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1. Somewhat specific answer required. In a 2009 parody for *The Kevin Bishop Show*, Karen Gillan sang about the reasons for this action, including "to have a hit." Keith Urban described wanting to "make a little magic in the moonlight" in a song titled for taking this action. In another song, a woman declares "we had a drink, we had a smoke" shortly before taking this action. The singer of that song noted that this action (*) "won't change the world, but I'm so glad." In a song from a 1989 Disney film, the singer insists that it "don't take a word" to take this action, which titled the only hit for singer Jill Sobule. In another song, "cherry chapstick" is tasted during, for 10 points, what amorous action, about which Katy Perry claimed "I liked it"?

ANSWER: kissing a girl (accept I Kissed a Girl or Kiss the Girl or reasonably similar things; prompt on "kiss(ing)") <Nelson>

2. In one of his first TV appearances, this figure was beaten up by Ricky Gervais in the cold open of a 2018 episode of *The Tonight Show*. In a 2018 incident at the Adventure Aquarium, this figure was filmed ripping dozens of plush sharks from the shelf of a gift shop before jumping on them. This character was introduced at the Please Touch Museum and was the first of his kind since a bespectacled character from the 1970s who wore a similar black (*) helmet. John Oliver described this character as "the end product of the McDonald's fry guy hooking up with Grimace." A great version of a meme reading "Good Night, Alt Right" features a Pepe being beaten by, for 10 points, what orange, googly-eyed mascot of the Philadelphia Flyers?

ANSWER: Gritty <Vitello>

3. An action taken by this man results in Diane throwing a telephone into the air and shouting, "Son of a bitch, we hit the motherlode!". This man likens his chosen profession to "a goddamn amusement park" in a speech that ends with him repeating the phrase "turn it off!" and then suddenly fainting. After two members of the Ecumenical Liberation Army (*) assassinate this man, a narrator notes that it was "the first known instance of a man who was killed because he had lousy ratings." The epithet "Mad Prophet of the Airwaves" often introduces, for 10 points, what unhinged newscaster who declares, "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!" in the film *Network*?

ANSWER: Howard Beale (accept either underlined portion; accept The Howard Beale Show; prompt on answers like "the 'I'm as mad as hell' guy" or "the newscaster from *Network*" before "mad as hell")

<Vopava>

4. An ancient nuclear bomb inscribed with these two letters is central to the 1970 film *Beneath the Planet of the Apes*, and also provided the name of the rogue military in 2017's *War for the Planet of the Apes*. In a 2016 song, Machine Gun Kelly refers to himself as a "black flag swinger" and by these letters. Justin Long and Hayden Panettiere starred in a 2010 (*) animated film titled for these letters, which has somehow spawned *seven* sequels and centers on a pair of wolves. Like its predecessors, a pair of 2014 sequels whose titles use these letters is set in the Hoenn Region and features the teams Magma and Aqua. The reissues of *Pokemon Ruby* and *Sapphire* amend their titles with, for 10 points, what extreme Greek letters?

ANSWER: alpha and omega (accept answers in either order; accept Alpha-Omega; accept Alpha Sapphire and Omega Ruby) <Nelson>

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5. Justin Campbell, a guy who played a sergeant in *The Hurt Locker*, is better known for a role in which he talks to this man. A 2015 work featuring this character replaced two of its other characters with the Coneheads, who incorrectly claim this character is from another planet. An article of clothing worn on TV by this character hangs on the wall of a bar in Normal, Illinois, near where this character ostensibly works. While conversing with this man, a figure asks (*) "does it matter" in reference to being married. At 3 a.m., a suspicious woman claims that this character "sounds hideous" and angrily asks him "what are you wearing?". Khakis are worn by, for 10 points, what fictional representative of a certain insurance company?

