

Super ACRONYM 4 - Round 8

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1. Fluke's song "Slap It" was retitled for its listing on this film's soundtrack, from which P.O.D.'s "Sleeping Awake" was the lead single. One of this movie's antagonists compares the joy of swearing in French to "wiping your ass with silk" a few moments before he sends a nearby blonde woman a slice of chocolate cake that makes her climax. The lone survivor of a massacre is brought aboard the (*) *Hammer* in this film's final moments. This movie incurred some backlash from the albino community in regards to the Twins, a pair of pale, white-dreadlocked henchmen who are killed in an elaborate freeway chase. The Merovingian (mair-uh-VIN-jee-in) first appeared in this film, which opens with a security booth getting blown up by a motorcycle driven by a black latex-clad Trinity. For 10 points, name this 2003 action sequel by the Wachowskis.

ANSWER: *The Matrix Reloaded* [do not accept or prompt on "The Matrix"] <Vopava>

2. A *Player's Tribune* article by this athlete opens by describing an urgent text simply reading "Bro" sent by this athlete's brother. This player broke a school scoring record held by Alison Lang during a 37-point outburst in a win over Stanford. This player's pro team finished an abysmal 2-20 in her rookie season, in which she played only three games before suffering an ankle injury. The 2022 WNBA draft reunited this player with collegiate teammate Nyara Sabally. While in college, this player recorded 26 (*) triple doubles, by far the most in NCAA history. Stephen Curry suggested an exhibition event against this player after she made 25 of 27 shots in the 2023 WNBA Three-Point Contest. For 10 points, name this Oregon alum and point guard for the New York Liberty.

ANSWER: Sabrina (Elaine) Ionescu <Weiner>

3. Genesis co-founder Tony Banks and the singer from this group released the 1995 side project *Strictly Inc.* William Friedkin hired this group to compose the entire soundtrack to his film *To Live and Die in L.A.* That vocalist of this group insisted "turn on your white light in my open eyes" in their top-40 single "Hypnotize Me." A woman with "in her mouth, an amethyst" and "in her eyes, two sapphires blue" features in a song by this group that opens "take your (*) baby by the hand." This group's name, which loosely translates as "yellow bell," is name-dropped in the chorus of a 1986 hit that commands "Rip it up, don't hang me on the borderline." For 10 points, "Dance Hall Days" and "Everybody Have Fun Tonight" are hits by what 1980s group with a Chinese name?

ANSWER: Wang Chung [accept Huang Chung] <Maharjan>

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4. **An explanation of this method disgusts Christie, the wife of Tim Murphy, during a high school reunion. A disastrous attempt at employing this method ends with a carny being hired to stab an innocent bystander with a key. Rather than take advantage of this method, a character devises a simpler, similar one summarized as "Move in after (*) completion."** The first portion of this method is exemplified by a man pretending to buy medications for the grandmother of the pharmacist Caylee, an act he describes as "demonstrating value," which subsequently leads to engaging physically. "Separate entirely" is the final step of, for 10 points, what extremely questionable system of courting women espoused by an *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* character played by Glenn Howerton?

ANSWER: the D.E.N.N.I.S. system <Nelson>

5. **A customer in this film trying to get a drink at a bar at 11:57 AM smugly offers a \$20 tip and asks "what time is it *now*?", only to be told, "11:56." After breaking out in hives, a character in this film has ointment daubed on his back while he recalls life-ruining rumors that he had sex with his parents. An actress promoting this film desperately and tearfully asked, "What do you mean?! What do you mean?!" in a viral 2023 appearance on *Hot Ones*. In this film, Andrew (*) Barth Feldman performs a piano cover of "Maneater" in-character as Percy, the Princeton-bound 19-year-old son of helicopter parents who offer a Buick Regal to potential respondents to an unusual Craigslist ad. For 10 points, name this raunchy 2023 comedy in which a 30-something played by Jennifer Lawrence is hired to seduce a dweeb.**

