

# Super ACRONYM 4 - Round 9

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1. **Ben and Booker form a love triangle with this character in a 2012 musical the *L.A. Times* derided as a "chemotherapy fantasia." This character titles an instrumental song that precedes "In the Morning of the Magicians." This character, who is apparently a payrolled city employee, was directly inspired by the longtime drummer for the Boredoms. This character sports a belted yellow (\*) dress and is crowned with an array of blue psychic eyes while facing away from the viewer on the cover of a 2002 album. A narrator in awe of this character laments "they don't believe me" after detailing how this woman is "taking lots of vitamins" and "has to discipline her body." A "black belt in karate" is held by, for 10 points, what title heroine from a Flaming Lips album who "battles the pink robots"?**

ANSWER: Yoshimi [accept Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots] <Vopava>

2. **While editing this film, its director decided to change the film's narrator to the Kate Hallett-played Autje, who begins this film by declaring "This story ends before you were born." A character in this film brings up her horses Ruth and Cheryl and remarks that when they are frightened by a dog, they run. A transgender man in this film named Melvin only talks to children prior to this film's conclusion. This film, which earned its Best Adapted Screenplay at the (\*) 2023 Oscars after being adapted from a Miriam Toews novel, is revealed to take place in 2010 after a US Census truck visits the village in which this film is set. Ben Wishaw plays the local school teacher August who is left behind by the Rooney Mara-played Ona at the end of this film. The title group votes to leave the abusive men of their Mennonite colony in, for 10 points, what 2022 Sarah Polley film?**

ANSWER: Women Talking <Weiner>

3. **A man watching surveillance footage of this character is suddenly interrupted when this character appears and claims "It would move me to tears if I still had tears to shed." A massive cannon built by this character is used to attack a humanitarian dinner honoring one of his rivals. Michael Ansara voiced this character in a 1992 TV episode in which his background was completely rewritten by Paul (\*) Dini. Ferris Boyle destroyed equipment used by this character for a controversial experiment seeking a cure for an unspecified infection. While in a cell, this character wishes for a "warm hand that waits for mine" from a toy ballerina inspired by his terminally ill wife Nora. For 10 points, *Batman: The Animated Series* rewrote what villain's tragic background in the episode "Heart of Ice"?**

ANSWER: Mr. Freeze [or Victor Fries; prompt on Mr. Zero; prompt on Victor] <Evans>

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4. After this game's opening drive ended in a three-and-out, an ensuing punt was muffed by Aaron Ross, leading to an immediate turnover. In a controversial play, the winning quarterback of this game threw an early touchdown pass to Selvin Young despite his knee being on the ground. Duane Akina and Gene Chizik's defense forced a late fourth-quarter turnover in this game by stopping a 4th-and-2 rush attempt by (\*) LenDale White. A quarterback run to the right corner of the end zone proved to be the winning play of this game, in which that quarterback tallied 467 total yards. Heisman winner Reggie Bush was out-dued by quarterback Vince Young in, for 10 points, what legendary college football game in Pasadena between teams known as the Trojans and Longhorns?

ANSWER: **2006 Rose Bowl** [accept answers that include the **Rose Bowl** and both the University of **Texas** and the University of **Southern California** or **USC**] <Nelson>

5. In 2022, the Mexican government protested this company for stealing a design from the Indigenous Mayan company Yucachulas (yoo-kah-CHOO-lahss). This company tests products using a fast-moving model known as LATR. This company, which was originally called ZZKKO, released an Instagram apology beginning "WE'RE SORRY!" in big pink letters after it was found to be selling Islamic prayer mats as decorative rugs. In a disastrous PR move, this rival of (\*) Temu paid for influencers to visit one of its factories in June 2023. A 2022 *Wall Street Journal* article claimed that this company would soon eclipse the sales of Zara and H&M. TikTok videos of namesake "hauls" helped popularize, for 10 points, what Chinese fast-fashion company which is the largest clothes retailer in the world?

