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## SPEAKERS

Jason Roche, Matt Mio, Danielle Maxwell, Kathy Bush, Roy Finkenbine, Jeffe Boats, Announcer, Edwin DeWindt, Dave Chow, George Pickering

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M

Matt Mio 00:05

The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the radio show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio and let me introduce to you our panel for today from the Department of Communication Studies, Professor Jason Roche

J

Jason Roche 00:25

it is very good to be back. Happy New Year.

M

Matt Mio 00:28

Happy New Year. Indeed. I like your lacrosse shirt.

J

Jason Roche 00:30

Thanks. It's almost lacrosse season.

M

Matt Mio 00:32

Yes, it is, that's right. Well, you know, they train year round, but they're actually going to start playing soon.

J

Jason Roche 00:36

Nice.

M

Matt Mio 00:37

That's a big deal. Since today, you know, a day in the month of January. It's kind of nice to think that sooner or later, winter will pass, and then it's time for Lacrosse. What can I say. To Jason's right, in a wonderfully colored shirt, red like the blood of his enemies - I mean . "We'll choke their rivers with our dead"

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:00

Except, you know, I have a red shirt that doesn't say Faygo on it. Yeah,

M

Matt Mio 01:03

Yeah, That's true. Hey, I dressed up today meet with a representative of the Jesuit provincial. But that, of course, is the dulcet tones of Professor Roy Finkenbine.

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:06

Happy 2012

M

Matt Mio 01:13

Yeah, I like your tie too. That's cool.

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:16

This is my Margaret Auer tie. It's got books on it.

M

Matt Mio 01:18

Oh yes, our illustrious Dean of Libraries being referenced

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:22

50 years of service.

M

Matt Mio 01:25

That's right, she's been here 50 years. Yes, that's right. And what was it again? It was her 50 years. She had a birthday, and there were like 10 things going on in her life. So we had to, like, do a -

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:35

And Margaret Auer, one of her claims to fame is she was here in 1962 when Robert Frost gave his last public poetry reading in Calihan Hall.

M

Matt Mio 01:36

That's right

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:42

and it was attended by something like 12,000 people.

M

Matt Mio 01:54

It's a big deal. That's about all Calihan can hold,

M

Matt Mio 01:55

Right, right. Very cool. I remember seeing pictures of that in the old yearbook, The Tower from that year. Very cool, very cool. To Professor Finkenbine's, right from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. Number three, whoo!

R

Roy Finkenbine 01:57

Of course, chairs set up on the floor and everything,

D

Dave Chow 01:59

Oh, joy of joy.

M

Matt Mio 02:11

Professor Dave Chow.

D

Dave Chow 02:13

Pleasure to be here, as always.

M

Matt Mio 02:15

Yeah, we were talking about mounting student debt in the United States of America.

D

Dave Chow 02:25

We are so proud. I think I just saw that this morning.

M

Matt Mio 02:25

They say, Professor Chow, that after real estate, higher ed is the next bubble. So this leans in that direction.

D Dave Chow 02:33

Well, I guess I'll be doing caricatures at Cedar Point next summer

M Matt Mio 02:40

Enjoy your day at America's Roller Coast. What can I say. Across the table, the illustrious chair of many, many things in one line, but mostly math, Professor Jeffe Boats

M Matt Mio 02:46

What's up?

J Jeffe Boats 02:48

Hey, hey.

J Jeffe Boats 02:48

Not too much.

M Matt Mio 02:48

Crusty the clown

J Jeffe Boats 02:48

I was just feeling a little crusty here this New Year.

D Dave Chow 02:48

Blame it on the coffee

M

Matt Mio 02:48

And it shows. I mean, no, everything's fine. Well, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. Billionaires who've been imprisoned, cartoon clowns, maybe they're the same thing. I don't know if you can send the questions to us in a number of ways.

A

Announcer 03:11

You can email, Ask The Professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu, or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page

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Matt Mio 03:20

Before we get started today, Profs, we're happy to welcome into the fold a new distributing station, wtbr, FM, 89.7 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, of the brave FM, we're on Sunday mornings at 10 rock in the Berkshires and beyond.

R

Roy Finkenbine 03:36

Oh, right. Can the word Empire be used yet

J

Jeffe Boats 03:39

Rocking the Berkshires - Wasn't that like Vanilla Ice's follow up record?

M

Matt Mio 03:40

I do not know.

R

Roy Finkenbine 03:40

More people listening on the East Coast, excellent.

