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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,089
[Music]

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00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:11,839
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,089 --> 00:00:13,919
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:11,839 --> 00:00:16,850
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00:00:13,919 --> 00:00:22,800
[Applause]

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00:00:16,850 --> 00:00:26,519
[Music]

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00:00:22,800 --> 00:00:31,539
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast number

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00:00:26,518 --> 00:00:33,039
483 for the 21st of January 2018 Richard

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00:00:31,539 --> 00:00:35,198
Saunders here with you from Sydney

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00:00:33,039 --> 00:00:37,500
Australia and the news I must bring you

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00:00:35,198 --> 00:00:40,119
this week is the the skeptical world

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00:00:37,500 --> 00:00:42,789
surely is in mourning for the loss of

13
00:00:40,119 --> 00:00:45,219
our dear friend Barry Williams the

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00:00:42,789 --> 00:00:48,009
former president and longtime

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00:00:45,219 --> 00:00:50,679
Australian skeptic and one of the people

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00:00:48,009 --> 00:00:53,468
instrumental in starting the skeptical

17
00:00:50,679 --> 00:00:55,329
movement in Australia Barry died just

18
00:00:53,469 --> 00:00:58,000
yesterday following complications from

19
00:00:55,329 --> 00:01:00,939
recent heart surgery so a good portion

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00:00:58,000 --> 00:01:04,269
of this show the first part is dedicated

21
00:01:00,939 --> 00:01:06,039
to Barry I'm going to read the tribute

22
00:01:04,269 --> 00:01:08,618
written by Tim Mendham published at

23
00:01:06,039 --> 00:01:13,950
skeptics comdata you then will have a

24
00:01:08,618 --> 00:01:17,469
series of snippets starting off with a

25
00:01:13,950 --> 00:01:19,960
media appearance buried in 32 years ago

26
00:01:17,469 --> 00:01:21,849
on the Today Show here in Australia

27
00:01:19,959 --> 00:01:24,819
where he was interviewed by George Negus

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00:01:21,849 --> 00:01:28,569
the famous journalist after that a

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00:01:24,819 --> 00:01:33,429
newspaper article featuring Barry from

30
00:01:28,569 --> 00:01:36,789
the mid-90s from about 1994 then to

31
00:01:33,430 --> 00:01:38,680
round off the tributes to Barry an

32
00:01:36,790 --> 00:01:43,030
interview with him conducted by me not

33
00:01:38,680 --> 00:01:45,040
only in 2015 when Barry was volunteering

34
00:01:43,030 --> 00:01:48,218
after retirement at an Australian

35
00:01:45,040 --> 00:01:50,350
skeptics convention there are many

36
00:01:48,218 --> 00:01:52,000
stories that we all have or the

37
00:01:50,349 --> 00:01:55,019
skeptical community in Australia have

38
00:01:52,000 --> 00:01:57,578
about Barry Williams larger-than-life

39
00:01:55,019 --> 00:01:59,769
friendly fellow loved these cups of tea

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00:01:57,578 --> 00:02:04,059
I can tell you when I used to go around

41
00:01:59,769 --> 00:02:06,658
to his place for meetings just friendly

42
00:02:04,060 --> 00:02:08,500
biscuits tea dogs cats everywhere

43
00:02:06,659 --> 00:02:12,400

jumping all over me

44

00:02:08,500 --> 00:02:14,590

barking and Barry was always he was a

45

00:02:12,400 --> 00:02:17,170

very knowledgeable man always ready with

46

00:02:14,590 --> 00:02:18,939

background information about sceptics

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00:02:17,169 --> 00:02:21,849

and psychics and people he'd met along

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00:02:18,939 --> 00:02:24,939

the way he knew a lot of the early

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00:02:21,849 --> 00:02:26,739

sceptics in Australia annal and had

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00:02:24,939 --> 00:02:28,439

run-ins or meetings or

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00:02:26,740 --> 00:02:31,439

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00:02:28,439 --> 00:02:33,909

encounters with a lot of psychics

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00:02:31,439 --> 00:02:37,180

so-called psychics and clairvoyance from

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00:02:33,909 --> 00:02:39,579

the early 80s onwards he used to go on

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TV from time to time with the late

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00:02:39,580 --> 00:02:45,520

Simon Turnbull the then president of the

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00:02:42,789 --> 00:02:48,039

Australian psychics Association and

58
00:02:45,520 --> 00:02:52,030
luckily for me I have many of those on

59
00:02:48,039 --> 00:02:54,189
archive in fact when I first got started

60
00:02:52,030 --> 00:02:55,689
in the skeptical movement here in

61
00:02:54,189 --> 00:03:00,520
Australia I would visit Barry at his

62
00:02:55,689 --> 00:03:05,829
house and he would give me boxes of

63
00:03:00,520 --> 00:03:07,630
videotapes with sceptical material and

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00:03:05,830 --> 00:03:10,240
TV interviews and things going back

65
00:03:07,629 --> 00:03:13,870
quite a quite a number of years and I

66
00:03:10,240 --> 00:03:16,270
was able to digitize all those that's

67
00:03:13,870 --> 00:03:18,129
why we have for example coming up an

68
00:03:16,270 --> 00:03:22,570
interview with Barry on The Today Show

69
00:03:18,129 --> 00:03:24,310
from from 32 years ago and I feel I

70
00:03:22,569 --> 00:03:26,620
could almost reach over the phone now

71
00:03:24,310 --> 00:03:30,240
dial his number and hear the voice on

72
00:03:26,620 --> 00:03:34,030
the other end saying all our skeptics

73
00:03:30,240 --> 00:03:37,780
poor imitation Barry we will miss you

74
00:03:34,030 --> 00:03:43,539
and your contribution to the skeptical

75
00:03:37,780 --> 00:03:45,009
movement in Australia is legendary well

76
00:03:43,539 --> 00:03:47,019
following our a tribute to Barry

77
00:03:45,009 --> 00:03:49,060
Williams we have an interview with Susan

78
00:03:47,020 --> 00:03:51,850
go back from guerrilla skepticism on

79
00:03:49,060 --> 00:03:52,959
Wikipedia who recently received a grant

80
00:03:51,849 --> 00:03:55,419
from the James Randi Educational

81
00:03:52,959 --> 00:03:58,990
Foundation she's going to tell us all

82
00:03:55,419 --> 00:04:02,289
about that and also about some psychic

83
00:03:58,990 --> 00:04:04,300
stings she and guerrilla skepticism are

84
00:04:02,289 --> 00:04:08,109
working on at the moment and you'll pick

85
00:04:04,300 --> 00:04:12,189
up a few tips some tricks when it comes

86

00:04:08,110 --> 00:04:14,770
to live stage performances of certain

87
00:04:12,189 --> 00:04:17,019
psychics but now it's time for me to run

88
00:04:14,770 --> 00:04:20,290
downstairs and I will have a cup of tea

89
00:04:17,019 --> 00:04:23,500
and a biscuit in honor of Barry Williams

90
00:04:20,290 --> 00:04:24,260
and while I do that I hope you enjoy the

91
00:04:23,500 --> 00:04:46,680
skeptic zone

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00:04:24,259 --> 00:04:51,009
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93
00:04:46,680 --> 00:04:54,788
from WWC optics calm day you published

94
00:04:51,009 --> 00:05:01,509
on the 21st of January 2018 by Tim

95
00:04:54,788 --> 00:05:03,968
Mendham valet Barry Williams it is with

96
00:05:01,509 --> 00:05:06,759
great sadness that we report the news of

97
00:05:03,968 --> 00:05:10,120
the passing of Barry Williams who died

98
00:05:06,759 --> 00:05:12,580
on January the 20th 2018 at the age of

99
00:05:10,120 --> 00:05:16,240
79 following a series of heart

100
00:05:12,579 --> 00:05:18,339

operations Barry was intrinsic to the

101

00:05:16,240 --> 00:05:20,710

history and development of the skeptical

102

00:05:18,339 --> 00:05:23,198

movement in Australia and for many years

103

00:05:20,709 --> 00:05:25,628

he was the face of skepticism in this

104

00:05:23,199 --> 00:05:28,330

country as fellow sceptic Peter Bowdish

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00:05:25,629 --> 00:05:32,099

said quote we should all remember that

106

00:05:28,329 --> 00:05:35,139

we are here because he was there unquote

107

00:05:32,098 --> 00:05:38,139

Barry was born in Queensland on the 10th

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00:05:35,139 --> 00:05:40,060

of November 1938 he joined the Royal

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00:05:38,139 --> 00:05:42,250

Australian Air Force and served in

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00:05:40,060 --> 00:05:45,699

various places including at Butterworth

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00:05:42,250 --> 00:05:47,379

airbase in what was then Malaya while he

112

00:05:45,699 --> 00:05:48,189

was a member of the ground crew rather

113

00:05:47,379 --> 00:05:50,050

than airborne

114

00:05:48,189 --> 00:05:52,960

he was particularly proud of being the

115
00:05:50,050 --> 00:05:54,848
leader of a parade bringing back a jet

116
00:05:52,959 --> 00:05:57,908
plane that had made an emergency landing

117
00:05:54,848 --> 00:06:00,278
on the highway north of Newcastle New

118
00:05:57,908 --> 00:06:03,129
South Wales on a long trek back to

119
00:06:00,278 --> 00:06:05,800
Williamstown Air Force Base traffic jam

120
00:06:03,129 --> 00:06:07,930
notwithstanding he followed this Royal

121
00:06:05,800 --> 00:06:10,569
Australian Air Force career with stints

122
00:06:07,930 --> 00:06:12,639
in scientific instrument sales and as

123
00:06:10,569 --> 00:06:15,759
exhibits manager for the United States

124
00:06:12,639 --> 00:06:17,588
Department of Commerce in Sydney and as

125
00:06:15,759 --> 00:06:20,860
an aside I remember Barry telling me

126
00:06:17,588 --> 00:06:23,649
once that he had his photograph taken

127
00:06:20,860 --> 00:06:27,310
with then President George Bush Senior

128
00:06:23,649 --> 00:06:28,990
and Mrs. Bush wanted especially to have

129
00:06:27,310 --> 00:06:32,168
her photograph taken with Barry cause

130
00:06:28,990 --> 00:06:35,800
Barry looked like Santa Claus we read on

131
00:06:32,168 --> 00:06:37,538
in 1985 the first Australian skeptics

132
00:06:35,800 --> 00:06:41,139
National Convention was held in Sydney

133
00:06:37,538 --> 00:06:43,240
and the following year the National

134
00:06:41,139 --> 00:06:46,478
Office of the skeptics moved there

135
00:06:43,240 --> 00:06:48,759
followed by the magazine the skeptic in

136
00:06:46,478 --> 00:06:50,889
the next year in his capacity as

137
00:06:48,759 --> 00:06:53,500
president of the notionally National

138
00:06:50,889 --> 00:06:56,408
Australian skeptics Barry took up a high

139
00:06:53,500 --> 00:06:58,350
media and community profile which he

140
00:06:56,408 --> 00:07:02,909
maintained until his retirement

141
00:06:58,350 --> 00:07:04,740
active skepticism in 2009 in 1990 he

142
00:07:02,910 --> 00:07:08,610
took over editorship of the magazine

143

00:07:04,740 --> 00:07:11,759
quote just for one issue in quote which

144
00:07:08,610 --> 00:07:13,379
lasted another 18 years he continued to

145
00:07:11,759 --> 00:07:14,579
be a contributor to the magazine with

146
00:07:13,379 --> 00:07:17,279
articles of whimsy and

147
00:07:14,579 --> 00:07:17,819
erudition contributing many hundreds of

148
00:07:17,279 --> 00:07:20,309
pieces

149
00:07:17,819 --> 00:07:24,209
he wrote during and before his role as

150
00:07:20,310 --> 00:07:26,879
editor in 1995 the skeptics received a

151
00:07:24,209 --> 00:07:29,879
sizable bequests from the estate of Stan

152
00:07:26,879 --> 00:07:31,889
Lee David Whaley we have these funds the

153
00:07:29,879 --> 00:07:34,110
organization established the Australian

154
00:07:31,889 --> 00:07:38,250
skeptics science and educational

155
00:07:34,110 --> 00:07:40,470
foundation a ss EF and was able to

156
00:07:38,250 --> 00:07:42,839
create the position of executive officer

157
00:07:40,470 --> 00:07:45,510

which Barry took up relinquishing the

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00:07:42,839 --> 00:07:47,939

presidential chair in his off hours

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00:07:45,509 --> 00:07:49,889