ANSWER: **Shein** (SHE-in) <Evans>

6. In a film set primarily in this location, a character remarks how he's been chased by one third of a BLT after running away from a hunting pig named Mojo. A film partially titled for this location features a cameo from Elvira, who rewards the film's protagonists with a vacation trip. The soundtrack to one film titled after this location features a theme by Third Eye Blind and a pair of songs by alt-rock band Skycycle including "It's (\*) Terror Time Again." The eponymous beings of this location are revealed to be previous sacrifices made by a race of Werecoats that once inhabited it. It is revealed that those inhabitants of this location are real after Fred is unable to unmask them. The first direct-to-video *Scooby-Doo* film was set on, for 10 points, what isolated piece of land inhabited by the undead?

ANSWER: **Zombie Island** [or **Moonscar** Island; accept **Moonstar** Island; accept *Scooby-Doo on Zombie Island* or *Scooby-Doo! Return to Zombie Island*] <Weiner>

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7. **This song is the only UK #1 hit whose writing credits include *The Full Monty* composer Anne Dudley. This song briefly recharted in 2019 following a social media campaign seeking to promote suicide awareness. Art of Noise's "Close (to the Edit)" provided a shouted "hey" sampled repeatedly in this song, which is built off a loop of the guitar riff of "S.O.S." by the Breeders. A man who previously only performed as a (\*) dancer made his debut as a vocalist on this song. This lead single from the album *The Fat of the Land* was popularized by a black-and-white music video filmed in an abandoned train station and featured a performer in a U.S. flag-inspired jumpsuit. The devil horn-haired Keith Flint claims to be "the bitch you hated" and the "twisted" title figure of, for 10 points, what breakout hit by The Prodigy?**

ANSWER: "**Firestarter**" <Nelson>

8. **A Canadian player with this surname was the first skater born in Germany to play in the NHL. That player's first name, Walt, was later given as a nickname to an unrelated player who also had this surname by teammate Eddie Olczyk (OHL-chik). In the 2016 NHL draft, Brad Treliving initially received considerable criticism for selecting a player with this surname instead of Filip Zadina. A player with this surname was the first American-born player to lead the NHL in goals, doing so as a member of the (\*) Coyotes. One player with this last name scored three game winners in the 2023 Eastern Conference Finals against Carolina, leading his team to their first Stanley Cup Finals appearance since 1996. The captain of the Senators and the Florida Panthers' leading points-scorer share, for 10 points, what last name shared by Keith and his sons Brady and Matthew?**

ANSWER: **Tkachuk** or **Tkaczuk** (ka-chuck) [accept Matthew **Tkachuk**, Brady **Tkachuk**, Keith **Tkachuk**, or Walt **Tkaczuk**] <Weiner>

9. **Frank Miller's first creator-owned title was a miniseries about a person with this name who appears in a future lawless New York City centuries after defeating Agat. Mike Richardson wrote a 2014 comic book about a group known by this name with consultation from the creator of *Lone Wolf and Cub*. Maya Lopez, also known as Echo, first appeared in the *New Avengers* using this name, which has also been used by (\*) Bullseye and Blade. In a long-running series by Stan Sakai, a tall wolf named Jei and a power-hungry human lord oppose a character with this status; that series, whose protagonist is a rabbit, is titled *Usagi Yojimbo*. In the *New Invasion* and *Secret Invasion* storylines, Hawkeye takes on a new identity as, for 10 points, what name used for a class of masterless samurai?**

ANSWER: **ronin** [prompt on **samurai** or **bodyguard**] <Maharjan>

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10. **This object's designer claimed it was inspired by a character from the anime *Tekkonkinkreet*. A 2022 film revealed this item was made from a similar object owned by its user's grandmother and was given to its owner to reward her for her bravery at preschool. The owner of this object employs the One-Eyed Snakes motorcycle gang to retrieve it from Logan, a bully who steals it while skateboarding; during that ordeal, the owner of this object is seen using a (\*) blue hoodie due to this object's absence. This object, which may also be inspired by a similar item worn by Ramona Quimby, is typically paired with a green dress by a highly precocious fourth grader voiced by Kristen Schaal. For 10 points, identify this pink headgear worn by the youngest daughter on *Bob's Burgers*.**  
ANSWER: Louise Belcher's hat [accept answers indicating the pink bunny ear hat worn by Louise Belcher] <Nelson>

