

2005 Chicago In-House Theme Tournament

My Theme Packet
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1. The title character of one of this man's books hires Mr. Fisbee to be a reporter after moving to Plattville to resuscitate the town's newspaper. That character falls in love with Helen Sherwood, who pretends to be a man and nominates him to run for Congress. In addition to a book about John Harkless, this man wrote a trilogy of novels about a boy whose love of pulp novels leads him to assume the identity of "George Jashber, Detective No. 103." In another of his books, the title character catches the Duke of Winterset cheating at cards and forces the Duke to introduce him into the society of Bath, though he's only a barber. FTP, name this author of *Monsieur Beaucaire*, *Penrod*, and *The Gentleman from Indiana*, whom you might know better for *Alice Adams* and of course *The Magnificent Ambersons*.

Answer: Booth Tarkington

2. Its fourteenth section features a "wild gander" who says "Ya-honk" as he leads his flock through the night, while the nineteenth notes that since the "mica on the side of a rock" has an "intricate purpose" the speaker must have one also. The following section features the assurance that the speaker shall not pass like a child's carlecue cut with a burnt stick at night, and includes the immortal line "How is it I extract strength from the beef I eat?" In the last section, we learn that the "last scud of day holds back" for the speaker and coaxes him to the vapor and the dusk, after which he bequeaths himself to the dirt. Written by a poet "now thirty-seven years old in perfect health," FTP, name this long poem consisting of 52 sections, in which we are told that we shall assume what Walt Whitman assumes.

Answer: "Song of Myself"

3. This book was expanded from a novella entitled *Three of a Kind* which first appears as a serial in *Liberty* magazine. It was based on an action undertaken by a corset salesman named Judd Gray which resulted in the death of the publisher of *Motor Boating* magazine, Albert Snyder. This novel's protagonist is shot after learning that the girl he loves is in love with a chemistry student named Nino. That girl, Lola, is the daughter of a man who dies before boarding a train to San Diego. Though Mr. Norton believes that Nirdlinger committed suicide, Keyes suspects that he was murdered. In the end, Phyllis Nirdlinger and Walter Huff resolve to jump into the ocean and be devoured by sharks. FTP, name this 1936 novel, a work by James M. Cain whose title refers to a special kind of insurance policy.

Answer: Double Indemnity

4. This man appears in Howard Breslin's *The Tamarack Tree*, and in 1883 a book about him was published by Henry Cabot Lodge. He was denounced in "The Statesman's Secret," though that denunciation was qualified in a later poem about his "birthday" by Oliver Wendell Holmes. He was also the subject of an 1881 poem, "The Lost Occasion," which retracts some of the harsher things said about him in an 1850 poem, "Ichabod." In that poem, Whittier was responding to this man's "Seventh of March" speech, in which he came out in favor of the Compromise of 1850 two years before his death. FTP, name

this American politician and orator, who outwits the devil in a 1937 work by Stephen Vincent Benét.

Answer: Daniel Webster

5. He noted that our "youth is like a rustic at the play" in one of his poems, while another concludes that "If the heart pine, the very stars will pale." He wrote a sequence of three sonnets "Before a Statue of Achilles," which along with a poem that concludes that "being's sum Is but the sum of dreams," "Solipsism," appears in his volume *The Hermit of Carmel*. A sequence of 50 sonnets appears in an 1896 volume of his poetry, a volume which also includes the poem "On a Volume of Scholastic Philosophy." More famously, he wrote about Jesus in *The Idea of Christ in the Gospels* and about Josiah Royce in *Character and Opinion in the United States*. He also surveyed the "phases of human progress" in a five volume work entitled *The Life of Reason*. FTP, name this American writer of *The Last Puritan*, a Spanish-born thinker who wrote *Skepticism and Animal Faith*.