ANSWER: Jake from State Farm (prompt on partial answers) <Nelson>

6. The short-lived career of Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Clay Zavada is likely best known for his playing with one of these things. Alex Bregman somehow removed one of these things in the middle of a 2018 home game. After Charlie Finley held a contest concerning these things, the 1972 Oakland A's became known as a (*) "gang" of them. In 1986, one of these things was a point of contention between Marge Schott and a Hall of Fame pitcher, who opted to retire rather than lose one of them join the Reds. Goose Gossage made use of one of these things to spite George Steinbrenner, who ultimately allowed them. Dennis Eckerlsey also sported, for 10 points, what feature seen prominently on the face of Rollie Fingers?

ANSWER: mustaches (accept handlebar mustache; prompt on "facial hair" or similarly non-specific answers) <Nelson>

7. In one of countless artistic crimes perpetrated by the cast of *Glee*, this song was mashed up with "Stop! In the Name of Love" in the show's second season. A hypothetical sales clerk is told "you rang my buy before I made up my mind" in this song before another vocalist laments "Oh now, attitude--why even bother?" This song's chorus borrows and tones down the title of Parliament's second studio album. A character on *In Living Color* inspired this song's (*) spoken opening, "Prejudice: wrote a song about it--wanna hear it?" The need to "be color blind" and *not* be "so shallow" is declared in, for 10 points, what 1992 hit by En Vogue whose title command is followed by "and the rest will follow"?

ANSWER: Free Your Mind [Parliament's 1970 album is called *Free Your Mind... and Your Ass Will Follow*.] <Vopava>

8. The prince Jean in *Breath of Fire II* misleadingly claims to have been subjected to this action. In *Killer Instinct*, Orchid's finishing move that *doesn't* involve flashing the opponent inflicts this action on opponents before crushing them. At the Gum Base in *Cave Story*, this action is done to Balrog before he is fought in a boss battle. The attacks of the *Final Fantasy VII* enemy "Touch Me" cause this action to occur. During a battle alongside his friend (*) Cyrus, a man named Glenn is subjected to this action and thrown from a mountain by Magus. A knight in *Chrono Trigger* suffered, for 10 points, what physical transformation taken in *Super Mario Bros. 3* by donning a green suit that improves Mario's swimming and hopping?

ANSWER: being turned into a frog (accept reasonable descriptions involving a transformation into a frog; do not accept or prompt on answers saying "toad"; prompt on "curse" or "transformation" without "frog" being given) <Nelson>

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9. An org chart with a canary at its highest rank also places one of these things second from the bottom. Another figure in that chart notes that his business would not function without the "tireless efforts" of this thing. Race Banyon claims "If I go, I'm taking you to hell with me" before being (*) saved by one of these things. A frustrated man claims "it's all just a popularity contest" after losing an award to one of these objects, despite the award being given to anyone regardless of "gross incompetence, obesity, or rank odor." Another of these objects receives a ticker tape parade and a magazine cover after it holds a door closed during a space flight. For 10 points, name this green, cylindrical object despised by Homer Simpson.

ANSWER: inanimate carbon rod (accept reasonably descriptive answers like the rod from The Simpsons or similar) <Nelson>

10. In one role, this actor exclaims "Voilà, presto, and alaka-damn!" upon unfurling a new banner for Justice Forever shortly before the Motherfucker's henchmen kill him. Steven Jay Russell, a con-man played by this man, fakes having AIDS so he can escape prison and be with the title character of a 2009 black comedy. In early 2019, this portrayer of (*) Colonel Stars and Stripes in *Kick-Ass 2* tweeted a painting he made of bloodied fascists that sparked a public feud with Benito Mussolini's granddaughter. All three ghosts and Scrooge were played in the mo-cap version of *A Christmas Carol* by, for 10 points, what actor who is about to play Dr. Robotnik and reunited with Jeff Daniels in *Dumb and Dumber To*?

ANSWER: Jim Carrey (or James Eugene Carrey) <Vopava>

11. In the fallout of this event, Gene Keady's wife Pat sought medical attention after being hit in the eye by a coin. A radio broadcaster at this event amusingly described that its central figure had "lost his persimmons." Uwe Blab predicted the outcome of this event upon noting that its perpetrator wasn't wearing a typical striped (*) jacket. Steve Reid came close to being injured in this event, whose central object ended up in a section for handicapped spectators. A foul call on Daryl Thomas, which was the third whistle in under a minute, was shortly followed by this incident. A 1985 game between Purdue and an in-state rival included, for 10 points, what incident in which a sitting implement was relocated by a fiery Indiana Hoosiers coach?

