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It's not like I set out to memorize it like
definitions for a biology exam
But somehow
through repeated childhood viewing it
became seared into my memory
In an instant I recall Eva Gabor's character Lisa
get's allergic smelling hay
I can even tell you that Pat Butram who
played good natured flim-flam man Mr. Haney
was also the voice of the Sheriff of Nottingham
in Disney's 1973 version of *Robin Hood*

I don't know how I know this yet
somehow I do
You can't tell me that the portion of my
gray matter that stores this information
couldn't have been put to better use
What does your appendix do and why
do we have one if it can be removed?
What is that divot under the nose called
or a thousand other questions my kid will
ask me that I have to answer with
I don't know or
Google it because
the day we studied that in school Lori Vaughn wore
this really tight blouse and
one of the buttons came undone so
I spent the entire class staring at the right
cup of what had to be at least a D cup bra
But the truth is
even if I hadn't spent my class time going
back and forth between leering and
fantasizing I still wouldn't be able to tell

you who the thirteenth president of
the United States was without looking
it up – Millard Fillmore – or if Jesus just
left Chicago bound for New Orleans
and a plane leaves Los Angeles
traveling 600 MPH how many more
apples Sally has than Jack when she
is twice his age because the space
reserved for that knowledge is
taken up with Martin Milner
and Kent McCord playing Officers
Reed and Malloy on *Adam 12* which
was produced by Jack Webb who
was Sergeant Joe Friday on *Dragnet*

If my brain was a handicap parking space
it would be occupied by a 1977 Trans Am
like the one in *Smokey and the Bandit*
with the engine running and a bunch
of kids waiting in the car listening
to the radio while their friend runs
inside to grab some beer and
if "Alright Now" by Free came
on the radio I could tell them
that Paul Rodgers was the lead
singer of the band until 1973 when
he left to form Bad Company which
he left in 1983 when he teamed up with
ex Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page
in the group The Firm and is now
touring with the two remaining
original members of Queen