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## SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Jeffe Boats, Jerry Curtsinger, Production Element, Michael Jayson, Kathy Bush, Roy Finkenbine, Sharon Vlahovich, David Koukal

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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 00:12

Yo, and welcome to Ask the Professor, the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. And let me introduce today's panel to you, because we have a lot of folk around the table, which is good to see. It's sort of like pre Thanksgiving, which is kind of nice. So let me start with my right. From the Department of Philosophy, back for a third show in a row. It's like a Broadway hit. It's Professor Dave Koukal.

**D** David Koukal 00:41

I haven't seen you since the last time we actually rehearsed for this show.

**K** Kathy Bush 00:41

I know.

**D** David Koukal 00:43

I saw you weren't there.

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**B** Beth Oljar 00:44  
You missed rehearsal again.

**K** Kathy Bush 00:48  
Jerry, You're gonna have to go to the chorus. Now, around the corner at the end of the table visiting us from the Department of History. Professor Roy Finkenbine.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 00:57  
After a long absence.

**K** Kathy Bush 00:58  
That's right. We're glad to see you here at the table again. And sitting next to Roy, from the Department of Communication Studies. It's the CST Visual Communication man himself, Professor Jerry Curtsinger

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 01:10  
Visualize this: Looked a lot like Kwame Kilpatrick, drove a red Navigator, panic in Detroit. See, I was at the debate.

**K** Kathy Bush 01:16  
Talk about - Can you guys just get along there. What was going on?

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 01:21  
Well, I think Freeman Hendricks could probably make three suits out of the fabric it takes to make one for Kwame, but I learned nothing.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:27  
Kwame's a big dude,

**K** Kathy Bush 01:28  
Oh, you know what I learned? I learned that both of them need to get smacked in the chops. Talk about no manners. And that format - really. You know, it's a mayoral debate. It is not the World Cup. Okay. Can everybody stop hooting and cheering. All right,

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:41  
I had effects mics placed throughout the auditorium at Wayne State. And during the five minutes before air they do a little crowd warm up.

K Kathy Bush 01:47  
Yeah.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:47  
I realized that these are the most useful placement - because it's so loud in there. And each side has their own contingent. We didn't even bother with those mics. I just killed them. We didn't even need them.

K Kathy Bush 01:57  
Excellent. Good show.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:58  
It was a good time.

K Kathy Bush 01:59  
Well, yeah.

J Jerry Curtsinger 02:00  
It was only an hour-long show.

K Kathy Bush 02:01  
And around the corner, on the other side of the table, from the College of Engineering & Science and the Department of Mathematics. He's the man, as I said, who can do percentages all on his own, no calculator or anything. Professor Jeffe Boats.

J Jeffe Boats 02:15  
Well, after seeing those debates, I have to say I can understand how Jerry Springer became

mayor of Cincinnati. (The professors laugh)

**K** Kathy Bush 02:21  
Good Yes. That is too true.

**J** Jeffe Boats 02:24  
That's inner city politics.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:25  
That's it. And next to Jeffe, from the Department of Philosophy, slowly crawling her way toward freedom.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:30  
I've gotta go home.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:31  
(Laughs) It's Professor Beth Oljar.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:34  
Good to be here.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:35  
Okay. And once again, back under - by popular demand and pretty soon better sign a contract -

**R** Roy Finkenbine 02:40  
I thought you were gonna say "under duress".

**J** Jeffe Boats 02:41  
I'm not sure what the difference is. Okay. It's our special visiting guest Professor Sharon Vlahovich.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 02:50  
Thank you. I'm only here for the coffee.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:51  
I know. And it's good coffee. Thank you, Michael.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 02:53  
Thank you.

**K** Kathy Bush 02:54  
I know. Michael just takes such good care of us. Because if it was my coffee, it would be like magic marker juice. I'm not drinkin' that stuff. No, no, no. Well, this is the show where you can send us questions on coffee, on numbers, on freedom, whatever you'd like. And if you stump the panel, you could win a t-shirt as well as the autographed photograph or photographed autograph. And even if you don't stump us, win or lose - you get something. So where else in America can you do that? You may check out our website (The sound of rustling papers can be heard in the background) That's ATP@UDMercy.edu. I reuse paper. I was educated by nuns.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 03:30  
Ignore the paper crinkling in the background.

