100 Contests of Trivia

In celebration of Williams Trivia's 100th contest, we have compiled 1 question from each contest (and even one from a contest that didn't happen) into a single super bonus. For some of the oldest contests, the questions have been lost, so we have improvised. For all the others, the question is one that was actually asked on the air. We've included the song that was played with the question, because that's one thing that has been the same about Williams Trivia from (almost) the very beginning. The song may or may not help you answer the question.

Keep in mind that the answers to some questions may have changed since they were asked. Your answer should be what the answer should have been when the question was asked.

Spring '66: Frank Ferry

Question: Who was the winner of the first Trivia contest?

Answer: Garfield

Winter '66: Frank Ferry

Question: We hardly know anything about this contest. But if you do, tell us about it and receive full credit for this question.

Spring '67: Frank Ferry & WCFM

Question: What is significant about the music from this contest?

Answer: It is the first time that the "ask a question and play a song" format was used for

Williams College Trivia.

Winter '67: WCFM

Question: What unbreakable record was set by Carter House in this contest?

Answer: A streak of 3 consecutive wins.

Spring '68: Frank Ferry & WCFM

Question: What distinction does Morgan, the winner of this contest, hold?

Answer: First freshman team to win.

Winter '68: Morgan

Question: Name any one of Groucho Marx's 3 consolation prize questions on "You Bet Your LIfe."

Answer: Who's buried in Grant's Tomb?; What color is an orange?; How long do you cook a three-minute egg?

Spring '69: Carter (featuring Frank Ferry)

Question: This contest was the first to include a feature whereby competing teams could attempt to come up with trivia questions that would stump the hosting team. What was this feature called?

Answer: Challenge Trivia

Winter '69: Williams B

Question: Who played the hotel desk clerk in the movie "The Graduate"?

Answer: Buck Henry (who also wrote the screenplay) **Music:** "Goodbye Cruel World" by James Darren

Spring '70:

Question: There was no contest in May of 1970. Why not?

Answer: The student body called a general strike to protest the bombing of Cambodia

Winter '70: Agard Memorial Tube Team

Question: Who is Charlie Brown's baseball idol?

Answer: The great Joe Shlabotnik.

Music: "Stranded in the Jungle" by the Cadets

Spring '71: Grand Duchy of Fenwick

Question: What is the name of the mythical country in "The Mouse That Roared"?

Answer: The Duchy of Grand Fenwick.

Notes: Everyone promptly got this question WRONG, because a mistake was made by the

team in choosing its name, "the Grand Duchy of Fenwick."

Winter '71: Xanadu

Question: Here's one for all you fans who watch TV every night at 6: quote the opening lines to "Star Trek."

Answer: Space. The final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before.

Music: "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes" by Bobby Vee

Spring '72: Free Tumblers

Question: What is the last line in the movie "The Time Machine"?

Answer: He has all the time in the world.

Notes: The Free Tumblers' contest ended in the first-ever tie score in Williams trivia history. This sent the co-leaders, The Bayonnettes and The Grand Duchy of Fenwick, into a sudden death playoff. And death WAS sudden.... the Bayonnettes took the title on the very first overtime question and song. (The Grand Duchy missed both ends.) The incident passed into contest legend, particularly since the Bayonnette who came up with the trivia answer was John Sayles '72, described by one teammate as "basically having seen every movie ever made." Naturally, Sayles would go on to become a highly successful screenwriter and director. The incident passed into contest legend, particularly since the Bayonnette who came up with the trivia answer was John Sayles '72, described by one teammate as "basically having seen every movie ever made." Naturally, Sayles would go on to become a highly successful screenwriter and director.

Music: "Crying in the Chapel" by Sonny Till & the Orioles

Winter '72: Bayonettes

Question: This was the first trivia contest played by the longest tenured non-Williams

team... name that team! **Answer:** Manhattan Skyliners

Spring '73: Wham-o

Question: This team, which continues to play Trivia to this day, had victory snatched from their hands in the eighth hour by The Great Impostor, and finished in second place. Name them.

Answer: BOMO

Winter '73: The Great Impostor

Question: Name any one of the seven college basketball players who in their careers had averaged twenty points and twenty rebounds per game.

