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SPEAKERS

Dan Maggio, Speaker 1, Speaker 3, Matt Mio, Speaker 4, Roy Finkenbine, Kathy Bush, Speaker 2, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Erick Barnes, Michael Jayson, Production Element

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 February 2009.

Kathy Bush 00:15

The University Tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Kathy Bush, and today we have four of our guys here around the table. So let me introduce them to you. To my right, from the Department of History, the chair of that department and the keeper of our Black Abolitionist Archives, and someone who's going to participate in the Darwin Lincoln Ball, it's Professor Roy Finkenbine.

Roy Finkenbine 00:45

Hey, Kathy, with malice toward none.



Kathy Bush 00:47

Yes, and charity toward even those in the sciences. We will forge ahead, indeed. Them's fightin' words, young Professor Mio. And sitting next to Roy from the Department of Criminal Justice, the person who directs our intelligence analysis program and knows all you need to know about crime, it's Professor Erick Barnes.



Erick Barnes 01:09

Therefore, let us not sleep as do others; let us watch and be sober.



Kathy Bush 01:13

Oh!



Erick Barnes 01:13

It's the motto of the program.



Kathy Bush 01:15

Go for it, indeed, and that's a great motto. And at the far end of the table, from the College of Engineering and Sciences, the director of the pre-college engineering program. It's Dan Dan, our DAPCEP man, Maggio.



Dan Maggio 01:26

Hey, Kathy.



Kathy Bush 01:27

Hey.

 Dan Maggio 01:27

I don't have a motto.

 Kathy Bush 01:28

That's okay. You should come up with one.

 Dan Maggio 01:30

"Please let me survive until tomorrow".

 Kathy Bush 01:31

Yeah, or "Who's going to pay for this?"

 Roy Finkenbine 01:34

That's a university motto.

 Dan Maggio 01:38

Well, I was starting to ask that question too.

 Kathy Bush 01:40

Yeah, paraphrase that one. Yeah, really. Yes, or "Help the poor, my pants are tore" That could be another one. Yeah, there. And finally, on the other side of the table from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, it's Professor Matt Mio.

 Matt Mio 01:52

My pants are fine.

 Kathy Bush 01:53
I know they are, but Matt was entertaining us with a historical story about a colleague who actually went into a gas station to buy coffee, wearing a ski mask.

 Erick Barnes 02:02
in Detroit

 Dan Maggio 02:04
In Detroit?

 Matt Mio 02:05
I think there's only one worst thing you could do, like a hockey mask.

 Kathy Bush 02:09
that I was gonna say, like what -

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:11
Jason?

 Kathy Bush 02:12
and yeah, holding something, some object in your hand, like -

 Roy Finkenbine 02:15
Speaking of which, did you see the post Super Bowl episode of The Office?



Matt Mio 02:19

I fell asleep during the first half.



Kathy Bush 02:20

I didn't.



Roy Finkenbine 02:21

Oh, you guys have got to download it and watch that. Speaking of ski masks, or Jason masks.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:27

I like it already



Kathy Bush 02:28

Oh no, the ski mask bit. Well, this is a show where you can send us questions about ski masks, crime. Dan told us a great story about a guy who held up - what was it - a 7-11?



Dan Maggio 02:37

Yes, with a Klingon sword.



Kathy Bush 02:39

That's like incredible.



Dan Maggio 02:40

This is classic.



Kathy Bush 02:41

So yeah, so such as Star Wars or classic weapons, yeah. Did you find this on YouTube? I've got to see.



Dan Maggio 02:41

No, I think somebody posted it on Facebook.



Kathy Bush 02:49

Sweet, got to see. Remember



Matt Mio 02:50

Remember Manny Lim?



Kathy Bush 02:50

I do remember Manny Lim



Roy Finkbine 02:51

Yeah, that's where I saw it. It was his post.



Kathy Bush 02:54

Oh, that's great.



Roy Finkbine 02:55

I thought you were gonna say it was his sword.

 Kathy Bush 02:57
No, oh my gosh.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:59
He was the guy.

 Kathy Bush 03:00
When alumni go wrong, so you can send us questions, and if you stump the panel or you don't stump the panel, you still get a wonderful Tech Day T-shirt, and you can send us questions in oh so many ways.