**K** Kathy Bush 03:32  
That's exactly right. Good sound in this studio. You may fax the professor at 313-993-1166 or send it care of the US Postal Service to Ask The Professor, UD Mercy, 4001 West McNichols Rd., Detroit, Michigan 48221. And we were still continuing with some trivia questions from Andy Graham of Milford, Michigan. And as we said, Roy just popped in in time to hit those US Presidents questions.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 03:58  
So far. I've contributed nothing.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:00  
Yes you -. Well, no, no, actually, you did. You did.

**J** Jeffe Boats 04:02

I didn't catch the author's name. Andy Graham. So if you were to put the letters in his name, it would spell something out. Right?

**K** Kathy Bush 04:08

It could. I think it could. (The professors laugh) Well, and we'll talk about more of that at breaktime. Absolutely. Okay. The Gothic style Washington National Cathedral contains the remains of only one US president who's buried in Washington DC. Who is that? That's right.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 04:26

Woodrow Wilson I saw his crypt.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:28

Yes, His home is a fascinating tour in Northwest. That poor guy. Now, there are several others who are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Name those presidents.

**D** David Koukal 04:39

Grant

**R** Roy Finkenbine 04:39

Kennedy

**K** Kathy Bush 04:40

Kennedy's one.

**D** David Koukal 04:41

What about Grant?

**K** Kathy Bush 04:42

Nope.

**D** David Koukal 04:43  
Shoot.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 04:43  
Reagan.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:45  
No. He was buried out in California overlooking the ocean.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 04:49  
Oh, that's right they had that -

**K** Kathy Bush 04:50  
Remember that - the fly him out to Simi Valley?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 04:55  
I forgot which way they flew him.

**K** Kathy Bush 04:57  
That's right.

**D** David Koukal 04:57  
Jerry says Eisenhower

**K** Kathy Bush 04:59  
No. Sadly, Ike is buried back in his presidential museum.

**D** David Koukal 05:03  
His museum?

**K** Kathy Bush 05:06  
Or his library. He was - this must be a very big grave.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 05:14  
Oh, Taft?

**K** Kathy Bush 05:15  
That's right. Which is surprising to me. I would have thought he might have been buried back in Ohio, but since he was president and a Supreme Court justice -

**R** Roy Finkenbine 05:22  
And governor of the Philippines.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:23  
Yeah

**D** David Koukal 05:25  
In the monk's table, they actually cut a slot for him.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:25  
And Aquinas was that fat. Right? I mean, didn't they have to cut, like - For his tummy.

**D** David Koukal 05:30  
Out of the table. He's the world's fattest philosopher.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:34  
Really?

**D** David Koukal 05:34  
Yeah.



R Roy Finkenbine 05:37  
Is that a test question?

D David Koukal 05:40  
It's an extra credit question.

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:41  
Was Pythagoras the first philosopher?

B Beth Oljar 05:43  
No

D David Koukal 05:43  
Thales

B Beth Oljar 05:44  
In the Western tradition.

K Kathy Bush 05:46  
Right.

B Beth Oljar 05:47  
Thales of Miletus

D David Koukal 05:48  
Yes.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:49

I'm guessing there was an earlier philosopher. He just didn't leave us, uh -

**D** David Koukal 05:52  
Oh, there probably is. But, you know

**B** Beth Oljar 05:53  
We just refer to them collectively as the Pre-Socratics.

**K** Kathy Bush 05:54  
Alright.

**D** David Koukal 05:57  
Those guys

**K** Kathy Bush 05:58  
Them guys. Yeah. Them toga guys. Three US presidents died on Independence Day. Can you name them and in what year?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 06:05  
Adams and Jefferson in July 4 1826.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:10  
That's right. They died the same day.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 06:11  
Wow.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:12  
And Franklin Roosevelt died in April.



**K** Kathy Bush 06:14  
That's right. April 12.

**J** Jeffe Boats 06:15  
Where was conspiracy talk radio back then?

**K** Kathy Bush 06:19  
Uh, "Hey, neighbor, you know the two guys died on the same day."

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 06:19  
(Laughs)

**B** Beth Oljar 06:21  
Did Nixon die on July 4th?

**K** Kathy Bush 06:23  
No, no. He didn't, but I do know that they didn't deliver mail the day of his funeral. My father's head almost exploded. He suggested that the 21-gun salute be aimed at the casket to guarantee that he was REALLY dead. Big J was not a happy camper that day, let me tell 'ya.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 06:38  
We're getting ready for Watergate 2.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:41  
Yeah, we are. But we've got one more US president who died on Independence Day. And this is interesting. This is another early one.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:50  
Monroe?

