

**THE  
SKEPTIC  
ZONE  
PODCAST**

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00:00:09,100 --> 00:00:05,980

[Music]

2  
00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:09,110

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

3  
00:00:13,910 --> 00:00:11,840

from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:16,850 --> 00:00:13,920

[Music]

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00:00:22,630 --> 00:00:16,860

[Applause]

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00:00:25,400 --> 00:00:22,640

[Music]

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00:00:30,250 --> 00:00:25,410

hello and welcome to the skeptic Zone

8  
00:00:32,890 --> 00:00:30,260

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9  
00:00:36,560 --> 00:00:32,900

richardsaunders here with you from a

10  
00:00:38,990 --> 00:00:36,570

delightful warm sunny Sydney Australia

11  
00:00:46,210 --> 00:00:39,000

beside me here on the mixing desk is

12  
00:00:52,250 --> 00:00:48,890

she is a just sort of lying there

13  
00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:52,260

helping me pointing things out operating

14

00:00:56,750 --> 00:00:53,760

the levels this week aren't you

15

00:00:59,240 --> 00:00:56,760

Henrietta mmm-hmm coming up on this

16

00:01:00,549 --> 00:00:59,250

week's skeptic zone we're going to kick

17

00:01:03,530 --> 00:01:00,559

off with an interview with an old

18

00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:03,540

skeptical buddy of mine Ben Radford all

19

00:01:08,960 --> 00:01:06,720

the way from Albuquerque New Mexico Ben

20

00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:08,970

has a new podcast yes there's a new

21

00:01:17,029 --> 00:01:13,680

skeptical podcast in town squaring the

22

00:01:20,240 --> 00:01:17,039

strange and when it comes to skeptical

23

00:01:23,120 --> 00:01:20,250

experience hands-on investigation Ben

24

00:01:25,790 --> 00:01:23,130

Radford is your man he brings a wealth

25

00:01:27,889 --> 00:01:25,800

of knowledge to the podcast two brand

26  
00:01:29,449 --> 00:01:27,899  
new podcasts only a few episodes out so

27  
00:01:33,080 --> 00:01:29,459  
far we're going to find out all about it

28  
00:01:35,690 --> 00:01:33,090  
and about Ben's next book about ghost

29  
00:01:37,850 --> 00:01:35,700  
hunting from a skeptical point of view

30  
00:01:40,370 --> 00:01:37,860  
that's Ben Radford to kick off this

31  
00:01:42,980 --> 00:01:40,380  
week's skeptic zone following that it's

32  
00:01:46,580 --> 00:01:42,990  
brouhaha science from Australia science

33  
00:01:48,800 --> 00:01:46,590  
TV with Kelly Wong this week Kelly is

34  
00:01:52,100 --> 00:01:48,810  
going to be telling us about the um some

35  
00:01:54,889 --> 00:01:52,110  
of you may have seen this a lamb a lamb

36  
00:01:59,120 --> 00:01:54,899  
growing in a faker or an artificial like

37  
00:02:02,169 --> 00:01:59,130  
uterus Wow interesting stuff and what

38  
00:02:04,430 --> 00:02:02,179

are the potential repercussions or

39

00:02:07,190 --> 00:02:04,440

advantages for premature babies

40

00:02:10,040 --> 00:02:07,200

that's brouhaha coming up a bit later on

41

00:02:13,100 --> 00:02:10,050

then a slightly different sort of report

42

00:02:15,470 --> 00:02:13,110

we're going to be diving diving into the

43

00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:15,480

archives of The Sydney Morning Herald

44

00:02:22,520 --> 00:02:19,680

newspaper now it's really it's really

45

00:02:25,010 --> 00:02:22,530

fantastic that these things slowly bit

46

00:02:27,289 --> 00:02:25,020

by better being digitized and are

47

00:02:30,709 --> 00:02:27,299

searchable and we're going to be looking

48

00:02:31,520 --> 00:02:30,719

at some of the comments and reviews made

49

00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:31,530

about Jane

50

00:02:37,400 --> 00:02:35,040

Randi's visit here in the year 1980

51  
00:02:40,130 --> 00:02:37,410  
where he conducted a series of very

52  
00:02:42,530 --> 00:02:40,140  
famous water dividing tests and was also

53  
00:02:46,309 --> 00:02:42,540  
kicked off the chat show the Don Lane

54  
00:02:48,500 --> 00:02:46,319  
show where the host Don Lane who also

55  
00:02:51,830 --> 00:02:48,510  
had on his show at various times people

56  
00:02:55,390 --> 00:02:51,840  
like arugula and the long since deceased

57  
00:02:58,190 --> 00:02:55,400  
ur so-called medium Doris Stokes

58  
00:03:00,410 --> 00:02:58,200  
well when Randy came on Don Lane got

59  
00:03:03,020 --> 00:03:00,420  
very annoyed and kicked him off so that

60  
00:03:04,580 --> 00:03:03,030  
sort of mixed up - in all these reviews

61  
00:03:07,190 --> 00:03:04,590  
and in fact we're going to be playing an

62  
00:03:11,090 --> 00:03:07,200  
audio clip of a news report of the time

63  
00:03:14,650 --> 00:03:11,100

made that the day after James Randi was

64  
00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:14,660  
kicked off the Don Lane show so news and

