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1. **This character's brief acting career was protested by the group Fathers Against Rude Television. With the help of Helmut Spargle, this character uses LSD in a dish to win a contest against his idol, a blue-skinned parody of Emeril Lagasse named Elzar. This Tijuana-born character somehow has the last name (*) Rodriguez.** This fan of the show *All My Circuits* first appeared attempting to kill himself in a suicide booth. "Bite my shiny metal ass!" is the catchphrase of, for 10 points, what robotic best friend of Fry on *Futurama*?

ANSWER: **Bender** [accept **Bender** Bending Rodriguez; prompt on "Rodriguez" before mention]
<Golden>

2. **Harvey Ball designed an iconic one of these symbols, authentic versions of which are required to use a "bright sunny" color. A grotesque one of these symbols was the calling card of the Xander Berkeley-played villain Red John, a rival of Patrick Jane in the TV series *The (*) Mentalist*.** The Comedian's badge, which is one of these symbols sometimes splattered with a drop of blood, is a recurring symbol in the graphic novel *Watchmen*. In 2016, Walmart brought back its long eyed-version of, for 10 points, what symbol of happiness?

ANSWER: **smiley** faces [prompt on "face" or other vagueness; prompt on "happy face"]
<Nelson>

3. **Upon hearing the content chosen for a VHF frequency disruption, a character in this film asks if it is classical music. An object offered to but rejected by Teenaxi leaders in this film turns out to be the Abronath [AB-ruh-nath], a biological weapon. A helmsman reunites with his (*) husband while taking shore leave on the *Yorktown* in this film, in which a First Officer learns that his alternate and older self has died, leading him to consider ambassadorship on New Vulcan.** For 10 points, name this 2016 film about the continuing voyages of the *USS Enterprise*.

ANSWER: **Star Trek Beyond** <Vopava>

4. **Billboard deemed this song a "love letter to luxury cars," citing its mention of a Mercedes the singer bought his mother and his own McLaren P1. This song's music video, which was oddly nominated for a MTV Europe Music Award before it was released, begins with its singer asphyxiating a (*) version of himself with a dramatically different hairstyle.**

This song, which describes a "house so empty, need a centerpiece," has a chorus that repeats "look what you've done." Daft Punk features on, for 10 points, what 2016 hit by The Weeknd?

ANSWER: **Starboy** <Nelson>

5. **In *Bridge to Terabithia*, Leslie dies while Jess and Miss Edmunds are visiting one of these places. One of these places in England houses the headquarters of the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. Theo Decker's mother dies in a bombing in one of these places in (*) Donna Tartt's novel *The Goldfinch*.** In an E. L. Konigsburg novel, Claudia and Jamie hide in one of these places, where they discover a statue donated by Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. For 10 points, name these buildings, one of which is the subject of the book *Paintings in the Louvre*.

ANSWER: art **museums** [accept the British **Museum** or the Metropolitan **Museum** of Art]
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6. ESPN's Ethan Strauss suggested that a 2010 visit to a chapel in Istanbul may have directly led to this event. The central figure of this event joked that Ron Adams was the only reason it occurred, though in another context he said it was to encourage his (*) "evolution as a man." The "Based God Curse" was lifted by rapper Lil B after this event, which was announced in a Players' Tribune post titled "My Next Chapter." For 10 points, name this event in which a 73-win basketball team added a four-time NBA scoring champion.

ANSWER: Kevin Durant joining the Golden State Warriors [accept answers that mention Durant and either "Golden State" or "Warriors"; prompt on answers that mention "leaving Oklahoma City" or "leaving the Thunder"] <Nelson>

7. In one episode of this show, gymnast Shawn Johnson briefly played the part of both a table and a vibrating chair. One person who regularly appears on this show amusingly describes a hitman who kills a cow in a rice field using just two porcelain figures. Clive Anderson hosted the original (*) British version of this series, which was revived by the CW in 2013 with Aisha Tyler as its host. "Scenes from a Hat" and "Props" are games in, for 10 points, what TV series in which Ryan Stiles, Colin Mochrie and others perform improv comedy?

ANSWER: Whose Line Is It Anyway? [prompt on "Whose Line"] <Nelson>

8. In the summer of 2016, the phrase "Soda-mazing" was used to introduce A&W Root Beer and Orange Crush varieties of this food product. An extremely dumb advertisement for these products, in which they are nominated for a "best new artist" award, gives them nicknames like like "Cinna-Roll" and (*) "Blue Raz." The "Mini-Crisps" variety of these Kellogg products come in two of its original flavors, blueberry and strawberry. "Crazy Good" is the questionable slogan of, for 10 points, what toastable, sometimes fruit-filled pastries?