Answer: George Santayana

6. The title character discovers millions of dollars in an abandoned warehouse after studying the transcript of his mentor's dying words. That title character first meets his future mentor after he puts on a display of his juggling prowess, after which he impresses "Abbadabba" Berman with his courage and gets a job picking up money from the owner of a candy store. Later, he gets his nose broken so his boss can explain a blood stain on the floor of the Onondaga Hotel, after which he saves Drew Preston's life when he realizes his boss is going to kill her. His boss is gunned down in New Jersey after plotting to assassinate Thomas Dewey, which displeases Lucky Luciano. FTP, name this 1989 novel about a boy from the Bronx who becomes a member of Dutch Schultz's gang, a work by E. L. Doctorow which was made into a mediocre film starring Dustin Hoffman as Dutch.

Answer: Billy Bathgate

7. One of them has a girlfriend named Iola Morton who is killed when a bomb intended for them explodes, after which they learn that she was killed by a terrorist known as "The Assassin" who intends to murder a presidential candidate named Phillip Walker. On a trip to Paris, they were forced to disguise themselves as punk rockers in order to infiltrate a gang of gun-runners from Panama. In addition to *Dead on Target* and *Evil Inc.*, they located a collection of priceless jewels that were hidden outside Bayport and used the reward money to set up a crime lab in *The Tower Treasure*. They live with their aunt Gertrude and their mother when they aren't helping Fenton, their father, with his detective work. FTP, name this pair of crime-solving siblings created by Franklin W. Dixon, whose friend Chet drives a notable jalopy.

Answer: the Hardy Boys or Frank and Joe Hardy

8. One character in this novel has a wife named Julia and two annoying children, Jessica and George Jr. That character pretends to get married to the title character in Montreal, but is almost killed when he works as a scab during a trolley strike in Brooklyn. He was working as manager of Fitzgerald and Moy's Saloon in Chicago when he met the title

character, who was introduced to him by a salesman named Charles Drouet. FTP, name this work which features the downfall of George Hurstwood, a book about a girl from a small town who ends up with a successful theatrical career, the first novel by Theodore Dreiser.

Answer: *Sister Carrie*

9. His books of essays included *Being a Boy*, *Backlog Studies*, and the immensely popular *My Summer in a Garden*, which went through over 40 editions prior to 1900. His other non-fiction works include *My Winter on the Nile* and biographies of John Smith and Washington Irving, which were written for the American Men of Letters series which he edited. He followed William Dean Howells in writing the "Editor's Study" column for *Harper's*, but is best known today for his fiction, such as the trilogy of novels which began with *A Little Journey in the World* and satirized the plutocratic tendencies of his time. FTP, name this man who in 1873 collaborated on *The Gilded Age* with Mark Twain, an author who is also remembered as the great-grandfather of a Christian quarterback who led the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl.

Answer: Charles Dudley **Warner**

10. In a parenthetical aside in line 23 of this poem, the speaker asks "Now am I free to be poetical?" After asking that loaded question, he imagines a boy who is "too far from town to learn baseball" whose only play is "what he found himself." In the end, the speaker compares life to a "pathless word Where your face burns and tickles with the cobwebs Broken across it," and notes that while "Earth's the right place for love" he'd still like to get away from it awhile. The final line notes that "one could do worse than be" a swinger of the titular things, which are bent down by ice storms. FTP, name this poem about trees, a work by Robert Frost.

Answer: "**Birches**"

11. One character in this book reunites with her lover under a state of Julius III after being rejected by her best friend. That friend lives in a medieval tower called the "Shrine of the Virgin" and takes care of an eternal flame that burns in the tower's highest window. That character goes to confession to unburden herself of a guilty secret, but is surprised to learn that the priest doesn't feel obliged to keep her story under wraps because she's only a Protestant. Another character flings a man over a cliff to his death because he was following the woman he loves, a painter named Miriam. That character, the Count of Monte Beni, is in fact the title character of this 1860 novel. FTP, name this work about Hilda, Kenyon, and Donatello, a novel set in Rome and written by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Answer: *The* **Marble Faun**

12. His poem about a "fireside farce" in which "two lives are broken And fear finds nothing left to mend," "The Unforgiven," inspired Lars Ulrich to write a song of the same title on Metallica's *Black Album*. The speaker of one of his poems notes that the title character's "smooth feet" are "cloven as no beech's are" in his "Another Dark Lady," while another speaker notes that Shakespeare "might have given Aristotle creeps But surely would have given him his katharsis" in "Ben Jonson Entertains a Man from

Stratford.” More famously, he invites a title character to “go to the western gate” in “Luke Havergal” and noted that another title character was “a gentleman from sole to crown” and “admirably schooled in every grace.” FTP, name this poet of “Reuben Bright,” “Richard Cory” and “Miniver Cheevy.”

