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**Joe Nickell & Richard Saunders**

Joe Nickell talks about  
JFK conspiracy theories

Eran Segev with Sofie Vanthournout

Susan Gerbic from Guerrilla Skepticism  
on Wikipedia chats to us before  
and after CSIcon 2017

Think Inc. looking for volunteers  
for Skepticon in Sydney



**Sofie Vanthournout**

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from Australia for science and reason

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yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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episode number 472 for the fifth of

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November 2017 richardsaunders here with

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you fresh off the plane coming to you

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from Sydney Australia fresh off the

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plane from Los Angeles although

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00:00:44,250 --> 00:00:41,860

originally from San Fran oh now hang old

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peg it back I was in Las Vegas I flew to

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San Francisco it's been a couple of days

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there flew to Los Angeles spent a couple

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of hours there and then flew back to

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Sydney Australia and along the way

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00:00:57,210 --> 00:00:54,970

somewhere I picked up a little bit of a

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00:00:59,030 --> 00:00:57,220

cold so I hope you'll forgive me if I

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00:01:01,229 --> 00:00:59,040

sound a little bit under the weather

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00:01:03,030 --> 00:01:01,239

speaking of the weather it's cool and

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00:01:05,280 --> 00:01:03,040

overcast in Sydney today with a bit of

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:05,290

rain coming up on this week's show I

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00:01:10,289 --> 00:01:08,560

speak to the legendary investigator of

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00:01:13,140 --> 00:01:10,299

all things paranormal psychic and

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00:01:15,420 --> 00:01:13,150

conspiracy and monsters and things Joe

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00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,430

Nickell the one and only Joe Nickell i

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00:01:21,900 --> 00:01:18,159

sat down with Joe at the recent saikhan

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00:01:24,740 --> 00:01:21,910

in Las Vegas and we had a wide-ranging

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00:01:27,210 --> 00:01:24,750

talk revolving around John F Kennedy and

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00:01:29,910 --> 00:01:27,220

now he's and Bigfoot and things like

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00:01:31,350 --> 00:01:29,920

that always a pleasure to interview Joe

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00:01:33,690 --> 00:01:31,360

Nickell and that's coming up at the top

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00:01:35,780 --> 00:01:33,700

of the show after that a grain of salt

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00:01:38,610 --> 00:01:35,790

with Iran say give more of his

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00:01:41,580 --> 00:01:38,620

interviews and insights from his recent

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00:01:43,680 --> 00:01:41,590

world trip and this week from the

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00:01:47,399 --> 00:01:43,690

European skeptics Congress Iran

40

00:01:48,510 --> 00:01:47,409

interviews sophie van der not from sense

41

00:01:56,100 --> 00:01:48,520

about science

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00:01:59,160 --> 00:01:56,110

Europe to aid science in policymaking

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00:02:01,830 --> 00:01:59,170

find out with the Rancic F then to round

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00:02:04,140 --> 00:02:01,840

off the show more from the saikhan in

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00:02:08,460 --> 00:02:04,150

Las Vegas night chat to susan gerbic

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00:02:10,589 --> 00:02:08,470

from guerrilla skepticism before the the

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00:02:12,990 --> 00:02:10,599

event started and then after it was all

48

00:02:16,500 --> 00:02:13,000

over to get her insights in the fact we

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00:02:20,160 --> 00:02:16,510

begin our interview in the bar down near

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00:02:23,160 --> 00:02:20,170

the the check-in desk at the Excalibur

51  
00:02:25,949 --> 00:02:23,170  
Hotel and there's some tango dancing

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00:02:27,600 --> 00:02:25,959  
going on some tango lessons find out

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00:02:30,280 --> 00:02:27,610  
what susan gerbic thought about the

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00:02:33,190 --> 00:02:30,290  
whole psyche on coming up to round off

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00:02:35,259 --> 00:02:33,200  
show and a big big big thank you from me

56  
00:02:37,360 --> 00:02:35,269  
to very car and kendrick phrase and all

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00:02:39,039 --> 00:02:37,370  
the people at the committee for

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00:02:42,039 --> 00:02:39,049  
skeptical inquiry for putting together a

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00:02:44,229 --> 00:02:42,049  
wonderful convention I was very lucky I

60  
00:02:47,410 --> 00:02:44,239  
took part in a panel on the last day of

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00:02:50,259 --> 00:02:47,420  
the convention very wide-ranging panel

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00:02:52,899 --> 00:02:50,269  
about problems facing science and what

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00:02:55,179 --> 00:02:52,909

maybe we can do to make to make these

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00:02:58,360 --> 00:02:55,189

things better to improve the general

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process of science that it was very

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interesting it was dr. Ricci dr. Rachel

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Dunlop Cara Santa Maria and Britt Hermes

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00:03:08,770 --> 00:03:07,099

on that panel with myself and I really

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00:03:10,809 --> 00:03:08,780

enjoyed it it was fascinating and I

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00:03:12,929 --> 00:03:10,819

actually I look forward to hearing it

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00:03:15,099 --> 00:03:12,939

back again or seeing it because when you

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00:03:16,420 --> 00:03:15,109

when you're part of a panel like that

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00:03:18,009 --> 00:03:16,430

it's easy to forget all the things that

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00:03:21,009 --> 00:03:18,019

were said and thank you to all the

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people who came up to me and I'm sure to

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the other panelists and said that how

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much they enjoyed that that panel and

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00:03:28,420 --> 00:03:26,659

thank you to all the skeptics our

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00:03:31,330 --> 00:03:28,430

listeners who came up and said hello

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00:03:33,399 --> 00:03:31,340

many from Australia I was very happy to

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00:03:36,009 --> 00:03:33,409

see so many Australians in Las Vegas and

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00:03:38,800 --> 00:03:36,019

I was happy to dish out some must sticks

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00:03:40,659 --> 00:03:38,810

to everybody - sometimes people weren't

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00:03:42,309 --> 00:03:40,669

happy to get them but the Australians

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00:03:44,050 --> 00:03:42,319

were at least some other little

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00:03:46,210 --> 00:03:44,060

announcements don't forget you can see

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00:03:50,379 --> 00:03:46,220

the skeptic zone live here in Sydney on

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00:03:52,180 --> 00:03:50,389

the 18th Saturday the 18th of November

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is part of skeptic on

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00:03:55,240 --> 00:03:53,930

I think we're scheduled to be at

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00:03:57,969 --> 00:03:55,250

something like 2 o'clock in the

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00:03:59,500 --> 00:03:57,979

afternoon you know the other room there

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00:04:01,300 --> 00:03:59,510

are two sessions going on is a

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00:04:03,879 --> 00:04:01,310

podcasting session and their general

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00:04:05,770 --> 00:04:03,889

talks anyway I think that programme will

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be updated soon but I'll link to all

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00:04:09,460 --> 00:04:08,120

that in the show notes I look forward to

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00:04:11,439 --> 00:04:09,470

seeing you at the Australian skeptics

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00:04:14,080 --> 00:04:11,449

convention dinner on the night of

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00:04:15,909 --> 00:04:14,090

Saturday the 18th and you can get your

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00:04:18,550 --> 00:04:15,919

tickets there are still tickets left at

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00:04:20,409 --> 00:04:18,560

skeptics comdataís you they'll be magic

103

00:04:23,020 --> 00:04:20,419

well I'll be spoon bending anyway

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00:04:26,320 --> 00:04:23,030

they'll be entertainment lots of fun and

105

00:04:29,439 --> 00:04:26,330

the announcing of the awards like the

106

00:04:31,540 --> 00:04:29,449

bent spoon award and so on I can't wait

107

00:04:33,219 --> 00:04:31,550

for that skeptics dinners are always

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00:04:35,020 --> 00:04:33,229

fascinating and great fun and all you

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00:04:37,830 --> 00:04:35,030

people who come to skeptics in the pub I

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00:04:39,940 --> 00:04:37,840

hope that you can also come to our the

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00:04:42,430 --> 00:04:39,950

convention dinner buy your tickets now

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00:04:43,660 --> 00:04:42,440

and here's a note from our friends at

113

00:04:45,580 --> 00:04:43,670

think Inc that people

114

00:04:49,600 --> 00:04:45,590

who are organizing the convention this

115

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year they say love intellectual

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00:04:56,410 --> 00:04:52,010

discussion critical thinking meeting

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00:04:59,380 --> 00:04:56,420

like-minded people and volunteering than

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we want you the team at thinking are

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looking for awesome volunteers to help

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00:05:06,850 --> 00:05:04,520

assist with event operations including

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00:05:09,730 --> 00:05:06,860

merchandise customer service talent

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00:05:14,230 --> 00:05:09,740

greeting and so much more for skeptic on

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00:05:16,720 --> 00:05:14,240

Australia and Jason Silva or struck in

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00:05:19,270 --> 00:05:16,730

Sydney on Saturday the 18th and Sunday

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00:05:20,950 --> 00:05:19,280

the 19th of November if you are based in

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00:05:22,750 --> 00:05:20,960

Sydney and are interested in

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00:05:25,870 --> 00:05:22,760

volunteering for either or both of these

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00:05:27,760 --> 00:05:25,880

events then please complete the form and

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there'll be a link to that form on this

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00:05:30,640 --> 00:05:30,020

week's show notes of the skeptic zone so

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00:05:33,370 --> 00:05:30,650

there you are

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Sydney people if you'd like to lend a

133

00:05:39,160 --> 00:05:36,050

hand and volunteer for some of the

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00:05:41,410 --> 00:05:39,170

events and goings-on for the skeptic on

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00:05:45,070 --> 00:05:41,420

and Jason silver or struck in Sydney

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00:05:46,960 --> 00:05:45,080

head to skeptic zone TV and have a look

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00:05:49,690 --> 00:05:46,970

at the forum and maybe you'll end up

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00:05:54,040 --> 00:05:49,700

being a volunteer and thank you to those

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00:05:56,530 --> 00:05:54,050

sharp eyed listeners who spotted that on

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00:05:59,050 --> 00:05:56,540

the website now I've removed the link

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00:06:01,720 --> 00:05:59,060

that's been there for you here's to the

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direct download of the skeptic zone now

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if you go to skeptics and ITV there are

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there's a a player there you can simply

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click the big green button and hear each

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week's episode you can click the youtube

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00:06:16,000 --> 00:06:12,770

link and watch it well listen to it via

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00:06:17,770 --> 00:06:16,010

YouTube and until now you could simply

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00:06:20,620 --> 00:06:17,780

right click a link and download the

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00:06:23,770 --> 00:06:20,630

episode as an mp3 well that link is

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00:06:27,520 --> 00:06:23,780

still there it's now just incorporated

152

00:06:29,230 --> 00:06:27,530

into the big green player so if you look

153

00:06:32,050 --> 00:06:29,240

at the big green player at the top of

154

00:06:34,960 --> 00:06:32,060

each episode the notes for each episode

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00:06:36,460 --> 00:06:34,970

there's a download link there's a you

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00:06:38,200 --> 00:06:36,470

know a couple of little icons and one of

157

00:06:40,690 --> 00:06:38,210

them is a download so just click that

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00:06:43,150 --> 00:06:40,700

and you can get the episode but now it's

159

00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:43,160

time for me to run downstairs who have

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00:06:48,760 --> 00:06:44,960

some chicken soup that's for cold

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00:06:51,850 --> 00:06:48,770

doesn't it chicken soup yeah hot tea

162

00:06:54,580 --> 00:06:51,860

ginger tea ginger teen maybe some ginger

163

00:06:56,380 --> 00:06:54,590

chicken soup all I do that I hope you

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00:07:16,470 --> 00:06:56,390

enjoy the skeptic zone

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00:07:19,810 --> 00:07:16,480

