

Triacontakaipentagon 2.5: A backdoor pilot & a manifesto – Voight, Adams & Casalaspi

- 1) The address of this building is 1939 Kane Street in homage to its designer and the date of its construction. During the Questions Concerning Technology tournament, this building was given as an answer by Evan Adams for the Shard, which makes a remarkable amount of sense given clues like this building being "an illustration of the 'determination to beat the recession and spur economic growth' " and "the public transit station at the base of this structure resembles a toy (+) train". This building bears a remarkable resemblance to an art deco-style building topped by a three-story statue of Ceres, whose front entrance features a giant clock flanked by an Egyptian holding grain and an American Indian holding corn. That building is the Chicago Board of Trade Building, which this possibly-(*)fictional building resembles because it was filmed there. For 10 points, name this building that overlies all the water mains in Gotham in *Batman Begins*.
ANSWER: **Wayne Tower** [or the **headquarters** of **Wayne Enterprises**]
(a technology question in the spirit of The Questions Concerning Technology) <CV>
- 2) After the viewing of this movie is interrupted, one person relates a story about "playing pachinko" with "Corky Ramirez up on 94th Street". After asking how this movie ended, a man comments, "I thought that Hawaiian guy had it coming to him!" Before this film starts, another person takes extreme offense at the quip "that's quite a feed bag you're workin' on there", responding "It's for all of us. Is there a problem?" – although he actually eats the entire bag of candy by himself and gets a (+) cramp. According to the tagline, the title action of this movie occurs "not because of who you are, but because of different reasons altogether". After this movie, the person who made the aforementioned quip – a "joke-maker" – is told he did "beautiful work. You're a genius. The zoom-ins, the (*) framing. I was enchanted!". For 10 points, name this movie that Jerry is forced to bootleg at gunpoint.
ANSWER: **Death Blow**
(a question on a movie occupying any point on the academic/trash spectrum) <CV>
- 3) A Stereogum post about this song praises its lo-fi visual montage, which "really adds to the hair-raising experience", and quotes a line about how it "ain't no 'Dick In A Box' ". This song is interrupted by a question whose answer is "My manager, Harvey Lemmings!". After getting sidetracked singing about a reception at the Larchmont Country Club, the singer of this song remembers its premise, which apparently involves a (+) monster fight where this song's narrator fights zombies, and "some draculas and frankensteins too", after which its producer interrupts to note that there is "no plural Frankenstein". The narrator of this song starts out working late on his (*) haftorah, and its title event is "spooky scary". For 10 points, identify this very catchy gold novelty party track by Tracy Jordan, about "boys becoming men, men becoming wolves" at the title Jewish celebration.
ANSWER: **Werewolf Bar Mitzvah**
(a question related to Jews or Judaism) <CV>
- 4) After a drunk woman reveals that her friend's name in the native language of this nation is "Jugdish", she laughs like a maniac through slats in a door. The events in this nation take place in parallel to an escalating wish contest where FDR wishes for another man to "drop dead" because that man had two years earlier pegged him in the head with a snowball. The boyfriend of Nina (+) "schnapps" a woman in this nation to extract a secret: that his best friend had previously slept with Nina. Multiple times in this nation, and even after leaving it, the phrase "You can stuff your sorries in a sack, mister!" is used, which has notably been used as a pun by Matt Weiner on a (*) traditional clothing from this nation. The episode in which this nation is visited unfolds backwards as its title is a reference to a Harold Pinter play that also unfolds backwards—*The Betrayal*. George wears Timberlands throughout his visit to this nation and refuses to visit the bathroom in this country for somewhat opaque reasons. For 10 points, name this country visited by George, Jerry, and Elaine for Sue Ellen Mischke's wedding.
ANSWER: **India**
(a question pertaining to India or Indian culture in some way) <CV>

- 5) In one appearance, this scientist declares "I understood nothing about the anomaly, even after cashing the huge check I got for writing a book about it." In another appearance, this scientist raps with Flight of the Conchords. This scientist declares "This maze is too hard for me" after being stumped by a corn maze. This member of the (+) Vice Presidential Action Rangers claims credit for inventing gravity and asks Mr. Panucci to toss his pizza in the garbage. This scientist declares "I did not know I can do that" after (*) shooting lasers from his eyes. He is referred to as Larry Flynt in an episode in which he punches Homer Simpson with a spring loaded boxing glove after saving the Springfield Mensa group from an angry mob. For 10 points, name this frequent guest star on *The Simpsons* and *Futurama*, a paralyzed physicist.

