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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,109
[Music]

2
00:00:05,990 --> 00:00:11,839
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

3
00:00:09,109 --> 00:00:13,919
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:11,839 --> 00:00:16,859
[Music]

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00:00:13,919 --> 00:00:22,640
[Applause]

6
00:00:16,859 --> 00:00:25,410
[Music]

7
00:00:22,640 --> 00:00:30,260
hello and welcome to the skeptic Zone

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00:00:25,410 --> 00:00:32,899
episode number 445 40 30th of April 2017

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00:00:30,260 --> 00:00:36,570
richardsaunders here with you from a

10
00:00:32,899 --> 00:00:39,000
delightful warm sunny Sydney Australia

11
00:00:36,570 --> 00:00:44,030
beside me here on the mixing desk is

12
00:00:39,000 --> 00:00:44,030
skeptic zone intern henrietta the cat

13
00:00:46,219 --> 00:00:52,259
she is a just sort of lying there

14
00:00:48,899 --> 00:00:53,759
helping me pointing things out operating

15
00:00:52,259 --> 00:00:56,759
the levels this week aren't you

16
00:00:53,759 --> 00:00:59,250
Henrietta mmm-hmm coming up on this

17
00:00:56,759 --> 00:01:00,558
week's skeptic zone we're going to kick

18
00:00:59,250 --> 00:01:03,539
off with an interview with an old

19
00:01:00,558 --> 00:01:06,719
skeptical buddy of mine Ben Radford all

20
00:01:03,539 --> 00:01:08,969
the way from Albuquerque New Mexico Ben

21
00:01:06,719 --> 00:01:13,679
has a new podcast yes there's a new

22
00:01:08,969 --> 00:01:17,039
skeptical podcast in town squaring the

23
00:01:13,680 --> 00:01:20,250
strange and when it comes to skeptical

24
00:01:17,039 --> 00:01:23,129
experience hands-on investigation Ben

25
00:01:20,250 --> 00:01:25,799
Radford is your man he brings a wealth

26
00:01:23,129 --> 00:01:27,899
of knowledge to the podcast two brand

27
00:01:25,799 --> 00:01:29,459
new podcasts only a few episodes out so

28
00:01:27,899 --> 00:01:33,090
far we're going to find out all about it

29

00:01:29,459 --> 00:01:35,700
and about Ben's next book about ghost

30
00:01:33,090 --> 00:01:37,859
hunting from a skeptical point of view

31
00:01:35,700 --> 00:01:40,379
that's Ben Radford to kick off this

32
00:01:37,859 --> 00:01:42,989
week's skeptic zone following that it's

33
00:01:40,379 --> 00:01:46,589
brouhaha science from Australia science

34
00:01:42,989 --> 00:01:48,810
TV with Kelly Wong this week Kelly is

35
00:01:46,590 --> 00:01:52,109
going to be telling us about the um some

36
00:01:48,810 --> 00:01:54,899
of you may have seen this a lamb a lamb

37
00:01:52,109 --> 00:01:59,129
growing in a faker or an artificial like

38
00:01:54,899 --> 00:02:02,179
uterus Wow interesting stuff and what

39
00:01:59,129 --> 00:02:04,439
are the potential repercussions or

40
00:02:02,179 --> 00:02:07,200
advantages for premature babies

41
00:02:04,439 --> 00:02:10,050
that's brouhaha coming up a bit later on

42
00:02:07,200 --> 00:02:13,110
then a slightly different sort of report

43
00:02:10,050 --> 00:02:15,480

we're going to be diving diving into the

44

00:02:13,110 --> 00:02:19,680

archives of The Sydney Morning Herald

45

00:02:15,479 --> 00:02:22,530

newspaper now it's really it's really

46

00:02:19,680 --> 00:02:25,020

fantastic that these things slowly bit

47

00:02:22,530 --> 00:02:27,299

by better being digitized and are

48

00:02:25,020 --> 00:02:30,719

searchable and we're going to be looking

49

00:02:27,299 --> 00:02:31,530

at some of the comments and reviews made

50

00:02:30,718 --> 00:02:35,039

about Jane

51

00:02:31,530 --> 00:02:37,409

Randi's visit here in the year 1980

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00:02:35,039 --> 00:02:40,139

where he conducted a series of very

53

00:02:37,409 --> 00:02:42,539

famous water dividing tests and was also

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00:02:40,139 --> 00:02:46,318

kicked off the chat show the Don Lane

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00:02:42,539 --> 00:02:48,509

show where the host Don Lane who also

56

00:02:46,318 --> 00:02:51,839

had on his show at various times people

57

00:02:48,509 --> 00:02:55,399

like arugula and the long since deceased

58
00:02:51,840 --> 00:02:58,200
ur so-called medium Doris Stokes

59
00:02:55,400 --> 00:03:00,420
well when Randy came on Don Lane got

60
00:02:58,199 --> 00:03:03,030
very annoyed and kicked him off so that

61
00:03:00,419 --> 00:03:04,589
sort of mixed up - in all these reviews

62
00:03:03,030 --> 00:03:07,199
and in fact we're going to be playing an

63
00:03:04,590 --> 00:03:11,099
audio clip of a news report of the time

64
00:03:07,199 --> 00:03:14,659
made that the day after James Randi was

65
00:03:11,099 --> 00:03:18,000
kicked off the Don Lane show so news and

66
00:03:14,659 --> 00:03:20,519
reviews from 1980 coming up a bit later

67
00:03:18,000 --> 00:03:22,620
on in the show then to round off the

68
00:03:20,519 --> 00:03:24,599
show we catch up with Maynard and Tim

69
00:03:22,620 --> 00:03:27,239
Ferguson the award-winning Maynard and

70
00:03:24,599 --> 00:03:28,650
Tim Ferguson and we're going to find out

71
00:03:27,239 --> 00:03:32,550
what they've been up to since winning

72
00:03:28,650 --> 00:03:35,159
the Castaway podcast Awards a few weeks

73
00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:38,010
ago and listeners will remember that we

74
00:03:35,159 --> 00:03:40,409
played a clip of um may not accepting

75
00:03:38,009 --> 00:03:41,699
the the prize there the first prize the

76
00:03:40,409 --> 00:03:44,549
winning prize I don't know what you say

77
00:03:41,699 --> 00:03:46,649
the winner is for his planet may not

78
00:03:44,549 --> 00:03:48,870
podcasts including bunga bunga so we

79
00:03:46,650 --> 00:03:50,700
have a fun chat with Maynard and Tim

80
00:03:48,870 --> 00:03:53,219
Ferguson to round off this week's

81
00:03:50,699 --> 00:03:54,839
episode now I'm quite excited I think

82
00:03:53,219 --> 00:03:55,229
I've got all my little ducks lined up so

83
00:03:54,840 --> 00:03:59,099
to speak

84
00:03:55,229 --> 00:04:00,689
looks like I'm off to New York a bit

85
00:03:59,099 --> 00:04:02,340
later on in the year to attend the

86

00:04:00,689 --> 00:04:04,620
Northeast Conference of science and

87
00:04:02,340 --> 00:04:07,620
skepticism with my friends like that

88
00:04:04,620 --> 00:04:09,329
skeptics guide to the universe and lots

89
00:04:07,620 --> 00:04:12,329
of friends I've made over the years I

90
00:04:09,329 --> 00:04:13,950
hope that I can contribute when I'm

91
00:04:12,329 --> 00:04:16,019
there in some small way to the

92
00:04:13,949 --> 00:04:17,668
convention as a whole but really I'm

93
00:04:16,019 --> 00:04:19,949
going there to be just part of the fun

94
00:04:17,668 --> 00:04:22,079
and the interest see James Randi

95
00:04:19,949 --> 00:04:23,610
interviewed James Randi why not in fact

96
00:04:22,079 --> 00:04:26,069
I might be interviewing James Randi

97
00:04:23,610 --> 00:04:28,470
before then I'm trying to I'm chasing

98
00:04:26,069 --> 00:04:30,750
him on the Internet at the moment where

99
00:04:28,470 --> 00:04:32,640
we're sort of the old classic tag

100
00:04:30,750 --> 00:04:33,990

calling tag team calling whether they

101

00:04:32,639 --> 00:04:35,250

call it where you call somebody and they

102

00:04:33,990 --> 00:04:37,500

call you back but you missed the call

103

00:04:35,250 --> 00:04:39,209

and you call it anyway it'll be great to

104

00:04:37,500 --> 00:04:41,129

see all those people once again and

105

00:04:39,209 --> 00:04:42,899

hopefully in my own small way contribute

106

00:04:41,129 --> 00:04:44,879

to the fun of

107

00:04:42,899 --> 00:04:49,859

that convention more about that coming

108

00:04:44,879 --> 00:04:52,680

up and I'll be obviously I guess

109

00:04:49,860 --> 00:04:56,129

promoting that as I do any skeptical

110

00:04:52,680 --> 00:05:00,509

convention now if you're in Sydney this

111

00:04:56,129 --> 00:05:03,120

week this Thursday at the Occidental

112

00:05:00,509 --> 00:05:05,310

hotel near Wynyard it's skeptics in the

113

00:05:03,120 --> 00:05:09,680

pub and this week promises to be very

114

00:05:05,310 --> 00:05:12,089

interesting the guest is a chiropractor

115
00:05:09,680 --> 00:05:14,819
hmm going to be telling us all about

116
00:05:12,089 --> 00:05:16,769
chiropractic this should make very

117
00:05:14,819 --> 00:05:19,349
interesting night I'll put a link on the

118
00:05:16,769 --> 00:05:19,799
show notes if you are in Sydney Thursday

119
00:05:19,350 --> 00:05:22,110
night

120
00:05:19,800 --> 00:05:26,310
free for all just come along at the

121
00:05:22,110 --> 00:05:29,639
Occidental new winded station but now

122
00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:32,269
it's time for me to kick Henriette the

123
00:05:29,639 --> 00:05:35,069
cat off the mixing desk now she's gone

124
00:05:32,269 --> 00:05:37,919
cats do that they suddenly disappear and

125
00:05:35,069 --> 00:05:40,829
they suddenly reappear so for me to then

126
00:05:37,920 --> 00:05:44,970
run downstairs have a look on the oven

127
00:05:40,829 --> 00:05:47,939
and see if I have some vegetable soup

128
00:05:44,970 --> 00:05:50,280
left simmering away vegetable soup oldie

129
00:05:47,939 --> 00:05:52,379
but a goodie with a bit of toast a bit

130
00:05:50,279 --> 00:05:55,349
of um sourdough that's my favourite

131
00:05:52,379 --> 00:05:59,699
bread lovely toasty sourdough cut that

132
00:05:55,350 --> 00:06:02,129
up into strips and sort of dunk that

133
00:05:59,699 --> 00:06:03,599
into the vegetable soup mmm sounds

134
00:06:02,129 --> 00:06:08,180
pretty good to me while I'm enjoying

135
00:06:03,600 --> 00:06:29,980
that I hope you enjoy the skeptic zone

136
00:06:08,180 --> 00:06:29,980
[Music]

137
00:06:30,569 --> 00:06:35,830
and joining me now all the way from that

138
00:06:33,639 --> 00:06:37,749
famous spot made famous of course by

139
00:06:35,829 --> 00:06:39,968
Bugs Bunny where he should have turned

140
00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:43,319
left from Albuquerque New Mexico

