## TOSSUPS BY TIRESIAS (BLIND ROUND)

 Questions by special guest star Ben LeaCenter of the Known Universe Open 1998

1) The entry for this mammal in the Encyclopedia Britannica almost fits. In many ways, Rick Steiner does resemble "a small, squat, broad bear". We assume that Robert Traylor has "strong teeth", and Elvis Grbac appears to have "short ears". But Ali Haji-Sheikh's legs are not "short and somewhat bowed", and Gerald Ford's coat isn't "blackish brown with a light brown stripe extending from each side of the neck along the body to the base of the tail." And we won't even consider whether Chris Webber "has anal glands that secrete an unpleasantsmelling fluid." For 10 points, what college mascot, species Gulo gulo, have we been describing?

## ANSWER: Wolverine

2) She was an art tutor to Louis XVI's sister, Elisabeth, which, of course, made her a royalist. Thus, during the Reign of Terror, she was tossed into prison, where her job was to make death masks from the recently severed heads she found at the business end of a guillotine. Out of prison by 1795, she moved to England in 1802,taking her sons with her, finally settliiz down on Baker Street. For 10 points, name this woman, born Marie Grosholtz, whose lasting fame rests on her ability to mold figures.

ANSWER: Madame Tussaud
3) David wrote A Journal of a Cruise Made to the Pacific Ocean 1812-1814, later used as source material for Herman Melville. William Trotter edited the Spirit of the Times. Gene Stratton wrote A Girl of the Limberlost. Edwin wrote and directed The Great Train Robbery, and Eleanor wrote Pollyanna. For 10 points, identify the last names of these American authors, a last name shared by the authors of Flowering Judas, "I Get a Kick Out of You," and The Gift of the Magi.

ANSWER: Porter
4) His adopted names come from Kikuyu words for "burning spear" and "fancy belt". A student of Bronislaw Malinowski at the London School of Economics, his thesis examined the traditional life of the Kikuyu. His politics ranged all over the map: Communist in the 1930 s , nationalist in the 50 s , capitalist in the 70 s , urging the people of the country he helped to win independence to "pull together" with the slogan of "Harambee." For 10 points, identify this African leader, alleged instigator of the Mau Mau uprising and first President of Kenya.

ANSWER: Jomo Kenyatta
5) He and his brother John made the earliest systematic use of nuclear reactors for cancer therapy. His greatest work was inspired by Eddington's suggestion that stars might derive their energy from nuclear reactions. In 1929 he devised the principle of accelerating charged particles in a strong magnetic field using radio frequency power. FTP name this man, whose cyclotron won him the 1939 Nobel Prize in Physics.

## ANSWER: Ernest O. Lawrence

6) Hearing that Reinhard Scheer had left port and was sailing into the Skaggerak, David Beatty led his force of battle cruisers in pursuit of a similar fleet, commanded by Fritz von Hipper. After heavy losses, Beatty fled to the main British fleet, followed by the full thrust of the German fleet. When the main fleets met, the British seemed to have the advantage, so Scheer headed back to port; however, the British admiral John Jellicoe had outflanked him, and Scheer had to run through the British fleet to get to port. FTP identify this naval battle, the only major encounter between the British and Germans in WWI.

ANSWER: Battle of Jutland
7) Antaea, wife of King Proteus, fell in love with this man, but since she was married he rejected her. She then spitefully accused him of rape, and demanded her husband avenge her honor. Proteus sent him to Lycia for punishment by the king (Antaea's father), who sent him out to kill a great beast (this is Greek mythology, after all). When he surprisingly wasn't killed, he proceeded to conquer Solymi and the Amazons. For 10 points, name this hero, who slew the Chimera astride Pegasus.
8) When he gets a summons from Death, he tries to persuade severalfriends to journey with him. Fellowship, Kindred, Worldly Goods, Beauty, and others ditch him, but Good Deeds remains faithful, although so weak that he has to be strengthened by Knowledge and Confession. FTP name the title character and you've named the most famous of the morality plays.

ANSWER: Everyman; accept Elckerlijk or Jedermann
9) More specifically, it is a self-governing group of islands in the Pacific, with a total of 271 square miles on four islands: Kosrae, Truk, Yap, and Ponape, on which the capital city of Kolonia sits. Less specifically, it is an ethnogeographic grouping of Pacific islands, comprising the above mentioned four, as well as Kiribati, Nauru, the Northern Marianas, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Guam. For 10 points, give the 10 -letter name that confusingly describes both of these island groups.

