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**M** Michael Jayson 00:01

The University of Detroit Mercy presents an encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor program. Today's show takes us back to October 2005.

**K** Kathy Bush 00:13

Hello and welcome to Ask the Professor, the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit witless professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers here in Motown. So let me introduce today's panel so we can get this party started. To my left from the Department of Philosophy, its outgoing chair, but always a pleasure as a teacher and colleague, Professor Beth Oljar.

**B** Beth Oljar 00:36

Although as Marty announced when we were having a discussion of this, "In some sense, Beth is always going to be the chair"

**K** Kathy Bush 00:43

and you said "No, no, no"

**B** Beth Oljar 00:47

We heard some disco music at the beginning there though. It made me think of New Year's Eve. Kathy and I always have to get our dose of disco on New Year's Eve.

**K** Kathy Bush 00:52  
Absolutely. Yeah, you know, disco was not like a kidney stone. It did not pass. And there you go. But that's right. There it is.

**D** David Koukal 00:59  
And it feels very painful when it does.

**K** Kathy Bush 01:01  
It surely does. And sitting next to Beth, from the College of Engineering and Science and the Department of Mathematics, the director of Math Education and the guy who can do percentages in his head. It's Professor Jeffe Boats.

**J** Jeffe Boats 01:12  
Upside down, Kathy. You turn me inside out and round and round. (Kathy laughs)

**B** Beth Oljar 01:17  
but that was a really bad song.

**K** Kathy Bush 01:19  
I was gonna say - some Diana Ross disco. Miss Ross.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:24  
We like, "Ring My Bell".

**K** Kathy Bush 01:25  
Yeah, "you can ring my bell". That's right. Indeed. Or "Fly Robin, Fly", one of the cheesiest disco songs ever written.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:31  
Or "I Will Survive"

K Kathy Bush 01:32  
Oh, there you go.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:33  
Gloria Gaynor.

K Kathy Bush 01:33  
Yeah, there we go. Yeah, that and uh, Who's the woman who is among the one-hit wonders.  
Alicia Bridges.

J Jeffe Boats 01:39  
I Love The Nightlife.

K Kathy Bush 01:40  
I Love The Nightlife. What a great tune. Yeah, yeah. Sitting at the far end of the table, our man  
of media, the movie master of the panel. It's Professor Jerry Curtsinger from Communication  
Studies.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:52  
I must tell you about the latest movie in our house.

K Kathy Bush 01:55  
Let's hear it.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:56  
I tuned in for a few minutes with Dylan to watch "Undercover Brother." Eddie Griffin gets the fro  
cut. He says - he goes, "You mess with the fro. You must go." My son was dying through this  
whole - He wasn't quite getting all the jokes, but he was laughing anyway. Particularly at James  
Brown. "Who's that guy?"

K Kathy Bush 02:14  
Oh! An American icon

J Jerry Curtsinger 02:16

No, but I explained everything. He said, "When mom comes home; I want to ask her to get that movie, so we can have a family movie night and watch UNDERCOVER BROTHER". (Kathy laughs) And the part that I liked was great. It's when he hits the eject button on the eight track and the tape flies out and hits the motorcycle guy and ahead and he wipes out. Then he hits the Afro Sheen button and then the other motorcycle hits the Sheen and he wipes out, and it was such a fun movie. Eddie Griffin is so good. And then when he goes white, it's really hilarious. He's got Dockers and a sweater and a Celine Dion music.

K Kathy Bush 02:17

Oh, good. Celine Dion music? Oh!

J Jerry Curtsinger 02:47

It's just too funny. It's really highly recommended, folks. Eddie Griffin is really funny.

K Kathy Bush 02:53

Okay, there's a tip from Jerry, a man who knows film. Now to my right, near the head of the table -

J Jerry Curtsinger 02:58

That's my non-scholarly recommendation. (The professors laugh)

K Kathy Bush 03:00

That's okay. We don't have to be scholarly - that scholarly on a Friday. From the Department of Philosophy and director of the University Honors Program and an honorary Motown maven himself, It's Professor David Koukal.

D David Koukal 03:12

Thank you. You know, ever since you guys invited me back onto the program, there's this bit of trivia that I thought I'd throw out.

K Kathy Bush 03:19

Great

D David Koukal 03:20  
and it's driving me nuts, because I actually can't - I don't know the answer. Remember the TV show Mannix?

J Jerry Curtsinger 03:24  
Yes.

S Sharon Vlahovich 03:25  
Yes.

D David Koukal 03:25  
I think everybody does. Who was the actor? I can picture him.

B Beth Oljar 03:28  
Okay, the character was -

D David Koukal 03:30  
Mike Connors was the guy, and he had a black secretary.