[Music]

166

00:07:22,690 --> 00:07:19,820

and I'm catching up with Joe Nickell

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00:07:25,330 --> 00:07:22,700

hello Joe Nickell hello my friend

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00:07:27,190 --> 00:07:25,340

good to see you outside your country yes

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00:07:30,460 --> 00:07:27,200

I think the last time I saw you was

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00:07:33,550 --> 00:07:30,470

probably Brisbane Brisbane it was and a

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00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:33,560

terrible time I had a scary time you're

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00:07:40,600 --> 00:07:37,120

out looking for the Yowie and and the

173

00:07:42,810 --> 00:07:40,610

terribly haunted tower mil or they

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00:07:46,780 --> 00:07:42,820

hanged people and ghosts or you know

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00:07:49,060 --> 00:07:46,790

still there peering out and it's just

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00:07:51,670 --> 00:07:49,070

too awful to talk about if you believe a

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00:07:54,340 --> 00:07:51,680

word I'm saying you're not as skeptical

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00:07:55,690 --> 00:07:54,350

as we would like here epical Enquirer

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00:07:59,050 --> 00:07:55,700

you've gone as white as a sheet I can

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00:08:01,990 --> 00:07:59,060

tell it's new every word true now have

181

00:08:04,810 --> 00:08:02,000

you had I know it's very recent as we

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00:08:07,870 --> 00:08:04,820

speak but just yesterday or the day

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00:08:09,850 --> 00:08:07,880

before these JFK files have been

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00:08:11,980 --> 00:08:09,860

released if you had any chance to look

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over what's been happening there I have

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00:08:19,330 --> 00:08:14,090

not but of course I have done some

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things with JFK for example some years

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ago i tented to help Robert Oswald Lee

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Harvey's brother stop the exclamation of

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Lee Harvey there was a crackpot named

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Eidos a British solicitor or barrister

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or something and he had this theory that

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Oswald wasn't Oswald that when Oswald

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went to Russia

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00:08:47,230 --> 00:08:43,610

those shrewd Russkies had spirited him

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away and sent us a look-alike and back

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00:08:52,810 --> 00:08:50,930

can you imagine someone fooling Oswald's

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mother and two things yeah that was just

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00:08:57,700 --> 00:08:54,860

too too silly for words or fooling

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Robert and so they wanted to dig him up

201  
00:09:01,720 --> 00:08:59,600  
and they were going to prove that Oswald

202  
00:09:04,570 --> 00:09:01,730  
wasn't in Oswald's grave it was the

203  
00:09:07,300 --> 00:09:04,580  
Soviet look-alike so yeah and when you

204  
00:09:07,650 --> 00:09:07,310  
said would say well wait a minute why

205  
00:09:09,930 --> 00:09:07,660  
don't

206  
00:09:12,810 --> 00:09:09,940  
the fingerprints and everything show

207  
00:09:14,820 --> 00:09:12,820  
that Oswald was Oswald and of course in

208  
00:09:18,600 --> 00:09:14,830  
true conspiracy fashion the guy would

209  
00:09:21,060 --> 00:09:18,610  
say well they switched those they

210  
00:09:24,780 --> 00:09:21,070  
switched fingerprints don't you know and

211  
00:09:26,400 --> 00:09:24,790  
I said well then if you dig him up what

212  
00:09:28,320 --> 00:09:26,410  
are you gonna do use dental records or

213  
00:09:31,290 --> 00:09:28,330

something well that they they will say

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00:09:33,780 --> 00:09:31,300

they switched those two so I had a

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00:09:35,880 --> 00:09:33,790

theory Robert said yeah if we could do

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00:09:39,540 --> 00:09:35,890

that he would be very happy

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I knew maybe America's foremost your

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identification expert Alfred in ireli

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00:09:46,890 --> 00:09:43,630

nature doesn't make two ears

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00:09:50,100 --> 00:09:46,900

fingerprints snow flakes whatever and we

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00:09:53,250 --> 00:09:50,110

had very good photographs of Lee Harvey

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Oswald's ear in Marine Corps photographs

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huh and very good ones of the

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quote-unquote Dallas assassin and in

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ireli studied those and said trust me

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that's those are the same ears they are

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the same person no question yeah yeah

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00:10:11,670 --> 00:10:09,580

and he's forensic expert in that field

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00:10:16,770 --> 00:10:11,680

when we worked on several cases together

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00:10:19,230 --> 00:10:16,780

and the problem was that there was just

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this media hype and determination to dig

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Oswald up and nobody was going to give

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us the time of day on something they

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never heard of well like your

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identification you know so they did dig

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00:10:34,440 --> 00:10:31,150

him up and guess what guess what kind of

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man who was in Oswald's grave well it

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was sort of like who was in Grant's Tomb

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yeah it was grant in Grant's Tomb and

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Oswald in Oswald's grin was a DNA in the

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00:10:49,440 --> 00:10:46,180

end well this was kind of before DNA was

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00:10:51,500 --> 00:10:49,450

so okay so you know handy and popular

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00:10:56,850 --> 00:10:51,510

and everything today we would do that

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00:10:57,570 --> 00:10:56,860

but Robert Oswald's a very decent man

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and

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wacko who did a terrible thing

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Oswald had to pay but his view was look

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I buried my brother and now I want to be

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00:11:17,750 --> 00:11:14,200

left alone and so he was very angry

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00:11:20,940 --> 00:11:17,760

about it another connection I had to the

251  
00:11:24,180 --> 00:11:20,950  
case was just that I was able wants to

252  
00:11:27,360 --> 00:11:24,190  
be at the Texas Book Depository in

253  
00:11:30,780 --> 00:11:27,370  
Dallas and look out the window where as

254  
00:11:35,210 --> 00:11:30,790  
Walt fired and I think it was an easy

255  
00:11:38,460 --> 00:11:35,220  
shot the road made a bend and was that

256  
00:11:40,980 --> 00:11:38,470  
look that motorcade was had turned and

257  
00:11:43,770 --> 00:11:40,990  
was heading away from that window so

258  
00:11:46,200 --> 00:11:43,780  
when you have your rifle and and you

259  
00:11:49,680 --> 00:11:46,210  
you're firing you just have to just keep

260  
00:11:51,360 --> 00:11:49,690  
raising the rifle gently to keep line of

261  
00:11:53,000 --> 00:11:51,370  
sight line of sight whereas of course if

262  
00:11:55,500 --> 00:11:53,010  
it we're going and right angles to you

263  
00:11:57,330 --> 00:11:55,510

that's a difficult shot good point

264

00:12:00,510 --> 00:11:57,340

it's a very difficult shot yes you just

265

00:12:02,900 --> 00:12:00,520

usually have to alter your the rifle up

266

00:12:05,580 --> 00:12:02,910

slightly because it's down the same

267

00:12:08,010 --> 00:12:05,590

direction the saying just have just just

268

00:12:10,560 --> 00:12:08,020

a very easy easy shot I thought as

269

00:12:16,350 --> 00:12:10,570

someone who's shot a lot as a boy

270

00:12:20,100 --> 00:12:16,360

particularly and so the people need to

271

00:12:22,800 --> 00:12:20,110

remember that of the three shots fired

272

00:12:26,430 --> 00:12:22,810

and we know we know that they have the

273

00:12:31,740 --> 00:12:26,440

showcasing sense of would of those three

274

00:12:35,090 --> 00:12:31,750

shots one missed so this this claim that

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00:12:37,880 --> 00:12:35,100

