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Mark Edward  
Investigating "Psychics"

More "Psychics"  
on stage

Mandy-Lee Noble  
Editing for GSoW

Maynard's DJ gig



1  
00:00:11,860 --> 00:00:09,100  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:11,870  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:16,910 --> 00:00:13,930  
[Music]

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00:00:22,620 --> 00:00:16,920  
[Applause]

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00:00:25,240 --> 00:00:22,630  
[Music]

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00:00:28,960 --> 00:00:25,250  
yes it's the skeptics own podcast

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00:00:32,200 --> 00:00:28,970  
episode number 539 for the 17th of

8  
00:00:34,090 --> 00:00:32,210  
February 2019 reaches Saunders here with

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00:00:37,680 --> 00:00:34,100  
you from Sydney Australia which

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00:00:41,920 --> 00:00:37,690  
continues to be warm bordering on hot

11  
00:00:44,380 --> 00:00:41,930  
bordering on ah coming up on this week's

12  
00:00:47,049 --> 00:00:44,390  
show I speak to mark Edward who is the

13  
00:00:50,020 --> 00:00:47,059

author of the book psychic blues now

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00:00:52,960 --> 00:00:50,030

mark has recently expanded his book

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00:00:55,899 --> 00:00:52,970

psychic blues and into an audio edition

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00:00:58,420 --> 00:00:55,909

new content now mark is an expert in

17

00:01:01,210 --> 00:00:58,430

cold reading and mentalism the secrets

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00:01:04,620 --> 00:01:01,220

of the psychics the way that psychics

19

00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:04,630

appear to be able to read your mind or

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00:01:10,210 --> 00:01:08,000

chat to the dead and Mark also has some

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00:01:13,110 --> 00:01:10,220

news about an undercover operation which

22

00:01:15,850 --> 00:01:13,120

is just about to see the light of day

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00:01:17,710 --> 00:01:15,860

following that I read from the pages of

24

00:01:19,840 --> 00:01:17,720

the skeptic magazine the journal from

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00:01:22,899 --> 00:01:19,850

Australian skeptics about an

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00:01:26,499 --> 00:01:22,909

investigation into the so-called psychic

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00:01:29,139 --> 00:01:26,509

James Van Praagh now this is just one of

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,149

the thousands of articles and items and

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00:01:34,569 --> 00:01:32,479

reports you can read for free in the

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00:01:37,270 --> 00:01:34,579

pages of the skeptic magazine going back

31

00:01:39,819 --> 00:01:37,280

nearly 40 years I think you'll find this

32

00:01:42,190 --> 00:01:39,829

a very interesting report coming up a

33

00:01:44,740 --> 00:01:42,200

bit later on in the show then we catch

34

00:01:47,230 --> 00:01:44,750

up with the diet skeptic manually Noble

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00:01:50,349 --> 00:01:47,240

who tells us about her recent adventure

36

00:01:52,840 --> 00:01:50,359

in becoming a editor for guerrilla

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00:01:54,760 --> 00:01:52,850

skepticism on Wikipedia what is the

38

00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:54,770

process she went through how was it

39

00:02:00,959 --> 00:01:57,439

wasn't difficult and Mandy will tell us

40

00:02:03,489 --> 00:02:00,969

about a page she has been working on

41

00:02:07,300 --> 00:02:03,499

concerning somebody who has sadly died

42

00:02:10,840 --> 00:02:07,310

called the wellness warrior now she was

43

00:02:12,940 --> 00:02:10,850

famous for advocating the taking of

44

00:02:16,540 --> 00:02:12,950

alternative medicine over conventional

45

00:02:18,820 --> 00:02:16,550

medicine for her cancer then to round

46

00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:18,830

off the show its main art yes main ads

47

00:02:22,650 --> 00:02:20,720

back with Maynard spooky action he's

48

00:02:26,500 --> 00:02:22,660

going to be telling us about an upcoming

49

00:02:28,150 --> 00:02:26,510

DJ gig he has in Sydney because apart

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00:02:29,860 --> 00:02:28,160

