

The Skeptic Zone
Show 343 - 16 May 2015



Lawrence Leung

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00:00:22,520 --> 00:00:09,080
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:30,830 --> 00:00:25,710
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:33,570 --> 00:00:30,840
episode number 333 for the 16th of may

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00:00:36,120 --> 00:00:33,580
2015 Richard Saunders here with you from

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00:00:39,180 --> 00:00:36,130
Sydney Australia good morning yes it's

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00:00:41,130 --> 00:00:39,190
Saturday morning yes the show is a day

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00:00:43,650 --> 00:00:41,140
early the show is a day early because

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00:00:47,270 --> 00:00:43,660
this week I'm talking to comedian

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00:00:50,220 --> 00:00:47,280
skeptical comedian skeptic Lawrence lung

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00:00:52,530 --> 00:00:50,230
skeptical comedian comedian skeptic I

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00:00:53,940 --> 00:00:52,540
went to see Lawrence's show last night

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00:00:57,120 --> 00:00:53,950
here in Sydney as part of the comedy

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00:01:00,360 --> 00:00:57,130

festival The Escapist ah was a funny

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00:01:02,400 --> 00:01:00,370

show great show idea about to chat to

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00:01:05,279 --> 00:01:02,410

Lawrence and you can listen in about the

16

00:01:08,040 --> 00:01:05,289

show about his dealings with her James

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00:01:11,660 --> 00:01:08,050

Randi as he and I were part of the James

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00:01:14,999 --> 00:01:11,670

Randi to her last year and lots of his

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00:01:17,130 --> 00:01:15,009

skeptical adventures coming up Lawrence

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00:01:20,310 --> 00:01:17,140

long and if you're in Sydney if you're

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00:01:22,529 --> 00:01:20,320

in Sydney tonight is Lawrence's last

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00:01:25,830 --> 00:01:22,539

performance you can go to laurens room

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00:01:27,660 --> 00:01:25,840

calm more information coming up and go

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00:01:29,340 --> 00:01:27,670

along and check e show out maybe there

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00:01:31,620 --> 00:01:29,350

are still tickets available great night

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00:01:34,140 --> 00:01:31,630

out really enjoyed it after that it's

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00:01:36,899 --> 00:01:34,150

Maynard spooky action may not and I

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00:01:38,700 --> 00:01:36,909

catch up for a quick bite of lunch where

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00:01:43,260 --> 00:01:38,710

Maynard will discuss some of the

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00:01:45,899 --> 00:01:43,270

sceptical topics of the week including

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00:01:49,020 --> 00:01:45,909

are we just a three-dimensional

32

00:01:51,300 --> 00:01:49,030

projection from a two-dimensional

33

00:01:53,929 --> 00:01:51,310

universe I don't even know what to say

34

00:01:56,100 --> 00:01:53,939

about that may not spooky action

35

00:01:58,620 --> 00:01:56,110

following that it's a wig in science

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00:02:00,920 --> 00:01:58,630

from the Royal Institution of Australia

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00:02:03,210 --> 00:02:00,930

looking at jobs for the future

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00:02:05,670 --> 00:02:03,220

scientific jobs in the future what will

39

00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:05,680

they be what might they be then to round

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00:02:11,610 --> 00:02:07,119

off the show we have a special guest

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00:02:15,120 --> 00:02:11,620

reporter pontus Bachman from Sweden yes

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00:02:19,800 --> 00:02:15,130

he's going to be talking to some Finnish

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00:02:22,020 --> 00:02:19,810

skeptics from Finland as you might

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00:02:25,020 --> 00:02:22,030

expect now that's a country I'd like to

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00:02:27,600 --> 00:02:25,030

visit I would love to visit Finland why

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00:02:30,750 --> 00:02:27,610

not Wow looks like a beautiful country

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00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:30,760

what's happening in Finland and what is

48

00:02:35,729 --> 00:02:33,730

think Helsinki

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00:02:38,699 --> 00:02:35,739

think well I don't know what I'd like to

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00:02:41,339 --> 00:02:38,709

go there and think myself yes helsinki

51
00:02:43,710 --> 00:02:41,349
you know how whole area in the world has

52
00:02:45,600 --> 00:02:43,720
always felt a certain wonder for me i

53
00:02:47,670 --> 00:02:45,610
think i've been to where have i been

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00:02:50,520 --> 00:02:47,680
nothing to Denmark I've been done norway

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00:02:53,100 --> 00:02:50,530
I've been to Sweden are Finland you're

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00:02:55,320 --> 00:02:53,110
next now also for those people living in

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00:02:58,229 --> 00:02:55,330
Sydney or near Sydney on the twentieth

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00:03:01,350 --> 00:02:58,239
of June we have the next Sydney skeptics

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00:03:03,930 --> 00:03:01,360
dinner meeting and the topic this time

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00:03:06,330 --> 00:03:03,940
will be autism the next Sydney dinner

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00:03:08,940 --> 00:03:06,340
will feature Nicole Rogerson the

62
00:03:13,289 --> 00:03:08,950
founding director and CEO of autism

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00:03:15,319 --> 00:03:13,299

awareness Australia no one will give you

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00:03:19,410 --> 00:03:15,329

a better understanding of the myths and

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00:03:21,990 --> 00:03:19,420

reality of autism and as you probably

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00:03:23,940 --> 00:03:22,000

know being a regular skeptic zone listen

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00:03:26,610 --> 00:03:23,950

or afraid if you're a new listen I'll

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00:03:28,619 --> 00:03:26,620

fill you in autism is one of the things

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00:03:31,770 --> 00:03:28,629

that the anti-vaccination people keep

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00:03:34,770 --> 00:03:31,780

harping on about even though that myth

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00:03:36,839 --> 00:03:34,780

has been long since debunked and debunk

72

00:03:38,879 --> 00:03:36,849

is not a word we really like to use too

73

00:03:41,009 --> 00:03:38,889

much but sometimes well it's just the

74

00:03:42,720 --> 00:03:41,019

right word to use well that's enough for

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00:03:45,270 --> 00:03:42,730

me I'm going to run downstairs and have

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00:03:50,400 --> 00:03:45,280

our being a Saturday morning I'm going

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00:03:53,339 --> 00:03:50,410

to have some nice toast toast underrated

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00:03:57,180 --> 00:03:53,349

what a classic toast with a little bit

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00:04:00,949 --> 00:03:57,190

of cream cheese and um maybe a poached

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00:04:03,780 --> 00:04:00,959

egg yeah why not and coffee well I'm

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00:04:06,890 --> 00:04:03,790

munching all that I hope you enjoy the

82

00:04:06,900 --> 00:04:25,840

you

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00:04:32,540 --> 00:04:29,600

and joining me now on the line is

84

00:04:34,850 --> 00:04:32,550

Lawrence long hello Lawrence hey Richard

85

00:04:37,490 --> 00:04:34,860

are you doing I'm well what a great time

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00:04:40,219 --> 00:04:37,500

I had last night at your show The

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00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:40,229

Escapist a lot of laughs the crowd

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00:04:45,650 --> 00:04:43,740

really loved it now this show is going

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00:04:47,150 --> 00:04:45,660

out of extra early to give people in

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00:04:49,279 --> 00:04:47,160

Sydney the chance to see the show

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00:04:50,900 --> 00:04:49,289

tonight you're playing tonight what can

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00:04:52,820 --> 00:04:50,910

you tell people about the show I don't

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00:04:56,330 --> 00:04:52,830

want to give anything away you see well

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00:04:59,390 --> 00:04:56,340

I guess it's the it's maybe the faithful

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00:05:01,760 --> 00:04:59,400

six of my solo shows in the Comedy

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00:05:04,159 --> 00:05:01,770

Festival I think I've done five or six

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00:05:06,260 --> 00:05:04,169

comedy festivals here in a Sydney and

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00:05:07,610 --> 00:05:06,270

this one's at the factory theatre in

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00:05:10,879 --> 00:05:07,620

marrickville tonight at seven fifteen

100

00:05:12,710 --> 00:05:10,889

and it's called The Escapist I've got a

101
00:05:14,180 --> 00:05:12,720
good I don't wanna give it away too much

102
00:05:16,460 --> 00:05:14,190
of course but there's got two threads

103
00:05:19,719 --> 00:05:16,470
running through one which is my love of

104
00:05:24,140 --> 00:05:19,729
Harry Houdini you guys skeptic and

105
00:05:25,670 --> 00:05:24,150
escapologist ear and also I guess the

106
00:05:28,490 --> 00:05:25,680
other thread is all the embarrassing

107
00:05:31,250 --> 00:05:28,500
moments in my life which I've tried to

108
00:05:33,170 --> 00:05:31,260
escape from yeah I think I think you

109
00:05:35,240 --> 00:05:33,180
wove them together quite well and of

110
00:05:36,830 --> 00:05:35,250
course as a skeptic and we can sort of

111
00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:36,840
concentrate on The Skeptical side of

112
00:05:40,460 --> 00:05:38,479
things Harry Houdini was a an

113
00:05:42,560 --> 00:05:40,470

interesting character an interesting

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00:05:46,219 --> 00:05:42,570

case study is a skeptic it was a man who

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00:05:47,930 --> 00:05:46,229

was originally looking for evidence of

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00:05:50,330 --> 00:05:47,940

the paranormal to communicate with his

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00:05:52,460 --> 00:05:50,340

mother and so on but ended up really

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00:05:54,920 --> 00:05:52,470

uncovering a lot of sharks out there I

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00:05:58,300 --> 00:05:54,930

guess for Harry Houdini he was someone

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00:06:01,490 --> 00:05:58,310

who is quite aware of deception trickery

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00:06:04,339 --> 00:06:01,500

but of course during the turn of the

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00:06:05,839 --> 00:06:04,349

century spiritualism was such the rage

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00:06:07,700 --> 00:06:05,849

it was is the fashionable thing at the

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00:06:09,529 --> 00:06:07,710

time as you know we don't have reality

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00:06:11,600 --> 00:06:09,539

TV show back then but for them everyone

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00:06:14,270 --> 00:06:11,610

wanted to the coolest thing for the

127

00:06:15,820 --> 00:06:14,280

public was to believe in the afterlife I

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00:06:18,379 --> 00:06:15,830

guess because of the Great War and

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00:06:20,540 --> 00:06:18,389

inventions such as radio and things like

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00:06:23,990 --> 00:06:20,550

that people got the idea that perhaps we

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00:06:26,510 --> 00:06:24,000

can communicate via the ever to the

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00:06:29,869 --> 00:06:26,520

other side of course

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00:06:31,490 --> 00:06:29,879