J Jerry Curtsinger 03:32  
Joe -

B Beth Oljar 03:33  
He had black hair

D David Koukal 03:35  
Black hair, kind of Italian or Greek looking.

B Beth Oljar 03:36

Yeah.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 03:37  
It was Joe something. I can't think of the name.

**D** David Koukal 03:39  
I can't believe it.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:40  
Okay, well, hey, listeners, help us out.

**J** Jeffe Boats 03:42  
It's gonna put be in some serious Mannix depression.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:43  
Yes, that's it. And sitting next to David, our special guest who we didn't hold hostage, but we did let her back in the building for another Friday. It's honorary professor Sharon Vlahovich.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 03:54  
Thank you very much. I'm glad to be here.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:56  
We are so glad that you could come back and join us on Friday. So, as again, we're asking you to help us out with that Mannix question. Hey, we're happy to answer any questions that you send to us. They can be on any topic you wish.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 04:07  
It's gonna kill me all during the show.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:08  
But I was gonna say, poor Jerry. Isn't it awful when you can picture someone and you can't think of the name.

think of the name.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 04:12  
Yep.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:13  
But send us things about names, dead people, whatever. And how can you - (The professors laugh) How can you get those questions to us?

**M** Michael Jayson 04:19  
You can email Ask The Professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:28  
On our last show, we were just finishing up with some questions from Tom DeWitt of Farmington Hills. And I think we'll send him a winner's package.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:35  
Absolutely.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 04:36  
Mike Connors played Joe Mannix

**K** Kathy Bush 04:40  
That's it! Excellent

**B** Beth Oljar 04:40  
That's it! The actor was Mike Connors

**K** Kathy Bush 04:43  
Okay

**B** Beth Oljar 04:44  
Mannix was the character.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 04:45  
Now I can shut my brain off.

**D** David Koukal 04:46  
You can go back to sleep, Jerry.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 04:50  
It took me a while, you know

**K** Kathy Bush 04:53  
Okay, so we can cancel that order of Mannix questions - maybe something on - let's see

**B** Beth Oljar 04:58  
GUNSMOKE

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 04:59  
BEVERLY HILLBILLIES.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:00  
BEVERLY HILLBILLIES? I dated a guy that knew every plot.

**J** Jeffe Boats 05:04  
There was more than one plot?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 05:04  
Sonny Drysdale.



**K** Kathy Bush 05:06  
Oh, there was - Well, when Jethro Bodine becomes a court jester when they visit England. Okay? (The professors laugh) Ellie Mae and her critters in the cement pond. C'mon.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 05:16  
I liked it when they went beat. Remember when they went beat?

**K** Kathy Bush 05:16  
Yes, when they went beat. That was an excellent show.

**D** David Koukal 05:21  
That was just kind of the Brady Bunch of its day.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:23  
Yes. Well, even better than that was Green Acres. My roommate actually changed her schedule so she could stay in the room and watch Green Acres reruns. She really liked Eva Gabor's character most of all. She used to imitate her "Oliver!" She would do this, and I was like "Do you need help? The Psych clinic is on campus. It's a short walk. I'm sure they've got a telly someplace in the waiting room, and you can watch Green Acres while you're waiting for the therapist". So yes, send us some questions on that, because we'd like those. But the last question that came from Tom Dewitt was a question for the panel. He asked, "Who is your second favorite James Bond, because," he said "it seems that Sean Connery is everybody's favorite".

**J** Jeffe Boats 06:12  
Oh, not me.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:12  
Okay

**J** Jeffe Boats 06:13  
He's my second favorite.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:14  
Sean Connery.

**J** Jeffe Boats 06:15  
Mm-hm.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:15  
Okay, who is your favorite?

**B** Beth Oljar 06:17  
If you say Roger Moore, I might hit you.

**J** Jeffe Boats 06:19  
George Lazenby.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:19  
Okay.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 06:20  
Ha-ha, You can't reach me. Roger Moore.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:23  
For real?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 06:24  
Yes. It goes back to THE SAINT.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:27  
Oh, excellent show.

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:27  
Have you ever seen THE SAINT?

D David Koukal 06:28  
THE SAINT was great. Is that the one with the -

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:31  
Simon Templar.

D David Koukal 06:32  
Tony Curtis? There was another show that he was in with Tony Curtis.

K Kathy Bush 06:39  
Sean Connery, he's eye candy; but I'm telling you Pierce Brosnan -

S Sharon Vlahovich 06:42  
Yeah, he's smooth.

K Kathy Bush 06:44  
Thank you. To die for,

B Beth Oljar 06:46  
In fact, if you want a really great romantic movie, rent his version of The Thomas Crown Affair with Rene Russo.

