

## The Great Computer Challenge Internet Scavenger Hunt *Level II*

### Instructions:

Solve **all** twelve problems as completely as possible. Partial answers will be accepted. Note that only the final URLs are required.

This form must be completed for the judges.

Keep these points in mind:

- The URLs are required. Even if you know the answer, you *must* find the information on the Internet and list the URL where you found the answer.
- Some of the problems may have more than one question.
- Put your school name on each page.
- This document is available on media in Microsoft WORD format. You may use it to copy and paste your answers from the browser to the document. You *do not have* to use the document. If you prefer, you may use the printed copy and write your answers in the spaces provided.
- You must turn in a printed version of your completed form for judging – again, you may have written on the form, or you may have used the computer version. Either is fine, but make sure you have a paper document to hand in at the end of the competition.

**School: Greenbrier Intermediate School**

1. What does it spell when you take the first letter of each of the the top 10 finalists names from this year's TIME Magazine top 100 poll for the most influential people?

*Final URL(s):*

<http://www.seasonedgamers.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=65550>

*Answers:*

Oh, And to go along with the whole "4chan" is evil theme we got here the first 10 people spell MARBLECAKE

And 15-21 spells "The Game". As in, You Just Lost The Game.

2. How many times larger is the diameter of the largest known star compared to the earth?

*Final URL(s)/Answer:* <http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/questions/question21.html>

*Answers:* The largest known star (in terms of mass and brightness) is called the Pistol Star. It is believed to be 100 times as massive as our Sun, and 10,000,000 times as bright! In 1990, a star named the Pistol Star was known to lie at the center of the Pistol Nebula in the Milky Way Galaxy. In 1995, it was suggested that the Pistol Star was so massive it was throwing off the mass that actually created the Pistol Nebula. Observations from the Hubble Space Telescope in 1997 confirmed the relationship between the star and the nebula. Astronomers are currently unsure how a star this massive could have formed or how it will act in the future.

3. What two actors have each killed each other in different movies?

*Final URL(s):*

[http://www.salon.com/ent/movies/review/2008/09/12/righteous\\_kill/](http://www.salon.com/ent/movies/review/2008/09/12/righteous_kill/)

*Answers:* Sept. 12, 2008 | If "Righteous Kill" starred any two other actors on earth, we could call it what it truly is -- a formulaic mash-up of every maniac-on-the-loose cop movie ever made. If it only boasted one of its leading men, we'd note how often he's played that role before: the quintessential tough guy, loose cannon, thick-tongued New York cop. But "Righteous Kill" stars both Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, and slack must be cut.

4. Name the internet engine that is considered to be as important as google and launching in May 2009. Also, name the flagship product that it is based upon. Name the controversial book that the founder of the product has worked on a controversial book during 1992 to 2002.

*Final URL(s):*

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/internet/search/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=217201039>

*Answers:* A new Web tool that provides direct answers to people's questions is scheduled to launch next month, and at least one expert says the new "knowledge engine" could one day prove as important as Google (NSDQ: **GOOG**).

WolframAlpha, named after creator British-born physicist Stephen Wolfram, uses a technique called natural language processing to deliver answers, rather than a list of Web pages provided by Google and most other search engines.

### **WolframAlpha Search Engine Seen As Important As Google**

5. Which university did the first American who first climbed the highest mountain graduate?

*Final URL(s):*

<http://www.bigspcak.com/stacy-allison.html>

*Answers:* Stacy Allison brings a vast range of experiences and knowledge to her energetic and dynamic presentations. Ms. Allison is best known as the "First American woman to summit Mt. Everest." Stacy Allison is also the president of her own residential building company. Ms. Allison serves on the Board of Trustees of National University and is the Chairperson for The Oregon Lung Association's fundraiser, *Reach the Summit*. She is also a successful author and committed mother of two.

6. What happens when a black and white bear sneezes?

*Final URL(s):* <http://tr.truveo.com/The-Mariah-and-Taylor-Show-eps-baby-panda-sneeze/id/711644290>

*Answers:*

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7. The father of the current actor who plays Captain Kirk in the new Star Trek movie appeared in a couple of episode in a previous Star Trek series. Name one episode that he appeared in?

*Final URL(s):* <http://www.tnz.com/tag/Chris%20Pine%20father/>

[http://intergalactic-films.suite101.com/article.cfm/bio\\_of\\_christopher\\_pine\\_the\\_new\\_captain\\_kirk](http://intergalactic-films.suite101.com/article.cfm/bio_of_christopher_pine_the_new_captain_kirk)

*Answers:* Robert is the birth

father of "Star Trek" star Chris Pine.