Houdini wanted to believe originally he

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00:06:35,450 --> 00:06:31,500

want to communicate to his mother who

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00:06:38,689 --> 00:06:35,460

had died and he instead uncovered all

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00:06:42,200 --> 00:06:38,699

this you know charlatans activity around

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00:06:45,439 --> 00:06:42,210

seances that it's quite a fascinating

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00:06:48,830 --> 00:06:45,449

history actually with Harry it certainly

139

00:06:50,990 --> 00:06:48,840

is and he's a great case study for for

140

00:06:52,939 --> 00:06:51,000

any skeptic out there and here's the

141

00:06:55,010 --> 00:06:52,949

Segway Lawrence I know he is a great

142

00:06:57,439 --> 00:06:55,020

interest of the one and only James Randi

143

00:06:59,960 --> 00:06:57,449

and the segways of course that you and I

144

00:07:01,760 --> 00:06:59,970

had the the pleasure of spending time

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00:07:05,059 --> 00:07:01,770

with James Randi late last year as we

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00:07:07,309 --> 00:07:05,069

toured australia with with his two of

147

00:07:10,370 --> 00:07:07,319

the movie they were showing up about his

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00:07:14,089 --> 00:07:10,380

life and what an experience that was you

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00:07:17,779 --> 00:07:14,099

took the the role of the interviewing

150

00:07:20,209 --> 00:07:17,789

Randy on stage in Melbourne Sydney and

151
00:07:22,159 --> 00:07:20,219
Brisbane and I'd had that pleasure in

152
00:07:23,839 --> 00:07:22,169
Adelaide and Perth but my goodness me

153
00:07:26,119 --> 00:07:23,849
it's one of those experiences money just

154
00:07:29,300 --> 00:07:26,129
can't buy yeah it's amazing I mean I

155
00:07:34,010 --> 00:07:29,310
grew up being quite a big fan of James

156
00:07:35,809 --> 00:07:34,020
Randi myself I remember one of the books

157
00:07:38,839 --> 00:07:35,819
that I got when I was it laughs as a

158
00:07:42,320 --> 00:07:38,849
teenager in the library I was called a

159
00:07:44,240 --> 00:07:42,330
conjuring by James Randi a squat and it

160
00:07:47,839 --> 00:07:44,250
was about the history of magic is was

161
00:07:50,510 --> 00:07:47,849
not a single magic trick instruction in

162
00:07:53,390 --> 00:07:50,520
the entire it was just purely on the

163
00:07:56,120 --> 00:07:53,400

history and the love of magic and I

164

00:07:59,029 --> 00:07:56,130

think that's kind of what got me into

165

00:08:02,120 --> 00:07:59,039

loving magic and psychology just reading

166

00:08:04,040 --> 00:08:02,130

the history of magicians and of also i

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00:08:07,010 --> 00:08:04,050

read a lot of james Rainey's books after

168

00:08:09,469 --> 00:08:07,020

that and of course here here I was many

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00:08:12,050 --> 00:08:09,479

years later good you could say decades

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00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:12,060

later socially sitting across from them

171

00:08:16,249 --> 00:08:13,680

and asking all the questions I wanted to

172

00:08:18,200 --> 00:08:16,259

ask him when I was a little kid yeah we

173

00:08:21,559 --> 00:08:18,210

was such a such a wonderful experience

174

00:08:24,529 --> 00:08:21,569

for you and I both getting a chance just

175

00:08:27,350 --> 00:08:24,539

to chat with Randy okay so there was a

176
00:08:30,170 --> 00:08:27,360
huge crowd watching us as we did it in

177
00:08:31,640 --> 00:08:30,180
our various locations but i must say

178
00:08:34,519 --> 00:08:31,650
that there was a particularly fine

179
00:08:36,529 --> 00:08:34,529
moment for me in the sydney show where

180
00:08:38,269 --> 00:08:36,539
they were playing the movie and you and

181
00:08:40,040 --> 00:08:38,279
i and Randy and a few other people and

182
00:08:42,860 --> 00:08:40,050
Dick Smith of course we're backstage

183
00:08:45,889 --> 00:08:42,870
waiting as for the evening to progress

184
00:08:47,690 --> 00:08:45,899
and at one stage I noticed Randy took

185
00:08:49,579 --> 00:08:47,700
you aside and was giving you a few

186
00:08:51,199 --> 00:08:49,589
little personal magic trick lessons

187
00:08:53,960 --> 00:08:51,209
that's a that's just pretty priceless

188
00:08:56,980 --> 00:08:53,970

stuff I that's like one of the moments

189

00:08:59,329 --> 00:08:56,990

of my life which I'll probably forever I

190

00:09:02,110 --> 00:08:59,339

the group wanted to get into magic after

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00:09:04,069 --> 00:09:02,120

reading his books and then backstage

192

00:09:06,980 --> 00:09:04,079

just before the show before he's

193

00:09:08,210 --> 00:09:06,990

appearance is he was taking me you know

194

00:09:09,800 --> 00:09:08,220

around the corner and he was teaching

195

00:09:11,690 --> 00:09:09,810

you some of these old magic tricks from

196

00:09:14,000 --> 00:09:11,700

the card tricks that he'd come up with

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00:09:16,730 --> 00:09:14,010

um mentalism sort of mind reading

198

00:09:19,280 --> 00:09:16,740

effects of the cards um and I i almost

199

00:09:23,449 --> 00:09:19,290

could not concentrate what's in because

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00:09:24,980 --> 00:09:23,459

also blown away by the mug but he also

201
00:09:28,670 --> 00:09:24,990
had his own rock star moment stick l

202
00:09:30,380 --> 00:09:28,680
think the final session we had in sydney

203
00:09:32,540 --> 00:09:30,390
was at the metro theatre so i was a very

204
00:09:34,850 --> 00:09:32,550
much a rock roll style venue and he

205
00:09:37,160 --> 00:09:34,860
loved it he loved it being that rock and

206
00:09:39,350 --> 00:09:37,170
roll style grungy venue and i noticed

207
00:09:41,780 --> 00:09:39,360
backstage there were a lot of graffiti

208
00:09:44,120 --> 00:09:41,790
on the walls by different bands you know

209
00:09:46,519 --> 00:09:44,130
a kazakh and who knows what else and

210
00:09:48,290 --> 00:09:46,529
james randi pulled out his own black

211
00:09:53,180 --> 00:09:48,300
marker and signed his name on the wall

212
00:09:54,650 --> 00:09:53,190
next to all these are rock bands yes l

213
00:09:56,240 --> 00:09:54,660

remember I've got a photograph of that

214

00:09:59,000 --> 00:09:56,250

somewhere I think I thought that was a

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00:10:01,610 --> 00:09:59,010

that was quite a moment and yeah I must

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00:10:05,660 --> 00:10:01,620

say that I to during me the course of

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00:10:07,190 --> 00:10:05,670

the the the tour I had times where I was

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00:10:08,750 --> 00:10:07,200

just having a private chat with Randy

219

00:10:11,600 --> 00:10:08,760

and he was killing me and some life

220

00:10:13,880 --> 00:10:11,610

stories and he let slip a few obvious a

221

00:10:16,670 --> 00:10:13,890

personal conjuring secrets and I'm and I

222

00:10:19,940 --> 00:10:16,680

like you was I couldn't believe it it

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00:10:21,500 --> 00:10:19,950

was so fascinating is it was uh yeah one

224

00:10:24,889 --> 00:10:21,510

of those moments in life that I think

225

00:10:27,410 --> 00:10:24,899

you and I can both remember for many

226

00:10:31,220 --> 00:10:27,420

years to come yeah it's extremely

227

00:10:34,760 --> 00:10:31,230

generous with his time and also being

228

00:10:38,210 --> 00:10:34,770

the final one the one in Sydney he gave

229

00:10:41,780 --> 00:10:38,220

quite a rousing and emotional almost a

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00:10:44,180 --> 00:10:41,790

farewell speech to Australia um that one

231

00:10:46,040 --> 00:10:44,190

was picked particularly emotional to see

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00:10:48,590 --> 00:10:46,050

him sort of saying to the crowd thanks

233

00:10:51,139 --> 00:10:48,600

for coming out and supporting my work

234

00:10:53,269 --> 00:10:51,149

and interested in you know what he was

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00:10:55,010 --> 00:10:53,279

doing for the past few decades in US but

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00:10:57,410 --> 00:10:55,020

also saying that this may be the last

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00:11:00,319 --> 00:10:57,420

time okay Australia there's not a young

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00:11:02,540 --> 00:11:00,329

man no sadly no I mean we can always

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00:11:04,280 --> 00:11:02,550

hope that he might come out one more

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00:11:07,490 --> 00:11:04,290

time or whatever the case may be but

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00:11:09,290 --> 00:11:07,500

yeah it was at his age travel is getting

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00:11:11,480 --> 00:11:09,300

more difficult of course and we can

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00:11:13,510 --> 00:11:11,490

understand that but you're actually your

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00:11:17,210 --> 00:11:13,520

association with Randy does go back

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00:11:18,470 --> 00:11:17,220

longer than just this past tour there

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00:11:21,170 --> 00:11:18,480

was a particularly memorable moment

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00:11:22,760 --> 00:11:21,180

where you were making a TV show and you

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00:11:24,170 --> 00:11:22,770

turned up in Las Vegas at one of the

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00:11:25,699 --> 00:11:24,180

amazing meetings and I remember seeing

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00:11:29,960 --> 00:11:25,709

you there and there was a hilarious

251
00:11:32,210 --> 00:11:29,970
situation where you were being a psychic

252
00:11:33,949 --> 00:11:32,220
for James Randi looking into the future

253
00:11:36,910 --> 00:11:33,959
right now what was the name of that show

254
00:11:39,620 --> 00:11:36,920
the show was called unbelievable was a

255
00:11:42,620 --> 00:11:39,630
six-part i would say skeptically

256
00:11:46,309 --> 00:11:42,630
skeptically enhanced comedy documentary

257
00:11:48,740 --> 00:11:46,319
series on ABC and one of the episodes is

258
00:11:51,019 --> 00:11:48,750
about psychics and the final challenge

259
00:11:53,510 --> 00:11:51,029
was to see what in this particular

260
00:11:56,840 --> 00:11:53,520
episode whether i could try to convince

261
00:12:00,189 --> 00:11:56,850
james randi that i was psychic could i

262
00:12:03,439 --> 00:12:00,199
win a simulation of the million-dollar

263
00:12:06,069 --> 00:12:03,449

test yeah so yeah the million-dollar

264

00:12:08,720 --> 00:12:06,079

challenge so I had a crystal ball

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00:12:12,230 --> 00:12:08,730

mounted in this beautiful wooden case

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00:12:15,650 --> 00:12:12,240

and I said to James Randi and bannerchek

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00:12:18,230 --> 00:12:15,660

was also there and I they were the

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00:12:21,740 --> 00:12:18,240

panelists china and i said i can try to

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00:12:24,290 --> 00:12:21,750

fathom the information from the universe

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00:12:27,650 --> 00:12:24,300

