

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,119  
[Music]

2  
00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:13,919  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

3  
00:00:09,119 --> 00:00:16,890  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:13,919 --> 00:00:22,240  
[Applause]

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00:00:16,890 --> 00:00:24,830  
[Music]

6  
00:00:22,239 --> 00:00:28,179  
hello and welcome to the skeptic Zone

7  
00:00:24,829 --> 00:00:31,039  
episode number 438 for the 12th of March

8  
00:00:28,179 --> 00:00:33,649  
2017 richardsaunders here from Sydney

9  
00:00:31,039 --> 00:00:35,179  
Australia coming up on this week's

10  
00:00:33,649 --> 00:00:37,808  
episode we're going to bring you some

11  
00:00:35,179 --> 00:00:40,009  
news from New Zealand where the show

12  
00:00:37,808 --> 00:00:41,959  
sensing murder now this is the show

13  
00:00:40,009 --> 00:00:44,929  
where they get so-called psychics to um

14  
00:00:41,960 --> 00:00:47,899  
well try to sniff out their long since

15  
00:00:44,929 --> 00:00:49,460  
dead clues and things from murders they

16  
00:00:47,899 --> 00:00:51,530  
get a group of psychics put them

17  
00:00:49,460 --> 00:00:53,780  
together and see what happens sadly not

18  
00:00:51,530 --> 00:00:55,370  
much does happen and it's a pity the

19  
00:00:53,780 --> 00:00:57,890  
shows coming back anyway we're going to

20  
00:00:55,369 --> 00:00:59,988  
be chatting to mark Honeychurch the

21  
00:00:57,890 --> 00:01:03,140  
chair of the NZ skeptics all about

22  
00:00:59,988 --> 00:01:05,509  
sensing murder and it's sad return to

23  
00:01:03,140 --> 00:01:07,849  
New Zealand television and then to round

24  
00:01:05,510 --> 00:01:09,590  
off the show it's Maynard Maynard at

25  
00:01:07,849 --> 00:01:12,469  
skeptics in the pub and this week he's

26  
00:01:09,590 --> 00:01:13,880  
going to ask bubber's about witches what

27  
00:01:12,469 --> 00:01:15,590  
do they know about witches and

28  
00:01:13,879 --> 00:01:16,908  
witchcraft so there'll be something to

29

00:01:15,590 --> 00:01:23,600  
look forward to later on in the show

30  
00:01:16,909 --> 00:01:25,399  
with hello hello Richard Maynard what

31  
00:01:23,599 --> 00:01:29,019  
are you doing here it's actually my flat

32  
00:01:25,399 --> 00:01:29,019  
what are you doing in my house oh yeah

33  
00:01:30,340 --> 00:01:34,789  
hello Richard Saunders here pretending

34  
00:01:32,899 --> 00:01:36,680  
to be Maynard look and I've been in the

35  
00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:37,728  
he's used all my towels I don't know

36  
00:01:36,680 --> 00:01:39,859  
what's been going on while I've been

37  
00:01:37,728 --> 00:01:41,539  
gone but like there's no towels left I

38  
00:01:39,858 --> 00:01:43,188  
must admit I did come over here because

39  
00:01:41,539 --> 00:01:45,140  
I've run out of things in my fridge to

40  
00:01:43,188 --> 00:01:47,000  
run down and get you see so I thought if

41  
00:01:45,140 --> 00:01:48,530  
I come and record it may not Studios

42  
00:01:47,000 --> 00:01:50,780  
here in Sydney I could then run to your

43  
00:01:48,530 --> 00:01:52,820

fridge ah well if you're under my fridge

44

00:01:50,780 --> 00:01:55,250

all you're gonna find is five bean mix

45

00:01:52,819 --> 00:01:57,379

and corn kernels in fact we'll go there

46

00:01:55,250 --> 00:02:01,489

right now we take you live to main

47

00:01:57,379 --> 00:02:03,879

answer feature oh that's a bit

48

00:02:01,489 --> 00:02:06,408

disappointing yeah hang on what's this

49

00:02:03,879 --> 00:02:08,899

sweet chilli sauce well I can have that

50

00:02:06,409 --> 00:02:10,429

I suppose that's about it the only fresh

51

00:02:08,899 --> 00:02:12,530

thing in there is lime it's because I

52

00:02:10,429 --> 00:02:13,909

heard that it's good for scurvy because

53

00:02:12,530 --> 00:02:17,599

I don't eat much of anything apart from

54

00:02:13,909 --> 00:02:20,599

five B mix and corn kernels well there's

55

00:02:17,599 --> 00:02:22,699

a there's advice for our listeners yeah

56

00:02:20,599 --> 00:02:24,530

look it's great to be here look now it's

57

00:02:22,699 --> 00:02:26,750

gonna be a big show some wild stuff is

58  
00:02:24,530 --> 00:02:28,068  
happening and there's some stuff coming

59  
00:02:26,750 --> 00:02:29,389  
up - in the skeptical world that

60  
00:02:28,068 --> 00:02:31,259  
Richards been working on - you can't

61  
00:02:29,389 --> 00:02:35,169  
tell you about but we are

62  
00:02:31,259 --> 00:02:38,709  
overlooking a magnificent view as I look

63  
00:02:35,169 --> 00:02:41,259  
off into the distance I can see the gods

64  
00:02:38,709 --> 00:02:43,150  
and the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt all

65  
00:02:41,259 --> 00:02:45,128  
the way over at Five Dock it's an

66  
00:02:43,150 --> 00:02:46,539  
amazing piece of history being here

67  
00:02:45,128 --> 00:02:48,009  
where I am you must be looking at a

68  
00:02:46,539 --> 00:02:49,810  
different view I am because I am looking

69  
00:02:48,009 --> 00:02:51,459  
at your television in the corner that's

70  
00:02:49,810 --> 00:02:53,259  
right and we're watching we're halfway

71  
00:02:51,459 --> 00:02:54,759  
through watching your show about hoaxes

72  
00:02:53,259 --> 00:02:57,039  
and this with episodes about Loch Ness

73  
00:02:54,759 --> 00:02:58,539  
yeah this is a screening on the I think

74  
00:02:57,039 --> 00:02:59,769  
it says I aren't so I just press the

75  
00:02:58,539 --> 00:03:02,048  
button and see where it is screaming

76  
00:02:59,769 --> 00:03:03,519  
just make sure on the History Channel

77  
00:03:02,049 --> 00:03:05,920  
which is best known for ancient aliens

78  
00:03:03,519 --> 00:03:07,810  
and I was turning it on expecting to see

79  
00:03:05,919 --> 00:03:09,699  
a bit of von daniken action but

80  
00:03:07,810 --> 00:03:11,318  
history's greatest hoaxes and this one's

81  
00:03:09,699 --> 00:03:14,259  
on the the of course the Loch Ness

82  
00:03:11,318 --> 00:03:15,488  
monster as you said with someone who we

83  
00:03:14,259 --> 00:03:18,429  
met at the skeptics convention in

84  
00:03:15,489 --> 00:03:19,959  
Brisbane Joe Nickell we just saw Joe

85  
00:03:18,430 --> 00:03:21,430  
Nickell the famous Joe Nickell being

86

00:03:19,959 --> 00:03:23,530  
interviewed on the show about hoaxes

87  
00:03:21,430 --> 00:03:25,060  
with Loch Ness this is the sort of thing

88  
00:03:23,530 --> 00:03:26,709  
that happens when I turn up at Maine out

89  
00:03:25,060 --> 00:03:28,479  
Studios well normally it's it's

90  
00:03:26,709 --> 00:03:29,829  
something bit non skeptical but this is

91  
00:03:28,479 --> 00:03:31,750  
skeptical they're basically saying that

92  
00:03:29,829 --> 00:03:33,189  
there even the Loch Ness on Monster

93  
00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:34,900  
Hunter says that there's probably known

94  
00:03:33,189 --> 00:03:35,590  
Loch Ness monster and he's been doing it

95  
00:03:34,900 --> 00:03:39,579  
for 20 years

96  
00:03:35,590 --> 00:03:41,709  
you think he'd get another gig at least

97  
00:03:39,579 --> 00:03:43,359  
he's honest about it he admits there's

98  
00:03:41,709 --> 00:03:47,739  
hardly any chance of there being a real

99  
00:03:43,359 --> 00:03:50,500  
he was angling for the the prehistoric

100  
00:03:47,739 --> 00:03:52,030

animal the a plesiosaur that's what even

101

00:03:50,500 --> 00:03:54,280

he admits that there's no chance because

102

00:03:52,030 --> 00:03:56,289

the plesiosaur that is the most

103

00:03:54,280 --> 00:03:58,329

courteous of all the early dinosaurs

104

00:03:56,289 --> 00:04:00,340

there the plesiosaur but open doors for

105

00:03:58,329 --> 00:04:02,290

you it'll be very nice that would never

106

00:04:00,340 --> 00:04:04,979

say anything critical the shows come to

107

00:04:02,289 --> 00:04:07,328

this so these gags Joe has come to this

108

00:04:04,979 --> 00:04:08,729

well look I'll let you get on with the

109

00:04:07,329 --> 00:04:12,280

intro because I'm gonna run downstairs

110

00:04:08,729 --> 00:04:14,530

and get a can of 5 bean mix drain it and

111

00:04:12,280 --> 00:04:16,389

then sadly eat it before falling asleep

112

00:04:14,530 --> 00:04:18,910

while dribbling on my shirt

113

00:04:16,389 --> 00:04:21,959

well Maynard does that we hope you enjoy

114

00:04:18,910 --> 00:04:21,959

the skeptic Zone

115  
00:04:26,589 --> 00:04:43,189  
[Music]

116  
00:04:45,779 --> 00:04:51,429  
this year we see the unwelcome return in

117  
00:04:48,910 --> 00:04:53,889  
New Zealand of a television show we

118  
00:04:51,430 --> 00:04:58,030  
thought had been consigned to the trash

119  
00:04:53,889 --> 00:05:01,180  
can of history sensing murder the show

120  
00:04:58,029 --> 00:05:03,728  
so-called reality show where a group of

121  
00:05:01,180 --> 00:05:08,759  
psychics are set hot on the trail of a

122  
00:05:03,728 --> 00:05:12,310  
long since cold case a murder using

123  
00:05:08,759 --> 00:05:15,389  
reenactments spooky music and lots of

124  
00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:19,569  
psychics looking worried the show

125  
00:05:15,389 --> 00:05:22,829  
promises to shed light from the psychic

126  
00:05:19,569 --> 00:05:25,360  
realms on murders and baby help police

127  
00:05:22,829 --> 00:05:26,829  
in all the years this show has been on

128  
00:05:25,360 --> 00:05:30,280  
air in various countries including

129  
00:05:26,829 --> 00:05:32,319  
Australia of course not one murderer has

130  
00:05:30,279 --> 00:05:35,049  
been brought to justice not one body

131  
00:05:32,319 --> 00:05:38,079  
found so it is somewhat surprising the

132  
00:05:35,050 --> 00:05:41,800  
TVNZ have brought this show back from

133  
00:05:38,079 --> 00:05:45,430  
the grave as it were and I noticed the

134  
00:05:41,800 --> 00:05:47,030  
following item appearing in the New

135  
00:05:45,430 --> 00:05:49,939  
Zealand Herald

136  
00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:54,409  
[Music]