 Michael Jayson 03:13
You can email Ask the Professor at atp@udmercy.edu or visit the Ask the professor Facebook page.

 Kathy Bush 03:22
So we're continuing with our theme from last week because we're getting ready for the throwdown in Motown on the 12th of February to commemorate the birthdays of two great people who changed history and ideas and lots of things, and that would be Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln. So this will be a duel to the death. No, it's it's until the cakes over is finished and the pizzas are gone. More than likely, I was going to say once there's nothing but crust and crumbs, then it'll be over, and this will be held in our chemistry building. They're hosting it, which is very very lovely

 Matt Mio 03:55
and convenient.



Kathy Bush 03:56

Yes, you do. So we finished up our questions on Darwin, and we just got one out of the way about Lincoln, which Roy got right, was sadly that Lincoln was shot on Good Friday. You know, you said that kind of added to the iconography of Lincoln. Certainly,



Roy Finkenbine 04:08

well, I mean, Lincoln became because he was seen as having sacrificed his life to restore the nation. The fact he was shot on Good Friday really built this Lincoln is Christ figure kind of idea. So,



Kathy Bush 04:19

wow, that's true. How did Lincoln's mother die?



Roy Finkenbine 04:24

Milk sickness.



Kathy Bush 04:26

Okay, a little more specific. No, that's what it was. Can you be more specific? That's



Roy Finkenbine 04:33

what it was, and all the literature. That's what it was called. Okay.



Kathy Bush 04:36

Well, this claims that the family cow ate poisonous mushrooms, and so that when she drank the milk, sadly the poison would have been transferred. Sounds like milk

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Speaker 1 04:44

sickness to me. Yeah, I was going to say milk.

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Kathy Bush 04:45

Yeah, that sounds like it. But I thought she referred to like something like that. She constantly drank unpasteurized milk or something. She would have got TB from that or something. Yeah, but they got

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Matt Mio 04:55

some funky flavors from the family cow. You remember Napoleon

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Speaker 1 04:58

Dynamite? No, got some. Tastes like it got in an onion patch. Remember that? Yeah. Oh yeah, that's right.

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Kathy Bush 05:03

That's it. Absolutely. Lincoln was our tallest president. How tall was he?

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Roy Finkenbine 05:08

6'4"

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Speaker 1 05:10

He was six. He was six four. He was six four. Really? That's the

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Matt Mio 05:15

tallest. I mean, I'm six three. I don't feel like taller all the time. Yeah. You know,

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Speaker 1 05:20

Clinton looks a lot shorter. I've met him. He looks a lot shorter in person than he looks. Really, because he always looks like I don't want to say massive,

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Kathy Bush 05:26

but he looks like very tall. And Obama's

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Speaker 1 05:28

tall. How tall is the president? Yeah, he's about six one or six. Obama. Because he's taller than the missus, and she's tall. She's like almost six feet tall. Michelle Obama. She's so striking. She's a runway model. She's tall too. Yeah. So at least yeah.

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Kathy Bush 05:44

Well, so she better. She was wearing flats though for

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Speaker 2 05:46

the. I was going to say otherwise she'd be

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Kathy Bush 05:48

looming over him. But John Kerry, he was pretty tall guy. Well,

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Speaker 1 05:52

he wasn't president. But no, he only wishes, or

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Kathy Bush 05:54

Secretary of State, or the poor fella. He don't have to

R Roy Finkenbine 05:57
be looked Lincoln ass. Yeah,

K Kathy Bush 05:58
poor guy. True or false? Lincoln was the first president to have a beard while in office.

M Matt Mio 06:03
I think that's true.

S Speaker 1 06:04
I think it is true while in office. While in office,

M Matt Mio 06:07
yeah, true. No, yes. It notes it as yes, it was

K Kathy Bush 06:10
true enough. And he was

S Speaker 1 06:12
nicknamed Grizz because yeah, I was

K Kathy Bush 06:13
gonna say this. What was his nickname, Matt? Astoltes. Astoltas. Yeah, didn't some little

 Matt Mio 06:19
girl write him a letter? Oh no, that he looked. He'd

 Roy Finkenbine 06:22
look. Well,

 Kathy Bush 06:25
he had such an awfully thin face. I do think it kind of helps add to it. I mean, because he did.
He's a poor man. He looks very, very thin. I'm thinking of drawing

 Roy Finkenbine 06:32
mine back for that class this summer.

