2005 TRASHionals Round 09

## **Tossups**

1. All he wanted to read in 1952, back when he was still silent, were books by Albert Payson Terhune. He has been a world famous grocery checkout clerk, a flashdancer, an attorney who defended Peter Rabbit, and a figure skater who trained with Sonja Henie. Every Veterans Day he goes to Bill Mauldin's house to "quaff root beer and tell war stories". His lesser-known siblings are Molly, Belle, Andy, and Olaf. He owned a Van Gogh until it was burned in a fire, and replaced it with a Wyeth, possible because his house, which he sleeps on top of, is bigger on the inside than it looks. For ten points name this would-be novelist known for the opening line "It was a Dark and Stormy Night", also a World War I flying ace and beagle.

**ANSWER:** Snoopy

2. Brooklyn-born but raised on Long Island, with a stage given to him by Chuck D of Public Enemy, he first came to prominence as a member of the Leaders of the New School and the associated Native Tongues Posse. More recently known for legal troubles, he has kept his profile up appearing on hits by Robin Thicke and the Pussycat Dolls and by cutting off his trademark dreadlocks in November 2005. For ten points, name this rapper, born Trevor Smith whose hits include *Woo Ha!*, *Dangerous*, and *I Know What You Want*.

**Answer:** Busta Rhymes (or Trevor Smith on early buzz)

3. The seventh of ten children born to the working class Jenkins family in the South Bronx, he got his first break from Jean Paul Gaultier. After settling in Tokyo and working for John Galliano, Bill Blass, Alexander McQueen, and Nina Ricci among others, he worked Paris runway shows where he met and befriended a young Tyra Banks. For ten points, name this self-proclaimed diva and queen of the catwalk, a modeling coach currently working a new butch look while serving as a judge on *America's Next Top Model*.

ANSWER: Miss J. Alexander (accept either)

4. It makes use of what it calls the "UberAlgorithm," which calculates ranges along several axes for each user. Features include the popular Virgin Game in which players guess who is the virgin in pairs of pictures of real people and the ability to woo up to three people per day. Its Harvard-educated founders previously created SparkNotes, which was bought by Barnes and Noble. For ten points, name this free social networking and dating website.

## ANSWER: OkCupid.com

5. In a 2002 contest against the Houston Texas he became the first man in NFL history to record a sack, a fumble recovery and a touchdown reception in the same game. The 61st overall selection in the 1996 draft out of Clemson, he was named to that school's all-century team at strong safety. He's played 10 years for the same team, and is two picks away from tying Bill Bradley and Eric Allen for the team's career mark. A six-time Pro Bowler and most tenured football player for the Philadelphia Eagles, name, for ten points, this free safety who wears number 20 and is nicknamed the Wolverine.

**ANSWER:** Brian Dawkins

6. Donald Pleasance was originally cast as Dr. Blair, but a scheduling conflict led to Wilford Brimley replacing him in that role. The only female presence in the entire film is the voice of Adrienne Barbeau as a computer. Stewart, British Columbia, and Juneau, Alaska, substituted for the exteriors of U.S. Antarctic Outpost #31. The second film to be based on John W. Campbell's short story "Who Goes There?", it tells the story of the discovery of a 100,000 year old shape-shifting alien which threatens to destroy all of humanity. For ten points, identify this 1982 John Carpenter sci-fithriller which starred Kurt Russell as R.J. McCready.

**Answer:** The <u>Thing</u>

7. On this show, Rhetta Rodriguez has analyzed a feather and blood from a car crash that never happened, jobs she kept off the books in her work as a crime scene tech. Ham and Butch both sleep with the same co-worker, and one of them had the dubious honor of helping her flash her neighbor. The main character's last name, Hanadarko, is similar to a place name in Oklahoma. For ten points, name this crime drama whose titular character literally wrestles with an angel named Earl, the first foray into episodic TV drama for Oscar winner Holly Hunter.