137  
00:05:49,939 --> 00:05:58,009  
sensing murder is a grotesque sham by

138  
00:05:54,410 --> 00:06:03,110  
Duncan grief published at the n Z Herald

139  
00:05:58,009 --> 00:06:06,500  
that's NZ Herald co dot NZ on the 3rd of

140  
00:06:03,110 --> 00:06:10,939  
March 2017 sensing murder returns with a

141  
00:06:06,500 --> 00:06:12,500  
new host but the same old sham sensing

142  
00:06:10,939 --> 00:06:15,050  
murder one of the most preposterous

143

00:06:12,500 --> 00:06:18,470  
shows in New Zealand television history

144  
00:06:15,050 --> 00:06:22,280  
made an unwelcome return from the grave

145  
00:06:18,470 --> 00:06:25,550  
last night in all its years on air the

146  
00:06:22,279 --> 00:06:28,489  
show's psychics never did find a body or

147  
00:06:25,550 --> 00:06:31,280  
murderer so it's pretty shameful that

148  
00:06:28,490 --> 00:06:34,400  
the show itself is the one corpse they

149  
00:06:31,279 --> 00:06:37,309  
managed to resurrect and despite all

150  
00:06:34,399 --> 00:06:40,489  
those years dead and buried sensing

151  
00:06:37,310 --> 00:06:43,910  
murder has hardly changed aside from a

152  
00:06:40,490 --> 00:06:47,750  
small format shift which somehow makes a

153  
00:06:43,910 --> 00:06:50,660  
bad show much worse the formula is

154  
00:06:47,750 --> 00:06:53,209  
exactly the same the same lured historic

155  
00:06:50,660 --> 00:06:55,669  
murder dramatically recreated been

156  
00:06:53,209 --> 00:06:57,889  
dispersed with interviews with still

157  
00:06:55,668 --> 00:07:00,349

grieving friends and relatives the

158

00:06:57,889 --> 00:07:03,620

psychics are the same sue Nicholson has

159

00:07:00,350 --> 00:07:06,379

not aged a day and may in fact have been

160

00:07:03,620 --> 00:07:08,509

cryogenically frozen inside the sensing

161

00:07:06,379 --> 00:07:11,060

murder props room and the sense of major

162

00:07:08,509 --> 00:07:13,789

exploitation is the same tearful

163

00:07:11,060 --> 00:07:16,009

siblings of John wedge being exploited

164

00:07:13,790 --> 00:07:18,560

by a TV channel and a production company

165

00:07:16,009 --> 00:07:20,480

and a pair of psychics into thinking a

166

00:07:18,560 --> 00:07:24,410

tragic family mystery is going to be

167

00:07:20,480 --> 00:07:27,950

solved because huge spoiler psychics

168

00:07:24,410 --> 00:07:31,340

aren't real it's a cruel fraud of a

169

00:07:27,949 --> 00:07:33,680

profession practice by charitably the

170

00:07:31,339 --> 00:07:38,209

confused preying on the hopelessly

171

00:07:33,680 --> 00:07:40,100

vulnerable sensing murder 2.0 is maybe

172  
00:07:38,209 --> 00:07:42,500  
hinting at a higher purpose by

173  
00:07:40,100 --> 00:07:45,470  
repeatedly going to one relatives hope

174  
00:07:42,500 --> 00:07:48,529  
that the publicity might help shake a

175  
00:07:45,470 --> 00:07:51,020  
killer loose the implication being that

176  
00:07:48,529 --> 00:07:53,689  
he has little faith that psychics will

177  
00:07:51,019 --> 00:07:56,209  
but the crow task sham that is the

178  
00:07:53,689 --> 00:07:59,269  
premise is still essentially all there

179  
00:07:56,209 --> 00:08:01,430  
is this week we've got the death of John

180  
00:07:59,269 --> 00:08:02,688  
which a woman whose back story gets a

181  
00:08:01,430 --> 00:08:05,869  
yawning half hour

182  
00:08:02,689 --> 00:08:07,218  
while somehow barely filling out more

183  
00:08:05,869 --> 00:08:09,229  
than a pencil sketch

184  
00:08:07,218 --> 00:08:11,509  
she was a young New Zealand woman who

185  
00:08:09,228 --> 00:08:14,478  
followed her ex-boyfriend to Sydney in

186  
00:08:11,509 --> 00:08:16,908  
the early 70s before being stabbed to

187  
00:08:14,478 --> 00:08:20,209  
death in an inner-city service station

188  
00:08:16,908 --> 00:08:24,019  
it's awful it was big news at the time

189  
00:08:20,209 --> 00:08:26,449  
and some vile reporting quote I slept

190  
00:08:24,019 --> 00:08:28,999  
with murder girl and quote shrieks one

191  
00:08:26,449 --> 00:08:30,860  
of the contemporary headlines the family

192  
00:08:28,999 --> 00:08:33,139  
were devastated meant her mother died

193  
00:08:30,860 --> 00:08:36,979  
nine years after having never really

194  
00:08:33,139 --> 00:08:39,560  
recovered we hear but due to both the

195  
00:08:36,979 --> 00:08:41,990  
passage of time and some fairly slight

196  
00:08:39,559 --> 00:08:45,049  
research the crime itself is not

197  
00:08:41,990 --> 00:08:47,000  
particularly painstakingly recounted we

198  
00:08:45,049 --> 00:08:49,128  
get a lot of slow pans across old

199  
00:08:47,000 --> 00:08:51,589  
black-and-white photos which have the

200

00:08:49,129 --> 00:08:54,170  
unfortunate effect of making all the old

201  
00:08:51,589 --> 00:08:57,079  
men in the old photographs look exactly

202  
00:08:54,169 --> 00:09:00,078  
like murder ISM more effort mapping the

203  
00:08:57,078 --> 00:09:03,559  
crime unless on staged reenactments

204  
00:09:00,078 --> 00:09:06,769  
would definitely help all this takes

205  
00:09:03,559 --> 00:09:09,878  
forever elongating brutally the time

206  
00:09:06,769 --> 00:09:13,129  
until we meet the psychics who in their

207  
00:09:09,879 --> 00:09:16,039  
blundering vagueness are at least very

208  
00:09:13,129 --> 00:09:18,860  
funny to watch it is probably worth the

209  
00:09:16,039 --> 00:09:21,139  
wait hearing them talk about the victims

210  
00:09:18,860 --> 00:09:21,769  
characteristics again is truly

211  
00:09:21,139 --> 00:09:25,938  
fascinating

212  
00:09:21,769 --> 00:09:30,578  
she was a quote clever person free

213  
00:09:25,938 --> 00:09:35,620  
spirit full of life new zealand-born in

214  
00:09:30,578 --> 00:09:39,438

quote location quote in the city I'm

215

00:09:35,620 --> 00:09:42,230

getting cars and quote which is true of

216

00:09:39,438 --> 00:09:45,318

almost every victim and most murders and

217

00:09:42,230 --> 00:09:48,230

because they have an epic eight hours to

218

00:09:45,318 --> 00:09:50,979

matter way while stroking the photo the

219

00:09:48,230 --> 00:09:54,019

Edit is inevitably going to find little

220

00:09:50,980 --> 00:09:56,629

revelations in the scant minutes they're

221

00:09:54,019 --> 00:09:59,360

featured on the screen then the big and

222

00:09:56,629 --> 00:10:01,550

only change comes the original sensing

223

00:09:59,360 --> 00:10:04,159

murder took us long to meander to the

224

00:10:01,549 --> 00:10:07,458

mediums and their magic conjecturing but

225

00:10:04,159 --> 00:10:09,799

it devoted as long again to the work of

226

00:10:07,458 --> 00:10:12,588

the psychics the episodes were 90

227

00:10:09,799 --> 00:10:16,129

minutes long which was truly

228

00:10:12,589 --> 00:10:19,040

groundbreaking television now then after

229  
00:10:16,129 --> 00:10:21,200  
our Shortland streets they're Shortland

230  
00:10:19,039 --> 00:10:23,990  
Street is a New Zealand soap opera

231  
00:10:21,200 --> 00:10:27,110  
Shortland streets Sarah Potts comes in

232  
00:10:23,990 --> 00:10:31,009  
telling us to tune in next week for the

233  
00:10:27,110 --> 00:10:33,379  
shocking conclusion next week we sat

234  
00:10:31,009 --> 00:10:35,899  
through all your crappy AM DRAM and bad

235  
00:10:33,379 --> 00:10:38,929  
documentary and you cut off the payoff

236  
00:10:35,899 --> 00:10:41,299  
after a few short minutes the format is

237  
00:10:38,929 --> 00:10:43,189  
now broken into two which essentially

238  
00:10:41,299 --> 00:10:48,259  
guarantees that every second episode

239  
00:10:43,190 --> 00:10:49,790  
will be an excruciating dog given all

240  
00:10:48,259 --> 00:10:53,240  
that's wrong of this immensely popular

241  
00:10:49,789 --> 00:10:55,549  
but morally bankrupt franchise removing

242  
00:10:53,240 --> 00:10:58,909  
its ability to reliably entertain on a

243  
00:10:55,549 --> 00:11:02,719  
weekly basis is the real crime sensing

244  
00:10:58,909 --> 00:11:06,620  
murder screams on TV NZ to Thursdays at

245  
00:11:02,720 --> 00:11:09,050  
8:30 p.m. and that review was by Duncan

246  
00:11:06,620 --> 00:11:12,110  
grieve reported in the New Zealand

247  
00:11:09,049 --> 00:11:12,799  
Herald as part of a pre publicity for

248  
00:11:12,110 --> 00:11:15,560  
this show

249  
00:11:12,799 --> 00:11:17,779  
TVNZ to put on our YouTube channel a

250  
00:11:15,559 --> 00:11:22,250  
series of interviews with the psychics

251  
00:11:17,779 --> 00:11:27,980  
involved here is a short clip from a

252  
00:11:22,250 --> 00:11:29,809  
segment titled coping with skeptics

253  
00:11:27,980 --> 00:11:33,110  
[Music]

