

Super ACRONYM 4 - Round 12

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1. **This is the first word in the title of a song that was originally written for the movie *Grandview U.S.A.* but became a minor hit through use in another movie three years later. The title of a 2017 single by latter-day ska band the Interrupters starts with this word and foregrounds an analogy about being a "match" or "kerosene." This word precedes both "blood, flesh, and bone" and "touch, smell, sight, taste, and sound" in the first verse of a 1999 song whose title begins with this (*) contraction. This is the first word in the title of the biggest pop hit for Patrick Swayze. This contraction begins each chorus of a Commodores funk hit that praises being "mighty-mighty" and "lettin' it all hang out." For 10 points, give this word that, in the title of a hit by Tom Jones, precedes "a Lady."**

ANSWER: she's [do not accept or prompt on "she"; accept "She's Like the Wind" or "She's Kerosene" or "She's So High" or "She's a Lady"] <Vopava>

2. **A TV series in this genre provided the first recurring role for Chelsea Handler and debuted on Oxygen in 2002. A pioneering show in this genre was dramatically altered for its 1991 revival featuring Dom DeLuise. Another TV series in this genre featured the controversial blackface character Virginia Hamm as well as the more popular character B-Rad, who later made the movie *Malibu's Most Wanted*. An often supernaturally-themed show in this genre hosted by (*) Tracy Morgan ran for five seasons on SyFy. A show of this type featuring a man who answers an enormous and loud Nokia cell phone was created by Dom Joly. In a show of this type created by Allan Funt, certain figures were told to "smile" after appearing on it. The franchises *Girls Behaving Badly*, *Scare Tactics*, and *Trigger Happy TV* are examples of, for 10 points, what genre of show exemplified by MTV's *Punk'd*?**

ANSWER: hidden camera shows [or prank shows; prompt on answers like reality TV or sketch shows] <Vopava>

3. **In a cave nicknamed for an ear, this person designed a methane trap that could be avoided by causing water from a pool to overflow. In a discussion about this person, a physicist is surprised at the notion that this person had no understanding of continental drift. A wristwatch is discovered in this person's coffin, which is decorated with a frieze of a phoenix with propellers. One half of an object created by this person is stolen from (*) Hunter College and auctioned at a Moroccan hotel by Helena Shaw. An object created by this person teleports Nazis to a siege in which this person's heat rays are being used to fight Romans. For 10 points, the title time-traveling Antikythera Device in *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* was created by what Greek mathematician from Syracuse?**

ANSWER: Archimedes of Syracuse <Evans>

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4. For unknown reasons, one group that applied to be part of this event named Bob Hope as one of its possible technical directors. Despite no one applying on the city's behalf, St. Louis was selected in this event, likely at the insistence of Arthur Wirtz. This event coincided with the break-up of a monopoly controlled by the (*) Norris family, who had resisted implementing it for decades. A 1978 merger combined two of the entities formed in this event, one of which had become the Cleveland Barons. Lester Pearson said that "all Canadians will regret" the surprising exclusion of Vancouver from this event, which took effect in 1967 and placed its subjects in a new "Western Division." The California Golden Seals and Minnesota North Stars began play following, for 10 points, what 1960s event that saw the National Hockey League double in size?

ANSWER: 1967 NHL Expansion [accept answer lines like the first NHL expansion or the NHL expanding from 6 to 12 teams or NHL expanding beyond the Original Six; prompt on less specific answers like NHL Expansion] <Weiner>

5. The sound of one of these objects is immediately heard upon entering a hedge maze in the fourth level of *Zombies Ate My Neighbors*. Biggy Man, a mutant who uses a pair of these objects, is a recurring rival of Rick Taylor. A custom one of these objects is used by Jack Cayman, the protagonist of a 2009 PlatinumGames release with a largely black-and-white aesthetic. Another of these items is wielded by Juliet, a (*) cheerleader and protagonist of a 2012 game by Suda51. To promote a 2005 game, NubyTech produced a cool but very impractical controller shaped like one of these objects. A character sometimes known as Dr. Salvador wields one of these weapons and wears a burlap sack on his head in the opening scene of *Resident Evil 4*. The "Lancer" in *Gears of War* is a gun combined with, for 10 points, what cool melee weapon?