ANSWER: Stephen **Hawking**'s head
(a math question) <EA>

- 6) This film begins to a song whose opening tune has been described as reminiscent of an "organ-grinder's monkey", though in my opinion, it harkens back to my time on the swing carousel. The lyrics to that song that opens this film begin "stand in the place where you live" and is by R.E.M. Before the first screening of this film, its creator claims that he thinks it is "really good" and tells a viewer to "just hang onto your hat, okay?" while afterwards revealing that he compared it to (+) *Avatar* in an e-mail to his paramour. That viewer of this film at first asks if its creator has paused it, which prompts the creator of this film to restart it and afterwards declare "Oh my God. That's the whole thing. That's three weeks of work" while holding his head in his hands because the only thing that happens in this (*) short is that a black-haired, pajama-clad character stands from a sitting position on a bed and turns to his left. For 10 points, name this two-second video created while a person is living with April and Andy on *Parks and Recreation*.

ANSWER: "**Requiem for a Tuesday**" [or **Ben** Wyatt's very short **claymation** film; or obvious equivalents, such as **Ben** Wyatt's very short **stop-motion** film]
(a question on a movie occupying any point on the academic/trash spectrum) <CV>

- 7) On January 10 at 3:51pm, I told Evan over Facebook that, due to further information about this figure being released, I could finally write the tossup on him that I'd been dying to write. This figure's moniker was apocryphally decided after a twelve-hour summit at a Denny's. In a song about this figure, with backing vocals by Ruby Amanfu, he is "taking our souls" and "the government man can't help". That song about this figure was written and performed by Ben (+) Folds. A leaked voice message left by this figure claims that he is "the mad hatter" and that "[he is] neither left nor right. [He is] the space between. To [him, we] are all like ants marching to class, freaks on parade". A suspect in the identity of this figure was at first missed because he used an older, British version of Facebook, so the investigators didn't know he liked the Dave (*) Matthews Band, whose lyrics this figure references in his taunting messages to investigators. Probably this figure's best known victim was Kirk Jing, who was severely traumatized after being targeted while picking up a teddy bear. An investigation into this figure was abruptly aborted upon news of Pierce Hawthorne's death. A letter penned by this figure makes the statement that "humans make better banks than piggies". For 10 points, identify this *Community* villain who waits for people to bend over and then deposits a quarter in a namesake location.

ANSWER: **Ass-Crack Bandit** [or **ACB**]

(a history question involving a famous serial killer or incident of murder, in which all factual details are otherwise accurate but all names of victims are replaced with the name "Kirk Jing") <CV>

- 8) At the beginning of July 2014, the Brooklyn Cyclones held a halftime contest where this action was to be imitated, which is the third or so Google result for the main answerline, if you want to view some Vines of it. An instance of this action occurs after a radio is turned on – blasting Foghat's "Slow Ride" – to cover the sound of a constantly meow'ing cat. At one point, this action is imitated by a man who calls it "this umpf thing" and then yells "You stink!". An appearance of this action inspires the response "Sweet fancy Moses!" because it is taped over the end of an (+) "artsy film" that contains scenes of a French guy falling off a bike and another guy buying a loaf of bread, which is a metaphor for his soul. That tape was a bootleg recording of *Cry, Cry Again*, this being the reason you cry again in that scenario. This action is notably described by different people as "limbs (*) flailing, arms akimbo, feet kicking up dust" and a "full-body dry heave set to music". This action involves a person pointing her thumbs "in a jerky motion" and doing little kicks with her feet. For 10 points, name this action that inspires horror in the attendees of a J. Peterman company party, and everyone else who witnesses it on *Seinfeld*.
ANSWER: **Elaine Benes dancing** [or obvious equivalents]
(a question on any event, historical or fictional, that ~~somehow~~ [probably] involved at least one citizen of Japan being injured in some way) <CV>
- 9) One event in this arena is described by Marv Albert as a "by-the-numbers athletic competition with no surprises whatsoever." Another event held in this building includes entrants from Devil's Island and the Republic of French Stereotypes. That event is won in part by a maid named Coquette. Mayor (+) Poopenmeyer accedes to the demands of Mrs. Astor by pumping thousands of tons of sewage into this building. A character becomes addicted to "jacking on" while attending a Beastie Boys concert at this venue. On Selection Day, people line up outside this structure to let the Contrabulous Chooseatron decide if they are one of the 30,000 people important enough to be saved from a dying Earth. Other events held in this facility include the finals of the Ultimate (*) Robot Fighting League, the 3004 Earth Olympics, and various Blernsball games. For 10 points, name this New New York landmark, a three dimensional analogue to the home of the New York Knicks in Old New York.
ANSWER: **Madison Cube Garden**
(a question on architecture) <EA>
- 10) This band used to be known for a shirt that contained their name overlaid on a Boston postmark, but that shirt was replaced in January 2012 in favor of one with their name and the cover of their first album on it. Said new shirt for this band was made relatively famous by a man wearing it while trying to learn to make a (+) calzone (cahl-ZOE-nay) so he could open the awesomely-named "Low-Cal Calzone Zone". Although not Land Ho!, Ben Wyatt was surprised as shit to see this band shockingly reunite for the Pawnee-Eagleton (*) Unity Concert. For 10 points, name this real band far and away most famous for their excellent *Aurora Gory Alice* album, which includes the single "Here & Now".
ANSWER: **Letters to Cleo** [if someone buzzes with **Land Ho!** after it has been read, award them 30 points]
(a question on rock music) <CV>
- 11) On *Psych*, this phrase is often preceded by an alveolar click with unreleased velar coarticulation, I think. Due to Shawn being afraid that his friendship with Gus will be abandoned in favor of Gus's relationship with Rachael, Shawn becomes very perturbed when Rachael gets into a back-and-forth with Gus where they only use this phrase, in response to Gus's query "the originals or prequels?". This phrase is spoken by the person who originated it after Shawn responds "I don't remember doing it, I swear!" to Gus's inquiry about taking the (+) bling – in this case, a gold chain – of the speaker of this phrase. My etymological inquiry into the origin of this phrase at first traced it to a YouTube show where various incidents in pop culture are critiqued by holding up a cardboard sign with this phrase on it; that show's conceit is due to it being created by the originator of this phrase, former MTV host (*) Ed Lover. For 10 points, name this two-word phrase that Urban Dictionary indicates should be used "whenever someone does something stupid, questionable, or just plain over-the-top", such as when Kanye shot down T Swizzle at the VMAs.
ANSWER: **"C'mon son!"**
(a question pertaining to "the 20th century") <CV>