ANSWER: Pop Tarts <Nelson>

9. Dingo and Zoot are among those who maintain a misleading beacon in the shape of this object in a 1975 film partially named for it. In a 2006 film that claims this object may contain a woman's remains, it is eventually found under the "Rose Line" by Sophie Neveu [NUH-voov] and Robert (*) Langdon. A man rapidly ages and dies after incorrectly identifying this object in a film subtitled "The Last Crusade," in which Indiana Jones realizes it must resemble the property of "a carpenter." In a Monty Python film, King Arthur tries to find, for 10 points, what divine drinking vessel?

ANSWER: The Holy Grail [accept Monty Python and the Holy Grail, especially early on] <Vopava>

10. A trophy awarded in this nation has two outer rings each adorned with five equidistant green gems. A club team from this country references the year of its creation in its shortened name, S04. A player from this country scored five goals in the 2006 World Cup and is the (*) all-time leader in goals during World Cup play. In a 2014 match played by this country's national team, Toni Kroos [krohss] scored two goals en route to a stunning 7-1 win. That year's World Cup was won by, for 10 points, what nation whose Bundesliga includes Bayern Munich?

ANSWER: Germany <Nelson>

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11. **Both the Chuck-E-Cheese pizza chain and *this company* were founded by entrepreneur Nolan Bushnell, who named it after a term used in the game Go. A re-formed version of this company released multiple failed hardware platforms named after cats, including the portable (*) Lynx and the allegedly "64-bit" Jaguar. A 1983 "crash" caused largely by this company led to a large number of its game cartridges being buried in a New Mexico landfill. For 10 points, name this early video game company behind the namesake "2600" console.**

ANSWER: Atari Inc. <Nelson>

12. **A Modest Mouse song titled for one of these things claims that "in 1918, things were better when I was" one of them. A hit song partially titled for these items begins by claiming "All I am is a man, I want the world in my hands." The best time to wear one of these "is all the time" according to a (*) Spongebob Squarepants song. A Weezer song named for this article of clothing says that "if you want to destroy" one, "pull this thread as I walk away." A song by The Neighborhood is titled after "Weather" for wearing, for 10 points, what warm garment?**

ANSWER: sweaters [accept Striped Sweater or Sweater Weather] <Nelson>

13. **In one scene, this character is repulsed by the taste and smell of a soup made from whales. The portrayal of Rickon Stark, Art Parkinson, voices this character, who becomes entranced by the underwater Garden of Eyes and helps retrieve the Sword Unbreakable from a giant (*) skeleton's head. This wielder of a magical shamisen fixes that musical instrument by re-constructing a certain film's title objects, using locks of his parents' hair. For 10 points, name this title character from a 2016 film named for him "and the Two Strings."**

ANSWER: Kubo [accept Kubo and the Two Strings] <Nelson>

14. **During a visit from a grandmother on this show, a fool's errand to find an "Irish lemon-potato cake" keeps a teenage son out of the house. In a fantasy sequence on this show, that same boy uses a "rainbow Bat-phone" to contact people like Lance Bass and Tyler Oakley after his devout Catholic mother wishes that (*) the gays would "tone it down." On this series, Martha Plimpton plays the mother of a faith-questioning daughter, an anorexic son, and another son who's gay. For 10 points, name this ABC sitcom about a "real" family.**

ANSWER: The Real O'Neals <Vopava>

15. **This singer's first greatest hits album featured, and was titled for, a cover of Bobby Brown's "My Prerogative." Since 2013, this artist has performed the "Piece of Me" concerts in Las Vegas. A song by this singer claims "a guy like you should wear a warning" and has a music video that depicts her covered in (*) diamonds. This former spouse of dancer Kevin Federline donned an iconic "school girl" outfit in the video for a song that claims "my loneliness is killing me." For 10 points, name this singer of "Toxic" and "Baby One More Time."**

ANSWER: Britney [Jean] Spears <Nelson>

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16. **The only baseball player to make the All-Star game at five different positions is this man, who once earned a 30-day suspension for shoving Dave Pallone. In the 1970 All-Star Game, this author of the memoir *My Prison Without Bars* (*) broke the shoulder of Ray Fosse [FOSS-ee] in a violent home plate collision. In 1989, a punishment overseen by Bart Giamatti was made against this man nicknamed "Charlie Hustle." Baseball's all-time hits leader is, for 10 points, what former Cincinnati Red whose gambling history led to a lifetime ban?**

