PENN BOWL 11

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Discovered in the 1930s by Gerhard Schrader, its IUPAC name is isopropyl methyl-fluoro-phosphonate. It causes involuntary muscle spasms by inhibiting [*] acetylcholinesterase [uh-SEE-til-ko-lih-NEH-stuh-race], and exposure to it can be treated with atropine. As little as ten micrograms per kilogram can be a fatal dose of—for 10 points—what nerve gas, used by Iraq against the Kurds, and in a 1995 attack in the subways of Tokyo?

ANSWER: Sarin

His bull *Primitiva* established the Concordat of Bologna, which regulated France's church-state affairs for 275 years. He fared less well in other matters: his Fifth [*] Lateran Council fell apart quickly, and the 41 counts of heresy he issued against Martin Luther helped the spread of Protestantism. For 10 points—name this man, born Giovanni di Medici, Raphael's second patron, who succeeded Julius II as pope in 1513.

ANSWER: Pope Leo X [accept Giovanni di Medici on early buzz]

Whenever anyone starts discussing a poet other than Homer, he has nothing to say and in fact starts to fall asleep. On Homer, though, he is the best speaker in the world: he is a rhapsode, or professional reciter. However, after [*] Socrates' rigorous inquiry, he must admit that he, like the poets themselves, works in a sort of madness. For 10 points—name this egotistical, but profoundly stupid title character of a Plato dialogue on poetry, not chemistry.

ANSWER: Ion

Skopas, Timotheos, Leochares [lee-oh-KAH-rees], and Bryaxis were involved in its construction. Its pyramid-shaped roof was topped with a four-horse [*] chariot. Sculptures around its poem included a chariot race, a centauromachy, and an Amazonomachy. Atop the podium was a rectangular building with a colonnade with life-size statues. For 10 points—name this 4th century burial monument, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

ANSWER: Mausoleum at Helikarnassos [prompt on "Helikarnassos"]

The Yaqui River is named after one of the major tribes of this state, whose other tribes include the Seri and the Mayo. Major cities include the capital, [*] Hermosillo, and the border town Nogales. The northwest frontier is marked by the nearly dry Colorado River. For 10 points—name this second-largest state in Mexico, due south of Arizona.

ANSWER: Sonora

His Ode to Death is a setting of Whitman, and he translated the Apocrypha for his Hymn of Jesus.

Though he did compose folk-inspired music like the Somerset Rhapsody and [*] Egdon Heath, he is better known for works inspired by Eastern mysticism, such as the opera Savitri and hymns from the Rig Veda. For 10 points—name this German-born British composer who detested being known for The Planets.

ANSWER: Gustav(us) Theodore von Holst

This subsidiary of Evercore Partners, Inc., owns Distribution Services, Inc., the US's number one in-store supermarket merchandising company. It also publishes *Country Weekly*, the US's best-selling country music [*] magazine, and seven of the US's 15 best-selling weekly magazines. Based in Boca Raton, Florida—for 10 points—name this publisher of many tabloids, the site of the first anthrax death.

ANSWER: American Media, Inc.

After receiving a Guggenheim fellowship, he went to Mexico City, where he wrote "The Broken Tower." After publishing "Chaplinesque" and *Voyages*, he moved from Ohio to [*] New York, whose landscape inspired his most famous work, which contained the sections "Powhatan's Daughter," "Cape Hatteras," "Ave Maria," and "Cutty Sark." For 10 points—name this author of the poems "For the Marriage of Faustus and Helen," *White Buildings*, and *The Bridge*.

ANSWER: (Harold) Hart Crane

He argued that the material world is organized as a sphere, argued for a limited form of evolution, and decided that air is a separate substance. The subject of a Matthew Arnold poem, his extant works include *Purifications*, a treatise on transmigration, and a long poem in hexameter on each of the [*] four immutable elements, *On Nature*. For 10 points—name this Sicilian philosopher who, believing himself a god, jumped into Mount Etna.