141
00:06:39,968 --> 00:06:47,468
it's my old skeptical friend and comrade

142
00:06:43,319 --> 00:06:49,778
in investigations Ben Radford hello Ben

143

00:06:47,468 --> 00:06:51,339
hello the rich are great to talk to you

144
00:06:49,778 --> 00:06:52,718
yes it's been a little while since

145
00:06:51,339 --> 00:06:54,250
you've been on the skipping zone I'm

146
00:06:52,718 --> 00:06:56,379
going to kick off straight away folks by

147
00:06:54,250 --> 00:06:58,870
saying that I'm really cutting my own

148
00:06:56,379 --> 00:07:00,490
throat here you know in talking to Ben

149
00:06:58,870 --> 00:07:04,120
because we're going to be promoting his

150
00:07:00,490 --> 00:07:05,800
new skeptical podcast which will

151
00:07:04,120 --> 00:07:09,389
probably take all the listeners away

152
00:07:05,800 --> 00:07:11,680
from me well I don't know about that

153
00:07:09,389 --> 00:07:13,210
there there's there's there's more than

154
00:07:11,680 --> 00:07:14,949
enough hours in the day to listen to

155
00:07:13,209 --> 00:07:16,180
everybody well I certainly hope so but

156
00:07:14,949 --> 00:07:18,490
if they had to go somewhere I'd be

157
00:07:16,180 --> 00:07:21,459

pleased if they go to your new podcast

158

00:07:18,490 --> 00:07:23,319

it's called squaring the strange I'm

159

00:07:21,459 --> 00:07:27,068

just looking at the website now which is

160

00:07:23,319 --> 00:07:28,718

squaring the strange WordPress comment

161

00:07:27,069 --> 00:07:30,789

is certainly a link to coming up in the

162

00:07:28,718 --> 00:07:33,399

show notes what an impressive looking

163

00:07:30,788 --> 00:07:35,288

website it is my goodness me I'll have

164

00:07:33,399 --> 00:07:37,209

to revamp my website after looking at

165

00:07:35,288 --> 00:07:39,459

this website please tell me all about

166

00:07:37,209 --> 00:07:43,269

this new podcast and tell me about your

167

00:07:39,459 --> 00:07:44,609

co-hosts I will I will thank you yes I'm

168

00:07:43,269 --> 00:07:47,799

pretty excited about it

169

00:07:44,610 --> 00:07:50,080

my co-host is a guy named Pasquale

170

00:07:47,800 --> 00:07:54,699

romero who I've known for several years

171

00:07:50,079 --> 00:07:57,430

and he's also a podcast veteran he was

172
00:07:54,699 --> 00:08:00,460
on several podcasts including a podcast

173
00:07:57,430 --> 00:08:03,930
called 60 miles to hell and several

174
00:08:00,459 --> 00:08:07,568
others he's a musician entertainer and

175
00:08:03,930 --> 00:08:10,180
down-home homegrown skeptic he's from

176
00:08:07,569 --> 00:08:13,149
here in New Mexico and so we just sort

177
00:08:10,180 --> 00:08:15,269
of crossed paths and we both of course

178
00:08:13,149 --> 00:08:19,329
had an interest in skepticism and and

179
00:08:15,269 --> 00:08:21,818
and you know I I had ever since I left

180
00:08:19,329 --> 00:08:24,370
monster talk a few years ago I'd had

181
00:08:21,819 --> 00:08:26,680
people encouraging me to sort of get

182
00:08:24,370 --> 00:08:28,600
back into the podcasting and and you

183
00:08:26,680 --> 00:08:30,639
know I mean I enjoyed it but

184
00:08:28,600 --> 00:08:34,509
it was just if just a lot of work and

185
00:08:30,639 --> 00:08:36,699
and and to be frank I'm not I'm not that

186
00:08:34,509 --> 00:08:38,168
that smart in terms of tech-savvy I

187
00:08:36,700 --> 00:08:42,790
don't I don't really have the production

188
00:08:38,168 --> 00:08:45,490
skills and on monster talk that mostly

189
00:08:42,789 --> 00:08:47,889
left to was left to Blake Smith and in

190
00:08:45,490 --> 00:08:50,110
this particular case my co-host Pasquale

191
00:08:47,889 --> 00:08:52,960
has extensive production skills and so

192
00:08:50,110 --> 00:08:55,360
the the arrangement that we have is the

193
00:08:52,960 --> 00:08:57,310
he'll he'll take care of the heavy

194
00:08:55,360 --> 00:08:58,960
lifting and I'll I'll take care of the

195
00:08:57,309 --> 00:09:01,419
other stuff and together we make a

196
00:08:58,960 --> 00:09:02,920
pretty good team and it looks like it

197
00:09:01,419 --> 00:09:06,279
folks when you look at the website there

198
00:09:02,919 --> 00:09:09,969
is a wonderful caricature of you both in

199
00:09:06,279 --> 00:09:11,559
fact is the huge banner done in a green

200

00:09:09,970 --> 00:09:13,450
sort of mysterious and you've got

201
00:09:11,559 --> 00:09:14,679
monsters behind you and know there's

202
00:09:13,450 --> 00:09:18,610
Loch Ness monster I can see in the

203
00:09:14,679 --> 00:09:20,469
Bigfoot UFOs and a clown listen before

204
00:09:18,610 --> 00:09:23,649
we go any further what's what's the

205
00:09:20,470 --> 00:09:27,220
latest on these Wiis scary evil bad

206
00:09:23,649 --> 00:09:28,959
clowns have they gone away late yeah

207
00:09:27,220 --> 00:09:31,960
that they're they're still around in a

208
00:09:28,960 --> 00:09:34,230
bit it was on it as you know about a

209
00:09:31,960 --> 00:09:38,800
year ago in fact year ago this month um

210
00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:40,930
my book bad clowns came out yeah on

211
00:09:38,799 --> 00:09:45,509
April Fool's Day actually no foolin and

212
00:09:40,929 --> 00:09:48,939
uh and within about six months um I

213
00:09:45,509 --> 00:09:51,519
despite despite sideways glances to the

214
00:09:48,940 --> 00:09:53,770

contrary I was not behind the creepy

215

00:09:51,519 --> 00:09:56,439

clown scares it the circulated around

216

00:09:53,769 --> 00:09:59,949

the world despite what some skeptics may

217

00:09:56,440 --> 00:10:01,270

think but yeah it was very very odd

218

00:09:59,950 --> 00:10:04,030

because you know they're right around

219

00:10:01,269 --> 00:10:06,159

Halloween in a bit after you know there

220

00:10:04,029 --> 00:10:08,199

are these creepy clown scares across the

221

00:10:06,159 --> 00:10:10,299

states and in fact you know around the

222

00:10:08,200 --> 00:10:12,730

world tonight there were even some in

223

00:10:10,299 --> 00:10:15,339

Sydney and I was I was on yes radio

224

00:10:12,730 --> 00:10:19,240

station there as well yeah just

225

00:10:15,340 --> 00:10:22,180

everywhere so it faded away mostly soon

226

00:10:19,240 --> 00:10:23,740

after Halloween however um there's still

227

00:10:22,179 --> 00:10:25,929

a couple trickling 's every now and then

228

00:10:23,740 --> 00:10:28,149

because I have a Google Alerts news

229
00:10:25,929 --> 00:10:30,909
alert for clowns you know as one does

230
00:10:28,149 --> 00:10:33,069
and I would say you know about twice a

231
00:10:30,909 --> 00:10:35,559
month or some sort of weird clown story

232
00:10:33,070 --> 00:10:38,260
comes up and that's especially true

233
00:10:35,559 --> 00:10:39,459
these days because there's a film remake

234
00:10:38,259 --> 00:10:41,389
of Stephen King's it

235
00:10:39,460 --> 00:10:43,910
ah

236
00:10:41,389 --> 00:10:46,309
had his famous Pennywise the clown

237
00:10:43,909 --> 00:10:50,299
originally portrayed in the TV

238
00:10:46,309 --> 00:10:52,159
mini-series by Tim Tim Curry so that is

239
00:10:50,299 --> 00:10:55,009
that's soon to be out and that will of

240
00:10:52,159 --> 00:10:57,110
course that will of course a promote and

241
00:10:55,009 --> 00:11:00,259
provoke interest in in evil clowns once

242
00:10:57,110 --> 00:11:03,620
again yes I will remember you being on

243
00:11:00,259 --> 00:11:05,840
Sydney radio it eludes me it was

244
00:11:03,620 --> 00:11:08,000
sometime last year when this was all a

245
00:11:05,840 --> 00:11:09,350
craze and I think you and I had a chat

246
00:11:08,000 --> 00:11:11,600
at the time and we were saying that

247
00:11:09,350 --> 00:11:13,970
these things come and go it can't be too

248
00:11:11,600 --> 00:11:15,769
long before everybody forgets about evil

249
00:11:13,970 --> 00:11:20,720
clowns and starts concentrating on the

250
00:11:15,769 --> 00:11:22,429
next fad or craze yes definitely uh and

251
00:11:20,720 --> 00:11:23,960
you know and that's pretty much what

252
00:11:22,429 --> 00:11:28,519
happened after Halloween is sort of

253
00:11:23,960 --> 00:11:30,590
faded away although you know as I wrote

254
00:11:28,519 --> 00:11:32,689
in my in my book you know some of these

255
00:11:30,590 --> 00:11:35,629
clown scares they're they're the

256
00:11:32,690 --> 00:11:37,070
recurring events and so uh you know that

257

00:11:35,629 --> 00:11:39,350
the fact is that we have not seen the

258
00:11:37,070 --> 00:11:41,600
last of these evil clowns I guarantee

259
00:11:39,350 --> 00:11:44,090
you that this next Halloween there will

260
00:11:41,600 --> 00:11:46,430
be there will be at least a few

261
00:11:44,090 --> 00:11:49,129
sightings of scary clowns just sort of

262
00:11:46,429 --> 00:11:50,809
in typical copycat fashion and I don't

263
00:11:49,129 --> 00:11:52,879
think it'll be anything remotely

264
00:11:50,809 --> 00:11:54,949
approaching what we saw last year but

265
00:11:52,879 --> 00:11:56,629
you know people being what they are and

266
00:11:54,950 --> 00:11:58,670
people enjoying attention as much as

267
00:11:56,629 --> 00:12:01,429
they do there sure enough they're sure

268
00:11:58,669 --> 00:12:03,229
to be a few miscreants out there who are

269
00:12:01,429 --> 00:12:04,639
happy to Don the greasepaint and scare

270
00:12:03,230 --> 00:12:06,440
people I'm sure that's going to be

271
00:12:04,639 --> 00:12:09,549

happening in fact I think I'm that's

272

00:12:06,440 --> 00:12:12,080

what I'm lined up for later tonight

273

00:12:09,549 --> 00:12:15,259

bring the craze back now let's get back

274

00:12:12,080 --> 00:12:16,940

to this podcast so I just having a quick

275

00:12:15,259 --> 00:12:19,669

look again at the site I notice you have

276

00:12:16,940 --> 00:12:22,130

three episodes out already first episode

277

00:12:19,669 --> 00:12:24,620

hi hello hoaxes second episode what we

278

00:12:22,129 --> 00:12:27,950

are skeptical about and the third one

279

00:12:24,620 --> 00:12:29,899

psychic so are you intending to more or

280

00:12:27,950 --> 00:12:32,509

less stick to the tried and true

281

00:12:29,899 --> 00:12:35,509

skeptical themes or are you going to

282

00:12:32,509 --> 00:12:36,950

look further afield well you know that

283

00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:38,569

that's an interesting question you know

284

00:12:36,950 --> 00:12:41,810

when I when we're talking about doing

285

00:12:38,570 --> 00:12:44,870

the podcast you know I was very aware

286
00:12:41,809 --> 00:12:46,819
that there's you know there's four

287
00:12:44,870 --> 00:12:49,100
honestly there's too many podcasts and I

288
00:12:46,820 --> 00:12:51,290
I don't mean that in a bad way there's

289
00:12:49,100 --> 00:12:54,139
just there's just such a wide variety in

290
00:12:51,289 --> 00:12:54,870
the course just exploded and even you

291
00:12:54,139 --> 00:12:58,049
know that the

292
00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:59,580
the The Skeptical podcasts you know

