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1. He spent his entire 21 year major league career with one team, and hit 475 home runs, some of them among the longest ever hit in the major leagues. His 8 years playing in cavernous Forbes Field certainly held down his career totals. In 1979, he was the co-MVP of the National League, the MVP of the NL Championship Series, and the MVP of the World Series, a trifecta never before done, nor matched since. FTP, id this Pirates first baseman, nicknamed "Pops," who past away on 9 April 2001 at age 61 from kidney disease.

Answer: Willie Stargell

2. This show was cancelled by CBS after a successful four year run as retaliation against the studio for raising the price on "Murder, She Wrote." In this one-hour crime drama, an ex-"Company" man goes solo and sets up shop in an apartment in New York City, helping those in need that slip through the cracks. And all with impeccable British style, too. Got a problem? Odds against you? Then, FTP, call Edward McCall, better known by his nickname, the series title.

Answer: the Equalizer

3. Its author wrote seven novels without success before this book was published in December of 1999. It tells the story of a 19-yr old boy struggling to raise his three sisters alone after his mother was convicted of killing his father. Stir in some healthy servings of incest and adultery, and it's no surprise that it was an Oprah pick in 2000. The author actually was inspired to write the book while walking down a road near her hometown of Indiana, PA, the setting for it. FTP, id this novel by author Tawni O'Dell.

Answer: Back Roads

4. The exact method of making these is still a closely-guarded secret. Back in the day, it took 27 hours to make each one, squeezing them out one at a time and hand-painting the eyes. Now, it takes just six minutes, and eyes can be added to 3,500 of this candy per minute. Yellow is the most popular color, followed by pink, lavender, blue, and white. FTP, id these tasty marshmallow treats, most popular during the Easter candy season.

Answer: Peeps

5. Meant to battle Intellivision, it featured a greatly improved joystick. That joystick was fully 360 degree speed sensitive, and Start, Pause, and Reset buttons were on all controllers. Released in 1982 and originally known as the Atari Video System X, it used technology from the Atari 400/800 computer to attract market share. However, it was pretty much a dismal flop, as there were few new game titles for its library; Atari instead relied on its already-existing massive title base. FTP, id this game system, the follow-on from the 2600.

Answer: Atari 5200 (prompt on Atari)

6. As Pete Donahue in "Words and Music." As Marshall John Carruthers in "Blue Steel." As Captain Jim Gordon in "Flying Tigers." As Sam McCord in "North to Alaska." As Colonel Mike Kirby in "The Green Berets." FTP, id this actor, who also played J. B. Brooks as his last acting role in "The Shootist."

Answer" John Wayne (or Marion Morrison, his given name)

7. This actress had a five-line part in "Saturday Night Fever," including asking John Travolta, "Are you as good in bed as you are on the dance floor?" She also turns up in This Is Spinal Tap as record company flack Bobbie Flekman. Her book about her rise to stardom, "Whining," was a bestseller, and she recently sold the rights to a memoir of her successful battle over uterine cancer to Warner Books for \$1 million. FTP, id this actress, best know as the lead for six years in the TV series "The Nanny."

Answer: Fran Drescher

8. Austria has a problem. Cattle farmers in the Alps, displeased with an approximate \$350 fee for use of an army helicopter to remove the carcasses of dead cows, are taking matters into their own hands. Instead of paying the fee, they are using this substance to remove the offending critters, leaving parts small enough for birds of prey and foxes to feast upon. Fortunately, the substance is easy to come by in the Alps, normally being used for starting controlled avalanches. FTP, id the explosive that is being used to bring the hills alive with the sound of exploding cows.

Answer: _dynamite_

9. Its creator grew up in Los Angeles and Detroit, where his father was a foundryman at the Ford plant in Dearborn. He worked at Chrysler, Packard, Pontiac, and Chevrolet, and he was headed towards the GM presidency until he resigned. He designed an "ethical sports car" after leaving GM, insisting upon gullwing doors, rear-mounted powertrain, and a stainless steel body. It looked great, but it cost \$25,500 in 1982 dollars, the roof leaked, and it basically was a piece of crap with only 8,400 built. FTP, name the car, featured in "Back to the Future."

