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SPEAKERS

Bernard Green, Edwin DeWindt, Speaker 1, Speaker 6, Speaker 2, Production Element, Wallace Peace, Michael Jayson, Speaker 3, Speaker 5, George Pickering, Mary Jo Nichols, John Klemanski, Speaker 4



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 New Year's Eve, 1985.



Production Element 00:41

(This episode begins with one of the professors playing Auld Lang Syne on a kazoo)



Edwin DeWindt 00:47


The University of Detroit kazoo orchestra -





George Pickering 00:51


In cooperation with WQRS - (Laughs)


- E** Edwin DeWindt 00:53
That's right - presents Ask The Professor, the radio program on which you match with University of Detroit professors in an unrehearsed session of questions.
- G** George Pickering 01:13
You need to turn down your amp just a bit, George.
- G** George Pickering 01:16
Yeah, sorry. It's the mixer. (Laughs) It can't be the liquor.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 01:22
One can obviously tell this is our New Year's show. That's right, we're winding down on one year.
- W** Wallace Peace 01:29
Keep those gifts coming in
- E** Edwin DeWindt 01:31
(Laughs) And today we have our regular panel, or most of it with us on my right from the Department of Religious Studies, Professor George Pickering,
- E** Edwin DeWindt 01:39
Pleasure to have you here, as always.
- G** George Pickering 01:39
Even when I say humbug, I'm having a good time.


 Edwin DeWindt 01:39
We know that. We know that


 George Pickering 01:39
Pleasure to be here, as always.


 John Klemanski 01:46
Particularly when you say humbug, you're having a good time.

 Edwin DeWindt 01:48
On George's right from the School of Education and from Wayne County Community College.
Professor Wallace Peace

 Wallace Peace 01:54
Hi, mom.

 Edwin DeWindt 01:56
On Wallace's right from the Department of Mathematics, Professor Mary Jo Nichols.

 Mary Jo Nichols 02:00
It's nice to be here.

 Edwin DeWindt 02:00
It's nice to have you here. George is unstoppable. And on Mary Jo's right, my left, from the
Department of Political Science, Professor John Klemanski.

J John Klemanski 02:10
Hi, Ed. I got it in.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:19
Very good, very good. Most of the questions you hear in this program are sent in by our listeners. If you stump the panel, you get a bumper sticker and an autographed photograph. If you don't stop the panel, you get a bumper sticker and a photographed autograph. Okay.

B Bernard Green 02:32
So everybody's a winner here, really

E Edwin DeWindt 02:32
Really

G George Pickering 02:34
Even the losers.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:34
On our last program, we were in the midst of some questions from Rita Rooney of Lee, Massachusetts on presidents

G George Pickering 02:41
Okay

E Edwin DeWindt 02:42
And you had gotten one question, and we were just about to start the second question, which is, who was the first black vice presidential candidate?

W Wallace Peace 02:54
Frederick Douglass.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:55
That's right and interesting -

E Edwin DeWindt 02:58
He was nominated with VictoriaWoodhull, That's how we got the answer for the first question last week.

W Wallace Peace 02:58
You thought I would know that, didn't you

J John Klemanski 03:05
Oh, way last week.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:06
Yes, the first woman presidential candidate.

W Wallace Peace 03:09
He didn't win, unfortunately

E Edwin DeWindt 03:11
No, he didn't

- W** Wallace Peace 03:13
but he did do well after that. I mean, he became an ambassador to Haiti, I believe. but he really would have been a great vice president.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 03:22
Which President married at the youngest age?
- G** George Pickering 03:28
Did he also have the most children?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 03:36
No, I don't think so.
- W** Wallace Peace 03:37
One does necessarily follow the other.
- G** George Pickering 03:41
Well, who got married young?
- J** John Klemanski 03:43
1800s ?
- W** Wallace Peace 03:44
Everybody back then got married young.

G George Pickering 03:47
He was president in the 1800s?

E Edwin DeWindt 03:49
Yes.

G George Pickering 03:49
In the early 1800's.


E Edwin DeWindt 03:51
No


G George Pickering 03:52
No. In the mid 1800's


E Edwin DeWindt 03:53
The mid 1880's, after the Civil War.

G George Pickering 03:55
Civil after the Civil War. So, Grant


W Wallace Peace 03:59
No. He was already -


 Edwin DeWindt 04:00
Nope.

