

Purdue Housewrite Catastrophe

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Packet 1

Tossups

1. In one poem by Ho Chi Minh, the speaker describes how “While [this politician was] feted at the seat of honor / I was fettered in this penal horror” in a poem titled “On Reading of [this politician’s] Reception in China”. During that 1944 visit to China, this figure allegedly had an affair with Madame Chiang Kai-shek according to an account by Gardner Cowles. It’s not Ronald Reagan, but this politician described a controversial switch in party allegiance as “I did not leave my party. My party left me.”, in a political move which saw this candidate become a dark-horse Republican nominee for president. For ten points, name this Elwood, Indiana native, who lost to FDR in the Election of (*) 1940.

ANSWER: Wendell Lewis Willkie (or Lewis Wendell Willkie) <Indiana History, Nolan??> [I understand that this tossup is really hard. Don’t care. It’s why I power-marked the whole thing.]

2. According to the South Bend Tribune, one member of this family immediately withdrew their child from a chess tournament in order to “[save them] from crying in front of all those people”. That member of this family, a six-time Indiana state chess champion, was described by grandmaster Maurice Ashley as “a trailblazer for African-American chess”. This family, whose most famous member lied about being Indiana state chess champion at age 5, operates a pyramid scheme dropshipping platform named (*) Hustler’s University. In April 2022, Romanian police raided two members of this family’s house as part of an ongoing sex trafficking investigation. For ten points, name this family, infamously known for two kickboxing brothers recently banned from most major social media platforms in August 2022 for harmful sexist content.

ANSWER: Tate family (accept Emory Andrew Tate or Tristan Tate) <Sus  Indiana History, Nolan>

3. One day before Ross Perot spoke at the Purdue ROTC Armory in 1996, a Purdue residence hall of this name was the location of a deadly four-hour SWAT standoff. The namesake of that residence hall of this name was Purdue’s first professor of Chemistry, who earned the title of “Father of the Pure Food and Drug Act” when it became law in 1906. In a controversial dissenting opinion, Grant Maiorana ruled the desserts at a food court of this name are the worst, because who wants to eat (*) confetti cake all week? For ten points, give this name of a Purdue residence hall and dining court, whose 11:30 am lunch line often extends into Krach Lawn.

ANSWER: Wiley (or Wiley Residence Hall or Wiley Dining Court; accept Harvey Washington Wiley) <Purdue, Nolen>

MUSIC SHOWCASE (I LIKE MUSIC)

4. **During a recorded 1993 performance, this band's lead singer spontaneously jumped into a pool and nearly electrocuted himself in an event dubbed by fans as the "MTV Beach House Incident". After Eric Cartman feeds Scott Tenorman a chili with his parents baked inside, each member of this band proceeds to call Scott a crybaby in what is often considered the best *South Park* episode of all time. The fans of this band, who are commonly stereotyped as (*) depressed and unapproachable, are notoriously easy to make fun of, as shown by the disdain I received when I first-lined an ACRONYM tossup on this band in practice a few months ago. For ten points, name this English alternative rock group fronted by Thom Yorke, whose fans promise this band's albums are the greatest of all time despite this band only being known for the song "Creep".**

ANSWER: Radiohead <Music, Nolin>

5. **In this film, one character breaks into ENCOM and releases their new operating system for free to promote open software. That protagonist of this film quips "Is that even legal?" in an arena duel when the dual-wielding Rinzler creates two discs from one. At the End of Line Club, two robots deejay this film's soundtrack's lead single "Derezzed" as a brawl ensues. In this film, Sam travels to a virtual reality world called (*) "the Grid" to find his long lost father, the programmer and arcade owner Kevin Flynn. Daft Punk created the soundtrack to, for ten points, what 2010 Disney film, the sequel to a 1982 cult classic starring Jeff Bridges?**

ANSWER: Tron: Legacy <Music/Film, Nolan> [This tossup took me so long to write.]

6. **During one bridge, this band's members individually sing the word "gonna" to the notes "B, D, F, G, high B" before one member sings the song's title. That song, whose music video features this band's members as dolls in a toy store, has the opening chorus lyrics "Every little thing I do / never seems enough for you." After the early departure of Jason Galasso, Lance Bass was nicknamed "Lanston" in order to keep this band's (*) reverse acrostic name. In their biggest hit, this band demands "I want to see you out that door" before offering the title farewell thrice. "It's Gonna Be Me" and "Bye Bye Bye" are hits by, for ten points, what early 2000s boy band fronted by Justin Timberlake?**

ANSWER: *NSYNC <Music, Nolan>