ANSWER: Micronesia
10) Name's the same, first and last: Bret Harte's longest novel, in which he depicts a group of forty-niners during the gold rush, notably the recurring gambler Jack Hamlin; and the Irishman who realizes the life he has led in the absence of love, in James Joyce's The Dead. For 10 points, give the common first and last name.

## ANSWER: Gabriel Conroy

11) This man was the basis for the Wizard himself, according to the theory which holds that The Wizard of Oz is a parable about American politics at the turn of the century, The owner of a vast coal and iron enterprise, he firmly believed that the health of American business could only be preserved through the Republican party. After working to get support for numerous candidates, he found the man he was looking for in Ohio congressman William McKinley. For 10 points, name this man, an Ohio senator until his death in 1904, sometimes referred to as the first king-maker in American politics.

ANSWER: Mark Hanna
12) In his unpublished 1796 pamphlet "The Crisis", he argued that England's new Poor Laws, setting up workhouses and such, were a good idea. By 1820, he'd focused his attention on economic distress, arguing that public works projects and private luxury investment would increase demand and thus prosperity and (anticipating Keynes) that saving "pushed to excess, would destroy the motive to production. FTP name this gloomy economist, whose most long-lasting work repudiated those workhouses, stating that the growth of population will always tend to outrun the growth of production.

ANSWER: Thomas Malthus
13) Prairie View A\&M broke its 80 game losing streak by beating Langston College, which brings to mind this man, the most noted Langston alumnus ever to play in the NFL. In September 1997, he went on a hunger strike to raise funds for a running track in Austin, TX. Not bad for a man who once said that Terry Bradshaw couldn't spell cat if you spotted him the c and the a. For 10 points, identify this man, whose book, Out of Control: Confessions of an NFL Casualty, details this '70's Cowboy linebacker's addiction to, and eventual triumph over, narcotics addiction. ANSWER: Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson
14) Pliny the Elder thought this man's "Aphrodite of Cnidus" to be the finest statue in existence, although that might be attributed to it depicting Aphrodite nude. "Apollo Sauroctonus," which depicts the young god about to kill a lizard with a bow and arrow, survives only through ancient Roman copies. Indeed, only one work he executed remains from antiquity: "Hermes Carrying the Infant Dionysus." FTP, identify this man, whose depiction of graceful figures leaning against some kind of support became the standard for Greek sculpture.

## ANSWER: Praxiteles

15) It stimulates the smooth muscles of the bronchi to contract, so it can bring on symptoms of asthma. Or it can increase peristalsis in the stomach, or decrease the capacity of the bladder. But it was the effect of slowing down heart rate that first attracted the attention of Otto Loewi in 1921, research for which he won the 1936 Nobel in Physiology/Medicine. For 10 points, identify this ester, chemical formula C7H16NO2+, which also plays an important role in memory and cognition and is in abnormally short supply in Alzheimer's patients.
16) Alexander held several posts in the Ottoman Empire, rising as high as governor or Walachia and Moldavia, until his execution in 1807 for conspiracy. His son Constantine was, like his father, governor of Walachia and Moldavia, but he was ousted for being too pro-Russian. His elder son, another Alexander, led unsuccessful revolts in -- yep -- Walachia and Moldavia, after fighting for Greek independence. FTP name this Greek family, whose most famous member, Demetrios, rose to commander of the Greek forces after his capture of Tripolis, for which feat the seat of Washtenaw County, Michigan and home of Eastern Michigan University was renamed after him.

ANSWER: Ypsilanti
17) Lillian Hellmann's The Little Foxes takes its name from this book, which also included the quotes "His banner over me was love" and "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valley." Many scholars question its place in the canon, noting that such phrases as "A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse" and "Thy breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies" make it sound suspiciously like love poetry. FTP name this Old Testament book.

ANSWER: Song of Solomon, or Song of Songs
18) The word seems to have derived from a variant of a verb (dating from Biblical times) meaning to hit or strike, with an Irish diminutive ending appended at the end. According to the OED, it was first used in 1829 by Griffin, and its meaning has not varied since then. For a quick 10 points, identify this 11 -letter word, meaning small fragments, from which Jim Babjak, Dennis Diken, Mike Mesaros, and lead singer Pat Dinizio took the name of their band, which had two top 40 hits Blood and Roses and A Girl Like You.