it was this phenomenal accurate

276

00:12:41,940 --> 00:12:37,890

situations it pretty much ridiculous and

277

00:12:45,120 --> 00:12:41,950

when people talk about another gunman

278

00:12:48,420 --> 00:12:45,130

you know on the grassy knoll or whatever

279

00:12:51,510 --> 00:12:48,430

well that was all people mistaken

280

00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:51,520

because of echo effects of this gunshot

281

00:12:55,590 --> 00:12:53,200

sound they thought it was you know

282

00:12:58,380 --> 00:12:55,600

multiple shots coming from it was never

283

00:13:00,090 --> 00:12:58,390

any evidence for anybody there that was

284

00:13:02,640 --> 00:13:00,100

good evidence it was all pretty silly

285

00:13:03,940 --> 00:13:02,650

and and I've said you know if there was

286

00:13:07,420 --> 00:13:03,950

another gunman

287

00:13:09,280 --> 00:13:07,430

what happened to his bullets you can

288

00:13:13,120 --> 00:13:09,290

talk about the super bullet and make

289

00:13:15,580 --> 00:13:13,130

jokes about it but in fact that rather

290

00:13:17,290 --> 00:13:15,590

pristine bullet that's called the super

291

00:13:19,360 --> 00:13:17,300

bullet that went through the magic

292

00:13:20,740 --> 00:13:19,370

bullet yeah yeah through Kennedy and hit

293

00:13:22,570 --> 00:13:20,750

Connally and all the people say always

294

00:13:24,790 --> 00:13:22,580

you couldn't have done all that without

295

00:13:26,650 --> 00:13:24,800

being horribly deformed but you just

296

00:13:28,750 --> 00:13:26,660

rotate that bullet a little bit you see

297

00:13:31,360 --> 00:13:28,760

it's flattened on one side and it's a

298

00:13:34,030 --> 00:13:31,370

copper jacketed bullet made to minimize

299

00:13:36,790 --> 00:13:34,040

distortion right so I'm not impressed

300

00:13:38,800 --> 00:13:36,800

with that and and so if we're gonna talk

301  
00:13:41,200 --> 00:13:38,810  
about and call that you know the super

302  
00:13:42,880 --> 00:13:41,210  
bullet then you have to talk about the

303  
00:13:45,280 --> 00:13:42,890  
grassy knoll bullets as being

304  
00:13:48,010 --> 00:13:45,290  
evaporating bullets yeah where did they

305  
00:13:48,930 --> 00:13:48,020  
land yeah because we can account for

306  
00:13:53,470 --> 00:13:48,940  
everything

307  
00:13:54,640 --> 00:13:53,480  
from the two bullets that hit one went

308  
00:13:56,920 --> 00:13:54,650  
through Kennedy's throat and

309  
00:13:59,190 --> 00:13:56,930  
independently the other one from the

310  
00:14:02,740 --> 00:13:59,200  
back came out the side and blew

311  
00:14:05,830 --> 00:14:02,750  
Kennedy's head open yeah and that's that

312  
00:14:08,110 --> 00:14:05,840  
that's that same and so it's just the

313  
00:14:11,380 --> 00:14:08,120

conspiracy theorists are just silly

314

00:14:13,270 --> 00:14:11,390

people who won't give up won't give up

315

00:14:15,520 --> 00:14:13,280

in fact whatever is being released now

316

00:14:18,760 --> 00:14:15,530

lonely fueled them I would imagine no

317

00:14:20,890 --> 00:14:18,770

matter what it says if anybody wanted my

318

00:14:24,400 --> 00:14:20,900

opinion as to what to read to become

319

00:14:27,370 --> 00:14:24,410

informed I would recommend my friend

320

00:14:31,120 --> 00:14:27,380

Gerald Posner book case closed

321

00:14:35,140 --> 00:14:31,130

and another book that's good as Vincent

322

00:14:37,180 --> 00:14:35,150

Billy ocean Vincent do Leo C's book and

323

00:14:38,530 --> 00:14:37,190

I forget the title of it but Billy OSA

324

00:14:41,230 --> 00:14:38,540

was the guy that did the Charles Manson

325

00:14:44,800 --> 00:14:41,240

stuff it's a you know a pretty pretty

326

00:14:47,160 --> 00:14:44,810

prominent guy and he did the book on the

327

00:14:50,410 --> 00:14:47,170

assassination and he is is also a

328

00:14:52,660 --> 00:14:50,420

sensible book looks at the evidence

329

00:14:56,110 --> 00:14:52,670

sensibly and both of those books show

330

00:14:57,760 --> 00:14:56,120

that Oswald Oswald did it I'll link to

331

00:15:01,360 --> 00:14:57,770

those in the in this week's show notes

332

00:15:02,950 --> 00:15:01,370

now was he the same guy and I have it in

333

00:15:06,040 --> 00:15:02,960

my archive somewhere there was something

334

00:15:07,630 --> 00:15:06,050

called Lee Harvey Oswald on trial where

335

00:15:11,720 --> 00:15:07,640

do you know this one where they went to

336

00:15:14,329 --> 00:15:11,730

the UK in the 80s and had a whole trial

337

00:15:15,590 --> 00:15:14,339

with as many witnesses as that bilious

338

00:15:18,230 --> 00:15:15,600

he might have been involved with that

339

00:15:22,160 --> 00:15:18,240

I'm not sure but I'm usually not too

340

00:15:25,220 --> 00:15:22,170

impressed with those kinds of stunts I

341

00:15:27,470 --> 00:15:25,230

would I don't care what some you know

342

00:15:30,829 --> 00:15:27,480

make-believe jurors think I just really

343

00:15:33,920 --> 00:15:30,839

don't I prefer to look at evidence the

344

00:15:36,439 --> 00:15:33,930

best evidence I can find and then you

345

00:15:40,310 --> 00:15:36,449

know see what that shows yeah I don't I

346

00:15:43,579 --> 00:15:40,320

mean I do have to believe somewhat in

347

00:15:47,180 --> 00:15:43,589

the jury system but but you know after

348

00:15:49,430 --> 00:15:47,190

all there's the OJ Simpson jury well I

349

00:15:51,050 --> 00:15:49,440

could name you some other juries yeah I

350

00:15:53,750 --> 00:15:51,060

had this theory that in the Casey

351

00:15:55,730 --> 00:15:53,760

Anthony case that was also the OJ

352

00:15:58,250 --> 00:15:55,740

Simpson jury who came out of retirement

353

00:16:01,430 --> 00:15:58,260

so they could go let another obviously

354

00:16:03,980 --> 00:16:01,440

guilty person off well you have to have

355

00:16:08,780 --> 00:16:03,990

some fun or else you just you just get

356

00:16:12,650 --> 00:16:08,790

very frustrated in at juries just not

357

00:16:14,480 --> 00:16:12,660

really quite grasping what you should be

358

00:16:16,759 --> 00:16:14,490

gross yeah well it's certainly not a

359

00:16:18,139 --> 00:16:16,769

perfect system I don't remember what the

360

00:16:21,439 --> 00:16:18,149

mock trial your time but I don't know

361

00:16:24,290 --> 00:16:21,449

what they found they found it Lee Harvey

362

00:16:27,319 --> 00:16:24,300

Oswald was the lone gunman that was the

363

00:16:31,069 --> 00:16:27,329

conclusion of this then I I've been

364

00:16:31,910 --> 00:16:31,079

unfair to yeah but but of course I think

365

00:16:35,090 --> 00:16:31,920

what we know

366

00:16:38,059 --> 00:16:35,100

forensic Lee and everything is were very

367

00:16:41,720 --> 00:16:38,069

high confidence level that Oswald was

368

00:16:45,290 --> 00:16:41,730

the lone gunman and oven by himself shot

369

00:16:47,930 --> 00:16:45,300

and killed Kennedy what I'm not as

370

00:16:50,059 --> 00:16:47,940

confident on though I believe I believe

371

00:16:53,900 --> 00:16:50,069

it I believe it myself but I would put a

372

00:16:56,720 --> 00:16:53,910

little lower confidence level I I'm not

373

00:16:59,660 --> 00:16:56,730

as confident that no one else put him up

374

00:17:01,819 --> 00:16:59,670

to it or or had any other realm but I

375

00:17:03,879 --> 00:17:01,829

think again though it seems very

376

00:17:06,909 --> 00:17:03,889

unlikely

377

00:17:10,059 --> 00:17:06,919

they're just almost all the indications

378

00:17:15,960 --> 00:17:10,069

that would suggest that somebody was

379

00:17:18,669 --> 00:17:15,970

behind him or a bunch of nothing and so

380

00:17:20,949 --> 00:17:18,679

it's looking in the background as some

381

00:17:23,980 --> 00:17:20,959

connectional possibility but you don't

382

00:17:27,340 --> 00:17:23,990

put too much weight on I don't so what's

383

00:17:29,860 --> 00:17:27,350

next for Joe Nickell oh I hope to stay

384

00:17:35,130 --> 00:17:29,870

alive a little longer because cause a

385

00:17:37,600 --> 00:17:35,140

little more trouble I am doing some work

386

00:17:40,330 --> 00:17:37,610

friends are begging me to stop

387

00:17:42,370 --> 00:17:40,340

we're probably Massimo here is is saying

388

00:17:46,330 --> 00:17:42,380

for heaven's sake Nikhil please quit

389

00:17:47,470 --> 00:17:46,340

this but I am working on this thing that

390

00:17:49,780 --> 00:17:47,480

I've been working on the last few years

391

00:17:55,090 --> 00:17:49,790

as time permits that I called the

392

00:17:56,830 --> 00:17:55,100

Bigfoot bear and the Bigfoot bear yeah

393

00:18:00,039 --> 00:17:56,840

and that's let me define that okay

394

00:18:03,460 --> 00:18:00,049

that's any bear brown bear black bear

395

00:18:06,460 --> 00:18:03,470

any bear that standing on its hind legs

396

00:18:08,890 --> 00:18:06,470

which bears do frequently yeah is

397

00:18:10,960 --> 00:18:08,900

mistaken for Bigfoot and I have

398

00:18:12,580 --> 00:18:10,970

collected a bunch of cases I've

399

00:18:15,580 --> 00:18:12,590

collected a bunch of cases where people

400

00:18:18,580 --> 00:18:15,590

say something like this well at first I

401  
00:18:20,409 --> 00:18:18,590  
thought it was a bear but then I noticed

402  
00:18:23,620 --> 00:18:20,419  
it was standing and walking on two legs

403  
00:18:25,570 --> 00:18:23,630  
like a man so this Bigfoot and you think

404  
00:18:30,490 --> 00:18:25,580  
no I think you just proved my point

405  
00:18:32,830 --> 00:18:30,500  
that was the Bigfoot bear or they say at

406  
00:18:35,020 --> 00:18:32,840  
first I thought it was a bear but don't

407  
00:18:38,560 --> 00:18:35,030  
you know all the bears in this whole

408  
00:18:41,610 --> 00:18:38,570  
region of wherever are black bears and

409  
00:18:45,400 --> 00:18:41,620  
this bear was this animal this creature

410  
00:18:48,100 --> 00:18:45,410  
was blond so and I say well done

411  
00:18:50,260 --> 00:18:48,110  
apparently are not aware that black

412  
00:18:54,270 --> 00:18:50,270  
bears can be any color from white to

413  
00:18:57,549 --> 00:18:54,280

black there's even a blueish black I

414

00:19:01,419 --> 00:18:57,559

called the Glacial bear up in the Alaska

415

00:19:04,360 --> 00:19:01,429

area so when I got a report from just

416

00:19:07,160 --> 00:19:04,370

over across the border into the Yukon of

417

00:19:09,380 --> 00:19:07,170

a seven-foot tall yeah

418

00:19:12,020 --> 00:19:09,390

lelouch a bear standing up would be

419

00:19:13,880 --> 00:19:12,030

seven foot taller that's exactly right

420

00:19:19,360 --> 00:19:13,890

or even eight feet tall if it was a big

421

00:19:21,820 --> 00:19:19,370

brown there yeah so mind you I mean I

422

00:19:25,970 --> 00:19:21,830

it's like so many things I've done

423

00:19:29,390 --> 00:19:25,980

people are you know if I identify two or

424

00:19:31,340 --> 00:19:29,400

three mystery monsters as owls then Oh

425

00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:31,350

Nicholas saying that it's always an owl

426

00:19:39,110 --> 00:19:35,100

know I don't or if I show a few cases

427

00:19:41,330 --> 00:19:39,120

where an otter is or multiple otters is

428

00:19:42,260 --> 00:19:41,340

the likely excellent Oh Nicholas is all

429

00:19:43,850 --> 00:19:42,270

the lake monsters

430

00:19:47,690 --> 00:19:43,860

well I do no such thing I don't know how

431

00:19:50,480 --> 00:19:47,700

people can can say such a thing is it

432

00:19:53,150 --> 00:19:50,490

just so it's easy it's easy to say that

433

00:19:57,260 --> 00:19:53,160

to write you off as so let me let me be

434

00:20:02,540 --> 00:19:57,270

clear I'm not saying that all Bigfoot

435

00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:02,550

reports are bears upright standing bears

436

00:20:07,670 --> 00:20:05,520

but I am saying I can show a number of

437

00:20:10,990 --> 00:20:07,680

really important and historic cases

438

00:20:14,540 --> 00:20:11,000

where that's the most likely explanation

439

00:20:16,280 --> 00:20:14,550

it could also be a hoax it could be a

440

00:20:18,500 --> 00:20:16,290

guy in the suit there are some other

441

00:20:21,290 --> 00:20:18,510

possibilities but I try to rule those

442

00:20:24,170 --> 00:20:21,300

out and apply it only to cases where I

443

00:20:26,180 --> 00:20:24,180

think it's probably sincere people saw

444

00:20:28,040 --> 00:20:26,190

something were mistaken because they

445

00:20:30,830 --> 00:20:28,050

they thought it was Bigfoot and it's

446