about anything any question you asked me

271

00:12:28,970 --> 00:12:27,660

but of course what I had inside well

272

00:12:30,829 --> 00:12:28,980

actually they busted me straight away

273

00:12:33,860 --> 00:12:30,839

they knew something fishy was going on

274

00:12:36,230 --> 00:12:33,870

and both banachek and Randy had worked

275

00:12:38,930 --> 00:12:36,240

out that I had something hidden inside

276

00:12:40,160 --> 00:12:38,940

the base of the crystal ball I had

277

00:12:44,750 --> 00:12:40,170

uttered at a crystal ball I of course

278

00:12:47,269 --> 00:12:44,760

had an iPad that's idiots in it so I to

279

00:12:49,100 --> 00:12:47,279

google and his own wiki page so I could

280

00:12:50,960 --> 00:12:49,110

pretty much say anything I need about

281

00:12:53,360 --> 00:12:50,970

James Randi from his own wiki page with

282

00:12:56,809 --> 00:12:53,370

us looking down through crystal ball

283

00:12:58,220 --> 00:12:56,819

it's a hint of life I I think that made

284

00:13:01,100 --> 00:12:58,230

for great television that was a

285

00:13:03,980 --> 00:13:01,110

hilarious segment and it was during the

286

00:13:06,140 --> 00:13:03,990

same visit and I remember I remember

287

00:13:06,770 --> 00:13:06,150

chatting to bannerchek just after this

288

00:13:08,600 --> 00:13:06,780

event

289

00:13:10,940 --> 00:13:08,610

you went for a drive with bannerchek

290

00:13:12,890 --> 00:13:10,950

where he was completely blindfolded and

291

00:13:17,480 --> 00:13:12,900

it really freaked you out oh absolutely

292

00:13:20,300 --> 00:13:17,490

um so originally I just wanted to film

293

00:13:23,120 --> 00:13:20,310

him doing some but maybe a book test or

294

00:13:25,610 --> 00:13:23,130

some sort of easy quick mind reading

295

00:13:29,360 --> 00:13:25,620

exercise that he could demonstrate for

296

00:13:31,490 --> 00:13:29,370

my cameras but he suggested now I'll go

297

00:13:35,690 --> 00:13:31,500

for a blindfold drive why don't you

298

00:13:37,880 --> 00:13:35,700

bring some Gator tape and and hire a car

299

00:13:40,580 --> 00:13:37,890

and all meet in the car park the next

300

00:13:43,010 --> 00:13:40,590

day so we did that so this was our

301
00:13:45,740 --> 00:13:43,020
vehicle it was our Gator tape he held

302
00:13:48,950 --> 00:13:45,750
coins up to the Sun so we can see that

303
00:13:50,480 --> 00:13:48,960
there was no son like that could go

304
00:13:51,980 --> 00:13:50,490
through it wasn't transparent anyone

305
00:13:54,230 --> 00:13:51,990
either with no holes in the coins you

306
00:13:56,900 --> 00:13:54,240
put them over his eyes we gather taped

307
00:14:00,050 --> 00:13:56,910
the coins over his own eye sockets and

308
00:14:02,750 --> 00:14:00,060
pressed it around his face so there were

309
00:14:05,360 --> 00:14:02,760
no gaps and then he put a blindfold over

310
00:14:07,550 --> 00:14:05,370
that and then we got inside the car and

311
00:14:09,560 --> 00:14:07,560
this was not his car this is our car

312
00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:09,570
that we had hired and he drove us a