S Sharon Vlahovich 06:53  
Oh, yeah.

B Beth Oljar 06:53  
Oh, it's wonderful.

On, it's wonderful.

- K** Kathy Bush 06:54  
And one other film I can recommend of his, which came out just a few years ago with Irish TV was a film called EVELYN.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:03  
Mm-hm.
- K** Kathy Bush 07:03  
Very, very remarkable film. Wonderfully acted. And again, he's just too cute on the eyes. Anybody else got any favorite James Bond.
- D** David Koukal 07:12  
I'll talk about my second favorite Bond girl.
- K** Kathy Bush 07:15  
Okay. We're talking about man candy. Go for it. Who's your first favorite Bond girl?
- D** David Koukal 07:21  
It would be Jane Seymour after Carey Lowell.
- K** Kathy Bush 07:24  
Oh, okay.
- J** Jeffe Boats 07:25  
Which one was Carey Lowell?
- D** David Koukal 07:26  
I can't remember the movie, but it was one with Robert Davi

**B** Beth Oljar 07:28  
It was one of the later ones. Jane Seymour was Solitaire.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 07:30  
Yeah, you remember Carey Lowell, but you can't remember the movie (Laughs)

**B** Beth Oljar 07:36  
Ursula Andress?

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 07:37  
That's it.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:38  
No, Halle Berry was probably one of the best BOND girls.

**D** David Koukal 07:42  
Yes.

**K** Kathy Bush 07:43  
Okay. Well, we've just D-Bonded. So we thank Tom. We're gonna make sure that you get a package and uh -

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 07:49  
A date with Barbara Bach.

**K** Kathy Bush 07:50  
(Laughs) If only we could

**J** Jeffe Boats 07:53  
Or Olivia d'Abo.

**K** Kathy Bush 07:53  
That's it. Our next set of questions comes from Andy Graham of Milford, Michigan, and these are, as he said "just trivia", but there's no standard here. We have no grading scale.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 08:03  
Oh, cool, man!

**K** Kathy Bush 08:04  
Is that sort of like Open university, or what?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 08:06  
Is that like - What was it - Evergreen, Beth? Is that the one where they don't give grades? Is that the one? Evergreen State.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:10  
Evergreen State College

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 08:12  
They ask you to write just a little paragraph about what you're doing.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:16  
I think Evergreen is seen as more respectable now than it was like in the early 70s? Barely

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 08:22  
Barely?

**K** Kathy Bush 08:24  
Okay, and we like that barely respectable. Okay. The average person takes how long to fall asleep?

**B** Beth Oljar 08:33  
20 minutes.

**K** Kathy Bush 08:34  
Much too long.

**J** Jeffe Boats 08:35  
Seven minutes. 15

**K** Kathy Bush 08:36  
On the nose. Jeffe. Dawg.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:40  
You timed it last night. Didn't you?

**D** David Koukal 08:42  
He has a big head. He's got lots of stuff in it.

**K** Kathy Bush 08:45  
It's a good - . That's Wow, it's exactly seven minutes

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 08:48  
It's one of those number questions that we all just give up on.

**J** Jeffe Boats 08:50  
If there's trivia involved and if I've heard it, I'll remember it

**K** Kathy Bush 08:54  
Jeffe has a very logical way. I love how you and Dan workout questions about -

- J** Jerry Curtsinger 08:58  
Like, How many peanut butter sandwiches are eaten in the world each day.
- J** Jeffe Boats 09:00  
Let's solve this mathematically.
- K** Kathy Bush 09:02  
"Let's solve this mathematically" and you guys can do it.
- J** Jeffe Boats 09:05  
NUMBERS is my favorite show. I love that show.
- D** David Koukal 09:07  
Oh, that show that's on Friday nights?
- B** Beth Oljar 09:09  
Because he's such a platanist.
- J** Jeffe Boats 09:10  
The show NUMBERS, I just want to say this about it. The mathematics you see on there is absolutely legitimate. I've researched it very well. The only thing that's unrealistic is that they do in a couple hours, which could take weeks.
- K** Kathy Bush 09:25  
Or a couple of lifetimes for Jerry and I. (Jerry laughs)
- J** Jeffe Boats 09:29  
They speed it up just to get the plot going.
- D** David Koukal 09:31



Should you use chalkboards that much?