65  
00:03:20,509 --> 00:03:18,000  
reviews from 1980 coming up a bit later

66  
00:03:22,610 --> 00:03:20,519  
on in the show then to round off the

67  
00:03:24,590 --> 00:03:22,620  
show we catch up with Maynard and Tim

68  
00:03:27,229 --> 00:03:24,600  
Ferguson the award-winning Maynard and

69  
00:03:28,640 --> 00:03:27,239  
Tim Ferguson and we're going to find out

70  
00:03:32,540 --> 00:03:28,650  
what they've been up to since winning

71  
00:03:35,150 --> 00:03:32,550  
the Castaway podcast Awards a few weeks

72  
00:03:38,000 --> 00:03:35,160  
ago and listeners will remember that we

73  
00:03:40,400 --> 00:03:38,010  
played a clip of um may not accepting

74  
00:03:41,690 --> 00:03:40,410  
the the prize there the first prize the

75  
00:03:44,539 --> 00:03:41,700  
winning prize I don't know what you say

76

00:03:46,640 --> 00:03:44,549

the winner is for his planet may not

77

00:03:48,860 --> 00:03:46,650

podcasts including bunga bunga so we

78

00:03:50,690 --> 00:03:48,870

have a fun chat with Maynard and Tim

79

00:03:53,210 --> 00:03:50,700

Ferguson to round off this week's

80

00:03:54,830 --> 00:03:53,220

episode now I'm quite excited I think

81

00:03:55,220 --> 00:03:54,840

I've got all my little ducks lined up so

82

00:03:59,090 --> 00:03:55,230

to speak

83

00:04:00,680 --> 00:03:59,100

looks like I'm off to New York a bit

84

00:04:02,330 --> 00:04:00,690

later on in the year to attend the

85

00:04:04,610 --> 00:04:02,340

Northeast Conference of science and

86

00:04:07,610 --> 00:04:04,620

skepticism with my friends like that

87

00:04:09,319 --> 00:04:07,620

skeptics guide to the universe and lots

88

00:04:12,319 --> 00:04:09,329

of friends I've made over the years I

89

00:04:13,940 --> 00:04:12,329

hope that I can contribute when I'm

90

00:04:16,009 --> 00:04:13,950

there in some small way to the

91

00:04:17,659 --> 00:04:16,019

convention as a whole but really I'm

92

00:04:19,940 --> 00:04:17,669

going there to be just part of the fun

93

00:04:22,069 --> 00:04:19,950

and the interest see James Randi

94

00:04:23,600 --> 00:04:22,079

interviewed James Randi why not in fact

95

00:04:26,060 --> 00:04:23,610

I might be interviewing James Randi

96

00:04:28,460 --> 00:04:26,070

before then I'm trying to I'm chasing

97

00:04:30,740 --> 00:04:28,470

him on the Internet at the moment where

98

00:04:32,630 --> 00:04:30,750

we're sort of the old classic tag

99

00:04:33,980 --> 00:04:32,640

calling tag team calling whether they

100

00:04:35,240 --> 00:04:33,990

call it where you call somebody and they

101  
00:04:37,490 --> 00:04:35,250  
call you back but you missed the call

102  
00:04:39,200 --> 00:04:37,500  
and you call it anyway it'll be great to

103  
00:04:41,120 --> 00:04:39,210  
see all those people once again and

104  
00:04:42,890 --> 00:04:41,130  
hopefully in my own small way contribute

105  
00:04:44,870 --> 00:04:42,900  
to the fun of

106  
00:04:49,850 --> 00:04:44,880  
that convention more about that coming

107  
00:04:52,670 --> 00:04:49,860  
up and I'll be obviously I guess

108  
00:04:56,120 --> 00:04:52,680  
promoting that as I do any skeptical

109  
00:05:00,500 --> 00:04:56,130  
convention now if you're in Sydney this

110  
00:05:03,110 --> 00:05:00,510  
week this Thursday at the Occidental

111  
00:05:05,300 --> 00:05:03,120  
hotel near Wynyard it's skeptics in the

112  
00:05:09,670 --> 00:05:05,310  
pub and this week promises to be very

113  
00:05:12,080 --> 00:05:09,680

interesting the guest is a chiropractor

114

00:05:14,810 --> 00:05:12,090

hmm going to be telling us all about

115

00:05:16,760 --> 00:05:14,820

chiropractic this should make very

116

00:05:19,340 --> 00:05:16,770

interesting night I'll put a link on the

117

00:05:19,790 --> 00:05:19,350

show notes if you are in Sydney Thursday

118

00:05:22,100 --> 00:05:19,800

night

119

00:05:26,300 --> 00:05:22,110

free for all just come along at the

120

00:05:29,630 --> 00:05:26,310

Occidental new winded station but now

121

00:05:32,260 --> 00:05:29,640

it's time for me to kick Henriette the

122

00:05:35,060 --> 00:05:32,270

cat off the mixing desk now she's gone

123

00:05:37,910 --> 00:05:35,070

cats do that they suddenly disappear and

124

00:05:40,820 --> 00:05:37,920

they suddenly reappear so for me to then

125

00:05:44,960 --> 00:05:40,830

run downstairs have a look on the oven

126

00:05:47,930 --> 00:05:44,970

and see if I have some vegetable soup

127

00:05:50,270 --> 00:05:47,940

left simmering away vegetable soup oldie

128

00:05:52,370 --> 00:05:50,280

but a goodie with a bit of toast a bit

129

00:05:55,340 --> 00:05:52,380

of um sourdough that's my favourite

130

00:05:59,690 --> 00:05:55,350

bread lovely toasty sourdough cut that

131

00:06:02,120 --> 00:05:59,700

up into strips and sort of dunk that

132

00:06:03,590 --> 00:06:02,130

into the vegetable soup mmm sounds

133

00:06:08,170 --> 00:06:03,600

pretty good to me while I'm enjoying

134

00:06:30,559 --> 00:06:08,180

that I hope you enjoy the skeptic zone

135

00:06:35,820 --> 00:06:33,629

and joining me now all the way from that

136

00:06:37,739 --> 00:06:35,830

famous spot made famous of course by

137

00:06:39,959 --> 00:06:37,749

Bugs Bunny where he should have turned

138

00:06:43,309 --> 00:06:39,969

left from Albuquerque New Mexico

139

00:06:47,459 --> 00:06:43,319

it's my old skeptical friend and comrade

140

00:06:49,769 --> 00:06:47,469

in investigations Ben Radford hello Ben

141

00:06:51,330 --> 00:06:49,779

hello the rich are great to talk to you

142

00:06:52,709 --> 00:06:51,340

yes it's been a little while since

143

00:06:54,240 --> 00:06:52,719

you've been on the skipping zone I'm

144

00:06:56,369 --> 00:06:54,250

going to kick off straight away folks by

145

00:06:58,860 --> 00:06:56,379

saying that I'm really cutting my own

146

00:07:00,480 --> 00:06:58,870

throat here you know in talking to Ben

147

00:07:04,110 --> 00:07:00,490

because we're going to be promoting his

148

00:07:05,790 --> 00:07:04,120

new skeptical podcast which will

149

00:07:09,379 --> 00:07:05,800

probably take all the listeners away

150

00:07:11,670 --> 00:07:09,389

from me well I don't know about that

151  
00:07:13,200 --> 00:07:11,680  
there there's there's there's more than

152  
00:07:14,939 --> 00:07:13,210  
enough hours in the day to listen to

153  
00:07:16,170 --> 00:07:14,949  
everybody well I certainly hope so but

154  
00:07:18,480 --> 00:07:16,180  
if they had to go somewhere I'd be

155  
00:07:21,450 --> 00:07:18,490  
pleased if they go to your new podcast

156  
00:07:23,309 --> 00:07:21,460  
it's called squaring the strange I'm

157  
00:07:27,059 --> 00:07:23,319  
just looking at the website now which is

158  
00:07:28,709 --> 00:07:27,069  
squaring the strange WordPress comment

159  
00:07:30,779 --> 00:07:28,719  
is certainly a link to coming up in the

160  
00:07:33,389 --> 00:07:30,789  
show notes what an impressive looking

161  
00:07:35,279 --> 00:07:33,399  
website it is my goodness me I'll have

162  
00:07:37,200 --> 00:07:35,289  
to revamp my website after looking at

163  
00:07:39,450 --> 00:07:37,210

this website please tell me all about

164

00:07:43,260 --> 00:07:39,460

this new podcast and tell me about your

165

00:07:44,600 --> 00:07:43,270

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

166

00:07:47,790 --> 00:07:44,610

pretty excited about it

167

00:07:50,070 --> 00:07:47,800

my co-host is a guy named Pasquale

168

00:07:54,689 --> 00:07:50,080

romero who I've known for several years

169

00:07:57,420 --> 00:07:54,699

and he's also a podcast veteran he was

170

00:08:00,450 --> 00:07:57,430

on several podcasts including a podcast

171

00:08:03,920 --> 00:08:00,460

called 60 miles to hell and several

172

00:08:07,559 --> 00:08:03,930

others he's a musician entertainer and

173

00:08:10,170 --> 00:08:07,569

down-home homegrown skeptic he's from

174

00:08:13,139 --> 00:08:10,180

here in New Mexico and so we just sort

175

00:08:15,260 --> 00:08:13,149

of crossed paths and we both of course

176

00:08:19,320 --> 00:08:15,270

had an interest in skepticism and and

177

00:08:21,809 --> 00:08:19,330

and you know I I had ever since I left

178

00:08:24,360 --> 00:08:21,819

monster talk a few years ago I'd had

179

00:08:26,670 --> 00:08:24,370

people encouraging me to sort of get

180

00:08:28,590 --> 00:08:26,680

back into the podcasting and and you

181

00:08:30,630 --> 00:08:28,600

know I mean I enjoyed it but

182

00:08:34,500 --> 00:08:30,640

it was just if just a lot of work and

183

00:08:36,690 --> 00:08:34,510

and and to be frank I'm not I'm not that

184

00:08:38,159 --> 00:08:36,700

that smart in terms of tech-savvy I

185

00:08:42,780 --> 00:08:38,169

don't I don't really have the production

186

00:08:45,480 --> 00:08:42,790

skills and on monster talk that mostly

187

00:08:47,880 --> 00:08:45,490

left to was left to Blake Smith and in

188

00:08:50,100 --> 00:08:47,890

this particular case my co-host Pasquale

189

00:08:52,950 --> 00:08:50,110

has extensive production skills and so

190

00:08:55,350 --> 00:08:52,960

the the arrangement that we have is the

191

00:08:57,300 --> 00:08:55,360

he'll he'll take care of the heavy

192

00:08:58,950 --> 00:08:57,310

lifting and I'll I'll take care of the

193

00:09:01,410 --> 00:08:58,960

other stuff and together we make a

194

00:09:02,910 --> 00:09:01,420

pretty good team and it looks like it

195

00:09:06,270 --> 00:09:02,920

folks when you look at the website there

196

00:09:09,960 --> 00:09:06,280

is a wonderful caricature of you both in

197

00:09:11,550 --> 00:09:09,970

fact is the huge banner done in a green

198

00:09:13,440 --> 00:09:11,560

sort of mysterious and you've got

199

00:09:14,670 --> 00:09:13,450

monsters behind you and know there's

200

00:09:18,600 --> 00:09:14,680

Loch Ness monster I can see in the

201  
00:09:20,460 --> 00:09:18,610  
Bigfoot UFOs and a clown listen before

202  
00:09:23,640 --> 00:09:20,470  
we go any further what's what's the

203  
00:09:27,210 --> 00:09:23,650  
latest on these Wiis scary evil bad

204  
00:09:28,950 --> 00:09:27,220  
clowns have they gone away late yeah

205  
00:09:31,950 --> 00:09:28,960  
that they're they're still around in a

206  
00:09:34,220 --> 00:09:31,960  
bit it was on it as you know about a

207  
00:09:38,790 --> 00:09:34,230  
year ago in fact year ago this month um

208  
00:09:40,920 --> 00:09:38,800  
my book bad clowns came out yeah on

209  
00:09:45,500 --> 00:09:40,930  
April Fool's Day actually no foolin and

210  
00:09:48,930 --> 00:09:45,510  
uh and within about six months um I

211  
00:09:51,510 --> 00:09:48,940  
despite despite sideways glances to the

212  
00:09:53,760 --> 00:09:51,520  
contrary I was not behind the creepy

213  
00:09:56,430 --> 00:09:53,770

clown scares it the circulated around

214

00:09:59,940 --> 00:09:56,440

the world despite what some skeptics may

215

00:10:01,260 --> 00:09:59,950

think but yeah it was very very odd

216

00:10:04,020 --> 00:10:01,270

because you know they're right around

217

00:10:06,150 --> 00:10:04,030

Halloween in a bit after you know there

218

00:10:08,190 --> 00:10:06,160

are these creepy clown scares across the

219

00:10:10,290 --> 00:10:08,200

states and in fact you know around the

220

00:10:12,720 --> 00:10:10,300

world tonight there were even some in

221

00:10:15,330 --> 00:10:12,730

Sydney and I was I was on yes radio

222

00:10:19,230 --> 00:10:15,340

station there as well yeah just

223

00:10:22,170 --> 00:10:19,240

everywhere so it faded away mostly soon

224

00:10:23,730 --> 00:10:22,180

after Halloween however um there's still

225

00:10:25,920 --> 00:10:23,740

a couple trickling 's every now and then

226

00:10:28,140 --> 00:10:25,930

because I have a Google Alerts news

227

00:10:30,900 --> 00:10:28,150

alert for clowns you know as one does

228

00:10:33,060 --> 00:10:30,910

and I would say you know about twice a

229

00:10:35,550 --> 00:10:33,070

month or some sort of weird clown story

230

00:10:38,250 --> 00:10:35,560

comes up and that's especially true

231

00:10:39,450 --> 00:10:38,260

these days because there's a film remake

232

00:10:41,380 --> 00:10:39,460

of Stephen King's it

233

00:10:43,900 --> 00:10:41,390

ah

234

00:10:46,300 --> 00:10:43,910

had his famous Pennywise the clown

235

00:10:50,290 --> 00:10:46,310

originally portrayed in the TV

236

00:10:52,150 --> 00:10:50,300

mini-series by Tim Tim Curry so that is

237

00:10:55,000 --> 00:10:52,160

that's soon to be out and that will of

238

00:10:57,100 --> 00:10:55,010

course that will of course a promote and

239

00:11:00,250 --> 00:10:57,110

provoke interest in in evil clowns once

240

00:11:03,610 --> 00:11:00,260

again yes I will remember you being on

241

00:11:05,830 --> 00:11:03,620

Sydney radio it eludes me it was

242

00:11:07,990 --> 00:11:05,840

sometime last year when this was all a

243

00:11:09,340 --> 00:11:08,000

craze and I think you and I had a chat

244

00:11:11,590 --> 00:11:09,350

at the time and we were saying that

245

00:11:13,960 --> 00:11:11,600

these things come and go it can't be too

246

00:11:15,760 --> 00:11:13,970

long before everybody forgets about evil

247

00:11:20,710 --> 00:11:15,770

clowns and starts concentrating on the

248

00:11:22,420 --> 00:11:20,720

next fad or craze yes definitely uh and

249

00:11:23,950 --> 00:11:22,430

you know and that's pretty much what

250

00:11:28,510 --> 00:11:23,960

happened after Halloween is sort of

251  
00:11:30,580 --> 00:11:28,520  
faded away although you know as I wrote

252  
00:11:32,680 --> 00:11:30,590  
in my in my book you know some of these

253  
00:11:35,620 --> 00:11:32,690  
clown scares they're they're the

254  
00:11:37,060 --> 00:11:35,630  
recurring events and so uh you know that

255  
00:11:39,340 --> 00:11:37,070  
the fact is that we have not seen the

256  
00:11:41,590 --> 00:11:39,350  
last of these evil clowns I guarantee

257  
00:11:44,080 --> 00:11:41,600  
you that this next Halloween there will

258  
00:11:46,420 --> 00:11:44,090  
be there will be at least a few

259  
00:11:49,120 --> 00:11:46,430  
sightings of scary clowns just sort of

260  
00:11:50,800 --> 00:11:49,130  
in typical copycat fashion and I don't

261  
00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:50,810  
think it'll be anything remotely

262  
00:11:54,940 --> 00:11:52,880  
approaching what we saw last year but

263  
00:11:56,620 --> 00:11:54,950

you know people being what they are and

264

00:11:58,660 --> 00:11:56,630

people enjoying attention as much as

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00:12:01,420 --> 00:11:58,670

they do there sure enough they're sure

266

00:12:03,220 --> 00:12:01,430

to be a few miscreants out there who are

267

00:12:04,630 --> 00:12:03,230

happy to Don the greasepaint and scare

268

00:12:06,430 --> 00:12:04,640

people I'm sure that's going to be

269

00:12:09,540 --> 00:12:06,440

happening in fact I think I'm that's

270

00:12:12,070 --> 00:12:09,550

what I'm lined up for later tonight

271

00:12:15,250 --> 00:12:12,080

bring the craze back now let's get back

272

00:12:16,930 --> 00:12:15,260

to this podcast so I just having a quick

273

00:12:19,660 --> 00:12:16,940

look again at the site I notice you have

274

00:12:22,120 --> 00:12:19,670

three episodes out already first episode

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00:12:24,610 --> 00:12:22,130

hi hello hoaxes second episode what we

276

00:12:27,940 --> 00:12:24,620

are skeptical about and the third one

277

00:12:29,890 --> 00:12:27,950

psychic so are you intending to more or

278

00:12:32,500 --> 00:12:29,900

less stick to the tried and true

279

00:12:35,500 --> 00:12:32,510

skeptical themes or are you going to

280

00:12:36,940 --> 00:12:35,510

look further afield well you know that

281

00:12:38,560 --> 00:12:36,950

that's an interesting question you know

282

00:12:41,800 --> 00:12:38,570

when I when we're talking about doing

283

00:12:44,860 --> 00:12:41,810

the podcast you know I was very aware

284

00:12:46,810 --> 00:12:44,870

that there's you know there's four

285

00:12:49,090 --> 00:12:46,820

honestly there's too many podcasts and I

286

00:12:51,280 --> 00:12:49,100

I don't mean that in a bad way there's

287

00:12:54,130 --> 00:12:51,290

just there's just such a wide variety in

288

00:12:54,860 --> 00:12:54,140

the course just exploded and even you

289

00:12:58,040 --> 00:12:54,870

know that the

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00:12:59,570 --> 00:12:58,050

the The Skeptical podcasts you know

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00:13:02,300 --> 00:12:59,580

there's so many there's so many of them

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00:13:05,300 --> 00:13:02,310

