation and reconstruction work, especially the downtown area important was done by - our Republican governors were actually environmentalists

D Dan Maggio 21:57

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 22:04

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 22:18
but I think in the 70s Yeah, there were I mean, because I remember

K Kathy Bush 22:21
Nixon, actually, was a -

B Beth Oljar 22:22
Yeah

K Kathy Bush 22:23
I mean, some of the legislation that he sponsored, believe it or not, I can't believe I'm saying this. Oh my gosh, someone clean my tongue from my mouth. 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 22:46
But since the early 70s environmentalism has been - I remember when Earth Day started in 1992, And Drew and I were 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. Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 23:02
Yeah. G-O-P was originally an acronym for what?

B Beth Oljar 23:07
It didn't always mean Grand Old Party?

K Kathy Bush 23:09
It's "old party", but originally something more, uh -

D Dan Maggio 23:13
God's?

K Kathy Bush 23:14
(Laughing) No not "God's" ole party.

B Beth Oljar 23:16
Great?

K Kathy Bush 23:17
It's "gallant old party".

D Dan Maggio 23:18
Oh, the "gallant old party"?

K Kathy Bush 23:20
I think that's a little off there. Okay.

B Beth Oljar 23:22
Not a word you would apply to Lincoln. I mean -

K Kathy Bush 23:24
I was gonna say, you know -

D Dan Maggio 23:25
You could say "the gay ole party".

K Kathy Bush 23:26
The gay ole party. Yee-ha. Gerald Ford wrapped up his 1992 convention speech in a hurry because of what reason?

D Dan Maggio 23:37
Would you repeat that?

K Kathy Bush 23:38
Gerald Ford wrapped up his 1992 convention speech in a hurry, because of what reason?

D Dan Maggio 23:45
He fell?

K Kathy Bush 23:47
This is odd. This was at the Astrodome.

D Dan Maggio 23:49
Uh, there was a baseball game?

K Kathy Bush 23:51
(Laughs) No. Really. "Get out of centerfield!"

J Jeffe Boats 23:55
The kissing bandit ran out. (Kathy laughs)

D Dan Maggio 23:59
Did the lights go out?

K Kathy Bush 24:00
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,



B Beth Oljar 24:16
Not a great loss. Yeah, that's

K Kathy Bush 24:18
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 24:32
The New Yorker?

K Kathy Bush 24:33
Not the New Yorker. Good guess. That would have been one of the first.

B Beth Oljar 24:37
The Atlantic Monthly?

D Dan Maggio 24:37
The Enquirer.

K Kathy Bush 24:39
(Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 24:39
Playboy?.

K Kathy Bush 24:40
No, no, that's bunnies

D Dan Maggio 24:43
Oh, bunnies.. Sorry,

K Kathy Bush 24:44
That's just bunnies that way.

B Beth Oljar 24:45
It's not Atlantic,

D Dan Maggio 24:46
Oh, Harper's

K Kathy Bush 24:46
Harper's - Did you say? You said Harper's Bazaar, but it's Harper's.

J Jeffe Boats 24:50
She meant to say that

K Kathy Bush 24:51
Oh, okay.

B Beth Oljar 24:51
Oh, I did. because Harper's That's right, I mentioned Harper's,

D Dan Maggio 24:53
Because she said "Harpers", that's bizarre.

K Kathy Bush 24:54
No, no. (Laughs) That's a fashion - this is Harper's, the commentary.

B Beth Oljar 24:58
Is he the Nast of Conde Nast publications?

K Kathy Bush 25:01
No, no, not the same Nast.

J Jeffe Boats 25:03
Thank God, the historian showed up.

R Roy Finkenbine 25:04
Oh, goody.

K Kathy Bush 25:04
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 25:24
I'd say "four".

K Kathy Bush 25:26
You are so close

B Beth Oljar 25:27
Five

R Roy Finkenbine 25:28
Three.

K Kathy Bush 25:28
Three. It's three. Yeah

D Dan Maggio 25:30
"Close" means "Off by one" by the way. You missed that part.

K Kathy Bush 25:32
Yeah. So we got an explanation finally of what "close" means in mathematical terms - which was really, really good.

B Beth Oljar 25:44
Off by one.

K Kathy Bush 25:44
That's it - off by one. So close, and yet so far

R Roy Finkenbine 25:46
Story of my life. (Laughs)

K Kathy Bush 25:48
Final question - Ed Koc, who is a former New York Mayor - who is apparently a Democrat - crossed the party aisle to -

R Roy Finkenbine 25:54
He's a Zell Miller Democrat.

K Kathy Bush 25:56
And we're now joined by Professor Curtsinger.

J Jerry Curtsinger 25:59
Slowist typist in the -



K Kathy Bush 26:01
That's okay. You had to do - (The end-of-the-show bell rings) Oh! and the bell. Saved by the bell.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:05
The only time we like Saved by the Bell .

K Kathy Bush 26:08
There we 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 26:17
Bye

K Kathy Bush 26:17
Professor Curtsinger

J Jerry Curtsinger 26:18
Fleeting as it is.

K Kathy Bush 26:19
That's okay. Professor Finkenbine.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:22
still bud nippin'.

K Kathy Bush 26:22
and Professor Maggio

D Dan Maggio 26:25
Thanks for writing in, Edwin. Okay, and Professor Boats

J Jeffe Boats 26:27
Finally, we have enough to play hockey.

K Kathy Bush 26:29
There we go.

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K Kathy Bush 27:49
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