**J** Jeffe Boats 09:34  
Sure, why not?

**D** David Koukal 09:34  
I was just wondering because why don't you just plug everything into a computer?

**J** Jeffe Boats 09:37  
Well, it's -

**K** Kathy Bush 09:39  
it's the tactile feel of the chalk. Yeah,

**J** Jeffe Boats 09:42  
It's more interesting. There's certain areas of mathematics where you use computers, because the idea is to take an impossible problem, approximate it with several billion easy problems and then turn the computer loose because you don't have time to solve a billion easy problems.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 09:53  
Yeah

**K** Kathy Bush 09:54  
I didn't have time to solve one - like, on my SATs. I remember there was one problem I had - (The professors laugh) Like, no thanks. quantitativ?

**D** David Koukal 10:00  
You see this in a category of smart cop shows.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:02  
Yeah

**D** David Koukal 10:02  
There's a whole slew of them now. Now, the scientists actually tell the cops what to do

**K** Kathy Bush 10:07  
Well, we've got us some numbers here. So get ready numbers

**J** Jeffe Boats 10:12  
I refer to NUMBERS as CSI Cal Tec

**K** Kathy Bush 10:13  
(Laughs) The average person laughs about how many times a day?

**B** Beth Oljar 10:20  
Not enough


**K** Kathy Bush 10:21  
True enough. That's true enough. We need a lot more laughter.


**D** David Koukal 10:24  
On average? How would you do -


**J** Jeffe Boats 10:25  
20


**K** Kathy Bush 10:25  
That's low, which surprises me with this number.


**D** Dan Maggio 10:27  
70?


 Kathy Bush 10:28  
That's a bit high


 Jerry Curtsinger 10:29  
50.


 Kathy Bush 10:29  
Exactly. On the nose. Good, man yourself.


 David Koukal 10:32  
Numbers Man comes up with it. Jerry didn't know the secret mathematician that was fighting to get out.

 Jerry Curtsinger 10:38  
I got a math question right one time.

 Kathy Bush 10:41  
Yes, you did.

 Jerry Curtsinger 10:42  
(Laughs) Because it was metric.

 Kathy Bush 10:45  
Because it's hundreds. I love metric. Dude, why can't we go metric, you know?

 Jerry Curtsinger 10:49  
"How many grams in an ounce?" or something was the question.

 Kathy Bush 10:51

Kathy Bush 10:51

The average person walks the equivalent of this around the world or this number of around the world in their lifetime? And I find this hard to believe, because I think we're very sedentary in this country.

Jeffe Boats 11:03

Well, the average person lives to about 70 years. That's approximately 25,000 days.

David Koukal 11:06

Is this in America, by the way?

Kathy Bush 11:07

These are Americans. This came from Milford.

Jeffe Boats 11:10

How many miles do you think the average person walks in a day?

Jerry Curtsinger 11:12

A mile and a half.

Jeffe Boats 11:13

That's all?

Kathy Bush 11:14

Yeah.

Jerry Curtsinger 11:14

We're lazy.

Kathy Bush 11:15

Because - Did you see the film SUPERSIZE ME? Anyone see that? That documentary?

**D** David Koukal 11:20  
I remember seeing that.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:20  
Okay. Remember how they talked about the average New Yorker they believe walks four to five miles a day. The average American they claim only walks about two miles.

**J** Jeffe Boats 11:28  
Then the answer should be about 50,000

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 11:32  
50,000 miles?

**J** Jeffe Boats 11:32  
Yeah. Because the average American lives about 2500 days. But times around the Earth would be twice then.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:38  
Okay. This is saying 65,000. So I don't know how they came up with that, unless they think -

**D** David Koukal 11:42  
They might just be making a ballpark guess

**K** Kathy Bush 11:42  
Yeah

**J** Jeffe Boats 11:43  
Well maybe they expect people to live longer or they - Maybe that's it. Okay. Yeah, something with that formula.

**D** David Koukal 11:45  
Or are they walking along the equator?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:48  
Ooh, Don't know. Well, while we think about geography, let's take a break.

**P** Production Element 11:53  
Ask The Professor FLASHBACK

**M** Michael Jayson 13:17  
You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask The Professor program from October 2005, featuring the late Professor Kathy Bush as moderator. (The Doobie Brothers - LISTEN TO THE MUSIC plays in the background)

**K** Kathy Bush 13:29  
And we're back with questions from Andy Graham of Milford Michigan. And yes, indeed, Beth, this was one of your first concerts, right?

**B** Beth Oljar 13:36  
Probably.

**K** Kathy Bush 13:36  
Well, these are questions, some of them dealing with numbers and some not, but so far you guys are kickin' 'em out. The average United States male will spend how many hours shaving during his lifetime?

**B** Beth Oljar 13:48  
Well, for Dave - None.

**K** Kathy Bush 13:50  
(Laughs) Well, c'mon now.

**D** David Koukal 13:51  
It takes a long time to shave this piece of facial hair.

**K** Kathy Bush 13:54  
And Jeffe's got the beard thing going too. So -

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 13:57  
An hour a week maybe.