ANSWER: Bobby Knight throwing a chair (accept answers like the Bobby Knight chair incident or any reasonable answer giving both a chair and Bobby Knight or Bob Knight; or Robert Montgomery Knight; do not accept answers describing a "folding chair") <Nelson>

12. *SimCity* designer Will Wright and his daughter developed a device covered in fake plants used for this activity. The Colorado based event "Critter Crunch" is believed to be the first formal event for this activity. Before forming a team of superheroes, Hiro earns a bunch of money in this activity in *Big Hero 6*. The first TV series centered on this activity was hosted by Bill Dwyer and (*) Sean Salisbury and featured an enormous win streak by Hazard; that series somewhat oddly aired on Comedy Central. Grant Imahara was a successful competitor in this activity, and later featured a device he made for it named "Deadblow" on *Mythbusters*. Full body spinners and saw blades are commonly seen in, for 10 points, what type of non-human combat?

ANSWER: robot fighting (or robot combat or similar; accept BattleBots; prompt on "fighting" or other less specific answers) <Nelson>

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13. A 2018 mugshot of Jeffrey Schmiede [SHMEE-gee] most notably shows him wearing this article of clothing. A lighter variant of this garment shows a teacher at a blackboard and a pig-tailed student gasping. Epic Mazur, one of the frontmen for Crazy Town, prominently wore this garment in the video for the song "Butterfly." Michael Glover voiced an orange-haired, cartoon (*) lion who wears nothing but this garment. A 2017 Vice article claims this garment is the only significant thing ever produced by the system it advertises, which was invented by Daryl Gates of the LAPD and initially included a phrase that began with "keeping kids." For 10 points, name this usually black garment whose four namesake red letters precede the message "to resist drugs and violence."

ANSWER: D.A.R.E. t-shirt (prompt on "(t)shirt") <Vopava>

14. Genius.com's annotated lyrics for this song claim that its last lyric, which is said to be "FADE," is a reference to its performer's career. This song's title is derived from a message displayed during the startup of a Roland JP-8080 synthesizer. Sebastian Rejman and the artist behind this song performed "Look Away" at the 2019 (*) Eurovision Song Contest. The music video to this song begins on the steps of a government square, from which a woman with a briefcase is chased by two security guards. An appearance in a GameStream video of *Call of Duty 4* footage led to a resurgence in this song's popularity. Despite what the internet might tell you, most songs are not, for 10 points, what instrumental by Finnish trance artist Darude?

ANSWER: Sandstorm (accept answers like Darude Sandstorm) <Nelson>

15. Director Michael Curtiz [kur-TEEZ] claimed his proudest moment was discovering this actress and casting her in her first film, *Romance on the High Seas*. In the documentary *The Celluloid Closet*, a montage of coded gay characters is set to this woman's rendition of "Secret Love" from the film *Calamity Jane*. As Jo McKenna, the female lead in *The Man (*) Who Knew Too Much*, this woman originated the song "Que Sera, Sera" [kay seh-RAH seh-RAH]. This actress, who died in May 2019, had an exceedingly family-friendly image led to her mocking nickname, "the world's oldest virgin." A popular version of "Sentimental Journey" was sung by, for 10 points, what blonde actress who starred alongside Rock Hudson in romantic comedies like *Pillow Talk*?

ANSWER: Doris Day (or Doris Mary Ann Kappelhoff) <Vopava>

16. Marvel's unceremonious killing of a gay superhero who gained his powers from one of these objects led to accusations of homophobia. A being named Rami created several powerful versions of these objects. Pieces of a Makluan ship were adapted into a group of these items, including one that can rearrange matter, by a half-Chinese (*) supervillain. Though the characters who can already fly also wear them, a set of these objects featuring the letter 'L' grants flight to members of the Legion of Superheroes. In some stories, The Flash stores his uniform inside one of these objects. A power battery is used to charge objects of this type used by Thaal Sinestro and Hal Jordan. For 10 points, name these objects from which Green Lanterns summon stuff.

