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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 00:13

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 here in Detroit on a cold February day, we're still hoping for spring. We've got some spring in our heart, and so we're going to go through these questions, hopefully cheerfully and rapidly. Let me introduce today's panel to you. To my left, from the College of Engineering and Sciences, it's Pre-College Engineering programming director. It's Dan Dan, the DAPCEP man Maggio.



Dan Maggio 00:48

Hi Kathy.



Kathy Bush 00:49

And he's also a skip at curling. So how's the curling going?

 Dan Maggio 00:53
It's going well, actually.

 Kathy Bush 00:54
It's such a great -

 Dan Maggio 00:54
Getting a little better every day.

 Kathy Bush 00:55
It's great for the winter, you know.

 Dan Maggio 00:57
It is. I enjoy it.

 Kathy Bush 00:58
Why not? Yeah,

 Dan Maggio 01:00
I curled with Jeffe - Mr. Boats on Tuesday

 Kathy Bush 01:02
Alright, excellent.

 Dan Maggio 01:03
So that was exciting.

 Kathy Bush 01:04
Okay, and to my right, from the College of Liberal Arts and Education, the chair of the History Department, the keeper of our Black Abolitionist Archives, and the author of a really interesting article about the Black President or Black Presidency, just published in AHA, was it?

 Roy Finkenbine 01:19
OAH.

 Kathy Bush 01:19
OAH. Okay, Organization of American Historians. It's Professor Roy Finkenbine.

 Roy Finkenbine 01:23
Hey, Kathy. Despite the cold and other things, nothing's taken the bloom off my rose. We got our minor in history approved unanimously.

 Kathy Bush 01:31
That's right, through ALT. That's why you got the tie on. Okay.

 Roy Finkenbine 01:35
Yes. You thought it was for -

 Kathy Bush 01:36
I did. I was for a moment going to say that's so flattering. You know.



Roy Finkbine 01:40

It was a long and grueling meeting. There was, in fact, one question asked.



Kathy Bush 01:46

Was it the assessment question?



Roy Finkbine 01:47

No, because that person was not there. It was "Is this going to cost us anything?"



Kathy Bush 01:52

Oh, okay.



Roy Finkbine 01:53

And when I answered "No, in fact, it will not". It was just like "What other questions?"



Kathy Bush 01:57

There you go.



Dan Maggio 01:58

What else can we get you?

 Kathy Bush 02:00

Yes, you know the Jesuits' motto is "Ad meorum de gloriam, all for the greater glory of God." I have often claimed that this institution's motto should be, "Who's going to pay for this?" And I think that generally has come through and risen through the ranks in many years. Well, this is a show where you can send us questions about history, about assessment, if you feel so moved, or you've been in prison for a while and have nothing else to write about. Questions about math or questions about anything. And if you stump the panel, you win one of our fabulous T-shirts. And if you don't stump the panel, you still get a T-shirt. So come on. Again, the winter's going to go away, and everybody wants short sleeves at some point or another. So you can get those questions to us in any number of ways.

 Michael Jayson 02:41

You can email Ask the Professor at atp@udmercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

 Kathy Bush 02:50

Well, we have a number of questions that are coming to us about 1990s trivia.

 Dan Maggio 02:55

Ooh!

 Kathy Bush 02:55

which that's pretty recent history.

 Roy Finkenbine 02:57

Something I can actually remember.

R

Roy Finkbine 02:59

Well, something yeah that we can all kind of remember that way, and they're questions that deal with everything from TV to music and all types of 1990s stuff. Okay, and these were run off actually from an internet site and given to me by two of my Canadian history students, wondering if they would get extra credit. I told them no, but they could win a T-shirt, so they seemed okay with it. Okay, that's good. You can tell it's midterm time when they start hitting you up for extra credit.

R

Roy Finkbine 03:24

Is David Byrne in that class?

K

Kathy Bush 03:25

No, he took it the last time it was offered. No, this is one of our lacrosse players. Pat is one of them, and his partner in crime, Jim. So they're pretty nice guys.

R

Roy Finkbine 03:36

I need to track him down. If he listens to this program when it's on air, and I haven't gotten him yet. He can track me now. The thing at Bowling Green, the session.

K

Kathy Bush 03:47

Okay.

