

Steven's Ill-conceived, Ludicrous Vanity Expedition Reaping Many Answers and Negs (SILVERMAN)

1. This man won the AL MVP award after a season in which he hit 43 home runs, which tied for second in the league with Frank Thomas. The next season, he put up an OPS+ of 199 and managed a career-high 47 doubles, but his team lost in the first round of the postseason despite his efforts. This player implicated in the (*) BALCO scandal finished his career with the Cleveland Indians and holds the record for oldest player to hit a walk-off home run. This man replaced Mark McGwire at first base upon the latter's trade to the Cardinals, but signed as a free agent with the Yankees five years later. For 10 points, name this outfielder, also known for his tenure with the Oakland Athletics, and the older brother of Jeremy.

ANSWER: **Jason Giambi** [prompt on "Giambi"; do not accept or prompt on "Jeremy Giambi"]

2. This song was used a year after its initial release in the Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello movie *Back to the Beach*. It's not "Helter Skelter", but the singer of this song exclaims "I've got blisters on my fingers!" at its conclusion in an apparent parody. The band that recorded this song, The Edge of Etiquette, intentionally used the worst quality recording equipment they could find to achieve a more authentic sound. This song's lyrics state that (*) "we're all bloody worthless" and "the only choice we're given is how many megatons" before repeating the title lyric. The person playing this song through his boombox flips off a character who asks him to stop playing it shortly before being rendered unconscious. For 10 points, name this song played by a punk on a San Francisco city bus in *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* until he is neck-pinched by Spock.

ANSWER: **I Hate You** (accept answers indicating *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* and the "punk on the bus" scene until mentioned)

3. Description acceptable. The first time this action was performed, its doer was subsequently hunted by Hermann Goering. One performance of this action was done by someone wearing an orange "Coney Island Baths" jumpsuit. The performer of one instance of this action finds a cave full of treasure that is quickly (*) claimed by his traveling companion, rather than "all the clams" they had initially been searching for. One instance of this action is succeeded by its performer exclaiming, "Hey, just a cotton-pickin' minute!" when he discovers he is not, in fact, in the Coachella Valley and the "big carrot festival therein," but rather in a Spanish bullfighting ring. For 10 points, name this action in which a cartoon rabbit is unable to navigate properly.

ANSWER: **Bugs** Bunny not taking a left **turn** at **Albuquerque** [accept similar; prompt on incomplete answers]

4. Description acceptable. Some researchers believe that William Edward White was really the first person to do this, while others believe Moses Fleetwood Walker was the first. However, neither of those men is popularly believed to be the first to perform this action. One person to achieve this feat played college football with another person who was the first modern player to achieve this feat in a different sport; those men both attended (*) UCLA. Chuck Cooper, Nat Clifton, and Earl Lloyd performed this action together in 1950. One person who did this in 1958 played for the Boston Bruins that year and spent most of his career in the NHL; that man was Willie O'Ree. For 10 points, name this action performed by Kenny Washington for the Los Angeles Rams in 1946 and Jackie Robinson for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

ANSWER: **integrate** a professional sports league; accept descriptive answers involving being the **first African-American** or **first black player** in a league; accept specific leagues like "MLB," "NHL," "NBA," or "NFL"; accept **desegregation**; accept "breaking the **color barrier**" or "breaking the **color line**"

5. This word is the last in the title of a song that states "life's for living; yeah, that's our philosophy" and that "you got women, you got women on your mind." Another song with this word in its title has a music video with both the singer and Jaime King jumping off of cliffs. That song is from its writer's second album, (*) *Born to Die*. The most famous song titled for this word includes the line "your daddy's rich and your ma is good-lookin'" and was once recorded by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong. This is the last word in the title of Mungo Jerry's greatest hit. For 10 points, name this word that appears with "Sadness" in the title of a Lana del Rey song, as well as a George Gershwin standard that originally appeared in *Porgy and Bess*.

