

Dear friends,



Snow can be a very lovely sight. Indeed, watching a soft snowfall can be a very beautiful, serene, even inspiring experience as the clean, white adornment makes the world a genuine winter wonderland. But I've got to be honest with you -- I have had more than enough of wonderland for this winter! I mean 47.9 inches this season! That's crazy.

Oh yes; though a snowfall is nice when you're looking at it through the window with a steaming cup of coffee in your hands, a lively fire in the fireplace behind you, and nowhere else you need to be, it's a whole 'nother thing when you have to go clear your driveway and sidewalks, let alone having to de-ice your car and then go driving through it. So, we are thankfully applauding the warmer temperatures. Let the melting begin!



On another matter, I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that Claire and I will be starting a Bible study/church service at Aksarben Village this Sunday with recorded copies of that brief and informal service made available to those who are interested. It will be on the Vital Signs Ministries YouTube channel and we will also send DVD copies to the various activity directors at the facilities where we present "When Swing Was King."

And now, let's get started on #50 of our activity packets. The whole series of these, by the way, can be found on the Vital Signs Ministries website. And, though things are opening up to present live "When Swing Was King " shows, we still plan to create a 9-page activity packet for you each month.

Multiple Choice Questions

1) According to the song, Fats Domino found "his thrill" here.

- A) The boardwalk
- B) Blueberry Hill
- C) 12th Street & Vine
- D) Sleepy Lagoon

2) Who was the trumpet-playing leader of The Tijuana Brass?

- A) Henry Mancini
- B) Duane Eddy
- C) Herb Alpert
- D) Al Hirt

3) 1940's Oscar-winning movie *Rebecca* starred this pair...

- A) Laurence Olivier & Joan Fontaine
- B) Clark Gable & Carole Lombard
- C) Tyron Power & Gene Tierney
- D) Errol Flynn & Claudette Colbert

4) True or False -- The advertising line "Leave the driving to us" was used by Hertz Rental Cars. _____

5) In what fairy tale do you read of a giant who says, "Fee, Fie, Foe, Fum. I smell the blood of an Englishman."

- A) "The Brave Little Tailor"
- B) "The Twelve Brothers"
- C) "The Robber Bridegroom"
- D) "Jack and the Beanstalk"

6) "The Leader of the Pack" was a hit record for The Shangri-Las in 1964. Around what mode of transportation was the song centered?

- A) A race car
- B) A hot air balloon
- C) A motorcycle
- D) A jet-black stallion

7) The speaker in what's known as the Sermon on the Mount in the New Testament book of Matthew is...

- A) John the Baptist
- B) Jesus
- C) St. Matthew
- D) The apostle Paul

8) True or False -- The distinctive flavor of Scotch whisky comes from peat fires used to dry malted barley.

9) Les Paul is associated with what musical instrument?

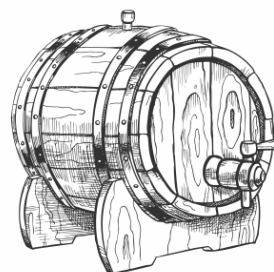
- A) Clarinet
- B) Piano
- C) Accordion
- D) Guitar

10) Which of the following cities is closest in driving distance to Las Vegas, Nevada?

- A) Phoenix, Arizona
- B) Sacramento, California
- C) Reno, Nevada
- D) Salt Lake City, Utah

11) Which U.S. President once owned his own distillery that, in one year alone, produced 11,000 gallons of whiskey?

- A) George Washington
- B) Ulysses S. Grant
- C) Teddy Roosevelt
- D) John Kennedy



12) Okay, you know the N.U. sports teams are the Cornhuskers and Creighton has the Bluejays. You may even know that UNO has the Mavericks. But what is the sports team of the University of Nebraska in Kearney?

- A) Gray Wolves
- B) Plainsmen
- C) Antelopes
- D) Pioneers

13) Patsy Cline's "Crazy" (1962) was one of her biggest hits. Which of these people wrote that song?