254  
00:11:29,809 --> 00:11:36,469  
it's been very hard I must admit you

255  
00:11:33,110 --> 00:11:38,659  
know over the years have been you know

256  
00:11:36,470 --> 00:11:40,639  
put down and things written about you

257

00:11:38,659 --> 00:11:42,068  
that weren't true I mentally I've wanted

258  
00:11:40,639 --> 00:11:45,289  
to walk away from it

259  
00:11:42,068 --> 00:11:48,019  
absolutely yeah but not very often the

260  
00:11:45,289 --> 00:11:49,549  
reality of it is is that keyboard

261  
00:11:48,019 --> 00:11:52,278  
warriors can do what they want they'll

262  
00:11:49,549 --> 00:11:53,659  
say what they want they'll they'll knock

263  
00:11:52,278 --> 00:11:54,828  
it and they'll pretend that they know

264  
00:11:53,659 --> 00:11:56,448  
everything that the faith of late they

265  
00:11:54,828 --> 00:11:57,739  
don't cause the to blind to open their

266  
00:11:56,448 --> 00:12:00,289  
eyes you know they're to lace they open

267  
00:11:57,740 --> 00:12:03,318  
their eyes and and that's not a big the

268  
00:12:00,289 --> 00:12:05,870  
reality of it is is that we all walk on

269  
00:12:03,318 --> 00:12:08,120  
different shoes and who are we to judge

270  
00:12:05,870 --> 00:12:09,709  
others I think everybody judges

271  
00:12:08,120 --> 00:12:12,110

everybody don't they and I just think

272

00:12:09,708 --> 00:12:13,909

well they still named up watching that

273

00:12:12,110 --> 00:12:15,620

it's quite interesting because you know

274

00:12:13,909 --> 00:12:17,328

there's a load of rubbish and I seen

275

00:12:15,620 --> 00:12:18,980

this well there's an on/off button or

276

00:12:17,328 --> 00:12:21,769

change the channels we don't just have

277

00:12:18,980 --> 00:12:23,990

one channel you know and that's okay if

278

00:12:21,769 --> 00:12:24,679

they don't like it it's fine I just do

279

00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:28,789

what I'm doing

280

00:12:24,679 --> 00:12:30,528

and I don't put energy into that anymore

281

00:12:28,789 --> 00:12:32,299

for me personally I really don't care

282

00:12:30,528 --> 00:12:34,129

what anybody thinks that's what I think

283

00:12:32,299 --> 00:12:36,740

and and what I've seen in my life with

284

00:12:34,129 --> 00:12:39,920

my career and how much difference can be

285

00:12:36,740 --> 00:12:42,139

made so families in so much pain is the

286  
00:12:39,919 --> 00:12:45,679  
ultimate goal so people can throw sticks

287  
00:12:42,139 --> 00:12:47,120  
and stones make but reality for me is if

288  
00:12:45,679 --> 00:12:48,500  
you're happy doing that that's fine but

289  
00:12:47,120 --> 00:12:50,209  
I don't need to listen to you because I

290  
00:12:48,500 --> 00:12:54,528  
don't believe that what I'm doing is

291  
00:12:50,208 --> 00:12:56,508  
wrong I know what I do and I know when

292  
00:12:54,528 --> 00:12:58,970  
I'm being given and I know the truth

293  
00:12:56,509 --> 00:13:01,220  
even though people will say the

294  
00:12:58,970 --> 00:13:04,100  
informations all given to it no it's not

295  
00:13:01,220 --> 00:13:06,910  
you know I've even said at one stage I

296  
00:13:04,100 --> 00:13:10,639  
will go and put a lie detector on

297  
00:13:06,909 --> 00:13:12,438  
because I know what I do is right and no

298  
00:13:10,639 --> 00:13:13,909  
information is given to me and I think

299  
00:13:12,438 --> 00:13:15,649  
it's an amazing experience and I think

300  
00:13:13,909 --> 00:13:16,740  
it's a true blessing the little miracles

301  
00:13:15,649 --> 00:13:18,690  
men

302  
00:13:16,740 --> 00:13:22,169  
and I think unfortunately it's really

303  
00:13:18,690 --> 00:13:24,240  
sad perhaps that people are so close but

304  
00:13:22,169 --> 00:13:26,759  
that's this their journey it's not my

305  
00:13:24,240 --> 00:13:28,169  
journey and I'll not be taken or dragged

306  
00:13:26,759 --> 00:13:30,240  
into their path

307  
00:13:28,169 --> 00:13:34,860  
yeah I've wanted to walk away once in a

308  
00:13:30,240 --> 00:13:37,850  
while but then I can't my passion why

309  
00:13:34,860 --> 00:13:42,000  
can't my passion and my compassion is so

310  
00:13:37,850 --> 00:13:43,589  
massive and so pure inside then I think

311  
00:13:42,000 --> 00:13:44,909  
we need people like me on earth than

312  
00:13:43,589 --> 00:13:50,510  
with you you know to help change

313  
00:13:44,909 --> 00:13:54,088  
people's belief systems their own pain

314

00:13:50,509 --> 00:13:56,490  
even just not to judge people should

315  
00:13:54,089 --> 00:13:57,959  
love each other spirit said to me once

316  
00:13:56,490 --> 00:13:59,450  
you've got to love everyone in the world

317  
00:13:57,958 --> 00:14:02,399  
but you don't have to like what they do

318  
00:13:59,450 --> 00:14:07,800  
hmm so I think I just love all the

319  
00:14:02,399 --> 00:14:10,679  
skeptics too and that's how the psychics

320  
00:14:07,799 --> 00:14:13,259  
on sensing murder have been coping over

321  
00:14:10,679 --> 00:14:15,899  
the years with skeptics and criticism

322  
00:14:13,259 --> 00:14:19,019  
but now to add his comments to this

323  
00:14:15,899 --> 00:14:21,570  
whole sorry story joining me on the line

324  
00:14:19,019 --> 00:14:24,600  
now from Wellington is the chair of the

325  
00:14:21,570 --> 00:14:26,640  
ends in skeptics mark Honeychurch hey

326  
00:14:24,600 --> 00:14:29,399  
how's it going good good to see you

327  
00:14:26,639 --> 00:14:32,189  
again we're doing the older video

328  
00:14:29,399 --> 00:14:34,440

interviewing trick once more and I'm

329

00:14:32,190 --> 00:14:37,399

sure listeners will remember that in

330

00:14:34,440 --> 00:14:39,690

December I was at the NZ skeptics

331

00:14:37,399 --> 00:14:42,149

conference where I caught up with you

332

00:14:39,690 --> 00:14:44,459

know we had a chat yeah it was great to

333

00:14:42,149 --> 00:14:48,409

have you over thank you yes I've very

334

00:14:44,458 --> 00:14:53,338

memorable time indeed and we spoke then

335

00:14:48,409 --> 00:14:55,889

about sensing murder because you let me

336

00:14:53,339 --> 00:14:58,529

know that that show was coming up sadly

337

00:14:55,889 --> 00:15:00,990

coming up once again to plague the poor

338

00:14:58,528 --> 00:15:03,600

citizens of New Zealand and folks if you

339

00:15:00,990 --> 00:15:07,049

want to hear our chat about that just

340

00:15:03,600 --> 00:15:11,490

ahead - skeptic Zone episode number 425

341

00:15:07,049 --> 00:15:12,979

the show has commenced yes yet so I

342

00:15:11,490 --> 00:15:15,299

believe two episodes have been broadcast

343  
00:15:12,980 --> 00:15:19,528  
so far at least there are two episodes

344  
00:15:15,299 --> 00:15:21,179  
up on the TV NZ on demand so it's the

345  
00:15:19,528 --> 00:15:25,708  
first half in the second half of one

346  
00:15:21,179 --> 00:15:27,239  
murder hearing me yes as alluded to in

347  
00:15:25,708 --> 00:15:29,489  
that report they're stretching out the

348  
00:15:27,240 --> 00:15:30,120  
murders over two week even more even

349  
00:15:29,490 --> 00:15:33,360  
more of a

350  
00:15:30,120 --> 00:15:35,580  
tisk sham and that report was so strong

351  
00:15:33,360 --> 00:15:37,289  
I'm getting to have the feeling that the

352  
00:15:35,580 --> 00:15:38,240  
NZD skeptics might have had something to

353  
00:15:37,289 --> 00:15:41,610  
do with it

354  
00:15:38,240 --> 00:15:44,490  
no no we we were not contacted by the

355  
00:15:41,610 --> 00:15:46,830  
reporter certainly had nothing to do

356  
00:15:44,490 --> 00:15:48,990  
with us which you know it's great to see

357  
00:15:46,830 --> 00:15:51,600  
that without us even having to push this

358  
00:15:48,990 --> 00:15:53,789  
there's been this article which has it's

359  
00:15:51,600 --> 00:15:55,860  
so strident it has so much to say about

360  
00:15:53,789 --> 00:15:57,929  
psychics and it's straight to the point

361  
00:15:55,860 --> 00:16:00,330  
but other articles as well the spin-off

362  
00:15:57,929 --> 00:16:03,028  
which is a new new site in New Zealand

363  
00:16:00,330 --> 00:16:06,540  
has had a few really good articles as

364  
00:16:03,028 --> 00:16:08,519  
well just bagging on sensing murder lots

365  
00:16:06,539 --> 00:16:10,349  
and it's it's great to see that there

366  
00:16:08,519 --> 00:16:12,720  
really isn't much sympathy left I think

367  
00:16:10,350 --> 00:16:14,639  
in the media for this program it really

368  
00:16:12,720 --> 00:16:18,240  
does sound like it it's not like a

369  
00:16:14,639 --> 00:16:20,490  
review of a new psychic show the program

370  
00:16:18,240 --> 00:16:21,899  
I did some years ago had mixed reviews

371

00:16:20,490 --> 00:16:24,570  
people thought it was a lot of fun or

372  
00:16:21,899 --> 00:16:27,389  
whatever but I never saw or anything to

373  
00:16:24,570 --> 00:16:29,640  
the to the extent of this and you're

374  
00:16:27,389 --> 00:16:32,819  
saying now there's more in the media

375  
00:16:29,639 --> 00:16:35,009  
people are fed up you think yeah I think

376  
00:16:32,820 --> 00:16:36,778  
so I think maybe part of it is the fact

377  
00:16:35,009 --> 00:16:41,399  
that the show originally ran for four

378  
00:16:36,778 --> 00:16:43,860  
seasons from 2007 to 2010 and they

379  
00:16:41,399 --> 00:16:45,480  
covered all the murders and not one of

380  
00:16:43,860 --> 00:16:47,580  
them was sold and not one of them was

381  
00:16:45,480 --> 00:16:49,980  
even helped along by a psychic so I

382  
00:16:47,580 --> 00:16:52,830  
think in a lot of people's minds there

383  
00:16:49,980 --> 00:16:54,889  
is that history that despite churning up

384  
00:16:52,830 --> 00:16:58,110  
old stuff about all these murders and

385  
00:16:54,889 --> 00:17:00,149

having psychics supposedly being eerily

386

00:16:58,110 --> 00:17:02,490

accurate with finding the locations of

387

00:17:00,149 --> 00:17:03,778

bodies and all this kind of thing in a

388

00:17:02,490 --> 00:17:06,150

practical sense they did absolutely

389

00:17:03,778 --> 00:17:08,308

nothing there's been no change no help

390

00:17:06,150 --> 00:17:10,110

whatsoever to the police yeah and that

391

00:17:08,308 --> 00:17:12,750

was certainly the situation here in

392

00:17:10,109 --> 00:17:14,308

Australia where the show ran well at

393

00:17:12,750 --> 00:17:16,410

well over ten years ago there was a

394

00:17:14,308 --> 00:17:20,369

couple of series of one or two series of

395

00:17:16,410 --> 00:17:22,620

this show before it fled tarred and

396

00:17:20,369 --> 00:17:26,759

feathered fled our shores for New

397

00:17:22,619 --> 00:17:28,500

Zealand to infest you yep yep so yes for

398

00:17:26,759 --> 00:17:30,299

us it was four seasons and then I think

399

00:17:28,500 --> 00:17:32,009

the production company the guys that ran

400  
00:17:30,299 --> 00:17:36,299  
it they got in a big fight together so

401  
00:17:32,009 --> 00:17:38,039  
it wasn't even necessarily the the lack

402  
00:17:36,299 --> 00:17:39,359  
of interest in the topic anymore it was

403  
00:17:38,039 --> 00:17:41,759  
just that the three guys running the

404  
00:17:39,359 --> 00:17:42,719  
production company all had a big fight

405  
00:17:41,759 --> 00:17:45,808  
over who owned

406  
00:17:42,720 --> 00:17:47,220  
what and the company dissolved so yes I

407  
00:17:45,808 --> 00:17:50,700  
think maybe we were just lucky that it

408  
00:17:47,220 --> 00:17:52,890  
died when it did over here well the way

409  
00:17:50,700 --> 00:17:54,630  
that I'm reading this that with the

410  
00:17:52,890 --> 00:17:57,120  
negative attention even the first

411  
00:17:54,630 --> 00:17:59,730  
episode or two have received so far it

412  
00:17:57,119 --> 00:18:03,178  
might send a powerful message to to the

413  
00:17:59,730 --> 00:18:05,279  
network involved it's it's T V New

414

00:18:03,179 --> 00:18:07,679

Zealand does that right yeah

415

00:18:05,279 --> 00:18:10,889

TVNZ and an interesting interesting

416

00:18:07,679 --> 00:18:12,720

thing we've just found about them that's

417

00:18:10,890 --> 00:18:14,900

quite relevant to the skeptics this week

418

00:18:12,720 --> 00:18:17,759

is that because they are a state

419

00:18:14,900 --> 00:18:19,259

broadcaster they are subject to the

420

00:18:17,759 --> 00:18:22,919

Official Information Act which means

421

00:18:19,259 --> 00:18:25,829

that any data that TVNZ holds about the

422

00:18:22,919 --> 00:18:28,169

show we are legally allowed to request

423

00:18:25,829 --> 00:18:29,908

so we have a committee meeting of the

424

00:18:28,169 --> 00:18:31,650

New Zealand skeptics this weekend and

425

00:18:29,909 --> 00:18:33,720

we're going to talk about our game plan

426

00:18:31,650 --> 00:18:35,730

for hopefully digging up some dirt and

427

00:18:33,720 --> 00:18:37,829

you know maybe getting hands on some raw

428

00:18:35,730 --> 00:18:40,890  
footage so we can see unedited how

429  
00:18:37,829 --> 00:18:42,240  
accurate the psychics really are maybe

430  
00:18:40,890 --> 00:18:44,070  
seeing what kind of emails have been

431  
00:18:42,240 --> 00:18:47,640  
flying between the production company

432  
00:18:44,069 --> 00:18:49,288  
and TVNZ about the show and just see if

433  
00:18:47,640 --> 00:18:54,390  
it's all legit or if there's anything

434  
00:18:49,288 --> 00:18:56,908  
that maybe is not quite aboveboard I can

435  
00:18:54,390 --> 00:19:01,530  
just imagine and having some experience

436  
00:18:56,909 --> 00:19:03,120  
of this if you ever got your hands on

437  
00:19:01,529 --> 00:19:05,730  
all the raw footage they would have to

438  
00:19:03,119 --> 00:19:09,000  
film to make this show work work it

439  
00:19:05,730 --> 00:19:11,579  
doesn't work you would be in a little

440  
00:19:09,000 --> 00:19:16,829  
room there with the TV on for hours and

441  
00:19:11,579 --> 00:19:18,928  
hours and so I think for each each of

442  
00:19:16,829 --> 00:19:20,639

the psychics they do two psychics one

443

00:19:18,929 --> 00:19:23,538

day after the other and I think it's 8

444

00:19:20,640 --> 00:19:26,640

or 10 hours of solid recording and that

445

00:19:23,538 --> 00:19:28,740

gets condensed down to maybe four

446

00:19:26,640 --> 00:19:31,140

minutes of guesswork that gets shown and

447

00:19:28,740 --> 00:19:32,759

honestly when you watch the four minutes

448

00:19:31,140 --> 00:19:34,169

of each of the psychics are guessing if

449

00:19:32,759 --> 00:19:37,140

that's the best they can come out with

450

00:19:34,169 --> 00:19:39,538

in ten hours it's pretty poor it's a

451

00:19:37,140 --> 00:19:41,610

good word to use because at the moment

452

00:19:39,538 --> 00:19:45,119

and I've alluded this on the show that

453

00:19:41,609 --> 00:19:47,369

I'm in the middle of a very big project

454

00:19:45,119 --> 00:19:50,250

which keeps growing by the day where I'm

455

00:19:47,369 --> 00:19:51,808

collating years and years and years

456

00:19:50,250 --> 00:19:55,940

worth of psychic predictions from

457  
00:19:51,808 --> 00:19:58,158  
Australia going back to so far almost

458  
00:19:55,940 --> 00:20:00,048  
to the year 2000 but it's now running

459  
00:19:58,159 --> 00:20:01,309  
into the hundreds of predictions and as

460  
00:20:00,048 --> 00:20:03,589  
I'm going through all these and I'm

461  
00:20:01,308 --> 00:20:05,388  
listening to endless interviews and

462  
00:20:03,589 --> 00:20:07,250  
transcripts and whatever it occurred to

463  
00:20:05,388 --> 00:20:10,758  
me that the word prediction is used a

464  
00:20:07,250 --> 00:20:12,230  
lot when it comes to psychic but I can't

465  
00:20:10,759 --> 00:20:15,558  
see the difference between that and a

466  
00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:17,419  
guess we can just say people make lots