00:20:32,330 --> 00:20:30,840

probably not and that's so I'm doing a

447

00:20:34,190 --> 00:20:32,340

lot of work on that topic

448

00:20:35,780 --> 00:20:34,200

Bigfoot bear that yeah that that's

449

00:20:37,580 --> 00:20:35,790

really interesting which is it never

450

00:20:39,260 --> 00:20:37,590

occurred to me of course yes yeah I

451  
00:20:42,800 --> 00:20:39,270  
wonder what they would say in Australia

452  
00:20:45,140 --> 00:20:42,810  
for the Yowie we don't have any bears no

453  
00:20:48,220 --> 00:20:45,150  
it doesn't apply and the Yowie is a

454  
00:20:51,020 --> 00:20:48,230  
little bit more of a mystery in that

455  
00:20:53,510 --> 00:20:51,030  
it's pretty easy and pretty simple the

456  
00:20:55,370 --> 00:20:53,520  
Bigfoot bear is a wonderful easy very

457  
00:20:58,240 --> 00:20:55,380  
probable explanation for a lot of

458  
00:21:00,920 --> 00:20:58,250  
Bigfoot sightings but you can't use that

459  
00:21:01,810 --> 00:21:00,930  
and you know I've been Yahweh honey you

460  
00:21:05,950 --> 00:21:01,820  
have out

461  
00:21:08,890 --> 00:21:05,960  
out in the bush and so there isn't an

462  
00:21:10,870 --> 00:21:08,900  
easy explanation but I think some of

463  
00:21:14,640 --> 00:21:10,880

those are just other critters that

464

00:21:18,070 --> 00:21:14,650

people didn't see well some are hoaxes

465

00:21:22,000 --> 00:21:18,080

and and I think the Australian ones

466

00:21:26,110 --> 00:21:22,010

maybe also somewhat influenced by the

467

00:21:27,550 --> 00:21:26,120

American Bigfoot propaganda I've always

468

00:21:29,530 --> 00:21:27,560

thought that from the very first time

469

00:21:31,630 --> 00:21:29,540

when I was a boy and I heard about this

470

00:21:33,280 --> 00:21:31,640

thing called the Yowie it was it was in

471

00:21:35,260 --> 00:21:33,290

the 70s and I knew a Bigfoot and I

472

00:21:36,700 --> 00:21:35,270

thought they'd just ripping off its

473

00:21:39,310 --> 00:21:36,710

business people in this country want

474

00:21:45,700 --> 00:21:39,320

there to be a Bigfoot here exactly they

475

00:21:49,480 --> 00:21:45,710

do and so is that that Bigfoot concept

476  
00:21:52,810 --> 00:21:49,490  
in the North America is not only fooling

477  
00:21:55,270 --> 00:21:52,820  
North America but that mentality has

478  
00:21:58,120 --> 00:21:55,280  
spread to our friends in Australia darn

479  
00:22:02,680 --> 00:21:58,130  
it and and is attached to two Yowie

480  
00:22:06,220 --> 00:22:02,690  
but the Yowie is not the same creature

481  
00:22:09,910 --> 00:22:06,230  
and it does have to be discussed in a

482  
00:22:13,330 --> 00:22:09,920  
separate way and but for now maybe I've

483  
00:22:15,970 --> 00:22:13,340  
given it all the attention you decide

484  
00:22:18,190 --> 00:22:15,980  
you did you decide folks you be the

485  
00:22:22,180 --> 00:22:18,200  
judge oh thank you very much and I think

486  
00:22:25,030 --> 00:22:22,190  
very shortly you're hosting a lunch

487  
00:22:26,770 --> 00:22:25,040  
where you'll be giving a tithe yeah

488  
00:22:29,260 --> 00:22:26,780

and what can we expect what's the flavor

489

00:22:31,180 --> 00:22:29,270

of that talking to me well it was

490

00:22:34,440 --> 00:22:31,190

everybody was going to be served filet

491

00:22:36,730 --> 00:22:34,450

mignon but that was that was vetoed

492

00:22:39,310 --> 00:22:36,740

Bigfoot burger these ideas are not

493

00:22:44,020 --> 00:22:39,320

always met you know with with the

494

00:22:46,600 --> 00:22:44,030

respect they deserve it Richard but I'm

495

00:22:48,490 --> 00:22:46,610

gonna talk about a concept that this guy

496

00:22:50,650 --> 00:22:48,500

sitting over here this Massimo Pomodoro

497

00:22:53,770 --> 00:22:50,660

you probably if John had never heard of

498

00:22:57,010 --> 00:22:53,780

it that's the people the world's most

499

00:23:01,300 --> 00:22:57,020

charming skeptics and amantha my mesmo

500

00:23:02,100 --> 00:23:01,310

and I go way back years and he's uh he's

501  
00:23:04,270 --> 00:23:02,110  
uh

502  
00:23:06,790 --> 00:23:04,280  
suggested that I'm the detective of the

503  
00:23:08,500 --> 00:23:06,800  
impossible and that's that's my talk I'm

504  
00:23:11,380 --> 00:23:08,510  
gonna single him out in the audience and

505  
00:23:13,090 --> 00:23:11,390  
embarrass him and during my talk that

506  
00:23:15,940 --> 00:23:13,100  
sounds like a that's a good title I look

507  
00:23:17,920 --> 00:23:15,950  
to it and we'll be heading in shortly

508  
00:23:21,020 --> 00:23:17,930  
but for now Joe Nickell once again thank

509  
00:23:28,740 --> 00:23:21,030  
you very much thank you appreciate

510  
00:23:30,610 --> 00:23:28,750  
[Music]

511  
00:23:33,130 --> 00:23:30,620  
greetings listeners

512  
00:23:35,050 --> 00:23:33,140  
it's me Captain disillusion on my

513  
00:23:37,330 --> 00:23:35,060

youtube channel called captain

514

00:23:39,730 --> 00:23:37,340

disillusion aye captain disillusion

515

00:23:42,070 --> 00:23:39,740

analyzed viral videos of the strange and

516

00:23:44,530 --> 00:23:42,080

unbelievable I explained how interframe

517

00:23:46,540 --> 00:23:44,540

video compression 3d motion tracking and

518

00:23:48,850 --> 00:23:46,550

stock the effects elements prove that

519

00:23:51,130 --> 00:23:48,860

Justin Bieber is not a secret reptilian

520

00:23:53,230 --> 00:23:51,140

alien that those videos of ghost cars

521

00:23:55,210 --> 00:23:53,240

are just unintentional optical illusions

522

00:23:56,650 --> 00:23:55,220

and that lightning did not strike a few

523

00:23:59,350 --> 00:23:56,660

feet away from a girl on a beach as we

524

00:24:02,730 --> 00:23:59,360

saw in the news I'm real fun at parties

525

00:24:04,810 --> 00:24:02,740

my best friend is a lens flare

526

00:24:07,000 --> 00:24:04,820

disillusion I do know other people

527

00:24:09,370 --> 00:24:07,010

sometimes they even show up in my videos

528

00:24:11,770 --> 00:24:09,380

people like skepticisms grandpa James

529

00:24:13,870 --> 00:24:11,780

Randi serve de Soleil Acrobat Erica

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00:24:16,000 --> 00:24:13,880

Lin's weight loss enthusiast Penn

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00:24:18,130 --> 00:24:16,010

Jillette and the actual Beekman from

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00:24:20,170 --> 00:24:18,140

Beakman's world I hope you'll check out

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00:24:22,300 --> 00:24:20,180

my adventures interact with me in a

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00:24:25,090 --> 00:24:22,310

platonic way and even consider becoming

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00:24:27,700 --> 00:24:25,100

a patron of my work you can do all that

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00:24:29,210 --> 00:24:27,710

and more on YouTube or at Captain

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00:24:36,660 --> 00:24:29,220

disillusion com

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00:24:48,460 --> 00:24:39,450

let's all take this with a grain of salt

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00:24:51,760 --> 00:24:48,470

he's around 2nd Sophie want a nut you

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00:24:53,260 --> 00:24:51,770

work for sense about science Europe yes

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00:24:54,730 --> 00:24:53,270

can you tell me a little bit about the

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00:24:57,040 --> 00:24:54,740

organization and about your job in it

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00:25:01,060 --> 00:24:57,050

yeah so it sends about signs there's an

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00:25:04,960 --> 00:25:01,070

organization that was founded in the UK

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00:25:08,550 --> 00:25:04,970

about 15 years ago in response to a lot

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00:25:11,640 --> 00:25:08,560

of media scare stories at the time like

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00:25:15,490 --> 00:25:11,650

mobile phones frying your brain

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00:25:18,310 --> 00:25:15,500

GMOs you know a lot of topics at the

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00:25:21,030 --> 00:25:18,320

time where the scientists weren't really

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00:25:25,170 --> 00:25:21,040

speaking up so there was a lot of

551  
00:25:28,360 --> 00:25:25,180  
discussion on what the problems were and

552  
00:25:30,070 --> 00:25:28,370  
there was a lot of needs for input from

553  
00:25:32,890 --> 00:25:30,080  
the research community and they were not

554  
00:25:35,830 --> 00:25:32,900  
doing it so sense about science was

555  
00:25:38,860 --> 00:25:35,840  
launched for that reason to motivate

556  
00:25:41,770 --> 00:25:38,870  
researchers to speak up and to stand up

557  
00:25:45,100 --> 00:25:41,780  
for science and public bathes but and

558  
00:25:49,300 --> 00:25:45,110  
but also to motivate citizens to use

559  
00:25:53,140 --> 00:25:49,310  
evidence in their debates so we we work

560  
00:25:56,770 --> 00:25:53,150  
very closely with citizens and also with

561  
00:25:58,660 --> 00:25:56,780  
the research community as you said the

562  
00:26:01,600 --> 00:25:58,670  
organization's existed for a while I

563  
00:26:03,520 --> 00:26:01,610

think I received their emails I'm sure

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00:26:04,660 --> 00:26:03,530

people there skeptics around the world

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00:26:07,000 --> 00:26:04,670

they receive their image that people

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00:26:10,660 --> 00:26:07,010

interested in science when did the

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00:26:13,360 --> 00:26:10,670

European activity start we started out

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00:26:15,760 --> 00:26:13,370

about a year and a half ago there were

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00:26:21,940 --> 00:26:15,770

already some projects some campaigns

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00:26:24,040 --> 00:26:21,950

which kind of naturally were working at

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00:26:28,510 --> 00:26:24,050

a European level or international level

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00:26:30,340 --> 00:26:28,520

but there was at some point they felt

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00:26:33,340 --> 00:26:30,350

there was a need for really a presence

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00:26:36,430 --> 00:26:33,350

in Brussels as well at the same time I

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00:26:39,100 --> 00:26:36,440

was then still working for European

576  
00:26:41,800 --> 00:26:39,110  
science academies so providing evidence

577  
00:26:44,920 --> 00:26:41,810  
from the research community directly to

578  
00:26:46,480 --> 00:26:44,930  
the European institutions and I've I

579  
00:26:49,419 --> 00:26:46,490  
also felt there was a need

580  
00:26:52,690 --> 00:26:49,429  
a sense about science in Brussels

581  
00:26:55,540 --> 00:26:52,700  
because the public debates and the

582  
00:26:57,970 --> 00:26:55,550  
public engagement was completely absent

583  
00:27:00,130 --> 00:26:57,980  
in these discussions and the research

584  
00:27:02,740 --> 00:27:00,140  
community wasn't really coping with the

585  
00:27:04,419 --> 00:27:02,750  
public opinion and the public debates so

586  
00:27:06,970 --> 00:27:04,429  
when I discovered since about science I

587  
00:27:11,169 --> 00:27:06,980  
thought that that is what is needed yeah

588  
00:27:14,130 --> 00:27:11,179

the timing was good for both of us

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00:27:19,780 --> 00:27:14,140

so we kind of naturally joined up forces

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00:27:22,270 --> 00:27:19,790

and joined my expertise with evidence

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00:27:25,840 --> 00:27:22,280

and EU policy with their expertise in

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00:27:27,760 --> 00:27:25,850

public engagements so basically what if

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00:27:30,850 --> 00:27:27,770

