Alex Wallace’s Tremendous Trash Packet

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Tossup #1: One account for the invention of this activity involves two travellers stranded at a London train station. Another potential origin story for this activity was to create a game that did not fall under game theory. Yet another account for the invention of this activity says it was created “to annoy people.” For ten points, identify this activity that you just lost.

Answer: **The Game.**

Tossup #2: After an entity undergoes what is called ‘metamorphosis’ in this film, one character calls to a minor character named Kafka. One piece of merchandise shown in this film depicts Optimus Prime whilst being passed on as merchandise as something else; other merchandise in the same display includes a flamethrower. One character removes what appears to be her hairdo which is actually a set of headphones, and the main plot of this movie revolves around stealing a planet’s air. For ten points, name this parody of *Star Wars* featuring characters such as President Skroob, Dark Helmet, and Pizza the Hutt.

Answer: ***Spaceballs***

Tossup #3 In *Command and Conquer: Red Alert 2,* a psychic amplifier in this city is destroyed by an Allied raid; the city is subsequently hit by a nuclear bomb. This city is subject to a massive battle over a connection to a Space Bridge in *Transformers: Dark of the Moon.* Two people, one named Garth Elgar, host a TV show in Aurora, a suburb of this city. For ten points, name this city, site of Jake and Elwood’s contacts with Fucking Illinois Nazis.

Answer: **Chicago**

Tossup #4 This individual’s directorial debut was the short film *Let’s Love Hate;* another short film directed by this man is *Maniac.* While exhibiting with his partners Ronkko and Turner, this individual sat in a darkened room in which visitors could enter one by one, carrying an assortment of objects such as toys, whips, and bowls of paper reproductions of tweets. This individual once entered a film festival in Berlin wearing a paper bag over his face with the words “I am not famous anymore” written on it. For ten points, name this actual cannibal who played Sam Witwicky in *Transformers.*

Answer: Shia **LaBeouf**

Tossup #5 Dan Rather has referred to the popularization of this concept as a harbinger of “extraordinary times.” The appearance of the phrase “Truthful Hyperbole” in a 1987 book was seen by some as a predecessor to this concept. A nonexistent event in Kentucky has been discussed as an advancement in the further normalization of this concept. For ten points, identify this concept used by Kellyanne Conway to defend Sean Spicer’s argument with journalists about the size of Donald Trump’s 2017 inauguration crowd.

Answer: **Alternative Facts** (prompt on ‘bullshit,’ ‘alternative facts,’ and similar)

Tossup #6 This artist referred to Rudolf von Alt as his “greatest teacher.” This artist painted a scene *Mother Mary with the Holy Child Jesus Christ* in 1913, with white flowers to the left of Mary and rays of sun to the right of Jesus. This artist’s painting *The Courtyard of the Old Residency in Munich* depicts the residence of Louis IV, Holy Roman Emperor, in the title city. For ten points, name this Austrian artist who, after being rejected from the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, started a career in right-wing politics in Germany.

Answer: Adolf **Hitler**

Tossup #7 This film was considered to be the best at the 1988 Sundance Film Festival, but was not given the highest award on the basis that the festival would no longer be taken seriously if they were to give the award to a cartoon. This film’s soundtrack was written by David Newman and was performed by the New Japan Philharmonic. This film features musical numbers such as *Worthless, It’s a B-Movie,* and *Cutting Edge.* For ten points, name this 1987 animated children’s film about a valiant kitchen appliance and her companions.

Answer: ***The Brave Little Toaster***

Tossup #8 Jack Black sings this song in the 2011 film *Bernie.* Leroy Anderson’s arrangement of this song quotes *The Stars and Stripes Forever, National Emblem,* and *The Liberty Bell*, among other marches. This song was lampooned in 2003 to mock the California gubernatorial recall election, described a number of unknowns that led a big charade, and a hundred and ten like them close behind. For ten points, name this song from Meredith Willson’s *The Music Man*, describing a plethora of musical instruments.

Answer: ***Seventy-Six Trombones***

Tossup #9 This document contains a question about a film featuring a priest who is intent on holding a wedding. This document was written to capitalize on the success of the previous document of the same type to fan the author’s ego. This document had bonuses added to it after feedback to another document, and many of its questions are leftovers from other packets. For ten points, name **this** document.