 George Pickering 04:01
Well then Hayes


 John Klemanski 04:03
Cleveland

 Edwin DeWindt 04:04
No

 John Klemanski 04:04
McKinley

 Edwin DeWindt 04:07
after Lincoln. Oh, just Johnson.

 George Pickering 04:10
Yes, you mean Andrew Johnson, Andy Johnson.

 Edwin DeWindt 04:13
He was married at the age of 19. In 1827, what three presidents served in the same year.

B Bernard Green 04:23
Now, we've had this question before, and there are several answers.

W Wallace Peace 04:26
Oh, I know that was William Henry Harrison, yes. And John Tyler, that's right. And the one just before, William Henry

S Speaker 1 04:36
Harrison, Taylor, no. VAN BUREN Marty, so,

W Wallace Peace 04:41
William Henry Harrison and John Tyler, known as typical it did. I think it

S Speaker 2 04:47
did happen in the 1880s again, I'm not sure about that, but I think that's right. Anyway, I'll check that. Check it back to you next year. All right.

E Edwin DeWindt 04:57
Very good. James Buchanan. Was the only bachelor president who was also a bachelor when elected, but married in the White House, Cleveland.

G George Pickering 05:06
That's right. Good old he was bachelor, but not childless. That's true.

W Wallace Peace 05:11
Hey, Mom, where's your hahaha, gone to the White House.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:16
Hahaha. Who was the first child born in the White House. Oh, dear. The first

B Bernard Green 05:24
child, one of the Adams offspring.

G George Pickering 05:27
Did it take a long time to have a child born in the White House?

G George Pickering 05:30
Well, you had to get elected 1806 oh. 1806 must have been a Jefferson.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:36
Yes, it was. It was James Madison Randolph, the grandson of Thomas Jefferson.

G George Pickering 05:44
It wasn't his.

G George Pickering 05:48
That was a misleading, yes,

W Wallace Peace 05:50
we can't get them. If you, if you, if you give trick question, oh, you should say this is a trick question, then ask,

E Edwin DeWindt 05:56
you're right. Okay, in the Civil War, which president's home was declared neutral territory by both sides, George Washington. That's right.

W Wallace Peace 06:05
That's right. Whenever shouting of them, you should always say, George Washington, you got to be right. Except Why not Jefferson? Too well, because George Washington was the first president. Jefferson was not I thought everybody knew that, and he's on this show. Yeah. He's on this show, Jefferson was the first president.

G George Pickering 06:31
You know, I have students like this.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:34
Name presidents who did not attend

B Bernard Green 06:37
college. Name a president.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:39
Name nine,

W Wallace Peace 06:41
Abraham Lincoln, yes,

G George Pickering 06:43
Washington, yes. Adams, yeah, no, no, Adams.

W Wallace Peace 06:47
Adams is very well educated.

G George Pickering 06:50
Andrew Johnson,

E Edwin DeWindt 06:52
Andrew Johnson, Harry Truman, yes, didn't go

G George Pickering 06:55
to college. How many is that? 1234,

S Speaker 1 06:58
any other 1900s No. It's no, okay,

G George Pickering 07:04
no. Oh, so, so we're in the

G George Pickering 07:05
1800s private I don't William Henry Harrison, no, I think he did. Zach Taylor, Taylor, Taylor and Tyler. Tyler is not on the list. Oh, Jackson, yes, Jackson, that's right, Marty. I think Marty Van Buren went to college. No, he didn't. He didn't. Boy, he put on a good act. He applied to college, but didn't get in. Oh, okay, that we must be nearly there.

E Edwin DeWindt 07:28
You've got two more to go. Grant one our most famous president, the one whose name always pops

W Wallace Peace 07:33
up, Abraham,

G George Pickering 07:35
well, he, you know, did he didn't go to college? I mean, no,

B Bernard Green 07:39
did he, or did he not install bathtubs in

G George Pickering 07:41
the White House. The fact is, he became the president of the University of Buffalo. That's true.
So can you say he went to college?

S Speaker 3 07:48
Well, he did, because he had to go there in the morning to get to work. Yes, got it. So he,

G George Pickering 07:52
in fact, he went to college. Now,

W Wallace Peace 07:54
what they meant, what they meant was he totally matriculate student as a matriculated
student. And in this case, I feel he was not,

G George Pickering 08:03
I think you're right. No, he was there as an administrator, which, God knows, which means

W Wallace Peace 08:07
he didn't need any education at all. That's right.

