

SNICK - Round 4

1. **This object was directly inspired by a failed children's remote control shaped like a hammer. Dan Klitzner, the creator of this object, also designed the spherical Perplexus and intended for this object to make Homer Simpson's "D'oh" sound. A spin-off this object resembles a yo-yo and needs to be (*) "zinged."** The original version of this object included "Vox" and "Beat" modes, the latter of which lacks verbal instructions. This object indicated a user's score by playing drum sounds to represent ones and crank sounds to represent tens. An "extreme" version of this object added options for spinning and flicking. For 10 points, name this toy that commands its user to take simple actions including "pull it" and "twist it."

ANSWER: **Bop-It**

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2. **Description acceptable. In one scene, this man is nearly crushed to death at the bottom of a well while the narrator muses on the words "if only." This man crafts a beautiful dollhouse that his spoiled granddaughter rejects, screaming, "I want the one that I saw on the television!" This man loses his faith in Rex, who was traumatically deafened in a flood and was voiced by (*) Hugo Weaving.** Esmé is the wife of this man, whose shoe is urinated on at a county fair, prompting him to lower a guess by three ounces. This man sings "If I Had Words" to an animal that he also enters into a shepherding contest. James Cromwell played, for 10 points, what man who tells the title character of a 1995 family film "That'll do, pig"?

ANSWER: Arthur **Hoggett** (or Farmer **Hoggett**; accept the **farmer from Babe** or similar; prompt on "Farmer")

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3. **Allison Rheaume starred in an early example of a viral video in which she portrayed all of these people. In a brief parody for *AI TV*, "Weird AI" Yankovic portrayed a particularly daring one of these people. The first three of these people to be seen are depicted wearing, in order, green, yellow, and red (*) sweaters, the last of whom leans out a window to the shock of a fourth of them. Despite being seen moments earlier at a snow-covered gas station, the vehicle containing these people curiously, and perhaps appropriately, runs out of gas moments after one of them sings "life has a funny way of helping you out."** For 10 points, name this group of women seen in a 1996 music video describing numerous unfortunate coincidences.

ANSWER: the different **Alanis Morissettes** in the "Ironic" music video (accept answers like the **Alanises** or similar)

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4. A rare one of these objects designed by Magic Johnson depicts a man in a suit with a basketball for a head. The discovery that these things could not be damaged by being frozen led to them being offered in a partnership with Omaha Steaks. An advertisement about acquiring one of these things features a man talking with his "new (*) kayaking buddies." Jan Brandt masterminded the ubiquity of these objects, which had a shockingly high usage rate of over 10 percent, and at one point comprised over half of all instances of a certain type of physical media. Increasing numbers of "free hours" were generally provided by, for 10 points, what objects that provided access to an early internet provider?

ANSWER: **AOL discs** (accept similar answers that describe **discs** or **CDs** for **America Online** or **AOL**; prompt on "CDs" or similar)

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5. In one commercial, this specific product criticizes Stephen Baldwin for his bad acting skills, and then locks him out of his own apartment. This specific product has been voiced in commercials since 1998 by Robb Pruitt, who replaced Phil Hartman upon his death. An ad campaign that introduced this product featured characters jealously commenting on the presence of B. B. King, (*) while another featured its predecessors holding their breath. A poll to determine a key attribute of this thing used the toll-free line 1-800-FUN-COLOR, which resulted in this specific thing replacing tan in 1995 after it beat out pink and purple. For 10 points, name this specific variety of a popular chocolate candy.

ANSWER: **blue M&Ms** (prompt on "M&M(s)")

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6. This album's art includes a tribute to its band's fan club founders that shows Mykel and Carli Island on a map named "Isola della farfalla e penisola di cane" [ee-SOH-lah dell-ah far-FAH-lah ee pay-nee-SOH-la dee KAH-nay]. This album was created after abandoning a concept album whose planned tracks would have included (*) "Dude, We're Finally Landing." This album's seventh track begins with the sound of gargling water, while its eighth track laments, "I'm dumb, she's a lesbian." This album's final song, "Butterfly," is named for the Puccini opera that largely inspired its subject matter, *Madama Butterfly*. "The Good Life," "Tired of Sex," and "El Scorcho" appear on, for 10 points, what sophomore album by Weezer?

ANSWER: **Pinkerton**

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7. A TV documentary about this character includes the reading of an impassioned letter by Dottie Fulcher and an interview with Michael DeCoto, a professor at Montgomery College. One character jokingly mistakes this character for a woman peeing. Elly Kedward is one possible real name of this character, who was blamed for (*) Eileen Treacle's drowning. This character allegedly inspired Rustin Parr to kidnap and kill several children. A possibly crazy woman claims that this character is covered in black fur and a woolen shawl. Heather Donahue and two others venture into Burkittsville, Maryland's woods in search of, for 10 points, what mysterious evil being from a namesake 1999 found footage horror film?