Answer: Edwin Arlington **Robinson**

13. The mother of this novel’s protagonist has a twisted leg because she stepped on a rusty nail when she was two years old. The protagonist’s father was abandoned on a pile of junk by his mother when he was only a baby, after which he was raised by his great-aunt Jimmy. That character goes to Macon to find Samson Fuller, who he thinks is his father, but the man yells at him and he becomes an alcoholic. The protagonist, an 11-year-old girl, lives with her parents Pauline and Cholly in an abandoned store in Lorain, Ohio, but after going to live with the MacTeer family she becomes obsessed with the titular anatomical feature. FTP, name this work in which Cholly rapes his daughter Pecola Breedlove, the first novel by Toni Morrison.

Answer: *The **Bluest Eye***

14. In one of this author’s novels, the protagonist marries Ellen Oglethorpe and moves to the Slave Quarters of a town called Paradise after the Bantus take over. That novel features a man who is devastated by the death of his daughter Samantha, which prompts him to invent a machine called the “lapsometer” which measures the gap between a person’s social self and his true spirit. Another of his novels features a night janitor at Macy’s who lives at a YMCA in New York before becoming a successful lawyer and marrying an escapee from a mental hospital named Alison Huger. In addition to Thomas More and Will Barrett, this author has written about a man whose Aunt Emily orders him to decide what he wants to do with his life on his 30th birthday. FTP, name this author of *Love in the Ruins*, *The Last Gentleman*, and a novel about Binx Bolling, *The Moviegoer*.

Answer: Walker **Percy**

15. In the book in which this poem first appears, it is followed by a poem which notes that the “immense dew of Florida” brings forth the “green vine angering for life.” In addition to being followed by “Nomad Exquisite,” this poem is preceded by one which concludes that someone’s music “plays On the clear viol of her memory And makes a constant sacrament of praise.” In this poem, the speaker notes that he doesn’t know whether to prefer the “beauty of inflections” or the “beauty of innuendoes,” while he also admits that he knows “noble accents and lucid, inescapable rhythms.” The final section of this poem notes that it “was evening all afternoon” and that it “was snowing And it was going to snow,” while the title figure “sat In the cedar-limbs.” FTP, name this poem which offers a variety of perspectives on a certain sinister avian, a work by Wallace Stevens.

Answer: “**Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird**”

16. This author never finished a biography of Goethe, but did translate Eckermann’s *Conversations with Goethe* into English. One of this author’s major books grew out of an essay entitled “The Great Lawsuit,” while the other emerged from a journey taken with Sarah Freeman Clarke. In 1869, Horace Greeley published a complete edition of this

author's works, which followed such posthumous volumes as *Life Without and Life Within* and *At Home and Abroad*. While "abroad," this author began work on a book about Mazzini, but the manuscript was lost off Fire Island in 1850 when a ship containing this author and her family was wrecked, killing her. A founder of *The Dial*, FTP, name this author of *Summer on the Lakes* and *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*.

Answer: Margaret **Fuller**

17. A character with this first name falls in love with a Union officer and saves him from being executed when she prevents a bell from being rung in a David Belasco play. A poem which mentions this geographical name twice in its title was written by James Ryder Randall, who was inspired by some anti-Union riots in 1861, and was sung to the tune of "O Tannenbaum." This is the location of Wicomico State Teachers College, where Jacob Horner teaches in *The End of the Road*. FTP, name this American state, which is the setting of numerous novels by John Barth as well as the eagerly awaited autobiographical volume *My Wayward Youth* by Jared Sagoff.

Answer: **Maryland**

18. One of them receives some talcum powder from Skeet MacGowan before he rapes her. Earlier, she became pregnant after Lefe tricked her into sleeping with him while they were picking cotton. Another of them has his leg set with cement after it is broken, but later the cement has to be cracked off when he develops gangrene. Yet another of them incurs the wrath of Mr. Gillespie when he sets a barn on fire, after which he is committed to a mental institution. The mother of the aforementioned characters has an affair with Reverend Whitfield, though she is married to an incompetent farmer named Anse. FTP, name this fucked-up family whose members include Cash, Darl, Jewel, Dewey Dell, and Vardaman, who appear in Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*.