 Kathy Bush 06:34
Oh, right. It'll be very white. The last time I had one, it was very red. So we'll

 Roy Finkenbine 06:40
see.

 Kathy Bush 06:40
Okay, Lincoln loved animals. He had a cat and a dog. Do you know the names of those pets?

 Matt Mio 06:48
Oh man!

 Speaker 3 06:49
Come

 Speaker 1 06:49
on, Dan.

 Roy Finkenbine 06:50
Bootsy, pootsy,

 Kathy Bush 06:51
bootsy. Oh, we have four bootsies because they had little white paws. Shooter and

 Roy Finkenbine 06:55
stultus.

 Kathy Bush 06:56
Shooter and stultus.

 Production Element 06:57
Ah, I don't know.

 Kathy Bush 06:59
Okay, the cat's name is the same name. It's a male name. Let's see.

 Production Element 07:05
John.

 Kathy Bush 07:06
No, it's Bob. Okay. Bob the cat. Bob the cat. Well, come on. Well, what happened

 Roy Finkenbine 07:10
to Bob's tail? Yeah. Okay. Yeah. There was that.

 Kathy Bush 07:14
And the dog's name is the name. Same name as a sailing term.

 Michael Jayson 07:19
Winch.

 Matt Mio 07:21
Starboard.

 Kathy Bush 07:24
Jib.

 Dan Maggio 07:24
Jib?

K Kathy Bush 07:25
Jib. You know, like, yeah,

M Matt Mio 07:33
Fliver the jib. Bob, though, that's like that's like evidence that he was just a really, really smart guy. He couldn't even waste a neuron like naming the cat.

K Kathy Bush 07:43
Yeah,, there you go. I mean, really, there, there is that. True or false: There was a plot developed to steal Lincoln's body.

D Dan Maggio 07:52
Oh, true.

K Kathy Bush 07:53
Yeah, it is true. Isn't that horrible? Grave robbing is so disgusting. 40

M Matt Mio 07:56
sake.

K Kathy Bush 07:57
Yeah, I mean,

M Matt Mio 07:58
I've been to his grave. Yeah, I know. Take the

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Roy Finkbine 08:02

role, the lead role in the movie in that story too. Nicolas Cage. There you go. That was a bad jump. National Treasure. Yeah. National Treasure. Next question. They made a movie out of it. Nicolas Cage was in it. I got you. That's

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Matt Mio 08:17

not too far away because the tagline for the first one was, "That's it. I have to steal the Declaration of Independence. For the second one, that's it. I have to kidnap the president. You could just insert whatever. The second movie was so

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Roy Finkbine 08:28

absurd. It was it was stupid. That's it. I have to steal Lincoln's body. That's why I stopped making these movies.

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Kathy Bush 08:35

Thank you. They do note that they formed a secret society to guard his tomb, and that's just horrible. They call it the Knights Templar, right? Like again, you've done profiling. What would make crazy people want to steal tombs and bodies? Like, what is up?

E

Erick Barnes 08:53

Do you really want to know on the radio?

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Erick Barnes 08:54

Oh no! Okay, never mind. Never mind. Okay. But I mean, is it a psychosis? But also, you get the issue of - Well, you get several issues. You get the issue of individuals who want to be close to the individual, and so they believe by taking the body, they're actually doing that individual a favor. They can protect it. They can give it the honor that it deserves.

R

Roy Finkbine 09:25

They turn it into a holy relic.

 Kathy Bush 09:27
Oh, okay, okay, all right.