**K** Kathy Bush 06:50

Yes, James Monroe Wasn't that in 31? Yes. 1931. Yeah, that's when he died. Very interesting.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:57

Little tiny guy We only missed two. Not bad. We couldn't have done it without Roy.

**K** Kathy Bush 06:59

Yeah. How many U.S, presidents have been assassinated and in what years.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:04

Four

**R** Roy Finkenbine 07:07

Kennedy in 63 and William McKinley.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:09

Wasn't McKinley in 1901 and Lincoln in 1965?

**K** Kathy Bush 07:09

That's right. And one more.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 07:14

Garfield. 1881

**K** Kathy Bush 07:15

1881. That's it. Jerry said it first.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 07:17

I was thinking of the Johnny Cash song -"Garfield has been shot down, shot down, shot down."

**D** David Koukal 07:17

Come on. Bring it on. Bring on the tough questions.

K

Kathy Bush 07:22

Yes. Did you learn that in school?

J

Jerry Curtsinger 07:25

I don't know where I learned it. I think it was from one of my folk music things - you know, when I was riding my motorcycle and stuff, and sitting in the basement in the dark, playing music.

K

Kathy Bush 07:26

Okay. Okay, we don't need to know anything else, Jerry.

B

Beth Oljar 07:39

I want to hear more about that, actually.

J

Jeffe Boats 07:40

Easy Rider Jerry. (The professors laugh)

K

Kathy Bush 07:48

There were several US presidents who never had children. Can you name them?

B

Beth Oljar 07:53

That's probably a good thing.

J

Jeffe Boats 07:56

I wish there had been one more.

K

Kathy Bush 07:59

(Laughs)

R Roy Finkenbine 07:59  
Officially, Buchanan.

K Kathy Bush 08:01  
Well, right. Because -

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:02  
Well, you have to qualify that. Right?

K Kathy Bush 08:03  
Well, yeah. Well, you know why?

R Roy Finkenbine 08:06  
Because he was a batchelor.

K Kathy Bush 08:06  
That's right.

B Beth Oljar 08:07  
What about Jefferson? Officially?

K Kathy Bush 08:08  
Well, let me just put it this way - He's not on this list. Okay, let's just put it that way.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:09  
Washington.

K Kathy Bush 08:18  
Yeah, the father of our country didn't have children.

**J** Jeffe Boats 08:21  
The wooden teeth were a turnoff.

**K** Kathy Bush 08:21  
Yeah, that's it. No.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:22  
Was Jefferson's daughter by Sally?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 08:26  
Mm-mm. Trivia question: What was the name of his nephew though - that became of political importance?

**K** Kathy Bush 08:35  
Of who's nephew?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 08:36  
Washington.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 08:36  
Washington's nephew?

**K** Kathy Bush 08:37  
Don't know but we've still got four names here to answer. (Laughs)

**D** David Koukal 08:41  
Bushrod

**K** Kathy Bush 08:42  
Bushrod

R Roy Finkenbine 08:43  
He actually became a Supreme Court justice.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:44  
How many more are we missing?

K Kathy Bush 08:44  
Poor guy. Woe, why did parents do that to kids? Okay, we've got Washington. We've got Buchanan.

B Beth Oljar 08:45  
Wilson? Did Wilson have any children?

K Kathy Bush 08:53  
Yes, three daughters. Yeah. Now there's four more

B Beth Oljar 08:57  
Harding?

K Kathy Bush 09:00  
Yes, Warren Harding. Well, officially he did. (The professors laugh). There was that. Yeah, Nan Britton and the unofficial -

R Roy Finkenbine 09:06  
Officially.

B Beth Oljar 09:07  
There was rolling of dice in someone else's square, was there?

—



K Kathy Bush 09:10  
Uh, there was indeed.

B Beth Oljar 09:12  
As my mom used to say.

R Roy Finkenbine 09:12  
In the Oval Office, as it were. And according to Mrs. Harding's biographer, Flo actually walked in.

K Kathy Bush 09:13  
Yeah, supposedly she did.

S Sharon Vlahovich 09:13  
Isn't power the ultimate aphrodisiac?

D David Koukal 09:15  
Yes.

K Kathy Bush 09:18  
One of these presidents, very sadly, um, who loved his wife a great deal, in fact, actually would go after people who attacked her.