ANSWER: chainsaws [accept Lollipop Chainsaw] <Nelson>

6. A character in this movie exclaims "This is way better than macaroni!" after he gets his first kiss in a Pizza Hut. A character in this film owns the servant robot Number 7 and drives K.I.T.T., the car from *Knight Rider*. The Tim Meadows-played Wayne bribes an official in this film on behalf of Carlos, a Dominican father who provides an extremely fake birth certificate that simply reads (*) "I am 12." A billionaire played by Jon Lovitz works with this film's protagonists to form a group featuring his unathletic son Nelson. Howie overcomes his fear of the sun in this film, which co-stars Jon Heder as Clark, a butterfly-loving, helmet-wearing outfielder. Rob Schneider plays an athlete pitted against Little Leaguers in, for 10 points, what 2006 comedy about a baseball team of bullied kids?

ANSWER: *The Benchwarmers* <Andert>

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7. This musician's first son is the namesake of his *Juno Concerto*, a follow-up to his concerto *The Impostor*. Pieces played on so-called "incorrect" instruments comprise this man's album *Perpetual Motion*, one of his many collaborations with Edgar Meyer. Alanis Morissette and this instrumentalist are credited as guests on "Spoon" and "Don't Drink the Water," a pair of singles by the (*) Dave Matthews Band. The Wooten brothers perform in a band named for this musician, who is a latter day leader of the group New Grass Revival. The album *UFO Tofu* is by a group fronted by this man, who serves on a board that awards an annual prize named for Steve Martin. A namesake group of "Tones" are the backing band of, for 10 points, what virtuosic banjo player named for a Hungarian composer?

ANSWER: Béla (Anton Leoš) **Fleck** [accept Béla **Fleck** and the Flecktones] <Nelson>

8. This TV personality spoke with the "Hiccup Girl" murderer Jennifer Mee on the fifth episode of the TV show *Killer Women*. In a leadership role, this man had to deal with Anil Bhojru (uh-NEEL BOY-rul) and James Hipwell's role in the City Slickers insider trading scandal. This man, who edged out Trace Adkins to win a 2008 season of *The Celebrity Apprentice*, was the original host of the ITV series now called *Kate Garraway's (*) Life Stories*. This man was the subject of a record number of Ofcom ("OFF"-com) complaints when he commented "I wouldn't believe her if she read me a weather report" regarding Meghan Markle, which resulted in his forced resignation in 2021. After Larry King retired, CNN filled his timeslot with a show hosted by, for 10 points, what early judge on *America's Got Talent* and former co-host of *Good Morning Britain*?

ANSWER: Piers **Morgan** [or Piers Stefan **Pughe-Morgan** or Piers Stefan **O'Meara**] <Vopava>

9. Following the success of their use in ads for Wilkins coffee, Jim Henson used the muppets Wilkins and Wontkins to advertise this company's products in the 1950s. A 1970s ad for this company's products features a group of people singing on a ferry asking the viewer to "remember when you were a kid." This company is a favorite of Gamzee Makara in the webcomic (*) *Homestuck*, leading it to also be a favorite among the comic's fans. Ohana is a Hawaiian-themed brand produced by this company. In the 1960s the original strawberry flavor of this product, invented by Ben and Perry Feigenson, was officially renamed "Red Pop." The singer remarks how he "poured up a four" in a 2020 Lil Mosey song is titled for a blueberry flavor of, for 10 points, what Detroit-based soft drink company constantly touted by the Insane Clown Posse?

ANSWER: **Faygo** <Weiner>

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10. In an Yvonne Winer book, an owner of one of these specific things suspects that increasingly tall thieves are stealing parts of it every night, but the real culprits are mice. A Gail Gibbons book charts the "seasons of" one of these objects beloved by Arnold, while Winer's book details Mr. Brown's "magnificent" one. The number zero lurks beside one of these things while other numbers ascend it in the sequel picture book *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3*. After a storm destroys it, Professor (*) Digory Kirke uses one of these things to fashion the wardrobe in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The life-long relationship between a boy and one of these things is detailed in a 1964 book in which the former routinely eats goods produced by the latter. For 10 points, name this type of thing that Shel Silverstein depicted selflessly giving all of itself to a boy in *The Giving Tree*.

