1. What Pacific atoll got its name from its location between the Americas and Asia?
   Ans. The Midway Islands

2. The third scene of which Tennessee Williams play set in New Orleans is called “The Poker Night?”
   Ans. A Streetcar Named Desire

3. How many Great Lakes do not border Michigan?
   Ans. One

4. In genetics, what is the name for a diagram that is used to predict an outcome of a particular cross or breeding experiment?
   Ans. Punnet Square

5. Rack and pinion gears convert rotary motion into what kind of motion?
   Ans. Linear

6. What Jerusalem site is the only surviving part of the Second Temple?
   Ans. The Wailing Wall

7. What is the name for a round building with a central arena and rising tiers of seats often used for outdoor concerts?
   Ans. Amphitheater

8. In the U.S. Navy, a Perry class ship is a frigate. What is a Nimitz class ship?
   Ans. Aircraft carrier

9. What gland has been elegantly referred to as the “conductor” of the endocrine orchestra?
   Ans. Pituitary gland

10. What is the six-letter word for any one of the sloping timbers that support a roof in a house?
    Ans. Rafter
FANFARE I

1. What beloved TV icon, who starred in a hit '70s sitcom that bore her name, celebrated her 75th birthday last week?
   Ans. Mary Tyler Moore

2. The Ethiopian Army was largely equipped with only spears and primitive weapons when what modern European army invaded their land just before the onset of World War II?
   Ans. Italy

3. What part of a business letter comes between the salutation and the complimentary close?
   Ans. The body

4. What is the only state whose capitol building is taller than the U.S. Capitol?
   Ans. Texas

5. What purpose does the outer bark serve on a tree?
   Ans. Protection [Accept hinder evaporation.]

6. What is the two-word name for a lookout station high atop a mast on a ship?
   Ans. Crow’s nest
FANFARE 2

1. What Pacific island switched to the west side of the international dateline and simply skipped Friday, Dec. 30?  
   Ans. Samoa

2. Which European train was known as “The King of Trains” and “The Train of Kings”?  
   Ans. Orient Express

3. Which Tolstoy character committed suicide by throwing herself under a train?  
   Ans. Anna Karenina

4. Who was the Dallas district attorney at the time of the Kennedy assassination and whose name is part of a landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion?  
   Ans. Henry Wade

5. Which carbohydrate that causes intolerance in some people is found only in milk?  
   Ans. Lactose

6. Cotton is compressed into these 480-pound units that measure about 55 inches by 25 inches by 45 inches. What are they called?  
   Ans. Bales
ROUND 2

1. Meditate by sitting. Meditate by arranging flowers; by walking, by calligraphy, by making tea, by repeating riddles. If you do all these, you are likely to practice what religion?
   Ans. (Zen) Buddhism

2. Who is responsible for the financial and administrative aspects of a dramatic production?
   Ans. The producer

3. What political party dominated both houses of the U.S. Congress at the time of the vote to ratify the Treaty of Versailles?
   Ans. Republican

4. It’s not a special breed of cow, but simply a steer over the age of four that’s been trained to work. What is this bovine, with four letters in its plural, and two letters in its singular name?
   Ans. Ox

5. What term is used for the physician in charge of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force medical services and the head of the Public Health Service?
   Ans. Surgeon General

6. Who commanded and died during an exploratory voyage that ended in 1522 with only 18 survivors from the original crew of 266 men?
   Ans. Ferdinand Magellan

7. Polish-born American Arthur Rubenstein was known for his mastery of which instrument?
   Ans. Piano

8. What war’s soldiers wrote on helmets: “We are the unwilling, led by the unqualified, doing the unnecessary for the ungrateful”?
   Ans. Vietnam War

9. What law dictates that all chemical equations must be balanced?
   Ans. Law of conservation of mass

10. What is the term for a number or symbol multiplied with a variable or an unknown quantity in an algebraic term, as 4 in the term 4x?
    Ans. Coefficient
FANFARE 1

1. What country did the U.S. issue a warning to over its threat to block a key oil route, the Strait of Hormuz?
   Ans. Iran

2. In which country was Nelson Mandela born?
   Ans. South Africa

3. The oboe is a double reed musical instrument in which musical family?
   Ans. Woodwind

4. In what century was the light bulb invented?
   Ans. 19th

5. What is a term for a gene that can only be expressed if a dominant gene is not present?
   Ans. Recessive

6. What is a colorful floral phrase for a self-effacing or shy person?
   Ans. Shrinking violet
FANFARE 2

1. Who is the Argentina president that announced she has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer?
   Ans. Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner

2. What is the term for racial segregation in South Africa?
   Ans. Apartheid

3. A piccolo is a small version of what woodwind instrument?
   Ans. Flute

4. In what century did the American Revolution occur?
   Ans. 18th

5. What is the term for one of two or more forms of a gene that determine traits?
   Ans. Alleles

6. Computers are often plugged into what type of device that clamp voltage transients down to a safe level?
   Ans. Surge protector
ROUND 3

1. Portuguese Bartholomew Dias led the first European expedition to round what?
   Ans. Cape of Good Hope (southern tip of Africa)

2. In 1892, which Impressionist, known for his Water Lillies, began his series of paintings of Rouen Cathedral?
   Ans. Claude Monet

3. Which national patriotic society was organized in 1890 by First Lady Caroline Scott Harrison?
   Ans. Daughters of the American Revolution

4. Which body tissue that is often the source of crippling knee injuries lacks the ability to heal on its own and is easily subjected to tears?
   Ans. Cartilage

5. What biblical expression based on a physical impairment refers to those who give advice to others but are not qualified to do so?
   Ans. Blind leading the blind

6. In Switzerland, each canton receives two seats in Parliament, and each half-canton one seat. Given that Switzerland has 20 cantons and 6 half-cantons, how many seats are in that Senate-like body?
   Ans. 46

7. What words complete the correlative conjunction that starts with “not only”?
   Ans. But also

8. Dr. Steven Chu is head of what government agency that uses the acronym DOE?
   Ans. Department of Energy

9. What objects can be classified as plane, convex-spherical or concave-parabolic?
   Ans. Mirrors

10. What are the two principal residences used by British royalty.
    Ans. Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace
FANFARE 1

1. Who did Meryl Streep portray in the new movie "The Iron Lady?"
   Ans. Margaret Thatcher

2. What battle fought on June 18, 1815 put an end to Napoleon's rule as Emperor of the French and marked the end of his Hundred Days return from exile?
   Ans. Waterloo

3. Where would you go in Spanish if you went al mercado? [mer-kah-doh]
   Ans. To the store or market

4. What is Hillary Clinton’s current Cabinet position?
   Ans. Secretary of State

5. Before transistors, what did computers use that added to their large size?
   Ans. Vacuum tubes

6. What expression is defined as emergency medical treatment given before professionals arrive?
   Ans. First aid
FANFARE 2

1. What government has expressed regret over the deaths of 35 civilians in an air strike near its border with Iraq?
   Ans. Turkey

2. The British fleet under Nelson defeated Napoleon in the August 1, 1798 Battle of which Egyptian river?
   Ans. The Nile

3. How would you travel in French if you used a *voiture*? [vwah-too r]
   Ans. Car

4. Who is the Secretary of Education under President Obama?
   Ans. Arne Duncan

5. What flightless animal is the largest living species of bird and lays the largest egg of any living bird?
   Ans. Ostrich

6. What term means to position oneself before the golf ball, not to speak to the ball?
   Ans. Address the ball