- 12) This artist's classic hit "Walk Through Fire With Me" was included on his most recent album, *Memories... of Now*. This artist's affinity with his instrument is so great that he claimed in an interview that it is a "connection to the heavens" and that "human breath enters, ... Angel breath leaves". The album cover for this artist's first album shows him cocking his right eyebrow while playing his instrument, with a close-up of the moon forming the background—though notably lacking his trademark (+) trilby hat and sunglasses. Despite his undisputed talent, this artist has taken the unusual initiative to play on the second Thursday of every month at Cozy's Bar in (*) Eagleton. For 10 points, name this wildly popular Pawnee jazz saxophonist, who unveiled himself as Ron Swanson during the Unity Concert.

ANSWER: **Duke Silver** Trio [prompt on: Ron **Swanson** or **Ron** Swanson]

(a question on academic music) <CV>

- 13) As revealed at the VCU site of this tournament, Chris Manners's brother went to school and was friends with the actor who plays this person. (give people a quick 5 count to buzz – 100 points if right) At a wedding, a lawyer who looks exactly like this person, and also shares his first name, unfortunately turns out to use the term "yiffing" for intercourse because he is a plushie who dresses up in mascot costumes and has orgies with like-minded people in hotel rooms and state parks. This person tells a TV watcher "it's the yellow button, sweetie" after asking if she needs to talk and claiming that he will "just listen patiently and say things like, 'Uh-huh', 'How annoying', 'She's clearly jealous of you', and 'Well, it's his loss' " in a (+) "porn for women" TV series. A response to a spiel which claims that feminism "makes smart girls with nice birthing shapes believe in fairy tales" reveals that this person is actually the secret king of Monaco. This person tells a day-dreamer that he hopes she "enjoyed the kissing, followed by his genuine interest in that TV dance competition" after telling her he has to go back into (*) space. For 10 points, name this fictional astronaut to whom Liz Lemon compares all her boyfriends.

ANSWER: Astronaut Mike **Dexter** [or Astronaut **Mike** Dexter]

(a myth question) <CV>

- 14) Much to JR Roach's chagrin, this book randomly contains a listing of "best ethnic restaurants" that includes Mr. Wong's Hamburger Shack, Pete's Petezaria, Food and Stuff, and Taco Bell. A brief note at the very end of this book notes that it uses Jørgen Svensson's "Prairie Strong" font, which was indicted by Alfred H. Barr, Jr., while he was the director of MoMA, as an exact copy of Times New Roman—though in my opinion, it clearly bears almost no resemblance to Times New Roman (like at all)! The dedication to this book is unusually long, with multiple references to BrainBlast™ XXX-Treme N-R-G Drink, which apparently gave its author something best described as "double-reverse tunnel vision". This book contains a profile of various citizens of its (+) title location, such as Greg Pikitis. This book has been very accurately described as "Literally (LIT-rully) the greatest endeavor of human creativity in the history of mankind" by (*) Chris Traeger. For 10 points, name this compendium of information used to write several tossups in this packet, which was written by Leslie Knope about the title town in Indiana.

ANSWER: **Pawnee: The Greatest Town in America**

(a question on post-World War II science fiction, children's, or pulp literature (listed here but it's OK if it's something that would clearly be considered "trash lit")) <CV>

- 15) I'm pretty sure only Carsten has a chance of getting this tossup. (give people a quick 5 count to buzz – 100 points if right) This person answers "Lance Bass" to the question "Who is Justin Timberlake's wife?" during the "pop culture of the last three years" competition. In the finale of the season in which that competition takes place, this person chooses love and proposes to Annie, who rejects his proposal. On an earlier season, this person thought making puppets was gay, but was not kicked out like Damien Assante, who claimed making puppets was dumb. This contestant leaves that earlier season three separate times, including just after interrupting the final proposal ceremony to propose to Julie, who is consistently required to call for new panties after interacting or thinking of him. This contestant is from Oxnard, California, or as he likes to call it, the 'nard. For 30 points, identify this Ryan Hansen-played bad boy on *Burning Love* who is smoking hot and appropriately named for such.