467  
00:20:15,558 --> 00:20:19,128  
of guesses some of them come true well

468  
00:20:17,419 --> 00:20:22,309  
if it's a psychic oh it's not a guess

469  
00:20:19,128 --> 00:20:24,230  
it's a prediction yep

470  
00:20:22,308 --> 00:20:25,908  
seems to be a default assumption that

471  
00:20:24,230 --> 00:20:27,528  
they are predicting that they do have

472  
00:20:25,909 --> 00:20:27,789  
this power and we have to prove them

473  
00:20:27,528 --> 00:20:30,440  
wrong

474  
00:20:27,788 --> 00:20:31,940  
absolutely not the case and I suppose

475  
00:20:30,440 --> 00:20:33,409  
there's semantics you can say there's a

476  
00:20:31,940 --> 00:20:35,629  
difference between the use of the word

477  
00:20:33,409 --> 00:20:38,539  
guess and prediction but well I tell you

478  
00:20:35,628 --> 00:20:41,028  
what it's a fascinating project is is

479  
00:20:38,538 --> 00:20:44,000  
this show slated to go for several weeks

480  
00:20:41,028 --> 00:20:46,099  
or months do you know they recorded a

481  
00:20:44,000 --> 00:20:48,679  
few episodes and given that each episode

482  
00:20:46,099 --> 00:20:50,209  
or each murder has been split into two I

483  
00:20:48,679 --> 00:20:52,580  
imagine it's probably gonna have a run

484  
00:20:50,210 --> 00:20:54,829  
of maybe eight or ten episodes and all I

485

00:20:52,579 --> 00:20:56,449  
know I know for the original showing it

486  
00:20:54,829 --> 00:20:58,788  
started off maybe ten or twelve episodes

487  
00:20:56,450 --> 00:21:00,980  
of season by the end they were down to

488  
00:20:58,788 --> 00:21:03,019  
five and honestly there's only 60

489  
00:21:00,980 --> 00:21:03,829  
unsolved murders in New Zealand so

490  
00:21:03,019 --> 00:21:05,419  
they've got you know they've got a

491  
00:21:03,829 --> 00:21:07,119  
limited pool to be pulling from and some

492  
00:21:05,419 --> 00:21:10,070  
of those are probably quite pedestrian

493  
00:21:07,119 --> 00:21:11,750  
yes but what they're doing and if I if I

494  
00:21:10,069 --> 00:21:14,808  
read that report correctly is they're

495  
00:21:11,750 --> 00:21:17,808  
going to now look for Kiwis who have

496  
00:21:14,808 --> 00:21:19,038  
been murdered overseas you see yes

497  
00:21:17,808 --> 00:21:21,109  
that's something they they've always

498  
00:21:19,038 --> 00:21:23,808  
done a little bit of I think one was on

499  
00:21:21,109 --> 00:21:25,099

a container ship in the original series

500

00:21:23,808 --> 00:21:26,658

I see um

501

00:21:25,099 --> 00:21:28,788

so somebody that was murdered somewhere

502

00:21:26,659 --> 00:21:30,950

near Dubai maybe but they were of Kiwi

503

00:21:28,788 --> 00:21:33,319

heritage so that was enough but it was

504

00:21:30,950 --> 00:21:34,580

worthy of it it's I mean it's appalling

505

00:21:33,319 --> 00:21:36,619

that we're actually laughing over

506

00:21:34,579 --> 00:21:39,470

something so serious and people poor

507

00:21:36,619 --> 00:21:41,479

people getting murdered but there is a

508

00:21:39,470 --> 00:21:43,879

what shall we say not of not a funny

509

00:21:41,480 --> 00:21:46,339

side but a sort of a.m. yes maybe

510

00:21:43,878 --> 00:21:47,928

morbidly funny I know it's it's it's all

511

00:21:46,339 --> 00:21:50,119

it's all a bit confusing and so it's all

512

00:21:47,929 --> 00:21:53,509

pretty wrong it's all pretty wrong and

513

00:21:50,119 --> 00:21:55,609

we hope that TV and Zedd get the message

514  
00:21:53,509 --> 00:21:57,829  
loud and clear that this is the sort of

515  
00:21:55,609 --> 00:22:01,339  
thing that we should them consigned to

516  
00:21:57,829 --> 00:22:03,349  
the dustbin of history yeah absolutely I

517  
00:22:01,339 --> 00:22:06,439  
think it's it is sad to see people

518  
00:22:03,349 --> 00:22:08,750  
families being exploited like this but

519  
00:22:06,440 --> 00:22:09,860  
it is nice to see just how bad these

520  
00:22:08,750 --> 00:22:12,529  
psychics are doing

521  
00:22:09,859 --> 00:22:15,019  
at times and you know the more the more

522  
00:22:12,529 --> 00:22:17,210  
they mess up the more silly things they

523  
00:22:15,019 --> 00:22:19,160  
say and they you know when they talk to

524  
00:22:17,210 --> 00:22:21,289  
the media you you do get silly things

525  
00:22:19,160 --> 00:22:22,910  
like sue Nicholson a while ago told the

526  
00:22:21,289 --> 00:22:25,099  
media it was called sensing murder not

527  
00:22:22,910 --> 00:22:26,570  
solving murder as if there's no

528  
00:22:25,099 --> 00:22:28,759  
expectation that they should actually

529  
00:22:26,569 --> 00:22:30,859  
have any result schadenfreude or maybe

530  
00:22:28,759 --> 00:22:32,089  
that's the word I was looking for where

531  
00:22:30,859 --> 00:22:34,039  
else should our listeners in New Zealand

532  
00:22:32,089 --> 00:22:37,609  
know about the New Zealand skeptics at

533  
00:22:34,039 --> 00:22:39,409  
the moment so via The Skeptical activism

534  
00:22:37,609 --> 00:22:41,240  
groups that we have here in New Zealand

535  
00:22:39,410 --> 00:22:43,490  
we're doing we're still plotting along

536  
00:22:41,240 --> 00:22:45,440  
with a lot of work with alternative

537  
00:22:43,490 --> 00:22:47,150  
health care I've just written an article

538  
00:22:45,440 --> 00:22:49,308  
that I'm hoping to get published in the

539  
00:22:47,150 --> 00:22:51,110  
New Zealand Medical Journal just a

540  
00:22:49,308 --> 00:22:52,460  
little game that myself and Mark Hanna

541  
00:22:51,109 --> 00:22:54,740  
from the Society for science-based

542

00:22:52,460 --> 00:22:56,450  
health care played end of last year

543  
00:22:54,740 --> 00:22:58,130  
where we tried guessing a combination of

544  
00:22:56,450 --> 00:23:00,259  
a medical condition an alternative

545  
00:22:58,130 --> 00:23:01,549  
therapy and the idea was to see if there

546  
00:23:00,259 --> 00:23:03,289  
was anybody in New Zealand that said

547  
00:23:01,548 --> 00:23:06,289  
that that dodgy therapy could treat that

548  
00:23:03,289 --> 00:23:08,058  
condition and the game went on a long

549  
00:23:06,289 --> 00:23:10,759  
time it took a long time before we found

550  
00:23:08,058 --> 00:23:12,980  
a mixture of the two where someone

551  
00:23:10,759 --> 00:23:14,390  
wasn't making a really bad claim so

552  
00:23:12,980 --> 00:23:17,450  
we're hoping to get some publicity

553  
00:23:14,390 --> 00:23:19,640  
around that and I know Daniel Ryan as

554  
00:23:17,450 --> 00:23:21,440  
well from the skeptics he's going after

555  
00:23:19,640 --> 00:23:23,299  
acupuncturists and he's put in

556  
00:23:21,440 --> 00:23:25,669

complaints about I think over a hundred

557

00:23:23,298 --> 00:23:27,558

acupuncturists and he's also been joined

558

00:23:25,669 --> 00:23:30,200

by Loretta from your side of the pond

559

00:23:27,558 --> 00:23:32,750

she's she's put in a large complaint to

560

00:23:30,200 --> 00:23:34,460

the aasa' over here about acupuncturists

561

00:23:32,750 --> 00:23:36,410

so they're really getting hammered at

562

00:23:34,460 --> 00:23:39,019

the moment and obviously deservingly so

563

00:23:36,410 --> 00:23:40,669

I think it's very good news yes let's

564

00:23:39,019 --> 00:23:41,960

keep up let's keep up the pressure and

565

00:23:40,669 --> 00:23:44,720

of course going through official

566

00:23:41,960 --> 00:23:46,819

channels is is in the long run we're

567

00:23:44,720 --> 00:23:48,230

finding it the most effective thing to

568

00:23:46,819 --> 00:23:50,149

do apart from going straight to the

569

00:23:48,230 --> 00:23:52,069

mediator on occasions when that works

570

00:23:50,150 --> 00:23:54,350

and the big story in the media can help

571  
00:23:52,069 --> 00:23:55,819  
help us enormous Lee but yes going

572  
00:23:54,349 --> 00:23:58,069  
through the correct channels to get this

573  
00:23:55,819 --> 00:23:59,058  
footage from sensing murder or going

574  
00:23:58,069 --> 00:24:01,189  
through other correct channels

575  
00:23:59,058 --> 00:24:03,918  
government channels I think ultimately

576  
00:24:01,190 --> 00:24:05,539  
brings more results well please keep us

577  
00:24:03,919 --> 00:24:07,940  
up to date mark I'm very interested to

578  
00:24:05,539 --> 00:24:09,168  
to keep tabs on what's happening in New

579  
00:24:07,940 --> 00:24:10,429  
Zealand especially with this dreadful

580  
00:24:09,169 --> 00:24:13,400  
show sensing murder

581  
00:24:10,429 --> 00:24:15,890  
alright so mark how can people find out

582  
00:24:13,400 --> 00:24:17,900  
more about the New Zealand skeptics if

583  
00:24:15,890 --> 00:24:19,820  
you go to our website skeptics dot NZ

584  
00:24:17,900 --> 00:24:21,800  
you can join up or just find out about

585  
00:24:19,819 --> 00:24:23,450  
activities we have a list of all our

586  
00:24:21,799 --> 00:24:25,700  
skeptics in the pub meeting

587  
00:24:23,450 --> 00:24:27,200  
there on the website and every year we

588  
00:24:25,700 --> 00:24:28,480  
have a conference as well and this year

589  
00:24:27,200 --> 00:24:30,409  
it's going to be in Wellington and

590  
00:24:28,480 --> 00:24:31,880  
hopefully with pairing up with the

591  
00:24:30,409 --> 00:24:34,190  
Australian skeptics we're going to get

592  
00:24:31,880 --> 00:24:35,419  
some good international speakers coming

593  
00:24:34,190 --> 00:24:35,750  
over we're really looking forward to

594  
00:24:35,419 --> 00:24:37,970  
that

595  
00:24:35,750 --> 00:24:40,220  
oh well folks if you're in New Zealand

596  
00:24:37,970 --> 00:24:41,480  
and you want to find out more please go

597  
00:24:40,220 --> 00:24:42,769  
to that website I was at their

598  
00:24:41,480 --> 00:24:45,470  
conference last year and I had a

599

00:24:42,769 --> 00:24:46,548  
wonderful time top line and speakers

600  
00:24:45,470 --> 00:24:51,139  
apart from me of course

601  
00:24:46,548 --> 00:24:52,579  
oh well a great company anyway Marc

602  
00:24:51,138 --> 00:24:55,069  
giggling they're on the other side of

603  
00:24:52,579 --> 00:24:56,528  
the pond so to speak on the ditch thank

604  
00:24:55,069 --> 00:24:57,809  
you very much

605  
00:24:56,528 --> 00:25:11,130  
Jaya

606  
00:24:57,809 --> 00:25:15,069  
[Music]

607  
00:25:11,130 --> 00:25:17,080  
and now direct from the cafe at

608  
00:25:15,069 --> 00:25:24,069  
Australia's Science Channel

609  
00:25:17,079 --> 00:25:26,049  
it's brouhaha with Kelly Wang you're

610  
00:25:24,069 --> 00:25:28,329  
going to hear a lot of fat woman going

611  
00:25:26,049 --> 00:25:30,819  
around today why because of

612  
00:25:28,329 --> 00:25:32,619  
International Women's Day the one day

613  
00:25:30,819 --> 00:25:35,049

that women are reminded of how far we've

614

00:25:32,619 --> 00:25:37,419

come here are some facts that we

615

00:25:35,049 --> 00:25:39,759

definitely did not already know about

616

00:25:37,420 --> 00:25:41,050

women in stem but say that I can get

617

00:25:39,759 --> 00:25:45,879

this message through to you

618

00:25:41,049 --> 00:25:48,159

let me mansplain this to start with

619

00:25:45,880 --> 00:25:51,100

there's no gender difference in math

620

00:25:48,160 --> 00:25:53,650

ability study after study shows us

621

00:25:51,099 --> 00:25:55,569

worldwide an emerging gender gap in

622

00:25:53,650 --> 00:25:58,030

Australia is due to society attitudes

623

00:25:55,569 --> 00:26:00,000

and student confidence and obviously the

624

00:25:58,029 --> 00:26:03,250

first one of various feeds a second

625

00:26:00,000 --> 00:26:04,990

female participation in stem increases

626

00:26:03,250 --> 00:26:07,000

when coaches encourage and include

627

00:26:04,990 --> 00:26:08,650

females more in China

628  
00:26:07,000 --> 00:26:11,829  
forty percent of engineering grads a

629  
00:26:08,650 --> 00:26:14,830  
female in Malaysia 44 percent in

630  
00:26:11,829 --> 00:26:16,720  
Australia it's 14 percent when there's a

631  
00:26:14,829 --> 00:26:19,029  
cultural expectation for girls undertake

632  
00:26:16,720 --> 00:26:20,710  
of stem Korea like engineering women

633  
00:26:19,029 --> 00:26:23,829  
will suddenly realize how cool it is to

634  
00:26:20,710 --> 00:26:26,110  
be able to solve real-world problems but

635  
00:26:23,829 --> 00:26:28,089  
women in stem do and less than their

636  
00:26:26,109 --> 00:26:30,459  
male counterparts it happens just

637  
00:26:28,089 --> 00:26:32,619  
because you say it doesn't doesn't make

638  
00:26:30,460 --> 00:26:34,179  
it sir there are actual numbers that

639  
00:26:32,619 --> 00:26:36,909  
show it nationwide

640  
00:26:34,179 --> 00:26:40,000  
the difference is 16 percent in science

641  
00:26:36,910 --> 00:26:42,550  
its 23 percent while there have been

642  
00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:43,569  
improvements over time there is still a

643  
00:26:42,549 --> 00:26:47,500  
long way to go

644  
00:26:43,569 --> 00:26:49,058  
gender inequality is still a problem so

645  
00:26:47,500 --> 00:26:50,859  
if you know someone who needs this may

646  
00:26:49,058 --> 00:26:53,500  
explain to them send them this video

647  
00:26:50,859 --> 00:26:56,619  
with our company

648  
00:26:53,500 --> 00:27:07,509  
for more brouhaha and Australian science

649  
00:26:56,619 --> 00:27:09,369  
head 4ww Australia science TV the

650  
00:27:07,509 --> 00:27:12,490  
skeptic magazine the journal from

651  
00:27:09,369 --> 00:27:14,709  
Australian skeptics subscribe online to

652  
00:27:12,490 --> 00:27:20,019  
the world's second oldest skeptical

653  
00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:23,200  
magazine visit WWF x comma u and click

