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The "Who Cares About This 'Crap' Quiz"?!

Answer as many of these as correctly as you are able. Bring your answer sheets to the Log Cabin Information Booth by 12 o'clock (noon) on Sunday, August 31.

The top three will receive trophies, to be presented on stage prior to the Talent Contest on Sunday, August 31 at 4:45 pm. If there are multiple people with the same number of correct answers, the winners will be drawn from a hat.

1. Which bounces higher, a ball of steel or a ball of rubber?
2. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will move up and down continuously. Will it do the same in beer?
3. Why does a whip crack?
4. Lightning strikes the earth: a) 1000 times an hour; b) 100 times a minute; c) 100 times a second?
5. An egg, set spinning, may rise up on end. What, if anything, does that indicate?
6. Do you get enough calories from a piece of celery to replace the calories spent in eating it?
7. How much nourishment in the glue on a postage stamp: a) a full calorie; b) a half calorie; c) a tenth of a calorie?
8. How many pounds of food and drink does the average person ingest in a year?
9. How fast does a sneeze travel?
10. On a clear moonless night, from atop a mountain peak, you can see a match struck how many miles away: a) 5; b) 20; c) 50?
11. On which of your hands do the fingernails grow faster?
12. It takes 17 muscles to smile. To frown it takes: a) 13; b) 17; c) 29; d) 43?
13. The average human heart beats how many times in a 72-year lifespan?
14. Statues of heroes on horseback sometimes show the horse rearing. Is it simply a matter of sculptor's choice?
15. There are many ways to play the ten opening moves in chess. How many? a) millions; b) billions; c) trillions; d) even more.
16. "Googol" means an enormous number. Can you define it more precisely?
17. Of all names in the world, which is most common?
18. There was once (in 1788) a state in the U.S.A. called Franklin. Today it's part of _____.
19. "Jackdaws love my big sphinx of quartz." Is there anything remarkable about that sentence?
20. How many muscles does a caterpillar have? a) 1500; b) 2000; c) 2500
21. In one night a mole can tunnel: a) 50 feet; b) 100 feet; c) 300 feet?
22. What's the fastest fish in the sea?
23. How many quills on a porcupine? a) 12,000; b) 24,000; c) 36,000
24. What color combination has the strongest visual impact?
25. The greatest number of phone calls ever handled in one U.S. city during a 24-hour period was 80 million. It happened in New York. Can you guess when, on what occasion?
26. How many advertisements is the average American exposed to in a day? a) 50; b) 100; c) 300; d) 500
27. For the Louisiana Purchase lands, the U.S.A. paid France less than three cents an acre.
What did it pay Russia, per acre, for Alaska?
28. Americans spend more than a billion dollars a year on sneakers. True or False?