E Edwin DeWindt 08:12
That's and there's one final president, Eisenhower, a town in Ohio,

E Edwin DeWindt 08:20
President, Cleveland. President, okay, which nicknames? What nicknames were given to the following presidents, the father of American independence,

W Wallace Peace 08:36
George Washington, no. Thomas Jefferson, no. John Adams. John Adams

E Edwin DeWindt 08:42
had 39 father of the Declaration of Independence, James

W Wallace Peace 08:47
Madison, no.

E Edwin DeWindt 08:51
Father of the Constitution.

G George Pickering 08:53
George Washington, no. Madison Madison,

E Edwin DeWindt 08:57
hero of New Orleans, Andrew Jackson, yes. And Professor Wilson, Wilson. Wilson. And finally,
which President buried his horse?

G George Pickering 09:09
Where, I don't know, in grants too,

G George Pickering 09:16
buried his horse.

B Bernard Green 09:18
What the question says, Well, maybe several of them did

G George Pickering 09:20
Washington right under the cherry tree? Nope.

S Speaker 2 09:24
Is it early 1800s No, mid, mid 1800s

G George Pickering 09:31
somebody that's probably his entire claim to fame,

G George Pickering 09:34
pretty much, well, James, it's Tyler. I was gonna say

S

Speaker 2 09:39

it couldn't have been Harrison, because his horse probably buried him. Probably buried him. Well.

E

Edwin DeWindt 09:46

Panel, you did very, very well. Did not get stumped at all.

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Speaker 2 09:53

We're pretty good on presidents, actually, so we thank bragging. I'm just. In fact, just just a fact.

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Speaker 4 10:01

We thank Rita Rooney, sorry she didn't stop the panel, but those were fun. Those were good questions, and those were good her photographed autograph and her bumper sticker. And send in some more. Send in some more. Yeah, our next set of questions comes from Jim Styro.

J

John Klemanski 10:16

Oh, it's a telegram.

E

Edwin DeWindt 10:16

That's exactly what it is.

G

George Pickering 10:16


Oh yeah


E


Edwin DeWindt 10:17


You know him?

 George Pickering 10:18
Flake.

 Edwin DeWindt 10:20
He says, "I listen to you every week, except sometimes. I think you are great and funny'.


 George Pickering 10:26
He doesn't listen to anybody. Ask his father.


 Edwin DeWindt 10:31
"Please don't let Ask The Professor stop. Professor Pickering, stop sulking. This letter is about to stop". (The professors laugh)


 Edwin DeWindt 10:40
Since we are, since we are about to embark on a new year, he has some appropriate questions on the New Year and calendars and stuff like that.


 George Pickering 10:48
Dear Jim, I know what you're doing. Stop. (The professors laugh)


 Edwin DeWindt 10:49
All right

 John Klemanski 10:52
Okay, very good.


 Edwin DeWindt 10:53
Is New Year's Day a legal holiday, a national holiday, an international holiday or a drinker's holiday?


 John Klemanski 11:04
All of the above.


 Mary Jo Nichols 11:04
Yes, all of the above

 John Klemanski 11:06
It's everything but an international holiday.

 Edwin DeWindt 11:09
No

 Wallace Peace 11:09
It's a legal holiday.

 Wallace Peace 11:10
It's a legal holiday.

 George Pickering 11:10
It's a legal holiday

- E** Edwin DeWindt 11:13
Yes. Okay. "In the past, different cultures have had different methods of recognizing the beginning of a new year".
- G** George Pickering 11:20
Some of them used to kill the king.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 11:22
That's true. "Please explain, as well as you are able, how each of the following cultures recognize the beginning of the year. What did the Egyptians do? How did they start the new year? When did the new year begin?"
- W** Wallace Peace 11:37
They made mummies,
- G** George Pickering 11:39
I think they roasted a dog.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 11:40
No. This is not in terms of what ceremony did they do. This is like, what indicated to the Egyptians that the new year had begun,
- W** Wallace Peace 11:47
oh, January the first.

E Edwin DeWindt 11:50
That's right, that's right. And with agreeing the Greeks, what? How did the Greeks start new year they had was, what was the what was New Year's for the ancient Greeks?

B Bernard Green 12:06
Well, it's been a quiet evening at home. No, well, nothing.