 Erick Barnes 09:29
You turn it to a relic,. Remember Marlon Brando, Last Tango In Paris

 Kathy Bush 09:31
Oh yeah, that was absolutely yeah. That was like freakiy

 Erick Barnes 09:34
Then you get individuals also that are just have a monetary economic intention where they can sell parts of the body. Oh, okay, money makers. Yeah, so make that money maker. I don't think

 Roy Finkbine 09:48
Lincoln could at that. I was going to say,

 Kathy Bush 09:50
true or false, Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln, was present at three separate presidential assassinations, or presidential. Yeah. That could be that could

 Roy Finkbine 10:01
be true, because he did he was in in the federal government, and I would say yes.

 Kathy Bush 10:06
It is true. His

M Matt Mio 10:08
father.

K Kathy Bush 10:08
Yeah, he met his father at the theater, but he was to meet his father at the theater. But he got there right after John Wilkes Booth had fired the fatal shots. He was on went to Washington to the train station because he was part of the group that was supposed to meet President Garfield, and arrived literally two minutes after he was shot, and then the third time was traveling to Buffalo again. He was part of a welcoming party for President McGinley. They called him Bob. Yeah, I mean, I'm thinking like it's kind of

M Matt Mio 10:36
like that one actor help me out here, Dan, who whenever he joins a sitcom, it gets canceled the following year. Ted McGinley.

S Speaker 1 10:42
Oh wow, he did. Oh really? Almost every Love Boat.

M Matt Mio 10:45
I think so. Almost every single sitcom he's ever joined, at least like six to 10 episodes later, it gets canceled. He is the the sitcom killer. Oh my god! Keep that in mind. I'm sure.

K Kathy Bush 10:56
Okay, true or false? Lincoln was the only president to receive a patent for an invention.

R Roy Finkenbine 11:01
I believe that's yes. What about Jefferson? Yeah. Yeah, that's what I wondered about. That's true. It's saying

 Kathy Bush 11:08

true here that he he developed a device to lift boats over shoals. You know, but that's I would have gone with the Jefferson thing as well because I mean the writing desk and all the different. I've never heard of the patent office. We probably had didn't patent office yet, did we? Don't know. I

 Matt Mio 11:21

don't think we did. Probably not. And look how

 Kathy Bush 11:23

Jefferson really thought there should be what a postal service, a census-taking service, and thank God for the decimal

 Roy Finkenbine 11:29

system for our money. Yes, I mean, but he

 Kathy Bush 11:31

he really felt there should be basically about four departments of government, and that's it. He just really. Although

 Roy Finkenbine 11:36

you have you seen Jefferson's map for the proposed development of the of of the area north of the High River, he had like these 10 states with names like Polypotamia. Yeah, I mean it. Yeah, it's really cool. That's cool. He had a great love

 Kathy Bush 11:50

for the classics, but I was thinking, dude, not everybody had your education. I don't think they could discover where they lived.

 Roy Finkbine 11:56
Augustus Woodward when he developed his idea for higher education in Michigan. What is it?
The carpatholopistamide was just like, I'm

 Kathy Bush 12:05
sorry, honey, not everybody. U of

 Roy Finkbine 12:06
M is a lot better choice. Yeah, thank you. I named it

 Matt Mio 12:09
that because it goes towards the woods. Yes, not named after myself.

 Kathy Bush 12:13
Like, okay, whatever. True or false? Lincoln was the first president to be photographed at his inauguration.

 Dan Maggio 12:20
Oh, at his inauguration.

 Matt Mio 12:21
it's got to be false.

 Speaker 1 12:22
False. No,

 Matt Mio 12:23
at inauguration.

 Kathy Bush 12:25
Yeah.

 Roy Finkenbine 12:25
False. At his inauguration.

 Kathy Bush 12:27
This says it's true, and they note what Eric noted that John Wilkes Booth can be seen standing close to Lincoln in this picture of the first

 Roy Finkenbine 12:35
Buchanan's was the first. We had that question just a couple weeks ago. How many

 Matt Mio 12:39
before was Buchanan,

 Roy Finkenbine 12:41
he was the one that immediately. Oh, okay, but it had

 Matt Mio 12:43
to be about that time. About that time moving out of daguerreotypes, because that's what's



Kathy Bush 12:46

one thing about the Civil War. All like the Brady photographs. Yeah, those are so stark. What is it?