ANSWER: rings (accept answers like magic rings or power rings) <Nelson>

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17. A Norwegian-American family's traditional practices regarding these animals are depicted in the 2009 documentary *Sweetgrass*. Johnny is astonished when Gheorghe [G'YOR-gay] revives a seemingly dead one of these animals in the 2017 drama *God's Own Country*. An early scene in *American Sniper* equates these animals with bullied schoolchildren. Activists named Experience and Grant investigate experiments that turn these animals into (*) mutated bloodthirsty carnivores in a 2006 horror comedy. Joe Aguirre hires Jack Twist and Ennis del Mar to tend these animals in *Brokeback Mountain*. A 2015 film follows the *Wallace and Gromit* character Shaun, who is, for 10 points, what fluffy barnyard animal?

ANSWER: sheep (accept lambs; accept Black Sheep or Shaun the Sheep) <Vopava>

18. Noted draft bust A.J. Jenkins was traded after refusing to accompany this man to "The Hill," a steep hill this man runs up every day. This athlete and his dog Nitus are central to a weird 2011 video game that depicts "Dog Football." Several contemporaries of this man heavily criticized him in 2015 after he admitted to routinely putting Stickum on his (*) gloves. After being traded for a 7th round pick during his final season, this man convinced Steve Largent to let him use his retired number. This Mississippi Valley State alum was the MVP of Super Bowl XXIII, in which he has 215 receiving yards and caught a touchdown pass from Joe Montana. For 10 points, name this 49ers legend who holds nearly every NFL receiving record.

ANSWER: Jerry Rice (or Jerry Lee Rice Sr) <Nelson>

19. In a 1996 song by metal guitarist Yngwie [ING-vee] Malmsteen, this specific time is when "prying eyes are blind to proceedings of the kind that begin." According to Judas Priest, the title action of the song "Love Bites" occurs during this period of time. A lyric repeated in the chorus of "Overjoyed" by Bastille laments that "I hear you calling" at this time. In the chorus of "Supermassive Black Hole," Muse describes glaciers (*) melting at this time. The words "take these broken wings and learn to fly" immediately follow a lyric about this time period in an acoustic song that also claims "you were only waiting for this moment to arise." For 10 points, give this specific time at which the title bird is "singing" in the Beatles song "Blackbird."

ANSWER: (in) the dead of night (prompt with "I need to hear a specific phrase" on answers like "night" or "nighttime") <Vopava>

20. In one role, an actress with this last name introduces Big Carl at the end of a touching memorial service for Big Joe, a comically large inanimate object that holds a certain type of beverage. From 2015 to 2018, Elden Hensen and an actor with this surname played attorneys whose clients included the elderly Ms. Cardenas [car-DAY-nahss] and the man who wiped out the Kitchen Irish, the vigilante (*) Frank Castle. An actress with this surname joined with her twin brother M Lamar to portray credit card scammer Sophia Burset both pre- and post-transition. The title blind superhero of *Daredevil* is played by a man with, for 10 points, what surname shared by the star of *Cougar Town* as well as transgender actress Laverne from *Orange Is the New Black*?

ANSWER: Cox (accept Laverne Cox or Charlie Cox or Courteney Cox) <Vopava>

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1. In a 1978 article, Tauna Le Marbe attempted to decipher this phrase and rendered its meaning as "I die, repair me, do not retaliate." For 10 points each:

[10] Give this three-word phrase that Helen Benson memorizes in case anything should happen to an alien fugitive played by Michael Rennie.

ANSWER: **klaatu barada nikto** [klaa-too buh-RAH-duh nick-toh]

[10] The command "klaatu barada nikto" activates a protocol carried out by the robot Gort in this landmark 1951 sci-fi film.

ANSWER: The **Day the Earth Stood Still**

[10] *The Day the Earth Stood Still* features actress Patricia Neal, who rose to stardom opposite this actor in the 1949 adaptation of *The Fountainhead*. He also played the title role in *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town*.