Answer: _DeLorean_

10. Their provocative moniker was chosen, they said, as a tribute to the originators of hip-hop. Their one hit on MTV was "Tap the Bottle," a celebration of drinking the 40oz. The one member of the rap group that made something of his career, DJ Skribble, doesn't even drink malt liquor, though. FTP, id this group, which actually consisted of four whites and one Puerto Rican.

Answer: _Young Black Teenagers_

11. Every so often, an industry will experience a technological breakthrough that revolutionizes the way it operates. In order to achieve such a breakthrough [*reader, feel free to count on your fingers in a typical infomercial style while you read these three items*], the new techology must outperform the old, it must introduce new efficiency never before known, and it must save money. That's just what this wonderful device has done for Americans everywhere. It is designed to give hundreds of precision cuts if properly cared for, can pay for itself in just a few short months, and is even safe for children to use (with parental supervision, of course). Sadly, the Pet Groomer is no longer marketed ... but heck, if you shampoo and de-mat your Schnauzer, you can use an available Pet attachment on him, too. FTP, id this product, which uses the suction power of your household vacuum to draw up the hair to the desired length and give it a perfect cut, EVERY TIME!!!

Answer: the _Flowbee_ Precision Haircutting System

12. He emigrated to the US at age nine in 1971, settling with his parents in Miami, where he grew up making connections in the Latin music scene. He worked with Glorinda Estefan, writing songs for her and singing back up. He released a self-titled album of his own in 1992, with adult-contemporary hits such as "Angel" and "I'm Free." FTP, id this musician, who has also helped by writing songs for Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez.

Answer: Jon _Secada_

13. Fayetteville, NC, and North Charleston, SC, were the first two cities announced to host teams in this eight-team league. Players must be at least 20 years old to play, although an exception will be made for those at least 18 who have been drafted by the parent league and subsequently cut. No team will have a specific affiliation with the parent league; instead, all players will be eligible for call-ups from any pro team. The inaugural season tips off in November of 2001, with a 56-game regular season and playoffs. FTP, name this new training ground for the NBA.

Answer: _NBDL_ or _National Basketball Development League_

14. He was born and raised in Levittown, NY, do a father who "never made more than \$35,000 in a year." After graduating college, he taught high school history in the Miami, FL area before turning to broadcasting.

His national break was as the anchor for the syndicated "Inside Edition." After leaving that show, and working on a masters at Harvard, he joined FOX News Channel. FTP, id this anchor, host of the "Factor."

Answer: Bill_O'Reilly_

15. She has been a childrens' author for 25 years, getting her start on the teen magazine "Jackie," which was named after her. Her breakthrough book was 1991's "The Story of Tracy Beaker," in which a girl in foster care tells through her diaries, letters, and drawings her desire for a real family. Her novels deal with contemporary issues for girls in the UK, such as family breakdowns, homelessness, school bullies, and drugs. FTP, id this author, Britain's second most popular, whose best work is said to be "The Illustrated Mum."

Answer: Jacqueline Wilson

16. The owner was one of four bidders for the collection, and future plans include having visitors board cattle cars for the ride in, with the track lined with the names of nearly 30,000 Lithuanian political prisoners from the era. There are many critics for the park, but as the owner Malinauskas says, "They have decided I'm wrong; but I say let the public be the judge." Vistors pay five litas each, or two litas for children, to walk amongst the bronze, copper, and concrete statues torn down in the aftermath of the fall of the Soviet Union, all surrounded by barbed wire to evoke a memory of the gulag. FTP, id this theme park, more formally known as the Soviet Sculpture Garden at Grutas Park.

Answer: Stalin World [accept Soviet Sculpture Garden or Grutas Park before they're read.]

17. The group took its name from three streets in their Tulsa, OK neighborhood. This septet was led by three brothers, all cousins of Bootsy Collins. With their funk vibe, they achieved success in the 70s and 80s with such songs as "I don't believe you want to set up and dance (Oops, up side your head)." FTP, id this R&B classic group, perhaps best known for songs such as "Party train" and "You dropped a bomb on me."

