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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,040  
From the Alex Trebek Stage  
at Sony Pictures Studios, this

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00:00:05,130 --> 00:00:07,860  
is Inside Jeopardy.!

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00:00:09,060 --> 00:00:12,060  
Hello and welcome back to Inside  
Jeopardy, your exclusive and official

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00:00:12,065 --> 00:00:15,270  
podcast destination for all things  
happening in the world of jeopardy.

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00:00:15,270 --> 00:00:17,490  
I'm Sarah Foss, and I'm  
joined today by Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:17,610 --> 00:00:18,060  
Hi, Sarah.

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00:00:18,065 --> 00:00:19,050  
Thanks for having me back.

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00:00:19,050 --> 00:00:21,390  
Well, happy belated Valentine's Day buzzy.

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00:00:21,630 --> 00:00:22,620  
And to you too.

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00:00:22,800 --> 00:00:27,240  
It's been a minute, but I would be  
remiss if I didn't bring up our friend.

11  
00:00:27,600 --> 00:00:30,150  
Satara every year on Valentine's Day.

12  
00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:32,130  
I think this is the  
third year in a row now.

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00:00:32,130 --> 00:00:32,189  
Yeah.

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00:00:32,460 --> 00:00:36,210  
Where she is coming up with  
Creative Valentines featuring

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00:00:36,210 --> 00:00:38,070  
people in the world of Jeopardy.

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00:00:38,490 --> 00:00:39,630  
I know you've seen them.

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00:00:39,630 --> 00:00:40,500  
Did you have a favorite?

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:44,790  
My two favorites were the, uh,  
Sarah Foss one, which was, you

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00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:46,650  
have no clue how much I love you.

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00:00:46,650 --> 00:00:47,185  
Oh, love that.

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00:00:47,185 --> 00:00:47,905  
Oh yeah, that was fun.

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00:00:48,004 --> 00:00:50,250  
And the Ray LaLonde, it's raining Love.

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00:00:50,820 --> 00:00:51,540  
That was good too.

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00:00:51,545 --> 00:00:52,410  
Those, those were my two favorites.

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00:00:52,410 --> 00:00:56,220  
Of course, Buzz, you would not go  
without a Valentine, so we had the

26  
00:00:56,220 --> 00:00:58,890  
My Heart is a Buzz with Love for You.

27  
00:00:59,340 --> 00:01:01,890  
I think my favorite was for Juveria.

28  
00:01:02,190 --> 00:01:05,129  
Take a second chance on me Valentine.

29  
00:01:05,160 --> 00:01:08,580  
There were the Brohawks featured  
Dave Rapp and TJ Talley.

30  
00:01:08,580 --> 00:01:10,980  
You Hawk my world, Ken.

31  
00:01:10,980 --> 00:01:13,140  
Getting a little love from sat with.

32  
00:01:13,625 --> 00:01:15,005  
Can you feel the love

33  
00:01:15,005 --> 00:01:15,425  
tonight?

34  
00:01:15,545 --> 00:01:18,965  
I have to say, I really appreciate  
this coming from a fan like Satara.

35  
00:01:19,235 --> 00:01:22,715  
It was a little uncomfortable when the  
show did it back in the All Stars days.

36  
00:01:22,715 --> 00:01:22,804  
Right.

37  
00:01:22,804 --> 00:01:23,615  
That really caught me off

38  
00:01:23,880 --> 00:01:24,229

guard.

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00:01:24,634 --> 00:01:27,905

We did make some Valentines and now  
I think we're gonna just leave it to

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00:01:27,910 --> 00:01:30,395

Satara, except for the Jeopardy channels.

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00:01:30,395 --> 00:01:32,735

Did a very, you know, right on brand.

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:35,800

Who is your Valentine with an old-school?

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00:01:35,800 --> 00:01:36,550

Alex Trebek.

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00:01:36,550 --> 00:01:36,610

Yeah.

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00:01:36,940 --> 00:01:39,070

The looking great photo mustache and all.

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00:01:39,130 --> 00:01:39,429

Yeah,

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00:01:39,429 --> 00:01:44,560

and like wearing like a stone  
double-Breasted suit is so Valentine.

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00:01:44,560 --> 00:01:44,800

Yeah.

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00:01:44,800 --> 00:01:45,580

With a red tie.

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00:01:45,640 --> 00:01:46,179

Red tie.

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00:01:46,390 --> 00:01:50,140

I also have to share, there was  
Valentine's love shared by one of

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00:01:50,140 --> 00:01:52,654  
our TOC contestants, Suresh Krishnan.

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00:01:53,294 --> 00:01:55,240  
Apparently, according to the  
contestant team, he said.

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00:01:55,550 --> 00:01:59,210  
Would it be okay if I just gave  
the team just like one small,

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00:01:59,210 --> 00:02:00,620  
like \$5 box of chocolate?

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00:02:00,620 --> 00:02:01,280  
Would that be okay?

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00:02:01,280 --> 00:02:02,300  
And they said, sure.

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00:02:02,390 --> 00:02:06,770  
Little did they know that Suresh was going  
to come back with a giant bag of about

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00:02:06,770 --> 00:02:12,290  
twenty-five boxes of chocolates in the  
shape of, you know, heart-shaped boxes.

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00:02:12,290 --> 00:02:13,970  
So thank you csh.

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00:02:13,970 --> 00:02:14,300  
Yes.

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00:02:14,300 --> 00:02:15,620  
No one needs to ever.

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00:02:15,650 --> 00:02:19,130  
In fact, we encourage people not to

give us any sort of gift or anything.

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00:02:19,220 --> 00:02:23,120

This was at the completion of the  
TOC and you know, bless his heart

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00:02:23,120 --> 00:02:25,700

that he really wanted to give  
something back to the staff and crew.

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00:02:25,700 --> 00:02:27,830

And we've been enjoying  
chocolates for days.

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00:02:27,830 --> 00:02:28,070

Very sweet.

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00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:32,780

And I'm sure Matt from Sullivan would not  
have allowed anything untoward to happen.

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00:02:32,840 --> 00:02:33,650

Yes, of course.

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00:02:33,680 --> 00:02:34,790

And speaking of the TOC.

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00:02:35,495 --> 00:02:39,845

The matchups for the quarterfinals  
are up on our mini site.

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00:02:40,204 --> 00:02:41,825

You're gonna wanna check those out.

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00:02:41,825 --> 00:02:45,155

You're gonna wanna see when your  
favorite players from that field

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00:02:45,155 --> 00:02:47,375

of twenty-seven will be competing.

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00:02:47,975 --> 00:02:48,545

It's good.

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00:02:48,575 --> 00:02:49,087

In fact, it's good.

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00:02:49,091 --> 00:02:51,575

In fact, we kick off the first game  
on a Friday, of course, February

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00:02:51,575 --> 00:02:56,405

twenty-third with Suresh Krishnan,  
Emily Sands, our Champion's Wild

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00:02:56,405 --> 00:03:00,155

Card winner, and Matthew Marcus for  
game winner from season thirty-nine.

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00:03:00,185 --> 00:03:00,515

So.

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00:03:01,130 --> 00:03:01,790

It's exciting.

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00:03:01,850 --> 00:03:02,450

I'm excited.

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00:03:02,450 --> 00:03:04,910

You know, I of course brought  
my handy-dandy notebook.

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00:03:04,910 --> 00:03:06,410

I'm excited to whip it back out

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00:03:06,410 --> 00:03:08,510

and yes, I'm sure many notes were taken.

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00:03:08,570 --> 00:03:09,500

A lot of notes, yeah.

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00:03:09,710 --> 00:03:13,250

On Thursday we are going to find out  
which of our champions, wild-card

88  
00:03:13,250 --> 00:03:18,140  
players from this group, group two,  
from season 39 has secured that final.

89  
00:03:18,270 --> 00:03:21,240  
Twenty-seventh spot in the  
Tournament of Champions.

90  
00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:25,860  
We're also going to be releasing the  
full Jeopardy honors ceremony, including

91  
00:03:26,130 --> 00:03:28,080  
our blue carpet arrivals buzzy.

92  
00:03:28,085 --> 00:03:29,730  
That will be going up on YouTube.

93  
00:03:30,000 --> 00:03:31,020  
Six P.M.

94  
00:03:31,110 --> 00:03:35,100  
Pacific time this Thursday  
on the Eve of course.

95  
00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:35,970  
Of Tournament.

96  
00:03:35,975 --> 00:03:36,690  
Of Champions.

97  
00:03:36,960 --> 00:03:40,050  
And then today on the pod, we're  
going to be sharing some of the

98  
00:03:40,050 --> 00:03:41,640  
highlights and winners from Honors.

99  
00:03:41,640 --> 00:03:41,730  
Mm-Hmm.



100  
00:03:41,880 --> 00:03:45,450  
Plus we're gonna speak with former  
senior researcher Suzanne Stone.

101  
00:03:45,750 --> 00:03:49,170  
She's gonna help us, uh, reveal  
a little bit more about this

102  
00:03:49,170 --> 00:03:50,940  
year's Hall of Fame Inductee.

103  
00:03:51,030 --> 00:03:54,750  
But of course, before that we have  
Champions Wild Card games to highlight.