**J** Jeffe Boats 13:58  
Okay, if you go an hour a week, that's 52 weeks and

**B** Beth Oljar 14:01  
And you do straight guys speed shaving, that Kyan Douglas hates on QUEER EYE.

**K** Kathy Bush 14:06  
Thank you.

**J** Jeffe Boats 14:07  
We'll go with about 3000.

**K** Kathy Bush 14:10  
I'm gonna give it to you. It's 2995. (Laughs)

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 14:13  
See, I can only get through the week. I couldn't do any more math than that.

**J** James Tubbs 14:18  
You really were a prodigy.

**J** Jeffe Boats 14:20  
The trick there is you had to cut it in three quarters at the end because men don't shave until they're about 16 or 17.

**K** Kathy Bush 14:25  
Oh, okay. All right. Are you when you started shaving?

**D** David Koukal 14:29  
Uh, I was about two (The professors laugh)

**K** Kathy Bush 14:30  
Uh, good man. Okay.

**J** Jeffe Boats 14:31  
Yeah, that right there is just growth since this morning.

**K** Kathy Bush 14:32  
With your Fisher-Price set? Was that it? Okay, excellent.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:37  
(Laughs) With a little Fisher Price razor.

**D** David Koukal 14:38  
Oh, I had one of those. I use to shave my legs with it. (The professors laugh)

**B** Beth Oljar 14:44  
Oh Tiger did that. When we were living in Louisiana, because Mary and Sally had just started shaving their legs and Tiger thought it would be cool and he just -

**K** Kathy Bush 14:53



Oh!

**B** Beth Oljar 14:53

There was blood everywhere.

**K** Kathy Bush 14:55

Oh, poor beggar. Oh, my goodness. How did the trip addition of the kiss given by the bride to the groom at the wedding ceremony originate?

**J** Jeffe Boats 15:05

It was a game of Pass The Orange and it sort of -

**K** Kathy Bush 15:11

(Laughs) You only wish. I don't think that was happening.

**J** Jeffe Boats 15:12

Yes.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:12

Does anybody have any ideas of why that kiss for the bride to the groom at the end of the ceremony originated?

**B** Beth Oljar 15:18

It probably involved women proving something.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:20

Yes it did. Actually it did - with women being virgins and making this comment and showing this pledge in front of their village.

**D** David Koukal 15:27

Wait a second. Are you saying that- ? Like, what's the rationale here?

**K** Kathy Bush 15:34  
I don't think there is any. That's the whole issue.

**D** David Koukal 15:36  
Yeah. I mean, it's like, well, if she kissed him, he must be a virgin.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:40  
She must be

**D** David Koukal 15:41  
or she must be a virgin.

**J** Jeffe Boats 15:41  
She had to show the entire community that she didn't know how to kiss yet.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:44  
That's right

**D** David Koukal 15:46  
That she was an inept kisser.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:47  
That's right. Like if she were to drool - It was pretty bad.

**J** Jeffe Boats 15:53  
Am I giving people bad memories of high school here.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:59  
It is a good thing to rehearse before the actual ceremony.

**D** David Koukal 16:04  
Do you use a mirror or something?

**B** Beth Oljar 16:05  
No, you want to make sure it's not, you know, sucking face, as my grandma would say.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:14  
Playing tonsil hockey - No thanks. That's not good. Thank you. Not good. What is the most common name in the world? This would be the most common first name in the world? No.

**J** Jeffe Boats 16:22  
Muhammad

**B** Beth Oljar 16:22  
John.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:23  
Absolutely. Now this question is a little outdated. I don't know if Andy did his research. But what was the largest single-ticket jackpot winner of an American lottery?

**D** David Koukal 16:34  
80 million.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 16:35  
Oh, way bigger than that.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:35  
Thank you. yeah. This was a guy in West Virginia. It was in 2002. Did anybody want to guess the amount of this? And if this was a soul winning ticket. 200 million. No, a bit higher.

**B** Beth Oljar 17:03  
300? Well, we just had 304.

**K** Kathy Bush 17:05  
This is \$314.9 million.

**B** Beth Oljar 17:08  
Was it somewhere in Ohio?

**K** Kathy Bush 17:09  
West Virginia.

**J** Jeffe Boats 17:11  
That's like 100 pi million.

**K** Kathy Bush 17:12  
Oh, that's an interesting way to think about that. Wow. I mean, that's like the budget of West Virginia, dude. (The professors laugh) Big time.


**J** Jerry Curtsinger 17:19  
Well, there was the winner of the powerball thing. He had five of the six numbers and his comment was "Well, I just do what my wife tells me to do with the money."