ANSWER: The **Blair Witch** (accept Elly **Kedward** before mention)

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8. By mimicking this song's style and adopting the attitude of its singer, Pinky becomes "Hollywood's #1 Hunk" in an episode of *Pinky and the Brain*. James Brown's "Give It Up or Turnit a Loose" provides the groove for this song, which rhymes the question "Why is your chin on the floor?" with a (*) non-English phrase meaning "Shut your mouth, please." After stating that he does not consume alcohol, cocaine, or other drugs, the singer of this song claims his "only addiction" pertains to "the female species": namely, "I eat 'em raw like sushi." The two-word chorus of this song features a lengthy roll of the letter 'R.' "Tasty and Smooth" is a loose translation of the title of, for 10 points, what skeezy Latin rap song by Gerardo?

ANSWER: **Rico Suave** (ree-koh swah-vay)

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9. In one appearance, this character struggled to play the role of the secretary Constance Goodheart. A group called the Think Tank attempts to obtain this character as payment for help in a fight against the Hazari. In a weird crossover, character is forced to fight in the bloodsport Tsunkatse against a champion played by Dwayne (*) "The Rock" Johnson. This character befriends the young Naomi Wildman, as well as Icheb, a character with a similar origin. While battling against Species 8472, an operation codenamed "Scorpion" rescued this character, who was known Annika Hansen before she and her parents were assimilated. Jeri Ryan played, for 10 points, what former Borg drone on *Star Trek: Voyager*?

ANSWER: **Seven** of Nine (accept **Seven of Nine**, Tertiary Adjunct of Unimatrix Zero One; accept Annika **Hansen** before mention)

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10. **Description acceptable. The lights in the bathroom of this place inexplicably shut off every day at 5:14pm. A cat seen in this place is said to have the name "Annoying Customer." Walt Flanagan played multiple visitors of this place, including a guidance counselor obsessed with eggs and a man horrified by a (*) porn magazine.** The roof of this place is the site of an impromptu hockey game started by an employee who's "not even supposed to be here today." A video store sits next to this place, which contains a sign reading "I Assure You We're Open." The drug-dealing Jay and Silent Bob loiter outside of, for 10 points, what place that employs Dante Hicks in Kevin Smith's first film?

ANSWER: **Quick Stop** (accept answers like the **convenience store** in **Clerks** or similar)
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11. **An official "Lab Set" for creating this product included a pump shaped like a face with arms coming directly out of it. Accessories for this product included a vacuum that could suck up and dispense it, as well as a namesake "inflator." Variations of this product included one that changed color in sunlight and a scented variety named (*) "Smell My" *this product's name*.** This product was largely based on Super Stuff, a 1960s Wham-O creation. A "gift set" sold by a certain TV network came with a container of this substance alongside two containers of Floam. A fart noise could be made by squeezing, for 10 points, what awesome, slimy substance peddled by Nickelodeon?

ANSWER: **Gak**
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12. **In ABC's straight-up unreal *Earth Day Special*, this show's protagonist works with two nameless characters played by Dana Delany and James Brolin to save Mother Earth, who's played by Bette Midler, of course. After *L.A. Law* but before *Cop Rock*, Steven Bochco created this series. This series co-starred Max Casella as the cartoonishly (*) Italian American girl-hound Vinnie Delpino, who often hung out with this show's title character after climbing in his bedroom window. A journal entry typed on a blue-screened computer ended episodes of this series. Newspaper clippings discuss a perfect S.A.T. score and a nine-week high school career during the intro of, for 10 points, what medical sitcom starring Neil Patrick Harris?**

ANSWER: **Doogie Howser, M.D.**
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13. **Run-DMC's Darryl McDaniels credits this singer's music with helping him out of a severe depression. An often omitted verse to a hit by this singer claims "Wanna feel your warmth upon me" and appeared on the soundtrack to the film *The Brothers McMullen*. This singer described love as "better than (*) ice cream" in a song from her breakthrough album, whose opening song says to "listen as the wind blows, from across the great divide." The title woman is told "I know I've let you down" in another hit by this woman, who appeared alongside Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, and others on a 1997 tour. For 10 points, name this singer of "Building a Mystery" and "Adia" who founded Lilith Fair.**