Answer: Elgin Baylor, Seattle, Walter Dukes, Seton Hall, Julius Erving, U. Mass, Artis Gilmore, Jacksonville, Bill Russell, San Francisco, Paul Silas, Creighton, Kermit Washington, American U.

Spring '74: BOMO

Question: Who was the young Marine who won \$12,000 on "Name That Tune"?

Answer: John Glenn.

Music: "Um, Um, Um, Um, Um, Um," by Major Lance

Winter '74: General Bumble

Question: Remember when Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are about to jump off the cliff into the river? Sundance says, "But I can't swim." What is Newman's reply?

Answer: "Are you crazy? The fall will probably kill you."

Music: "South Street," by the Orlons

Spring '75: House of Gee

Question: House of Gee had a "Pus Line" for players who wished to phone in with any complaints. What did you get when you called it?

Answer: North Adams' pre-recorded time and weather service

Winter '75: Son of Whamo

Question: Son of Whamo is one of two "sequel" teams to win the contest. What is the other?

Answer: Phasers On Stun: The Next Generation

Spring '76: General Bumble

Question: What is Casey Kasem's patented last line for every edition of his American Top 40?

Answer: Keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the stars.

Music: "Sunny" by Bobby Hebb

Winter '76: BOMO

Question: Who introduced Johnny Carson on his first night on "The Tonight Show"?

Answer: Answer: Groucho Marx. **Music:** "Everything I Own" by Bread

Spring '77: Buda Bear

Question: What was the original name of Chapin Hall, and what was the reason the name was changed?

Answer: Grace Hall— Grace was the first wife of the sponsor, and the second wife did not like that the building was named after Wife #1

Notes: The paper copy of Buda Bear's on-air questions lists answers and songs only. None of their questions are included. However, a combination of scribbled notations and some trivial knowledge has allowed us to reconstruct the content, if not the precise style or wording, of most Buda Bear questions.

Music: "I'll Be Back," by the Beatles

Winter '77: General Morgasm

Question: What are the four planets mentioned or visited or mentioned [sic] in Star Wars?

Answer: Tatooine, Alderaan, Yavin, and Dantooine.

Spring '78: Alphabet Soup

Question: Everyone knows that Maxwell Smart was Agent 86, and that Barbara Feldon played Agent 99, and that Max's shoe-phone was on his right foot. But, who was Yogi Bear's girlfriend?

Answer: Cindy Bear.

Music: "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," by the Andrews Sisters

Winter '78: BOMO

Question: From "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," we all know that when Brad and Janet were driving to Dr. Scott's, it was raining, and pendulous storm clouds hung low on the horizon, but that wouldn't keep the two young lovers from having their fun; it was a night out, a night to remember. We want to know what was playing on the car radio as they drove along?

Answer: Nixon's resignation speech.

Music: "Fire" by The Crazy World of Arthur Brown

Spring '79: Maximus Drott

Question: For what college does Bullwinkle play football?

Answer: Whatsamatta U.

Music: "Mama Said," by the Shirelles

Winter '79: Alphabet Soup

Question: Tug McGraw was once asked which surface he preferred, Grass or Astroturf?

What did McGraw answer?

Answer: "I've never smoked astroturf"

Music: "Grazin' in the Grass" by The Friends of Distinction

Spring '80: Pros from Dover

Question: Who was the only female athlete at the 1976 Olympics who was NOT given a

sex test?

Answer: Princess Anne (entered equestrian events). **Music:** "Polk Salad Annie," by Tony Joe White

Winter '80: Cunning Linguists

Question: At the 4am break for this contest, all songs were by the same artist. Which artist, and why?

Answer: John Lennon. He had been killed the night before.

Spring '81: Grape Nehi

Question: As we all know, "Saturday Night Live" has gone through many changes in the five years it's been on. Who is the only member of the current cast who has been on the show since its inception?

Answer: Don Pardo!

Music: "Another Saturday Night," by Sam Cooke

Winter '81: Phasers on Stun

Question: In the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," from where does the computer HAL get

its name?

Answer: The letters H-A-L precede the letters I-B-M, respectively.

Music: "Can't Get Next To You" by Temptations

Spring '82: Singleman Party

Question: What was unusual about the first ball thrown out for the 1982 baseball season?

Answer: It had gone into space on the space shuttle.

