

VETO 2016, FAR SIDE team tossups

TOSSUP 1

The only one of Margaret Atwood's fifteen published novels that contains one of these is *The Blind Assassin*, where it is titled "Perennials for the Rock Garden" and occurs in a novel by Laura Chase within the novel. Ernest Buckler's *The Mountain and the Valley* has one entitled "The Rug", which focuses on David Canaan's grandmother making a rug out of rags. Sandra Birdsell's novel *The Missing Child* has one in which Minnie Pullman swims naked in the Agassiz River, a section entitled "In the Beginning". For 10 points, Vincent Massey quoted Shakespeare in titling his book of memoirs "*What's Past is*" what?

Answer: prologue

TOSSUP 2

Last weekend, a rally to honour his life was held at the Sylvan Theater in Washington, DC, and closed with a performance by country singer Beau Davidson. A father of six, he died on July first, 2015, and according to his biographer, Oxford University researcher Brent Stapelkamp, all six have been adopted by his friend Jericho. Though criminal charges remain against accomplices Theo Bronkhorst and Honest Ndlovu, charges have been dropped against his killer, who used a bow and arrow. For 10 points, Minnesota dentist Walter Palmer was in Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe when he shot what beloved black-maned lion?

Answer: Cecil

TOSSUP 3

The only place in Canada where this metallic element is mined is just north of Havre-Saint-Pierre, Quebec, from which the ore is shipped to Tracy, Quebec, to be smelted into a product called Sorelslag, which consists mostly of the oxide of this element. The oxide is used mainly for white pigments in paints, plastics, paper, toothpaste, and sunscreen lotions, and is obtained by removing the iron oxide from the mined ore of ilmenite. The metal by itself is as strong as steel, but forty per cent lighter. For 10 points, name this metal whose most common industrial use is in parts for aircraft.

Answer: titanium

TOSSUP 4

At the Synod of Pistoia, the Jansenists denounced this theory as a "Pelagian fable", prompting Pope Pius the Sixth to call the Jansenist denunciation "false, rash, injurious to Catholic schools", in a 1794 bull that was the only official church document containing this word until 2007, when a Vatican commission noted that although it was never in the Catechism, it "has long been used in traditional theological teaching", but with "no clear foundation in revelation". St. Augustine rejected it, saying that those theorized to inhabit it were still punished in Hell for original sin, but with the "mildest pain". For 10 points, what is this destiny of infants who die without baptism?

Answer: Limbo

TOSSUP 5

It was formed in 1945 with minority partners including Wallace McCutcheon, Eric Phillips, and Bud McDougald, and started with Canadian Breweries Limited. Headquartered for fifty years

at Ten Toronto Street, it was led by E. P. Taylor and grew to control Dominion Stores, B.C. Forest Products, Standard Broadcasting, Massey-Ferguson, and Hollinger Mines. By 1964, one tenth of shares traded on the TSE were of companies under its control. Finally dissolved in 2008, for 10 points, what was this conglomerate that was taken over by Conrad Black in the late nineteen seventies?

Answer: Argus Corporation

TOSSUP 6

This island's longest river is the Solo River, which has two sources, one on Kidul Mountain and the other on Mount Lawu, which is one of this island's forty-five volcanoes on a chain extending from Mount Pulosari in the west to Mount Baluran in the east, and including its highest peak, Mount Semeru, and its most visited, Mount Bromo. About twenty-five per cent bigger than Newfoundland, by area it's the fifth largest island in its country, but its hundred and forty-five million inhabitants make it the world's most populous. For 10 points, name this Indonesian island between Sumatra and Bali.

Answer: Java (Also accept: Jawa or Jowo)

TOSSUP 7

An inscription from around 100 BC refers to them as having dedicated an altar to Vediovis in Bovillae, where Emperor Tiberius later erected a chapel to them. This group of people claimed descent from Ascanius, the son of Aeneas and founder of Alba Longa. According to legend, the apotheosis of Romulus was announced to the Roman people by a member of this group, named Proculus. Their first member to be elected consul, in 489 BC, had praenomen Gaius, and in 352 BC another member with the same name was briefly dictator, but didn't have as lasting an impact as a later dictator, a member of this group who took office in 49 BC and reformed the calendar before being assassinated, and had cognomen Caesar. For ten points, what was this patrician family?

Answer: (gens) Julia (Also accept: Julius or Iulius or Iulii or Julian gens)

TOSSUP 8

Musical works in the minor scale beginning with this note include "Oops!... I Did It Again" by Britney Spears, "Love Lockdown" by Kanye West, and Beethoven's Piano Sonata number 14, the Moonlight Sonata. The major scale beginning with this note is less common, with works in it including Ravel's *Ondine* and Korngold's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand. On the A-four-forty pitch standard, the frequency of its fourth occurrence on a piano is about two hundred and seventy-seven point one eight hertz. On the harp, the major scale is set by pressing all the pedals to the bottom position, because, for 10 points, what note's major scale has seven sharps?

