

SCREENS OF THE 20TH CENTURY  
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*This packet is written as if the world never made it past December 31, 1999. All clues and answer lines are related to a range of people, places, and things that would have been seen on screens of some kind during the 20th century. Everything is fair game, except for the French New Wave, a topic which has been explicitly barred from inclusion with extreme prejudice. There are powers.*

**1. One character in this film remarks that a drink tastes like “two cough drops dissolved in warm grape juice”. The protagonist of the film has his car seized, leading to the use of a 1929 Isotta Fraschini, and he also witnesses the solemn burial of a chimpanzee. The movie’s opening was filmed using a mirror on the bottom of a (\*) swimming pool, and a character in this film writes a screenplay of *Salome*. Joe Gillis, played by William Holden, tells the story of how he was killed. The final shot of this film features a character declaring, “Mr. DeMille, I’m ready for my close up”. For 10 points, name this 1950 Billy Wilder film, starring Gloria Swanson as Norma Desmond, a former silent film star who lives on the titular road.**

ANSWER: **Sunset Boulevard**

**2. In the “Uneasy Rider” episode of *The Critic*, this man is shown working a frying machine. He filled in for Dr. Mason Gross on the quiz show “Two for the Money” on multiple occasions, and this man’s voiceover was used to narrate the IMAX film *The Dream is Alive*. (\*) His voice is used in the opening of Ron Howard’s film *Apollo 13* and he once stated that “America’s health care system is neither healthy, caring, nor a system.” Lyndon Johnson once stated that if he lost this man, he’d “lost middle America”, referring to his opinion on the war in Vietnam. For 10 points, name this “most trusted man in America”, who told the country “that’s the way it is” on CBS’s Evening News.**

ANSWER: Walter **Cronkite**

**3. Episodes on this show included “Houses of the Holy”, “Physical Graffiti”, and “Zoso”, as well as one entitled “Led Zeppelin Boxed Set”. Scott Adams cameoed in an episode of this show in which Matthew believes he is the first person to have discovered Dilbert. One character on this show was named after a Beastie Boys song, and refers to himself as (\*) “the man so nice they named him twice”; that character is millionaire Jimmy James. Jon Lovitz played a man who threatened to jump from a building on this show, although he returned in a starring role following Phil Hartman’s death. For 10 points, name this 1995 show also starring Joe Rogan as a crazy electrician, in which Dave Foley played the director of WNYX.**

ANSWER: **Newsradio**

**4. A newspaper vendor in this film is repeatedly struck by newspapers, leading to his alternating blindness, deafness, and amnesia. One character in this film uses the words “bastiges”, “icehole”, and “fargin” instead of actual curses; that character is Roman Maronie. The protagonist begins the film by (\*) catching a shoplifter in his pet shop, and telling his story. One character uses an .88 Magnum pistol, claiming that “it shoots through schools!” The title character fights with Danny Vermin, played by Joe Piscopo, resulting in his working for Jocko Dundee. For 10 points, name this Michael Keaton film, a parody of 1930s gangster movies, in which John Kelly is informed that his fake last name “is an adverb!”**

ANSWER: **Johnny Dangerously**

**5. In his first major work, this man composed the score to 1979’s otherwise unremarkable *The Lady in Red*. This frequent collaborator of Joe Johnston’s wrote the scores for *The Rocketeer* and *Jumanji*. His first collaboration with Ron Howard was on *Cocoon*, although he is perhaps better known for the score to**

**Howard's *Apollo 13*. This composer included a piece titled "The Battle of the Mutara Nebula" in his score for (\*) *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*. He is perhaps best known for a score containing tracks entitled "Rose" and "Hymn to the Sea", for which he won an Oscar and which were released alongside "My Heart Will Go On". For 10 points, name this frequent James Cameron collaborator who composed the score to *Titanic*.**

ANSWER: James Horner

**6. This film's premiere at the Grauman theater was preceded by ice skaters and a live recreation of a Monte Carlo dance hall scene. The protagonist meets Georgia Hale's character in a dance hall, where she attempts to avoid Jack. In one scene, a character imagines that he sees a giant chicken walking around a room; that character is (\*) Big Jim. This film was re-released in 1942 with recorded music and narration. Near the beginning of the film, the main character stumbles into Black Larsen's cabin, which eventually ends up teetering on the edge of a cliff. In a famous scene, the protagonist makes a meal out of his cooked boot. For 10 points, name this 1925 Charlie Chaplin film, in which the tramp is a Lone Prospector.**

ANSWER: *The* Gold Rush

**7. William Shatner played a mustachioed Irish ship captain in one episode of this show. In an episode titled "Alethea", the main character is accused of killing a man by a young Jodie Foster, whom he teaches the value of truth. Radames Pera played the child version of the main character on this show, while the starring actor's (\*) brother played a teen version of him. In flashbacks, the main character attempts to snatch a pebble from an old man, who refers to him as "Grasshopper". The protagonist wanders the western United States after his escape from China, where he was raised by Master Po. For 10 points, name this drama, featuring David Carradine as Kwai Chang Caine, a practitioner of the title martial art.**

