

1) *For two consecutive years in the 1960s, this city had the lowest crime rate in the state of North Carolina though Jack Anderson was, at that time, a noted moonshiner from this city.* This city was home to noted businesses like the Bluebird Diner or Weaver's Department Store. This city is based on Mount Airy, North Carolina, which is referred to by this city's name, after the success of spinoffs like Gomer Pyle USMC. For 10 points, name this small, slow city central to shows like The Andy Griffith Show.
ANSWER: Mayberry

2) *The Giants gave up a run against the Diamondbacks when someone in this position, Curt Casali, tried to stop the ball with an illegal piece of equipment, ruled a "*this position* balk."* This position is denoted "2" in baseball notation and they make up the less valuable portion of a "battery." For 10 points, name this position behind home plate who acts as a backstop for the pitcher.
ANSWER: Catcher

3) *This company produced controversial 1977 and 1980 adaptations of The Hobbit and The Return of the King starring Orson Bean. One of the two titular people in this company wrote the first children's book dedicated to exploring vegetarianism and the other met his wife while casting for The Sins of Dorian Gray.* This production company is best known for animated specials, like one where Burl Ives played Sam the Snowman or another where the titular character sings "I'll be back on Christmas day" at the end. For 10 points, name this animation production company that gave us The Little Drummer Boy, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, and The Year Without a Santa Claus.
ANSWER: Rankin/Bass Animated Entertainment

4) *In Persona 3, a decision needs to be made on this holiday about whether or not to kill Ryoji and in Persona 4, you visit a shrine on this day and Yukiko might wear a Kimono. The "Cold Cold Heart" DLC for Arkham Origins takes place around this holiday, and Mr. Freeze invades a party for this holiday at Wayne Manor. In The Last of Us II, Talia says that during this event, her sister would give her apples dipped in honey.* For 10 points, name this holiday that, in *Animal Crossing*, involves a countdown around Midnight and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."
ANSWER: New Years Eve [accept Rosh Hashana or Jewish New Year around the *Last of Us* clue]

5) *This album that begins with a six-second intro containing the sound of a coin flip and a cocked gun closes with a song that includes the repeated line "I gotta make it to Heaven for going through Hell."* Eminem executive produced this album and features on two of its songs, including "Don't Push Me" and "Patiently Waiting."

Nate Dogg asks “Could you love me in a Bentley?/Could you love me on a bus?” on a track from this album titled “21 Questions.” “P.I.M.P.” and “In da Club” appear on, ftp, what 2003 rap album and studio debut of 50 Cent?

ANSWER: “Get Rich or Die Tryin” <Mickey Sizemore Tossup>

- 6) **In Star vs. the Forces of Evil, one of these creatures inside Star’s wand is the source of its power. In Gravity Falls, Wendy tries to drug one of these creatures for a lock of its hair, and it’s revealed these animals can’t see into peoples’ hearts, they lie so humans will leave them alone.** These creatures can perform magic in Equestria in *My Little Pony* and their most notable appendage can be used to pop balloons. For 10 points, name these horse-like creatures with giant horns in their foreheads.

ANSWER: Unicorns

- 7) **In the European Union, this substance has to be produced in Calabria to legally be referred to by this name, and Parmigiano Emilia is made with potatoes and this substance in the Apennine mountains.** This foodstuff can be approximated by blanching bacon with boiling water to reduce the smoky flavor and unlike bacon can be eaten raw based on the way it’s cured. Guanciale is more traditionally used than this foodstuff in carbonara pasta and this foodstuff is usually served “arrotolata” or rolled, or “stesa,” which is flat, and it’s often cut into cubes if used for cooking. For 10 points, name this Italian salume of pork belly, different from bacon by how it’s prepared, and used to add depth to soups or pastas.

ANSWER: Pancetta

- 8) **Sergio Leone and Sergio Donati used a story written by this director as the basis for the film Once Upon a Time in the West.** This director and his brother financed Dawn of the Dead and provided music for the film alongside prog rock band Goblin, who also scored this director’s film Profondo Rosso, or Deep Red. This director’s 2007 film, The Mother of Tears, concluded their Three Mothers trilogy, which also includes Inferno, as well as another film that starred Jessica Harper as an American who attends a German dance school that is run by witches. FTP, identify this giallo director of Italian horror films such as the older *Suspiria*.

