Williams Trivia Contest Winter 2010
"We Have Your Contest"

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From the Land of Sky Blue Waters...

1. What "beer refreshing" Minnesota beer was from the land of sky blue waters?

2. In the movie, Juno, what Minnesota city does Bren refer to as "East Jesus Nowhere?"

3. What Minnesota movie opens with courtroom scenes shot at the Stearns County Courthouse?

4. What breaking news event was first reported by Duluth, Minnesota TV anchor and mortician Dennis Anderson on 10 November 1975?

5. A Minnesota museum holds what artifact that some scholars believe shows the Knights Templar were in the New World before Columbus and the Vikings?

6. Rose Nyland tells the other golden girls all about lutefisk, lefse and Lutheranism back in her hometown. Name that mythical Minnesota town.

7. Senator Al Franken might have looked into a mirror before being sworn in and told himself "I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it, people like me." What Franken character would he have been channeling?

8. Which Minnesota business claims to be the largest professional dinner theater in America?

9. What environmental legend is immortalized by a 26-foot tall statue in "The Icebox of the Nation"?

10. Born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, what Hollywood legend was born Frances Gumm?

11. Hayden Fox coached the football team at Minnesota State University. What is the team's nickname?

12. What fictional character is immortalized in bronze outside Macy's department store on 7th and Nicollet in downtown Minneapolis?

13. Born Herbert B. Khaury, what Minnesota-born ukulele musician died after suffering a heart attack on stage?

14. What artist got his big break, playing a Moorhead, Minnesota gig as the replacement for Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper after their plane went down?

15. What was tattooed on Minnesotan Seann William Scott's back in "Dude Where's My Car?"

16. Born a Horowitz, what actress was named after a Minnesota city near her family's home?
17. Known as the longest freshwater sandbar, 6-mile long "Park Point" is connected to the city of Duluth, Minnesota by what historic structure?

18. Bullwinkle and Rocky live in what fictional Minnesota town?

19. What former wrestler/actor delivered the line "I ain't got time to bleed" before he was elected Minnesota Governor?

20. What Minnesota actor was famously unseen as Rhoda Morgenstern's doorman and as the voice of Garfield the Cat?

21. What Minnesota city's high school teams are known as "the Flyers" after hometown hero Charles Lindbergh?

22. What televangelist -- famously known for her love of mascara -- recounted her days growing up in International Falls, Minnesota in her book "I Gotta Be Me"?

23. Public radio star and humorist Garrison Keillor gained fame by recounting life in what fictional Central Minnesota town?

24. Norm Gunderson tells his wife -- the Brainerd police chief -- that his mallard painting will be displayed on what denomination of duck stamp?

25. What Minnesota actor played the character Matt Dillon in five separate decades?

26. What's the last name of the Minnesota identical twins who model together in Abercrombie and Fitch and other fashion forward catalogs?

27. Who is the 2009 American League most valuable player?

28. Comic strip legend Charles Schulz started his famous Peanuts comic strip in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1947 under what title?

29. What's the name of the Saturday Night Live homage to Minnesota actor Richard Dean Anderson's famous secret agent Angus MacGyver?

30. Dig if you will a picture, of Prince "The Kid" engaged in a gig. What famous Minneapolis bar is prominently featured in "Purple Rain"?

31. More people visit what shopping mall each year than any other in the world?

32. One of the Monty Pythoners wasn't English. In fact, he was born Minnesotan. Name him.

33. What Broadway musical was workshopped and debuted in Minneapolis' Orpheum Theatre before moving to Broadway in the fall of 1997?
34. What company sponsors the National Teen Princess Pageant in "Drop Dead Gorgeous"?

35. It was in a University of Minnesota neighborhood that Robert Zimmerman vanished. Instead, the folk singer started calling himself what name?

36. What Central Minnesota-native director is known to return home, sneak into movie theaters and watch his own movies like "The Mummy," "Van Helsing" and "G.I. Joe" with unsuspecting audiences?

37. Ronald Reagan won every state in the 1984 presidential election except for which state?

38. This International Falls, Minnesota hockey star made good -- becoming an NHL coach for the Sharks, Penguins, Devils and now Aeros. Name him.

39. Who did the "miracle" US Olympic hockey team -- led by Minnesotan Herb Brooks -- beat to win the gold medal in 1980?

40. What Minneapolis duo is responsible for much of Janet Jackson's success and were a driving force in the "Minneapolis sound"?

41. What company has been cranking out "Nut Goodies," "Salted Nut Rolls," "Mint Patties," and "Bun Bars" for 100 years?

42. What is the last of the lower 48 states to get a Target Store?

43. Bemidji and Brainerd -- both in Minnesota -- have huge statues honoring Paul Bunyan. But the city of Hackensack honors Paul's girlfriend with a big statue. What's her name?

44. Who caught Brett Favre's first pass as a Green Bay Packer?

45. Some German Catholics show their reverence for the Blessed Virgin Mary by creating homemade grottoes in their front yards. They surround their BVMs by sinking what in the ground, creating a shrine?

46. What Austin, Minnesota product was first known as "spiced ham"?

47. The mighty Mississippi River begins as an outlet for what Minnesota lake?

48. According to Minnesota license plates, how many lakes are there in the state?

49. Outside of Alaska, what is the name of the only part of America to be located north of the 49th parallel?

50. What term is used to characterize the non-confrontational, polite friendliness of America's 32nd state?
51. In what year did Minnesotans celebrate their statehood centennial?

52. What great fort was built in Minnesota at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers?

53. What high political office was Hubert Humphrey elected to before becoming a Senator from Minnesota?

54. What three national flags flew over the land that is now Minnesota before the flag of the United States?

55. What unit incurred the highest casualty rate of any in the Civil War?

56. Who was the first Territorial Governor of Minnesota (HINT: the county in which the state capitol stands today was named for him)?

57. Longfellow's poem, "The Song of Hiawatha" begins with:
   By the shores of Gitche Gumee,
   By the shining Big-Sea-Water
   Stood the wigwam of Nokomis"

   What do we call Gitche Gumee today?

58. Again, from Longfellow's poem, Minnehaha belonged to what tribe?

59. In 1861, Henry David Thoreau spent the summer traveling through Minnesota. As he described it he was "away in the far North-West in search of" what?

60. In 1914, two enterprising Hibbing-area residents offered roundtrip rides in their Hupmobile from Hibbing to Alice, MN. What is the name of this business as we know it today?

61. The theft of what item started the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862 in Minnesota?

62. What was the name of the Dakota Chief who led the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862?

63. What disease is treated by the Minnesota Model?

64 to 75: Please give us the name of the Minnesota city or town where each of these Minnesota marvels is located.
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