293
00:12:58,049 --> 00:13:02,309
there's so many there's so many of them

294
00:12:59,580 --> 00:13:05,310
out there many of them excellent yours

295
00:13:02,309 --> 00:13:08,279
yours included and of course there's you

296
00:13:05,309 --> 00:13:10,439
know Sharon Hill has a 15 credibility

297
00:13:08,279 --> 00:13:12,149
Street and St you and and skepticism

298
00:13:10,440 --> 00:13:15,030
they're just just so much stuff out

299
00:13:12,149 --> 00:13:16,740
there and so you know I didn't want to I

300
00:13:15,029 --> 00:13:18,779
didn't want to reinvent the wheel and so

301
00:13:16,740 --> 00:13:20,070
it was important to Pasquale and I that

302
00:13:18,779 --> 00:13:22,740
we try and do something different and

303
00:13:20,070 --> 00:13:25,110
find a find a niche and um you know

304
00:13:22,740 --> 00:13:26,580
that's sort of what uh you know Blake

305
00:13:25,110 --> 00:13:28,590
Smith and I originally did with with

306
00:13:26,580 --> 00:13:30,810
monster talk which of course want a

307
00:13:28,590 --> 00:13:32,970
parsec at one point we found a niche

308
00:13:30,809 --> 00:13:35,189
that wasn't really being served and then

309
00:13:32,970 --> 00:13:37,320
and then sort of delve into that and so

310
00:13:35,190 --> 00:13:41,610
what we're trying to do with new podcast

311
00:13:37,320 --> 00:13:44,040
is um is sort of go beyond just the the

312
00:13:41,610 --> 00:13:45,899
it's not just about monsters or ghosts

313
00:13:44,039 --> 00:13:48,779
or chupacabras or conspiracy theories

314

00:13:45,899 --> 00:13:51,870
but it's is we want to go broader than

315
00:13:48,779 --> 00:13:54,329
that and so uh you know I'll be talking

316
00:13:51,870 --> 00:13:57,629
and we'll be talking about about the

317
00:13:54,330 --> 00:13:59,790
news media and and really apparent

318
00:13:57,629 --> 00:14:02,399
applying skepticism and critical

319
00:13:59,789 --> 00:14:04,079
thinking uh much more broadly than then

320
00:14:02,399 --> 00:14:07,019
is often the case with a lot of

321
00:14:04,080 --> 00:14:08,910
skeptical podcast and so that's sort of

322
00:14:07,019 --> 00:14:11,579
the the angle we wanted to go with um

323
00:14:08,909 --> 00:14:14,039
you know bringing in psychology myths

324
00:14:11,580 --> 00:14:15,990
and folklore and science and and all

325
00:14:14,039 --> 00:14:19,259
these different angles to it uh that

326
00:14:15,990 --> 00:14:22,259
that that that were there were sort of

327
00:14:19,259 --> 00:14:25,529
you know maybe maybe missing from from

328
00:14:22,259 --> 00:14:27,750

some of the public discourse and what is

329

00:14:25,529 --> 00:14:29,850

the format of your show is it just like

330

00:14:27,750 --> 00:14:34,049

a fireside chat or do you have reports

331

00:14:29,850 --> 00:14:36,600

how does that work well we're basically

332

00:14:34,049 --> 00:14:37,769

we have it's a it's a fairly simple form

333

00:14:36,600 --> 00:14:39,810

we're still sort of hammering out the

334

00:14:37,769 --> 00:14:41,669

details as you noted we're still in the

335

00:14:39,809 --> 00:14:44,069

first half dozen episodes yeah we're

336

00:14:41,669 --> 00:14:46,019

we're you know we're trying to we don't

337

00:14:44,070 --> 00:14:49,770

have the the polished delivery that you

338

00:14:46,019 --> 00:14:51,480

do and and Maynard every time I see

339

00:14:49,769 --> 00:14:53,189

Maynard number one I just I just love

340

00:14:51,480 --> 00:14:56,129

his face because it looks like it was

341

00:14:53,190 --> 00:14:57,810

just done by caricature um but you two

342

00:14:56,129 --> 00:15:01,830

are just such entertainers oh just

343
00:14:57,809 --> 00:15:03,929
jealous of your skills but basically

344
00:15:01,830 --> 00:15:06,389
that the format of the show is we begin

345
00:15:03,929 --> 00:15:08,569
each show by asking each other what were

346
00:15:06,389 --> 00:15:10,909
skeptical of recently or that

347
00:15:08,570 --> 00:15:14,060
and we don't we don't discuss it with

348
00:15:10,909 --> 00:15:16,039
the other person at a time so and that

349
00:15:14,059 --> 00:15:17,959
actually Pasquale lives list fairly near

350
00:15:16,039 --> 00:15:20,360
here and so we can actually go into the

351
00:15:17,960 --> 00:15:21,650
studio together and you know we don't

352
00:15:20,360 --> 00:15:23,750
want to spend too much time on it but

353
00:15:21,649 --> 00:15:25,429
maybe five or ten minutes and if there's

354
00:15:23,750 --> 00:15:27,379
something relatively recent that's been

355
00:15:25,429 --> 00:15:29,929
occurring over the past few days or a

356
00:15:27,379 --> 00:15:33,500
week or so we sort of you know bring

357
00:15:29,929 --> 00:15:35,149
that up um and and again not necessarily

358
00:15:33,500 --> 00:15:37,610
something that you would think of as as

359
00:15:35,149 --> 00:15:39,889
as you know down the mainstream

360
00:15:37,610 --> 00:15:42,080
skeptical angle so it might not it may

361
00:15:39,889 --> 00:15:43,370
or may not have ghosts or psychic

362
00:15:42,080 --> 00:15:44,840
detectives whatever else it could be

363
00:15:43,370 --> 00:15:47,539
something much broader like for example

364
00:15:44,840 --> 00:15:49,970
in the media and then the second part of

365
00:15:47,539 --> 00:15:52,599
the show is sort of the need of it and

366
00:15:49,970 --> 00:15:55,399
that's where we sort of dig deeper into

367
00:15:52,600 --> 00:15:58,340
into a specific topic that may be

368
00:15:55,399 --> 00:16:01,279
anywhere from maybe 20 minutes to 40

369
00:15:58,340 --> 00:16:04,460
minutes or an hour depending on on where

370
00:16:01,279 --> 00:16:06,350
we go with it and and sometimes we might

371

00:16:04,460 --> 00:16:09,379
be talking for example about about

372
00:16:06,350 --> 00:16:11,690
psyche detectives we recently just taped

373
00:16:09,379 --> 00:16:14,269
a two-part series on Jamaican folklore

374
00:16:11,690 --> 00:16:17,990
hmm I was recently recently in Jamaica

375
00:16:14,269 --> 00:16:20,809
and so I I had a fun time relating some

376
00:16:17,990 --> 00:16:22,490
of the research that I done both in in

377
00:16:20,809 --> 00:16:24,949
archives and also on the ground in

378
00:16:22,490 --> 00:16:27,940
Jamaica talking about ghost stories and

379
00:16:24,950 --> 00:16:30,620
duppy stories and these interesting

380
00:16:27,940 --> 00:16:32,450
Island folklore that that I'd looked

381
00:16:30,620 --> 00:16:34,159
into and so sort of dig deeper into that

382
00:16:32,450 --> 00:16:36,680
and then we have a couple sort of

383
00:16:34,159 --> 00:16:38,559
smaller throwaway things that we have we

384
00:16:36,679 --> 00:16:41,059
have something that we call fan mail

385
00:16:38,559 --> 00:16:44,569

which is not always fan mail

386

00:16:41,059 --> 00:16:46,339

in fact often it's crank mail uh-huh but

387

00:16:44,570 --> 00:16:49,100

you know it's all it's all in good fun

388

00:16:46,340 --> 00:16:49,850

and every now and then we read a

389

00:16:49,100 --> 00:16:52,070

listeners

390

00:16:49,850 --> 00:16:54,889

question or whatever else and we may

391

00:16:52,070 --> 00:16:57,230

throw a pop quiz or two so it's it's a

392

00:16:54,889 --> 00:16:59,360

weekly show and we just hope the people

393

00:16:57,230 --> 00:17:01,490

will sort of get into it and enjoy it

394

00:16:59,360 --> 00:17:05,950

I'm sure they will a wiggly show you

395

00:17:01,490 --> 00:17:09,380

fool get out why it's why you still get

396

00:17:05,950 --> 00:17:12,170

weekly show oh boy they welcome to the

397

00:17:09,380 --> 00:17:14,000

world of weekly a podcasting and that's

398

00:17:12,170 --> 00:17:15,560

a lot of fun now I'm really looking for

399

00:17:14,000 --> 00:17:16,970

I've only just discovered this myself

400
00:17:15,559 --> 00:17:19,429
too much to my shame I should have been

401
00:17:16,970 --> 00:17:20,990
more on top of these matters

402
00:17:19,430 --> 00:17:22,970
but I'm certainly going to indulge

403
00:17:20,990 --> 00:17:25,730
myself over the next few days and enjoy

404
00:17:22,970 --> 00:17:27,589
the the first few episodes of of your

405
00:17:25,730 --> 00:17:30,170
show because apart from anything else

406
00:17:27,589 --> 00:17:34,369
it's nice to know that you're back on

407
00:17:30,170 --> 00:17:36,830
the air because your wealth of skeptical

408
00:17:34,369 --> 00:17:38,839
knowledge gained at your great age by

409
00:17:36,829 --> 00:17:41,839
now I should add I mean what are you 92

410
00:17:38,839 --> 00:17:44,539
thank you very no I mean that in in

411
00:17:41,839 --> 00:17:46,879
wisdom of course we are skeptical which

412
00:17:44,539 --> 00:17:48,980
there must be equal to 92

413
00:17:46,880 --> 00:17:51,610
I'll only reach my prune juice here

414
00:17:48,980 --> 00:17:54,140
there we go ahead you feel better now

415
00:17:51,609 --> 00:17:54,889
shall I do it'll take a while to kick in

416
00:17:54,140 --> 00:17:58,820
but I'll be fine

417
00:17:54,890 --> 00:18:00,890
shall I speak up but is it alright now

418
00:17:58,819 --> 00:18:02,809
let's let so yes sir that's very

419
00:18:00,890 --> 00:18:04,910
exciting I'm very pleased oh by the way

420
00:18:02,809 --> 00:18:06,919
I noticed you can listen to the episodes

421
00:18:04,910 --> 00:18:09,800
right off the website is that also that

422
00:18:06,920 --> 00:18:11,900
show also on something like iTunes or

423
00:18:09,799 --> 00:18:14,359
something like that it is it's on iTunes

424
00:18:11,900 --> 00:18:17,240
it's on the website and we do have a

425
00:18:14,359 --> 00:18:20,750
patreon set up in case people want to

426
00:18:17,240 --> 00:18:22,490
support the the show initially that

427
00:18:20,750 --> 00:18:25,700
there was a little bit of support from

428

00:18:22,490 --> 00:18:28,430
the Center for inquiry and that may or

429
00:18:25,700 --> 00:18:30,769
may not be continuing but certainly as

430
00:18:28,430 --> 00:18:34,340
of now it's just it's mostly a labor of

431
00:18:30,769 --> 00:18:36,769
love and we appreciate any any listeners

432
00:18:34,339 --> 00:18:39,169
or feedback or reviews or anything we

433
00:18:36,769 --> 00:18:41,240
can get well I'm sure people will be

434
00:18:39,170 --> 00:18:44,509
having a look and more importantly

435
00:18:41,240 --> 00:18:46,250
having a listen very soon in fact folks

436
00:18:44,509 --> 00:18:48,160
why don't I play just a moment of the

437
00:18:46,250 --> 00:18:50,599
podcast now to give you a flavour

438
00:18:48,160 --> 00:18:53,850
[Music]

439
00:18:50,599 --> 00:18:56,039
welcome to squaring the strange or apply

440
00:18:53,849 --> 00:18:58,558
critical thinking and Evans its analysis

441
00:18:56,039 --> 00:19:00,779
to well everything from the simple to

442
00:18:58,558 --> 00:19:03,200

the strange the mysterious to the

443

00:19:00,779 --> 00:19:03,200
mundane

444

00:19:05,869 --> 00:19:09,009
[Music]