I understand correctly the European at

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00:27:35,169 --> 00:27:30,860

least the European part of sense about

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00:27:40,540 --> 00:27:35,179

science is focused on on policy mostly

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00:27:42,910 --> 00:27:40,550

yes is that different I understand that

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00:27:44,680 --> 00:27:42,920

both organizations probably do yeah both

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00:27:46,930 --> 00:27:44,690

but in terms of focus areas would you

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00:27:50,560 --> 00:27:46,940

say that it's different I I try to I

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00:27:54,490 --> 00:27:50,570

have a bit more focus on policy so is

601  
00:27:56,740 --> 00:27:54,500  
that different in a way we for instance

602  
00:27:58,540 --> 00:27:56,750  
are asked for evidence campaign which is

603  
00:28:00,880 --> 00:27:58,550  
a public campaign where we stimulate

604  
00:28:04,240 --> 00:28:00,890  
people to ask for evidence when they

605  
00:28:08,430 --> 00:28:04,250  
come across public claims it's very

606  
00:28:10,990 --> 00:28:08,440  
often used now for say consumer affairs

607  
00:28:13,870 --> 00:28:11,000  
does this shampoo really make your hair

608  
00:28:16,500 --> 00:28:13,880  
grow better or does this toy really help

609  
00:28:22,210 --> 00:28:16,510  
your child sleep better or whatever and

610  
00:28:24,850 --> 00:28:22,220  
I am now consciously trying to get some

611  
00:28:28,540 --> 00:28:24,860  
more questions about EU policy so in

612  
00:28:31,780 --> 00:28:28,550  
that way it is you know I I do have more

613  
00:28:34,900 --> 00:28:31,790

focus on policy and I wouldn't be so

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00:28:39,280 --> 00:28:34,910

much involved with you know myths around

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00:28:44,590 --> 00:28:39,290

things like you know consumer fairs or

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00:28:46,840 --> 00:28:44,600

what works or so I do focus on things

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00:28:50,500 --> 00:28:46,850

that are relevant at any level do you

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00:28:53,799 --> 00:28:50,510

the zero role require to be in close

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00:28:58,789 --> 00:28:53,809

contact with European politicians yeah

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00:29:05,070 --> 00:29:02,700

so what we are trying to do is make sure

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00:29:08,610 --> 00:29:05,080

there's a good use of evidence in your

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00:29:11,970 --> 00:29:08,620

policy and the approach we are taking

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00:29:14,669 --> 00:29:11,980

there is by connecting citizens who ask

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00:29:18,630 --> 00:29:14,679

for that with their representatives in

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00:29:20,399 --> 00:29:18,640

the European Parliament and up to now I

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00:29:23,159 --> 00:29:20,409

mean we're on we're only just starting

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00:29:25,889 --> 00:29:23,169

but we we are seeing that that is a very

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00:29:29,789 --> 00:29:25,899

effective approach because politicians

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00:29:32,510 --> 00:29:29,799

tend to listen to their voters and the

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00:29:35,970 --> 00:29:32,520

science community has been trying to

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00:29:39,120 --> 00:29:35,980

convince politicians for years on

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00:29:42,690 --> 00:29:39,130

difficult topics like GMOs or endocrine

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00:29:44,970 --> 00:29:42,700

disruptors or whatever with very little

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00:29:49,110 --> 00:29:44,980

effect because it's a democracy and

635

00:29:50,909 --> 00:29:49,120

these politicians they represent the

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00:29:52,769 --> 00:29:50,919

people and they represent what the

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00:29:56,100 --> 00:29:52,779

people want or what they think that

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00:29:58,710 --> 00:29:56,110

people want and that's the point that

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00:30:01,230 --> 00:29:58,720

we're trying to make it's not always

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00:30:04,409 --> 00:30:01,240

what you you're not always right when

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00:30:08,330 --> 00:30:04,419

when you say when somebody says that

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00:30:10,980 --> 00:30:08,340

people don't want GMOs that's incorrect

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00:30:16,340 --> 00:30:10,990

there are some people who don't want in

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00:30:19,409 --> 00:30:16,350

GMOs and they are very often very loud

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00:30:23,190 --> 00:30:19,419

but is that the majority there's plenty

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00:30:26,310 --> 00:30:23,200

of people out there environmentalists

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00:30:28,970 --> 00:30:26,320

even who do think that GMOs can be used

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00:30:31,200 --> 00:30:28,980

under certain set of circumstances and

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00:30:33,330 --> 00:30:31,210

we're trying to give a voice to these

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00:30:36,299 --> 00:30:33,340

people so that the politicians get a

651  
00:30:39,029 --> 00:30:36,309  
better view of the needs for evidence in

652  
00:30:40,680 --> 00:30:39,039  
society it's a broader point of course

653  
00:30:42,120 --> 00:30:40,690  
which you've raised in your talk so we

654  
00:30:43,409 --> 00:30:42,130  
are at the European skeptics Congress

655  
00:30:47,330 --> 00:30:43,419  
and you've raised this point in your

656  
00:30:50,990 --> 00:30:47,340  
talk about how politicians want to

657  
00:30:54,000 --> 00:30:51,000  
represent yes their constituents now I

658  
00:30:55,680 --> 00:30:54,010  
think that partially obviously as you

659  
00:30:57,419 --> 00:30:55,690  
said the question is do they really

660  
00:31:00,210 --> 00:30:57,429  
represent their constituents are only

661  
00:31:02,360 --> 00:31:00,220  
the loudest of the constituents but

662  
00:31:05,250 --> 00:31:02,370  
there's also the question that I would

663  
00:31:06,770 --> 00:31:05,260

raise or ask of those politicians about

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00:31:09,410 --> 00:31:06,780

festival protecting

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00:31:10,700 --> 00:31:09,420

their constituents not just simply doing

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00:31:12,080 --> 00:31:10,710

what the considers want but also

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00:31:15,070 --> 00:31:12,090

protecting them for example against

668

00:31:18,290 --> 00:31:15,080

false claims and on the other hand

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00:31:20,510 --> 00:31:18,300

there's the issue for you of perhaps

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00:31:22,390 --> 00:31:20,520

educating the constituency to make sure

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00:31:24,950 --> 00:31:22,400

that they require the politicians

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00:31:29,270 --> 00:31:24,960

something that is right and supported by

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00:31:31,010 --> 00:31:29,280

evidence well also the politicians are

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00:31:37,190 --> 00:31:31,020

misled sometimes on what the evidence

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00:31:40,070 --> 00:31:37,200

says so they might sometimes where let's

676  
00:31:43,700 --> 00:31:40,080  
assume here that the politicians are you

677  
00:31:45,860 --> 00:31:43,710  
know good politician from and and well

678  
00:31:49,520 --> 00:31:45,870  
are good politicians and have the best

679  
00:31:51,890 --> 00:31:49,530  
possible intentions okay because even

680  
00:31:56,650 --> 00:31:51,900  
that you know it's not always a case we

681  
00:32:01,910 --> 00:31:56,660  
do all know the European Parliament

682  
00:32:06,170 --> 00:32:01,920  
exactly so so but let's assume that they

683  
00:32:07,340 --> 00:32:06,180  
all are even even then also the

684  
00:32:10,340 --> 00:32:07,350  
politicians need to get their

685  
00:32:13,250 --> 00:32:10,350  
information somewhere and and they may

686  
00:32:16,700 --> 00:32:13,260  
be as misinformed as any of their

687  
00:32:20,690 --> 00:32:16,710  
constituents and they may be thinking

688  
00:32:24,470 --> 00:32:20,700

that doing the right thing by banning

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00:32:26,450 --> 00:32:24,480

this or that because they genuinely

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00:32:29,210 --> 00:32:26,460

believed as a problem with that

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00:32:33,440 --> 00:32:29,220

so obviously you also need a research

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00:32:35,810 --> 00:32:33,450

community that is available to provide

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00:32:37,760 --> 00:32:35,820

good evidence and to bring it also in a

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00:32:40,040 --> 00:32:37,770

forum that it's usable for politicians

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00:32:43,730 --> 00:32:40,050

because that's also that's an extra

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00:32:46,870 --> 00:32:43,740

challenge actually a politician cannot

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00:32:50,540 --> 00:32:46,880

just start reading 50 different

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00:32:54,200 --> 00:32:50,550

scientific articles to know what's going

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00:32:56,660 --> 00:32:54,210

on so do you so you produce digests of

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00:33:01,640 --> 00:32:56,670

some sort of presume and end down

701  
00:33:04,940 --> 00:33:01,650  
no what we do is in all of our campaigns

702  
00:33:07,400 --> 00:33:04,950  
we try to be catalyzes rather than doing

703  
00:33:10,610 --> 00:33:07,410  
it ourselves where we're trying to

704  
00:33:13,760 --> 00:33:10,620  
create systemic change so in the

705  
00:33:17,930 --> 00:33:13,770  
evidence matters campaign we are trying

706  
00:33:18,680 --> 00:33:17,940  
to motivate the people to speak up for

707  
00:33:22,010 --> 00:33:18,690  
evidence

708  
00:33:26,360 --> 00:33:22,020  
in you policy but we have other

709  
00:33:29,450 --> 00:33:26,370  
campaigns so for instance voice that's

710  
00:33:31,490 --> 00:33:29,460  
vo is voice of young science that's a

711  
00:33:33,770 --> 00:33:31,500  
network of early career researchers who

712  
00:33:37,100 --> 00:33:33,780  
are trained and motivated by us to stand

713  
00:33:39,200 --> 00:33:37,110

up for science last question I want to

714

00:33:40,640 --> 00:33:39,210

ask you was with regards to the link

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00:33:42,140 --> 00:33:40,650

with the skeptical community of course

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00:33:44,150 --> 00:33:42,150

we are in a skeptics Congress here we

717

00:33:45,590 --> 00:33:44,160

discussed this earlier and you said that

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00:33:50,900 --> 00:33:45,600

you really only discovered the skeptical

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00:33:54,140 --> 00:33:50,910

movement recently but I commented that

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00:33:56,330 --> 00:33:54,150

it we basically natural allies so I'm

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00:33:58,900 --> 00:33:56,340

just wondering whether that alliance

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00:34:01,130 --> 00:33:58,910

that natural alliance is actually

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00:34:06,020 --> 00:34:01,140

implemented does it come to fruition so

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00:34:08,090 --> 00:34:06,030

in Italy Italian skeptics movement is

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00:34:11,260 --> 00:34:08,100

running our ask for evidence campaign in

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00:34:13,670 --> 00:34:11,270

Italian so that is a very concrete

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00:34:16,970 --> 00:34:13,680

collaboration almost I mean we don't

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00:34:20,050 --> 00:34:16,980

really get involved but so they run it

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00:34:25,490 --> 00:34:20,060

on their own but they use our resources

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00:34:29,060 --> 00:34:25,500

and our approach for their own ask for

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00:34:31,490 --> 00:34:29,070

evidence platform with the skeptics

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00:34:33,980 --> 00:34:31,500

community has been very helpful as well

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00:34:37,430 --> 00:34:33,990

in for our evidence matters event in the

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00:34:40,970 --> 00:34:37,440

Parliament to help identify citizens

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00:34:43,970 --> 00:34:40,980

across Europe who care about evidence so

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00:34:47,270 --> 00:34:43,980

I think I do think there's a good

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00:34:49,400 --> 00:34:47,280

collaboration and it's helpful for both

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00:34:50,690 --> 00:34:49,410

sense about science and the sceptics I

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00:34:54,340 --> 00:34:50,700

think and is there something that

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00:34:57,500 --> 00:34:54,350

skeptics around the world can do to help

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00:35:01,940 --> 00:34:57,510

well in Europe yes because they can

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00:35:04,640 --> 00:35:01,950

maybe from English exactly it I've had

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00:35:06,320 --> 00:35:04,650

loads so I did the general call in my

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00:35:08,780 --> 00:35:06,330

presentation if there's anybody who

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00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:08,790

wants to do some volunteering work and

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00:35:13,070 --> 00:35:10,560

make translations that would be great

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00:35:16,310 --> 00:35:13,080

and loads of people have approached me

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00:35:18,800 --> 00:35:16,320

that's great and so that's great cuz I

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00:35:22,790 --> 00:35:18,810

think that is quite typical of the

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00:35:24,370 --> 00:35:22,800

sceptics people or movement people they

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00:35:27,819 --> 00:35:24,380

are willing to invest in this

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00:35:31,329 --> 00:35:27,829

so they're willing to to put some time

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00:35:33,609 --> 00:35:31,339

and effort in it that's great we I am

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00:35:36,400 --> 00:35:33,619

still so we're still running out of

755

00:35:39,130 --> 00:35:36,410

evidence mother's campaign and we're

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00:35:41,200 --> 00:35:39,140

still motivating citizens across Europe

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00:35:45,339 --> 00:35:41,210

to write to their every piece to say we

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00:35:47,650 --> 00:35:45,349

want you to use evidence and intention

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00:35:51,910 --> 00:35:47,660

is for every member of the European

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00:35:54,339 --> 00:35:51,920