M

Matt Mio 03:43

That's a big deal.

D

Dave Chow 03:45

The more, the merrier.

M

Matt Mio 03:50

Let's see. We also have some people out west who are listening. I'm looking in your direction, Professor b\Boats for a second. We were gonna not be able to do this question until you showed up. But this is what we got off the web courtesy of Joseph Floss of Denver, Colorado.

J

Jeffe Boats 04:04

Thank you, Joseph Floss for putting more pressure and -

D

Dave Chow 04:07

We're not gonna put like a television in a school bus again now, are we?

M

Matt Mio 04:12

Joseph writes, "I've been working with the parabolic curve formula. My highest degree is at the JC level. I've noticed that the formula is the same style is Einstein's formula relativity, the formula style is the same, just different terms. So I did some research. Centrifugal force formula and centripetal force formula are also the same style, ie,  $x$  times  $y$  squared.

J

Jeffe Boats 04:33

Oh, yeah, lots of stuff. What do you call it kinetic energy?

M

Matt Mio 04:36

Yeah. He says, Give me more. Is the universe really built this way?

J

Jeffe Boats 04:40

Yes and let's see, kinetic energy leaps to mind. That's the first one I thought of, Oh, let's see putting me on the spot. Huh?

M

Matt Mio 04:49

Sorry, man,

D

Dave Chow 04:49

you tell the three of us on this side of the table are kind of looking blankly, you know,

R

Roy Finkenbine 04:54

very humanistic today.

M

Matt Mio 04:59

There's all sorts. Are things based on square terms in the universe?

D

Dave Chow 05:02

Where's Carl Sagan, when we need him?

J

Jeffe Boats 05:04

Yeah, actually, he's mentioned most of the major ones. I think, I mean because, well, once you get the parabolas, there are so many things that are parabolic shaped just by their design, satellite dishes, bowls. Well, yeah,

M

Matt Mio 05:15

Yep.

J

Jeffe Boats 05:15

So, yeah, I don't know. I think it's better to say that just parabolas are useful in many ways. And so that formula was made to appear more than it naturally appears.

M

Matt Mio 05:26

Neat, very cool. Well, that was a great question, Joe.

J

Jeffe Boats 05:26

The fact that the physics formulas fall into that category, I think it's just coincidence. Really.

M

Matt Mio 05:33

I see we have no problem with people sending us things that we may or may not know the answers to. It's no different than the other set of questions. We have plenty of answers, and

D

Dave Chow 05:41

They're not always right.

M

Matt Mio 05:42

Plenty of answers. Yeah. We also have another short little list here, sent in by Joe. Oh my. It's a it's an epidemic mindland of Dalton, Massachusetts, this former bad boy of the NBA played a character in a 1970 Saturday morning television show. Who was he? That's definitely a nod to our Detroit piston

D

Dave Chow 06:05

Bill

J

Jeffe Boats 06:05

Can't be Rodman. He wasn't old enough in the 70s.

M

Matt Mio 06:09

Bill Iambeer, for sure. Do you remember the name of the show? Was the second question,

D

Dave Chow 06:14

And what was the year? It says the 70s show,

R

Roy Finkenbine 06:17

Animated show or a real show?

M

Matt Mio 06:19

Well, I'm guessing it was real, because he had to be there. I Yeah, I know it's real. Yeah.

D

Dave Chow 06:24

I'm wondering, did he star as, like, not like, Bigfoot, but wasn't he like, under a mask or costume or,

M

Matt Mio 06:31

I think that that's where this is heading

D Dave Chow 06:34

Robot or something like that. Yeah, it was like, Andre the Giant and Bigfoot \$6 million Man

R Roy Finkenbine 06:39

Space Academy.

M Matt Mio 06:40

I'll let you know that it this show was rebuilt as a movie that came out fairly recently. I want to say it starred Brennan Frazier. I hope I'm not leading you down the road of the earth. Yeah, I must be mixing it up. It's actually Land of the Lost.

R Roy Finkenbine 06:56

Yeah, they did do that.

M Matt Mio 06:58

Do you remember the name of the character, or a group of characters that Bill played like

D Dave Chow 07:02

the sleaze.

M Matt Mio 07:04

He was the head sleeve stack. Ah, it was a tall guy, even -

D Dave Chow 07:04

I wonder if he had lines

R

Roy Finkenbine 07:04

snarled at the camera.

M

Matt Mio 07:04

That's right.