ANSWER: apple tree(s) [accept apple after "tree"; prompt on tree] <Vopava>

11. The drafting of this player was vehemently booed by the "Dirty 30," a group of fans who expected his team to draft Ricky Williams. In a brief stint as a two-sport athlete, this player was in uniform for the 1996 NCAA Men's basketball championship. Until it was exceeded by Ryan Tannehill, this quarterback's 24 straight complete passes across two games were an NFL record. In a playoff game against the Packers, this *Madden 06* cover athlete threw the pass often known as (*) "4th and 26," which was caught by Freddy Mitchell. In his only Super Bowl appearance, this player threw a late touchdown pass to Greg Lewis during a drive in which this Syracuse alum allegedly vomited repeatedly on the field. Terrell Owens formed a brief but volatile tandem with, for 10 points, what Philadelphia Eagles quarterback?

ANSWER: Donovan (Jamal) McNabb <Nelson>

12. This rapper confessed "I was up, let you down, just like a yo-yo" in a guest verse on a 2019 song by Ally Brooke. In 2021 a couple who rented homes to this rapper sued him for damages caused by severely clogged toilets. This rapper claims "I had a knife in my back when I wrote this" in a track from a mixtape titled for his real first name, *Artist*. Wood Harris's character in the film (*) *Paid in Full* inspired the stage name of this rapper, whose 2022 album *Me vs. Myself* includes a "Water," a 'sequel' to his biggest hit. In reference to a type of linked chain, this rapper claimed "I just bought a Cuban, dipped it in a fountain" in a hit featuring Kodak Black. "Drowning" is by, for 10 points, what rapper whose full stage name references his favorite article of clothing?

ANSWER: A Boogie wit da Hoodie [or Artist Julius Dubose] <Nelson>

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13. *Description acceptable.* **One of these structures is marked in blue chalk with the number 17 just before construction commences. Sedgwick is mocked for carrying a "steamer trunk" because he brings his cumbersome suitcase into one of these places. The building of these structures is spearheaded by a man known by the moniker "Big X," Roger Bartlett. Men inside one of these structures use metal objects, such as a trowel, to quickly (*) tap twice. A disastrous measurement error causes one of these structures—which are nicknamed Tom, Dick, Harry—to terminate a full 20 feet from the treeline, forcing a character played by Steve McQueen to tug on a wire to signal when it is safe to emerge from it. 76 men flee from Germany after using, for 10 points, what secret structures created in a 1963 movie set at a Nazi P.O.W. camp?**

ANSWER: the **tunnels** in *The Great Escape* [accept answers identifying the three **tunnels** used to escape in *The Great Escape*; accept answers identifying the escape **tunnels** at **Stalag Luft III**; accept **Tom, Dick, and Harry** before "Tom"] <Vopava>

14. **This character indirectly kills Hanzi in an explosion caused by his failed attempt to brew a bacon-infused beer called "Milk of the Gods." The portrayal of this character also plays Jerry, an estranged twin brother who threatens to shoot his nephews. An STD outbreak among a PTA group is revealed to have been caused by this character, causing his half-Black youngest son to be expelled from a private school. This character is thrown off a bridge after revealing that the would-be groom (*) Sean Pierce is still addicted to heroin at his daughter's wedding. This character begins suffering from dementia at the end of a series in which he routinely alienates his oldest daughter, the Emmy Rossum-played Fiona. For 10 points, name this terrible patriarch of the Gallagher family played by William H. Macy on *Shameless*?**

ANSWER: **Frank** Gallagher [prompt on Gallagher] <Evans>

15. **Baseball media personality Jomboy controversially publicized an apparent tweet from this player's niece discussing equipment used by his teammates. This player temporarily lost his vision following a collision with teammate Mike Cameron, after which he missed the rest of the 2005 season. This player was dubbed the "New Mr. October" after homering in five straight playoff games in the 2004 National League playoffs. Then-prospect Zack Wheeler was traded for this player in 2011, ending this player's tenure with the (*) Mets. In November 2019, this former player was named manager of the Mets before being forced to step down two months later. For 10 points, name this Puerto Rican switch hitter who won his first World Series in 2017 after allegedly masterminding the Astros' sign stealing scandal.**