Answer: the Gap Band

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have been waiting for two decades for that opening clue to come up, dammit.

18. As an actor, you'd have to say that he's rather sub-par, appearing in "Broken Arrow," "Firestorm," and "3000 Miles to Graceland." As a commercial pitchman, you'd have to say that he's mediocre, doing ads for an electronics retailer and a beer manufacturer. As an NFL analyst he's above-average; but then again, that's what he knows best. FTP, id this current co-host on the FOXsports NFL pregame show, and Hall of Fame defensive lineman from the Oakland Raiders.

Answer: Howie Long

19. After the rather cool opening sequence, one of the most intense ever filmed of a start to World War III, this film pretty much shifts straight into "B" movie hell. Two years after the bombs, a group of ex-air force men travel across the country in a kick-ass "Landmaster" vehicle, hoping to arrive in Albany, NY of all places. After stopping in what remains of Salt Lake City for gas, the character played by Paul Winfield dies, prompting George Peppard to say the most memorable line of the film: "Tanner! This entire city is infested with killer cockroaches. I repeat: KILLER COCKROACHES!" What do you expect from a movie that stars Jan-Michael Vincent? FTP, id this film loosely based on a Roger Zelazny novel, which was released the same year as Star Wars, although to much less fanfare.

Answer: Damnation Alley

[or accept Survival Run, although why on earth anyone would give that answer, I'm not sure. They would have to be more pathetic than me.]

20. His love. His shirt. His land, both New York and Japan. Your party, because there is no chance that he will dance in a disco fashion. His car. His hat. His hand. His cat. These are all things that, FTP, are "too sexy" for what early '90s one-hit wonder?

Answer: Right Said Fred (prompt on "I'm Too Sexy" said before the mention)

21. He seems to be becoming similar to James Bond, in one way, at least. So far, Alec Baldwin and Harrison Ford have played this character, and a third actor is ready to take the role in the fourth movie in this

series. Based on the works of Tom Clancy, FTP, id this leading character, played by Ben Affleck in the forthcoming "The Sum of All Fears."

Answer: John Patrick (Jack) _Ryan_

22. It's a date that has much infamous recent history attached with it. Historically, it marked a high point in American history, being the date of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Flash forward a couple hundred years and change, though, and it is the same date as the FBI/ATF attack on the Branch Dividian compound in Waco, TX. Two years after that, Timothy McVeigh and friend(s) used that date as excuse to commit the Oklahoma City bombing. FTP, id this date, which thankfully passed without further incident this year.

Answer: _April 19th_

23. A former liberal activist, he has turned full circle with his work and writings. The president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture, he represents a neoconservative viewpoint often on cable news shows and in such books as "Hating Whitey." FTP, id this man, recently in the news as being the author of the college paper advertisement, "The Top 10 reasons slave reparations are a bad idea - and racist too."

Answer: David _Horowitz_

24. Quite possibly under the greatest microscope of scrutiny ever for a space probe, its main goal is to search for water at or just beneath the Mars surface from an orbit of 250 miles. In order to avoid mishaps that have plagued that last two probes to Mars, NASA spent a lot more money on it, bringing the total cost to \$297 million. FTP, id this probe, named after a novel and movie by Arthur C. Clarke., which was launched on 7 April of 2001.

Answer: Mars _Odyssey_

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1. Congratulations, you've at least heard the first toss up on Willie Stargell, and hopefully answered it correctly. Now answer these questions about the Pittsburgh Pirates for the stated number of points.

i) First for 5pts, Stargell threw out the ceremonial last pitch in 2000 for what home of the Pirates for 30 years, imploded with great fanfare in February 2001?

Answer: Three Rivers Stadium

ii) Next, for 15pts, the Pirates have a new home downtown in Pittsburgh, which had its official first game against the Cincinnati Reds ironically on the same day that Stargell died. Name this park, whose sponsor purchased the naming rights for \$30 million over 20 years.