Barry was a prodigious reader with a

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00:07:47,939 --> 00:07:52,560

leaning toward science fiction and

161

00:07:49,889 --> 00:07:55,589

detective novels he also had a strong

162

00:07:52,560 --> 00:07:58,139

interest in Egyptology and astronomy but

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00:07:55,589 --> 00:07:59,250

more importantly he was a cricket tragic

164

00:07:58,139 --> 00:08:02,219

to the nth degree

165

00:07:59,250 --> 00:08:04,620

he could turn any conversation around to

166

00:08:02,220 --> 00:08:05,130

cricket regardless of the time place or

167

00:08:04,620 --> 00:08:08,040

topic

168

00:08:05,129 --> 00:08:10,439

he wrote the definitive article on the

169

00:08:08,040 --> 00:08:13,170

myths of the number 87

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00:08:10,439 --> 00:08:15,120

the legendary but not totally misplaced

171

00:08:13,170 --> 00:08:17,879

nemesis of the Australian cricket team

172
00:08:15,120 --> 00:08:22,290
that article was first published in the

173
00:08:17,879 --> 00:08:25,050
skeptic in 1993 reprinted in 2012 and in

174
00:08:22,290 --> 00:08:28,020
2001 it was selected to be published in

175
00:08:25,050 --> 00:08:32,000
a book titled the best ever Australian

176
00:08:28,019 --> 00:08:34,559
sports writing a 200 year collection

177
00:08:32,000 --> 00:08:36,599
appropriately when Barry was awarded the

178
00:08:34,559 --> 00:08:37,799
first Australian skeptics Lifetime

179
00:08:36,599 --> 00:08:40,020
Achievement Award

180
00:08:37,799 --> 00:08:43,139
the plaque was mounted on a facsimile of

181
00:08:40,019 --> 00:08:44,789
the ashes urn he was thrilled cricket

182
00:08:43,139 --> 00:08:48,480
was the answer to the meaning of life

183
00:08:44,789 --> 00:08:51,449
the universe and everything that is when

184
00:08:48,480 --> 00:08:55,080
the answer wasn't skepticism throughout

185
00:08:51,450 --> 00:08:57,030
his skeptical and other careers he was

186
00:08:55,080 --> 00:08:58,800
always known as someone who wasn't

187
00:08:57,029 --> 00:09:00,959
backward in letting people know his

188
00:08:58,799 --> 00:09:03,269
opinions and shared his truly broad

189
00:09:00,960 --> 00:09:05,790
knowledge he once spent an encyclopedia

190
00:09:03,269 --> 00:09:07,409
salesman that if the latter could ask

191
00:09:05,789 --> 00:09:09,179
Barry a question he didn't know the

192
00:09:07,409 --> 00:09:09,999
answer to he would buy a set of the

193
00:09:09,179 --> 00:09:13,338
overpriced

194
00:09:09,999 --> 00:09:16,100
he didn't need to buy one his height

195
00:09:13,339 --> 00:09:18,379
strong voice and shall we say more than

196
00:09:16,100 --> 00:09:21,619
adequate size meant that he was an

197
00:09:18,379 --> 00:09:23,539
imposing figure in any discussion and he

198
00:09:21,619 --> 00:09:26,028
was never shy of confronting the

199
00:09:23,539 --> 00:09:28,068
purveyors of Wu and the shank selling

200

00:09:26,028 --> 00:09:30,828
any form of pseudoscience and the

201
00:09:28,068 --> 00:09:33,858
paranormal in the days before social

202
00:09:30,828 --> 00:09:37,458
media Barry was ever present on TV radio

203
00:09:33,859 --> 00:09:39,859
in the press and was instrumental in the

204
00:09:37,458 --> 00:09:42,708
transition of the skeptics image from an

205
00:09:39,859 --> 00:09:45,230
amusing novelty to serious players and

206
00:09:42,708 --> 00:09:48,108
activists he might have been a command

207
00:09:45,230 --> 00:09:50,319
at times a description he wouldn't did

208
00:09:48,109 --> 00:09:52,970
approve of but he also had great

209
00:09:50,318 --> 00:09:54,078
enthusiasm and a strong sense of humor

210
00:09:52,970 --> 00:09:58,428
and the ridiculous

211
00:09:54,078 --> 00:10:01,608
a jolly Santa with a quote bah humbug

212
00:09:58,428 --> 00:10:03,619
end quote never far from his lips he

213
00:10:01,609 --> 00:10:06,859
could probably quote every word of the

214
00:10:03,619 --> 00:10:09,649

goon shows and just as another aside

215

00:10:06,859 --> 00:10:12,079

when I was first getting to know Barry

216

00:10:09,649 --> 00:10:14,989

one of our common interests was the the

217

00:10:12,078 --> 00:10:16,818

legendary goon show the BBC comedy show

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00:10:14,989 --> 00:10:19,730

written by Spike Milligan starring Peter

219

00:10:16,818 --> 00:10:23,838

Sellers and Harry cecum from the 1950s

220

00:10:19,730 --> 00:10:26,298

and he was a mine of information on

221

00:10:23,839 --> 00:10:28,429

British comedy boredom was never an

222

00:10:26,298 --> 00:10:31,249

issue in long conversations with him and

223

00:10:28,428 --> 00:10:33,889

I had many of those seeing him with the

224

00:10:31,249 --> 00:10:36,709

long lineage of dogs and cats he owned

225

00:10:33,889 --> 00:10:38,539

and sometimes found over the years you

226

00:10:36,708 --> 00:10:41,859

realized that he very much had a soft

227

00:10:38,539 --> 00:10:44,808

side that came readily into play

228

00:10:41,860 --> 00:10:47,028

likewise he was extremely proud of his

229
00:10:44,808 --> 00:10:49,249
family and would regularly cite the

230
00:10:47,028 --> 00:10:51,499
successes of his daughter Peter in the

231
00:10:49,249 --> 00:10:52,730
legal profession one of his last

232
00:10:51,499 --> 00:10:55,038
comments during his recent

233
00:10:52,730 --> 00:10:58,100
hospitalization was that he wanted to

234
00:10:55,038 --> 00:11:00,558
quote ensure he doesn't croak before the

235
00:10:58,100 --> 00:11:03,079
humiliation of the palms in the ashes is

236
00:11:00,558 --> 00:11:04,938
complete and quote he might not have

237
00:11:03,078 --> 00:11:06,649
seriously intended the croak but the

238
00:11:04,938 --> 00:11:08,899
Australian Test team did manage to

239
00:11:06,649 --> 00:11:11,359
fulfill his wish he would have been very

240
00:11:08,899 --> 00:11:14,178
pleased that they had taken a positive

241
00:11:11,359 --> 00:11:18,019
notice of his request it was the least

242
00:11:14,178 --> 00:11:20,088
they can do for Peter Rose Palin Stephen

243
00:11:18,019 --> 00:11:22,639
Nicholas Christopher and the rest of his

244
00:11:20,089 --> 00:11:23,660
family and wide circle of friends our

245
00:11:22,639 --> 00:11:26,990
sincere and

246
00:11:23,659 --> 00:11:28,009
as condolences rest in peace Barry we

247
00:11:26,990 --> 00:11:36,139
will miss you

248
00:11:28,009 --> 00:11:38,779
Tim Mendham and that tribute to Barry

249
00:11:36,139 --> 00:11:42,080
Williams can be found at skeptics calm

250
00:11:38,779 --> 00:11:43,740
day you published on the 21st of January

251
00:11:42,080 --> 00:11:49,870
2018

252
00:11:43,740 --> 00:11:53,450
[Music]

253
00:11:49,870 --> 00:11:56,120
and now from 1986

254
00:11:53,450 --> 00:11:58,750
here is barri williams appearing on the

255
00:11:56,120 --> 00:12:07,580
Australian version of The Today Show

256
00:11:58,750 --> 00:12:09,289
interviewed by George Negus welcome back

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00:12:07,580 --> 00:12:11,660
to today will a journalist is supposed

258
00:12:09,289 --> 00:12:13,279
to be a pretty skeptical lot but not

259
00:12:11,659 --> 00:12:14,870
many of them would pass up the chance of

260
00:12:13,279 --> 00:12:15,799
picking up an easy thousand dollars

261
00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:18,080
especially if it was for a

262
00:12:15,799 --> 00:12:20,719
tongue-in-cheek bit of writing but this

263
00:12:18,080 --> 00:12:22,280
year \$1000 is going to go begging

264
00:12:20,720 --> 00:12:23,870
because no journalist has submitted an

265
00:12:22,279 --> 00:12:26,269
entry to a competition run by the

266
00:12:23,870 --> 00:12:27,500
Australian skeptics the Australian

267
00:12:26,269 --> 00:12:30,439
skeptics are offering the money as a

268
00:12:27,500 --> 00:12:32,659
prize for the best skeptical report on

269
00:12:30,440 --> 00:12:34,130
the paranormal barry williams is the

270
00:12:32,659 --> 00:12:35,299
president of the australian skeptics and

271
00:12:34,129 --> 00:12:36,649

he's with us in the studio good morning

272

00:12:35,299 --> 00:12:38,509

Barry Ronnie George I have to agree with

273

00:12:36,649 --> 00:12:40,069

that I thought a rather amazing that

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00:12:38,509 --> 00:12:41,750

Australian journalist wouldn't wouldn't

275

00:12:40,070 --> 00:12:43,550

leak that the opportunity of a thousand

276

00:12:41,750 --> 00:12:45,799

dollars for writing a piece about the

277

00:12:43,549 --> 00:12:47,870

paranormal I'm wondering though wouldn't

278

00:12:45,799 --> 00:12:49,699

I know what the paranormal is I mean I

279

00:12:47,870 --> 00:12:51,200

we have to tell people about this

280

00:12:49,700 --> 00:12:54,020

running sceptics before this this

281

00:12:51,200 --> 00:12:55,910

interview makes much sense you suggest

282

00:12:54,019 --> 00:12:57,199

in the imes and I've read the blurb -

283

00:12:55,909 --> 00:12:59,299

that your aim is to investigate

284

00:12:57,200 --> 00:13:01,640

scientifically with an open mind claims

285

00:12:59,299 --> 00:13:04,039

and events of an apparently paranormal

286
00:13:01,639 --> 00:13:05,419
or pseudo scientific nature relevant to

287
00:13:04,039 --> 00:13:07,429
Australia so the words we need to

288
00:13:05,419 --> 00:13:09,979
explain our paranormal and pseudo

289
00:13:07,429 --> 00:13:11,289
scientific yes George they cover a

290
00:13:09,980 --> 00:13:17,899
multitude of sins

291
00:13:11,289 --> 00:13:19,639
paranormal means loosely not explainable

292
00:13:17,899 --> 00:13:20,720
by the laws of nature as we know that

293
00:13:19,639 --> 00:13:23,120
what not a lot of people would call

294
00:13:20,720 --> 00:13:24,410
supernaturals mmm yeah there's there are

295
00:13:23,120 --> 00:13:25,779
subtle differences between the two words

296
00:13:24,409 --> 00:13:28,129
but essentially that's what it is

297
00:13:25,779 --> 00:13:29,990
scientifically well you know scientific

298
00:13:28,129 --> 00:13:31,519
is when you get people coming on with a

299
00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:33,470
great new scientific breakthrough that

300
00:13:31,519 --> 00:13:35,960
like perpetual motion machines that's a

301
00:13:33,470 --> 00:13:38,389
pseudoscience because it just can't

302
00:13:35,960 --> 00:13:40,670
happen right scientific laws I guess the

303
00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:42,529
best no and the paranormal or pseudo

304
00:13:40,669 --> 00:13:44,929
scientific trick that's been fooled of

305
00:13:42,529 --> 00:13:47,870
course was was Yuri gillers that spoon

306
00:13:44,929 --> 00:13:49,639
bending that's probably the most widely

307
00:13:47,870 --> 00:13:51,440
covered yeah is that what set off your

308
00:13:49,639 --> 00:13:54,620
your association why you came into

309
00:13:51,440 --> 00:13:57,440
existence actually because of that but

310
00:13:54,620 --> 00:13:59,240
generally there are a lot of areas such

311
00:13:57,440 --> 00:14:01,130
as astrology astrology is on the rise

312
00:13:59,240 --> 00:14:03,169
again actually coming down again now but

313
00:14:01,129 --> 00:14:05,809
it was on the rise a few years ago

314

00:14:03,169 --> 00:14:07,519
we've only just offended about 70% of

315
00:14:05,809 --> 00:14:10,309
the audience so it'd be five I think of

316
00:14:07,519 --> 00:14:11,990
the last 65% of people believe in

317
00:14:10,309 --> 00:14:14,000
astrology well to a greater or lesser

318
00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:15,560
degree much smaller percentage actually