**Answer:** Saving Grace

8. It ends with a sample of an actor saying "Who's your daddy now, bitch!" Performed by a supergroup comprised of The Sounds' Maja Ivarsson, William Beckett from The Academy Is..., Travis McCoy of Gym Class Heroes, and Midtown's Gabe Saporta, its video features the group strolling through Honolulu International Airport. Fall Out Boy's Pete Wentz has a cameo as does an Oscar nominated actor who reads a 100 Bullets comic before staring at the shady-acting band members over the tops of his sunglasses. For ten points, name this Cobra Starship single from the soundtrack of a 2006 action film, a song whose opening sample includes the word "motherfucking" as uttered by Samuel L. Jackson.

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## Answer: Bring It: Snakes on a Plane (accept either)

9. After he was injured in a buffalo attack, he followed around his savior John Reid, who nursed him back to health. Trained by Glenn Randall, Sr., his involvement with a hero and his sidekick in a promotional pictured seemed a little to close for heterosexual comfort and led WXYZ to add a counterpart named Scout. Fiery, with the speed of light and a cloud of dust, he appeared in a '90s ad where he was given the last Rolo instead of Tonto. For ten points, name this horse of the Lone Ranger.

**ANSWER:** Silver (prompt on "the Lone Ranger's horse")

10. This is the name of the company that owns Albertson's, Osco and Jewel-Osco, Savon Drugs and Shaw's. It also names a 1950s aircraft marine engineering firm based in Van Nuys. It was the name of the fictional detective agency in the *Carmen Sandiego* games and TV shows. The most famous company of this name first appeared in *Buddy's Bug Hunt*, a 1935 animated short, and its founder was murdered in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. For ten points, name this conglomerate known for poor products but great delivery service, which provides an endless supply of tools to Wile E. Coyote.

ANSWER: Acme

11. The first release of this single from a studio recording failed to make the top 40 in 1975; but, a live recording of this song reached number 12 later that year. It can be found in both the second volume of the *Karaoke Revolution* series and in *Guitar Hero III*. This song was featured in the jackpot round of the debut episode of *The Singing Bee*, and unlike Lois Griffin, the contestant was able to come up with the line, "And party everyday" when prompted. For ten points, name this Simmons-Stanley composition that concludes the album Dressed to Kill, and most every KISS concert since 1976.

**ANSWER:** Rock and Roll All Nite

12. It takes its name from a song written by Blind Lemon Jefferson in 1927, and the plot is loosely based on George Eliot's *Silas Marner*. Although the main character is a religious man, he finally drops his portrayer's signature word during a blues performance at which Ronnie, who has been discharged from the National Guard due to severe anxiety, spots his girlfriend hanging out with him. The beating that sets up the first encounter between Lazarus and Rae is repaid when Ronnie beats Gill after Gill informs him that Rae, being a nymphomaniac, cheats on him. For ten points, identify this 2007 film starring Christina Ricci, Samuel L. Jackson, and a 40-lb chain attached to a radiator.

**Answer:** Black Snake Moan

13. He began writing while a professor at San Diego State, and his wife, Joan, worked with him on fiction like "The peddler's apprentice" before she divorced him and began her own writing career. Early novels included *Tatja Grimm's World* and *The Witling*. One of this author's key ideas, mocked by Ken MacLeod as the "Rapture of the Geeks", is explored in *True Names*, that technology will lead to overwhelmingly fast human evolution, something he called the Singularity. For ten points, name this author of *A Fire Upon the Deep* and *Rainbows End*.

**Answer:** Vernor Vinge

14. The current number of rules in cricket, it is also the car number that Juan Pablo Montoya drives this season in the Nextel Cup as well as the number of points scored by the Washington Redskins in their Super Bowl 22 win over the Denver Broncos. Worn by Vin Baker during his NBA career, it was also worn by former San Francisco 49er Ronnie Lott and was Pat Tillman's jersey number at Arizona State. It is most noted for its use in baseball, where several players - and some whole teams - all donned it on April 15, 2007 to honor the player under whose name it was retired. Still worn by Mariano Rivera thanks to a grandfather clause, name, for ten points, this number retired across the whole of Major League Baseball in honor of Jackie Robinson.