445

00:19:09,828 --> 00:19:14,308
welcome to squaring the strange

446

00:19:12,538 --> 00:19:17,999
I'm Pasquale Romero and with me as

447

00:19:14,308 --> 00:19:20,959
always is Ben Radford and we are here on

448

00:19:17,999 --> 00:19:24,389
the first episode the maiden voyage of

449

00:19:20,959 --> 00:19:25,679
squaring the strange so I figure best

450

00:19:24,388 --> 00:19:29,128
thing we can do right now is introduce

451

00:19:25,679 --> 00:19:30,959
ourselves so Ben who are you who is Ben

452

00:19:29,128 --> 00:19:33,689
Radford what makes you tick why are you

453

00:19:30,959 --> 00:19:36,719
in my house in my studio you weirdo

454

00:19:33,690 --> 00:19:38,700
yeah I'm Ben Radford I'm a writer I'm

455

00:19:36,719 --> 00:19:40,679
also the deputy editor for skeptical

456

00:19:38,700 --> 00:19:41,969
inquirer science magazine which is of

457
00:19:40,679 --> 00:19:47,099
course published by the Center for

458
00:19:41,969 --> 00:19:49,558
inquiry i i've probably best known for

459
00:19:47,098 --> 00:19:51,718
doing investigations into all manner of

460
00:19:49,558 --> 00:19:54,739
weirdness ranging from chupacabras to

461
00:19:51,719 --> 00:19:58,048
crop circles and ghosts evil clowns

462
00:19:54,739 --> 00:20:00,028
oddly enough I've become an expert world

463
00:19:58,048 --> 00:20:02,190
extra on evil clowns over the past year

464
00:20:00,028 --> 00:20:04,048
or so actually one year ago so that's a

465
00:20:02,190 --> 00:20:06,269
little taste of squaring the strange it

466
00:20:04,048 --> 00:20:07,918
sounds great not as I say I haven't

467
00:20:06,269 --> 00:20:09,298
heard all the show yet but I look

468
00:20:07,919 --> 00:20:13,320
forward to doing that that'll be my next

469
00:20:09,298 --> 00:20:15,328
podcast on the list but more skeptical

470
00:20:13,319 --> 00:20:18,689
adventures await with Ben Radford Ben

471
00:20:15,328 --> 00:20:22,709
what's this about a ghost book a ghost

472
00:20:18,690 --> 00:20:25,528
book ghosts book yes yes ah my my next

473
00:20:22,709 --> 00:20:30,359
book my 11th book yeah but who's

474
00:20:25,528 --> 00:20:32,819
counting is on investigating ghosts and

475
00:20:30,358 --> 00:20:35,668
it's sort of a follow up to a book that

476
00:20:32,819 --> 00:20:37,558
I did about Oh probably five years ago

477
00:20:35,669 --> 00:20:39,839
at this point called scientific peer

478
00:20:37,558 --> 00:20:43,319
investigation how to solve unexplained

479
00:20:39,838 --> 00:20:48,208
mysteries and in that book I you know I

480
00:20:43,319 --> 00:20:49,588
cover a pretty broad array of claims and

481
00:20:48,209 --> 00:20:52,769
how to investigate them ranging from

482
00:20:49,588 --> 00:20:54,509
crop circles to lake monsters and ghosts

483
00:20:52,769 --> 00:20:57,479
and psychics and this and that and the

484
00:20:54,509 --> 00:21:00,028
other and it was it was a mildly

485

00:20:57,479 --> 00:21:02,278
successful book I'm happy with it and

486
00:21:00,028 --> 00:21:03,929
you know many people have sort of

487
00:21:02,278 --> 00:21:05,700
pointed to it as being helpful to them

488
00:21:03,929 --> 00:21:08,099
when doing their own investigations on

489
00:21:05,700 --> 00:21:11,429
I'm quite proud of it but I I realized

490
00:21:08,098 --> 00:21:14,700
that the after a while that ghosts are a

491
00:21:11,429 --> 00:21:16,109
really unique topic on that there's so

492
00:21:14,700 --> 00:21:18,719
much that's specific to ghost

493
00:21:16,108 --> 00:21:19,679
investigation particularly that wasn't

494
00:21:18,719 --> 00:21:21,690
really covered

495
00:21:19,680 --> 00:21:23,640
in my book just because I couldn't I was

496
00:21:21,690 --> 00:21:26,490
necessarily broad some covering a lot of

497
00:21:23,640 --> 00:21:28,770
different things uh and so I realized

498
00:21:26,490 --> 00:21:30,839
you know Here I am I done many many

499
00:21:28,769 --> 00:21:33,000

ghost investigations firsthand and

500

00:21:30,839 --> 00:21:35,309

researched it in the psychology and the

501

00:21:33,000 --> 00:21:36,779

forensics and all sorts of things and I

502

00:21:35,309 --> 00:21:38,789

realized that you know I had all this

503

00:21:36,779 --> 00:21:40,680

material much of which we hadn't been

504

00:21:38,789 --> 00:21:43,889

published before and so I decided to go

505

00:21:40,680 --> 00:21:46,380

ahead and compile that material and add

506

00:21:43,890 --> 00:21:49,380

to it of course uh and and put out a

507

00:21:46,380 --> 00:21:51,900

book specifically on on ghosts and

508

00:21:49,380 --> 00:21:54,090

ghosts investigating and and so you know

509

00:21:51,900 --> 00:21:55,710

there there's plenty of books on ghosts

510

00:21:54,089 --> 00:21:57,809

from a believer point of view and

511

00:21:55,710 --> 00:22:00,900

there's lots of ghosts on ano ghost

512

00:21:57,809 --> 00:22:03,659

stories and ghost folklore um but

513

00:22:00,900 --> 00:22:05,280

there's no real there's no as far as I

514
00:22:03,660 --> 00:22:07,560
know there's no real books on ghost

515
00:22:05,279 --> 00:22:09,180
hunting specifically hmm from a

516
00:22:07,559 --> 00:22:11,429
skeptical point of view and Joe Nichols

517
00:22:09,180 --> 00:22:14,460
done a book and Massimo pulled or and

518
00:22:11,430 --> 00:22:17,279
others but but none on on specifically

519
00:22:14,460 --> 00:22:18,779
on on the history of ghost haunting the

520
00:22:17,279 --> 00:22:21,089
right ways the wrong ways in the

521
00:22:18,779 --> 00:22:22,500
phenomenology and that's what I wanted

522
00:22:21,089 --> 00:22:24,839
to sort of put out there and so that's

523
00:22:22,500 --> 00:22:27,119
that's what my next book is out and and

524
00:22:24,839 --> 00:22:30,809
hopefully it'll be out around September

525
00:22:27,119 --> 00:22:33,959
October does it have a title ah it does

526
00:22:30,809 --> 00:22:37,019
the title is investigating ghosts the

527
00:22:33,960 --> 00:22:40,590
scientific search for spirits that

528
00:22:37,019 --> 00:22:43,230
sounds great I will put my hand up my

529
00:22:40,589 --> 00:22:44,939
name down and my foot down for an early

530
00:22:43,230 --> 00:22:47,430
copy of that for review that sounds

531
00:22:44,940 --> 00:22:50,670
really good I like that old stuff you

532
00:22:47,430 --> 00:22:52,740
know I in fact not so long ago and

533
00:22:50,670 --> 00:22:54,360
skeptics own fans may remember a couple

534
00:22:52,740 --> 00:22:56,519
months ago here on the show that we did

535
00:22:54,359 --> 00:22:59,309
a live report or a field report from a

536
00:22:56,519 --> 00:23:00,869
ghost tour here in Sydney I still liked

537
00:22:59,309 --> 00:23:02,579
all that sort of graveyard sort of

538
00:23:00,869 --> 00:23:04,109
creeping around ghostly sort of stuff

539
00:23:02,579 --> 00:23:07,829
it's good it's good old-fashioned

540
00:23:04,109 --> 00:23:09,329
skepticism isn't it it really is and and

541
00:23:07,829 --> 00:23:12,000
you know that's that's one thing I like

542

00:23:09,329 --> 00:23:15,990
about it is it's such a it's such a

543
00:23:12,000 --> 00:23:19,019
classic mystery you know not everybody

544
00:23:15,990 --> 00:23:22,470
believes in Bigfoot or Yowies or or drop

545
00:23:19,019 --> 00:23:24,569
bears or psychics but but ghosts are

546
00:23:22,470 --> 00:23:26,279
another matter I mean ghosts are among

547
00:23:24,569 --> 00:23:29,909
the most widely believed to paranormal

548
00:23:26,279 --> 00:23:32,789
topics in the world um and of course the

549
00:23:29,910 --> 00:23:33,240
the the search for spirits in one form

550
00:23:32,789 --> 00:23:35,519
another go

551
00:23:33,240 --> 00:23:37,890
was back centuries you look you can look

552
00:23:35,519 --> 00:23:40,470
at you know the the Society for

553
00:23:37,890 --> 00:23:42,690
psychical research in England and you

554
00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:44,339
you know you Sofia Palladino and Harriet

555
00:23:42,690 --> 00:23:46,980
price and you know there's other people

556
00:23:44,339 --> 00:23:49,949

and so that there really is a really

557

00:23:46,980 --> 00:23:52,410

fascinating robust history of ghost

558

00:23:49,950 --> 00:23:54,420

investigation per se and it's really

559

00:23:52,410 --> 00:23:56,910

interesting to go back and look at that

560

00:23:54,420 --> 00:23:59,370

sort of see how that has informed modern

561

00:23:56,910 --> 00:24:01,860

ghost hunting both good and bad

562

00:23:59,369 --> 00:24:04,769

Wow that's again it sounds like

563

00:24:01,859 --> 00:24:06,779

something that should be on on the list

564

00:24:04,769 --> 00:24:08,160

on The Skeptical reading list as soon as

565

00:24:06,779 --> 00:24:10,889

it comes out folks

566

00:24:08,160 --> 00:24:13,410

once again the podcast is squaring the

567

00:24:10,890 --> 00:24:16,310

strange it's even good eights own

568

00:24:13,410 --> 00:24:19,290

Facebook site you can check that out

569

00:24:16,309 --> 00:24:21,569

it's just a fun show you know Pasquale

570

00:24:19,289 --> 00:24:23,549

and i are together on it and we also

571
00:24:21,569 --> 00:24:26,539
have a great artist friend of mine

572
00:24:23,549 --> 00:24:29,970
Celestia Ward and she serves as a

573
00:24:26,539 --> 00:24:32,730
Content producer so she helps pull it

574
00:24:29,970 --> 00:24:35,309
together and it's uh it's you know we're

575
00:24:32,730 --> 00:24:37,710
we're pleased to have have I think over

576
00:24:35,309 --> 00:24:40,289
500 downloads so far just in the first

577
00:24:37,710 --> 00:24:41,850
few weeks and you know we're just gonna

578
00:24:40,289 --> 00:24:42,659
keep putting it out there and we hope

579
00:24:41,849 --> 00:24:44,369
that people enjoy it

580
00:24:42,660 --> 00:24:46,019
well Celestia's well known to the

581
00:24:44,369 --> 00:24:48,229
skeptics are because she was actually

582
00:24:46,019 --> 00:24:51,900
did a field report for us last week and

583
00:24:48,230 --> 00:24:54,059
she also did the caricatures that may

584
00:24:51,900 --> 00:24:57,060
not and I use on our business cards so

585
00:24:54,059 --> 00:24:59,399
another another big shout out to her

586
00:24:57,059 --> 00:25:01,649
she's one of the best caricature artists

587
00:24:59,400 --> 00:25:04,620
I I've ever met it is just fantastic

588
00:25:01,650 --> 00:25:07,440
stuff she is excellent she's excellent

589
00:25:04,619 --> 00:25:11,659
and yeah I mean to be fair I mean you

590
00:25:07,440 --> 00:25:13,950
know caricature a main art I mean it's

591
00:25:11,660 --> 00:25:17,340
where do you go with that right it's

592
00:25:13,950 --> 00:25:19,440
just God's gift to character and I mean

593
00:25:17,339 --> 00:25:21,839
that in the in the most loving in the in

594
00:25:19,440 --> 00:25:24,330
a very nice way of course all good stuff

595
00:25:21,839 --> 00:25:26,519
coming from Ben Radford folks check it

596
00:25:24,329 --> 00:25:28,740
out its squaring the strange in that

597
00:25:26,519 --> 00:25:30,809
Facebook pages there waiting for you and

598
00:25:28,740 --> 00:25:33,750
the website of course is squaring the

599

00:25:30,809 --> 00:25:35,359
strange not WordPress calm been

600
00:25:33,750 --> 00:25:38,480
wonderful to catch up with you again

601
00:25:35,359 --> 00:25:41,729
I've never made it to Albuquerque yet

602
00:25:38,480 --> 00:25:43,890
but the day can't be too far away I hope

603
00:25:41,730 --> 00:25:45,750
maybe in the next couple of years I

604
00:25:43,890 --> 00:25:46,950
might be able to find myself there and I

605
00:25:45,750 --> 00:25:48,690
hope one day you can fight

606
00:25:46,950 --> 00:25:51,569
yourself here in Sydney Australia and we

607
00:25:48,690 --> 00:25:52,830
can go out Yowie hunting I would love to

608
00:25:51,569 --> 00:25:56,428
I would love to I've always had a

609
00:25:52,829 --> 00:25:58,859
fondness for for Australia and and I

610
00:25:56,429 --> 00:26:01,080
would I'd love to come see the the

611
00:25:58,859 --> 00:26:02,158
continent sometime and and just meet all

612
00:26:01,079 --> 00:26:04,740
the wonderful people there have many

613
00:26:02,159 --> 00:26:07,380

many great friends and people who just

614

00:26:04,740 --> 00:26:09,750

have fallen in love with it so hopefully

615

00:26:07,380 --> 00:26:13,740

one day we'll start rowing now it's not

616

00:26:09,750 --> 00:26:14,940

that far I'll see what I can do my my

617

00:26:13,740 --> 00:26:16,679

arms are tired already

618

00:26:14,940 --> 00:26:21,080

man Redford all the way from Albuquerque

619

00:26:16,679 --> 00:26:32,970

New Mexico thank you very much thanks

620

00:26:21,079 --> 00:26:36,369

[Music]

621

00:26:32,970 --> 00:26:38,740

calling all skeptics or listeners do you

622

00:26:36,369 --> 00:26:41,079

live and or near Glasgow or are you

623

00:26:38,740 --> 00:26:43,450

planning to visit something then you're

624

00:26:41,079 --> 00:26:46,689

in luck because the Glasgow skeptics

625

00:26:43,450 --> 00:26:47,860

I've got your Monday nights sorted we

626

00:26:46,690 --> 00:26:50,558

are committed to filling up every

627

00:26:47,859 --> 00:26:53,229

available Monday night talks on science

628
00:26:50,558 --> 00:26:55,779
and skepticism past speakers include

629
00:26:53,230 --> 00:26:58,029
Eugenie Scott jelly coin maker Marshall

630
00:26:55,779 --> 00:27:01,329
NEET Phelps Tom and Cecil from cognitive

631
00:26:58,029 --> 00:27:03,490
dissonance PZ Myers Richard Wiseman AC

632
00:27:01,329 --> 00:27:06,009
drilling nor Heath and Eli from the

633
00:27:03,490 --> 00:27:08,289
scathing atheist Simon Singh Rebecca

634
00:27:06,009 --> 00:27:11,140
Watson and a multitude of local

635
00:27:08,289 --> 00:27:13,000
academics and skeptics there's literally

636
00:27:11,140 --> 00:27:15,070
nothing better you can do on a Monday

637
00:27:13,000 --> 00:27:17,440
night in Glasgow that doesn't involve

638
00:27:15,069 --> 00:27:19,389
taking your clothes off so come join us

639
00:27:17,440 --> 00:27:21,549
we've also got a vibrant online

640
00:27:19,390 --> 00:27:23,350
community you can find us on Facebook

641
00:27:21,549 --> 00:27:26,409
Twitter and get involved with the

642
00:27:23,349 --> 00:27:28,099
discussion glasgow skeptics self-help

643
00:27:26,410 --> 00:27:33,250
for your brain

644
00:27:28,099 --> 00:27:37,118
[Music]