319
00:14:14,000 --> 00:14:16,700
believe it in based their life on some

320
00:14:15,559 --> 00:14:19,039
people of course believe that when it

321
00:14:16,700 --> 00:14:20,600
suits oven we've got that's perfectly

322
00:14:19,039 --> 00:14:22,069
all right here well apart from uri

323
00:14:20,600 --> 00:14:23,659
geller in astrology what are some of the

324
00:14:22,070 --> 00:14:25,100
other paranormal and pseudo scientific

325
00:14:23,659 --> 00:14:25,610
things that would concern a group like

326
00:14:25,100 --> 00:14:28,220
yours

327
00:14:25,610 --> 00:14:30,039
UFOs we have another UFO flap for a

328
00:14:28,220 --> 00:14:32,389

while but they're always on the cards

329

00:14:30,039 --> 00:14:34,099

UFOs being unexplained lights in the

330

00:14:32,389 --> 00:14:35,509

skies one thing claiming they're from

331

00:14:34,100 --> 00:14:37,250

other planets with people giving us

332

00:14:35,509 --> 00:14:38,778

messages on that entirely another one

333

00:14:37,250 --> 00:14:43,610

there's no evidence for that the latter

334

00:14:38,778 --> 00:14:46,789

thing von daniken's books about the

335

00:14:43,610 --> 00:14:50,600

ancient astronauts spiritualism talking

336

00:14:46,789 --> 00:14:53,870

to your dead relatives various health

337

00:14:50,600 --> 00:14:55,459

things psychic surgery is one we got

338

00:14:53,870 --> 00:14:56,959

involved with recently they do it a lot

339

00:14:55,458 --> 00:14:59,359

in the Philippines and it's not the body

340

00:14:56,958 --> 00:15:01,609

and any other cares for that so we we

341

00:14:59,360 --> 00:15:03,860

had some of our members go to a psychic

342

00:15:01,610 --> 00:15:05,269

surgeon in Melbourne and and he

343
00:15:03,860 --> 00:15:06,709
performed some tricks one of our members

344
00:15:05,269 --> 00:15:08,659
was a magician he knew what he was doing

345
00:15:06,708 --> 00:15:10,159
and they later and information with the

346
00:15:08,659 --> 00:15:11,750
police and the man was charged in the

347
00:15:10,159 --> 00:15:13,129
case were thrown out because our people

348
00:15:11,750 --> 00:15:15,740
were skeptics and weren't fooled

349
00:15:13,129 --> 00:15:17,360
do we have our Australian equivalent of

350
00:15:15,740 --> 00:15:19,579
the Loch Ness monster anything like that

351
00:15:17,360 --> 00:15:21,528
oh yes we have Yowies yeah I'm surprised

352
00:15:19,578 --> 00:15:23,750
you haven't interviewed one a cool we

353
00:15:21,528 --> 00:15:25,399
will we'll send a team best right away

354
00:15:23,750 --> 00:15:28,250
where would we find a Yowie

355
00:15:25,399 --> 00:15:30,799
well around the Blue Mountains seems to

356
00:15:28,250 --> 00:15:35,149
be a place that that they believers know

357
00:15:30,799 --> 00:15:37,159
that is imagination but they strongly

358
00:15:35,149 --> 00:15:39,409
suspect their lie they think it's a it's

359
00:15:37,159 --> 00:15:42,610
like the the Yeti in the Himalayas or

360
00:15:39,409 --> 00:15:44,990
the Squatch in North America a large

361
00:15:42,610 --> 00:15:49,190
ape-like being that wanders around but

362
00:15:44,990 --> 00:15:50,600
your harddrive aguirre not big enough

363
00:15:49,190 --> 00:15:51,470
it's bigger than Brian so what about

364
00:15:50,600 --> 00:15:53,570
there's the surprise that you're

365
00:15:51,470 --> 00:15:55,250
offering is \$1,000 for somebody who's

366
00:15:53,570 --> 00:15:57,850
written a piece or survived a television

367
00:15:55,250 --> 00:16:00,889
radio who would be our dealers well it's

368
00:15:57,850 --> 00:16:02,420
there's no lack of journalists writing

369
00:16:00,889 --> 00:16:03,769
stories about the paranormal it's just

370
00:16:02,419 --> 00:16:05,509
there's a lack of journalists writing or

371

00:16:03,769 --> 00:16:07,070
producing stories about them from a

372
00:16:05,509 --> 00:16:08,360
skeptical view point where they tend to

373
00:16:07,070 --> 00:16:10,940
look at them hard and say now listen

374
00:16:08,360 --> 00:16:11,959
this thing's not what about the raster

375
00:16:10,940 --> 00:16:13,670
is really where journalists take these

376
00:16:11,958 --> 00:16:14,689
things seriously I don't have another

377
00:16:13,669 --> 00:16:15,860
take him seriously or not but I

378
00:16:14,690 --> 00:16:16,200
certainly write him up that way I write

379
00:16:15,860 --> 00:16:20,159
them

380
00:16:16,200 --> 00:16:22,290
right yeah yeah I guess that it must be

381
00:16:20,159 --> 00:16:23,399
disappointing to you because this is the

382
00:16:22,289 --> 00:16:24,870
way you would find out about some of

383
00:16:23,399 --> 00:16:26,669
these paranormal and pseudo scientific

384
00:16:24,870 --> 00:16:28,590
things that are being touted around the

385
00:16:26,669 --> 00:16:30,419

place yes interesting thing of course

386

00:16:28,590 --> 00:16:32,519

since I story appeared in the paper the

387

00:16:30,419 --> 00:16:33,870

other day we've had a couple of

388

00:16:32,519 --> 00:16:36,389

journalists contact us and say what

389

00:16:33,870 --> 00:16:38,039

about this thousand dollar prize

390

00:16:36,389 --> 00:16:39,360

publicity is always good of course there

391

00:16:38,039 --> 00:16:40,469

is a slightly serious aspect to what you

392

00:16:39,360 --> 00:16:42,870

do isn't they try to protect the

393

00:16:40,470 --> 00:16:44,700

community from Spears and con men who do

394

00:16:42,870 --> 00:16:46,860

tout these ideas or yes it's no

395

00:16:44,700 --> 00:16:48,660

different really from the people who are

396

00:16:46,860 --> 00:16:50,580

selling shocking shocking swimming bills

397

00:16:48,659 --> 00:16:52,829

shonky cars houses that fall down and

398

00:16:50,580 --> 00:16:54,629

really we're looking at the people we

399

00:16:52,830 --> 00:16:56,970

believe that are ripping off people's

400
00:16:54,629 --> 00:16:58,559
minds rather than blindly thought that's

401
00:16:56,970 --> 00:16:59,310
a good way of putting it isn't it very

402
00:16:58,559 --> 00:17:01,019
good talking dear

403
00:16:59,309 --> 00:17:05,099
thanks to this is a very paranormal

404
00:17:01,019 --> 00:17:06,599
normal interview Thank You Barry

405
00:17:05,099 --> 00:17:10,189
Williams president of the Australian

406
00:17:06,599 --> 00:17:10,189
skeptics will be back to me

407
00:17:11,289 --> 00:17:18,859
from The Sydney Morning Herald dated

408
00:17:13,970 --> 00:17:22,539
11th of September 1994 the story by

409
00:17:18,859 --> 00:17:27,438
Elizabeth Wynn Heusen under the banner

410
00:17:22,539 --> 00:17:29,709
snooping around about those little green

411
00:17:27,439 --> 00:17:29,709
men

412
00:17:31,960 --> 00:17:36,769
Australians may think of themselves as

413
00:17:34,250 --> 00:17:39,890
skeptical but there are only 1500

414
00:17:36,769 --> 00:17:42,019
official skeptics here and if Barry

415
00:17:39,890 --> 00:17:45,110
Williams is right our celebrated

416
00:17:42,019 --> 00:17:47,750
skepticism is fading out what Williams

417
00:17:45,109 --> 00:17:51,079
the president of the Australian skeptics

418
00:17:47,750 --> 00:17:53,150
the text instead is a rise in the sort

419
00:17:51,079 --> 00:17:54,889
of magical thinking that leads people to

420
00:17:53,150 --> 00:17:56,840
blame their problems on the

421
00:17:54,890 --> 00:17:59,509
configuration of the planets or the

422
00:17:56,839 --> 00:18:01,879
malignant influence of extraterrestrials

423
00:17:59,509 --> 00:18:03,890
people are seeking certainty in a very

424
00:18:01,880 --> 00:18:07,010
uncertain world end quote said Williams

425
00:18:03,890 --> 00:18:09,290
a big bearded red-cheeked man with a

426
00:18:07,009 --> 00:18:11,390
paunch who sounds like broadcaster

427
00:18:09,289 --> 00:18:14,329
Philip Adams but looks like a defrocked

428

00:18:11,390 --> 00:18:16,130
Santa Claus next Sunday at the Great

429
00:18:14,329 --> 00:18:17,149
Australian science show at the

430
00:18:16,130 --> 00:18:20,360
Powerhouse Museum

431
00:18:17,150 --> 00:18:22,720
Williams will give a talk titled I was

432
00:18:20,359 --> 00:18:25,369
captured by aliens true or false

433
00:18:22,720 --> 00:18:27,620
not many Australians believe they've

434
00:18:25,369 --> 00:18:29,149
been abducted by aliens you believe so

435
00:18:27,619 --> 00:18:31,219
common in the u.s. that there are

436
00:18:29,150 --> 00:18:33,559
networks of support groups for those

437
00:18:31,220 --> 00:18:36,950
convinced they have been captured by the

438
00:18:33,558 --> 00:18:41,329
little green men nowadays this delusion

439
00:18:36,950 --> 00:18:44,058
may arise after counseling the trend

440
00:18:41,329 --> 00:18:45,799
bothers Williams whose talk at the

441
00:18:44,058 --> 00:18:48,529
Museum will question the sudden

442
00:18:45,799 --> 00:18:50,928

emergence of the therapists who claim to

443

00:18:48,529 --> 00:18:54,139

be helping people uncover previously

444

00:18:50,929 --> 00:18:56,690

repressed memories quote whether of

445

00:18:54,140 --> 00:18:58,759

alien abductions satanic cults or

446

00:18:56,690 --> 00:19:01,279

childhood sexual abuse then quote

447

00:18:58,759 --> 00:19:03,589

children do get abused of course Kurt

448

00:19:01,279 --> 00:19:06,079

but we have no evidence that alien

449

00:19:03,589 --> 00:19:08,750

abduction goes on in quote he said quote

450

00:19:06,079 --> 00:19:11,119

yet you've got people remembering both

451

00:19:08,750 --> 00:19:13,069

things quite clearly so how do you tell

452

00:19:11,119 --> 00:19:15,079

something that's happened from something

453

00:19:13,069 --> 00:19:18,019

planted in a person's mind by one of

454

00:19:15,079 --> 00:19:19,699

these so-called therapists end quote it

455

00:19:18,019 --> 00:19:22,519

has to be said that Williams was

456

00:19:19,700 --> 00:19:26,390

skeptical and what else about the

457
00:19:22,519 --> 00:19:28,639
prevalence of psychotherapy now creeping