R Roy Finkenbine 09:30  
Jackson

K Kathy Bush 09:30  
That's right. The charge was bigamy. Wasn't it, Roy? that they said with Jackson?

R Roy Finkenbine 09:34  
Yeah, because of (basically) some technicalities involved in the divorce?

**K** Kathy Bush 09:39  
Yeah. But he truly - Yeah, he would go after somebody that - You need two more. One, I think, is a great constitutionalist who is quite short.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:48  
Madison.

**K** Kathy Bush 09:49  
That's right. Yeah. Somebody once said that he never would have been elected president today because of his small stature. Do you believe that?

**D** David Koukal 09:55  
Probably not.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:57  
He was smart enough to take notes on the entire constitutional convention.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:03  
Thank you. That would have mattered. Okay. And the last one is probably not a terribly well known president. This is a little earlier.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:10  
You know it's not John Tyler

**K** Kathy Bush 10:13  
Yeah, not Tyler Not Harrison.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:14  
Harrison, Polk

**K** Kathy Bush 10:17  
James Polk. There you go.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:20  
We could have had British Columbia.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:22  
There are several US presidents who never held any other elective office except the presidency.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:29  
I'll buy that

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:30  
Eisenhower.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:30  
Yes, Eisenhower. Definitely.

**D** David Koukal 10:33  
Get out! Washington

**K** Kathy Bush 10:33  
Actually, no. Nope. There's three others, and these are interesting.

**D** David Koukal 10:40  
Maybe he was like the dogcatcher or something.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:42  
(Laughs)

**B** Beth Oljar 10:42  
It couldn't be Jefferson.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:45  
No

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:46  
I don't know if this - You're counting things, obviously, pre 1789.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:50  
Mm-hm

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:51  
But people like Madison and Monroe were secretaries of state.

**K** Kathy Bush 10:54  
That's right.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:55  
J.Q. Adams was secretary of state.

**D** David Koukal 10:56  
Which aren't elected.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 10:57  
Yeah

**K** Kathy Bush 10:58  
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But still these - you've got Eisenhower and there were three others.

**J** Jeffe Boats 11:01  
Of the younger Adams?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:04  
No. Think about Eisenhower and another president who also had that kind of same experience - job experience.

**J** Jerry Curtsinger 11:10  
Teddy Roosevelt?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:11  
No.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:11  
Grant.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:12  
Grant. That's right.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 11:13  
How about Zach Taylor?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:15  
No. they don't have him listed here, which is interesting.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 11:17  
Because he was a general until he became president.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:18

**K** Kathy Bush 11:19  
That's right. But let's once again think of largeness.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 11:24  
Taft That's right. William Howard Taft. Appointed governor of the Philippines.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:28  
Right, he was appointed to that job. And we've got one more - a president who I sometimes feel, very sadly, as a person who got a pretty bad rap. Uh, in the last century?

**D** David Koukal 11:40  
Carter?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:41  
No.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 11:42  
He was governor.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:43  
Yeah, he was governor. No, this was someone who was was really truly an humanitarian.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 11:47  
Hoover.

**K** Kathy Bush 11:47  
Yeah, and sadly is not remembered for those efforts.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:51  
Mm-mm. Yeah, you know, that's one thing I always try -

**D** David Koukal 11:52  
Who was it?

**K** Kathy Bush 11:53  
Herbert Hoover.No, I mean, not only with the food administration, the number of refugees he fed in Europe after the war. And he took on a British General who said "Mr. Hoover, why do you insist on feeding those Germans? They're our enemy." And he said, "Why do you British insist on licking women and children and kicking them when they're down?" And this is Hoover. Pretty remarkable.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 12:16  
Mm-hm.

**K** Kathy Bush 12:16  
Well, while we think about Hoover, let's take a break.


**P** Production Element 12:25  
(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)


**M** Michael Jayson 14:01  
You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask the Professor program from October 2005.


**K** Kathy Bush 14:12  
And we're back rocking and rolling with questions from Andy Graham of Milford, Michigan here in the Motor City. And so far, you guys are kicking him out, showing that you know something about your nation's history. Here here! All right. Okay. We had several US presidents who owned slaves.


**B** Beth Oljar 14:29  
Mm-hm.


**K** Kathy Bush 14:30


 Kathy Bush 14:29  
Name them.


 Jeffe Boats 14:30  
Jefferson.