J

Jeffe Boats 07:06

I want to give him extra credit for being a bad boy in an era where they wore shorts like that.

M

Matt Mio 07:19

Yeah, it's really important. To point out that our crack research team went to the Wikipedia entry for land of the loss 1974 and Bill lambeer is clearly listed as a slea stack in the castle.

R

Roy Finkenbine 07:33

Guessing, that's fairly early in his career,

J

Jason Roche 07:38

Late 80s, early 90s.

M

Matt Mio 07:39

Yeah, I'm sure. So he must have been a teenager, basically,

R

Roy Finkenbine 07:41

Before he beat the Lakers,

M

Matt Mio 07:43  
yeah, yeah, exactly, yeah.

R

Roy Finkenbine 07:44  
Well, yeah, first call back then, Lord knows, he had the vertical leap of, you know, yeah, there's that running joke that he could clear, like loose leaf paper or something like that.

M

Matt Mio 07:53  
He had a great soft touch. That's all I know. I love that shot Okey dokey. How about subject new questions for the New Year from Frank Burroughs of Valencia, California. Thanks, Frank, dear profs. At the end of last year, I sent in some questions regarding last things, seeing as how this is a new

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Dave Chow 07:53  
Oh that's right the last carrier pigeons name, or something like

M

Matt Mio 07:56  
right, well, this is a new year. So I figured I'd send in a series of questions regarding firsts, presidential firsts and 80% will be passing. And I hope the panelists enjoy the questions, and I wish everyone a wonderful new year. Warmest regards. Frank Burroughs, thanks a lot, Frank, that's great.

D

Dave Chow 08:02  
Here we go again.

M

Matt Mio 08:02  
Let's see what we can do with these questions.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:02

Bad words here,

M Matt Mio 08:02

and he's wearing his red shirt with library books on his tie.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:02

You can reference any of those books at any time, just

M Matt Mio 08:02

sometimes, I wonder, who keeps track of these sorts of things, and maybe, with all due respect to history professor, why it matters, but who was the first president who shook hands officially, instead of bowing to heads of state? Someone was there to mark this down. That's all I know.

D Dave Chow 08:02

There's only so many presidents. You know, it's like was a one out of 42

M Matt Mio 08:02

how hourly in the in the sequence of 40, whatever presidents you think it would have been.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:02

I'm gonna take a shot, and this is purely a shot, because he tried to break with a lot of those earlier conventions and suggest Thomas Jefferson.

M Matt Mio 08:02

That's exactly correct. That was, that was simply based on what I know of the man.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:02

And didn't he? I mean, he was one of the guys.

M Matt Mio 08:02

My wife tells me again, she's the story. And he was concerned that we were going back in a direction of like a monarchy or a kingship. He's like, no, no, no, we got to keep it informal, or whatever. So that makes sense.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:02

He would greet people with his in his house slippers at the White House.

M Matt Mio 08:02

There we go.

D Dave Chow 08:02

There's a man who's relaxed.

M Matt Mio 08:02

So he bowed, but he was wearing a robe, and it was

D Dave Chow 08:02

20 years from now. You know, somebody's gonna be asking the question, is gonna be the first president High Five fist bump?

R Roy Finkenbine 09:09

Or, as we now know, wasn't it a communist, socialist

J

Jeffe Boats 09:54

terrorist,

D

Dave Chow 09:55

terrorist? Oh, that's right, the Obama's. I forgot about that

J

Jeffe Boats 09:59

black woman. Wife,

R

Roy Finkenbine 10:00

New Yorker

M

Matt Mio 10:01

Yes, whoa.

R

Roy Finkenbine 10:02

Stop being so bitter.

D

Dave Chow 10:04

I'm just waiting for sniffing.

M

Matt Mio 10:07

Who was the first president who actually saw the Pacific Ocean in person? Ooh,

R

Roy Finkenbine 10:12

It happeed in the 1800's

M

Matt Mio 10:13

oh yeah, that's a good place to start. I think that's reasonable.

R

Roy Finkenbine 10:16

First President, okay, I'm just gonna be feeling

M

Matt Mio 10:18

It wasn't Ronald Reagan

R

Roy Finkenbine 10:26

Ulysses S Grant, that is correct.

M

Matt Mio 10:28

It was Grant.

D

Dave Chow 10:29

Wow,

M

Matt Mio 10:30

Absolutely, absolutely, saw the Pacific Ocean in person. How odd. That's a very interesting piece of trivia. Everything else was drawn on a post it note. Who was the first president to appoint a woman to the cabinet?