ANSWER: Kung Fu

**8. In an early role, this actor helped Queen Victoria to end a mourning period as Benjamin Disraeli in *The Mudlark*; in a more recent appearance, he played the last surviving crewmember of a ship in *Raise the Titanic*. This actor played the butler Benson in the comedy *Murder by Death*, and his first film role was in David Lean's *Great Expectations* as (\*) Herbert Pocket. This actor's Ascoyne D'Ascoyne was killed by Louis Mazzini in *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, in which this actor also played seven other roles. Following a dispute on the Geneva Conventions, Colonel Saito places this actor's character in a hot box during the opening of *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, and this actor played Prince Faisal in *Lawrence of Arabia*. For 10 points, name this actor who also portrayed Ben Kenobi in *Star Wars*.**

ANSWER: Alec Guinness

**9. In one scene in this film, the protagonist kills a man named Rick by lifting his head out of a manhole cover and waiting for a car to run over him. While on a date, the main character breaks a carnival worker's fingers and takes a stuffed animal, telling his girlfriend to "take the fucking elephant." The procurement of the Bellasarius Memorandum is the objective of Robert Durant, who causes an explosion at (\*) Peyton Westlake's lab. Westlake is presumed dead, but survives and is able to reconstruct his face using synthetic skin, which he can wear for 99 minutes at a time in light. Sam Raimi created the protagonist in this film because he was unable to acquire the rights to *The Shadow* or *Batman*. For 10 points, name this 1990 film in which Liam Neeson becomes the title masked hero.**

ANSWER: Darkman

**10. Al Mulock committed suicide during the filming of this movie, prompting the director to shout, "Get his costume, we need the costume!" In the opening scene of this film, a man attempts to shoo a fly off his face without using his hands while waiting in a train station. A character lowers his gun in a boot to shoot a man through a train window; that character, (\*) Cheyenne, helps a woman build the town of Sweetwater. That**

woman, Jill McBain, returns from New Orleans to find that her entire family has been killed by a railroad-employed villain. That antagonist, Frank, gives a character his signature instrument in a flashback after killing his brother; that instrument is a harmonica. For 10 points, name this 1968 Sergio Leone film, starring Charles Bronson and Henry Fonda.

ANSWER: *Once Upon a Time In The West*

11. **Gail Strickland played Sheila Gardner in the pilot of this show, and was replaced by Paula Kelly as Liz Williams for the remainder of the first season. Brent Spiner guest starred as an unfortunate hillbilly named Bob Wheeler on this show, and both Selma Diamond and Florence Halop died of cancer while starring on this show. (\*)** One character was played by an actor who left a guest starring role on *Cheers* as Harry the Hat; that character absolutely hates Barry Manilow, preferring Mel Torme. This show features multiple “A Day in the Life” episodes in which the characters race against the clock to clear the docket. For 10 points, name this show starring Harry Anderson as Judge Harold T. Stone, who presides over the title nocturnal justice-dispensing establishment.

ANSWER: *Night Court*

12. **Z100 radio announcer Elvis Duran’s voice is heard in this film, and David Thewlis was originally cast as the villain in this film. Screenwriter Jonathan Hensleigh reportedly wanted to sell the first half of the script as *Lethal Weapon 4*. In one scene, the main character introduces himself as Mickey O’Brien of aqueduct security. One character is mistakenly called (\*) “Jésus”, after which he threatens to “shove a lightning bolt up your ass”. In one scene, lives depend on measuring exactly four gallons of water, and in another, a character wears an offensive billboard while standing in Harlem. The villain robs the Federal Reserve, while two characters are forced to run around playing a game of Simon Says. For 10 points, name this 1995 film in which Simon Gruber sets his sights on John McClane.**

ANSWER: *Die Hard with a Vengeance*

13. **In one of this director’s films, Lutie Cameron arrives in Salt Fork, New Mexico, to marry the Spencer Tracy played Colonel Brewton; this director was disappointed with that film, *The Sea of Grass*. In another of this director’s films, a union organizer named Brimmer opposes Monroe Stahr in an adaptation of an F. Scott Fitzgerald novel, (\*) *The Last Tycoon*. This director made a film in which one actor wore a fitted t-shirt and hit Kim Hunter’s character while drunk and shouting her name. An ex-boxer in another work by this director tries to kill Johnny Friendly, and tells Charley that “You don’t understand! I coulda had class.” For 10 points, name this Marlon Brando collaborator who directed *East of Eden*, *On the Waterfront*, and *A Streetcar Named Desire*.**