out there many of them excellent yours

293

00:13:08,270 --> 00:13:05,310

yours included and of course there's you

294

00:13:10,430 --> 00:13:08,280

know Sharon Hill has a 15 credibility

295

00:13:12,140 --> 00:13:10,440

Street and St you and and skepticism

296

00:13:15,020 --> 00:13:12,150

they're just just so much stuff out

297

00:13:16,730 --> 00:13:15,030

there and so you know I didn't want to I

298

00:13:18,770 --> 00:13:16,740

didn't want to reinvent the wheel and so

299

00:13:20,060 --> 00:13:18,780

it was important to Pasquale and I that

300

00:13:22,730 --> 00:13:20,070

we try and do something different and

301

00:13:25,100 --> 00:13:22,740

find a find a niche and um you know

302

00:13:26,570 --> 00:13:25,110

that's sort of what uh you know Blake

303

00:13:28,580 --> 00:13:26,580

Smith and I originally did with with

304

00:13:30,800 --> 00:13:28,590

monster talk which of course want a

305

00:13:32,960 --> 00:13:30,810

parsec at one point we found a niche

306

00:13:35,180 --> 00:13:32,970

that wasn't really being served and then

307

00:13:37,310 --> 00:13:35,190

and then sort of delve into that and so

308

00:13:41,600 --> 00:13:37,320

what we're trying to do with new podcast

309

00:13:44,030 --> 00:13:41,610

is um is sort of go beyond just the the

310

00:13:45,890 --> 00:13:44,040

it's not just about monsters or ghosts

311

00:13:48,770 --> 00:13:45,900

or chupacabras or conspiracy theories

312

00:13:51,860 --> 00:13:48,780

but it's is we want to go broader than

313

00:13:54,320 --> 00:13:51,870

that and so uh you know I'll be talking

314

00:13:57,620 --> 00:13:54,330

and we'll be talking about about the

315

00:13:59,780 --> 00:13:57,630

news media and and really apparent

316

00:14:02,390 --> 00:13:59,790

applying skepticism and critical

317

00:14:04,070 --> 00:14:02,400

thinking uh much more broadly than then

318

00:14:07,010 --> 00:14:04,080

is often the case with a lot of

319

00:14:08,900 --> 00:14:07,020

skeptical podcast and so that's sort of

320

00:14:11,570 --> 00:14:08,910

the the angle we wanted to go with um

321

00:14:14,030 --> 00:14:11,580

you know bringing in psychology myths

322

00:14:15,980 --> 00:14:14,040

and folklore and science and and all

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00:14:19,250 --> 00:14:15,990

these different angles to it uh that

324

00:14:22,250 --> 00:14:19,260

that that that were there were sort of

325

00:14:25,520 --> 00:14:22,260

you know maybe maybe missing from from

326

00:14:27,740 --> 00:14:25,530

some of the public discourse and what is

327

00:14:29,840 --> 00:14:27,750

the format of your show is it just like

328

00:14:34,040 --> 00:14:29,850

a fireside chat or do you have reports

329

00:14:36,590 --> 00:14:34,050

how does that work well we're basically

330

00:14:37,760 --> 00:14:36,600

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

331

00:14:39,800 --> 00:14:37,770

we're still sort of hammering out the

332

00:14:41,660 --> 00:14:39,810

details as you noted we're still in the

333

00:14:44,060 --> 00:14:41,670

first half dozen episodes yeah we're

334

00:14:46,010 --> 00:14:44,070

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

335

00:14:49,760 --> 00:14:46,020

have the the polished delivery that you

336

00:14:51,470 --> 00:14:49,770

do and and Maynard every time I see

337

00:14:53,180 --> 00:14:51,480

Maynard number one I just I just love

338

00:14:56,120 --> 00:14:53,190

his face because it looks like it was

339

00:14:57,800 --> 00:14:56,130

just done by caricature um but you two

340

00:15:01,820 --> 00:14:57,810

are just such entertainers oh just

341

00:15:03,920 --> 00:15:01,830

jealous of your skills but basically

342

00:15:06,380 --> 00:15:03,930

that the format of the show is we begin

343

00:15:08,560 --> 00:15:06,390

each show by asking each other what were

344

00:15:10,900 --> 00:15:08,570

skeptical of recently or that

345

00:15:14,050 --> 00:15:10,910

and we don't we don't discuss it with

346

00:15:16,030 --> 00:15:14,060

the other person at a time so and that

347

00:15:17,950 --> 00:15:16,040

actually Pasquale lives list fairly near

348

00:15:20,350 --> 00:15:17,960

here and so we can actually go into the

349

00:15:21,640 --> 00:15:20,360

studio together and you know we don't

350

00:15:23,740 --> 00:15:21,650

want to spend too much time on it but

351  
00:15:25,420 --> 00:15:23,750  
maybe five or ten minutes and if there's

352  
00:15:27,370 --> 00:15:25,430  
something relatively recent that's been

353  
00:15:29,920 --> 00:15:27,380  
occurring over the past few days or a

354  
00:15:33,490 --> 00:15:29,930  
week or so we sort of you know bring

355  
00:15:35,140 --> 00:15:33,500  
that up um and and again not necessarily

356  
00:15:37,600 --> 00:15:35,150  
something that you would think of as as

357  
00:15:39,880 --> 00:15:37,610  
as you know down the mainstream

358  
00:15:42,070 --> 00:15:39,890  
skeptical angle so it might not it may

359  
00:15:43,360 --> 00:15:42,080  
or may not have ghosts or psychic

360  
00:15:44,830 --> 00:15:43,370  
detectives whatever else it could be

361  
00:15:47,530 --> 00:15:44,840  
something much broader like for example

362  
00:15:49,960 --> 00:15:47,540  
in the media and then the second part of

363  
00:15:52,590 --> 00:15:49,970

the show is sort of the need of it and

364

00:15:55,390 --> 00:15:52,600

that's where we sort of dig deeper into

365

00:15:58,330 --> 00:15:55,400

into a specific topic that may be

366

00:16:01,270 --> 00:15:58,340

anywhere from maybe 20 minutes to 40

367

00:16:04,450 --> 00:16:01,280

minutes or an hour depending on on where

368

00:16:06,340 --> 00:16:04,460

we go with it and and sometimes we might

369

00:16:09,370 --> 00:16:06,350

be talking for example about about

370

00:16:11,680 --> 00:16:09,380

psyche detectives we recently just taped

371

00:16:14,260 --> 00:16:11,690

a two-part series on Jamaican folklore

372

00:16:17,980 --> 00:16:14,270

hmm I was recently recently in Jamaica

373

00:16:20,800 --> 00:16:17,990

and so I I had a fun time relating some

374

00:16:22,480 --> 00:16:20,810

of the research that I done both in in

375

00:16:24,940 --> 00:16:22,490

archives and also on the ground in

376

00:16:27,930 --> 00:16:24,950

Jamaica talking about ghost stories and

377

00:16:30,610 --> 00:16:27,940

duppy stories and these interesting

378

00:16:32,440 --> 00:16:30,620

Island folklore that that I'd looked

379

00:16:34,150 --> 00:16:32,450

into and so sort of dig deeper into that

380

00:16:36,670 --> 00:16:34,160

and then we have a couple sort of

381

00:16:38,550 --> 00:16:36,680

smaller throwaway things that we have we

382

00:16:41,050 --> 00:16:38,560

have something that we call fan mail

383

00:16:44,560 --> 00:16:41,060

which is not always fan mail

384

00:16:46,330 --> 00:16:44,570

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

385

00:16:49,090 --> 00:16:46,340

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

386

00:16:49,840 --> 00:16:49,100

and every now and then we read a

387

00:16:52,060 --> 00:16:49,850

listeners

388

00:16:54,880 --> 00:16:52,070

question or whatever else and we may

389

00:16:57,220 --> 00:16:54,890

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

390

00:16:59,350 --> 00:16:57,230

weekly show and we just hope the people

391

00:17:01,480 --> 00:16:59,360

will sort of get into it and enjoy it

392

00:17:05,940 --> 00:17:01,490

I'm sure they will a wiggly show you

393

00:17:09,370 --> 00:17:05,950

fool get out why it's why you still get

394

00:17:12,160 --> 00:17:09,380

weekly show oh boy they welcome to the

395

00:17:13,990 --> 00:17:12,170

world of weekly a podcasting and that's

396

00:17:15,550 --> 00:17:14,000

a lot of fun now I'm really looking for

397

00:17:16,960 --> 00:17:15,560

I've only just discovered this myself

398

00:17:19,420 --> 00:17:16,970

too much to my shame I should have been

399

00:17:20,980 --> 00:17:19,430

more on top of these matters

400

00:17:22,960 --> 00:17:20,990

but I'm certainly going to indulge

401  
00:17:25,720 --> 00:17:22,970  
myself over the next few days and enjoy

402  
00:17:27,580 --> 00:17:25,730  
the the first few episodes of of your

403  
00:17:30,160 --> 00:17:27,590  
show because apart from anything else

404  
00:17:34,360 --> 00:17:30,170  
it's nice to know that you're back on

405  
00:17:36,820 --> 00:17:34,370  
the air because your wealth of skeptical

406  
00:17:38,830 --> 00:17:36,830  
knowledge gained at your great age by

407  
00:17:41,830 --> 00:17:38,840  
now I should add I mean what are you 92

408  
00:17:44,530 --> 00:17:41,840  
thank you very no I mean that in in

409  
00:17:46,870 --> 00:17:44,540  
wisdom of course we are skeptical which

410  
00:17:48,970 --> 00:17:46,880  
there must be equal to 92

411  
00:17:51,600 --> 00:17:48,980  
I'll only reach my prune juice here

412  
00:17:54,130 --> 00:17:51,610  
there we go go ahead you feel better now

413  
00:17:54,880 --> 00:17:54,140

shall I do it'll take a while to kick in

414

00:17:58,810 --> 00:17:54,890

but I'll be fine

415

00:18:00,880 --> 00:17:58,820

shall I speak up but is it alright now

416

00:18:02,800 --> 00:18:00,890

let's let so yes sir that's very

417

00:18:04,900 --> 00:18:02,810

exciting I'm very pleased oh by the way

418

00:18:06,910 --> 00:18:04,910

I noticed you can listen to the episodes

419

00:18:09,790 --> 00:18:06,920

right off the website is that also that

420

00:18:11,890 --> 00:18:09,800

show also on something like iTunes or

421

00:18:14,350 --> 00:18:11,900

something like that it is it's on iTunes

422

00:18:17,230 --> 00:18:14,360

it's on the website and we do have a

423

00:18:20,740 --> 00:18:17,240

patreon set up in case people want to

424

00:18:22,480 --> 00:18:20,750

support the the show initially that

425

00:18:25,690 --> 00:18:22,490

there was a little bit of support from

426

00:18:28,420 --> 00:18:25,700

the Center for inquiry and that may or

427

00:18:30,760 --> 00:18:28,430

may not be continuing but certainly as

428

00:18:34,330 --> 00:18:30,770

of now it's just it's mostly a labor of

429

00:18:36,760 --> 00:18:34,340

love and we appreciate any any listeners

430

00:18:39,160 --> 00:18:36,770

or feedback or reviews or anything we

431

00:18:41,230 --> 00:18:39,170

can get well I'm sure people will be

432

00:18:44,500 --> 00:18:41,240

having a look and more importantly

433

00:18:46,240 --> 00:18:44,510

having a listen very soon in fact folks

434

00:18:48,150 --> 00:18:46,250

why don't I play just a moment of the

435

00:18:50,590 --> 00:18:48,160

podcast now to give you a flavour

436

00:18:53,840 --> 00:18:50,600

[Music]

437

00:18:56,030 --> 00:18:53,850

welcome to squaring the strange or apply

438

00:18:58,549 --> 00:18:56,040

critical thinking and Evans its analysis

439

00:19:00,770 --> 00:18:58,559

to well everything from the simple to

440

00:19:05,860 --> 00:19:00,780

the strange the mysterious to the

441

00:19:05,870 --> 00:19:09,819

[Music]