Answer: ***Alex Wallace’s Tremendous Trash Packet*** (accept **this packet** and similar)

Tossup #10 This individual once attempted to demonstrate a flying car; he remarked that it was a ‘prototype’ when its demonstration failed. This individual’s alleged happiest day was when he sent his son to boarding school, and he helped develop the atomic bomb. This individual hid the details of the structure of an atom in a diorama of a technology exhibition. For ten points, name this father of Iron Man.

Answer: **Howard Stark** (prompt on ‘Stark;’ do not accept ‘Tony Stark,’ accept ‘Tony Stark’s dad’ or ‘Iron Man’s dad’ or similar until mention)

Tossup #11 Planets with pronounced presence of this force include Moraband and Wellspring of Life. Weapons using this force are made with Kyber crystals. A certain type of microorganism connects the living form of this force to the cosmic form of this force; said microorganisms were found in high concentrations in a child born without a father. For ten points, name this force used in combat by Jedi knights.

Answer: **The Force**

Tossup #12 The McKenzie method is a method of answering this form of inquiry; however that method may have been developed by Alice Chou instead. The Keller method of answering this form of inquiry involves a method named after a bird. Another method of answering this form of inquiry is the Westbrook method, which has a risk of devolving into lateral thinking. For ten points, name this method of inquiry whose last sentence always begins with ‘For ten points.’

Answer: **Tossup**

Tossup #13: One meme featuring this individual said that he was ‘so black’ that he died first in a horror movie and that he taught you how to cha-cha slide. Another meme involving this individual features him yelling at a roomba, while an opponent laughs metallically. He is sometimes referred to using the name of a common lunch food, and another sobriquet involves a purple dinosaur and the voice actor for Dracula in *Hotel Transylvania.* For ten points, name this presidential candidate for whom a bird landed on his podium at a rally.

Answer: Bernie **Sanders**

Tossup #14 The opening credits to a certain film refer to this individual as ‘God’s perfect idiot.’ In the same film, there is a magazine that refers to this individual’s nomination as sexiest man alive. In the very same film, Deadpool asks if this individual got this far on his superior acting talent. For ten points, name this actor who played Deadpool in the 2016 *Deadpool* movie.

Answer: Ryan **Reynolds** (prompt on Deadpool)

Tossup #15 The actor playing this character joked that he won the role in a nationwide vote between himself, John Malkovich, and Pauley Shore, and also said that this character got his name when the actor rescued Brett Sperry in the Colorado River. This character leaves Earth in a portal inside an alien Threshold Tower. This character authorizes the missile strike on the space station *Philadelphia* and is rumored to be an ancient first murderer. For ten points, name this charismatic leader of the Brotherhood of Nod who lives in death.

Answer: **Kane**

Tossup #16 In one book by this author, Theodore Roosevelt has sex with a woman whose name he never bothers to learn, and in another book, two aliens are described copulating in great detail. This individual wrote *The Two Georges* alongside Richard Dreyfuss. This author wrote *Guns of the South,* where Andries Rhoodie provides AK-47s to Robert E. Lee. For ten points, name this author of the *WorldWar* and *Timeline-191* series, the master of alternate history.

Answer: Harry **Turtledove**

Tossup #17 This 2004 film’s star used recordings of his character in conversation with a Finnish marshal to perfect his accent. This film was in part filmed in districts of St. Petersburg said to look like Germany in the 1940s. This film aroused considerable controversy over its portrayal of Adolf Hitler as a human being. For ten points, name this film about Hitler’s last days in the Fuhrerbunker, subject to a plethora of internet parodies of scenes of him ranting.

Answer: ***Der Untergang*** or ***Downfall***

Tossup #18 In the 2007 PC game War Front: Turning Point, this country can use Giant Moving Turrets and APC Moles. Another RTS game with this country as a playable faction has its frame narrative set in a prison camp in this country; that country can also deploy Frontoviki squads. Another famous RTS game features this country as the aggressor after Albert Einstein erases Hitler from history. For ten points, name this country, the setting of the Red Orchestra series, including Ostfront 41-45 and Heroes of Stalingrad.

Answer: the **Soviet Union** (accept equivalents; prompt on **Russia**)

Tossup #19 A novel by Eugene Byrne and Kim Newman has this individual succeed Barry Goldwater as the President of the United Socialist States of America. In *X-Men: Days of Futures Past,* this individual allows Bolivar Trask to unveil his sentinels at the White House. In *Watchmen,* this individual serves multiple terms and wins Vietnam with the help of superhumans. For ten points, name this disembodied head who serves as president of Earth in Futurama.