Answer: PNC Park

iii) Last, for 10 pts, PNC Park pays tribute to great Pirates of the past in many ways all over the complex. The former Sixth Avenue Bridge, the main walking route from downtown parking, has been renamed after this player, arguably the greatest Pirate of them all. With 3,000 career hits and a Hall of Famer, his career and life was unexpectedly cut short due to a plane accident while he was carrying relief supplies to hurricane victims.

Answer: Roberto Clemente

2. Sure, the Oscars were handed out last month. But how about some films that didn't have a reason to thank the Academy? Given a description pulled directly from "People" magazine, id these movies released in 2000 but, sadly, were passed over for high awards, for 10pts each.

i) This feeble gansta drama features the Fugees' Pras as a would-be rapper who moonlights as muscle for a drug dealer and cavalierly shoots dead a half-dozen rival hoods.

Answer: Turn it Up

ii) Starring Keanu Reeves and Gene Hackman, this film is as fake as artificial turf. The plot is predictable, the romance tepid, and character development is minimal.

Answer: The Replacements

iii) An upper-class, divorced heroine played by Kim Basinger heads from Venice with her new husband and young son to start a fresh life in beautiful, remote Kenya. Plenty happens, but its plodding pacing and minimalist approach results in a seemingly endless ramble.

Answer: I Dreamed of Africa

3. At the time of this writing, the Philadelphia 76ers had the best record in the East, working towards the number one seeding in the playoffs. While you should know of The Answer, let's see how well you can identify these great Sixers of the past, FTSNOP.

i) First, for 5pts, he only played three and a half seasons for the club, and in his worst season he averaged only a pedestrian 24.1 points and 24.2 rebounds. Even with those mediocre stats he still helped the Sixers win a championship that year, the 1966-67 season.

Answer: Wilt Chamberlain

ii) Next, for 10pts, this point guard is the career Sixers' leader in assists and steals. He was a four-time all-star during his 11 years with Philadelphia, nine of them as teammates with Dr. J.

Answer: Maurice (Mo) Cheeks

iii) Last, for 15pts, he is the all-time leader for the 76ers in games, points, minutes, field goals, and field-goal attempts. Knowing that he was named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History, that should come as no shock, and he won his only NBA title as a teammate with the Stilt.

Answer: Hal Greer

4. Answer these questions about the Harry Potter series of novels, for 10pts each.

i) Harry Potter sure has a pretty big enemy for an orphan wizard boy. Name that enemy of Harry's, who is so scary to other wizards that he is never named.

Answer: Lord Voldemort

ii) The wizarding prison is a dreadful place, with Dementors standing guard, sucking all the joy out of the prisoners. What is that name of that prison, mentioned in the title of one of the series?

Answer: Azkaban

iii) In "The Goblet of Fire," Harry is entered into the Triwizard Cup in an attempt to kill him and bring Lord Voldemort back to power. Name the other student at Hogwarts that was entered into the cup, a member of the House of Hufflepuff, who did end up getting killed by the Dark Lord.

Answer: Cedric Diggory

5. One of the biggest mistakes in the question author's life was being seduced by its marketing to join BMG Music Service. Now, the author can't seem to go a week without having a mailing in his box with "special opportunities" to pay \$2.69 shipping per CD. Given a description taken directly from the monthly mailing, you will earn 5pts for naming the artist, and 10pts for naming the album they want me to buy, 15pts total each description.

i) Blending laid-back groove with boomin' base and thumping rhythms, the St. Louis MC has hooks, blues and attitude to spare. Title track, "E.I.," "St. Louie," "For My," etc. 2000 Universal. Disk \$16.98.

Answer: artist Nelly, album Country Grammar

ii) There are few stories in the history of country music as remarkable as the rise of this pint-size star, who started singing when he was 7 and scored a huge hit just before turning 12. The best part is he's no gimmick: his smash-hit debut album is truly wonderful. Title track, "Little Things," "I Think She Likes Me," more. 2000 Epic. Disk \$16.98.