645
00:27:33,250 --> 00:27:37,118
[Applause]

646
00:27:37,329 --> 00:27:43,789
[Music]

647
00:27:39,910 --> 00:27:45,710
and now direct from the cafe at

648
00:27:43,789 --> 00:27:53,000
Australia's Science Channel

649
00:27:45,710 --> 00:27:55,039
it's brouhaha with Kelly Wang the most

650
00:27:53,000 --> 00:27:57,700
incredible thing I've seen this week is

651
00:27:55,039 --> 00:27:59,899
a lamb growing inside an artificial room

652
00:27:57,700 --> 00:28:02,630
researchers in the US have used a buy

653
00:27:59,900 --> 00:28:05,750
bag to replicate a room full of amniotic

654
00:28:02,630 --> 00:28:06,980
fluids to develop a premature lamb it

655
00:28:05,750 --> 00:28:09,470
might seem like something from the

656

00:28:06,980 --> 00:28:11,000
matrix but this is just a step towards

657
00:28:09,470 --> 00:28:14,179
giving premature human babies of

658
00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:15,950
fighting chance if you think about it

659
00:28:14,179 --> 00:28:18,530
it's just the next step up when the

660
00:28:15,950 --> 00:28:20,420
incubators we use currently when they do

661
00:28:18,529 --> 00:28:22,670
use this for the first time on a preemie

662
00:28:20,420 --> 00:28:24,890
baby it's going to be a big mouthful for

663
00:28:22,670 --> 00:28:27,460
science but it's going to be an even

664
00:28:24,890 --> 00:28:30,400
bigger emotional milestone for Humanity

665
00:28:27,460 --> 00:28:33,799
think about how you reacted to this land

666
00:28:30,400 --> 00:28:35,740
imagine if it was a human baby are you

667
00:28:33,799 --> 00:28:38,240
going to be ready for that visual

668
00:28:35,740 --> 00:28:40,880
but then what about further in the

669
00:28:38,240 --> 00:28:43,480
future will this form a new class of

670
00:28:40,880 --> 00:28:45,770

ex-vivo humans or become the new normal

671

00:28:43,480 --> 00:28:47,660

could they eventually add an extra

672

00:28:45,769 --> 00:28:50,619

supplement into the artificial womb and

673

00:28:47,660 --> 00:28:53,600

create super babies with superpowers or

674

00:28:50,619 --> 00:28:55,669

more realistically imagine if you could

675

00:28:53,599 --> 00:28:59,299

get all your vaccinations before you

676

00:28:55,670 --> 00:29:01,130

were born he knows what could happen but

677

00:28:59,299 --> 00:29:02,899

what it definitely will do is give this

678

00:29:01,130 --> 00:29:05,420

fragile premies a chance at life and

679

00:29:02,900 --> 00:29:07,690

there is plenty to think about until

680

00:29:05,420 --> 00:29:07,690

then

681

00:29:07,960 --> 00:29:31,819

for more brouhaha and australian science

682

00:29:11,329 --> 00:29:33,889

ed 4ww australia science TV as mentioned

683

00:29:31,819 --> 00:29:36,169

on the skeptic zone of the last few

684

00:29:33,890 --> 00:29:38,600

weeks and this is going to be stretching

685
00:29:36,170 --> 00:29:39,890
on and well for a good part of this year

686
00:29:38,599 --> 00:29:42,859
I think I've been doing a lot of

687
00:29:39,890 --> 00:29:45,740
skeptical research diving into the

688
00:29:42,859 --> 00:29:49,069
archives looking mostly for predictions

689
00:29:45,740 --> 00:29:50,960
and then doing some research to see

690
00:29:49,069 --> 00:29:52,970
whether psychic predictions over the

691
00:29:50,960 --> 00:29:56,829
last 17 years or so have actually come

692
00:29:52,970 --> 00:29:59,799
true but along the way of course I have

693
00:29:56,829 --> 00:30:03,009
come across many many many articles

694
00:29:59,799 --> 00:30:05,599
relating to skeptics and skepticism

695
00:30:03,009 --> 00:30:08,539
paranormal that sort of thing and I

696
00:30:05,599 --> 00:30:11,659
thought I would read out a couple of

697
00:30:08,539 --> 00:30:16,789
them here and this one I'll begin with

698
00:30:11,660 --> 00:30:18,860
comes from 1980-1982 way back from the

699
00:30:16,789 --> 00:30:22,659
Sydney Morning Herald but why this is

700
00:30:18,859 --> 00:30:26,359
important is this is a review of the

701
00:30:22,660 --> 00:30:28,400
documentary James Randi in Australia the

702
00:30:26,359 --> 00:30:31,129
request of dick Smith James Randi flew

703
00:30:28,400 --> 00:30:34,060
to Australia to conduct a series of

704
00:30:31,130 --> 00:30:38,570
water divining tests now the documentary

705
00:30:34,059 --> 00:30:42,859
which this article alludes to has been

706
00:30:38,569 --> 00:30:46,659
on YouTube now for many years I I found

707
00:30:42,859 --> 00:30:50,019
a copy on a video cassette tape

708
00:30:46,660 --> 00:30:53,029
2001-2002 something like that and I

709
00:30:50,019 --> 00:30:55,309
digitized it fix it up a little bit and

710
00:30:53,029 --> 00:30:57,710
we put that out these tests are very

711
00:30:55,309 --> 00:31:00,379
important because it was one of the

712
00:30:57,710 --> 00:31:02,150
reasons that one of the motivating

713

00:31:00,380 --> 00:31:04,970
factors that led to the formation of

714
00:31:02,150 --> 00:31:07,130
Australian skeptics so the article which

715
00:31:04,970 --> 00:31:10,430
has a huge picture of an imposing James

716
00:31:07,130 --> 00:31:13,070
Randi taking the mystique out of the

717
00:31:10,430 --> 00:31:15,740
magical James Randi in Australia eighty

718
00:31:13,069 --> 00:31:17,950
and seven that stands for Australian

719
00:31:15,740 --> 00:31:21,940
television network Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

