

GUY FALKES EVE BUZZER EXPLOSION, November 1995

Fresno "B" Pack by Larry Rubinow

Toss-Up Questions

1. It is now permanently docked in Groton, Connecticut, where free tours are available of its mess, command center, and torpedo room -- but they don't let you near the engines! FTP, name this first submarine in the U.S. nuclear fleet.

answer: The U.S.S. _NAUTILUS_

2. The Chinese call it Lu-Shun [lue shoon], and it occupies the southernmost tip of Manchuria. FTP, identify this anchorage lost by Russia to Japan per the 1905 Treaty of Portsmouth.

PORT ARTHUR (also accept _RYOJUN_, the Japanese name)

3. His 1794 execution was thus described by Italian mathematician Joseph Louis Lagrange: "It took only an instant to cut off that head, and a hundred years may not produce another like it." FTP, name the French chemist famous for discovering the role of oxygen in combustion.

answer: Antoine Laurent _LAVOISIER_

4. Bill Gates may be the most famous living nerd, but the man who coined the term "nerd" undoubtedly has far greater name recognition. FTP, name this author, who used the word in his 1950 book, "If I Ran the Zoo."

answer: Dr. _SEUSS_ or Theodore Seuss _GEISEL_

5. He argued that the consumer is generally more interested in the apparent status conferred on him by owning a product than by the utility of the product itself, thus originating the concept of conspicuous consumption. FTP, identify this economist and author of "The Theory of the Leisure Class."

answer: Thorstein Bunde _VEBLen_

6. After leaving the Highland Light Infantry in 1932 he bounced around the world doing odd jobs for several years. The oddest job ended up being that of movie star. Name this actor who won an Oscar for "Separate Tables," and whose published work includes --FTP -- "The Moon's A Balloon" and "Bring on the Empty Horses."

answer: David _NIVEN_

7. In 1640, Stephen Day of Massachusetts began printing some 1700 copies of "The Whole Booke of Psalmes Faithfully Translated into English Metre," translated by John Eliot, Richard Mather, and Thomas Weldof. FTP, this first book printed in the British Colonies is better remembered by what name?

answer: The _BAY PSALM_ book

8. Older sibling Uday toured with Anna Pavlova and founded a center for classical dance and music in Almora, India. But it is Uday's younger brother who is better known in the West, as a consummate master of the sitar. FTP, name him.

answer: Ravi _SHANKAR_

9. Although there is some dispute about the actual discoverer, there is no question that John Napier published his results first, in 1614. FTP, what is this system of computation that fueled the slide rule?

answer: _LOGARITHM_s

10. It recently made the timely revelation that retired General Colin Powell is related to several presidents and the British Royal Family. FTP, give the common name of this publication, more formally known as the "Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage of the United Kingdom."

answer: _BURKE'S_ Peerage

11. He developed the good-neighbor policy in relations with South American states and helped maintain relations with the USSR during WWII. Franklin Roosevelt called him the father of the United Nations. FTP, name this Tennessee-born Nobel laureate, the United State's longest-serving Secretary of State.
answer: Cordell _HULL_

12. His theoretical constructions were many, including a noted one attempting to prove, through the flight of an arrow, that motion itself is impossible. However, he is best remembered for supposing a footrace between Achilles and a tortoise, a race Achilles can never win. FTP, name this Greek philosopher.
answer: _ZENO_ of Elea

13. This Englishman illustrated fewer than 20 children's books in his lifetime, but he will forever be associated with that genre in this country. FTP, name the 19th-century painter whose name graces the award given annually by the American Library Association to the best American illustrated children's book.
answer: Randolph J. _CALDECOTT_

14. Their last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, was burned at the stake outside Notre Dame in 1314, but they continue to rear their heads in latter-day conspiracy theories. FTP, name this order founded by French knights in Jerusalem in 1119.
answer: The _KNIGHTS TEMPLAR_ or the _TEMPLARS_

15. We don't know what they called themselves; instead we use a Navajo word to describe the vanished people whose relics the Navajos found when they arrived in the Four Corners area. FTP, identify these one-time residents of the cliff dwellings of the American southwest.
answer: _ANASAZI_

16. It is defined as the intersection with a sphere's surface of a plane passing through the center of the sphere. FTP, what is this construct, defining the shortest route between any two points on the exterior of a sphere?
answer: _GREAT CIRCLE_ (prompt if "circle" given)

17. This city of fewer than 10,000 people nestled against the Winooski River boasts a thriving insurance trade and a granite statehouse with a gold-leaf dome. FTP, name this city, the birthplace of Admiral George Dewey and the capital of Vermont.
answer: _MONTPELIER_