ANSWER: **Summertime** [do not accept or prompt on "summer"]

6. This thinker has trouble following one of Kant's arguments on conditions for the possibility of experience. This academic authored a paper subtitled "A Study in Psychic Transrelational Gender Modes" about the "Dick and Jane" characters. This artist who worked in such diverse mediums as snow and sidewalk chalk described (*) comic strips as "commercial hack work" and "low art." This polymath described his art style as

“avant-garde post-modern” while wrestling with “embrac[ing] commercialism” in a dialogue that his creator intended as a reflection of his own internal struggles with syndication and licensing. For 10 points, name this inventor of a combination time machine, duplicator, and transmogrifier who was created by Bill Watterson and who is rarely seen without his tiger, Hobbes.

ANSWER: Calvin

7. This man’s uncle described him as “like someone starved a virgin to death.” This man’s biological father was once part of a militia in the Ozark Mountains. This man repeatedly analogized his work life to situations in Julia Roberts movies. He once described the saying “bros before hos” as “sexist, but about friendship.” This man sometimes speaks perfect German in his sleep. This man repeatedly asks passersby “which one? Which one?” when attempting to (*) pivot. Later, he was apprehended by a police officer for illegally possessing Adderall, which had originally belonged to a minor. Upon seeing this man, Russ Hanneman immediately declares, “this guy fucks!” For 10 points, name this former Hooli executive who quit to work for competitor Pied Piper instead.

ANSWER: Jared (Donald) Dunn [from *Silicon Valley*; accept any underlined part]

8. A gigantic tree serves as a natural bridge across a cliff gap known as “The Abyss” in this series; that gap had earlier been spanned by a makeshift bridge that fell when it was burned. In keeping with this series’ rich descriptions of the food its characters eat, a companion cookbook to this series was published. A bell in this series’ namesake location was constructed by Joseph and is used to kill (*) Cluny the Scourge before being recast into two smaller bells. Other than the namesake place, Salamandastron mountain is the most frequented stronghold in this series. Acronymically named organizations called the Guosim and Corim operate “in Mossflower” in this series. For 10 points, name this series of children’s novels about woodland animals living in a namesake Abbey, written by Brian Jacques.

ANSWER: Redwall

9. An ancient version of this may have been produced by the Hallstatt civilization, which preceded La Tène in central Europe. The Falkirk version of this is the earliest known instance of it in the country with which it is most commonly associated today. The Dress Act of 1746 banned wearing clothing made of this in the United Kingdom. Minerva McGonagall often wore dressing gowns of this type. The Royal (*) Stewart is by far the most famous example of this. The athletic teams at Carnegie Mellon University are somewhat head-scratchingly nicknamed for this. For 10 points, name this multicolor Scottish fabric pattern, consisting of horizontal and vertical lines crossing each other, and often known as plaid.

ANSWER: tartan [prompt on “plaid” before mention]

10. David Wingate was the leading scorer for the losing side in this game, putting up 17 points. This game was the last ever college basketball game without a shot clock. The starting point guard for the winning team in this game maintains that he was not on cocaine during it, though he admitted to using the drug prior to his team’s victory over Memphis State in the previous round. A teammate of that man with a similar last name ended this game (*) lying on the floor with the ball clutched in one hand and his other fist raised; those men are Gary McLain and Dwayne McClain. Harold Jensen came off the bench to lead the winning team in scoring in this game with 14 points, though his six turnovers infuriated coach Rollie Massimino. For 10 points, name this game, Patrick Ewing’s last college appearance and one of the biggest upsets in sports history, in which one Catholic Big East school defeated another.

ANSWER: 1985 NCAA men’s national championship basketball game [accept answers mentioning Villanova-Georgetown, basketball, and either a national championship or 1985; prompt on “The Perfect Game”]

11. This song was often played at Philadelphia Eagles games in the early 2000s after a certain player secured an interception, most notably in a 2006 playoff game against the Dallas Cowboys. The title character of this song pauses “just long enough/to grab a handle off the top” and will be “makin’ like a bee line/headin’ for the border line.” The B-side on the single version of this song, (*) “We’re All Alone,” later reached the top ten when recorded by Rita Coolidge. This song’s title figure “missed the boat” but “ain’t comin’ back,” and decides that “one more job ought to get it.” For 10 points, name this single from the album *Silk Degrees*, one of the most famous songs recorded by Boz Scaggs.