720
00:31:17,950 --> 00:31:24,100
previewed by Gary Shelley James Randi

721
00:31:21,940 --> 00:31:26,470
a psychic investigator from New York

722
00:31:24,099 --> 00:31:27,099
does not believe in Santa Claus the

723
00:31:26,470 --> 00:31:30,490
tooth fairy

724
00:31:27,099 --> 00:31:32,529
or the Easter Bunny Court there is not

725
00:31:30,490 --> 00:31:34,599
enough evidence to support their

726
00:31:32,529 --> 00:31:38,259
existence end quote says the magician

727
00:31:34,599 --> 00:31:40,299

who is not entirely human Asst mr. Randy

728

00:31:38,259 --> 00:31:43,390

scoffs at any form of paranormal

729

00:31:40,299 --> 00:31:46,000

behavior from the bending of spoons 2d

730

00:31:43,390 --> 00:31:49,060

searching for water by divining rod he

731

00:31:46,000 --> 00:31:51,430

wants to quote expose people who go out

732

00:31:49,059 --> 00:31:53,740

of their way to defraud others and quote

733

00:31:51,430 --> 00:31:55,720

at the same time he would love to

734

00:31:53,740 --> 00:31:58,299

believe that these people could prove

735

00:31:55,720 --> 00:32:01,240

their supernatural powers scientifically

736

00:31:58,299 --> 00:32:03,460

the name James Randi might ring a bell

737

00:32:01,240 --> 00:32:07,630

to many viewers he was the gentleman

738

00:32:03,460 --> 00:32:11,019

whom dawn Lane told to get lost in

739

00:32:07,630 --> 00:32:13,560

liquefied form when he exposed Uri

740

00:32:11,019 --> 00:32:16,150

Geller and Doris Stokes as frauds live

741

00:32:13,559 --> 00:32:18,460

mr. Randy was brought to Australia by

742
00:32:16,150 --> 00:32:20,980
dick Smith in an attempt to prove or

743
00:32:18,460 --> 00:32:23,950
disprove the validity of water diviners

744
00:32:20,980 --> 00:32:25,660
and psychic surgeons in the programme

745
00:32:23,950 --> 00:32:29,049
the investigator explains the

746
00:32:25,660 --> 00:32:30,910
skullduggery and shiki nuri exercised by

747
00:32:29,049 --> 00:32:33,819
the psychic surgeons in the Philippines

748
00:32:30,910 --> 00:32:36,160
whose hands fumble in and out of

749
00:32:33,819 --> 00:32:38,679
stomachs of patients who pay thousands

750
00:32:36,160 --> 00:32:41,160
of dollars for treatment it is not a

751
00:32:38,680 --> 00:32:44,410
pretty sight as Randy demonstrates on a

752
00:32:41,160 --> 00:32:46,990
bewildered human guinea pig with sleight

753
00:32:44,410 --> 00:32:49,570
of hand he appears to draw out pieces of

754
00:32:46,990 --> 00:32:52,450
the man's innards but they are only a

755
00:32:49,569 --> 00:32:54,819
handful of chicken livers water diviners

756
00:32:52,450 --> 00:32:57,580
also bear the brunt of mr. Randy's

757
00:32:54,819 --> 00:33:01,029
expose he conducts some experiments to

758
00:32:57,579 --> 00:33:04,419
test their extraordinary gift with a

759
00:33:01,029 --> 00:33:07,839
reward of \$30,000 for any person who can

760
00:33:04,420 --> 00:33:10,269
scientifically prove their powers each

761
00:33:07,839 --> 00:33:12,819
worden diviner claimed to have unlimited

762
00:33:10,269 --> 00:33:15,789
success in the craft and many make a

763
00:33:12,819 --> 00:33:17,679
good living from the man on the land one

764
00:33:15,789 --> 00:33:20,440
codger was certain the test would be

765
00:33:17,680 --> 00:33:23,560
quote easier than gettin in and out of

766
00:33:20,440 --> 00:33:26,200
bed unquote the experiment arranged in

767
00:33:23,559 --> 00:33:29,230
true showbusiness fashion had the

768
00:33:26,200 --> 00:33:33,130
Reverend Ted nafse and a priest Father

769
00:33:29,230 --> 00:33:34,839
Drake as official judges however God was

770

00:33:33,130 --> 00:33:35,670
not on the side of James Randi in dick

771
00:33:34,839 --> 00:33:37,709
Smith because

772
00:33:35,670 --> 00:33:40,440
both religious men actually believe in

773
00:33:37,710 --> 00:33:42,900
water divining as well as divining for

774
00:33:40,440 --> 00:33:45,930
water tests were made in the search for

775
00:33:42,900 --> 00:33:48,420
brass and gold objects out of a hundred

776
00:33:45,930 --> 00:33:51,120
and eleven attempts only 15 were

777
00:33:48,420 --> 00:33:54,630
successful an average of about eleven

778
00:33:51,119 --> 00:33:57,719
percent but not one merited the prize

779
00:33:54,630 --> 00:33:59,370
which is still up for grabs James Randi

780
00:33:57,720 --> 00:34:02,670
is convinced that the movement of the

781
00:33:59,369 --> 00:34:04,919
divining or dowsing rods is manipulated

782
00:34:02,670 --> 00:34:08,159
by the imagination or wishful thinking

783
00:34:04,920 --> 00:34:10,320
of the person operating it quote there

784
00:34:08,159 --> 00:34:10,889

is an enormous amount of harm in

785

00:34:10,320 --> 00:34:13,380
deception

786

00:34:10,889 --> 00:34:16,259
unquote he said he gave as an example

787

00:34:13,380 --> 00:34:20,369
the Jonestown master side in Guiana

788

00:34:16,260 --> 00:34:22,740
they're the total belief in one man his

789

00:34:20,369 --> 00:34:26,029
charisma and power was so overwhelming

790

00:34:22,739 --> 00:34:29,519
meant that death was the only salvation

791

00:34:26,030 --> 00:34:32,310
which I am sure is more than James Randi

792

00:34:29,519 --> 00:34:33,719
can say for Don Lane and less than a

793

00:34:32,309 --> 00:34:36,389
week later in The Sydney Morning Herald

794

00:34:33,719 --> 00:34:39,750
another article appears about James

795

00:34:36,389 --> 00:34:40,529
Randi published on the 17th of October

796

00:34:39,750 --> 00:34:43,230
1980

797

00:34:40,530 --> 00:34:45,720
Randy's awake up to tricks of mediums

798

00:34:43,230 --> 00:34:47,880
James Randi the magician who made Don

799

00:34:45,719 --> 00:34:51,059

Lane disappear used to be one of the

800

00:34:47,880 --> 00:34:54,179

psychic phonies pnow debunks he had a

801

00:34:51,059 --> 00:34:56,340

telepathy act that made him a star but

802

00:34:54,179 --> 00:34:58,530

when the straw parents started pleading

803

00:34:56,340 --> 00:35:01,289

with him to find their lost children he

804

00:34:58,530 --> 00:35:03,210

gave it away quote I couldn't live with

805

00:35:01,289 --> 00:35:05,759

that kind of lie in quote Randi explain

806

00:35:03,210 --> 00:35:07,889

later quote so I went back to conjuring

807

00:35:05,760 --> 00:35:10,080

rabbits and quote and he started

808

00:35:07,889 --> 00:35:12,989

crusading against the fakes and Liars

809

00:35:10,079 --> 00:35:15,329

who posed as mediums and faith healers

810

00:35:12,989 --> 00:35:18,599

to make fortunes at the expense of human

811

00:35:15,329 --> 00:35:21,779

grief Randi was 15 when he attended his

812

00:35:18,599 --> 00:35:23,849

first spiritualist meeting quote I saw

813
00:35:21,780 --> 00:35:26,790
all the country tricks magicians use I

814
00:35:23,849 --> 00:35:29,579
saw the little old ladies being taken in

815
00:35:26,789 --> 00:35:32,130
by it end quote he said quote I thought

816
00:35:29,579 --> 00:35:33,900
one day I am going to have enough

817
00:35:32,130 --> 00:35:37,050
authority to expose these people in

818
00:35:33,900 --> 00:35:40,710
quote these days Randi one of America's

819
00:35:37,050 --> 00:35:42,720
top magicians has that authority on the

820
00:35:40,710 --> 00:35:45,360
Don Lane show last week he criticized

821
00:35:42,719 --> 00:35:48,569
spoon bender Uri Geller and Doris Stokes

822
00:35:45,360 --> 00:35:49,570
the ubiquitous grandmotherly medium who

823
00:35:48,570 --> 00:35:52,840
claims to community

824
00:35:49,570 --> 00:35:55,720
beyond the grave Lane who has several

825
00:35:52,840 --> 00:35:58,019
times had Mrs. Stokes on his show left

826
00:35:55,719 --> 00:36:00,639
heartily to her defense

827

00:35:58,019 --> 00:36:03,820
finally sweeping Randy's props from the

828
00:36:00,639 --> 00:36:07,389
table Lane told the magician to pee

829
00:36:03,820 --> 00:36:10,170
dot-dot-dot off then abracadabra

830
00:36:07,389 --> 00:36:13,420
the comedian stormed off his own show

831
00:36:10,170 --> 00:36:17,200
challenge it wasn't exactly the best

832
00:36:13,420 --> 00:36:19,420
example of the lanky Yanks wit indeed

833
00:36:17,199 --> 00:36:22,149
Randy himself tends to be funnier

834
00:36:19,420 --> 00:36:23,470
he has compared Doris Stokes with Santa

835
00:36:22,150 --> 00:36:27,220
Claus the Tooth Fairy and the Easter

836
00:36:23,469 --> 00:36:29,889
Bunny and he issued her with a rare

837
00:36:27,219 --> 00:36:33,579
challenge a wrestling match to the death

838
00:36:29,889 --> 00:36:35,829
nude in mud not surprisingly Mrs. Stokes

839
00:36:33,579 --> 00:36:38,789
found the offer once she could refuse

840
00:36:35,829 --> 00:36:41,469
more to the point though she has also

841
00:36:38,789 --> 00:36:44,349

resisted invitations to perform her

842

00:36:41,469 --> 00:36:47,709

calling up the dead act under Randy's

843

00:36:44,349 --> 00:36:49,650

relentless gaze randy was brought to

844

00:36:47,710 --> 00:36:51,880

Australia by three well-known skeptics

845

00:36:49,650 --> 00:36:54,250

electronics millionaire dick Smith

846

00:36:51,880 --> 00:36:56,860

writer Philip Adams and TV current

847

00:36:54,250 --> 00:36:59,650

affairs reporter Richard Carlton his

848

00:36:56,860 --> 00:37:02,289

original brief was to pour cold water on

849

00:36:59,650 --> 00:37:04,030

water and metal diviners which he

850

00:37:02,289 --> 00:37:07,210

succeeded in doing without attracting

851

00:37:04,030 --> 00:37:10,780

the publicity he had hoped for Randy and

852

00:37:07,210 --> 00:37:11,619

his three backers offered \$40,000 for

853

00:37:10,780 --> 00:37:13,960

any diviner

854

00:37:11,619 --> 00:37:16,599

who could find hidden water brass and

855

00:37:13,960 --> 00:37:19,269

bars of gold all 10 entrants failed

856
00:37:16,599 --> 00:37:21,759
recording a success rate of just 11

857
00:37:19,269 --> 00:37:24,699
percent yet the tests were virtually

858
00:37:21,760 --> 00:37:26,890
unreported in the media as Randy put it

859
00:37:24,699 --> 00:37:29,799
quote if Hitler is alive and well in

860
00:37:26,889 --> 00:37:35,440
Argentina it's a story if he's dead and

861
00:37:29,800 --> 00:37:38,260
gone no story and quote bends spoons the

862
00:37:35,440 --> 00:37:40,539
52 year old Canadian born magician has

863
00:37:38,260 --> 00:37:43,180
written three books two of them the

864
00:37:40,539 --> 00:37:45,519
magic of Uri Geller and flim-flam the

865
00:37:43,179 --> 00:37:48,699
truth about unicorns parapsychology and

866
00:37:45,519 --> 00:37:50,949
other delusions claims to expose the

867
00:37:48,699 --> 00:37:53,319
slights of hand used by those who claim

868
00:37:50,949 --> 00:37:55,629
to have supernatural power one of his

869
00:37:53,320 --> 00:37:58,420
acts is to bend spoons the way Geller

870
00:37:55,630 --> 00:38:00,760
did by illusion not by the power of the

871
00:37:58,420 --> 00:38:03,340
mind he claims his strange encounter

872
00:38:00,760 --> 00:38:05,650
with Don lanes was a setup

873
00:38:03,340 --> 00:38:08,140
Lane's ratings have depended a good deal

874
00:38:05,650 --> 00:38:10,630
on people like Doris Stokes I think

875
00:38:08,139 --> 00:38:13,569
she's a favorite of his and he believed

876
00:38:10,630 --> 00:38:16,570
I was attacking her which she just Lee

877
00:38:13,570 --> 00:38:18,370
deserves to be and quote Randi flew back

878
00:38:16,570 --> 00:38:20,410
to the United States on Wednesday still

879
00:38:18,369 --> 00:38:23,469
puzzled at the way Australians have

880
00:38:20,409 --> 00:38:26,019
taken to mrs. Stokes but his experience

881
00:38:23,469 --> 00:38:28,629
hasn't affected his sense of humor

882
00:38:26,019 --> 00:38:30,969
indeed we spent almost as much time

883
00:38:28,630 --> 00:38:33,070
taking the mickey out of his friend Dick

884