R

Roy Finkbine 03:48

Because another student was going to do it, and then her coach changed some dates and it interferes -

K

Kathy Bush 03:55

Now, David, as you know, is a golfer, one of our Canadian golfers, so and a very good one too. He was in the Canadian Pro Am last year, woohoo! Played at a really posh Weston Golf and Country Club outside of Toronto. Woohoo! Yeah, pretty nice. And interestingly enough, today's the day President Obama's in Canada. Talked to my cousins, two of them yesterday, and they said the Obama mania was riding high in Ottawa as well as Toronto, and he's not even visiting Toronto. But yeah, there were lots lots of excitement. Of course, it'll probably not be exciting since they're going to be talking about Afghanistan and NAFTA. But it's a friendly crowd to start with.

R

Roy Finkenhine 04:30

It's nice to have a president who actually seeks out our neighbor to the north.

K

Kathy Bush 04:32

Well, it's nice that, as my one cousin put it, that the crowds that are going to come to see him won't be carrying signs like the last president that when he came to visit Canada, he was met by 2000 people screaming at him to leave their country. So this time around, Obama is very, very welcome there.

D

Dan Maggio 04:47

Oh, good.

K

Kathy Bush 04:48

Okay, so let's see what Pat and Jim got for us here. We'll start with the TV trivia questions. Okay, what Nickelodeon animated series was named after. The cartoonist apartment manager and his one-time college roommate

D

Dan Maggio 05:05

SpongeBob.

K Kathy Bush 05:06
Not SpongeBob. This is a duo.

D Dan Maggio 05:08
is it Ren and Stimpy?

K Kathy Bush 05:09
It's Ren and Stimpy. Yeah, I wonder which -

D Dan Maggio 05:12
How did I forget Ren and Stimpy?

K Kathy Bush 05:13
I was gonna say, oh my goodness, they were - For a while., they were pretty big. They were pretty hot.

K Kathy Bush 05:18
I wonder which one was the college roommate. Probably timpy.

D Dan Maggio 05:20
They were pretty hot. Yep.

R Roy Finkenbine 05:21
Yeah, I was a Pinky and the Brain aficionado myself.

 Kathy Bush 05:24
Oh, okay. All right.

 Roy Finkenbine 05:26
Because that's what Michael had on.

 Dan Maggio 05:27
I forgot for a minute that this was '90s, so I had to go back a decade.

 Kathy Bush 05:30
That's okay. The '90s really; those weren't too bad of years.

 Dan Maggio 05:34
No.

 Roy Finkenbine 05:35
Peace, prosperity.

 Kathy Bush 05:37
I was gonna say I could go with both. Really, no, you know, not in the whole deficit wise. What comic said "I'm out of here" to Saturday Night Live when he left the show in 1991?

 Roy Finkenbine 05:48
Eddie Murphy.



Kathy Bush 05:49

No, this would be a comic who did some stint as a sports broadcaster and actually now seems to be to the right or a commentator.



Dan Maggio 05:56

Yes



Roy Finkenbine 05:57

Dennis Miller.



Kathy Bush 05:57

That's it.



Dan Maggio 05:58

I was going to say Super Bowl, Super Bowl, and then he he did a Super Bowl.



Kathy Bush 06:03

Yeah, he did Monday night



Roy Finkenbine 06:04

Monday Night Football.



Dan Maggio 06:05

Oh, that yeah, close enough.

 Roy Finkbine 06:06
Not well, but he did.

 Kathy Bush 06:08
Yeah, he did.

 Roy Finkbine 06:08
And now he's Bill O'Reilly's best bud.

 Kathy Bush 06:11
Yeah, which is kind of okay.

 Dan Maggio 06:13
Lonely?

 Kathy Bush 06:14
Maybe. Wouldn't want to say. Okay, what Seinfeld character often yelled "Get out!" while delivering a savage two-handed push to the chest on the program?

 Dan Maggio 06:26
Oh, Elaine!

 Kathy Bush 06:27
Yeah, she did that a lot.

 Dan Maggio 06:29
She did that a lot. Yeah, that was funny.

 Kathy Bush 06:30
Unless you would be at the receiving end, I think that would probably be like, "Uh oh!". Oh my goodness. What animated family typically kicks off each show by kicking back on their couch.

 Dan Maggio 06:42
The Simpsons.

 Kathy Bush 06:43
And what is the street of the Simpsons?

 Dan Maggio 06:46
Oh, we need Matthew here for that.