- A) Hank Williams
- B) Irving Berlin
- C) Roger Miller
- D) Willie Nelson

14) "The Big O" was a popular nickname for this pro athlete...

- A) Terrell Owens (football)
- B) Oscar Robertson (basketball)
- C) José María Olazábal (golf)
- D) Mel Ott (baseball)

15) "Does she or doesn't she?" was the advertising line long used by what hair care company?

- A) Redken
- B) Clairol
- C) L'Oréal
- D) Revelon

16) True or False -- In the fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel," the wicked witch's house is made out of jewels and gold coins. _____

17) Which of these words is a synonym of clandestine?

- A) Enlightening
- B) Dedicated
- C) Beautiful
- D) Secret

18) True or False -- The actor Michael Caine's real name is Maurice Micklewhite. _____

19) This West Point grad and Army veteran of WWII and Korea served as commander of U. S. forces during the Vietnam War from 1964 to 1968.

- A) Robert B. McNamara
- B) Maxwell D. Taylor
- C) William C. Westmoreland
- D) Curtis LeMay

20) What big band singer (mostly with Chick Webb) was known as "The First Lady of Song?"

- A) Ella Fitzgerald
- B) Dinah Shore
- C) Billie Holiday
- D) Sarah Vaughn

21) This fellow is considered the greatest jockey in the history of American horse-racing, the only rider to bring to the finish line five Kentucky Derby winners and two Triple Crown winners.

- A) Angel Cordero
- B) Jonny Longden
- C) Eddie Arcaro
- D) Red Pollard



22) The singer of “Splish Splash,” “Dream Lover,” “Mack the Knife” and a lot of others was...

- A) Bobby Darin
- B) Frankie Avalon
- C) Paul Anka
- D) Neil Sedaka

23) True or False -- The real name of the answer to #22 above is Francis Consuelo Ancotti. _____

24) You’re given a “serviette” while dining in a French restaurant. What is the English word for that item?

- A) A sampling of wines
- B) A small sauce bowl and ladle
- C) A dessert spoon
- D) A napkin

25) Which of these singers did **NOT** have a popular recording of “Hawaiian Wedding Song” aka “Ke Kali Nei Aua?”

- A) Bing Crosby
- B) Wayne Newton
- C) Andy Williams
- D) Elvis Presley

26) David defeated the Philistine giant Goliath in a fair fight using what weapon?

- A) Stones from a sling
- B) Bow and arrows
- C) Goliath’s own sword
- D) Aaron’s staff

27) True or False -- A serious problem in filming *The Wizard of Oz* was that Judy Garland was deathly afraid of Margaret Hamilton, the actress who played the Wicked Witch. _____

28) What Hollywood bombshell was sent to an orphanage when she was nine years old (her mother being hospitalized due to mental issues) and eventually had 11 foster parents during her childhood years?

- A) Raquel Welch
- B) Marilyn Monroe
- C) Jayne Mansfield
- D) Sophia Loren

29) This 1940 movie starred Tyrone Power as a swashbuckling, sword-wielding hero of early California.

- A) *The Sea Hawk*
- B) *Captain Blood*
- C) *The Adventures of Don Juan*
- D) *The Mark of Zorro*

30) There are five Fortune 500 companies whose home headquarters are here in Omaha. Which of these below is **NOT** in that group?

- A) Union Pacific Railroad
- B) Mutual of Omaha Insurance
- C) Nebraska Furniture Mart
- D) Kiewit Corporation

Can You Identify These Humphrey Bogart Movies?



* *Caine Mutiny*

* *Dark Victory*

* *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*

* *The African Queen*

* *We're No Angels*

* *Casablanca*

* *To Have and Have Not*

* *Sabrina*

* *Maltese Falcon*

10) Bonus question: Bogart acted in a lot of hit films, including 6 that were nominated for Best Picture. But only one of those films actually won the Oscar. It was... _____

Can You Identify These Jimmy Stewart Movies?