E Edwin DeWindt 12:09
Time of the year was New Year's for the ancient

W Wallace Peace 12:12
Greeks? January? No, everybody?

G George Pickering 12:15
Spring? No, no, fall,

G George Pickering 12:18
nope. Summer,

S Speaker 2 12:20
yes, was it the midsummer, beginning of the summer?

G George Pickering 12:24
Well, it was a dream.

E Edwin DeWindt 12:26
When is mid summer?

S Speaker 2 12:28
Oh, about what depends on first June?

E Edwin DeWindt 12:32
Yes, exactly. It was June 21 June 21 was the beginning of the Greek New Year.

S Speaker 1 12:37
Oh, yes. How nice see,

E Edwin DeWindt 12:41
when did the Babylonians, Persians and Russians, begin the

S Speaker 2 12:44
new year? January, 12, or something. No, sixth.

G George Pickering 12:49
No, when you mean in ancient times,

B Bernard Green 12:53
march 20. It was, you know,

E Edwin DeWindt 12:54
that's close. It's, it's with the spring equinox, in other words, and how about the Romans?

E Edwin DeWindt 12:59
They didn't believe in it. They skipped it. They were busy

E Edwin DeWindt 13:02
They had a festival.


S Speaker 2 13:02
They had an orgy, I bet. And they burned Christians at the stake..


G George Pickering 13:09
They had a festival of lights


E Edwin DeWindt 13:18
No, it was the festival of of Anchilia.


J John Klemanski 13:21
Oh, a chili cookoff.


W Wallace Peace 13:23
They watch the lions eat Christians, and that would start the year off.


 Edwin DeWindt 13:26
No, that's a little later.


 George Pickering 13:27
When is it?


 Edwin DeWindt 13:28
Sometime in March, I believe.

 Speaker 5 13:30
Oh, yeah. Okay

 Wallace Peace 13:31
Good way to start.

 Edwin DeWindt 13:33
Who designed the Julian calendar, which was the first to provide for leap years, and set January 1 as the date for New Year's

 George Pickering 13:40
Day, Julius. No

 George Pickering 13:45
Pope, no.

G George Pickering 13:47
What do you mean? Who did it?

E Edwin DeWindt 13:49
Who did who did it? Who invented the Julian calendar?

S Speaker 1 13:51
Some monk? Nope, no, Caesar. Caesar's

E Edwin DeWindt 13:55
the one who was responsible for implementing it. But that's why it's called the Julian calendar.
Yeah, he did not do it.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:04
It was so sea genies of Alexandria.

S Speaker 2 14:13
Well, we get credit with officers in Cairo. Also,

G George Pickering 14:17
it was one of those time consultants. Yes.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:22
Think is that? Alexandria, it's a time

- S** Speaker 6 14:26
consulting firm. Yeah, Hey Julie bab y. I got a great calendar for you people. People are gonna love it. We got the t shirt.
- G** George Pickering 14:35
We can sell a million of them. We got the radio spots all cut. I mean, you're gonna
- E** Edwin DeWindt 14:41
While we're debating this, let's take a little break, and I'll try to find some Coke.
- M** Michael Jayson 14:48
You're listening to a special classic edition of Ask the Professor from New Year's of 1985. Matt Mio and the current panel professors will return next week with more brand new shows. Now let's return to this classic show from New Year's of 1985. (The professors return from the break and George Pickering is laughing Hysterically)
- E** Edwin DeWindt 15:12
We're back in the midst of some real frivolity.
- J** John Klemanski 15:22
Happy New Year. hhhoh
- W** Wallace Peace 15:25
George, you're gonna have to open up a little more.
- G** George Pickering 15:28
I'm sorry I keep holding it back

E Edwin DeWindt 15:33
I know. We're dealing with some questions from someone named Jim Styro, and it's all about calendars.

G George Pickering 15:42
No problem. What

E Edwin DeWindt 15:44
is the custom of first footing, and from where does it come?

G George Pickering 15:49
First footing? It's the first person you throw out of your house at the beginning of the new year.

E Edwin DeWindt 15:54
Well, that's close, only it's a little reversed that

G George Pickering 15:59
you let in, yes, and they bring you a present to be good luck at Scottish

E Edwin DeWindt 16:03
or so, that's it. Exactly yes.

G George Pickering 16:06
It's just dumb as golf, yes.

