



Jenny's FUNeral: The Laugh of Jenny

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We all know our friend Jenny as the smart, accomplished, and overall incredible woman and force of nature that she is, so it may not be surprising to learn that her many talents appeared very early in life. In fact, her very first theater experience occurred way back in nursery school, when she gave a nuanced portrayal of a multifaceted character in the school pageant.

Recently, a number of papers from Jenny's nursery school years were discovered in the attic. Though they appear cryptic, they reveal a brilliant creative mind. Solving the messages in these papers will reveal some interesting things about Jenny's first theater part. In addition, the answers will combine together to tell you how Jenny's friends are going to help her celebrate her birthday.

NOTE: We hope that these puzzles are fun for non-puzzler types as well as avid puzzlers. They can be solved alone, but we think it might be most fun to solve in groups of 2 or 3. Feel free to find Susan or Aaron for hints or help. If you think you know the final answer, you can check it with us and we'll give you a super-awesome sticker as a prize.

Good luck and hope you have fun!

*Super-
Awesome
Completion
Sticker*

I. Mix Tape

Nursery school was also the time that young Jenny made her very first mix tape, using songs from her favorite band at the time (who had coincidentally made their big U.S. TV debut right after Jenny was born).

At first I thought that something seemed off with the descriptions of the songs on the tape. But then I realized that Jenny had changed just a small thing in each title, and that her changes (the new ones) spell out both the character that she played in the show, and the reason she wanted to play the part.

Side A

Side B

1. Computer intrusion attempt in the former Soviet Union. _____
2. The sterling 10 mile-per-gallon SUV owned by Agent 86 _____
3. Marcel Marceau is back for the Yuletide holiday _____
4. Gilded professionals who fix your toilet _____
5. A Scottish cap made of a plastic polymer _____
6. Bliss is a semi-hot dude _____
7. Yo -- man! _____
8. At the store buying sticks of a yellowish dairy product _____
9. A really laid-back U-boat _____
10. The woman claimed she took care of the bill. _____
11. White all over (despite having gone to Hawaii) _____
12. Use the app that finds local businesses! _____

1. The splendid liturgy the priest gave _____
2. From July 22nd through 29th I'll be in San Diego for Comic-Con _____
3. Really Happy Jack on "Three's Company" _____
4. The massive amount of wandering around I do _____
5. Turn and fire! _____
6. I desire to own the farm belonging to you. _____
7. Obtain that alt-rock "Loser" singer! _____
8. That stupid guy sitting on the narrow ledge inside the window _____

What character did Jenny play in her theatrical debut?

Why did Jenny want the part so badly? Because she craved

II. Pub Trivia

Perhaps not surprisingly, Jenny's lifelong interest in beer also began at a very young age. While not yet able to enjoy her soon-to-be favorite beverage in nursery school, Jenny studied the subject very deeply.

The answers to this Pub Trivia quiz reveal how Jenny portrayed her first character part.

Part A: Analogies

- 1) Amstel draft : lager :: Guinness draft : --
- 2) Brussels : Belgian Beer Weekend :: Munich : --
- 3) cherry stones : seeds :: hops : --

Part B: Identification

For each list of beers on the right, find the correct beer logos in the grid on the left, and color in the corresponding spaces in the empty grids on the right.



- 1) Budweiser
Corona
Guinness
Killian's
Lowenbrau
Miller
Molson

- 2) Budweiser
Dos Equis
Foster's
Guinness
Heineken
Killian's
Pabst Blue Ribbon
Rolling Rock

- Sam Adams
- St. Pauli Girl
- Stella Artois

- 3) Budweiser
Corona
Dos Equis
Foster's
Guinness
Heineken
Killian's

- Lowenbrau
- Rolling Rock
- Sam Adams
- St. Pauli Girl

Part C: Vocabulary

Find each word defined below in the grid on top, going in straight lines either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. To help you, the length of the word is given, and the clues are arranged in alphabetical order by answer word. When you eliminate all the found letters from the grid, the remaining 4 letters, reading left to right and top to bottom, spell out the final letters in this puzzle's answer.