Roy Finkenbine 12:52

Alexander did a lot of the photography. I know what I mean. Yeah, Bruce. But they are. I mean, but yeah, but it's



Kathy Bush 12:59

just those photographs. Even though they're just black and white, they definitely tell a story. What was Lincoln's favorite sport? Favorite bocce ball. How cool it would have been, but Waiting



Roy Finkenbine 13:12

Mary. Oh yeah, that could have been a sports they play back then. Polo. I think Greco-Roman. He said Polo.



Kathy Bush 13:22

Well, he must have been out on the frontier. I would think wrestling would have been whenever he



Roy Finkenbine 13:26

he gained his local White House besting. Yeah. What was the guy's name Jack Armstrong or something? Yeah, he beat up



Kathy Bush 13:34

somebody wrestling wise, kind of thing. That's it. The

R Roy Finkenbine 13:37
Cleary Grove boys. That was his his nemesis.

K Kathy Bush 13:40
Okay, true or false? Lincoln had relatives that fought on the Confederate Army.

E Erick Barnes 13:44
That's probably true.

K Kathy Bush 13:45
Yeah, he did. In fact, it notes that he had half brothers and brothers-in-law.

R Roy Finkenbine 13:51
Did you know that Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln were born about 18 miles apart in Kentucky? Yes.

K Kathy Bush 13:57
That was that close. I thought it was a little further, but knew they were both from Kentucky. Wow, that's amazing! What was the name of the play that Lincoln was attending when he was shot? Our American cousin. Yeah, that's what's interesting is notes here that the same play was also running at the McVeigh Theater in Chicago the day that Lincoln was nominated to be president at the convention in that city, so it kind of was like the yeah instead of the other one because wasn't that I mean that was a huge thing that Booth was an actor the family was an acting so he had access to the theater and knew their schedule so that's such a ooh oh my goodness true or false Lincoln had a substitute that fought for him during the Civil War.

R Roy Finkenbine 14:44
False. Yeah. It kind of based on



Matt Mio 14:46

what that actually means, right? Yeah. Yeah. What do you mean substitutes? Well,



Kathy Bush 14:50

now, as Roy and I can explain that there were paid substitutes, that there were some people who actually bought substitutes, and it was a big money. Well, \$300 with. True then, if that in that instance. If you were obligated to to to be involved



Matt Mio 15:05

He was the commander in chief. He had to fight, right? So, is it true? Not a paid



Kathy Bush 15:10

substitute. The man's name was Jay Summerfield Staples, who was the son of an army chaplain, and he heard that Lincoln felt that the president should fight in the war, but couldn't because of all his duties, so Staples volunteered to fight as his substitute. Both he and his father survived throughout the war. Staples and his father and returned home to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.



Roy Finkenbine 15:30

They found an office supply store. There you go. And if



Kathy Bush 15:33

in the cemetery there, there's a headstone that reads "J. Summerfield Staples, a private of Company of Fighting Yp 176, a member of the second regular volunteers, and a substitute for Abraham Lincoln.



Matt Mio 15:46

Wow!

 Kathy Bush 15:46
So while we think about that, let's take a break.

 Roy Finkenbine 15:49
I don't think there's any substitute for Abraham Lincoln.

 Kathy Bush 15:55
No.

 Production Element 15:56
(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)

 Kathy Bush 16:48
And we're back. And Matt brought up an interesting question during break about presidents and fighting during wartime or serving their country. Commander

 Matt Mio 16:55
in chief means you actually lead the army. Yeah, I mean, so

 Erick Barnes 16:58
Bush in Iraq

 Kathy Bush 16:59
That's right. Did his mission accomplished? Remember,

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Speaker 4 17:06

shoe-proof vest.

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Kathy Bush 17:07

Yeah. Well, Michael Jayson, our marvelous producer of the show, handed us something here about Lincoln having a strong interest in new technology and was the only U.S. president to hold a patent. Okay. Okay. Yeah. As a young man, Lincoln took a boatload of merchandise down the Mississippi River from New Salem to New Orleans. At one point, the boat slid into a dam and was set free only after heroic and tough efforts. So years later, while traveling on the Great Lakes, Lincoln's ship ran foul of a sandbar. So these two experiences led him to conceive this invention. He received patent number 6469 for a device for buoying vessels over shoals that was granted on May 22, 1849

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Matt Mio 17:50

Wow! Awesome.