 Kathy Bush 06:47
I was going to say, that's Mr. Matt.

 Dan Maggio 06:49
I don't know. I'm not even going to lie or guess.

 Kathy Bush 06:53
Are you a Simpsons aficionado?

 Roy Finkenbine 06:55
I don't know that.

 Dan Maggio 06:56
No.

 Kathy Bush 06:56
It's Evergreen Terrace.

 Dan Maggio 06:58
Okay. I believe you.

 Kathy Bush 06:59
Well, yeah, as you say, Matt, who loves -

 Dan Maggio 07:02
Yeah, Matt would know those things.

 Kathy Bush 07:03
Every piece of truth beyond that in the world. I Okay, what cable channel unleashed the two-headed cat dog on their unsuspecting viewing public? It's a two-headed cat dog. One cat head one dog head.

 Dan Maggio 07:04
In the 90s?

 Kathy Bush 07:08
It's the '90s.

 Roy Finkenbine 07:09
That wasn't Nick.

 Kathy Bush 07:13
Yeah, it was. It was Nickelodeon.

 Roy Finkenbine 07:25
See, I was asking like my mother used to play games. "That wasn't - "

 Kathy Bush 07:28
Oh, but that counts. That counts.

 Dan Maggio 07:30
Never heard of it. Obviously, it was a cartoon.

 Kathy Bush 07:35
Yeah.

 Roy Finkenbine 07:35
Then there were the angry beavers. Yes.

K Kathy Bush 07:37

Yes. There's lots of that. In fact, beavers are now back in Detroit for the first time, that the obviously that shows us that the Detroit River and Lake Erie is obviously a lot more clean if the beavers are coming back because they do not tolerate pollution. They don't. No. They want clean water. Hey, the beaver was a gentleman that paid a lot of bills for a while there. You know because they got that really cool coat, you know that glossy coat and that really water repellent.

R Roy Finkenbine 08:04

Dan and I are going to invest in a couple beaver hats.

K Kathy Bush 08:06

You should. That was the bling, honey, of the 17th century, wasn't it? I'm not lying. Europeans totally wanted that beaver fur thang going on. Okay, what actor locked lips with Larry King to close this rare on-air interview with this reclusive actor.

D Dan Maggio 08:24

It wasn't Paul Newman.

K Kathy Bush 08:26

Not Paul Newman. Let's see. Wow, very interesting stage and film career.

D Dan Maggio 08:32

Marlon Brando.

K Kathy Bush 08:32

That's it. Yeah, Marlon Brando. Oof.

 Roy Finkbine 08:36
Locked lips.

 Kathy Bush 08:36
With Larry King too.

 Roy Finkbine 08:38
That must have gone over almost as well as the Sammy Davis kissing Archie Bunker?

 Kathy Bush 08:42
Yeah, yeah, probably

 Roy Finkbine 08:45
one of the great scenes.

 Kathy Bush 08:46
Oh, that was fabulous! It really was good. What club did the Beverly Hills 90210 gang open up next to the Peach Pit Diner?

 Dan Maggio 08:58
I don't know. The Ventura Club.

 Roy Finkbine 09:00
The Who Cares Club.

 Dan Maggio 09:04
I don't know.

 Kathy Bush 09:05
Well, actually, it's not really an original name at all. It's called the Peach Pit After Dark.

 Dan Maggio 09:11
Okay, I never watched the show.

 Kathy Bush 09:14
I know my nieces were totally into that show. really into it.

 Dan Maggio 09:18
No, I figured rich white Californians not something I was interested in. Well, I

 Kathy Bush 09:22
think because you know that their lives were so non -

 Dan Maggio 09:25
Their lives were perfectly perfect.

 Kathy Bush 09:27
Yeah

 Dan Maggio 09:27

they had to create these circumstances for them to participate in to make a show.

 Kathy Bush 09:33

My niece had a huge crush on who was the little Canadian actor that was on it. Jason Priestley, the guy who played Brandon Walsh. My one niece like was so in love with this guy, it's so odd because they're running that program now on the Soap Network. Entertainment Weekly did this thing saying, "Oh, tune in because it's they said what a good program it was", and I thought, "Okay, whatever". What cop show lingered over the death of Detective Bobby Simone for five long episodes? Wow, that's a long time over here. NYPD Blue. It is NYPD Blue. Oh, that's the character that Jimmy Spitz played, wasn't it?