ANSWER: **Blaze**

(a very difficult question of Gaddis-like level) <CV>

Actual warning! This answerline has a Real Name, but will accept the Named Thing for which you most definitely know it best.

- 16) A variety of factors lead to the decline of this religious movement, but perhaps most important was the bad publicity of cat sacrifices and its founder notoriously skipping the country with six million dollars and nine pregnant women. This religious movement grew out of a self-help book designed around organizing one's life with folders, including the innovative Three-Pile System™ of discarding anything that can't be categorized into "Important Now", "Important Later", and "Permanently Important". That Lou Prozotovich-penned self-help book is *Organize It!*, which talks about its author having a spiritual revelation about how anyone, even Chris Ray, can improve the "temporally limited experiences of human existence" in seventy ways—the first being "Maintain a Clutter-Free Office Environment" and the seventieth being "Suck Down the Time-Shards of Parallax". This movement holds the totally plausible belief that the Earth was born in the belly of Gog-44, a giant space fish. One of its few living members is Herb Scaifer, presumably because most of the rest have died of obesity. This "cult" notably worshipped an omnipotent, twenty-eight-foot, six-tentacled (+) lizard god who will end human existence by melting off everyone's faces with his "volcano mouth". It took over Pawnee, Indiana in the 1970s. For 20 points, identify this cult named either for the god they worshipped or for how fair and sensible its members thought its beliefs.

ANSWER: **Zorpists** [or the cult that worshipped **Zorp** the Surveyor; award +10 points for **Reasonableism** or the **Reasonableist** cult]

(a social science or philosophy question) <CV>

- 17) A person of this type wrote the novels *The Interior Castle*, *The Mountain Lion*, and *Boston Adventure*. That person of this type drank herself into a stupor during an extended visit from Gertrude Buckman, the ex-wife of Delmore Schwartz. Another person of this type, Caroline Blackwood, was represented by the title animal in *The (+) Dolphin*. The first title character of *For Lizzie and Harriet* was the second person of this type, Elizabeth Hardwick, who was also by far the longest holder of this status, from 1949 to 1972. The first person of this type, the Pulitzer-winning short story writer Jean Stafford, is the subject of "The (*) Old Flame." For 10 points, name this type of person who married the American poet of "For the Union Dead" and "Skunk Hour."

ANSWER: **wives** of Robert **Lowell**

(a question pertaining to animals) <TC>

- 18) In a scheme involving this work, Dr. Sara Sitarides is invited to do a dermatological screening for skin cancer. One figure in this work is described as a "dumb looking guy" and a "pear-shaped loser". A wise man notes that another figure in this work "looks like a Peanuts character". Viewing this work causes a man to travel down memory lane back to the summer of 1989, when he was at the (+) beach and scrambled into the surf only to come out and find his clothes, his towel, and his umbrella—all gone! A clerk tells a customer that he has "really lost a lot of hair" after airbrushing the wrong person out of this work; that clerk subsequently draws in the missing person as a (*) cartoon. In the aforementioned trip down memory lane, that man is convinced that the family near him stole his stuff and becomes so enraged that he throws their boom box into the ocean. For 10 points, name this photograph depicting a family whose head owns an "Industrial Smoothing Company" on *Seinfeld*.

ANSWER: **Kruger** family beach photograph [or obvious equivalents]

(a question on painting [that looks like it is] from the years 500 to 1250 CE) <CV>