Answer: artist Billy Gilman, album One Voice

6. From a description, id the SUV model, for 10pts each.

i) Debuting as a 2002 model, it's the first major redesign of this best-selling SUV for Ford in over 10 years. It includes an optional third-row of seats, fully independent suspension, and an option not to take Firestone tires.

Answer: Explorer or Mercury Mountaineer

ii) Loosely based on the Honda Odyssey minivan, this is Acura's entry into the luxury SUV market. Designed to "defeat winter," it was named MotorTrend's SUV of the year when it was released.

Answer: MDX

iii) Arguably the worst-looking SUV on the market, not even a major sponsorship with the reality series "Survivor" has helped the sales of this Pontiac product. Give the designers credit, though; where else can you drive something that ugly but which includes an optional built-in tent?

Answer: Aztec

7. Answer these questions about a work of the science fiction author Philip K. Dick for 10pts each.

i) Dick achieved most of his success, it seems, after his death; but he was honored by a few awards for his work while he was alive. Name the 1962 work for which he received the Hugo award, an alternative history in which Japan and German split the world between them.

Answer: The Man in the High Castle

ii) There actually was a man in a high castle in the novel. He was an author that wrote an alternate history in the novel, in which the U.S. actually won World War II. Banned in the Reich areas of the U.S., name this book-within-a-book.

Answer: The Grasshopper Lies Heavy

iii) After years of struggling, he finally achieved financial success with the sale of this novel to Hollywood, but died shortly before the 1982 premiere of the film adaptation, Blade Runner.

-Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? -

8. One of the recent trends in television is the reality series. Given some folks that were on the same show, id the network series title, for 10pts each.

i) Wolf, Jackson, Park, Coddington

Answer: _Boot Camp_ (on FOX)

ii) Henry, Afi, Kathryn, Charlie

Answer: _The Mole_ Season One (on ABC)

iii) Danelle Folta, Jennifer Lavoie, Owen West, Kalin Olson

Answer: _Eco-Challenge_ Borneo (on USA)

9. The Cola Wars are back! Answer these questions for 10 points each.

i) She was signed to ads for Coca-Cola as a (logical) response to Pepsi's endorsement deal for Britney Spears.

Answer: Christina Aguilera

ii) This harkens back to the 80s when Coke and Pepsi had numerous ad wars featuring big name celebrities. What singer had a huge deal with Pepsi which was more famous for the incident in which his hair burned during a commercial taping, rather than for the commercial itself?

Answer: Michael _Jackson_

iii) He didn't really kick off the cola wars this time around, but his commercials were good enough to entice me to purchase the shirt, even if I won't touch 7-Up. What comedian started his national acting career as "the guy that makes 7-Up" with the slogan "Make 7-Up Yours?"

Answer: Orlando _Jones_

10. Answer these questions about that babe-o-licious FOX series, "Dark Angel," for 10pts each.

i) She's been on the cover of Maxim; if that's not a sign of success, I'm not sure what is. Name the actress who plays Max in the series, the title character.

Answer: Jessica _Alba_

ii) Max is involved with cyber-journalist Logan Cale, provide plot devices for each episode as well as the obligatory sexual tension. What does Logan call his 60-second break-in, untraceable television news reports?

Answer: _Eyes Only_

iii) Max was genetically engineered by a secret government program to create perfect soldiers. She and others escaped from the facility, and live their lives on the run. What was the name of that program from which she was created and trained?

Answer: Project _Manticore_

11. Making the rounds on the quizbowl club on Yahoo is a discussion whether Oxford University will make a bid to host the 2002 NAQT ICT. Just in case they do, and everyone is scurrying for their passports, here's some help for your dining on the trip. From a description, id the UK food dish that you may or (likely) would not order on your sojourn to jolly ol' England, for 10pts each.

i) This one is quite simple. It's just sausage served with mashed potatoes.

Answer: _bangers and mash_

ii) It's a two-layered dish with ground beef and onions on the bottom and mashed potatoes on the top.

Although it may seem like it would from the name, there really is no crust.