Answer: Richard **Nixon**

Tossup #20 During this conflict, George Pearce authorized the use of Lewis guns so long as they were wielded by the army. This conflict saw one side begin hostilities by invading the towns of Chander and Walgoolan. The Wikipedia page on this conflict for a time listed ‘dignity’ as a casualty for one side. For ten points, name this conflict fought between the Royal Australian Artillery and a species of flightless bird.

Answer: **Emu War**

Bonuses:

Bonus #1 This planet is home to cities such as Mos Espa. For ten points each:

1. Name this planet over which the Tantive IV is intercepted by a Star Destroyer carrying Darth Vader. R2-D2 and C-3PO are stranded on this planet in an escape pod.
   1. Answer: **Tatooine**
2. From Tatooine, Han Solo, Luke Skywalker, and Obi-Wan Kenobi agree to travel to this planet, which is subsequently destroyed by the Death Star.
   1. Answer: **Alderaan**
3. The Tantive IV had just escaped from a battle over this planet, where a base containing Death Star plans was destroyed.
   1. Answer: **Scarif**

Bonus #2: Given a quote from an episode of Epic Rap Battles of History, name the speaker.

1. “There are ten million, million, million, million, million, million, million, million, million particles in the universe that we can observe. // Your mama took the ugly ones and put them into one nerd.”
   1. Answer: Stephen **Hawking**
2. Why don't you dodge this battle like you did Vietnam? //' Cause you've got as much chance of beating me as LeBron!
   1. Answer: Michael **Jordan**
3. With the voice that soothes, so let's do this.//I'll twist you up like you're a Rubik's cubist!
   1. Answer: Bob **Ross**

Bonus #3: For ten points each, answer these questions about things high schoolers do to prepare for college.

1. This set of advanced courses designed by the College Board rewards takers of its exams on a five point scale. They have been called “a mile wide and an inch deep.”
   1. Answer: **Advanced Placement** or **AP**
2. This test attracted controversy when its analogies section was accused of cultural bias. This test designed by the College Board is divided into critical reading, mathematics, and writing sections.
   1. Answer: **Scholastic Aptitude Test** or **SAT**
3. This alternative to the AP program, designed in Switzerland, was found guilty of plagiarizing Wikipedia in its grading manuals.
   1. Answer: **International Baccalaureate** or **IB**

Bonus #4 Answer these questions about food in the Marvel Cinematic Universe for ten points each:

1. Tony Stark asks for one of these quintessentially American foods upon his return from captivity in Afghanistan.
   1. Answer: **Hamburger** (accept obvious equivalents)
2. At the end of *The Avengers,* Tony Stark mentions a restaurant selling this type of food; the second post-credits scene shows the Avengers eating said food at said restaurant.
   1. Answer: **Shawarma**
3. Whilst in a diner in New Mexico, Thor heartily appreciates this drink and asks for another, smashing a mug in the process.
   1. Answer: **Coffee**

Bonus #5 For ten points each, name the Robert Conroy novel by horrifically awkward sex scene.

1. In this novel, two characters engage in coitus as a goodbye present to one of them, as the war with a nuclear-armed Nazi Germany ends.
   1. Answer: ***Himmler’s War***
2. In this novel set during a Nazi occupation of Canada, an American soldier’s sexual fantasy is fulfilled when his love interest plays the violin while naked.
   1. Answer: ***North Reich***
3. A scene in this novel set in an alternate American Civil War that defies most conception of why it exists can best be described as lesbian sexual assault.
   1. Answer: ***1862***

Bonus #6 For ten points each, name the following individuals by their portrayal on the Onion.

1. This individual, nicknamed ‘Diamond,’ searches the White House for his pet snake and worries that marijuana legalization in Washington, D.C. could hurt his business.
   1. Answer: Joe **Biden**.
2. This individual is awestruck by the sight of horses outside of a bus he is riding and later shows Hillary Clinton his belly button after she loses the 2016 presidential election.
   1. Answer: Tim **Kaine**
3. This individual once attended a campaign rally with his head stuck in a molasses crock and was later abandoned by a snake handler as his campaign faded into irrelevance.
   1. Answer: Mike **Huckabee**

Bonus #7 For ten points each, name these boot camp films from the eighties.