Parliament to have received at least one

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00:35:56,680 --> 00:35:54,349

email but hopefully a lot from their

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00:35:58,450 --> 00:35:56,690

constituents saying that so that's also

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00:36:03,039 --> 00:35:58,460

something that the European skeptics

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00:36:05,499 --> 00:36:03,049

definitely can do and for the rest our

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00:36:08,170 --> 00:36:05,509

ask for evidence campaign use it you

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00:36:11,170 --> 00:36:08,180

know ask for evidence and do it through

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00:36:15,759 --> 00:36:11,180

our website then we have a log of it and

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00:36:19,509 --> 00:36:15,769

we write those stories up sometimes two

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00:36:22,960 --> 00:36:19,519

to be the inspiration and motivation for

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00:36:25,269 --> 00:36:22,970

others to do the same so if people who

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00:36:27,370 --> 00:36:25,279

are listening to this interview want to

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00:36:30,729 --> 00:36:27,380

find out more and perhaps get involved

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00:36:32,650 --> 00:36:30,739

work and they do that exactly so you can

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00:36:35,289 --> 00:36:32,660

just have a look at our website see what

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00:36:47,049 --> 00:36:35,299

kind of things we do says about science

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00:36:50,319 --> 00:36:47,059

dot or I think great and ask for

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00:36:52,390 --> 00:36:50,329

evidence is a website on its own I think

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00:36:55,180 --> 00:36:52,400

mainly the ask for evidence campaign is

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00:36:57,640 --> 00:36:55,190

most useful but and researchers across

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00:37:00,130 --> 00:36:57,650

the world because we don't limit to

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00:37:03,089 --> 00:37:00,140

voice Network and apparently you know

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00:37:05,940 --> 00:37:03,099

there it stretches as as far as

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00:37:09,759 --> 00:37:05,950

Australia's know so definitely

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00:37:13,120 --> 00:37:09,769

researchers across like the globe can

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00:37:15,309 --> 00:37:13,130

join the voice Network and I think it's

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00:37:17,650 --> 00:37:15,319

it's really great for them not just the

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00:37:20,229 --> 00:37:17,660

training sessions that we provide but to

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00:37:23,650 --> 00:37:20,239

find allies to find people like them who

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00:37:28,359 --> 00:37:23,660

also are willing to stand up for signs

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00:37:29,980 --> 00:37:28,369

and and invest some of their very scarce

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00:37:34,120 --> 00:37:29,990

but precious

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00:37:42,280 --> 00:37:34,130

time and effort in that great Sophie

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00:37:44,170 --> 00:37:42,290

thank you very much thank you hi this is

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00:37:45,880 --> 00:37:44,180

Ben Radford and this is Pascual Romero

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00:37:48,040 --> 00:37:45,890

from the squaring the strange podcast

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00:37:49,900 --> 00:37:48,050

every week my co-host and I cast a

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00:37:52,450 --> 00:37:49,910

skeptical eye at a different topic

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00:37:54,160 --> 00:37:52,460

monsters ghosts demons mysteries and

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00:37:56,500 --> 00:37:54,170

even current events are dissected and

800

00:37:58,150 --> 00:37:56,510

discussed with a fun unscripted and

801  
00:38:00,130 --> 00:37:58,160  
skeptical take that you're sure to enjoy

802  
00:38:02,380 --> 00:38:00,140  
find this is squirting strange calm

803  
00:38:07,870 --> 00:38:02,390  
itunes or on your favorite podcast

804  
00:38:18,829 --> 00:38:11,230  
[Music]