11. **A 2019 single by Miley Cyrus that samples this song largely praises her relationship with drugs. Snoop Dogg used this song's sample of The Charmel's "As Long As I've Got You" for the title track of his album *Neva Left*. In a letter from prison, Raider Ruckus inspired the hook of this song, which was previously a chorus-less song titled "Lifestyles of the Mega-Rich." One rapper on this song claims to be "alive on arrival" after lamenting that he'd struggled for "22 long years." An autobiographical verse beginning "I grew up on the crime side, the New York Times side" is delivered by (\*) Raekwon at the start of this song, the biggest hit from an album subtitled "36 Chambers." "Dollar dollar bill, y'all" ends Method Man's hook in, for 10 points, what Wu-Tang Clan song that describes the multitude of things that "cash rules"?**  
ANSWER: "C.R.E.A.M." [prompt on "Cash Rules Everything Around Me"] <Evans>

12. **This man played Dan Grogan, the operator of a restaurant specializing in brown gravy, in a recurring sketch on a mid-2000s TBS series. On the first season of an ABC sitcom, this actor had a single fictional son played by Haley Joel Osment, but when its second season moved to NBC, they gave him a *second* son, played by Jonathan Lipnicki. This man led teams through "the Final Revelation" as the host of Game Show Network's *The American* (\*) *Bible Challenge*. Starting in 2007, this man hosted another game show that gave contestants the option to Peek, Copy, or Save. The first act in Comedy Central's mid-2000s afternoon staple *Blue Collar Comedy Tour* was, for 10 points, what mustachioed host of *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader* and redneck joke-maker?**  
ANSWER: Jeff Foxworthy [or Jeffrey Marshall Foxworthy] <Vopava>

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13. After making one career start, this pitcher was sent to the disabled list due to a right armpit infection. This pitcher struck out the first eight batters he faced on Opening Day in 2023, a year in which he unexpectedly fell to a record of 1-5 across his first nine starts of the season. During the 2023 World Baseball Classic, this pitcher was pulled from his only start following a fourth-inning meltdown against Venezuela that partially led to his country being unexpectedly eliminated in the group stage. In 2017, this pitcher and fellow future star (\*) Zac Gallen were among the Cardinals' top ranked prospects when they were traded in a deal for Marcell Ozuna. This player threw a league-best six complete games in 2022, leading to his unanimous selection for an award over Max Fried (freed). The 2022 National League Cy Young award was won by, for 10 points, what ace of the Miami Marlins?

ANSWER: Sandy Alcántara (ahl-KAHN-tah-rah) [or Sandy Alcántara Montero] <Weiner>

14. A song titled for this food describes a person "coming from bounty land" and was one of the rare non-Barbie-related hits by Aqua. This food is the second of three things in the title a song which assures "everything that's wonderful is sure to come your way." A little girl asks "hey, what's the big idea?" to open a song named for this food whose chorus remarks (\*) "love's gonna get you down" and was an early hit for Mika (MEE-kah). Rapper and producer Static Major died just days before the release of a song featuring him and titled for this food, which became by far his biggest hit. A Chordettes song titled for this food has a chorus with a prominent popping sound. The claim "shawty want a thug, bottles in the club" appears in a Lil Wayne song titled after, for 10 points, what candy?

ANSWER: lollipops [accept "Lollipop (Candyman)" or "Sunshine, Lollipops, and Rainbows"] <Maharjan>

15. In one film centering on members of this national diaspora, a plot by the antagonist to clone herself using the womb of her daughter-in-law is thwarted by an aspiring stuntwoman. While writing lyrics for his friend Matt's band, a member of this diaspora falls in love with the music of Bruce Springsteen in a 2019 coming-of-age film. 2023's *Polite Society* was the debut feature of a director who belongs to this diaspora who also created the show *We Are* (\*) *Lady Parts*. A comedian from this diaspora is heckled by his future wife Emily in a New York club at the end of a 2017 comedy film co-starring Zoe Kazan, whose character overcomes a serious illness. In an upcoming film, Monica Rambeau and Carol Danvers team up with a member of, for 10 points, what South Asian diaspora of actor Kumail Nanjiani and the MCU's Kamala Khan?