313
00:14:15,620 --> 00:14:12,000

quite high speed through the streets and

314

00:14:18,080 --> 00:14:15,630

highways of Las Vegas stopping at red

315

00:14:20,570 --> 00:14:18,090

lights moving past cars turning

316

00:14:24,190 --> 00:14:20,580

correctly on at corners and

317

00:14:26,870 --> 00:14:24,200

intersections and it was terrifying and

318

00:14:29,360 --> 00:14:26,880

there was no way I could tell how he did

319

00:14:31,370 --> 00:14:29,370

it and he kept insane I'm not a psychic

320

00:14:32,990 --> 00:14:31,380

I'm a skeptic I'm a magician this is

321

00:14:34,550 --> 00:14:33,000

completely a trick but of course we

322

00:14:37,670 --> 00:14:34,560

couldn't see how you could do the trick

323

00:14:41,450 --> 00:14:37,680

is quite amazing I the funny thing was

324

00:14:43,100 --> 00:14:41,460

during the actual trip we had to keep

325

00:14:44,600 --> 00:14:43,110

editing every time I see a cut in the

326

00:14:46,790 --> 00:14:44,610

footage it's probably because either

327

00:14:51,410 --> 00:14:46,800

myself or my camera / swearing because

328

00:14:54,770 --> 00:14:51,420

which is like oh yeah there was a

329

00:14:57,530 --> 00:14:54,780

brilliant brilliant television too and I

330

00:14:59,270 --> 00:14:57,540

really enjoyed that series and I will

331

00:15:01,070 --> 00:14:59,280

admit here I was very naughty I I

332

00:15:03,770 --> 00:15:01,080

accidentally recorded it as it was

333

00:15:05,870 --> 00:15:03,780

pretty broad cast for my own archives if

334

00:15:07,640 --> 00:15:05,880

people wanted to look at that series

335

00:15:10,090 --> 00:15:07,650

unbelievable which I think was about two

336

00:15:13,610 --> 00:15:10,100

or three years ago now is that available

337

00:15:14,780 --> 00:15:13,620

yeah yeah i mean like it like yourself I

338

00:15:17,360 --> 00:15:14,790

think there's a lot of people who have

339

00:15:19,820 --> 00:15:17,370

torrented or found it or recorded it so

340

00:15:20,759 --> 00:15:19,830

it's out there on the internet at the

341

00:15:23,489 --> 00:15:20,769

moment where

342

00:15:25,949 --> 00:15:23,499

yeah we're looking into trying to get it

343

00:15:27,540 --> 00:15:25,959

up again so that people can actually

344

00:15:29,009 --> 00:15:27,550

see it will be wonderful little

345

00:15:31,829 --> 00:15:29,019

streaming matter not putting it on

346

00:15:33,329 --> 00:15:31,839

netflix would be amazing yeah oh I think

347

00:15:34,979 --> 00:15:33,339

I think that's a great idea if anybody

348

00:15:37,499 --> 00:15:34,989

from netflix is listening and

349

00:15:39,689 --> 00:15:37,509

unbelievable as a fantastic skeptical

350

00:15:41,789 --> 00:15:39,699

series it was comedy too wasn't it yeah

351

00:15:43,769 --> 00:15:41,799

that's right it's comedy ah it was

352

00:15:46,530 --> 00:15:43,779

common but also quite educational I mean

353

00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:46,540

on one hand I I tried my best not to

354

00:15:51,239 --> 00:15:48,639

make fun of other people why I gave

355

00:15:53,579 --> 00:15:51,249

people the chance to say what they

356

00:15:55,379 --> 00:15:53,589

believed in and their evidence for it

357

00:15:57,989 --> 00:15:55,389

and I really left the audience to judge

358

00:15:59,729 --> 00:15:57,999

for themselves but my main focus was to

359

00:16:03,600 --> 00:15:59,739

in terms of making a comedy was to make

360

00:16:06,479 --> 00:16:03,610

fun of myself in this world both as as a

361

00:16:08,939 --> 00:16:06,489

skeptic and as a human being walking to

362

00:16:11,759 --> 00:16:08,949

these strange worlds and and it was

363

00:16:14,189 --> 00:16:11,769

absolutely so much fun to make and I got

364

00:16:16,079 --> 00:16:14,199

so many wonderful emails from teachers

365

00:16:17,910 --> 00:16:16,089

psychology teachers in high school

366

00:16:20,189 --> 00:16:17,920

saying that it should be compulsory

367

00:16:21,539 --> 00:16:20,199

viewing for kids and that's what I love

368

00:16:25,109 --> 00:16:21,549

the most because i didn't think i was

369

00:16:27,960 --> 00:16:25,119

making it for schools but what a what it

370

00:16:29,639 --> 00:16:27,970

turned out was the the psychology and a

371

00:16:31,829 --> 00:16:29,649

lot of the skeptical and critical

372

00:16:33,900 --> 00:16:31,839

thinking that i put into the TV show a

373

00:16:36,960 --> 00:16:33,910

lot of teachers and students really

374

00:16:38,669 --> 00:16:36,970

loved it yeah for me there was some very

375

00:16:41,129 --> 00:16:38,679

interesting episodes of course the UFOs

376

00:16:43,350 --> 00:16:41,139

I enjoyed it very much but the episode

377

00:16:45,389 --> 00:16:43,360

where you took on the guise of a fortune

378

00:16:48,059 --> 00:16:45,399

teller in the fortune teller tent and

379

00:16:51,989 --> 00:16:48,069

simply rattled off song lyrics at people

380

00:16:54,049 --> 00:16:51,999

and let them read into it what they

381

00:16:56,340 --> 00:16:54,059

wanted to or what it meant to them and

382

00:16:58,199 --> 00:16:56,350

giving you credit than for mystical

383

00:17:00,600 --> 00:16:58,209

insights that was really educational

384

00:17:03,809 --> 00:17:00,610

anything yeah it was interesting I mean

385

00:17:06,779 --> 00:17:03,819

we've seen well a lot of skeptics will

386

00:17:10,139 --> 00:17:06,789

be familiar with the four-test the whole

387

00:17:13,529 --> 00:17:10,149

idea that if you give a whole bunch of

388

00:17:16,439 --> 00:17:13,539

random people fortune-telling leadings

389

00:17:18,120 --> 00:17:16,449

often people can read read into it and

390

00:17:20,909 --> 00:17:18,130

say that it's about themselves and of

391

00:17:23,970 --> 00:17:20,919

course you then prove hey I gave you all

392

00:17:25,769 --> 00:17:23,980

exactly the same reading and that's you

393

00:17:27,870 --> 00:17:25,779

that's usually the for example to

394

00:17:30,930 --> 00:17:27,880

explain how there's a lot of cold

395

00:17:33,790 --> 00:17:30,940

reading and sort of self-deception and

396

00:17:36,580 --> 00:17:33,800

delusion that goes along in reading into

397

00:17:38,410 --> 00:17:36,590

psychic readings but what we decided to

398

00:17:41,560 --> 00:17:38,420

do it for TV was to make that type of

399

00:17:44,020 --> 00:17:41,570

test more entertaining and so instead of

400

00:17:48,070 --> 00:17:44,030

making the usual rainbow statements or

401
00:17:51,580 --> 00:17:48,080
40 type statements we basically used

402
00:17:55,510 --> 00:17:51,590
lyrics from karaoke yes and we projected

403
00:17:58,960 --> 00:17:55,520
on a screen behind our subjects and I

404
00:18:02,410 --> 00:17:58,970
would read the karaoke lyrics directly

405
00:18:03,670 --> 00:18:02,420
to the to the subject unbeknownst to

406
00:18:06,070 --> 00:18:03,680
them that there was a screen right

407
00:18:09,340 --> 00:18:06,080
behind their head and turned out that

408
00:18:11,440 --> 00:18:09,350
they would believe these statements and

409
00:18:13,360 --> 00:18:11,450
the funny thing was I we started off

410
00:18:15,300 --> 00:18:13,370
doing the typical forest statements

411
00:18:18,160 --> 00:18:15,310
you'd find with cold reading type

412
00:18:19,660 --> 00:18:18,170
fortune-telling exercises but people

413
00:18:21,070 --> 00:18:19,670

didn't believe those I thought arts to

414

00:18:23,880 --> 00:18:21,080

general but when we went into the

415

00:18:27,400 --> 00:18:23,890

bizarre Madonna or ever burn em lyrics

416

00:18:32,410 --> 00:18:27,410

people were reading into those more and

417

00:18:33,790 --> 00:18:32,420

so what it turned out was if you go to

418

00:18:36,280 --> 00:18:33,800

general people won't believe it but if

419

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:36,290

you go ultra specific and quite absurd

420

00:18:40,990 --> 00:18:39,440

people will work harder into into China

421

00:18:43,680 --> 00:18:41,000

believe it and come up with a

422

00:18:45,790 --> 00:18:43,690

justification of their own wow that's

423

00:18:48,610 --> 00:18:45,800

fascinating it's almost worth the paper

424

00:18:49,990 --> 00:18:48,620

that then yeah yeah that's really

425

00:18:52,690 --> 00:18:50,000

interesting stuff from The Skeptical

426
00:18:55,390 --> 00:18:52,700
point of view and doing as someone who

427
00:18:57,490 --> 00:18:55,400
investigates these people it works so

428
00:18:59,590 --> 00:18:57,500
well that people were telling me that

429
00:19:02,290 --> 00:18:59,600
they thought it was a comedy sketch that

430
00:19:03,880 --> 00:19:02,300
we had just got actors and I've written

431
00:19:06,070 --> 00:19:03,890
a script and people were just acting

432
00:19:07,660 --> 00:19:06,080
along to a script but they were genuine

433
00:19:10,540 --> 00:19:07,670
people who didn't know what was going on

434
00:19:13,840 --> 00:19:10,550
just to test out the actual examples of

435
00:19:16,650 --> 00:19:13,850
how cold reading would work so it was

436
00:19:19,900 --> 00:19:16,660
actually genuine ya know great series a

437
00:19:22,210 --> 00:19:19,910
memorable series i am i hope i hope it

438
00:19:23,740 --> 00:19:22,220

become widely available so people all

439

00:19:25,150 --> 00:19:23,750

around the world can look at it but i

440

00:19:27,760 --> 00:19:25,160

think you've been doing some other

441

00:19:30,100 --> 00:19:27,770

television just recently huh yes that's

442

00:19:33,280 --> 00:19:30,110

right i made a series called a maximum

443

00:19:35,770 --> 00:19:33,290

topic and it was six-part our kung fu

444

00:19:40,620 --> 00:19:35,780

comedy series some would say australia's

445

00:19:43,150 --> 00:19:40,630

best company commissary australia's only

446

00:19:45,790 --> 00:19:43,160

and that was absolutely great fun it was

447

00:19:46,930 --> 00:19:45,800

an ABC to series where we filmed it in

448

00:19:51,130 --> 00:19:46,940

cabramatta and we heard

449

00:19:53,170 --> 00:19:51,140

a lot of genuine you know stunt work

450

00:19:55,360 --> 00:19:53,180

workers and martial artists in the

451
00:19:57,670 --> 00:19:55,370
series both acting on screen and also

452
00:20:00,700 --> 00:19:57,680
being out doubles our stunt doubles and

453
00:20:02,740 --> 00:20:00,710
it was just so much fun good for you i'm

454
00:20:05,560 --> 00:20:02,750
glad i'm glad that you're still on our

455
00:20:07,360 --> 00:20:05,570
screen so to speak however for our

456
00:20:10,360 --> 00:20:07,370
sydney listeners the news is of course

457
00:20:12,820 --> 00:20:10,370
tonight it's the show the escapist with

458
00:20:15,820 --> 00:20:12,830
lauren slung at that was at the factory

459
00:20:19,060 --> 00:20:15,830
was enlarged yeah factory theatre 7 p-7

460
00:20:22,110 --> 00:20:19,070
15 p.m. this evening that's right now if

461
00:20:25,390 --> 00:20:22,120
you go to Lawrence's website which is

462
00:20:26,920 --> 00:20:25,400
wwan saloon calm and i'll link that on

463
00:20:29,110 --> 00:20:26,930

the show notes or google lawrence long

464

00:20:30,880 --> 00:20:29,120

you should be i'll do see hopefully

465

00:20:33,210 --> 00:20:30,890

fingers crossed see if there are still

466

00:20:37,090 --> 00:20:33,220

some tickets for tonight's performance

467

00:20:39,790 --> 00:20:37,100

otherwise our check out WWD comedy

468

00:20:43,570 --> 00:20:39,800

festival combo you and just do a search

469

00:20:45,540 --> 00:20:43,580

for the escapist and the links and the

470

00:20:47,410 --> 00:20:45,550

booking place we'll all be there

471

00:20:48,760 --> 00:20:47,420

excellent well thanks Lawrence and

472

00:20:50,020 --> 00:20:48,770

thanks for the show last night we had a

473

00:20:52,180 --> 00:20:50,030

great time the audience really

474

00:20:55,300 --> 00:20:52,190

appreciate it and it's good to know that

475

00:20:58,480 --> 00:20:55,310

there at least some skeptical people out

476
00:21:05,980 --> 00:20:58,490
there in the media hahaha good to speak

477
00:21:21,410 --> 00:21:18,110
on Manor con dar you boo banga Tim

478
00:21:23,630 --> 00:21:21,420
Ferguson's right of reply get this and

479
00:21:26,330 --> 00:21:23,640
get it straight a guy called mark Lionel

480
00:21:29,360 --> 00:21:26,340
was the first person to complain about

481
00:21:32,780 --> 00:21:29,370
genetically modified crops and he said

482
00:21:34,700 --> 00:21:32,790
that the new strains developed would eat

483
00:21:37,730 --> 00:21:34,710
all the other strains because they'd be

484
00:21:40,670 --> 00:21:37,740
stronger strains and would basically be

485
00:21:43,910 --> 00:21:40,680
the end of the world he reversed his

486
00:21:46,490 --> 00:21:43,920
position after he had gone and

487
00:21:48,530 --> 00:21:46,500
researched his position and realized

488
00:21:51,530 --> 00:21:48,540

that this is buncombe that in fact

489

00:21:53,870 --> 00:21:51,540

people and God itself have been

490

00:21:56,390 --> 00:21:53,880

genetically modifying all sorts of

491

00:21:59,960 --> 00:21:56,400

things from the word go do you realize

492

00:22:03,530 --> 00:21:59,970

that bananas themselves only a few years

493

00:22:07,100 --> 00:22:03,540

ago the original banana was in fact a

494

00:22:09,710 --> 00:22:07,110

small dark fruit filled with seeds and

495

00:22:11,570 --> 00:22:09,720

it we all eat bananas and they haven't

496

00:22:15,020 --> 00:22:11,580

gone and destroyed anything there hasn't

497

00:22:18,560 --> 00:22:15,030

been a banana plague but against these

498

00:22:20,180 --> 00:22:18,570

facts South Australia which is a part of

499

00:22:22,310 --> 00:22:20,190

Australia that we keep in the south so

500

00:22:24,380 --> 00:22:22,320

it doesn't touch anybody or drink too

501
00:22:26,180 --> 00:22:24,390
much wine or kill people with barrels

502
00:22:28,370 --> 00:22:26,190
although there were no convicts there

503
00:22:32,300 --> 00:22:28,380
initially know exactly just a whole

504
00:22:34,940 --> 00:22:32,310
bunch of Germans that rings a bell South

505
00:22:38,030 --> 00:22:34,950
Australia has decided it will extend a

506
00:22:43,070 --> 00:22:38,040
moratorium on genetically modified crops

507
00:22:46,820 --> 00:22:43,080
until at least 2019 and this is for no

508
00:22:50,450 --> 00:22:46,830
sensible logical or scientifically

509
00:22:52,910 --> 00:22:50,460
backed reason this is purely conjecture

510
00:22:54,890 --> 00:22:52,920
based upon superstition I think

511
00:22:58,490 --> 00:22:54,900
Morrissey's that brought it Morrissey

512
00:23:00,860 --> 00:22:58,500
thinks it's great and only a gum sucking

513
00:23:03,080 --> 00:23:00,870

idiot or someone from South Australia

514

00:23:05,930 --> 00:23:03,090

who's trying to suck up to the rather

515

00:23:08,150 --> 00:23:05,940

large green contingent in the parliament

516

00:23:10,910 --> 00:23:08,160

who are also idiots who believe this

517

00:23:13,310 --> 00:23:10,920

fantasy would ever go with it being

518

00:23:16,370 --> 00:23:13,320

against genetically modified crops means

519

00:23:19,760 --> 00:23:16,380

you are being Pro crops that require

520

00:23:22,730 --> 00:23:19,770

more land that require more water crops

521

00:23:26,120 --> 00:23:22,740

that cannot help countries that are

522

00:23:27,379 --> 00:23:26,130

drier even than our own the reason why

523

00:23:29,569 --> 00:23:27,389

we're genetically modify

524

00:23:32,839 --> 00:23:29,579

my crops is so that the crops will

525

00:23:36,310 --> 00:23:32,849

survive and give us higher yields with

526

00:23:40,009 --> 00:23:36,320

less water less land all over the world

527

00:23:42,619 --> 00:23:40,019

South Australia stand up and join the

528

00:23:45,139 --> 00:23:42,629

crowd and what's the reason what's the

529

00:23:47,089 --> 00:23:45,149

reason they gave some dumb not a

530

00:23:49,489 --> 00:23:47,099

minister called Leon Bignell who won't

531

00:23:51,440 --> 00:23:49,499

last long has probably gone already said

532

00:23:53,629 --> 00:23:51,450

we've got a strong reputation not just

533

00:23:57,169 --> 00:23:53,639

around Australia but around the world

534

00:23:59,329 --> 00:23:57,179

for producing clean green premium food

535

00:24:02,180 --> 00:23:59,339

it doesn't matter whether it's

536

00:24:04,639 --> 00:24:02,190

genetically modified or not it's grown

537

00:24:06,619 --> 00:24:04,649

out of the ground it's organic and of

538

00:24:09,379 --> 00:24:06,629

course it's clean and green get it

539

00:24:11,989 --> 00:24:09,389

together monkeys that has been Tim

540

00:24:14,359 --> 00:24:11,999

Ferguson's right of reply to a question

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00:24:18,799 --> 00:24:14,369