 Roy Finkenbine 14:31  
Washington.


 Kathy Bush 14:31  
That's right. Washington. And Jefferson.


 Roy Finkenbine 14:33  
Madison.

 Kathy Bush 14:34  
Yes. Madison did.

 Roy Finkenbine 14:35  
Monroe.

 Kathy Bush 14:36  
Uh, they don't list Monroe.

 Roy Finkenbine 14:38  
I'll have to check that.

 Beth Oljar 14:39  
Yeah. Taylor?





R Roy Finkenbine 14:41  
Jackson.

K Kathy Bush 14:42  
Yeah. Andrew Jackson. Yes. Zachary Taylor

D David Koukal 14:46  
Tyle

K Kathy Bush 14:46  
And John Tyler. Yep.

J Jeffe Boats 14:49  
Adams?

K Kathy Bush 14:50  
No, Not those Massachusetts Adams, dear.

R Roy Finkenbine 14:52  
Polk.

K Kathy Bush 14:53  
Yes. James K. Polk.

R Roy Finkenbine 14:55  
And the rest were northern before the Civil War.

K Kathy Bush 14:58  
No, there's two more actually. Two more. This is very interesting, because one I was going to ask you about this, Roy - because I just didn't think that happened.

R Roy Finkenbine 14:59  
Two more.

J Jeffe Boats 15:06  
Van Buren was a New Yorker, wasn't he?

K Kathy Bush 15:08  
Yeah, so he was not a slave owner. They list Andrew Johnson here.

B Beth Oljar 15:13  
Really?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:13  
Hmm.

K Kathy Bush 15:13  
which I'm somewhat surprised by, but

R Roy Finkenbine 15:16  
he might have, although was generally anti slave holder.

K Kathy Bush 15:19  
That's what I thought. Anti slaveholder, but perhaps the family.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:22  
And anti black.

K Kathy Bush 15:23  
Okay. And the other they list here, and I'm surprised by this. He lists Ulysses S. Grant.

R Roy Finkenbine 15:27  
Yeah, he married a woman -

K Kathy Bush 15:29  
Yeah, Julia Dent

R Roy Finkenbine 15:30  
who had slaves.

K Kathy Bush 15:31  
Okay. So by property law, is that how they're probably doing this?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:35  
Mm-hm

K Kathy Bush 15:35  
That's what I thought

R Roy Finkenbine 15:38  
It becomes his. Stephen Douglas had the same deal. He married a Mississippi woman who owned slaves.

B Beth Oljar 15:45  
Is that the origin of the popular sovereignty doctrine, do you think?

R Roy Finkenbine 15:49  
No, it was wanting to get elected. That's

K Kathy Bush 15:50

That's it. Just wanting to get into office - in deed. There were US presidents who served an entire term without a vice president. Wow. There are four of them, actually.

**D** David Koukal 15:51  
Wish we had one now.

**K** Kathy Bush 15:54  
(Laughs) Yeah, I know. That would be - (Kathy begins to sing: "Fairytale can come true, it can happen to you")

**R** Roy Finkenbine 16:08  
Their entire term, even though they may have come in partway through a four-year term, right?

**K** Kathy Bush 16:12  
Yeah. This is kind of strange the way it's worded.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 16:13  
So, like Andrew Johnson.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:14  
Yes. Andrew Johnson is one of them. Absolutely.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 16:17  
Lyndon Johnson.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:19  
That's true. Okay. Yep.

**D** David Koukal 16:20  
Okay.

K Kathy Bush 16:21  
Now the others are "earlier", as they say.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:25  
Teddy Roosevelt.

K Kathy Bush 16:26  
Yes.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:27  
And Chester A Arthur

K Kathy Bush 16:29  
And Chester A Arthur. Yep. And Teddy Roosevelt. Those two. And then there's two that are listed here. That would be taught in 215 or earlier.

R Roy Finkenbine 16:36  
John Tyler

K Kathy Bush 16:37  
John Tyler, absolutely. And the one president who most people forget was President

R Roy Finkenbine 16:43  
Millard Fillmore.

K Kathy Bush 16:44  
Millard Fillmore. ,

R Roy Finkenbine 16:44

He's got his own society.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:46  
That's right, the Millard Fillmore society.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 16:48  
For the most - what is it?

**B** Beth Oljar 16:49  
The most forgettable President? (Kathy laughs)

**R** Roy Finkenbine 16:51  
Well, no, it's not forgettable. It's a person of significant place but they're inconsequential.