Robert's real name is Granville Whitelaw Pine. • His father Robert Pine played Sargeant Joseph Getraer opposite actor Eric Estrada on the NBC TV series "CHiPs" in the 1970's.  
• His mother Gwynn Gilford played Mrs. Winston in the 1987 movie "Masters of the Universe". Dolph Lundgren played He-Man in that movie with Frank Langella from the 2008 film *Frost/ Nixon* playing Skeletor.

- He Grew up in Los Angeles and ended up attending UC Berkeley before focusing on his acting Career

Read more: [http://intergalactic-films.suite101.com/article.cfm/bio\\_of\\_christopher\\_pine\\_the\\_new\\_captain\\_kirk#ixzz0FgLvssP6&B](http://intergalactic-films.suite101.com/article.cfm/bio_of_christopher_pine_the_new_captain_kirk#ixzz0FgLvssP6&B)

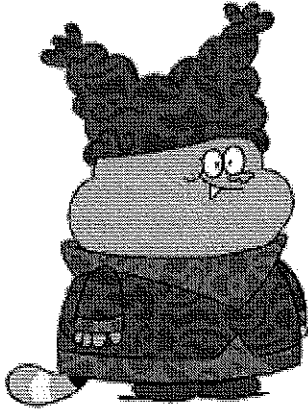
8. What cartoon is named after a bowl of clam soup?

*Final URL(s):*

<http://www.iconocast.com/B000000000000045/V1/News1.htm>

*Answers:* One of the best things about raising kids is living in their cartoon world, and discovering some pretty amusing characters.??By far, my favorite animated animal is Chowder. I've never seen anything like him.

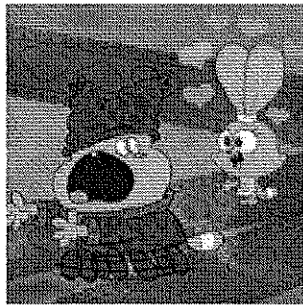
He's this lovable creature that you can't quite figure out.??He looks kind of like a bear, and kind of like a cat, and kind of like a rabbit. Even though Chowder's origin is debatable, it sure



does work. He's as cute as can be.??

And I'm not the only one that loves Chowder. Panini,??a lovestruck??bunny/cat, has laid claim to Chowder as her boyfriend. The resistant Chowder instantly replies 'I'm not your boyfriend!' each time Panini simply says 'Hi Chowder.' My five-year-old son and I love repeating this dialogue. Of course, I play Panini.

I know I'm a bit obsessed with Chowder and now I'm wondering, **are there any other Chowder lovers out there?**



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9. Who made the hats that Indiana Jones wore in the first three movies?

*Final URL(s):*

[http://www.thefedorastore.com/v/vspfiles/V4\\_Backup/Indiana-Jones-Hats.asp](http://www.thefedorastore.com/v/vspfiles/V4_Backup/Indiana-Jones-Hats.asp)

*Answers:*

It was not any easy job for movie makers to find the 'right' Indiana Jones Hats, reflecting the nostalgia of Hollywood. Many movies of the past had a 'signature' hat, and producers had to find something unique. Old movies like "Secrets of the Incas" starring Charlton Heston and "China" starring Alan Ladd had their signature hats that identified the main character. By the time product started on the first Indiana Jones Movie, hats were not mainstream and were not popular in the fashion world. But the character Indiana Jones represented an era when everyone wore a hat, and everyone tried to have something unique about their hat. A hat had to show your social status, and there were many different styles for the varied levels of social status, as well as the functions or activity, for classy dress, to casual adventure. The history of the actual Indiana Jones hats for the first movie is very interesting. In England, Harrison Ford found a local London hatter who made the hat for him for the first movie. He actually found the hat himself. Not the wardrobe department, and not the producers. In each of the movies, a slightly different hat was used, but the first hat for the first movie was the Indiana Jones hats Harrison Ford had made. "I'm delighted to be back in business with my old friends. I don't know if the pants still fit but I know the hat will," said Harrison Ford.