458
00:19:26,390 --> 00:19:30,259
into all spheres of modern life quote

459
00:19:28,640 --> 00:19:33,350
it's good that people are counseled

460
00:19:30,259 --> 00:19:34,910
after a catastrophe once upon a time

461
00:19:33,349 --> 00:19:37,869
they were left to their own devices and

462
00:19:34,910 --> 00:19:39,950
suffered in quote in his opinion however

463
00:19:37,869 --> 00:19:42,889
psychologists seemed to be marshaled on

464
00:19:39,950 --> 00:19:43,720
the slimmest excuse quote when wearing a

465
00:19:42,890 --> 00:19:46,150
council's

466
00:19:43,720 --> 00:19:48,759
two and half the staff went off to part

467
00:19:46,150 --> 00:19:51,309
of the new Pittwater council they

468
00:19:48,759 --> 00:19:53,379
brought psychologists in to council

469
00:19:51,308 --> 00:19:56,019
these people when they had just changed

470
00:19:53,380 --> 00:19:58,059
jobs been quite whatever the reasons for

471
00:19:56,019 --> 00:20:00,400
the proliferation of such reputable

472
00:19:58,058 --> 00:20:02,798
professions William seems to think that

473
00:20:00,400 --> 00:20:05,470
their very existence provides cover for

474
00:20:02,798 --> 00:20:08,558
his enemy where you and I might seem

475
00:20:05,470 --> 00:20:11,019
mild-mannered mediums or clairvoyance he

476
00:20:08,558 --> 00:20:12,849
sees an advancing horde of quacks and

477
00:20:11,019 --> 00:20:15,038
charlatans quote there is no

478
00:20:12,849 --> 00:20:16,569
registration for people who set

479
00:20:15,038 --> 00:20:18,579
themselves up as counselors or

480
00:20:16,569 --> 00:20:20,740
therapists which is what a lot of these

481
00:20:18,579 --> 00:20:23,019
astrologers and psychics tend to do in

482
00:20:20,740 --> 00:20:25,960
quote he said at his Roseville home

483
00:20:23,019 --> 00:20:28,808
quote people think they're very accurate

484
00:20:25,960 --> 00:20:31,630
because they tell generalized truths I

485

00:20:28,808 --> 00:20:33,490
do a bit of a party trick I'll say I've

486
00:20:31,630 --> 00:20:35,470
got this very strong feeling that

487
00:20:33,490 --> 00:20:37,329
someone in the room is really concerned

488
00:20:35,470 --> 00:20:40,240
about their finances end quote he said

489
00:20:37,329 --> 00:20:43,178
he was beaming faced replaced by a drew

490
00:20:40,240 --> 00:20:46,089
bee look as if he were snuffing up an

491
00:20:43,179 --> 00:20:49,509
aura in his Roseville living room in his

492
00:20:46,089 --> 00:20:51,819
working life Williams 54 arranges trade

493
00:20:49,509 --> 00:20:53,798
exhibits for the American consulate the

494
00:20:51,819 --> 00:20:56,649
place was closed last Monday because of

495
00:20:53,798 --> 00:20:58,329
their labor day so he was at home he

496
00:20:56,650 --> 00:21:01,210
happens to have worked for the North

497
00:20:58,329 --> 00:21:03,639
Americans for 15 years without once

498
00:21:01,210 --> 00:21:05,220
going there he doesn't like to travel

499
00:21:03,640 --> 00:21:08,080

instead he sits at his computer

500

00:21:05,220 --> 00:21:10,480

exchanging email messages with sceptics

501

00:21:08,079 --> 00:21:13,210

around the globe one of his discoveries

502

00:21:10,480 --> 00:21:15,700

in fact is that credulity comes with its

503

00:21:13,210 --> 00:21:18,159

own national characteristics Russians

504

00:21:15,700 --> 00:21:20,350

and Georgians go in for the same sort of

505

00:21:18,159 --> 00:21:23,740

soft-headed things as small-town

506

00:21:20,349 --> 00:21:26,139

Americans but in the former USSR William

507

00:21:23,740 --> 00:21:28,058

says quote they've got all the things

508

00:21:26,140 --> 00:21:31,419

that were popular in the West in the

509

00:21:28,058 --> 00:21:33,490

1950s in quote in short Russians are

510

00:21:31,419 --> 00:21:36,850

still being abducted by aliens from

511

00:21:33,490 --> 00:21:38,620

faraway places like Venus where the

512

00:21:36,849 --> 00:21:41,319

actual surface temperature is hot enough

513

00:21:38,619 --> 00:21:44,079

to melt landed the French in contrast

514
00:21:41,319 --> 00:21:46,240
don't seem to get abducted at all or so

515
00:21:44,079 --> 00:21:48,609
a Frenchman on the email network told

516
00:21:46,240 --> 00:21:51,490
him and Williams managed not to retort

517
00:21:48,609 --> 00:21:54,369
that he could see why Australians don't

518
00:21:51,490 --> 00:21:56,679
much get abducted either what we will go

519
00:21:54,369 --> 00:21:57,429
in for instead is what the skeptics have

520
00:21:56,679 --> 00:22:00,430
demonstrate

521
00:21:57,430 --> 00:22:03,250
to be a rather fetch was faith in water

522
00:22:00,430 --> 00:22:05,259
divining four years ago William said the

523
00:22:03,250 --> 00:22:07,960
Australian skeptics tested nine water

524
00:22:05,259 --> 00:22:10,809
diviners they picked a piece of land of

525
00:22:07,960 --> 00:22:13,630
a farm out west of Sydney quote and

526
00:22:10,809 --> 00:22:15,909
these nine blokes wandered around doing

527
00:22:13,630 --> 00:22:18,550
all sorts of things with sticks and bent

528
00:22:15,910 --> 00:22:22,090
wires and bits of pendulums one was a

529
00:22:18,549 --> 00:22:24,250
CSIRO scientists unquote but as a water

530
00:22:22,089 --> 00:22:26,589
diviner he had no more success than the

531
00:22:24,250 --> 00:22:28,869
others on the occasions when the

532
00:22:26,589 --> 00:22:31,839
divining had appeared to work the

533
00:22:28,869 --> 00:22:34,389
scientists agreed he not only knew a bit

534
00:22:31,839 --> 00:22:36,759
about the place beforehand but filled it

535
00:22:34,390 --> 00:22:40,090
out with local knowledge the sceptics

536
00:22:36,759 --> 00:22:42,369
this proof didn't seem to impinge on our

537
00:22:40,089 --> 00:22:45,189
belief in water divining a belief that

538
00:22:42,369 --> 00:22:48,009
persists even in the face of widespread

539
00:22:45,190 --> 00:22:50,440
drought whether or not this superstition

540
00:22:48,009 --> 00:22:52,420
sticks like thorns to the Earth's driest

541
00:22:50,440 --> 00:22:56,080
continent there is a limit to our

542

00:22:52,420 --> 00:22:58,840
ability to suspend disbelief uri geller

543
00:22:56,079 --> 00:23:01,449
once world-famous for bending spoons by

544
00:22:58,839 --> 00:23:03,309
telepathy is trying to make it come back

545
00:23:01,450 --> 00:23:06,250
and was in Australia earlier this year

546
00:23:03,309 --> 00:23:09,669
no one much went to see him the result

547
00:23:06,250 --> 00:23:12,759
Williams said beaming quote was that he

548
00:23:09,670 --> 00:23:15,519
cut his trip short saying he had to go

549
00:23:12,759 --> 00:23:16,480
home because his mother was sick we've

550
00:23:15,519 --> 00:23:18,970
seen it all before

551
00:23:16,480 --> 00:23:21,069
man quote Erich von däniken who made his

552
00:23:18,970 --> 00:23:24,130
name and his fortune years ago with

553
00:23:21,069 --> 00:23:26,379
Chariots of the Gods a book suggesting

554
00:23:24,130 --> 00:23:28,660
that ancient astronauts of one sort or

555
00:23:26,380 --> 00:23:30,670
another built the pyramids was in this

556
00:23:28,660 --> 00:23:34,210

country a while back on a speaking tour

557

00:23:30,670 --> 00:23:36,279

he went from Perth to Adelaide not many

558

00:23:34,210 --> 00:23:39,309

people turned up for a lecture in a

559

00:23:36,279 --> 00:23:41,529

1,000 seat hall so he canceled the rest

560

00:23:39,309 --> 00:23:45,720

of the trip saying his mother was sick

561

00:23:41,529 --> 00:23:45,720

Williams recollected happily

562

00:23:47,409 --> 00:23:51,679

and that story was published in The

563

00:23:49,970 --> 00:23:56,190

Sydney Morning Herald newspaper on the

564

00:23:51,679 --> 00:24:00,640

11th of September 1994

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00:23:56,190 --> 00:24:00,640

[Music]

566

00:24:01,789 --> 00:24:04,829

he's someone I haven't seen for a while

567

00:24:03,930 --> 00:24:07,259

who've we got here

568

00:24:04,829 --> 00:24:08,909

very well yours is my name and what are

569

00:24:07,259 --> 00:24:10,410

you up to today berry how many how many

570

00:24:08,910 --> 00:24:13,140

of these have you been to now

571
00:24:10,410 --> 00:24:14,790
well I'm here as a volunteer I was

572
00:24:13,140 --> 00:24:16,920
running the skeptics for a number of

573
00:24:14,789 --> 00:24:19,349
years night ended 27 of these on the

574
00:24:16,920 --> 00:24:21,990
trot and I retired about five years ago

575
00:24:19,349 --> 00:24:23,519
and decided just to drop in occasionally

576
00:24:21,990 --> 00:24:25,289
but they they needed somebody to give

577
00:24:23,519 --> 00:24:27,569
them a bit of a hand and I live locally

578
00:24:25,289 --> 00:24:29,609
so I'm giving help yeah I haven't seen

579
00:24:27,569 --> 00:24:30,960
you around for a while Barry and last

580
00:24:29,609 --> 00:24:33,269
time I spoke to you you talked about

581
00:24:30,960 --> 00:24:34,860
your early history with the skeptics

582
00:24:33,269 --> 00:24:37,319
movement and have you thought that

583
00:24:34,859 --> 00:24:39,569
sometimes the interest in paranormal

584
00:24:37,319 --> 00:24:41,819
divided upon gender line sometimes like

585
00:24:39,569 --> 00:24:44,069
guys tend to go for UFOs while women

586
00:24:41,819 --> 00:24:46,759
tend to go for the more spiritual that

587
00:24:44,069 --> 00:24:49,679
was my observation over the years yeah

588
00:24:46,759 --> 00:24:52,410
and I guess that's that's similar in

589
00:24:49,680 --> 00:24:54,600
real life to the sort of more technical

590
00:24:52,410 --> 00:24:58,490
things men tend to be more interesting

591
00:24:54,599 --> 00:25:00,959
women tend to be Morrison in the in the

592
00:24:58,490 --> 00:25:03,000
emotional things I suppose now I'll

593
00:25:00,960 --> 00:25:04,920
probably get castigated for that but you

594
00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:07,380
know I don't mean that in a negative way