ANSWER: Carlos (Iván) **Beltrán** (BELL-trahn) <Weiner>

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16. *Description acceptable.* **This object was first seen mere hours after its user made the bizarre remark, "When the seagulls follow the trawler, it's because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea." *The Independent* theorized that this object was intended as a retort either to the *HowardCantour.com* double-plagiarism scandal or to the uproar over its creator's recent confession that, to be cast as Jerome, he was asked to send (*) Lars von Trier photos of his penis. A 1995 remark made by footballer Eric Cantona may have informed the all-caps message painted in black on this unorthodox fashion item. The red carpet at the 2014 Berlin premiere of *Nymphomaniac* was overshadowed by, for 10 points, what object worn by a star of *Transformers* that denied his own ubiquity?**

ANSWER: **Shia LaBeouf's paper bag** [accept answers identifying the **bag** that **Shia Labeouf** (accept either name) wore over his head on the red carpet; accept answers like the **I AM NOT FAMOUS ANYMORE bag**] <Vopava>

17. **A 2005 paper by Flouris et. al. provides a formula that can be used to calculate the energy cost variance for participants in this activity. In 2020 the Cooper Institute, the administrator of this activity, released a questionable new version of it subtitled "Remix!" that was co-sponsored by Hip Hop Public Health and includes more diverse voices. A cypasta related to this activity uses the onomatopoeia (*) "bodeboop" in its text. In 2016 Dennis Mejia became the first known person to score a perfect 247 in this activity which, after gradually increasing in speed, ends with a time of 3.89 seconds between beeps. Middle school students around the nation are subjected to the 20 and 15 meter varieties of, for 10 points, what multistage aerobic capacity test?**

ANSWER: FitnessGram **PACER Test** [or **multi-stage fitness test** or **Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run**; accept **beep** test or **bleep** test before "beep" is read; accept **20 meter Shuttle Run** Test or **15 meter Shuttle Run** Test; reject answers containing distances other than "15 meters" or "20 meters"; prompt on **shuttle run**] <Weiner>

18. **Dave Grohl produced a 2013 covers EP by this band that opens with an appropriately named Roky Erickson song. Along with actor Patrick Wilson, this band recorded a cover of the Shakespears Sister song "Stay" for the soundtrack to 2023's *Insidious: The Red Door*. A 2019 hit for this group that was claimed to have been recorded in 1969 begins by reminiscing, "We were speeding together, down the dark avenues" and describes its title figure as "not just another (*) bloody Mary." For legal reasons, this band's name was amended with the suffix "B.C." in the U.S. Four related characters have performed as the vocalist of this band, though all of them have been portrayed by frontman Tobias Forge. A group of "Nameless Ghouls" and the sacrilegious "Papa Emeritus" comprise, for 10 points, what Swedish metal band?**

ANSWER: **Ghost** [accept **Ghost** B. C.] <Weiner>

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19. **While en route to their first national championship, this school became the first team in eight years to beat UCLA in an NCAA tournament. In another championship run, this school needed two overtimes to squeak past Pepperdine. The only number retired by this school's basketball program, 44, was retired to honor David Thompson. A badly missed three-point attempt by this team's Dereck Whittenburg led to a (*) last-second dunk by Lorenzo Charles to clinch a 1983 National Championship, prompting this team's coach to iconically run around the court in celebration. That coach of this team later concluded a speech at the 1993 ESPY's by saying "Don't give up. Don't ever give up." Jim Valvano was the exuberant long-time coach of, for 10 points, what east-cost school known as the "Wolfpack"?**

ANSWER: NC State [or North Carolina State University; do not accept or prompt on "North Carolina"] <Weiner>

20. **In a discussion about the reputation of the Ionian town of Abdera, a man in this TV series claims that Abdera "was, in a way, the Brooklyn of its time." One scene in this series depicts Paolo, a boy who returns for a motorbike ride to discover his brother Vincenzo has aged multiple decades. An updated version of this series produced in 1989 added an extra episode consisting entirely of an interview with Ted (*) Turner and added epilogues to its existing episodes. A second update to this series included reflections on the Cold War by Ann Druyan, the widow of this show's host. A continuation of this series aired on National Geographic in 2020 and was subtitled "Possible Worlds." "A Personal Voyage" is the subtitle of, for 10 points, what science-themed 1980 mini-series created and hosted by Carl Sagan?**

ANSWER: Cosmos: *A Personal Voyage* <Maharjan>

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1. For one of his films, this director cast a gay porn star instead of a Scottish actor for a major role because he was worried kids wouldn't understand a Scottish accent. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this director behind a series of utterly bizarre "anti-bullying gun safety" movies and books starring his childhood imaginary friend Cool Cat, such as *Cool Cat Saves the Kids*.