- 19) Devout worshippers in this faith will eventually be able to see the color blurple. Distinct groups of worshippers in this religion are called hives. Promotion in this faith requires one to detoxify by drinking salt water and honey beforehand. When this faith's savior returns, humanity will take liquid form and merge into a shimmering ocean of knowledge, which strangely tastes like (+) Hawaiian punch. Some members of this faith have their body vaporized in the Temple of Renewal and stored in an energon pod, which is harvested by super beeees from a meteor crater. Adherents of this faith can undergo "intensive soul-rezoning"; after one such adherent undertakes the process, he can accept that the (*) study room table has a sort of magic to it. Ranks in this religion include Level 5 Laser Lotus. For 10 points, identify this Buddhist church/cult that claims among its ranks a moist towelette tycoon from *Community*.
ANSWER: **Reformed Neo-Buddhism** [or **Pierce** Hawthorne's Buddhist **church**; or obvious equivalents, such as **Pierce** Hawthorne's **religion**; or **Laser Lotus** cult until "Laser Lotus" is read]
(a question that could appear in a putative "all-religion side tournament") <CV>
- 20) A resident of this state leaves his loyal butler, You There, "a pittance to be paid in 20 equal installments of one-twentieth of a pittance each." This nation's chief export is carnies, many of who work with the daredevil Nonchalanto in a circus run by Fishy Joe. Its leader owns the caviar-powered yacht RMS *Overkill*, on which he travels with his fiancée (+) Princess Flavia and his cousin Basil. That leader is nearly assassinated during a climactic fight at the United Nations, which this empire is a part of. This empire has its capital in (*) Thermostadt, where one character inherits a castle from his uncle Vladimir. This country is the setting of a climactic fight against Project Satan after a haunting sparks a search for the were-car. In another episode, its emperor Nikolai desires to switch bodies with a simple bending unit. For 10 points, name this eastern-European empire inhabited by androids in *Futurama*.
ANSWER: the **Robo-Hungarian Empire**
(question on Byzantine or medieval Slavic history) <EA>
- 21) While sitting in this object, one character warns another of his potential kidnapping, beginning, "I shouldn't even be talking to you, but I'm telling you as a friend. Here's how it's going to happen: you may be walking. Maybe on a crisp, autumn day just like today." In that scene, the man sitting in this object hails a man carrying a dummy with a (+) bucket over its head illogically symbolizing the fact that "We're blind to their tyranny." Like all other objects of its type, it is a Grumman LLV. A character exclaims, "We're on this guy like stink on a monkey!" while driving this vehicle, but is forced to stop when barraged with (*) golf clubs that had belonged to JFK. This object is used to lower the variable and fixed costs of a plan to arbitrage recyclable bottles between New York and Michigan to zero because it's needed to visit a regional sorting facility in Saginaw, Michigan. For 10 points, name this vehicle driven by a scheming postal worker in *Seinfeld*.
ANSWER: **Newman's USPS mail truck** [prompt on partial answer; do not accept "mail van" or "mail lorry", even from the esteemed Will Nediger]
(a "your choice" question) <TC>
- 22) The 2010 edition of this tournament featured one of the best buzzes in the history of quizbowl, in which a player buzzed on nothing but the name "Dave Niehaus" and arrived at the correct answer through a rapidly vocalized chain of reasoning running thus: "Dave Niehaus—Seattle Mariners—Ken Griffey, Jr.—*grand slam*." At that manifestation of this tournament, Aidan Mehigan accidentally went to the wrong game room, then tried to persuade the moderator to let him play in that room anyway due to the presence of a pair of beautiful scorekeepers. The question set for its 2010 edition was completed a full (+) three months before it took place, making it the earliest completed house-written tournament in the history of quizbowl. The history and geography for the eighteenth manifestation of this tournament were written by (*) JR Roach, while all the other categories were written by head editor Tommy Casalaspi. For 10 points, name this high school tournament annually house-written and hosted by Maggie Walker.
ANSWER: **GSAC** [or **Governor's School Academic Competition**; or **GSAC XVIII**]
(a question on classical (ancient Greek/Roman) literature) <TC>

- 23) The discovery of these objects prompts one man to later read *Falconer*. After another man insinuates he has seen these objects to a woman who doesn't even know they exist, she leaves with one of the best parting shots ever: -"Maybe I'll go visit my mother. She just bought me some new panties and they're ... all laid out for me." The (+) text of one of these objects states that "last night with you was bliss. I fear my orgasm has left me a cripple. I don't how how I shall ever get back to work. I love you madly." These objects inspire the hysterical outcry "Who's (*) John?! Who's John?!" from Mrs. Ross. For 10 points, identify these only objects to survive the Ross's cabin fire, which were penned by the author of "The Enormous Radio" and "The Swimmer".
ANSWER: the John **Cheever letters** to Henry Ross
(a question pertaining to a novella, short story, or poem. see also: "a question whose answer is the title of a specific episode of a TV show, but isn't actually an episode tossup because such questions are inherently self-defeating if the point is to find *good, interesting, and convertible* ways to ask TV") <CV>
- 24) A building in this conflict was named for a Portuguese sailor who discovered its land while looking for a fountain that cured syphilis and is the English Memorial Spanish Center. An attempt to mediate this conflict is unsuccessful when a party issues an ultimatum, which he thinks means "you give me the whole tomato or else". A leader in this conflict decried criticism of himself as a "slandorous betrayal akin to 9/11", though after this conflict, he would admit it was "essentially correct"; that criticism of him was for improvising "hot-button patriotic dogma" in a "Ferris Bueller-ian attempt to delay (+) schoolwork". This conflict starts due to a "softly lobbed hypoallergenic Sealy Select in a floral print case" hits a "load-bearing broomstick" because Starburns had tried to throw it at Dean Pelton after shouting "My name is Alex!". During this conflict, the Changlourious Basterds are at first stymied by (*) Pillow Man, but later terminate him with extreme prejudice. For 10 points, name this global conflict between Troy and Abed that occurred on the namesake community college campus.
- ANSWER: The **Battle of Greendale** [or the **War** between the United Forts of **Pillowtown and** the Legit Republic of **Blanketsburg**; or the **War** between **New Fluffytown and Blanketsburg**; or any answers involving Troy and Abed and a war or battle between two sections of the campus and a fort of **pillows** and a fort of **blankets**; or **Pillows and Blankets**]
(a question on military history) <CV>
- 25) The most prominent figure in this work sports a tiny braid headband in her blond hair. Brandi Maxxxx – that's with four x's – uses this work as a pretext to discuss how sex should be acceptable in public places. After a decisive decision against this work, an activist claims that it "is going to burn – first here, then in hell"; that activist had once derided it as "government-funded animal porn" and is (+) Marcia Langman. One person whose likeness is accidentally included in this work objects to his depiction because he "looks like a pregnant baby", and its artist excuses himself to another person whose likeness is included with the line "I've been thinking a lot about powerful (*) women, and subconsciously I painted you". According to a partisan of this work, its message is "get out of my way unless you want an arrow in your ass". It was first exhibited at the Pawnee *Visions of Nature* art show. For 10 points, identify this artwork that depicts Tom Haverford as a cherub and Leslie Knope as a topless centaur shooting a stag with a bow and arrow.
- ANSWER: **Jerry** Gergich's **painting** from the "Jerry's Painting" episode of Parks and Recreation [or **Garry** Gerich's **painting**; or **Terry** Gergich's **painting**; or **Larry** Gengurch's **painting**; or the **centaur goddess Diaphena slaying a great stag**; answers may include any details mentioned in the tossup, especially the giveaway, as long as they include any previously underlined combination of answers – prompt for the creator on answers that lack such]
(a question whose answer is the title of a specific episode of a TV show, but isn't actually an episode tossup because such questions are inherently self-defeating if the point is to find *good, interesting, and convertible* ways to ask TV) <CV>