ANSWER: Pakistani diaspora [accept Pakistani-British or Pakistani-American or Pakistani-Canadian; prompt on Desi, Punjabi, or South Asian by asking "What specific country?"] <Weiner>

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16. ***Top Gun Maverick* director Joseph Kosinski directed a CGI advertisement for this event that features a pair of children gazing at the stars. Messages by the forums user AdjutantReflex promoted this event as part of the "Iris" ARG. A trio of shorts directed by Neill Blomkamp advertising this event were edited together to make the short film *Landfall*. The final advertisement to be released ahead of this event featured shots of a diorama battle set to Chopin's "Raindrop Prelude" and capped the (\*) "Believe" campaign. Mountain Dew Game Fuel was initially released as a promotion to advertise this event, which was preceded by a demo being made available in copies of *Crackdown*. The closing bell of the NASDAQ was rung by Master Chief to promote, for 10 points, what event in which a 2007 Bungie sequel was made available to players?**

ANSWER: **launch** of **Halo 3** [accept equivalents like **release** instead of "launch"] <Weiner>

17. **A character on this show describes legitimately feeling "God's presence" to his cousin while they relax in a pair of ultra-plush high-tech recliners. This show's female lead angrily points out that "the Buddha is only the Buddha because he was a prince first—he had stuff to renounce!" after her husband refuses a \$100,000 offer to buy a chair specially molded to fit his mother's butt. Young (\*) Mazino stars on this show as Paul, a dope who falls in love with the white girl "Kayla," unaware he is being catfished by the unhinged manager of a plant store. On this show, the protagonist Danny uses his contractor status to enter the home of a woman whose license plate number he wrote down. Two petty Californians seek vengeance over a parking lot road rage incident in, for 10 points, what Netflix miniseries starring Ali Wong and Steven Yeun?**

ANSWER: **Beef** <Vopava>

18. **Near the start of this film, a woman on a bus says, "what do you call that, strawberry blond?" to tease the widowed Mrs. Joseph for her outrageous new dyed hair. A tracking shot in this film follows Pamela Dare's gaze as she approaches her partner for a "ladies' choice" dance. This film's protagonist yells, "only a filthy slut would have done this!" to a group of girls after he discovers a used sanitary towel burning in a stove. A trip to a (\*) museum halfway through this James Clavell film is portrayed through a photo montage set to this film's title song, which asks "how do you thank the man who's taken you from crayons to perfume?" and was recorded by Lulu. The immigrant Mark Thackeray wins the respect of rowdy Cockney teenagers at an underfunded London school in, for 10 points, what drama starring Sidney Poitier?**

ANSWER: **To Sir, with Love** <Vopava>

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19. **This design titles a 2017 documentary that, in part, studies the agency BLK/MRKT ("Black Market") and was advertised on Hulu with a thumbnail of a water tower decorated with this design. This design was created as an abstracted alternative to an earlier image that almost incurred a Titan Sports lawsuit in 1994. In a 2005 documentary, Thierry Guetta films this design's creator daubing it in four parts onto a (\*) wall in Los Angeles. Mike Ternosky and Grace Lee are creative directors of the American streetwear company named for this image. In its original form, this image is accompanied by Futura text inspired by a billboard in the film *They Live*. A prior image about a large man who "has a posse" was adapted into, for 10 points, what imposing black-and-white face designed by Shepard Fairey and known by a four-letter command?**

ANSWER: **OBEY** (Giant) [accept answers like the **Andre the Giant face**; do not accept or prompt on "Andre the Giant Has a Posse"] <Vopava>

20. **A late-game score by this player over Bob Lanier (luh-NEER) angered Lanier's family so badly that the two didn't speak for nine years. In the only case of a first-place NBA team trading their top scorer mid-season, this player was dealt in a blockbuster trade for Danny Manning in 1994. A non-NBA team's desire to acquire the "best player worldwide" led this man to play his age-36 season in (\*) Greece. A brief, end-of-career stint with the Magic united this player with his younger brother Gerald. This player, who split a pair of legendary dunk contests against Michael Jordan, is depicted in a statue outside State Farm Arena that depicts him in the middle of performing a windmill dunk. For 10 points, name this Atlanta Hawks superstar known as the "Human Highlight Film."**

ANSWER: Dominique **Wilkins** [or Jacques Dominique **Wilkins**] <Nelson>

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1. A *Chicago Tribune* article noted that post-9/11 security policy led to an unexpected increase in the discovery of this action, which was almost certainly taken by Rafael Furcal and Bartolo Colón. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this type of fraud, which was common among Latin baseball players in the early 2000s. Olympian Dong Fangxiao was also embroiled in a controversy about this sort of fraud.