## ANSWER: Smithereens

19) The kids in PBS' Ghostwriter attend a school named for this woman. A puipil of Franz Boas, she began professional life as an ethnologist, traveling to Haiti to study voodoo. However, she eventually rejected the detached, scientific viewpoint in favor of a more personal involvement with her heritage; works include her autobiography Dust Tracks on a Road. For 10 points, identify this Harlem Renaissance author of the 1937 novel Their Eyes Were Watching God.

ANSWER: Zora Neale Hurston
20) Timing, they say, is everything. In 1676, a French physicist and plant physiologist named Edme Mariotte published a work called "Discourse on the Nature of Air", in which he released the results of years of research, that if there is no change in the temperature of a gas, then the volume of that gas varies inversely with its pressure. This is why the French often refer to this as Mariotte's Law, while the rest of the world thinks of it, for 10 points, in conjunction with what English scientist, who discovered the same relationship 14 years earlier?

ANSWER: Robert Boyle (accept Boyle's law before "scientist")
21) There are really three different stories going on in the beginning the fall of Babylon, the Pharisees' condemnation of Jesus, and the massacre of Huguenots on the eve of St. Bartholomew's joined together by a brief sequence of film suggested by Whitman's "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking." The culmination is a melodramatic vignette about a couple torn apart by social reformers during a strike. For 10 points, identify this 1916 film, featuring Lillian Gish, Douglas Fairbanks, and Erich von Stroheim, and co-written by Tod Browning, Anita Loos and its director, D. W. Griffith.

ANSWER: Intolerance
22) In the 1600 s , English mathematician Leonard Digges, father of the first man to assert that the universe was infinite, experimented with putting a spyglass on top of a set of legs. Today, a modification of this device is used to measure the altitude and azimuth of weather balloons to determine wind velocity. For 10 points, identify this device, much more commonly seen off to the side of a road, used to measure horizontal and vertical angles in surveying. ANSWER: theodolite

1) So, John Glenn is going back up into space. For 10 points each, identify these people in Glenn's orbit.
A) CNN.com had signed on this reporter to cover Glenn's preparation. Unfortunately, those columns have stopped now, since the reporter died in September.

ANSWER: John Holliman
B) The last time a sitting member of the Senate went into space, it was this Utah Senator whose inability to keep his lunch down earned him the sobriquet "Barfin' Jake".

ANSWER: Jake Garn
C) This actor portrayed Glenn in The Right Stuff, which probably helped him prepare for his role as Gene Kranz in Apollo 13.

ANSWER: Ed Harris
2) So, this question writer heard a radio ad for "Lifeline" which purports to be a Christian-oriented long distance service, offering an "alternative to the Big 3 and their liberal agendas." For 5 points each, prove yourself to be a part of the liberal agenda by identifying which of the Big 3 these people are spokespersons for.
A) Michael Jordan

ANSWER: MCI
B) Paul Reiser

ANSWER: AT\&T
C) Candice Bergen

ANSWER: Sprint
ANSWER: MCI
ANSWER: MCI
E) Elmer Fudd

ANSWER: Sprint
3) Aristotle formulated three laws as basic to any consistent logical thought in his Organon. For 10 points each, identify those laws, given a more contemporary statement of each.
A) "To be or not to be, that is the question." -- Hamlet

ANSWER: Law of the Excluded Middle (A must be either A or not A)
B) "If one orbital state is occupied by an electron of spin one-half, the other may be occupied only by an electron of opposite spin, or spin negative one-half." -- Wolfgang Pauli

ANSWER: Law of Contradiction (A cannot be both A and not A)
C) "I am what I am" Popeye ANSWER: Law of Identity (A is A)
4) 30-20-10, name this American author.
30) He is sometimes referred to as a professional Harvardian, as over one-quarter of his 408 poems relate or refer to Harvard in one way or another.
20) A physician, he published a paper in 1843 called "The Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever", in which he contended that childbed fever was being spread by improperly sterilized doctors. Several poems reflect his medical experiences, including "The Stethoscope Song", as do his three so-called "medicated novels" -- Elsie Venner, The Guardian Angel, and A Mortal Antipathy.
10) He first gained national fame when his appeal to preserve the warship Constitution from destruction at the hands of the US government was published in 1830 in the Boston Daily Advertiser. Public sentiment agreed with him after they read his poem, called "Old Ironsides".

ANSWER: Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.
5) There have only been 16 popes named Gregory, so you have a pretty good shot, ultimately. For 5 points each, which Pope Gregory:
A) Excommunicated Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II?

ANSWER: 9
B) Excommunicated, then forgave, HRE Henry IV?