Music: "Space Race" by Billy Preston

Winter '82: Local 12

Question: We'd like the names of the last three winners of the Bobby Jones Open, played annually at the Tyrone Hills Golf Club in Fenton, Michigan...

Answer: Bobby Jones (everybody in the tournament is named Bobby Jones)

Music: "Lightning Strikes" by Lou Christie

Spring '83: Smedley Terrace

Question: During the 1970s, two artists released albums that had 4 Top Ten singles on them. Name the artists and the records.

Answer: Fleetwood Mac- "Rumours"; Michael Jackson- "Off the Wall."

Music: "Mercy. Mercy." by the Buckinghams

Winter '83: Phasers on Stun

Question: What was the last role Michael Dorsey's agent got for him, in the movie "Toot-

sie"?

Answer: As a tomato in a TV commercial.

Music: "Smoke from a Distant Fire" by Sanford-Townsend Band

Spring '84: Rule 6

Question: What two people starred in the 1959 General Electric Television play, "A Turkey

for President"?

Answer: Ronald and Nancy Reagan. **Music:** "Tracy" by The Cuff Links

Winter '84: Chicago 60609

Question: How did the first three drummers of Spinal Tap die?

Answer: 1. Bizarre gardening accident; 2. Choked on (someone else's) vomit; 3. Sponta-

neous combustion.

Music: "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man," by the Bob Seger System

Spring '85: Nasty Big Pointed Teeth

Question: What, according to "the Far Side," is the real reason the dinosaurs became ex-

tinct?

Answer: Smoking.

Music: "Misty," by Johnny Mathis

Winter '85: Wile E. Coyote, Super Genius

Question: Name the five original Avengers of Marvel Comics fame.

Answer: Hulk, Thor, Iron Man, Ant Man, and the Wasp.

Music: "Iron Man," by Black Sabbath

Spring '86: My Second Favorite Organ

Question: What award has the Bernhard Music Center won?

Answer: The "Cultural Building Concrete Award," in recognition of creative use of concrete

in New England.

Music: "Ray's Rockhouse," by Manhattan Transfer

Winter '86: Giant Pygmies of Beckles

Question: What are Africa's only three countries ruled by monarchies?

Answer: Morocco, Lesotho, and Swaziland.

Notes: The contest-deciding question that started the Tonga tradition.

Music: "Black Betty" by Ram Jam

Spring '87: We Begin Bombing in Five Minutes

Question: In the first episode of "WKRP in Cincinnati," what record was Dr. Johnny Fever playing, when he was informed that the station was changing format from easy listening to rock 'n roll?

Answer: "You're Having My Baby," by the Hallelujah Tabernacle Choir

Music: "Last Child" by Aerosmith

Winter '87: I Don't Have To Answer That Question

Question: What team's name appears on the trophy tonight's victor will receive (if Paul

will let go of it)?

Answer: Chicago 60609

Music: "Chicago," by Graham Nash

Spring '88: A Judo, A Chop-Chop-Chop

Question: You are walking down a New York City street, and someone walks up to you and says, "Kenneth, what is the frequency?" Who are you and what is about to happen to you?

Answer: Dan Rather, and you are about to get beaten to a bloody pulp.

Music: "Hustlin' Dan" by Bessie Smith

Winter '88: Silly Me, That's Not The Talking End

Question: How much more black could "Smell The Glove" be, according to Nigel?

Answer: None, none more black.

Music: "Paint It Black" by Echo and the Bunnymen

Spring '89: Leave the Gun, Take the Cannolis

Question: THREE-POINT PLAY For one point, name either of the following: 1) the largest margin of victory in trivia history (excluding such gimmicks as pinball scoring) and the team that achieved it; or 2) the smallest margin of victory in trivia history and the team that lost. For two points, name both.

Answer: Largest: 65 points – Leave the Gun, Take the Cannolis. Smallest: A Third of a Fifth of a Point (1/15th) – All the Sugar, Twice the Caffeine

Music: "Smoking Gun," by Robert Cray

Winter '89: Harry "Snapper" Organs

Question: What product advertises that it "whitens teeth as it freshens breath"?

Answer: Milk-Bone Dog Biscuits

Notes: Des Devlin believes this to be The Perfect Trivia Question. **Music:** "Smile A Little Smile For Me." by the Flying Machine

Spring '90: Son, You've Got a Panty On Your Head

Question: What Western military commander is generally credited with inventing germ

warfare?

