

Look like NEW?

More Than Skin
Deep: How
Advertisers Use
Science to Sell
Cosmetics to Teens

Sonia Belasco

University of Maryland Honors Presentation
(rescheduled from February)

Saturday March 12, 2-4pm
Montgomery County Library
Bethesda Branch

7400 Arlington Road
Bethesda, Maryland

(A short walk from the Bethesda Metro station)

Looks like NEWS?

Panel discussion of
the Peter Jennings/
ABC special "UFOs -
Seeing is Believing"

Marv Zelkowitz
Scott Snell

NCAS Board members review the recent
primetime broadcast—seen by nearly 12 million
viewers—that managed to frustrate those on
both sides of the UFO debate.



National Capital Area Skeptics Public Lecture Series

FREE admission - Everyone welcome - members and non-members

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Shadow of a Doubt

MARCH 2005

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

Are You . . . “Gullible”?

Marilyn Vos Savant printed the following letter in her “Ask Marilyn” column, which appears locally in *PARADE* magazine, on January 23:

You used the term “gullible” in a recent column. Did you know that “gullible” is not actually a word? Everyone knows what it means, but if you and your readers try to look up the word in a dictionary, you’ll discover that it doesn’t exist.

—David Manzi, San Diego, Calif.

On February 27, she printed this follow-up letter:

A reader asked if you knew that “gullible” is not really a word. He said everyone knows what it means, but if readers tried to look it up, they’d see it doesn’t exist. We librarians had to check it out but found the word in all our dictionaries! Please explain.

—Rainsville Public Library, Rainsville Alabama

Don’t be gullible—join us for the **April Anti-Fools Event, Saturday April 31 . . .**

. . . just fooling, it’s really April 30!

Advance registration strongly encouraged
All are welcome—members and non-members

Tickets: Afternoon symposium is \$5, evening performance is \$20 (\$20 for both to NCAS members). Both events will be held at the NOAA auditorium next to the Silver Spring Metro station. For tickets, send checks with name, address, and phone number specifying events requested to: National Capital Area Skeptics, PO Box 8428, Silver Spring, MD 20907

National Capital Area Skeptics presents

April Anti-Fools!

Saturday, April 30

NOAA Auditorium, 1301 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring, Maryland
(Adjacent to Silver Spring Metro)

Afternoon Symposium on Scams, Cons, Fakes, and Frauds—and How to Avoid Getting Taken

- **Jamy Ian Swiss**, magician and author: Street scams—Three Card Monte & the Shell Game
- **James Taylor**, author of *Shocked and Amazed On and Off the Midway*: The real deal on carnival sideshows
- **Brian Morton**, *Baltimore City Paper* columnist: When journalism goes bad: Fakes and frauds in the media
- **Todd Robbins**, sword swallower, fire & glass eater, and purveyor of reality in the extreme—all those things that you *thought* were fake, but weren’t!
. . . **and more** on phishing, spoofing, and other online rip-offs, and tips for evaluating information on the web.

In the evening, join us for the ultimate fake—a special program that will fool your mind with the illusion of psychic powers . . .

Jamy Ian Swiss—Sleight of Mind

An evening of laughs, gasps, and inexplicable mystery! If there were such a thing as psychic powers, it would have to look like this. Jamy Ian Swiss performs an evening of chilling, inexplicable “mind reading”—accomplished entirely with “sleight of mind.” Come see for yourself how five ordinary senses can convince you that somehow, someway, there must be a sixth! www.jamyianswiss.com



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