Answer: the **Bundren** family (prompt on *As I Lay Dying*)

19. He noted that "for each corpse" that was thrown in the sea to "feast the scaly herds" a hundred others will be "a banquet for the mountain birds" in his poem "The Massacre at Scio." The title character breaks his sword and refuses to swear loyalty to "the perjured Ferdinand" in his poem "Romero," while the title character of another poem notes that the "realm our tribes are crushed to get May be a barren desert yet" at the end of "An Indian at the Burial-Place of His Fathers." More famously, he concluded "And I am in the wilderness alone" at the end of a poem about the "gardens of the Desert," "The Prairies." In another poem, he wonders whither "midst falling dew" the title figure pursues its "solitary way." FTP, name this poet of "To a Waterfowl" and "Thanatopsis."

Answer: William Cullen **Bryant**

20. In one of this author's novels, the protagonist marries John Seymour for his money, but after his business fails and she has three unwanted children she realizes that her life has been a stupid mistake. In addition to Lillie Ellis, this author wrote about a boy who goes to live with his grandparents, the Badgers, after the death of his father, where he falls in love with the orphan girl Tina Percival. In addition to Horace Holyoke, this author wrote about the bastard son of Colonel Gordon who becomes the property of his partially white sister Nina after their father dies, but flees Canema with Lisette after Nina

dies of cholera. FTP, name this author of *Pink and White Tyranny*, *Oldtown Folks*, and *Dred, a Tale of the Great Dismal Swamp*, whose lesser-known books include *The Minister's Wooing* and a little book you might have heard of about Uncle Tom and his cabin.

Answer: Harriet Beecher Stowe

Bonuses:

1. What would a WB theme packet be without a question about 7th Heaven? Name these characters from the timeless classic if you dare, FTPE:

A. This troubled Camden child was the first of the brood to commit the sin of having pre-marital sex, because unlike his older brother Matt he wasn't dumb enough to get married to a girl just so he could screw her. He returns in the ninth season to reunite with his girlfriend Cecilia, played by the talented Ashlie Simpson.

Answer: Simon Camden

B. I never quite figured out how this character fit into the show. He was Mary's ex-boyfriend, but I think there was an episode in which she punched him when he wanted to screw her. Then he started living with the Camdens and inexplicably became some kind of model citizen. Oh, he's played by Adam LaVorgna, if that helps.

Answer: Robbie Palmer (accept either name)

C. The adorable Nikolas and Lorenzo Brino play the youngest Camdens. Name either of those extraordinary twins, for a final ten points.

Answer: Sam or David Camden

2. If you were disappointed about not getting the last bonus, never fear. After all, what would a WB theme packet be without two questions on 7th Heaven? Name these actors who have made guest appearances on the show, FTPE:

A. She has appeared as Keesha Hamilton, one of the town's few black people, on several episodes. You might know her better from her work in *She's All That* and *10 Things I Hate About You*.

Answer: Gabrielle Union

B. This actress played Nicole Jacob in the "Cutters" episode. She made her film debut in *Police Academy 6*, but you might know her better as sassy reporter Chloe Sullivan on *Smallville*.

Answer: Allison Mack

C. She appeared as Theresa in the chillingly-titled "...And a nice Chianti" episode. Her recurring TV roles include Stevie Van Lowe on *The Parkers* and a memorable supporting role on *Blossom*.

Answer: Jenna Von Oy

3. Thank God Treat Williams stars as Dr. Andy Brown on *Everwood*, because that licenses me to write an entire bonus about the sprawling Treat Williams oeuvre. Pray that you have Subash on your team as you strive to identify these minor Williams works, none of which is *The Empire Strikes Back*, FTPE:

A. Treat starred as a compulsive liar named – and I’m not making this shit up – “Cletus” in this memorable 1980 film, in which he played a social worker who puts his fabrications to good use to help Jorge reunite with his mother.