Answer: Sir Jeffrey Amherst

Music: "Be True to Your School" by The Beach Boys

Winter '90: Oxygen Is for Losers

Question: Name 7 actors who have played James Bond in the movies

Answer: Sean Connery, Roger Moore, George Lazenby, Timothy Dalton, Peter Sellers, David

Niven, Woody Allen

Notes: The film "Casino Royale" featured 7 James Bonds. **Music:** "Casino Royale" by Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass

Spring '91: Five Is Right Out

Question: Babe Ruth, Billy Martin, and other drunken All-Stars are honored with plaques in Yankee Stadium's centerfield shrine. But which ex-Cardinal shares space with those Yankee legends, even though he never played one game in a Yankee uniform?

Answer: Pope John Paul II

Music: "Theme from 'A Summer Place'," by Percy Faith and his Orchestra

Winter '91: Phasers On Stun: The Next Generation

Question: What was Marge Simpson's last name before she consigned herself to marriage

with Homer? **Answer:** Bouvier

Music: "Unconditional Love" by Donna Summers and Musical Youth

Spring '92: Not Everyone Keeps Their Genitals In the Same Place

Question: Dave Barry frequently passes along valuable information in his column about important issues sent in by alert readers. Who alerted Dave to Beano, the anti-flatulence medicine for cows?

Answer: U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens

Music: "Break Like the Wind" by Spinal Tap

Winter '92: Phasers On Stun: The Next Generation

Question: Besides being vital cogs in the success of this question, what do the following people or items have in common: Barry Manilow, Jerusalem, Ping Pong, Michelangelo, Fu Manchu, April Fool's Day, Friday the 13th, Yankee Doodle, Holocaust, Lucifer, Autumn Leaves, and Splat?

Answer: All are evil, annoying computer viruses.

Notes: Actually took place in January '93 due to a huge snowstorm

Music: "Don't Bring Me Down," by ELO

Spring '93: Your Plastic Pal Who's Fun to Be With

Question: Who wrote "The Dynamics of Interbeing and Monological Imperatives in 'Dick

and Jane': A Study in Psychic Transrelational Gender Modes"?

Answer: Calvin, of Calvin and Hobbes

Music: "What's New, Pussycat?" by Tom Jones

Winter '93: The Purpose of the Military is to Kill People and Break Things

Question: The Little Mermaid has 6 sisters. Name 3 for 1 point, name them all for 2 points.

Answer: Aquata, Andrina, Arista, Atina, Adela, Alana

Music: "Watermark," by Enya

Spring '94: Oh No! Bette Midler

Question: How do you order Hooked on Phonics?

Answer: Call 1-800-ABCDEFG

Music: "The Look of Love (Part 1)" by ABC

Winter '94: How Dare They Challenge Us With Their Primitive Skills

Question: According to David Letterman, the movie Wayne's World earned even more money than what?

Answer: The gross national product of Tonga.

Music: "Deja Vu," by Dionne Warwick

Spring '95: Can't...Do...Plaid! (thud)

Question: On what TV show have Big Bill Shatner, Leonard "stop tweaking my ears" Nimoy, James "I kenna eat any faster" Doohan, and George "They cut my scene!" Takei all acted besides Star Trek?

Answer: The Twilight Zone

Music: "Paranoid" by Black Sabbath

Winter '95: Elvis Needs Boats

Question: Earlier this year, the Olympic committee announced that two new "sports" would be added to the roster at the Sydney Summer Olympics in 2000, though it has not yet been decided whether they will be exhibition events or full competition events. What are these two physical activities?

Answer: Surfing and Ballroom Dancing

Music: "Dancing Fool" by The Butthole Surfers

Spring '96: A Bunch of Mindless Jerks Who'll Be the First Up Against the Wall When the Revolution Comes

Question: In a "Simpsons" episode, Homer becomes the leader of a secret society called the Stonecutters. Name the members of the Stonecutters World Council from that episode. Name two for 1 point, four of them for 2 points.

Answer: Mr. T, Jack Nicholson, George Bush, and Orville Reddenbacher

Winter '96: We Make Holes in Teeth

Question: Give the names of Rocky Balboa's main four opponents in the five Rocky films.

