

TRIVIA QUESTIONS – P.J. MORELLO '72 & RICH LEVY '74
[Final, 5-15-2020 (with some post-contest supplement comments)]

For the May 15, 2020 Williams Online Trivia Contest

Your hosts for this segment: P.J. Morello '72 and Rich Levy '74.

RL, coming to you from Bulkley Street in Williamstown, just off a very deserted Williams College campus, and not far from site of the old WCFM studios from which the Trivia Contest came out over the radio waves for so many years.

Regrettably, PJ is unable to join me on the air tonight because of equipment difficulties, but I know he is listening closely out there and will keep me honest from afar.

Our questions are designed to meet the overarching measure of merit for inclusion as questions in the Trivia contests: They must generate “megatons of nostalgia.” Otherwise they are mere minutiae.

We'll try to give a flavor of what the Trivia Contest was like in "the good old days" – what we think of as the Golden Age of Williams Trivia: Broadcast over WCFM radio; dial phones (rotary in our day); no cell phones, computers, internet. It was designed to be a memory contest, not a "google" contest. As P.J. reminisces about the Contest, “Armed only with the memory of a misspent childhood and an index finger, we dared to spend 8 grueling hours scoffing at the upcoming prospect of exam week. Hah !”

We've got 10-12 questions, depending on time, plus a Bonus and Action Trivia question.

BONUS QUESTION:

Q: Please list the complete contents of the survival kit in the 1964 movie "Dr. Strangelove."

Our first three questions pay homage to the victorious Williams Trivia teams of the early 1970s on which one or both of us played:

Q.1: In the 1961 film *The Great Imposter*, what was the name of the lead character, played by Tony Curtis?

A: Ferdinand Waldo Demara.

SONG: The Great Pretender – The Platters

COMMENT: The Great Imposer was the team, with both P.J. and Rich, won the Spring 1973 contest. Its members included many who had competed with the Bayonnettes (Spring 1972 contest winners) and, previously, the Agard

Memorial Tube Team. This question was the first one asked by The Great Imposter when it ran the Spring 1973 contest.

SUPPLEMENTAL POST-CONTEST COMMENT, 5-18-2020: Ferdinand Waldo Demara was a famous imposter of the 1930s, '40s and '50s. He successfully impersonated persons in a wide range of pursuits, including: an assistant prison warden, a sheriff's deputy, a newspaper editor, and a surgeon in the Royal Canadian Navy (in which successfully performed many procedures, while losing none of the patients).

Q.2: In the 1941 movie classic *Citizen Kane*, when the newsreel about Charles Foster Kane is shown a couple of lines of verse are flashed on the screen. What were those lines?

A: "In Xanadu did Kubla Khan, a stately pleasure dome decree."

SONG: Walk Like A Man – The Four Seasons

COMMENT: Xanadu, with which Rich completed, won the Spring 1971 contest. This question is based on the very first question asked by Xanadu when it ran the Dec. 1971 contest. And as Ephs will know, the phrase is also the first line of the famous poem Kubla Khan, by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Q.3 What is the last line in the movie *The Time Machine*?

A: "We have all the time in the world."

SONG: Crying in the Chapel - Sonny Till and the Orioles

COMMENT: At the end of regulation time the Spring 1972 contest, The Bayonnettes, led by John Sayles '72 and P.J.'72, and on which Rich completed, were tied with the Grand Duchy of Fenwick, with The Bayonnettes having rallied from being down at halftime to put together a perfect second half. The contest went to the first sudden-death overtime. Within a matter of seconds, Sayles knew the answer to the question, and after a false start PJ magically came up the name and artist of the song. Duchy missed both. Trivia legends, a magical moment.

SUPPLEMENTAL POST-CONTEST COMMENT, 5-18-2020: In the stairwell of the then-Greylock Dining Hall, immediately following the end of the contest on the way to breakfast, The Bayonnettes sang their anthem:

"Down in Bayonne, dey got dem bars,
Da bums dey come, from near and from far,
Dey come by bus, dey come by car,
Da rosy bums, of New Joisey."

The line "We have all the time in the world" also had factored into a later film. In the 1969 James Bond film, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, starring Australian actor George Lazenby as James Bond (Agent 007) after Sean Connery decided to retire from the role, Bond falls in love with the mysterious and beautiful Contessa Teresa (nickname, Tracy), played by Diana Rigg. The love theme is the music to a song composed for the film,

entitled "We Have All the Time In the World," by John Barry (who composed music for many of the Bond films) with lyrics by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. At the end of the film, as the couple is driving down the coast just after their wedding, Bond and Tracy come under fire from the villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld, and Tracy is killed. As Bond holds his lifeless wife's body to his chest, a motorcyclist driver pulls up and asks if they need help. Bond responds that all is OK, saying: "We have all the time in the world" As the credits roll, the love theme is played again, with the lyrics sung by Louis Armstrong, proving that this famous line can end two films when merely spoken and one film when sung.

Now for a good example of early action trivia.

ACTION BONUS QUESTION:

Come down to the radio station and show us how to do The Teaberry Shuffle, from the TV advertisement for Clark's Teaberry Gum.

And we'll give you extra credit if you tell us the name of the song used for the jingle, and the group who recorded it?

SQ.: What was Chico Marx's favorite flavor of ice cream?

A: Tootsie Frootie.

SONG: Tutti Frutti – Little Richard.

COMMENT: Homage to Little Richard – R.I.P., Ricard Penniman, born 1932 (40 years before P.J.'s graduation). Died, May 9, 2020, less than a week before this contest. Inducted into the inaugural class of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, 1986. First top ten hit: Tutti Frutti, which reached # 2 on the 1955 Billboard Rhythm & Blues chart.