ANSWER: No Hard Feelings <Vopava>

6. *Description acceptable.* **One of the central figures of this event repeatedly claimed that its male attendees were double parked outside in an attempt to impress girls. A musician often known as "The Teacher," who has dubiously claimed to have witnessed this event, moved into the site where it occurred in 2023 and rebranded it as a community center. Admission for boys was double the cost that it was for girls at this event at the behest of Cindy Campbell, who organized this event as a (*) back-to-school party. The site of this event, 1520 Sedgwick Avenue, has been the target of preservation efforts led by Chuck Schumer. Clive Campbell, better known as "Cool Herc," accompanied Coke La Rock's debut of an unprecedented vocal style during, for 10 points, what 1973 music event typically considered the first in a now-ubiquitous genre?**

ANSWER: the first rap concert [accept answers describing the party where rap was invented or where rap debuted; accept answers like Coke La Rock's debut or DJ Cool Herc's debut before their respective mentions; accept "Back to School Jam" before "back"] <Nelson>

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7. This character is described as a "misfit, always ready to brawl" in an introductory song by Nicki Taylor. This character's original design as a rollerblader was incorporated into the eventual "Neon Strike" skin. Weapons used by this character were initially designed by Vaido Violante, one of the creators of Orianna. This character becomes unstoppable as she chases a target and slams them into the ground during the ultimate move (*) "Cease and Desist." This character has a reference to her common name via a tattoo on her cheek of a Roman numeral. This "Enforcer of Piltover" is voiced by Hailee Steinfeld on a TV adaptation in which she flirts with her frequent partner, Caitlyn. *Arcane* centers on Jinx and, for 10 points, what pink-haired champion from *League of Legends* with gigantic metal fists often known by a two-letter shortened name?

ANSWER: Vi [or Violet; accept "Here Comes Vi"] <Evans>

8. During his first World Series appearance, this player claimed "my problems are all behind me" after leaving a game due to hemorrhoid issues. In an interview with Chris Berman, this athlete popularized the named of the bad-hitting threshold "Mendoza Line." Moments after collecting his 3,000th hit, this player was picked off at first base. This man posted the American League's highest post-World War II batting average in (*) 1980, in which he batted .390 ("three ninety"). Five years later, this player's 8-for-23 performance earned him an MVP award in the 1985 ALCS. After an inspection by Tim McClelland to this player's bat led to him being called out after hitting a home run, this man exploded out of the dugout in the so-called "pine tar incident." A major hit by Lorde was inspired by a photo of, for 10 points, what Kansas City Royals legend?

ANSWER: George (Howard) Brett <Nelson>

9. A 2020 Sabrina Doyle film with this name depicts an ex-con's reunion with a single mother played by Jena Malone. In the *Scorpio Rose* comic series, the Marvel character Mantis instead goes by this name, which is also the name of an Asgardian hired by Loki to seduce Thor. Carol Channing starred in a 1974 musical with this name written as a revision of an older musical in which she also starred. The Tommy Noonan-played Gus is engaged to a jewelry-loving showgirl with this first name who performs in an iconic pink (*) dress. In the mini-series *A Year in the Life*, Luke Danes becomes engaged to a single mother with this name from Stars Hollow, Connecticut, whose daughter also has this name but typically goes by 'Rory.' Marilyn Monroe's character in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* has, for 10 points, what first name of Lauren Graham's character on *Gilmore Girls*?

ANSWER: Lorelei [or Lorelai; accept Lorelei Lee or Lorelai (Victoria) Gilmore] <Nelson>

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10. A panel including Gene Rayburn was unable to identify this man's desire to draw Robert Q. Lewis on an episode of the game show *The Name's the Same*. This man described the "melancholic effect" of watching baseball in front of Satchel Paige during an interview, which began shortly after this man dropped an animal into Lillian (*) Gish's lap. This man was asked to confirm "you are a human being" and misleadingly tried to claim to be a writer and involved with sports on an appearance as the mystery guest on *What's My Line*. In several TV interviews, Alfred Hitchcock detailed how this man was told he could not pour live ants onto Ingrid Bergman during his design process for the film *Spellbound*. An anteater was brought to *The Dick Cavett Show* by, for 10 points, what mustachioed surrealist?

