

Packet #13 Tossups

T1. Tom drops a rubber ball off the Rotunda from a height of 50 feet, and after hitting the concrete it rebounds to a height of 25 feet. Every time it falls back to the ground the ball keeps bouncing back to half the previous height. By the time the ball comes to a rest, how many feet has it travelled?

1)150 feet

T2. It's not surprising that this company's stock was the most traded of 1991. With two groups bidding to take it private prices skyrocketed to new heights. The circumstances are so intriguing that HBO has released a new movie based on the book about this largest buyout in history. FTP, name the subject of Barbarians at the Gate.

2)RJR Nabisco

T3. Many of you may not know the architect who rebuilt the Rotunda after it burned down in 1895. When he was shot by the husband of his mistress, Evelyn Thaw, in 1906, it was one of the biggest scandals to hit New York City. It was even bigger than Buttafuoco. FTP, name this architect of the Beaux Arts style who designed Grand Central Station, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Madison Square Garden.

3)Stanford White

T4. Marconi received the patent for his radio, Nobel established prizes in science, literature, and peace, Bryan delivered his cross of gold speech, and the Olympic Games were reestablished in Athens©©FTP, in what year did these momentous events all occur?

4)1896

T5. Lets play pretend. Assume that neither of your parents can roll their tongues, but you can. If your parents have two more kids, what are the odds against both of your siblings having the ability to roll their tongues?

5)15 to 1 (must be phrased exactly like this)

T6. In what may have been the stupidest decision ever, this rock group hired the Hell's Angels as security guards for a free concert in Los Angeles. In a rather harsh form of crowd control, fan Meredith Hunter was beaten to death by the Angels during a rendition of Sympathy for the Devil. FTP, name the group whose concert film "Gimme Shelter" captured footage of the attack.

6)Rolling Stones

T7. A Venezuelan patriot who fought alongside Simon Bolivar, a Brazilian entertainer who made musical films, and an American who wasn't read his rights all have the same last name. FTP, give the surname common to Francisco, Carmen, and a guy from Arizona.

7)Miranda

T8. In the state of Georgia there is a county whose name is pronounced tah-luh-ver (toliver). It is very difficult to spell, however, unless you know that it is spelled the same as the middle name of the founder of the Tuskegee Institute. FTP, spell the middle name of Booker T. Washington'

8)Toliver

T9. There exists a sound economic reason that President Clinton has suggested a tax on cigarettes. The cost of consuming a cigarette involves not just the resources of production, but also the related costs of increased healthcare. FTP, what generic name do economists give to this by-product whose costs are not currently reflected in the price of cigarettes.

9)Externality

T10. Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri may appear to have little in common as states. From 1863 to 1865, however, they had something that no other state could legally have. This occurred 'because' a certain proclamation only took effect in states then in rebellion. FTP, what commodity did these states retain?

10)Slaves

T11. Trasimena in Italy, Neuchatel in Switzerland, Ciemsee in Germany, and Balaton in Hungary are famous European landmarks. FTP, what type of natural features are they?

11)Lakes

T12. Identify the poet from these lines, all from different poems: "Sunset and evening stars / And one clear call for me."

"Courage he said, and pointed toward the land,

This mounting wave will roll us shoreward soon."

"It little profits that an idle king,

By this still hearth, among the barren crags."

He was Poet Laureate of England from 1850-1892.

12)Alfred Tennyson

T13. Richmond in 1991 and Santa Clara in 1993 accomplished feats

that are quite astounding. Both schools defeated #2 seeds in the first round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. FTP, what two basketball powerhouses were humiliated by these two mighty underdogs.

13)Syracuse Orangemen and Arizona Wildcats

T14. I'm sure everyone has been working out alot this spring to get ready for the beaches this summer. If so, then Atlanta, San Francisco, Boston, and New York should mean something to you... or at least the word spelled by replacing those cities with their federal reserve letter designations. FTP, name this word, the bane of all dieters.

14)FLAB

T15. It's a good thing she took her husband's surname, or students everywhere would be learning about element Sklodowskium. Of course, that wouldn't detract from the two Nobel Prizes awarded to this brilliant scientist. FTP, name the investigator of radioactivity who discovered polonium and radium.

15)Marie Curie

T16. Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi are three films in George Lucas's Star Wars trilogy. However, sci©fi buffs know that two more trilogies are needed to complete the remainder of the nine volume series. What collective term has been given to the first three volumes, whose movie releases are planned to take place in a few more years.

16)The Clone Wars

T17. 141 wins, 39 losses, and 4 ties©©quite an impressive record for eleven years as a professional coach. Too bad the Super Bowl was created only three years before he died; otherwise, he may have won alot more than just the first two. FTP, name this legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers.

17)Vince Lombardi

T18. Built by Chares of Lindos from 290 to 280 BC, it commemorated a victorious defense against a military invasion. In fact, it was created from the bronze war machines left behind by the??'thwarted' invaders. FTP, name this 105 foot tall statue which was destroyed by an earthquake in 224 BC.

18)Colossus of Rhodes

T19. Having trouble remembering what the 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th all time watched television shows are? Here's a hint©©they are all just varying versions of the same thing. FTP, name this

yearly event, which recently has been quite a yawner.

19) Super Bowl

T20. The Protestant Reformation has made the names Luther and Calvin quite famous. However, this 'influential' reformer also played a major part in the establishment of a Protestant religion. FTP, name the Swiss leader whose 67 Articles were passed by Zurich in 1523, demanding such things as the removal of religious images and the simplification of mass.

20) Ulrich Zwingli

Extra Tossups

\*1. In contemporary literature Isaac Asimov is renowned for his large quantity of penned works. Likewise, this Spanish playwright who lived from 1562 to 1635 is also known for being prolific. FTP, name this author who wrote hundreds of cloak and dagger plays.

1) Lope de Vega

\*2. Detroit, Cincinnati, Atlanta, and Miami... all have baseball teams, all have football teams, and all lie on the same interstate. FTP, name it.

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