Answer: **Why Would I Lie?**

B. Treat played the sinister Xander Drax, a wealthy super-villain who tries to gain supreme power over the world by obtaining three magical skulls, in this superb 1996 film which also featured Catherine Zeta-Jones and Patrick McGoochan as the title character’s father.

Answer: **The Phantom**

C. We all know about Treat’s superlative work in the *Substitute* series. But do you know about his work as Collins in this 2005 film? It also featured the lovable lesbian Elisabeth Röhm as Janet, and of course Ernie Hudson, who starred as Principal Rolle in the original *Substitute*, as McDonald.

Answer: **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (prompt on *Miss Congeniality 2*)

4. The title character scandalizes her children by dating Riley Martin, which is shocking because Riley is only, like, in his 20s. FTPE:

A. Name this WB show, which features Ben Feldman as Josh Reeves, the son of the title character who drops out of medical school and moves back in with Mom.

Answer: **Living With Fran**

B. This alleged “comedy superstar in every sense of the word” and author of the compelling memoir *Cancer, Schmancer* is the star of the aforementioned show.

Answer: Fran **Drescher**

C. This actor from *Smallville* has a small role on *Living With Fran* as Riley’s father. On *Smallville* this season, his much-battered character has been shot in the leg by Lex and clubbed with an axe by Chloe.

Answer: John **Schneider**

5. As far as I know, no human being has ever willingly watched *Reba*. Answer these questions about it anyway, FTPE:

A. This is the name of the family on *Reba*, and unfortunately for you it isn’t McEntire. Members of the close-knit clan include Reba herself, her bastard of a dentist husband Brock, and their numerous offspring.

Answer: the **Hart** family

B. After Brock left Reba for his hygienist, her patience was again sorely tried when this character, her 17-year-old daughter, decided to marry her boyfriend Van after the punk knocked her up. She’s played by JoAnna Garcia, who on a memorable episode of *Boston Public* played a girl who performed oral sex in the hallway to win a student election. How that information is supposed to help you, I don’t know.

Answer: **Cheyenne** Hart-Montgomery

C. Reba’s feckless ex Brock is played by Christopher Rich, who may be best known for his role of Miller Redfield on this insufferable 90s sitcom. Astoundingly, this show lasted for 10 seasons, despite featuring Faith Ford and the late Robert Pastorelli as the title character’s feckless house painter Eldin.

Answer: **Murphy Brown**

6. I hope you were paying attention during the early years of *Smallville*, because this bonus will require you to name characters who have been written off the show. Good luck identifying these former members of the *Smallville* universe, FTPE:

A. Hiro Kanagawa played this principal of Smallville High. In Season 1, he was murdered by former *Torch* cartoonist Justin, who had lost his hands in a hit-and-run accident for which the principal's son Danny was really responsible.

Answer: Principal **Kwan** (did he have a first name other than "Principal"? Hard to say)

B. This quarterback of the Smallville High football team and world-class jerk was Lana's boyfriend during the first season, at the end of which he decided to join the Marine Corps. He was killed in action, but in Season 2 the shape-shifting mutant Tina pretended to be him and killed the father of future "meteor freak hunter" Van McNulty.

Answer: **Whitney** Foreman

C. Mitchell Kosterman played this original town sheriff, who was replaced by some annoying woman whose name I forget. We never learned his last name, and the character was written off after he shot Lionel Luther and tried to frame Jonathan for the crime.

Answer: Sheriff **Ethan**

7. I've never been able to watch more than a minute of the deeply annoying *Gilmore Girls*, but it is a WB show and as such deserves mention. Answer these questions about an actor who is slumming on the program, FTPE:

A. He appeared as Klipspringer in 1974's *The Great Gatsby* and as Mike in the great George C. Scott vehicle *The Day of the Dolphin*. Oh, and he is apparently Richard Lorelai, whatever that means, on *Gilmore Girls*.

Answer: Edward **Herrmann**

B. Edward Herrmann played the title character's father in this 1994 film, which featured the talented John Larroquette as Lawrence Van Dough and the not-yet-frightening Macaulay Culkin in the titular role.