104  
00:03:54,750 --> 00:03:57,450  
And even before all of that, we're  
gonna take a quick look back at

105  
00:03:57,450 --> 00:03:58,829  
this week in Jeopardy history,

106  
00:04:03,855 --> 00:04:07,140  
Henry Rozicki narrowly in  
second place with 17,000.

107  
00:04:07,815 --> 00:04:09,135  
Did he come up with Willie Lowman?

108  
00:04:09,255 --> 00:04:10,035  
Death of the Salesman?

109  
00:04:10,035 --> 00:04:11,085  
He did.

110  
00:04:11,085 --> 00:04:12,405  
He even neatened his handwriting.

111  
00:04:12,405 --> 00:04:15,255  
So you're gonna add 17,000, all of it.

112

00:04:15,255 --> 00:04:16,035  
You double up as well.

113  
00:04:16,035 --> 00:04:17,355  
And you are at thirty-four thousand.

114  
00:04:17,360 --> 00:04:18,915  
Somebody's winning a lot of money today.

115  
00:04:19,275 --> 00:04:19,785  
Who will it be?

116  
00:04:19,785 --> 00:04:21,165  
It all comes down to Christine Welchel.

117  
00:04:21,345 --> 00:04:22,545  
Her response and her wager.

118  
00:04:22,545 --> 00:04:24,075  
She came up with Willie Lowman.

119  
00:04:24,435 --> 00:04:27,195  
All you had to do was wager 15,001.

120  
00:04:27,195 --> 00:04:28,245  
And you're a Jeopardy champion.

121  
00:04:28,250 --> 00:04:31,365  
You wagered 15,000.

122  
00:04:31,365 --> 00:04:34,215  
Even Christine and Henry,  
you are tied right now with

123  
00:04:34,215 --> 00:04:35,415  
thirty-four thousand dollars.

124  
00:04:35,925 --> 00:04:37,335  
And we're gonna play a tiebreaker clue.

125  
00:04:38,055 --> 00:04:39,195

Here's how this is gonna work.

126

00:04:39,375 --> 00:04:42,465

I'm gonna reveal a category and then read you a single clue.

127

00:04:42,825 --> 00:04:46,935

The first player to ring in with a correct response is our new Jeopardy champion.

128

00:04:46,995 --> 00:04:47,415

Simple.

129

00:04:48,165 --> 00:04:48,795

Alright, here we go.

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00:04:48,795 --> 00:04:50,565

Good luck to both of you, Henry and Christine.

131

00:04:50,745 --> 00:04:54,405

Your category for the tiebreaker will be flowers.

132

00:04:54,885 --> 00:04:58,215

And here's your clue after its inclusion.

133

00:04:58,215 --> 00:05:02,175

In a nineteen-fifteen poem, this red flower became a symbol of

134

00:05:02,175 --> 00:05:04,275

fallen World War I soldiers.

135

00:05:04,875 --> 00:05:06,104

Christine, what is Poppy?

136

00:05:06,435 --> 00:05:07,005

You are

137

00:05:07,005 --> 00:05:09,825

correct, Christine.

138  
00:05:09,825 --> 00:05:11,414  
You are our new Jeopardy champion.

139  
00:05:12,420 --> 00:05:15,090  
It was February twenty-third,  
2000 twenty-two.

140  
00:05:15,210 --> 00:05:18,420  
When Christine Welchel first  
took the stage up against Henry

141  
00:05:18,420 --> 00:05:20,760  
Rozicki and Patrick Burnett.

142  
00:05:21,060 --> 00:05:23,430  
This was a great game  
with Christine and Henry.

143  
00:05:23,430 --> 00:05:26,670  
Neck and neck, each with almost  
\$20,000 heading into final

144  
00:05:26,670 --> 00:05:27,960  
Jeopardy where they were.

145  
00:05:28,025 --> 00:05:33,844  
Both correct to finish in a tie, but  
after that, all-important tiebreaker clue.

146  
00:05:33,875 --> 00:05:38,914  
It was Christine who prevailed as champion  
and went on to win three other games.

147  
00:05:39,125 --> 00:05:43,835  
As you'll remember, it was Margaret  
Shelton, regular Virginia, who was

148  
00:05:43,840 --> 00:05:47,375  
the one who defeated Christine during  
what would've been her fifth game.

149

00:05:47,375 --> 00:05:48,635  
She was a four-game winner.

150  
00:05:49,015 --> 00:05:53,484  
Then Margaret Shelton went on to win three  
other games herself becoming a four-game

151  
00:05:53,484 --> 00:05:58,405  
champion, and then came Maureen O'Neill,  
who went on to be a four-game champion.

152  
00:05:58,405 --> 00:06:02,155  
This was such an exciting time  
to see three women dominating

153  
00:06:02,155 --> 00:06:04,104  
back-to-back on the Alex Trebek stage.

154  
00:06:04,405 --> 00:06:08,125  
Of course, they all returned to compete  
in the 2000 twenty-three Tournament

155  
00:06:08,125 --> 00:06:12,594  
of Champions and Maureen advanced to  
the semi-finals where she was defeated

156  
00:06:12,594 --> 00:06:16,465  
by none other than the Tournament  
of Champions winner that year.

157  
00:06:16,525 --> 00:06:17,155  
Amy Schneider.

158  
00:06:17,435 --> 00:06:18,095  
You know you have

159  
00:06:18,095 --> 00:06:18,965  
these streaks Yes.

160  
00:06:18,965 --> 00:06:22,265  
Where you kinda go back to back  
to back and it's just such a great

161  
00:06:22,685 --> 00:06:25,415  
moment in the energy of the show.

162  
00:06:25,895 --> 00:06:29,135  
And it had been a minute since  
we had streaks at that point.

163  
00:06:29,140 --> 00:06:32,315  
We had obviously had a lot early on  
in season thirty-nine, but this was

164  
00:06:32,315 --> 00:06:34,325  
kind of a little lull in the streak.

165  
00:06:34,330 --> 00:06:34,385  
Yeah.

166  
00:06:34,385 --> 00:06:35,885  
So it was really fun when that happened.

167  
00:06:35,885 --> 00:06:36,785  
Really came alive.

168  
00:06:37,094 --> 00:06:40,125  
Well, heading into the highlights,  
we kicked off the week with Shriram,

169  
00:06:40,125 --> 00:06:44,745  
Krishnan, Donna, Maturi, and Dan Wall,  
competing in our sixth quarterfinal.

170  
00:06:45,075 --> 00:06:48,015  
Donna and Shriram were neck and  
neck until Donna found the first

171  
00:06:48,015 --> 00:06:52,544  
daily double and double Jeopardy  
scoring \$5,000 to take a lead.

172  
00:06:52,755 --> 00:06:55,695  
She continued to build on her  
lead, but Shriram was able to stay

173

00:06:55,695 --> 00:06:59,625  
in contention heading into final,  
and then it was Shriram who came

174

00:06:59,625 --> 00:07:00,765  
up with the correct response.

175

00:07:00,920 --> 00:07:03,830  
For that come from behind  
win from second place.

176

00:07:04,190 --> 00:07:09,410  
In this show, we featured our national  
Geographic Genius series MLKX.

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00:07:09,410 --> 00:07:11,090  
We had Kelvin Harrison Jr.

178

00:07:11,090 --> 00:07:15,260  
who portrays Martin Luther King in the  
series present the category for us.

179

00:07:15,260 --> 00:07:16,310  
Great to work with him.

180

00:07:16,415 --> 00:07:21,365  
If you haven't checked it out yet,  
Genius MLKX is streaming on Disney Plus.

181

00:07:21,575 --> 00:07:21,905  
Well,

182

00:07:21,905 --> 00:07:23,855  
uh, this was a really well played game.

183

00:07:23,855 --> 00:07:24,305  
I think.

184

00:07:24,365 --> 00:07:26,255  
Uh, it's a tough break for Donna.

185

00:07:26,555 --> 00:07:31,115

We were all just chatting before about how I have a really hard time with final

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00:07:31,115 --> 00:07:33,125

Jeopardy, so I really feel for you.

187

00:07:33,125 --> 00:07:35,795

But come from behind Win is very exciting.

188

00:07:35,795 --> 00:07:36,995

So good tv.

189

00:07:37,175 --> 00:07:37,505

Yeah.

190

00:07:37,505 --> 00:07:40,175

And Sriram after the game in the post-game chat saying.

191

00:07:40,410 --> 00:07:44,670

It's amazing to walk back into one of your dreams again, it was a dream come

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00:07:44,670 --> 00:07:48,750

true the first time, and when you came over to take the photo, he was of course

193

00:07:48,750 --> 00:07:53,250

talking to Ken and said, it's good to see you again and that this is something

194

00:07:53,250 --> 00:07:55,500

I've done before is totally bananas.

195

00:07:55,530 --> 00:07:56,220

Ken responded.

196

00:07:56,510 --> 00:07:57,590

You're a regular now.

197



00:07:57,890 --> 00:07:59,750  
That's what happens with  
these new competitions.

198  
00:07:59,750 --> 00:08:01,730  
You know, we, we pull you back in.

199  
00:08:01,850 --> 00:08:02,060  
Yep.