442

00:19:14,299 --> 00:19:12,529

welcome to squaring the strange

443

00:19:17,989 --> 00:19:14,309

I'm Pasquale Romero and with me as

444

00:19:20,949 --> 00:19:17,999

always is Ben Radford and we are here on

445

00:19:24,379 --> 00:19:20,959

the first episode the maiden voyage of

446

00:19:25,669 --> 00:19:24,389

squaring the strange so I figure best

447

00:19:29,119 --> 00:19:25,679

thing we can do right now is introduce

448

00:19:30,949 --> 00:19:29,129

ourselves so Ben who are you who is Ben

449

00:19:33,680 --> 00:19:30,959

Radford what makes you tick why are you

450

00:19:36,709 --> 00:19:33,690

in my house in my studio you weirdo

451

00:19:38,690 --> 00:19:36,719

yeah I'm Ben Radford I'm a writer I'm

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00:19:40,669 --> 00:19:38,700

also the deputy editor for skeptical

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00:19:41,959 --> 00:19:40,679

inquirer science magazine which is of

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00:19:47,089 --> 00:19:41,969

course published by the Center for

455

00:19:49,549 --> 00:19:47,099

inquiry i i've probably best known for

456

00:19:51,709 --> 00:19:49,559

doing investigations into all manner of

457

00:19:54,729 --> 00:19:51,719

weirdness ranging from chupacabras to

458

00:19:58,039 --> 00:19:54,739

crop circles and ghosts evil clowns

459

00:20:00,019 --> 00:19:58,049

oddly enough I've become an expert world

460

00:20:02,180 --> 00:20:00,029

extra on evil clowns over the past year

461

00:20:04,039 --> 00:20:02,190

or so actually one year ago so that's a

462

00:20:06,259 --> 00:20:04,049

little taste of squaring the strange it

463

00:20:07,909 --> 00:20:06,269

sounds great not as I say I haven't

464

00:20:09,289 --> 00:20:07,919

heard all the show yet but I look

465

00:20:13,310 --> 00:20:09,299

forward to doing that that'll be my next

466

00:20:15,319 --> 00:20:13,320

podcast on the list but more skeptical

467

00:20:18,680 --> 00:20:15,329

adventures await with Ben Radford Ben

468

00:20:22,699 --> 00:20:18,690

what's this about a ghost book a ghost

469

00:20:25,519 --> 00:20:22,709

book ghosts book yes yes ah my my next

470

00:20:30,349 --> 00:20:25,529

book my 11th book yeah but who's

471

00:20:32,810 --> 00:20:30,359

counting is on investigating ghosts and

472

00:20:35,659 --> 00:20:32,820

it's sort of a follow up to a book that

473

00:20:37,549 --> 00:20:35,669

I did about Oh probably five years ago

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00:20:39,829 --> 00:20:37,559

at this point called scientific peer

475

00:20:43,310 --> 00:20:39,839

investigation how to solve unexplained

476  
00:20:48,199 --> 00:20:43,320  
mysteries and in that book I you know I

477  
00:20:49,579 --> 00:20:48,209  
cover a pretty broad array of claims and

478  
00:20:52,759 --> 00:20:49,589  
how to investigate them ranging from

479  
00:20:54,499 --> 00:20:52,769  
crop circles to lake monsters and ghosts

480  
00:20:57,469 --> 00:20:54,509  
and psychics and this and that and the

481  
00:21:00,019 --> 00:20:57,479  
other and it was it was a mildly

482  
00:21:02,269 --> 00:21:00,029  
successful book I'm happy with it and

483  
00:21:03,919 --> 00:21:02,279  
you know many people have sort of

484  
00:21:05,690 --> 00:21:03,929  
pointed to it as being helpful to them

485  
00:21:08,089 --> 00:21:05,700  
when doing their own investigations on

486  
00:21:11,419 --> 00:21:08,099  
I'm quite proud of it but I I realized

487  
00:21:14,690 --> 00:21:11,429  
that the after a while that ghosts are a

488  
00:21:16,099 --> 00:21:14,700

really unique topic on that there's so

489

00:21:18,709 --> 00:21:16,109

much that's specific to ghost

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00:21:19,670 --> 00:21:18,719

investigation particularly that wasn't

491

00:21:21,680 --> 00:21:19,680

really covered

492

00:21:23,630 --> 00:21:21,690

in my book just because I couldn't I was

493

00:21:26,480 --> 00:21:23,640

necessarily broad some covering a lot of

494

00:21:28,760 --> 00:21:26,490

different things uh and so I realized

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00:21:30,830 --> 00:21:28,770

you know Here I am I done many many

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00:21:32,990 --> 00:21:30,840

ghost investigations firsthand and

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researched it in the psychology and the

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00:21:36,770 --> 00:21:35,310

forensics and all sorts of things and I

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00:21:38,780 --> 00:21:36,780

realized that you know I had all this

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00:21:40,670 --> 00:21:38,790

material much of which we hadn't been

501  
00:21:43,880 --> 00:21:40,680  
published before and so I decided to go

502  
00:21:46,370 --> 00:21:43,890  
ahead and compile that material and add

503  
00:21:49,370 --> 00:21:46,380  
to it of course uh and and put out a

504  
00:21:51,890 --> 00:21:49,380  
book specifically on on ghosts and

505  
00:21:54,080 --> 00:21:51,900  
ghosts investigating and and so you know

506  
00:21:55,700 --> 00:21:54,090  
there there's plenty of books on ghosts

507  
00:21:57,800 --> 00:21:55,710  
from a believer point of view and

508  
00:22:00,890 --> 00:21:57,810  
there's lots of ghosts on ano ghost

509  
00:22:03,650 --> 00:22:00,900  
stories and ghost folklore um but

510  
00:22:05,270 --> 00:22:03,660  
there's no real there's no as far as I

511  
00:22:07,550 --> 00:22:05,280  
know there's no real books on ghost

512  
00:22:09,170 --> 00:22:07,560  
hunting specifically hmm from a

513  
00:22:11,420 --> 00:22:09,180

skeptical point of view and Joe Nichols

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00:22:14,450 --> 00:22:11,430

done a book and Massimo pulled or and

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00:22:17,270 --> 00:22:14,460

others but but none on on specifically

516

00:22:18,770 --> 00:22:17,280

on on the history of ghost haunting the

517

00:22:21,080 --> 00:22:18,780

right ways the wrong ways in the

518

00:22:22,490 --> 00:22:21,090

phenomenology and that's what I wanted

519

00:22:24,830 --> 00:22:22,500

to sort of put out there and so that's

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00:22:27,110 --> 00:22:24,840

that's what my next book is out and and

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00:22:30,800 --> 00:22:27,120

hopefully it'll be out around September

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00:22:33,950 --> 00:22:30,810

October does it have a title ah it does

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00:22:37,010 --> 00:22:33,960

the title is investigating ghosts the

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00:22:40,580 --> 00:22:37,020

scientific search for spirits that

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00:22:43,220 --> 00:22:40,590

sounds great I will put my hand up my

526

00:22:44,930 --> 00:22:43,230

name down and my foot down for an early

527

00:22:47,420 --> 00:22:44,940

copy of that for review that sounds

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00:22:50,660 --> 00:22:47,430

really good I like that old stuff you

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00:22:52,730 --> 00:22:50,670

know I in fact not so long ago and

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00:22:54,350 --> 00:22:52,740

skeptics own fans may remember a couple

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00:22:56,510 --> 00:22:54,360

months ago here on the show that we did

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00:22:59,300 --> 00:22:56,520

a live report or a field report from a

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00:23:00,860 --> 00:22:59,310

ghost tour here in Sydney I still liked

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00:23:02,570 --> 00:23:00,870

all that sort of graveyard sort of

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00:23:04,100 --> 00:23:02,580

creeping around ghostly sort of stuff

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00:23:07,820 --> 00:23:04,110

it's good it's good old-fashioned

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00:23:09,320 --> 00:23:07,830

skepticism isn't it it really is and and

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00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:09,330

you know that's that's one thing I like

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00:23:15,980 --> 00:23:12,000

about it is it's such a it's such a

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00:23:19,010 --> 00:23:15,990

classic mystery you know not everybody

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00:23:22,460 --> 00:23:19,020

believes in Bigfoot or Yowies or or drop

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00:23:24,560 --> 00:23:22,470

bears or psychics but but ghosts are

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00:23:26,270 --> 00:23:24,570

another matter I mean ghosts are among

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00:23:29,900 --> 00:23:26,280

the most widely believed to paranormal

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00:23:32,780 --> 00:23:29,910

topics in the world um and of course the

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00:23:33,230 --> 00:23:32,790

the the search for spirits in one form

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00:23:35,510 --> 00:23:33,240

another go

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00:23:37,880 --> 00:23:35,520

was back centuries you look you can look

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00:23:40,460 --> 00:23:37,890

at you know the the Society for

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00:23:42,680 --> 00:23:40,470

psychical research in England and you

551  
00:23:44,330 --> 00:23:42,690  
you know you Sofia Palladino and Harriet

552  
00:23:46,970 --> 00:23:44,340  
price and you know there's other people

553  
00:23:49,940 --> 00:23:46,980  
and so that there really is a really

554  
00:23:52,400 --> 00:23:49,950  
fascinating robust history of ghost

555  
00:23:54,410 --> 00:23:52,410  
investigation per se and it's really

556  
00:23:56,900 --> 00:23:54,420  
interesting to go back and look at that

557  
00:23:59,360 --> 00:23:56,910  
sort of see how that has informed modern

558  
00:24:01,850 --> 00:23:59,370  
ghost hunting both good and bad

559  
00:24:04,760 --> 00:24:01,860  
Wow that's again it sounds like

560  
00:24:06,770 --> 00:24:04,770  
something that should be on on the list

561  
00:24:08,150 --> 00:24:06,780  
on The Skeptical reading list as soon as

562  
00:24:10,880 --> 00:24:08,160  
it comes out folks

563  
00:24:13,400 --> 00:24:10,890

once again the podcast is squaring the

564

00:24:16,300 --> 00:24:13,410

strange it's even good eights own

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00:24:19,280 --> 00:24:16,310

Facebook site you can check that out

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00:24:21,560 --> 00:24:19,290

it's just a fun show you know Pasquale

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00:24:23,540 --> 00:24:21,570

and i are together on it and we also

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00:24:26,530 --> 00:24:23,550

have a great artist friend of mine

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00:24:29,960 --> 00:24:26,540

Celestia Ward and she serves as a

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00:24:32,720 --> 00:24:29,970

Content producer so she helps pull it

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00:24:35,300 --> 00:24:32,730

together and it's uh it's you know we're

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00:24:37,700 --> 00:24:35,310

we're pleased to have have I think over

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00:24:40,280 --> 00:24:37,710

500 downloads so far just in the first

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00:24:41,840 --> 00:24:40,290

few weeks and you know we're just gonna

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00:24:42,650 --> 00:24:41,850

keep putting it out there and we hope

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00:24:44,360 --> 00:24:42,660

that people enjoy it

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00:24:46,010 --> 00:24:44,370

well Celestia's well known to the

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00:24:48,220 --> 00:24:46,020

skeptics are because she was actually

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00:24:51,890 --> 00:24:48,230

did a field report for us last week and

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00:24:54,050 --> 00:24:51,900

she also did the caricatures that may

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00:24:57,050 --> 00:24:54,060

not and I use on our business cards so

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00:24:59,390 --> 00:24:57,060

another another big shout out to her

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00:25:01,640 --> 00:24:59,400

she's one of the best caricature artists

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00:25:04,610 --> 00:25:01,650

I I've ever met it is just fantastic

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00:25:07,430 --> 00:25:04,620

stuff she is excellent she's excellent

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00:25:11,650 --> 00:25:07,440

and yeah I mean to be fair I mean you

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00:25:13,940 --> 00:25:11,660

know caricature a main art I mean it's

588

00:25:17,330 --> 00:25:13,950

where do you go with that right it's

589

00:25:19,430 --> 00:25:17,340

just God's gift to character and I mean

590

00:25:21,830 --> 00:25:19,440

that in the in the most loving in the in

591

00:25:24,320 --> 00:25:21,840

a very nice way of course all good stuff

592

00:25:26,510 --> 00:25:24,330

coming from Ben Radford folks check it

593

00:25:28,730 --> 00:25:26,520

out its squaring the strange in that

594

00:25:30,800 --> 00:25:28,740

Facebook pages there waiting for you and

595

00:25:33,740 --> 00:25:30,810

the website of course is squaring the

596

00:25:35,350 --> 00:25:33,750

strange not WordPress calm been

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00:25:38,470 --> 00:25:35,360

wonderful to catch up with you again

598

00:25:41,720 --> 00:25:38,480

I've never made it to Albuquerque yet

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00:25:43,880 --> 00:25:41,730

but the day can't be too far away I hope

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00:25:45,740 --> 00:25:43,890

maybe in the next couple of years I

601  
00:25:46,940 --> 00:25:45,750  
might be able to find myself there and I

602  
00:25:48,680 --> 00:25:46,950  
hope one day you can fight

603  
00:25:51,560 --> 00:25:48,690  
yourself here in Sydney Australia and we

604  
00:25:52,820 --> 00:25:51,570  
can go out Yowie hunting I would love to

605  
00:25:56,419 --> 00:25:52,830  
I would love to I've always had a

606  
00:25:58,850 --> 00:25:56,429  
fondness for for Australia and and I

607  
00:26:01,070 --> 00:25:58,860  
would I'd love to come see the the

608  
00:26:02,149 --> 00:26:01,080  
continent sometime and and just meet all

609  
00:26:04,730 --> 00:26:02,159  
the wonderful people there have many

610  
00:26:07,370 --> 00:26:04,740  
many great friends and people who just

611  
00:26:09,740 --> 00:26:07,380  
have fallen in love with it so hopefully

612  
00:26:13,730 --> 00:26:09,750  
one day we'll start rowing now it's not

613  
00:26:14,930 --> 00:26:13,740

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

614

00:26:16,669 --> 00:26:14,940

arms are tired already

615

00:26:21,070 --> 00:26:16,679

man Redford all the way from Albuquerque

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00:26:32,960 --> 00:26:21,080