ANSWER: Lido Shuffle

12. The center portion of this work is duplicated in level 16 of the Minclip.com game Smashing. Harry Beck is credited with the initial design for this, though it has evolved greatly in the 86 years since. Sections of this work depicted in green, black, and dark blue have remained the same color in all iterations of this since 1933. (*) A river was removed from a version of this produced in 2009, but public outcry resulted in its reinstatement. The best known version of this work is topological rather than entirely accurate, forgoing precision to better display relevant information: namely, the relative locations of stations and interchanges. Albus Dumbledore claims to have a scar above his left knee that looks very similar to this thing. For 10 points, name this iconic depiction of a British city's mass transit system.

ANSWER: the Tube map or London Underground map (The District, Northern, and Piccadilly lines are the colors mentioned.)

13. One mission in the single-player campaign for this game requires the player to take out a base on a fungal tree, while another involves capturing both the embassy and central plazas. Players of this game can earn medals like "Technician" and "Frenzy" to obtain in-game benefits by performing specific actions. One extremely difficult objective in this game involves protecting (*) bookcases from being destroyed by the enemy. This game added capture the flag, hunt, and hero assault modes to its predecessor. AI units in this game often repeat extremely memeable lines like "just like the simulations!" and "watch those wrist rockets!" For 10 points, name this video game that shares its name with an upcoming 2017 version made by EA, but is sure to be far, far superior.

ANSWER: Star Wars: Battlefront II [do NOT accept or prompt on "Star Wars: Battlefront"]

14. This event began with one man hailing a cab to the West London Air Terminal before taking a bicycle to his final destination. A man who journeyed to Madagascar during this event had earlier counted to one thousand in Spanish, and subsequently requested a plane ticket to (*) Budapest. That man was described by a commentator of this event as a "delving dago" and a "perspicacious Paraguayan" shortly before finding key inspiration in a trash can in the Tagus Valley. For 10 points, name this sporting event which ended in a tie after roughly 22 years and four months, after Francisco Huron found Don Roberts hiding in a cave in Sardinia in exactly the same time Roberts had found Huron.

ANSWER: the Olympic hide-and-seek final [accept answers indicating hide-and-seek and Monty Python]

15. One resident of this location is taunted by boys singing how "silly old [this resident] fell in a ditch, all on a Monday morning" after his attempt to avoid work backfires. Two clergymen who visit this location find a resident who had been missing for many years and bring him home to his friends. That resident's patron, (*) "His Grace," is the Earl of this location, though he is usually known by another title. Jem Cole convinces a vicar to rescue another resident of this location. Another resident whose real name is Montague is commonly known as "Duck" for the waddling way in which he moves. For 10 points, name this island in the Irish Sea near the Isle of Man, home to the Small, Thin, and Fat Controllers, as well as numerous engines such as Gordon and Thomas.

ANSWER: the Island of Sodor [antiprompt on things like "The Fat Controller's railway" and "Thomas's railway"]

16. Part of the mystique around this event is enhanced by a podcast named for Ricky Sanchez. Henry Sims and Furkan Aldemir played minor roles in this event. The chief architect of this event penned a 13-page resignation letter before leaving his most famous post to become a lecturer at (*) Stanford. This event included a trade for Jason Thompson, Carl Landry, several draft picks, and a player whose nickname is a result of a stenographer's error. One man nicknamed for this event has repeatedly utilized Twitter in an attempt to date Rihanna; that man is Joel Embiid. For 10 points, name this philosophy espoused by the Philadelphia 76ers under Sam Hinkie, who exhorted fans to "trust" it.

ANSWER: The Process [prompt on "Joel Embiid"]

17. The instance of this element on *Silver Bullet* dominates the main entrance to Knott's Berry Farm. It's not a heartline roll, but this element is the penultimate one on *Hydra: The Revenge* at Dorney Park. The Norwegian Loop on *Fahrenheit* at Hersheypark is immediately followed by one of these elements; the only other one of these elements at that park is found on (*) Sidewinder. Cedar Point's *Raptor* was the first inverted coaster to feature this element. The Batwing is the inverse of this element. This is the first post-drop element on Vekoma Boomerangs. For 10 points, name this roller coaster thrill element in which the train undergoes a half loop, half corkscrew, opposing half corkscrew, and another half loop.