595
00:25:04,920 --> 00:25:09,300
it's just the way people are now is

596
00:25:07,380 --> 00:25:11,010
there some new wow that's come around

597
00:25:09,299 --> 00:25:12,299
that you haven't seen before because

598
00:25:11,009 --> 00:25:16,799
you've just about seen it or is there

599

00:25:12,299 --> 00:25:18,059
something new you've seen whoever said

600
00:25:16,799 --> 00:25:19,379
there's nothing new handle the Sun I

601
00:25:18,059 --> 00:25:21,690
think I might have been Shakespeare was

602
00:25:19,380 --> 00:25:25,350
right right a lot of them in the Bible

603
00:25:21,690 --> 00:25:27,660
but yeah look they all like come and go

604
00:25:25,349 --> 00:25:29,819
and maybe things slightly different

605
00:25:27,660 --> 00:25:33,540
guises some of these things come in with

606
00:25:29,819 --> 00:25:35,609
by and large the same old fundamental

607
00:25:33,539 --> 00:25:37,019
beliefs keep coming back they get

608
00:25:35,609 --> 00:25:39,709
knocked on the head for a world and like

609
00:25:37,019 --> 00:25:42,750
I'm back again you can guarantee it I

610
00:25:39,710 --> 00:25:45,450
expect possibly spoon bending might be

611
00:25:42,750 --> 00:25:46,829
due for a comeback anytime you think it

612
00:25:45,450 --> 00:25:48,390
all gets back to people wanting

613
00:25:46,829 --> 00:25:49,980

something for nothing they want to lose

614

00:25:48,390 --> 00:25:51,720

weight without doing anything they want

615

00:25:49,980 --> 00:25:53,039

to be smart or without going and doing

616

00:25:51,720 --> 00:25:54,750

any more learning that sort of thing

617

00:25:53,039 --> 00:25:57,210

there's no question about that yeah sure

618

00:25:54,750 --> 00:25:59,579

I mean the it's a quite understandable

619

00:25:57,210 --> 00:26:03,180

thing I mean I think as a species we

620

00:25:59,579 --> 00:26:05,099

really all we'd like to be idle and

621

00:26:03,180 --> 00:26:07,350

those of us are fortunate enough to live

622

00:26:05,099 --> 00:26:09,059

in societies like ours get a lot more

623

00:26:07,349 --> 00:26:10,709

idleness than perhaps if we were living

624

00:26:09,059 --> 00:26:12,690

in Africa or somewhere like that where

625

00:26:10,710 --> 00:26:16,110

you have to actually work pretty hard to

626

00:26:12,690 --> 00:26:17,519

stay alive so and and we get accustomed

627

00:26:16,109 --> 00:26:19,529

there and then we would start wanting

628
00:26:17,519 --> 00:26:21,599
more and more things for nothing so

629
00:26:19,529 --> 00:26:23,629
you've been well and truly retired for a

630
00:26:21,599 --> 00:26:29,879
while now how do you fill up your days

631
00:26:23,630 --> 00:26:31,440
Wow I I do a lot of reading catching up

632
00:26:29,880 --> 00:26:33,180
with a reading I just didn't have time

633
00:26:31,440 --> 00:26:34,769
to there before I got a lot of skeptical

634
00:26:33,180 --> 00:26:36,450
books I'm reading and I'm reading a lot

635
00:26:34,769 --> 00:26:41,069
more fiction these days and they used to

636
00:26:36,450 --> 00:26:42,840
and I've got a couple of grand sons one

637
00:26:41,069 --> 00:26:44,819
of whom is just about just stopped doing

638
00:26:42,839 --> 00:26:46,649
a PhD and one of it was just part it

639
00:26:44,819 --> 00:26:49,349
passed his HSC so they're not little

640
00:26:46,650 --> 00:26:51,150
kids but I still take as much looking

641
00:26:49,349 --> 00:26:53,579
after from our grandfather like driving

642
00:26:51,150 --> 00:26:55,860
them a yet drive that doesn't change

643
00:26:53,579 --> 00:26:57,629
what's your advice to them when it comes

644
00:26:55,859 --> 00:26:59,969
to thinking critically that what's the

645
00:26:57,630 --> 00:27:01,800
first step you should take well I always

646
00:26:59,970 --> 00:27:04,890
tell them never believe anything you

647
00:27:01,799 --> 00:27:07,470
hear without a reason I mean if somebody

648
00:27:04,890 --> 00:27:08,790
and make sure the reason isn't that you

649
00:27:07,470 --> 00:27:10,589
actually want to believe it make sure

650
00:27:08,789 --> 00:27:13,619
there's some good reason for believing

651
00:27:10,589 --> 00:27:14,819
what claims we will make and and I think

652
00:27:13,619 --> 00:27:18,569
that stands people in good stead

653
00:27:14,819 --> 00:27:19,289
anywhere these boys pretty smart pretty

654
00:27:18,569 --> 00:27:23,389
level-headed

655
00:27:19,289 --> 00:27:26,009
but like all young men they fall for the

656

00:27:23,390 --> 00:27:27,570
zeitgeist of the age if you like I might

657
00:27:26,009 --> 00:27:29,069
end up believing some ratbag things that

658
00:27:27,569 --> 00:27:30,299
I wouldn't believe in but then with

659
00:27:29,069 --> 00:27:32,939
their age I used to believe another

660
00:27:30,299 --> 00:27:35,099
threat bag things that's why it guys

661
00:27:32,940 --> 00:27:36,960
thanks very enjoy your this would be

662
00:27:35,099 --> 00:27:39,449
your 28th convention you'd been to then

663
00:27:36,960 --> 00:27:41,460
with yeah I think so I really haven't

664
00:27:39,450 --> 00:27:44,039
kept count but it was a round about that

665
00:27:41,460 --> 00:27:46,140
yeah I think this is about the 30th and

666
00:27:44,039 --> 00:27:48,700
I've been to all except a couple so no

667
00:27:46,140 --> 00:28:09,240
you go nuts here today Barry I will

668
00:27:48,700 --> 00:28:13,000
[Music]

669
00:28:09,240 --> 00:28:15,490
you may know that RIT homies who is an

670
00:28:13,000 --> 00:28:16,480

international skeptical campaigner about

671

00:28:15,490 --> 00:28:20,250

naturopathy

672

00:28:16,480 --> 00:28:23,710

is currently being sued for defamation

673

00:28:20,250 --> 00:28:26,309

it used to be a naturopath herself but

674

00:28:23,710 --> 00:28:28,710

she now spends a lot of time and effort

675

00:28:26,309 --> 00:28:31,720

exposing naturopathic practices

676

00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:37,450

including on her own blog naturopathic

677

00:28:31,720 --> 00:28:40,509

Diaries she's been taken to court in

678

00:28:37,450 --> 00:28:43,870

Germany by us-based naturopath quote dr.

679

00:28:40,509 --> 00:28:46,660

unquote Coleen Huber who is claiming

680

00:28:43,869 --> 00:28:49,479

that Brit has defamed her on her blog

681

00:28:46,660 --> 00:28:51,910

hooba is a critic of chemotherapy and

682

00:28:49,480 --> 00:28:56,289

radiation therapy in cancer treatment

683

00:28:51,910 --> 00:28:58,960

instead she uses quote natural end quote

684

00:28:56,289 --> 00:29:03,089

therapies that include intravenous

685
00:28:58,960 --> 00:29:06,160
infusions of vitamin C and a baking soda

686
00:29:03,089 --> 00:29:09,069
the international skeptical community is

687
00:29:06,160 --> 00:29:12,160
concerned that the case against Brit may

688
00:29:09,069 --> 00:29:14,879
have the effect of silencing a major

689
00:29:12,160 --> 00:29:17,680
campaigner against unproven and

690
00:29:14,880 --> 00:29:21,000
disproven quote medical and quote

691
00:29:17,680 --> 00:29:25,110
practices through the imposition of

692
00:29:21,000 --> 00:29:25,109
considerable legal costs

693
00:29:25,680 --> 00:29:30,230
[Music]

694
00:29:27,069 --> 00:29:33,200
for this reason the Australian skeptics

695
00:29:30,230 --> 00:29:36,230
have set up a fund raising campaign to

696
00:29:33,200 --> 00:29:37,819
help cover Brits legal costs if you

697
00:29:36,230 --> 00:29:39,519
would like to contribute to the fund

698
00:29:37,819 --> 00:29:47,569
where you want some more information

699
00:29:39,519 --> 00:29:56,680
then go to WWC upticks calm au / brit

700
00:29:47,569 --> 00:30:04,419
Hermes that's bri TT h er m vs w w

701
00:29:56,680 --> 00:30:04,420
skeptics calm / Brittany's

702
00:30:05,109 --> 00:30:30,919
[Music]

703
00:30:32,319 --> 00:30:37,398
joining me now all the way from Salinas

704
00:30:34,909 --> 00:30:40,610
California California I was only just

705
00:30:37,398 --> 00:30:42,709
there experienced an earthquake maybe it

706
00:30:40,609 --> 00:30:44,859
was all The Skeptical activity coming

707
00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:48,379
from susan gerbic hello Susan

708
00:30:44,859 --> 00:30:50,418
hi Richard that was a terrible lead and

709
00:30:48,378 --> 00:30:51,859
I know but when I was in California

710
00:30:50,419 --> 00:30:53,749
there was a bit of a bomba

711
00:30:51,859 --> 00:30:55,849
four-point-five in Berkeley I think do

712
00:30:53,749 --> 00:30:58,909
you get many oh you get many tremors

713

00:30:55,849 --> 00:31:01,158
down your way I'm more likely to get

714
00:30:58,909 --> 00:31:03,350
trimmers than Berkeley is I'm really

715
00:31:01,159 --> 00:31:06,619
really close to the San Andreas Fault

716
00:31:03,349 --> 00:31:08,480
Line which is maybe 20 minutes as a crow

717
00:31:06,618 --> 00:31:10,699
flies it's very close and then we have

718
00:31:08,480 --> 00:31:12,798
other fault lines really nearest yes so

719
00:31:10,700 --> 00:31:16,269
it's been a while since we've had one

720
00:31:12,798 --> 00:31:19,970
but it is not unusual very very

721
00:31:16,269 --> 00:31:21,919
earthquake prone here wow that must be

722
00:31:19,970 --> 00:31:24,139
interesting I mean I've been through a

723
00:31:21,919 --> 00:31:26,778
few jolts to earthquakes through minor

724
00:31:24,138 --> 00:31:30,678
tremors I guess they're unsettling do

725
00:31:26,778 --> 00:31:33,710
you ever get used to it we brag about it

726
00:31:30,679 --> 00:31:36,470
a lot it's kind of a you know toughie

727
00:31:33,710 --> 00:31:39,079

dad we will my son and I will race to

728

00:31:36,470 --> 00:31:42,079

see who can post on Facebook fastest

729

00:31:39,079 --> 00:31:44,058

what we think the magnitude was and I

730

00:31:42,079 --> 00:31:46,908

always win if we're both home together

731

00:31:44,058 --> 00:31:48,648

because he types out the word earthquake

732

00:31:46,909 --> 00:31:50,330

and then he puts his vote of what he

733

00:31:48,648 --> 00:31:53,418

thinks it is and I just type out a

734

00:31:50,329 --> 00:31:55,278

number and so I usually be them but you

735

00:31:53,419 --> 00:31:56,929

know yeah it's kind of a tough it up

736

00:31:55,278 --> 00:31:58,759

kind of thing it's not a big deal we

737

00:31:56,929 --> 00:32:01,940

just I guess like every part of the

738

00:31:58,759 --> 00:32:03,798

country has some kind of that nature

739

00:32:01,940 --> 00:32:09,740

thing that they're like Oh which is 10

740

00:32:03,798 --> 00:32:13,368

feet of snow no I remember the day when

741

00:32:09,740 --> 00:32:16,278

my nose froze off and you know the end

742
00:32:13,368 --> 00:32:19,519
you don't know heat but here we have our

743
00:32:16,278 --> 00:32:22,819
earthquakes lately here in Sydney

744
00:32:19,519 --> 00:32:24,259
Australia it's been what ridiculous

745
00:32:22,819 --> 00:32:27,589
degree of temperature has it reached

746
00:32:24,259 --> 00:32:29,990
today we've had a lot of a lot of hot

747
00:32:27,589 --> 00:32:32,928
weather but weather and earthquakes and

748
00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:36,079
all that sort of thing aside I'm giving

