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Enzo, Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Dan Maggio, Matt Mio, Dave Chow, Heather Hill



**Announcer** 00:02

The University of Detroit mercy presents another brand new episode of Ask The professor. Today's program was recorded using Zoom video conferencing technology.



**Matt Mio** 00:20

The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask The professor, the show in which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio. And let me introduce to you our panel for today. It's Professor Dave Chow.



**Dave Chow** 00:37

Pleasure to be here as always. Dan, have you ever noticed Matt always calls on the person with food in their mouth, indigestion or some -



**Matt Mio** 00:45

All I've ever done since we've been on Zoom is start introducing with the top left corner. It's just, it's totally random.

D Dave Chow 00:53  
Unreal,

M Matt Mio 00:54  
Yes. Otherwise, things are well?

D Dave Chow 00:56  
for the most part, no complaints. So.

M Matt Mio 00:58  
I see "Release the Kraken" behind your head there.

D Dave Chow 01:02  
Yes. for no apparent reason other than Why not? You know, so?

M Matt Mio 01:06  
Of course. Why did you climb the mountain? Because it was there.

D Dave Chow 01:10  
I went through it.

M Matt Mio 01:14  
Continuing around the panel here, Professor Beth Oljar is joining us today.

B Beth Oljar 01:19  
Hey, good to be here.

M Matt Mio 01:20  
Hey, what's going on? Beth?

**B** Beth Oljar 01:22  
I'm very glad this week is over.

**M** Matt Mio 01:26  
And the shortest week of the semester looming?

**B** Beth Oljar 01:31  
Yes. Oh, next week will be very nice. Because we have Wednesday off, too. Right?

**M** Matt Mio 01:37  
We do.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:38  
So I only have class on Monday? Sweet! Okay, for some reason, I thought for a second I had class on Wednesday too.

**M** Matt Mio 01:49  
Don't - Don't sell yourself short. But there was a very large portion of your and my career where we still had classes on that day.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:56  
That is true. That is true. So yes, I am. I am looking forward to. I don't know why. Because I'm going to be reading drafts of papers all weekend. That's pretty much what I'm looking forward to. But still, it'd be nice to have the time off. So -

**M** Matt Mio 02:13  
Exactly, exactly. Someone who's looking at a long list of things as time off is Professor Heather Hill. Wait, you're on sabbatical?

**H** Heather Hill 02:24  
Yes, I am.

M Matt Mio 02:26  
So you don't have to show up for class. But you have some work that you're trying to get done?

H Heather Hill 02:30  
Yes. All the time. Even in my sleep.

M Matt Mio 02:35  
Oh, yeah. Wow. I mean, you have one hand like on the keyboard while sleeping?

H Heather Hill 02:39  
No, no. It's not untypical probably of other people that when you're engaged in a deep writing project that you dream about it.

M Matt Mio 02:48  
Oh, yeah, absolutely. Absolutely. I want to say that you brought that up before, Heather; because I told you about this buddy of mine who spent an entire summer to study French living with a Quebecois family; and when he came back to school in the fall, I was like, how was it? He goes well, I'm dreaming in French now. So I got that going for me. I mean, it makes sense that it would get into your subconscious right?

H Heather Hill 03:13  
You do, speaking of dreams, I should probably tell you that you were in my dreams last night. I just remembered this.

M Matt Mio 03:20  
Uh, Thanks, Heather. I think.

H Heather Hill 03:22  
I just, it just flew into my head that - Yeah.

- M** Matt Mio 03:27  
Um, someone who I just saw reaching for a beverage is Professor Mara Livezey. Just water, right?
- M** Mara Livezey 03:33  
It is actually a mocha. So I made myself a latte and stirred some hot chocolate mix right in.
- M** Matt Mio 03:41  
Wow. Very nice. I mean, nothing like a 63 degree day to be drinking hot cocoa.
- M** Mara Livezey 03:51  
Hey, I've been in my basement all day. It's like 40 down here. So
- M** Matt Mio 03:55  
That's the truth.
- M** Mara Livezey 03:56  
I deserve a warm beverage.
- M** Matt Mio 03:58  
No, I totally agree. I was freezing my butt off in the basement yesterday; because of course, the furnace is not going on. It's 60 outside, right. So it's just such a weird. Such a weird feeling.
- D** Dave Chow 04:09  
Yeah, it's Michigan.
- B** Beth Oljar 04:11  
It's gonna be colder the rest of the weekend though, I think.