from being a nice reporter here on the

51  
00:02:32,050 --> 00:02:29,870  
sceptic zone or a cub reporter as he

52  
00:02:34,040 --> 00:02:32,060  
likes to call himself may not of course

53  
00:02:35,810 --> 00:02:34,050  
is one of Sydney's top DJ

54  
00:02:37,760 --> 00:02:35,820  
he's going to be doing a gig in the

55  
00:02:41,510 --> 00:02:37,770  
suburb of Glee which is near the city

56  
00:02:42,950 --> 00:02:41,520  
center coming up in March before we get

57  
00:02:45,850 --> 00:02:42,960  
stuck into the show a quick note from

58  
00:02:49,670 --> 00:02:45,860  
our friends in Victoria the Surf Coast

59  
00:02:52,730 --> 00:02:49,680  
skeptic camp has been postponed and I

60  
00:02:54,940 --> 00:02:52,740  
will link to the information in this

61  
00:02:56,120 --> 00:02:54,950  
week's show notes but it will be

62  
00:02:59,630 --> 00:02:56,130  
rescheduled

63  
00:03:03,920 --> 00:02:59,640

have no fear Surf Coast skeptic camp is

64

00:03:05,180 --> 00:03:03,930

being postponed for the moment well

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00:03:08,180 --> 00:03:05,190

that's enough for me at the moment I'm

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00:03:10,910 --> 00:03:08,190

going to run downstairs those cats

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00:03:11,690 --> 00:03:10,920

Henrietta and ward they had to breakfast

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00:03:13,940 --> 00:03:11,700

this morning

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00:03:17,410 --> 00:03:13,950

I gave them some breakfast they weren't

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00:03:20,270 --> 00:03:17,420

happy mm-hmm gave them another breakfast

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00:03:22,490 --> 00:03:20,280

lucky mugs I'm gonna run downstairs have

72

00:03:26,790 --> 00:03:22,500

some breakfast for myself while I do

73

00:03:34,200 --> 00:03:26,800

that I hope you enjoy the skeptics urns

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00:03:36,880 --> 00:03:34,210

[Music]

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00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:36,890

[Applause]

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00:03:48,910 --> 00:03:45,519

[Music]

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00:03:51,250 --> 00:03:48,920

and joining me now from South Los

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00:03:54,339 --> 00:03:51,260

Angeles California the United States its

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00:03:56,890 --> 00:03:54,349

market would hello mark hello Richard

80

00:03:58,569 --> 00:03:56,900

how are you I'm very well it's very good

81

00:04:00,850 --> 00:03:58,579

to catch up with you we do see each

82

00:04:03,160 --> 00:04:00,860

other from time to time normally at

83

00:04:05,380 --> 00:04:03,170

conventions and things last night last

84

00:04:08,020 --> 00:04:05,390

time was great in San Francisco we had a

85

00:04:10,210 --> 00:04:08,030

good good day that was a good good time

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00:04:14,250 --> 00:04:10,220

we certainly did we certainly didn't

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00:04:17,170 --> 00:04:14,260

wasn't that long ago now the reason I'm

88

00:04:19,390 --> 00:04:17,180

giving you a call over them wonders of

89

00:04:22,659 --> 00:04:19,400

the Internet is I've been told by a

90

00:04:25,540 --> 00:04:22,669

little bird called susan gerbic yeah

91

00:04:27,520 --> 00:04:25,550

that you're extending or you've written

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00:04:29,560 --> 00:04:27,530

more or you're doing more with your book

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00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:29,570

called psychic blues now for people who

94

00:04:34,779 --> 00:04:31,280

don't know about that book can you give

95

00:04:38,650 --> 00:04:34,789

us a bit of an overview well psychic

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00:04:42,670 --> 00:04:38,660