ANSWER: Gary **Cooper** (or Frank James **Cooper**) <Vopava>

2. Buddy Garrity puts up a sign bearing this message in the locker room of a newly-formed "super team" after this phrase's originator leaves for a job in Philadelphia. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this three-part phrase, a rallying cry used by various citizens of Dillon, Texas.

ANSWER: **Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose**

[10] Coach Eric Taylor routinely repeats the mantra "Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose" on this NBC drama series inspired by a namesake film and non-fiction book about high school football.

ANSWER: **Friday Night Lights**

[10] Among the players inspired by the "Clear Eyes" message is the relatively unathletic kicker Landry Clarke, who was played by this actor. He more recently portrayed Robert Daly, the captain of the USS Callister, in an installment of *Black Mirror*.

ANSWER: Jesse (Lon) **Plemons** <Nelson>

3. This artist, who once tweeted how "it's scientifically proven" that he's "the most lyrical rapper of all time," rapped the line "Racks on racks on racks on racks on racks on racks" in his single "Racks on Racks." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this artist who also rapped "Gucci gang, Gucci gang, Gucci gang, Gucci gang" in his 2017 breakout hit "Gucci Gang."

ANSWER: **Lil Pump** (or Gazy **Garcia**; accept **Jet Ski**)

[10] Lil Pump recorded songs like "OK" and "Nephew" with this other rapper, whose debut mixtape *Deadstar* has a cover that imitates a notorious photo from GG Allin's funeral.

ANSWER: **Smokepurpp** (or Omar Jeffery **Pineiro**; accept **Lil Water** or **Yung West** or Lil **Purpp**)

[10] Lil Pump raps "Me and Smokepurpp sippin' drank" on this 2018 collaboration with Kanye West. This song's music video depicts Kanye and Lil Pump in weird, enormous body suits. It has no connection to an Icona Pop song of the same name.

ANSWER: **I Love It** <Vitello>

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4. For 10 points each, answer the following about how the NBA Draft Lottery is definitely, possibly rigged:
[10] A good number of fans were incredulous after this team happened to win the Draft Lottery in 2011, less than a year after LeBron James left them for the Heat.

ANSWER: **Cleveland Cavaliers** (or **Cavs**; accept any underlined portion)

[10] Some have accused David Stern of rigging very first draft lottery in 1985 to favor the Knicks; a prevailing theory claims that this action was taken to ensure Stern selected the Knicks' envelope.

ANSWER: **freezing** the envelope (accept answers like **refrigerating** the envelope or similar)

[10] A 2017 article by The Ringer noted it was a bit curious that the Orlando Magic won two straight lotteries shortly after being purchased by this frustratingly powerful family, though it stopped short of stating it was rigged.

ANSWER: **DeVos** family <Nelson>

5. Barry Hawkins left this company in 2013 after management accused him of being too sensitive for questioning their use of wildly inappropriate jokes during hiring seminars. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this video game developer, whose co-founders Brandon Beck and Marc Merrill were accused of fostering a "bro culture" in an August 2018 exposé. After an internal investigation, they suspended their COO, Scott Gelb.

ANSWER: **Riot** Games (Inc.)

[10] That exposé appeared on this Gawker-owned video game website and blog. It derives its name partly from that of a certain type of obsessed, awkward fanboy.

ANSWER: **Kotaku** (do not accept or prompt on "otaku")

[10] Riot is best known for this freemium MOBA game whose 141-champion roster includes popular "Jungler" champions like Lee Sin and Graves.

ANSWER: **League of Legends** (or **LoL**; prompt on "League") <Vopava>

6. Tom Wopat, the actor who took this action, claimed he initially did it unintentionally after his foot got stuck trying to do a simple jump. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this technically cool action, which is frequently done by a guy named Luke on a certain TV series. It was first seen in the show's second episode, "Daisy's Song."