Answer: C sharp

TOSSUP 9

The New Zealand rules for this game are unusual in permitting suicide to occur. Suicide may allow a player to win a capturing race, or to force the opponent to make a move because of the rule that one may not play in such a way as to recreate the board position following one's previous move, a rule known as the ko rule. In this game, it's important to keep two eyes in each group of stones, as any string of stones is removed whenever it has no liberties. In March 2016, the world champion Lee Sedol was defeated by a Google computer program in, for 10

points, what ancient Chinese board game?

Answer: go (Also accept wéiqí.)

TOSSUP 10 has two versions, one for Vancouver and the other for Toronto.

TOSSUP 10 – TORONTO ONLY (OMIT in Vancouver)

Its railway station opened in 1853, making it the oldest operating train station in Ontario. Its former airport, opened by Marion Orr in the nineteen fifties, was closed in 1987 because of increasing urbanization within the city of Vaughan. Now an unincorporated area within Vaughan, it was originally a village centred at Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive. Home to Canada's Wonderland and with its GO Transit station on the Barrie line between King City and Rutherford, for 10 points, what is this community with an arboreal name?

Answer: Maple

TOSSUP 10 – VANCOUVER ONLY (OMIT in Toronto)

The TransLink bus with this name has number seventeen and runs from downtown Vancouver to Marine Drive Station. It's also the name of a city park located south of Fifty-Ninth Street between Fremlin Street and the street with this name. That street also runs along the western edge of the "meadows park" of this name, where it forms the eastern boundary of the Shaughnessy neighbourhood, after which the street goes south through the neighbourhood named after the "ridge" of this name, where the ridge also names the city's largest shopping mall. For ten points, give the common arboreal name.

Answer: Oak

TOSSUP 11

Members of this family dominate Newfoundland's Funk Island, which is home to several hundred thousand breeding pairs, amounting to two thirds of eastern North America's population of this family's member species of common murre ["murr"]. Other members of the family include the smallest one, the dovekie ["DOVE-key"], and the razorbill, which is the largest living one. With short wings and legs and webbed feet, they are black and white and stand erect on land, like penguins. For 10 points, name this family of seabirds, of which all can fly except the so-called "great" one that in 1844 became extinct.

Answer: auk

TOSSUP 12

One of his first orders is to ban ribbons, which he calls "the badge of slavery", and decrees that everyone in the community should go naked. An indefatigable organizer of committees and schemes for improvement, he devises plans for a windmill that he says will permit a three-day work week, and just when his glowing oratory wins over a majority on the issue, his antagonist Napoleon sends the dogs after him and he runs for his life through a hole in the hedge. Modeled after Leon Trotsky, for 10 points, who is this pig from Orwell's *Animal Farm* that is probably coloured white?

Answer: Snowball

TOSSUP 13

A study of both German and American negotiators found that those who engage in this activity

before negotiating end up with a better deal if they're male, but not if they're female. Chicago train commuters who were instructed to do this with strangers reported greater happiness when they did, with no change in feelings of productivity. A New Zealand study showed that people who don't engage in this activity in the workplace are perceived by colleagues as less competent. Theorized by Malinowski to be a way to relieve "the strange and unpleasant tension which men feel when facing each other in silence", for 10 points, what is this trivial form of discourse?

Answer: small talk (Also accept *equivalents*.)

TOSSUP 14

The first one was built by Kennard and Williamson in Baltimore and named after the owner's wife, Ann McKim, in 1833. Of those originating in Canada, the New Brunswick-built *Marco Polo* was the largest ship to travel to Australia till that time, and the first to finish the round trip from England in less than six months. Nova Scotia-born Donald McKay built more than thirty of them including the *Sovereign of the Seas*, which at twenty-two knots set a record, unbroken for a hundred and thirty years, for the fastest speed for any sailing vessel. For 10 points, what was this kind of ship best known for fast delivery to England of tea from China?

Answer: Clipper

TOSSUP 15

This person's theorem is the dual of Brianchon's theorem and states that given any hexagon inscribed in a conic section, the three pairs of the continuations of opposite sides meet on a straight line. The identity named after him says that the binomial coefficient n choose k is equal to n minus one choose k , plus n minus one choose k minus one. Starting with n equal zero, that identity is used to construct an array of numbers where row n has n plus one binomial coefficients, forming a triangle also named after him. For ten points, name this seventeenth-century mathematician from France.

Answer: (Blaise) Pascal

TOSSUP 16

This lawyer is now representing Brent Hawkes of Toronto's Metropolitan Community Church against charges of alleged sex crimes from the nineteen seventies. His other clients have included the Church of Scientology, G20 protesters, the surviving Dionne quintuplets, MP-turned-jewellery-thief Svend Robinson, and Abdurahman Khadr, about whose case he said, "Not bad for a dictatorship, not good enough for Canada." He fought against accrediting Trinity Western University's law school, saying it would amount to imposing a "queer quota" on lawyers in Canada. For 10 points, name this Toronto lawyer who, until the decision was overturned on appeal, successfully got a judge to oust Mayor Rob Ford.