E Edwin DeWindt 16:13
Good way of describing the month of January was named in honor of the Roman god Janus. True. Janus was the god of two faces. Joplin, was he the God of new life? Revelry, doors or aluminum siding?

B Bernard Green 16:31
It's not D

G George Pickering 16:33
no

G George Pickering 16:34
life, no new life. So humor, no doors. Oh, doors, of course, new

E Edwin DeWindt 16:45
life. Why do you

W Wallace Peace 16:48
need a god for doors? Brother Romans have

G George Pickering 16:51
doors some of the most important things in the universe.

W Wallace Peace 16:55
But why do you need a god for one?

G

George Pickering 16:58

It's not that you don't know need a god for one, there is a God for them, whether you need it or not.

E

Edwin DeWindt 17:06

I just like to know how come Janice became the name of a British magazine and corporal punishment. But then it's a different question altogether.

E

Edwin DeWindt 17:14

One, doors you're open, I guess, yes, closing, yes. Christian churches celebrate January 1 as the Feast of Weeks, the circumcision, the castration, or feasts, the circumcision. That's right, that's right, all right. And he says, That's all folks,

W

Wallace Peace 17:34

did we win? Notice how we got quiet?

S

Speaker 2 17:36

Yeah, yes, I was circumspect. Really.

E

Edwin DeWindt 17:40

Well, we thank Mr. Styro and send in some more. Yeah, those are okay. Wherever You Are these days, you'll get something for all this. Okay, our next set of questions comes from, I think Thomas C Bing. The handwriting is very difficult to decipher, from Los Angeles, California. So if somebody in Los Angeles recognizes these questions, and your first name is Thomas and your middle initial is C,

G

George Pickering 18:09

we're doing you now. That's

E

Edwin DeWindt 18:10

right, we don't have an address here. Do we? Oh, we do have an address. Okay, good. All right. All right, that's good. He says, Thank you for brightening many Sunday nights with your interesting and witty program. I hope your show from the campsite will become an annual event. Oh, our picnics are always Oh, you know,

E

Edwin DeWindt 18:26

yes, passing is 70% on the following questions, how many atoms are there in an apple pie expressed to the nearest factor of 10 and in numerical rather than exponential form, let's

W

Wallace Peace 18:41

get the next guy's question.

S

Speaker 2 18:43

Well, how many molecules in a mall you got? 6.02×10^{23} , and how many would you have in an apple times how many apples in a pie? We're talking about quite a few.

G

George Pickering 18:54

About three apples. Three apples.

G

George Pickering 19:00

What's your recipe forever.

G

George Pickering 19:02

How many recipe?

B Bernard Green 19:06
I don't break it down quite that far. I just do molecules.

G George Pickering 19:08
So what are we talking as few billion? They're gonna want several billion. A few billion?

E Edwin DeWindt 19:14
Yeah, there's something. It's several. Is it Adam's apples?

G George Pickering 19:19
Yes, I don't

S Speaker 2 19:21
put any Adam's apples in my pocket. My

W Wallace Peace 19:26
pocket. No, he didn't mean that, John, oh, it's apples Adams. John's got this dislike. Two questions, yeah, the first one but no answers. How many does he mention? And the second one is, why the rest of his questions like that,

E Edwin DeWindt 19:41
no, oh, to the first or the second, the answer he has is 400 septillion.

W Wallace Peace 19:48
I don't think that's right. That sounds too high to me,

S Speaker 2 19:50
but there's a margin of error there. I think that

G George Pickering 19:59
nine of. Sure, deep dish. One small one. I mean, when you get into apple pies, man, you

G George Pickering 20:08
don't kinds of technical details. You gotta sweat the details.

G George Pickering 20:15
I think it's not unreasonable for competent question.


E Edwin DeWindt 20:21
This question is thrown out. Discard this question. Next question, why are manhole covers round?

G George Pickering 20:30
Because they are not square so they won't

E Edwin DeWindt 20:33
fall that's as good as the answer I have in front of me, which is, it's the only shape that can't fall through the whole edge, right?

G George Pickering 20:40
Well, no, it's because it's the same shape as the hole that it's you also can get a bigger area with a round surface, you know, so that could get a bigger man down.

E Edwin DeWindt 20:52
Rectangle. What makes curly hair curly?

 20:58
Yeah, permanent.