ANSWER: Sarah (Ann) McLachlan

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14. **Although he was not in this film, Stephen Fry spent seven hours painstakingly rescuing its screenplay from a corrupted computer file; it later won the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. Two characters in this film lure a young girl out of hiding by pretending to think the Nile River is in Belgium. This movie was the first Hollywood project for director Ang (*) Lee. Hugh Grant appears in this film as the brother of Fanny, a woman who evicts this film's central characters from Norland. Willoughby's checkered past is revealed by Colonel Brandon, this film's romantic hero, who is uncharacteristically played by Alan Rickman. For 10 points, name this 1996 film adaptation of a Jane Austen novel.**

ANSWER: Sense and Sensibility

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15. **The PC version of *Battle Arena Toshinden* has a rather unexpected guest appearance from this character. This character is briefly paired with Turns His Eyelids Inside-Out Boy in a TV show starring him. While visiting the Villi people, this character poses as Sally, a blind cave salamander. A Game Boy game starring this character calls him a (*) "Menace 2 the Galaxy." This character is the namesake of the first game by developer Shiny Entertainment. A suit being delivered to Queen Slug-for-a-Butt by the villainous Pscrow fell from the sky and landed near this character, who then gained his powers by crawling into it. Shouts of "plasma" and "groovy" are often made by, for 10 points, what cool video game annelid?**

ANSWER: Earthworm Jim

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16. **In one episode of this show, the blind Jeffery Robbins encourages an elderly friend to get glaucoma surgery. A subplot of this series concerns a group of robots named for characters in *Othello*. ABC picked up the final season of this show, which was subtitled for the (*) "Chronicles" of its protagonist. This show's opening credits include a narration about how "One thousand years ago, superstition and the sword ruled"; that narration is given by Keith David. A surprising number of *Star Trek* actors appeared on this show, including Marina Sirtis as Demona, the former mate of Goliath. The Manhattan and Wyvern clans composed of the title creatures of, for 10 points, what animated series about nocturnal stone beings?**

ANSWER: Gargoyles

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17. **A 1993 Flaming Lips song asks "has she always lived here?" in reference to this figure, prompting the response "I think she has." The rapper born Lamont Hawkins has a stage name referencing this figure. A song by Vertical Horizon that claims "I just thought I'd let you know" has a title that likens the listener to this figure. This figure is told (*) "sometimes you just don't make sense" in a namesake single by Tori Amos. A 1996 one-hit wonder claims "I'd really like to meet her" in reference to this figure, who is referred to in another song as "a stranger on the bus, trying to make his way home." For 10 points, name this figure discussed in Dishwalla's "Counting Blue Cars" and Joan Osborne's "One of Us."**

ANSWER: God

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18. **Late in this book series, Thomas and Alfred draw straws to see who will have to return to a farmhouse to retrieve a valuable milking stool. In 2003 a special anniversary re-release of this book series featured redesigns by Brett Hilquist that sparked virulent fan backlash. According to the American Library Association, books in this (*) Alvin Schwartz trilogy were the most widely banned books for the entire 1990s. "The Red Spot," in which a young girl's boil finally pops and releases hundreds of freshly-hatched spiders, appears in the third installment of, for 10 points, what children's book series for which Stephen Gammell drew black-and-white illustrations from your deepest, darkest nightmares?**

ANSWER: Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (accept Scary Stories 3)

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19. **A man handcuffed to a bed in this city claims to have had one of the greatest days of his life because a woman touched his leg. A character in this city uses a carrot to represent a snowman's penis. A character describing this city calls it a place where "the beer flows like wine," (*) prompting another character to question him because "the French are assholes." Those characters are followed to this place by henchmen of Nicholas Andre. Two men in this city use a ransom payment found in a Samsonite briefcase to attend a gala wearing orange and blue suits. A van resembling a sheepdog is driven part of the way to, for 10 points, what city visited by Harry and Lloyd in *Dumb and Dumber*, a Colorado resort town?**

ANSWER: Aspen

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20. **A man best-known for this show concurrently appeared as Dan Ryan on *Days of Our Lives*. A British adaptation of this show was hosted by Dale Winton. Recurring segments of this show included the incredibly unoriginal "Fact or Not a Fact" and a movie trivia round called "Snack Attack." Only the losers on this show were allowed to keep the numbered (*) sweatshirts they wore on it. Though it briefly appeared on ABC in the 1960s, this show's longest run began in 1990 on Lifetime. This show's host, David Ruprecht, told viewers think about this show any time "you hear the beep" at a certain location. Grabbing a bunch of hams was a common tactic on, for 10 points, what awesome game show played in a grocery store?**

ANSWER: Supermarket Sweep

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