 Roy Finkenbine 10:08

Before he became elected president or whatever.

 Kathy Bush 10:10

He was great on The West Wing. I admit it. I was a West Wing junkie. I totally admit it. Loved the program. Thought it was really well written.

 Roy Finkenbine 10:17

Well, in the earlier part of this decade, we were all hoping that Martin Sheen would be elected,

 Kathy Bush 10:23

President Bartlet.

 Roy Finkenbine 10:24

Failing him, I was ready to go back for Michael Douglas.



Kathy Bush 10:26

Why not? I would. I would have worked with Michael Douglas. I think it could have worked really, really well instead of Bozo the clown that we had for a while there.



Roy Finkenbine 10:33

But isn't it interesting that Batman and Robin have fallen out here?



Kathy Bush 10:38

Isn't it amazing? Who'd have thunk it? You know, you never would have thunk it. What former Cheerischaracter could be reached at 555 K A C L in Seattle?



Dan Maggio 10:50

Oh, Fraser Crane. Yeah,



Kathy Bush 10:51

Doctor Crane. That must have been the number for his radio program. Yeah, I know my dad liked that program because he loved the dog. You know, the little Jack Russell Terrier.



Kathy Bush 11:00

Eddie.



Kathy Bush 11:00

Eddie. That's it. Love that dog. What White House cabinet member did Will Ferrell portray on Saturday Night Live wearing a royal blue dress and pearls?



Dan Maggio 11:11

Oh, Janet Reno.

 Kathy Bush 11:11
Janet Reno.

 Dan Maggio 11:12
Yeah, he was actually really good at it too.

 Kathy Bush 11:14
She must have been a good sport because she showed up that time.

 Dan Maggio 11:18
Right, she came on.

 Kathy Bush 11:19
And I always thought, well, you're pretty good sport there, Attorney General Reno. What NBC soap opera outlasted the spin-offs Somerset and Texas before ending a 35-year run? Wow, that's a long time.

 Dan Maggio 11:34
As The World Turns,

 Kathy Bush 11:35
No

 Dan Maggio 11:37
The Days Of Our Lives.

 Kathy Bush 11:38
No, that's still on.

 Dan Maggio 11:39
I don't know. I'm just guessing.

 Roy Finkenbine 11:41
Is General Hospital still on?

 Kathy Bush 11:43
Yeah, that's still on. All My Children is still on.

 Dan Maggio 11:46
After 30 years, they've got to have a lot of children.

 Kathy Bush 11:49
You'd think so. This is called Another World.

 Dan Maggio 11:52
Oh yeah, sure.

 Kathy Bush 11:54
You knew it?

 Dan Maggio 11:55
I've heard of it.

 Roy Finkenbine 11:55
I've heard of it too.

 Kathy Bush 11:56
Okay, but wow, 35 years.

 Roy Finkenbine 11:58
My late grandmother used to watch all those shows.

 Dan Maggio 12:01
I never got into them.

 Kathy Bush 12:02
My gran would do everything because she'd say, "I want to watch my stories for like two hours in the afternoon", and that was it. She would run around do everything, so she could not feel guilty and watch those. And then she and her family would talk about these people like they were real. So if you came into a room and you'd hear like, "Oh my goodness, Janice, you know that poor girl? She's in a coma, and you're like, "Oh my gosh, Grandma, who's in a coma?" Then you find out it was like something on this television program.

 Roy Finkenbine 12:27
In American Quarterly, you know, the American Studies Journal back in it was the 70s or early 80s, scholar did a an article called "Artificial Social Relations", and it's chock full of how the letters people would write to the characters.

 Kathy Bush 12:42
Oh my gosh!

 Roy Finkenbine 12:42
They would send them gifts to the characters. You know, they thought these people were really
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 Dan Maggio 12:43
having trouble with reality.

 Kathy Bush 12:47
Okay, I have to admit, I do have one kind of soap opera addiction. It's Coronation Street on
CBC.

 Dan Maggio 12:53
Yeah, I know you do.

 Kathy Bush 12:54
I admit it. It's terrible.

 Dan Maggio 12:55
So does Edwin, doesn't he?

 Kathy Bush 12:56
Edwin and Anne do. My dad watched it.,

 Dan Maggio 12:59
How long has it been on?

 Kathy Bush 13:00
It's been on over 40 years.

 Dan Maggio 13:02
Really?