749
00:32:32,929 --> 00:32:37,700
you a a call of a catch up today that I

750
00:32:36,079 --> 00:32:40,359
saw on the grapevine on the internet

751
00:32:37,700 --> 00:32:42,950
that the guerrilla skepticism on

752
00:32:40,359 --> 00:32:43,359
Wikipedia recently received a bit of a

753
00:32:42,950 --> 00:32:45,819
boost

754
00:32:43,359 --> 00:32:47,889
can you tell us about that oh my gosh

755
00:32:45,819 --> 00:32:50,500
yeah there's a lot happening in my life

756
00:32:47,890 --> 00:32:54,640
right at the moment one of the things

757
00:32:50,500 --> 00:32:57,640
that is has been announced is that the

758
00:32:54,640 --> 00:33:01,300
GSO w project and myself were awarded a

759
00:32:57,640 --> 00:33:04,030
grant a one-time a one-time grant by the

760
00:33:01,299 --> 00:33:10,930
James Randi Educational Foundation

761
00:33:04,029 --> 00:33:16,899
and it was how do I say just it was just

762
00:33:10,930 --> 00:33:19,690
crazy we said what what what seriously

763
00:33:16,900 --> 00:33:21,580
yeah it was unexpected but so now we're

764
00:33:19,690 --> 00:33:24,220
gonna we are a non-profit we're called

765
00:33:21,579 --> 00:33:27,189
about time and we will be able to

766
00:33:24,220 --> 00:33:28,600
receive donations but not in the next

767
00:33:27,190 --> 00:33:30,759
couple weeks we're still working on the

768
00:33:28,599 --> 00:33:33,789
final paperwork but it's going to be

769
00:33:30,759 --> 00:33:36,549
quite interesting what we'll do now

770

00:33:33,789 --> 00:33:39,250
Susan is we'll play a little clip by a

771
00:33:36,549 --> 00:33:44,230
message sent to you by James Randi

772
00:33:39,250 --> 00:33:46,720
himself hi there this is James Randi I

773
00:33:44,230 --> 00:33:49,269
just learned that my good friend susan

774
00:33:46,720 --> 00:33:51,000
gerbic and her gorilla skeptics have

775
00:33:49,269 --> 00:33:54,639
received a well-deserved

776
00:33:51,000 --> 00:33:57,809
no-strings-attached grant from the J res

777
00:33:54,640 --> 00:34:00,430
the James Randi Educational Foundation

778
00:33:57,809 --> 00:34:02,649
the foundation recognizes for

779
00:34:00,430 --> 00:34:05,590
outstanding efforts to enlist and train

780
00:34:02,650 --> 00:34:08,470
a team of editors who continually

781
00:34:05,589 --> 00:34:11,969
improve Wikipedia as a public resource

782
00:34:08,469 --> 00:34:16,480
for rationality and scientific thought

783
00:34:11,969 --> 00:34:19,149
go Susan that's terrific and it's a

784
00:34:16,480 --> 00:34:21,039

terrific acknowledgement of all the hard

785

00:34:19,150 --> 00:34:22,599

work you've been doing at guerrilla

786

00:34:21,039 --> 00:34:28,630

skepticism how long has it been going

787

00:34:22,599 --> 00:34:32,380

now oh my gosh probably since 2010 years

788

00:34:28,630 --> 00:34:33,789

tick by that that's quite right we

789

00:34:32,380 --> 00:34:36,309

started we didn't think we were gonna be

790

00:34:33,789 --> 00:34:38,469

a thing I mean heck I was just going on

791

00:34:36,309 --> 00:34:39,940

Facebook and telling people let's let's

792

00:34:38,469 --> 00:34:41,559

head it Wikipedia you want to help me

793

00:34:39,940 --> 00:34:43,599

here you know let me show you what I'm

794

00:34:41,559 --> 00:34:46,329

doing in you so it wasn't a thing it

795

00:34:43,599 --> 00:34:47,889

started so slowly that we didn't realize

796

00:34:46,329 --> 00:34:50,710

that we needed to keep track of dates

797

00:34:47,889 --> 00:34:53,529

and anything of that sort it's it's been

798

00:34:50,710 --> 00:34:55,780

it's been a world win but we've decided

799
00:34:53,530 --> 00:34:56,919
that we're not going to just handle GS

800
00:34:55,780 --> 00:34:58,028
or W we have

801
00:34:56,918 --> 00:35:01,750
other things we're going to be doing

802
00:34:58,028 --> 00:35:04,838
with with the award and with our our

803
00:35:01,750 --> 00:35:06,250
board so we're we're incorporating

804
00:35:04,838 --> 00:35:09,818
pretty much anything that susan gerbic

805
00:35:06,250 --> 00:35:12,579
is involved in so it looks like some

806
00:35:09,818 --> 00:35:14,199
expansions on the way oh yes we've got

807
00:35:12,579 --> 00:35:15,519
we've got quite a thing quite a few

808
00:35:14,199 --> 00:35:18,219
things that we've got planned we're

809
00:35:15,518 --> 00:35:19,899
gonna be doing a we do a skeptic amp

810
00:35:18,219 --> 00:35:23,469
here in Monterey County every year in

811
00:35:19,900 --> 00:35:25,630
January we just finished it we had 50

812
00:35:23,469 --> 00:35:27,778
people pretty much show up we had great

813
00:35:25,630 --> 00:35:31,119
media coverage by the local papers and

814
00:35:27,778 --> 00:35:33,880
the talks are terrific the videos are up

815
00:35:31,119 --> 00:35:37,778
on the Monterey County skeptics YouTube

816
00:35:33,880 --> 00:35:39,220
site they are just I mean I sat in the

817
00:35:37,778 --> 00:35:41,920
audience and I listened to some of the

818
00:35:39,219 --> 00:35:45,038
people lecturing and I thought this is

819
00:35:41,920 --> 00:35:48,278
great great stuff and I'm really

820
00:35:45,039 --> 00:35:50,700
surprised that you know more people

821
00:35:48,278 --> 00:35:52,630
don't do skeptic amp sir absolute blast

822
00:35:50,699 --> 00:35:54,219
yes they are they're sort of like

823
00:35:52,630 --> 00:35:56,650
skeptics in the pub once you get into

824
00:35:54,219 --> 00:35:58,568
the swing of them and it gives everybody

825
00:35:56,650 --> 00:36:01,329
an opportunity if they want to talk on a

826
00:35:58,568 --> 00:36:05,369
sceptical issue to stand up and well

827

00:36:01,329 --> 00:36:08,859
give a public address I guess absolutely

828
00:36:05,369 --> 00:36:10,630
now tell me more about what what you

829
00:36:08,858 --> 00:36:13,058
might I mean you can't give too much

830
00:36:10,630 --> 00:36:15,789
away I'm sure what you might be hoping

831
00:36:13,059 --> 00:36:17,619
to do now you have a grant of funds from

832
00:36:15,789 --> 00:36:19,480
the James Randi Educational Foundation

833
00:36:17,619 --> 00:36:21,309
what does that mean for guerrilla

834
00:36:19,480 --> 00:36:23,730
skepticism does it mean more people has

835
00:36:21,309 --> 00:36:25,900
it mean more equipment what do you think

836
00:36:23,730 --> 00:36:27,250
okay well let me read you my mission

837
00:36:25,900 --> 00:36:29,108
statement it's only a couple sentences

838
00:36:27,250 --> 00:36:30,969
long and maybe this will kind of sum up

839
00:36:29,108 --> 00:36:34,058
what we're going to be doing the mission

840
00:36:30,969 --> 00:36:35,649
of about time is to find mentor and

841
00:36:34,059 --> 00:36:37,298

train people to educate and promote

842

00:36:35,650 --> 00:36:39,789
science and scientific skepticism

843

00:36:37,298 --> 00:36:41,920
through crowd-sourced and educational

844

00:36:39,789 --> 00:36:43,778
activities worldwide this is done by

845

00:36:41,920 --> 00:36:45,970
conference attendance lectures videos

846

00:36:43,778 --> 00:36:48,219
podcasts and interaction on social media

847

00:36:45,969 --> 00:36:49,899
and in-person workshops hands-on

848

00:36:48,219 --> 00:36:53,439
instruction online instruction are

849

00:36:49,900 --> 00:36:55,329
encouraged so instead of how do I say

850

00:36:53,440 --> 00:36:58,960
this well you know that old phrase teach

851

00:36:55,329 --> 00:37:00,818
somebody how to fish and they'll fish

852

00:36:58,960 --> 00:37:05,289
for a lifetime as opposed to just giving

853

00:37:00,818 --> 00:37:09,579
them some fish we're more for where we

854

00:37:05,289 --> 00:37:10,089
are more focused on the people than we

855

00:37:09,579 --> 00:37:10,550
are

856
00:37:10,088 --> 00:37:13,219
on

857
00:37:10,550 --> 00:37:14,960
if that makes any sense instead of just

858
00:37:13,219 --> 00:37:17,989
saying here I'm gonna put out some

859
00:37:14,960 --> 00:37:20,929
pamphlets or here's a here's some

860
00:37:17,989 --> 00:37:24,319
content maybe it'll get to the right

861
00:37:20,929 --> 00:37:28,669
people we're trying to find and motivate

862
00:37:24,320 --> 00:37:30,289
and train people who can do more so we

863
00:37:28,670 --> 00:37:32,119
kept our mission statement really broad

864
00:37:30,289 --> 00:37:34,369
because that's exactly what we're doing

865
00:37:32,119 --> 00:37:36,859
with Wikipedia I mean I could spend my

866
00:37:34,369 --> 00:37:39,829
day editing Wikipedia and yes I would

867
00:37:36,860 --> 00:37:44,480
have an impact I would make a difference

868
00:37:39,829 --> 00:37:47,449
but it would be more to the advantage

869
00:37:44,480 --> 00:37:50,090
for me to to find more people manage

870
00:37:47,449 --> 00:37:54,109
those people and get them learning how

871
00:37:50,090 --> 00:37:57,829
to edit Wikipedia so so my personal

872
00:37:54,110 --> 00:37:59,780
contributions to Wikipedia page view

873
00:37:57,829 --> 00:38:02,380
wise is a little over a million views

874
00:37:59,780 --> 00:38:04,220
well at least a million people have

875
00:38:02,380 --> 00:38:05,510
Wikipedia pages that I have either

876
00:38:04,219 --> 00:38:10,459
rewritten or written

877
00:38:05,510 --> 00:38:13,850
that's sizable but I have 133 people now

878
00:38:10,460 --> 00:38:17,210
and those we've just hit 22 million page

879
00:38:13,849 --> 00:38:20,360
views so and that's in multiple

880
00:38:17,210 --> 00:38:22,070
languages so I you know pretty much

881
00:38:20,360 --> 00:38:23,960
found those people I've trained all

882
00:38:22,070 --> 00:38:28,190
those people recruited them motivate

883
00:38:23,960 --> 00:38:30,920
them so my impact is a lot bigger when

884

00:38:28,190 --> 00:38:33,409
I'm teaching and training and motivating

885
00:38:30,920 --> 00:38:35,210
and finding these people and that's not

886
00:38:33,409 --> 00:38:37,129
we're we're not just keeping it to

887
00:38:35,210 --> 00:38:39,650
Wikipedia we've done other things we've

888
00:38:37,130 --> 00:38:42,019
just finished a psychic sting this

889
00:38:39,650 --> 00:38:44,900
weekend and we've done several other

890
00:38:42,019 --> 00:38:47,389
psychic students and I got by signing

891
00:38:44,900 --> 00:38:50,720
people all across the United States and

892
00:38:47,389 --> 00:38:53,779
all over the place we had somebody from

893
00:38:50,719 --> 00:38:56,000
New Zealand and we had several people

894
00:38:53,780 --> 00:38:57,830
from Australia who were participating in

895
00:38:56,000 --> 00:39:00,559
the sting that was happening on the east

896
00:38:57,829 --> 00:39:02,150
coast of United States my mission in

897
00:39:00,559 --> 00:39:04,039
that my goal is to find those people

898
00:39:02,150 --> 00:39:05,930

motivate them and get them doing more

899

00:39:04,039 --> 00:39:08,960

things and that's what we were able to

900

00:39:05,929 --> 00:39:11,029

do this is a very intriguing Susan I

901

00:39:08,960 --> 00:39:12,980

know you probably can't say too much

902

00:39:11,030 --> 00:39:15,650

about this project at the moment but

903

00:39:12,980 --> 00:39:19,099

what do you mean by a psychic sting what

904

00:39:15,650 --> 00:39:20,900

can you tell us well I can tell you most

905

00:39:19,099 --> 00:39:23,000

anything without telling you the names

906

00:39:20,900 --> 00:39:23,670

of the psychics that we've stung me

907

00:39:23,000 --> 00:39:26,159

cently

908

00:39:23,670 --> 00:39:28,889

we we they don't know that they have

909

00:39:26,159 --> 00:39:30,269

been investigated they don't know

910

00:39:28,889 --> 00:39:34,889

they've been stunned because guess what

911

00:39:30,269 --> 00:39:37,619

they're not psychic so we caught

912

00:39:34,889 --> 00:39:41,039

somebody in March we called it operation

913
00:39:37,619 --> 00:39:44,099
pizza roll and we have evidence that he

914
00:39:41,039 --> 00:39:47,759
was hot reading in fact he got up on