**K** Kathy Bush 16:57  
Really. Think about it. If you went to Millard Fillmore Elementary. Okay.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 17:02  
Well, my kids went to James Buchanan, and I thought "Why did they name it after him?"

**K** Kathy Bush 17:06  
Was that here in Michigan?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 17:08  
In Livonia, yeah,

**B** Beth Oljar 17:09  
I'm really glad I didn't go to a school named after a president.

**D** David Koukal 17:12



You know, I went to a junior high school named after Jack Benny.



Beth Oljar 17:15

I know that.



Kathy Bush 17:15

You're kidding me.



David Koukal 17:16

Jack Benny Junior High in Waukegan, Illinois.



Beth Oljar 17:18

And look how he turned out. I mean -



Sharon Vlahovich 17:21

And their school mascot?



Kathy Bush 17:22

Oh, we've gotta ask. What was it?



David Koukal 17:25

The 39-ers



Kathy Bush 17:25

Get out.




Sharon Vlahovich 17:26

(Laughs)




Kathy Bush 17:26

 Kathy Bush 17:28


No way.

 17:29


Greg Sumner wouldn't believe me. He made me actually bring in my junior high yearbook.

 Kathy Bush 17:33


That is incredible.

 Beth Oljar 17:34


I want to see your picture.

 Kathy Bush 17:37


All right now, come on now. Let's be nice.

 David Koukal 17:39


Bad 70's stuff was happening.

 Kathy Bush 17:41


Oh, well, who didn't?

 Beth Oljar 17:42

Well, it happened to all of us, you know, so

 Kathy Bush 17:45

There were only two US presidents who were survived by their fathers. Well, actually now you'd have to add three.

 Beth Oljar 17:54

The elder Kennedy was dead by the time John was killed.



K Kathy Bush 17:56  
No, he wasn't.

B Beth Oljar 17:57  
No?

K Kathy Bush 17:58  
Joe Kennedy lived for like half a bloody forever.

R Roy Finkenbine 18:01  
And Rose.lived double that.

K Kathy Bush 18:02  
Yeah, Rose just kept on living.


D David Koukal 18:05  
So maybe it's true that "only the good die young"

K Kathy Bush 18:08  
So yeah, that's right. John Kennedy is one of them. And this one is, I wonder if anybody really cared. I hate to say that but -

D David Koukal 18:16  
Harding?

K Kathy Bush 18:17  
Yeah, Harding.


B Beth Oljar 18:20  
After Teapot Dome nobody cared about anything,

 Kathy Bush 18:21

This is bad - because I'm doing the 20s right now in history class. And so I started off by saying, "Okay, well, before we start, we, you know, looking at these, we have to think about presidents who sometimes appoint cronies to office. And sometimes they're maybe ill prepared for the presidency." Someone said, "Are you sure it was in the 20s?" But as we got into the Teapot Dome, and the Veterans Administration scandals, and you know, this was a guy who did appoint his friends to office, and I think sadly had his heartbroken. Very trusting guy, and they were just absolutely amazed. They were like, "Wow!" history happens. The

 18:55


History repeats itself, the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. Yeah, it's

 Kathy Bush 18:58


Yeah, it truly was.

 Roy Finkenbine 18:59

Yeah. First time, shame on me. Second time -

 David Koukal 19:03


Yeah. (The professors laugh) You won't fool me again.

 Kathy Bush 19:07

Who was the first US president to die in office?

 Roy Finkenbine 19:11

Oh, to die in office. That would be William Henry Harrison.

 Kathy Bush 19:14

That's right. Yeah.

 Roy Finkenbine 19:15

That teaches you should wear your top coat at the innaugural.

K

Kathy Bush 19:18

Yeah. Wasn't it pneumonia they believe he contracted? Yeah. He was only president for 32 days.

R

Roy Finkenbine 19:25

But every one of them fulfilled.

K

Kathy Bush 19:28

I hope so. Because, dude, if all you've got is two days plus a month, you better have had a good ol time somewhere my friend.

R

Roy Finkenbine 19:35

And, you know, he and Lincoln proved that you should not pick somebody to be your veep that isn't qualified to be president.