ANSWER: Salvador Dalí [or Salvador Domingo Felipe Jacinto Dalí i Domènech] <Nelson>

11. INXS' film *Live Baby Live* was recorded during a performance at this venue as part of their Summer XS Tour. A farewell concert simply called "The Final" was held at this venue and featured the debut of a documentary about its band's trip to China subtitled *Foreign Skies*. The album *Familiar to Millions* was recorded at the final concert to take place in this venue before its (*) demolition and was the first live album by Oasis. Elizabeth Taylor gave a speech asking viewers to help prevent the spread of AIDS in honor of Freddie Mercury at a 1992 tribute concert at this venue. After performing at this venue as part of a 1985 concert, Phil Collins took a Concorde to Philadelphia to play in a related concert the same day at JFK Stadium. For 10 points, name this venue that hosted the British half of Live Aid.

ANSWER: Wembley Stadium [accept Old Wembley Stadium or Empire Stadium] <Weiner>

12. An unusually large one of these works by Johnny Sampson includes the nonsense inscription "Ecch X Seventy." A love triangle involving Elizabeth Taylor is the subject of the first of these works, which was initially rejected by Al Feldstein. In 2013, one of these works was allegedly censored due to the trial of James Holmes, but was published in 2019 and described a mass shooting as an "inevitable sequel." A tribute to these works in the form of a *New York Times* crossword puzzle was published in 2010 and appropriately featured the letters (*) 'A' and 'B' on its top and bottom. These works, which were made by their original creator until he was 99, were designed to essentially be the opposite of a *Playboy* centerfold. Cartoonist Al Jaffee spent over 50 years creating, for 10 points, what visual gags experienced by creating a page of *Mad* Magazine?

ANSWER: *Mad* magazine fold-ins [prompt on Mad by itself or less specific answers like Mad gags or articles] <Nelson>

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13. **George Seifert and a former holder of this position share a record for consecutive wins to start a coaching career, with 14. In 1976, Joe Thomas fired Ted Marchibroda from this position but re-hired him two days later after players threatened to boycott this team's season opener. Before being hired by the Dolphins, Don Shula held this position. A day before he was scheduled to be introduced, Josh (*) McDaniels withdrew from being hired for this position in 2018. In 2012, the holder of this position was replaced by Bruce Arians while undergoing leukemia treatment. While discussing a 2001 loss that dropped his team to 4-6, an exasperated Jim Mora exclaimed "Playoffs?!" during a long tirade. Tony Dungy won a Super Bowl while holding, for 10 points, what job that involved guiding a young Peyton Manning?**

ANSWER: head coach of the Indianapolis Colts [accept Baltimore Colts in place of "Indianapolis Colts"] <Ander>

14. **In one of his last major roles, this actor played Caleb Verdox, the brother who goes missing and sets in motion the plot of the *Tales from the Crypt* movie *Bordello of Blood*. This man's marriage to Susie Sprague was officiated in part by MC Hammer and was the focus of a first-season episode of VH1's *The Surreal Life*. An idiot friend played by this actor is the one who accidentally spills water on (*) Gizmo in *Gremlins*. In a 2013 episode of *The View*, Barbara Walters heartlessly told this man "you're damaging an entire industry" because he insisted he had been abused as a child star. Like a late actor with the same first name, this actor starred with Kiefer Sutherland in *The Lost Boys*. Mouth in *The Goonies* and the similarly jabbering Teddy in *Stand by Me* were played by, for 10 points, what 1980s teen heartthrob who formed "The Two Coreys" with Corey Haim (haym)?**

ANSWER: Corey (Scott) Feldman <Vopava>

15. **While venting about this event, a witness to it is given the unhelpful reassurance "I once had a thing happen to me with some stuff." A character awaiting news about this event is told "you have a bad reputation in the chicken community" by a chicken holding his own severed head. Shortly before this event, its central figure aided in undoing a time travel mishap in which Natives at Jamestown were given guns. This event occurred moments after a character claims he has to "grab my knee pads. I was using them for... this other thing," in preparation for a (*) street hockey game. This event led to the introduction of the Tony Sirico-voiced Vinny Filipeli, who is largely written off one episode later. A hyper-intelligent baby travels back in time to prevent, for 10 points, what event affecting a canine member of the Griffin family?**