no one asked with an answer that people

542

00:24:22,369 --> 00:24:18,809

might not want to hear thank you very

543

00:24:28,519 --> 00:24:22,379

much oh I do like saying things that are

544

00:24:37,740 --> 00:24:33,210

here's my not spooky action at a

545

00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:42,990

just the cover

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00:24:49,470 --> 00:24:45,660

yes may not you can stand by me we're

547

00:24:53,370 --> 00:24:49,480

here at cafe to 0 for 2 20 foot to cafe

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00:24:56,250 --> 00:24:53,380

and deli in New Town where my origami

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00:24:58,020 --> 00:24:56,260

photography exhibition is and it's all

550

00:24:59,580 --> 00:24:58,030

been happening this week been a bit of

551
00:25:01,050 --> 00:24:59,590
paranormal action going on this week

552
00:25:02,250 --> 00:25:01,060
that all skeptics should have their eyes

553
00:25:04,650 --> 00:25:02,260
on because a couple of big things

554
00:25:06,600 --> 00:25:04,660
they've broken but if excited my tiny a

555
00:25:08,700 --> 00:25:06,610
brain and made me fill my undies with

556
00:25:10,890 --> 00:25:08,710
Wonder really they know that's unusual

557
00:25:12,420 --> 00:25:10,900
what's happening in the paranormal world

558
00:25:13,680 --> 00:25:12,430
because you like to keep your finger on

559
00:25:15,540 --> 00:25:13,690
the pulse of these things look that I

560
00:25:17,100 --> 00:25:15,550
look I keep up on the game there cause

561
00:25:19,170 --> 00:25:17,110
of my good friend Jamie Leonardo Jay

562
00:25:21,960 --> 00:25:19,180
cats he's got his eye across all

563
00:25:23,880 --> 00:25:21,970

potential theories of everything and he

564

00:25:25,350 --> 00:25:23,890

was it he gave me a call other day and

565

00:25:27,360 --> 00:25:25,360

he said look my night it's been a bit of

566

00:25:29,040 --> 00:25:27,370

a disappointment with this alien slide

567

00:25:31,890 --> 00:25:29,050

that was revealed in Mexico there was a

568

00:25:34,230 --> 00:25:31,900

real I a slide there was two kodachrome

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00:25:36,000 --> 00:25:34,240

slides found in the Attic of a couple

570

00:25:37,920 --> 00:25:36,010

that had fairly good connections to the

571

00:25:39,780 --> 00:25:37,930

Eisenhower administration apparently and

572

00:25:41,970 --> 00:25:39,790

there was a slide that was going to be

573

00:25:43,290 --> 00:25:41,980

shown to 6,000 people in a stadium in

574

00:25:44,910 --> 00:25:43,300

Mexico which is where all major

575

00:25:47,850 --> 00:25:44,920

scientific discoveries are usually

576

00:25:49,440 --> 00:25:47,860

unveiled at in a stadium and it was

577

00:25:51,210 --> 00:25:49,450

found that the slide was somewhat

578

00:25:52,440 --> 00:25:51,220

disappointing everyone thinks that no it

579

00:25:54,870 --> 00:25:52,450

looks like something that was may be

580

00:25:56,190 --> 00:25:54,880

taken in a museum during the 50s or

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00:25:58,260 --> 00:25:56,200

something like that it doesn't look like

582

00:26:00,210 --> 00:25:58,270

that's the way you would display an

583

00:26:02,190 --> 00:26:00,220

alien if that was an alien under a glass

584

00:26:04,170 --> 00:26:02,200

case but disappointing that one there

585

00:26:05,370 --> 00:26:04,180

unfortunately for people who are

586

00:26:06,810 --> 00:26:05,380

interested in UFOs and people who

587

00:26:08,550 --> 00:26:06,820

weren't it seems like it's a bit of a

588

00:26:09,810 --> 00:26:08,560

non-starter but the one that's been a

589

00:26:11,640 --> 00:26:09,820

big starter and the one that I'm sure

590

00:26:13,860 --> 00:26:11,650

all this is a skeptic was oh no I've

591

00:26:15,930 --> 00:26:13,870

been pushing for many years is hologram

592

00:26:18,960 --> 00:26:15,940

theory look that up on Wikipedia for the

593

00:26:22,230 --> 00:26:18,970

simple definition of it but basically

594

00:26:25,980 --> 00:26:22,240

there's been a few mathematical physics

595

00:26:28,200 --> 00:26:25,990

mathematics done by some fizz physicists

596

00:26:29,580 --> 00:26:28,210

theoretical physicists that may point to

597

00:26:31,710 --> 00:26:29,590

the fact that we are living in the three

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00:26:33,810 --> 00:26:31,720

dimension three-dimensional reproduction

599

00:26:35,670 --> 00:26:33,820

coming from a two dimensional object I

600

00:26:37,620 --> 00:26:35,680

can't get my one-dimensional brain

601
00:26:40,170 --> 00:26:37,630
around that no I actually read some of

602
00:26:41,700 --> 00:26:40,180
this physics and yeah I don't understand

603
00:26:43,800 --> 00:26:41,710
at all I thought maybe we should get

604
00:26:45,300 --> 00:26:43,810
some one of the skeptics on this who

605
00:26:46,410 --> 00:26:45,310
knows a bit about it but look I'm all

606
00:26:47,910 --> 00:26:46,420
down with the fact that we are a

607
00:26:49,830 --> 00:26:47,920
projection because certain things don't

608
00:26:51,990 --> 00:26:49,840
make sense in this world and i think

609
00:26:53,880 --> 00:26:52,000
that is entirely due to the fact earlier

610
00:26:54,860 --> 00:26:53,890
a three-dimensional representation being

611
00:26:56,900 --> 00:26:54,870
projected for mature women

612
00:26:59,210 --> 00:26:56,910
an object such as the side of a black

613
00:27:01,160 --> 00:26:59,220

hole or something the side of a black

614

00:27:02,930 --> 00:27:01,170

hole hmm because everything will be

615

00:27:04,370 --> 00:27:02,940

squished so flat that there would be no

616

00:27:06,500 --> 00:27:04,380

third dimension on the side of a black

617

00:27:08,570 --> 00:27:06,510

hole I'm just theoretically sound

618

00:27:10,190 --> 00:27:08,580

starting to freak out my taint my tiny

619

00:27:11,840 --> 00:27:10,200

he pretty well this is where this thing

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00:27:14,000 --> 00:27:11,850

kind of goes but because I'm into

621

00:27:15,890 --> 00:27:14,010

thinking about such things and you know

622

00:27:18,320 --> 00:27:15,900

I am a critical thinker which means I'm

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00:27:20,270 --> 00:27:18,330

I love the work of in co Coco despite

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00:27:23,570 --> 00:27:20,280

while skeptics guide the universe says

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00:27:25,490 --> 00:27:23,580

I'm down with that guy now I'm probably

626
00:27:27,520 --> 00:27:25,500
a you know I'm probably giving people

627
00:27:30,080 --> 00:27:27,530
I'm bridges mr. Ferguson would say

628
00:27:31,669 --> 00:27:30,090
Ferguson where in fact I just played the

629
00:27:33,380 --> 00:27:31,679
promotion for bunga bunga how's that

630
00:27:36,530 --> 00:27:33,390
going well in the the latest episode

631
00:27:38,480 --> 00:27:36,540
bunga bunga 14 Tim comes we we hit a lot

632
00:27:40,180 --> 00:27:38,490
of skeptical topic so you had fracking

633
00:27:43,610 --> 00:27:40,190
the other week we spoke about

634
00:27:45,530 --> 00:27:43,620
vaccinations we spoke about the policy

635
00:27:46,970 --> 00:27:45,540
of the the Abbott government and I think

636
00:27:49,549 --> 00:27:46,980
you've got cut them coming up in future

637
00:27:52,400 --> 00:27:49,559
weeks and Tim's not scared to to put his

638
00:27:54,590 --> 00:27:52,410

foot in in the bumhole of conventional

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00:27:57,799 --> 00:27:54,600

and unconventional thinking Tim's a

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00:27:59,780 --> 00:27:57,809

fearless fearless comedian Moorea that's

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00:28:02,570 --> 00:27:59,790

right look and I definitely think he's a

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00:28:04,310 --> 00:28:02,580

critical thinker as someone with MS I

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00:28:07,460 --> 00:28:04,320

think he said on this show that lots of

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00:28:09,320 --> 00:28:07,470

people often emailing him with potential

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00:28:11,480 --> 00:28:09,330

cures for ms that are not known to the

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00:28:13,370 --> 00:28:11,490

medical world for good reason and he

647

00:28:14,720 --> 00:28:13,380

usually emails it back to them and says

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00:28:16,460 --> 00:28:14,730

something like yeah I tried that and

649

00:28:19,340 --> 00:28:16,470

that gave me a mess that's what ignore

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00:28:20,930 --> 00:28:19,350

me does he likes to stir the pot he does

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00:28:22,820 --> 00:28:20,940

well thanks me none for this little

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00:28:25,070 --> 00:28:22,830

update we look forward to more Maynard

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00:28:26,780 --> 00:28:25,080

spooky action in the coming weeks we'll

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00:28:28,190 --> 00:28:26,790

be having summit and tune into bunga

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00:28:30,049 --> 00:28:28,200

bunga and see what's going on there or

656

00:28:32,960 --> 00:28:30,059

Maynard com that are you I've got an

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00:28:34,730 --> 00:28:32,970

interview with a a stray lien film

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00:28:36,380 --> 00:28:34,740

director this week movie called the

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00:28:38,419 --> 00:28:36,390

heckler which is all about swapping

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00:28:40,100 --> 00:28:38,429

bodies and doing things like that and

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00:28:41,810 --> 00:28:40,110

for the critical thinker it's very

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00:28:44,270 --> 00:28:41,820

interesting because he when you're

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00:28:45,500 --> 00:28:44,280

trying to distribute films around

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00:28:47,690 --> 00:28:45,510

Australia you've got to get people's

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00:28:49,490 --> 00:28:47,700

attentions and people who put things

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00:28:51,680 --> 00:28:49,500

onto television around Australia

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00:28:53,090 --> 00:28:51,690

probably aren't being as sharp and as

668

00:28:55,070 --> 00:28:53,100

critically thinking as they should be

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00:28:56,450 --> 00:28:55,080

that's all I'm saying

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00:28:58,639 --> 00:28:56,460

you heard it here first Thanks may not

671

00:29:00,620 --> 00:28:58,649

lit sir let's have some lunch i'm hungry

672

00:29:01,880 --> 00:29:00,630

and remember we're living in a

673

00:29:03,409 --> 00:29:01,890

three-dimensional world is projected

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00:29:15,880 --> 00:29:03,419

from a two-dimensional object you heard

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00:29:26,360 --> 00:29:24,170

rust 30 minute video fear of the Islamic

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00:29:28,370 --> 00:29:26,370

law be so skeptical museum was not a

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00:29:30,350 --> 00:29:28,380

stray cat recorded carded we need a live

678

00:29:32,000 --> 00:29:30,360

mas clear it algebra shampoo Suzette

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00:29:34,370 --> 00:29:32,010

