Deep Bench 2000

1. Three Renaissance experts this summer have published the most comprehensive collection of her writings ever gathered between two covers. Lord knows her life provided fodder for her muse. Her father had her mother beheaded. Parliament declared her a bastard. Her half sister locked her in the Tower of London on suspicion of treason. She survived smallpox, plots to kill her, and the Spanish Armada. FTP, name this monarch whose life was turned into a 1998 Best Picture nominee.

Answer: Elizabeth I

- 2. When you complete your doctorate and are looking for your first faculty job, you may want to look at this publication. First published in 1966 this weekly newspaper covers everything to do with college campuses and includes features like "Marginalia" and "Endpaper". FTP, what is this periodical that includes the singular version of a word that appears in works by C.S. Lewis and Ray Bradbury? Answer: **Chronicle of Higher Education**
- 3. Genoese by birth with Venetian citizenship, this explorer came to England in the late 15th century to raise support for a trans-Atlantic crossing. His ship The Matthew would reach Labrador in June 1497. FTP, name this maverick who broke a 1494 agreement allowing Spain to monopolize voyages of discovery. Answer: John **Cabot**
- 4. A 1923 earthquake centered near this city killed over 130,000 people and made over one million people homeless. Flooding on three nearby rivers brought the death toll to over 300,000. FTP, name this capital located near the Chiyo, Takimi and Fukuro rivers.

Answer: Tokyo

- 5. This medication is coming back from exile for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and for complications of AIDS and leprosy. It was pulled from international shelves in 1961-62, but thankfully, it was never approved for use in the United States because it has a nasty tendency to cause birth defects. FTP, name this drug that deformed the limbs of thousands of so-called "seal babies." Answer: **Thalidomide**
- 6. This nation first raised its independent flag on May 30 1967. Following a brutal civil war leaders capitulated and once again became part of Nigeria. Only five nations had recognized the secessionist state. This short-lived nation, home to the Ibo tribe, is known to this day for the starvation suffered by its people. FTP, name this former country that shares its name with the surname of the writer and singer named Jello. Answer: **Biafra**
- 7. After leading his Sealy, Texas high school team to a state championship in 1978, he was able to squeeze in a stellar college career before his team received the death penalty in 1987. FTP, name this new face on Monday Night Football who still holds the single season NFL rushing record.
 Answer: Eric **Dickerson**
- 8. The Denver Post has called his new non-fiction work part Jack Kerouac, part William Least Heat-Moon, part travelogue, and part memoir. The collection of essays is not as much about "Roads", the book's title, as it is about restlessness. Writing about his all-night interstate drives, these jaunts are therapeutic, a break from the sprawling antique book business he's built in Archer City, Texas, his childhood hometown. FTP, name this author whose most recent novel is "Duane's Depressed", the final book in The Last Picture Show trilogy.

Answer: Larry McMurtry

 Alcmaeon, Empedocles, Anaxagoras, Herophilus, Erisistratos, Arcagathus, Asclepiades, Vesalius, Galen.
 These gentlemen of antiquity all shared a profession that, for ten points, also was the livelihood of Hippocrates.

Answer: physician

10. This prize-winning novelist recently used an awards-ceremony speech in Bangkok to assail how the humanities are taught at universities in Britain and the United States and to discourage Thai students from studying the humanities at British universities. FTP, name this Hindu immigrant born in Trinidad whose novels include A Bend In The River and A House For Mr. Biswas.

Answer: V.S. Naipaul

11. This word that is prevalent in the current Presidential campaign comes from the Greek words for leading people. Like many nouns, this word has become increasingly used as a verb. One definition says it refers to a leader championing the cause of the common people in ancient times. The more useful definition today says it is a leader who makes use of popular prejudices and false claims and promises in order to gain power. FTP, name this nine-letter word.

Answer: demagogue

12. Despite his position as head of Germany's chemical warfare service during WWI, this man got the Nobel Prize anyway. As Germany's stocks of nitrates for explosives ran low, this man came to the rescue of the fatherland. With a mixture of iron and aluminum as a catalyst he combined nitrogen and hydrogen gases at a high pressure and temperature to boost Germany's dwindling ammonia supply. FTP, name this German patriot, the winner of the 1918 Nobel prize for chemistry.

