

# CLUB HOT LIST

- DJ, MIKE C - APPLETOWN ENT. #7 dj moondawg-bet that  
 #1 ilokey-"shine" #8-lady gaga-jewels&drugs  
 #2-lord primo-get it on #9-lil bibby-my hood  
 #3-cy extra money-all me #10-cels-bust  
 #4-JERIMIH-FUCK THAT NIG\*\$A #11-yung damon-all about a sack  
 #5-currency-walkies,talkies #12-boldy james-books  
 #6-ak-"love me" appletownsports@gmail.com



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1. What was the name of the cantina in Marty Robbins' 1960 song "El Paso"? And who was the girl the gunslinger fell

- in love with?
2. Name the two albums released in 1970 by blues-rock group Ten Years After.
  3. Which group released "Walking on the Moon"?
  4. Who released "Hungry Like the Wolf"?
  5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "For six long days and weary nights they tried to find her trail, Churchill told the people 'Put ev'ry ship a-sail.'"

(Answers on page 18)

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# GAME CONNOISSEUR

## GRAND THEFT AUTO V SINGLE PLAYER - TREVOR STEALS THE SHOW

---DR. ANTHONY BETRUS  
 WITH GUEST STEVEN CANNING

One billion in sales (that's with a b) after only one week? So it made a little money, but haven't we seen all of this before? If you listen to the news media, you might think that at its core Grand Theft Auto games could be summed up as follows: blah blah steal a car, blah blah blah run some people over, drive around and pick up a prostitute, yada yada yada kill the prostitute to get your money back. Rinse and repeat. For those who never played the games, this is pretty much the narrative. Well we are here to tell you that there is so, so, so much more to this series, and GTA V in particular is indeed a macabre masterpiece. Sure, at its core there is a whole lot of crime, but it is neither the "Grand Theft" nor the "Auto" that makes this game so compelling, it is the characters. In this latest iteration there are three primary protagonists, and they are polar opposites of the shallow, underdeveloped personalities that can be found in 9 out of 10 Hollywood films. These are more like characters you'd find in a television series like "The Sopranos" or "The Wire." And yes, they are deeply, dramatically, and often painfully flawed, but that is precisely what gives them their charm.

It is clear that the \$260 million that was poured into the game was not wasted. To tell the story Rockstar first had to create the world, and what a world it is. The map is larger, by far, than in any previous iteration of the game. But bigger is not necessarily better, as the true appeal is in the stories woven throughout this world. Our hats go off to the writers, voice-actors, and animators who crafted these intricately intertwined narratives. The animations are motion captured using professional actors, the dialogue is sharp and witty as it endlessly pokes fun at contemporary America while the spot on voice-acting brings it all together. All said they put together an amazing world, with an amazing story, told by amazing characters. Franklin is a gang-banger looking to make it as a big time hustler. Michael is married with chil-

dren, but with a sordid criminal past. The two get together in a father-son I never had sort of way. And there is good variety in the second tier characters as well. While it seems that everything and everybody in the game is hyperbolic to the extreme, the dialogue is crafted with love, and you can't help but care for this unlikely cadre of misfits. Franklin's friend Lamar, Michael's daughter Tracey and son Jimmy, and the oddball crew of Ron and Wade all provide depth and motivation for our main characters. However the true "character" of GTA V doesn't fully come into focus until Michael's ex-partner-in-crime enters stage left. Like Omar (The Wire) or Tony Soprano before him, he has downright black magic appeal.

You know that crazy ex-military uncle that everyone has? Imagine him, remove most of his hair (and probably clothing), insert an addiction to amphetamines, and give him morals so twisted that you have to assume that somebody over at Rockstar has undergone psychiatric assistance, and you'll get close to understanding Trevor Philips. Violent, belligerent, and self-destructive, his job is to make you and all of the other characters in the GTA world uncomfortable. Yet underneath the drug fueled rampaging there is more than a hint of genius, a mad scientist (or maybe cook) to the extreme. Without giving anything away let's just say he doesn't forget a face and he thinks fast on his feet. Street gang work to be done? Planes to fly? Torture to administer? Trevor is your man, and he'll do it all with a ferocious laugh that will bring a grin to your face much like the Joker from Batman. Trevor is one of our favorite characters of all time, from any medium. He is always a pleasure to play, especially if you spend some time buying him a nice suit and getting a haircut. Just be ready when you switch to him, he'll likely be naked, drunk, and face down in a dumpster or already running from the cops. Instead of feeling frustrated you can't help but erupt into laughter, lean toward the TV, and hang on to that controller for dear life.

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- 02:50-- Double Vision
- 03:30-- Dave Scanlin & The DT'S
- 04:00-- Swag
- 04:40-- Robin Davis
- 04:55-- Dave Porter
- 05:25-- Nick of Time
- 06:05-- The Shadows
- 06:45-- Crisis
- 07:25-- Homer & the Finns
- 08:05-- FFOG
- 09:00-- Generic Jam Band Reunion

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