Nash podcast Petrova hooded gardening

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00:29:35,960 --> 00:29:34,380

Janie what customs White's escaped aside

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00:29:39,050 --> 00:29:35,970

a cutter bombers just not inertia dayton

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00:29:43,280 --> 00:29:39,060

st at the web / skeptics society coach

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00:29:44,900 --> 00:29:43,290

guru everybody my name is carol and i'm

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00:29:46,700 --> 00:29:44,910

the founder of skeptics society russia

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00:29:48,770 --> 00:29:46,710

come visit us in moscow and our

686

00:29:50,120 --> 00:29:48,780

bi-weekly meetings and also listen to

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00:29:52,010 --> 00:29:50,130

our weekly podcast which is called

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00:30:04,510 --> 00:29:52,020

skeptic and the site where you can find

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00:30:08,900 --> 00:30:07,070

welcome to awaken science from our ayats

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00:30:11,480 --> 00:30:08,910

bringing you the science you need to

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00:30:13,880 --> 00:30:11,490

know what are the science jobs of the

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00:30:15,140 --> 00:30:13,890

future well we've put our prediction hat

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00:30:21,830 --> 00:30:15,150

on and we've come up with a few

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00:30:23,840 --> 00:30:21,840

out-of-the-box ideas a global future

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00:30:26,690 --> 00:30:23,850

farmer is going to use advanced

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00:30:28,670 --> 00:30:26,700

technology to produce food future

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00:30:30,980 --> 00:30:28,680

farmers will be experts in using drones

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00:30:33,680 --> 00:30:30,990

and satellite imagery and we'll be able

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00:30:36,170 --> 00:30:33,690

to scan plant and animal genes to find

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00:30:38,810 --> 00:30:36,180

the best produce farms themselves may

701
00:30:41,390 --> 00:30:38,820
change with more vertical farms rather

702
00:30:44,750 --> 00:30:41,400
than expansive fields and herds of

703
00:30:46,910 --> 00:30:44,760
farmed locusts replacing cows policing

704
00:30:49,880 --> 00:30:46,920
will change too with more focus on cyber

705
00:30:52,370 --> 00:30:49,890
policing cyber security experts will

706
00:30:54,860 --> 00:30:52,380
need to continue to create technology to

707
00:30:58,019 --> 00:30:54,870
prevent criminals from hacking and to

708
00:31:02,969 --> 00:31:00,389
nano medics could be the future of

709
00:31:05,190 --> 00:31:02,979
Medicine they'll engineer smart nano

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00:31:07,950 --> 00:31:05,200
materials such as self-healing polymers

711
00:31:10,080 --> 00:31:07,960
and develop wearable smart devices which

712
00:31:12,479 --> 00:31:10,090
constantly monitor a person's health and

713
00:31:15,269 --> 00:31:12,489

automatically make changes to maintain

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00:31:18,089 --> 00:31:15,279

perfect health and heal injuries will

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00:31:20,039 --> 00:31:18,099

need a waste managers to develop an

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00:31:22,440 --> 00:31:20,049

oversea ways of getting rid of high

717

00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:22,450

technology waste this could include

718

00:31:28,320 --> 00:31:25,840

reusing industrial waste or recycling

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00:31:30,690 --> 00:31:28,330

technology and forget travel agents in

720

00:31:33,930 --> 00:31:30,700

the future they could be dimensional

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00:31:36,629 --> 00:31:33,940

time and space experts managing space

722

00:31:38,940 --> 00:31:36,639

travel and augmented reality experiences

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00:31:41,039 --> 00:31:38,950

people could travel to the outer reaches

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00:31:43,589 --> 00:31:41,049

of the solar system or other amazing

725

00:31:48,469 --> 00:31:43,599

worlds without having to leave Earth and

726

00:31:53,339 --> 00:31:51,119

the United States has predicted STEM

727

00:31:55,709 --> 00:31:53,349

careers will grow by around seventeen

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00:31:58,889 --> 00:31:55,719

percent each year compared to less than

729

00:32:01,259 --> 00:31:58,899

ten percent for non stem jobs again in

730

00:32:03,299 --> 00:32:01,269

the United States people working in STEM

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00:32:05,399 --> 00:32:03,309

jobs earn an average of twenty six

732

00:32:08,369 --> 00:32:05,409

percent more than people in non-stem

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00:32:09,930 --> 00:32:08,379

roles in Australia seventy-five percent

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00:32:13,320 --> 00:32:09,940

of the fastest growing occupations

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00:32:15,659 --> 00:32:13,330

require stem knowledge and skills and

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00:32:17,310 --> 00:32:15,669

don't look at stem studies necessarily

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00:32:20,489 --> 00:32:17,320

it's locking you into a future in

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00:32:22,019 --> 00:32:20,499

science more and more employers in many

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00:32:24,810 --> 00:32:22,029

different fields are looking for people

740

00:32:27,029 --> 00:32:24,820

with STEM skills that's it for this week

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00:32:29,759 --> 00:32:27,039

in science for more information on

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00:32:35,549 --> 00:32:29,769

future stem careers go to the rirs

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00:32:38,190 --> 00:32:35,559

website RI aus org dot a you follow us

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00:32:40,859 --> 00:32:38,200

on twitter at RI oz and like us on

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00:32:59,460 --> 00:32:40,869

facebook I'm telly Amaya and we'll catch

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the skeptic magazine the journal from

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Australian skeptics subscribe online to

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the world's second oldest skeptical

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magazine visit w WC oau and click the

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00:33:20,560 --> 00:33:16,190

publication's league you can also find

751
00:33:23,680 --> 00:33:20,570
their over 30 years on back issues free

752
00:33:39,340 --> 00:33:23,690
to download the skeptic magazine from

753
00:33:45,080 --> 00:33:42,380
so here I am on skype with tattoo

754
00:33:47,900 --> 00:33:45,090
written and Marcus and Elaine skeptical

755
00:33:50,720 --> 00:33:47,910
activist from Helsinki in Finland hello

756
00:33:52,850 --> 00:33:50,730
there hello so nice hello I'm now so

757
00:33:54,800 --> 00:33:52,860
nice of you to join me hey Pancho / the

758
00:33:56,090 --> 00:33:54,810
beer so under the reason I wanted to

759
00:33:58,340 --> 00:33:56,100
talk to you is that you recently

760
00:34:00,410 --> 00:33:58,350
organized a very special event in

761
00:34:02,480 --> 00:34:00,420
Helsinki can you tell me a little bit

762
00:34:04,370 --> 00:34:02,490
about that sure I don't think I think

763
00:34:07,160 --> 00:34:04,380

you think is a we did it the first time

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00:34:09,710 --> 00:34:07,170

this time in April about a month ago and

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00:34:12,260 --> 00:34:09,720

we wanted to try a new thing where we

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00:34:14,270 --> 00:34:12,270

have a stand-up comedian scientists and

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00:34:16,820 --> 00:34:14,280

critical thinkers like James Randi on

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00:34:18,800 --> 00:34:16,830

stage for the same time this time was

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00:34:21,290 --> 00:34:18,810

three and a half hours and 750 people

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00:34:23,330 --> 00:34:21,300

were there in Helsinki and we also

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00:34:25,280 --> 00:34:23,340

streamed it live across the world in

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00:34:27,740 --> 00:34:25,290

English that that's fantastic this is

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00:34:31,640 --> 00:34:27,750

your first event right yes actually we

774

00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:31,650

have never before arranged any events so

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00:34:35,780 --> 00:34:33,720

maybe like Lucas at the first time but

776

00:34:38,540 --> 00:34:35,790

said well I have I have pretty big

777

00:34:40,520 --> 00:34:38,550

birthdays in my history but yeah I think

778

00:34:43,400 --> 00:34:40,530

that's quite impressive how did it get

779

00:34:45,740 --> 00:34:43,410

all how did he get started we were last

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00:34:48,440 --> 00:34:45,750

tune in Stockholm and watching Lewis

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00:34:50,750 --> 00:34:48,450

blacks stand up kick and after the geek

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00:34:53,210 --> 00:34:50,760

we went to the pub and had some beers

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00:34:55,100 --> 00:34:53,220

and event then maybe started thinking

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00:34:56,750 --> 00:34:55,110

that maybe someday white why don't we

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00:34:59,690 --> 00:34:56,760

bring those people in Finland in

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00:35:02,390 --> 00:34:59,700

Helsinki yeah and also that the standard

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00:35:04,790 --> 00:35:02,400

culture is very young still and still in

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00:35:07,070 --> 00:35:04,800

a in Finland and even in Scandinavia in

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00:35:08,690 --> 00:35:07,080

Europe and it we me and that'll really

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00:35:11,240 --> 00:35:08,700

enjoyed the stand-up scene and the

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00:35:13,370 --> 00:35:11,250

critical stand-up guys from America and

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00:35:14,930 --> 00:35:13,380

the UK and we were thinking why why

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00:35:16,910 --> 00:35:14,940

couldn't we those guys come more often

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00:35:18,410 --> 00:35:16,920

to Helsinki to do their thing and then

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00:35:20,150 --> 00:35:18,420

then I thought after the third

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00:35:22,430 --> 00:35:20,160

old-fashioned this maybe we should have

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00:35:24,320 --> 00:35:22,440

scientists there as well like Carl Sagan

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00:35:26,570 --> 00:35:24,330

and neil degrasse tyson fantastic but

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00:35:29,210 --> 00:35:26,580

how did you get someone like games Randy

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00:35:31,700 --> 00:35:29,220