654  
00:27:20,019 --> 00:27:27,609  
the publication's link you can also find

655  
00:27:23,200 --> 00:27:30,759  
there over 30 years of back issues free

656

00:27:27,609 --> 00:27:43,799  
to download the skeptic magazine from

657  
00:27:30,759 --> 00:27:49,410  
Australian skeptics here's main art

658  
00:27:43,799 --> 00:27:49,409  
spooky action at the distance

659  
00:27:51,210 --> 00:27:56,440  
well who are once and for all at the

660  
00:27:54,160 --> 00:27:57,460  
skeptics once again skeptics in the pub

661  
00:27:56,440 --> 00:28:00,009  
here it's all happening at the

662  
00:27:57,460 --> 00:28:01,180  
Occidental opposite Wynyard Park ICANN

663  
00:28:00,009 --> 00:28:03,400  
server there looks like a perfectly

664  
00:28:01,180 --> 00:28:05,200  
normal day outside but inside here we're

665  
00:28:03,400 --> 00:28:07,570  
gonna be discussing all sorts of things

666  
00:28:05,200 --> 00:28:08,680  
to do with deep space tonight I think or

667  
00:28:07,569 --> 00:28:09,819  
something you are a we're gonna be

668  
00:28:08,680 --> 00:28:13,120  
talking about the Australian space

669  
00:28:09,819 --> 00:28:17,109  
program here which might fill the hour I

670  
00:28:13,119 --> 00:28:18,669

hope it does and also witchcraft now

671

00:28:17,109 --> 00:28:20,619

been asking about witchcraft what do you

672

00:28:18,670 --> 00:28:22,210

think of witchcraft I personally don't

673

00:28:20,619 --> 00:28:23,739

really think too much about it at all

674

00:28:22,210 --> 00:28:25,509

one of the areas I don't really delve

675

00:28:23,740 --> 00:28:26,980

into as much but who have we got here

676

00:28:25,509 --> 00:28:29,170

and what's a little bit of your

677

00:28:26,980 --> 00:28:30,430

knowledge about the topic my name is

678

00:28:29,170 --> 00:28:33,310

Laura what do you want to know me not

679

00:28:30,430 --> 00:28:39,340

well okay well has there ever been any

680

00:28:33,309 --> 00:28:41,200

repeatable evidence of it I know there's

681

00:28:39,339 --> 00:28:42,579

been a lot of shonky persecution of

682

00:28:41,200 --> 00:28:44,410

people thought of as witches over the

683

00:28:42,579 --> 00:28:46,480

years that's for sure and that's well

684

00:28:44,410 --> 00:28:48,519

documented but what they're actually

685  
00:28:46,480 --> 00:28:51,130  
doing doesn't seem on reflection to a

686  
00:28:48,519 --> 00:28:52,509  
beyond that's spooky no it doesn't I

687  
00:28:51,130 --> 00:28:54,880  
think we can explain a lot of the old

688  
00:28:52,509 --> 00:28:58,390  
stuff now now that we have have more

689  
00:28:54,880 --> 00:29:01,810  
knowledge there are lots of people who

690  
00:28:58,390 --> 00:29:03,910  
identify as which is in the world now it

691  
00:29:01,809 --> 00:29:07,509  
seems to be more of or they claim it's

692  
00:29:03,910 --> 00:29:09,400  
more of a religion and I think most

693  
00:29:07,509 --> 00:29:10,420  
people think it is I think most people

694  
00:29:09,400 --> 00:29:11,769  
think it's just people messing around

695  
00:29:10,420 --> 00:29:14,320  
with spells trying to get people to fall

696  
00:29:11,769 --> 00:29:15,460  
in love or putting curses and stuff so I

697  
00:29:14,319 --> 00:29:17,049  
think there's a bit of a misconception

698  
00:29:15,460 --> 00:29:19,150  
as to what people actually think it is

699  
00:29:17,049 --> 00:29:21,819  
as far as the spells actually doing

700  
00:29:19,150 --> 00:29:23,170  
anything I would say this there's

701  
00:29:21,819 --> 00:29:25,599  
nothing you know I think it's as simple

702  
00:29:23,170 --> 00:29:26,950  
as somebody cast the spell to do

703  
00:29:25,599 --> 00:29:28,419  
something and then it accidentally

704  
00:29:26,950 --> 00:29:30,490  
happens and therefore to them that's

705  
00:29:28,420 --> 00:29:31,779  
confirmed that it works but I would

706  
00:29:30,490 --> 00:29:33,490  
assume that there's not there's not

707  
00:29:31,779 --> 00:29:37,029  
actually any hard and fast evidence that

708  
00:29:33,490 --> 00:29:38,859  
a single thing actually works what trees

709  
00:29:37,029 --> 00:29:40,149  
are in tree I mean spirit of the trees

710  
00:29:38,859 --> 00:29:41,109  
that'd be pretty good I mean there's

711  
00:29:40,150 --> 00:29:42,730  
plenty to choose from

712  
00:29:41,109 --> 00:29:44,619  
and a forest would be a pretty

713

00:29:42,730 --> 00:29:45,309  
interesting place to be at night yes

714  
00:29:44,619 --> 00:29:47,019  
sounds good to me

715  
00:29:45,309 --> 00:29:49,000  
I think they do community nature a lot

716  
00:29:47,019 --> 00:29:50,769  
yeah yeah and also there's a lot more

717  
00:29:49,000 --> 00:29:53,079  
holidays too because it's got you got

718  
00:29:50,769 --> 00:29:54,609  
the moon cycle so you got like 12 sort

719  
00:29:53,079 --> 00:29:57,730  
of things a year to celebrate for

720  
00:29:54,609 --> 00:29:58,929  
starters yeah yeah they celebrate things

721  
00:29:57,730 --> 00:30:00,230  
at slightly different times so they

722  
00:29:58,930 --> 00:30:03,259  
don't celebrate Christmas

723  
00:30:00,230 --> 00:30:05,000  
time that their Halloween type I think

724  
00:30:03,259 --> 00:30:07,759  
they call it Halloween imaginary they're

725  
00:30:05,000 --> 00:30:09,289  
like their Christmas look in their

726  
00:30:07,759 --> 00:30:11,480  
defense Christmas has been moved around

727  
00:30:09,289 --> 00:30:14,329

a little bit over the over the centuries

728

00:30:11,480 --> 00:30:16,400

it certainly has yes so that's good

729

00:30:14,329 --> 00:30:17,839

yeah so I mean what what do you reckon

730

00:30:16,400 --> 00:30:19,100

if you're looking be looking for if

731

00:30:17,839 --> 00:30:20,509

there was any evidence forward does

732

00:30:19,099 --> 00:30:22,399

anyone actually I consider anyone

733

00:30:20,509 --> 00:30:24,769

actually tried to sit someone down and

734

00:30:22,400 --> 00:30:26,240

go okay can you do this I really don't

735

00:30:24,769 --> 00:30:27,589

know I haven't actually looked into a

736

00:30:26,240 --> 00:30:28,940

from a scientific perspective I don't

737

00:30:27,589 --> 00:30:30,470

think it would be that hard to test

738

00:30:28,940 --> 00:30:32,360

yeah I'm sure someone must have haven't

739

00:30:30,470 --> 00:30:34,069

given us a go but I haven't heard about

740

00:30:32,359 --> 00:30:35,269

it if they did and it worked no I'm

741

00:30:34,069 --> 00:30:38,750

interested to go and Google about now

742  
00:30:35,269 --> 00:30:40,970  
okay away we go now we are talking about

743  
00:30:38,750 --> 00:30:42,769  
witchcraft tonight I've got to say it's

744  
00:30:40,970 --> 00:30:44,450  
one area like I will watch documentaries

745  
00:30:42,769 --> 00:30:46,250  
on just about anything but that one

746  
00:30:44,450 --> 00:30:47,450  
it just doesn't interest me one way or

747  
00:30:46,250 --> 00:30:49,910  
the other it's not that I find it

748  
00:30:47,450 --> 00:30:52,429  
tedious or anything it's just that I'm I

749  
00:30:49,910 --> 00:30:55,009  
have about the brain for it oh yeah I

750  
00:30:52,429 --> 00:31:01,370  
think there's much much to really really

751  
00:30:55,009 --> 00:31:02,660  
NEP too complicated about it I always

752  
00:31:01,369 --> 00:31:04,699  
thought that like if you're casting

753  
00:31:02,660 --> 00:31:05,840  
spells that it's not always a one way

754  
00:31:04,700 --> 00:31:07,580  
thing it's something that's kind of

755  
00:31:05,839 --> 00:31:10,129  
reflecting back on you so you can't just

756

00:31:07,579 --> 00:31:11,689

cast a spell for kind of good or evil

757

00:31:10,130 --> 00:31:13,160

not have someone come back on you which

758

00:31:11,690 --> 00:31:14,660

I think that's not a great thing to have

759

00:31:13,160 --> 00:31:16,790

what things work I'm leave if this stuff

760

00:31:14,660 --> 00:31:19,130

comes back on you all the time but I

761

00:31:16,789 --> 00:31:21,980

often wonder what the difference is

762

00:31:19,130 --> 00:31:25,520

between casting your spell or saying a

763

00:31:21,980 --> 00:31:27,500

prayer and another I like the way you

764

00:31:25,519 --> 00:31:29,179

can again there you've done a bit of

765

00:31:27,500 --> 00:31:34,339

skeptical work there connecting both of

766

00:31:29,179 --> 00:31:35,720

them and we are here at skeptics of the

767

00:31:34,339 --> 00:31:37,459

publication they get someone who's never

768

00:31:35,720 --> 00:31:39,679

come along before this person's traveled

769

00:31:37,460 --> 00:31:43,519

from the Central Coast and we we thank

770

00:31:39,679 --> 00:31:45,259  
you for your kilometers to the we're

771  
00:31:43,519 --> 00:31:46,910  
talking about witchcraft here tonight

772  
00:31:45,259 --> 00:31:48,769  
which maybe you know stay trail could

773  
00:31:46,910 --> 00:31:49,880  
use a bit to get moving a bit faster but

774  
00:31:48,769 --> 00:31:51,440  
anyway what are you reckon about

775  
00:31:49,880 --> 00:31:53,090  
witchcraft thing you're here because you

776  
00:31:51,440 --> 00:31:55,009  
maybe got some interest in the skeptical

777  
00:31:53,089 --> 00:31:56,629  
thing maybe in the paranormal thing

778  
00:31:55,009 --> 00:31:58,190  
where do you sit with that oh I'm very

779  
00:31:56,630 --> 00:31:59,899  
skeptical

780  
00:31:58,190 --> 00:32:01,190  
and the whole witchcraft thing I think

781  
00:31:59,898 --> 00:32:02,569  
it's a it's one of those things if

782  
00:32:01,190 --> 00:32:04,788  
people fill their life with it and they

783  
00:32:02,569 --> 00:32:06,918  
enjoy it and it's not harming themselves

784  
00:32:04,788 --> 00:32:08,750

or anyone else around them it's fine

785

00:32:06,919 --> 00:32:10,460

doesn't bother me in any way that's okay

786

00:32:08,750 --> 00:32:12,259

what's the harm thing I can understand

787

00:32:10,460 --> 00:32:13,639

that and also a lot of people like they

788

00:32:12,259 --> 00:32:15,169

can make little little alters in their

789

00:32:13,638 --> 00:32:17,479

place and it's kind of it's all sort of

790

00:32:15,169 --> 00:32:19,639

about being enhancing the goddess inside

791

00:32:17,480 --> 00:32:21,079

or that kind of thing and I guess we

792

00:32:19,638 --> 00:32:22,908

could we could all use a bit of that my

793

00:32:21,079 --> 00:32:25,099

partner's cousin actually runs her like

794

00:32:22,909 --> 00:32:27,620

a Wiccan

795

00:32:25,099 --> 00:32:28,819

pagan pagan you being in there right

796

00:32:27,619 --> 00:32:30,079

into that and that's it we're very

797

00:32:28,819 --> 00:32:31,700

different people we'll get along fine

798

00:32:30,079 --> 00:32:33,168

and you don't clash about that going

799

00:32:31,700 --> 00:32:34,879

look you know how about we test one of

800

00:32:33,169 --> 00:32:35,990

these spells we give it a fortnight see

801

00:32:34,878 --> 00:32:37,908

if it works they haven't tried that one

802

00:32:35,990 --> 00:32:39,048

no actually it's not a bad one but they

803

00:32:37,909 --> 00:32:40,429

don't they don't push it on this or

804

00:32:39,048 --> 00:32:42,019

anything like that I think they know

805

00:32:40,429 --> 00:32:43,639

where I sit with it so they don't try

806

00:32:42,019 --> 00:32:45,349

too hard okay what are you hoping to get

807

00:32:43,638 --> 00:32:46,278

out of tonight and our guest speaker and

808

00:32:45,349 --> 00:32:47,898

all that sort of thing here tonight

809

00:32:46,278 --> 00:32:50,919

because we're looking at the Australian

810

00:32:47,898 --> 00:32:52,908

space program awesome I didn't ever know

811

00:32:50,919 --> 00:32:54,139

just hoping you can talk for an hour

812

00:32:52,909 --> 00:32:55,700

that's what I'm just worried that we

813  
00:32:54,138 --> 00:32:58,128  
might not make the whole hour might have

814  
00:32:55,700 --> 00:32:59,929  
to do some comedy yeah I'm happy to hear

815  
00:32:58,128 --> 00:33:01,878  
anything that's going on it's my first

816  
00:32:59,929 --> 00:33:04,580  
time so I'm just came to see what it's

817  
00:33:01,878 --> 00:33:05,599  
all about and meet some new people look

818  
00:33:04,579 --> 00:33:06,859  
at me here it's not a lot of people get

819  
00:33:05,599 --> 00:33:08,869  
a bit nervous when they come here

820  
00:33:06,859 --> 00:33:10,369  
because suddenly I turn up and I put a

821  
00:33:08,869 --> 00:33:11,839  
microphone in front of them and it seems

822  
00:33:10,369 --> 00:33:13,099  
like chipper I'm like I do it all the

823  
00:33:11,839 --> 00:33:14,720  
time but you know feel like a person

824  
00:33:13,099 --> 00:33:17,178  
like this is just coming from out so I

825  
00:33:14,720 --> 00:33:18,769  
put your names up Daniel Daniel yeah I

826  
00:33:17,179 --> 00:33:21,230  
mean yeah it doesn't come naturally to

827

00:33:18,769 --> 00:33:23,628  
talk into a microphone does it no not at

828  
00:33:21,230 --> 00:33:25,819  
all occasionally get people listing go

829  
00:33:23,628 --> 00:33:27,798  
that person didn't sound blow well maybe

830  
00:33:25,819 --> 00:33:29,599  
they don't always talk into a microphone

831  
00:33:27,798 --> 00:33:31,250  
and have a goose like me coming up to

832  
00:33:29,599 --> 00:33:33,109  
them you heard me mention about

833  
00:33:31,250 --> 00:33:34,278  
witchcraft there what do you got much of

834  
00:33:33,109 --> 00:33:35,928  
an opinion on that one there it's

835  
00:33:34,278 --> 00:33:39,730  
certainly no shortage of it in the media

836  
00:33:35,929 --> 00:33:43,509  
sometimes no no not much of an opinion

837  
00:33:39,730 --> 00:33:46,420  
I've got an open mind about it but

838  
00:33:43,509 --> 00:33:48,609  
I'm keen to hear what the experts have

839  
00:33:46,420 --> 00:33:50,080  
to say tonight well yeah they're gonna

840  
00:33:48,609 --> 00:33:51,849  
be talking about this trackin space

841  
00:33:50,079 --> 00:33:53,859

program which I don't know has the rich

842

00:33:51,849 --> 00:33:57,549

craft involved or not but I'll certainly

843

00:33:53,859 --> 00:33:58,809

be interested yeah stuff but not so much

844

00:33:57,549 --> 00:33:59,710

witchcraft I think it's one of there's a

845

00:33:58,809 --> 00:34:01,990

couple of areas where I'm not really

846

00:33:59,710 --> 00:34:04,450

into and that's the ghosts and the

847

00:34:01,990 --> 00:34:05,980

witchcraft and you know stuff like that

848

00:34:04,450 --> 00:34:08,530

not into that for some reason don't know