00:38:30,969 --> 00:38:35,169
Smith hearing of the eccentric

885
00:38:33,070 --> 00:38:37,630
millionaires plans to retrace Scott's

886
00:38:35,170 --> 00:38:40,150
path across the Antarctic Randi our

887
00:38:37,630 --> 00:38:42,190
Smith quote will you drop electronic

888
00:38:40,150 --> 00:38:44,590
toilet seats for them men quote and

889
00:38:42,190 --> 00:38:48,130
seeing Smith having his photograph taken

890
00:38:44,590 --> 00:38:50,890
again Randi noted dryly quote dick gets

891
00:38:48,130 --> 00:38:53,590
his tan from strobes and flashlights men

892
00:38:50,889 --> 00:38:55,960
quote and now he skimmed forward to the

893
00:38:53,590 --> 00:38:59,050
9th of November 1980 an article in The

894
00:38:55,960 --> 00:39:02,920
Sydney Morning Herald by Don Groves when

895
00:38:59,050 --> 00:39:05,289
seeing isn't believing Don Lane and

896
00:39:02,920 --> 00:39:07,450
believers in the divining rod spoon

897
00:39:05,289 --> 00:39:10,179
bending and psychic surgery should watch

898
00:39:07,449 --> 00:39:13,239

the special James Randi in Australia

899

00:39:10,179 --> 00:39:16,739

quote paranormal nonsense claptrap and

900

00:39:13,239 --> 00:39:19,419

flummery and quote says mr. Randy Yazzie

901

00:39:16,739 --> 00:39:21,909

convincingly demonstrates how easily

902

00:39:19,420 --> 00:39:23,800

people can fool the more gullible among

903

00:39:21,909 --> 00:39:26,829

us and themselves

904

00:39:23,800 --> 00:39:29,830

mr. Lane should watch channel 7 at 7:30

905

00:39:26,829 --> 00:39:32,889

on Wednesday night to hear the cogent

906

00:39:29,829 --> 00:39:36,039

arguments he would not allow mr. Randy

907

00:39:32,889 --> 00:39:38,949

to expound on his show devotees of the

908

00:39:36,039 --> 00:39:41,559

lain program will recall the evening the

909

00:39:38,949 --> 00:39:43,750

compare had the ill grace to swear at

910

00:39:41,559 --> 00:39:46,690

his guest then storm off the set after

911

00:39:43,750 --> 00:39:49,840

Randy had raised doubts about Doris

912

00:39:46,690 --> 00:39:52,840

Stokes whom he calls quote the granny

913
00:39:49,840 --> 00:39:53,320
who he is dead people talking to her end

914
00:39:52,840 --> 00:39:55,510
quote

915
00:39:53,320 --> 00:39:57,910
in the statement issued through his

916
00:39:55,510 --> 00:40:01,090
Australian sponsor Nick Smith the

917
00:39:57,909 --> 00:40:05,339
scientist says he certain lanes actions

918
00:40:01,090 --> 00:40:08,110
were a quote calculated set up and quote

919
00:40:05,340 --> 00:40:09,880
randy says he doesn't believe in Santa

920
00:40:08,110 --> 00:40:12,550
Claus the Easter Bunny and the Tooth

921
00:40:09,880 --> 00:40:15,480
Fairy for the same reason he can't cop

922
00:40:12,550 --> 00:40:16,869
ESP spoon bending in the rest

923
00:40:15,480 --> 00:40:19,929
insufficient ever

924
00:40:16,869 --> 00:40:21,789
and just as an aside from me

925
00:40:19,929 --> 00:40:23,919
it's interesting the use of this term

926
00:40:21,789 --> 00:40:27,789
ESP as I've been going through the

927

00:40:23,920 --> 00:40:31,568
archives all these years there is a an

928

00:40:27,789 --> 00:40:36,160
odd sort of line a border in time where

929

00:40:31,568 --> 00:40:41,679
before this vague time maybe in the late

930

00:40:36,159 --> 00:40:44,308
70s early 80s the term ESP was used to

931

00:40:41,679 --> 00:40:47,048
cover just about everything paranormal

932

00:40:44,309 --> 00:40:50,109
that is morph that is evolved now

933

00:40:47,048 --> 00:40:54,489
instead of ESP the most common term is

934

00:40:50,108 --> 00:40:57,518
psychic so instead of this person has

935

00:40:54,489 --> 00:40:59,528
ESP powers the term now would be this

936

00:40:57,518 --> 00:41:02,528
person as a psychic but certainly when I

937

00:40:59,528 --> 00:41:04,960
was growing up ESP was the popular term

938

00:41:02,528 --> 00:41:08,559
which is of course extrasensory

939

00:41:04,960 --> 00:41:11,588
perception we read on his evidence in

940

00:41:08,559 --> 00:41:14,589
the doubting Thomas view places all

941

00:41:11,588 --> 00:41:17,409
things paranormal firmly in the Easter

942
00:41:14,588 --> 00:41:19,900
Bunny class there would be a pity if he

943
00:41:17,409 --> 00:41:22,268
lost most of his viewers in the first

944
00:41:19,900 --> 00:41:24,460
few minutes as he appeared to remove a

945
00:41:22,268 --> 00:41:27,699
quantity of blood and guts from a

946
00:41:24,460 --> 00:41:31,059
willing victim stomach it isn't psychic

947
00:41:27,699 --> 00:41:33,689
surgery but sleight of hand by a similar

948
00:41:31,059 --> 00:41:36,670
trick he bends spoons in the slickest

949
00:41:33,690 --> 00:41:39,460
faster than the eye uri geller fashioned

950
00:41:36,670 --> 00:41:42,430
the clincher takes place in a field in

951
00:41:39,460 --> 00:41:45,579
ride another a side ride as a Sydney

952
00:41:42,429 --> 00:41:47,828
suburb not very far from the center of

953
00:41:45,579 --> 00:41:50,200
the city really but in 1980 there was

954
00:41:47,829 --> 00:41:53,229
certainly more open land there we read

955
00:41:50,199 --> 00:41:55,538

on where the reputations of a group of

956

00:41:53,228 --> 00:41:57,778

water diviners are left looking a little

957

00:41:55,539 --> 00:42:00,249

tattered attracted by an offer of

958

00:41:57,778 --> 00:42:02,498

\$40,000 ten grand from each of the

959

00:42:00,248 --> 00:42:04,568

skeptics Randy Smith Philip Adams and

960

00:42:02,498 --> 00:42:06,909

Richard Carlton the dowsers had to

961

00:42:04,568 --> 00:42:10,028

identify gold and brass hidden in

962

00:42:06,909 --> 00:42:12,509

cardboard boxes and which out of ten

963

00:42:10,028 --> 00:42:14,768

pipes had water flowing through it

964

00:42:12,509 --> 00:42:19,809

before the experiment most said they

965

00:42:14,768 --> 00:42:21,368

would be 100% successful five agreed to

966

00:42:19,809 --> 00:42:24,660

split the proceeds they were so

967

00:42:21,369 --> 00:42:27,190

confident in this case seeing is

968

00:42:24,659 --> 00:42:29,798

disbelieving the results are no better

969

00:42:27,190 --> 00:42:30,670

than chance or guesswork and Randy

970
00:42:29,798 --> 00:42:33,159
declares quote

971
00:42:30,670 --> 00:42:35,289
it would seem to indicate that dowsing

972
00:42:33,159 --> 00:42:37,839
as a force does not exist

973
00:42:35,289 --> 00:42:40,539
end quote does this shake the faith of

974
00:42:37,840 --> 00:42:43,410
our dowsers not a bit they come up with

975
00:42:40,539 --> 00:42:47,789
every excuse Under the Sun including

976
00:42:43,409 --> 00:42:51,670
sunspots to explain away this rare lapse

977
00:42:47,789 --> 00:42:54,489
people Randi concludes sadly simply will

978
00:42:51,670 --> 00:42:55,930
not learn a lesson and now to illustrate

979
00:42:54,489 --> 00:42:59,349
some of our what we've been chatting

980
00:42:55,929 --> 00:43:02,289
about some of those reports here is a TV

981
00:42:59,349 --> 00:43:07,079
news report made the day after the

982
00:43:02,289 --> 00:43:09,670
famous Don Lane and James Randi incident

983
00:43:07,079 --> 00:43:11,710
Don Lane show involving Canadian

984
00:43:09,670 --> 00:43:13,900
magician James Randi during the

985
00:43:11,710 --> 00:43:17,230
interview Don Lane clashed angrily with

986
00:43:13,900 --> 00:43:18,309
mr. Andy Biggs so you see this is the

987
00:43:17,230 --> 00:43:20,949
interview that had most of Australia

988
00:43:18,309 --> 00:43:22,329
talking today Canadian magician James

989
00:43:20,949 --> 00:43:24,460
Randi has written a number of books

990
00:43:22,329 --> 00:43:26,650
claiming people who profess to have

991
00:43:24,460 --> 00:43:27,280
supernatural powers such as spoon bender

992
00:43:26,650 --> 00:43:29,710
uri geller

993
00:43:27,280 --> 00:43:32,500
and medium Doris Stokes are nothing more

994
00:43:29,710 --> 00:43:33,909
than magicians themselves you go against

995
00:43:32,500 --> 00:43:35,349
the lady like Doris Stokes who never

996
00:43:33,909 --> 00:43:37,359
harmed anybody in her whole life and you

997
00:43:35,349 --> 00:43:39,400
call her a charlatan a fake you know you

998

00:43:37,360 --> 00:43:41,320
sit deliver yes I do you said that she

999
00:43:39,400 --> 00:43:41,889
was a liar on the radio you called her a

1000
00:43:41,320 --> 00:43:44,140
liar

1001
00:43:41,889 --> 00:43:45,489
no and that woman would lie to anybody

1002
00:43:44,139 --> 00:43:47,379
but I don't know whether she's right or

1003
00:43:45,489 --> 00:43:51,059
wrong I would she would lie too nobody

1004
00:43:47,380 --> 00:43:51,059
went off her Carosa break and you could

1005
00:43:53,139 --> 00:43:57,799
Don stormed off the set this morning he

1006
00:43:56,150 --> 00:44:00,110
offered a public apology for using bad

1007
00:43:57,800 --> 00:44:02,780
language but he maintained his behavior

1008
00:44:00,110 --> 00:44:05,030
towards Randy was correct what other

1009
00:44:02,780 --> 00:44:07,070
program has he gone on where he has been

1010
00:44:05,030 --> 00:44:08,830
really challenged by anyone either

1011
00:44:07,070 --> 00:44:11,360
verbally or any other way

1012
00:44:08,829 --> 00:44:12,650

asking him what what are you talking

1013

00:44:11,360 --> 00:44:14,059

about where is the proof I said where's

1014

00:44:12,650 --> 00:44:15,920

the proof he says I got film I said

1015

00:44:14,059 --> 00:44:19,579

where's the film says not here any

1016

00:44:15,920 --> 00:44:21,670

regrets about the incident no I I don't

1017

00:44:19,579 --> 00:44:24,559

have any regrets at all I've said

1018

00:44:21,670 --> 00:44:27,349

publicly and and to the staff as well

1019

00:44:24,559 --> 00:44:29,960

the the release that we put out was and

1020

00:44:27,349 --> 00:44:32,659

perfectly willing to have the man on the

1021

00:44:29,960 --> 00:44:35,960

program and I will publicly apologize to

1022

00:44:32,659 --> 00:44:37,940

him if he can prove that what he's

1023

00:44:35,960 --> 00:44:39,409

saying is right if he shows us some sort

1024

00:44:37,940 --> 00:44:41,030

of documentary proof other than just

1025

00:44:39,409 --> 00:44:42,559

bringing his mouth into this country and

1026

00:44:41,030 --> 00:44:45,710

running around making a big deal out of

1027
00:44:42,559 --> 00:44:49,690
himself denigrating everybody inside Don

1028
00:44:45,710 --> 00:44:52,849
Lane died a few years back now but since

1029
00:44:49,690 --> 00:44:56,329
1980 in several occasions he actually

1030
00:44:52,849 --> 00:44:58,190
made a more formal apology to James

1031
00:44:56,329 --> 00:45:00,619
Randi and I think James Randi accepted

1032
00:44:58,190 --> 00:45:03,710
that it's certainly given James Randi a

1033
00:45:00,619 --> 00:45:06,650
tall tale to tell for many many many

1034
00:45:03,710 --> 00:45:09,650
many years now since that that famous

1035
00:45:06,650 --> 00:45:12,889
incident but there you go there are a

1036
00:45:09,650 --> 00:45:16,039
swag of reports a grab-bag of reports

1037
00:45:12,889 --> 00:45:18,829
from 1980 revolving James Randy's visit

1038
00:45:16,039 --> 00:45:21,529
to Australia primarily to conduct the

1039
00:45:18,829 --> 00:45:23,360
water divining tests and I'm so pleased

1040
00:45:21,530 --> 00:45:25,430
that dick Smith at the time had the

1041
00:45:23,360 --> 00:45:28,430
nouse to Commission a video to be made

1042
00:45:25,429 --> 00:45:32,419
of it a TV special and of course that

1043
00:45:28,429 --> 00:45:34,369
the trip was probably in fact definitely

1044
00:45:32,420 --> 00:45:36,590
more well known in Australian television

1045
00:45:34,369 --> 00:45:39,239
history for the spat that Don Lane had

1046
00:45:36,590 --> 00:45:40,950
with James Randi live on air

1047
00:45:39,239 --> 00:45:43,750
[Music]