18. The Eighth Marquis of Queensberry is remembered for sponsoring the establishment of the modern rules of boxing in the 1860s. His son, Lord Alfred Douglas, is remembered for quite different reasons. FTP, identify the noted British author and playwright imprisoned on morals charges after engaging in a homosexual affair with Lord Alfred.
answer: Oscar _WILDE_

19. If they could find one, physicists would call it an "Einstein-Rosen Bridge" -- but the popular name is more colorful. FTP, identify this theoretical shortcut through space-time which justifies the Federation's interest in _Deep Space Nine_.
answer: _WORMHOLE_

20. Louis Farrakhan's "Nation of Islam" was founded by Wallace D. Fard. However, this man was by far the longest-reigning leader of the NOI, from 1934 to his death in 1975. FTP, name this mentor of Malcolm X.

answer: Elijah _MUHAMMAD_ or Elijah _POOLE_

21. Indy-car racer Johnny Rutherford was born there in 1938, but it's better known for being the site of a bold, but ultimately bungled, attempt to rob two banks simultaneously. FTP, name this town in southeast Kansas, site of the 1892 demise of the Dalton gang.

answer: _COFFEYVILLE_

22. Robert Russell Bennett's most popular symphony, "The Four Freedoms," was inspired by an eponymous mural in a New Jersey tavern painted -- FTP -- by what noted American artist and illustrator who spent his later life painting his neighbors in Stockbridge, Massachusetts?

answer: Norman _ROCKWELL_

23. Much of his fame rests on three unfinished novels, all of which he wanted burned after his death. Fortunately, they were published instead. FTP, name this Czech author who died of tuberculosis in 1924.

answer: Franz _KAFKA_

24. The people here have only good memories of Richard Nixon, who as president returned to them their sacred Blue Lake in the Sangre de Cristo range in New Mexico, long held by the federal government. FTP, identify this pueblo community, the cradle of an uprising against the U.S. government in 1847.

answer: _TAOS_ Pueblo

25. His most recently published work, "The First Man," hit the shelves in 1994. Not bad for a guy who died in a car crash in 1960. FTP, name the French author and Nobel recipient famous for "The Plague" and "The Stranger."

answer: Albert _CAMUS_

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Bonus Questions

1. It has been observed that some fine writing comes out of prisons -- but not this packet. For the stated number of points, identify these incarcerated authors:

1. He wrote "Soul on Ice" while doing time in California's Folsom Prison. For five points, name him.

answer: Eldridge _CLEAVER_

2. This knight and former member of Parliament completed his only known work in prison in 1469. For 10 points, who was he?

answer: Sir Thomas _MALLORY_

3. One of the finest poets of the Middle Ages, this graduate of the Sorbonne wrote his "Ballad of Hanged Men" while awaiting execution; he was banished instead. For 15 points, identify him.

answer: Francois _VILLON_ [vee-YOHN] or Francois _DE MONTCORBIER_

2. Let's see if you're up on your classics; ten points for each correct identification of a figure or object from Greek mythology:

1. The daughter of Minos, she rescued Theseus but was later abandoned by him.

answer: _ARIADNE_

2. As long as the Trojans kept this wooden statue of Athena, they believed their city would remain inviolable.

answer: The _PALLADIUM_

3. This blind prophet figured large in such disparate works as Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" and T.S. Eliot's "The Wasteland."

answer: _TIRESIAS_

3. Genocide and ethnic cleansing, while recently-coined terms, are old concepts. For instance, in 1572 a Catholic plot to kill virtually every Protestant in France left tens of thousands brutally murdered.

1. First, for 10 points, tell me the name commonly given to this massacre.

answer: _SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY_ massacre

2. Now for 20 points, identify the king of France at the time, the second son of Catherine de Medicis to hold the crown.

answer: _CHARLES IX_

4. These twin brothers, working on opposite sides of the Atlantic, each did pioneering work in the exploration of the stratosphere.

1. First, FTP, give me the shared last name of these Swiss-born balloon designers.

answer: _PICCARD_ (Auguste and Jean)

2. Later in life, Auguste turned his efforts to the sea, inventing a new class of deep-sea vehicle not unlike his stratospheric balloons: a pressurized passenger gondola suspended below a larger, buoyant hull. For 20 points, name it.

answer: _BATHYSCAPHE_ [BATH-uh-skayf] (do not accept "Bathysphere")

5. A Norse is a Norse, of course, of course. Ten points for each correct answer on Scandinavian mythology.

1. Baldur was slain when struck by an arrow made from this parasitic shrub.

answer: _MISTELTOE_

2. Outside the walls of Asgard lay this "land of the giants."

answer: _JOTUNHEIM_

3. The branches of this ash tree spread over the entire world.

answer: _YGGDRASIL_

6. Joseph Heller catapulted to fame in 1961 with his first novel, "Catch-22." Answer the following questions about his later work for 10 points each.