A description is acceptable for this tossup.

- 26) A member of this sect notes that although it has been at work for seven hundred years, this group has only accomplished one ten-millionth of its mission. The members of this sect only practice martial arts as a non-violent form of meditation, leading them to be trapped in a laundry room. A character notes that God will release the members of this group or at least (+) give them more shoes to eat. An expedition to the headquarters of this sect is outfitted with a long sleeved coat, a pack mule, and a Sherpa, all of which are retrieved by a salesman at Ed's Hiking Supplies & Spelunketeria using a long hook. It owns a monastery which is approached by an apparently rickety bridge which is actually a moving walkway that advises "Please stand to one side to let faster pilgrims by." This sect owns a (*) radio telescope, and its members spend their whole lifetimes using it to search for God. For 10 points, name this sect whose telescope Fry commandeers to search for Bender in the *Futurama* episode "Godfellas."

ANSWER: the **Monks of the Shubah** [or the **Monks of Dschubba**; or answerlines involving **monks** and any clues in the question that have not been read]
(a science question) <EA>

- 27) A battle between the Quinjet and multiple other craft in this film reveals that Reed Richards is piloting the Quinjet and is accompanied by several characters who were not given their due in the X-men movies: Colossus, X-23 – who is Wolverine's daughter, a mind-controlled Sabretooth, and Wolverine himself. In this film, the severed head of a beloved companion is dropped as a greeting, which segues into the reveal that the planet Kashyyyk has been destroyed by a mysterious force. After Tony Stark realizes there has been a (+) disturbance in the time ribbon in this film, he begins assembling a team that consists of Moon Knight, Daredevil, and Hercules, who brings in the entire pantheon of Greek gods from *Clash* and *Wrath of the Titans*. The aforementioned mysterious force that destroyed Kashyyyk was actually (spoiler alert!) Thanos because his Infinity Gauntlet contains the Reality Gem, allowing him to hop between realities. In a nod to the first entry in this series, the opening (*) crawl of this film is written by Brian de Palma. This film opens by panning down from the twin suns of Tatooine to the mouth of the Sarlacc Pit, where "the gloved Mandalorian armor gauntlet of Boba Fett grabs onto the sand" as the "feared bounty hunter pulls himself from the maw of the sand beast". For 10 points, identify this film planned out during a Pawnee filibuster, which will be the next film in a recently acquired Disney franchise.

ANSWER: **Star Wars: Episode VII** [or any answers involving a **Star Wars film** and **Patton Oswalt** (either), which may include anything mentioned in Patton Oswalt's filibuster, which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BBhNkywMJY> for the sake of adjudicating prompts]
(a mashup question in which the answerline is ~~an academic topic combined with the proper name of~~ something from the Star Wars universe) <CV>

- 28) You could plausibly say that the answer to this tossup is the sequel to last year's tossup that began: "This is the name of a tiny Utah town located just southeast of Goosenecks State Park and named for a peculiar rock formation." The presentation of a picture of this thing brings about the completion of a series of jokes beginning with a shot of a kneeling man squeezing a wet rag over his head who later asks "Are you an (+) assassin?" with a crazed look. A \$10,000 item of the same kind as this thing prompts a woman's journey to find "the only white poet warlord in the neighborhood" in the (*) Burmese jungle. When that woman shows a picture of this thing to her employer, he whispers, "The horror! The horror!" For 10 points, name this article of headwear that Elaine puts on the cover of a Peterman catalogue, a Mexican hat meant to be worn by city-dwellers.