200  
00:08:02,360 --> 00:08:05,120  
Well, moving on to Tuesday for  
our next quarterfinal featuring

201  
00:08:05,120 --> 00:08:09,770  
second-Chance Champion Long Nguyen  
Kat Jepson and Nicole Rudolph.

202  
00:08:10,040 --> 00:08:12,440  
This was an exciting matchup  
between long and Kat.

203  
00:08:12,440 --> 00:08:15,260  
Long started off strong  
immediately, finding the first

204  
00:08:15,260 --> 00:08:17,000  
daily double and then running the.

205  
00:08:17,180 --> 00:08:20,750  
Lending you a poker hand category,  
but it was Kat who finished

206  
00:08:20,750 --> 00:08:22,250  
the round right on his tail.

207  
00:08:22,250 --> 00:08:25,190  
They continued to battle it out  
on double jeopardy until long

208  
00:08:25,190 --> 00:08:26,840  
responded correctly to an 11.

209  
00:08:27,195 --> 00:08:29,534  
Thousand dollars True daily double.

210  
00:08:29,534 --> 00:08:30,765  
He doesn't even hesitate.

211  
00:08:30,765 --> 00:08:32,025  
He just goes all in.

212  
00:08:32,085 --> 00:08:33,944  
He takes a strong lead cat.

213  
00:08:33,944 --> 00:08:38,235  
Quickly found the final daily double  
taking back the lead, which was maintained

214  
00:08:38,235 --> 00:08:42,255  
by a cat heading into final, both long  
and cat with impressive scores, over

215  
00:08:42,345 --> 00:08:47,385  
\$25,000 at this point, but all three  
of them responded correct to final.

216  
00:08:47,385 --> 00:08:50,265  
And so with a big wager,  
it's cat who secures

217  
00:08:50,265 --> 00:08:50,655  
the win.

218  
00:08:51,074 --> 00:08:53,175  
First of all, hats off to long.

219  
00:08:53,420 --> 00:08:56,510  
And Kat and Nicole, but especially  
I wanna give it to Long and Kat for

220  
00:08:56,510 --> 00:08:59,540  
those big daily doubles that, you know,  
takes guts and that's how you, how you

221

00:08:59,540 --> 00:09:00,020  
win games.

222

00:09:00,140 --> 00:09:03,740  
And in final jeopardy, a bit of a funny  
coincidence, the category Southern

223

00:09:03,740 --> 00:09:09,470  
politicians, an article written after  
his 19 thirty-five death asked will some

224

00:09:09,470 --> 00:09:14,330  
Crown Prince arise to take his place,  
the correct response, who is Huey long?

225

00:09:15,105 --> 00:09:16,215  
Long responded.

226

00:09:16,455 --> 00:09:17,235  
Who is long?

227

00:09:17,295 --> 00:09:18,075  
Not me.

228

00:09:18,075 --> 00:09:21,015  
And Ken joked, you got to  
write your own name for finals.

229

00:09:21,285 --> 00:09:21,345  
Yeah.

230

00:09:21,345 --> 00:09:24,825  
So kind of a fun thing when that,  
that type of coincidence happens.

231

00:09:24,855 --> 00:09:25,455  
Very fun.

232

00:09:25,460 --> 00:09:28,665  
Did you ever get to write who  
is Buzzy or Austin or Cohen?

233  
00:09:28,785 --> 00:09:29,205  
Never.

234  
00:09:29,205 --> 00:09:29,535  
No.

235  
00:09:30,075 --> 00:09:30,405  
Alright.

236  
00:09:30,405 --> 00:09:34,755  
Well, and if, if it had been an  
option knowing my uh, rate of get for

237  
00:09:34,755 --> 00:09:35,895  
Final Jeopardy, I probably would've.

238  
00:09:36,285 --> 00:09:38,960  
Written something else, even if  
given a chance, missed my own name.

239  
00:09:38,980 --> 00:09:39,560  
To do your own name.

240  
00:09:39,560 --> 00:09:42,945  
Well, it's sort of like, it's sort of  
like in Goat, how James missed Iago,

241  
00:09:42,945 --> 00:09:45,135  
which is a version of the name James.

242  
00:09:45,165 --> 00:09:45,585  
Yes.

243  
00:09:45,780 --> 00:09:46,120  
It happens.

244  
00:09:46,120 --> 00:09:46,480  
Painful.

245  
00:09:46,780 --> 00:09:47,160  
It happens.

246

00:09:47,715 --> 00:09:50,983  
Heading into Wednesday's  
matchup between Vince Bacchini,

247

00:09:50,983 --> 00:09:53,235  
Ilhana Redzovic and Elliot Kim.

248

00:09:53,625 --> 00:09:56,895  
It was a close Jeopardy round between  
all three players, but Vince was

249

00:09:56,895 --> 00:09:59,985  
able to get out to a strong lead  
early in double jeopardy after

250

00:09:59,985 --> 00:10:02,205  
responding to a \$5,000 daily double.

251

00:10:02,480 --> 00:10:06,110  
He maintained that lead heading  
into final, but Ilhano was able to

252

00:10:06,110 --> 00:10:08,150  
make her way back into contention.

253

00:10:08,420 --> 00:10:12,200  
Vince though the only player to be  
correct in final and he advances to

254

00:10:12,200 --> 00:10:14,570  
the semifinals in the post-game chat.

255

00:10:14,600 --> 00:10:17,390  
Vince just said, this  
tournament is such a godsend.

256

00:10:17,400 --> 00:10:19,140  
I am playing with host money.

257

00:10:19,230 --> 00:10:19,500  
Yes.

258

00:10:19,500 --> 00:10:19,860

I like the

259

00:10:19,860 --> 00:10:21,660

idea of host money instead of house money.

260

00:10:21,720 --> 00:10:22,020

I like

261

00:10:22,020 --> 00:10:22,350

it too.

262

00:10:22,355 --> 00:10:22,485

Yeah.

263

00:10:22,490 --> 00:10:22,709

Yeah.

264

00:10:22,709 --> 00:10:23,280

Thanks Ken.

265

00:10:23,579 --> 00:10:27,270

Moving on to Thursday for our last  
Quarterfinal game of Champions

266

00:10:27,275 --> 00:10:29,130

Wildcard for the entire season.

267

00:10:29,130 --> 00:10:30,300

Yes, you heard it here first.

268

00:10:31,199 --> 00:10:35,400

Deandra DeLessio, James  
Tyler and David Betterman.

269

00:10:35,670 --> 00:10:36,720

This was a great game.

270

00:10:36,720 --> 00:10:39,209

Deandra found and responded correctly to.

271

00:10:39,230 --> 00:10:42,410

All three daily doubles  
adding \$9,000 to her score.

272

00:10:42,440 --> 00:10:45,140

But despite the high score she  
built, James managed to work his

273

00:10:45,140 --> 00:10:46,790

way into contention before final.

274

00:10:47,060 --> 00:10:49,340

It was a triple stumper in that round.

275

00:10:49,340 --> 00:10:51,980

Both James and David wagering everything.

276

00:10:52,250 --> 00:10:57,110

And so DeAndre with that minimal wager  
secures a spot in the semi-finals.

277

00:10:57,530 --> 00:11:00,050

You know, I know there are people  
out there who are like buzzy.

278

00:11:00,050 --> 00:11:03,200

Why are you so into big daily doubles?

279

00:11:03,200 --> 00:11:03,860

And I think.

280

00:11:03,885 --> 00:11:06,314

This game kind of proves the point.

281

00:11:06,314 --> 00:11:08,595

You usually have more  
information, you have more time.

282

00:11:08,595 --> 00:11:11,085

Let's say you get it wrong, final.

283

00:11:11,085 --> 00:11:12,375  
It's like it's final.

284

00:11:12,375 --> 00:11:15,735  
So if you're in Deandra's position  
and it's a tough final, that's

285

00:11:15,740 --> 00:11:16,425  
where you want to be.

286

00:11:16,575 --> 00:11:17,805  
Yeah, it paid off for her.

287

00:11:17,805 --> 00:11:19,035  
She's headed to the semis.

288

00:11:19,545 --> 00:11:23,025  
Ken said to her in the post-game chat,  
you are our last quarterfinal winner.

289

00:11:23,415 --> 00:11:25,725  
You know, the rest of the semi-field.

290

00:11:25,755 --> 00:11:27,855  
How do you think you stack up Deandra?

291

00:11:28,635 --> 00:11:29,805  
And of course she said.

292

00:11:30,165 --> 00:11:31,065  
Bring it.

293

00:11:31,155 --> 00:11:32,415  
Little Sam Butcher right there.

294

00:11:32,535 --> 00:11:32,625  
Yep.

295

00:11:32,775 --> 00:11:34,545  
Perfectly executed well.



296

00:11:34,545 --> 00:11:38,445

We closed out the week with our first  
semifinal matchup between Mira Hayward,

297

00:11:38,475 --> 00:11:41,205

Vince Bacchani, and Sriram Krishnan.

298

00:11:41,505 --> 00:11:45,015

All three players started off  
strong, but it was Mira who had the

299

00:11:45,015 --> 00:11:46,425

lead heading into double jeopardy.

300

00:11:46,635 --> 00:11:50,775

She continued to build on that lead  
with the help of a \$4,000 daily double.