Answer: Apollo Creed; Clubber Lang; Ivan Drago; Tommy Gunn

Music: "Killer Joe," by the Rocky Fellers

Spring '97: Gentle Tongue-Tongue, He Weeps for He Has But One Small Tongue With Which to Taste the World

Question: In the Schoolhouse Rock video short "I'm Just a Bill," what is the law proposed by Bill?

Answer: School buses must stop at railroad crossings.

Music: "The Tale of Mr. Morton" by Skee-Lo

Winter '97: Cthulu Matata

Question: Tell us the nicknames of all the Spice Girls.

Answer: Sporty Spice, Ginger Spice, Posh Spice, Baby Spice, & Scary Spice.

Notes: Cthulu Matata actually had the wrong answer for this question, misidentifying Geri

Halliwell as "Sexy Spice."

Music: "Birds of a Feather," by Tim Curry

Spring '98: A Dead Postman Doesn't Deliver Much Mail

Question: What were Fox Mulder and Samantha Mulder doing when Samantha was ab-

ducted by "mysterious forces"? **Answer:** Playing Stratego

Music: "Unmarked Helicopters" by Soul Coughing

Winter '98: At 200 Miles Per Hour, There Is No Diplomatic Immunity

Question: Identify the movie that contains the following line of dialogue: "The Claw is our

master! The Claw chooses who will go, and who will stay!"

Answer: Toy Story

Spring '99: I've Got Ives In My Pants

Question: In "Back to the Future", Marty (Michael J. Fox) goes back in time from the Twin Pine Mall parking lot. Upon his return to his own time, however, the name of the Mall has changed. What did it change to, and why?

Answer: When Marty goes back in time, the car runs over one of the two pines on the "twin pine ranch" Thus, only one tree survives, and the new name of the mall is "The Lone Pine Mall".

Music: "2000 Light Years from Home" by Sky Cries Mary

Winter '99: Pokemon Labolatories

Question: What do the following have in common: Soy sauce, Nyquil, Listerine, prune juice, S.S. Pierce vodka, Campbell's Tomato Soup, and Total Balance Complete Nutritional Drink?

Answer: They were part of this contest's Mystery Liquids Hour Bonus.

Spring '00: Make Way for Ducklings, Mother ***er

Question: What do the following have in common: New York, Japan, Milan, my love, your party, my hat, my shirt, my car, my cat, and THIS song?

Answer: They're all things that Right Said Fred is too sexy for.

Music: "Get Dancin" by Disco Tex & His Sex-O-Lettes

Winter '00: The Funk of 40,000 Years

Question: The ever-loveable Powerpuff Girls can all fly, they can all kick your ass, they all have heat vision, and they all look freaky with their big heads and tiny little bodies. However, each girl has a superpower unique to herself. For instance, Blossom can use her Ice Breath to freeze stuff. What is Bubbles' special power?

Answer: She can speak Spanish.

Music: "Buttercup (I'm a Supergirl)" by Shonen Knife

Spring '01: Holy Sack and the Resident Vomit Specialists

Question: What do the following have in common: stars, poo, food, Washington D.C.,

Crime and Punishment, Canada, and disorders?

Answer: They were the hour bonus topics for this contest.

Winter '01: I Say It's Duck Season and I Say Fire

Question: In 1997, Bill Clinton's State of the Union address was shown on many channels with a split screen so that the media could cover an event equally as important as the health of our great nation. What was it?

Answer: The verdict in the O.J. Simpson civil trial.

Music: "Ladykillers" by Lush

Spring '02: Neutered Vampires Who Cheat at Kitten Poker

Question: How did they come up with the name for the group "N*Sync"?

Answer: It is the last letter from the first name of each group member. [Lance Bass's first name is actually Lansten.]

Notes: You didn't know Lance was short for that, did you?

Music: "Backdoor Lover" by DuJour

Winter '03: Joanie Loves Trotsky

Question: On "Dawson's Creek" last season, what did Joey ask Dawson to do for her?

Answer: Fill out a peer recommendation for her Williams College application (yes, she ap-

plied to Williams!).

Music: "Here and Now" by Letters to Cleo

Spring '03: Night of the Dawn of the Day of the Son of the Bride of the Return of the Revenge of the Terror of the Attack of the Evil Mutant Hellbound Zombified Flesh-Eating Subhumanoid Living Dead Part IV

Question: What was Humphrey Bogart's real name?