915
00:39:44,099 --> 00:39:50,880
stage and he argued with me as the

916
00:39:47,760 --> 00:39:54,839
sitter about what was on my fake

917
00:39:50,880 --> 00:39:57,510
Facebook page he was telling me that you

918
00:39:54,838 --> 00:39:59,909
know he's like well why don't you know

919
00:39:57,510 --> 00:40:03,140
this your your brother died of this and

920
00:39:59,909 --> 00:40:05,250
I'm like oh I'm so sorry I'm so nervous

921
00:40:03,139 --> 00:40:07,588
but I didn't know what was on that

922
00:40:05,250 --> 00:40:09,659
Facebook page we blind our Facebook

923
00:40:07,588 --> 00:40:12,119
pages so the person who attends this to

924
00:40:09,659 --> 00:40:15,298
know what's on the pages they have a

925
00:40:12,119 --> 00:40:19,559
very basic information the the sting

926
00:40:15,298 --> 00:40:21,030
that we just did we had a a group of

927
00:40:19,559 --> 00:40:22,440
people from all over the world probably

928
00:40:21,030 --> 00:40:23,609
I think there was nine or ten of us like

929
00:40:22,440 --> 00:40:27,019
I said they were in Australia in New

930
00:40:23,608 --> 00:40:28,529
Zealand all over the United States they

931
00:40:27,019 --> 00:40:33,869
put together

932
00:40:28,530 --> 00:40:35,760
oh ten or twelve fake Facebook pages and

933
00:40:33,869 --> 00:40:37,530
they just communicated with each other

934
00:40:35,760 --> 00:40:39,809
for a month these are pages we've used

935
00:40:37,530 --> 00:40:43,200
repeatedly so they have a history and

936
00:40:39,809 --> 00:40:45,089
then we've found a psychic that we

937
00:40:43,199 --> 00:40:48,348
wanted to target and he lived in the

938
00:40:45,088 --> 00:40:50,699
East Coast and I found a person who I

939
00:40:48,349 --> 00:40:52,740
trusted in the skeptic community and I

940
00:40:50,699 --> 00:40:54,960
said would you like to go to a psychic

941

00:40:52,739 --> 00:40:57,029
sting psychic event and he said

942
00:40:54,960 --> 00:41:01,409
absolutely I said here's the list of

943
00:40:57,030 --> 00:41:04,140
dates pick one and he picked one and he

944
00:41:01,409 --> 00:41:06,420
recruited five more people so six people

945
00:41:04,139 --> 00:41:08,879
went to this sting well went to a

946
00:41:06,420 --> 00:41:12,990
psychic event they recorded it video

947
00:41:08,880 --> 00:41:15,000
audio went with fake personas I went

948
00:41:12,989 --> 00:41:19,500
completely in character went through two

949
00:41:15,000 --> 00:41:22,289
hours and what we're doing now is we're

950
00:41:19,500 --> 00:41:24,298
looking through the audio to see if the

951
00:41:22,289 --> 00:41:26,460
psychic picked up on anything in this

952
00:41:24,298 --> 00:41:27,449
particular case was one that just

953
00:41:26,460 --> 00:41:32,400
happened we're calling it operation

954
00:41:27,449 --> 00:41:34,980
Peach Pit we did not get readings so we

955
00:41:32,400 --> 00:41:38,009

didn't catch him in a hot read but what

956

00:41:34,980 --> 00:41:40,409
we did catch is that

957

00:41:38,009 --> 00:41:42,239
well first off if he's really psychic he

958

00:41:40,409 --> 00:41:45,058
should have seen a group of six people

959

00:41:42,239 --> 00:41:48,210
sitting sitting there totally as

960

00:41:45,059 --> 00:41:50,069
skeptics right he didn't you know it's a

961

00:41:48,210 --> 00:41:53,059
room about 400 people so the odds were

962

00:41:50,068 --> 00:41:55,978
really hard to get picked but he didn't

963

00:41:53,059 --> 00:41:58,528
avoid them in fact they went up to him

964

00:41:55,978 --> 00:42:00,328
afterwards and they got books signed he

965

00:41:58,528 --> 00:42:04,079
autographed the books with their fake

966

00:42:00,329 --> 00:42:06,839
names and he also took a lot of selfies

967

00:42:04,079 --> 00:42:10,140
with our people so you would think he

968

00:42:06,838 --> 00:42:12,058
would know that they are skeptics and

969

00:42:10,139 --> 00:42:14,338
they were there to catch him you would

970
00:42:12,059 --> 00:42:16,410
you would absolute and but the excuse

971
00:42:14,338 --> 00:42:18,239
I've heard so many times is oh it

972
00:42:16,409 --> 00:42:22,489
doesn't work that way which is the

973
00:42:18,239 --> 00:42:22,489
biggest overall excuse for everything

974
00:42:22,639 --> 00:42:26,639
explain to me how it works because

975
00:42:24,838 --> 00:42:29,728
everything everything we can see you're

976
00:42:26,639 --> 00:42:32,219
doing it is the same as we could have

977
00:42:29,728 --> 00:42:34,078
done cold reading so the thing about

978
00:42:32,219 --> 00:42:35,939
this sting that is really different is

979
00:42:34,079 --> 00:42:36,839
that we had somebody in the audience who

980
00:42:35,940 --> 00:42:39,358
has been through the entire

981
00:42:36,838 --> 00:42:42,509
investigation with us all Skype calls

982
00:42:39,358 --> 00:42:45,538
all meetings he is a investigative

983
00:42:42,509 --> 00:42:47,429
journalist and he is an investigative

984
00:42:45,539 --> 00:42:51,778
journalist for a very big publication

985
00:42:47,429 --> 00:42:55,278
and he is collected a lot of notes and

986
00:42:51,778 --> 00:42:58,768
he's got approval from his editor and in

987
00:42:55,278 --> 00:43:00,298
March probably late March because

988
00:42:58,768 --> 00:43:02,488
there's a lot that goes into this they

989
00:43:00,298 --> 00:43:04,048
have to fact-check everything he'll be

990
00:43:02,489 --> 00:43:07,079
writing an article about the

991
00:43:04,048 --> 00:43:09,869
investigation what we found how we did

992
00:43:07,079 --> 00:43:11,489
it good and bad everything that he went

993
00:43:09,869 --> 00:43:13,318
through and then he's also gonna report

994
00:43:11,489 --> 00:43:16,289
back on the psychic that we stung in

995
00:43:13,318 --> 00:43:19,528
March in operation pizza roll so both of

996
00:43:16,289 --> 00:43:21,690
these psychics will be contacted both of

997
00:43:19,528 --> 00:43:25,068
the psychics will have their chance to

998

00:43:21,690 --> 00:43:27,778
give the reason why they were you know

999
00:43:25,068 --> 00:43:30,329
the first person was not reading us and

1000
00:43:27,778 --> 00:43:31,739
the second person why he wasn't able to

1001
00:43:30,329 --> 00:43:33,568
tell that there was six

1002
00:43:31,739 --> 00:43:35,249
skeptics sitting right in front of them

1003
00:43:33,568 --> 00:43:36,960
under his nose and then he took pictures

1004
00:43:35,248 --> 00:43:39,328
with them and and so on so they're gonna

1005
00:43:36,960 --> 00:43:41,219
be able to have their say so it should

1006
00:43:39,329 --> 00:43:43,400
be a very interesting article that it

1007
00:43:41,219 --> 00:43:46,289
will be coming out so watch for that in

1008
00:43:43,400 --> 00:43:49,170
March issue that will be the earliest

1009
00:43:46,289 --> 00:43:51,240
cuz believe it or not I hadn't realize

1010
00:43:49,170 --> 00:43:53,579
this that there's a lot of fact

1011
00:43:51,239 --> 00:43:54,659
checking that goes on they have to make

1012
00:43:53,579 --> 00:43:55,980

sure everybody's name is spelled

1013

00:43:54,659 --> 00:43:59,699
correctly that everything's quoted

1014

00:43:55,980 --> 00:44:01,260
correctly and a lot goes on in the media

1015

00:43:59,699 --> 00:44:03,179
that I wasn't really aware of so it

1016

00:44:01,260 --> 00:44:04,770
takes a lot of time this is really

1017

00:44:03,179 --> 00:44:07,589
interesting news indeed and I'm

1018

00:44:04,769 --> 00:44:10,920
fascinated to see that you name your

1019

00:44:07,590 --> 00:44:18,240
projects after food well we did

1020

00:44:10,920 --> 00:44:22,139
operation well you know part of the

1021

00:44:18,239 --> 00:44:23,849
logic for this Richard is that when

1022

00:44:22,139 --> 00:44:25,769
you're gonna go deal with a psychic

1023

00:44:23,849 --> 00:44:28,289
you're not trying to convince the

1024

00:44:25,769 --> 00:44:30,090
believers they believe they're not gonna

1025

00:44:28,289 --> 00:44:31,769
listen to you and even if you prove

1026

00:44:30,090 --> 00:44:34,950
their psychic is wrong they're gonna say

1027
00:44:31,769 --> 00:44:38,489
oh well that one over there that's that

1028
00:44:34,949 --> 00:44:40,649
one's not right you know so we found

1029
00:44:38,489 --> 00:44:45,539
that having these really outrageous

1030
00:44:40,650 --> 00:44:47,639
crazy sting names my intention is is

1031
00:44:45,539 --> 00:44:50,340
that somebody could go a skeptic group

1032
00:44:47,639 --> 00:44:52,409
could actually produce maybe a three by

1033
00:44:50,340 --> 00:44:54,450
five card with operation pizza roll

1034
00:44:52,409 --> 00:44:57,539
operation bumblebee operation ice cream

1035
00:44:54,449 --> 00:44:59,759
cone operation Peach Pit written on this

1036
00:44:57,539 --> 00:45:03,029
card and maybe just say Google this and

1037
00:44:59,760 --> 00:45:07,080
leave these cards all over a venue for a

1038
00:45:03,030 --> 00:45:08,970
psychic maybe in the bathrooms or the

1039
00:45:07,079 --> 00:45:11,159
venue or hand them out and then just

1040
00:45:08,969 --> 00:45:12,769
walk away and some people in the

1041
00:45:11,159 --> 00:45:14,879
audience the attendees are going to

1042
00:45:12,769 --> 00:45:17,219
google it and they're gonna find out

1043
00:45:14,880 --> 00:45:20,099
about operation tater tide which is

1044
00:45:17,219 --> 00:45:21,599
another one we did so you know out of

1045
00:45:20,099 --> 00:45:23,400
curiosity they're gonna look into it

1046
00:45:21,599 --> 00:45:25,858
they're easy to spell easy to remember

1047
00:45:23,400 --> 00:45:27,599
and then the other part is is we want to

1048
00:45:25,858 --> 00:45:28,710
shake up the psychic because they're

1049
00:45:27,599 --> 00:45:30,630
gonna see that these things are out

1050
00:45:28,710 --> 00:45:33,869
floating all over the place and the

1051
00:45:30,630 --> 00:45:36,570
bathrooms and and you know sitting on

1052
00:45:33,869 --> 00:45:38,309
stands and just different places they're

1053
00:45:36,570 --> 00:45:41,309
gonna see these colorful cards handed

1054
00:45:38,309 --> 00:45:42,719
out and they're they're gonna be how do

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00:45:41,309 --> 00:45:44,340
I say they're gonna be anticipating that

1056
00:45:42,719 --> 00:45:46,709
there is they're skeptics in the

1057
00:45:44,340 --> 00:45:48,300
audience and then there's ya know their

1058
00:45:46,710 --> 00:45:49,699
performance isn't gonna be as good as it

1059
00:45:48,300 --> 00:45:52,830
usually would be they're gonna be

1060
00:45:49,699 --> 00:45:56,279
nervous and and there really are just

1061
00:45:52,829 --> 00:45:57,929
performers after all so if you can if

1062
00:45:56,280 --> 00:46:01,560
you could shake them up if you can knock

1063
00:45:57,929 --> 00:46:04,349
them off they're there how do I say just

1064
00:46:01,559 --> 00:46:05,070
kind of a normally take them off their

1065
00:46:04,349 --> 00:46:07,319
perch

1066
00:46:05,070 --> 00:46:09,420
yeah just make him feel uncomfortable

1067
00:46:07,320 --> 00:46:11,010
and then weary then their performance

1068
00:46:09,420 --> 00:46:13,320
isn't gonna be as good and in the

1069
00:46:11,010 --> 00:46:15,600

audience that's gonna go you know I kind

1070

00:46:13,320 --> 00:46:18,000

of liked that psychic before but he just

1071

00:46:15,599 --> 00:46:19,739

doesn't seem like on it that much you

1072

00:46:18,000 --> 00:46:22,590

know he just seems to have lost it and

1073

00:46:19,739 --> 00:46:24,269

like he was reaching and baking it okay

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00:46:22,590 --> 00:46:25,680

so one of the things that we found that

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00:46:24,269 --> 00:46:28,849

was really interesting because mark

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00:46:25,679 --> 00:46:30,809

