

Puzzles

Trivia Time

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1. In December 1989, the United States invaded Panama in order to capture Manuel Noriega. The Panamanian dictator then fled to the embassy of the Vatican, where he holed up for ten days before surrendering to the US military. What tactic did the US military use to persuade Noriega to surrender?
2. In the game show *Jeopardy*, what do the amounts \$420, \$69, \$666, \$14, \$88, and \$1,488 have in common?
3. Andreas Cornelis van Kuijk has been portrayed in movies by actors such as Pat Hingle, Beau Bridges, and Tom Hanks. By what name was this real-life character better known?
4. What specific fact do explorers Ferdinand Magellan, James Cook, and Vasco de Gama have in common?
5. *Jaws* kicked off the 1975 summer blockbuster season with the movie version of Peter Benchley's best-selling novel from the previous year. One of the main problems with the production was that the mechanical shark being used was unreliable. Director Steven Spielberg named the mechanical shark after his attorney. What was the name of the mechanical shark in *Jaws*?
6. In 1964, a British invasion band recorded a song for Rice Krispies, which included the lyrics, "Wake up in the morning, there's a snap around the place; wake up in the morning, there's a crackle in your face." What is the name of the band?
7. If someone orders an "angel shot with lime," what does that mean to the bartender?
8. Complete this popular TV phrase: "Meanwhile, back in Metropolis, Superman fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and _____."
9. In 1893, pharmacist Caleb Bradham began marketing his sweet, fizzy soft drink under the name of Brad's Drink. Five years later, he renamed it to the name that it is still known by today. What is that name?
10. From most to least, arrange the following screen couples by the number of movies in which they starred together:
 - A. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor
 - B. Doris Day and Rock Hudson
 - C. Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland
 - D. Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello



(Answers can be found in the *Solutions* section at the back of this issue.) Ω

Solutions

Trivia Time: Answers

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1. The US military set up loudspeakers and played high-decibel music from Van Halen, including the song, “Panama,” over and over. Other songs that the military has used for persuasion include *Sesame Street*’s opening theme and the jingle from the *Meow Mix* cat food commercials.
2. They are all amounts that may not be used for betting in Daily Doubles or Final Jeopardy, due to the alternative meanings associated with those numbers.
3. Colonel Tom Parker. Originally from the Netherlands, he was the long-time manager of Elvis Presley.
4. They all died before completing their expeditions.
5. Bruce. (And if you are wondering, yes, I am an attorney.)
6. The Rolling Stones.
7. It’s a coded message that the patron is feeling unsafe and may need security or the police.
8. The American Way.
9. Pepsi-Cola.
10. A. Burton/Taylor with 11 movies together.
C. Flynn/de Havilland with 8 movies together.
D. Avalon/Funicello with 6 movies together.
B. Day/Hudson with 3 movies together. Ω