ANSWER: death of Brian Griffin [accept any answer describing Brian dying on *Family Guy*, accept any answer describing Brian getting hit by a car, accept "Life of Brian"] <Maharjan>

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16. A song from this album built around a "shakuhachi" flute samples the lyric "coming at you from every side" and includes the boast "I hate my rhymes but hate everyone else's more." A 20th-anniversary re-release of this album included the previously unreleased single "Lost" as well as audio from the DVD *Live in Texas*. The site of a group of Greek Orthodox (*) monasteries inspired the title of this album, whose first single opens with the claim "When this began, I had nothing to say." A kneeling, mask-wearing figure appears on the cover of this album. The final song on this album, which was paired with "Encore" on the EP *Collision Course*, expresses a desire to be "more like me, and be less like you." "Somewhere I Belong" and "Numb" appear on, for 10 points, what sophomore album by Linkin Park?

ANSWER: Meteora <Nelson>

17. During this event, Aaron Snowell accidentally dragged a chain from his ID badge across the eye of one of its participants. Rather than offer a full preview of this event, a team led by Larry Merchant instead offered a comparison between a pair of dogs named Duran and Shakespeare. Protests following this event centered on Octavio Meyran, who was alleged to have made a (*) long count. A rubber glove filled with cold water was used by one competitor in this event due to his lack of standard ice packs; that competitor had recently fired trainer Kevin Rooney. Near the end of this event, a man iconically struggled to find his mouthguard after being knocked down for the first time in his career. A stunning 10th-round knockout concluded, for 10 points, what 1990 boxing match in which a 42:1 underdog defeated the former star of *Punch-Out*?

ANSWER: Mike Tyson vs. Buster Douglas [accept any answer giving both Michael Gerard Tyson and James "Buster" Douglas; accept answers like Mike Tyson's first loss] <Nelson>

18. An unnamed one of these places is the setting of the video game *Papo & Yo*. After being rescued from a prison bus, the protagonists of the film *Fast Five* lie low in—and later have a chase scene through—one of these locations. A map titled for one of these locations in *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2* featured a militia symbolized by a red hand and was centered around a (*) soccer field. In a movie set in one of these locations, a montage depicts a motel robbery and the mugging of a man getting his shoes shined. One of these locations called Vila Autódromo was bulldozed to make room for an Olympic athlete's village. The photographer Rocket takes pictures of Li'l Zé's dead body in one of these locations in the film *City of God*. For 10 points, name these urban slums of Brazil.

ANSWER: favelas [or favela bairro; prompt on slums before mention; prompt on neighborhoods or bairros; prompt on Rio de Janeiro or Brazil] <Evans>

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19. In a novel by David Nichol set in 1985, Brian Jackson dreams of appearing on this TV show alongside his love interest Alice Harbinson. A 1998 parody of this show begins with Chris Barrie being shot from behind by this show's original host. In a 1975 episode of this show, a group including journalist David Aaronovitch repeated the names of four Marxist leaders over and over in hopes of making it impossible to air. This show was hosted for 25 years by (*) Bamber Gascoigne. Amol Rajan began hosting this show in 2023 following the retirement of a prolific news presenter suffering from Parkinson's. Ten-point "starters" are followed by collaborative three-part bonuses on, for 10 points, what British show formerly hosted by Jeremy Paxman that effectively resembles college quiz bowl?

ANSWER: University Challenge <Maharjan>

20. In a 2007 film, this character wows three sexy babes at a nightclub by dancing to the Nicole Scherzinger song "Physical" in a sweater vest. In another film, this character hears a friend played by Jamie Bell shouting through a vent, giving him the will to escape Area 57. An unreleased film executive produced by Roger Corman cast Alex Hyde-White as this character. In a third film, this character warns (*) Wanda Maximoff that "Black Bolt could destroy you with one whisper from his mouth," but Wanda kills him by psychically unraveling his body. This character gains powers after leading fellow physicists into the Quantum Gate in a dead-on-arrival 2015 reboot starring Miles Teller. A one-off cameo in *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* has John Krasinski play, for 10 points, what stretchy Marvel hero?