849

00:34:05,980 --> 00:34:11,710

why yeah I think it's it's one of those

850

00:34:08,530 --> 00:34:14,409

things that's kind of been a myth but

851

00:34:11,710 --> 00:34:16,090

you know since we've grown up it's kind

852

00:34:14,409 --> 00:34:19,030

of input into our minds about what

853

00:34:16,090 --> 00:34:20,710

what's possible what's not possible and

854

00:34:19,030 --> 00:34:23,940

I think we're all kind of in count and

855

00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:27,039

count encountered maybe some spiritual

856  
00:34:23,940 --> 00:34:30,849  
feelings or experiences that we kind of

857  
00:34:27,039 --> 00:34:33,009  
question things and just funny enough we

858  
00:34:30,849 --> 00:34:34,960  
ended up dating two different sisters

859  
00:34:33,010 --> 00:34:38,169  
and we just ended up meeting here

860  
00:34:34,960 --> 00:34:39,639  
tonight is randomly some people say

861  
00:34:38,168 --> 00:34:41,829  
there's no such thing as coincidences

862  
00:34:39,639 --> 00:34:43,059  
and some people say in the everyone in

863  
00:34:41,829 --> 00:34:44,648  
New South Wales you abandon it

864  
00:34:43,059 --> 00:34:46,148  
eventually anyway so it depends on which

865  
00:34:44,648 --> 00:34:48,668  
side you're gonna sit on the steps on

866  
00:34:46,148 --> 00:34:52,239  
that yeah absolutely and I think it's

867  
00:34:48,668 --> 00:34:53,710  
all about probabilities yeah because

868  
00:34:52,239 --> 00:34:55,299  
there's a million times when you didn't

869  
00:34:53,710 --> 00:34:56,648  
walk around the corner and bump into

870  
00:34:55,300 --> 00:34:58,269  
someone you didn't and then you did so

871  
00:34:56,648 --> 00:34:59,949  
all those things happening enjoy

872  
00:34:58,269 --> 00:35:03,539  
yourself tonight and I hope the few more

873  
00:34:59,949 --> 00:35:05,649  
coincidences happen here right thank you

874  
00:35:03,539 --> 00:35:07,269  
I'm here with someone from stranger

875  
00:35:05,650 --> 00:35:09,730  
things down under who we got are you

876  
00:35:07,269 --> 00:35:11,949  
with Jessica hazard what cool I like

877  
00:35:09,730 --> 00:35:13,210  
that I like that a lot now what used up

878  
00:35:11,949 --> 00:35:14,679  
to recently I believe you went

879  
00:35:13,210 --> 00:35:16,659  
underground but Richard a few weeks ago

880  
00:35:14,679 --> 00:35:19,119  
we heard on the show here he goes to it

881  
00:35:16,659 --> 00:35:22,179  
yeah it was a lot of fun no no ghosts

882  
00:35:19,119 --> 00:35:24,699  
sadly but some excellent history a very

883  
00:35:22,179 --> 00:35:27,309  
very hot night but still still a good

884

00:35:24,699 --> 00:35:29,049  
time you know laughs and mostly just

885  
00:35:27,309 --> 00:35:30,969  
interesting history from Sydney was what

886  
00:35:29,050 --> 00:35:33,340  
I enjoyed most about it well I think

887  
00:35:30,969 --> 00:35:34,750  
Richards got a bit of a beanies bonnet

888  
00:35:33,340 --> 00:35:36,160  
about it at the moment there for some

889  
00:35:34,750 --> 00:35:37,900  
reason and he reckons you know he wanted

890  
00:35:36,159 --> 00:35:39,699  
about witches I'm just running pick your

891  
00:35:37,900 --> 00:35:42,039  
brains what do you think how do you sit

892  
00:35:39,699 --> 00:35:45,819  
as a female skip because which is often

893  
00:35:42,039 --> 00:35:47,500  
of course our women oh I feel torn I

894  
00:35:45,820 --> 00:35:50,320  
mean I'm still I'm still waiting on my

895  
00:35:47,500 --> 00:35:52,210  
letter from Hogwarts it's very late

896  
00:35:50,320 --> 00:35:54,400  
wasn't the Harry Potter thing there -

897  
00:35:52,210 --> 00:35:56,110  
although that flying around game that

898  
00:35:54,400 --> 00:35:58,240

they played that seemed a bit silly

899

00:35:56,110 --> 00:36:00,460

this is embarrassing to admit but I'm

900

00:35:58,239 --> 00:36:02,789

going to admit it Quidditch is the only

901

00:36:00,460 --> 00:36:04,389

sports game that I know the rules -

902

00:36:02,789 --> 00:36:06,789

that's cool

903

00:36:04,389 --> 00:36:07,449

it's pretty cool or is donkey the word

904

00:36:06,789 --> 00:36:09,070

you're looking for

905

00:36:07,449 --> 00:36:12,730

no no cuz I'm trying think of there's

906

00:36:09,070 --> 00:36:13,990

any sports games I know and the zero the

907

00:36:12,730 --> 00:36:16,059

ones I like playing are tempting

908

00:36:13,989 --> 00:36:18,789

Bowlings and darts both games you can

909

00:36:16,059 --> 00:36:20,469

drink while you're playing my ad but I

910

00:36:18,789 --> 00:36:24,250

don't even know think that is very cool

911

00:36:20,469 --> 00:36:25,869

that's complicated isn't it I don't know

912

00:36:24,250 --> 00:36:28,300

I mean children can understand it so it

913  
00:36:25,869 --> 00:36:30,009  
can't be that complicated but but

914  
00:36:28,300 --> 00:36:31,330  
regarding witchcraft though yeah and do

915  
00:36:30,010 --> 00:36:33,400  
you think a lot of them

916  
00:36:31,329 --> 00:36:34,809  
church leaders worldwide I've got a bit

917  
00:36:33,400 --> 00:36:36,670  
scared about you know the Harry Potter

918  
00:36:34,809 --> 00:36:37,840  
thing causing a bit of you know paganism

919  
00:36:36,670 --> 00:36:40,210  
going on do you think what do you think

920  
00:36:37,840 --> 00:36:42,700  
of that I think they shouldn't be so

921  
00:36:40,210 --> 00:36:44,980  
scared of kids imaginations you know I

922  
00:36:42,699 --> 00:36:46,389  
think I think it's very unlikely that

923  
00:36:44,980 --> 00:36:47,740  
anyone's gonna read Harry Potter and

924  
00:36:46,389 --> 00:36:49,059  
come away from it thinking that it's

925  
00:36:47,739 --> 00:36:50,469  
real I think that's probably just some

926  
00:36:49,059 --> 00:36:51,789  
kids up there whose imaginations are

927  
00:36:50,469 --> 00:36:55,689  
gonna get stirred up and I think that's

928  
00:36:51,789 --> 00:36:58,059  
excellent and but I'll see anything that

929  
00:36:55,690 --> 00:37:00,309  
gets those you know conservative types

930  
00:36:58,059 --> 00:37:02,440  
afraid I think is probably not so bad

931  
00:37:00,309 --> 00:37:04,029  
yeah there's got to be points to it in

932  
00:37:02,440 --> 00:37:05,710  
that I'll certainly go along with that

933  
00:37:04,030 --> 00:37:07,750  
and you had any do you have any friends

934  
00:37:05,710 --> 00:37:09,849  
at thought oh I've cast a Wiccan spell

935  
00:37:07,750 --> 00:37:11,320  
or anyone tried to enhance the goddess

936  
00:37:09,849 --> 00:37:14,139  
within the little alter in their house

937  
00:37:11,320 --> 00:37:17,170  
or something other well as as a kid that

938  
00:37:14,139 --> 00:37:19,269  
was definitely me I was casting spells

939  
00:37:17,170 --> 00:37:20,860  
you know reading tea leaves doing

940  
00:37:19,269 --> 00:37:21,909  
numerology all that sort of stuff but

941

00:37:20,860 --> 00:37:24,370  
honestly that's what got me into

942  
00:37:21,909 --> 00:37:27,099  
scepticism cells fascinated by it but

943  
00:37:24,369 --> 00:37:29,349  
very quickly after doing these things I

944  
00:37:27,099 --> 00:37:32,500  
just I wasn't convinced that it was

945  
00:37:29,349 --> 00:37:34,179  
working and so I guess my takeaway from

946  
00:37:32,500 --> 00:37:35,909  
that is that it's all really it's

947  
00:37:34,179 --> 00:37:38,469  
absolutely fascinating

948  
00:37:35,909 --> 00:37:40,359  
and of course we are surveying the room

949  
00:37:38,469 --> 00:37:43,029  
here and who've we got here it's Trish

950  
00:37:40,360 --> 00:37:44,590  
and Trish ever ever had a new truck with

951  
00:37:43,030 --> 00:37:46,630  
witchcraft ever had any friends that

952  
00:37:44,590 --> 00:37:47,980  
have been increasing their goddess nasai

953  
00:37:46,630 --> 00:37:48,820  
having an altar in the corner of the

954  
00:37:47,980 --> 00:37:51,070  
room or anything like that

955  
00:37:48,820 --> 00:37:53,090

well I grew up watching the crafts at

956

00:37:51,070 --> 00:37:54,680

sleepovers Oh

957

00:37:53,090 --> 00:37:56,360

you know light as a feather stiff as a

958

00:37:54,679 --> 00:37:58,009

board all of that kind of nonsense and

959

00:37:56,360 --> 00:38:01,750

could just watch Heather's like everyone

960

00:37:58,010 --> 00:38:03,830

else not in this generation I'm afraid

961

00:38:01,750 --> 00:38:05,300

but yeah that was very popular I

962

00:38:03,829 --> 00:38:06,739

remember watching it and in trying to do

963

00:38:05,300 --> 00:38:09,320

the whole lifting up someone using only

964

00:38:06,739 --> 00:38:10,519

one finger and then did it ever work no

965

00:38:09,320 --> 00:38:12,140

of course not

966

00:38:10,519 --> 00:38:14,570

especially not when everyone starts

967

00:38:12,139 --> 00:38:16,159

freaking out and they drop them because

968

00:38:14,570 --> 00:38:18,289

I know some people playing that things

969

00:38:16,159 --> 00:38:19,429

work yeah absolutely and I remember one

970  
00:38:18,289 --> 00:38:20,840  
of the girls that I was at school with

971  
00:38:19,429 --> 00:38:24,099  
to get a little bit too seriously and

972  
00:38:20,840 --> 00:38:26,390  
that's coming from a goth I am a go so

973  
00:38:24,099 --> 00:38:28,849  
yeah I mean she used to do the whole

974  
00:38:26,389 --> 00:38:30,650  
kind of she try and find a teacher to

975  
00:38:28,849 --> 00:38:32,179  
stop a teacher from giving her hustle or

976  
00:38:30,650 --> 00:38:35,860  
you know this kind of stuff it was all

977  
00:38:32,179 --> 00:38:38,059  
very very fine day which is the current

978  
00:38:35,860 --> 00:38:39,769  
don't you ask about this because I've

979  
00:38:38,059 --> 00:38:41,750  
been mentioning with with spells tonight

980  
00:38:39,769 --> 00:38:43,130  
that spells out of one way thing when

981  
00:38:41,750 --> 00:38:45,139  
you cast a spell there's something that

982  
00:38:43,130 --> 00:38:46,550  
comes back and with that be good or bad

983  
00:38:45,139 --> 00:38:49,190  
that means you probably shouldn't go

984  
00:38:46,550 --> 00:38:51,380  
around casting bad spells no I mean if

985  
00:38:49,190 --> 00:38:53,360  
you believe in kind of karma in any

986  
00:38:51,380 --> 00:38:54,710  
sense of you know like if you're a good

987  
00:38:53,360 --> 00:38:56,660  
person generally good things might

988  
00:38:54,710 --> 00:38:58,250  
happen to you I mean having worked on a

989  
00:38:56,659 --> 00:39:01,159  
on a cancer Department I can say that's

990  
00:38:58,250 --> 00:39:02,809  
not true yes but you know there is a

991  
00:39:01,159 --> 00:39:04,549  
general sense of if you let someone off

992  
00:39:02,809 --> 00:39:05,869  
the train before you get on it maybe you

993  
00:39:04,550 --> 00:39:07,460  
won't trip over on the way onto the

994  
00:39:05,869 --> 00:39:09,079  
carriage you know there's some sort of

995  
00:39:07,460 --> 00:39:11,090  
universal calm and you feel you're a

996  
00:39:09,079 --> 00:39:12,650  
part of I just feel like don't be a dick

997  
00:39:11,090 --> 00:39:14,600  
and the world will hopefully not be as

998

00:39:12,650 --> 00:39:16,490  
much of a dick to you okay well it's not

999  
00:39:14,599 --> 00:39:18,529  
a bad idea and if you're wrong

1000  
00:39:16,489 --> 00:39:20,089  
hey what have we lost exactly that's the

1001  
00:39:18,530 --> 00:39:22,940  
way I see it is you know what is the

1002  
00:39:20,090 --> 00:39:24,079  
harm in being nice to people and what do

1003  
00:39:22,940 --> 00:39:25,909  
you reckon is the best cultural

1004  
00:39:24,079 --> 00:39:27,679  
representation of witchcraft other than

1005  
00:39:25,909 --> 00:39:29,869  
in the movie the craft which it's pretty

1006  
00:39:27,679 --> 00:39:31,549  
wild it's a good one in that I've

1007  
00:39:29,869 --> 00:39:33,769  
actually I've met some witches I

1008  
00:39:31,550 --> 00:39:36,830  
remember many many years ago I went to

1009  
00:39:33,769 --> 00:39:38,449  
Stonehenge for a solstice oh wow there

1010  
00:39:36,829 --> 00:39:39,920  
were druids and there were witches and

1011  
00:39:38,449 --> 00:39:41,000  
they were explaining it all to me in

1012  
00:39:39,920 --> 00:39:42,590

great detail and it was all very

1013

00:39:41,000 --> 00:39:45,349

interesting I have to say I've kind of

1014

00:39:42,590 --> 00:39:47,630

forgotten I was speaking earlier about

1015

00:39:45,349 --> 00:39:49,039

if there was some spirits trees probably

1016

00:39:47,630 --> 00:39:51,119

would be nice ones to hang out with but

1017

00:39:49,039 --> 00:39:53,608

our trees always good spirits or none

1018

00:39:51,119 --> 00:39:55,528

well I mean yeah this is certainly not

1019

00:39:53,608 --> 00:39:56,670

two minutes tone ends no not too many

1020

00:39:55,528 --> 00:39:58,018

trees that's known hence but I'm just

1021

00:39:56,670 --> 00:40:01,440

thinking like day of the Triffids that's

1022

00:39:58,018 --> 00:40:03,058

not terribly they weren't good they

1023

00:40:01,440 --> 00:40:04,440

weren't good but the comet hadn't come

1024

00:40:03,059 --> 00:40:06,930

along well exactly

1025

00:40:04,440 --> 00:40:08,460

all right blame space which is why we're

1026

00:40:06,929 --> 00:40:11,608

here tonight we took me to talk about

1027  
00:40:08,460 --> 00:40:13,170  
what's going on in aerospace there yeah

1028  
00:40:11,608 --> 00:40:14,788  
I'm looking forward to it very exciting

1029  
00:40:13,170 --> 00:40:16,048  
so what do you reckon is the last word

1030  
00:40:14,789 --> 00:40:17,700  
on which is it you'd like to try and

1031  
00:40:16,048 --> 00:40:20,190  
bring into this some sort of discussion

1032  
00:40:17,699 --> 00:40:21,899  
I've tried to invoke this evening you

1033  
00:40:20,190 --> 00:40:26,579  
know what I think it's a lovely idea

1034  
00:40:21,900 --> 00:40:28,470  
but don't take it too seriously are you

1035  
00:40:26,579 --> 00:40:30,089  
talking to Tim Mendon who of course gets

1036  
00:40:28,469 --> 00:40:32,730  
the sceptic out for having a bit of a

1037  
00:40:30,088 --> 00:40:35,038  
look at every month and now topic which

1038  
00:40:32,730 --> 00:40:36,778  
is tonight comes up maybe three months

1039  
00:40:35,039 --> 00:40:39,240  
Manor every three months cause every

1040  
00:40:36,778 --> 00:40:40,498  
month I'd be dead okay right so I don't

1041  
00:40:39,239 --> 00:40:42,028  
know why I thought that why was I

1042  