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Kathy Bush 17:51

Yeah. So yeah, in 1850-eight Lincoln called the introduction of patent law as one of the three most important developments in the world's history, along with the discovery of America and the perfection of the printing press. Okay. Short

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Matt Mio 18:05

list. Yeah.

K

Kathy Bush 18:06

Well, yeah, but you know, smart guy. What do you think George Bush would have invented? We don't want to know. You're right. That's not answer. He had trouble with pretzels. Yeah, really. Yeah, I just yeah, just not there. Okay. True or false? Lincoln is U.S. president most frequently portrayed in film.

 Speaker 1 18:26
False.

 Matt Mio 18:27
I want to say false.

 Roy Finkenbine 18:29
I'm gonna say overall true.

 Kathy Bush 18:31
Roy's got it. Okay. Yeah. No, there's been a ton of. Well, you're doing that class this summer about Lincoln. Dress

 Speaker 1 18:37
up as Lincoln. He

 Kathy Bush 18:38
was talking. I don't have

 Roy Finkenbine 18:40
quite the physique. No, but

 Kathy Bush 18:42
I mean, some of them are a little hokey. I mean, very hokey, or his appearance in films like

M Matt Mio 18:47
Bill and Ted's. Yeah, yeah, okay.

K Kathy Bush 18:49
But for example, in A Birth of a Nation, that characterization of him in that, you know, or Young Abe Lincoln, or Lincoln, yeah. There's, there's. Yeah, we're gonna,

R Roy Finkenbine 18:59
we're gonna talk in general the one day about Lincoln and film, but two I'm showing them are young mr. Lincoln and Abe Lincoln in Illinois. Okay, what

K Kathy Bush 19:09
did you think about the Gore Vidal book on Lincoln?

R Roy Finkenbine 19:11
I thought it was very interesting. Provides a unique perspective, and we're we're gonna have them read that. Oh,

K Kathy Bush 19:16
good, yeah, because it's it's very it's highly readable. What birth defects or defects did Lincoln have? The

M Matt Mio 19:24
mole. Are we talking physical? Physical, yes. Does he have a

M Michael Jayson 19:29
problem with his leg?

 Roy Finkenbine 19:30
No.

 Kathy Bush 19:31
They don't list anything about the leg. All right then. But they must have something on his right

 Michael Jayson 19:35
cheek. The

 Kathy Bush 19:36
mole. The mole or war? Yeah. That's not right. I was going to ask which cheek

 Matt Mio 19:40
is it? Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 19:41
And also notice that he had a scar on his thumb from an ax accident.

 Speaker 1 19:47
That's not a birth. That's not a birthday. I

 Kathy Bush 19:48
know. It is an

 Matt Mio 19:50
ax. It is. It is. Yes,

 Kathy Bush 19:51
indeed. Who

 Roy Finkenbine 19:52
wrote this stuff? Well, you

 Kathy Bush 19:54
know, there it is. Okay.

 Speaker 1 19:55
Send Dan to come beat you up. I was gonna say Dan's going just

 Kathy Bush 19:58
get into this. True or false? John Will. Booth's brother once saved Abraham Lincoln's son's life.
Oh

 Matt Mio 20:04
man,

 Roy Finkenbine 20:04
true. That's that's got to be true. It is true. That's true. Were there like

 Matt Mio 20:08
10 people in the country? I know. I think you wonder, like, what

 Michael Jayson 20:12
the heck was

 Kathy Bush 20:13
going on here?

 Roy Finkenbine 20:14
Degrees of separation. This was all scripted.

 Kathy Bush 20:17
Who was Lincoln named after?

 Matt Mio 20:20
Abraham, father of nations.