1. This 1984 book is a humorous retelling of the story of King David.

answer: GOD KNOWS

2. This 1986 non-fiction work cowritten with Speed Vogel chronicled Heller's battle with a paralytic condition, Guillain-Barré [GEE-an bah-RAY] syndrome.

answer: NO LAUGHING MATTER

3. In 1994 Heller wrote this sequel to "Catch-22," in which a 68-year-old Yossarian confronts his mortality.

answer: CLOSING TIME

7. The name's the same. Identify these rock or pop music performers whose names are shared with other notables.

1. First, for five points, name the protean singer who took on a stage name because he shared his real name with Davy Jones of the Monkees.

answer: David BOWIE

2. Next, FTP, identify the jazz-influenced pop singer-songwriter who shares his name with one of the Chicago Black Sox.

answer: Joe JACKSON

3. Finally for fifteen points, name the guitarist for R.E.M. who shares his name with a noted New Zealand anthropologist.

answer: Peter BUCK

8. The plays of Shakespeare have often been retooled for film. FTP each, answer these questions about films that borrow, to one degree or another, from the Bard:

1. Akira Kurosawa moved "King Lear" to feudal Japan for this 1985 film.

answer: RAN [ron]

2. Keanu Reeves plays a young homosexual coming of age in this film, which borrows structure and some dialog from Henry IV, parts 1 and 2.

answer: MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO

3. In this far-out version of "The Tempest," the sprite Ariel is recast as Robbie the Robot.

answer: FORBIDDEN PLANET

9. As waterfowl go, it would appear to be at a disadvantage; its feathers aren't completely waterproof, and it must return to dry land and preen after diving for food. Even so, ecologists are concerned it may be displacing native species on a lake dividing Vermont from New York. For 10 points, identify the lake; for an additional 20, name the bird, sometimes used -- with a ring around its neck to prevent swallowing -- to assist Japanese fishermen.

answer: Lake CHAMPLAIN; CORMORANT

10. It is the curve traced by a fixed point on the circumference of a circle that rolls completely around the circumference of a second circle. For 15 points, name this type of curve; for an additional 15, name the heart-shaped curve resulting when the two circles are the same size.

answer: EPICYCLOID (acc. EPICYCLE); CARDIOID

11. On November 8, 1861, the captain of the U.S.S. San Jacinto forcibly removed Confederate diplomat James Mason and his companion from a British mail steamer, thus insulting the English and starting a diplomatic incident. For 15 points apiece:

1. What was the name of the second Confederate diplomat, a former representative and senator from Louisiana who had served as President Polk's minister to Mexico?

answer: John SLIDELL

2. What was the name of the British ship, a name promptly attached to this incident?

answer: The TRENT (accept "The TRENT AFFAIR")

12. Identify these three poets for the stated number of points. No rhyming necessary.

1. For 5: "The Dover Bitch," by Anthony Hecht, is a sequel of sorts to this poet's "Dover Beach."
answer: Matthew _ARNOLD_

2. Collections of his work include 1961's "Kaddish and Other Poems" and 1967's "TV Baby Poems."
answer: Allen _GINSBERG_

3. Long a resident of Carmel, California, his poems include "Science," "The Bloody Sire," and "Shine, Perishing Republic."
answer: Robinson _JEFFERS_

13. The name they chose for their movement was descriptive, but also misleading; it suggested they lived before 1483, when in fact they were a group of disaffected 19th-century British artists.

1. First, FTP, name this group, whose name reflects their affinity for Gothic forms and subjects.
answer: The _PRE-RAPHAELITES_ or the _PRE-RAPHAELITE BROTHERHOOD_

2. A latecomer to the Pre-Raphaelite movement, this baronet was popular for his elegant treatments of Arthurian legend, as in "The Beguiling of Merlin"; his most popular work, "King Cophetua and the Beggar Maid," was derived from a Tennyson poem. For 20 points, name him.
answer: Sir Edward _BURNE-JONES_

14. "I'm not a politician, but I play one on TV." Identify these actresses who have strayed into the world of politics.

1. First, for five points, name the former ambassador to Czechoslovakia whose film credentials include "Stand Up and Cheer" and "The Little Princess."
answer: Shirley _TEMPLE_ Black

2. For ten points, though she ran for Parliament in 1974, her more publicized political involvement has been in support of Palestinian rights.
answer: Vanessa _REDGRAVE_

3. For 15 points, this two-time Oscar winner retired from acting in 1992, when she was elected Labor Party member of Parliament for Hampstead-Highgate.
answer: Glenda _JACKSON_

15. The Food and Drug Administration is, as of November 1995, considering the use in food products of a new fat substitute, one which the Center for Science in the Public Interest claims can deplete the body's stores of several essential vitamins.