ANSWER: **age** fraud [accept answers describing **lying** about one's **age**]

[10] Among the biggest names tied to probable age fraud is this Cardinals and Angels slugger, who retired at the alleged age of 42 in 2022, though one MLB exec claimed "not one person in baseball believes" that.

ANSWER: Albert **Pujols** [or José Alberto **Pujols** Alcántara]

[10] The most notorious case of age fraud in baseball may be the one involving this young athlete, who was two years above the age limit when he wrecked opposing lineups during the 2001 Little League World Series.

ANSWER: Danny **Almonte** [or Danny **Almonte** Rojas] <Nelson>

2. The mid-2000s were a great time for the makers of crazy-ass energy drinks. For 10 points each:

[10] This highly caffeinated beverage, which now trails only Red Bull in US market share, was introduced during that period. It has since produced numerous sponsorships in NASCAR and was weirdly featured in the game *Death Stranding*.

ANSWER: **Monster** Energy

[10] A namesake 2003 song by Nelly inspired the creation of this product, marketed as "Hip-Hop's #1 Energy Drink." In ensuing years, Nelly has defended the drink's rather embarrassing name.

ANSWER: **Pimp Juice**

[10] Among the strongest energy drinks of the period was this Redux Beverages product, which was briefly renamed No Name due to threats over its usual name from the FDA, who claimed it was being sold as an alternative to street drugs.

ANSWER: **Cocaine** <Nelson>

3. This song's lyric "I saw flecks of what could've been lights / But it might just have been you" is almost certainly a reference to a time before its singer met Joe Alwyn. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this fourth track from Taylor Swift's *Midnights* that features Lana del Rey and calls the title phenomenon "Weird, but fuckin' beautiful."

ANSWER: "**Snow on the Beach**"

[10] The drums on "Snow on the Beach" are credited to the actor Dylan O'Brien, who also starred opposite Sadie Sink in the short film set to the ten-minute-long version of this hit from *Red (Taylor's Version)*.

ANSWER: "**All Too Well**" [accept "**All Too Well** (Taylor's Version)"; "**All Too Well** (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version) (From the Vault)"; or "**All Too Well**: The Short Film"]

[10] "Snow on the Beach" was re-recorded for this May 2023 edition of *Midnights* as the "More Lana" version which gave Lana del Rey an additional verse. This edition also contained the Ice Spice collab "Karma" and should not be confused with the earlier "3am Edition".

ANSWER: *Midnights* – **Til Dawn** Edition <Weiner>



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4. This film began its history as *Nasrudin*, a collection of stories based on a character from near-East folklore. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this unfinished animated film by Richard Williams, which began production in 1964 and was eventually released in heavily edited form in 1993, and then *again* with even more drastic edits in 1995.

ANSWER: *The **Thief and the Cobbler*** [accept *The **Princess and the Cobbler*** or ***Arabian Knight***]

[10] Due to its late release, *The Thief and the Cobbler* became the final film appearance of this actor, who voiced Zigzag the Grand Vizier. His largely spooky filmography included the narration of "Thriller."

ANSWER: Vincent **Price** [or Vincent Leonard **Price** Jr.]

[10] The second released version, which used the title *Arabian Knight*, added re-recorded dialogue featuring Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Winters, and this young actress who had just had a breakthrough role in *Muriel's Wedding*.

ANSWER: Toni **Collette** [or Toni **Collett**] <Nelson>

5. For 10 points each, answer the following about the rules of pickleball:

[10] After a serve, the ball is required to bounce in a "non-volley zone" known by this term, which is also the name of a room of a house.

ANSWER: **kitchen**

[10] A common pickleball house rule is that the team whose side of the court is closest to this city gets to serve first. Pickleball was founded in Bainbridge Island, a suburb of this city.

ANSWER: **Seattle**, Washington

[10] The scores of doubles matches are given as a series of *three* numbers; as a result, doubles games start with this announced "score," which has become a common phrase on pickleball-themed apparel.