301

00:11:51,310 --> 00:11:55,300

Vince had the chance to close  
the gap with an all-in \$5,000

302

00:11:55,300 --> 00:11:56,920

daily double, but was incorrect.

303

00:11:57,220 --> 00:12:02,380

Shriram then tried his best to work  
back into contention, and he had the

304

00:12:02,380 --> 00:12:07,090

chance on the last clue of the round,  
but it was Vince who rang in on that

305

00:12:07,095 --> 00:12:13,870

final clue, allowing Mira to secure a  
runaway and the first spot in the finals.

306

00:12:13,870 --> 00:12:16,000

A lot of commentary about this game.

307

00:12:16,000 --> 00:12:18,310

I want you to take a listen to

what Ken and the contestants

308

00:12:18,310 --> 00:12:19,720  
discussed right after it ended.

309

00:12:21,780 --> 00:12:23,250  
How are you feeling  
about your performance?

310

00:12:23,640 --> 00:12:25,470  
Incredibly lucky and very grateful.

311

00:12:25,860 --> 00:12:26,250  
Sriram,

312

00:12:26,250 --> 00:12:27,390  
you all played well.

313

00:12:27,390 --> 00:12:29,850  
You were within a, within a nose.

314

00:12:29,850 --> 00:12:32,040  
Well, she was, she was doing so well.

315

00:12:32,040 --> 00:12:34,860  
When I got to the Antarctic,  
Explorers, I knew I had to flip a coin.

316

00:12:34,949 --> 00:12:35,220  
Mm-Hmm.

317

00:12:35,610 --> 00:12:36,540  
And I picked the wrong one.

318

00:12:36,540 --> 00:12:39,600  
Then at that point I was like, oh boy,  
this is gotta, this is gonna be tough.

319

00:12:39,600 --> 00:12:42,240  
And I obviously, my heart sunk  
with those darn Argonauts.

320

00:12:42,240 --> 00:12:45,360  
But, you know, sorry, being in  
that position, but you know,

321

00:12:45,360 --> 00:12:46,770  
it was such thin margins.

322

00:12:46,785 --> 00:12:49,905  
First of all, it's hard to have  
that kind of game awareness.

323

00:12:49,905 --> 00:12:49,995  
Yeah.

324

00:12:50,055 --> 00:12:51,584  
You know, between second  
and third at that moment.

325

00:12:51,584 --> 00:12:55,269  
But also he had just stolen  
Montreal from you, Vince.

326

00:12:57,435 --> 00:12:58,365  
We have to honor the game.

327

00:12:58,400 --> 00:13:00,464  
We're we're, you know,  
we're all here to win.

328

00:13:00,645 --> 00:13:03,255  
We're all here to compete, but  
we're here to honor, honor the game.

329

00:13:03,255 --> 00:13:06,525  
And I, I'm sorry, but I actually thought  
you guys were beating the all game long.

330

00:13:06,555 --> 00:13:08,235  
This question will be the same thing.

331

00:13:10,094 --> 00:13:10,905  
Congratulations,

332

00:13:10,905 --> 00:13:11,535

Mira, and best.

333

00:13:14,505 --> 00:13:19,065

And I have to say, even Vince himself reached out to us to say, is that

334

00:13:19,065 --> 00:13:21,525

Postgame chat going to end up anywhere?

335

00:13:21,530 --> 00:13:25,755

I really don't want anyone to think in any way that I consciously was trying

336

00:13:25,755 --> 00:13:27,495

to take that moment away from Sriram.

337

00:13:27,495 --> 00:13:32,115

He just didn't realize in that moment, and I think you can speak to that Buzzy.

338

00:13:32,120 --> 00:13:32,145

Yeah.

339

00:13:32,205 --> 00:13:33,345

When you're up there, there's a lot going

340

00:13:33,345 --> 00:13:33,525

on.

341

00:13:33,735 --> 00:13:33,945

Yeah.

342

00:13:33,945 --> 00:13:37,455

I don't really remember looking up at those scores except.

343

00:13:37,650 --> 00:13:40,710

You know, at a daily double or at final Jeopardy, you're just in it.

344  
00:13:40,710 --> 00:13:44,670  
You're trying your best to, you know,  
you're in a flow state if you're lucky.

345  
00:13:44,670 --> 00:13:47,760  
And so I, I totally get what Vince  
is saying, and this is what makes

346  
00:13:47,820 --> 00:13:51,120  
Jeopardy with three contestants as  
opposed to a lot of games that have two.

347  
00:13:51,390 --> 00:13:51,960  
Very

348  
00:13:51,960 --> 00:13:54,990  
interesting, well, that is it  
for this week's game, Highlights.

349  
00:13:54,990 --> 00:13:56,490  
Now it's time for our host chat.

350  
00:13:56,820 --> 00:14:00,630  
An audience member asked Ken, what are  
your thoughts on the player strategy

351  
00:14:00,630 --> 00:14:04,980  
of searching for daily Doubles versus  
going top to bottom on the board?

352  
00:14:05,745 --> 00:14:06,645  
I mean, we love seeing

353  
00:14:06,645 --> 00:14:09,105  
different strategies, different  
approaches to the game.

354  
00:14:09,105 --> 00:14:12,855  
I was always a top down guy when I  
was on the show, but that was 2004,

355  
00:14:12,885 --> 00:14:14,415

like almost everybody did that.

356

00:14:14,835 --> 00:14:17,625

Um, I've talked to Brad Rudder about this 'cause he is also a top-down guy.

357

00:14:17,625 --> 00:14:21,915

But once you're playing against someone who's not, you kind of have to retaliate.

358

00:14:21,945 --> 00:14:24,015

You know, once the cat's outta the bag, everybody has to

359

00:14:24,015 --> 00:14:25,005

hunt for the daily doubles.

360

00:14:25,005 --> 00:14:26,205

'cause it, it really is a winning

361

00:14:26,205 --> 00:14:26,925

strategy I think.

362

00:14:27,855 --> 00:14:28,515

What are your thoughts?

363

00:14:28,515 --> 00:14:28,845

Buzzy?

364

00:14:29,625 --> 00:14:31,785

I'm not a top-to-bottom player.

365

00:14:31,814 --> 00:14:35,475

Here's the thing, like you want to stay in control of the board and

366

00:14:35,775 --> 00:14:37,665

the top clues are gonna be toss-ups.

367

00:14:37,665 --> 00:14:42,255

So you really are relying on your buzzer timing, which fluctuates,

368

00:14:42,255 --> 00:14:44,505  
even if you're in the zone, someone  
else can get in there and all of

369

00:14:44,505 --> 00:14:45,824  
a sudden you've given up control.

370

00:14:45,824 --> 00:14:49,064  
Playing this game is all about keeping  
control and the bottom of the board is

371

00:14:49,064 --> 00:14:50,204  
where you have a better chance of doing

372

00:14:50,204 --> 00:14:50,385  
that.

373

00:14:50,715 --> 00:14:54,944  
Yes, I think I look at it more from  
the content on the game board, and

374

00:14:54,944 --> 00:14:59,265  
oftentimes the way the writers design  
the categories, and even a lot of our

375

00:14:59,265 --> 00:15:03,765  
video categories, you're really gonna  
do better with those categories if you

376

00:15:03,765 --> 00:15:06,555  
kind of start at the top and figure  
out what it is we're looking for.

377

00:15:06,885 --> 00:15:07,845  
I remember having.

378

00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:12,020  
C clue crew categories that I was so  
excited about for them to play them.

379

00:15:12,350 --> 00:15:14,630

And they would start at the bottom  
and they wouldn't really get it.

380  
00:15:14,630 --> 00:15:17,300  
And then it would kind of, you  
know, crash and burn a little bit.

381  
00:15:17,300 --> 00:15:17,390  
Mm-Hmm.

382  
00:15:17,395 --> 00:15:20,000  
And I was like, oh, if only  
they had started at the top.

383  
00:15:20,000 --> 00:15:22,160  
But I get from a gameplay  
perspective, yes.

384  
00:15:22,220 --> 00:15:23,270  
You gotta be at the bottom.

385  
00:15:24,080 --> 00:15:24,560  
Well, buzzy.

386  
00:15:24,565 --> 00:15:25,970  
Let's shift gears a little bit.

387  
00:15:26,060 --> 00:15:27,860  
Let's, let's, let's take ourselves back.

388  
00:15:27,860 --> 00:15:29,060  
We're all dolled up.

389  
00:15:29,295 --> 00:15:29,865  
It's Jeopardy.

390  
00:15:29,865 --> 00:15:30,465  
Honours.

391  
00:15:30,795 --> 00:15:31,365  
Yes.



392

00:15:31,545 --> 00:15:34,185

Well, it was a rainy, a rainy evening for Jeopardy.

393

00:15:34,185 --> 00:15:34,515

Honours.

394

00:15:34,515 --> 00:15:37,995

So those of you who do tune into the YouTube, which you must do.

395

00:15:38,055 --> 00:15:38,265

Yes.

396

00:15:38,295 --> 00:15:40,905

Uh, we'll notice that our blue carpet looks an awful lot

397

00:15:40,910 --> 00:15:42,225

like the Alex Trebek stage.

398

00:15:42,315 --> 00:15:42,765

That's true.