New Mexico thank you very much thanks

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00:26:36,360 --> 00:26:32,970

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00:26:38,730 --> 00:26:36,370

calling all skeptics or listeners do you

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00:26:41,070 --> 00:26:38,740

live and or near Glasgow or are you

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00:26:43,440 --> 00:26:41,080

planning to visit something then you're

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00:26:46,680 --> 00:26:43,450

in luck because the Glasgow skeptics

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00:26:47,850 --> 00:26:46,690

I've got your Monday nights sorted we

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00:26:50,549 --> 00:26:47,860

are committed to filling up every

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00:26:53,220 --> 00:26:50,559

available Monday night talks on science

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00:26:55,770 --> 00:26:53,230

and skepticism past speakers include

626  
00:26:58,020 --> 00:26:55,780  
Eugenie Scott jelly coin maker Marshall

627  
00:27:01,320 --> 00:26:58,030  
NEET Phelps Tom and Cecil from cognitive

628  
00:27:03,480 --> 00:27:01,330  
dissonance PZ Myers Richard Wiseman AC

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00:27:06,000 --> 00:27:03,490  
drilling nor Heath and Eli from the

630  
00:27:08,280 --> 00:27:06,010  
scathing atheist Simon Singh Rebecca

631  
00:27:11,130 --> 00:27:08,290  
Watson and a multitude of local

632  
00:27:12,990 --> 00:27:11,140  
academics and skeptics there's literally

633  
00:27:15,060 --> 00:27:13,000  
nothing better you can do on a Monday

634  
00:27:17,430 --> 00:27:15,070  
night in Glasgow that doesn't involve

635  
00:27:19,380 --> 00:27:17,440  
taking your clothes off so come join us

636  
00:27:21,540 --> 00:27:19,390  
we've also got a vibrant online

637  
00:27:23,340 --> 00:27:21,550  
community you can find us on Facebook

638  
00:27:26,400 --> 00:27:23,350

Twitter and get involved with the

639

00:27:28,090 --> 00:27:26,410

discussion glasgow skeptics self-help

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00:27:33,240 --> 00:27:28,100

for your brain

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00:27:43,780 --> 00:27:33,250

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00:27:45,700 --> 00:27:43,790

and now direct from the cafe at

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00:27:52,990 --> 00:27:45,710

Australia's Science Channel

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00:27:55,030 --> 00:27:53,000

it's brouhaha with Kelly Wang the most

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00:27:57,690 --> 00:27:55,040

incredible thing I've seen this week is

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00:27:59,890 --> 00:27:57,700

a lamb growing inside an artificial room

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00:28:02,620 --> 00:27:59,900

researchers in the US have used a buy

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00:28:05,740 --> 00:28:02,630

bag to replicate a room full of amniotic

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fluids to develop a premature lamb it

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00:28:09,460 --> 00:28:06,980

might seem like something from the

651  
00:28:10,990 --> 00:28:09,470  
matrix but this is just a step towards

652  
00:28:14,169 --> 00:28:11,000  
giving premature human babies of

653  
00:28:15,940 --> 00:28:14,179  
fighting chance if you think about it

654  
00:28:18,520 --> 00:28:15,950  
it's just the next step up when the

655  
00:28:20,410 --> 00:28:18,530  
incubators we use currently when they do

656  
00:28:22,660 --> 00:28:20,420  
use this for the first time on a preemie

657  
00:28:24,880 --> 00:28:22,670  
baby it's going to be a big mouthful for

658  
00:28:27,450 --> 00:28:24,890  
science but it's going to be an even

659  
00:28:30,390 --> 00:28:27,460  
bigger emotional milestone for Humanity

660  
00:28:33,790 --> 00:28:30,400  
think about how you reacted to this land

661  
00:28:35,730 --> 00:28:33,800  
imagine if it was a human baby are you

662  
00:28:38,230 --> 00:28:35,740  
going to be ready for that visual

663  
00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:38,240

but then what about further in the

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future will this form a new class of

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ex-vivo humans or become the new normal

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00:28:47,650 --> 00:28:45,770

could they eventually add an extra

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00:28:50,610 --> 00:28:47,660

supplement into the artificial womb and

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00:28:53,590 --> 00:28:50,620

create super babies with superpowers or

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00:28:55,660 --> 00:28:53,600

more realistically imagine if you could

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00:28:59,290 --> 00:28:55,670

get all your vaccinations before you

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00:29:01,120 --> 00:28:59,300

were born he knows what could happen but

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00:29:02,890 --> 00:29:01,130

what it definitely will do is give this

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00:29:05,410 --> 00:29:02,900

fragile premies a chance at life and

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00:29:07,950 --> 00:29:05,420

there is plenty to think about until

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00:29:31,810 --> 00:29:11,320

for more brouhaha and australian science

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00:29:33,880 --> 00:29:31,820

ed 4ww australia science TV as mentioned

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00:29:36,160 --> 00:29:33,890

on the skeptic zone of the last few

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00:29:38,590 --> 00:29:36,170

weeks and this is going to be stretching

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00:29:39,880 --> 00:29:38,600

on and well for a good part of this year

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00:29:42,850 --> 00:29:39,890

I think I've been doing a lot of

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00:29:45,730 --> 00:29:42,860

skeptical research diving into the

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archives looking mostly for predictions

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00:29:50,950 --> 00:29:49,070

and then doing some research to see

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whether psychic predictions over the

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last 17 years or so have actually come

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true but along the way of course I have

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come across many many many articles

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relating to skeptics and skepticism

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00:30:08,530 --> 00:30:05,600

paranormal that sort of thing and I

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00:30:11,650 --> 00:30:08,540

thought I would read out a couple of

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00:30:16,780 --> 00:30:11,660

them here and this one I'll begin with

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comes from 1980-1982 way back from the

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Sydney Morning Herald but why this is

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important is this is a review of the

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documentary James Randi in Australia the

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request of dick Smith James Randi flew

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to Australia to conduct a series of

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water divining tests now the documentary

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which this article alludes to has been

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on YouTube now for many years I I found

701  
00:30:50,010 --> 00:30:46,660  
a copy on a video cassette tape

702  
00:30:53,020 --> 00:30:50,020  
2001-2002 something like that and I

703  
00:30:55,300 --> 00:30:53,030  
digitized it fix it up a little bit and

704  
00:30:57,700 --> 00:30:55,310  
we put that out these tests are very

705  
00:31:00,370 --> 00:30:57,710  
important because it was one of the

706  
00:31:02,140 --> 00:31:00,380  
reasons that one of the motivating

707  
00:31:04,960 --> 00:31:02,150  
factors that led to the formation of

708  
00:31:07,120 --> 00:31:04,970  
Australian skeptics so the article which

709  
00:31:10,420 --> 00:31:07,130  
has a huge picture of an imposing James

710  
00:31:13,060 --> 00:31:10,430  
Randi taking the mystique out of the

711  
00:31:15,730 --> 00:31:13,070  
magical James Randi in Australia eighty

712  
00:31:17,940 --> 00:31:15,740  
and seven that stands for Australian

713  
00:31:21,930 --> 00:31:17,950

television network Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

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00:31:24,090 --> 00:31:21,940

previewed by Gary Shelley James Randi

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a psychic investigator from New York

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does not believe in Santa Claus the

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tooth fairy

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00:31:32,520 --> 00:31:30,490

or the Easter Bunny Court there is not

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00:31:34,590 --> 00:31:32,530

enough evidence to support their

720

00:31:38,250 --> 00:31:34,600

existence end quote says the magician

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00:31:40,290 --> 00:31:38,260

who is not entirely human Asst mr. Randy

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scoffs at any form of paranormal

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00:31:45,990 --> 00:31:43,390

behavior from the bending of spoons 2d

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searching for water by divining rod he

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wants to quote expose people who go out

726  
00:31:53,730 --> 00:31:51,430  
of their way to defraud others and quote

727  
00:31:55,710 --> 00:31:53,740  
at the same time he would love to

728  
00:31:58,290 --> 00:31:55,720  
believe that these people could prove

729  
00:32:01,230 --> 00:31:58,300  
their supernatural powers scientifically

730  
00:32:03,450 --> 00:32:01,240  
the name James Randi might ring a bell

731  
00:32:07,620 --> 00:32:03,460  
to many viewers he was the gentleman

732  
00:32:11,010 --> 00:32:07,630  
whom dawn Lane told to get lost in

733  
00:32:13,550 --> 00:32:11,020  
liquefied form when he exposed Uri

734  
00:32:16,140 --> 00:32:13,560  
Geller and Doris Stokes as frauds live

735  
00:32:18,450 --> 00:32:16,150  
mr. Randy was brought to Australia by

736  
00:32:20,970 --> 00:32:18,460  
dick Smith in an attempt to prove or

737  
00:32:23,940 --> 00:32:20,980  
disprove the validity of water diviners

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00:32:25,650 --> 00:32:23,950

and psychic surgeons in the programme

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the investigator explains the

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00:32:30,900 --> 00:32:29,050

skulduggery and shiki nuri exercised by

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00:32:33,810 --> 00:32:30,910

the psychic surgeons in the Philippines

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whose hands fumble in and out of

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00:32:38,670 --> 00:32:36,160

stomachs of patients who pay thousands

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00:32:41,150 --> 00:32:38,680

of dollars for treatment it is not a

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pretty sight as Randy demonstrates on a

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00:32:46,980 --> 00:32:44,410

bewildered human guinea pig with sleight

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00:32:49,560 --> 00:32:46,990

of hand he appears to draw out pieces of

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00:32:52,440 --> 00:32:49,570

the man's innards but they are only a

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00:32:54,810 --> 00:32:52,450

handful of chicken livers water diviners

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also bear the brunt of mr. Randy's

751  
00:33:01,020 --> 00:32:57,580  
expose he conducts some experiments to

752  
00:33:04,410 --> 00:33:01,030  
test their extraordinary gift with a

753  
00:33:07,830 --> 00:33:04,420  
reward of \$30,000 for any person who can

754  
00:33:10,260 --> 00:33:07,840  
scientifically prove their powers each

755  
00:33:12,810 --> 00:33:10,270  
worden diviner claimed to have unlimited

756  
00:33:15,780 --> 00:33:12,820  
success in the craft and many make a

757  
00:33:17,670 --> 00:33:15,790  
good living from the man on the land one

758  
00:33:20,430 --> 00:33:17,680  
codger was certain the test would be

759  
00:33:23,550 --> 00:33:20,440  
quote easier than gettin in and out of

760  
00:33:26,190 --> 00:33:23,560  
bed unquote the experiment arranged in

761  
00:33:29,220 --> 00:33:26,200  
true showbusiness fashion had the

762  
00:33:33,120 --> 00:33:29,230  
Reverend Ted nafse and a priest Father

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00:33:34,830 --> 00:33:33,130

Drake as official judges however God was

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00:33:35,660 --> 00:33:34,840

not on the side of James Randi in dick

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Smith because

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both religious men actually believe in

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water divining as well as divining for

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water tests were made in the search for

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00:33:48,410 --> 00:33:45,930

brass and gold objects out of a hundred

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00:33:51,110 --> 00:33:48,420

and eleven attempts only 15 were

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00:33:54,620 --> 00:33:51,120

successful an average of about eleven

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00:33:57,710 --> 00:33:54,630

percent but not one merited the prize

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00:33:59,360 --> 00:33:57,720

which is still up for grabs James Randi

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00:34:02,660 --> 00:33:59,370

is convinced that the movement of the

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00:34:04,910 --> 00:34:02,670

divining or dowsing rods is manipulated

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00:34:08,150 --> 00:34:04,920

by the imagination or wishful thinking

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00:34:10,310 --> 00:34:08,160

of the person operating it quote there

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00:34:10,880 --> 00:34:10,320

is an enormous amount of harm in

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00:34:13,370 --> 00:34:10,890

deception

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unquote he said he gave as an example

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the Jonestown master side in Guiana

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00:34:22,730 --> 00:34:20,370

they're the total belief in one man his

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00:34:26,020 --> 00:34:22,740

charisma and power was so overwhelming

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meant that death was the only salvation