ANSWER: **0-0-2** ("zero zero two") [accept the exact phrase **zero zero start**] <Andert>

6. Maria O'Grady, the woman who originally owned this object, died in a car crash in 1985. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this object, which was destroyed by Maria's daughter in a notorious 1992 incident during a musical performance on *SNL*.

ANSWER: a **photograph** of **Pope John Paul II** [accept answers indicating a **photo** or **picture** and either the **pope** or **John Paul II**; prompt on answers like "Sinead O'Connor's **photo** that she tore up"]

[10] This *SNL* alum and future star of *Just Shoot Me* claims to have kept a piece of the torn-up photo after the incident. Today, he appears in ads for the outdoor chain Sierra.

ANSWER: David (Wayne) **Spade**

[10] The photo was later taped back together - with a piece missing - and was shown by the host of the following episode, who was this actor who currently stars with Pete Davidson in the TV show *Bupkis*.

ANSWER: Joe **Pesci** (PESH-ee) [or Joseph Frank **Pesci**] <Nelson>

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7. Act I of this play is so banal that Hildred Castaigne (**HIL-drid cass-STAIN**) throws it into a fireplace, but when it lands with the first page of Act II open, he suddenly cannot resist finishing it. For 10 points each:

[10] An 1895 collection by Robert W. Chambers is titled for what play that makes anyone who reads its second act go insane?

ANSWER: *The **King in Yellow***

[10] Details from *The King in Yellow*, such as the sinister Yellow Sign, are mentioned in "The Whisperer in Darkness," a novella by this extremely racist American horror master of the 1920s and 30s.

ANSWER: H. P. **Lovecraft** [or Howard Philips **Lovecraft**]

[10] The placenames of Hastur and Carcosa in *The King in Yellow* come from the works of this much-anthologized American author of the unnerving short story "The Eyes of the Panther." He vanished in 1914.

ANSWER: Ambrose (Gwinnett) **Bierce** <Vopava>

8. The platinum-level sales of the album *Walking With a Panther* is one of several achievements that support this phrase. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this five-word command, the opening line of a 1991 rap classic. Its performer follows this phrase with "I been here for years."

ANSWER: "**Don't call it a comeback**"

[10] This rapper and future *NCIS: Los Angeles* star demanded "don't call it a comeback" on his seminal hit "Mama Said Knock You Out."

ANSWER: **LL Cool J** [or James Todd **Smith**]

[10] The lyric, as well as several other jabs in "Mama Said Knock You Out," were directed at this other early rapper and long-time rival of LL Cool J. His song "Wild Wild West" was interpolated into Will Smith's song of the same name.

ANSWER: **Kool Moe Dee** [accept Mohandas **Dewese**] <Nelson>

9. This actress refuses all requests to autograph the notorious photo of her seated at a table and ogling Jayne Mansfield's outrageously over-spilling low-cut gown. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this glamorous Italian movie star of the 1950s and 60s.

ANSWER: Sophia **Loren** (**luh-REN**) [or Sofia Costanza Brigida Villani **Scicolone**]

[10] The Loren—Mansfield photo was taken at a 1957 party organized by this Hollywood studio that recruited her. The "Big Five" studios of Hollywood's Golden Age were MGM, Warner Bros., RKO, Fox, and this studio.

ANSWER: **Paramount** Pictures (Inc.)

[10] Paramount signed Loren shortly after she became a sensation at Cannes in 1955, the year she played Carmela in *La Bella Mugnaia* (**lah BEL-ah moon-YAH-yuh**) opposite this frequent Italian co-star who also played Guido in *8½*.

ANSWER: Marcello **Mastroianni** (**mass-troh-YAH-nee**) <Vopava>

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10. In a June 2023 interview, this player claimed "the media is dumb" for claiming Caitlin Clark's "you can't see me" gesture during that year's Elite Eight was directed at her. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this former Louisville point guard, who entered the transfer portal shortly after the 2023 Final Four.

ANSWER: Hailey **Van Lith**

[10] Van Lith left Louisville for this other school, where she will be a teammate of the so-called "Bayou Barbie" Angel Reese.

ANSWER: **LSU** [or **Louisiana State** University]

[10] Also in June 2023, Van Lith led the US Women's team in scoring at the world cup of this event, in which the US earned a gold medal. This event made its Olympic debut in 2021.