ANSWER: **sliding** across the hood of the **General Lee** (accept any answer describing **sliding** or **moving over** the hood of the **General Lee**; prompt by asking "what car?" on answers like "sliding over the hood of a car"; also prompt on, but do not otherwise reveal, similarly non-specific answers like "sliding over the hood of the car from The Dukes of Hazzard")

[10] Luke and his cousin Bo drove the General Lee, often while they were "at it again," on this series.

ANSWER: The **Dukes of Hazzard**

[10] Nashville and Gatlinburg are among the locations of this chain of *The Dukes of Hazzard* stores slash museums, which are named for Hazzard County's "crazy" local mechanic. They contain replicas of the General Lee, though you sadly can't slide on them.

ANSWER: **Cooter's** Place (accept "Crazy" **Cooter** Davenport) <Vitello>

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7. Former musician and organizer Bob Geldof is frequently lauded for his charitable work, but he's also a sanctimonious asshole. For 10 points each:

[10] In 1997, Geldof menacingly claimed "I am above the law" to Michael Hutchence, the lead singer of this Australian rock band, in a phone call shortly before Hutchence's suicide.

ANSWER: **INXS** ["in" ex-ESS]

[10] After Geldof profanely insulted Russell Brand in 2006, Brand noted "It's no wonder Bob Geldof knows so much about famine - he's been dining out on 'I Don't Like Mondays' for 30 years," a reference to one of Geldof's hits with this band.

ANSWER: The **Boomtown Rats**

[10] Geldof's 1984 benefit song "Do They Know It's Christmas" has been widely derided as self-serving, and was mocked by this anarchistic band in the title of their debut album, *Pictures of Starving Children Sell Records*.

ANSWER: **Chumbawamba** <Nelson>

8. The director of this film claimed he wanted to "create something like a heavy metal album cover from the '70s," and he succeeded. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this excellent and totally bonkers 2018 horror film about a logger played by Nicolas Cage, who is forced to watch his girlfriend get burned alive by the failed folk musician Jeremiah Sand.

ANSWER: **Mandy**

[10] The title character of Mandy is played by Andrea Riseborough, who seems to be typecast as girlfriends of intense older men, since she also played Laura in this 2014 Best Picture winner by Alejandro G. Iñárritu [een-yah-REE-tu].

ANSWER: **Birdman** (: or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance))

[10] *Mandy* features the last completed film score of this Icelandic composer, who also wrote the excellent scores for *The Theory of Everything* and *Arrival*.

ANSWER: Jóhann (Gunnar) **Jóhannsson** <Vopava>

9. Somewhat like a family tree, a "coaching tree" maps the connections between a football coach and his assistants, and then *their* future assistants, and so on. For 10 points each:

[10] For example, the coaching tree of this long-time hat-wearer and Cowboys coach includes Dan Reeves, who was an assistant coach under this man, and Mike Shanahan, who was a coach under Reeves.

ANSWER: Tom **Landry** (or Thomas Wade **Landry**)

[10] Bill Cowher [COW-ur] and Tony Dungy [DUN-jee] are part of this man's coaching tree, since they both coached under him with the Kansas City Chiefs in the early 1990s. His sons Brian and Kurt have also coached in the NFL.

ANSWER: Marty **Schottenheimer** (Martin Edward **Schottenheimer**)

[10] The largest and most impressive coaching tree might be the one that begins with this man, who was the first coach of the Chargers and also led the Rams and Oilers. His coaching "descendants" have won 26 Super Bowls.

ANSWER: Sid **Gillmann** (or Sidney **Gillmann**) <Nelson>

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10. For 10 points each, name these people who portrayed the title character in weird adaptations of *The Phantom of the Opera*:

[10] A 1989 horror film based on the story starred this American actor as the Phantom. Posters for the film said that it was an "An All New Nightmare," in reference to this man's portrayal of Freddy Krueger.

ANSWER: Robert (Barton) **Englund**

[10] In 1999, a Toronto production of the *Phantom* musical cast this vocalist and rhythm guitarist from Kiss in the title role. He is one of the two original members of Kiss who are still with the group.