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00:34:32,300 --> 00:34:29,520

which I am sure is more than James Randi

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00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:32,310

can say for Don Lane and less than a

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week later in The Sydney Morning Herald

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00:34:39,740 --> 00:34:36,390

another article appears about James

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Randi published on the 17th of October

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1980

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Randy's awake up to tricks of mediums

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James Randi the magician who made Don

793

00:34:51,050 --> 00:34:47,880

Lane disappear used to be one of the

794

00:34:54,169 --> 00:34:51,060

psychic phonies pnow debunks he had a

795

00:34:56,330 --> 00:34:54,179

telepathy act that made him a star but

796

00:34:58,520 --> 00:34:56,340

when the straw parents started pleading

797

00:35:01,280 --> 00:34:58,530

with him to find their lost children he

798

00:35:03,200 --> 00:35:01,290

gave it away quote I couldn't live with

799

00:35:05,750 --> 00:35:03,210

that kind of lie in quote Randi explain

800

00:35:07,880 --> 00:35:05,760

later quote so I went back to conjuring

801  
00:35:10,070 --> 00:35:07,890  
rabbits and quote and he started

802  
00:35:12,980 --> 00:35:10,080  
crusading against the fakes and Liars

803  
00:35:15,320 --> 00:35:12,990  
who posed as mediums and faith healers

804  
00:35:18,590 --> 00:35:15,330  
to make fortunes at the expense of human

805  
00:35:21,770 --> 00:35:18,600  
grief Randi was 15 when he attended his

806  
00:35:23,840 --> 00:35:21,780  
first spiritualist meeting quote I saw

807  
00:35:26,780 --> 00:35:23,850  
all the country tricks magicians use I

808  
00:35:29,570 --> 00:35:26,790  
saw the little old ladies being taken in

809  
00:35:32,120 --> 00:35:29,580  
by it end quote he said quote I thought

810  
00:35:33,890 --> 00:35:32,130  
one day I am going to have enough

811  
00:35:37,040 --> 00:35:33,900  
authority to expose these people in

812  
00:35:40,700 --> 00:35:37,050  
quote these days Randi one of America's

813  
00:35:42,710 --> 00:35:40,710

top magicians has that authority on the

814

00:35:45,350 --> 00:35:42,720

Don Lane show last week he criticized

815

00:35:48,560 --> 00:35:45,360

spoon bender Uri Geller and Doris Stokes

816

00:35:49,560 --> 00:35:48,570

the ubiquitous grandmotherly medium who

817

00:35:52,830 --> 00:35:49,570

claims to community

818

00:35:55,710 --> 00:35:52,840

beyond the grave Lane who has several

819

00:35:58,010 --> 00:35:55,720

times had mrs. Stokes on his show left

820

00:36:00,630 --> 00:35:58,020

heartily to her defense

821

00:36:03,810 --> 00:36:00,640

finally sweeping Randy's props from the

822

00:36:07,380 --> 00:36:03,820

table Lane told the magician to pee

823

00:36:10,160 --> 00:36:07,390

dot-dot-dot off then abracadabra

824

00:36:13,410 --> 00:36:10,170

the comedian stormed off his own show

825

00:36:17,190 --> 00:36:13,420

challenge it wasn't exactly the best

826

00:36:19,410 --> 00:36:17,200

example of the lanky Yanks wit indeed

827

00:36:22,140 --> 00:36:19,420

Randy himself tends to be funnier

828

00:36:23,460 --> 00:36:22,150

he has compared Doris Stokes with Santa

829

00:36:27,210 --> 00:36:23,470

Claus the Tooth Fairy and the Easter

830

00:36:29,880 --> 00:36:27,220

Bunny and he issued her with a rare

831

00:36:33,570 --> 00:36:29,890

challenge a wrestling match to the death

832

00:36:35,820 --> 00:36:33,580

nude in mud not surprisingly mrs. Stokes

833

00:36:38,780 --> 00:36:35,830

found the offer once she could refuse

834

00:36:41,460 --> 00:36:38,790

more to the point though she has also

835

00:36:44,340 --> 00:36:41,470

resisted invitations to perform her

836

00:36:47,700 --> 00:36:44,350

calling up the dead act under Randy's

837

00:36:49,640 --> 00:36:47,710

relentless gaze randy was brought to

838

00:36:51,870 --> 00:36:49,650

Australia by three well-known skeptics

839

00:36:54,240 --> 00:36:51,880

electronics millionaire dick Smith

840

00:36:56,850 --> 00:36:54,250

writer Philip Adams and TV current

841

00:36:59,640 --> 00:36:56,860

affairs reporter Richard Carlton his

842

00:37:02,280 --> 00:36:59,650

original brief was to pour cold water on

843

00:37:04,020 --> 00:37:02,290

water and metal diviners which he

844

00:37:07,200 --> 00:37:04,030

succeeded in doing without attracting

845

00:37:10,770 --> 00:37:07,210

the publicity he had hoped for Randy and

846

00:37:11,610 --> 00:37:10,780

his three backers offered \$40,000 for

847

00:37:13,950 --> 00:37:11,620

any diviner

848

00:37:16,590 --> 00:37:13,960

who could find hidden water brass and

849

00:37:19,260 --> 00:37:16,600

bars of gold all 10 entrants failed

850

00:37:21,750 --> 00:37:19,270

recording a success rate of just 11

851

00:37:24,690 --> 00:37:21,760

percent yet the tests were virtually

852

00:37:26,880 --> 00:37:24,700

unreported in the media as Randy put it

853

00:37:29,790 --> 00:37:26,890

quote if Hitler is alive and well in

854

00:37:35,430 --> 00:37:29,800

Argentina it's a story if he's dead and

855

00:37:38,250 --> 00:37:35,440

gone no story and quote bends spoons the

856

00:37:40,530 --> 00:37:38,260

52 year old Canadian born magician has

857

00:37:43,170 --> 00:37:40,540

written three books two of them the

858

00:37:45,510 --> 00:37:43,180

magic of Uri Geller and flim-flam the

859

00:37:48,690 --> 00:37:45,520

truth about unicorns parapsychology and

860

00:37:50,940 --> 00:37:48,700

other delusions claims to expose the

861

00:37:53,310 --> 00:37:50,950

slights of hand used by those who claim

862

00:37:55,620 --> 00:37:53,320

to have supernatural power one of his

863

00:37:58,410 --> 00:37:55,630

acts is to bend spoons the way Geller

864

00:38:00,750 --> 00:37:58,420

did by illusion not by the power of the

865

00:38:03,330 --> 00:38:00,760

mind he claims his strange encounter

866

00:38:05,640 --> 00:38:03,340

with Don lanes was a setup

867

00:38:08,130 --> 00:38:05,650

Lane's ratings have depended a good deal

868

00:38:10,620 --> 00:38:08,140

on people like Doris Stokes I think

869

00:38:13,560 --> 00:38:10,630

she's a favorite of his and he believed

870

00:38:16,560 --> 00:38:13,570

I was attacking her which she just Lee

871

00:38:18,360 --> 00:38:16,570

deserves to be and quote Randi flew back

872

00:38:20,400 --> 00:38:18,370

to the United States on Wednesday still

873

00:38:23,460 --> 00:38:20,410

puzzled at the way Australians have

874

00:38:26,010 --> 00:38:23,470

taken to mrs. Stokes but his experience

875

00:38:28,620 --> 00:38:26,020

hasn't affected his sense of humor

876

00:38:30,960 --> 00:38:28,630

indeed we spent almost as much time

877

00:38:33,060 --> 00:38:30,970

taking the mickey out of his friend Dick

878

00:38:35,160 --> 00:38:33,070

Smith hearing of the eccentric

879

00:38:37,620 --> 00:38:35,170

millionaires plans to retrace Scott's

880

00:38:40,140 --> 00:38:37,630

path across the Antarctic Randi our

881

00:38:42,180 --> 00:38:40,150

Smith quote will you drop electronic

882

00:38:44,580 --> 00:38:42,190

toilet seats for them men quote and

883

00:38:48,120 --> 00:38:44,590

seeing Smith having his photograph taken

884

00:38:50,880 --> 00:38:48,130

again Randi noted dryly quote dick gets

885

00:38:53,580 --> 00:38:50,890

his tan from strobes and flashlights men

886

00:38:55,950 --> 00:38:53,590

quote and now he skimmed forward to the

887

00:38:59,040 --> 00:38:55,960

9th of November 1980 an article in The

888

00:39:02,910 --> 00:38:59,050

Sydney Morning Herald by Don Groves when

889

00:39:05,280 --> 00:39:02,920

seeing isn't believing Don Lane and

890

00:39:07,440 --> 00:39:05,290

believers in the divining rod spoon

891

00:39:10,170 --> 00:39:07,450

bending and psychic surgery should watch

892

00:39:13,230 --> 00:39:10,180

the special James Randi in Australia

893

00:39:16,730 --> 00:39:13,240

quote paranormal nonsense claptrap and

894

00:39:19,410 --> 00:39:16,740

flummery and quote says mr. Randy Yazzie

895

00:39:21,900 --> 00:39:19,420

convincingly demonstrates how easily

896

00:39:23,790 --> 00:39:21,910

people can fool the more gullible among

897

00:39:26,820 --> 00:39:23,800

us and themselves

898

00:39:29,820 --> 00:39:26,830

mr. Lane should watch channel 7 at 7:30

899

00:39:32,880 --> 00:39:29,830

on Wednesday night to hear the cogent

900

00:39:36,030 --> 00:39:32,890

arguments he would not allow mr. Randy

901  
00:39:38,940 --> 00:39:36,040  
to expound on his show devotees of the

902  
00:39:41,550 --> 00:39:38,950  
lain program will recall the evening the

903  
00:39:43,740 --> 00:39:41,560  
compare had the ill grace to swear at

904  
00:39:46,680 --> 00:39:43,750  
his guest then storm off the set after

905  
00:39:49,830 --> 00:39:46,690  
Randy had raised doubts about Doris

906  
00:39:52,830 --> 00:39:49,840  
Stokes whom he calls quote the granny

907  
00:39:53,310 --> 00:39:52,840  
who he is dead people talking to her end

908  
00:39:55,500 --> 00:39:53,320  
quote

909  
00:39:57,900 --> 00:39:55,510  
in the statement issued through his

910  
00:40:01,080 --> 00:39:57,910  
Australian sponsor Nick Smith the

911  
00:40:05,330 --> 00:40:01,090  
scientist says he certain lanes actions

912  
00:40:08,100 --> 00:40:05,340  
were a quote calculated set up and quote

913  
00:40:09,870 --> 00:40:08,110

randy says he doesn't believe in Santa

914

00:40:12,540 --> 00:40:09,880

Claus the Easter Bunny and the Tooth

915

00:40:15,470 --> 00:40:12,550

Fairy for the same reason he can't cop

916

00:40:16,859 --> 00:40:15,480

ESP spoon bending in the rest

917

00:40:19,920 --> 00:40:16,869

insufficient ever

918

00:40:21,779 --> 00:40:19,930

and just as an aside from me

919

00:40:23,910 --> 00:40:21,789

it's interesting the use of this term

920

00:40:27,779 --> 00:40:23,920

ESP as I've been going through the

921

00:40:31,559 --> 00:40:27,789

archives all these years there is a an

922

00:40:36,150 --> 00:40:31,569

odd sort of line a border in time where

923

00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:36,160

before this vague time maybe in the late

924

00:40:44,299 --> 00:40:41,680

70s early 80s the term ESP was used to

925

00:40:47,039 --> 00:40:44,309

cover just about everything paranormal

926  
00:40:50,099 --> 00:40:47,049  
that is morph that is evolved now

927  
00:40:54,479 --> 00:40:50,109  
instead of ESP the most common term is

928  
00:40:57,509 --> 00:40:54,489  