ANSWER: Elia **Kazan**

14. **One character in this film orders a “diablo sandwich” from a restaurant and leaves trailing a roll of toilet paper, and an elderly lady in this film crashes her car into a truck and is known as The Good Witch of the North. Jerry Reed starred in this film as Cledus “Snowman” Snow and wrote the film’s theme song, (\*) “Eastbound and Down”. The main character nicknames another because she’s “always hoppin’ around”; that character is Frog, played by Sally Field. Following this film’s release, sales of the Pontiac Trans Am skyrocketed. Jackie Gleason plays Sheriff Buford T. Justice of Texas in this film, in which the protagonist is hired to transport Coors beer across state lines. For 10 points, name this 1977 Burt Reynolds film, in which the two title characters engage in a car chase.**

ANSWER: *Smokey and the Bandit*

15. **In this episode, a recording found by the main character states, “Miss Jackson, that’s my speech for the Thursday night banquet.” This episode opens with a discussion of Mr. Murdstone over a bank teller’s counter, after which the main character is reprimanded by his employer. The main character’s watch shatters while he is in a (\*) bank vault, after which he embarks on an “eight hour tour of a graveyard”. Rod Serling**

introduces Henry Bemis, played by Burgess Meredith, as a “bookish man conspired against by...a world full of tongue-cluckers and the beating hands of a clock”. For 10 points, name this *Twilight Zone* episode, in which a book-lover finds a library with nobody around, only to have his glasses break.

ANSWER: **“Time Enough At Last”**

16. **One character in this film says that he is “a flower, with nothing interesting to say”, and later states “me thinketh it not working” in regards to his sword wielding strategy. The theme to this film declares, “It’s the time of your life, so live it well”; that theme was composed by (\*) Randy Newman.** A fake outtake at the end of the film features Julia Louis-Dreyfus’s character unable to keep a straight face, and the short *Geri’s Game* was shown before the start of this film. Molt, initially a villain, defects to the heroes’ side near the end of the film. Gypsy and Manny perform using a Chinese Cabinet of Metamorphosis in P.T. Flea’s circus in this film, and the climax features a bird attack. For 10 points, name this 1998 Pixar film, controversially released in the same year as Dreamworks’s *Antz*.

ANSWER: **A Bug’s Life**

17. **Hans Zimmer, wearing black and playing a piano, can be briefly seen in this video directed by Russell Mulcahy. The video opens with a shot of the moon over water, and pans down to show a girl in pink listening intently, and in a later scene, Debi Doss and Linda Jardim can be seen on a screen. The girl meets a woman who is lowered into a (\*) test tube.** Two piles of television sets part to reveal a band playing in a white room in this music video, in which Trevor Horn sings, “I heard you on the wireless back in fifty two”. A speaker explodes behind the central character during the first chorus in the video, which was the first music video ever to be played on MTV. For 10 points, name this music video, which states that “pictures came and broke your heart”, performed by the Buggles.

ANSWER: **“Video Killed the Radio Star”**

18. **In the pilot for this TV series, one central character was played by Tim Dunigan, who was recast by the second episode. In the opening credits, one character dresses as “The Aquamaniac” for his appearance in a B movie, while another confusedly looks at a man dressed as a Cylon. Throughout the first season, the central characters were pursued by Francis Lynch. One character is often said to be (\*) “on the jazz” and thinks of himself as a competent actor; that character is played by George Peppard.** Many episodes of the show are characterized by bloodless shootouts and vehicle modification montages, and the primary vehicle used in the show is driven by B.A. Baracus, who wears a lot of gold jewelry and is played by Mr. T. For 10 points, name this show about a wrongfully convicted “crack commando unit”.

ANSWER: *The* **A-Team**

19. **The protagonist of this game can collect a geranium to get a fourth life, and after collecting nine of a certain item, can call on a friend to provide him with another part he’s collecting. The creator of this game, Howard Scott Warshaw, claimed he made the game in only five and a half weeks. Many people in Alamogordo, New Mexico, reported seeing cartridges of this game (\*) dumped into a landfill site and buried.** Critics maligned the poor collision detection and monotony present in this awful game. The main character visits a series of pits to collect Reese’s Pieces, while he looks for pieces of a telephone with help from Elliott. For 10 points, name this 1982 Atari video game, based on Steven Spielberg’s film of the same name.

ANSWER: **E.T.** *The Extra-Terrestrial*

20. **This character won two medals despite crashing a plane during a training flight and injuring Petterdale von Richter, and he can famously only play *Into the Wild Blue Yonder* on his violin. His squadron mates nicknamed him the “Iron Eagle”, referring to his inability to fly, and this character considers the possibility of marrying Gertrude Linkmeyer, noting that she is (\*) General Burkhalter’s sister.** In one episode, he

collaborates with an electronics expert to examine a rabbit trap, mistaking it for a fictional device called a gonculator. The institution he commands has had no successful escape attempts, although soldiers such as LeBeau and Newkirk have constructed a tunnel network under it. For 10 points, name this Werner Klemperer-played commandant of Stalag 13, who was constantly outwitted by Colonel Robert Hogan.

ANSWER: Colonel Wilhelm **Klink**