blues is my narrative novel that

97

00:04:45,550 --> 00:04:42,680

basically tracks a time in my life when

98

00:04:50,050 --> 00:04:45,560

I decided I was going to become the

99

00:04:53,200 --> 00:04:50,060

world's greatest psychic so but but the

100

00:04:55,900 --> 00:04:53,210

idea was to infiltrate that market and

101

00:04:57,879 --> 00:04:55,910

learn the tricks of the trade because

102

00:05:00,520 --> 00:04:57,889

you can't just go up to a psychic and

103

00:05:03,969 --> 00:05:00,530

say hey how did you do that you know you

104

00:05:08,250 --> 00:05:03,979

have to insinuate them and with them and

105

00:05:11,500 --> 00:05:08,260

I my theory was that most psychics don't

106

00:05:14,650 --> 00:05:11,510

have the magic background my background

107

00:05:17,800 --> 00:05:14,660

is a magic so what I did is I I

108

00:05:20,140 --> 00:05:17,810

basically scanned the scammers I got

109

00:05:23,020 --> 00:05:20,150

these companies thinking that I did the

110

00:05:26,529 --> 00:05:23,030

real thing by using Mentalist effects

111

00:05:29,800 --> 00:05:26,539

and because my idea was I wanted to

112

00:05:32,920 --> 00:05:29,810

climb as far as I could to the top of

113

00:05:35,770 --> 00:05:32,930

that slagheap known as the psychic

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00:05:38,200 --> 00:05:35,780

business and along the way take lots of

115

00:05:39,340 --> 00:05:38,210

notes so that I could one day write this

116

00:05:47,230 --> 00:05:39,350

book

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00:05:49,440 --> 00:05:47,240

well but it's it's got its conflicted

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00:05:51,840 --> 00:05:49,450

the title they changed the title to

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00:05:54,850 --> 00:05:51,850

confessions of a conflicted medium

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00:05:58,870 --> 00:05:54,860

because there were parts that were left

121

00:06:00,460 --> 00:05:58,880

out of the book that was published it

122

00:06:02,650 --> 00:06:00,470

was not taken from my original

123

00:06:04,540 --> 00:06:02,660

manuscript what was taken from my

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00:06:08,340 --> 00:06:04,550

original manuscript but it was edited by

125

00:06:11,230 --> 00:06:08,350

about a third it was taken out ooh

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00:06:15,130 --> 00:06:11,240

yeah and so a lot of the criticism like

127

00:06:17,320 --> 00:06:15,140

that I got was because the publisher

128

00:06:21,690 --> 00:06:17,330

feral house wanted the cat main

129

00:06:24,400 --> 00:06:21,700

character to be very dark very unlikable

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00:06:27,220 --> 00:06:24,410

antihero and I'm afraid that was

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00:06:29,560 --> 00:06:27,230

slightly misunderstood by so especially

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00:06:31,990 --> 00:06:29,570

certain people in the skeptic community

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00:06:35,050 --> 00:06:32,000

because they said that's that's who I am

134

00:06:37,480 --> 00:06:35,060

right so I wanted to kind of set the

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00:06:40,990 --> 00:06:37,490

record straight and and another

136

00:06:43,090 --> 00:06:41,000

criticism was that it didn't really go

137

00:06:46,440 --> 00:06:43,100

into my personal life you know what were

138

00:06:49,840 --> 00:06:46,450

my relationships like what inspired me

139

00:06:52,990 --> 00:06:49,850

why did I do this it was just the

140

00:06:55,060 --> 00:06:53,000

bare-bones tricks of the trade so what I

141

00:06:58,390 --> 00:06:55,070

did is I reverted to the original

142

00:07:01,390 --> 00:06:58,400

manuscript which was written like 15

143

00:07:04,330 --> 00:07:01,400

years ago and I read it and narrated it

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00:07:07,390 --> 00:07:04,340