ANSWER: Derek **Savage** [or Darryl Ray **Evans**; prompt on Daddy **Derek**]

[10] Savage has somehow managed to get a privately owned harrier jet, Vivica Fox, and this actor to appear for his shoots. This Puerto Rican actor starred in *CHiPs* alongside Larry Wilcox.

ANSWER: Erik **Estrada** [or Henry Enrique **Estrada**]

[10] Savage's documentary *Gun Self-Defense for Women* won Best Documentary at an awards show he created; those awards are held on this specific date and, appropriately, also awards stoner-adjacent content.

ANSWER: **4/20** [or **April 20th**; accept the **4/20** Awards] <Evans>

2. The extremely old-baseball-player-named Orval Overall is the only pitcher to perform this feat in a World Series game, doing so with the Cubs in 1908. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this seemingly impossible feat that paradoxically requires at least one man to reach base due to a passed ball or wild pitch.

ANSWER: pitching **four strikeouts** in an **inning**

[10] The most recent pitcher to record multiple four-strikeout innings is this veteran pitcher who became the fifth player to strikeout 1,000 different hitters in 2023 as a member of the Royals. He spent 2020 and 2021 with the Astros.

ANSWER: Zack **Greinke** (**GRINK-ee**) [or Donald Zackary **Greinke**]

[10] The only pitcher to strike out four batters in an inning *three times* was this five-time all-star who played for the Angels from 1986 to 1999. He is the Angels' all-time leader in both wins and losses.

ANSWER: Chuck **Finley** [or Charles Edward **Finley**] <Weiner>

3. Christian Petroni and Jess Tom were named joint winners in the most recent season of this show, which has not bothered to produce a new season since 2018. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this reality competition series. Its winners, such as Aarti Sequeira (**ART-ee suh-KWAYR-uh**) and Damaris Phillips, usually become TV hosts in their own rights.

ANSWER: **Food Network Star** [accept *The Next Food Network Star*]

[10] The most notable winner of *Food Network Star* is definitely this man, who noted his culinary point of view during the competition was "California Cuisine."

ANSWER: Guy **Fieri** [or Guy Ramsay **Ferry**; prompt on **Guy**]

[10] The original hosts of the series included this longtime Food Network and Nickelodeon host, who has been outspoken about his severe struggles with obsessive-compulsive disorder.

ANSWER: Marc **Summers** [or Marc **Berkowitz**] <Nelson>

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4. The featured artist on this song was initially hired to write ballads for the album *Chinese Wall*, but ended up writing this definite non-ballad instead. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1984 song by Philip Bailey about a woman who will "get a hold on you, believe it."

ANSWER: "**Easy Lover**"

[10] Because he provides some of its vocals, "Easy Lover" is often misleadingly credited to this British drummer and singer. He appeared on it shortly after he released his single "Against All Odds (Take a Look at Me Now)."

ANSWER: Phil **Collins** [or Philip David Charles **Collins**]

[10] Outside of his solo career, Philip Bailey is best known as a member of this Chicago R&B group founded by Maurice White in 1969.

ANSWER: **Earth, Wind & Fire** <Nelson>

5. The confirmed use of this feature led to a larger-than-expected amount of attention being given to the 2021 game *Nickelodeon All-Star Brawl*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this type of netcode that has become the standard in multiplayer fighting games, in which players' actions are predicted by the game to reduce apparent latency.

ANSWER: **rollback** code

[10] While it is generally popular, a poorly-received implementation of rollback was included in the 11th edition of this extremely M-rated fighting series by Netherrealm Studios. Its 12th entry, releasing in 2023, is confusingly numbered '1.'

ANSWER: **Mortal Kombat** [accept **Mortal Kombat 11** or **Mortal Kombat 1**; prompt on **MK**]

[10] Among the popular fighting series to stubbornly *not* implement rollback is this Namco series, whose convoluted storyline centers around a sword that is evil or something.