F	R	B	K	Y	P	L
T	E	A	E	R	A	E
S	T	R	G	E	T	R
A	R	L	M	W	L	R
E	O	E	W	E	A	A
Y	P	Y	L	R	N	B
S	D	U	S	B	L	T

A malted beverage made using a top-fermenting yeast strain; usually heavier than lager beer (3)

The most common malted grain used in making beer (6)

In the present day U.S., a container holding 31 gallons (for beer) (6)

A place where beer is made (7)

To undergo a process whereby sugar is turned into ethyl alcohol using microorganisms (7)

A container holding 15.5 U.S. gallons of beer; often used at frat parties. (3)

A dark style of beer originating in London in the 18th century, reportedly named for the people who carried luggage for others as an occupation (6)

A slang name for beer, referring to the foam often found at the top of the mug (4)

A valve for controlling the release of beer; draft beer is usually served through this (3)

The microorganism used to make beer, and bread (5)

How did Jenny portray her character?

She played him as being really _ _ _ _ _

III. Double Plays

Theater has always been Jenny's first love -- what could possibly be better than a play? Well, two plays at once! Each paragraph below describes a fantasy play made by combining two different real plays or musicals whose titles, when placed one after the other, overlap by a common word of 3 or more letters. The number of letters in the overlapping word is given. NOTE: Sometimes the overlapping word is part of a larger word or name in one of the titles, and leading "a", "an"s, and "the"s are always disregarded.

Place the combined title in the spaces (leaving out any leading "a", "an"s, or "the"s in either title, but including those words if they appear elsewhere), starting with the first space and continuing until the end. Only enter the overlapping letters a single time, and do NOT enter spaces or punctuation. You probably won't use up all the spaces, and there will be different amounts of spaces left over on each line. Some of the letters have been filled in for you. Use the boxed letter in the answer at bottom. An example is shown below.

Sadly, the nursery school pageant provided Jenny with her first bad review from an ignorant and uneducated critic. Once you have entered each of the combined titles, the indicated letters will spell out the bad review.

Example:

First part clues the first play or musical

Second part clues the second play or musical

The King of Sicilia's momentary intense jealousy causes both his infant daughter's exile and his wife's death, but in the end the latter miraculously comes back to life during the French Revolution, where two similar-looking men have entwined fates. A musical adaptation of the famed Dickens novel. (4)

Ignore leading "a"s; place overlap ("tale") only once

Overlapping word ("tale") has 4 letters

WINTERSTALEOFTWOCITIES _____

1. A fast-talking con man convinces townsfolk to buy band instruments but eventually comes clean, convinced by Sir Thomas More that a person is defined by his conscience. (3)

_____ **A** _____

2. A poor black family in Chicago are rebuffed when they try to move into a decaying mansion on a famous Los Angeles street occupied by a washed-up film actress. (3)

_____ **E** _____

3. A society lady has a shocking secret concerning the illegitimacy of her son, while her cucumber-sandwich-loving friends manufacture fake personae in order to escape tedious obligations. Doubly Wilde! (10)

_____ **A** _____

4. An evil uncle murders his brother in a wildebeest stampede in order to gain the throne, and later descends into madness after splitting his realm amongst his daughters, two of whom then betray him. (4)

I _____

5. A black army general is manipulated by his trusted advisor to turn against his beloved brassy New York City widow and matchmaker, who schemes to marry a wealthy feed shop owner. (5)

E _____

6. This musical is simultaneously a 1940s Hollywood drama, a detective story, and a 7-hour exploration of the trials and tribulations of a group of gay characters in New York City in 1985. (6)

O _____

7. Juror 8 slowly convinces the others to consider reasonable doubt at a homicide trial, all the while singing songs about hot flashes, night sweats, and memory loss. (3)

E _____

8. Don't "picture" this! (that's only for the movie!): A free-loving, cross-dressing mad scientist from another planet lands on a Mississippi River mobile gambling and entertainment establishment. (4)

O _____

9. A man who faked credentials to become a pilot for Pan-Am is persistently optimistic despite evidence to the contrary. Based on a novella by an 18th century French philosopher. (3)

E _____

10. An aging man of business is sadly unable to achieve the American Dream for himself or his two sons, because he wastes his life tilting at windmills and singing about it. (3)

A _____

11. Fairies from the forest comically manipulate two pairs of Athenian lovers, as well as the accompanying troupe of young female singers aspiring to become musical superstars. (5)

I _____

How did Jenny's nursery school teacher criticize her performance?

She said Jenny was _____

Putting It All Together Again

Use the answers to the preceding puzzles to find out how we're helping Jenny celebrate her birthday.

What character did Jenny play in her theatrical debut?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Why did Jenny want the part so badly? Because she craved

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

How did Jenny portray her character?
She played him as being really

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

How did Jenny's nursery school teacher criticize her performance?
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31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

How are Jenny's friends helping her celebrate her birthday?

With a

22 39 23 38 6 4 2 40 20 33 18 8 24 19