399

00:15:42,765 --> 00:15:47,115

Last year we had our step and repeat where we would do photographs of the contestants

400

00:15:47,115 --> 00:15:48,090

and then they would come and talk.

401

00:15:48,355 --> 00:15:51,745

To you and me Buzzy on the Jeopardy blue carpet, and we

402

00:15:51,745 --> 00:15:53,035

still had our step and repeat.

403

00:15:53,035 --> 00:15:56,215

It was in our, our breezeway area between the Jeopardy stage

404  
00:15:56,215 --> 00:15:57,355  
and the wheel of Fortune stage.

405  
00:15:57,475 --> 00:15:59,335  
And we were gonna do the  
interviews there as well.

406  
00:15:59,335 --> 00:15:59,395  
Yeah.

407  
00:15:59,400 --> 00:16:02,275  
And when we went out to  
check it, it sounded like.

408  
00:16:02,835 --> 00:16:05,025  
Well, the audio, all you  
would've heard, you wouldn't

409  
00:16:05,025 --> 00:16:06,015  
hear Buzzy, you wouldn't hear me.

410  
00:16:06,015 --> 00:16:06,825  
You wouldn't hear the contestants.

411  
00:16:06,825 --> 00:16:08,835  
All you would hear was the downpour Yeah.

412  
00:16:08,925 --> 00:16:09,495  
Of rain.

413  
00:16:09,495 --> 00:16:10,425  
And it was very loud.

414  
00:16:10,430 --> 00:16:14,145  
So we made a quick shift and yes,  
we did in fact do the interviews

415  
00:16:14,175 --> 00:16:15,525  
on the Alex Trebek stage.

416  
00:16:15,525 --> 00:16:18,615

We hosted the honors event on the wheel of Fortune stage.

417

00:16:18,620 --> 00:16:20,985  
But when you tune in and watch it, you're not going to know

418

00:16:20,985 --> 00:16:21,855  
you're on the wheel of Fortune.

419

00:16:22,185 --> 00:16:22,245  
Yeah.

420

00:16:22,275 --> 00:16:24,405  
It's a little Easter egg for you when you tune in to see it.

421

00:16:24,675 --> 00:16:26,295  
We had some great interviews.

422

00:16:26,325 --> 00:16:26,415  
Mm-Hmm.

423

00:16:26,895 --> 00:16:28,125  
I have to say.

424

00:16:28,439 --> 00:16:30,689  
My favorite really?

425

00:16:30,689 --> 00:16:33,089  
Did they bring it in terms of the blue carpet?

426

00:16:33,240 --> 00:16:34,439  
Was Kevin Bell?

427

00:16:34,469 --> 00:16:37,680  
Yes, but Kevin came as Whiskey.

428

00:16:37,680 --> 00:16:38,550  
Ginger.

429

00:16:38,760 --> 00:16:43,439  
I gotta say, I said this in the  
interview, if I had shown up and

430

00:16:43,439 --> 00:16:45,854  
the day before somebody was in drag.

431

00:16:46,604 --> 00:16:49,545  
I would've been so intimidated  
and I probably would've just

432

00:16:49,545 --> 00:16:49,995  
given up.

433

00:16:50,354 --> 00:16:50,775  
Yes.

434

00:16:50,775 --> 00:16:54,915  
And it was great when Kevin first reached  
out and said, Hey, I'd love to come to the

435

00:16:54,915 --> 00:16:57,045  
honors event, you know, as Whiskey Ginger.

436

00:16:57,045 --> 00:16:58,515  
And we said, we are all for it.

437

00:16:58,905 --> 00:17:00,194  
But Kevin said, okay.

438

00:17:00,194 --> 00:17:02,745  
Is there any chance I could be in  
the earlier rehearsal group, because

439

00:17:02,745 --> 00:17:06,675  
it's gonna take me a bit more  
time to get ready for this event?

440

00:17:06,944 --> 00:17:10,845  
We talked to so many people  
that were a part of TOC, so

441  
00:17:10,845 --> 00:17:11,984  
you'll definitely wanna tune in.

442  
00:17:11,984 --> 00:17:12,044  
Yeah.

443  
00:17:12,075 --> 00:17:12,794  
On YouTube.

444  
00:17:12,825 --> 00:17:15,764  
And then of course that will  
lead right into the actual.

445  
00:17:15,959 --> 00:17:17,819  
Awards ceremony for honors.

446  
00:17:18,300 --> 00:17:21,329  
We're gonna reveal to you right  
now who wins these awards.

447  
00:17:21,359 --> 00:17:25,278  
So if you don't wanna know and you  
wanna wait until Thursday, fast-forward.

448  
00:17:25,278 --> 00:17:28,649  
Fast-forward, because we're  
gonna tell you best celebration.

449  
00:17:28,770 --> 00:17:32,429  
Yeah, this is an award that we  
gave out last year to Ron Talzma.

450  
00:17:32,490 --> 00:17:36,779  
And you know, Ron was so excited in that  
moment when he defeated Amy Schneider.

451  
00:17:36,925 --> 00:17:40,495  
But there was no one as excited  
as Brian Henniger as he was

452  
00:17:40,495 --> 00:17:41,935  
going on and winning games.

453

00:17:41,935 --> 00:17:44,725  
And I think even in the moment when  
it was revealed that he was the

454

00:17:44,725 --> 00:17:48,534  
winner of this award, as you'll  
see, he was celebrating just as big.

455

00:17:48,534 --> 00:17:49,465  
It's his natural reaction.

456

00:17:49,470 --> 00:17:49,850  
I love it.

457

00:17:50,090 --> 00:17:50,409  
I love it.

458

00:17:50,544 --> 00:17:51,504  
Love a good celebration.

459

00:17:51,955 --> 00:17:52,855  
Next award.

460

00:17:52,885 --> 00:17:54,294  
Best interview.

461

00:17:54,385 --> 00:17:57,145  
And this was a hands down, we all agreed.

462

00:17:57,175 --> 00:17:58,195  
Martha Bath.

463

00:17:58,495 --> 00:17:59,575  
We called it the interview.

464

00:17:59,575 --> 00:18:00,925  
50 years in the making.

465

00:18:00,925 --> 00:18:01,014  
Mm-Hmm.

466

00:18:01,014 --> 00:18:04,195  
Just hearing about Martha's original  
appearance with Art Fleming, and

467

00:18:04,195 --> 00:18:05,725  
then coming back and playing.

468

00:18:06,225 --> 00:18:10,635  
All these years later, Martha wasn't  
in attendance for the award because she

469

00:18:10,635 --> 00:18:14,024  
was in Egypt and Jordan on a great trip.

470

00:18:14,235 --> 00:18:18,225  
She told me before the TOC, Sarah, I am  
actually glad I didn't win Champions Wild

471

00:18:18,225 --> 00:18:20,205  
Card because I have a great trip planned.

472

00:18:20,625 --> 00:18:23,985  
And she talked about she knew it was a  
trip that Alex and I had taken to Jordan.

473

00:18:23,990 --> 00:18:24,074  
Yeah.

474

00:18:24,074 --> 00:18:25,935  
And she was really excited for that trip.

475

00:18:25,935 --> 00:18:29,774  
But we have sent her the award so  
she knows now that she is a winner.

476

00:18:30,705 --> 00:18:34,034  
Our first two-time winner  
of the night, Young Shin.

477

00:18:34,034 --> 00:18:37,395  
Wong won for best signature, right?

478

00:18:37,425 --> 00:18:39,915  
Not only did he write his name  
in English, but he also wrote

479

00:18:39,915 --> 00:18:45,135  
it beautifully in Chinese, and  
last year he won for his style.

480

00:18:45,135 --> 00:18:45,195  
Yeah.

481

00:18:45,195 --> 00:18:45,495  
Best so.

482

00:18:46,300 --> 00:18:48,220  
He's a two-time winner and, and crossing

483

00:18:48,220 --> 00:18:50,320  
categories, which I love,  
you know, quite amazing.

484

00:18:50,500 --> 00:18:51,100  
It's like a writer

485

00:18:51,100 --> 00:18:52,270  
director situation.

486

00:18:52,270 --> 00:18:52,510  
Yeah.

487

00:18:52,510 --> 00:18:55,270  
And spoiler alert, he doesn't come  
out holding a beer in one hand

488

00:18:55,419 --> 00:18:58,690  
and a trophy in the other this  
year, which we also love to see.

489

00:18:59,080 --> 00:18:59,139  
Yeah.



490

00:18:59,139 --> 00:19:02,500  
For the style award this year, we  
actually expanded it last year.

491

00:19:02,504 --> 00:19:04,720  
We called it, you know, the Fashion award.

492

00:19:04,750 --> 00:19:05,200  
Mm-Hmm.

493

00:19:05,230 --> 00:19:07,870  
But we thought it's  
really just a whole style.

494

00:19:07,875 --> 00:19:08,345  
It's a vibe.

495

00:19:08,495 --> 00:19:10,120  
It's a vibe that people are bringing.

496

00:19:10,120 --> 00:19:12,730  
And so we wanted to kind  
of widen that a bit.

497

00:19:12,730 --> 00:19:15,970  
And that award went to Robert  
Kane, who handcrafted right.

498

00:19:16,200 --> 00:19:22,379  
Not one but two Lego ties, and he  
came with a third, a third two honors.