 Kathy Bush 13:02
Yeah. It started in the 60s in England, and it showed on CBC, and I don't know how it happened, but it's really terrible.

 Dan Maggio 13:11
Is it cheesy like ours?

 Kathy Bush 13:12
No, it's so well acted. That's the thing that's so horrible about it. But it is. It's really awful. When I'm in China, I'm just going to freak out because I'm going to miss a whole week more than of that, and I'll miss the reruns

 Dan Maggio 13:27
Edwin will tape it for you.

 Kathy Bush 13:27
I hope so. He better. Okay, what TV movie showcase introduced the mechanical quipsters names Gypsy, Tom Servo, and Crow? They used to kind of appear in shadows.

 Dan Maggio 13:40
Oh, Mystery Science Theater 3000.

 Kathy Bush 13:43
That's it, MST 3k, which was always very good.

 Dan Maggio 13:47
That was hilarious.

 Kathy Bush 13:48
I still have my tape. I remember showing it to my freshman orientation discussion group when we still did PTV that way - of the story of home economics. It was a film that was an educational film to encourage young women to apply to home ec programs. Oh, was it hysterical?

 Roy Finkenbine 14:46
We're going to model it with our new YouTube stuff.

 Kathy Bush 14:51
That's right. So while we think about that, let us take a break.

 Production Element 15:09
(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)

 Kathy Bush 15:42
And we're back with questions from my Canadian history students dealing with the '90s . And while they'll get no extra credit. They'll at least get some T-shirts out of the deal.

 Dan Maggio 15:51
maybe.

 Kathy Bush 15:51
Well, oh, they will. Yes, they'll get that. I could, I could give them a cookie a few

 Roy Finkenbine 15:56
days from now. So that's true.

 Kathy Bush 15:57
They went with. They're

 Roy Finkenbine 15:58
really good now, though.

 Kathy Bush 15:59
Yeah. So those were hockey cookies, desperation cookies. When the Red Wings make me nervous, now I bake instead of smoke. So I guess that's a better thing.

 Roy Finkenbine 16:08
Works out for us.

 Kathy Bush 16:09
It works out, you know. It does that. Okay. What company did Carson Productions spin off to produce David Letterman's late night show?

 Dan Maggio 16:19
No pants.

 Kathy Bush 16:20
Not no pants, but you got the pants part.

 Dan Maggio 16:23
something pants.

 Kathy Bush 16:24
What does the W in WWW stand for?

 Dan Maggio 16:28
World,

 Roy Finkenbine 16:28
worldwide worldwide pants.

 Kathy Bush 16:30
It'worldwide pants. That's right.

 Dan Maggio 16:32
Well, he used to - in his early days -



Roy Finkenbine 16:34

No pants. That was Homer Simpson. "Say something bad about pants".



Dan Maggio 16:39

In his early days, Letterman was a classic. He used to stand on the top of his building, and they used to be taping NBC Today Show, and they were doing a week where they were taping on the roof. So it was back when they had Bryant Gumbel,



Kathy Bush 16:55

oh yeah



Dan Maggio 16:55

and Jane - What's her name? Jane somebody, and so he would he would go on his roof and he would say,



Kathy Bush 17:00

"Jane Pauley, good morning,



Dan Maggio 17:01

"Good morning" whatever." I'm not wearing pants". When he would do this, he's hilarious. The stuff he used to do at the beginning.



Roy Finkenbine 17:11

I remember when I was an undergraduate in Indiana, watching him do the weather on Eyewitness News out of Indianapolis.

 Kathy Bush 17:20
He was a weather forecaster?

 Roy Finkbine 17:21
Yes, he was a very funny weatherman. Oh

 Kathy Bush 17:23
Oh, my gosh! I was gonna say because I can't imagine him seriously doing the weather. I mean, I could just think of him being clowning about, but not okay. There was a

 Roy Finkbine 17:30
There was a lot of that, which I think ended up pushing him in a certain direction career-wise.

 Kathy Bush 17:37
What sit-down comic spent six and a half years as Conan O'Brien's late night second banana.

 Roy Finkbine 17:43
Andy Richter.

 Kathy Bush 17:44
Yeah, it was Andy. What's he doing now, anyway? He kind of like dropped out of sight, eh?

 Dan Maggio 17:49
Selling shoes.