1048
00:45:40,949 --> 00:45:58,779
Linksters news reports and the videos in

1049
00:45:43,750 --> 00:46:00,670
the show notes the skeptic magazine lead

1050
00:45:58,780 --> 00:46:03,640
journal from Australian skeptics

1051
00:46:00,670 --> 00:46:08,619
subscribe online to the world's second

1052
00:46:03,639 --> 00:46:11,489
oldest skeptical magazine visit WWF XCOM

1053
00:46:08,619 --> 00:46:15,609
a you and click the publication's link

1054
00:46:11,489 --> 00:46:19,569
you can also find there over 30 years on

1055

00:46:15,610 --> 00:46:39,220
back issues free to download the skeptic

1056
00:46:19,570 --> 00:46:41,050
magazine from Australian skeptics well

1057
00:46:39,219 --> 00:46:43,329
I'm here at the Madame frou frou cafe in

1058
00:46:41,050 --> 00:46:44,350
glee with Maynard Tim Ferguson Louise

1059
00:46:43,329 --> 00:46:46,420
hello everybody

1060
00:46:44,349 --> 00:46:48,639
there may not until we're just doing a

1061
00:46:46,420 --> 00:46:51,099
bunga bunga podcast recording the

1062
00:46:48,639 --> 00:46:52,779
award-winning may not podcast and I said

1063
00:46:51,099 --> 00:46:54,639
to the skeptic zone listeners I'd update

1064
00:46:52,780 --> 00:46:56,680
them as to what may not have been up to

1065
00:46:54,639 --> 00:46:59,230
since winning the award may not what's

1066
00:46:56,679 --> 00:47:01,299
it like to be the winner of that award

1067
00:46:59,230 --> 00:47:03,190
well look at Tim and I have been doing

1068
00:47:01,300 --> 00:47:05,260
what we call a victory lap some people

1069
00:47:03,190 --> 00:47:07,780

could call it some potentially

1070

00:47:05,260 --> 00:47:09,370

borderline illegal exposure but what are

1071

00:47:07,780 --> 00:47:11,620

we doing I've been pushing you around

1072

00:47:09,369 --> 00:47:13,690

glebe here and here we've been waving to

1073

00:47:11,619 --> 00:47:15,849

people we've been just going hello with

1074

00:47:13,690 --> 00:47:17,650

bibs that we've won the castaway award

1075

00:47:15,849 --> 00:47:19,509

as we walk past them and they go what

1076

00:47:17,650 --> 00:47:21,849

that doesn't say yeah that's right we

1077

00:47:19,510 --> 00:47:23,380

won the castaway award and all of my

1078

00:47:21,849 --> 00:47:25,599

friends are very impressed they didn't

1079

00:47:23,380 --> 00:47:27,700

think bunga bunga was a thing but as

1080

00:47:25,599 --> 00:47:29,559

soon as you win a prize is like also

1081

00:47:27,699 --> 00:47:31,839

it's an actual it's an actual thing

1082

00:47:29,559 --> 00:47:33,670

that's like my dad suddenly Moulton

1083

00:47:31,840 --> 00:47:34,900

suddenly my dad's all in with podcasting

1084
00:47:33,670 --> 00:47:37,180
because we won an award and I let him

1085
00:47:34,900 --> 00:47:40,090
put it on his mantelpiece yeah we're the

1086
00:47:37,179 --> 00:47:43,179
first with the first to win an award for

1087
00:47:40,090 --> 00:47:44,950
doing what we do mmm yes and what we're

1088
00:47:43,179 --> 00:47:47,500
not quite sure but we're obviously going

1089
00:47:44,949 --> 00:47:49,389
places with this Richard I would expect

1090
00:47:47,500 --> 00:47:50,989
we could be going as far as Taylor and

1091
00:47:49,389 --> 00:47:53,719
Bend summer like that

1092
00:47:50,989 --> 00:47:56,389
well what I like may not is the fact

1093
00:47:53,719 --> 00:47:59,389
that there was the inaugural castaway

1094
00:47:56,389 --> 00:48:01,969
Awards yes and the very first award was

1095
00:47:59,389 --> 00:48:03,618
bunga bunga Planet may not and you were

1096
00:48:01,969 --> 00:48:04,789
the very first person in the history of

1097
00:48:03,619 --> 00:48:05,840
the wards to get up there and accept

1098
00:48:04,789 --> 00:48:08,509
award that was pretty cool

1099
00:48:05,840 --> 00:48:11,269
yes yes and I only libeled I think six

1100
00:48:08,510 --> 00:48:13,550
people six people in under a minute I I

1101
00:48:11,269 --> 00:48:15,289
thank Tim as part of the the Holy

1102
00:48:13,550 --> 00:48:16,760
Trinity I think you were the the the

1103
00:48:15,289 --> 00:48:19,279
father would some not you might have

1104
00:48:16,760 --> 00:48:21,560
been the holy ghost look I was in there

1105
00:48:19,280 --> 00:48:24,680
like Flynn I just can't remember who was

1106
00:48:21,559 --> 00:48:26,690
who do is all happening at once look yes

1107
00:48:24,679 --> 00:48:28,339
and so I mean also Tim's under a bit of

1108
00:48:26,690 --> 00:48:30,409
an injury cloud - you must understand

1109
00:48:28,340 --> 00:48:31,640
the moment Richard because some he was

1110
00:48:30,409 --> 00:48:33,980
sitting at home another night and I

1111
00:48:31,639 --> 00:48:37,909
texted him something I texted him UK

1112

00:48:33,980 --> 00:48:39,469
election called and Tim you thought well

1113
00:48:37,909 --> 00:48:41,929
I thought there was a punch line coming

1114
00:48:39,469 --> 00:48:44,269
so I sat back and relaxed for at least

1115
00:48:41,929 --> 00:48:47,480
whatever now maybe half an hour cuz I

1116
00:48:44,269 --> 00:48:50,090
was thinking UK election called you know

1117
00:48:47,480 --> 00:48:51,650
they want your bowtie back although he's

1118
00:48:50,090 --> 00:48:54,950
some kind of punchline but it turns out

1119
00:48:51,650 --> 00:48:57,800
that the UK election had been called no

1120
00:48:54,949 --> 00:48:59,179
bowtie needed and as as I mentioned

1121
00:48:57,800 --> 00:49:00,320
earlier in Banga Banga House said would

1122
00:48:59,179 --> 00:49:03,079
you be when you've got to get your

1123
00:49:00,320 --> 00:49:04,580
current affairs news from me Tim well

1124
00:49:03,079 --> 00:49:06,409
yeah when you send me that thing why did

1125
00:49:04,579 --> 00:49:10,250
the chicken cross the road I assumed it

1126
00:49:06,409 --> 00:49:12,409

was rhetorical yeah so so basically we

1127

00:49:10,250 --> 00:49:13,760
are making out like bandits is the

1128

00:49:12,409 --> 00:49:15,440
answer to the what we've been done since

1129

00:49:13,760 --> 00:49:16,580
we won the castaway award and thank you

1130

00:49:15,440 --> 00:49:18,740
to yourself for all the filming on the

1131

00:49:16,579 --> 00:49:20,539
night have a look on the castaway Awards

1132

00:49:18,739 --> 00:49:21,849
a Facebook page because I did lots of

1133

00:49:20,539 --> 00:49:24,108
red carpet interviews with various

1134

00:49:21,849 --> 00:49:25,969
podcasters from around Australia it's

1135

00:49:24,108 --> 00:49:29,659
quite a record isn't it you on the red

1136

00:49:25,969 --> 00:49:31,759
carpet i we shot almost an hour of video

1137

00:49:29,659 --> 00:49:33,230
in the end which was quite something

1138

00:49:31,760 --> 00:49:35,780
especially since i was doing with a

1139

00:49:33,230 --> 00:49:37,670
makeshift rig and an iphone but it

1140

00:49:35,780 --> 00:49:40,550
worked very well so I'll put a link to

1141
00:49:37,670 --> 00:49:42,440
those interviews in the show notes

1142
00:49:40,550 --> 00:49:44,090
but again and I know you do this in

1143
00:49:42,440 --> 00:49:45,470
bunga bunga and I certainly do it in the

1144
00:49:44,090 --> 00:49:47,510
skin exam we thank the people who

1145
00:49:45,469 --> 00:49:49,219
support the show that's right and by the

1146
00:49:47,510 --> 00:49:52,160
way you're listening to the skeptic Sam

1147
00:49:49,219 --> 00:49:54,649
right now why not hit the tin get onto

1148
00:49:52,159 --> 00:49:56,269
patreon just sling Richard a dollar or

1149
00:49:54,650 --> 00:49:58,220
two or something just to help the show

1150
00:49:56,269 --> 00:49:58,940
out because this guy's doing it day in

1151
00:49:58,219 --> 00:50:00,949
day out

1152
00:49:58,940 --> 00:50:03,530
he's got kittens to feed

1153
00:50:00,949 --> 00:50:04,639
well they're big cats now but yes that

1154
00:50:03,530 --> 00:50:06,680
cat food ain't cheap

1155
00:50:04,639 --> 00:50:07,819
exactly he's got plastic boxes to buy

1156
00:50:06,679 --> 00:50:09,409
for them you've got all sorts of

1157
00:50:07,820 --> 00:50:11,000
expensive things haven't you or they're

1158
00:50:09,409 --> 00:50:12,618
the interns for the skeptics and they do

1159
00:50:11,000 --> 00:50:14,389
most of the work in fact Henrietta

1160
00:50:12,619 --> 00:50:15,680
reward you because as you heard this the

1161
00:50:14,389 --> 00:50:17,210
march for science would have been on

1162
00:50:15,679 --> 00:50:19,009
marching for science I'm not quite sure

1163
00:50:17,210 --> 00:50:21,530
which branch of science I'm going to be

1164
00:50:19,010 --> 00:50:24,619
marching for I thought maybe geology be

1165
00:50:21,530 --> 00:50:26,060
kind of cool I don't know but know what

1166
00:50:24,619 --> 00:50:28,789
branch of science would you March foot

1167
00:50:26,059 --> 00:50:30,858
Tim oh man it's got to be the table of

1168
00:50:28,789 --> 00:50:33,349
elements because it's not here forever

1169

00:50:30,858 --> 00:50:35,210
it's just periodic so why we've got it I

1170
00:50:33,349 --> 00:50:36,829
reckon we just celebrate it and then

1171
00:50:35,210 --> 00:50:41,119
we'll just push it off in a little boat

1172
00:50:36,829 --> 00:50:43,730
and yeah and say well Carbon who knew

1173
00:50:41,119 --> 00:50:46,760
would be a thing let's hear it for

1174
00:50:43,730 --> 00:50:50,980
gallium yeah gallium girl gallium always

1175
00:50:46,760 --> 00:50:54,170
giving and Alif idiom why isn't it there

1176
00:50:50,980 --> 00:50:56,210
so folks it's it's the award-winning

1177
00:50:54,170 --> 00:50:57,320
Maynard and Tim Ferguson from the Banga

1178
00:50:56,210 --> 00:51:01,070
Banga bang caste but congratulations

1179
00:50:57,320 --> 00:51:02,240
both of you an award is great and thank

1180
00:51:01,070 --> 00:51:03,800
you for your help with her to there

1181
00:51:02,239 --> 00:51:05,539
Richard oh no we we now return you to

1182
00:51:03,800 --> 00:51:08,000
your normal programming after a word

1183
00:51:05,539 --> 00:51:11,059

from Tim Ferguson a friend of mine had a

1184

00:51:08,000 --> 00:51:13,219

girlfriend who came up and looked at the

1185

00:51:11,059 --> 00:51:16,400

periodic table of elements in his

1186

00:51:13,219 --> 00:51:19,879

kitchen and peered at and said where's

1187

00:51:16,400 --> 00:51:22,430

energy except allah it's not there she

1188

00:51:19,880 --> 00:51:24,829

said Ben Energy's really simple it's a

1189

00:51:22,429 --> 00:51:27,609

combination of those elements now it's

1190

00:51:24,829 --> 00:51:29,349

not and that's how she became single a

1191

00:51:27,610 --> 00:51:32,800

[Music]

1192

00:51:29,349 --> 00:51:54,420

warning from history from Tim Ferguson

1193

00:51:32,800 --> 00:51:54,420

[Music]

1194

00:51:59,960 --> 00:52:04,829

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1195

00:52:02,550 --> 00:52:06,870

zone and I'm very excited and I hope I

1196

00:52:04,829 --> 00:52:08,880

can see some skeptics and fans at the

1197

00:52:06,869 --> 00:52:11,269

North East Conference of science and

1198
00:52:08,880 --> 00:52:14,700
skepticism a bit later on at the end of

1199
00:52:11,269 --> 00:52:17,610
June end of June beginning of July have

1200
00:52:14,699 --> 00:52:21,259
never been to New York and I've never

1201
00:52:17,610 --> 00:52:23,880
been to I think the furthest the

1202
00:52:21,260 --> 00:52:26,730
furthest east I've been in the United

1203
00:52:23,880 --> 00:52:28,380
States would be Atlanta Georgia I think

1204
00:52:26,730 --> 00:52:30,480
many years ago when I used to go to the

1205
00:52:28,380 --> 00:52:33,329
Dragon Con convention but that's all

1206
00:52:30,480 --> 00:52:36,539
many weeks away coming up next week on

1207
00:52:33,329 --> 00:52:38,369
the skeptics own well it's up to a more

1208
00:52:36,539 --> 00:52:42,409
dannhenry out of the interns I'll ask

1209
00:52:38,369 --> 00:52:47,159
them what would what sort of skeptical

1210
00:52:42,409 --> 00:52:50,789
topics with interest pussycats somehow

1211
00:52:47,159 --> 00:52:53,969
they're not telling me I think they're

1212
00:52:50,789 --> 00:52:55,409
skeptical about everything in fact I

1213
00:52:53,969 --> 00:52:59,669
think coming up next we will probably

1214
00:52:55,409 --> 00:53:02,940
have a report of the skeptics in the pub

1215
00:52:59,670 --> 00:53:04,980
night with our with our chiropractor

1216
00:53:02,940 --> 00:53:09,240
giving us a lecture that should be very

1217
00:53:04,980 --> 00:53:10,800
interesting and hopefully if I if I can

1218
00:53:09,239 --> 00:53:12,959
track him down we might even have a chat

1219
00:53:10,800 --> 00:53:15,990
to James Randi at least soon at least

1220
00:53:12,960 --> 00:53:18,000
soon I hope but for this week this is

1221
00:53:15,989 --> 00:53:20,309
Richard Saunders Morden Henrietta who

1222
00:53:18,000 --> 00:53:23,809
have disappeared once again signing off

1223
00:53:20,309 --> 00:53:23,809
from Sydney Australia

1224
00:53:26,039 --> 00:53:31,860
you've been listening to the skeptic

1225
00:53:28,050 --> 00:53:34,800
zone podcast visit our website at WWF

1226

00:53:31,860 --> 00:53:38,700
Tech's on TV for contacts and archive of

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00:53:34,800 --> 00:53:41,340
all episodes since 2008 and our online

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00:53:38,699 --> 00:53:44,059
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00:53:44,059 --> 00:53:48,449
liking us on facebook and leaving a

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00:53:50,670 --> 00:53:57,090
subscribing via PayPal for as little as

1234
00:53:53,489 --> 00:53:59,279
99 cents a week the skeptic zone is an

1235
00:53:57,090 --> 00:54:01,200
independent production the views and

1236
00:53:59,280 --> 00:54:03,420
opinions expressed on the skeptic zone

1237
00:54:01,199 --> 00:54:06,299
and not necessarily those of Australian

1238
00:54:03,420 --> 00:54:17,430
skeptics or any other skeptical

1239
00:54:06,300 --> 00:54:20,850
organization you're still in New Mexico

1240
00:54:17,429 --> 00:54:23,429

I take it in I am I am is my audio okay

1241
00:54:20,849 --> 00:54:25,289
yes it's very good where exactly are you

1242
00:54:23,429 --> 00:54:27,359
in New Mexico I'm just outside of

1243
00:54:25,289 --> 00:54:30,179
Albuquerque as you would say it's uh

1244
00:54:27,360 --> 00:54:36,510
we're probably best known for Bugs Bunny

1245
00:54:30,179 --> 00:54:39,869
and Breaking Bad I knew I shoulda turn

1246
00:54:36,510 --> 00:54:43,050
left of Albuquerque exactly uh yeah I

1247
00:54:39,869 --> 00:54:48,150
guess same same cultural references we

1248
00:54:43,050 --> 00:54:50,940
know it hang on now recording okay let's

1249
00:54:48,150 --> 00:54:52,619
just wing it Ben see how we go oh we can

1250
00:54:50,940 --> 00:54:57,139
kooler poor professionals at least at

1251
00:54:52,619 --> 00:55:01,469
least you are well I'm glad one of us is

1252
00:54:57,139 --> 00:55:03,539
and joining me now all the way from that

1253
00:55:01,469 --> 00:55:07,519
famous spot made famous of course by

1254
00:55:03,539 --> 00:55:07,519
Bugs Bunny where he should have turned