ANSWER: Dario Argento <Mickey Sizemore Tossup>

- 9) **A literary magazine, named for this location, has the slogan “Deeds, not words” and has published books like “Jammer Slammer” and “I’ve Got a Message for You and You’re Not Going to Like It.”** Cigar City offered a beer, brewed with mangos and apricots, titled for this place. In the Simpsons episode “Faith Off,” after sustaining an injury, Milhouse asks to be buried at this location. That reference inspired a Mitski album

whose title asks you to bury him at this location. For 10 points, name this fictitious place that sounds like a brook where you might kiss.

ANSWER: **Makeout Creek**

- 10) **The Blood Stone helped Frank Castle undergo this action that he first took in the critically panned Welcome Back Frank series. According to an old expression, everyone does this except for Bucky Barnes, Jason Todd, and Uncle Ben, though Jason Todd undertook this action to become Red Hood.** In Birth of a Demon, Bruce Wayne uses a Lazarus Pit to take this action that the Joker undertakes, after being legally executed, in order to ostensibly have paid his debt to society. For 10 points, name this action that Steve Rogers did in *Captain America: Reborn*, a cliched undoing of comic book deaths.

ANSWER: **Coming Back to Life** [or resurrecting or anything that you, the moderator, think sounds right.]

- 11) **This athlete was slated to be the starting running back all three years that Willie Taggart was a running back coach. Still the all-time California high school rushing leader, this athlete missed winning a Heisman by 28 votes, the closest margin in the award's history.** After this back's rookie contract expired with the Vikings, he joined Jacksonville, where he only started eight games. For 10 points, name this former Stanford running back whose records were mostly broken by Christian McCaffrey.

ANSWER: Toby **Gerhart**

- 12) **In Mr. Deeds Goes to Town, Deeds gets depressed after Babe Bennett gives him this two-word moniker in the papers.** In *Platinum Blond*, one man punches another and declares that he wears the pants in the family after being called this nickname. A Rush song titled for this phrase was a single on the album *A Farewell to Kings* and opens with the line "A modest man from Mandrake/Traveled rich to the city." An Eminem song of this name has vocals from Kobe and describes losing a Nike Shoe at a ball. For 10 points, name this phrase implying a guy might have a fairy godmother.

ANSWER: **Cinderella Man**

- 13) **Kornbread Jete makes an appearance in this movie, as a drag queen trying to impersonate Sarah Jessica Parker's character. A model of the Jonathan Corwin House is set on fire during this movie. That house ostensibly belongs to Reverend Traske. The casting of the Magicae Maxima spell turning Winifred's eyes purple suggests that Mother Witch used it too. Becca accidentally called three iconic figures at her 16th birthday party, in this movie, by accidentally using a black candle, before outwitting witches at a Walgreens.** For 10 points, name 2022 Disney+ sequel to a popular witch movie, a followup to a Bette Middler movie often seen around Halloween.

ANSWER: Hocus Pocus 2

- 14) ***In Batman: Arkham Origins, this song is the Joker's theme. On the Regular Show episode "The Christmas Special," this song plays when Mordakai and Rigby fight Quillgin over a pit of Lava, and it plays when the Smiths fight Santa on American Dad. Based on the Ukrainian New Years song "Shchedryk," this song plays shortly before Kevin boobytraps the house in Home Alone. For 10 points, name this Christmas song that opens "Hark hear the bells/Sweet Silver Bells/All seem to say" that Christmas is here.***

ANSWER: Carol of the Bells

- 15) [Moderator Note: There are a lot of ways to describe this answer. I need either the year or the teams AND the fact that it's a national title game or Rose Bowl. This is Carry so there are no prompts– but quietly stare at them if they give one of the two teams. ALSO it IS the 2005 National Title and 2006 Rose Bowl because it's in January]

Frostee Tucker and Scott Ware forced a pair of fumbles for the losing team in this game that saw a player on the losing team net a nation-title record 279 scrimmage yards. Four players from this bowl game were taken in the top 10 of the next NFL draft, including Michael Huff, and Taitusi Lutui, Lendale White; and Dominique Byrd were also drafted after this game that was announcer Keith Jackson's final game. The winning quarterback in this game scored an eight yard run with just 19 seconds to go, the second rushing touchdown in just four minutes for Vince Young. For 10 points, name this legendary college football game in which Mack Brown's Longhorns defeated Reggie Bush's and Pete Carroll's team from California.