Dave Chow 04:14

I heard snow.



Mara Livezey 04:16

Ooh. I hope so.



Matt Mio 04:18

Snow is good, but I don't think it's gonna be sticking around anytime soon, at least not according to the Farmers Almanac which is the official word on all these things. Professor Stephen Manning is joining us today.



Stephen Manning 04:33

Good afternoon



Beth Oljar 04:34

From the meadow of retirement.



Matt Mio 04:37

The Meadow.



Dave Chow 04:39

In Clawson.




Matt Mio 04:40


Yeah. Right. That's right.





Stephen Manning 04:41


Hey, something you'd enjoy. We went to the DIA today. They had a show of Detroit style cars.

 Beth Oljar 04:51  
Oh, so it was open. Okay.

 Dave Chow 04:53  
Yeah, it's open.

 Stephen Manning 04:54  
It's open and you know, limited. You have to sign up in advance and limited -


 Stephen Manning 04:58  
Make sure everybody's safe, but you need to you need to do a reservation at a certain time. We went down and there's really some interesting looking vehicles.


 Dave Chow 04:58  
appointment

 Dan Maggio 05:08  
In in the DIA itself?

 05:10

 05:10

 Stephen Manning 05:10  
In the DIA itself. Yeah, it's an exhibit. And, while there, we saw - what was the name of the photographer? Russ -

 Dave Chow 05:10  
Russ Meyer?

S Stephen Manning 05:47  
No.

D Dave Chow 05:48  
Oh, I know who it is.

S Stephen Manning 05:48  
Not - Russell Weeks is it? I can't remember. I know who you're talking about. No, it's Russ, uh - Lot of really interesting photos, mostly of Detroit jazz people. Some are from Europe. He went over to Europe in the late 80's. Berlin Wall, stuff like that; but mostly Detroit based, really interesting stuff. A lot of factory shots, working class people. Really nice photo show.

H Heather Hill 05:48  
And lots of cool cars in person.

D Dave Chow 05:50  
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 05:51  
My dad would have loved it. He was such a car maniac.

H Heather Hill 05:54  
Oh, Some really beautiful specimens. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 05:56  
I'm hoping that show takes off really well, because we worked on that show. It was at the Royal Oak Historical Society, the Scarab Club for the longest time. And they finally got the DIA to approve it. So it's like, about time, that's all. So a lot of those people are like ccs people. Well, you know, the one of the original curators of the show was like, arguing that cars are rolling sculpture.





Matt Mio 06:21

Absolutely.



Dave Chow 06:22

So but it never gets recognized as sculpture.



Stephen Manning 06:26

I don't know -



Matt Mio 06:27

Wasn't it the Batmobile. Heather?



Dave Chow 06:30

The Futura.



Heather Hill 06:31

Yeah,



Stephen Manning 06:33

I don't know how they got them into the museum necessarily. But they've



Mara Livezey 06:37

They built them there. I'm sure.



Beth Oljar 06:39

This is why automatic cars, auto driving cars are never going to be - I don't think they're ever going to be the norm in America. I can't imagine it. I cannot imagine a culture as obsessed with cars and driving as ours is for good reason. Ever, just willingly turning over the wheel to

D Dave Chow 06:59  
automation?

B Beth Oljar 07:00  
basically. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 07:02  
Now, I want to know like, let's just say 20 years from now we do have automated cars.  
What am I gonna do with my 54 Chrysler? Can I take it on the road?

B Beth Oljar 07:12  
You could sell it for a lot of money.

D Dave Chow 07:16  
Or am I gonna be relegated to like a horse race track and just kind of drive around that? I  
mean, I don't know. I mean -

B Beth Oljar 07:22  
No, because there will always be things - well, eventually right? There'll always be things  
like the Woodward Dream Cruise and and shows that are essentially collections of old  
cars. My dad, I mean, we had model A's, Model T's when I was growing up so my dad  
would restore them and then we would go show them at car shows. So you know, there  
will always be - or Jay Leno, you know, if all else fails, sell it to Jay Leno.

M Matt Mio 07:47  
Jay will buy you.

B Beth Oljar 07:48  
Jay will buy ya.