ANSWER: 7
C) Introduced the Gregorian calendar?
D) Ended the Babylonian Captivity?
E) Was St. Gregory the Great?
F) Introduced the Gregorian chant?

ANSWER: 13
ANSWER: 11
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ANSWER: 1
6) For 10 points each, I'll give you the origin of a star's name, you name the star. If you need to know what constellation it is the brightest star in, you'll earn only five points.
A) 10 points) Copernicus named it not after a consul of the first Punic War, but as a diminutive form of "ruler", due to the belief that it ruled the affairs of the heavens.

5 points) Leo
ANSWER: Regulus
B) 10 points) There was an attempt at one point to rename it "Newton", but its old name stuck, coming from the ear of wheat in Ceres' left hand.

5 points) Virgo
ANSWER: Spica
C) 10 points) Ptolemy named this star in the Syntaxis, and called it "similar to" or "rival of" Mars, presumably in reference to its coloration.

5 points) Scorpio
ANSWER: Antares
7) 30-20-10, name this physicist from stuff that was named after him.
30) He suggested a system of electromagnetic units analogous to the MKS system, which is now in use in particle physics and is named after him and Lorenz.
20) In 1894, he suggested replacing differential equations with multiplicative equations, then solving by division and reconverting. This necessitated the introduction of nondifferentiable functions, such as $Y(x)=1$ for $x>0$, $\mathrm{Y}(\mathrm{x})=0$ for $\mathrm{x}<=0$, which is named for him alone.
10) He predicted the existence of a reflecting ionized layer of atmosphere surrounding the earth. Upon the discovery of it, it was briefly named after him and A. E. Kennelly, before adopting the more commonly-used name of ionosphere.

ANSWER: Oliver Heaviside
8) For 10 points each, given a definition from Ambrose Bierce's Devil's Dictionary, identify the word. HINT: They all begin with the same letter.
A) A trite popular saying, or proverb. So called because it makes its way into a wooden head.

ANSWER: Saw
B) A body of elderly gentlemen charged with high duties and misdemeanors. ANSWER: Senate
C) A dead sinner revised and edited.

ANSWER: Saint
9) It is arguable whether or not the colonies would have won independence had it not been for the ill-fated Saratoga Campaign. Answer these questions about that 1777 British stratagem to capture Albany for the stated number of points.
15 points) One attack was to come from the south and New York City; it never got there. A second was to attack from the west and the Mohawk River. This man led that force they besieged Fort Stanwix on August 3, but were frightened by a rumor and ran back to Canada.
ANSWER: Barry St. Leger
5 points) The third force was swooping south from Canada, led by John Burgoyne. On July 6, they captured this fort on the northern bank of Lake George.
ANSWER: Ticonderoga
10 points) Burgoyne's men were then defeated in a raid on Bennington, and halted near Saratoga Springs. There, outflanked and outnumbered at Freeman's Farm and Bemis Heights, Burgoyne surrendered to this American general.
ANSWER: Horatio Gates
10) For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the geography of everyone's favorite African country, Burkina Faso. (Did you know it means "Land of the Upright Men" in Swahili?)
5 points) The country's main rivers are the Black, White, and Red tributaries of this river.
ANSWER: Volta
10 points) 6 countries border Burkina Faso. For 10 points, name any three.
ANSWER: Benin, Togo, Niger, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali
15 points) Southwestern Burkina Faso is dominated by this escarpment, rising sharply to roughly 500 feet above sea level.
ANSWER: Banfora Escarpment
11) 30-20-10, name this author.
30) His first novel was The Shifting of Fire, and he collaborated with Jack London on Romance.
20) His Parade's End tetralogy, consisting of Some Do Not, No More Parades, A Man Could Stand Up, and Last Post, came in at \#57 on Modern Library's top 100 novels 20th century English language novels.
10) The Good Soldier came in at \#30.

ANSWER: Ford Madox Ford (or Ford Hermann Hueffer, if somebody's being pretentious)
12) One of the first things a good College Bowl player learns is not to buzz in on a list of paintings when "Adoration of the Magi" is mentioned, since everybody worth his camel hair has a work called "Adoration of the Magi" in the ouevre. For the stated number of points, name the painter who's done an "Adoration of the Magi" given other works.
10 points) "Judith and Holofernes" and "The Madonna of the Pomegranate"
ANSWER: Sandro Botticelli
5 points) "Hay Wain" and "Garden of Earthly Delights"
ANSWER: Hieronymus Bosch
10 points) "Madonna and Child" and "Adam and Eve Expelled from Paradise"
ANSWER: Masaccio
5 points) "St. Anne with the Virgin and Child" and "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse"
ANSWER: Albrecht Durer
13) So, how many Paraguayan rulers can you name? Hope it's at least three... For the stated number of points: 10 points) This Spanish explorer was shipwrecked in 1528 and enslaved. Escaping to Mexico, his reports of the Pueblo Indians gave rise to the myth of the Seven Cities of Cibola. For his work, he was awarded governorship of a region of Paraguay, but we remember him today as having the funniest name of all the conquistadors.