**ANSWER: 42** 

15. According to the title of the game's main theme, they are "on the Rocks." In later games, they are created as the result of a tennis match gone awry and because of a tsunami, while in the first game, one allows the Hoshino family to visit the moon. They were originally created by a character known as The Prince who makes them in order to replace the stars in heaven after The King of All Cosmos has a bit too much to drink. They can be as small as a few centimeters in diameter, but they usually end up much larger. Roughly translated into English as clump, glob, or bunch, for ten points, name this thing that is *Beautiful* and *We Love* in a series of Namco games where players roll together objects to create a giant ball.

**ANSWER:** katamari

16. Bulldozer. Burp. Fart. Whistle. Dance. Wake Up. Right Strike 1. Left Thump. Roar. Step Forward. These are all basic commands accessible on the remote, although the interface, designed by Mark Tilden, is also designed to be easily hackable, leading to a 2005 soccer match between Osnabruck and Freiberg. Recent additions to the line include a Spiderman and Homer model. Produced by Wow Wee toys, for ten points, name this human-shaped programmable robot.

Answer: RoboSapien

17. Like Steam, it was a studio band thrown together to record a quick B-side that became far more famous than it's A-side, in this case, Dave Dupree's *Train to Nowhere*. A line-up assembled in 1959 included then-unknowns Glen Campbell, Jimmy Seals, and Dash Crofts. Their most famous song was written and sung by Danny Flores, under the name "Chuck Rio," and heavily featured Flores' Latin-flavored saxophone playing. For ten points, name this one-hit wonder group known for a 1958 hit whose title is its only lyric, *Tequila*.

**ANSWER:** The Champs

18. This show wrote out the character of Ashley Schaeffer part way through the first season, supposedly, some claim, because the star's wife was jealous. After dumping the reporter played by Carla Gugino, the show's next big cast changes came in 2000, when actors Connie Britton, Victoria Dillard, and Alexander Chaplin departed. The show sometimes added characters, such as Charlie Crawford and Caitlin Moore. For ten points, name this workplace comedy whose biggest cast changes were the additions of Heather Locklear and Charlie Sheen and the departure of Michael J. Fox.

**Answer: Spin City** 

19. He was the first player to hit six grand slams in a season, doing so in 1987, the same year he hit home runs in eight consecutive games. He fell to the 19th round of the 1979 draft as teams thought he was going to college, and had his first full major league season in 1983. Supplanting Steve Balboni at his position, he would eke out a batting title in 1984 over teammate Dave Winfield, and he would threaten league leads in hitting categories until a 1987 back injury caused by goofing off with teammate Bob Shirley. He would end his career with his only playoff appearance, the 1995 ALDS against Seattle. He would stay with his team as a special instructor, hitting coach, and bench coach. Name, for ten points, this man whose number 23 was retired by the New York Yankees in 1997.

**ANSWER:** Don Mattingly

20. Variations of this two word drink include substituting sherry to make a bishop, sake to make a geisha, or tequila to make a Spanish-sounding version. It's debatable whether bartender Fernand Petiot or comedian George Jessel invented it, but Chicago's Ambassador East Hotel was the first to add a celery stick. For ten points, name this mixed drink of vodka and tomato juice with hints of Tabasco or Worcestershire sauce and named for a queen of England.

**Answer:** Bloody Mary

21. Her first role was as Meghan Green in Fox's short-lived dramedy series Get Real. She will next

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star as Agent 99 in the *Get Smart* remake. She has broken from the family-friendly image she had early in her career by taking roles in such adult-oriented fare as *Havoc* and *Brokeback Mountain*. 2006 saw her highest grossing film to date when she starred as Meryl Streep's beleaguered assistant in *The Devil Wears Prada*. For ten points, name this actress who came to prominence as Mia Thermopolis in the *Princess Diaries* films.

**Answer:** Anne <u>Hathaway</u>

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