M Matt Mio 07:49

Yeah,

**B** Beth Oljar 07:50  
Jay's got your back.

**D** Dave Chow 07:51  
We'll see.

**M** Matt Mio 07:52  
Last, but most certainly not least, Professor Dan Maggio is also with us here today.

**H** Heather Hill 07:58  
Dan, Dan, Dan.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:00  
Heather, have I ever been in your dreams?

**H** Heather Hill 08:03  
Ah - I don't know. I will start - you know what, I will start keeping a dream log.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:14  
Focus on me before you go to bed and then maybe I will appear in your dreams.

**M** Matt Mio 08:20  
Dan, I've been waiting all week to show you this. You know, you're not gonna be able to read it from the camera here. But this article in the latest issue of Chemical and Engineering News, I'm sure you've read it already. But it describes a very interesting prospect where a group of researchers have come up with a robot that can beat a human at curling.

- D** Dan Maggio 08:46  
Curling. I've seen the videos. Oh, it makes it can repeat the same shot almost perfectly every time.
- M** Matt Mio 08:53  
It says that with this rate of fidelity, robots will win three out of four matches against live humans in Olympic style curling. Isn't that wild?
- H** Heather Hill 09:03  
What purpose does this serve?
- M** Matt Mio 09:05  
I'm sure I don't know.
- D** Dan Maggio 09:07  
So what the robot can't do is get a feel for the ice as the stone travels down the ice and that's where you know, your your sweeping calls come in. that it just launches the stone for one end and then hopes for the best. So I don't know. I don't know.
- D** Dave Chow 09:26  
Okay. Now, Matt, Here's a question, and Dan helped me out with this. Okay, so it can launch a stone, but what about the sweepers? You know?
- M** Matt Mio 09:32  
Yeah, there is - there are supplementary robots with little brushes, that it can communicate with that.
- D** Dan Maggio 09:40  
I didn't see that part.
- M** Matt Mio 09:41

Oh, yes. It's freaky stuff. freaky. Freaky A- I.

**D** Dan Maggio 09:46  
Okay. All right.

**M** Matt Mio 09:47  
I go back to Heather. Why?

**B** Beth Oljar 09:51  
Well, whether it actually counts as A-I. I mean, I mean - robot consciousness is not obvious to me, but -

**M** Matt Mio 10:01  
Right. Right.

**H** Heather Hill 10:02  
A robot that could make a really good Martini.

**D** Dave Chow 10:07  
No, there you go.

**M** Matt Mio 10:08  
The robot probably already exists, by the way, I bet it exists already.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:11  
The robots in iRobot can do that.

**M** Matt Mio 10:13  
Right? No, it's true. It's true.

**D** Dan Maggio 10:15  
We need, they have robots that will vacuum your floor, but they need one that will clear the snow off your driveway.

**M** Matt Mio 10:21  
Absolutely.

**D** Dan Maggio 10:21  
Do they have one of those?

**D** Dave Chow 10:23  
It's called an RC car with a plow. I've thought about it too. Don't laugh.

**M** Matt Mio 10:30  
I'll tell you what, folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. I like where this is going. So maybe robots in the future? If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You could send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at [atp@udmercy.edu](mailto:atp@udmercy.edu). You can find us on Facebook and Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Speaking of waiting all week, to bring something up with the panel. This has been so hot, hot in my mind. I have made no, you know, hiding to the fact that I read the Farmers Almanac for the last three years, and I'm making my way through the 2021 issue, because I like to savor it. And I came across - they have a article in every issue. Okay, so this is me sort of coming up with a one-question question set to start our show. And it's usually on some interesting, amusing thing, just as a framing point. In 2019, the article was about horseshoes, and how seriously people take the game and how there's a professional organization and tournaments and things like that. So I open up the - well that would have been I guess the 2020 issue, because they do it sort of the year before, in the fall. So I'm reading the 2021 issue and I come to the amusement section. It's all about professional skipping of stones. Okay. And did you know that the world championship for stone skipping is held very close to where we're all sitting right now?

**B** Beth Oljar 12:05  
Oh, Of course it is.

M Matt Mio 12:06  
Of course, it is.

D Dave Chow 12:07  
Always.