**K** Kathy Bush 17:25  
Alright.


**J** Jerry Curtsinger 17:26  
Like he needs the money you know, a US senator needs this.

**D** David Koukal 17:31


It's not like their base salary is a lot to write home about.

 Kathy Bush 17:33


No. How many Hitler's were listed in the New York City phonebook before World War Two?

 Jeffe Boats 17:40


That's probably a common name. I guess at least - probably about 50

 Kathy Bush 17:46


That's a little high actually. A little high.

 David Koukal 17:48


25

 Kathy Bush 17:49


Right on the nose.

 Jeffe Boats 17:50


Wow.

 Kathy Bush 17:50


Now, how many after the war?

 David Koukal 17:52

Zero

 Kathy Bush 17:53

Exactly.

 Beth Oljar 17:54

Wouldn't you change your name?

K Kathy Bush 17:56  
I think I would change my name too.

B Beth Oljar 18:02  
Well, he got killed in prison which was not an unexpected result

K Kathy Bush 18:05  
That's true. The states of Washington and Montana execute prisoners by what?

D David Koukal 18:05  
True.

J Jerry Curtsinger 18:10  
Firing squad.

K Kathy Bush 18:12  
No.

J Jerry Curtsinger 18:12  
Oh, that's Utah.

S Sharon Vlahovich 18:14  
Hanging

K Kathy Bush 18:14  
That's right.

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**B** Beth Oljar 18:16  
This was a huge thing when Wesley Allan Dodd asked to be hung -

**K** Kathy Bush 18:20  
And they were concerned that - if you don't do it properly it arguably would be cruel and unusual punishment because there would be asphyxiation - Dude, we so need Matt here. He's asking for what three chemicals are used to execute criminals by lethal injection?

**B** Beth Oljar 18:38  
Potassium cyanide

**K** Kathy Bush 18:39  
That's one. That's right.

**D** David Koukal 18:40  
One's got to be something that puts them to sleep.

**J** Jeffe Boats 18:42  
Sodium pentothal

**D** David Koukal 18:43  
That might be it.

**K** Kathy Bush 18:44  
Yeah, that's the second, and I've never heard of this other one.

**D** David Koukal 18:46  
This one would stop the heart.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:49  
Well, the cyanide would do that.

**D** David Koukal 18:50  
Okay.

**K** Kathy Bush 18:50  
Yeah. Pancuronium? I've never heard of this medication. Don't know it.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:54  
It must be a curare derivative.

**K** Kathy Bush 18:58  
Yeah, I think it's a muscle relaxer then. It would have to be if it's curare. It's gotta be

**B** Beth Oljar 19:05  
Why isn't all capital - I mean, granted that there should be any, why isn't it all done that way?

**D** David Koukal 19:10  
Because they have this thing called States' Rights in the United States. It's the wave of the future.

**K** Kathy Bush 19:14  
You know, I find myself really upset sometimes when I find myself agreeing with some certain people. That's the only thing on which I agree with Bill O'Reilly.

**D** David Koukal 19:27  
What's that?

**K** Kathy Bush 19:27  
He's anti death penalty.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:30



**D** David Koukal 19:28

Really?

**K** Kathy Bush 19:29

Yes, he is. I almost fell down and hit the tiles. When he was interviewed by Terry Gross - I almost drove my car literally off the street.

**D** David Koukal 19:37

He throws you those curves so you'll think that he's not what he is.

**K** Kathy Bush 19:41

But I just heard that and I - like, I did. I literally pulled my car off the road and down a side street. You can actually remember where you were? I can totally remember.

**D** David Koukal 19:53

It's like when Kennedy was shot..

**K** Kathy Bush 19:56

It is. I was totally shocked. I was like, "Oh, my gosh. I agree with Bill O'Reilly on this topic".

**D** David Koukal 19:57

You know what? I was - Bozo the Clown was coming on, and that was my favorite show. And it had been preempted. And I was complaining to my mother that Bozo wasn't on, and my mother was going "Shhh! The president's been shot"

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 19:57

I remember where I was when Kennedy was shot.

**D** David Koukal 20:02

I wasn't born yet.

**J** Jeffe Boats 20:13

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The question is - Where were you when the Challenger blew up?

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:17  
I know where I was.

K Kathy Bush 20:17  
I knew where I was - teaching school.

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:20  
I was fixing the transmitted at WWJ

K Kathy Bush 20:26  
The number of triplets born in the United States in 1994 was 4594, which was more than triple the number born in 1971. Why?

B Beth Oljar 20:38  
Fertility drugs?

K Kathy Bush 20:39  
Absolutely. The use of fertility enhancing drugs and techniques, including its the increased older age of mothers

B Beth Oljar 20:48  
That's how Drew's sister ended up with twin boys.