E Edwin DeWindt 21:02
No, there's a certain physical property to it. When you do the wave

B Bernard Green 21:07
at Tiger Stadium, yeah,

W Wallace Peace 21:09
a beautician can do it, yes, yes, a

S Speaker 2 21:13
physical property. Well, the heat is applied to one side of the strand of hair, and it makes them bend.

G George Pickering 21:21
Girl, I don't know

E Edwin DeWindt 21:22
the answer I have is that curly hair is flat as opposed to straight hair, which is round. Oh, so it's the difference between spaghetti and linguine. Some people have linguine on their heads, and

W Wallace Peace 21:35
other linguini doesn't curl if you do it right, yes,

B Bernard Green 21:39
around your orca does,

E Edwin DeWindt 21:43
according to Krishna moody, what is the most positive

B Bernard Green 21:47
action? Krishna monthly, that

G George Pickering 21:50
is a magazine, positive action. Yes, the most positive action, thinking, well, of one's neighbor,

S Speaker 2 21:56
contemplating one's able enable answering this question, contemplating somebody

E Edwin DeWindt 22:01
else's name, it is to negate a falsehood.

G George Pickering 22:06
To negate a false go along with that. That's not bad.

E Edwin DeWindt 22:09
What did curly of the Three Stooges share in common with the British nation? Flat head, flat out, no, it's a great sense of affection for a certain thing. They both

B Bernard Green 22:28
love the aristocracy, living thing,

G George Pickering 22:31
the Malvinas. He liked the Malvinas. No,

B Bernard Green 22:34
they liked animals, horses,

S Speaker 1 22:36
no dog. Dogs, royalty. But you

W Wallace Peace 22:42
repeat yourself, all right,

E Edwin DeWindt 22:46
what is the real name of the comedian Joan Rivers credits as her major influence?

S Speaker 2 22:53
Well, first of all, let's forget saying you mean, no, who the that's not Joan? Oh, who is her? That's Dillard, who is her favorite, or who's her greatest influence? Yes, that's the question. First, Bob. Hope. Is it a man?



23:05

It's she said. He said, Can we Oh,



George Pickering 23:08

and he was known for his incredibly bitter view, yeah, Lenny, Bruce, that's right. Now, what was his real name? Bruce? It's Leonard. Leonard.



George Pickering 23:20

It's actually something actually Leonard Bernstein, in the system best kept secrets of American culture



Wallace Peace 23:28

now it can be revealed, yes, only here



George Pickering 23:31

times, ladies and gentlemen of America and all the ships at sea tonight, we are making a major announcement on this radio program. What was his name? Schneider? Yes,



Edwin DeWindt 23:46

when watching 25 year old British films describe a useful way of understanding the amount of money involved when characters speak of pounds, the ravages of inflation and the vicissitudes international exchange being what they



George Pickering 23:58

multiply by five

S Speaker 2 24:00
ounces, just think of ounces when they say pounds.

G George Pickering 24:03
25 years ago, yeah, well, it's five make it \$1 just make

E Edwin DeWindt 24:07
it \$1 you see that's, that's close. I mean, that's exactly what it should be. He has here. Think of them as \$20 bills.

G George Pickering 24:13
No, no, no. Five years ago, not. I was there 30 years ago.


S Speaker 2 24:18
Jerk. That's Mr. Jerk, yes. Oh, excuse


G George Pickering 24:23
me. I don't mean to get informal.


G George Pickering 24:26
No, no, no, not \$20 you'd have to go back maybe five of the century

B Bernard Green 24:31
for that. Yeah, sure.


- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:33
What was the worst disaster to befall the New York City numbers betting industry in the 1960s
- S** Speaker 2 24:39
the lottery, OTB, some kind of official Yeah, state run lottery.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:45
No, that's not the answer. No.
- G** George Pickering 24:50
Mastercharge
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:51
No, I'll have to give it to you. It was the day the Dow Jones stock average, which is used in the determination of the winning number, closed coincident with the ZIP Code of Harlem, New York.
- W** Wallace Peace 25:02
Oh, my goodness,
- E** Edwin DeWindt 25:03
Isn't that interesting.
- J** John Klemanski 25:05
What happened?


 Mary Jo Nichols 25:07
Everybody hit that number.


 Edwin DeWindt 25:09
Everybody hit the numbers.


 George Pickering 25:11
Where was I? I must have been in Iowa. Yeah, my luck.