10. How many fortune 500 companies are currently in Virginia?

*Final URL(s):*

<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune500/2008/states/VA.html>

Answers:

1	<u>Freddie Mac</u>	54	43,104.0	McLean
2	<u>Altria Group</u>	61	38,051.0	Richmond
3	<u>General Dynamics</u>	87	27,294.0	Falls Church
4	<u>Capital One Financial</u>	130	18,965.5	McLean
5	<u>Dominion Resources</u>	161	15,790.0	Richmond
6	<u>Computer Sciences</u>	170	14,856.6	Falls Church
7	<u>AES</u>	183	13,896.0	Arlington
8	<u>Circuit City Stores</u>	215	12,429.8	Richmond
9	<u>Smithfield Foods</u>	222	11,932.6	Smithfield
10	<u>Genworth Financial</u>	233	11,443.0	Richmond
11	<u>Norfolk Southern</u>	276	9,432.0	Norfolk
12	<u>SLM</u>	286	9,171.1	Reston
13	<u>Gannett</u>	332	7,480.5	McLean
14	<u>CarMax</u>	333	7,465.7	Richmond
15	<u>MeadWestvaco</u>	356	6,906.0	Glen Allen
16	<u>Owens &amp; Minor</u>	360	6,800.5	Mechanicsville
17	<u>Performance Food Group</u>	384	6,304.9	Richmond
18	<u>NVR</u>	464	5,156.4	Reston
19	<u>Advance Auto Parts</u>	476	4,844.4	Roanoke
20	<u>Dollar Tree</u>	533	4,242.6	Chesapeake
21	<u>Amerigroup</u>	555	3,945.5	Virginia Beach
22	<u>LandAmerica Financial Group</u>	582	3,705.8	Glen Allen
23	<u>BearingPoint</u>	604	3,455.6	McLean
24	<u>NIH Holdings</u>	624	3,296.3	Reston
25	<u>Brink's</u>	636	3,247.9	Richmond
26	<u>Universal</u>	683	2,937.1	Richmond
27	<u>Markel</u>	780	2,483.3	Glen Allen
28	<u>Massey Energy</u>	791	2,413.5	Richmond
29	<u>Albemarle</u>	806	2,336.2	Richmond
30	<u>DynCorp International</u>	874	2,082.3	Falls Church
31	<u>CACI International</u>	908	1,938.0	Arlington

11. Where did Darth Vader's daughter grow up?

*Final URL(s):*

[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Leia\\_Organa\\_Solo#Early\\_life\\_.2819.E2.80.931\\_BBY.29](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Leia_Organa_Solo#Early_life_.2819.E2.80.931_BBY.29)

*Answers:*

Leia was born on the asteroid colony of Polis Massa in 19 BBY, shortly after the start of the Great Jedi Purge and the foundation of the Galactic Empire. Mere seconds after her birth, her mother Padmé Amidala died, effectively orphaning Leia and her older twin brother Luke.<sup>[2]</sup>

Obi-Wan Kenobi and Yoda knew that the children, both strong in the Force, had to be protected from Emperor Palpatine. Deciding it would be best if they were separated, the two Jedi Masters agreed to send the infant boy to live with his father's stepbrother Owen Lars and his wife Beru on Tatooine. Leia was adopted and raised by Senator Bail Organa of Alderaan and his wife, Queen Breha Organa.<sup>[2]</sup> Through adoption, Leia Amidala Skywalker became Princess Leia Organa.<sup>[14]</sup> Nineteen years would pass before the twins saw each other again.<sup>[5]</sup>

*"My wife and I will take the girl. We've always talked of adopting a baby girl. She will be loved with us."*

—Bail Organa to Obi-Wan Kenobi and Yoda, referring to Leia<sup>[src]</sup>





Baby Leia with her adoptive parents, Breha and Bail Organa.

The orphaned daughter of the Naboo Senator and a fallen Jedi Knight was given a loving home within the House of Organa, one of the galaxy's so-called Ancient Houses.<sup>[15]</sup> Her adoptive parents could not have children of their own,<sup>[16]</sup> so Leia became the heir of the Royal House of Alderaan. Although the Organas were not trying to hide the fact that Leia was adopted,<sup>[1]</sup> they never informed the Princess of her true parentage, nor did they reveal the existence of her twin brother.<sup>[17]</sup> However, during the short time between her birth and her mother's death,<sup>[2]</sup> Leia gained a faint memory of her mother as a beautiful and kind, yet sad woman.<sup>[17]</sup>

12. What's the newest flavor of Coca-Cola?

*Final URL(s): <http://www.speroforum.com/site/article.asp?id=2083>*

*Answers:* Coca-Cola North America announced Friday that it will introduce Diet Black Cherry Vanilla Coke and Black Cherry Vanilla Coke in January 2006. The simultaneous launch of Diet Black Cherry Vanilla Coke and Black Cherry Vanilla Coke is a first for Coca-Cola North America.