ANSWER: Mr. Fantastic [or Dr. Reed Richards; accept any underlined portion] <Vopava>

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1. A Krusty Krab job applicant, who is erroneously believed to be this character, confesses to hanging up on a phone call without saying anything due to nervousness. For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this spooky character said to have a spatula for a hand. His arrival is portended by flickering lights and a bus arriving at a weird time of night, in addition to the aforementioned phone calls.

ANSWER: the **Hash-Slinging Slasher**

[10] While the job applicant was responsible for the calls and the bus arrival, the flickering lights were caused by this character played by Max Schreck in a 1922 silent German horror film.

ANSWER: **Nosferatu**

[10] In the Spongebob story paired with the Hash-Slinging Slasher, it is revealed that Mrs. Puff is single because her ex-husband met this gruesome fate.

ANSWER: he was **turned** into a **lamp** [accept clear equivalents; prompt on less specific answers like being **transformed**] <Andert>

2. The end of this game's story mode depicts the discovery of the Lost City Palace on an island in the Pacific Ocean, which has fallen into remarkable disrepair. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2022 game by FuturLab and published by Square Enix, which is set largely in the town of Muckingham.

ANSWER: **Power Wash Simulator**

[10] A downloadable addition to *PowerWash Simulator* added multiple filth-covered sites in this industrial city, the setting of the opening portions of *Final Fantasy VII*.

ANSWER: **Midgar**

[10] *PowerWash Simulator*'s DLC also allowed players to clean up the interior and exterior of the manor owned by this protagonist of the *Tomb Raider* series.

ANSWER: **Lara Croft** [accept either] <Nelson>

3. This film's protagonist attempts to track down Fae Richards, a 1930s actress who was only credited using the film's title epithet. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this influential 1996 gay dramedy directed by Cheryl Dunye. It is generally considered the first feature film ever directed by an out, Black lesbian.

ANSWER: *The* **Watermelon Woman**

[10] Cheryl Dunye's character in *The Watermelon Woman* works at one of these establishments. Another of these locations is the central setting of Michel Gondry's *Be Kind, Rewind*.

ANSWER: **video rental store**

[10] *The Watermelon Woman* debuted at this European film festival where it won the Teddy Award for the Best Queer Film. The Teddy is a play on the name of this film festival's most prestigious award, the Golden Bear.

ANSWER: **Berlin** International Film Festival [or **Berlinale**] <Weiner>

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4. For 10 points each, answer the following about NBA players named Jason Williams:

[10] Though he later went by 'Jay' Williams, a point guard named Jason Williams won the 2001 NCAA Championship with this imminently dislikable school that also produced Grant Hill and JJ Redick.

ANSWER: **Duke** University [accept Duke **Blue Devils**]

[10] The best Jason Williams was probably the one also known by this nickname, which includes a reference to his race. He was known for his extremely flashy passing style.

ANSWER: "**White Chocolate**"

[10] A big man named Jayson Williams, who may be best known for the time he killed a limo driver with a shotgun, suffered a career-ending leg injury in a collision with this player, a teammate on the Nets. After a dozen NBA seasons, this player had an impressive eight-year career in China.

ANSWER: Stephon (Xavier) **Marbury** <Nelson>

5. An elaborate early 20th-century production by Florenz Ziegfeld was inspired by the acts at this venue. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Parisian cabaret venue. A nonplussed employee of this venue is depicted in an 1882 painting.

ANSWER: **Folies Bergère** (foh-lee bayr-ZHAYR)

[10] The Folies Bergère comfortably predates the establishment of this similar Parisian venue. Works inspired by this venue often depict the iconic windmill on its roof.

ANSWER: **Moulin Rouge** (moo-lahn ROOJ)

[10] At the Folies Bergère, early Black film star Josephine Baker caused a tremendous stir by dancing in an iconic skirt made from little more than artificial examples of these items.