M Matt Mio 12:08  
It's held at Mackinac. Okay. And I found that very amusing, being a born and bred Michigander. And then I read a little further. So here we go with our question. The trophy that is given is named after the person who started the tournament. What connection does that person, who is that person, have to the University of Detroit Mercy? Because I'm reading Farmer's Almanac, and it was like

B Beth Oljar 12:40  
Was it Father John P. McNichols?

M Matt Mio 12:43  
No, it was not Father McNichols that's a good guess, though.

D Dan Maggio 12:46  
They were a student. An employee, a professor, a founder.

M Matt Mio 12:53  
Nope. You won't believe me when I tell you. You just won't -

D Dan Maggio 12:57  
They donated the land?

M Matt Mio 12:59  
No.



Dave Chow 13:00

What was it there a stone named after somebody, or you know, I mean,



Dave Chow 13:05

Because you know, you know there's a controversy with the manufacturer's stone vs. a found stone.



Matt Mio 13:05

No.



Matt Mio 13:09

That's right. That's absolutely right. Because the - one of the central concedes, which I find fascinating as a scientist is - you know, once you find your perfect stone and use it to win, by the way -



Dave Chow 13:19

It's gone!



Matt Mio 13:21

Yeah, it's gone. ludicrous world records. ludicrous. 40 skips from a single - like, how do you even -



Mara Livezey 13:28

Whoa!



Matt Mio 13:28

Like, it's incredible!



Dan Maggio 13:30

Did they - Did they build something out of stone on our campus?



- D** Dave Chow 13:34  
A robot so they could throw it?
- M** Matt Mio 13:36  
This person did something that affects every single person on this Zoom right now.
- D** Dave Chow 13:44  
Huh? Wait a minute, we all have this Dennis Rodman at the spelling bee look again right now, don't we?
- M** Matt Mio 13:51  
All right. Well this
- M** Mara Livezey 13:52  
It's a little- known fact that Catherine McAuley was very good stone Skipper.
- M** Matt Mio 13:58  
Both her and St. Ignatius.
- M** Mara Livezey 14:00  
Yes.
- D** Dave Chow 14:04  
Uh, Roy Finkenbine was a judge.
- M** Matt Mio 14:05  
No. Professors, you've done a very good, you've done a very good job. Here's Matt. pawing through his stupid 2021 Farmers Almanac - who still reads it. And I have it printed out right here, blah, blah, blah. And the trophy is named after blah, blah, blah, who just so happens to have launched what he described as a quirky quiz show called Ask The Professor at the University of Detroit during the 1950s. Bill Rabe is the trophy that you get

when you are the world champion stone skipper.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:40  
Cool!

**D** Dave Chow 14:40  
Man! That's nice immortality. That's even better than having a drink named after you.

**M** Matt Mio 14:46  
Now it gets so much better - because not in the Farmers Almanac, it's only two pages. But I go and I do a little bit of deeper diving, and it's been a while since we've talked about Bill Rabe. Just to be clear, he wasn't a faculty member. He was a publicist. So think of him like our, we call him -

**D** Dave Chow 15:03  
Gary.

**M** Matt Mio 15:04  
Right. Yeah, Gary over into the Fisher building in MarCom. And he just was always looking for reasons to get people to look at what he wanted them to look at. For instance, I can't even like wrap my head around this. He wanted desperately, upon recognising the importance of Beatlemania, to get University of Detroit and the Beatles in the same sentence in the media. So he signed up a naive student, Peter Murphy, to be the first president of SOBS, Stamp Out The Beatles Society. Okay, The Beatles show up in Detroit. And one of the Beatles commented on a local radio station, "we're going to start a campaign to stamp out that university". Suddenly, Murphy was public enemy number one nation wide, okay. This poor student got suckered into this publicity stunt. And that was all Rabe's idea.