and added in sound sound effects and

145

00:07:10,810 --> 00:07:07,400

music cues and just made a better a

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00:07:13,960 --> 00:07:10,820

better project out of it so now it's

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00:07:17,080 --> 00:07:13,970

it's funnier it's funny and it's audio

148

00:07:18,850 --> 00:07:17,090

so people could can listen to it while

149

00:07:20,470 --> 00:07:18,860

they're doing the dishes or jogging or

150

00:07:23,190 --> 00:07:20,480

walking the dog or driving in their cars

151

00:07:25,690 --> 00:07:23,200

or what that's right I'm a big fan of

152

00:07:28,030 --> 00:07:25,700

podcasts of course having being the

153

00:07:31,350 --> 00:07:28,040

producer one and audiobooks so that

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00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:31,360

sounds like a really attractive offering

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00:07:36,670 --> 00:07:34,400

houses goes in four minutes nine hours

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00:07:38,200 --> 00:07:36,680

and four minutes how's this that's a lot

157

00:07:42,190 --> 00:07:38,210

of reading how is this going to be

158

00:07:44,920 --> 00:07:42,200

distributed it right now it's on Amazon

159

00:07:47,560 --> 00:07:44,930

audible mm-hm they take that they take

160

00:07:49,960 --> 00:07:47,570

it over to Europe and around the world

161

00:07:52,090 --> 00:07:49,970

it's kind of it's up to them

162

00:07:57,370 --> 00:07:52,100

I just downloaded

163

00:07:59,740 --> 00:07:57,380

and now it goes into distribution and I

164

00:08:03,610 --> 00:07:59,750

doesn't go into other languages that I

165

00:08:05,800 --> 00:08:03,620

know of yet but it just got okayed two

166

00:08:09,610 --> 00:08:05,810

nights ago so it's it's hitting the

167

00:08:12,460 --> 00:08:09,620

market really happy really happy with it

168

00:08:15,610 --> 00:08:12,470

because it gave me an opportunity to I I

169

00:08:18,880 --> 00:08:15,620

did all the all the voices the sitters

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00:08:22,870 --> 00:08:18,890

the agents the celebrities I did all the

171

00:08:25,030 --> 00:08:22,880

voice impersonations so I had a blast

172

00:08:28,350 --> 00:08:25,040

because I was in a real recording studio

173

00:08:31,420 --> 00:08:28,360

and I work with a very patient person

174

00:08:33,640 --> 00:08:31,430

Jackson Church and we just had a great

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00:08:35,200 --> 00:08:33,650

time doing and I had no deadline I said

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00:08:38,050 --> 00:08:35,210