ANSWER: **3x3** basketball [or **3-on-3** or similar] <Nelson>

11. This game's setting, the *Mirage Express*, contains an entire casino in one of its cars. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 2023 game published by Sega, which was widely thought upon its release to be an April Fools joke. Its player character is a quokka tasked with helping to solve a mystery.

ANSWER: *The **Murder of Sonic the Hedgehog***

[10] *The Murder of Sonic the Hedgehog* is primarily presented in this narrative-driven genre, whose simplistic gameplay is exemplified by *Doki Doki Literature Club* and countless Japanese dating sims.

ANSWER: **visual novel**

[10] In the game, Sonic's murder occurs on the birthday of this pink, female hedgehog who is often depicted as Sonic's love interest.

ANSWER: **Amy** Rose <Nelson>

12. In the locker room following this game, it is revealed that one player read a fanfiction novel about himself written under the pen name Virginia Ledoux. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this game at which Lou gives an inspirational speech in which he reveals that watching her favorite quarterback's debut 16 years earlier helped her get through chemo.

ANSWER: **Super Bowl LI** ("fifty one") [accept the **Patriots-Falcons Super Bowl** or the **28-3** Super Bowl; prompt on **Super Bowl**]

[10] Super Bowl LI is the primary setting of this 2023 comedy about four senior women who venture to Houston to watch the title quarterback win his fifth Super Bowl.

ANSWER: **80 for Brady**

[10] Despite the title, this actress' character Betty is not over 80 in the film. This actress was nominated for best supporting actress in 2012 for her role as Mary Todd Lincoln the same year she played Aunt May in *The Amazing Spider-Man*.

ANSWER: Sally (Margaret) **Field** <Weiner>

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13. After finalizing his divorce and reaching a milestone birthday, a character on this series focuses on his dream to qualify for the PGA's Senior Tour. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this early 2010s dramedy, whose title figures include a former actor turned apartment manager played by Scott Bakula.

ANSWER: **Men of a Certain Age**

[10] *Men of a Certain Age* starred and was created by this actor who, according to a different sitcom, "Everybody Loves."

ANSWER: Ray **Romano** [or Raymond Albert **Romano**; prompt on *Everybody Loves Raymond*]

[10] *Men of a Certain Age* also starred Andre Braugher, whose character Owen has this profession. Jerry Lundegaard has this job in the movie *Fargo*.

ANSWER: **car salesman** [accept **car dealer** or **auto dealer** or similar] <Andert>

14. An employee named Pam complained that her co-worker was "perpetuating ethnic stereotypes by saying orange cats are dumb" in reference to this cat being unable to open a door. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this pro-labor orange tabby, whose intellect was unfavorably compared to that of a tortoiseshell office cat named Jean.

ANSWER: **Jorts**

[10] As revealed in an update post, in an attempt to train Jorts to groom himself better, Pam took this ridiculous action for which she was reprimanded by HR.

ANSWER: putting **margarine** on his fur [accept **butter** in place of margarine; accept equivalent descriptions like **buttering** him or **covering him in butter**]

[10] The original post about Jorts and Jean was posted on this subreddit, whose banner image depicts the Reddit mascot snoo holding up signs featuring an asterisk and a checkmark.

ANSWER: **Am I The Asshole** [accept /r/**AmITheAsshole**; prompt on **AITA**] <Weiner>

15. In a business meeting, a man defending his wearing of this object is asked how much he paid for it, prompting the reply "it's illegal for you to ask me that." For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this object whose stupid "safari flaps" are mocked in texts during a trial over Qualstar stock unloading. Your answer should indicate, as it is described in the text messages, who the item belongs to.

ANSWER: **"Brian's Hat"** [prompt on a **hat** or **fedora**]

[10] Tim Robinson plays the hat-owning Brian in an episode of this surreal sketch series that bears his name.

ANSWER: ***I Think You Should Leave*** with Tim Robinson

[10] The episode featuring the "Brian's Hat" sketch also includes an ad for a vacuum designed to suck up this food item, which factors prominently into a first-season *I Think You Should Leave* sketch that ends with a man stealing numerous items from a clothing store.