ANSWER: **urban sombrero** [prompt on **Mexican hat**]
(a question somehow involving hats) <TC>

- 29) This song is cut to mid-performance after one woman claims that she just did her first keg stand and cannot feel her legs; that performance of this song opens the Tranny Dance. The seed for this song is planted after another woman gives an impassioned speech along the lines of "So pick up your pompoms, ... stuff your bra, and get ready for the team bus to (+) forget you at a Taco Bell, because life is tough!". This song is composed for the dedication of a statue of Luis Guzman. The title of this song follows the lyrics "Dancing in your underwear / Taking (*) air conditioner repair / So you can get a job", and it concludes with "Slop pails and pantyhose / Oh, Annie believes in me". For 10 points, name this blatant, but unintentional ripoff of a Bruce Hornsby song that Pierce composes for Greendale's school song.
ANSWER: "Greendale's the **Way It Goes**" [or "The **Way It is**"; or **Greendale's school song** until it is read – prompt afterwards]
(a question on anything from trash music as quizbowl defines it) <CV>
- 30) This location is the proximate cause of a woman being accosted by a speech attendee who asks her "aren't you his sister?", causing said woman to literally run out of town. After repeated references to this location test a woman's patience, she has to retract a comment with the line "that's crazy, Judy Garland is amazing", but goes full force on several other angry exclamations, including "a sled is a stupid mascot" and "He's in the hospital, sir! He has a calcified rock in his (+) penis!". That calcified rock in that man's penis leads to the beautiful exclamations "I think I'm giving birth!" and then "Oh god! It's twins! I'm having twins!" shortly before being due to receive a key to the town he grew up in. During a speech at a key presentation ceremony, this location is described as a "festering wound" by Mayor Stice, who then present a box full of (*) water to Leslie Knope because the key has melted. This location bankrupted the town of Partridge, Minnesota during the tenure of teenage mayor Ben Wyatt. For 10 points, name this failed winter sports complex that sparked the immortal headline "[this location] Costs Ice Clown His Town Crown".
ANSWER: **Ice Town** [prompt on **Partridge**, Minnesota; prompt on Ben's ice **winter sports complex**]
(question on a fictional place (can be academic or trash)) <CV>
- 31) The leader of this group gives a speech in which he declares "Dude, my hands are huge. They can touch anything but themselves!" This group practices a ritual in which one member can force another to choose between two lovers by killing the one he or she does not love. That ritual is called (+) "Rrr-mrrr-mrrr-frrr-mrrr or Consequences". They become furious after encountering candy hearts with the phrase "I wuv you" printed on them. Members of this group will pay top dollar for the nose of a human, which they consider an (*) aphrodisiac. One of their raids is prompted when the TV show *Single Female Lawyer* goes off the air. Another of their invasions is caused when their young, the Popplers, become a popular fast food commodity on Earth. For 10 points, name this barbarian race led by Lrrr, a warlike tribe from the 8th planet in the Persei system.
ANSWER: **Omicronians** [or **residents of Omicron Persei 8**; or obvious equivalents]
(a question involving the history of barbarians (non-Greeks/non-Romans in Europe before 476 CE)) <EA>
- 32) A discussion of a new object for this activity takes place after Kramer barges into Jerry's apartment having just watched part of *The Other Side of Darkness* and asks Jerry to pull the plug on him if he went into a coma. While preparing to do this activity, George first tells Jerry about his run-in with Reilly, which involved Reilly punking George pretty badly with the line "the ocean called: they're running out of shrimp!", to much laughter. While packing up after this activity, Elaine discusses with Jerry a late-night phone call from the video store employee Vincent, who she is of course infatuated with before finding out he's a 15-year old geek. Kramer interrupts the lawyer (+) Shellbach while he is performing this activity, resulting in a great tragedy when an implement for this activity flies through the air and takes out a man working a training machine, who, in falling, accidentally turns the machine to focus full bore on Kramer's head, knocking him out in three quick shots. Patty attempts to seduce Jerry due to him having seen her husband perform this activity, though she can't go through with it, even for her husband. That husband of Patty is really just quite (*) awful at this activity, but somehow convinces Jerry to lose to him so that Patty will respect him again—setting up that tragic Kramer scene. That husband of Patty is Milos, from whom Jerry buys a "can of balls". For 10 points, name this activity for which Jerry buys a brand new two hundred dollar racquet.
ANSWER: playing **tennis**