805  
00:38:23,819 --> 00:38:21,749  
we know cyclones underway because there

806  
00:38:26,759 --> 00:38:23,829  
are tango lessons down here at the lobby

807  
00:38:28,980 --> 00:38:26,769  
bar i'm with susan gerbic Susan I must

808  
00:38:30,990 --> 00:38:28,990  
thank you for your series of interviews

809  
00:38:33,180 --> 00:38:31,000  
that we've all been enjoying lately from

810  
00:38:34,920 --> 00:38:33,190  
your trip across Europe Oh wasn't that a

811  
00:38:36,690 --> 00:38:34,930  
blast I am so glad that I was able to

812  
00:38:39,509 --> 00:38:36,700  
share that with your with the listeners

813  
00:38:42,509 --> 00:38:39,519

and maybe feel like I wasn't quite alone

814

00:38:43,740 --> 00:38:42,519

because I was recording I feel I knew

815

00:38:44,910 --> 00:38:43,750

you spoke to some very interesting

816

00:38:48,259 --> 00:38:44,920

people and you're telling me that the

817

00:38:51,509 --> 00:38:48,269

Italian conference was huge yes huge

818

00:38:53,700 --> 00:38:51,519

there was at least 800 people it's very

819

00:38:55,470 --> 00:38:53,710

impressive I would love to see it one

820

00:38:57,329 --> 00:38:55,480

day you and Randy were there right Randy

821

00:39:01,259 --> 00:38:57,339

and I were there mark Edward was there

822

00:39:03,029 --> 00:39:01,269

it was the ESP podcast people well on

823

00:39:04,829 --> 00:39:03,039

the Bosch was there there was it it was

824

00:39:07,109 --> 00:39:04,839

all in Italian they had to translate for

825

00:39:09,749 --> 00:39:07,119

myself and for randy whenever we were

826

00:39:12,269 --> 00:39:09,759

onstage but other than that the entire

827

00:39:16,170 --> 00:39:12,279

conference is stunning in Italian I'd

828

00:39:18,240 --> 00:39:16,180

say you had a an amazing trip how many

829

00:39:20,819 --> 00:39:18,250

conferences did you end up going to well

830

00:39:22,259 --> 00:39:20,829

I only went to two main conferences I'm

831

00:39:24,349 --> 00:39:22,269

its icon right now since this is the

832

00:39:26,460 --> 00:39:24,359

third we've been about a month but

833

00:39:29,670 --> 00:39:26,470

everywhere I went we did a skeptics in

834

00:39:31,289 --> 00:39:29,680

the pub so they arranged it for us being

835

00:39:33,210 --> 00:39:31,299

there wasn't like we happened on us

836

00:39:34,799 --> 00:39:33,220

skeptics in the pub we went there but we

837

00:39:37,519 --> 00:39:34,809

were as we were on tour we stopped and

838

00:39:39,690 --> 00:39:37,529

we lectured at each location so I think

839

00:39:42,269 --> 00:39:39,700

you know honestly I don't know how many

840

00:39:44,819 --> 00:39:42,279

countries I was in but during the three

841

00:39:46,089 --> 00:39:44,829

almost a month I was gone I slept in 13

842

00:39:49,420 --> 00:39:46,099

different beds

843

00:39:52,930 --> 00:39:49,430

I had 11 flight I went through many

844

00:39:56,170 --> 00:39:52,940

different currencies and met so many

845

00:39:58,299 --> 00:39:56,180

people it was so much fun I it was a

846

00:40:01,239 --> 00:39:58,309

great overview of being able to see the

847

00:40:03,849 --> 00:40:01,249

health of the skeptic community every

848

00:40:05,289 --> 00:40:03,859

every other day probably reached second

849

00:40:07,509 --> 00:40:05,299

day I was in a different country in a

850

00:40:10,630 --> 00:40:07,519

different sceptic group that was kind of

851  
00:40:12,670 --> 00:40:10,640  
hosting me and I asked a lot of

852  
00:40:14,950 --> 00:40:12,680  
questions I'm hoping to write this all

853  
00:40:16,420 --> 00:40:14,960  
up because I don't think anybody's done

854  
00:40:20,140 --> 00:40:16,430  
an overview of the community especially

855  
00:40:22,210 --> 00:40:20,150  
the European community it's very it's

856  
00:40:26,950 --> 00:40:22,220  
very changing it's like that's not what

857  
00:40:31,019 --> 00:40:26,960  
I'm looking for it it it what is the

858  
00:40:33,579 --> 00:40:31,029  
word I'm looking for it it's malleable

859  
00:40:35,829 --> 00:40:33,589  
evolving that might be a way we can say

860  
00:40:37,599 --> 00:40:35,839  
it but anyway here we are in what they

861  
00:40:39,789 --> 00:40:37,609  
call the lobby bar the Excalibur Hotel

862  
00:40:41,979 --> 00:40:39,799  
which is opposite the registration desk

863  
00:40:43,900 --> 00:40:41,989

right and we've been having a fun

864

00:40:46,299 --> 00:40:43,910

afternoon waiting for people to sort of

865

00:40:48,160 --> 00:40:46,309

randomly appear right and then we text

866

00:40:51,039 --> 00:40:48,170

them as we see them standing in line at

867

00:40:52,209 --> 00:40:51,049

the on Facebook well we'll tag them on

868

00:40:53,799 --> 00:40:52,219

Facebook or something we'll say

869

00:40:56,259 --> 00:40:53,809

something about you know what they're

870

00:40:58,839 --> 00:40:56,269

wearing and then we're doing this and

871

00:41:01,690 --> 00:40:58,849

suddenly Richard Dawkins walks past us

872

00:41:03,969 --> 00:41:01,700

he's disappeared now I don't know I

873

00:41:05,829 --> 00:41:03,979

think he's gone to his room and Bob

874

00:41:07,450 --> 00:41:05,839

Novello is here earlier but this a nice

875

00:41:09,819 --> 00:41:07,460

little group we're having a good time

876

00:41:11,709 --> 00:41:09,829

and you just had a tango lesson yes I

877

00:41:13,630 --> 00:41:11,719

had a tango lesson from someone who is

878

00:41:15,430 --> 00:41:13,640

an expert on the tango from Argentina

879

00:41:18,459 --> 00:41:15,440

from Argentina yeah this is Paula

880

00:41:19,989 --> 00:41:18,469

Serrano she's brilliant now she's

881

00:41:22,959 --> 00:41:19,999

getting a cha-cha lesson from one of my

882

00:41:24,579 --> 00:41:22,969

other editors Rob Palmer Oh Susan it's

883

00:41:27,670 --> 00:41:24,589

great to see you here at saikhan and I

884

00:41:30,560 --> 00:41:27,680

think we're in for a wonderful four days

885

00:41:31,940 --> 00:41:30,570

I am really looking forward to this

886

00:41:34,430 --> 00:41:31,950

I I don't know what I'm gonna do

887

00:41:41,660 --> 00:41:34,440

whenever this is over I mean I don't

888

00:41:43,520 --> 00:41:41,670

have anything planned for months it is

889

00:41:45,800 --> 00:41:43,530

Monday morning it's all over we're at

890

00:41:48,380 --> 00:41:45,810

the luxor hotel we just had a breakfast

891

00:41:50,450 --> 00:41:48,390

i'm with susan gerbic susan we just

892

00:41:52,090 --> 00:41:50,460

heard from you before the whole

893

00:41:54,800 --> 00:41:52,100

convention started now it's all over

894

00:41:57,110 --> 00:41:54,810

what are your impressions as we try to

895

00:42:01,460 --> 00:41:57,120

make our way through this maze of poker

896

00:42:05,210 --> 00:42:01,470

machines and cigarettes Nancy Grace well

897

00:42:08,840 --> 00:42:05,220

it was superior to probably the past

898

00:42:11,270 --> 00:42:08,850

ones we've done i but it's they're all

899

00:42:13,010 --> 00:42:11,280

unique and different you know the the

900

00:42:14,870 --> 00:42:13,020

talks were great that my memories are

901  
00:42:18,020 --> 00:42:14,880  
more about the things that happened

902  
00:42:20,150 --> 00:42:18,030  
after ordering you know around not

903  
00:42:22,450 --> 00:42:20,160  
during the lectures some of my best

904  
00:42:26,030 --> 00:42:22,460  
cement some of my best memories were

905  
00:42:27,980 --> 00:42:26,040  
were just interactions we had the

906  
00:42:29,810 --> 00:42:27,990  
contacts we made the friendships you

907  
00:42:32,510 --> 00:42:29,820  
know being able to hang out with people

908  
00:42:34,370 --> 00:42:32,520  
that like yourself that we've had a long

909  
00:42:37,220 --> 00:42:34,380  
friendship with and then there's so many

910  
00:42:41,090 --> 00:42:37,230  
new people I was so excited

911  
00:42:44,240 --> 00:42:41,100  
it's just conference attendance people I

912  
00:42:45,620 --> 00:42:44,250  
tell you this all the time you have to

913  
00:42:48,530 --> 00:42:45,630

go and meet these people

914

00:42:51,470 --> 00:42:48,540

you cannot just sit at home and interact

915

00:42:53,120 --> 00:42:51,480

with them on Facebook or wherever and or

916

00:42:55,280 --> 00:42:53,130

and watch the videos of lectures on

917

00:42:57,440 --> 00:42:55,290

YouTube there's so much more to

918

00:42:59,000 --> 00:42:57,450

conference attendance you have to come

919

00:43:01,340 --> 00:42:59,010

and see these people yeah it's not just

920

00:43:03,950 --> 00:43:01,350

talks is it of course no there's there's

921

00:43:05,750 --> 00:43:03,960

there's so much more they you have to go

922

00:43:09,980 --> 00:43:05,760

and shake their hand share a beer or

923

00:43:12,020 --> 00:43:09,990

coffee or you know or just whatever aura

924

00:43:14,660 --> 00:43:12,030

hang out with Joyce Rob ye plays if you

925

00:43:17,000 --> 00:43:14,670

choose oh yes there's so much going on

926

00:43:19,280 --> 00:43:17,010

and it's not just the celebrities and

927

00:43:21,140 --> 00:43:19,290

the speakers it's just the average

928

00:43:23,360 --> 00:43:21,150

person you meet and you make contact

929

00:43:25,310 --> 00:43:23,370

with them and you know you have a

930

00:43:28,460 --> 00:43:25,320

friendship that will last maybe four

931

00:43:29,990 --> 00:43:28,470

years it's wonderful I'm trying to I'll

932

00:43:31,520 --> 00:43:30,000

try to describe to the listeners now

933

00:43:34,020 --> 00:43:31,530

where we are we're walking from the

934

00:43:38,490 --> 00:43:34,030

Luxor Hotel which is a giant pyramid

935

00:43:40,570 --> 00:43:38,500

to the Excalibur which is sort of mock

936

00:43:42,370 --> 00:43:40,580

medieval times which never really

937

00:43:44,440 --> 00:43:42,380

existed with swords and knights and

938

00:43:48,190 --> 00:43:44,450

things but we are walking through this

939

00:43:50,350 --> 00:43:48,200

cavernous entryway which is what you

940

00:43:52,870 --> 00:43:50,360

might think the interior of a pyramid

941

00:43:55,810 --> 00:43:52,880

could possibly look like if it was done

942

00:43:57,580 --> 00:43:55,820

in America which it is I feel that

943

00:44:00,010 --> 00:43:57,590

pyramid power I feel so much stronger

944

00:44:01,810 --> 00:44:00,020

being here with the energy from the

945

00:44:04,210 --> 00:44:01,820

pyramid you know I I don't know about

946

00:44:07,810 --> 00:44:04,220

you Richard but oh absolutely I feel it

947

00:44:09,790 --> 00:44:07,820

every time well I really enjoyed psych

948

00:44:11,320 --> 00:44:09,800

on this year I didn't go last year in

949

00:44:15,310 --> 00:44:11,330

fact the last time I was at psych on I

950

00:44:17,470 --> 00:44:15,320

think was 2011 or 2012 which was in in

951  
00:44:19,120 --> 00:44:17,480  
New Orleans yes I didn't go to that one

952  
00:44:23,050 --> 00:44:19,130  
yeah we're gonna be doing another psych

953  
00:44:26,530 --> 00:44:23,060  
on 2018 in mid-october it's gonna be at

954  
00:44:29,470 --> 00:44:26,540  
a bigger casino it's also going to be in

955  
00:44:30,940 --> 00:44:29,480  
Vegas and I highly recommend you get

956  
00:44:33,640 --> 00:44:30,950  
yourselves here we're gonna be able this

957  
00:44:36,100 --> 00:44:33,650  
one sold out we absolutely filled it as

958  
00:44:38,800 --> 00:44:36,110  
full as we possibly could I think 550

959  
00:44:41,890 --> 00:44:38,810  
people no more room for anybody else

960  
00:44:44,470 --> 00:44:41,900  
here so the next this the next event

961  
00:44:46,960 --> 00:44:44,480  
will be a room for 1,200 people so you

962  
00:44:48,490 --> 00:44:46,970  
got to get yourself here yeah I can I

963  
00:44:52,390 --> 00:44:48,500

can recommend it I've had a thoroughly

964

00:44:55,840 --> 00:44:52,400

enjoyable time that was just walking now

965

00:44:58,600 --> 00:44:55,850

on a land bridge and in close landbridge

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00:45:01,300 --> 00:44:58,610

going over one of the huge streets here

967

00:45:03,490 --> 00:45:01,310

between the hotels we're on a moving

968

00:45:05,590 --> 00:45:03,500

walkway so lots of acres are sort of

969

00:45:07,330 --> 00:45:05,600

like Disneyland on steroids sometimes I

970

00:45:10,480 --> 00:45:07,340

think this rollercoasters and all sorts

971

00:45:12,580 --> 00:45:10,490

of things this place is just like it

972

00:45:15,660 --> 00:45:12,590

you know I would never go to Vegas on my

973

00:45:18,570 --> 00:45:15,670

own it's to me this is just so fake and

974

00:45:21,160 --> 00:45:18,580

ridiculous and then the cigarettes but

975

00:45:23,950 --> 00:45:21,170

beyond that there's so much more

976  
00:45:26,080 --> 00:45:23,960  
happening so don't let any of that stop

977  
00:45:29,050 --> 00:45:26,090  
you being with people and laughing at

978  
00:45:31,240 --> 00:45:29,060  
the oxygen bars and the things we see

979  
00:45:32,830 --> 00:45:31,250  
the power balance kind of demonstrations

980  
00:45:35,320 --> 00:45:32,840  
that we see as we walk along and the

981  
00:45:37,240 --> 00:45:35,330  
absolute fraud mists that people are

982  
00:45:38,530 --> 00:45:37,250  
trying to constantly get you to come

983  
00:45:39,820 --> 00:45:38,540  
over here come over here I want to show

984  
00:45:42,160 --> 00:45:39,830  
you something hey let me give you this

985  
00:45:44,410 --> 00:45:42,170  
let me you know come in let me let me

986  
00:45:45,940 --> 00:45:44,420  
smell me this that happens not yeah it's

987  
00:45:48,100 --> 00:45:45,950  
not a big deal that would happen

988  
00:45:50,140 --> 00:45:48,110

no we're okay this is the second part of

989

00:45:51,790 --> 00:45:50,150

our land bridge crossing and we look

990

00:45:54,910 --> 00:45:51,800

over there's a monorail over there

991

00:45:58,050 --> 00:45:54,920

between the Luxor and the oh hello girls

992

00:46:01,810 --> 00:45:58,060

night out back Thunder Down Under

993

00:46:03,250 --> 00:46:01,820

performing here yes yeah it's great it's

994

00:46:04,750 --> 00:46:03,260

great there's so much to see you can see

995

00:46:09,570 --> 00:46:04,760

right now the Tropicana where we were

996

00:46:12,480 --> 00:46:11,550

but we keep with mentioned cigarettes a

997

00:46:15,420 --> 00:46:12,490

couple of times and it's worth

998

00:46:17,040 --> 00:46:15,430

mentioning that the hotels the casinos

999

00:46:20,760 --> 00:46:17,050

here in Las Vegas you can smoke and

1000

00:46:22,650 --> 00:46:20,770

people do and it's it can be a little

1001

00:46:25,380 --> 00:46:22,660

intense right so you have to kind of

1002

00:46:29,310 --> 00:46:25,390

pick your battles you move to a hotel

1003

00:46:30,690 --> 00:46:29,320

room or at a quieter area where we're

1004

00:46:33,030 --> 00:46:30,700

always looking for a nice place that's

1005

00:46:34,800 --> 00:46:33,040

less smokey what I understand where we

1006

00:46:36,210 --> 00:46:34,810

were just told at breakfast is that that

1007

00:46:38,280 --> 00:46:36,220

the new hotel we're going to be going to

1008

00:46:40,109 --> 00:46:38,290

the new casino there's a sports bar

1009

00:46:41,370 --> 00:46:40,119

that's really big and there's no smoking

1010

00:46:42,840 --> 00:46:41,380

allowed in it and that's where people

1011

00:46:44,280 --> 00:46:42,850

probably hate that's called the worst

1012

00:46:46,560 --> 00:46:44,290

something-or-other I can't think of the

1013

00:46:49,950 --> 00:46:46,570

top my head what it is Westgate thank

1014

00:46:51,900 --> 00:46:49,960

you random stranger over there and that

1015

00:46:53,490 --> 00:46:51,910

used to be somebody so used to be the

1016

00:46:57,180 --> 00:46:53,500

Hyatt I think or something like that

1017

00:47:00,060 --> 00:46:57,190

about that it was an old hotel the

1018

00:47:02,670 --> 00:47:00,070

Hilton thank you thank you the Hilton

1019

00:47:04,410 --> 00:47:02,680

so the old Hilton is now transformed

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00:47:06,359 --> 00:47:04,420