D

Dave Chow 10:47

Probably FDR,

M

Matt Mio 10:49

Do you remember who it was?

D

Dave Chow 10:50

Francis Perkins,

M

Matt Mio 10:51

Secretary of Labor. That's right, absolutely,

R

Roy Finkenbine 10:54

back when there were labor unions outside of the academy and public service.

M

Matt Mio 11:00

Pretty interesting. So what year would that have been? Roy that's pre World War 230,

R

Roy Finkenbine 11:05

well, I think she started eight administration. So 33 let's

M

Matt Mio 11:08

Okay, yeah, so it's pretty far before that. Who's the first president, who was also a Rhodes Scholar?

R Roy Finkenbine 11:15

Oh, I've read this,

D Dave Chow 11:16

Clinton, wasn't it?

M Matt Mio 11:17

Yeah, yeah, it was Bill Clinton. Yeah, absolutely. I remember for the longest time.

D Dave Chow 11:24

Prerequisite for being-

R Roy Finkenbine 11:25

You those academic types say,

M Matt Mio 11:28

but, but there was an era where bits and pieces of information like that, especially for heads of state, for presidents United States, that was like the fun trivia Fact of the Day. I mean, didn't, is when I was an infant, but didn't Jimmy Carter, like, constantly walk around going, I'm the First Eagle Scout who actually made it to the presidency.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:45

I mean, it was like, Well, I don't know if he went around saying, okay, yeah,

D Dave Chow 11:49

but that was back in the day when, you know, people aspired to be a president, you know. I mean, you know, actually respected.

R

Roy Finkenbine 11:56

Yeah, there are plenty of people aspiring. It's just they, I'm not sure they should be. Yeah, maybe inspiring.

M

Matt Mio 12:04

Who was the first US president to host an Indian chief in the White House?

J

Jason Roche 12:09

I'm guessing that would have been pretty early. Also, Washington.

M

Matt Mio 12:12

No, it wasn't thinking like it was actually quite a bit after that,

D

Dave Chow 12:15

like a Teddy Roosevelt or No.

R

Roy Finkenbine 12:18

Wow. It wasn't as grant, was it?

M

Matt Mio 12:22

It was Grant. Yeah, it was actually grant.

D

Dave Chow 12:24

Oh, that guy got around

M

Matt Mio 12:25

for being essentially, am I right? Roy is, like, pretty much always at the bottom of most impactful presidents. He had a lot of first.

R

Roy Finkenbine 12:34

Well, that was his, also in the area of having some of the people who were amongst the best criminals.

M

Matt Mio 12:42

He was a pretty big lover of the sauce and well, whatever. Let's take a break.

A

Announcer 12:49

It's an Ask the Professor flashback, 1995

E

Edwin DeWindt 12:53

Our next little bit of questions comes from dirt man from candy, Michigan. oh yea but dirt man has been around

G

George Pickering 13:05

aren't we going to kindy one of our road trips?

E

Edwin DeWindt 13:09

Probably, I wouldn't be surprised. Of Indiana,

E

Edwin DeWindt 13:19

all of us carry the map of the state around with us on our bodies.

K

Kathy Bush 13:25

Massachusetts is supposed to be doable, too. You just put your hand into these weird contortions

K

Kathy Bush 13:31

George is making -

D

Danielle Maxwell 13:35

threatening perhaps obscene.

E

Edwin DeWindt 13:39

Well, dirt man wants to know,

G

George Pickering 13:40

how do you say Cape Cod in Italian?

M

Matt Mio 13:50

We are back doing our best to keep the legacy of Ulysses S Grant alive, and with some presidential first questions from Frank Burroughs, we really appreciate these questions. Frank, your question sets come number 20 and quite regularly, and we appreciate that. Who's the first president who actually saw the Great Wall of China in person?

J

Jeffe Boats 14:09

Nixon

M

Matt Mio 14:10

was not Nixon really

J

Jeffe Boats 14:12

What only Nixon could go to China

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:16

What it Teddy roosevelt

M

Matt Mio 14:17

earlier than Teddy,

D

Dave Chow 14:20

earlier than Teddy I'm shocked.

M

Matt Mio 14:22

Wow,

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:23

Yeah, was it while he was president

M

Matt Mio 14:26

that is not detailed here.

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:26

Oh, okay.