Answer: _shepherd's pie_

iii) This one is a Scottish dish, normally with ground meat mixed with oatmeal and spices, baked or boiled in a sheep's or pig's intestine. Now I understand why Willie has that accent; eating stuff like that has to play havoc with your throat.

Answer: _haggis_

12. All right clones, listen up. As any listener to the Jim Rome show knows, there's a extensive lexicon that has evolved, not dissimilar to the explosion of college bowl team sites in the late 90s. Given the "gloss" for a sports-related personality, identify that person for 5pts each. To help those of you that aren't Jungle-dwellers, I'll even give you sport along with the gloss.

i) American Chewy, football

Answer: Mark _Chmura_

ii) the Pasty Gangsta, basketball

Answer: John _Stockton_

iii) a Raunchy Chick from the Barrio, tennis

Answer: Arantxa Sanchez _Vicario_

iv) the Little Mermaid, basketball

Answer: David _Robinson_

v) the Nickel, basketball

Answer: Anfernee "Penny" _Hardaway_

vi) the Nutty Professor, football

Answer: Dennis _Green_

[Explanation: American Chewy is based on his well-known exploits with a teenaged babysitter in a closet, the Pasty Gangsta refers to his needing a tan and his thugish ways on the court, a Raunchy Chick is based on her appearance, the Little Mermaid refers to both his favorite movie and his rep for soft play, the Nickel for his outrageous salary demands, and the Nutty Professor for his rapidly expanding waist line.]

13. 40-30-20-10-1, identify the musician.

40) He ain't a Backstreet Boy.

30) He has a rider in his contract that demands Pabst Blue Ribbon in his dressing room.

20) On a VH1 Diva special in April of 2001, he performed a so-called Detroit duet with Aretha Franklin.

10) Born as Robert James Ritchie, he didn't grow up as "white trash" but actually in a lakefront home on six acres.

1) He got his stage name from mostly black audiences who cried, "look at that white kid rock!"

Answer: _Kid Rock_

14. It's been called the career-destroying policy of the guitarist, but Van Halen has had an impressive run with three different lead singers. Given a song by Van Halen, name the lead singer who performed it. You'll earn 5 pts for one correct, 10pts for two, 20pts for three, and 30pts for all four.

i) Dreams

Answer: Sammy _Hagar_

ii) Without You

Answer: Gary _Cherone_

iii) When it's Love

Answer: Sammy _Hagar_

iv) Runnin' with the Devil

Answer: David Lee _Roth_

15. Given a description and catchphrase, identify the "In Living Color" character, FTSNOP.

i) For 5pts, Damon Wayans plays a child entertainer on a prison work-release program. He had a penchant for popping kids on the head and saying that he didn't "play dat."

Answer: _Homey_ D. Clown

ii) For 10pts, Jim Carey played this female bodybuilding champ who was under constant rumor of steroid use. In between the horse whinnys, s/he was known to remark "what's a girl to do?"

Answer: _Vera_ de Milo

iii) For 15pts, identify both members of the "Men On ..." series of reviews. Played by Damon Wayans and David Alan Grier, they were two flaming homosexuals who would give "two snaps up" to those items that were in their favor.

Answer: _Blaine_ Edwards and _Antoine_ (or 'Twan) Marywether.

16. Identify from clues these not-so-successful films that star Harrison Ford, for 10pts each.

i) While in Paris, his wife mysteriously disappears. Undaunted by the language barrier, Dr. Richard Walker searches for her by himself, and much conflict results. The film was also used as a reference in "One Week" by the Barenaked Ladies.

Answer: Frantic

ii) In this 1991 film Harrison is a lawyer who gets shot in the head. He loses his short-term memory, his speech, his mobility, and his career, but finds his heart. Awwwwww.

Answer: Regarding Henry

iii) A mixed group infiltrates Yugoslavia during World War II in an attempt to bomb a bridge to the Nazis. But, according to Leonard Maltin, the film is the real bomb instead. Carl Weathers does a splendid job as Sergeant Watter Weaver.