ANSWER: **bananas** <Nelson>

6. For 10 points each, answer the following about the weird Brazilian animation studio Vídeo Brinquedo:

[10] Among its early successes was *Kingdom Under the Sea*, which benefited from having strong similarities to this 2003 film featuring the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres.

ANSWER: **Finding Nemo**

[10] The studio eventually began focusing on making 'mockbusters,' a series of shameless parodies of mainstream films in the vein of this American studio behind *Transmorphers* and *Atlantic Rim*.

ANSWER: The **Asylum**

[10] Vídeo Brinquedo's most notable film may be this 2007 mockbuster, whose protagonist Marcelle must steal ingredients from various restaurants.

ANSWER: **Ratatoing** [do not accept or prompt on "Ratatouille"] <Nelson>

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7. June 2023 marked the first time in history that Billboard's #1 country song was solely written by a Black woman. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this woman who achieved that feat as the only credited songwriter on Luke Combs's country cover of "Fast Car."

ANSWER: Tracy **Chapman**

[10] Combs's cover surprised critics because it does *not* change the original female gender in this two-word lyric, which identifies the job that the penniless speaker of "Fast Car" has.

ANSWER: **checkout girl** [do not accept or prompt on putative synonyms]

[10] When Combs's cover of "Fast Car" reached #2 on the Billboard Hot 100, it marked the first time in 42 years that country songs held the top 2 slots; at that time, the #2 song was this hit whose opening lyrics mention "a cup of ambition."

ANSWER: "**9 to 5**" <Vopava>

8. Before *High School Musical*, the best-selling U.S. soundtrack to a television program was the official album of this series. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this stylish, sun-soaked police procedural whose synth-heavy instrumental theme hit #1 in the U.S. in 1985. It heavily inspired a 2002 game in the *Grand Theft Auto* series.

ANSWER: **Miami Vice**

[10] The *Miami Vice* soundtrack's three big hits were its main theme, "You Belong to the City," and the chill synth theme named for this main character, played by Don Johnson.

ANSWER: **Sonny Crockett** [or **James** Crockett; accept any underlined portion; accept "**Crockett's Theme**"]

[10] This Czech-born music producer was the man behind *Miami Vice*'s highly influential synth soundscape. He co-produced Jeff Beck's 1976 album *Wired* with George Martin.

ANSWER: Jan **Hammer** <Vopava>

9. The lyric "Mickey Mouse has grown up a cow" from David Bowie's "Life on Mars" is quoted in this group's single "Everything Zen". For 10 points each:

[10] Name this English rock band whose 1994 debut album also featured "Glycerine" and "Machinehead."

ANSWER: **Bush**

[10] This debut album by Bush featured a computer screen displaying binary code with an orange overlay as its cover. The title of this album comes from the alleged weight of a woman who catfished Bush frontman Gavin Rossdale.

ANSWER: **Sixteen Stone**

[10] Bush's final album before a decade-long hiatus was *Golden State*, which featured this track as a lead single. We'll accept either its original name or the new one it adopted after 9/11.

ANSWER: "The **People That We Love**" OR "**Speed Kills**" <Weiner>

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10. In an attempt to rid itself of its reputation as the home for mediocre superhero teen dramas, the CW has decided to start broadcasting sports! For 10 points each:

[10] The CW's first national sports broadcast was of this Saudi-backed golf league, which is the subject of an impending merger with the PGA.

ANSWER: **LIV** Golf

[10] Prior to 2023, local CW affiliates were often the syndicated broadcasters of games in this league. In 2023, it became the first prominent North American league to launch a blackout-free, over-the-top streaming service.

ANSWER: **MLS** [or **Major League Soccer**]

[10] In July 2023, the CW announced a partnership with Raycom Media to televise previously syndicated sports games for this athletic conference. Raycom rose to prominence in the 1980s and 1990s for producing and televising almost all the games from this conference.

ANSWER: **ACC** [or **Atlantic Coast** Conference] <Weiner>

11. In a 2023 role, this actress seduces James Foster, a failing writer while at a tropical resort. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this actress who, in addition to starring opposite Alexander Skarsgård in *Infinity Pool*, received acclaim from horror fans in 2022 for her roles in *X* and its prequel *Pearl*.