Answer: Fritz Haber

13. She was loved by Silvanus, Circe and Vertumnus. To the Romans she was the goddess of fruit trees. A Los Angeles residential and industrial suburb of 130,000 located at the base of the San Gabriel mountains is named for her. FTP, name her or the city which is home to a California State Polytechnic University that once employed Roman Gabriel as its head coach.

Answer: Pomona

14. Vogue, Architectural Digest, Glamour, Mademoiselle, Self, GQ, Wired, The New Yorker, Vanity Fair and Gourmet are all magazines owned by this company. FTP, name this publishing house owned by Si Newhouse.

Answer: Conde Nast

- 15. You turn on one of the channels at Spinner.com and you hear James Taylor Quartet, Night Trains, Brand New Heavies, Ronny Jordan, Mother Earth, DJ Krush and Jamiroquai. FTP, what genre of music are you listening to, a name that sounds like a combination of Miles Davis and H2So4 or HNO3. Answer: acid jazz
- 16. He wrote "The destinies of the two races in this country are indissolubly linked together and the interests of both require that the common government of all shall not permit the seeds of race hatred to be planted under the sanction of the law." That quote can be found in his opinion as the lone dissenter in Plessy vs. Ferguson. FTP, name this Kentucky associate justice who served from 1877-1911.

 Answer: John Marshall **Harlan**
- 17. This art historian's books included Leonardo da Vinci (1939), Landscape into Art (1949), Piero della Francesca(1951), The Nude (1956) and Rembrandt and the Italian Renaissance(1966). His television series and subsequent book Civilisation were extremely popular. FTP, name this lord featured in a Monty Python boxing match.

Answer: Sir Kenneth Clark

18. Mutation of this gene is presumed to cause HOLOPROSENCEPHALY (holo-prose-en-sefally), a disease that reportedly afflicts Tom Cruise, albeit mildly. The gene contributes to the formation of a midline axis, and mutations are often fatal in the womb. People that survive with these mutations may have their eyes too closely spaced or have only one central incisor. FTP, name this gene which sounds like it was named for the "Blue Blur," the speedy nemesis of Dr. Robotnik.

Answer: Sonic Hedgehog (Go ahead and accept _Sonic the Hedgehog_)
[editors note: Say cheese, Tom.]

19. One website discussing an upcoming film about this artist says that he was the inspiration for the character of Stanley Kowalski in Tennessee Williams' A Streetcar Named Desire. With Val Kilmer as Willem De Kooning, Ed Harris both stars and directs this December 2000 release. FTP, name this alcoholic genius who died in a 1956 car crash.

Answer: Jackson Pollock

20. Jacksonport, Baileys Harbor, Sister Bay, Ephraim, Fish Creek and Egg Harbor are just some of the towns and villages you would find in what is Wisconsin's most quaint county. With its county seat in Sturgeon Bay, FTP, name this county that juts into Lake Michigan beginning near the city of Green Bay, a name that may make you think of Ray Manzarek and Jim Morrison.

Answer: Door County

21. A small Israeli compound in the Palestinian controlled West Bank town of Nablus made the news in early October. The site of a yeshiva, it is the burial place of a Biblical patriarch. FTP, name this site now under control of the Palestinians.

Answer: Joseph's Tomb

- 22. Her feminist western entitled "Sisters" only sold about 500 copies. A second novel "Executive Privilege" also had underwhelming sales. With her husband, she wrote "Kings of the Hill: How Nine Powerful Men Changed the Course of American History." This senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank, is on hiatus trying to help her husband get control of Air Force Two for the next four years. FTP, name this woman married to a Dick.

 Answer: Lynne **Cheney**
- 23. His blues-based folk/rock band is called 30 Odd Foot of Grunts. Born in New Zealand, he has made his home in Australia since he was a small child. Following his first American film "The Quick and the Dead" with Sharon Stone, he played a virtual serial killer in Virtuousity. Dennis Quaid would call him a homewrecker. FTP, name this star of Mystery, Alaska; L.A. Confidential; The Insider and Gladiator. Answer: Russell **Crowe**
- 24. A stuffed African bushman, whose display in a Spanish museum provoked international outrage, was received as a celebrity in early October in this country after returning to the continent he was taken from 170 years ago. The bushman was reportedly stolen from his grave, stuffed and brought to Europe in 1830 by a French taxidermist. FTP, name this country, a landlocked nation in Southern Africa with its capital at Gabarone, a nation formerly known as Bechuanaland.

Answer: Botswana