499

00:19:22,560 --> 00:19:24,570  
Even a Lego Pocket square.

500

00:19:24,570 --> 00:19:25,740  
You're not gonna wanna miss

501

00:19:25,950 --> 00:19:26,430  
seeing that.

502

00:19:26,460 --> 00:19:27,899  
Yeah, I would wear the pocket square.

503  
00:19:27,905 --> 00:19:29,730  
I don't know about, I don't know  
if you'd catch me in a Lego tie,

504  
00:19:29,730 --> 00:19:30,960  
but you might catch me in a Lego

505  
00:19:30,960 --> 00:19:31,500  
Pocket square.

506  
00:19:31,530 --> 00:19:34,590  
Well, one of our new awards  
this year was Best Comeback,

507  
00:19:34,649 --> 00:19:36,750  
and this went to Andy Terrell.

508  
00:19:36,780 --> 00:19:38,610  
We had him on the pod last week.

509  
00:19:38,610 --> 00:19:39,540  
We love him.

510  
00:19:39,870 --> 00:19:42,330  
But remember, he's the one  
who defeated Chris Panullo

511  
00:19:42,360 --> 00:19:44,040  
in that come from Behind win.

512  
00:19:44,430 --> 00:19:45,270  
You have to know.

513  
00:19:45,795 --> 00:19:48,615  
He went from being in the red Yes.

514  
00:19:48,615 --> 00:19:52,035  
To being just \$700 behind Chris  
heading into final jeopardy.

515

00:19:52,035 --> 00:19:55,275

So if, if that's not a comeback story, I don't know what is.

516

00:19:55,275 --> 00:20:00,315

And he took away that award, another new award this year, the perfect game award.

517

00:20:00,375 --> 00:20:00,465

Mm-Hmm.

518

00:20:00,645 --> 00:20:03,915

We can't give this out every year because it's not often that we

519

00:20:03,945 --> 00:20:07,305

have a perfect game where our three contestants respond correctly to

520

00:20:07,335 --> 00:20:09,855

all 60 clues and final jeopardy.

521

00:20:10,245 --> 00:20:11,655

That game went to one.

522

00:20:11,970 --> 00:20:17,340

Competed in by Yogesh Raut Kyle Daley and Christina Mosley Yogesh

523

00:20:17,340 --> 00:20:18,720

Raut in attendance for the TOC.

524

00:20:19,110 --> 00:20:22,770

So he was there to accept his award and he wanted to make sure

525

00:20:22,770 --> 00:20:23,910

we were sending the other two.

526

00:20:24,210 --> 00:20:25,500

He's like, this is not my award.

527

00:20:25,500 --> 00:20:26,730  
I won this with two other people.

528

00:20:26,735 --> 00:20:30,030  
So yes, Yogesh, we are sending  
it out to your fellow award

529

00:20:30,035 --> 00:20:31,230  
winners for Perfect game.

530

00:20:31,545 --> 00:20:34,305  
Another new award this year,  
Breakthrough performance, and if

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00:20:34,310 --> 00:20:40,095  
anyone had a breakthrough season,  
it was Javeria Zakir coming back for

532

00:20:40,095 --> 00:20:43,575  
that second chance, making her way  
all the way through that competition.

533

00:20:43,605 --> 00:20:46,455  
Then coming back for Champions,  
Wildcard coming up as the winner

534

00:20:46,460 --> 00:20:48,285  
and that, and heading into the TOC.

535

00:20:48,795 --> 00:20:52,800  
So that was a new award that we felt  
went to a very deserving candidate.

536

00:20:53,219 --> 00:20:56,790  
We had our most valuable player that  
went to Amy Schneider last year.

537

00:20:56,790 --> 00:20:57,479  
This year.

538

00:20:57,570 --> 00:21:01,979

Hands down Chris Panullo Twenty-one  
wins 17 of which were runaways

539

00:21:02,340 --> 00:21:04,649  
over Seven-hundred-thousand  
dollars in winnings.

540

00:21:04,949 --> 00:21:07,110  
You know, he holds the sixth  
spot on the leaderboard of

541

00:21:07,110 --> 00:21:08,669  
Legends for consecutive games.

542

00:21:08,675 --> 00:21:09,060  
One.

543

00:21:09,060 --> 00:21:13,064  
He holds the number five spot for highest  
winnings during regular season play.

544

00:21:13,649 --> 00:21:18,600  
And finally, the Alex Trebek person of  
the year this year went to Amy Schneider.

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00:21:18,600 --> 00:21:21,179  
So she is also now a two-time winner.

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00:21:21,510 --> 00:21:25,409  
And again, this award really does  
acknowledge someone who is doing

547

00:21:25,415 --> 00:21:28,469  
something outside of the Jeopardy  
community in their community.

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00:21:28,469 --> 00:21:29,399  
Something Alex Trebek.

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00:21:29,530 --> 00:21:32,530  
Felt so strongly about Jean  
Trebek was there Mm-hmm.

550  
00:21:32,530 --> 00:21:33,910  
To present the award.

551  
00:21:34,240 --> 00:21:38,290  
And Amy was recognized for the  
contributions she has made in the trans

552  
00:21:38,290 --> 00:21:42,550  
community from the awareness that her  
long run did just bring overall and

553  
00:21:42,550 --> 00:21:46,149  
then other things that she has gone out  
and done to advocate such a special and

554  
00:21:46,480 --> 00:21:47,615  
well-earned award.

555  
00:21:48,024 --> 00:21:53,725  
Well, last but not least, we also inducted  
another member to our Hall of Fame.

556  
00:21:53,785 --> 00:21:58,285  
As a reminder, last year we inducted  
Mervyn, Julanne Griffin, Harry Friedman,

557  
00:21:58,285 --> 00:22:04,045  
Johnny Gilbert, and Alex Trebek, and this  
year we decided to add just one name.

558  
00:22:04,075 --> 00:22:07,645  
To the list we thought in this year  
of the writer and being so happy

559  
00:22:07,645 --> 00:22:09,235  
to have our writers back with us.

560  
00:22:09,235 --> 00:22:13,525  
Following the strike, we thought it was  
time to honor one of the Jeopardy legends,

561  
00:22:13,585 --> 00:22:19,345

and that is Jeopardy writer Stephen Dorfman, Michelle Loud and Billy Weiss.

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00:22:19,345 --> 00:22:22,405

Our co-head writers were there to present the award.

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00:22:22,435 --> 00:22:24,955

Stephen's family was there to accept it.

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00:22:24,955 --> 00:22:28,855

Of course, we did lose Stephen in 2004, but his mark on the

565

00:22:28,855 --> 00:22:31,345

show is indelible and actually.

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00:22:31,555 --> 00:22:36,205

We wanna welcome to the pod someone who worked hand in hand with Stephen and

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00:22:36,205 --> 00:22:38,185

has so many wonderful stories to share.

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00:22:38,335 --> 00:22:40,915

Suzanne Stone, thank you for joining us.

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00:22:40,915 --> 00:22:44,545

Obviously, you were with the show for so many years and you really did have

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00:22:44,550 --> 00:22:48,985

a chance to to know and love and work alongside the great Stephen Dorfman.

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00:22:49,465 --> 00:22:50,305

That is true.

572

00:22:50,305 --> 00:22:52,014

I knew him from the very first day.

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00:22:52,014 --> 00:22:54,415

He started work back in June of 84.

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00:22:55,170 --> 00:22:59,730

And we worked together until,  
uh, his passing in early 2004.

575

00:22:59,730 --> 00:23:04,290

So almost 20 years, and I can't believe  
it's been 20 years since he passed.

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00:23:04,290 --> 00:23:05,610

But he hovers over us.

577

00:23:05,610 --> 00:23:10,350

You know, we consider him, uh, those  
who are still working and not retired

578

00:23:10,355 --> 00:23:15,330

like me, uh, that he's a guardian angel  
because he really set the standard for

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00:23:15,330 --> 00:23:18,570

how to craft the clues and the games.

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00:23:19,380 --> 00:23:24,360

And, uh, what standards we have  
for, uh, accuracy and research and

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00:23:24,360 --> 00:23:25,950

where the creativity comes from.

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00:23:26,460 --> 00:23:27,930

For Stephen, it was everywhere.

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00:23:28,020 --> 00:23:33,720

He went everywhere and discovered things  
that, uh, became Jeopardy clues, just

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00:23:33,720 --> 00:23:35,790

because he was always a curious person.

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00:23:35,850 --> 00:23:39,390



He dedicated himself to his dream  
job, and he did have his dream job.

586

00:23:39,390 --> 00:23:40,530  
He was very happy in it.

587

00:23:40,860 --> 00:23:43,620  
And Michelle and Billy always  
talk about the fact that there

588

00:23:43,620 --> 00:23:45,360  
were Stephen Dorfman clues.

589

00:23:45,690 --> 00:23:47,400  
Years after his passing.

590

00:23:47,405 --> 00:23:47,640  
Yes.

591

00:23:47,670 --> 00:23:51,930  
'cause that's, you know, how much he  
wrote and how often he was contributing.

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00:23:52,470 --> 00:23:53,100  
That's right.

593

00:23:53,130 --> 00:23:58,200  
Uh, the database part of it is like, who  
wrote the clue, who researched the clue?