Answer: **Richie Rich**

C. Herrmann played Jewish thinker and noted lecher Max Eastman in this 1981 film, which also featured Jack Nicholson, improbably, as Eugene O'Neill, not to mention Jerzy Kosinski as Grigory Zinoviev. It has been called "the thinking man's Richie Rich."

Answer: **Reds**

8. On this show, Peyton Sawyer struggles with a timeless dilemma: "how to choose between two of the hottest hotties." FTPE:

A. Name this WB program set in a small town in North Carolina, in which the aforementioned "hottest hotties" are played by Chad Michael Murray and James Lafferty.

Answer: **One Tree Hill**

B. This gruff and bald actor plays Whitey Durham, the "tough but fair" basketball coach on *One Tree Hill*. He also made memorable appearances in *Ghost Dad* and *Who's Harry Crumb?*, as well as appearing as the gruff and bald Maurice Minnifield on an annoying TV show of the 90s.

Answer: Barry **Corbin**

C. This actress plays Karen Roe, the mother of hottie Lucas Scott, on *One Tree Hill*. She made her film debut in *The Boy Who Cried Bitch* and went on to appear as Madeline Hampton on some stupid TV show I never watch. Oh yeah, her definitive work was undoubtedly in *The Cutting Edge*.

Answer: Moira Kelly

9. What would a WB theme round be without a question on *Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge*? One answer might be "better." Nonetheless, answer these questions about guests who appeared on the show FTPE. Note that none of the answers is the "competitive chicken wing eater called El Wingador," who deserves a bonus unto himself.

A. This author of the autobiographical *Revelations: There's a Light After the Lime* appeared on an October 2004 episode, where he performed "Breathe, Stretch, Shake" from his *Welcome Back* album.

Answer: Mase

B. The "Throat Benders," a father and son team who bend steel rods with their throats, were presented the \$10,000 prize on one episode by this star of *Are We There Yet?*.

Answer: Ice Cube

C. She appeared with Kim Coles and Ant as part of the first slate of "celebrity" judges. This actress of sorts appeared as a TV reporter in *Heat*, though Michael Mann cut her scene, and went on to star as Foxy Levin on *V.I.P.* and as the host of *EXtreme Dating*.

Answer: Jillian Barberie

10. Sure, you know that John Glover's work as Lionel Luthor on *Smallville* is some of the finest acting on TV today. But how much do you know about the rest of his career? Name these films that have featured America's most sinister actor, FTPE.

A. John Glover oddly receives the first billing in the cast of this 1990 film, in which he played a "Magnavolt Salesman." This film featured Tom Noonan as Cain, a drug dealer who becomes the title character after his death. Also, it features Leeza Gibbons as the stunning Jess Perkins.

Answer: Robocop 2

B. Glover appears as Wynn Scott in this 1985 film, in which a defector from the Soviet Union named Nicholas Rochenko returns to Russia when his plane is forced to land there. He meets up with a black defector to Russia named Raymond, and the magic begins. Did I mention that Helen Mirren and Isabella Rosselini both appear in it?

Answer: White Nights

C. Glover won a Tony Award for his role as twins John and James Jeckyll in this play. He also appeared as the Jeckyll twins in the 1997 film adaptation of this Terence McNally work, in which Jason Alexander replaced Nathan Lane as Buzz.

Answer: Love! Valour! Compassion!

11. Does anybody actually watch *Summerland*? I mean, anybody other than Seth Samelson? If he's on your team, you'll no doubt get an easy 30 on this *Summerland* bonus. FTPE:

A. The show's plot was set in motion when Ava Gregory's sister was killed in a car accident, after which her sister's kids moved from a farm in this state to the beach town

in California where Ava lives. This state is also the setting of a far superior WB show which features Jensen Ackles.

Answer: Kansas

B. The aforementioned Ava Gregory is played by this actress, who starred with Treat Williams in *Critical Mass* and in the greatest film ever made about BMX racing, *Rad*. Oh yeah, she also played Rebecca Donaldson on David Press's all-time favorite TV show: *Full House*.

Answer: Lori Loughlin (LOCK-lin)

C. Ava's best friend and business partner, Susannah Rexford, is played by this actress. She also played Francie, Sydney's best friend, on a stupid ABC show which I never watch but which David Press probably enjoys also, knowing him.