I'm not gonna hurry through this I'm

177

00:08:40,480 --> 00:08:38,060

just gonna do it and have fun and by

178

00:08:43,060 --> 00:08:40,490

this time I'm so sick of the book you

179

00:08:47,160 --> 00:08:43,070

know that I think a little bit of my of

180

00:08:49,810 --> 00:08:47,170

my bit nut bitterness but just you know

181

00:08:52,030 --> 00:08:49,820

oxd kind of came through a little

182

00:08:54,250 --> 00:08:52,040

stronger than the first time I read it

183

00:08:57,360 --> 00:08:54,260

the first time I read it I recorded it

184

00:09:00,400 --> 00:08:57,370

with my son he did it and we took it to

185

00:09:02,740 --> 00:09:00,410

audible and the sound quality wasn't

186

00:09:04,630 --> 00:09:02,750

good enough so I had to redo the whole

187

00:09:08,580 --> 00:09:04,640

thing so I figured if I'm gonna redo it

188

00:09:11,080 --> 00:09:08,590

I'm gonna do it right absolutely and I

189

00:09:14,140 --> 00:09:11,090

somebody who does an awful lot of

190

00:09:17,260 --> 00:09:14,150

reading which I do by that I mean out

191

00:09:19,750 --> 00:09:17,270

loud for podcast I know how frustrating

192

00:09:21,490 --> 00:09:19,760

and lengthy a process it could be

193

00:09:23,680 --> 00:09:21,500

because you don't always make it through

194

00:09:26,470 --> 00:09:23,690

a win one take of course you stumble you

195

00:09:29,530 --> 00:09:26,480

get words wrong you ya pronounce things

196

00:09:32,170 --> 00:09:29,540

you put the emphasis wrong the commas in

197

00:09:33,280 --> 00:09:32,180

the wrong spot right it's quite a

198

00:09:35,980 --> 00:09:33,290

process isn't it

199

00:09:38,500 --> 00:09:35,990

well now it's it's like like the

200

00:09:41,650 --> 00:09:38,510

psychics you see on television the real

201  
00:09:44,460 --> 00:09:41,660  
art of it is the editor a good point and

202  
00:09:49,740 --> 00:09:44,470  
and the guy the guy who was the editor

203  
00:09:53,710 --> 00:09:49,750  
he just got it and he he made it really

204  
00:09:56,170 --> 00:09:53,720  
really well done so you know he got all

205  
00:09:58,990 --> 00:09:56,180  
the pauses and when I wanted to put in

206  
00:10:01,300 --> 00:09:59,000  
little sound cues and stuff he was very

207  
00:10:02,590 --> 00:10:01,310  
excited about it so we both had a fun

208  
00:10:06,400 --> 00:10:02,600  
time doing it

209  
00:10:07,840 --> 00:10:06,410  
now I will put a link for our listeners

210  
00:10:10,210 --> 00:10:07,850  
if they want to download the book I'll

211  
00:10:11,950 --> 00:10:10,220  
put a link in this week's show notes and

212  
00:10:15,130 --> 00:10:11,960  
I think it would be a very interesting

213  
00:10:17,530 --> 00:10:15,140

book to listen to no muck some other

214

00:10:19,960 --> 00:10:17,540

people might remember you from some

215

00:10:22,000 --> 00:10:19,970

years ago now you were in I think the

216

00:10:25,120 --> 00:10:22,010

very first episode of Penn & Teller's

217

00:10:28,690 --> 00:10:25,130

[h\_\_\h] program that's right I was on

218

00:10:30,970 --> 00:10:28,700

the pilot episode speaking to the dead

219

00:10:33,130 --> 00:10:30,980

yes I remember watching that in

220

00:10:34,900 --> 00:10:33,140

amazement because I hadn't seen anything

221

00:10:37,180 --> 00:10:34,910

quite like that before and of course it

222

00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:37,190

was an enjoyable series what was that

223

00:10:42,070 --> 00:10:39,200

like being taking part in in that very

224

00:10:45,040 --> 00:10:42,080

first episode I loved it because they

225

00:10:48,250 --> 00:10:45,050

basically they let me do whatever I want

226

00:10:50,710 --> 00:10:48,260

I got on the plane with the the line

227

00:10:53,350 --> 00:10:50,720

producer to fly from LA to New York and

228

00:10:55,240 --> 00:10:53,360

they said how are you gonna bust this

229

00:10:56,860 --> 00:10:55,250

medium and I said well what do you mean

230

00:11:00,520 --> 00:10:56,870

don't you have a script or anything they

231

00:11:03,340 --> 00:11:00,530

said no we're gonna bring this medium in

232

00:11:04,870 --> 00:11:03,350

she's gonna do her thing then we're

233

00:11:06,820 --> 00:11:04,880

gonna have the same audience and you're

234

00:11:08,770 --> 00:11:06,830

gonna do your thing but then you're

235

00:11:09,040 --> 00:11:08,780

gonna explain that you just made it all

236

00:11:12,760 --> 00:11:09,050

up

237

00:11:16,570 --> 00:11:12,770

Wow but along the way I discovered how

238

00:11:18,430 --> 00:11:16,580

the the medium that they had hired I saw

239

00:11:21,190 --> 00:11:18,440

exactly what she was doing she was

240

00:11:23,170 --> 00:11:21,200

gathering free show from the audience

241

00:11:26,260 --> 00:11:23,180

right in front of everybody

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00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:26,270