ANSWER: Paul **Stanley** (or Stanley Bert **Eisen**)

[10] The Phantom is depicted as a house musician in *Hotel Transylvania 2*, in which he is voiced by this star of the film *High School High*. Off-screen, his greatest accomplishment is likely smashing Andy Dick's head into a bar during a fight.

ANSWER: Jon **Lovitz** (or Jonathan Michael **Lovitz**) <Nelson>

11. Before being murdered, the narrator of this novel had created the app "About That," which was used to spread gossip at a local high school. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2017 novel by Karen M. McManus, which depicts the perspectives of 4 students in detention who may be complicit in the narrator's killing.

ANSWER: **One of Us Is Lying**

[10] The plot of *One of Us Is Lying* is understandably likened to a mix of *The Breakfast Club* and this Sara Shepard book series, whose title figures are pursued by a mysterious figure known as "A."

ANSWER: **Pretty Little Liars**

[10] The victim in *One of Us Is Lying* has this first name; a loosely connected young adult series by Becky Albertalli began with a book about a boy with this name.

ANSWER: **Simon** <Nelson>

12. A humorous approximation of this action's confusing rules by sportswriter Jon Bois begins by noting "You can't just be up there and just doin'" one of them. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this baseball action, loosely defined as a pitcher making a motion that could deceive a baserunner. Former umpire Ron Luciano refused to ever call this action because he didn't understand how it worked.

ANSWER: **balk**

[10] By a huge margin, MLB's all-time leader in balks is this left-handed pitcher, who recorded over 4,000 strikeouts and spent the bulk of his career with the Phillies.

ANSWER: Steve **Carlton** (or Steven Norman **Carlton**)

[10] There have been around 20 walk-off balks in MLB history; one such balk in 2011 scored this catcher, who was satisfyingly punched in the face by Michael Barrett when he was a member of the White Sox.

ANSWER: A. J. **Pierzynski** [peer-ZIN-skee] (or Anthony John **Pierzynski**) <Nelson>

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13. This demand is coupled with a warning about "three plagues, each worse than the other," although this just prompts its target to reply, "Nice try, professor!" For 10 points each:

[10] Give this demand issued to an elderly man named Eustace by an undead king, who stands amidst purple mist on a desolate prairie, in a turn-of-the-century animated TV series.

ANSWER: **return the slab** (or suffer my curse)

[10] That creepy king repeatedly moans "return the slab" throughout an iconic episode of this Cartoon Network show, whose title animal is owned by the elderly Eustace and his wife Muriel.

ANSWER: **Courage** the Cowardly Dog

[10] The king, who unlike most of the show was animated via CGI, is given this name; a real ruler with this name built the temples at Abu Simbel.

ANSWER: **Ramses** (accept **Ramses** the Great) <Vopava>

14. This character likens himself to a "10-year old Kirsten Dunst" when conversing with a man who pays him in "crisp high fives." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this timid, Indian-American taxi driver, who uses his cab to run over the abusive head of an orphanage after spending much of a 2018 film aspiring to become a contract killer.

ANSWER: **Dopinder**

[10] Dopinder serves as a driver to a cancer-ridden superhero in this R-rated film series, whose title character refers to Dopinder as "Brown Panther."

ANSWER: **Deadpool**

[10] Karan Soni, the actor who plays Dopinder, also co-starred in this 2012 sci-fi comedy loosely based on a real-life newspaper classified ad taken out by a man claiming to be a time traveler.

ANSWER: **Safety Not Guaranteed** <Nelson>

15. The nearly eight-minute title song of this album describes a love who lives across the ocean, who is repeatedly and longingly told "I need you so much closer." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2003 album, whose opening track claims "This is the new year, and I don't feel any different."

ANSWER: **Transatlanticism**

[10] *Transatlanticism* is a seminal work by this indie rock band fronted by Ben Gibbard. Their name comes from a song by the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band.

ANSWER: **Death Cab for Cutie** (prompt on "Death Cab" or "DCFC")

[10] The title track of "Transatlanticism" features vocals from Sean Nelson, the vocalist of this band behind the mid-90s hit "Flagpole Sitta."