Edward is involved in the whole

1077

00:46:28,849 --> 00:46:33,769

investigations of these psychic stings

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00:46:30,809 --> 00:46:36,710

and he has valuable information as being

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00:46:33,769 --> 00:46:38,969

in the psychic business for many years

1080

00:46:36,710 --> 00:46:41,699

but the people who attended the event

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00:46:38,969 --> 00:46:45,000

this weekend they said that the psychic

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00:46:41,699 --> 00:46:47,369

had like a row of people all stand up at

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00:46:45,000 --> 00:46:50,789

once so there may be ten people stood up

1084
00:46:47,369 --> 00:46:53,190
and then the psychic said I'm getting a

1085
00:46:50,789 --> 00:46:56,940
suicide over here or I'm getting him a

1086
00:46:53,190 --> 00:47:00,450
baby that was miscarried or some kind of

1087
00:46:56,940 --> 00:47:03,960
statement and then somebody in the in

1088
00:47:00,449 --> 00:47:06,239
the row of ten would say something that

1089
00:47:03,960 --> 00:47:07,619
might make it like that was theirs or it

1090
00:47:06,239 --> 00:47:09,179
might be somebody very near to that

1091
00:47:07,619 --> 00:47:11,639
group of ten you know right in front or

1092
00:47:09,179 --> 00:47:13,589
right behind but what mark noticed and

1093
00:47:11,639 --> 00:47:15,539
he asked the group and we have video so

1094
00:47:13,590 --> 00:47:17,730
we're gonna look at the videos this is

1095
00:47:15,539 --> 00:47:21,119
true is an old mentalism trick that he

1096
00:47:17,730 --> 00:47:23,490
says is that they the psychic extends

1097
00:47:21,119 --> 00:47:26,839
his hand to point to an audience went to

1098
00:47:23,489 --> 00:47:29,959
a group and then he makes the statement

1099
00:47:26,840 --> 00:47:33,090
something like I'm getting a suicide and

1100
00:47:29,960 --> 00:47:36,360
then he's looking at the people's faces

1101
00:47:33,090 --> 00:47:38,940
and somebody will probably react with a

1102
00:47:36,360 --> 00:47:41,640
with an expression of surprise or grief

1103
00:47:38,940 --> 00:47:45,030
and then since his hands already

1104
00:47:41,639 --> 00:47:48,210
extended it just takes a very slight

1105
00:47:45,030 --> 00:47:50,970
movement with his hand to point to the

1106
00:47:48,210 --> 00:47:55,019
person exactly from the perspective of

1107
00:47:50,969 --> 00:47:57,480
the row standing depending on where the

1108
00:47:55,019 --> 00:48:00,210
where the psychic is it is a very slight

1109
00:47:57,480 --> 00:48:03,719
movement to look like they were being

1110
00:48:00,210 --> 00:48:05,550
pointed at the whole time when actually

1111
00:48:03,719 --> 00:48:07,289
they weren't being pointed at the whole

1112

00:48:05,550 --> 00:48:09,510
time they were just being pointed out in

1113
00:48:07,289 --> 00:48:11,880
that general direction and if it hadn't

1114
00:48:09,510 --> 00:48:13,650
got a hit that's fine he was skipped and

1115
00:48:11,880 --> 00:48:16,920
gone to something else but if he does

1116
00:48:13,650 --> 00:48:18,690
say I'm getting a baby that was that

1117
00:48:16,920 --> 00:48:21,450
died

1118
00:48:18,690 --> 00:48:23,490
birth and some woman automatically just

1119
00:48:21,449 --> 00:48:26,279
gets her eyes open up really large and

1120
00:48:23,489 --> 00:48:30,899
her and she her mouth opens or she makes

1121
00:48:26,280 --> 00:48:33,269
a surprise huh you know gasps his finger

1122
00:48:30,900 --> 00:48:35,430
is already at her so she'll say and the

1123
00:48:33,269 --> 00:48:37,199
audience will say he was pointing right

1124
00:48:35,429 --> 00:48:39,750
at her when he made that statement

1125
00:48:37,199 --> 00:48:41,250
interesting when he really wasn't so

1126
00:48:39,750 --> 00:48:45,030

this is something I didn't really know

1127

00:48:41,250 --> 00:48:49,920
and Mark was able to tell that to us on

1128

00:48:45,030 --> 00:48:51,480
one of our sting calls and we asked if

1129

00:48:49,920 --> 00:48:52,889
that was really what had happened and

1130

00:48:51,480 --> 00:48:54,030
then once they thought about they said

1131

00:48:52,889 --> 00:48:55,980
you know what I think that's exactly

1132

00:48:54,030 --> 00:48:58,710
what was going on it happened so quickly

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00:48:55,980 --> 00:49:00,630
that the statement was the fingers

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00:48:58,710 --> 00:49:02,460
pointed at the group he says all stand

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00:49:00,630 --> 00:49:04,980
up he's still pointing at the group and

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00:49:02,460 --> 00:49:06,539
his and he makes a statement so quickly

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00:49:04,980 --> 00:49:08,460
that it looks like he would been

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00:49:06,539 --> 00:49:09,630
pointing at them that same person the

1139

00:49:08,460 --> 00:49:10,949
whole time and you're not paying that

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00:49:09,630 --> 00:49:15,269
much attention you're looking at the

1141
00:49:10,949 --> 00:49:16,889
audience not at the psychics finger I I

1142
00:49:15,269 --> 00:49:18,449
thought that was brilliant it's fun and

1143
00:49:16,889 --> 00:49:20,339
so as I said we're gonna have to watch

1144
00:49:18,449 --> 00:49:23,549
the we're gonna have to watch the video

1145
00:49:20,340 --> 00:49:25,470
to see depending on the angle that it's

1146
00:49:23,550 --> 00:49:27,060
filmed at you know it's hard to say but

1147
00:49:25,469 --> 00:49:28,769
I think other people should kind of

1148
00:49:27,059 --> 00:49:30,239
watch for that it's fascinating I love

1149
00:49:28,769 --> 00:49:33,599
hearing about these little tricks and

1150
00:49:30,239 --> 00:49:36,359
tips because I know there is a well

1151
00:49:33,599 --> 00:49:38,670
there are quite a few here in Australia

1152
00:49:36,360 --> 00:49:40,380
people who build themselves a psychic

1153
00:49:38,670 --> 00:49:41,909
through I'll happen to know use hot

1154
00:49:40,380 --> 00:49:43,710
reading techniques it's a matter of

1155
00:49:41,909 --> 00:49:46,460
sketching them out of course because

1156
00:49:43,710 --> 00:49:49,349
unless you can catch them out properly

1157
00:49:46,460 --> 00:49:51,449
you can't just run around accusing

1158
00:49:49,349 --> 00:49:54,360
people of this sort of thing I look

1159
00:49:51,449 --> 00:49:56,819
forward not much to more information

1160
00:49:54,360 --> 00:49:59,760
soon or about all this Susan how can

1161
00:49:56,820 --> 00:50:01,740
people get in touch with you and help be

1162
00:49:59,760 --> 00:50:02,550
part of guerrilla skepticism on

1163
00:50:01,739 --> 00:50:04,679
Wikipedia

1164
00:50:02,550 --> 00:50:07,230
well the guerrilla skepticism on

1165
00:50:04,679 --> 00:50:09,269
Wikipedia project has always looking for

1166
00:50:07,230 --> 00:50:12,300
volunteers to help it does take months

1167
00:50:09,269 --> 00:50:13,590
for us to train somebody completely and

1168
00:50:12,300 --> 00:50:15,060
then once you're trained obviously we're

1169

00:50:13,590 --> 00:50:16,470
going to expect you to work at it it

1170
00:50:15,059 --> 00:50:18,779
isn't something that you're going to

1171
00:50:16,469 --> 00:50:21,599
have to devote your life to but it is

1172
00:50:18,780 --> 00:50:23,580
something that you know it is gonna take

1173
00:50:21,599 --> 00:50:25,199
a little time and Richard you guys have

1174
00:50:23,579 --> 00:50:26,880
been awesome on this sceptic zone I

1175
00:50:25,199 --> 00:50:28,349
really appreciate all the attention that

1176
00:50:26,880 --> 00:50:30,090
you've given to our project running your

1177
00:50:28,349 --> 00:50:31,568
promos I just finished listening to the

1178
00:50:30,090 --> 00:50:32,949
last episode and

1179
00:50:31,568 --> 00:50:35,170
I heard one of my editors Sharon

1180
00:50:32,949 --> 00:50:36,519
Romney's voice and it's always makes me

1181
00:50:35,170 --> 00:50:39,789
smile we hear from people all the time

1182
00:50:36,518 --> 00:50:42,639
in fact we just got a doctor from Sri

1183
00:50:39,789 --> 00:50:45,880

Lanka who said he heard us on the

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00:50:42,639 --> 00:50:48,129

skeptics hello and I thought oh right

1185

00:50:45,880 --> 00:50:50,499

sure Lanka that's great you know and as

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00:50:48,130 --> 00:50:52,749

a doctor he's you know just a few years

1187

00:50:50,498 --> 00:50:55,598

into his residence his degree and

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00:50:52,748 --> 00:50:57,248

working and has a family and if he's

1189

00:50:55,599 --> 00:51:00,400

finding the time to get their training

1190

00:50:57,248 --> 00:51:04,929

then I think anybody can so we are all

1191

00:51:00,400 --> 00:51:07,719

on Facebook mostly we we have a secret

1192

00:51:04,929 --> 00:51:09,578

cabal on Facebook and so anybody who

1193

00:51:07,719 --> 00:51:11,969

approaches me the best place to find me

1194

00:51:09,579 --> 00:51:14,469

is on Facebook send me a private message

1195

00:51:11,969 --> 00:51:16,690

we will put you into the secret cabal

1196

00:51:14,469 --> 00:51:20,289

the training happens off of Google

1197

00:51:16,690 --> 00:51:23,469

Documents you're receiving a private

1198
00:51:20,289 --> 00:51:25,390
tutor and it is a blast

1199
00:51:23,469 --> 00:51:27,190
absolutely sounds good there's that

1200
00:51:25,389 --> 00:51:29,949
there's the message folks that's what

1201
00:51:27,190 --> 00:51:31,568
you should do to be really active in

1202
00:51:29,949 --> 00:51:34,479
skepticism and hello to all our

1203
00:51:31,568 --> 00:51:38,108
listeners in Sri Lanka we do look

1204
00:51:34,478 --> 00:51:39,818
forward every every so often the Sri

1205
00:51:38,108 --> 00:51:42,338
Lankan cricket team come to Australia

1206
00:51:39,818 --> 00:51:44,170
and they give us a great a great show

1207
00:51:42,338 --> 00:51:46,719
their wonderful cricketers in Sri Lanka

1208
00:51:44,170 --> 00:51:48,699
and India and Pakistan of course but for

1209
00:51:46,719 --> 00:51:50,139
now susan gerbic all the way over there

1210
00:51:48,699 --> 00:51:53,289
and I hope the earthquake doesn't happen

1211
00:51:50,139 --> 00:51:55,478
too soon thank you very much thank you

1212
00:51:53,289 --> 00:51:56,580
Richard and hello to everybody from the

1213
00:51:55,478 --> 00:52:14,519
sceptic zone

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00:51:56,579 --> 00:52:14,519
[Music]

1215
00:52:20,619 --> 00:52:24,250
in Radford here if I can have a minute

1216
00:52:22,960 --> 00:52:26,230
of your time I'd like to shamelessly

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00:52:24,250 --> 00:52:28,300
plug my new book it's called

1218
00:52:26,230 --> 00:52:30,730
investigating ghosts the scientific

1219
00:52:28,300 --> 00:52:32,380
search for spirits examines ghost

1220
00:52:30,730 --> 00:52:34,480
hunting and ghost investigations from

1221
00:52:32,380 --> 00:52:36,730
historical cultural and evidence-based

1222
00:52:34,480 --> 00:52:39,550
perspective from the Victorian era to

1223
00:52:36,730 --> 00:52:41,650
modern TV ghost hunters it is in a way a

1224
00:52:39,550 --> 00:52:43,390
follow-up to my 2010 book scientific

1225
00:52:41,650 --> 00:52:45,700
paranormal investigation how to solve

1226

00:52:43,389 --> 00:52:46,920
unexplained mysteries that book was more

1227
00:52:45,699 --> 00:52:49,389
general covering everything from

1228
00:52:46,920 --> 00:52:51,670
psychics to crop circles to monsters and

1229
00:52:49,389 --> 00:52:53,980
ghosts but I realized that ghosts are a

1230
00:52:51,670 --> 00:52:55,869
special category not only are ghosts the

1231
00:52:53,980 --> 00:52:57,490
most popular paranormal pursuit but

1232
00:52:55,869 --> 00:52:59,589
ghost hunting also has its own set of

1233
00:52:57,489 --> 00:53:01,869
assumptions and challenges the book will

1234
00:52:59,590 --> 00:53:04,950
be available soon for under 20 bucks and

1235
00:53:01,869 --> 00:53:04,949
is currently available as an e-book

1236
00:53:05,280 --> 00:53:09,420
for more information on the book and me

1237
00:53:07,170 --> 00:53:10,309
check out Benjamin Radford com please

1238
00:53:09,420 --> 00:53:16,869
check it out Thanks

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00:53:10,309 --> 00:53:16,869
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00:53:28,610 --> 00:53:32,610

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1241
00:53:30,869 --> 00:53:33,619
zone and again thank you very much to

1242
00:53:32,610 --> 00:53:37,500
Barry Williams

1243
00:53:33,619 --> 00:53:39,210
it is a sad time for the skeptical

1244
00:53:37,500 --> 00:53:41,789
movement in Australia and for his many

1245
00:53:39,210 --> 00:53:43,980
friends around the world - I'm sure and

1246
00:53:41,789 --> 00:53:46,519
in fact I only just day in the last few

1247
00:53:43,980 --> 00:53:48,960
minutes had a message from James Randi

1248
00:53:46,519 --> 00:53:51,780
expressing his condolences and sadness

1249
00:53:48,960 --> 00:53:54,960
at the loss of Barry Williams so I think

1250
00:53:51,780 --> 00:53:57,269
we'll just wrap the show up now so this

1251
00:53:54,960 --> 00:54:03,869
is Richard Saunders signing off from

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00:53:57,269 --> 00:54:06,869
Sydney Australia you've been listening

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production we views and opinions

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