

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Arikkat Arun Unnikrishnan (2), 10\26\95

1. "I wanted to kill me, not her! Me! Me! Me!...I didn't mean to harm you" the 35 year-old Yolanda Salvidar, who founded her fan club and managed her 2 clothing boutiques, was heard saying on the police recording. Salvidar was recently found guilty of murder in the slaying of FTP, what pop singing sensation, who before her murder on March 31, 1995 was the top female star in Tejano, a hybrid music style popular along the U.S.-Mexico border?

\SELENA\

2. The terrorist bombings at Paris subway stations have increased in frequency in recent weeks, causing nervous Parisians to shun the subway until French officials capture the men responsible for the attacks. All are believed to have been instigated by one terrorist organization, the one and only one group which has claimed responsibility for all the bombings. Incensed that French President Chirac has announced a meeting with Algerian President Zeroual in New York next week, this organization has vowed to continue the bombing campaign until France supplies proof it is no longer supporting the military junta in Algeria. FTP, name this terrorist org., popularly known by the initials AIG.

\ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP\

3. Albert B. Fall, former sec. of the interior, is found guilty in the Teapot Dome Scandal and sentenced to a year in prison plus a fine of \$100,000, Faulkner publishes The Sound and the Fury, gangsters in Chicago kill seven rivals on February 14th (Valentine's Day), and the great stock market crash on October 29th foreshadows the end of postwar prosperity and the coming of the Great Depression. All these events happened in FTP, what year?

\1929\

4. On Nov. 13, 1861, when Union morale had been shaken by battlefield defeats, the Rev. M.R. Watkinson wrote to Sec. of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, "From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters," and his suggestion prompted Chase to order an inscription on the coins. It first appeared in 1864, disappeared and reappeared on various coins until 1955, when Congress ordered it placed on all paper money and all coins. FTP, what four-word phrase, since 1956 the U.S. National Motto, appears on all forms of currency by Congressional decree?

\IN GOD WE TRUST\

5. According to Tacitus, he was the only emperor changed for the better by the office. Born in AD 9 in Raete, he achieved fame as a military commander in Claudius' conquest of Britain, and as governor of Judaea, the position he held when his good friend Mucianus urged him to seize the purple for himself. Emperor for 10 years, his last words were "Methinks I am becoming a god." These words proved prophetic, for Titus's first act as successor was the deification of his father. FTP, name this emperor from 69-79, the founder of the Flavian dynasty.

\VESPASIAN\

6. Cleveland is in the World Series! Yes, the crappiest city in the heartland is sending its baseball team to the World Series against the Atlanta Braves. The last time the Indians went to the big show was the year 1948, when they defeated, FTP, what team?

\BOSTON BRAVES\

7. Polls show the vote is actually very close, with about 50.2% in favor and 49.8% opposed. This has worried many residents, who are already lining up to obtain passports and move bank accounts, fearing the government will freeze monetary transactions if the referendum passes. In an unprecedented move, the prime minister exercised his right to address the entire population via television in an effort to convince the residents of the province to reject secession. "Do you want to destroy Canada?!" he implored. Not til Monday will it be known if his pleadings were successful, when, FTP, the voters of which province will say yeah or nay to the idea of independence from Canada?

\QUEBEC\

8. The only character who returns is Ian Malcolm, because the author said that as he began writing, he ran into a series of writer's blocks which were only overcome when the character of Malcolm was inserted into the storyline. This is potentially good news for Jeff Goldblum, as Steven Spielberg has said he intends to take this book to the big screen as well. FTP, name the novel, currently #1 on the NYT hardcover fiction bestseller lists, and w\the ominous tagline "something has survived", is the sequel to Jurassic Park.

\THE LOST WORLD\

9. Did you go to the Million Man March? If so, you were one of 400,000 who flocked to D.C. on Monday, although Farakhan disputes that # and says he will sue for a recount. In any event, 400,000 is an impressive #, though far short of 600,000, the # number estimated for the throng of people who attended the mother of all fireworks displays in FTP, what year?

\1976\

10. Ellesmere, Victoria, and Baffin, all are among the 10 largest islands in the world in land area. In population however, they are nearly devoid of life, human or otherwise, which rules out Indonesia as the answer. These islands all lie entirely within, FTP, what nation?