K

Kathy Bush 19:43

Yeah. You know, but wasn't Andrew Johnson really kind of a balancing - I mean, wasn't he hoping to try to -

R

Roy Finkenbine 19:50

Yeah, he wanted to get southerners and he wanted to, you know, maybe suck in some Democrats and - Yeah, I mean, I thought he was kind of like that, you know -

B

Beth Oljar 20:00

Well, then Kennedy made an interesting choice. You mean John Kennedy. Yeah. Why Lyndon Johnson agreed to give up his position as speaker, whatever. And for that bucket of warm spit job.

K

Kathy Bush 20:13

Oh, John Nance Garner the third.

**B** Beth Oljar 20:14  
I'm thinking there was some party arm twisting going on pretty heavily there.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:19  
Well, you know, when you run against someone like Dick Nixon, I suppose you really thought that it was almost patriotic, that you had to kind of step up and take charge in that way. The longest filibuster on record in the United States Senate was by which Senator?

**D** David Koukal 20:34  
Strom Thurmond.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:35  
That's right.

**D** David Koukal 20:36  
South Carolina

**K** Kathy Bush 20:37  
And how long did he speak?

**D** David Koukal 20:39  
I don't know.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:39  
How about 24 hours and 18 minutes?

**R** Roy Finkenbine 20:42  
Wow!

**D** David Koukal 20:42

It was against the civil rights legislation.

**K** Kathy Bush 20:44

Yes, it was. It was in 1957.

**R** Roy Finkenbine 20:46

I think it was in 1934 or 35, my dad went with the History Club group from his high school to Washington. They actually sat in the gallery and heard Huey Long

**K** Kathy Bush 21:00

Oh, that would have been so killer.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:02

The Kingfish.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:03

Very interesting. Yeah.

**J** Jeffe Boats 21:04

Thurman's filibusters was not surprising when I found out recently how prolific the man was.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:05

In deed, yeah.

**D** David Koukal 21:07

In so many ways.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:11

Yes, he surely was. And to think, yeah, he was speaking against his own children too. Oh, my goodness.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:17  
But she had class. She waited.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:19  
Yes, she did.

**J** Jeffe Boats 21:20  
Yep.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:20  
She did. She showed an amazing amount of respect for someone who had been spurned by her family.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:25  
Yes.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:25  
You know, I gotta give her 10 for 10

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:29  
Yes.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:30  
Who shoplifts more: men or women?

**D** David Koukal 21:33  
Women.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:33  
Women.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:34  
Yes, they do.

**D** David Koukal 21:35  
It's that whole Winona Ryder syndrome.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:37  
Is that it?

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:38  
Oooh!

**K** Kathy Bush 21:38  
I thought it was just a big plastic-lined purse. You know, there's that. But statistics show that women shoplift more than men, four to one.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:45  
Well, and women buy items that actually could be easily -

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:49  
Stolen

**B** Beth Oljar 21:49  
Stolen - concealed.

**K** Kathy Bush 21:50  
Yeah, cause Jeffe, you can't pick up a snowblower.

**D** David Koukal 21:53

Or a sledgehammer out of Ace

K Kathy Bush 21:54

Well, let's see. There are about 7 billion people in the world. 365 days in a year. So approximately, about 450 million? Yeah, you just can't get that sucker out of there, you know, People of course share birthdays. Jeffe, here is a mathematical one. You share your birthday with at least how many other people around the world? No. Actually -

J Jeffe Boats 22:02

Wait a minute. I'm off. Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, carry the two - (The professors laugh)

K Kathy Bush 22:03

Yeah. No, no. He can do it, dude.

J Jeffe Boats 22:22

It's about 20 million.

K Kathy Bush 22:23

Actually. 19 million.

J Jeffe Boats 22:24

Okay, there we go.

K Kathy Bush 22:25

I told you!

S Sharon Vlahovich 22:26

That's amazing!

K Kathy Bush 22:27

I know, that's great. And you know -



**D** David Koukal 22:29  
I want to see if he's wired.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 22:32  
(Laughs)

**J** Jeffe Boats 22:32  
Only on coffee.

**K** Kathy Bush 22:32  
He does it in his brain. Okay, there you go.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 22:36  
No pencils.

**K** Kathy Bush 22:39  
Related to sleeping, how many men snore out of 10 men?


**R** Roy Finkenbine 22:45  
Eight, I'm guessing


**B** Beth Oljar 22:47  
Prior to the Darth Vader mask, Drew snored like 10 men, bless his heart.


**K** Kathy Bush 22:51  
It is eight out of 10 men.


**D** David Koukal 22:52  
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wow!


 Kathy Bush 22:54  
but how many grind their teeth?