* *Harvey*

* *It's a Wonderful Life*

* *Rear Window*

* *Spirit of St. Louis*

* *Vertigo*

* *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*

* *Winchester '73*

* *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*

* *The Glenn Miller Story*

10) Bonus question: In many interviews over the years, Stewart referred to his role in which of the above movies as his all-time favorite?

Points to Ponder...

“Each person must live their life as a model for others.” (Rosa Parks)

“The soul is healed by being with children.” (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

“Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempest.” (Epicurus)

“Don’t forget to tell your favorite people that you love them.”
(Shirley Temple)

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

“If you don’t behave as you believe, you will
end by believing as you behave.” (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen)

“The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.” (Henry Ward Beecher)

“No philosophers so thoroughly comprehend us as dogs and horses.”
(Herman Melville)

“A mountain and a river are good neighbors.”
(George Herbert)

“I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and *then* advise them to do it.” (Harry S. Truman)

“Every spring is the only spring, a perpetual astonishment.”
(Ellis Peters)

“Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

What Comes Next in this Song Lyric?

- 1) “This is my quest, to follow that star. No matter how hopeless; no matter how far. To fight for the right without question or pause...
- 2) “The tears I cried for you could fill an ocean but you don’t care how many tears I cry. And though you only lead me on and hurt me, I couldn’t bring myself to say goodbye...
- 3) “No one here can love or understand me. Oh, what hard luck stories they all hand me...
- 4) “Our fathers’ God to Thee, Author of Liberty, To Thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with Freedom's holy light...
- 5) “Be my love for no one else can end this yearning; this need that you and you alone create. Just fill my arms...
- 6) “I could have danced all night. I could have danced all night and still have begged for more. I could have spread my wings and done a thousand things I’ve never done before...
- 7) “Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away...
- 8) “I can’t stop loving you so I’ve made up my mind to live in memory of that old lonesome time. I can’t stop wanting you...
- 9) “From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country’s battles in the air, on land and sea...
- 10) “Oh, Danny boy; the pipes, the pipes are calling from glen to glen and down the mountainside...

The Answers!

Multiple Choice:

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) A
- 4) False: Greyhound Bus
- 5) D
- 6) C
- 7) B
- 8) True
- 9) D
- 10) A
- 11) A
- 12) C
- 13) D
- 14) B
- 15) B
- 16) False: Gingerbread & other sweets
- 17) D
- 18) True
- 19) C
- 20) A
- 21) C
- 22) A
- 23) False: Bobby Darin's real name was Walden Robert Casotto.
- 24) D
- 25) B
- 26) A
- 27) False: Hamilton was a sweetheart who all the cast members adored.
- 28) B
- 29) D
- 30) C

Humphrey Bogart Films

- 1) *Casablanca*
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- 6) *The Spirit of St. Louis*
- 7) *The Glenn Miller Story*
- 8) *Winchester '73*
- 9) *Rear Window*
- 10) 5 -- *Harvey*

Finish the Song Lyric

- 1) "...To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause."
- 2) "... 'Cause everybody's somebody's fool.
Everybody's somebody's plaything. And there are no exceptions to the rule.
Yes, everybody's somebody's fool."
- 3) "...So make my bed and light the light. I'll arrive late tonight. Blackbird, bye, bye."

4) "...Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King."

5) "...the way you've filled my dreams; the dreams that you inspire with every sweet desire."

6) "...I'll never know what made it so exciting, why all at once my heart took flight. I only know when he began to dance with me, I could have danced, danced, danced all night."

7) "...To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. I'll fly away (Oh, Glory!), I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away."

8) "...It's useless to say. So I'll just live my life in dreams of yesterday."

9) "...First to fight for right and freedom and to keep our honor clean. We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine."

10) "...The summer's gone and all the roses falling. It's you, it's you must go and I must bide."