ANSWER: Pete **Rose** [or Peter Edward **Rose** Sr.] <Nelson>

17. **In *Jaws 2*, this is the means by which Chief Brody kills the shark; it is also the means by which the homicidal gold-digger Debbie meets her demise in *Addams Family Values*. Dr. Grant gives Tim mouth-to-mouth after he nearly dies in this manner in (*) *Jurassic Park*, and a gangster in 1989's *Batman* is murdered in this way while shaking hands with the Joker. Percy's deliberate failure to wet a special sponge results in Del's horrific execution via this means in *The Green Mile*. For 10 points, name the way a lightning strike kills you.**

ANSWER: **electrocution** or **electric shock** [accept clear equivalents mentioning **electricity**; accept **electric chair** after "Percy" but NOT before] <Vopava>

18. **Three priests live in a "craggy" one of these places on the British sitcom *Father Ted*. In a show titled for one of these places, Herve Villechaize [air-VEE vee-CHEZ] yells "Ze plane! Ze plane!" as Mr. Roarke's assistant Tattoo. Another show set in one of these places starred Dawn Wells as (*) Mary Ann and Bob Denver as the title character. One of these is the setting of a short-lived 1990's show based on the novel *Swiss Family Robinson*. Gilligan lives on, for 10 points, what type of isolated landform?**

ANSWER: **islands** [accept Craggy **Island** or Fantasy **Island** or Gilligan's **Island**] <Golden>

19. **In 2012, this athlete commented "Si, yo soy fiesta" upon being asked by ESPN Deportes about celebrating a victory. In 2016, this player passed a franchise record held by Stanley Morgan. As of 2016, this athlete was a teammate of his brother Glenn, (*) and he played with another of his brothers at the University of Arizona. This often-injured player appears on the cover of Madden NFL 17, in which he is seen characteristically spiking a football. For 10 points, name this frequent target of Tom Brady, a tight end with the New England Patriots.**

ANSWER: Rob **Gronkowski** [or Robert Paxton **Gronkowski**; prompt on "Gronk"] <Nelson>

20. **One place with this name is said to be "a little bit weaker than you used to be" in a song by the Goo Goo Dolls. A character played by Katherine McPhee sang "here I come" to another place with this name on a now-cancelled NBC series. A change in the lighting of this place is mentioned in "Miami (*) 2017," a song by Billy Joel. According to a Lieber and Stoller song, "the neon lights are bright" in this place. The phrase "remember me to Herald Square" appears in a song about giving "regards" to, for 10 points, what theater-laden street?**

ANSWER: **Broadway** [accept **On Broadway** or **Broadway, Here I Come**] <Nelson>

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1. Upon approaching the planet Scarif, a ship piloted by Bodhi [boh-dee] Rook is ordered to identify itself. For 10 points each:

[10] Give the name that Rook subsequently uses to identify himself and his crewmates.

ANSWER: **Rogue One**

[10] The Rogue One squad travels to Scarif to obtain the schematics of this massive battle station, including information on a structural weakness.

ANSWER: **Death Star**

[10] Among the heroes in *Rogue One* is this security droid, who is voiced by Alan Tudyk [too-dik]. This former Imperial droid was reprogrammed by Cassian to serve the Rebellion.

ANSWER: **K-2SO** [accept **K-2**] ["kay two ess oh"] <Nelson>

2. Now that it is 2017, musicians can no longer die; they can only become holograms. For 10 points each:

[10] The trend arguably began with the appearance of this man's "hologram," technically a 2D projection, at the 2012 Coachella festival. This west-coast rapper's 1996 murder remains unsolved.

ANSWER: **2Pac** [or Tupac Amaru **Shakur**]

[10] In 2016, producers of *The Voice* scrapped a duet between Christina Aguilera and a very inaccurate hologram of this singer of "I Will Always Love You," who died in 2012. Her daughter Bobbi Kristina died 3 years later.

ANSWER: Whitney [Elizabeth] **Houston**

[10] This metal singer, who fronted the band Rainbow and sang "Holy Diver" with a namesake band, may "tour" as a hologram in the near future.

ANSWER: Ronnie James **Dio** [DEE-oh] [accept Ronald James **Padavona**] <Nelson>

3. In November 2016, Major League Baseball's owners and players agreed to terms on a new one of these documents. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this type of agreement, whose expiration can lead to a players' strike or lockout.