ANSWER: Empedocles

Interrupted only by cholera epidemics and wars, its first year saw horse races and the wedding of Prince [*] Ludwig I and Princess Theresa. In 1818, it began serving food and beverages. Running for two weeks starting in late September, it is still held in its original location of Wies'n [VEE-zin]. For 10 points—name this annual German beer-drinking festival.

ANSWER: Oktoberfest

Jack Kirkland's dramatization of this 1932 novel ran on Broadway for seven years, and also ended with a fire that destroys a house, killing a family's patriarch. In the novel, [*] Dude crashes his new car while deranged preacher Bessie Rice watches. Meanwhile, 12-year-old Pearl struggles to keep her virginity while her sister Ellie May is a hare-lipped nymphomaniac in—for 10 points—what squalid masterpiece about the Lester family by Erskine Caldwell?

ANSWER: Tobacco Road

Edith Wharton's *The House of Mirth* and Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises* both take their [*] titles from this book of the Bible, flanked by two books usually ascribed to the same author. Though known for his wisdom, the author concludes that "the race is not to the swift," and that wisdom "also is vanity;" in fact, "vanity of vanities, all is vanity." For 10 points—name this book that provided the text for a song about how everything is appropriate, sooner or later.

ANSWER: Ecclesiastes or The Preacher [do not accept "Ecclesiasticus"]

Its first application was in a study of deaths in the Prussian army by horse kicks. Because of the law of large numbers, the continuous binomial approaches this [*] distribution, unique in that its expected value and variance both equal the same, single parameter, lambda. First described in *Researches on the Probabilities of Opinions*—for 10 points—name this distribution used to model events of low probability, such as, possibly, catching fish.

ANSWER: Poisson distribution

First predicted in 1962, it will not occur in the presence of an electromotive force, and can be used to measure weak magnetic fields. Quantum mechanics predicts that electrons, in Cooper pairs, can [*] tunnel across a thin insulating layer between two superconductors. For 10 points—what is this effect, named after the 1973 Nobel Prize winner in physics?

ANSWER: Josephson effect or current or tunneling

She grew up in Harrison, New Jersey, though she was born in Havana. Originally a weather girl for New York's [*] Telemundo affiliate, she has appeared on the soap opera *Loving* and in the film *Curdled*. A cohost of *America's Funniest Home Videos*, she is probably better known for *House of Style* and swimsuit calendars. For 10 points—name this model, MTV's first Latina VJ.

ANSWER: Daisy Fuentes

According to legend, after enacting his most famous laws, he made his people agree that no one but he could repeal them; he then left for 10 years, starting around [*] 598 BC. His political program involved abolishing slavery for debt, and establishing property classifications. Herodotus attributed the notion that no one can know he is happy until he is dead to—for 10 points—what archon who, in the line of Athenian lawgivers, followed Draco?

ANSWER: Solon

The hero's running feud with Monopolated Light and Power explains why his basement hideout has 1,369 lights. He dislikes Dr. Bledsoe, who kicked him out of [*] college. After deciding he doesn't like Brother Jack and his Communist buddies either, he finally realizes he is in the visual state to which the title refers. Dostoyevsky's Notes from Underground obviously inspired—for 10 points—what novel by Ralph Ellison about an angry black man?

ANSWER: Invisible Man [do not accept "The Invisible Man"]

This province is home to the Leshan Giant Buddha, the largest Buddha statue in the world. The third most populous province in China, it is split between a western plateau and an eastern basin drained by the [*] Yangtze River. With its capital at Chengdu—for 10 points—name this province in Southern China, well-known for its style of spicy cooking.

ANSWER: Szechuan or Sichuan

It argues for the existence of collective tendencies as real forces that affect individuals. It posits that the title concept is affected by forces of social integration and moral regulation. Surprisingly, the author only briefly describes types of individuals who lead [*] empty lives, resulting in the fatalistic form; other forms include the altruistic, egotistic, and anomic. For 10 points—name this sociological study of a type of death by Émile Durkheim.