\CANADA\

11. If you go to the Pacific Ocean site where it will one day appear, you won't see anything. In fact, you must travel several thousand feet below the surface before you would be able to catch a glimpse of it. Although no one has ever seen it erupt, geologists feel it is only a matter of time, since it is one of the most volcanically active spots on Earth. It is growing at the rate of 12 inches a year, due to the fact that it sits upon the hot spot that in previous millenia gave birth to its sister islands. FTP, name this volcano, which when it finally and violently bursts above the surface thousands of years from now, will be the ninth island in the Hawaiian archipelago.

\LOEHEI\

12. Louisiana is under siege! More specifically, the bayou country south of New Orleans is under siege. The invader is about a foot long, furry, with buck teeth and a fondness for wetlands. From a few they have multiplied to hundreds of thousands. Various measures have been employed in order to eradicate them, including the SWAT team and giant vacuum cleaners to suck them out of their underground burrows. All have failed, but recently, Chinese businessmen who tried its meat sent samples back to China, where it is now all the rage in that country's most fashionable restaurants. Now a sizable amount of money can be made catching and selling them to the Chinese. FTP, name this giant rodent, which may soon be gracing dinner plates in the far east.

\NUTRIA\

13. According to Compaq VP Rich Cooley, if the execs of this company were to cash out, the only thing the company would have left is a some Mexican factories and four Chinese engineers. CEO Benny Algamien called the remarks racist, and his company is now suing Compaq in Delaware court. This is simply the latest in a long history of tussles between these two bitter rivals in the computer industry. While Compaq is the #1 supplier of PCs worldwide and to corporate America, it is the leading vendor in the fast-growing consumer channel, a segment of the market Compaq greatly covets. FTP, name this PC manufacturer, recently accused by Compaq of incorporating recycled parts in PCs sold as new.

\PACKARD BELL\

14. Although it is still extremely far away, in the vicinity of Saturn, it is already incredibly bright, easily visible in medium sized scopes. This has lead many astronomers to predict that when it arrives in Earth's neighborhood in early 1997, it will be one of the most spectacular of all time. Its diameter is estimated at a whopping 100 kilometers, ten times the size of Halley's, making this object one of the largest comets known. You won't find many astronomers whipping up the hype however, because many still remember the Kohoutek fiasco, a mega-comet which turned out to be a mega-dud. FTP, name this new comet, which may mor may not live up to the hype.

\Comet HALE-BOPP\

15. Chancellor Kohl has named him as his new coordinator of German-French cooperation, saying he is "a man who can do excellent work, is well known in France, who enjoys lots of sympathy and knows and appreciates French culture." This has thrown a wrench in his plans to retire after serving as mayor of Stuttgart since 1974. FTP, name this son of a famous field marshal who turned against Hitler while he was stationed in France in 1944.

\MANFRED ROMMEL\

16. Two answers required: Although a waiver move allows the president to delay the move indefinitely, Congress has voted to relocate the American Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, a move denounced by Paelstinian leaders and even P.M. Rabin until the very last minute. The vote requires the embassy to be in Jerusalem by May 31, 1999, where barring any further moves by other countries, it be the third embassy located in that war-torn city, after the embassies of what FTP, two Central American nations?

\EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA\

17. It derives from the persistant odor, hence the use, trailed over the ground, for training a dog to follow this scent over any other. Often used to throw people on the wrong track, it usually refers to a false lead. FTP, give this expression, which in actuality rarely has anything to do with a bird.

\RED HERRING\

18. In the 1980's, they were used to finance hostile takeovers. They pay significantly higher yields than top grade bonds to reflect their higher risk. Because their issuers have a low credit rating, these often sell at outrageously low prices. FTP, name this type of debt security, the use of which fell out of favor after the conviction of Michael Milken.

\JUNK BOND\

19. it became sovereign in 1866. Taxes are low; many international corporations have their Hqs here. Foreign workers comprise a full third of the population. Well known to geographers as one of the few European nations whose capital is not also its largest city, it's rarely thought of by any one else at all, which is the just fine with the people of this nation. Hence the irritation when the nation came into the international spotlight during its 1986 elections, due to the fact that these were the first elections in which women were allowed to vote. FTP, name this Washington D.C. size principality, whose largest city is Schaan and whose capital is Vaduz.

\LIECHTENSTEIN\

20. The Court sustained the Espionage Act of 1917, maintaining that freedom of speech and press could be constrained if "the words used are in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger..." FTP, name this 1919 Supreme Court Ruling, its first decision regarding the extent of protection afforded by the First Amendment. Hint: the answer is not Tom Cancy vs. Harrison Ford.

\SCHENK V U.S.\