Dena well we'll see what it's like if

1021

00:47:07,560 --> 00:47:06,369

I'm lucky enough to be back well this is

1022

00:47:08,970 --> 00:47:07,570

gonna be fun and you know what I keep

1023

00:47:11,250 --> 00:47:08,980

saying let's go to psych out and go to

1024

00:47:13,890 --> 00:47:11,260

psych on you really actually people go

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00:47:15,750 --> 00:47:13,900

to anything because it's all it's all

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00:47:17,880 --> 00:47:15,760

good I mean some are a little bit

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00:47:19,650 --> 00:47:17,890

different than others but for the most

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00:47:21,480 --> 00:47:19,660

part try to get yourself to something

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00:47:22,870 --> 00:47:21,490

even if it's just your local skeptics in

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00:47:25,689 --> 00:47:22,880

the pub

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00:47:27,339 --> 00:47:25,699

or skeptic amp you know the city

1032

00:47:30,249 --> 00:47:27,349

skeptics in the pub is amazing are you

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00:47:34,319 --> 00:47:30,259

guys that those guys show up and math

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00:47:38,949 --> 00:47:34,329

numbers it's so much fun so do something

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00:47:41,319 --> 00:47:38,959

if we're just passing an oxygen bar I'm

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00:47:43,059 --> 00:47:41,329

the mess I just look good but the rest

1037

00:47:45,009 --> 00:47:43,069

of it I don't think is terribly great

1038

00:47:48,699 --> 00:47:45,019

but there's all sorts of things here

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00:47:50,199 --> 00:47:48,709

really magnet max shop as a whole store

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00:47:52,259 --> 00:47:50,209

we're passing right now devoted to

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00:47:55,929 --> 00:47:52,269

dragons I kid you not

1042

00:47:58,449 --> 00:47:55,939

souvenirs the posse electronic booth

1043

00:48:02,499 --> 00:47:58,459

what's this one bath salts or something

1044

00:48:04,630 --> 00:48:02,509

like that so it's you know for one week

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00:48:07,599 --> 00:48:04,640

of the year or five days or four days I

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00:48:09,339 --> 00:48:07,609

do like Las Vegas I agree but only

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00:48:12,189 --> 00:48:09,349

because my friends are here and the

1048

00:48:15,699 --> 00:48:12,199

people that I haven't met yet that will

1049

00:48:19,449 --> 00:48:15,709

become friends passing the food court

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00:48:21,309 --> 00:48:19,459

and just around the corner I don't think

1051

00:48:23,709 --> 00:48:21,319

we should bother the poor person who's

1052

00:48:25,749 --> 00:48:23,719

there is the store selling the power

1053

00:48:27,009 --> 00:48:25,759

balance type bracelets using the the

1054

00:48:30,290 --> 00:48:27,019

demonstrations of the applied

1055

00:48:33,950 --> 00:48:30,300

kinesiology there it is it's called

1056

00:48:37,130 --> 00:48:33,960

pure life and she's on the phone so she

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00:48:39,940 --> 00:48:37,140

doesn't worry too much about it

1058

00:48:41,870 --> 00:48:39,950

oh she's taking a photograph of it now

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00:48:43,370 --> 00:48:41,880

go look at that to see if they have a

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00:48:45,650 --> 00:48:43,380

Wikipedia page that needs to be updated

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00:48:45,859 --> 00:48:45,660

that's a good idea I think you should do

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00:48:47,930 --> 00:48:45,869

that

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00:48:49,759 --> 00:48:47,940

these are dime a dozen it once one goes

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00:48:51,259 --> 00:48:49,769

the next one comes in and the more

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00:48:53,569 --> 00:48:51,269

information we can get about this type

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00:48:56,089 --> 00:48:53,579

of Power Balance kind of thing even

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00:48:57,500 --> 00:48:56,099

though they keep changing names the more

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00:48:59,120 --> 00:48:57,510

information we can get out there the

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00:49:01,400 --> 00:48:59,130

more likely we can help get this

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00:49:03,769 --> 00:49:01,410

whack-a-mole kind of problem taken care

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00:49:05,390 --> 00:49:03,779

of it's a story of the skepticism I

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00:49:08,720 --> 00:49:05,400

think I think partly it's wack them all

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00:49:10,460 --> 00:49:08,730

anyway from saikhan 2017 thank you once

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00:49:27,829 --> 00:49:10,470

again Susan go but from guerrilla

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00:49:31,009 --> 00:49:27,839

skepticism on Wikipedia yeah we are

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00:49:32,070 --> 00:49:31,019

doing a live bunga bunga at the Herald

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00:49:35,340 --> 00:49:32,080

Park Hotel

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00:49:41,400 --> 00:49:35,350

[Music]

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00:49:43,860 --> 00:49:41,410

oh my god oh my god I know bunga bunga

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00:49:46,650 --> 00:49:43,870

live if you want to be part of us

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00:49:48,540 --> 00:49:46,660

recording an entire episode of bunga

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00:49:50,220 --> 00:49:48,550

bunga where you'll be invited to make

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00:49:53,040 --> 00:49:50,230

your own comments you'll be invited to

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00:49:54,540 --> 00:49:53,050

ask us questions the crank mail section

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00:49:55,920 --> 00:49:54,550

we're throwing it over to you we're

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00:49:57,660 --> 00:49:55,930

gonna be doing it live in front of

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00:49:59,370 --> 00:49:57,670

people they'll be special guests we've

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00:50:01,200 --> 00:49:59,380

decided to go live

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00:50:03,090 --> 00:50:01,210

definitely worth putting in your diary

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00:50:06,480 --> 00:50:03,100

it's gonna be at the Herald Park Hotel

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00:50:08,190 --> 00:50:06,490

stairs upstairs in Sydney and if you

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00:50:10,380 --> 00:50:08,200

think getting upstairs is a problem for

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00:50:12,480 --> 00:50:10,390

you wait till you see how they winch me

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00:50:15,120 --> 00:50:12,490

and from the helicopter yes that's right

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00:50:18,090 --> 00:50:15,130

it's the festival of dumb ideas at the

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00:50:21,180 --> 00:50:18,100

Hammer Park Hotel the 14th of November

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00:50:25,200 --> 00:50:21,190

really soon get tickets now tickets are

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00:50:27,000 --> 00:50:25,210

available at Tri booking.com or all the

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00:50:30,330 --> 00:50:27,010

information you need is on the front

1100

00:50:30,990 --> 00:50:30,340

page of Maynard calm thought I you see

1101  
00:50:34,920 --> 00:50:31,000  
you there

1102  
00:50:36,690 --> 00:50:34,930  
bring your crank mail bring your man if

1103  
00:50:37,710 --> 00:50:36,700  
you do like it we're gonna do it about

1104  
00:50:40,230 --> 00:50:37,720  
once a month that way too

1105  
00:50:43,140 --> 00:50:40,240  
yeah yeah if people come along we want

1106  
00:50:44,880 --> 00:50:43,150  
to do one live bunga bunga or a month so

1107  
00:50:46,590 --> 00:50:44,890  
you get the comedy you get the music you

1108  
00:50:48,360 --> 00:50:46,600  
get the fun you get the insights you get

1109  
00:50:53,220 --> 00:50:48,370  
the opinions you get the politics and

1110  
00:50:55,230 --> 00:50:53,230  
you get the pants all the information at

1111  
00:50:56,760 --> 00:50:55,240  
Maynard comdata you and it's all there

1112  
00:51:07,960 --> 00:50:56,770  
for you or go to the bunga bunga

1113  
00:51:11,990 --> 00:51:10,250

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:51:15,050 --> 00:51:12,000

zone wow what a what a thrill that was

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00:51:18,620 --> 00:51:15,060

to be in Las Vegas despite the recent

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00:51:22,970 --> 00:51:18,630

tragedy of course in fact oddly enough

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00:51:25,340 --> 00:51:22,980

when I was up in the skeptics guide to

1118

00:51:27,380 --> 00:51:25,350

the universe room which they used for

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00:51:30,109 --> 00:51:27,390

interviews and so on and we opened the

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00:51:32,990 --> 00:51:30,119

window we had a view of the of the crime

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00:51:35,140 --> 00:51:33,000

scene and that was quite quite poignant

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00:51:37,550 --> 00:51:35,150

it's send a chill up the spine

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00:51:39,500 --> 00:51:37,560

nevertheless lots of people were walking

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00:51:41,540 --> 00:51:39,510

around with t-shirts and things saying

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00:51:43,460 --> 00:51:41,550

Las Vegas strong which was good to see

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00:51:45,349 --> 00:51:43,470

oh and thank you to George for a bow a

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00:51:47,800 --> 00:51:45,359

good friend George rub from the geologic

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00:51:51,940 --> 00:51:47,810

podcast who did a wonderful job em seen

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00:51:54,470 --> 00:51:51,950

saikhan in Las Vegas he was funny he was

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00:51:59,990 --> 00:51:54,480

charming and that's what we'd expect

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00:52:05,210 --> 00:52:00,000

from George in fact if there was a

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00:52:07,160 --> 00:52:05,220

moment when I and Britt hermès and dr.

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00:52:10,609 --> 00:52:07,170

Agee and Cara Santa Maria were waiting

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00:52:12,590 --> 00:52:10,619

in the wings as it were to do our panel

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00:52:15,400 --> 00:52:12,600

just outside the door of the large

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00:52:17,870 --> 00:52:15,410

convention room and George was onstage

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00:52:20,300 --> 00:52:17,880

informing the audience of some notes or

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00:52:23,770 --> 00:52:20,310

something and we had to stop we weren't

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00:52:26,690 --> 00:52:23,780

quite ready so I motioned to George

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00:52:27,950 --> 00:52:26,700

offstage to stretch to just give us a

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00:52:31,430 --> 00:52:27,960

little bit more time which he was doing

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00:52:34,070 --> 00:52:31,440

and then out of the blue and we're not

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00:52:37,220 --> 00:52:34,080

sure why one of the staff there at the

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00:52:38,930 --> 00:52:37,230

hotel brought a bucket of of ice and

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00:52:41,630 --> 00:52:38,940

water up to the stage and plunked it

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00:52:44,930 --> 00:52:41,640

right on the table presumably for us to

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00:52:46,430 --> 00:52:44,940

use during our panel which caught George

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00:52:48,859 --> 00:52:46,440

and the audience completely by surprise

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00:52:50,599 --> 00:52:48,869

they weren't sure what was going on then

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00:52:53,090 --> 00:52:50,609

George made I guess made a joke out of

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00:52:56,900 --> 00:52:53,100

it and as the the the waiter or the

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00:52:58,550 --> 00:52:56,910

staff member was leaving I thought it

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00:53:00,800 --> 00:52:58,560

was so funny what he did I rushed

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00:53:05,420 --> 00:53:00,810

forward and shook his hand now the

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00:53:08,720 --> 00:53:05,430

audience took that as me congratulating

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00:53:13,490 --> 00:53:08,730

him on a joke on George which presumably

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00:53:15,080 --> 00:53:13,500

I initiated and which I didn't so all

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00:53:17,030 --> 00:53:15,090

those people who think that I put this

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00:53:18,940 --> 00:53:17,040

guy up tuesd carrying the water on stage

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00:53:21,190 --> 00:53:18,950

I didn't I'd truly didn't

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00:53:22,810 --> 00:53:21,200

it was just a funny moment but then

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00:53:24,609 --> 00:53:22,820

halfway through the panel George got us

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00:53:25,480 --> 00:53:24,619

back anyway and as we were discussing

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00:53:28,480 --> 00:53:25,490

matters

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00:53:30,010 --> 00:53:28,490

suddenly he brought this bucket of water

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00:53:31,960 --> 00:53:30,020

right under the stage in front of

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00:53:33,790 --> 00:53:31,970

everybody and that got a great laugh I

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00:53:35,829 --> 00:53:33,800

love those sort of moments at these

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00:53:37,480 --> 00:53:35,839

conventions and I wonder what sort of

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00:53:39,370 --> 00:53:37,490

funny moments will be coming up at the

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you can still buy your tickets general

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information just head for skeptic zone

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00:53:50,609 --> 00:53:46,430

TV and click the various links again I

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00:53:53,319 --> 00:53:50,619

hope you'll be at the dinner on the 18th

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00:53:55,150 --> 00:53:53,329

but for this week and I better get back

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00:53:57,040 --> 00:53:55,160

to bed because the jetlag and the colder

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00:53:58,900 --> 00:53:57,050

taking their toll this is Richard

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Saunders signing off from Sydney

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