1. This film follows Private Pyle through boot camp, where he climbs obstacles like old people fuck.
   1. Answer: ***Full Metal Jacket***
2. This film follows Zack Mayo’s time in Aviation Officer Candidate School. He is assailed by Gunnery Sergeant Foley who attempts to force him to Drop on Request. Zack and Foley brawl near the end, and one of Zack’s friends commits suicide after being rejected by a woman who wanted to marry an airman.
   1. Answer: ***An Officer and a Gentleman***
3. This film, adapted from a play by Neil Simon, features Eugene Morris awkwardly losing his virginity to a married prostitute in a coastal Mississippi town. Another character in this film is sentenced to ten years in Fort Leavenworth for homosexuality.
   1. Answer: ***Biloxi Blues***

Bonus #8 For ten points each, answer these questions about *Monty Python and the Holy Grail.*

1. This group will not let King Arthur use a path unless he provides a shrubbery.
   1. Answer: the **Knights who say Ni**
2. After Bors is killed by the Killer Rabbit of Caerbannog, this weapon is used to kill it.
   1. Answer: **Holy Hand Grenade** of Antioch
3. What is the average velocity of an unladen swallow?
   1. Answer: **African or European?** (follow with screaming noises)

Bonus #9 For ten points each, answer these questions about a famous Quizbowl scandal.

1. This player infamously accessed the answers for the 2011 NAQT ICT; he was found out to have cheated at previous ICTs.
   1. Answer: Andy **Watkins**
2. Watkins played for this Massachusetts school, which had its titles stripped due to Watkins’ playtime during said events.
   1. Answer: **Harvard** University
3. This individual accosted Watkins by saying “Everything you touch, you destroy.”
   1. Answer: Matt **Weiner**

Bonus #10 For ten points each, answer these questions about the Lego Movie.

1. This song serves as the theme song to the movie, and as a national anthem of sorts to Bricksburg.
   1. Answer: ***Everything is Awesome***
2. Emmett’s first creation is this seemingly useless object which later allows the main characters to survive being stranded in the ocean.
   1. Answer: **Double-decker couch**
3. Emmett and friends watch this bland and boring television show which Lucy ends near the end of the movie by her provision of the title object.
   1. Answer: ***Where’s My Pants?***

Bonus #11 For ten points each, answer these questions about 4chan raids.

1. 4chan once raided a poll for this drink brand’s newly unveiled green apple soda to have the name ‘Hitler did nothing wrong” as the top contender, with others including things like “Diabeetus.”
   1. Answer: **Mountain Dew**
2. 4chan irritated Microsoft by feeding this AI information such that it became a Neo-Nazi.
   1. Answer: **Tay**
3. 4chan rigged an online poll to send this musician to a Walmart in Kodiak, Alaska.
   1. Answer: **Pitbull**

Bonus #12 For ten points each, name these Warhammer: 40,000 video games.

1. This series of RTS games introduced the Blood Ravens chapter, in which they are playable for multiple campaigns. It features characters such as Jonah Orion and Gorgutz.
   1. Answer: ***Dawn of War***
2. This incredibly violent third person hack-and-slash has the player controlling an Ultramarine. It is set on the forge world Gaia.
   1. Answer: ***Space Marine***
3. This 2016 RTS game allows the player to command the various space fleets of the different races.
   1. Answer: ***Battlefleet Gothic: Armada***

Bonus #13: For ten points each, answer the following about a certain quiz site.

1. Name this quiz site with a round, orange logo. Its quiz creation tab is ‘quiz lab’ and one of its categories is ‘just for fun.’
   1. Answer: **Sporcle**
2. A meme on Sporcle is the presence of a certain Central Asian country infamous for its hardness to spell.
   1. Answer: **Kyrgyzstan**
3. Quiz creators are ranked by this score, which is based on the plays of their quizzes, the total amount of quizzes on the site, the ratings of their quizzes, and other metrics.
   1. Answer: **Quizmaster** score

Bonus #14 For ten points each, name these countries featured in X-Men films.