(a question on sports) <CV>

- 33) At an Elvis-style funeral in this city, a funeral attendee tries to rob the corpse of a big gold chain that had supposedly been stolen from said attendee's father. Because three friends had been huffing helium from a balloon, when news is broken that a funeral would take place in this city because their friend's father died here, they can only offer their condolences in a very high, squeaky voice. That funeral in this city is for Nick (+) Miller's dad and is attended by his roommates, Schmidt, Winston, and Jessica Day. A river clean-up grant proposal so impresses Grant Larson that he offers Leslie Knope a job at a (*) new bureau of the National Park Service in this location, which is the subject of much decision flip-flopping by Leslie until she accepts and submits a proposal to move the location to Pawnee. For 10 points, name this Midwest city about which Leslie Knope very loudly and excitedly professes "Yeah, you're from [this location], so you like it!" when Michelle Obama states "Well, you know how I feel about [this location]". Also, *Sirens*, one of USA's great new comedies, is set in this city.

ANSWER: **Chicago**

(a question using good geography parameters ("Tourism, economic impact of the physical landscape, interactions between humans and the environment, political conflict over resources and boundaries, and the impact of place on culture, history, and current events") but whose answer is the name of a city, town or village in Illinois other than Chicago. see also: "a question whose answer is the title of a specific episode of a TV show, but isn't actually an episode tossup because such questions are inherently self-defeating if the point is to find good, interesting, and convertible ways to ask TV") <CV>

- 34) This person plays trumpet for the band Kelvin and the Zeros. This person claims that another individual could've lived the "rest of his life in blissful ignorance and died a happy pansexual imp" but "now you're going to feel my power as it surges downward from me, straight through you, from nostril to rectum, now until the end of time. And THAT'S wassssup!". A tour this person leads feature an Impossible Astronaut making some paninis and a black (+) Hitler chilling on a stool. As punishment for killing this person, Murray is originally sentenced to the Infinite Labyrinth of Eternal Ice after being soundly beaten in the Sun Chamber, from which he is saved by (*) Troy Barnes, the True Repairman, after he sees an apparition of this figure. For 10 points, name this colorful rotund man who heads up the only profitable part of Greendale Community College.
ANSWER: Vice-Dean **Robert Laybourne** [or the Vice-Dean of the Greendale **Air Conditioning Repair** Annex] (question on "engineering," however defined) <CV>

- 35) A faint woman holding out her hands asks of this location "Where am I? Is this a dream? What in God's name is going on here!?". In Mr. Cohen's grandiose entrance to this location, he shouts "Hey, what stinks in here?"; it's later revealed that he lives on Park Avenue. This location is eventually abandoned for Skyburger. After being stymied in an attempt to call Tatiana for the second time from this location, a man screams "You know, we're living in a society! We're supposed to (*) act in a civilized way!" to a woman using a public phone. While conversing at this location, a guilty nephew excuses blowing off his uncle for dinner with "Plan 9 from Outer Space, one night only, the big screen. My hands are tied!". An employee at this location yells (*) "Cartwright!" twice after answering the phone, even though the call was not for Cartwright. A desperate woman pleads "I'm starving. Take it! Take it!" as she shoves twenty dollars into the hands of the maitre'd at this location, though it doesn't change his response that their party will be seated in "five, ten minutes". For 10 points, identify this ethnic eatery from the second season of *Seinfeld*.

ANSWER: **Chinese restaurant**

(a question on Asian literature. see also: "a question whose answer is the title of a specific episode of a TV show, but isn't actually an episode tossup because such questions are inherently self-defeating if the point is to find good, interesting, and convertible ways to ask TV") <CV>

TB1) A character on this show is doing a play version of *You Can't Take it With You* at "some crummy theater in the North Valley". The fiery Joey Suarez is involved in stopping gang violence on this show. Despite the pilot for this show being shot in 2003, Nick Bellows is still reeling from 9/11, and went to Iraq as a lawyer. Part of the pilot for this show had to be reshot because Elizabeth Smart was found. After the pilot, Paul Rudd was replaced by Dylan McDermott, who himself was eventually replaced by Dermot Mulroney. This show's tagline is "Without them, there is no justice." For 30 points, identify this fake show about Philadelphia lawyers that sprung from a picture taken of Kathryn Hahn, Paul Rudd, Adam Scott, Rashida Jones, and Amy Poehler.

ANSWER: **Philly Justice**

(a tiebreaker question, which was read some number of years ago in IRC, in the spirit of "Cascadia Subduction Zone") <CV>

TB2) After noting he has the body of a fifth grader, Señor Chang claims that if he was working with what Jeff had, Professor Slater would be at the Comfort Inn giving him this phrase. Troy nods in agreement after Señor Chang claims that those who know this phrase as a sexual position are offended by its use in another context. For 30 points, identify this phrase which Annie claims that Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is sometimes called.

ANSWER: **Mexican Halloween**

(a second tiebreaker question in the spirit of "Cascadia Subduction Zone") <CV>