594

00:23:58,470 --> 00:24:01,515  
And what dates the writing  
and researching were done?

595

00:24:02,235 --> 00:24:02,355  
I.

596

00:24:02,420 --> 00:24:07,155  
Yeah, and that is the amazing thing  
is that you can go in and find things

597

00:24:07,155 --> 00:24:13,815

from 1998 or 2003, and there is  
Stephen Dorfman's initials on it.

598

00:24:14,025 --> 00:24:15,495  
He contributes to this day.

599

00:24:15,500 --> 00:24:18,285  
I'm sure, as you said,  
Billy and Michelle attest

600

00:24:18,285 --> 00:24:18,645  
to that.

601

00:24:19,034 --> 00:24:21,645  
Do you have a favorite  
Stephen Dorfman story?

602

00:24:21,735 --> 00:24:22,485  
Yes.

603

00:24:22,485 --> 00:24:25,065  
Early on, uh, this is 19 eighty-four.

604

00:24:25,185 --> 00:24:28,544  
Before the internet, we actually  
did things before the internet.

605

00:24:29,024 --> 00:24:32,805  
He had called Disneyland to  
talk to one of the souvenir

606

00:24:32,805 --> 00:24:34,544  
shops, I believe on Main Street.

607

00:24:35,290 --> 00:24:38,830  
He wanted to get a particular  
gift for somebody and he was

608

00:24:38,830 --> 00:24:43,360  
talking to the clerk and the clerk  
mistook him for an exterminator.

609

00:24:43,360 --> 00:24:47,860  
They had hired an exterminator  
to, uh, to deal with a problem in

610  
00:24:47,860 --> 00:24:51,790  
the store in Disneyland, and it  
had to do with a mice infestation.

611  
00:24:52,450 --> 00:24:55,060  
I wish I could have said I  
made this up, but I didn't.

612  
00:24:55,540 --> 00:25:00,100  
He was on the phone and he shared with us  
what was happening, and he thought it was

613  
00:25:00,100 --> 00:25:02,470  
a wonderful idea that we do a clue about.

614  
00:25:02,865 --> 00:25:06,345  
Disneyland having a mice  
infestation, given that Disneyland

615  
00:25:06,345 --> 00:25:08,955  
obviously was built on a mouse.

616  
00:25:09,555 --> 00:25:13,935  
And, uh, so he thought it would be great  
to do a whole category called vermin.

617  
00:25:14,595 --> 00:25:18,555  
And he did build a category around,  
uh, you know, general information

618  
00:25:18,560 --> 00:25:21,345  
about, uh, pests in the world.

619  
00:25:21,735 --> 00:25:25,395  
And we were able to confirm that's  
exactly what happened, that there was

620  
00:25:25,395 --> 00:25:29,535  
a mice infestation at Disneyland and

the old fashioned way by telephone.

621

00:25:30,540 --> 00:25:33,179

It was just that he, it was these  
found objects you might say.

622

00:25:34,140 --> 00:25:37,770

Things that he just discovered,  
uh, you know, by happenstance,

623

00:25:37,890 --> 00:25:40,950

well, you might not have the  
database in front of you, but I do.

624

00:25:40,980 --> 00:25:41,879

And you Oh, good.

625

00:25:41,885 --> 00:25:43,290

Are absolutely correct.

626

00:25:43,290 --> 00:25:49,950

On January 15th, 1986, that episode aired  
the category vermin the clue for \$400.

627

00:25:50,215 --> 00:25:51,415

At three A.M.

628

00:25:51,475 --> 00:25:55,645

June twenty-first 19 eighty-five  
Disney sent the Exterminator into

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00:25:55,645 --> 00:25:59,365

Fantasyland to rid it of these pests.

630

00:25:59,370 --> 00:25:59,580

Thank you.

631

00:25:59,580 --> 00:26:02,965

I love that, that you recall that  
story and it's absolutely accurate.

632

00:26:03,054 --> 00:26:08,155

And that is just one small example  
of the ways that his creative

633

00:26:08,155 --> 00:26:10,659  
mind worked and these wonderful  
categories he would create.

634

00:26:11,830 --> 00:26:16,210  
The other thing that, that I learned  
at honors was how much of the kind

635

00:26:16,210 --> 00:26:21,310  
of irreverent tone of Jeopardy in  
the kind of humor and the playfulness

636

00:26:21,310 --> 00:26:23,290  
of both clues and categories.

637

00:26:23,320 --> 00:26:23,410  
Mm-Hmm.

638

00:26:23,415 --> 00:26:27,640  
Was there anything that you can kind  
of call out in terms of the way he.

639

00:26:28,235 --> 00:26:33,004  
Balance the sort of hard-hitting  
Jeopardy knowledge and that

640

00:26:33,004 --> 00:26:34,955  
sort of irreverent tone.

641

00:26:35,764 --> 00:26:36,095  
Yeah.

642

00:26:36,095 --> 00:26:39,605  
From the very beginning, uh, the  
standards that, uh, Mer Griffin

643

00:26:39,605 --> 00:26:42,695  
and Bob Murphy and Alex Trebek,  
you know, Alex was a producer.

644  
00:26:42,695 --> 00:26:46,895  
The first couple of seasons, they wanted  
the meat and potatoes, classic Jeopardy.

645  
00:26:47,014 --> 00:26:50,945  
I mean, we were in New Territory  
obviously from 1984 on.

646  
00:26:51,544 --> 00:26:53,465  
Stephen was the one that pushed for more.

647  
00:26:53,790 --> 00:26:56,730  
Fun categories and more  
irreverent elements.

648  
00:26:57,090 --> 00:27:02,700  
And it took a while for him to convince  
Alex and Bob and Merv that it would work.

649  
00:27:02,700 --> 00:27:06,600  
And how he knew is he finally got  
a category called Famous Pigs.

650  
00:27:06,810 --> 00:27:10,080  
And I believe Petunia Pig was  
in there and maybe Porky Pig.

651  
00:27:10,140 --> 00:27:13,980  
And of course there's Wilbur was  
probably in it from Charlotte's Web.

652  
00:27:14,460 --> 00:27:17,520  
And uh, once the contestants at the.

653  
00:27:17,850 --> 00:27:21,629  
Tapings and the live audience,  
they laughed and they really

654  
00:27:21,629 --> 00:27:23,639  
enjoyed playing those categories.

655  
00:27:23,970 --> 00:27:26,699

So we didn't have to have  
just the academic categories.

656

00:27:26,760 --> 00:27:28,590  
And it was these categories.

657

00:27:28,590 --> 00:27:32,220  
And of course they weren't always  
there, they were, but they were, uh,

658

00:27:32,225 --> 00:27:35,280  
injected into the, the tough material.

659

00:27:35,580 --> 00:27:37,860  
And, uh, it, it did play out.

660

00:27:37,860 --> 00:27:39,090  
And it's part of our.

661

00:27:39,585 --> 00:27:44,235  
You know, our legacy now, or his legacy  
certainly is that he saw that, uh,

662

00:27:44,415 --> 00:27:46,305  
little fun was, would go a long way.

663

00:27:46,365 --> 00:27:46,545  
What

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00:27:46,545 --> 00:27:49,845  
does it mean to you, or what  
was your reaction when you heard

665

00:27:49,845 --> 00:27:53,355  
that Stephen would be inducted  
into the Jeopardy Hall of Fame?

666

00:27:53,360 --> 00:27:57,345  
The first writer to be inducted and  
obviously the only person this year

667

00:27:57,465 --> 00:27:58,695

to stand on class well deserved.

668

00:27:58,695 --> 00:28:01,275

I mean, there was no  
one else like Stephen.

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00:28:01,365 --> 00:28:04,485

He was always thinking of  
new categories, new clues.

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00:28:04,575 --> 00:28:07,335

When I started doing some of  
the research on his material.

671

00:28:07,534 --> 00:28:09,995

All the writers had to cite  
where their sources were.

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00:28:09,995 --> 00:28:13,895

And a lot of them, of course,  
were encyclopedias or atlases,

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00:28:13,895 --> 00:28:15,514

dictionaries, things like that.

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00:28:15,935 --> 00:28:20,375

But Stephen was citing books that,  
uh, were in our library, but they were

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00:28:20,375 --> 00:28:24,905

obscure old books that had actually  
been in the original Jeopardy library

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00:28:25,295 --> 00:28:29,195

back in the 1960s when Jeopardy  
was produced in New York City.

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00:28:29,735 --> 00:28:32,165

And I said, where did you get this book?

678

00:28:32,165 --> 00:28:33,725

And he showed it to me on the shelf.



679

00:28:34,485 --> 00:28:38,745  
In our library and it's like it  
was a nothing book, but he would

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00:28:38,745 --> 00:28:41,745  
just out of habit, a good habit.

681

00:28:41,804 --> 00:28:45,344  
It turned out he would take any book  
in the morning and start thumbing

682

00:28:45,344 --> 00:28:49,395  
through it and seeing if there  
was anything in that old reference

683

00:28:49,395 --> 00:28:50,865  
book that could still be used.

684

00:28:50,925 --> 00:28:56,145  
He was very methodical, always looking  
for ways to add interesting things and

685

00:28:56,145 --> 00:28:57,495  
making sure that they were accurate.