1. Most of *The Wolverine* is set in this country, where Logan goes to visit a man whose life he saved in a war.
   1. Answer: **Japan**
2. The climax of *X-Men: First Class* is set during a naval confrontation in this island country, where Magneto attempts to destroy both Soviet and American ships.
   1. Answer: **Cuba**
3. In *X-Men: Apocalypse,* Magneto hides out in this country and is given new powers by En Sabah Nur in a camp where he was ripped away from his mother in said country.
   1. Answer: **Poland**

Bonus #15 For ten points each, answer these questions about reddit.

1. Users on reddit compete for these meaningless internet points.
   1. Answer: **Karma** (accept **upvotes**)
2. An AMA on reddit with this actor is infamous for his constant attempts to steer the conversation toward his film *Rampart*.
   1. Answer: Woody **Harrelson**
3. In the middle of 2015, this interim CEO was removed after massive backlash regarding the deletion of subreddits like /r/fatpeoplehate and the removal of the AMA host Victoria.
   1. Answer: Ellen **Pao**

Bonus #16 For ten points each, answer these questions about a certain online filter problem.

1. Name this problem in which online filters censor words and names that contain vulgar words within them. It is named for a town in Lincolnshire, England, whose name contains a slur for women.
   1. Answer: the **Scunthorpe Problem** (accept obvious equivalents, but they all require the name of the town)
2. A man from Fort Gay, West Virginia was blocked from this gaming service after listing his hometown. It took, among other things, the intervention of the town mayor.
   1. Answer: **XBox Live**
3. In January 1996, search engines blocked searches for this sporting event after its numeral resembled a common identifier for pornography.
   1. Answer: **Superbowl XXX**

Bonus #17 For ten points each, answer these questions about *The Big Lebowski.*

1. During the opening scene, a hired goon urinates on this object that really tied the room together.
   1. Answer: the Dude’s **Rug**
2. One of the Dude’s bowling buddies is Walter Sobchak, a veteran of this conflict. His eulogy for Donny becomes a lament for the dead of this conflict.
   1. Answer: **Vietnam** War
3. The Big Lebowski orders the Dude to deliver ransom money to rescue Bunny, the Big Lebowski’s wife who holds this occupation. She acquired said occupation after being a cheerleader in high school. She uses the name Bunny La Joya [HOY-uh] in said occupation.
   1. Answer: **Pornographic Actress** (accept obvious equivalents)

Bonus #18 This webcomic’s subreddit was taken over by a neo-Nazi squatter until a community effort stripped him of his post. For ten points each:

1. Name this webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language drawn and written by Randall Munroe.
   1. Answer: ***xkcd***
2. The strip *Wikipedian Protester* shows a person at a political rally holding up a sign with this two-word phrase written on it.
   1. Answer: **‘Citation Needed’**
3. The self-referential phrase “I’m so meta, even this acronym” comes from a comic named for and concerning this mathematician and writer famed for his work on strange loops. He wrote *Godel, Escher, Bach.*
   1. Answer: Douglas **Hofstadter**

Bonus #19 Answer these questions about a certain faction from Command and Conquer, for ten points each:

1. This faction serves as a military arm of the United Nations. Its logo is a pouncing eagle and it fields the iconic Mammoth Tank.
   1. Answer: **Global Defense Initiative** (**GDI**)
2. In 2047, GDI’s usage of the Ion Cannon on Temple Prime in Sarajevo serves as a beacon for this alien species to land. This species, the only to appear in the Command and Conquer games to date, fields the Eradicator Hexapod and the Annihilator Tripod.
   1. Answer: **Scrin**
3. The GDI and Scrin first meet when the latter launches an attack on this German city, where GDI has to guard a convoy through the assault.
   1. Answer: **Munich**

Bonus #20 For ten points each, answer these questions about the history of pornography.

1. In its early days, film studios refused to support this medium; the vast majority of this medium’s sales consisted of pornography until the late seventies, reaching up to 80% of sales of that medium in Germany during that period.
   1. Answer: **VHS** (accept **VCR** and similar)
2. Because porn actors and actresses need to make a living, the porn industry facilitated the ability for viewers to undertake this action from the safety and comfort of their own homes. The porn industry’s facilitation of this action was studied by Google, Yahoo, and other major internet companies.
   1. Answer: **paying** over the internet (accept obvious equivalents)
3. In 2010, porn industry executives revealed their intentions to develop pornographic apps for this device the very same day said device was announced to the public.
   1. Answer: **iPad**