K Kathy Bush 20:49  
Yowza!

S Sharon Vlahovich 20:50  
Mm-hm.

K Kathy Bush 20:52  
The vocabulary of the average American consists of how many words?

D David Koukal 20:57  
300. (The professors laugh)

K Kathy Bush 20:59  
Now - now - now.

B Beth Oljar 21:00  
Do swear words count?

K Kathy Bush 21:01  
Uh, they just said words. They said "vocabulary", I suppose the American lexicon includes -

J Jeffe Boats 21:08  
20,000

K Kathy Bush 21:08  
That's high

B Beth Oljar 21:08  
Because that increases a person's vocabulary exponentially.

J Jeffe Boats 21:12  
15,000?

B Beth Oljar 21:13  
500

K Kathy Bush 21:15  
Way too low, Beth. Still too high, Jeffe.

J Jerry Curtsinger 21:17  
2000

K Kathy Bush 21:18  
Still low. Now I'm amazed at this. They must be counting articles.

J Jerry Curtsinger 21:22  
They'd have to be.

J Jeffe Boats 21:23  
There are 400,000 words in the English language.

K Kathy Bush 21:25  
They report here that the vocabulary of the average person is five to 6000 words.

J Jeffe Boats 21:30  
You're kidding me.

K Kathy Bush 21:31  
Thank you. I was gonna say - where at? Okay, you got

J Jeffe Boats 21:34  
In the average book you'll find more words than that. In just about any novel you buy off a bestseller list.

D David Koukal 21:40

Yes, but nobody reads those.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:41  
(Laughing) Yeah, I was gonna say.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:42  
because nobody reads anymore unless it's on the internet. Oh, no, no,

**K** Kathy Bush 21:46  
Oh, no, no. I'll never give up books.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:47  
It's depressing.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:47  
There's nothing better than holding them in your hand. I'm sorry.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:50  
There's so many books and so little amount of time.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:52  
That's right. The US President's cabinet is composed of how many different departments? Name those people that sit on the president's cabinet. There's 13 of them, right?

**D** David Koukal 22:02  
I was gonna say 12, actually.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 22:06  
Where's Roy Finkenbine. He would know this.

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**K** Kathy Bush 22:08  
Actually, there's little more than that.

**D** David Koukal 22:10  
Really?

**K** Kathy Bush 22:10  
Well, because recently we've had a few additions.

**B** Beth Oljar 22:13  
Yeah, there's Homeland Security.

**K** Kathy Bush 22:15  
Right. There you go. Secretary of Homeland Security.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 22:18  
Interior

**D** David Koukal 22:19  
Attorney General

**K** Kathy Bush 22:20  
Yeah, attorney general.

**B** Beth Oljar 22:21  
Treasury and Defense

**K** Kathy Bush 22:22  
Treasury and Secretary of Defense Interior

- J** Jerry Curtsinger 22:24  
Interior Exterior
- K** Kathy Bush 22:26  
(Laughs)
- J** Jeffe Boats 22:26  
Posterior. (The professors laugh)
- B** Beth Oljar 22:30  
Health Education and Welfare.
- D** David Koukal 22:31  
There's the Secretary of Labor.
- K** Kathy Bush 22:31  
Health, Education and Welfare. Well, actually now that's now referred to as - Okay. Yes.  
Secretary of Labor.
- B** Beth Oljar 22:38  
Housing and Urban Development.
- K** Kathy Bush 22:39  
HUD. That's right. Okay, what else? Nobody even thinks of moo cows in here? You people are a  
bunch of urban mavens in here. Come on now.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 22:50  
Agriculture. That's right. Okay, got commerce. What's big in this city? What do we put the world  
on wheels for?
- B** Beth Oljar 22:55

Transportation.

K

Kathy Bush 22:55

Absolutely. Sad to say, but they're not doing their -

D

David Koukal 22:58

Oh, the Department of Education Oh, Veterans Affairs.

K

Kathy Bush 22:59

Yeah, the Department of Education. And sad to say this is a group probably not doing what they need to be doing for our guys coming back from the Middle East. Exactly. There you go. That's it. Good show. You guys pretty literate there. Look how many words you just used in that. By survey, who were the three best known Western names in China? and this is in mainland China.

J

Jeff Boats 23:22

In what year?

K

Kathy Bush 23:23

This was done in 1998. So the three best known Western names.

B

Beth Oljar 23:29

Michael Jordan.

K

Kathy Bush 23:30

Well, these would be historic figures

J

Jeff Boats 23:32

There's an old Vulcan proverb - "Only Nixon could go to China".