 Kathy Bush 20:22
Well, I'm sure that it originally came from a source, but something

 Matt Mio 20:27
a little close to somebody

 Kathy Bush 20:28
a little close to his rabbi,

 Kathy Bush 20:30
his rabbi,

 Roy Finkbine 20:32
his father,

 Kathy Bush 20:33
not father, grandfather, grandfather. Yeah, he was named after his grandfather. Yeah, I wonder how many rabbis that were roaming around in the northwest terrain, the western Kentucky. Yeah, about Zippo. I'm trying to think, yeah, Illinois. Well, there's a possibility in

 Roy Finkbine 20:45
Louisville at that time there might have been a Jewish congregation, but

 Kathy Bush 20:48
yeah, the

 Roy Finkbine 20:49
numbers would be real limited. Yeah.

 Kathy Bush 20:51
Okay, who was Lincoln's favorite author?

R Roy Finkbine 20:57
Oh, he liked he liked Defoe. Wouldn't it be funny? He liked Pilgrim's Progress. He liked

K Kathy Bush 21:03
oh Buchanan.

R Roy Finkbine 21:04
He liked Pilgrim's Progress. This claims an American

K Kathy Bush 21:07
author. American. Yeah, an American author who sometimes is thought to be a bit macabre.

M Matt Mio 21:12
Poe. Poe. Yes, Ed. There's been a recent Poe anniversary too that I totally missed. 200th anniversary of his birth was a couple months ago. Yeah, yeah,

S Speaker 1 21:20
yeah. I usually say the Raven for Claire Clae Crabtree. Yeah, you have to do it next Wednesday. I do that for a poetry class. Oh, excellent! I'll do that every time she teaches poetry. Are you the bow

M Matt Mio 21:30
toaster? I recite it.

S Speaker 1 21:33
That's what I meant. No, no, reading and reciting is totally different. Very

 Kathy Bush 21:35
different. Eric has it memorized.

 Roy Finkenbine 21:37
Oh, okay. John Paul Stevens. I mean, John Roberts. John Roberts.

 Kathy Bush 21:42
Yeah. I recited.

 Roy Finkenbine 21:44
Yeah. Wow. Okay.

 Kathy Bush 21:46
But but but now Poe, I know Baltimore always claims him. Yep. Yeah. But New Yorkers. Hence the

 Roy Finkenbine 21:52
name of the NFL franchise franchise. Yeah. He used to drink opium though.

 Kathy Bush 21:56
Oh, was that true? Yeah. He was. He drank. Yeah.

 Speaker 1 21:58
He drank liquid opium. He died. One of the reasons

R Roy Finkenbine 22:01
I'm sure he died as young as he was. Oh Lord, have mercy! He did

S Speaker 1 22:04
liquid opium.

K Kathy Bush 22:05
Oh, that's that's poor man. Okay, true or false? Lincoln believed in seances.

M Matt Mio 22:12
Oh, absolutely. His wife.

K Kathy Bush 22:14
Yeah, I was going to say I thought the wife was a big deal back in the century. Yeah. Well, probably because death was so very close in so many ways, you know. Well, no, and I mean just the whole Victorian mystique of death of bringing everyone to the deathbed, and then the whole ritual of staying at

M Matt Mio 22:31
home for a little while. Oh

K Kathy Bush 22:32
yeah, Dan, it was like they wanted to make sure every child was present the whole bed. Yeah, I mean it's the



Matt Mio 22:37

reason we have flowers at funerals because they kept them at home, and the flowers were covering the smell. I'm old enough, and I don't know to



Roy Finkbine 22:46

actually have you know relatives, older relatives wait in your home. We went to their home to see the body. Wow, because usually it was in the



Kathy Bush 22:55

parlor of the house, and in many Irish families, you move them out



Roy Finkbine 22:59

on the front porch at the moment. That's the only time that the old fella made it into the parlor.



Kathy Bush 23:03

Usually, he is behind, was in the kitchen, but he made it into the parlor when he's finally laid out. Absolutely, you might have to move the piano, but there they were, absolutely in that way. And our last question on Lincoln: True or false? Lincoln was the first president to be born outside of the original 13 colonies. First president to be born outside of the original 13 colonies,



Roy Finkbine 23:24

probably true because some of those people like Jackson and Polk were probably born in Carolinas.