Answer: Humphrey Bogart

Music: "The Real Slim Shady" by Eminem

Winter '04: Click Here to Get Huge

Question: Most players agreed it was worth waiting out the blizzard for the 1993 contest run by Phasers on Stun: The Next Generation, which featured the first sample food bonus, the fake Action, and the original Lit Slits bonus, among other treats. However, the group of people running the game inside WCFM was missing something. Something that every other team in contest history has had. What?

Answer: Any Williams College students or alumni. Although the Phasers team included several Ephs while winning in May 1992, all of them had vanished by hosting time.

Music: "You" by George Harrison

Spring '04: Mortal Wombat

Question: Who is the only non-Jedi/Sith Lord to use a light-saber in any of the Star Wars movies?

Answer: Han Solo (when cutting open the Tauntaun to keep warm in Empire Strikes Back)

Music: "Beast of Burden" by Bette Midler

Winter '05: Worker and Parasite

Question: What did the following names have in common in 2003: Chico, Elmo, Harpo,

Bingo, and Fabio?

Answer: They're all names Dory mistakenly calls Nemo (in "Finding Nemo").

Music: "Ocean Breathes Salty" by Modest Mouse

Spring '05: Deine Mutter ist Geekenvermachtstaffle

Question: Geraldo Rivera is so convinced of Michael Jackson's innocence that he has placed a wager on it. What has Geraldo vowed to do should Jackson be found guilty of child molestation?

Answer: He will shave off his mustache.

Music: "Talk Show Survivors" by Howie and the Hillcats

Winter '06: Gratuitous Use of the Word "Belgium"

Question: What location is mentioned on every track on the Beastie Boys' breakthrough

album, "Licensed To Ill"? **Answer:** White Castle.

Music: "Slide It In," by Whitesnake

Spring '06: Awesome Sauce: Grammar for *** Like You

Question: Not known for his good taste or political correctness, what actor of TV and the silver screen in a 1996 film referred to the inhabitants of Zanzibar as "Zanzibarbarians"?

Answer: Gonzo, of Muppet fame

Music: "Shiver My Timbers" by The Muppets

Winter '07: Suite, Suite Lovin'

Question: When he appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone, in what was the ever-humble

Kanve West attired?

Answer: A crown of thorns **Music:** "Crucify" by Tori Amos

Spring '07: Lay Men: JC Superstars: Take Me Caiaphas

Question: Which Care Bear is ironically best friends with Funshine Bear, despite Funshine

Bear's caring mission of helping people have fun?

Answer: Grumpy Bear

Music: "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow" by The Soggy Bottom Boys

Winter '08: The Ubernebulous Space Otters of Alpha Centauri

Question: In the third season finale of Grey's Anatomy, Christina knows Burke is gone because six items are missing from their apartment. Name three of the six items.

Answer: Trumpet, Eugene book collection, vinyls, cd's, grandmother's picture, lucky scrub cap

Music: "Keep Breathing" by Ingrid Michaelson

Spring '08: I'm Oxford (dot com) and friends

Question: On the TV show "Lost", what does Charlie's shoulder tattoo read? And where

does the idea for the tattoo come from?

Answer: "Living is easy with eyes closed" from Strawberry Fields Forever

Music: "Lady Madonna" by The Beatles

Winter '09: Stink Stank Stunk

Question: In November, Middlebury College in Vermont won its second straight champi-

onship in which sport? **Answer:** Quidditch

Music: "The Seeker" by The Who

Spring '09: Silence in the Hub

Question: What do Fountains of Wayne and The Sopranos have in common?

Answer: The Sopranos featured the Wayne, NJ patio furniture/lawn ornament store Foun-

tains of Wayne, from which the band got its name.

Music: "Danke Schoen" by Wayne Newton

Winter '10: Minnesota Pigpen

Question: Who is the only fictional character to be honored with an obituary in the New

York Times?

Answer: Hercule Poirot

Music: "Your Belgian Things" by The Mountain Goats

Spring '10: La Esponja Grande

Question: Famous titles, an album cover, "S"-words, Japan-US relations, and therapists all notably have what in common?

Answer: On SNL's "Celebrity Jeopady" sketches, Sean Connery has mispronounced them to make sexual puns. ("Famous titties," "Anal bum cover," "Swords," "Jap Anus Relations," and "The Rapists.")