ANSWER: **hot dogs** <Evans>

## Super ACRONYM 4 - Round 9

16. In a song about this activity, the steady boing of a jaw harp accompanies a singer saying how he has "waited all winter for the time to be right" to enjoy it "where the cool grass grows." For 10 points each:  
[10] Name this outdoor pastime that "you and me" partake in "down by the river in the cool moonlight" in a 1987 country song.

ANSWER: (goin') **fishin' in the dark** [prompt on partial answers]

[10] This long-running country group, which began as a 1960s folk act, recorded "Fishin' in the Dark" in 1987.

ANSWER: **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** [accept **NGDB** or **Dirt Band**]

[10] Prior to "Fishin' in the Dark," Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's best-known song was a 1969 song about a man with this nickname who "danced for you in worn-out shoes." This moniker was earlier adopted by Black tap dancer and recurring Shirley Temple screen partner Bill Robinson.

ANSWER: Mr. **Bojangles** [accept Bill **Bojangles** Robinson] <Vopava>

17. In 1978, this team's quarterback, Dan Pastorini, became the first NFL player to wear a flak jacket after watching a man put it on and emerge unscathed after being hit with a baseball bat. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this team whose fans adopted the "Luv Ya Blue" slogan in the 1970s.

ANSWER: Houston **Oilers** [prompt on Houston]

[10] The Oilers drafted this Hall of Fame running back first overall in 1978. In an iconic moment, this notoriously powerful runner continued to run on a play after his jersey was torn off by would-be defenders.

ANSWER: Earl **Campbell**

[10] In the 1979 AFC Championship Game, referees incorrectly ruled that Oilers' receiver Mike Renfro was out of bounds, negating his touchdown against this team. It is rumored that in an earlier AFC Championship, referees let this team's "Immaculate Reception" stand after security could not guarantee their safety.

ANSWER: **Pittsburgh Steelers** [accept either] <Andert>

18. The success of the original *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* TV series inspired a wave of bizarre, short-lived imitators. For 10 points each:

[10] One such ripoff, *Stone Protectors*, mixed the attitude of *Ninja Turtles* with the aesthetics of these then-popular dolls known for round eyes and wacky hairstyles.

ANSWER: **Trolls** [accept **troll** dolls or similar]

[10] *TMNT*'s popularity influenced the production of *Samurai Pizza Cats*, an American translation of a Japanese cartoon. The series was licensed by this company, which used a similar tactic to produce *Power Rangers*.

ANSWER: **Saban** (suh-BAHN) Entertainment [accept **Saban** International or **Saban** Productions]

[10] At a full three seasons, this show about the heroes Throttle, Modo, and Vinnie was likely the most successful *TMNT*-influenced series. This series even had an April O'Neil equivalent named Charley Davidson.

ANSWER: **Biker Mice from Mars** <Nelson>

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19. This group got their first gig opening for the Sex Pistols before they had technically formed a band or even had a name. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this female-fronted post-punk band that formed in 1976 in London. A 1981 hit by this group describes "following the footsteps of a rag doll dance".

ANSWER: **Siouxsie and the Banshees**

[10] For their first gig, Siouxsie and the Banshees employed this future bassist of the Sex Pistols as part of their live band. He died in 1979 at age 21, not long after he maybe killed his girlfriend Nancy Spungen.

ANSWER: Sid **Vicious** [or John Simon **Ritchie**]

[10] Siouxsie and the Banshees' later hits include a cover of this track originally off Iggy Pop's album *Lust for Life* whose title figure "ride[s] through the city's backsides."

ANSWER: "The **Passenger**" <Weiner>

20. A post-credits scene depicts this character hunting down a recently freed Caine who is in Paris visiting his daughter. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Rina Sawayama-played assassin. Her father Koji is killed by Caine after he is found to be harboring John Wick near the start of *John Wick: Chapter 4*.

ANSWER: **Akira**

[10] Akira is the concierge at the Osaka Continental Hotel, a role analogous to the New York Continental's Charon, who was played in all four *John Wick* films by this Black actor. He passed away from heart disease in 2023.

ANSWER: Lance (Solomon) **Reddick**

[10] Caine was played by Donnie Yen, who also played the badass blind man Chirrut Îmwe in this 2016 Star Wars spinoff in which he repeatedly says "I am one with the Force and the Force is with me".

ANSWER: **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** <Weiner>