**B** Beth Oljar 16:09  
So they wanted to stamp out U, what would have been U of D?

- M** Matt Mio 16:12  
Well, I believe that the idea was that he just wanted to do something kind of trolley to get the Beatles to talk about University of Detroit. But he got the student to be his Patsy. I think that that is like - it's just crazy!
- B** Beth Oljar 16:30  
Traumatize by the - Okay.
- M** Matt Mio 16:34  
No. Absolutely
- B** Beth Oljar 16:35  
I'm gonna have to go to a quiet place and deal with that.
- D** Dave Chow 16:38  
I'm changing my name.
- H** Heather Hill 16:40  
Take deep breaths, Beth. It's okay.
- M** Matt Mio 16:44  
There are multiple other quirks in Bill Rabe's past, but the only other one that I think you might be aware of is - when he finished his tenure at University of Detroit in the 80s, he moved up to the Upper Peninsula, which I believe would be the connection to the stone skipping tournament at Mackinac. But he was the first publisher of what he called The List of Words Banished From the Queen's English for misuse, overuse and general uselessness that Lake Superior State University publishes every year to this day. He was the originator of that list. Words that are overused because we see them too much, you know, in popular culture. So Bill Rabe, he was - to say he was a trailblazer is putting it lightly - is all I'm gonna say.
- D** Dan Maggio 17:29

So he was he was at the University into the 80's?

**M** Matt Mio 17:33  
He worked from - it looks like the late 50s into the early 80s. Yep.

**D** Dan Maggio 17:38  
Really?

**M** Matt Mio 17:38  
He has quite a career.

**D** Dan Maggio 17:39  
He would have been there when I was there.

**M** Matt Mio 17:42  
At some point. I believe that's true. Yeah.

**S** Stephen Manning 17:45  
Awesome.

**M** Matt Mio 17:45  
So pretty, pretty incredible. Pretty incredible. For the record. He felt bad. This is one of the other quirks - and I could just go on and on because it's just so funny. He comes up with the idea for the stone skipping tournament, it's not even clear whether he was in aficionado. Or he was good at it or whatever. But he felt really bad because the little kids' weak arms, makes like the kids world record like 4. It's really sad, like compared to the adult world record. So he came up with an aligned tournament called the Gurlunking Tournament. And they record the sound the stone makes when it just goes in the water and whoever has the best sound wins a trophy that's also named him.

**D** Dave Chow 18:30

Wait a minute. Is that like an eighth-place ribbon?

**M** Matt Mio 18:33  
It's sort of like that. You tried!

**D** Dave Chow 18:37  
Yeah, like participant

**B** Beth Oljar 18:38  
It's like throwing a strike from the gutter or something. Right.

**M** Matt Mio 18:41  
I actually have some questions here for us to do for today's show.

**H** Heather Hill 18:45  
Where am I? What are we doing?

**M** Matt Mio 18:48  
Yeah. What do we do on this show again? Are we a quirky quiz show. "Dear panelists. I hope this email finds the professor's doing well. It's surely an odd time. One of the saving graces of my coping has been my family's affection for games. It struck me that some of these games have some of the most interesting words associated with them. I thought it would make a good topic to compile a list to challenge the profs. It will be up to the profs to guess the name of the game based on clues. I'd like to think the professors could get 12 out of 15." Honestly, Beverly Hollis of Redmond, Washington. I'd like to believe that too.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:25  
Oh, Redmond, Washington!

**H** Heather Hill 19:27  
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 19:28  
Yes. Beverly has sent us questions many times before. Thank you so much for sending them in. So what I'm going to do is slowly list the terms from the game, sort of as a slow leak. And let's see how many of these words it takes before you can guess what game I'm talking about. I'd say the vast majority of these are board games, but not all. Okay. Safety. Home. Slide -

H Heather Hill 19:56  
Sorry.

M Matt Mio 19:56  
- bump. It's Sorry. That's right. Very well done. Heather, very well done.

D Dave Chow 20:01  
What - Was sorry one of the games that little pop ematic?

D Dan Maggio 20:04  
Yeah.

M Mara Livezey 20:05  
Sorry is a very contentious game in my family.

D Dave Chow 20:09  
What - You guys have like full-contact Sorry?

M Mara Livezey 20:12  
It gets bad.

M Matt Mio 20:14  
Oh, I love the fact that you said that, Mara. I love it. Okay, how about flag? scout? bomb?

H Heather Hill 20:21  
Stratego?

M Matt Mio 20:25  
Stratego.

D Dan Maggio 20:27  
Go good one Heather.

M Matt Mio 20:29  
Heather's 2 for 2,

B Beth Oljar 20:31  
cuz you could execute them, right?

M Matt Mio 20:34  
atThat's right. No, that's right. Actually, it bugged me when one of my older kids got their first whatever Stratego game it was basically the modern update. I think I had played with a set from the 60s when I was a kid. They reversed the numbers, as if it was like too hard to remember that 1 was the top piece. Oh, boy.