D

Dave Chow 14:29

Anybody an ambassador, a diplomat? Prior to -

M

Matt Mio 14:33

he was a very interesting president, it was Grant.

D

Dave Chow 14:40

Did this man ever stay in office?

D

Dave Chow 14:43

Go around the world. He went to the Pacific and just kept swimming.

M

Matt Mio 14:48

Roy said he wasn't. He drank when he was in China, hung out there for as long as he could,

J

Jeffe Boats 14:48

on the sauce, and he ended up in China,

D

Dave Chow 14:49

just hopped on the wrong carry.

J

Jeffe Boats 14:49

That's how he saw the Pacific. I think

M

Matt Mio 14:57

he was a great general, though, wasn't he

R

Roy Finkenbine 14:58

was great general. He revolutionized warfare in America in many ways. He understood the concept of modern war in ways that a lot of the previous generals early in the civil war didn't, and they followed kind of a more Napoleonic style. You line up with two sides, you go at it, and then you separate for two weeks, and then you go back grant. Just every time he lost, he kept pushing ahead towards his target, even though he lost lots of men,

M

Matt Mio 15:28

Professors. Who was the first president to have a stove installed in the White House.

D

Dave Chow 15:32

I'll take grant.

M

Matt Mio 15:34

It wasn't grant.

D

Dave Chow 15:35

Oh, darn,

R

Roy Finkenbine 15:36

like a wood stove.

M

Matt Mio 15:38

For stove. I'm guessing it, man,

J

Jason Roche 15:40

I'm guessing, is the first President to live

R

Roy Finkenbine 15:42

John quincy Adams.

M

Matt Mio 15:43

It wasn't

J

Jeffe Boats 15:44

who was the first to live in the White House

R

Roy Finkenbine 15:47

at very end of the John Quincy, excuse me, the John Adams administration, 1800

J

Jeffe Boats 15:52

Oh, then Madison be after him.

M

Matt Mio 15:54

I mean, the best clue I have no is that this President's name is ridiculed in a popular, political, modern comic strip

R

Roy Finkenbine 16:02

Millard Fillmore.

M

Matt Mio 16:03

Yeah, it was Miller Fillmore, is what it says here.

J

Jason Roche 16:05

That's interesting, because he's also the first president to install a bathtub in the White House.

M

Matt Mio 16:09

Oh, well, there you go. He was all about appliances and Kenmore. Who was the first president who wore long trousers on a daily basis, as opposed to knee breeches.

D

Dave Chow 16:23

Andrew Jackson,

M

Matt Mio 16:24

no, wasn't Jackson

J

Jeffe Boats 16:26

guessing early 1800s now, right? Like,

M

Matt Mio 16:28

I think that seems within the ball, yeah. I mean

J

Jeffe Boats 16:31

Van Buren,

M

Matt Mio 16:32

he was the first to wear mutton, I see and wear, well,

R

Roy Finkenbine 16:38

no hair, but lots of -

M

Matt Mio 16:39

Van Buren boys.

D

Dave Chow 16:43

Wow, if it's before Jackson,

M

Matt Mio 16:45

I really hope I got that right. Yeah, I'm pretty sure it is.

R

Roy Finkenbine 16:49

I mean, you had John Quincy Adams, you've got Madison Monroe.

M

Matt Mio 16:52

If you think of his wife, you might think of a Snack Cake,

D

Dave Chow 16:55

Dolly. Madison. Madison.

M

Matt Mio 16:57

Yeah, Madison. It was early 1800s I'm still saying, Yeah,

D

Dave Chow 17:00

did you guys hear the hostesses declaring bankruptcy? Now they're talking to God, pastries. I mean, oh,

J

Jeffe Boats 17:06

don't worry, those Twinkies will last a long time the inventory.

J

Jason Roche 17:09

Sorry, did you ever see zombie land?

D

Dave Chow 17:11

No,

M

Matt Mio 17:11

they do last forever.

R

Roy Finkenbine 17:12

They do last forever.

M

Matt Mio 17:14

Okay, who was the first president, who was ever put on a postage stamp?

D

Dave Chow 17:20

Washington,

M

Matt Mio 17:21

yeah, that's a good one. Washington, absolutely. It doesn't really say whether it's, you know, a Caribbean country or seems like Caribbean countries are publishing these Americanized stamps. It's very odd

D

Dave Chow 17:33

those collectors.

M

Matt Mio 17:34

Yeah, exactly, exactly, who's the first president who didn't give an inaugural address? That's a great piece of trivia.