 Dan Maggio 17:49
Well, he had - Didn't have one or two failed sitcoms himself. Yeah, he

 Kathy Bush 17:53
did. I I just thought like maybe I wonder if he's doing like now Conan.

 Dan Maggio 17:56
He's done. He's now taking Jay Leno's place

 Kathy Bush 17:59
because his last show the White Stripes are going to play on it.

 Dan Maggio 18:03
Oh,

 Kathy Bush 18:03
Detroit's own White Stripes and Megan Jack. I don't know if

 Dan Maggio 18:05
I don't know if they've picked a replacement show yet for Conan. I never watched it. It's on too late.

 Kathy Bush 18:10
I know. I rarely. There was a discussion

R Roy Finkbine 18:12
that. But I

K Kathy Bush 18:13
like it when I can. Like you know. Shoot, who's

R Roy Finkbine 18:15
the who's the Jimmy? The guy that was on Saturday Night Live that that had that with Drew Barrymore, that he was the super Red Sox fan.

D Dan Maggio 18:25
He was he did the news. Yeah,

K Kathy Bush 18:28
I know who you mean.

R Roy Finkbine 18:29
They were talking about having him follow.

K Kathy Bush 18:32
Oh,

D Dan Maggio 18:33
I know what you're talking about

 Kathy Bush 18:34
Yeah. Yeah, he was the ultimate Red Sox fan.

 Roy Finkenbine 18:36
If you have the answer to that trivia question, call us

 Dan Maggio 18:40
It'll come to me.

 Kathy Bush 18:43
Okay

 Dan Maggio 18:44
but I just wanted to say, Conan was on Inside the Actors Studio. Oh, really? He's quite-he's quite an intelligent person.

 Kathy Bush 18:51
Oh yeah, oh obviously, you couldn't have that kind of way and not be. So yeah, but

 Dan Maggio 18:55
it was actually one of the better interviews. It was was really enjoyable to listen to.

 Kathy Bush 18:59
Jimmy Farrell.

 Roy Finkenbine 19:00
Jimmy Farrell.

 Kathy Bush 19:00
There we go. Okay, thank you. I was just rolodexing all nicknames in my head. That usually works. We start with A and start going through them. What did Kramer dub the dreaded apparatus, Wet and Wild, and the Big E on Seinfeld episodes? This is a procedure that I'm sure most people would not welcome.

 Dan Maggio 19:20
The drilling the teeth, getting a tooth drill.

 Kathy Bush 19:23
No, it's a different center of a different -

 Dan Maggio 19:26
prostate.

 Kathy Bush 19:26
An enema.

 Roy Finkenbine 19:27
I was close. I was gonna say prostate.

 Kathy Bush 19:30
I love "the dreaded apparatus". That's actually pretty classy in that way. What Fox sitcom rewrote Peg's on-the-air pregnancy to her children? Yeah, to her husband's bad dream. Yeah,



Roy Finkbine 19:42

which which actually when we had our contest with the biology and chemistry folks last week, the Lincoln Darwin Day thing, we drew a line for Married with Children, the episode that in which Bubba Smith was a guest. And they were recalling when he went up against Al Bundy in high school football. And he said, "Bundy, I'm going to drop you like third period French".



Kathy Bush 20:09

Ow! Ow! Ooh!



Roy Finkbine 20:11

So that's what we told the science folks to drop you.



Kathy Bush 20:13

Drop you like third period French. Ow! That's all the ultimate that way. This animated sitcom clown is the son of a very disappointed rabbi named Hyman Krustofsky. Who is that clown?



Roy Finkbine 20:27

Krusty.



Kathy Bush 20:27

Yeah, it's Krusty. Do you remember the episode that they did the takeoff on? It's kind of like the jazz singer that they did. Yeah, I remember that one. Yeah, they did it, and it was really clever. You know, in a sense that as most of their episodes are, they're pretty well written, but this kind of did the whole bit that way. That his dad wanted him to be a cantor, just like again in the original Jazz Singer, which is such a great film. I love that film. What Cartoon Network show headlined a brother and sister from two different species?



Dan Maggio 20:51

Cartoon show?

 Kathy Bush 20:53
Yeah, it's a cartoon show that has a -

 Dan Maggio 21:04
Nickelodeon.

 Kathy Bush 21:04
No, Cartoon Network.

 Dan Maggio 21:06
Carton Network.

 Kathy Bush 21:06
That was in the '90s, wasn't it?