ANSWER: **Soulcalibur** <Nelson>

6. This phrase was popular in 3D design classes at the Parsons Institute long before its coiner made it a reality TV catchphrase. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this motivating catchphrase frequently said by contestant mentor Tim Gunn on a long-running Bravo and Lifetime series.

ANSWER: "**Make it work**" [accept close equivalents, such as "designers, **make it work**"]

[10] Tim Gunn told designers to "make it work" on this fashion-focused series that moved from Bravo to Lifetime in 2009.

ANSWER: **Project Runway**

[10] Although "make it work" is still closely tied to *Project Runway*, this two-word insult used frequently by contestant Christian Siriano became so popular that it has lost almost all association to the show. Siriano's use of the phrase often included an anti-trans slur, which your answer should not include.

ANSWER: "**hot mess**" <Vopava>

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7. This school's softball team won 53 straight games to cap off the 2023 season. For 10 points each:
[10] Name this Big 12 school that won its third straight NCAA Softball title in 2023. Their baseball team was the runner-up for the 2022 College World Series.

ANSWER: University of **Oklahoma** [accept **Oklahoma** Sooners; prompt on **OU**]

[10] While Oklahoma went undefeated in the NCAA tournament, they were taken to extra innings by Clemson in this best-of-three phase of the tournament that immediately precedes the Women's College World Series.

ANSWER: **Super Regionals** [prompt on **Regionals**]

[10] Oklahoma defeated this school in the 2023 National Championship, just as they did in 2021. This school's home field is named for JoAnne Graf, the second-winningest coach in softball history, who led this school for 30 seasons.

ANSWER: **Florida State** University [prompt on **Seminoles** or **FSU**] <Weiner>

8. Because it was among the first to be filmed, a scene in this film featuring Kate Winslet and Hugh Jackman's characters on a first date was used to lasso other A-listers into joining the cast. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this panned-across-the-board 2013 comedy anthology film that took nearly 10 years to make.

ANSWER: **Movie 43**

[10] The Winslet-Jackman segment in *Movie 43* was directed by this filmmaker, a specialist in lowbrow comedies like *Dumb and Dumber* who also somehow made 2018's *Green Book*.

ANSWER: Peter (John) **Farrelly**

[10] In the Winslet-Jackman segment, nobody at a fancy restaurant seems to care that Jackman's character has this anatomical anomaly, which is first revealed when he takes off his scarf.

ANSWER: **testicles** hanging from his neck (or chin) [accept answers that identify **balls** or a **scrotum** that is hanging off his neck or chin] <Vopava>

9. Richard Butler remarked, "God rest his soul, he kind of got the wrong end of the stick with" this song in reference to John Hughes' use of it in a 1986 teen movie. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Psychedelic Furs song whose title refers to a metaphor for nakedness and not a colorful prom dress.

ANSWER: "**Pretty in Pink**"

[10] *Pretty in Pink*'s soundtrack also featured this hit by Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark in which the singer attests that "I won't cry, I won't waste one single day" should the title conditional occur.

ANSWER: "**If You Leave**"

[10] The soundtrack also featured a collaboration between Suzanne Vega and this artist on the song "Left of Center." A 1978 hit by this singer and saxophonist begins by observing "Pretty women out walking with gorillas down my street."

ANSWER: Joe **Jackson** [or David Ian **Jackson**] <Weiner>

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10. A July 2023 *New York Times* article examines how homes built to look like this kind of building are "the defining style of the current era." For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this specific type of building that modern homes emulate using neutral batten-and-board siding, covered porches, and front-facing gables.

ANSWER: **farmhouses** [accept modern **farmhouse**]

[10] *The New York Times* casts the modern farmhouse as a reaction against these overlarge 2000s-era suburban homes built in a tasteless potpourri of architectural styles.

ANSWER: **McMansions**

[10] The modern farmhouse is part of the general 2010s trend toward rustic designs, such as this HGTV-beloved style of monochrome wood board paneling with a characteristic gap or groove between planks.

ANSWER: **shiplap** <Vopava>

11. Despite finishing in fourth place, this team was not given a spot in the NBA following the NBA-ABA merger due to them being in too small of a market. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Michigan-based team who defeated the San Antonio Spurs in dramatic fashion led by player/owner Jackie Moon and former Celtics star Ed Monix.