ANSWER: Mia **Goth** [or Mia Gypsy Mello da Silva **Goth**]

[10] Goth will return for *MaXXXine*, a sequel to *X* that will also be helmed by this director of *X* and *Pearl*.

ANSWER: Ti **West** [or Timon C. **West**]

[10] Goth made her horror feature debut in this 2015 Gore Verbinski film that takes place at a mysterious spa resort in the alps.

ANSWER: *A **Cure for Wellness*** <Weiner>

12. For 10 points each, answer the following about that rash of live musicals that broke out on network TV over the past decade:

[10] Almost unanimously the worst of them was this musical on NBC, which starred Allison Williams as the title boy and a lifeless Christopher Walken as his pirate nemesis.

ANSWER: **Peter Pan** (*Live!*)

[10] Not much better was ABC's 2019 *The Little Mermaid*, in which Ursula was played capably if hammily by this actress, musician, and former star of *Living Single*.

ANSWER: Queen **Latifah** [or Dana Elaine **Owens**]

[10] One of the rare bullseyes was Fox's *Grease*, which starred this Broadway standby as Danny. He played town rascal Danny Bailey on season one of *Schmigadoon!*, as well as Tripp van der Bilt on *Gossip Girl*.

ANSWER: Aaron (Kyle) **Tveit** (tuh-VAIT) <Vopava>

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13. This band astutely observed "Nerds are great lovers" in their theme song to the film *Revenge of the Nerds*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this power-pop band, whose 1979 hit "I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend" was central to a 2007 lawsuit that ended entirely in this band's favor.

ANSWER: The **Rubinoos** (ROO-bih-nooz)

[10] The Rubinoos' "I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend" was found to have been fully ripped off by "Girlfriend," a major hit by this Canadian, possibly dead pop-punk singer.

ANSWER: Avril (Ramona) **Lavigne**

[10] The Rubinoos' other biggest hit was likely their cover of this song by Tommy James & the Shondells that opines "Children, behave / that's what they say when we're together."

ANSWER: "**I Think We're Alone Now**" <Nelson>

14. In what has become a strangely consistent tradition, the annual highlight of MLB's Home Run Derby typically involves a player who doesn't win the event. For 10 points each:

[10] For instance, Julio Rodriguez's 41 home runs in his first round in 2023 easily overshadowed the fact that this large Blue Jays slugger won the derby. He hit a record 91 homers in the 2019 contest, which he *didn't* win, obviously.

ANSWER: Vladimir **Guerrero Jr.** [or Vladimir **Guerrero** Ramos Jr.; accept answers like **Vlad Jr.** or **Vladdy Jr.**; prompt on **Guerrero**]

[10] Justin Morneau (**mor-NOH**) won the Derby in 2008, a year that is far more remembered for this often-troubled Rangers slugger's 28-homer opening round.

ANSWER: Josh **Hamilton** [or Joshua Holt **Hamilton**]

[10] Perhaps most notably, Juan Gonzalez's win in 1993 was overshadowed by Ken Griffey Jr.'s massive shot that hit this building beyond the right field of Camden Yards.

ANSWER: **B&O Warehouse** [prompt on partial answers] <Nelson>

15. To hide his true fate, a character with this profession uses an elastic band to throw a gun he used to shoot himself across the table. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this profession of Lawrence Wargrave, who lures a group of people to an island using the pseudonym Mr. Owen to set up the perfect murder.

ANSWER: **justice** [or **judge** or **magistrate**]

[10] Justice Wargrave is revealed to have been the killer during the epilogue *And Then There Were None*, a 1939 novel that had an unbelievably racist original title and was written by this author.

ANSWER: Agatha **Christie** [or Agatha Mary Clarissa **Christie** or Agatha **Miller** or Lady **Mallowan**; accept or Mary **Westmacott**]

[10] The last of the guests to be directly killed by Wargrave, William Blore, is killed by having a marble clock shaped like one of these things dropped on his head.

ANSWER: a **bear** <Weiner>

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16. This food is based on the Prussian dish "bierock," which was adapted by immigrants in the American Midwest. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this type of pocket sandwich, which is typically filled with meat, onions, and cabbage. 80 of the 86 locations of a restaurant chain named for this food are isolated to a single U.S. state.

