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Here's the deal. This week's Mindbender is celebrity name trivia. The answers may surprise you. Taken from <http://www.eonline.com>

1. What big box-office draw spent a year at a Franciscan seminary hoping to become a priest and later dropped his "real" surname, Mapother, when he became an actor?
 - A. Brad Pitt
 - B. Arnold Schwarzenegger
 - C. Tom Cruise
 - D. Jim Carrey
2. You know her as a famous TV doc, but her childhood friends know her as Joyce Penelope Frankenburg.
 - A. Sherry Stringfield
 - B. Jane Seymour
 - C. Christine Lahti
 - D. Ruth Westheimer
3. Whose real first name is Coy?
 - A. C. Thomas Howell
 - B. Luke Perry
 - C. Jason Priestley
 - D. Shannon Doherty
4. Her last name is real, but she changed her first name from Alicia after her first big break in show biz, baring her buns.
 - A. Marisa Tomei
 - B. Jodie Foster
 - C. Rosie O'Donnell
 - D. Mariel Hemingway
5. What TV hunk was called David Haddad by his classmates at University High School in West Los Angeles?
 - A. David Letterman
 - B. David Hasselhoff
 - C. David Schwimmer
 - D. David Charvet
6. What comedian-turned-actor had to change his last name because it already belonged to someone famous?
 - A. Sinbad
 - B. Richard Lewis
 - C. Michael Keaton
 - D. Billy Crystal
7. What young actress renamed herself after a rock star?
 - A. Victoria Jackson
 - B. Jennie Garth
 - C. Samantha Mathis
 - D. Winona Ryder
8. Friends had to literally push Alan Stewart Konigsberg onstage, because he suffered from severe stage fright while doing stand-up comedy. Who is the scaredy-cat?
 - A. Woody Allen
 - B. Steve Allen
 - C. Tim Allen
 - D. Marty Allen
9. Which of these stars doesn't use her real name?
 - A. Laura Leighton
 - B. Meg Ryan
 - C. Yasmine Bleeth
 - D. Juliette Lewis
10. Anna Marie Italiano is the real name of which famous "Ann"?
 - A. Anne Archer
 - B. Ann-Margret
 - C. Anne Bancroft
 - D. Annie Potts
11. William Bailey is better known as which rocker?
 - A. Axl Rose
 - B. Jon Bon Jovi
 - C. Lyle Lovett
 - D. Flavor Flav
12. Which famous director's real first name is Shelton?
 - A. Steven Spielberg
 - B. Sydney Pollack
 - C. Albert Brooks
 - D. Spike Lee
13. Beautiful people don't always have beautiful names. Which model-actress used to go by the name of Eleanor Gow?
 - A. Angie Everhart
 - B. Linda Evangelista
 - C. Elle Macpherson
 - D. Cindy Crawford



Star Wars Prequel Update

George Lucas in an interview two weeks ago was asked who the main characters will be in his upcoming prequel trilogy. He answered "the main characters will be OB-1 Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, The Emperor, a young Yoda, C-3PO, R2-D2 and Boba Fett." The prequels are slated to be released on May 24, 1999, 2001 and 2003. Preproduction is already in progress and principle filming will begin in October.

Jedi release date changed

Here is a copy of a press release from starwars.com: In response to the overwhelming reception to the Special Editions of "Star Wars" and "The Empire Strikes Back," the Special Edition of "Return of the Jedi," previously slated for Friday, March 7 release, will now open in theaters across the U.S. and Canada on Friday, March 14. The move will give moviegoers an extra week to experience the first two installments of the "Star Wars Trilogy" before "Return of the Jedi" comes to the big screen. Chairman of 20th Domestic Film Group, Tom Sherak said, "The 'Star Wars Trilogy' is one story in three parts. You've got to give people the time to see the first two parts before the third. This is much bigger than we ever expected. The release of the 'Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition' has become a true celebration for moviegoers and fans of all ages." There has been no word yet as to a possible triple feature with all three movies together at once. But we will keep you up to date with any new information.



1. C. Tom Cruise was born Thomas Cruise Mapother III in Syracuse, New York. Cruise enrolled in the seminary but says he later quit because he realized he liked women too much to give them up.
2. B. Long before she became "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," Jane Seymour was known as Joyce Penelope Frakenburg in her home town of Hillingdon, England.
3. B. Coy Luther Perry III was born on October 11, 1965, in Mansfield, Ohio. After seeing Paul Newman in "Cool Hand Luke" at the age of five, Perry decided to call himself Luke.
4. B. Jodie Foster was born Alicia Christian Foster in Los Angeles on November 19, 1962. At age three, she was chosen to appear in a now-famous Coppertone ad showing her untanned bare bottom.
5. D. "Baywatch" babe David Charvet was actually born David Haddad. "Melrose" fans now know him as the conniving Craig Field.
6. D. Michael Keaton was born Michael Douglas in Pittsburgh in 1951. When he joined the Screen Actors Guild, there was already a Michael Douglas, so he changed his name to Keaton. The real name of actor Michael Douglas is technically Michael Demsky. His father, the legendary Kirk Douglas, was born Issur Danielovitch Demsky.
7. D. Winona Ryder was born Winona Laura Horowitz 25 years ago in Winona, Minnesota. She told Rolling Stone magazine that the inspiration to change her name came from a Mitch Ryder album. Mitch's real name, by the way, is William S. Levis Jr.
8. A. Woody Allen was born Alan Stewart Konigsberg on Dec. 1, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York. He began using the alias Woody Allen at age 15, when he took a job writing for a gossip columnist. Actress Shirley MacLaine discovered Woody and helped him get his first movie role.
9. B. Meg Ryan's real name is Margaret Hyra.
10. C. Anne Bancroft was born Anna Marie Italiano in the Bronx. She chose her stage name from a studio list.
11. A. Axl Rose named himself Axl after a band he was involved with early on. He took the name Rose after finding out he was adopted and that rose was his birth name.
12. D. Spike Lee was born Shelton Lee Jackson on March 20, 1957, in Atlanta.
13. C. Elle Macpherson was born Eleanor Gow on March 29, 1965, in Sydney, Australia.