psychic so instead of this person has

929  
00:40:59,519 --> 00:40:57,519  
ESP powers the term now would be this

930  
00:41:02,519 --> 00:40:59,529  
person as a psychic but certainly when I

931  
00:41:04,950 --> 00:41:02,529  
was growing up ESP was the popular term

932  
00:41:08,549 --> 00:41:04,960  
which is of course extrasensory

933  
00:41:11,579 --> 00:41:08,559  
perception we read on his evidence in

934  
00:41:14,579 --> 00:41:11,589  
the doubting Thomas view places all

935  
00:41:17,400 --> 00:41:14,589  
things paranormal firmly in the Easter

936  
00:41:19,890 --> 00:41:17,410  
Bunny class there would be a pity if he

937  
00:41:22,259 --> 00:41:19,900  
lost most of his viewers in the first

938  
00:41:24,450 --> 00:41:22,269

few minutes as he appeared to remove a

939

00:41:27,690 --> 00:41:24,460

quantity of blood and guts from a

940

00:41:31,049 --> 00:41:27,700

willing victim stomach it isn't psychic

941

00:41:33,680 --> 00:41:31,059

surgery but sleight of hand by a similar

942

00:41:36,660 --> 00:41:33,690

trick he bends spoons in the slickest

943

00:41:39,450 --> 00:41:36,670

faster than the eye uri geller fashioned

944

00:41:42,420 --> 00:41:39,460

the clincher takes place in a field in

945

00:41:45,569 --> 00:41:42,430

ride another a side ride as a Sydney

946

00:41:47,819 --> 00:41:45,579

suburb not very far from the center of

947

00:41:50,190 --> 00:41:47,829

the city really but in 1980 there was

948

00:41:53,219 --> 00:41:50,200

certainly more open land there we read

949

00:41:55,529 --> 00:41:53,229

on where the reputations of a group of

950

00:41:57,769 --> 00:41:55,539

water diviners are left looking a little

951  
00:42:00,239 --> 00:41:57,779  
tattered attracted by an offer of

952  
00:42:02,489 --> 00:42:00,249  
\$40,000 ten grand from each of the

953  
00:42:04,559 --> 00:42:02,499  
skeptics Randy Smith Philip Adams and

954  
00:42:06,900 --> 00:42:04,569  
Richard Carlton the dowzers had to

955  
00:42:10,019 --> 00:42:06,910  
identify gold and brass hidden in

956  
00:42:12,499 --> 00:42:10,029  
cardboard boxes and which out of ten

957  
00:42:14,759 --> 00:42:12,509  
pipes had water flowing through it

958  
00:42:19,799 --> 00:42:14,769  
before the experiment most said they

959  
00:42:21,359 --> 00:42:19,809  
would be 100% successful five agreed to

960  
00:42:24,650 --> 00:42:21,369  
split the proceeds they were so

961  
00:42:27,180 --> 00:42:24,660  
confident in this case seeing is

962  
00:42:29,789 --> 00:42:27,190  
disbelieving the results are no better

963  
00:42:30,660 --> 00:42:29,799

than chance or guesswork and Randy

964

00:42:33,150 --> 00:42:30,670

declares quote

965

00:42:35,280 --> 00:42:33,160

it would seem to indicate that dowsing

966

00:42:37,830 --> 00:42:35,290

as a force does not exist

967

00:42:40,530 --> 00:42:37,840

end quote does this shake the faith of

968

00:42:43,400 --> 00:42:40,540

our dowzers not a bit they come up with

969

00:42:47,780 --> 00:42:43,410

every excuse Under the Sun including

970

00:42:51,660 --> 00:42:47,790

sunspots to explain away this rare lapse

971

00:42:54,480 --> 00:42:51,670

people Randi concludes sadly simply will

972

00:42:55,920 --> 00:42:54,490

not learn a lesson and now to illustrate

973

00:42:59,340 --> 00:42:55,930

some of our what we've been chatting

974

00:43:02,280 --> 00:42:59,350

about some of those reports here is a TV

975

00:43:07,070 --> 00:43:02,290

news report made the day after the

976  
00:43:09,660 --> 00:43:07,080  
famous Don Lane and James Randi incident

977  
00:43:11,700 --> 00:43:09,670  
Don Lane show involving Canadian

978  
00:43:13,890 --> 00:43:11,710  
magician James Randi during the

979  
00:43:17,220 --> 00:43:13,900  
interview Don Lane clashed angrily with

980  
00:43:18,300 --> 00:43:17,230  
mr. Andy Biggs so you see this is the

981  
00:43:20,940 --> 00:43:18,310  
interview that had most of Australia

982  
00:43:22,320 --> 00:43:20,950  
talking today Canadian magician James

983  
00:43:24,450 --> 00:43:22,330  
Randi has written a number of books

984  
00:43:26,640 --> 00:43:24,460  
claiming people who profess to have

985  
00:43:27,270 --> 00:43:26,650  
supernatural powers such as spoon bender

986  
00:43:29,700 --> 00:43:27,280  
uri geller

987  
00:43:32,490 --> 00:43:29,710  
and medium Doris Stokes are nothing more

988  
00:43:33,900 --> 00:43:32,500

than magicians themselves you go against

989

00:43:35,340 --> 00:43:33,910

the lady like Doris Stokes who never

990

00:43:37,350 --> 00:43:35,350

harmed anybody in her whole life and you

991

00:43:39,390 --> 00:43:37,360

call her a charlatan a fake you know you

992

00:43:41,310 --> 00:43:39,400

sit deliver yes I do you said that she

993

00:43:41,880 --> 00:43:41,320

was a liar on the radio you called her a

994

00:43:44,130 --> 00:43:41,890

liar

995

00:43:45,480 --> 00:43:44,140

no and that woman would lie to anybody

996

00:43:47,370 --> 00:43:45,490

but I don't know whether she's right or

997

00:43:53,130 --> 00:43:47,380

wrong I would she would lie too nobody

998

00:43:57,790 --> 00:43:56,140

Don stormed off the set this morning he

999

00:44:00,100 --> 00:43:57,800

offered a public apology for using bad

1000

00:44:02,770 --> 00:44:00,110

language but he maintained his behavior

1001  
00:44:05,020 --> 00:44:02,780  
towards Randy was correct what other

1002  
00:44:07,060 --> 00:44:05,030  
program has he gone on where he has been

1003  
00:44:08,820 --> 00:44:07,070  
really challenged by anyone either

1004  
00:44:11,350 --> 00:44:08,830  
verbally or any other way

1005  
00:44:12,640 --> 00:44:11,360  
asking him what what are you talking

1006  
00:44:14,050 --> 00:44:12,650  
about where is the proof I said where's

1007  
00:44:15,910 --> 00:44:14,060  
the proof he says I got film I said

1008  
00:44:19,570 --> 00:44:15,920  
where's the film says not here any

1009  
00:44:21,660 --> 00:44:19,580  
regrets about the incident no I I don't

1010  
00:44:24,550 --> 00:44:21,670  
have any regrets at all I've said

1011  
00:44:27,340 --> 00:44:24,560  
publicly and and to the staff as well

1012  
00:44:29,950 --> 00:44:27,350  
the the release that we put out was and

1013  
00:44:32,650 --> 00:44:29,960

perfectly willing to have the man on the

1014

00:44:35,950 --> 00:44:32,660

program and I will publicly apologize to

1015

00:44:37,930 --> 00:44:35,960

him if he can prove that what he's

1016

00:44:39,400 --> 00:44:37,940

saying is right if he shows us some sort

1017

00:44:41,020 --> 00:44:39,410

of documentary proof other than just

1018

00:44:42,550 --> 00:44:41,030

bringing his mouth into this country and

1019

00:44:45,700 --> 00:44:42,560

running around making a big deal out of

1020

00:44:49,680 --> 00:44:45,710

himself denigrating everybody inside Don

1021

00:44:52,840 --> 00:44:49,690

Lane died a few years back now but since

1022

00:44:56,320 --> 00:44:52,850

1980 in several occasions he actually

1023

00:44:58,180 --> 00:44:56,330

made a more formal apology to James

1024

00:45:00,610 --> 00:44:58,190

Randi and I think James Randi accepted

1025

00:45:03,700 --> 00:45:00,620

that it's certainly given James Randi a

1026

00:45:06,640 --> 00:45:03,710

tall tale to tell for many many many

1027

00:45:09,640 --> 00:45:06,650

many years now since that that famous

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00:45:12,880 --> 00:45:09,650

incident but there you go there are a

1029

00:45:16,030 --> 00:45:12,890

swag of reports a grab-bag of reports

1030

00:45:18,820 --> 00:45:16,040

from 1980 revolving James Randy's visit

1031

00:45:21,520 --> 00:45:18,830

to Australia primarily to conduct the

1032

00:45:23,350 --> 00:45:21,530

water divining tests and I'm so pleased

1033

00:45:25,420 --> 00:45:23,360

that dick Smith at the time had the

1034

00:45:28,420 --> 00:45:25,430

nouse to Commission a video to be made

1035

00:45:32,410 --> 00:45:28,430

of it a TV special and of course that

1036

00:45:34,360 --> 00:45:32,420

the trip was probably in fact definitely

1037

00:45:36,580 --> 00:45:34,370

more well known in Australian television

1038

00:45:39,230 --> 00:45:36,590

history for the spat that Don Lane had

1039

00:45:40,940 --> 00:45:39,240

with James Randi live on air

1040

00:45:43,740 --> 00:45:40,950

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Linksters news reports and the videos in

1042

00:46:00,660 --> 00:45:58,780

the show notes the skeptic magazine lead

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00:46:03,630 --> 00:46:00,670

journal from Australian skeptics

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00:46:08,610 --> 00:46:03,640

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magazine from Australian skeptics well

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00:46:43,320 --> 00:46:41,050

I'm here at the Madame frou frou cafe in

1051  
00:46:44,340 --> 00:46:43,330  
glee with Maynard Tim Ferguson Louise

1052  
00:46:46,410 --> 00:46:44,350  
hello everybody

1053  
00:46:48,630 --> 00:46:46,420  
there may not until we're just doing a

1054  
00:46:51,090 --> 00:46:48,640  
bunga bunga podcast recording the

1055  
00:46:52,770 --> 00:46:51,100  
award-winning may not podcast and I said

1056  
00:46:54,630 --> 00:46:52,780  
to the skeptic zone listeners I'd update

1057  
00:46:56,670 --> 00:46:54,640  
them as to what may not have been up to

1058  
00:46:59,220 --> 00:46:56,680  
since winning the award may not what's

1059  
00:47:01,290 --> 00:46:59,230  
it like to be the winner of that award

1060  
00:47:03,180 --> 00:47:01,300  
well look at Tim and I have been doing

1061  
00:47:05,250 --> 00:47:03,190  
what we call a victory lap some people

1062  
00:47:07,770 --> 00:47:05,260  
could call it some potentially

1063  
00:47:09,360 --> 00:47:07,780

borderline illegal exposure but what are

1064

00:47:11,610 --> 00:47:09,370

we doing I've been pushing you around

1065

00:47:13,680 --> 00:47:11,620

glebe here and here we've been waving to

1066

00:47:15,840 --> 00:47:13,690

people we've been just going hello with

1067

00:47:17,640 --> 00:47:15,850

bibs that we've won the castaway award

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00:47:19,500 --> 00:47:17,650

as we walk past them and they go what

1069

00:47:21,840 --> 00:47:19,510

that doesn't say yeah that's right we

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00:47:23,370 --> 00:47:21,850

won the castaway award and all of my

1071

00:47:25,590 --> 00:47:23,380

friends are very impressed they didn't

1072

00:47:27,690 --> 00:47:25,600

think bunga bunga was a thing but as

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00:47:29,550 --> 00:47:27,700

