

1. The first mystery guest of *What's My Line?* in 1950, he made his major league debut in 1941, but missed three seasons serving in the Navy in World War II. His greatest season was 1950, when he hit .324 to win AL MVP honors. The longtime pitcher for The Money Store, he joined the Yankees broadcast booth in 1957, where he remained for 40 years. For ten points, name this Hall of Fame shortstop, who made "Holy Cow" a national catchphrase and who provides spoken-word in Meat Loaf's "Paradise By the Dashboard Light".

ANSWER: Phil **Rizzuto**

2. This song came in at No. 36 on Blender's list of the 500 greatest songs since 1980, coincidentally its highest position on Billboard's Hot 100 chart, which it reached in 1989. The favorite song of Randy Hickey on *My Name Is Earl*, it's built partly on James Brown's yells on the Lyn Collins' track "Think (About It)." However, it's the pumped-up bass line that's turned into a jock jams staple and "makes it outta sight." For ten points, name this biggest hit for Rob Base and DJ EZ Rock.

ANSWER: "**It Takes Two**"

3. In a 1989 HBO series about him, he was played by Scott Bremner. According to a September 2003 article in *The Onion*, he was found dead in a dumpster outside his hometown's public library, with several notebook pages stuffed in his mouth. Introduced in 1963, the latest story starring him is 2005's *The Case of the Jumping Frogs*. For ten points, name this son of the Idaville police chief and best friend of Sally Kimball, who charges 25 cents a day plus expenses in his job as a private detective?

ANSWER: Leroy "Encyclopedia" **Brown**

4. In 2002, its European subsidiary became the official sponsor of the Premier League's Portsmouth Football Club. This company was founded in 1986 by its namesake, a certain Mr. Warner, to sell a product he had found while in Italy. In 1993, the company began its most successful line with the original nine models including Chocolate, Flash, Spot, and Cubbie. For ten points, name this toy company whose red heart logo is found on the tags of all of its Beanie Babies.

ANSWER: **Ty** Inc.

5. Among this director's most unusual credits is the *Steve Nash MVP Basketball* DVD instructional series. Born in 1965 in Los Angeles, he graduated from Wesleyan, and then studied at Pasadena's Art Center College of Design. He got his start in music videos, directing the likes of Donny Osmond and Richard Marx. The original director of the "Got Milk?" ads, his first feature film was 1995's *Bad Boys*. Later efforts include *The Rock* and *The Island*. For ten points, name this director of *Armageddon*.

ANSWER: Michael **Bay**

6. (AUDIO) For ten points, name the TV show currently on the air, given its theme song. (Track 50)

ANSWER: **Veronica Mars** (The song is "We Used to Be Friends" by the Dandy Warhols)

7. Charlemagne disliked it until taught better by the monks of St. Gall, who lived near the village for which it was named. It undergoes a process known as *affinage* in which is salted, brushed, and pierced with needles to carry spores internally while housed in caves within Le Combalou hill which are home to the mold that is responsible for its coloration. For ten points, name this French blue cheese.

ANSWER: **Rocquefort**

8. He graduated from Cal in 1984 with a degree in electrical engineering and was a project manager at Hewlett Packard before turning to race car driving full-time in the 1990s. A four-time starter at the 24 Hours of Daytona, he got his first Busch Series start in 1999 and first truck ride in 2000, both at Watkins Glen. Now driving the No. 22 truck for Bill Davis Racing, he made history at this year's Golden Corral 500 despite finishing 38th. For ten points, name this driver, the first African-American since 1986 to start a Nextel Cup race.

ANSWER: Bill **Lester**

9. No one is quite sure what their nominal fourth member, Jarobi White, actually did with the group, although he did pick some samples and appeared as a backing vocalist at live shows. They got their name from high school classmates the Jungle Brothers. Getting their start with the independent single “Description of a Fool” in 1989, they announced their breakup during the 1998 tour for *The Love Movement*. In between, they were notable for kickstarting Busta Rhymes’s career with his guest spot on “Scenario” and for being among the first acts to infuse rap with sexuality in songs like “Electric Relaxation” and “Bonita Applebaum,” from *People’s Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm*. For ten points, name this hip-hop group whose members include Phife Dawg and Q-Tip.

ANSWER: A Tribe Called Quest

10. Some have speculated that this practice was intended to tighten the pelvic muscles and make sex more pleasant for the man. It is said to have been inspired by a man’s dream of an elegant woman walking on lily pads or by a desire to replicate the dancing of an imperial concubine. The practice was started as early as infancy with the intent to have the part in question grow no longer than about four inches. For ten points, name this Chinese body modification practice which made walking difficult for the girls involved.

ANSWER: foot binding

11. His disfigurements include a lost toe and nipple due to a fox hunting accident and a testicle that was removed after he was shot with a crossbow. His later employment as a janitor at the Internet-based Neverending Store was a step down from his previous management position that he gained after the firing of Mr. Bell. He went through cocaine rehab and a green card scam involving a fake gay civil union in Vermont. For ten points, name this Winfred Louder department store manager played by Craig Ferguson on *The Drew Carey Show*.