 Jeffe Boats 22:59  
Three.


 Kathy Bush 22:59  
No, this is - I'm very surprised.


 Beth Oljar 23:01  
Seven

 Kathy Bush 23:02  
No. Much too high.

 David Koukal 23:03  
Oh!

 Kathy Bush 23:04  
One. One in 10. "Women", he notes, "tend to grind their teeth more than men, and that men tend to snore more. Wow. Um, that's interesting.

 Beth Oljar 23:15  
But the Darth Vader mask can help.


 23:17  
Except it would kind of really creep me out to be sleeping next to Darth Vader.



**R** Roy Finkenbine 23:21  
Especially when they go "I am your father!" (The professors laugh)

**B** Beth Oljar 23:25  
It does help with his sleep apnea.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:26  
Well, you know, I hate to say this; but Andy didn't give us any kind of grading scale here. So what does that mean?

 23:32  
We made short order of those questions. I think he deserves a winner's package.

**D** David Koukal 23:37  
If the Senate would pass one of those bills.

**K** Kathy Bush 23:37  
I think so. We can do that that way. Our next set of questions comes from Tom O'Shaughnessy. They came via email, and they are called "The 20 questions social justice quiz". And he said "To be just doesn't matter. No score." I like that. Tom's a longtime listener, actually from California who used to listen to us on K-Earth. And now he gets us over the web, as he indicates here. Okay. In 1968, the minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour. How much would the minimum wage be today if it had kept pace with - Yeah, if the Senate would pass - like - yeah., If they kept it?

**J** Jeffe Boats 24:16  
So - what's the percentage of inflation?

**K** Kathy Bush 24:17  
Isn't it three per cent? I thought three to three to 3.5%

**J** Jeffe Boats 24:22  
3.5 per cent would double in approximately 20 years.

K Kathy Bush 24:26  
Okay

J Jeffe Boats 24:26  
So we said 1961?

K Kathy Bush 24:28  
1968. It was \$1.60 per hour.

J Jeffe Boats 24:31  
Which means it should now be about \$6.30, something like that

K Kathy Bush 24:35  
\$6.80.

S Sharon Vlahovich 24:39  
Close enough. He does it again.

D David Koukal 24:41  
He's a freek.

K Kathy Bush 24:41  
No, he's not a freek.

J Jeffe Boats 24:42  
I'm a superfreek. (The professors laugh)

R Roy Finkenbine 24:43  
You know what would be fun -is if they asked these kinds of questions at political debates

**B** Beth Oljar 24:49  
How red Bush's face would get as he tried to figure out what to do.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 24:49  
(Laughs)

**D** David Koukal 24:49  
No kidding. You could hear the gears breaking inside their heads.

**K** Kathy Bush 25:01  
In 1965, CEOs in major companies made 24 times more than their average worker. In 2003, CEOs earned how many times more than their average worker?

**D** David Koukal 25:15  
At least a couple 100

**R** Roy Finkenbine 25:17  
I'll say 300

**K** Kathy Bush 25:20  
That's actually a little bit higher than what you're saying.

**J** Jeffe Boats 25:22  
150.

**K** Kathy Bush 25:24  
That's a little bit low. So in between 185 Yeah. 185 more than their average worker. That's huge. (The end-of-the-show bell rings)

**D** David Koukal 25:26

175

- K** Kathy Bush 25:27  
We're worth every penny of it. I guess. And while we're all depressed because of how broke we are. Let's stop today. And let me thank the panel. Professor Koukal
- D** David Koukal 25:42  
It's been a pleasure, a real one.
- K** Kathy Bush 25:44  
Professor Vlahovich.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 25:45  
Thank you,
- K** Kathy Bush 25:46  
Professor Finkenbine.
- R** Roy Finkenbine 25:47  
It's good to be back
- K** Kathy Bush 25:47  
Professor Boats.
- J** Jeffe Boats 25:48  
Everything is numbers - except letters.
- K** Kathy Bush 25:50  
That's right. Professor Oljar.

**B** Beth Oljar 25:52  
The book of the universe is written in the language of mathematics.

**K** Kathy Bush 25:54  
There we go. And now this word.

**P** Production Element 26:11  
(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)

**K** Kathy Bush 28:11  
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**M** Michael Jayson 28:36  
And we're back next week with another edition of Ask The Professor, so please plan to join us.