

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Andrew Schechter (2), ____95

1. In 1911, this metal entered the Physics Hall of Fame when it became the first to exhibit superconductivity. This is doubly interesting because, at room temperature, you can't even make a wire out of it. FTP, what is it?

\MERCURY\

2. Little Red Riding Hood, Mr. Wolf, Jack, a childless Baker and his Wife, and of course, the Witch from next door are just some of the people you'd meet if you went, FTP, where, along with Stephen Sondheim?

\INTOTHE WOODS\

3. The name's the same: the Rugby Headmaster of Tom Brown's School Days, and an actor who has played in True Lies and Nine Months.

\Tom ARNOLD\

4. "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Pretty Amazing, coming from, FTP, what guy who has just lost 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 7 sons, and 3 daughters?

\JOB\

5. Warning: two answers required. One sister killed her husband, perhaps justifiably, since he had killed their daughter and abandoned her for ten years. The other sister abandoned her husband, thus starting a major war, which might be excused as Aphrodite had a hand in it. FTP, who were these two daughters of Leda?

\CLYTEMNESTRA and HELEN\

6. Here's a question about new math and history. In base 20, how many years elapsed between the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Battle of Gettysburg?

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7. This actor's greatest critical success may be his work in "Miss Saigon," though you are probably more likely to remember him from Brazil, Barbarians at the Gate, or The Adventures of Baron Munchausen. FTP, name the current spokesman for Infiniti automobiles.

\Jonathan PRYCE\

8. Give me, FTP, the date referred to by the following lines: "As the players tried to take the field, the marching band refused to yield; do you recall what was revealed the Day the Music Died," a date which saw the death of Buddy Holly.

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9. Interesting how the lyrics to songs can change over time. For instance, you may recently have heard that "we'll all feel grand" when Johnny comes marching home again. But if you tuned in to Stalag 17 or an old Judy Garland concert, you would have heard, FTP, what other adjective used, now predominantly associated with a sexual orientation?

\GAY\

10. If you watched a wire going from normal to superconducting, you probably wouldn't see anything terribly dramatic. Not so if you watched liquid helium go from normal to superfluid. Due to the nearly infinite thermal conductivity of the superfluid, what common behavior, FTP, ceases when the transition occurs?

\BOILING or BUBBLING\

11. "To be or not to be; that is the bare bodkin that makes calamity of so long life. For who would fardels bear, till Birnam Wood do come to Dunsinane, but that the fear of something after death murders the innocent sleep," is the start of Hamlet's soliloquy, at least according to the duke in , FTP, what novel?

\THE ADVENTURES OF HUCK FINN (prompt for more if TWAIN is given early) \

12. I assume all of you recall Ricardo Montalban cursing Kirk at the end of Star Trek II, The Wrath of Khan, saying "To the last I will grapple with thee; from hell's heart I stab at thee; for hate's sake, I spit my last breath at thee!" Great stuff, but not entirely original. FTP, what other ship's captain had uttered this curse some four centuries earlier?

\Captain Ahab (from Moby Dick by Melville) \

13. The magician David Copperfield could probably make 11 tons of uranium pitchblende disappear, but it took, FQTP, what famous scientist to replace it with 9 mg of pure radium?

\MARIE (or MADAME) CURIE (prompt for more on CURIE) \

14. The high point of this man's political career came when he was chosen to replace George Bush as top envoy to China, but he has also served as the governor of American Samoa. Since leaving that post, he had been held hostage in Iran, run a nightclub in Kuwait City, and married his aide-de-camp, Honey Huan. FTP, name this fictional version of Hunter S. Thompson.

\Raoul (Uncle) DUKE \

15. Chess, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstar, Chess, Evita, and the Lion King all feature work of, FTP, what hit lyricist?

\Tim RICE \

16. Everyone knows that Harold Godwinson lost the Battle of Hastings in 1066, falling with an arrow in his eye; but FQTP, what battle had he just won, defeating Harold Hadrada?

\STAMFORD BRIDGE \

17. The name's the same: the romantic leading man from "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum;" the romantic leading lady from "Much Ado About Nothing;" and the lady from Greek mythology whose lover drowned in the Dardanelles. FTP, what's the name?

\HERO \

18. FQTP, give to the nearest power of ten the number of seconds in a month.

\10 TO THE SIXTH or ONE MILLION \

19. Robert Vaughn, Charles Bronson, James Coburn, Steve McQueen, and Yul Brynner were five of the the actors in, FTP, what classic Western remake of Akira Kurasawa's classic film, "The Seven Samurai?"

\THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN \

20. Here's a quickie: HITECH, Crafty, Fritz, Cray Blitz, and Deep Thought are all, FTP, what?

\CHESS-PLAYING COMPUTERS (or PROGRAMS) \