D Dave Chow 20:56  
Oh,please.

M Matt Mio 20:58  
Yeah, I'm not joking. I'm not joking. It's kind of sad. How about geography, sports -

D Dave Chow 21:08  
Trivial Pursuit.



Dan Maggio 21:08  
Trivial Pursuit.



Matt Mio 21:10  
That's right. I would have given it away with Arts and Leisure.



Beth Oljar 21:14  
I love Trivial Pursuit.



Matt Mio 21:16  
I love that game too. That's a great game. How about carrier? destroyer?



Dan Maggio 21:22  
Battleship.



Mara Livezey 21:23  
Yep.



Matt Mio 21:24  
Submarine is the last clue.



Beth Oljar 21:25  
You sunk my battleship!



Matt Mio 21:26  
Yep. This is a game that I've never actually seen played but always looks like tons of fun. A shoe, coup as in COUP, burn. Dragon bet.



Beth Oljar 21:42  
Well, some sort of poker or card game.





Matt Mio 21:44

Um-hmm.



Dave Chow 21:44

What like pi Gow poker.



Matt Mio 21:48

Starts with the letter B, as in boy.



Dave Chow 21:51

Oh Baccarat?



Matt Mio 21:52

Baccarat is what's listed here. Yes. Anybody here ever played around before?



Dave Chow 21:58

Dibs!



Matt Mio 22:01

How about wrench? rope?



Dan Maggio 22:05

Clue.



Matt Mio 22:07

Rope was a giveaway.



Beth Oljar 22:08

Okay, I was thinking Operation before rope was -

- D** Dave Chow 22:14  
Yes, let's take a rope out of - the person.
- B** Beth Oljar 22:18  
That would explain why he needed an operation.
- D** Dave Chow 22:21  
Let's get the wrench out of his lung. Eww.
- M** Matt Mio 22:27  
How about laser cannon? mystery ship? defensive bunker? aliens.
- D** Dave Chow 22:39  
Whoa. I was gonna say Battleship 2000.
- D** Dan Maggio 22:43  
Was that a card game?
- B** Beth Oljar 22:44  
I think it was more like a video game.
- M** Matt Mio 22:45  
It is a video game.
- D** Dave Chow 22:47  
Wait. Start over again.
- M** Matt Mio 22:48  
Laser cannon. Mystery ship. Defensive bunker. Aliens.

D Dave Chow 22:57  
Oh. uh -

H Heather Hill 22:59  
Space Invaders.

M Matt Mio 22:59  
Yeah, Space Invaders. Heather got it. Yeah, that's right.

D Dan Maggio 23:02  
Oh, No kidding.

D Dave Chow 23:03  
Yeah, the bunker that it eat away at with every shot.

M Matt Mio 23:07  
Yeah, exactly. And the mystery ship would go back and forth across the top for bonus points and things like that. How about joystick? The ring? The Red Rocker. The Blue Bomber?

D Dave Chow 23:22  
The Red Rocker?

D Dave Chow 23:27  
Sounds like a video game.

H Heather Hill 23:29  
Is it Pong?

M Matt Mio 23:32

It's not a video game. My 12 year old is right next to me whispering fervently that he knows the answer.



Dave Chow 23:38  
Oh!



Dan Maggio 23:39  
It's not a video game.



Matt Mio 23:41  
It's essentially a board game, but not in the traditional sense. Do you know what it is, Enzo?



23:45



Enzo 23:46  
The robot things.



Matt Mio 23:48  
Rockem Sockem Robots.



Dave Chow 23:50  
Oh, gotcha.



Beth Oljar 23:57  
You're smarter than us, Enzo.



Dave Chow 23:59  
Give that man a degree.

M Mara Livezey 24:01  
Give an honorary Professor right. That counts

D Dave Chow 24:04  
That's a PhD right there.

M Matt Mio 24:06  
How about spinner? yellow dot?

H Heather Hill 24:10  
Oh, Twister.

M Matt Mio 24:11  
Mm-hmm. Left foot. Red Dot. Twister. All right, Dan, just for you.

D Dave Chow 24:17  
Uh-Oh,

M Matt Mio 24:18  
Oh, no!

D Dan Maggio 24:20  
Go ahead.

M Matt Mio 24:21  
How about Writers cramp. breadbasket. charley horse, wrenched ankle.