 Dan Maggio 21:08
Yeah, there is a Cartoon Network. That's the answer?

 Kathy Bush 21:10
But no, no, it's there are. It's a brother and sister, but there are two different types of animals.

 Dan Maggio 21:15
You're asking for the title of the show.

 Kathy Bush 21:17
The title of the show is Cow and chicken.

 Dan Maggio 21:20
I. have no idea what you're talking about.

 Kathy Bush 21:23
I know

 Roy Finkenbine 21:24
we're so deprived.

 Dan Maggio 21:25
That's the name of the show, Cow and Chicken.

 Kathy Bush 21:27
Cow and Chicken, and I guess maybe that's one I missed. It was the '90s. I I don't know.
Michael's shaking his head in the production booth, so he must know it. I yeah, don't know.

 Roy Finkenbine 21:37
Regular viewing, Michael?

 Kathy Bush 21:38
Okay, well, yeah, there we go. This was the only female cast member to endure the decade-long run of Beverly Hills 90210.

D Dan Maggio 21:47
It's probably Tory Spelling.

K Kathy Bush 21:50
It is, Dan. How did you know that? I thought you said you didn't watch it.

D Dan Maggio 21:52
Because all the other people on there, they got. I know they got left, like Shannon Doherty, who's left every show that she's been on because she's impossible.

K Kathy Bush 22:01
She didn't leave Little House on the Prairie. She actually played a little girl character on Little House. She was on there. Absolutely, my grandmother thought she was adorable. What she was, she was a very pretty child.

D Dan Maggio 22:09
Maybe when she was three. She quickly outgrew that.

K Kathy Bush 22:13
Yeah. Well, maybe it was having to wear those little prairie bonnets or something.

R Roy Finkenbine 22:16
You weren't charmed by her?

D Dan Maggio 22:18
She left Charmed because she couldn't get along with the cast either.

 Kathy Bush 22:20
Really?

 Dan Maggio 22:21
That's that's what I read

 Kathy Bush 22:24
In the New York Times entertainment.

 Dan Maggio 22:25
I also have friends who I have to hear this from. So

 Kathy Bush 22:27
oh okay, right. What sitcom character lost at Jeopardy despite categories like sitcoms?

 Dan Maggio 22:34
Oh, Cliff Clavin.

 Roy Finkbine 22:36
Oh, that is one of the great all-time episodes.

 Roy Finkbine 22:39
Particularly when they right before they go into Final Jeopardy, and Norm and Woody are watching the audience and said, "He's up by \$20,000. Only a complete idiot could lose it now. And there you go. And that's exactly what did it. Yeah,

R

Roy Finkbine 22:42

Yeah, that's probably one of the better episodes.

K

Kathy Bush 22:54

because stamps from around the world, mothers and sons in a category called beer. You're right. How could he miss this? Michael again comes through with some newsflash, an update about Andy Richter, and let's see, let's see. Richter left his post at late night in 2000. His first major venture, Fox's Andy Richter Controls the Universe, was canceled after two mid-season runs. His next Fox sitcom, Quintuplets, lasted one season. His most recent television series was Andy Barker P.I, which was co-written and executive produced by Conan O'Brien.

R

Roy Finkbine 23:32

Which, obviously, since as we're going around the table, nobody has any recognition of that. It did well.

K

Kathy Bush 23:37

So the series played on NBC. All six episodes in the first season on NBC.com, so I guess they were streaming it. He he's an accountant who couldn't attract clients. After a woman came to his office thinking he is a former tenant, the a private investigator, she asked him to find her husband, who she thinks faked his death. He becomes a private detective, but continues to do his accounting job.

D

Dan Maggio 24:04

That sounds thrilling. I'm sorry that I missed it.

K

Kathy Bush 24:06

Yeah, I was going to say. Although, wow, how he went to Columbia College in Chicago. He's a film major, good school, and he was raised in Yorkville, Illinois, where he was elected prom king.

 Dan Maggio 24:17
Huh?

 Kathy Bush 24:18
Yeah, that's what it says here. In fact, he's a Michiganiaan, Paul Andrew Richter, Grand Rapids, Michigan. That's where he was born.

 Dan Maggio 24:26
Oh,

 Kathy Bush 24:27
Woohoo! So, Michael, thank you for that update.

 Dan Maggio 24:29
Yeah, thanks.