Answer: Force 10 from Navarone

17. Run down the shelves at your friendly neighborhood Barnes and Noble, and you'll see a ton of self-help-type personal finance books. Identify these business authors from descriptions, for 10pts each.

i) She lives in the same one bedroom house that she bought 25 years ago or so, and drives an '87 BMW. The most successful personality every on PBS pledge drives, she had a long-time bestseller with '97s "Nine Steps to Financial Freedom."

Answer: Susie Orman

ii) He was the guy that developed and brought those vinyl-velcro wallets to this country. He mostly is into real estate, though, and writes about developing your financial knowledge with such books as "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" with such concepts as the cash-flow quadrant.

Answer: Robert Kiyosaki

iii) Having learned about investments at the knee of his grandmother, this rather new entrant into the personal finance scene has followed onto his first book, "Smart Women Finish Rich," with a new one just published in April 2001, "Smart Couple Finish Rich."

Answer: David Bach

18. Identify the film from quotes on a 30-20-10 basis.

30) My name is Ruth Meyers. Call me Ruth Meyers.

20) That figures. All the pricks move to California. They should just call it Prickafornia.

10) I ain't never lived in a house that didn't have wheels on it.

Answer: Where the Heart Is

19. Let's see how well you know your NBA history. I'll start naming players, you give me the NBA team that all played for at one point or another in their careers. Simple, isn't it? To make it easier for you, they all played in the pivot for this team. Couldn't be easier, this is on a 30-20-10-5 basis.

30) Howard Wright, Mark Acres, Juwann Oldham

20) Sidney Green, Greg Kite, Dave Corzine

10) Brian Williams, Don Reid, Rony Seikaly.

5) John Amaechi, Michael Doleac, Shaquille O'Neal.

Answer: Orlando or Magic or Orlando Magic

20. The "Left Behind" series of religious fiction written by Tim LaHay and Jerry Jenkins has taken the world by storm, even a movie starring the dreamy Kirk Cameron. There have been eight titles in the series as of April 2001, starting with "Left Behind," interestingly enough. Name any six of the other seven, for 5pts each.

Answers: Tribulation Force, Nicolae, Soul Harvest, Apollyon, Assassins, The Indwelling, The Mark

21. I'll give you the videotape at the top of "Billboard's" lists in both sales and rentals for a given year, and you give me the year, FTSNOP.

i) First, for 5pts, the sales leader was "Babe," and the rentals leader was "Braveheart."

Answer: 1996

ii) Second, for 10pts, the sales leader was "Fantasia," for the rentals it was "Thelma and Louise."

Answer: 1992

iii) Last, for 15pts, it was "Jane Fonda's Workout" on top of the sales list for the first time, and "An Officer and a Gentleman" was the top renter.

Answer: 1983

22. The first single from the soundtrack for the movie "Moulin Rouge" has recently been released in April 2001, and quickly has shot to the top of the request lists for radio stations all over the country. A remake of the 70s funk hit "Lady Marmalade," it features four of the hottest chicks in popular music today. Identify those four singers for this bonus, 5pts for one, 10pts for two, 20 for three, and 30 for all four. I'll even give you a hint for two of them: one is a blonde (no surprise) who subscribes to the Celine Dion-Mariah Carey school of oversinging, and another is a "Bad Girl" of hip hop, who a friend of mine once called a "major potty mouth." For the other two, you're on your own.

Answer: Christina Aguilera, Pink, Lil' Kim, & Mya

23. Shawn "Puffy" Combs has recently announced that he is changing his nickname away from "Puff Daddy." Answer these questions that involve the former Puffster for 10pts each.

i) What name is Puffy switching to?

Answer: P. Diddy

ii) Puffy seems to have taken this multiple-names game from his best friend and hommie, who after his death earned Puffy quite a lot of flow. What was his real name, this rapper who went by Notorious B.I.G., Biggie Smalls, and Big Pappa.

Answer: Christopher Wallace

iii) Finally, included by the pack author only because he thinks all four are total hotties, what is the girl group on Puffy's Bad Boy label to hit the charts in 2001 with the single "He Loves U Not."

Answer: Dream