Answer: (Clayton Charles) Ruby

TOSSUP 17

This interjection originated in southwest England, where it is often preceded by "ooh" and indicates affirmation, similar to the Canadian "eh?". Robert Newton, a native of southwest England, used the interjection on screen for the very first time in 1950 at the end of the statement, "'Tis a rule of health I learned while sailing under the immortal Hawke", in the film *Treasure Island*, in the role of Long John Silver. For 10 points, what is this monosyllabic interjection that has ever since been taken to be stereotypical of the language of pirates?

Answer: arr

TOSSUP 18

Caravaggio's *Penitent Magdalene* depicts thirty-six of these objects lying on the floor. Corot's ["ko-RO's"] portrait of Berthe Goldschmidt is incorrectly titled as the woman with this object, because a leaf on the model's forehead was mistaken for one. Van Dyck's portraits of Charles the First show the king wearing one of these in a pendant in his right ear. For 10 points, the collection of the Mauritshuis ["MAU-rits-hoyce"] in the Hague has a portrait of a blue-turban-wearing girl who in her left ear has an earring of what precious item as painted by Vermeer?

Answer: pearl

TOSSUP 19

In the Byzantine Empire, the offices of Papias ["pa-PEE-ass"] and Epi Tees Trapezes ["tra-PEZ-eess"] were reserved for this category of people, with responsibility for, respectively, the organization of banquets, and the maintenance and security of palace buildings. In China, these people had their greatest power under the Tang Dynasty, when they commanded the Shence ["shuhn-tsoh"] Army, and foiled Emperor Wenzong's plot to massacre them in the Ganlu Incident. In the Ottoman Empire, European ones staffed the Palace School, while African ones served the Harem. For ten points, who were these men who'd been castrated?

Answer: eunuchs

TOSSUP 20

In one poem of this title, Seamus ["SHAME-us"] Heaney ["HAY-nee"] speaks of driving to the Flaggy Shore of County Clare, where "big soft buffetings come at the car sideways / And catch the heart off guard and blow it open." Among Canadian poets, Geoffrey Cook gave this title to his first collection, Roy Kiyooka published "a February" one "to October's piebald skies & other lacunae", and Al Purdy's poem with this title begins, "I say the stanza ends / but it never does." For 10 points, after eighty-three pages of *Philosophical Fragments*, Søren Kierkegaard wrote a six-hundred-and-thirty page *Concluding Unscientific* what?

Answer: Postscript

TOSSUP 21

When he found out that Leto was pregnant, he tried to kill Leto, but after Zeus took Leto to Ortygia, he couldn't find her and so he returned to Mount Parnassus and resumed his role of giving responses from an oracle. Four days after Leto gave birth to Apollo and Artemis, Apollo tracked him down and killed him with his arrows, and initiated funeral games for him at Delphi, where two years before and after each Olympic Games, there were quadrennial contests of music and athletics named after him. Said to have been born from rotting slime left after the great flood of Deucalion, for 10 points, who was this legendary dragon or serpent?

Answer: Python

TOSSUP 22

Leading Canadian manufacturers of these items include Dalmen, whose best-selling product is the Optima Hybrid line made with PVC and aluminum; and VWD, whose top-of-the-line Ultra series includes the Truth Ultra Operator with a fold-away handle that fits in a recess in the casing. In a factory in Vaughan, Ontario, Vinylbilt includes a sponge-like insect guard inside its hollow multi-chamber frames, and the Lo-E option boosts insulating value and reduces buildup

of condensation. Canada's National Building Code requires every bedroom to have ceiling or wall surface amounting to at least five per cent of the room's floor area covered by, for 10 points, what objects made of glass?

Answer: windows

TOSSUP 23

The so-called paradox named after it is that it seems to violate the Vogt-Russell theorem, because the less-massive star in this system is a red giant while the more-massive star is still on the main sequence. Its apparent visual magnitude changes over the range of two point one to three point four, with a period of sixty-nine hours. Its variations in brightness arise because the orbital plane of the two component stars contains the line of sight to the earth, making it an eclipsing binary, the first one ever discovered. For 10 points, what is this bright star in the constellation Perseus?

Answer: Algol (Also accept: beta Persei, but only before the word "Perseus" has been read.)

TOSSUP 24

In the national vote for Greatest Canadian in 2004, Sir Frederick Banting had this ranking. Of the Governors General since Confederation, chronologically the Marquess of Lorne was in this order. In points scored in regular-season NHL games, this ranking is held by Bobby Hull, whose son Brett holds this same ranking for goals scored. In number of francophones, Alberta has this ranking among the provinces, and in land area and total population, Alberta also has this ranking. In the words in our national motto, the word "ad" appears in this order. For 10 points, in the national anthem, in what order is the word "home"?

Answer: fourth

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