and so of course when she went into her

243

00:11:32,020 --> 00:11:29,360

trance she suddenly knew who everybody

244

00:11:33,940 --> 00:11:32,030

wanted to talk to and and then we found

245

00:11:37,300 --> 00:11:33,950

out later that some of the main people

246

00:11:43,000 --> 00:11:37,310

who got the biggest hits were friends of

247

00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:43,010

her her book agent you know her so she

248

00:11:48,810 --> 00:11:45,200

had the whole she had I think she had

249

00:11:51,490 --> 00:11:48,820

four people out of the 12 people were

250

00:11:51,880 --> 00:11:51,500

being Stooges but they didn't even know

251  
00:11:54,520 --> 00:11:51,890  
it

252  
00:11:56,140 --> 00:11:54,530  
wow that's fascinating how long ago is

253  
00:11:58,870 --> 00:11:56,150  
that that was 15 years ago

254  
00:12:00,880 --> 00:11:58,880  
10 10 15 years hundred something like

255  
00:12:03,010 --> 00:12:00,890  
that yeah it's hard to remember it's a

256  
00:12:04,570 --> 00:12:03,020  
classic of course and again it was the

257  
00:12:06,970 --> 00:12:04,580  
very first episode I saw and it

258  
00:12:11,860 --> 00:12:06,980  
certainly was an amazement to me to see

259  
00:12:12,400 --> 00:12:11,870  
such naked skepticism on TV it was quite

260  
00:12:13,750 --> 00:12:12,410  
something

261  
00:12:16,450 --> 00:12:13,760  
I know I you know I

262  
00:12:18,130 --> 00:12:16,460  
love the show but is like my in-laws at

263  
00:12:21,190 --> 00:12:18,140

the time they thought the language is a

264

00:12:23,380 --> 00:12:21,200

little rough oh well like whoa you like

265

00:12:26,380 --> 00:12:23,390

what you did but who are those guys

266

00:12:30,160 --> 00:12:26,390

didn't even know Penn & Teller were but

267

00:12:32,110 --> 00:12:30,170

yeah that was a fabulous I'm afraid I

268

00:12:34,990 --> 00:12:32,120

got a little high on my horse after that

269

00:12:37,000 --> 00:12:35,000

because the shows I did after that never

270

00:12:39,370 --> 00:12:37,010

matched up you know a couple of them

271

00:12:41,860 --> 00:12:39,380

were pretty good but that that I think

272

00:12:46,510 --> 00:12:41,870

was a high point and and I'm I credit

273

00:12:48,850 --> 00:12:46,520

that to just being able to improvise and

274

00:12:51,100 --> 00:12:48,860

work you know in the moment with the

275

00:12:54,310 --> 00:12:51,110

crew and the same thing happened when I

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00:12:56,560 --> 00:12:54,320

went to Norway they we did a TV show

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00:12:58,560 --> 00:12:56,570