00:40:40,498 --> 00:40:43,649  
thinking that's okay that's okay you as

1043  
00:40:42,028 --> 00:40:46,170  
it takes me three months to read one Oh

1044  
00:40:43,650 --> 00:40:48,028  
excellent okay I'm very slow reader

1045  
00:40:46,170 --> 00:40:49,680  
and I use lots of big words how we do

1046  
00:40:48,028 --> 00:40:51,809  
actually on purpose actually yes yes and

1047  
00:40:49,679 --> 00:40:53,429  
our next crop crossword puzzle does have

1048  
00:40:51,809 --> 00:40:55,710  
witches in it doesn't it does actually

1049  
00:40:53,429 --> 00:40:57,480  
that's a secret message to people don't

1050  
00:40:55,710 --> 00:40:59,460  
tell anybody well have you ever

1051  
00:40:57,480 --> 00:41:00,719  
encountered all your years with this try

1052  
00:40:59,460 --> 00:41:02,489  
and skeptics you ever encountered

1053  
00:41:00,719 --> 00:41:03,538  
anything to do it which is they aren't

1054  
00:41:02,489 --> 00:41:05,519  
the ones that really want to step

1055

00:41:03,539 --> 00:41:07,019  
forward and have their claims proven

1056  
00:41:05,518 --> 00:41:08,909  
ever really because that they tend to be

1057  
00:41:07,018 --> 00:41:11,008  
a little bit more um they aren't as out

1058  
00:41:08,909 --> 00:41:12,868  
for commercial gain as people might be

1059  
00:41:11,009 --> 00:41:14,159  
who a psychic or something like that you

1060  
00:41:12,869 --> 00:41:16,019  
know I've been looking for it to our

1061  
00:41:14,159 --> 00:41:18,989  
black mass but haven't found one around

1062  
00:41:16,018 --> 00:41:20,368  
my area lately actually I'm afraid sort

1063  
00:41:18,989 --> 00:41:22,318  
of a devil worship thing than a witch

1064  
00:41:20,369 --> 00:41:25,619  
thing now we're talking black witches or

1065  
00:41:22,318 --> 00:41:26,880  
white witches well yeah there's Wiccan

1066  
00:41:25,619 --> 00:41:28,950  
which is that it always supposed to do

1067  
00:41:26,880 --> 00:41:30,298  
good yeah but that's I've been saying I

1068  
00:41:28,949 --> 00:41:31,348  
reckon if you if you out there casting

1069  
00:41:30,298 --> 00:41:32,849

bad spells it's nothing going to come

1070

00:41:31,349 --> 00:41:34,890

back on you anyway yeah I think the

1071

00:41:32,849 --> 00:41:38,160

market for cauldrons has really hit rock

1072

00:41:34,889 --> 00:41:40,528

bottom never had anyone come up and say

1073

00:41:38,159 --> 00:41:42,618

the I claim to be a witch test me yes

1074

00:41:40,528 --> 00:41:44,480

oh no not test me no

1075

00:41:42,619 --> 00:41:46,369

but I have had people who say they're

1076

00:41:44,480 --> 00:41:48,318

witches I met quite a few witches over

1077

00:41:46,369 --> 00:41:50,298

the years and what would their abilities

1078

00:41:48,318 --> 00:41:52,460

be or what are their claims of their

1079

00:41:50,298 --> 00:41:54,679

abilities I think it's sort of it's

1080

00:41:52,460 --> 00:41:56,509

almost like pre New Age that they're

1081

00:41:54,679 --> 00:41:58,759

very sort of one with nature there's

1082

00:41:56,509 --> 00:41:59,900

obviously the weaker witches yeah and

1083

00:41:58,759 --> 00:42:02,599

that's what the ones that come forward

1084  
00:41:59,900 --> 00:42:04,759  
are they're basically nice ladies they

1085  
00:42:02,599 --> 00:42:06,970  
tend to be who are sort of all wear

1086  
00:42:04,759 --> 00:42:08,778  
frilly outfits and sort of you know

1087  
00:42:06,969 --> 00:42:10,459  
headbands and that sort of stuff so

1088  
00:42:08,778 --> 00:42:12,409  
these sort of he pH for the ones I've

1089  
00:42:10,460 --> 00:42:15,528  
met at least in the era that I've been

1090  
00:42:12,409 --> 00:42:16,879  
around and yeah so I mean what would you

1091  
00:42:15,528 --> 00:42:20,230  
pick if you had a spirit animal anyway

1092  
00:42:16,880 --> 00:42:22,730  
spirit animal yeah definitely one bit

1093  
00:42:20,230 --> 00:42:23,929  
either a one bit or a number I like the

1094  
00:42:22,730 --> 00:42:25,460  
bed on the end

1095  
00:42:23,929 --> 00:42:27,108  
okay now affair that's a good good

1096  
00:42:25,460 --> 00:42:28,519  
Australian animal to pick I thought so

1097  
00:42:27,108 --> 00:42:30,858  
actually I think one bets are very cool

1098  
00:42:28,518 --> 00:42:32,209  
so yeah we've thrown down the challenge

1099  
00:42:30,858 --> 00:42:34,098  
tonight if there's anybody out there who

1100  
00:42:32,210 --> 00:42:36,199  
can do any provable witchcraft we'll be

1101  
00:42:34,099 --> 00:42:37,730  
right on to it I'm sure there might be a

1102  
00:42:36,199 --> 00:42:39,588  
few people around can you do it may not

1103  
00:42:37,730 --> 00:42:41,119  
oh I'm sure I can't I'm absolutely sure

1104  
00:42:39,588 --> 00:42:43,248  
I can't in fact it's one of the I

1105  
00:42:41,119 --> 00:42:45,410  
remember people have different interests

1106  
00:42:43,248 --> 00:42:47,868  
of their paranormal and the witches has

1107  
00:42:45,409 --> 00:42:48,920  
never been one which witches and ghosts

1108  
00:42:47,869 --> 00:42:50,960  
have never been one that I've been

1109  
00:42:48,920 --> 00:42:51,739  
interested in that we won't go there

1110  
00:42:50,960 --> 00:42:54,318  
because you have to read the magazine

1111  
00:42:51,739 --> 00:42:56,239  
okay and where can people find that they

1112

00:42:54,318 --> 00:42:59,028  
can just talk to me what sort of framing

1113  
00:42:56,239 --> 00:43:00,980  
Apple go to [www.skybanditz.com](http://www.skybanditz.com) a you and

1114  
00:42:59,028 --> 00:43:04,880  
go to the shop and subscribe or they can

1115  
00:43:00,980 --> 00:43:06,380  
ask a friend and of course we always

1116  
00:43:04,880 --> 00:43:07,489  
have to wander around when it come to

1117  
00:43:06,380 --> 00:43:09,230  
skeptics to the pub and see what

1118  
00:43:07,489 --> 00:43:10,940  
classical thing is up to because she's

1119  
00:43:09,230 --> 00:43:12,318  
got something going on she's got one

1120  
00:43:10,940 --> 00:43:13,700  
foot in the paranormal all the time

1121  
00:43:12,318 --> 00:43:16,579  
which explains why she's constantly

1122  
00:43:13,699 --> 00:43:18,259  
falling over late at night absolutely

1123  
00:43:16,579 --> 00:43:20,420  
I'm just spinning around all the time

1124  
00:43:18,259 --> 00:43:21,798  
and with all your years with the

1125  
00:43:20,420 --> 00:43:23,659  
Australian skeptics you've ever

1126  
00:43:21,798 --> 00:43:25,548

encountered much witchcraft or anything

1127

00:43:23,659 --> 00:43:27,139

but any of your friends got involved any

1128

00:43:25,548 --> 00:43:29,028

of it at all even in a minor way because

1129

00:43:27,139 --> 00:43:31,338

you know people sometimes like casting

1130

00:43:29,028 --> 00:43:32,539

little spells to help themselves yet not

1131

00:43:31,338 --> 00:43:34,518

not so much when I've been in the

1132

00:43:32,539 --> 00:43:37,069

sceptics but before when I was at

1133

00:43:34,518 --> 00:43:38,389

university and people tend to get into

1134

00:43:37,068 --> 00:43:40,150

the wacky and the weird and the

1135

00:43:38,389 --> 00:43:44,629

wonderful then and I have to say that

1136

00:43:40,150 --> 00:43:48,139

the people the people who were Jen

1137

00:43:44,630 --> 00:43:51,380

new 'only into weaker were depressingly

1138

00:43:48,139 --> 00:43:53,779

normal and then the student sort of

1139

00:43:51,380 --> 00:43:56,660

student e a d fatty types who got into

1140

00:43:53,780 --> 00:43:59,240

casting spells and war lots of black

1141  
00:43:56,659 --> 00:44:03,649  
eyeliner and lots of black and all of

1142  
00:43:59,239 --> 00:44:05,899  
that well you know they were they were

1143  
00:44:03,650 --> 00:44:08,000  
sort of casting spells to keep their

1144  
00:44:05,900 --> 00:44:11,210  
boyfriends faithful and it never worked

1145  
00:44:08,000 --> 00:44:12,860  
oh really and so did they did they blame

1146  
00:44:11,210 --> 00:44:14,720  
themselves for not casting a spell

1147  
00:44:12,860 --> 00:44:18,070  
properly or was it more like this stuff

1148  
00:44:14,719 --> 00:44:20,750  
doesn't work I think they were

1149  
00:44:18,070 --> 00:44:24,920  
touchingly oblivious to the fact that it

1150  
00:44:20,750 --> 00:44:27,019  
didn't work and they had touching faith

1151  
00:44:24,920 --> 00:44:32,059  
in the fact that they thought that it

1152  
00:44:27,019 --> 00:44:34,159  
did media pushing it at that time was

1153  
00:44:32,059 --> 00:44:36,619  
there any media big thing around big

1154  
00:44:34,159 --> 00:44:39,230  
movie or a show where people going no

1155  
00:44:36,619 --> 00:44:40,789  
and you'd expect that there would be but

1156  
00:44:39,230 --> 00:44:42,980  
it was yeah there hadn't been a big

1157  
00:44:40,789 --> 00:44:45,529  
movie release that I can remember and it

1158  
00:44:42,980 --> 00:44:50,059  
was it was before all those TV shows of

1159  
00:44:45,530 --> 00:44:51,380  
the 90s like Oh Buffy yes and what were

1160  
00:44:50,059 --> 00:44:53,029  
those three witches the one with

1161  
00:44:51,380 --> 00:44:55,210  
channeling the power of three with

1162  
00:44:53,030 --> 00:44:58,700  
Morrissey song yes

1163  
00:44:55,210 --> 00:45:00,170  
charmed of course much of Morrissey

1164  
00:44:58,699 --> 00:45:03,109  
hates it when people say hey I really

1165  
00:45:00,170 --> 00:45:06,289  
like the theme from charmed Betty loves

1166  
00:45:03,110 --> 00:45:08,170  
that I I have no sympathy for Morrissey

1167  
00:45:06,289 --> 00:45:11,150  
he gets what he deserves

1168  
00:45:08,170 --> 00:45:12,289  
yes all the power of three was pretty

1169

00:45:11,150 --> 00:45:14,150  
good there with their book of shadows

1170  
00:45:12,289 --> 00:45:17,239  
and stuff like that was that movie the

1171  
00:45:14,150 --> 00:45:19,610  
coven almost I remember in the craft and

1172  
00:45:17,239 --> 00:45:21,319  
the craft actually yes and when the

1173  
00:45:19,610 --> 00:45:23,539  
craft came out one of our receptionists

1174  
00:45:21,320 --> 00:45:25,130  
at work went to see it and then came

1175  
00:45:23,539 --> 00:45:27,349  
back in the next day dressed in black

1176  
00:45:25,130 --> 00:45:29,150  
covered in black eyeliners it she really

1177  
00:45:27,349 --> 00:45:30,769  
identified with that oh look a lot of

1178  
00:45:29,150 --> 00:45:32,480  
people did and look they had that was a

1179  
00:45:30,769 --> 00:45:33,079  
kind of a goth preppy look their head

1180  
00:45:32,480 --> 00:45:35,420  
down

1181  
00:45:33,079 --> 00:45:37,789  
yes except you know we'd all done it

1182  
00:45:35,420 --> 00:45:39,530  
first back in the 80s anyway exactly

1183  
00:45:37,789 --> 00:45:40,599

anyone who's listened to any cure albums

1184

00:45:39,530 --> 00:45:44,080  
has been there

1185

00:45:40,599 --> 00:45:45,610  
yeah 1994 Horton pavilion you were never

1186

00:45:44,079 --> 00:45:49,090  
tempted once to give it a go with a

1187

00:45:45,610 --> 00:45:51,760  
spell oh no I always I always looked at

1188

00:45:49,090 --> 00:45:56,320  
it upon it as a sort of substitute for

1189

00:45:51,760 --> 00:46:00,000  
religion and myself being not religious

1190

00:45:56,320 --> 00:46:02,140  
at all it never appealed it was you know

1191

00:46:00,000 --> 00:46:04,659  
substituting one set of rituals for

1192

00:46:02,139 --> 00:46:05,949  
another why would you look and that gets

1193

00:46:04,659 --> 00:46:08,279  
us that actually people say that

1194

00:46:05,949 --> 00:46:10,719  
skeptics and scientists are actually

1195

00:46:08,280 --> 00:46:12,519  
putting in rituals to things you know

1196

00:46:10,719 --> 00:46:14,649  
you know you have you know Dawkins who's

1197

00:46:12,519 --> 00:46:16,630  
like the Pope or something well you have

1198  
00:46:14,650 --> 00:46:18,280  
you know that the host of cosmos Susan

1199  
00:46:16,630 --> 00:46:19,780  
you know secretly you know he's the guy

1200  
00:46:18,280 --> 00:46:21,519  
everyone looks up to or you have a

1201  
00:46:19,780 --> 00:46:23,800  
thinking event everyone goes oh it's

1202  
00:46:21,519 --> 00:46:28,360  
just like a church service I've heard

1203  
00:46:23,800 --> 00:46:30,400  
that really yes I've gone no it's not no

1204  
00:46:28,360 --> 00:46:33,880  
it's I think we fall to our knees or

1205  
00:46:30,400 --> 00:46:35,860  
sing songs or way their hands in the air

1206  
00:46:33,880 --> 00:46:38,230  
or clap I have seen everyone go off when

1207  
00:46:35,860 --> 00:46:40,900  
James Randi and it's the ruin but oh yes

1208  
00:46:38,230 --> 00:46:42,760  
yes they go off they go off hmm yeah

1209  
00:46:40,900 --> 00:46:47,320  
that's my man he's so old I think it's

1210  
00:46:42,760 --> 00:46:49,030  
that kind of thing how does it move so

1211  
00:46:47,320 --> 00:46:51,850  
fast and be that old that's what I was

1212  
00:46:49,030 --> 00:46:53,490  
thinking how do you get to do that he's

1213  
00:46:51,849 --> 00:46:56,349  
great isn't he like a wind-up toy

1214  
00:46:53,489 --> 00:46:59,409  
he just goes and he goes and he goes

1215  
00:46:56,349 --> 00:47:02,219  
yeah yeah I'm glad he's still with us

1216  
00:46:59,409 --> 00:47:02,219  
too at this point

1217  
00:47:06,369 --> 00:47:09,440  
[Music]

1218  
00:47:13,269 --> 00:47:23,179  
[Music]

1219  
00:47:20,800 --> 00:47:25,220  
astronomy cast it takes a facts based

1220  
00:47:23,179 --> 00:47:26,929  
journey through the cosmos as it offers

1221  
00:47:25,219 --> 00:47:29,629  
listeners weekly discussions on

1222  
00:47:26,929 --> 00:47:32,509  
astronomical topics ranging from planets

1223  
00:47:29,630 --> 00:47:34,849  
to cosmology hosted by Fraser Cain of

1224  
00:47:32,510 --> 00:47:35,840  
Universe Today and myself dr. Pamela

1225  
00:47:34,849 --> 00:47:38,509  
gave Southern Illinois University

1226

00:47:35,840 --> 00:47:40,400  
Edwardsville this show brings the

1227  
00:47:38,510 --> 00:47:42,830  
questions of an avid astronomy lover

1228  
00:47:40,400 --> 00:47:44,930  
directly to an astronomer together

1229  
00:47:42,829 --> 00:47:46,460  
Fraser and I explore what is known and

1230  
00:47:44,929 --> 00:47:49,219  
being discovered about the universe

1231  
00:47:46,460 --> 00:47:51,050  
around us join us each week as we take a

1232  
00:47:49,219 --> 00:47:53,059  
facts based journey through the cosmos

1233  
00:47:51,050 --> 00:47:54,460  
at astronomy cast calm

1234  
00:47:53,059 --> 00:47:59,590  
[Laughter]