Answer: Merrin Dungey

12. Not unlike *Summerland*, the plot of this show was set in motion when a parent left his children to fend for themselves, only this time the parent took a job in Japan rather than dying in a car crash. FTPE:

A. Name this show, in which one of the characters was saved from having to choose between Vince and Henry when she got a Lana Lang-esque summer internship in Paris.

Answer: What I Like About You

B. In order to prevent Kannan from drooling, there will be no questions about the fetching Amanda Bynes. Instead, name the much more talented actress who plays Valerie on *What I Like About You*, and who memorably almost died in a fire with a lesbian in her role on a more important TV show of the 90s.

Answer: Jennie Garth

C. I don't really know who "Gary" is on *What I Like About You*, but I can't get enough of the WB's token black actors. Therefore, name the actor who plays Gary on the show. He also appeared in the superb *High School High*, as well as in *The United States of Leland* and as Jamal on the Saturday morning series *City Guys*. Zeke knew what that was, so why don't you?

Answer: Wesley Jonathan

13. Big news! It's time for a bonus about everyone's favorite half-Dutch, half-Chinese actress. Answer these questions about the winsome Kristin Kreuk FTPE:

A. Kristin got her start as the identifiably Asian Laurel Yeung on this TV series, which began in 2000. Set at A. C. Mackinley High in British Columbia, it's a sort of Canadian *Degrassi Junior High*. Oh, and it also features Andrew Robb as "Wayne Litvak."

Answer: Edgemont

B. Kristin appeared as Fiona in this superb 2004 film, which features Lucy Lawless as a dominatrix and the surprisingly busty Michelle Trachtenberg as Jenny.

Answer: EuroTrip

C. Subash is sure to enjoy this 2005 film, which will star Jimi Mistry as Giam Singh, an Indian soldier who retires from the British India Army and falls in love with the young Naseem, a Muslim girl played by our favorite Canadian hottie.

Answer: Partition

14. At the end of last season, Leo's son Chris travelled back in time from the future to warn his parents about some bad shit that was about to befall his brother Wyatt. FTPE:
A. Name this WB show, in which Leo's wife manages the nightclub P3.

Answer: Charmed

B. This character on *Charmed*, played by the relatively unattractive Holly Marie Combs, is in fact Leo's wife. The eldest of the witchy Halliwell sisters, she has the power to freeze people and blow shit up.

Answer: Piper Halliwell

C. This actor appears on the most recent season of *Charmed* as Leslie St. Claire, a writer who takes over Phoebe's advice column during her sabbatical. His musical works include 2003's solo album *SoulO*, which featured the moving "Shut Up."

Answer: Nick Lachey

15. Answer these questions about one of the great polymaths of his generation, FTPE:

A. His work includes a self-titled rock album and such novels as *Eye Contact* and *Double Exposure*, but you might know him better for his work as an actor. He appeared as Diane Keaton's first husband in *The First Wives Club* and briefly as captain of the Enterprise in *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*.

Answer: Stephen Collins

B. Of course, Stephen Collins is best-known as Reverend Camden on *7th Heaven*. But he's done other important work also, such as his star turn as Melissa Joan Hart's father in this 1999 teen comedy, in which Hart's character Nicole takes her next-door neighbor to the prom.

Answer: Drive Me Crazy

C. Collins starred in the 1996 TV movie *The Babysitter's Seduction*, in which he turned stomachs across the nation when he made out with this actress, who played the titular babysitter Michelle. In 1998, this actress got her own WB series and caused a nationwide brouhaha when she cut her hair.

Answer: Keri Russell

16. Answer these questions about a show which appears on Christian's beloved Kids WB, FTPE:

A. After meeting Maximillion Pegasus, the title character of this cartoon discovers that Duel Monsters isn't just an innocent card game, but rather an ancient competition whose roots lie in ancient Egypt.

Answer: Yu-Gi-Oh!

B. Episodes 50 through 144 of *Yu-Gi-Oh!* deal with this Duel Monsters tournament. After its conclusion, the evil Anubis awakens from the sands of Egypt and tries to take over the world with his Eighth Millennium Item.