R

Roy Finkenbine 17:42

Washington probably didn't give

J

Jeffe Boats 17:44

somebody maybe didn't live long enough to give it. I don't know that's why he died.

D

Dave Chow 17:51

Tyler. What

M

Matt Mio 17:52

Tyler it says Tyler

D

Dave Chow 17:53

Oh, really,

M

Matt Mio 17:54

yeah.

R

Roy Finkenbine 17:54

Oh, because he was the first, yeah, he was the first to replace a sitting president, because he's vice president.

J

Jeffe Boats 18:03

Oh, that makes sense.

M

Matt Mio 18:04

That's right.

R

Roy Finkenbine 18:04

Plus he had 15 kids, and there was no way he's gonna get that.

J

Jeffe Boats 18:05

Oh, yeah, you can't even see a movie with 15 kids.

R

Roy Finkenbine 18:06

He couldn't get a sitter

M

Matt Mio 18:09

Who was the first president who appointed an African American citizen to a cabinet position.

R

Roy Finkenbine 18:14

I think, Lyndon Johnson.

M

Matt Mio 18:16

Lyndon Johnson,

R

Roy Finkenbine 18:17

Robert Wheatley,

M

Matt Mio 18:18

that's right, that's right. I remember that name, who's the first president to give all of his federal paychecks to charity, directly to charity, probably for the record, gentlemen, the last one you'd think they would do this,

D

Dave Chow 18:30

Eisenhower.

M

Matt Mio 18:31

Not Eisenhower, that would have made sense. That would have made

D

Dave Chow 18:34

what you figured. He was already rich.

J

Jeffe Boats 18:36

How about bush? Already rich? No regan

M

Matt Mio 18:39

Further back, further back from Eisenhower, but not too far back.

D

Dave Chow 18:43

Truman,

M

Matt Mio 18:44

not Truman.

D

Dave Chow 18:46

FDR,

M

Matt Mio 18:47

no, it was Hoover, is what it said. It's like, that would have been pretty much last

R

Roy Finkenbine 18:51

he was, he was a pretty, you know,

D

Dave Chow 18:53

I thought it might have been something like in the military, who's gonna collect a pension, he's set for life.

R

Roy Finkenbine 18:59

Or was actually, I mean, unfortunately, he had bad timing, but Hoover was very into social justice and

M

Matt Mio 19:03

Okay,

R

Roy Finkenbine 19:04

concerned about the poor.

J

Jeffe Boats 19:05

Okay, nowadays, most presidential candidates are already millionaires, if not multi millionaires. I mean, yeah,

M

Matt Mio 19:11

Who's the first president to completely pay off the US national debt? And it could possibly be

R

Roy Finkenbine 19:18

Barack Obama,

J

Jeffe Boats 19:19

I don't think so,

M

Matt Mio 19:21

unless he plans on printing more money.

J

Jason Roche 19:26

Is there that much paper?

M

Matt Mio 19:28

No, we'll do it in pennies.

J

Jeffe Boats 19:29

Oh, probably well, the 50s are a boom in time.

M

Matt Mio 19:32

I'm gonna think you're gonna need to go back further

J

Jeffe Boats 19:34

further than that. Okay. Oh, good. Well, I guess we had other times

M

Matt Mio 19:38

that's the first one to completely pay off the national debt.

D

Dave Chow 19:41

Washington. Wilson,

M

Matt Mio 19:42

no,

R Roy Finkenbine 19:45

before Wilson?

M Matt Mio 19:46

yeah, it was before Wilson. We're talking 1800s era,

R Roy Finkenbine 19:50

pre Lincoln,

M Matt Mio 19:51

pre Lincoln. Oh, gosh, see you're gonna make like a fool. Tippecanoe,

D Dave Chow 19:57

oh, Tyler,

M Matt Mio 19:57

That was Jackson right right?

D Dave Chow 19:57

no, Tippecanoe was William Henry harrison

M Matt Mio 19:58

oh, Harrison.

R Roy Finkenbine 19:58

I'm gonna pay it off in a month.

M Matt Mio 19:59

What am I thinking? What was his name? What was his nickname? They always used in the campaign.

J Jeffe Boats 20:00

Old hickory,

M Matt Mio 20:01

Old Hickory, is what

D Dave Chow 20:12

you're thinking Tippecanoe i'm thinking Tyler too.

M Matt Mio 20:14

I mean, yeah, that's my problem, because now I've embarrassed myself twice over. It was Jackson who paid off the national debt? What time was Jackson?