ANSWER: **Harvey Danger** <Nelson>

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16. For 10 points each, answer the following about weird stipulations added to pro wrestling matches:

[10] WWE's 1992 Survivor Series featured its first match in which the winner had to close their opponent in one of these things. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the Undertaker excelled at doing this, winning over half of the matches involving them.

ANSWER: **coffin** (or **casket**; do not accept or prompt on "grave")

[10] In lucha libre wrestling, especially heated rivals may agree to a Luchas de Apuestas match, in which the loser either shaves their head or takes this other humiliating and often career-ruining action.

ANSWER: **removing** their **mask** (accept **unmasking** or **revealing their identity** or similar answers)

[10] A match in which wrestlers surround the ring to keep competitors from escaping is typically named for this occupation, whose holders apparently fight things out while surrounded by their contemporaries.

ANSWER: **lumberjacks** (accept **lumberjills**) <Nelson>

17. The 1980 game that inspired this genre's name was itself inspired by a playable class in *Dungeons & Dragons*. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this term for action-based RPG games that incorporate randomly generated dungeon-crawling elements. *Spelunky* and *The Binding of Isaac* are games in this genre.

ANSWER: **roguelike** (prompt on "rogue")

[10] Several modern roguelikes combine the genre with other, unrelated ones - for instance, the 2002 game DRL is a roguelike mixed with this scandalously violent 1993 first-person shooter by id Software.

ANSWER: **Doom** (accept **Doom, the Roguelike** or **DoomRL**)

[10] This blisteringly difficult roguelike by Motion Twin incorporates some Metroidvania elements, and was among the best reviewed games of 2018. Its protagonist is a corpse that was revived by the title entities.

ANSWER: **Dead Cells** <Nelson>

18. In July 2019, this man was briefly suspended from Twitter over a tweet that suggested the cats in the upcoming *Cats* movie would have realistic genitals. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this queer black comedian who, since September 2018, has been the Senior Youth Correspondent on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*.

ANSWER: Jaboukie [juh-BOO-kee] **Young-White** (prompt on partial last names or on "Jaboukie")

[10] Young-White is one of the lead writers of *American Vandal*, a parody of *Making a Murderer* and similar shows, whose first season centered on finding who committed this specific act of vandalism on a series of cars outside a high school.

ANSWER: **drawing dicks** on them (accept descriptive equivalents like **drawing penises** or **spray-painting dicks** or similar)

[10] Young-White also writes for this Netflix cartoon series in which a coach named Steve Steve and Maurice the Hormone Monster are just a few of the characters voiced by Nick Kroll.

ANSWER: **Big Mouth** <Vopava>

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19. A young Leif Garrett appeared as the son of this film's protagonist, who develops a taste for hitting people with comically large wooden clubs. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1973 film loosely based on the life of a pro wrestler-turned police officer with the unfortunate name Buford Pusser.

ANSWER: **Walking Tall**

[10] This actor, who may be better known for playing the disheveled title character of *Mitchell*, played Pusser in *Walking Tall*.

ANSWER: Joe Don **Baker**

[10] A 2004 remake of *Walking Tall* starred this technically better actor, who also starred in the remakes *Race to Witch Mountain* and *Get Smart*.

ANSWER: Dwayne (Douglas) **Johnson** (accept The **Rock**) <Nelson>

20. For 10 points each, name these originators of songs that are mostly known only through popular cover versions:

[10] Whitney Houston's 1997 single "Step by Step" is actually a cover, albeit with some significant changes, of an otherwise obscure song by this former vocalist of the Eurythmics.

ANSWER: Annie **Lennox** (or Ann **Lennox**)

[10] No Doubt had a minor hit in 2002 with a rather faithful cover of "It's My Life," a song by this New Wave band, who also released the single "Life's What You Make It."

ANSWER: **Talk Talk**

[10] Soft Cell became one-hit wonders with the most well-known version of "Tainted Love," which was first recorded in 1964 as an early soul song by this American singer.

ANSWER: Gloria (Richetta) **Jones** <Vopava>