ANSWER: **Flint Tropics** [accept either underlined portion]

[10] The fictional Flint Tropics are the focus of the film *Semi-Pro*, which stars Will Ferrell as Moon and this actor as Monix. He also starred in the 2023 basketball comedy *Champions* as the coach of a Special Olympics team.

ANSWER: Woodrow (Tracy) **Harrelson**

[10] In *Semi-Pro*, after getting knocked out in the final game of their season, Jackie has a vision to invent this stylish play that involves lobbing the ball to a dunking teammate.

ANSWER: **alley-oop** <Weiner>

12. In this TV episode, a tacky golf course gets built around the Stratford Inn and Joanna Loudon starts dressing like a geisha. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1990 TV episode that climaxes with Dr. Bob Hartley, a character from a completely different sitcom, waking up and revealing that the preceding eight seasons were all a weird dream.

ANSWER: the series **finale** of *Newhart* [or "The **Last Newhart**"; accept obvious equivalents; do not accept or prompt on accept answers indicating the finale of *The Bob Newhart Show*]

[10] The "dream" finale explained away *Newhart's* increasingly bizarre tone and acted as a parody of this other CBS show, which had retconned its entire ninth season as Pam Ewing's dream.

ANSWER: **Dallas**

[10] The finale of *Newhart* was directed by this comedy partner of Dan Rowan (ROH-in), with whom he created the series *Laugh-In*.

ANSWER: Dick **Martin** [or (Thomas) Richard **Martin**; accept **Rowan and Martin**] <Vopava>

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13. For 10 points each, answer the following about the particulars of the brawl known as the Malice at the Palace:

[10] The Palace in question was the "Palace of" this suburb, the home arena of the Detroit Pistons until 2020.

ANSWER: **Auburn Hills**, Michigan

[10] The brawl escalated when a fan threw a Diet Coke at Ron Artest while Artest was engaged in this generally innocuous action, which he had done to try and separate himself from an ongoing shoving match.

ANSWER: **lying** on his back on top of the scorers' **table** [accept answers indicating Artest **reclining** or **laying** down on a courtside **table**; prompt on just **lying down** or similar]

[10] Numerous people ran into the crowd to stop Artest, including this player from the "Bad Boy" Pistons era who works for the team as a radio analyst. His Pistons tenure ended when he was the first expansion draft selection of the Minnesota Timberwolves, though he never played a game for them.

ANSWER: Rick **Mahorn** [or Derrick Allen **Mahorn**] <Vopava>

14. Criticism of this feature typically centered on the fact that it routinely referred to advertisements as "bonus features." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this feature that some 2000s Disney DVDs were "enhanced" with. It stated that it allowed for "your movie and a selection of bonus features [to] begin automatically."

ANSWER: Disney **FastPlay**

[10] A particularly scathing review of Disney FastPlay dramatically comparing it to Orwellian tactics from *1984* was written by Steve Daly for this sister magazine to *People* that focuses on pop culture. It ceased print publication in April 2022.

ANSWER: **Entertainment Weekly** [or **EW**]

[10] The first DVD to be "enhanced" with Disney FastPlay was this 2004 direct-to-video literary adaptation in which Mickey, Goofy, and Donald are inspired by Athos, Porthos, and Aramis.

ANSWER: *Mickey, Donald, Goofy: The **Three Musketeers*** <Weiner>

15. Jackie Wilson was still a member of the Dominoes when he performed at this concert alongside headliners Tiny Grimes, Paul Williams, and Danny Cobb. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this star-studded 1952 "ball" that music historians have come to agree was the world's first rock and roll concert.

ANSWER: The **Moondog Coronation** Ball [prompt on partial answers]

[10] The Moondog Coronation Ball was co-organized by this radio DJ who popularized both the genre and name of rock and roll before falling from grace in the 1960s payola scandal.

ANSWER: Alan **Freed** [or Albert James **Freed**]

[10] Because the Ball was held in this city *and* Alan Freed worked there, it was the natural choice as the site of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

ANSWER: **Cleveland**, Ohio <Vopava>

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16. Bruce Bethke coined this suffix in a 1983 story by trying to invent a word to adequately describe "socially misdirected youth" in a sci-fi setting. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this suffix that has been used to identify all sorts of sci-fi microgenres ever since Bethke attached it to the word "cyber."