ANSWER: Suicide

Kicked out of the band "The Dead Ducks" in the seventies, he soon landed the role of Zed in *Police Academy 2*. He is credited as Jack Cheese for *Tapeheads* and *Meet the Hollowheads*; never averse to playing strange roles, he played a man who is turned into a [*] sock puppet in *Freaked*. For 10 points—name this voice actor, who voiced Pain in Disney's *Hercules* and Mr. Floppy on *Unhappily Ever After*, who played the title character in *Shakes the Clown*.

ANSWER: Bob(cat) Goldthwait

His end is assured when a night-time reading of Ossian scares the object of his affections, and his attempt to embrace her causes her to flee. After moving to Walheim, he writes to his friend [*] Wilhelm that he has met a girl named Lotte or Charlotte. Alas, her betrothed, Albert, arrives, shattering his dreams. For 10 points—name this title character who commits suicide at the end of a 1774 novel by Goethe.

ANSWER: Werther [accept The Sorrows of Young Werther or Die Leiden des jungen Werther]

This well-traveled guard was the number 24 pick in the NBA draft. A star at San Jacinto Junior College before transferring his junior year, he and Bobby [*] Sura led the nation as the top scoring backcourt his senior year. Though he still owns a shoe store in Houston, where his clutch play behind Kenny Smith earned him two rings—for 10 points—what point guard, a graduate of Baltimore's Dunbar High, now anchors the Milwaukee Bucks?

ANSWER: Sam Cassell

In his 1964 début novel, Njoroge's [nih-ZHUH-roh-gay] optimism is shattered by his nation's struggle for independence. Weep Not Child was followed by The River Between, a tragic love story about a couple separated by religious antagonism. But his most famous tale focuses on [*] Kihika, a hero of the Mau-Mau uprising. Other works on his native Kenya include Petals of Blood and Devil on the Cross. For 10 points—name this Kenyan who wrote A Grain of Wheat.

ANSWER: James Ngugi or Ngugi wa Thiong'o

Once a court painter to the electors of Wittenberg, he would later be that city's mayor. On a visit to Holland he painted portraits of Holy Roman Emperors Maximilian I and [*] Charles V. For his electoral patrons he produced such Biblical and mythological scenes as *The Fountain of Youth, The Judgment of Paris*, and *Venus and Amor*. For 10 points—name this close friend and portraitist of Martin Luther, noted for his many versions of Adam and Eve.

ANSWER: Lucas Cranach the Elder

Elati, its eastern dialect, became extinct in the 1800s, while Atali and Kituhwa, the western and middle dialects, are still extant. A southern [*] Iroquois language, it is spoken by about 20,000 speakers today, mostly in North Carolina and Oklahoma. For 10 points—name this Native American language for which a writing system was developed by Sequoyah.

ANSWER: Cherokee or Tsalagi or Aniyunwiya

This "first and last great fleet action of the ironclad pre-Dreadnought era" was the first battle where naval radio was used. Under Admiral Rozhdestvensky, the Baltic fleet had almost reached [*] Vladivostok when it was met in the namesake straits by the Japanese under Admiral Togo. Within hours, the faster Japanese had sunk three Russian battleships in—for 10 points—what May 27, 1905 battle, Russia's greatest defeat in the Russo-Japanese War?

ANSWER: Battle of **Tsushima** (Straits)

Monthly features include "Ear to the Street," cartoonist Leroy Davis's "Last Page," and the infamous "Record Report." A recent GQ article focused on its founder, and his suspect association with Ray [*] Benzino of Made Men, because Dave Mays's publication is the most-read hip-hop magazine in circulation. For 10 points—name this magazine whose five-microphone ratings system is pivotal to the success of many rap albums.

ANSWER: The Source

Cartoonists lampooned its inventor as a turbaned man playing the flute. The people whom it would affect were not immediately worried, as they had already declared an embargo on their own principal [*] cash crop to garner foreign support. The captures of Ship Island, Louisiana, Port Royal, South Carolina, and Hatteras, North Carolina were the first steps in—for 10 points—what plan, the brainchild of Winfield Scott, to win the Civil War by blockading Confederate ports?

ANSWER: Anaconda Plan