 Mary Jo Nichols 25:14
That's right. We're never around at the right time. What is the name of the number expressed as a one with 10 to the 100th power zeros following? hhoGoogle.

 Edwin DeWindt 25:25
That's right, a Google.

 Mary Jo Nichols 25:28
And then there's a Googleplex too.

 Edwin DeWindt 25:32
That's right .

 John Klemanski 25:34
What's that?

E Edwin DeWindt 25:35
That's to the 10 to the ten to the 100th.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:46
That's it. That's it. Well, we thank Mr. Whatever his name is. He did not stump the panel.

J John Klemanski 25:55
Mr. Bing


E Edwin DeWindt 25:55
but yes, well, I think that's his name, something like that. But we thank him, and he'll be receiving his little gift package, and send in some more questions.


W Wallace Peace 26:04
Yeah, those were good.


W Wallace Peace 26:06
Oh, I don't know. Maybe he should wait a little while before he sends some more


E Edwin DeWindt 26:12
Our next set of questions come from Steve Miller of Van Dyke Charlie's restaurant -


E Edwin DeWindt 26:18
Up there in Sterling Heights. That's right. Who wrote White Christmas?

 George Pickering 26:18
Good ol' Steve


 George Pickering 26:27
Berline


 Edwin DeWindt 26:27
That's right. What US city hosts the world's tallest building?

 Wallace Peace 26:32
Chicago.

 Edwin DeWindt 26:32
That's right.

 Wallace Peace 26:34
See you all thought I was gonna say New York, didn't you?

 Edwin DeWindt 26:39
Where is the nation silver supply stored?

 Wallace Peace 26:46
in the mines

E Edwin DeWindt 26:47
No

G George Pickering 26:48
In those Texas brothers' house. The Hunt Brothers

E Edwin DeWindt 26:52
Nope,


B Bernard Green 26:55
in some mountain somewhere?

G George Pickering 26:56
There isn't any.


E Edwin DeWindt 26:56
Yes, there is. It's in New York state


E Edwin DeWindt 26:56
No, no, no, no

W Wallace Peace 27:01
I was in New York State. I never saw it.

 George Pickering 27:01
Attica.


 George Pickering 27:02
Attica.

 Edwin DeWindt 27:04
No, it's not an Attica.

 Edwin DeWindt 27:05
It's where you've got a lot of soldiers around to protect it.

 George Pickering 27:05
Oh

 George Pickering 27:09
Fort -


 Edwin DeWindt 27:10
It's not a fort yet, quite. It's a place where you prepare people to take over the military.

 George Pickering 27:19
Oh, West -


 Mary Jo Nichols 27:20
West Point

 Edwin DeWindt 27:20
Yes.


 Edwin DeWindt 27:20
Yes.

 George Pickering 27:21
They keep silver there?

 Edwin DeWindt 27:24
Apparently

 George Pickering 27:25
to make medals with. I don't know.

 Edwin DeWindt 27:26
I guess. What was Babe Ruth's real first name?

 Wallace Peace 27:27
George

E Edwin DeWindt 27:27
That's right.

E Edwin DeWindt 27:27
That's right.

G George Pickering 27:27
Herman

G George Pickering 27:28
George Herman Ruth,

E Edwin DeWindt 27:35
Yes, who played Tonto opposite Clayton Moore?

W Wallace Peace 27:38
Jay Silverheels

E Edwin DeWindt 27:39
That's right, who wrote The Glass Menagerie?

W Wallace Peace 27:42
Tennessee William



Edwin DeWindt 27:44

Right. Who holds the Major League Baseball record? (The end-of-the-show bell rings) Oh, we're out of time.



George Pickering 27:48

I do.



Edwin DeWindt 27:52

I'd like to thank the panel today, Professor Pickering, Professor Peace, Professor Nichols, Professor Klemanski. And I'd like to say, on behalf of all the rest of our people and crew here, Paul Murray, our producer, Jim Wyatt, his associate today, Roger Hinote, who sometime occasionally helps him out. Jim Muir, our technical director, Vivian Dicks, our executive producer, all those wonderful people that hang around this building. Happy New Year.



George Pickering 28:16

Happy New Year!



Michael Jayson 28:22

And I'm Michael Jayson. Thank you for joining us today for this classic New Year's edition of Ask the Professor from 1985 We're back with more brand new shows next week.