ANSWER: **-punk** [accept **cyberpunk**]

[10] This environmentally conscious *-punk* sci-fi genre, once known as "greenpunk," tends to depict healthy, sustainable utopias and is uniquely optimistic about the future of human society.

ANSWER: **solarpunk**

[10] This *-punk* subgenre, also sometimes referred to as a "gothic" genre, is similar to atompunk but eschews themes of nuclear power and favors the retro-futuristic vibes and designs seen in proto-Space Age pulp like Flash Gordon. Its name alludes to a fanciful weapon common to such stories.

ANSWER: **raypunk** [accept **Raygun Gothic**; do not accept or prompt on "raygunpunk"] <Vopava>

17. After the 1984 Orange Bowl, Howard Schnellenberger decried the use of this play by noting "if those bastards have to run" it, they would have "have given up their right of manhood." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this generally illegal play, in which a quarterback surreptitiously places the ball on the ground, allowing a lineman to pick it up and run with it.

ANSWER: **fumblerooski** [prompt on **fumble**]

[10] A "fumblerooski" can still be done legally if the quarterback's action is technically this specific type of fumble. Three instances of these actions occurred in the 2003 "River City Relay."

ANSWER: **lateral** [or **backwards pass** or **throwing the ball backwards** or similar]

[10] The "bounce rooski," a variation that's exactly what it sounds like, was a so-called "special" play for this school in 1965. At the time, Gene Stallings coached this school, which was led by Bear Bryant before Bryant moved to Alabama.

ANSWER: **Texas A&M** University [or **TAMU**; prompt on **A&M**] <Nelson>

18. As the Great Recession spiraled in 2009, *The Daily Show* created an incriminating montage of pundits on this channel giving uncannily bad investment advice over the past year. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this cable channel that broadcasts *Squawk Box* and *Mad Money*.

ANSWER: **CNBC**

[10] Jon Stewart subsequently got into a minor feud with this host of *Mad Money*, who went on *The Daily Show* a week later and seemed rather unprepared to debate Stewart.

ANSWER: Jim **Cramer** [or James Joseph **Cramer**]

[10] During the feud, Cramer also appeared on the MSNBC show hosted by this former Florida congressman, whose criticisms of *The Daily Show* also led to tension with Stewart.

ANSWER: Joe **Scarborough** [or Charles Joseph **Scarborough**; prompt on *Morning Joe*] <Vopava>

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19. Canadian filmmaker Matthew Rankin made his feature debut in 2019 with a surreal, high-camp biopic that depicts Canada's World War II prime minister as a young upstart with a boot-sniffing fetish. For 10 points each:

[10] Rankin's film has this title, which Wikipedia helpfully notes is not to be confused with a 1934 screwball classic starring Carole Lombard and John Barrymore.

ANSWER: *The **Twentieth Century***

[10] Rankin grew up in this central Canadian city, as did fellow bizarro Canadian director Guy Maddin, who depicted this rather uninteresting city in a namesake 2007 film.

ANSWER: **Winnipeg** [accept *My Winnipeg*]

[10] *The Twentieth Century* earned Rankin many praising comparisons to this American trash filmmaker of *Pink Flamingos*.

ANSWER: John **Waters** [or John Samuel **Waters** (Jr.)] <Vopava>

20. The childhood trauma and emotional turmoil expressed on this album is embodied by its cover, an unfocused photograph of Janet Jackson looking downward with her face half-visible. For 10 points each:

[10] A common sight at nightclubs names what 1997 concept album by Jackson, whose singles included "I Get Lonely"?

ANSWER: *The **Velvet Rope***

[10] A descending harp glissando opens this highest-charting track off *The Velvet Rope*, a dance-pop love anthem whose chorus states, "everywhere I go, every smile I see, / I know you are there smilin' back at me."

ANSWER: "**Together Again**"

[10] "Together Again" is the 11th track on *The Velvet Rope* but it is the opening track on this other 1997 album, the first in a very, very long and very, very lucrative series of U.S. compilation CDs.

ANSWER: **Now** *That's What I Call Music* <Vopava>