ANSWER: The 2005 NCAA Championship OR Texas vs USC for the National Championship OR the 2006 Rose Bowl OR the National title game between the Trojans and Longhorns

- 16) ***In a film named for this substance, Juliette Binoche's character uses it to corrupt the entire population of Lansquenet-sous-Tannes before Easter. Leo Brouwer scored a film whose title compares rising and falling emotion to the repeated heating and cooling of water when making this substance. Two similar movies partly titled for this substance each have namesake characters played by, respectively, Freddie Highmore and Gene Wilder. For 10 points, identify this substance to a box of which Forrest Gump's mother compared life.***

ANSWER: Chocolate <CODY JOHANSEN TOSSUP>

- 17) ***One character in this game can be rendered in unicode with +2658 and in an early game was nicknamed "Donkey." One character in this game can fianchetto and, while given unlimited movement in this game, was limited to 2 movements in earlier***

games. One character in this game, in earlier versions, had horns, and is worth about five points if captured. For 10 points, name this game with memorable characters like Bishop, Knight, Pawn, and King.

ANSWER: Chess

18) **A 14-minute jam track titled for this text closes the Siouxsie and the Banshees debut album Join Hands.** A musical setting of this text reached #4 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1973, making it the highest-charting single by Sister Janet Mead, an Australian nun. This text is sung in Swahili on the Grammy Award-winning Christopher Tin track “Baba Yetu” from the video game *Civilization IV*, and the Iron Maiden song “Hallowed be Thy Name” takes its title from this song. For 10 points, what Christian prayer, also known as the “Pater Noster,” begins “Our father, who art in heaven?”

ANSWER: The Lord’s Prayer

19) **The creator of these objects vowed to spit on every 50th of them, after the 1984 Olympics boycott cost him \$44,000,000 in a failed marketing scheme.** A tainted one of these objects turned Kent Brockman, the first to eat one, into a muncher, though Bart could eat one and not be affected. Seymour Skinner decided to pass off these specifically branded items as “steamed hams” and Lou claims they resemble a “quarter pounder with cheese.” For 10 points, name this food product, the namesake of a clown-inspired McDonalds knockoff from *The Simpsons*.

ANSWER: Krusty Burger [prompt on “hamburger” or “cheeseburger”]

20) **After Stevie Johnson dropped a game-winning overtime pass against the Steelers, he took to Twitter to blame this person for the drop.** In 2006’s “Backlash” event, this person and Shawn Michaels fought against and lost to Vince and Shane McMahon. In *American Dad*, this person takes the form of Angelina Jolie to keep Steve’s attention and tells Stan that Stan must die or Stanford’s women’s tennis team will go winless in conference play. For 10 points, name this character played by Morgan Freeman in *Bruce Almighty*—the creator of Heaven and Earth.

ANSWER: God

21) **This theory was first proposed at a 2017 women’s march in Memphis, and the proposer of this theory claimed, in November 2021, that “Thanksgiving is no holiday, it’s a fight with your mind.”** This theory was first proposed by Peter McIndoe in October of 2017, and supporters of this theory led a November 2021 protest at Twitter headquarters to demand they change their logo. This conspiracy theory claims that a large group of animals had been killed and replaced by the government in the 1970s. For

10 points, name this tongue-in-cheek conspiracy theory, whose Gen-Z adherents make up the “bird brigade.”

ANSWER: **Birds Aren’t Real** [or “Birds are government drones” or anything similar]

22) ***In 1941, this team beat Washington State for its only March Madness championship, under coach Bud Foster.*** A team of basketball players from this school were **uncomfortably picked up on a hot-mic by an interview stenographer, when they were discussing how hot the stenographer was.** In 2022, this team, once led by Frank Kamensky, led the Big 10 in regular season wins and made the round of 32 by efforts from Johnny Davis and D’Mitrik Tice. For 10 points, name this school coached by Greg Gard, who are nicknamed “The Badgers.”

ANSWER: **Wisconsin**