686

00:28:58,140 --> 00:29:00,510  
He would call up the Department  
of Agriculture to get the

687

00:29:00,510 --> 00:29:04,890  
latest, you know, corn crop, uh,  
statistics, things like that.

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00:29:05,040 --> 00:29:09,720  
He would, uh, find celebrities to  
talk to that were working on the,

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00:29:09,870 --> 00:29:11,970  
on the lots where we, uh, we worked.

690

00:29:12,240 --> 00:29:16,050  
You never knew who you were going

to see, and he would, uh, just go

691

00:29:16,050 --> 00:29:18,120  
and, and ferret out information.

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00:29:18,240 --> 00:29:19,530  
One of the highlights was.

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00:29:19,530 --> 00:29:25,920  
S probably 19 ninety-two 19 ninety-three  
Stephen had found out that George Burns

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00:29:26,280 --> 00:29:31,410  
had his offices on the lot, and he became  
friends with his driver and assistant.

695

00:29:31,920 --> 00:29:35,100  
And, uh, it was going  
to be George's birthday.

696

00:29:35,100 --> 00:29:37,980  
He, I think he turned like  
ninety-five or ninety-six that year.

697

00:29:38,430 --> 00:29:43,170  
And Stephen got us invited to say  
hello to him and sing Happy Birthday.

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00:29:43,170 --> 00:29:44,940  
I, I think that's what happened.

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00:29:44,940 --> 00:29:47,100  
What would happen is  
George Burns sang to us.

700

00:29:47,820 --> 00:29:50,189  
And just posed for photographs.

701

00:29:50,490 --> 00:29:53,459  
And Stephen was asking him  
questions about his career and

702

00:29:53,459 --> 00:29:54,929  
everything for future clues.

703  
00:29:55,320 --> 00:29:58,320  
And one thing I'll never, ever  
forget, one, it was just wonderful

704  
00:29:58,324 --> 00:30:03,959  
to meet a, a true show business  
legend, but he had his coffee mug.

705  
00:30:04,110 --> 00:30:07,860  
George Burns coffee mug  
was mon, was labeled God.

706  
00:30:08,385 --> 00:30:11,175  
Just like he was, he played  
God in the movies, right?

707  
00:30:11,175 --> 00:30:11,475  
Yeah.

708  
00:30:11,475 --> 00:30:15,524  
And uh, and I took a photograph of  
that where he's sitting there, uh,

709  
00:30:15,524 --> 00:30:17,115  
with his coffee mug next to him.

710  
00:30:17,120 --> 00:30:19,004  
And, uh, I'll never forget that.

711  
00:30:19,004 --> 00:30:20,325  
And that was thanks to Stephen

712  
00:30:20,330 --> 00:30:20,835  
Dorthman.

713  
00:30:21,075 --> 00:30:23,504  
Diving into the database, I found a clue.

714  
00:30:23,504 --> 00:30:28,365

Written by Stephen, researched  
by you that aired back in 2001.

715

00:30:28,365 --> 00:30:30,554  
The category Y-two-K.

716

00:30:31,320 --> 00:30:35,640  
The 19 73, 1 of these from  
Berkeley High contains photos of

717

00:30:35,640 --> 00:30:38,160  
Stephen Dorfman and Nancy Tong.

718

00:30:38,160 --> 00:30:42,120  
So once in a while, he found a way to  
even be a part of a clue, it sounds like.

719

00:30:42,150 --> 00:30:42,630  
Yes.

720

00:30:42,720 --> 00:30:44,970  
It's almost like a Al Hirschfeld.

721

00:30:44,970 --> 00:30:45,240  
Uh.

722

00:30:45,735 --> 00:30:47,415  
Cartoon Nina or something.

723

00:30:47,415 --> 00:30:50,805  
You know, he, uh, if he could, he  
probably would've done a famous Dorfman's

724

00:30:50,805 --> 00:30:53,235  
category or something like that.

725

00:30:53,265 --> 00:30:57,645  
He did have that kind of, um, puckish  
subversive element, but he was

726

00:30:57,645 --> 00:31:02,325  
right about getting the light, the

light-hearted, more pop culture material.

727

00:31:02,325 --> 00:31:02,385

Yeah.

728

00:31:02,415 --> 00:31:03,975

In, in the game.

729

00:31:04,035 --> 00:31:07,485

You know, it just made for a wider audience, I think, that hadn't seen

730

00:31:07,485 --> 00:31:11,055

Jeopardy for a long time back in, you know, they had seen the 1960s,

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00:31:11,055 --> 00:31:12,705

seventies version, but to get.

732

00:31:13,290 --> 00:31:17,070

Into 19 eighty-four, uh, syndicated version with Alex.

733

00:31:17,100 --> 00:31:18,690

And it took a while for people.

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00:31:18,690 --> 00:31:24,030

Mm-hmm, to, to warm up to Jeopardy and, uh, the rest is literally TV history.

735

00:31:24,060 --> 00:31:28,080

But Stephen Dorfman definitely was the one who was the visionary in many

736

00:31:28,080 --> 00:31:33,390

ways, and led the management, the producers, to make the show better.

737

00:31:33,390 --> 00:31:34,440

And, uh.

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00:31:34,830 --> 00:31:37,500

You know, more educational,  
but at the same time, more

739

00:31:37,560 --> 00:31:38,280  
entertaining.

740

00:31:38,550 --> 00:31:41,550  
Well, to just kind of highlight  
how Steven still is a part of the

741

00:31:41,550 --> 00:31:43,830  
show, I also found a clue from just.

742

00:31:44,100 --> 00:31:47,550  
Last year from December 14th, 2023.

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00:31:48,090 --> 00:31:52,439  
Category, state of the college, the  
clue, it's the state of Wayne State

744

00:31:52,500 --> 00:31:56,879  
University attended by Jack White,  
Lily Tomlin and Stephen Dorfman.

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00:31:57,540 --> 00:31:57,780  
That's

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00:31:57,780 --> 00:31:58,199  
wonderful.

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00:31:58,199 --> 00:32:01,980  
He was, uh, for someone who, you  
know, left Detroit, uh, you know,

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00:32:01,980 --> 00:32:05,790  
he was always going back to visit  
his family and friends there.

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00:32:06,090 --> 00:32:12,570  
After he passed in 2004, the local  
newspapers and, and everything would, uh.

750

00:32:13,020 --> 00:32:13,860  
Mentioned him.

751  
00:32:14,310 --> 00:32:19,590  
Uh, he also, his family was very much  
into, uh, citizen Band Radio, ham radio.

752  
00:32:19,949 --> 00:32:26,610  
And the hall letters for his father, Neil  
Dorfman's, uh, ham radio serial number.

753  
00:32:26,790 --> 00:32:31,409  
He tucked in a few mentions over the  
years and the ham radio people loved

754  
00:32:31,415 --> 00:32:32,550  
it because they knew it was Stephen

755  
00:32:32,554 --> 00:32:33,389  
Dorfman who did it.

756  
00:32:33,600 --> 00:32:37,379  
Suzanne, this has been so much fun  
hearing these stories, you know, from

757  
00:32:37,379 --> 00:32:39,330  
a perspective that only you can share.

758  
00:32:39,330 --> 00:32:39,389  
Yeah.

759  
00:32:39,659 --> 00:32:43,350  
We really appreciate your time  
and we're so happy that this was

760  
00:32:43,350 --> 00:32:44,790  
the year to honor Stephen Dorfman.

761  
00:32:45,030 --> 00:32:47,159  
Yeah, I I, it's bittersweet.

762  
00:32:47,159 --> 00:32:48,719

He's not here to enjoy it.

763

00:32:48,860 --> 00:32:53,300  
On this earthly plane, but like I said,  
people feel that he does hover over

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00:32:53,300 --> 00:32:58,610  
us and his influence is far-reaching  
into jeopardy, and I'd like to

765

00:32:58,610 --> 00:33:03,980  
think that he and Alex and George  
Burns are enjoying the afterlife.

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00:33:04,640 --> 00:33:05,780  
But yes, thank you.

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00:33:05,870 --> 00:33:09,080  
Thank you very much for  
your interest in our special

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00:33:09,080 --> 00:33:09,590  
Steven.

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00:33:10,455 --> 00:33:12,945  
Well Buzzy, that brings us  
to the end of today's show.

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00:33:12,945 --> 00:33:17,415  
We're gonna be back next week to discuss  
the remaining Champions Wildcard games

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00:33:17,415 --> 00:33:22,034  
and the first Tournament of Champions  
Quarterfinal Plus, we're going to be

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00:33:22,034 --> 00:33:25,395  
speaking with the winner of Champions  
Wildcard right here on the pod.

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00:33:25,725 --> 00:33:27,885  
That person, of course,  
heading to the TOC.



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00:33:28,725 --> 00:33:32,745

Yeah, and as a reminder, you can catch  
the full Jeopardy, honor Ceremony on

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00:33:32,745 --> 00:33:35,504

YouTube this Thursday at 6:00 PM Pacific.

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00:33:35,655 --> 00:33:36,855

That's 9:00 PM Eastern.

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00:33:37,064 --> 00:33:38,985

See you all next week.

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00:33:38,985 --> 00:33:39,345

See you

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00:33:39,345 --> 00:33:39,645

then.