ANSWER: Nigel Wick (accept either)

12. Released in September 2005, it grossed \$58,000 at the box office. Rebecca Parker comes home to find her boyfriend in bed with another woman. To mend her broken heart, she goes on a wild trip of sexual encounters. Described as the bastard child of *Bolero* and *Freddy Got Fingered* by Razzies chairman John Wilson, it won awards for Worst Actress and Worst Screenplay, as well as Worst Director for the star’s ex-husband, John Asher. For ten points, name this romantic comedy written by and starring Jenny McCarthy.

ANSWER: Dirty Love

13. His shorter works, collected in volumes like *Blue Champagne*, include “Overdrawn at the Memory Bank,” which was the basis for a Canadian TV movie starring Raul Julia, and “Millennium”, the basis of another awful film, as well as the Hugo-winning “The Pusher” and “The Persistence of Vision.”. His most recent work, a Heinlein tribute in which an eccentric genius allows Americans to beat the Chinese to Mars, is *Red Thunder*, while earlier works include the “Eight Worlds” stories, including the novel *The Ophiuchi Hotline*. For ten points, name this author whose *Titan*, *Wizard*, and *Demon* make up his *Gaea* trilogy.

ANSWER: John Varley

14. Colton is an enforcer for the Rangers. Townsend played hoops for Minnesota from 1991-94. Raheem was a star defensive lineman at Rutgers now playing for the AFL’s Philadelphia Soul. Pete is a utility infielder for the Braves. Shante started all 16 games for the Texans last season, recording seven sacks. Louis was recently fired as Seton Hall’s head coach. For ten points, give the shared last name, most associated with Bruins Hall of Fame defenseman Bobby.

ANSWER: Orr

15. They can perform psychokinesis, hypnosis and a form of mind reading called a cortex scan. Their advanced technology includes the Quantum Deconstructor, the Ion Detonator, the Disintegrator Ray, and, of course, the Anal Probe. What they don’t have, after a devastating war with the Martians, is genitalia or the ability to reproduce, except by cloning. This has driven them to Earth, where their DNA lies intermingled with that of humanity. For ten points, name this alien race whose best-known members are Orthopox-15 and Cryptosporidium-137, the anti-heroes of the video game *Destroy all Humans!*

ANSWER: Furons

16. One member received a Tony nomination for his work in Baz Luhrmann’s *La Boheme*, while another member released a solo pop album, *Libre*. Their first album, released in 2004, featured covers of Toni Braxton’s “Unbreak My Heart” and Frank Sinatra’s “My Way,” while a 2005 appearance on Oprah made them superstars in the U.S. For ten points, name this operatic quartet, formed by Simon Cowell, who hit number one on the U.S. album charts in 2006 with *Ancora*.

ANSWER: Il Divo

17. WARNING: two answers required. Their first names are Farkas and Eugene. In later episodes they were turned into chimps by Elgar and fell under the positive influence of Lieutenant Stone. Played by Paul Schrier and Jason Narvy, this duo moved away from their initial portrayal as bullies, going so far as to join the Junior Police Force of Angel Grove. For ten points, name this comic relief tandem which has appeared in several *Power Rangers* series.

ANSWER: **Bulk** and **Skull** (Farkas Bulkmeier and Eugene Skullovtch)

18. On Valentine's Day 2002, he proposed to Kathleen Fent in what he considered the "most potentially embarrassing way possible": on-line "in front of a quarter of a million strangers." After majoring in Computer Science at Hope College, a Christian school in Michigan, he was once part of a company called Blockstackers and now works for OSDN, where he manages software development, including the creation of mass moderation tools, at a certain website. For ten points, who also serves as Editor in Chief of Slashdot?

ANSWER: Rob **Malda** or **CmdrTaco**

19. He graduated from the Pratt Institute with a degree in chemical engineering. Discovered by a casting director while walking down a New York street, he played Jackie Jackson in 1992's *The Jacksons: An American Dream* and a young A.C. Cowlings in 1995's *The O.J. Simpson Story*. His big film break came as Louis Russ in *Mr. Holland's Opus*, and he later earned praise playing Gossie McKee in *Ray* and Cameron in *Crash*. For ten points, name this actor who received a Best Actor Oscar nomination for *Hustle and Flow*.

ANSWER: Terrence Dashon **Howard**

20. He recently announced an album to be called *Living With War*, which will feature the song "Impeach the President". Once sued by his record label for failing to release music that sounded like him, he got his start playing with the short-lived Mynah Birds. His song "Ohio" commemorated the Kent State massacres, while the death of longtime guitarist Danny Whitten was the inspiration for his introspective album *Tonight's The Night*. He's the subject of the recent documentary *Heart of Gold*, and his song "Hey Hey, My My" was quoted in Kurt Cobain's suicide note. For ten points, name this guitarist known for his work with Buffalo Springfield and Crazy Horse.

ANSWER: Neil **Young**

21. His website touts his four bagel diet plan, through which he lost 110 pounds. Originally from Toronto, he earned a law degree at Nova Southeastern University in his current hometown of Ft. Lauderdale. In his best known body of work, he danced around like a moron – while wearing a bathrobe – trying to get people to text message for information on the Gillette Fusion, was accused of threatening a teammate during a finger-pointing argument, and pointlessly fooled with graphics for a Grape Nuts billboard, after which he was fired. For ten points, name this contestant and jackass from the current season of *The Apprentice*.

ANSWER: **Brent Buckman** (accept either)