ANSWER: **collective bargaining** agreement [or **CBA**]

[10] One of the better things in baseball's new CBA is that the league will abandon the profoundly stupid act of awarding home field advantage in the World Series to the league that wins this event.

ANSWER: **All-Star Game**

[10] Though the exact numbers were debated, the league and players' union agreed to keep regular season rosters at this many players; roster sizes will still expand beyond this number each September.

ANSWER: **25** <Nelson>

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4. At the beginning of *Zoolander*, this man tells a reporter, "Without Derek Zoolander, male modeling wouldn't be what it is today." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this celebrity who also gave Kevin McCallister directions to the lobby of the Plaza Hotel in *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*.

ANSWER: Donald **Trump** [or Donald John **Trump**]

[10] As a slimy rich dad, Trump told his slimy son Waldo, "You're the best son money can buy" in this 1994 movie about Alfalfa's exile from the He-Man Woman Hater's Club.

ANSWER: The **Little Rascals**

[10] Trump insists "Hiring Eddie was my idea from the beginning" in *Eddie*, a 1996 comedy about a basketball fan played by this actress; she won an Oscar for playing the sassy medium in *Ghost*.

ANSWER: Whoopi **Goldberg** [accept either name or Caryn Elaine **Johnson**] <Vopava>

5. The world has Firaxis Games to thank for making it possible for Cleopatra to nuke Teddy Roosevelt into oblivion. For 10 points each:

[10] In 2016 Firaxis released this game, the latest in a long-running historical strategy series created by Sid Meier.

ANSWER: **Civilization VI** [prompt on "Civ" or "Civilization"]

[10] *Civilization VI* introduces Historical Agendas to gameplay; the "Peacekeeper" agenda is given to this 20th-century leader who, in previous games, was the victim of an unfortunate glitch that turned him into a bloodthirsty warmonger.

ANSWER: Mahatma **Gandhi** [or Mohandas **Gandhi**; prompt on "India"]

[10] *Civ VI* is narrated by this actor; in *Jupiter Ascending*, one of the rare films in which his character does *not* die, he played the half-bee, half-human renegade Stinger Apini.

ANSWER: Sean **Bean** [Shaun Mark **Bean**] <Vopava>

6. According to its theme song, you "might get baked into a pie" or "raft a river of lava" while aboard this vehicle. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this fantastic vehicle that transports a Walker Elementary School class around the solar system, inside Ralphie's bloodstream, and various other educational locales.

ANSWER: The **Magic School Bus** [prompt on The Bus]

[10] Lily Tomlin voiced this teacher, who drives and ostensibly owns the Magic School Bus. She was notable for her interesting fashion choices based on each episode's theme.

ANSWER: Ms. **Frizzle** [or **Valerie** Felicity **Frizzle**; accept just **Valerie**]

[10] In a memorable episode of *The Magic School Bus*, the class travels to a spooky museum and wears special goggles that allow them to see this scientific phenomenon.

ANSWER: **sound** waves [accept obvious equivalents] <Vopava>

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7. For 10 points each, answer the following about the rapper Quavo [QUAY-vo]:

[10] Quavo is a member of this rap group, who hit #1 alongside Lil Uzi Vert with their song "Bad and Boujee."

ANSWER: **Migos** [MEE-gohs]

[10] This rapper's album *Free TC* contained a collaboration with Quavo titled "Long Time." He also guested on the Fifth Harmony song "Work from Home."

ANSWER: **Ty Dolla Sign** [or Tyrone William **Griffin** Jr.]

[10] Quavo repeatedly exclaims "I love my Motorola" on this Lil Yachty song whose refrain says it gets "cold like" the title state.

ANSWER: **Minnesota** <Golden>

8. This man played Freddy Flapman, a real estate agent on *Sesame Street* who delivers a "Habitat Rap" to try to sell Big Bird a new home. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Puerto Rican actor and composer of a little Broadway musical called *Hamilton*.

ANSWER: Lin-Manuel **Miranda**

[10] Miranda's success on Broadway is not new; he was composer, lyricist, and star of this 2008 Tony-winning musical set in a Latino neighborhood of Manhattan.

ANSWER: **In the Heights**

[10] One of *Hamilton*'s many Tony wins went to Daveed Diggs, who originated the dual role of two central characters in *Hamilton*; name *either* character.