 Kathy Bush 24:29
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

 Dan Maggio 24:30
But he got that off of Wikipedia, so.

 Kathy Bush 24:32
But that's okay.

 Dan Maggio 24:33
So, it's probably true.

 Kathy Bush 24:35
It has to be.

 Roy Finkenbine 24:36
I'm gonna go in and alter it.

 Kathy Bush 24:37
Yeah, really. Why not? What one time, Good Morning America anchor helped open the door for celebrity drug endorsements with an ad for Claritin that she did the TV ad for the nasal medication Claritin.

 Dan Maggio 24:52
Repeat the question.

 Kathy Bush 24:53
All right, this is a woman who was a co-host or anchor on Good Morning America, which I think is the ABC morning show. Okay, and she did a celebrity drug endorsement for TV ads for the medication Claritin.

 Roy Finkenbine 25:07
Oh, what's her name on CBS? Katie Couric.

 Kathy Bush 25:10
No, Interesting. Initials are J L.

 Dan Maggio 25:15
Jackie, Joey, Jessica, It's Joan

 Kathy Bush 25:21
It's Joan Lunden.

 Roy Finkenbine 25:21
Oh,

 Dan Maggio 25:22
Oh, Joan Lunden. What happened to her?

 Kathy Bush 25:25
I guess she's out there doing some Claritin commercials.

 Dan Maggio 25:29
She's selling pharmaceuticals.

 Kathy Bush 25:30
Could be. I don't know.

 Roy Finkenbine 25:34
She's at the Betty Ford Center.

K Kathy Bush 25:35

I was gonna say,

D Dan Maggio 25:37

but don't you love the pharmaceutical commercials?

K Kathy Bush 25:39

I mean, for anybody who actually pays attention to, they spend about a third of their time telling you all the horribly nasty things that go.

K Kathy Bush 25:46

The side effects are so frightening. I'd be like, "Oh Lord, don't give me that.

D Dan Maggio 25:49

What cracks me up is the pharmaceuticals have now decided that they can't make enough money selling them to the doctors that they're supposed to be selling them to. That they're going to go straight to us. So they're trying to peddle the drugs to us.

K Kathy Bush 25:58

So you'll go to your doctor and say, "Oh, I just saw this ad, and I really need it. It's gonna make me nauseous, depressed. My eyes burn."

D Dan Maggio 26:07

No, no, no. Those are the nice ones.

R Roy Finkenbine 26:08

Of course, the way they're buying off the doctors too is pretty disturbing.

D Dan Maggio 26:11
Paralysis, heart attack, stroke. You know, and they spend like a third of the commercial going through all this, while some happy person bounces around on the beach.

K Kathy Bush 26:23
Yeah, I've often wondered about the connection between the visual and the condition that they're advertising. I mean, yeah, it's kind of scary that way. You notice where you don't see a lot of those ads are on CBC on Canadian TV.

D Dan Maggio 26:36
Oh, why?

K Kathy Bush 26:37
Because there's a limitation on those.

D Dan Maggio 26:38
Oh, good. Well, they should do that in this country.

R Roy Finkbine 26:40
Is that why their drugs are cheaper?

K Kathy Bush 26:41
Probably, I would think it could be.

R Roy Finkbine 26:44
There's a lesson there.



Kathy Bush 26:45

That's right. What was Studio 33, a television city in California, named for to mark the Price Is Right's 5,000th episode?



Dan Maggio 26:55

For Bob Barker? Ye



Kathy Bush 26:56

Yeah, it was named the Bob Barker Studio. That's kind of cool. But he doesn't still do that show, does he?



Dan Maggio 27:01

No, Drew Carey does.



Kathy Bush 27:02

Really?



Dan Maggio 27:03

Yeah,



Roy Finkenbine 27:03

Not particularly well. I don't think.



Kathy Bush 27:05

Oh wow!

 Dan Maggio 27:05
He's getting better - for a few episodes I've actually seen

 Kathy Bush 27:08
Well, we'll stop there. So let me thank our panel, Professor Finkebine.

 Roy Finkenbine 27:11
Hey Kathy.

 Kathy Bush 27:12
Professor Maggio.

 Dan Maggio 27:13
Bye bye.

 Kathy Bush 27:14
Bye bye. Now this word from Andy Richter. No, the University of Detroit Mercy.

 Michael Jayson 27:19
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Kathy Bush 27:31

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