ANSWER: Alvar Cabeza de Vaca (yep, that's Spanish for "cow head") 5 points) Military ruler and virtual dictator of Paraguay from 1954 until he was deposed in 1989, he cooperated with Brazil in the construction of the Itaipu Dam, which brought huge sums of money into Paraguay (i.e., to him). His presidency was the longest period of unbroken rule in Latin America in the 20th century. ANSWER: Alfredo Stroessner
15 points) Stroessner's overthrow came at the hands of this man, his top military advisor, who faked a broken leg in order to miss the staff meeting at which he was to be fired from the military staff. He announced that democracy had returned to Paraguay, and declared elections, which he then summarily won with $74 \%$ of the vote.

ANSWER: Andres Rodriguez
14) For the stated number of points, name the composers of these examples of Romanticism in German opera.

5 points) Die Fledermaus
10 points) Der Freischutz
15 points) Hans Heiling

ANSWER: Johann Strauss the Younger
ANSWER: Carl Maria von Weber
ANSWER: Heinrich August Marschner
15) Given a Greek play, name its playwright, 5 points each.
A) Wasps
B) Hippolytus
C) Dyscolus
D) Prometheus Bound
E) Philoctetes
F) Iphigenia in Tauris

ANSWER: Aristophanes
ANSWER: Euripides
ANSWER: Menander
ANSWER: Aeschylus
ANSWER: Sophocles
ANSWER: Euripides
16) For 5 points each, given a city, tell whether or not it was controlled by the Ottoman Empire at the end of Suleiman the Great's reign.

1) Vienna
no
2) Rhodes yes
3) Belgrade yes
4) Malta no
5) Tunis no
6) Constantinople yes
7) 30-20-10, name this man. And please note, this was not written by Charlie Steinhice.
8) Arguably, this man had as much influence on the young Charlie Steinhice as anybody who'd been dead 20 years before Charlie was born can. He not only made the publication of the Dictionary of American Biography possible, thereby insuring that Charlie would be able to make a career as a reference librarian, but he also founded Lookout Mountain Park in Chattanooga.
9) At the age of 11, he was a printer's apprentice in Knoxville, TN, rising through the ranks to become compositor in 1872. Six years later, he borrowed $\$ 250$, and purchased the Chattanooga Times, which he ran successfully until the panic of 1893 , which wiped away most of his fortune.
10) Freedom being just another word for nothing left to lose, he moved to New York and bought the struggling New York Times. In order to beat Pulitzer and Hearst, he shied away from yellow journalism, choosing instead to publish "all the news that's fit to print."

ANSWER: Adolph Ochs
18) For 10 points each, identify these important works in southern history.

1) Origins of the New South 1877-1913 (1951) ANSWER: C. Vann Woodward
2) The Mind of the South (1941)

ANSWER: W. J. Cash
3) The Emergence of the New South 1913-1945 (1967)

ANSWER: George Brown Tindall
19) For the stated number of points, identify these members of the luckiest family in mythological history, the house of Atreus.
5 points) One of Atreus' sons, he managed to avoid the worst parts of the family curse -- after all, he got to return to Sparta with his wife Helen.

ANSWER: Menelaus
5 points) Atreus' granddaughter, she convinced her brother to murder their mother and her lover Aegisthus (who was Atreus' grandson), in retribution for the murder of their father. ANSWER: Electra 5 points) Atreus' brother, he fought for control of Mycenae, killed Atreus' son Plisthenes, and eventually ate his own son in a stew after Atreus arranged for the killing of his own nephew. ANSWER: Thyestes 15 points) OK, impress me. Name the step-brother Atreus and Thyestes killed that started the whole thing. ANSWER: Chrysippus
20) Generally speaking, taxonomists divide the true butterflies (Papilionoidea) into about six families. 10 points each, name any three of those families.
ANSWER: Pieridae, Papilionidae, Lycaenidae, Riodinidae, Libytheidae, and Nymphalidae