for instance to come to your at the

801
00:35:34,970 --> 00:35:31,710
point unheard-of event it actually it's

802
00:35:37,970 --> 00:35:34,980
quite easy you take a phone or a call or

803
00:35:42,830 --> 00:35:37,980
four at an email yeah promise a lots of

804
00:35:45,050 --> 00:35:42,840
money yeah that means you had to fund it

805
00:35:47,600 --> 00:35:45,060
somehow how did you find this now it's a

806
00:35:50,810 --> 00:35:47,610
test that we fight a few sponsors and we

807
00:35:52,039 --> 00:35:50,820
try to find a lot of partners who we can

808
00:35:55,099 --> 00:35:52,049
get a good prices from

809
00:35:56,809 --> 00:35:55,109
on their services and as we've been

810
00:35:58,160 --> 00:35:56,819
doing this in terms of marketing and

811
00:36:00,439 --> 00:35:58,170
advertising and all that stuff for over

812
00:36:02,749 --> 00:36:00,449
15 years so that's something we kind of

813
00:36:04,160 --> 00:36:02,759

know better than better than other stuff

814

00:36:05,989 --> 00:36:04,170

so we weren't really rookies in this

815

00:36:08,689 --> 00:36:05,999

kind of the whole ideology of doing a

816

00:36:11,359 --> 00:36:08,699

events and how what what was the outcome

817

00:36:13,849 --> 00:36:11,369

was it a big success how did have it was

818

00:36:16,400 --> 00:36:13,859

how was it received well I mean terms of

819

00:36:19,009 --> 00:36:16,410

media for the last week I really hadn't

820

00:36:20,479 --> 00:36:19,019

planned on any media interviews or

821

00:36:22,130 --> 00:36:20,489

anything else I was planning to drive

822

00:36:24,410 --> 00:36:22,140

james randi around to a couple of

823

00:36:26,539 --> 00:36:24,420

interviews but it ended up data with me

824

00:36:30,979 --> 00:36:26,549

more than James Randi and they do Brandi

825

00:36:33,229 --> 00:36:30,989

a lot fantastic so who else was there it

826

00:36:35,539 --> 00:36:33,239

apart from games Randy we have some

827

00:36:37,549 --> 00:36:35,549

local scientists like Edith Hobart and

828

00:36:41,419 --> 00:36:37,559

sooo cute a sign in and then we have the

829

00:36:42,919 --> 00:36:41,429

from Liverpool University tarnish ears

830

00:36:45,829 --> 00:36:42,929

and obviously working at the Large

831

00:36:47,719 --> 00:36:45,839

Hadron Collider American out now that I

832

00:36:50,479 --> 00:36:47,729

think British comedian Tracy not be

833

00:36:53,269 --> 00:36:50,489

hunter yeah original D hunter is and

834

00:36:55,910 --> 00:36:53,279

it's an interesting character because as

835

00:36:57,679 --> 00:36:55,920

we all know Scandinavia and Finland are

836

00:36:59,779 --> 00:36:57,689

full of white people and this whole idea

837

00:37:02,179 --> 00:36:59,789

of you know black people and racism is

838

00:37:04,449 --> 00:37:02,189

still there and one parts of being

839

00:37:06,229 --> 00:37:04,459

critical thinker thought to have a

840

00:37:08,779 --> 00:37:06,239

retinal t hunter there who is a

841

00:37:10,819 --> 00:37:08,789

brilliant just brilliant jokes on racial

842

00:37:13,069 --> 00:37:10,829

issues because it's kind of this main

843

00:37:16,099 --> 00:37:13,079

story is doing this American black guy

844

00:37:18,289 --> 00:37:16,109

coming to Europe how is he seen here and

845

00:37:21,199 --> 00:37:18,299

how is he's kinda proach dear so where

846

00:37:22,880 --> 00:37:21,209

is this was this a one-time thing then

847

00:37:24,859 --> 00:37:22,890

you will never do it again or what's the

848

00:37:28,039 --> 00:37:24,869

plans going forward actually this is

849

00:37:31,999 --> 00:37:28,049

crow wing goes originally was planned to

850

00:37:34,160 --> 00:37:32,009

11 even annually and now it seems that

851

00:37:37,069 --> 00:37:34,170

we are going to do to eat at least two

852

00:37:39,109 --> 00:37:37,079

events every year and our next event is

853

00:37:42,079 --> 00:37:39,119

gonna parents in September of this year

854

00:37:46,099 --> 00:37:42,089

so who have you lined up for that event

855

00:37:48,410 --> 00:37:46,109

we have a doctor and a skeptic Ben

856

00:37:51,199 --> 00:37:48,420

Goldacre the writer bad pharma and bad

857

00:37:53,569 --> 00:37:51,209

science we have a son of Adam irukku the

858

00:37:55,849 --> 00:37:53,579

indian guy who was fighting against the

859

00:37:58,279 --> 00:37:55,859

Christian Church India and has now been

860

00:38:00,709 --> 00:37:58,289

in exile for two years because he can't

861

00:38:03,319 --> 00:38:00,719

go back to India he lives in Finland now

862

00:38:05,089 --> 00:38:03,329

on he does here because you know it's

863

00:38:05,920 --> 00:38:05,099

the most nice place in the world as you

864

00:38:08,799 --> 00:38:05,930

know

865

00:38:11,440 --> 00:38:08,809

I'm sure it is and we have a Robin Ince

866

00:38:13,180 --> 00:38:11,450

the is probably most known currently

867

00:38:15,609 --> 00:38:13,190

from being the other half with Brian Cox

868

00:38:18,010 --> 00:38:15,619

on the infinite monkey cage podcast and

869

00:38:19,750 --> 00:38:18,020

he's also the former writing corner of

870

00:38:22,210 --> 00:38:19,760

Ricky Gervais I think and brilliant

871

00:38:25,210 --> 00:38:22,220

comedian a very very good guy and and a

872

00:38:27,430 --> 00:38:25,220

brilliant thinker and we have a yellow

873

00:38:29,530 --> 00:38:27,440

ribbon and who is the part of micro

874

00:38:31,690 --> 00:38:29,540

particle researcher in the atmosphere

875

00:38:34,390 --> 00:38:31,700

now a professor in the university is

876

00:38:37,450 --> 00:38:34,400

calm but I think you are not you don't

877

00:38:40,059 --> 00:38:37,460

have a scientific background do you know

878

00:38:43,990 --> 00:38:40,069

maybe it's just a ordinary dudes well

879

00:38:48,130 --> 00:38:44,000

I'm a coder / salesperson / any kind of

880

00:38:51,040 --> 00:38:48,140

person / dad sorry that'll continue yeah

881

00:38:54,280 --> 00:38:51,050

my art director in marketing business

882

00:38:57,490 --> 00:38:54,290

mostly in digital but yeah but director

883

00:38:59,740 --> 00:38:57,500

so I understand also that there is an

884

00:39:02,260 --> 00:38:59,750

official national skeptics association

885

00:39:04,270 --> 00:39:02,270

in Finland called skep seas are you part

886

00:39:07,510 --> 00:39:04,280

of though them or have you started

887

00:39:10,539 --> 00:39:07,520

something separate well we are both

888

00:39:13,329 --> 00:39:10,549

members of the that society but what we

889

00:39:16,809 --> 00:39:13,339

are doing is separate thing of course we

890

00:39:19,839 --> 00:39:16,819

like to combine all the skeptics in

891

00:39:22,839 --> 00:39:19,849

Finland and cooperate with them but so

892

00:39:26,559 --> 00:39:22,849

we are not only doing this for a skeptic

893

00:39:28,299 --> 00:39:26,569

society you have arranged one big event

894

00:39:31,150 --> 00:39:28,309

you have another one coming in in

895

00:39:34,000 --> 00:39:31,160

September what is the future for you too

896

00:39:35,589 --> 00:39:34,010

well we have to make we have to pay for

897

00:39:37,900 --> 00:39:35,599

all of this eventually so we probably

898

00:39:39,670 --> 00:39:37,910

have to grow the event or do a tour kind

899

00:39:42,430 --> 00:39:39,680

of thing with its already been asked and

900

00:39:44,500 --> 00:39:42,440

it's it's kind of been a solution for a

901
00:39:47,170 --> 00:39:44,510
long time already if we're bringing

902
00:39:48,789 --> 00:39:47,180
these awesome speakers performers here

903
00:39:50,980 --> 00:39:48,799
just in Finland in Finland this is

904
00:39:53,079 --> 00:39:50,990
rather small city and the biggest venue

905
00:39:55,539 --> 00:39:53,089
is like 1400 people I mean apart from a

906
00:39:58,270 --> 00:39:55,549
hockey arena but we're not going to feel

907
00:40:00,730 --> 00:39:58,280
14,000 people and we don't really want

908
00:40:04,059 --> 00:40:00,740
we want more you know nice atmosphere so

909
00:40:05,319 --> 00:40:04,069
going to say Sweden or Denmark or Norway

910
00:40:07,390 --> 00:40:05,329
because they're close by and very

911
00:40:08,829 --> 00:40:07,400
similar culture so that's an interesting

912
00:40:11,980 --> 00:40:08,839
idea where we're toying with at the

913
00:40:13,780 --> 00:40:11,990

moment alright so how is the situation

914

00:40:17,530 --> 00:40:13,790

in Finland can you give me some examples

915

00:40:18,840 --> 00:40:17,540

of prominent pseudoscience or other whoo

916

00:40:21,330 --> 00:40:18,850

in Finland

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00:40:25,230 --> 00:40:21,340