D Dave Chow 20:24

1829, to 37

R Roy Finkenbine 20:26

No, he just paid off the accusers.

M

Matt Mio 20:30

Who was the first president who had two vice presidents die while in office? That's lucky. It's one week when we 100 times.

D

Dave Chow 20:44

Okay, so its not grant

M

Matt Mio 20:48

modern era probably out

J

Jeffe Boats 20:50

Madison.

M

Matt Mio 20:51

It was Madison. Yeah, Mr. Madison, who's the first president to have his inauguration photographed. That's fairly easy to time.

D

Dave Chow 21:00

Wow,

J

Jeffe Boats 21:00

Lincoln or Johnson. I mean, it's around there, but not those gentlemen.

J

Jason Roche 21:06

Grant

J

Jeffe Boats 21:07

I'm gonna go out and say for the rest of the questions.

J

Jason Roche 21:11

Buchanan

J

Jeffe Boats 21:12

It was Buchanan

R

Roy Finkenbine 21:14

Who also had another singularity. He's the only bachelor president.

M

Matt Mio 21:19

Oh, that's right.

R

Roy Finkenbine 21:20

And actually, there's a lot of suggestive evidence that he was probably, maybe our only president that was in a same sex relationship.

M

Matt Mio 21:29

That's right. That's right. Who was the first president who was sworn in on two Bibles?

D

Dave Chow 21:36

Jefferson

M

Matt Mio 21:37

side commentary here is ironically sworn in on two Bibles. I think I remember this too.

R

Roy Finkenbine 21:37

Nixon

J

Jason Roche 21:37

ironic.

M

Matt Mio 21:37

It was Nixxon

D

Dave Chow 21:41

Oh im not a crook

M

Matt Mio 21:46

Nixon identified with the Quakers.

R

Roy Finkenbine 21:52

Is that his mother? I think it was came was Quaker.

M

Matt Mio 21:55

So he had a fam, I think it was a family Bible. And then there was the Supreme Court Bible, or something like that. I remember,

D Dave Chow 21:59

is there a Bible that they're supposed to be sworn in on? Is it this? In on? Is it the Supreme Court Bible or what they know

R Roy Finkenbine 22:04

Obama used Lincoln's?

M Matt Mio 22:06

Oh, yeah, because they can go back into the Library of Congress.

J Jeffe Boats 22:09

I love George Carlin's take on swearing in on the Bible that won't say it, but YouTube George Carlin swear in the Bible. Oh, it's hysterical

D Dave Chow 22:17

Here I put my hand, left hand, on the yellow pages. And

M Matt Mio 22:20

Exactly, exactly, who was the first president to receive his oath of office from Chief, from the Chief Justice of the United States, Supreme Court?

D Dave Chow 22:29

LBJ,

M Matt Mio 22:29

no,

D

Dave Chow 22:30

on the jet.

M

Matt Mio 22:31

Oh, no.

J

Jason Roche 22:34

Alexander Haig, who became president?

R

Roy Finkenbine 22:36

Oh, that's right.

J

Jeffe Boats 22:36

Supreme Court found it.

R

Roy Finkenbine 22:38

He was in the White House, in control. Yeah.

D

Dave Chow 22:41

See, I thought I was like, Yeah. I thought it'd be like, Johnson on the plane, if this

J

Jeffe Boats 22:46

isn't it always the that that's how they do the swearing in, though, just the Chief Justice.

R

Roy Finkenbine 22:51

First down Chief Justice,

M

Matt Mio 22:52

he just, I mean, I'm guessing that there had been ones previous to this where the Chief Justice wasn't the,

D

Dave Chow 22:58

let's go take a shot. Let's go for Jefferson again.

D

Dave Chow 23:02

That makes sense. So Washington, it's always been a tradition. I thought,

M

Matt Mio 23:10

Who was the first president who affirmed the oath of office rather than swearing to it?  
Everything just keeps getting dialed back sooner or later. Are you familiar with this, yeah, we're cool, yeah,

D

Dave Chow 23:22

I do.

M

Matt Mio 23:22

I do. I do.

J

Jason Roche 23:24

What does he affirmed mean? Does that mean that you're good, you're a good document?

M

Matt Mio 23:28

Have you previously downloaded and possibly skimmed

D

Dave Chow 23:32

I dont recall

M

Matt Mio 23:33

Any ideas?

J

Jeffe Boats 23:35

Affirmed?