soon as you win a prize is like also

1074

00:47:31,830 --> 00:47:29,560

it's an actual it's an actual thing

1075

00:47:33,660 --> 00:47:31,840

that's like my dad suddenly Moulton

1076  
00:47:34,890 --> 00:47:33,670  
suddenly my dad's all in with podcasting

1077  
00:47:37,170 --> 00:47:34,900  
because we won an award and I let him

1078  
00:47:40,080 --> 00:47:37,180  
put it on his mantelpiece yeah we're the

1079  
00:47:43,170 --> 00:47:40,090  
first with the first to win an award for

1080  
00:47:44,940 --> 00:47:43,180  
doing what we do mmm yes and what we're

1081  
00:47:47,490 --> 00:47:44,950  
not quite sure but we're obviously going

1082  
00:47:49,380 --> 00:47:47,500  
places with this Richard I would expect

1083  
00:47:50,980 --> 00:47:49,390  
we could be going as far as Taylor and

1084  
00:47:53,710 --> 00:47:50,990  
Bend summer like that

1085  
00:47:56,380 --> 00:47:53,720  
well what I like may not is the fact

1086  
00:47:59,380 --> 00:47:56,390  
that there was the inaugural castaway

1087  
00:48:01,960 --> 00:47:59,390  
Awards yes and the very first award was

1088  
00:48:03,609 --> 00:48:01,970

bunga bunga Planet may not and you were

1089

00:48:04,780 --> 00:48:03,619

the very first person in the history of

1090

00:48:05,830 --> 00:48:04,790

the wards to get up there and accept

1091

00:48:08,500 --> 00:48:05,840

award that was pretty cool

1092

00:48:11,260 --> 00:48:08,510

yes yes and I only libeled I think six

1093

00:48:13,540 --> 00:48:11,270

people six people in under a minute I I

1094

00:48:15,280 --> 00:48:13,550

thank Tim as part of the the Holy

1095

00:48:16,750 --> 00:48:15,290

Trinity I think you were the the the

1096

00:48:19,270 --> 00:48:16,760

father would some not you might have

1097

00:48:21,550 --> 00:48:19,280

been the holy ghost look I was in there

1098

00:48:24,670 --> 00:48:21,560

like Flynn I just can't remember who was

1099

00:48:26,680 --> 00:48:24,680

who do is all happening at once look yes

1100

00:48:28,330 --> 00:48:26,690

and so I mean also Tim's under a bit of

1101

00:48:30,400 --> 00:48:28,340

an injury cloud - you must understand

1102

00:48:31,630 --> 00:48:30,410

the moment Richard because some he was

1103

00:48:33,970 --> 00:48:31,640

sitting at home another night and I

1104

00:48:37,900 --> 00:48:33,980

texted him something I texted him UK

1105

00:48:39,460 --> 00:48:37,910

election called and Tim you thought well

1106

00:48:41,920 --> 00:48:39,470

I thought there was a punch line coming

1107

00:48:44,260 --> 00:48:41,930

so I sat back and relaxed for at least

1108

00:48:47,470 --> 00:48:44,270

whatever now maybe half an hour cuz I

1109

00:48:50,080 --> 00:48:47,480

was thinking UK election called you know

1110

00:48:51,640 --> 00:48:50,090

they want your bowtie back although he's

1111

00:48:54,940 --> 00:48:51,650

some kind of punchline but it turns out

1112

00:48:57,790 --> 00:48:54,950

that the UK election had been called no

1113

00:48:59,170 --> 00:48:57,800

bowtie needed and as as I mentioned

1114

00:49:00,310 --> 00:48:59,180

earlier in Banga Banga House said would

1115

00:49:03,070 --> 00:49:00,320

you be when you've got to get your

1116

00:49:04,570 --> 00:49:03,080

current affairs news from me Tim well

1117

00:49:06,400 --> 00:49:04,580

yeah when you send me that thing why did

1118

00:49:10,240 --> 00:49:06,410

the chicken cross the road I assumed it

1119

00:49:12,400 --> 00:49:10,250

was rhetorical yeah so so basically we

1120

00:49:13,750 --> 00:49:12,410

are making out like bandits is the

1121

00:49:15,430 --> 00:49:13,760

answer to the what we've been done since

1122

00:49:16,570 --> 00:49:15,440

we won the castaway award and thank you

1123

00:49:18,730 --> 00:49:16,580

to yourself for all the filming on the

1124

00:49:20,530 --> 00:49:18,740

night have a look on the castaway Awards

1125

00:49:21,840 --> 00:49:20,540

a Facebook page because I did lots of

1126

00:49:24,099 --> 00:49:21,850

red carpet interviews with various

1127

00:49:25,960 --> 00:49:24,109

podcasters from around Australia it's

1128

00:49:29,650 --> 00:49:25,970

quite a record isn't it you on the red

1129

00:49:31,750 --> 00:49:29,660

carpet i we shot almost an hour of video

1130

00:49:33,220 --> 00:49:31,760

in the end which was quite something

1131

00:49:35,770 --> 00:49:33,230

especially since i was doing with a

1132

00:49:37,660 --> 00:49:35,780

makeshift rig and an iphone but it

1133

00:49:40,540 --> 00:49:37,670

worked very well so i'll put a link to

1134

00:49:42,430 --> 00:49:40,550

those interviews in the show notes

1135

00:49:44,080 --> 00:49:42,440

but again and I know you do this in

1136

00:49:45,460 --> 00:49:44,090

bunga bunga and I certainly do it in the

1137

00:49:47,500 --> 00:49:45,470

skin exam we thank the people who

1138

00:49:49,210 --> 00:49:47,510

support the show that's right and by the

1139

00:49:52,150 --> 00:49:49,220

way you're listening to the skeptic Sam

1140

00:49:54,640 --> 00:49:52,160

right now why not hit the tin get onto

1141

00:49:56,260 --> 00:49:54,650

patreon just sling Richard a dollar or

1142

00:49:58,210 --> 00:49:56,270

two or something just to help the show

1143

00:49:58,930 --> 00:49:58,220

out because this guy's doing it day in

1144

00:50:00,940 --> 00:49:58,940

day out

1145

00:50:03,520 --> 00:50:00,950

he's got kittens to feed

1146

00:50:04,630 --> 00:50:03,530

well they're big cats now but yes that

1147

00:50:06,670 --> 00:50:04,640

cat food ain't cheap

1148

00:50:07,810 --> 00:50:06,680

exactly he's got plastic boxes to buy

1149

00:50:09,400 --> 00:50:07,820

for them you've got all sorts of

1150

00:50:10,990 --> 00:50:09,410

expensive things haven't you or they're

1151

00:50:12,609 --> 00:50:11,000

the interns for the skeptics and they do

1152

00:50:14,380 --> 00:50:12,619

most of the work in fact Henrietta

1153

00:50:15,670 --> 00:50:14,390

reward you because as you heard this the

1154

00:50:17,200 --> 00:50:15,680

march for science would have been on

1155

00:50:19,000 --> 00:50:17,210

marching for science I'm not quite sure

1156

00:50:21,520 --> 00:50:19,010

which branch of science I'm going to be

1157

00:50:24,609 --> 00:50:21,530

marching for I thought maybe geology be

1158

00:50:26,050 --> 00:50:24,619

kind of cool I don't know but know what

1159

00:50:28,780 --> 00:50:26,060

branch of science would you March foot

1160

00:50:30,849 --> 00:50:28,790

Tim oh man it's got to be the table of

1161

00:50:33,339 --> 00:50:30,859

elements because it's not here forever

1162

00:50:35,200 --> 00:50:33,349

it's just periodic so why we've got it I

1163

00:50:36,819 --> 00:50:35,210

reckon we just celebrate it and then

1164

00:50:41,109 --> 00:50:36,829

we'll just push it off in a little boat

1165

00:50:43,720 --> 00:50:41,119

and yeah and say well Carbon who knew

1166

00:50:46,750 --> 00:50:43,730

would be a thing let's hear it for

1167

00:50:50,970 --> 00:50:46,760

gallium yeah gallium girl gallium always

1168

00:50:54,160 --> 00:50:50,980

giving and Alif idiom why isn't it there

1169

00:50:56,200 --> 00:50:54,170

so folks it's it's the award-winning

1170

00:50:57,310 --> 00:50:56,210

Maynard and Tim Ferguson from the Banga

1171

00:51:01,060 --> 00:50:57,320

Banga bang caste but congratulations

1172

00:51:02,230 --> 00:51:01,070

both of you an award is great and thank

1173

00:51:03,790 --> 00:51:02,240

you for your help with her to there

1174

00:51:05,530 --> 00:51:03,800

Richard oh no we we now return you to

1175

00:51:07,990 --> 00:51:05,540

your normal programming after a word

1176  
00:51:11,050 --> 00:51:08,000  
from Tim Ferguson a friend of mine had a

1177  
00:51:13,210 --> 00:51:11,060  
girlfriend who came up and looked at the

1178  
00:51:16,390 --> 00:51:13,220  
periodic table of elements in his

1179  
00:51:19,870 --> 00:51:16,400  
kitchen and peered at and said where's

1180  
00:51:22,420 --> 00:51:19,880  
energy except allah it's not there she

1181  
00:51:24,819 --> 00:51:22,430  
said Ben Energy's really simple it's a

1182  
00:51:27,600 --> 00:51:24,829  
combination of those elements now it's

1183  
00:51:29,339 --> 00:51:27,610  
not and that's how she became single a

1184  
00:51:32,790 --> 00:51:29,349  
[Music]

1185  
00:51:59,950 --> 00:51:32,800  
warning from history from Tim Ferguson

1186  
00:52:04,820 --> 00:52:02,540  
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1187  
00:52:06,860 --> 00:52:04,830  
zone and I'm very excited and I hope I

1188  
00:52:08,870 --> 00:52:06,870

can see some skeptics and fans at the

1189

00:52:11,260 --> 00:52:08,880

North East Conference of science and

1190

00:52:14,690 --> 00:52:11,270

skepticism a bit later on at the end of

1191

00:52:17,600 --> 00:52:14,700

June end of June beginning of July have

1192

00:52:21,250 --> 00:52:17,610

never been to New York and I've never

1193

00:52:23,870 --> 00:52:21,260

been to I think the furthest the

1194

00:52:26,720 --> 00:52:23,880

furthest east I've been in the United

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00:52:28,370 --> 00:52:26,730

States would be Atlanta Georgia I think

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00:52:30,470 --> 00:52:28,380

many years ago when I used to go to the

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00:52:33,320 --> 00:52:30,480

Dragon Con convention but that's all

1198

00:52:36,530 --> 00:52:33,330

many weeks away coming up next week on

1199

00:52:38,360 --> 00:52:36,540

the skeptics own well it's up to a more

1200

00:52:42,400 --> 00:52:38,370

dannhenry out of the interns I'll ask

1201  
00:52:47,150 --> 00:52:42,410  
them what would what sort of skeptical

1202  
00:52:50,780 --> 00:52:47,160  
topics with interest pussycats somehow

1203  
00:52:53,960 --> 00:52:50,790  
they're not telling me I think they're

1204  
00:52:55,400 --> 00:52:53,970  
skeptical about everything in fact I

1205  
00:52:59,660 --> 00:52:55,410  
think coming up next we will probably

1206  
00:53:02,930 --> 00:52:59,670  
have a report of the skeptics in the pub

1207  
00:53:04,970 --> 00:53:02,940  
night with our with our chiropractor

1208  
00:53:09,230 --> 00:53:04,980  
giving us a lecture that should be very

1209  
00:53:10,790 --> 00:53:09,240  
interesting and hopefully if I if I can

1210  
00:53:12,950 --> 00:53:10,800  
track him down we might even have a chat

1211  
00:53:15,980 --> 00:53:12,960  
to James Randi at least soon at least

1212  
00:53:17,990 --> 00:53:15,990  
soon I hope but for this week this is

1213  
00:53:20,300 --> 00:53:18,000

Richard Saunders Morden Henrietta who

1214

00:53:26,030 --> 00:53:20,310

have disappeared once again signing off

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00:53:31,850 --> 00:53:28,040

you've been listening to the skeptic

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00:53:50,660 --> 00:53:48,450

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00:53:53,480 --> 00:53:50,670

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subscribing via PayPal for as little as

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99 cents a week the skeptic zone is an

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00:54:01,190 --> 00:53:59,280

independent production the views and

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00:54:03,410 --> 00:54:01,200

opinions expressed on the skeptic zone

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00:54:06,290 --> 00:54:03,420

and not necessarily those of Australian

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00:54:17,420 --> 00:54:06,300

skeptics or any other skeptical

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00:54:20,840 --> 00:54:17,430

organization you're still in New Mexico

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00:54:23,420 --> 00:54:20,850

I take it in I am I am is my audio okay

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00:54:25,280 --> 00:54:23,430

yes it's very good where exactly are you

1233

00:54:27,350 --> 00:54:25,290

in New Mexico I'm just outside of

1234

00:54:30,170 --> 00:54:27,360

Albuquerque as you would say it's uh

1235

00:54:36,500 --> 00:54:30,180

we're probably best known for Bugs Bunny

1236

00:54:39,860 --> 00:54:36,510

and Breaking Bad I knew I shoulda turn

1237

00:54:43,040 --> 00:54:39,870

left of Albuquerque exactly uh yeah I

1238

00:54:48,140 --> 00:54:43,050

guess same same cultural references we

1239

00:54:50,930 --> 00:54:48,150

know it hang on now recording okay let's

1240

00:54:52,610 --> 00:54:50,940

just wing it Ben see how we go oh we can

1241

00:54:57,130 --> 00:54:52,620

kooler poor professionals at least at

1242

00:55:01,460 --> 00:54:57,140

least you are well I'm glad one of us is

1243

00:55:03,530 --> 00:55:01,470

and joining me now all the way from that