ANSWER: The Marquis de **Lafayette** or Thomas **Jefferson** <Vopava>

9. Jerseys in this league were allowed to utilize players' nicknames, such as future NFL running back Rod Smart's "He Hate Me." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this professional football league that lasted for just one season in 2001 after poor TV ratings and equally poor play.

ANSWER: **XFL**

[10] The XFL was operated by Vince, the patriarch of this family that operates World Wrestling Entertainment. His wife Linda now runs the Small Business Administration.

ANSWER: **McMahon** family [or **McMahon**; accept Vincent Kennedy **McMahon**]

[10] The only champion in the XFL's history was the appropriately named X-Treme, who hailed from this city. At the time, this city did not have an NFL franchise.

ANSWER: **Los Angeles** [accept **L.A.** or **L.A. Extreme**] <Nelson>

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10. The original score to this film features the unusual combination of Hans Zimmer and Pharrell Williams. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2016 film about Katherine Johnson, a black female mathematician who played a critical role in multiple American space missions.

ANSWER: **Hidden Figures**

[10] At the 2017 Golden Globes, Jenna Bush Hager made the unfortunate mistake of referring to *Hidden Figures* by this similar but incorrect name; she was likely conflating it with another 2016 film starring black actors.

ANSWER: **Hidden Fences**

[10] *Hidden Figures* co-stars this woman, who also appeared in the film *Moonlight*. Her first success came as singer, with songs like “PrimeTime” and “Tightrope.”

ANSWER: Janelle **Monáe** [or Janelle Monáe **Robinson**] <Nelson>

11. After the 2015 Paris attacks, one episode of this show was preceded by a warning about its subject matter. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this ABC series in which Priyanka Chopra [pree-YAHN-kuh CHOH-pruh] plays Alex Parrish, an FBI recruit who is framed for a terrorist attack.

ANSWER: **Quantico** [QUONT-ih-koh]

[10] The attack that places Alex under suspicion is a fictional bombing at this Manhattan transit hub.

ANSWER: **Grand Central** Station [or **Grand Central** Terminal]

[10] *Quantico* is titled for a city in this state, which is home to the FBI Academy. The CIA is headquartered in Langley in this state.

ANSWER: **Virginia** <Vopava>

12. For 10 points each, answer the following about TNT's excellent coverage of the NBA:

[10] The channel's pre-show, *Inside the NBA*, features several legends of the sport, including this massive and charismatic hall-of-famer who had championship runs with the Lakers and Heat.

ANSWER: Shaquille [Rashaun] **O'Neal** [accept **Shaq**]

[10] Kenny Smith, another host of *Inside the NBA*, had this nickname during his playing career. This nickname is shared by the fictional Benny Rodriguez in the film *The Sandlot*.

ANSWER: The **Jet**

[10] This sideline reporter for TNT, who died of cancer in 2016, may have been best known for his incredibly bizarre and colorful outfits.

ANSWER: Craig [Graham] **Sager** [SAY-gur] <Nelson>

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13. Near the start of this game, Hannah's friends trick her into thinking Chris likes her, and then secretly film Hannah trying to make a move on him. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2014 horror video game, in which the player must help eight awful teenagers survive in a remote cabin for the title period of time.

ANSWER: **Until Dawn**

[10] *Until Dawn*'s use of consequential decisions and multiple characters is reminiscent of this acclaimed 2010 game about the kidnapping of Ethan Mars's son by the Origami Killer.

ANSWER: **Heavy Rain**

[10] *Until Dawn* was developed by Supermassive Games, whose first release was downloadable content for this adorable and customizable PS3 platformer starring the plush Sackboy.

ANSWER: **Little Big Planet** <Vopava>

14. In the late 1990's, this woman was a major figure in the explosion in popularity of Latin pop music in America. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this singer and actress, whose debut single was "If You Had My Love." She later reflected on fame in her 2002 hit "Jenny from the Block."

ANSWER: Jennifer [Lynn] **Lopez** [or **J Lo**]

[10] After an incredibly publicized romance with Ben Affleck, Jennifer Lopez married this other Latin pop star, whose hits include "I Need To Know" and "You Sang To Me." They divorced in 2014.

ANSWER: Marc **Anthony** [or Marco Antonio **Muñiz**]

[10] In a 1997 biopic, Lopez portrayed this pioneering Tejano [tay-HAH-noh] singer, who was murdered by the former head of her fan club in 1995.