ANSWER: **runza**

[10] Nearly every Runza restaurant is in this state. Runzas are also sold at Memorial Stadium during this state's Cornhusker football games.

ANSWER: **Nebraska**

[10] The Nebraska student union was subjected to massive public outcry in 2018 when its Runza restaurant was replaced by a Chick-Fil-A and one of these diner-inspired casual chains named for its two most popular items.

ANSWER: **Steak 'n Shake** <Nelson>

17. For 10 points each, name these TV shows that featured drama-inducing adult baptisms:

[10] After mistaking an adult baptism for a man being drowned in a river, Larry receives heaps of unwanted praise from the man's Jewish family on this HBO comedy series.

ANSWER: **Curb Your Enthusiasm**

[10] To prepare for his baptism, Andre confesses his sins to Hakeem and the rest of the Lyon family on a 2015 second-season episode of this drama.

ANSWER: **Empire**

[10] Naturally, the adult baptism of Tamra Judge is milked for all the ironic drama it's worth on a 2015 episode in this *Real Housewives* franchise that featured Vicki Gunvalson for 14 seasons.

ANSWER: *The Real Housewives of* **Orange County** [accept **O.C.**] <Vopava>

18. After his career as a minor league baseball player didn't work out, Ron Shelton had a far better career making sports films. For 10 points each:

[10] His biggest hits include both *Bull Durham* and this basketball film starring Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson. It inexplicably was remade starring Jack Harlow in 2023.

ANSWER: **White Men Can't Jump**

[10] Shelton also directed this 1994 basketball film, which had a major impact on real-life basketball due to Shaquille O'Neal and Penny Hardaway meeting on its set.

ANSWER: **Blue Chips**

[10] As a screenwriter, Shelton co-wrote this 2003 action sequel, in which a protagonist played by Martin Lawrence is shot in the butt while posing as a KKK member outside of Miami.

ANSWER: **Bad Boys II** <Nelson>

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19. In the much-memed *Flavor of Love* clip of Tiffany Pollard screaming "Beyoncé?!", Pollard follows up by saying her rival does *not* look like Beyoncé, but like this male singer instead. For 10 points each:
[10] Name this satin-voiced R&B crooner of "Here and Now" and "Dance with my Father," who successfully hid his homosexuality from fans until well after his 2005 death.

ANSWER: Luther **Vandross** [or Luther Ronzoni **Vandross** Jr.]

[10] Vandross cultivated a straight but gentlemanly persona through his many smooth love songs, including his biggest hit, a cover of "Endless Love" with this singer of "Fantasy" and "We Belong Together."

ANSWER: Mariah **Carey**

[10] Vandross's sexuality was only confirmed in 2017 by this longtime LGBT ally and soul singer whose repertoire includes the hits "If Only You Knew," "If You Asked Me To," and the Michael McDonald duet "On My Own."

ANSWER: Patti **Labelle** [or Patricia Louise **Holt**] <Vopava>

20. One of these two schools has won at least a share of every single Missouri Valley Football Championship since 2011. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these two schools, nicknamed the "Jackrabbits" and the "Bison," which squared off for the 2022-23 NCAA FCS National Championship game.

ANSWER: **North Dakota State** University and **South Dakota State** University [accept **NDSU** in place of "North Dakota State" and **SDSU** in place of "South Dakota State"; do not accept or prompt on answers containing "North Dakota" or "South Dakota"]

[10] The most recent school not from a Dakota to win an FCS title is this school that moved up to FBS and joined Conference USA ahead of the 2023 season. This school uses a 'K' in the spelling of its nickname, the 'Barkats.'

ANSWER: **Sam Houston** State University [or **SHSU**; prompt on **Sam**]

[10] Excluding NDSU, the school with the most FCS National Championships is a school named for the "Southern" portion of this state. Its flagship university won both the 2021 and 2022 College Football Playoff National Championships.

ANSWER: **Georgia** [accept **Georgia** Southern University or University of **Georgia**] <Weiner>