so the science has been getting so much

918

00:40:28,110 --> 00:40:25,240

attention in media in late last few

919

00:40:31,890 --> 00:40:28,120

years we have this a unicorn healers and

920

00:40:35,280 --> 00:40:31,900

say angel therapists getting old at the

921

00:40:37,170 --> 00:40:35,290

attention in media answer and so we now

922

00:40:39,330 --> 00:40:37,180

have the million dollars from from Randy

923

00:40:41,460 --> 00:40:39,340

in finish and we can do the kind of

924

00:40:43,500 --> 00:40:41,470

initial screening in Finland and then

925

00:40:45,720 --> 00:40:43,510

send them forward because we wanted to

926
00:40:47,670 --> 00:40:45,730
really show how lazy the journalists can

927
00:40:50,640 --> 00:40:47,680
be when it when it's in the topic is

928
00:40:53,310 --> 00:40:50,650
about alternative hand quotation

929
00:40:55,350 --> 00:40:53,320
treatments I think in Sweden a lot of

930
00:40:58,530 --> 00:40:55,360
the time when i switch on the television

931
00:41:02,090 --> 00:40:58,540
i do see a lot of whoo is that the same

932
00:41:05,820 --> 00:41:02,100
in Finland I mean about you know like

933
00:41:07,730 --> 00:41:05,830
psychic shows like haunted houses and

934
00:41:10,770 --> 00:41:07,740
stuff is that also prominent in Finland

935
00:41:14,940 --> 00:41:10,780
yes we have those TV shows but small

936
00:41:17,280 --> 00:41:14,950
it's more like a papers are doing and

937
00:41:19,890 --> 00:41:17,290
newspapers are doing articles without

938
00:41:23,370 --> 00:41:19,900

critical response or thinking about

939

00:41:26,940 --> 00:41:23,380

those people like a ghost hunter or so

940

00:41:28,500 --> 00:41:26,950

like I said angel therapists what's an

941

00:41:30,810 --> 00:41:28,510

angel therapist this is somebody who

942

00:41:32,220 --> 00:41:30,820

heals angels I don't know it's some

943

00:41:34,470 --> 00:41:32,230

something like that you get power from

944

00:41:37,620 --> 00:41:34,480

angels on some kind of out star power

945

00:41:39,750 --> 00:41:37,630

and you heal people people and I think

946

00:41:42,210 --> 00:41:39,760

the booter with mediums their mediums

947

00:41:44,580 --> 00:41:42,220

that conveyed the power and light of

948

00:41:47,490 --> 00:41:44,590

healing light of angels into your life

949

00:41:50,250 --> 00:41:47,500

and soul and I that's okay you can do

950

00:41:52,350 --> 00:41:50,260

that if you want as a hobby but when

951
00:41:54,000 --> 00:41:52,360
you're sailing services like that then

952
00:41:56,010 --> 00:41:54,010
you're doing is some kind of this

953
00:41:59,190 --> 00:41:56,020
service for other people who are in need

954
00:42:02,730 --> 00:41:59,200
oh yes and I do agree yeah and we've had

955
00:42:04,350 --> 00:42:02,740
big things like there's 11 famous one of

956
00:42:07,470 --> 00:42:04,360
famous he's a finished dancer kind like

957
00:42:09,210 --> 00:42:07,480
ass male stripper who called who who who

958
00:42:11,100 --> 00:42:09,220
was who was found to have cancer and

959
00:42:15,390 --> 00:42:11,110
instead of taking the proper treatment

960
00:42:17,220 --> 00:42:15,400
he decided to do it or natural and so we

961
00:42:19,350 --> 00:42:17,230
had the one of the biggest tabloids in

962
00:42:21,600 --> 00:42:19,360
Finland right ahead in line saying that

963
00:42:23,910 --> 00:42:21,610

he's he's cure for cancer alternative

964

00:42:25,890 --> 00:42:23,920

treatments are actually affecting him

965

00:42:28,200 --> 00:42:25,900

put in a positive way and as soon as you

966

00:42:29,760 --> 00:42:28,210

read the ingress of that article you see

967

00:42:31,950 --> 00:42:29,770

that he hasn't been to a doctor the

968

00:42:32,200 --> 00:42:31,960

media is still saying that that he's

969

00:42:34,390 --> 00:42:32,210

been

970

00:42:37,030 --> 00:42:34,400

yield on these things and if people just

971

00:42:38,170 --> 00:42:37,040

leave you know read the headline someone

972

00:42:41,109 --> 00:42:38,180

might think that hey I don't need to

973

00:42:43,210 --> 00:42:41,119

take I'll just eat sunlight now that's

974

00:42:46,300 --> 00:42:43,220

very very dangerous night when it gets

975

00:42:48,040 --> 00:42:46,310

credibility because famous people speak

976

00:42:49,990 --> 00:42:48,050

out like that how about the

977

00:42:53,290 --> 00:42:50,000

anti-vaccination movement do you have

978

00:42:55,660 --> 00:42:53,300

that in Finland as well yeah about

979

00:42:57,339 --> 00:42:55,670

everywhere there's a yoga yoga hole or

980

00:42:59,829 --> 00:42:57,349

whatever temple they call it there are

981

00:43:01,510 --> 00:42:59,839

some people right it's this kind of like

982

00:43:02,740 --> 00:43:01,520

I think it's the same all around the

983

00:43:06,280 --> 00:43:02,750

world at the moment you have a lot of

984

00:43:08,050 --> 00:43:06,290

these organic hippies yeah afraid of big

985

00:43:09,790 --> 00:43:08,060

farm and then you know be ready to kill

986

00:43:11,500 --> 00:43:09,800

every one they have trained snipers

987

00:43:13,240 --> 00:43:11,510

aimed at the head all the time and

988

00:43:15,370 --> 00:43:13,250

they're just paranoid they're like the

989

00:43:18,730 --> 00:43:15,380

lone Ranger's index files yeah all

990

00:43:19,990 --> 00:43:18,740

hippies are organic I think yeah I don't

991

00:43:23,950 --> 00:43:20,000

eat any of them but I trust your

992

00:43:26,589 --> 00:43:23,960

judgment on this pond so is there any

993

00:43:29,050 --> 00:43:26,599

any any pet hate you have any anything

994

00:43:32,200 --> 00:43:29,060

that really markers if you had to choose

995

00:43:35,109 --> 00:43:32,210

one that you would eradicate from

996

00:43:37,480 --> 00:43:35,119

Finland what would what would that be I

997

00:43:39,280 --> 00:43:37,490

think those I mean anti-vaxxers

998

00:43:42,160 --> 00:43:39,290

anti-vaxxers probably because as a

999

00:43:45,400 --> 00:43:42,170

father of two myself and it's definitely

1000

00:43:47,859 --> 00:43:45,410

something to bring back diseases very

1001
00:43:50,440 --> 00:43:47,869
very dangerous diseases that we kind of

1002
00:43:51,849 --> 00:43:50,450
have managed to get a get rid of to

1003
00:43:54,970 --> 00:43:51,859
bring them back just because you're

1004
00:43:57,250 --> 00:43:54,980
scared of what the TV says that's just

1005
00:44:00,040 --> 00:43:57,260
wrong it's just there's no way no no

1006
00:44:03,370 --> 00:44:00,050
reason behind that tattoo do you have

1007
00:44:05,680 --> 00:44:03,380
one yes I do well it's a religion

1008
00:44:09,220 --> 00:44:05,690
because I would like to get rid of it

1009
00:44:12,190 --> 00:44:09,230
but of course I understand their peoples

1010
00:44:15,579 --> 00:44:12,200
need for religion and exact it actually

1011
00:44:18,339 --> 00:44:15,589
fascinates me but still I would like to

1012
00:44:20,079 --> 00:44:18,349
get rid of it I have a special question

1013
00:44:21,849 --> 00:44:20,089

here this is a little bit of the point

1014

00:44:25,000 --> 00:44:21,859

here but there is a question from

1015

00:44:30,130 --> 00:44:25,010

Richard Saunders is Finland a part of

1016

00:44:32,500 --> 00:44:30,140

Scandinavia or not oh no is that a new

1017

00:44:34,750 --> 00:44:32,510

kind of pseudoscience can there there

1018

00:44:37,720 --> 00:44:34,760

are a lot of ABBA fans who like to say

1019

00:44:39,820 --> 00:44:37,730

we're a part of part of Sweden and

1020

00:44:41,410 --> 00:44:39,830

Scandinavia but I mean I think it comes

1021

00:44:43,480 --> 00:44:41,420

from because finland was under very

1022

00:44:45,520 --> 00:44:43,490

tyrannical swedish rule for almost six

1023

00:44:48,160 --> 00:44:45,530

hundred years I bet you forgive

1024

00:44:49,840 --> 00:44:48,170

and also that now no no sugar we have

1025

00:44:54,610 --> 00:44:49,850

yeah sure come by and we'll show you how

1026

00:44:56,470 --> 00:44:54,620

much we're giving you yes I don't know I

1027

00:44:59,620 --> 00:44:56,480

don't know maybe maybe we'll still have

1028

00:45:02,140 --> 00:44:59,630

to just file that under not we haven't

1029

00:45:04,780 --> 00:45:02,150

really figured that out yet Ill can tell

1030

00:45:06,700 --> 00:45:04,790

mr. Saunders ask someone who knows don't

1031

00:45:08,410 --> 00:45:06,710

have a guy who's being interviewed by

1032

00:45:11,260 --> 00:45:08,420

another guy who doesn't know not

1033

00:45:14,530 --> 00:45:11,270

prompted dudes yeah up to that point

1034

00:45:16,870 --> 00:45:14,540

fair point fair point so if anybody

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00:45:21,100 --> 00:45:16,880

wants to know more about your think

1036

00:45:23,500 --> 00:45:21,110

Helsinki think activities or the finish

1037

00:45:25,210 --> 00:45:23,510

yep t'kul movement at all where can they

1038

00:45:27,190 --> 00:45:25,220

go and find out more you can go to

1039

00:45:30,400 --> 00:45:27,200

double ww think he'll sink you think

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00:45:32,830 --> 00:45:30,410

calm and subscribe for more and sep

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00:45:35,760 --> 00:45:32,840

tember forth our next event is coming

1042

00:45:39,190 --> 00:45:35,770

it's going to be starting at five thirty

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00:45:40,840 --> 00:45:39,200

eet which is gmt + 2 and it's going to

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00:45:42,970 --> 00:45:40,850

be streamed live across the world and

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00:45:44,680 --> 00:45:42,980

it's going to be all in English so come

1046

00:45:46,270 --> 00:45:44,690

and join us to fellow readers and

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00:45:48,790 --> 00:45:46,280

subscribers we have a very active

1048

00:45:50,950 --> 00:45:48,800

Facebook group and showing the

1049

00:45:52,690 --> 00:45:50,960

conversation these customs and that the

1050

00:45:55,540 --> 00:45:52,700

name of the facebook group is think

1051
00:45:57,130 --> 00:45:55,550
Helsinki think I admire yes and you can

1052
00:45:59,470 --> 00:45:57,140
find all the links to everything we do

1053
00:46:03,760 --> 00:45:59,480
whatever media rights from us on our

1054
00:46:05,080 --> 00:46:03,770
website okay very very good is there

1055
00:46:09,090 --> 00:46:05,090
anything else you'd like to mention

1056
00:46:12,250 --> 00:46:09,100
before we finish this no bite you guys

1057
00:46:13,900 --> 00:46:12,260
particular yeah okay come to Finland

1058
00:46:15,520 --> 00:46:13,910
it's awesome and if there's any

1059
00:46:17,500 --> 00:46:15,530
Australian listeners out there's on this

1060
00:46:19,660 --> 00:46:17,510
podcast the app the official after party

1061
00:46:23,470 --> 00:46:19,670
is run by the wool shed pub which is run

1062
00:46:26,650 --> 00:46:23,480
by Ozzy's oh very hung by my I will do

1063
00:46:29,230 --> 00:46:26,660

my best I will do my best absolutely ok

1064

00:46:31,780 --> 00:46:29,240

tato written and Marcus and Elaine thank

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00:46:34,690 --> 00:46:31,790

you very much and good luck with your

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00:46:49,960 --> 00:46:34,700

next events like some a few photos thank

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00:46:55,040 --> 00:46:52,550

are you annoyed by misinformation

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00:46:56,900 --> 00:46:55,050

spreading like crazy and you want to

1069

00:47:00,710 --> 00:46:56,910

stop the flood of nonsense coming from

1070

00:47:03,560 --> 00:47:00,720

all directions go to Wikipedia as do all

1071

00:47:05,270 --> 00:47:03,570

those millions out there did you know

1072

00:47:07,849 --> 00:47:05,280

there's an edit button on all wikipedia

1073

00:47:09,440 --> 00:47:07,859

articles why don't you go and hit that

1074

00:47:11,870 --> 00:47:09,450

button to start making the world's

1075

00:47:14,960 --> 00:47:11,880

largest online encyclopedia a more

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