H Heather Hill 24:30  
Operation.

M Matt Mio 24:31  
That's Operation.

D Dave Chow 24:32  
There you go.

B Beth Oljar 24:33  
Or just me when I'm sleeping sometimes.

M Matt Mio 24:39  
this is a - this is a tough one. But I think you can extract what's going on here. Just listen to what these things are. Old Kent Road, Fleet Street. Fenchurch Street Station. Mayfair

B Beth Oljar 24:58  
Is this British Monopoly?

D Dave Chow 24:59  
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 24:59  
It's British Monopoly. Yeah.

M Mara Livezey 25:01  
Nice.

D Dave Chow 25:02  
That was one of the train stations right, isn't it?

M Matt Mio 25:05  
Yeah, exactly.

B Beth Oljar 25:06  
\_\_\_ part of London?

M Matt Mio 25:10  
Yeah. I was thinking, you're gonna unwrap your Monopoly game like in Britain or something. It'd be like, Let's play a game about New Jersey. Like, who cares? Like I care about that. Now, this is a game I've never played, but Professor Livezey, I know that a lot of people are obsessed with playing this game. Full House. Threes.

B Beth Oljar 25:33  
Yahtzee.

M Matt Mio 25:34  
Chance? Yes, that's right. It's Yahtzee.

B Beth Oljar 25:36  
That's what I do when I'm waiting. Actually, we play triple Yahtzee.,

D Dave Chow 25:42  
Triple Yahtzee?

B Beth Oljar 25:43  
Three games at once, basically,

D Dave Chow 25:46  
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 25:47  
Then you add - So, the score of the second game is doubled. The score of the third game is tripled and you add them all together.

- M** Matt Mio 25:55  
Awesome.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:56  
It was more math, basically.
- M** Matt Mio 25:59  
Beth, it's like those people that can play like 10 games of chess all at the same time. Like, that's awesome.
- B** Beth Oljar 26:05  
Well, they're freaks. But I mean, if they can do it without seeing the board, then why
- D** Dave Chow 26:12  
is that any different than like those little old ladies that can play like 10 Bingo cards? Is it like that?
- B** Beth Oljar 26:17  
No, because Chess involves strategy in a way that Bingo does not,
- M** Matt Mio 26:23  
You know, some amount of genius is always tainted with madness. And for the record, I did not make that up. That's straight out of the Queen's Gambit. Screening now on your Netflix. So go check it out. All right, one more, and we'll see how long it takes. I don't think it's gonna take very long. Turn Card, Loaner, Screw the Dealer. Ace, No Face.
- D** Dave Chow 26:49  
Oh, um, Euchre
- M** Mara Livezey 26:50  
Euchre?



M Matt Mio 26:50  
Euchre. Yes.

D Dave Chow 26:53  
That was my minor in CCS.

M Mara Livezey 26:54  
Never played it. That's insane.

D Dave Chow 26:57  
Really?

D Dave Chow 26:57  
You never played Euchre?


M Mara Livezey 26:59  
Oh it's the best game?

B Beth Oljar 27:01  
Okay. I believe you.


M Matt Mio 27:04  
It reminds me that my wife and I played a little mental game on a walk the other week that was "Name an object that if you put it in front of our children, they really, seriously would not know what it was, what it did, you know, etc. And I stole mine off the internet. But I won. In comparison, Leslie just said a VHS tape. And I'm like, my guess is they would recognize that magnetic tape had some purpose or whatever. I said, one of those little aluminum ashtrays from McDonald's, that they would see the McDonald's logo on something that didn't have any obvious functionality and go "What the heck is this thing?" And we grew up with those in McDonald's. Inspiration for another set of questions for the future, because I'm afraid it's time for us to say goodbye, Stephen.

 Stephen Manning 27:54  
Bye.


 Matt Mio 27:55  
Mara.


 Mara Livezey 27:56  
Tootalu


 Matt Mio 27:58  
Heather.


 Heather Hill 28:00  
Bruce Springsteen is on the cover of the AARP magazine. That's how old -

 Matt Mio 28:04  
Beth -

 Beth Oljar 28:06  
Bruce is the boss.

 Matt Mio 28:08  
And Dave

 Dave Chow 28:09  
See ya.

 Matt Mio 28:10  
And now these words -



**Announcer** 28:11

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**Matt Mio** 28:19

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