ANSWER: cobra roll [grudgingly prompt on "Boomerang" before mentioned]

18. This actor played the man dressed as Father Christmas who stabs Simon Pegg's character at the beginning of *Hot Fuzz*. This man's likeness was used for a recent depiction of a character named Bungo, who appeared in a portrait next to his wife Belladonna. In the 2005 remake of (*) *King Kong*, this man played the biplane pilot who is finally able to kill the title gorilla. In another role, he played a corsair captain who took an arrow to the chest after only a few seconds of screen time. This man appeared in two films as Albert Dreary, a man who notably eats a carrot on two occasions, both while drunkenly wandering about Bree. For 10 points, name this director who is overly fond of cameos and helmed, in addition to lots of far less famous things, the *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

ANSWER: Peter Jackson [yes, that one]

19. One song on this album samples the opening track and states that "it's here inside, right here inside"; that song is "My Destination." That opening track was the only number-one single for the band who released this album, which also contains a brief instrumental interlude, "A New World." Another instrumental song on this album has three subparts and leads into the next song on this album; those songs are "The Launch" and (*) "Cool the Engines." The singer of the first track on this album states that "I don't think I can hide what I'm feeling inside" and that "I'm gonna say it like a man/and make you understand" before addressing the title woman. For 10 points, name this album that spawned the single "Amanda," Boston's aptly-named third release.

ANSWER: Third Stage

20. Two consecutive first-quarter drives in this game ended with unsuccessful field goal attempts, one due to a Mike Horan fumbled snap and the other an Al Del Greco miss. The winning quarterback in this game completed only one pass in the fourth quarter, but it went for a 73-yard touchdown; he also set Super Bowl records for passing yards and pass attempts without an interception. The play (*) immediately before the most famous one in this game included a lengthy quarterback scramble that eventually resulted in a 16-yard completion. Tight end Frank Wycheck was used in a decoy route in the most famous play in this game. For 10 points, name this Super Bowl which ended with Kevin Dyson being tackled by Mike Jones, One Yard Short of a game-tying touchdown.

ANSWER: Super Bowl XXXIV [accept answers mentioning all of the Super Bowl, the St. Louis Rams, and the Tennessee Titans; accept answers mentioning the Super Bowl and a year if it's clear they mean the 1999-2000 season]

Welcome to the Island of Sodor! Name these lesser-known Railway Series characters for 10 points each:

[10] This coach, Toby the Tram Engine's longtime friend and companion, was going to be used as a hen house before the Fat Controller rescued both of them from their previous railway.

ANSWER: **Henrietta**

[10] This "Lost Engine" was affectionately nicknamed "Granpuff" by Stuart and Falcon, who later became known as Peter Sam and Sir Handel. He was trapped in a shed for many years, during which the man he was named for, "His Grace," died, but the Fat and Thin Clergymen discover him and bring him back to the Skarloey Railway.

ANSWER: (The) **Duke** [accept "**Duke** the Lost Engine"]

[10] Some boys sing "Silly old [this engine] fell in a ditch, all on a Monday morning" at this engine after he attempts to jam a turntable but overshoots. He typically pulls the Express, occasionally being spelled by James, and is the largest engine who routinely lives on the North Western Railway.

ANSWER: **Gordon**

Trust the Process for 10 points each.

[10] "The Process" was largely the brainchild of this ex-76ers GM, who penned a 13-page resignation letter before becoming a lecturer at Stanford, and who coveted second-round picks the same way Kobe coveted taking contested 18-footers.

ANSWER: Sam **Hinkie**

[10] Though this player never played in the NBA, and in fact was traded from the Sixers to the Grizzlies shortly before Hinkie's tenure with the team began, the many trades involving him inspired a Sixers-focused podcast named for the "rights" to this player. No team exercised those rights, nor is it likely they ever will.

ANSWER: Ricky **Sanchez**

[10] Possibly Hinkie's best trade came in the 2015 offseason, when he somehow turned two second-round picks into Jason Thompson, Carl Landry, a 2019 first-round pick, the rights to swap picks with the Kings in 2016 and 2017, and this shooting guard. This Michigan product is nicknamed "Sauce Castillo" thanks to a stenographer's error.

ANSWER: Nik **Stauskas**