ANSWER: **Selena** [or Selena Quintanilla-**Pérez**] <Nelson>

15. Some time after being from eliminated from *Dancing with the Stars* with partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy [shmair-KOV-skee], this figure began dating Maksim's brother, Valentin. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this buzz-cutted model and reality TV star, who also appears on a namesake talk show on VH1.

ANSWER: Amber **Rose** [or Amber **Levonchuck**]

[10] Amber Rose appeared on an episode of an E! series about Tyler Henry, a man with this dubious profession. Theresa Caputo is the title "Long Island" one of these people in another series.

ANSWER: **medium** [accept any answer that describes the purported ability to **talk to the dead**]

[10] IMDB claims that Rose appeared in an episode of this MTV reality series, a spinoff of *Laguna Beach* that focused on the incredibly vapid Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt, among others.

ANSWER: The **Hills** <Nelson>

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16. The popularity of this band's music is definitely eclipsed by the popularity of their music videos. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this band whose video for "Here It Goes Again" boasts iconic treadmill choreography.

ANSWER: **OK Go**

[10] One video for 2010's "This Too Shall Pass" saw OK Go interact with one of these comically elaborate "machines"; in the video, it begins after a toy car hits a domino and ends by splattering the band with paint.

ANSWER: **Rube Goldberg** machine

[10] "No wires or green screen" were used in the 2016 music video for "Upside Down & Inside Out," which has OK Go perform in this physical state.

ANSWER: **zero** gravity [or **weightlessness**; accept clear equivalents] <Vopava>

17. Early in his pro career, the versatile Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov [GREE-gur DIM-ih-trov] was often called the "Baby" version of this other athlete. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Swiss tennis star who has reached the Wimbledon finals a record 10 times. He opted to sit out much of 2016 to recover from knee surgery.

ANSWER: Roger **Federer**

[10] Federer's greatest career rivalry has been with Rafael Nadal [nuh-DAHL], a Spanish player known for his supremacy on this type of tennis court.

ANSWER: **clay**

[10] A lesser and more recent rivalry has developed between Federer and this fellow Swiss player who won the 2016 U.S. Open.

ANSWER: Stan **Wawrinka** [vuh-VREENK-uh] [or Stanislas **Wawrinka**] <Vopava>

18. Works by this American author have been adapted into 11 films, including *Nights in Rodanthe* [roh-DAN-thee] and *Safe Haven*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this romance author, who is not John Green but did depict a young girl with cancer in his novel *A Walk to Remember*.

ANSWER: Nicholas [Charles] **Sparks**

[10] Nicholas Sparks is likely best known for this novel, in which a love story is read to a dementia-ridden woman from the title object. Its film version co-starred Rachel McAdams.

ANSWER: The **Notebook**

[10] Kevin Costner wrote and directed a film based on this Nicholas Sparks novel, which is named for a sealed object one might throw into the ocean.

ANSWER: **Message in a Bottle** <Nelson>

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19. For 10 points each, name these Hollywood directors who created scenes that involve tennis racquets:

[10] Bruno drops a cigarette lighter decorated in tennis racquets down a storm drain, delaying his plan to frame Guy for murder in *Strangers on a Train*, a film by this "Master of Suspense."

ANSWER: [Sir] Alfred [Joseph] **Hitchcock**

[10] Annie fumbles nervously with her racquet bag while giddily chatting with Alvy Singer after a doubles match in this creepy director's 1977 classic *Annie Hall*.

ANSWER: Woody **Allen** [or Heywood **Allen** or Allan Stewart **Konigsberg**]

[10] C.C. Baxter strains spaghetti through a tennis racquet in *The Apartment*, a film by this Austrian-American director of *Some Like It Hot* and *Double Indemnity*.

ANSWER: Billy **Wilder** [or Samuel **Wilder**] <Vopava>

20. John Munch, a detective played by Richard Belzer, has appeared on television in some capacity for over 20 years. For 10 points each:

[10] Munch most prominently worked for this department of the NYPD on a namesake spinoff of *Law & Order*, where he often partnered with Fin Tutuola [too-too-OH-luh].

ANSWER: **Special Victims Unit** or **SVU**

[10] Munch was a primary character in *Homicide: Life on the Street* and appeared in one episode of *The Wire*; both of those series are set in this U.S. city.

ANSWER: **Baltimore**

[10] The character also appeared in one episode of this series, in which he investigates an incident in a warehouse involving Fox Mulder and the Lone Gunmen.

ANSWER: The **X-Files** <Nelson>