K

Kathy Bush 23:35

That's right. Richard Nixon is one of them, good show. Hey, there's Roy.



**D** David Koukal 23:38  
I would say maybe Kissinger.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:40  
No, I'm so surprised. And we're welcoming Roy Finkenbine.

**P** Professors 23:43  
Yay!

**K** Kathy Bush 23:44  
Roy, you just missed it. Everybody said you should have been here for this last question.

**D** David Koukal 23:47  
But as it ended up, we didn't need you, anyhow.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:48  
(Laughs) Okay, the current question at our table is the three best known Western names in China.

**D** David Koukal 23:57  
Oh, Michael Jordan.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:58  
No, I was so surprised.

**B** Beth Oljar 23:59  
I said Michael Jordan.

**D** David Koukal 24:00



Oh, I'm sorry.



Sharon Vlahovich 24:01

Richard Nixon.



Kathy Bush 24:02

Richard Nixon we know is one of them. This is really scary - these last two.



Beth Oljar 24:07

Madonna?



Sharon Vlahovich 24:08

Male or female?



Kathy Bush 24:09

Both - Well one definitely male and one that some people would say that this person really has no gender



Jeffe Boats 24:16

RuPaul



David Koukal 24:16

Boy George.



Kathy Bush 24:19

I don't think they'd let Ru on Radio Tiananmen Square.



Beth Oljar 24:24

Pat from Saturday Night Live?

**K** Kathy Bush 24:25  
No. Think 50s music phenomenon.

**J** Jeffe Boats 24:31  
Oh Liberace

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 24:31  
Elvis.

**K** Kathy Bush 24:32  
Elvis. Yeah.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 24:33  
The king.


**K** Kathy Bush 24:34  
And this one is surprises me. because I thought this was something that was rather banned in China.


**J** Jerry Curtsinger 24:40  
Second children


**K** Kathy Bush 24:43  
Yeah, there is that. Jesus Christ.


**J** Jerry Curtsinger 24:46  
Wow.


**D** David Koukal 24:46  
Really?


 Kathy Bush 24:47  
Yeah


 Sharon Vlahovich 24:48  
Now, wait a minute, and he's considered Western?


 Kathy Bush 24:50  
That's what I mean. Isn't that interesting? I just I find that really, really interesting. Roy, You came just in time, because he's got some questions here on US Presidents. Okay. Four US presidents never attended university or college. Can you name those presidents?


 David Koukal 25:12  
Bush? (The professors laugh) No he attended

 Sharon Vlahovich 25:24  
Abraham Lincoln.

 Kathy Bush 25:25  
That's exactly right.

 Sharon Vlahovich 25:26  
George Washington

 Kathy Bush 25:27  
No.

 Roy Finkenbine 25:28  
Jefferson went to William & Mary

 Sharon Vlahovich 25:28

**S** Sharon Vianovic 25:30  
What about Abraham Lincoln?

**K** Kathy Bush 25:31  
Abraham Lincoln is another one. This was a guy who sadly, truly wanted to go. That's one of the saddest things I remember reading in his memoir, but the family just did not have the cash.

**D** David Koukal 25:40  
Grant.

**K** Kathy Bush 25:41  
No He went to the US Military Academy. No, this is a more modern president - Harry Truman how he wanted to go.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 25:49  
Harry Truman?

**K** Kathy Bush 25:49  
Yeah, his dad suffered a really bad - There was an accident and then on the farm there had been a bad - something with the crops. They had to sell out and move into town, and his family just didn't have the money.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 26:00  
But I thought he took, like, night, courses at a -

**K** Kathy Bush 26:04  
At a business school.

**J** Jeffe Boats 26:10  
Is Reagan the other one?

**K** Kathy Bush 26:11



No, the other one is Grover Cleveland.



Beth Oljar 26:13

Grover!



Kathy Bush 26:14

Grover! Okay, well let us thank the panel. Professor Oljar. Later Professor Boats



Jeffe Boats 26:21

Elmo and Big Bird didn't go either.



Kathy Bush 26:22

No they didn't. Professor Curtsinger.



Jerry Curtsinger 26:24

All learning is valuable.



Kathy Bush 26:26

Professor Finkenbine



Roy Finkenbine 26:27

Watch out for Big Bird and the Avian Flu.



Kathy Bush 26:30

Always. Professor Koukal.





David Koukal 26:31


Knowledge is power.




Kathy Bush 26:32


 Kathy Bush 26:32  
And visiting professor Sharon Vlahovich.

 Sharon Vlahovich 26:35  
Thank you for having me.

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 Michael Jayson 27:32  
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 Kathy Bush 27:45  
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 Michael Jayson 28:10  
Thw summer of Ask Professor classics continues next week, so please plan to join us.