Q:5: What were the opening lines to each episode of the original *Star Trek* TV series?

A: Forever vexing grammarians with its immortal split infinitive "Space, the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Star Ship Enterprise. Its five year mission: To explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations [third "i" pronounced as a long "i"], to boldly go where no man has gone before."

SONG: Telstar – The Tornados

SUPPLEMENTAL POST-CONTEST COMMENT, 5-18-2020: Telstar was recorded in 1962, the year that the Telstar communications satellite went into service, providing the first live TV connection across the Atlantic. The first public demonstration of the satellite's capacity was an international broadcast shown in the United States and Europe.

Q.6. In the 1955 film *Mr. Roberts*, starring Henry Fonda and Jack Lemmon, what phrases were written on the two souvenir pillows that Ensign Pulver intended to use to seduce Betsy Palmer:

A: (1). Toujours L'Amour, Souvenir of San Diego, Oh You Kid
(2). Tonight or Never, Compliments of the American Harvester Company, We Plow Deep While Others Sleep

SONG: Tears on my Pillow – Little Anthony and The Imperials

Q.7: Off what pitcher did Roger Maris hit his 60th homer in 1961?

A. "Fat" Jack Fisher, of the Baltimore Orioles, on Sept. 26, 1961. [5 days later, Maris hit # 61 off Tracy Stallard of the Boston Red Sox]

SONG: See You In September, by the Tempos

Q.8 How did James Bond (Agent 007) prefer his martini?

A: Shaken, not stirred.

SONG: Goldfinger – Shirley Bassey

COMMENT: *Goldfinger* was the first Bond film in which that phrase was spoken (1964).

Q.9. On *The Andy Griffith Show*, what did Barney Fife keep in the shirt pocket of his deputy's uniform?

A: A bullet.

SONG: Stagger Lee – Lloyd Price

Q.10: In the 1953 movie "Titanic", starring Clifton Webb and Barbara Stanwyck, there is a scene in which a group of young men and women are gathered around a piano singing a song at the moment the ship hits the iceberg? What was the song?

A: The Williams College fight song, "Yard By Yard."

SONG: Catch A Wave - The Beach Boys

COMMENT: As you will recall, they sang, "Yard by Yard, we'll find a way through Amherst's line, and we'll fight for dear old...." At that moment - CRASH! Cut to the deck where a crewman yells out, "Iceberg!" Among the persons singing was a very young Robert Wagner. Charles Brackett '1915 produced the film and also wrote the screenplay, for which he received an Academy Award. PS - A bit earlier, shortly before the fateful moment, the same group is seen on screen signing the fight song of Amherst College "Lord Jeffrey Amherst", complete with the pronunciation of the long H.

Q.11: What was the last line of the original King Kong?

A: "No, it wasn't the airplanes. 'Twas beauty killed the beast."

SONG: Since I Fell For You – Lennie Welch

Q.12. In the fifth contest run by Carter House in Spring 1968, Morgan won with 166 points. This was a question asked in that contest: What did Patricia Neal say to the robot Gort to prevent it from destroying the world, after Michael Rennie had been killed in the original *The Day the Earth Stood Still*?

A: "Gort, klaatu barata niku."

SONG: Flying Purple People-Eater – Sheb Wooley
(An appropriate name for a song played in for the Williams Trivia Contest.)

ANSWER TO ACTION BONUS QUESTION:

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[SONG: Mexican Shuffle – Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass (from their 1964 album *South of the Border*)

FINALLY, THE ANSWER TO BONUS QUESTION

Answer to
Speaking of megatons of nostalgia ...

Q: Please list the *complete* contents of the survival kit in the 1964 movie "Dr. Strangelove."

A: One .45-caliber pistol, 2 boxes of ammunition, 4 days concentrated rations, 1 medical kit (including antibiotic pills, vitamin pills, pep pills, sleeping pills, tranquilizers and morphine), 1 combination Russian dictionary/Bible, 100 dollars in rubles, 100 dollars in gold, 9 packages of gum, 3 pairs of nylons, and 1 box of prophylactics. (A feller could sure have a good weekend in Vegas with this stuff.)

COMMENT: This list was delivered by Slim Pickens, playing Air Force B-52 pilot Maj. J.T. "King Kong." The last line was originally filmed as "a feller could sure have a good weekend in the Big D with this stuff", referring to Dallas, Texas, but was changed to Vegas because of the JFK assassination several months before the film's release.

Talk about the megatonnage of nostalgia from this film–

Remember James Earl Jones as the bombardier, who couldn't get the bomb bay doors to open? So down goes Pickens as Major Kong, who sees the electric short jamming the bomb bay doors, climbs onto one of the A-bombs and kicks

open the doors, at which point the bomb drops and he rides off into oblivion. Cut to the war room in Washington – Strangelove stands up from his wheelchair, and yells, “Mein Fuhrer, I can vae!” Roll the A-bomb explosion sequence, during which you hear this:

[Play “We’ll Meet Again”]

Of course, that was “We’ll Meet Again”, a World War II-era recording by the British singer Vera Lynn.

It has been a lot of fun, collaborating with PJ and presenting this first hour.

And I do hope we will all meet again some sunny day.

Until then, Happy Trails to You, Good Night and Good Luck.
From the realm of radio, Kasey Kasem would say,
“Keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the stars.”

From the Purple Valley, Ephs will say,
“Climb high, climb far. Your goal the sky, your aim the star.”

So, I’ll hand it over now to Allie Gardner and Andrea Currie.