D

Dave Chow 23:36

That sounds awfully none committal

M

Matt Mio 23:38

same first name as an affluent suburb of our fair city, up near Bingham farms, Beverly Hills,

M

Matt Mio 23:44

John Adams. It was just the second president.

R

Roy Finkenbine 23:45

Franklin,

M

Matt Mio 23:46

Franklin.

D

Dave Chow 23:47

Beverly sills,

M

Matt Mio 23:49

yes, it was Franklin Pierce,

M

Matt Mio 23:51

No, it wasn't Jefferson, but I'll tell you what Clock one back

R

Roy Finkenbine 23:52

Good apple cider too.

M

Matt Mio 23:53

Oh, delicious, if you can get, you know, weasel your way in there. There's so many people

J

Jeffe Boats 23:57

What does affirm me, yes, I'm aware there's an oath. I'm not swearing it. Yes, I'm aware there's an oath

J

Jeffe Boats 23:57

John,

R

Roy Finkenbine 24:02

people who haven't seen George Carlin's died.

M

Matt Mio 24:06

I heartily endorse this event and or product.

D

Dave Chow 24:09

I'm here.

M

Matt Mio 24:11

Who's the first president to have his inauguration broadcast live on the internet?

R

Roy Finkenbine 24:16

Obama, right?

J

Jeffe Boats 24:17

Probably,

M

Matt Mio 24:17

nope. Who's earlier than that?

D

Dave Chow 24:19

Clinton,

M

Matt Mio 24:20

Clinton was Bill Clinton? Yeah, absolutely. The very first day, first days of

J

Jeffe Boats 24:25

the sworn 92

R

Roy Finkenbine 24:26

they had the internet back then,

J

Jeffe Boats 24:28

not publicly

D

Dave Chow 24:30

streaming,

M

Matt Mio 24:31

you know,

D

Dave Chow 24:31

the internet

M

Matt Mio 24:32

and then people talk about, what's the first list serve? What's the first you know, back then,

R Roy Finkenbine 24:36

I don't believe they had streaming video back then,

J Jeffe Boats 24:40

I don't think it was not publicly accessible. Publicly accessible. Possibly people in navy watched it or

D Dave Chow 24:47

Heard it maybe

M Matt Mio 24:48

who was our last question? You guys have done very, very well, as I'm sure all the listeners understand, who was the first president to wear contact lenses? I have to. Think about this one

D Dave Chow 25:00

like bush.

M Matt Mio 25:01

You're gonna need to have context lenses be invented next. You'll need to be a president the

R Roy Finkenbine 25:06

Next, you don't want to have a monical,

M Matt Mio 25:06

who was Mr. Peanut and when was he president?

R

Roy Finkenbine 25:06

Would it happen to be Jimmy Carter?

M

Matt Mio 25:06

I'm sorry,

D

Dave Chow 25:06

Wouldn't happen to be Kennedy

M

Matt Mio 25:14

it was later than Kennedy.

D

Dave Chow 25:18

Okay.

J

Jason Roche 25:19

Was a Jimmy Carter. He mentioned

M

Matt Mio 25:22

Getting close

D

Dave Chow 25:23

Reagan.

M Matt Mio 25:24

It was Reagan apparently

R Roy Finkenbine 25:26

and next year to tell me that that red hair wasn't natural.

D Dave Chow 25:32

What is it?

R Roy Finkenbine 25:32

im shocked.

M Matt Mio 25:33

He had the serious Grecian formula going on, right? It was lead lead acetate. I think,

J Jeffe Boats 25:43

Well, that's good stuff

M Matt Mio 25:45

In the moral words of Homer Simpson, "Don't worry, everyone. For our six hour car ride, I brought my Rapin' Ronnie Reagan tape. It always makes the trip. Thanks a lot for those questions. Mr. Burroughs, that's fantastic stuff. We're seriously looking forward to some more great questions from you, and thanks for listening. It looks like we're going to have to say goodbye. Professor Boats,

J Jeffe Boats 26:08

Todaloo

M

Matt Mio 26:08

Mr. Chow

D

Dave Chow 26:09

goodbye.

M

Matt Mio 26:09

Professor Finkenbine,

R

Roy Finkenbine 26:10

Good to be here.

M

Matt Mio 26:11

Professor Roche

J

Jason Roche 26:12

Adios,

M

Matt Mio 26:13

now these words,

E

Edwin DeWindt 26:14

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M

Matt Mio 26:21

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