Kathy Bush 23:29

Yeah, it is true they were. Yeah, so you know, so think about it. He really had a great deal of new and kind of modern things going on that way. Well, and our

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Roy Finkenbine 23:39

current president, who likes Lincoln was our probably our first president born outside of the continental United States. Yeah, that's true. Spent four years in Indonesia. Well, yeah, and that's

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Kathy Bush 23:52

Ote too. We got to say bye to Dan. He's being a scammer guy. Going back to Dan. That's right. Okay. Tell anybody with the Klingon

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sword.

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Matt Mio 24:00

The Lincoln story of the moment is that for those who may be listening and not know, the chair that Lincoln was shot in at Ford's Theater is at the Henry Ford. Yes, and my wife's assistant registrar there, and apparently a local area history teacher in grade school shall go unnamed mentioned that that chair was actually a fake. That it was not the original chair, even though there's plenty of prominence at the museum to prove this. The downfall for the teacher was that he or she, whoever, did not know that the daughter of the president of the Henry Ford is one of her students. So when that was discussed over dinner that night, Patricia Mercy and the president of the Henry Ford, said, "Why don't you tell your teacher she can have a free tour down at the Henry Ford? Thank you. My wife gave the tour. This is how I know this. I thought that was pretty interesting. I care for what you say, especially when

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Kathy Bush 24:52

you don't know what you're talking about. Well,

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Matt Mio 24:54

yeah, and I think that it's just-I mean, it's just so unassuming. They still just have this plexiglass shell around it. Think that it's fascinating. It is just kind of totally just there, you know. And there's the blood stain. Yeah, it is. It's

K Kathy Bush 25:07

amazing. I mean, the tour that you can get in Washington at Ford's Theater is terribly interesting. I mean, it really, really is. We had to make that stop before we went to do Civil War battle sites with Dad. He was totally big on those. Okay, but I mean, he said, you know, these are important things. This country was literally torn in half. So, you know, and that, and as he put it, warfare at that time was up close and personal. Yeah, you know, I mean, that's the weird thing when you go to get it. As close and personal

R Roy Finkenbine 25:32

as it was in the Revolutionary War. No, no, no, no. But I mean, when you look at

K Kathy Bush 25:36

like Pickett's Charger, when you look at the, you know, it that's just the distance. Reform your regiment. I have no regiment, and that's what I mean. It's like, where is everybody in the Chamberlain? You know, they dead. But I mean, it's just amazing when you think how close came. Yeah, Chamberlain

S Speaker 1 25:52

would fix the bayonets. Yeah, yeah, because I mean, it's

K Kathy Bush 25:54

like we're running low on ammo and put the

S Speaker 1 25:55

bayonet on there. Yeah, and

K Kathy Bush 25:57

people are just charging and charging. So yeah, I think the whole bit of it is really really fascinating,



Matt Mio 26:02

and the first time anybody not involved in the war could actually see images of war.



Roy Finkbine 26:07

Yeah, yeah.



Kathy Bush 26:08

Oh, absolutely. And



Roy Finkbine 26:09

for those of yeah, Gettysburg, the film did such a good job of portraying that. Yeah, that



Speaker 1 26:15

was outstanding. Yeah, those are the



Kathy Bush 26:16

kind of films people should see a lot of.



Roy Finkbine 26:18

the fact it was four plus hours kind of working. Well, yeah, you can do it in that amount



Kathy Bush 26:22

of time. You know, you really can. I don't know if any of you have seen the film Defiance. No, not yet. Do see it really, really? Because I'm telling you, whoever did the the filming and who decided how to film those scenes, especially with these partisans and the fighters against the Germans, it's absolutely amazing, but once again, James Bond. But the only my only objection to the film is that everyone's teeth are way too good. Good, yeah. I'm sorry. There's just something like I'm sorry, folks, but you know, if you veneers, there's got to be something done that way. Okay. Oh, there we go. Well, let me thank our panel, Professor Mio



Matt Mio 27:01

See ya.



Kathy Bush 27:02

Professor Barnes,



Erick Barnes 27:03

see you later.



Kathy Bush 27:04

Professor Finkenbine



Roy Finkenbine 27:05

Four score and seven years.



Kathy Bush 27:06

Absolutely. Now this word from the University of Detroit Mercy.



Michael Jayson 27:11

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