1. First, for 15 points, name the developer of the substitute, a corporation that in the early 1990s purchased the former Czechoslovakia's largest detergent company.
answer: _PROCTER AND GAMBLE_

2. Now for 15 points, name the new fat substitute, the first to be stable when heated.
answer: _OLESTRA_

16. Some of the greatest contributions to American literature have been made by immigrants. Answer these questions on foreign-born authors FTP each.

1. This Polish-born novelist won acclaim in 1965 for his first novel, "The Painted Bird," but possibly better known is 1971's "Being There."
answer: Jerzy _KOSINSKI_

2. He moved to the U.S. from Poland in 1935 and sold his first book the same year, but didn't set a novel here until 1972's "Enemies: A Love Story."
answer: Isaac Bashevis _SINGER_

3. A graduate of the University of St. Petersburg, she emigrated from Russia at age 21, and her first novel, "We, The Living," was predictably about young Russians.
answer: Ayn _RAND_

17. Identify this historical figure on the first clue for 30 points, after two clues for 20, or after all three for 10:

30: After the American Revolution was concluded, he was named military commander at Calais [cah-LAY].

20: His statue is prominently featured in Lafayette Square across from the White House.

10: His French expeditionary force joined with Washington's army to force the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

answer: Comte de [Count of] _ROCHAMBEAU_ [roh-shahm-BOH]; also accept Jean Baptiste Donatien de _VIMEUR_

18: Waiting to find out if the Big Bang will result in an open or closed universe? If one astronomer's right, you're in for a long wait.

1: First, for 10 points, what is the two-word name for a more or less static model of the universe, as opposed to the Big Bang?

answer: _STEADY STATE_

2: Now for 20 points, identify this British renaissance man who also writes plays, an opera libretto and sci-fi novels such as "The Black Cloud" .

answer: Sir Fred _HOYLE_

19: It should surprise no-one to learn that Texas executed more prisoners in 1994 than any other state. It also had the most convicts on death row, some 344. For 10 points each, identify the next three states in number of felons sentenced to die as of 1994; you may name them in any order.

answer: _CALIFORNIA_ (332); _FLORIDA_ (312); _PENNSYLVANIA_ (153)

20: You can key in on 30 points if you answer these three questions on keyboard instruments.

1: First, for five points, this steam-driven relative of the pipe organ can be heard for miles.

answer: _CALLIOPE_

2: FTP, It consists of 23 or more bells, played by a keyboard of levers and pedals, and are most frequently found in churches and cathedrals.

answer: _CARILLON_

3: For fifteen points: unlike a harpsichord, in which the strings are plucked, this predecessor of the piano strikes the strings with a blade, the position of which along the length of the string determines the pitch of the resulting note.

answer: _CLAVICHORD_

21: The 1949 tragic musical "Lost in the Stars" was based on the novel, "Cry, the Beloved Country." For 15 points each:

1: The author of "Cry, the Beloved Country," this South African novelist also wrote "Too Late the Phalarope" [FAL-uh-rohp] and "Ah But Your Land is Beautiful."

answer: Alan _PATON_

2: The music for "Lost in the Stars" was composed by this man, better known for his collaborations with Bertholt Brecht.

answer: Kurt _WEILL_

22: He got his doctorate from Berkeley in 1937 and became chancellor there in 1959. In between, he won a Nobel Prize and played a role in the discovery of ten of the transuranium elements.

1: FTP, identify this chemist.

answer: Glen T. _SEABORG_

2: For 20 points, identify by atomic number the element some insist should be named "Seaborgium" in his honor.

answer: _106_

23: In late October of 1995, French commandos using tear gas raided a ship harbored at Brindisi, Italy, as the vessel was preventing a French destroyer from leaving port.

1. First, FTP, name the vessel's owner, an organization whose ships had been attacked by French forces twice before in recent years.

answer: _GREENPEACE_

2. Now, for 20 points, name this third Greenpeace ship to suffer a French attack.

answer: The _ALTAIR_

24. Sometimes it seems African nations change names more often than O.J. Simpson changes alibis. For 10 points each:

1. The nation of Burkina Faso was known, until 1984, as what?

answer: _UPPER VOLTA_

2. In October of 1964, the former Northern Rhodesia became this nation.

answer: Republic of _ZAMBIA_

3. This small republic completely engulfed by South Africa was once known as the High Commission Territory of Basutoland.

answer: _LESOTHO_