1235  
00:47:54,460 --> 00:47:59,590  
[Music]

1236  
00:48:05,300 --> 00:48:10,940  
oh yeah so we settle down thank you for

1237  
00:48:09,349 --> 00:48:13,130  
listening to the skeptic zone folks and

1238  
00:48:10,940 --> 00:48:15,050  
thank you Maynard for hosting me here at

1239  
00:48:13,130 --> 00:48:18,079  
the Maynard international Sydney studios

1240  
00:48:15,050 --> 00:48:20,120

the SS the annex this is the annex yes

1241  
00:48:18,079 --> 00:48:21,619  
yes that's right no it's a bit of an

1242  
00:48:20,119 --> 00:48:23,989  
annex it's a bit about happening and

1243  
00:48:21,619 --> 00:48:26,539  
just just just describe what's in the

1244  
00:48:23,989 --> 00:48:28,369  
right-hand corner of my Maynard

1245  
00:48:26,539 --> 00:48:29,960  
international studios annex it just

1246  
00:48:28,369 --> 00:48:32,089  
those three or four items that are over

1247  
00:48:29,960 --> 00:48:33,920  
there well okay well starting from from

1248  
00:48:32,090 --> 00:48:36,170  
the side closest to us we've got a giant

1249  
00:48:33,920 --> 00:48:39,769  
cutout of Elvis life-size cutout of

1250  
00:48:36,170 --> 00:48:43,190  
Elvis we've got a stack of the CDs there

1251  
00:48:39,769 --> 00:48:44,989  
on the wall we've got a giant lava lamp

1252  
00:48:43,190 --> 00:48:47,420  
that's right and above that is a signed

1253  
00:48:44,989 --> 00:48:49,939  
autographed signature doll the rest of a

1254  
00:48:47,420 --> 00:48:51,740  
picture of Dannii Minogue I know all the

1255  
00:48:49,940 --> 00:48:54,800  
skeptics are jealous of that and just to

1256  
00:48:51,739 --> 00:48:56,119  
show how random and I'm watching to show

1257  
00:48:54,800 --> 00:48:58,340  
that the DOE Richard someone said

1258  
00:48:56,119 --> 00:49:02,179  
there's no such thing as coincidence you

1259  
00:48:58,340 --> 00:49:06,230  
said your service we've got the complete

1260  
00:49:02,179 --> 00:49:08,210  
directory of primetime TV stars 1946 to

1261  
00:49:06,230 --> 00:49:10,190  
present now I don't know how you can do

1262  
00:49:08,210 --> 00:49:14,240  
that because I bought this book in the

1263  
00:49:10,190 --> 00:49:16,309  
90s so if this book actually update like

1264  
00:49:14,239 --> 00:49:18,529  
a computer software or something so I

1265  
00:49:16,309 --> 00:49:20,179  
say stop and we'll see what I get

1266  
00:49:18,530 --> 00:49:25,690  
I'm flicking through it primetime TV

1267  
00:49:20,179 --> 00:49:29,960  
sales go okay why do we got all

1268  
00:49:25,690 --> 00:49:32,059  
Landers oh here we go Martin Landau well

1269  
00:49:29,960 --> 00:49:33,619  
here we go best known for mission

1270  
00:49:32,059 --> 00:49:36,170  
impossible and of course the best

1271  
00:49:33,619 --> 00:49:38,659  
program ever made in the history of

1272  
00:49:36,170 --> 00:49:42,170  
Italian English Gerry Anderson

1273  
00:49:38,659 --> 00:49:43,279  
co-productions that space 1999 and they

1274  
00:49:42,170 --> 00:49:45,019  
say there's no such things as

1275  
00:49:43,280 --> 00:49:46,910  
coincidence would a page to land exactly

1276  
00:49:45,019 --> 00:49:48,380  
at there that's good look I'm just gonna

1277  
00:49:46,909 --> 00:49:51,109  
I'm just gonna go and watch some space

1278  
00:49:48,380 --> 00:49:53,110  
1999 cos had the swinging theme that was

1279  
00:49:51,110 --> 00:49:57,700  
fantastic

1280  
00:49:53,110 --> 00:49:59,019  
I love that show anyway so yes again

1281  
00:49:57,699 --> 00:50:00,759  
folks thank you for listening the

1282  
00:49:59,019 --> 00:50:02,800  
skeptic zone does anybody want to take

1283

00:50:00,760 --> 00:50:04,750  
over doing this job look I know have you

1284  
00:50:02,800 --> 00:50:06,310  
actually mentioned the stranger things

1285  
00:50:04,750 --> 00:50:09,190  
down under that's coming up as well that

1286  
00:50:06,309 --> 00:50:12,099  
is fantastic we've got who got Egyptian

1287  
00:50:09,190 --> 00:50:13,750  
stuff and UFOs yes on last week's show

1288  
00:50:12,099 --> 00:50:15,839  
we mentioned stranger things Down Under

1289  
00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:18,699  
but if people want over just Google that

1290  
00:50:15,840 --> 00:50:20,410  
Facebook slash or whatever it is and

1291  
00:50:18,699 --> 00:50:20,739  
it's just one word stranger things Down

1292  
00:50:20,409 --> 00:50:23,649  
Under

1293  
00:50:20,739 --> 00:50:25,389  
Sydney knew a group looking odd things

1294  
00:50:23,650 --> 00:50:28,000  
but they can always just check the show

1295  
00:50:25,389 --> 00:50:30,369  
notes for this episode oh that's great

1296  
00:50:28,000 --> 00:50:32,019  
and if you pop over to Maynard comdata

1297  
00:50:30,369 --> 00:50:34,599

you you can get the Maynard calendar

1298

00:50:32,019 --> 00:50:36,190

which means you could have me in the

1299

00:50:34,599 --> 00:50:42,099

smallest room of your house all year

1300

00:50:36,190 --> 00:50:43,690

that's just on the wall and people have

1301

00:50:42,099 --> 00:50:46,630

been telling me that calendars been

1302

00:50:43,690 --> 00:50:48,369

flying off the the screen onto the

1303

00:50:46,630 --> 00:50:49,990

printer it has indeed and look first

1304

00:50:48,369 --> 00:50:52,480

since it was International Women's Day

1305

00:50:49,989 --> 00:50:54,579

recently there's a great book about an

1306

00:50:52,480 --> 00:50:56,139

Australian aviatrix that I didn't know

1307

00:50:54,579 --> 00:50:57,519

about called mrs. Miller not to be

1308

00:50:56,139 --> 00:51:00,609

confused with the mrs. Miller plays a

1309

00:50:57,519 --> 00:51:04,150

piano as mrs. Mills but yes she was a

1310

00:51:00,610 --> 00:51:05,530

contemporary of Amelia Earhart yes and

1311

00:51:04,150 --> 00:51:09,160

she was the first woman to fly from

1312  
00:51:05,530 --> 00:51:10,570  
Britain to Australia I think yeah I mean

1313  
00:51:09,159 --> 00:51:14,049  
yeah it was a business class or anything

1314  
00:51:10,570 --> 00:51:16,300  
I think it was an open an open cockpit

1315  
00:51:14,050 --> 00:51:18,670  
to which could've been a bit breezy but

1316  
00:51:16,300 --> 00:51:20,140  
but she brought but being in the

1317  
00:51:18,670 --> 00:51:22,420  
thirties or when it was done there she

1318  
00:51:20,139 --> 00:51:24,009  
actually choo brought a nice dress to

1319  
00:51:22,420 --> 00:51:25,240  
get into before she actually got out of

1320  
00:51:24,010 --> 00:51:26,800  
the plane which I thought was the kind

1321  
00:51:25,239 --> 00:51:27,489  
of a cool thing and very of the time I

1322  
00:51:26,800 --> 00:51:29,080  
guess

1323  
00:51:27,489 --> 00:51:31,000  
so for throwing this glamorous dress

1324  
00:51:29,079 --> 00:51:32,619  
probably wouldn't await much throw that

1325  
00:51:31,000 --> 00:51:35,170  
in I mean they probably they probably

1326  
00:51:32,619 --> 00:51:36,579  
ditched the Indian sort of life raft for

1327  
00:51:35,170 --> 00:51:38,170  
lack of weight but there's probably

1328  
00:51:36,579 --> 00:51:39,429  
enough room for a dress I think I think

1329  
00:51:38,170 --> 00:51:41,349  
it's kind of cool I don't think they'd

1330  
00:51:39,429 --> 00:51:42,909  
live Ruff's in those days now what are

1331  
00:51:41,349 --> 00:51:45,130  
you up to lately may not and how can

1332  
00:51:42,909 --> 00:51:46,659  
people get in touch with you to get you

1333  
00:51:45,130 --> 00:51:48,760  
to their gigs or whatever well that's

1334  
00:51:46,659 --> 00:51:50,319  
right it's at Maynard com that oh you

1335  
00:51:48,760 --> 00:51:52,000  
drop me a line there we've got some more

1336  
00:51:50,320 --> 00:51:54,430  
podcasts coming up with Tim Ferguson

1337  
00:51:52,000 --> 00:51:55,989  
I've just put up new stuff an interview

1338  
00:51:54,429 --> 00:51:57,190  
with The Dandy Warhols and in an

1339  
00:51:55,989 --> 00:51:59,109  
interview with Australia's only

1340

00:51:57,190 --> 00:52:02,769  
science-fiction alternative rock fusion

1341  
00:51:59,110 --> 00:52:05,440  
pop band the slimy things they had now

1342  
00:52:02,769 --> 00:52:06,820  
mount called made by robots for robots

1343  
00:52:05,440 --> 00:52:08,380  
and I think if you're a sign

1344  
00:52:06,820 --> 00:52:10,870  
if ik bent you'll enjoy that album

1345  
00:52:08,380 --> 00:52:13,570  
that's all upon may not calm that IU or

1346  
00:52:10,869 --> 00:52:14,619  
go to my soundcloud page but you should

1347  
00:52:13,570 --> 00:52:15,820  
give a plug for something you're

1348  
00:52:14,619 --> 00:52:16,989  
actually doing Richard before I go

1349  
00:52:15,820 --> 00:52:19,600  
downstairs and make sure you have

1350  
00:52:16,989 --> 00:52:20,979  
installed more my 5b mix yes well the

1351  
00:52:19,599 --> 00:52:22,389  
only thing I'm doing may not is the

1352  
00:52:20,980 --> 00:52:24,280  
skeptic zone which will be back again

1353  
00:52:22,389 --> 00:52:26,349  
next week with that well I don't know

1354  
00:52:24,280 --> 00:52:27,550

what but we'll cook up something ok

1355

00:52:26,349 --> 00:52:29,650

and we will be looking forward to

1356

00:52:27,550 --> 00:52:31,090

spending a bit of time in ancient Egypt

1357

00:52:29,650 --> 00:52:31,480

at the powerhouse museum in the near

1358

00:52:31,090 --> 00:52:33,760

future

1359

00:52:31,480 --> 00:52:35,409

I think that's coming up with stranger

1360

00:52:33,760 --> 00:52:40,750

things absolutely yeah not everyone's

1361

00:52:35,409 --> 00:52:43,029

into it but told ya

1362

00:52:40,750 --> 00:52:44,739

thanks may not well before I lose my

1363

00:52:43,030 --> 00:52:47,530

sanity this is Richard Saunders and

1364

00:52:44,739 --> 00:52:49,389

Vinod who signing off from Sydney

1365

00:52:47,530 --> 00:52:52,330

Australia now how did you get in heaven

1366

00:52:49,389 --> 00:52:53,679

better care anything Shh what a monkey

1367

00:52:52,329 --> 00:52:55,630

like I said I want a monkey just like

1368

00:52:53,679 --> 00:52:58,419

Dustin Hoffman an outbreak has anyone

1369  
00:52:55,630 --> 00:52:59,829  
seen this monkey it's a great line as

1370  
00:52:58,420 --> 00:53:02,079  
you unseen this monk I've got a Polaroid

1371  
00:52:59,829 --> 00:53:03,699  
of a monkey hello I'm just commandeering

1372  
00:53:02,079 --> 00:53:05,559  
some television time now to show you

1373  
00:53:03,699 --> 00:53:08,619  
this Polaroid of a monkey has anyone

1374  
00:53:05,559 --> 00:53:17,949  
seen this monkey it was last seen in the

1375  
00:53:08,619 --> 00:53:19,809  
Northern Rivers area you've been

1376  
00:53:17,949 --> 00:53:24,219  
listening to the skeptic zone podcast

1377  
00:53:19,809 --> 00:53:26,469  
visit our website at WWF tags on TV for

1378  
00:53:24,219 --> 00:53:30,849  
contacts and archive of all episodes

1379  
00:53:26,469 --> 00:53:33,039  
since 2008 and our online store please

1380  
00:53:30,849 --> 00:53:36,339  
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1381  
00:53:33,039 --> 00:53:39,460  
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00:53:36,340 --> 00:53:41,800  
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00:53:39,460 --> 00:53:44,559  
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00:53:41,800 --> 00:53:48,100  
subscribing via paypal for as little as

1385  
00:53:44,559 --> 00:53:50,289  
99 cents a week the skeptic zone is an

1386  
00:53:48,099 --> 00:53:52,239  
independent production the views and

1387  
00:53:50,289 --> 00:53:54,429  
opinions expressed on the skeptic zone

1388  
00:53:52,239 --> 00:53:57,309  
and not necessarily those of Australian

1389  
00:53:54,429 --> 00:54:00,119  
skeptics or any other skeptical

1390  
00:53:57,309 --> 00:54:00,119  
organisation

1391  
00:54:06,130 --> 00:54:42,140  
hello and welcome to the skeptic Zone

1392  
00:54:08,809 --> 00:54:53,000  
episode number 480 pushed wrong okay

1393  
00:54:42,139 --> 00:54:55,250  
Richard tries again on take two hello

1394  
00:54:53,000 --> 00:54:58,730  
and welcome to the skeptic Zone episode

1395  
00:54:55,250 --> 00:55:01,730  
number 300 oh god I can't even read my

1396  
00:54:58,730 --> 00:55:02,150  
own writing started take your time there

1397

00:55:01,730 --> 00:55:06,829

Richard

1398

00:55:02,150 --> 00:55:08,599

take three that wasn't me knocking so

1399

00:55:06,829 --> 00:55:11,199

the last time I come to me now studios

1400

00:55:08,599 --> 00:55:11,199

do the show