Answer: the Battle City tournament

C. In the first episode, this character defeats Yugi's grandfather and takes his precious Blue-Eyes White Dragon card. Later he becomes a friend of Yugi and organizes the Battle City tournament, as far as I can make out.

Answer: Seto Kaiba

17. Remember when *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* was the best thing on the WB? That is, before the WB added *Smallville* to its line-up. Answer these questions about *Buffy*: The WB Years, FTPE:

A. This character first appeared on Episode 15 of *Buffy*, when he came to Sunnydale hoping to use the Hellmouth to revive his girlfriend Drusilla. In that episode, he crashes the Parents' Night organized by Buffy, with whom he would later become infatuated.

Answer: Spike

B. In the episode after Spike first appeared, this other regular character made his debut. Along with Devon, he is a member of the band Dingoes Ate My Baby, and the actor who played him made an uncredited appearance as a vampire in the original *Buffy* movie. Did I mention that he's a werewolf?

Answer: Oz

C. Armin Shimerman played this sinister character who bedeviled Buffy in the show's early years. In the second "Graduation Day" episode, he is eaten by the Mayor after the latter becomes a giant snake in the course of Ascending. If you have no idea what I just said, then you probably didn't do so well on this bonus.

Answer: Principal Snyder

18. You know you love it! And if you don't, you'd better hope you have Seth Teitler on your team. Name these regulars from the hilarious *Blue Collar TV*, FTPE:

A. This former member of the Georgia Shakespeare Company appeared as God on *Joan of Arcadia* and as Abe Kenarbin on *Malcolm in the Middle* before achieving every black comic's dream of becoming the token black man on a redneck comedy show.

Answer; Gary Anthony Williams

B. The true star of the show, he is known for such trademark catchphrases as "Git-'R- Done!" and of course "What the hell is this, Russia?" His new CD, *The Right to Bare Arms*, can be seen on David Press's bedside table.

Answer: Larry the Cable Guy

C. If you thought Jeff Foxworthy would be the third part, prepare to be disillusioned. Instead, name the polymath who starred with Foxworthy, Larry the Cable Guy, and Ron White in *Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie*, whose other works include such country albums as *Here's Your Sign* and such books as *You Don't Have to be Dumb to be Stupid*.

Answer: Bill Engvall

19. She appeared with Brendan Fraser in *Monkeybone* and starred in four films that screened at the 1997 Sundance Festival, including *Going All the Way* and *Nowhere*. FTPE:

A. Name this pasty actress, who appeared in *Encino Man* and *Bio-Dome* as two of her first three film roles and nonetheless managed to have something resembling a real career.

Answer: Rose McGowan

B. Rose McGowan was added to the cast of *Charmed* as Paige, an allegedly "long-lost sister," to replace this other actress who had played Prue on the show. This actress also played Brenda on a far-superior show which sadly was not on the WB, and is thus outside this packet's purview.

Answer: Shannon Doherty

C. Speaking of *90210*, Rose McGowan starred with former Noxsema girl Rebecca Gayheart, who memorably played Dylan's doomed wife, in this 1999 film. The movie also featured Tatyana Ali and Pam Grier, but McGowan stole the show as Courtney Alice Shayne, who accidentally murders the prom queen at Reagan High with the titular object.

Answer: *Jawbreaker*

20. In the second episode of this show, one of the title characters got mad at his mother Grace after he caught her smoking weed. FTPE:

A. Name this WB program, set in the backwater of Hart, Missouri.

Answer: *Jack & Bobby*

B. By now, everyone should know that it is Bobby and not Jack who will become President. This other character on the show, the daughter of college president Peter Benedict, will marry Bobby and thereby fulfill every girl's dream of becoming First Lady.

Answer: *Courtney* Benedict or *Courtney* McCallister

C. Prior to the McCallister presidency, the President of the United States was some guy named Lorio, who was portrayed by this actor. You might have also enjoyed this man's work as Gus Panas in *Mr. 3000* and as Sergeant Phil Cerreta on a non-WB TV show which may already have been adequately canvassed in this tournament.

Answer: Paul *Sorvino*