Music: "Pretty Irish Girl" by Sean Connery

Winter '11: Return of the Large Hardon Collider: Harder Better Faster Stronger

Question: In the final game of the 2006 season, the Patriots' backup quarterback won the award for special teams player of the week for being the first person since 1941 to successfully do what?

Answer: Doug Flutie converted a drop kick in his final game against the Miami Dolphins.

Music: "I'm Shipping up to Boston" by Dropkick Murphys

Spring '11: The Ohio Players

Question: Some right wing blogs that wanted to expose Barack Obama as a dangerous socialist found their accusations blocked by the WordPress content filter. Was this another liberal conspiracy to silence the truth? Well, sure. But what was the even bigger reason WordPress censored accounts of Obama's socialism?

Answer: Because the word "socialism" contains the word "Cialis."

Music: "Easy To Be Hard" by Three Dog Night

Winter '12: Second Place Stars

Question: Zombie master George Romero got his start on TV in the 60s. On which scary

show did he first work?

Answer: Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.

Music: "Undone (The Sweater Song)" by Weezer

Spring '12: BOMO

Question: We all know that HTTP Error 404 stands for "Not Found". But what about

Error 418?

Answer: I'm a teapot.

Notes: According to Wikipedia, "This code was defined in 1998 as one of the traditional IETF April Fools' jokes, and is not expected to be implemented by actual HTTP servers.

However, known implementations do exist."

Music: "Tom's Diner" by Susanne Vega

Winter '13: Must Capture Moose and Squirrel

Question: Former White Sox outfielder Carlos May is the only man in the history of Major League Baseball to have what written on the back of his uniform?

Answer: His birthday. (Born on May 17, he wore number 17, and - like all players on the team - had his last name written above his number.)

Music: "Calendar Girl" by Neil Sedaka

Spring '13: Noumenal Yodeling

Question: What do a lie detector, jet-pack fuel, a Geiger counter, a xylophone, shark repellent, a roulette wheel and pool table, a washing machine, a water pump, a telegraph, a battery recharger, soap (made from plant fats), lead radiation suits and make-up, a helium balloon (made with rubber raincoats sewn together), and shark repellent have in common with each other but not with a seaworthy raft?

Answer: Objects improvised by the Professor on Gilligan's Island

Music: "Once in a Lifetime" by Talking Heads

Winter '14: Requiem for the Blue Civic

Question: In 1974 Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan installed a sculpture of a working pendulum with a 42-inch steel ball on the end of a cable. It was moved outside in 1995. Why was it abruptly removed and put in storage in September 2013?

Answer: Students had begun riding it naked, and filming their own versions of Miley Cyrus' Wrecking Ball video to be posted online.

Music: "Wrecking Ball" by King Wilkie

Spring '14: ANUSTART

Question: This accomplished fellow has been a mailman, a security guard, a pageant judge, a playboy, a hot dog vendor, a high school librarian, and a general - all in the course of the

last 15 years! Who is he?

Answer: Stan Lee, in just a few of his cameos from Marvel movies.

Music: "Please Mr. Postman" by The Marvelettes

Winter '15: Polar Vortex

Question: What do Henry Kissinger (1976), Whoopi Goldberg (1990), Nelson Mandela

(1996), and Pope John Paul II (2000) all have in common?

Answer: They are all honorary Harlem Globetrotters

Music: "Basketball" by Bow Wow

Spring '15: Freaky and the Fridays

Question: Courtney Love claims to have auditioned for the Mickey Mouse club how?

Answer: By reading a Sylvia Plath poem.

Music: "Lucky" by Britney Spears

Winter '16: Honey Bunches of Scrote

Question: For the first time since 1789 this group of French professionals were allowed to take vacations without first notifying authorities in August of 2015. However this resulted in mass shortages throughout Paris. Who are these professionals?

Answer: Bakers, specifically of baguettes **Music:** "Panis Et Circenses" by Os Mutante

Spring '16: Taha Noa Noa

Question: Tonga! Question number one in our contest... forever number one in our hearts... and now the nation of Tonga is #1 in the entire world! Tell us how!

Answer: It's the world's fattest country. (By average weight.)

Music: "We Are A Crowd" by The Lonely Island