there and everything just went you

278

00:13:01,930 --> 00:12:58,570

couldn't have planned it better and they

279

00:13:04,360 --> 00:13:01,940

basically didn't have a script either so

280

00:13:08,070 --> 00:13:04,370

you you've you've done some traveling

281

00:13:10,060 --> 00:13:08,080

around and when you do your your

282

00:13:12,760 --> 00:13:10,070

appearances around the world is it

283

00:13:15,730 --> 00:13:12,770

mostly focused around psychics and cold

284

00:13:20,200 --> 00:13:15,740

reading in the sort of thing yeah well I

285

00:13:23,920 --> 00:13:20,210

pray I decided a couple years back that

286

00:13:27,610 --> 00:13:23,930

I mean if it's somebody who wants me to

287

00:13:30,660 --> 00:13:27,620

do peer mentalism I'll do that which is

288

00:13:33,700 --> 00:13:30,670

again you just go through the motions of

289

00:13:36,460 --> 00:13:33,710

seeming seeming seemingly knowing things

290

00:13:38,740 --> 00:13:36,470

and this and that but for the most part

291

00:13:40,360 --> 00:13:38,750

when when I do the skeptical - or what

292

00:13:43,420 --> 00:13:40,370

I'll do is I'll come out and I'll play

293

00:13:45,490 --> 00:13:43,430

it in character and I'll blow everybody

294

00:13:47,920 --> 00:13:45,500

away so that they're like wait a minute

295

00:13:51,850 --> 00:13:47,930

and then the last ten minutes I say

296

00:13:54,520 --> 00:13:51,860

here's what I did right so it's it has a

297

00:13:56,260 --> 00:13:54,530

reveal at the end and it's interests

298

00:13:58,240 --> 00:13:56,270

been interesting to me to see different

299

00:14:00,400 --> 00:13:58,250

places I've gone in the world people

300

00:14:03,280 --> 00:14:00,410

have different reactions to that in

301  
00:14:05,200 --> 00:14:03,290  
America they can get pissed off because

302  
00:14:06,970 --> 00:14:05,210  
they feel like they've been manipulated

303  
00:14:10,150 --> 00:14:06,980  
and they don't like that when you say

304  
00:14:12,370 --> 00:14:10,160  
hey we just we just pulled pull the wool

305  
00:14:14,530 --> 00:14:12,380  
over your eyes but when I again when I

306  
00:14:16,300 --> 00:14:14,540  
was in Norway they thought that was

307  
00:14:19,210 --> 00:14:16,310  
really great they said this is what

308  
00:14:21,100 --> 00:14:19,220  
needs to be done for a public service we

309  
00:14:23,320 --> 00:14:21,110  
need we need to go out and have people

310  
00:14:25,750 --> 00:14:23,330  
do this and show how easy it is for

311  
00:14:27,130 --> 00:14:25,760  
people to not only be fooled but fool

312  
00:14:31,000 --> 00:14:27,140  
themselves

313  
00:14:32,949 --> 00:14:31,010

all right so I did a TV show with Jeff

314

00:14:36,340 --> 00:14:32,959

Probst who's a celebrity out here in

315

00:14:39,540 --> 00:14:36,350

Hollywood and he wanted me to teach him

316

00:14:43,449 --> 00:14:39,550

to be a reader so we set up this fake

317

00:14:45,460 --> 00:14:43,459

house and he put makeup on and we had an

318

00:14:48,310 --> 00:14:45,470

earpiece on and I fed him information

319

00:14:51,280 --> 00:14:48,320

that I had backstage like a lot of

320

00:14:52,810 --> 00:14:51,290

psychics do like the peter Popoff thing

321

00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:52,820

that you're familiar with what Randy

322

00:14:57,519 --> 00:14:55,760

expose yes of course yeah so we did that

323

00:14:59,730 --> 00:14:57,529

for the TV show and then we did an

324

00:15:02,590 --> 00:14:59,740

interview segment in the studio and

325

00:15:04,930 --> 00:15:02,600

after I had explained everything and how

326

00:15:06,699 --> 00:15:04,940

terrible it all was he asked the

327

00:15:08,500 --> 00:15:06,709

audience as anyone have a quote any

328

00:15:10,960 --> 00:15:08,510

questions for mark and a woman in the

329

00:15:15,240 --> 00:15:10,970

back raises her hand and says I'd like

330

00:15:22,480 --> 00:15:18,100

this is what I'm starting to experience

331

00:15:24,160 --> 00:15:22,490

is it doesn't matter if you expose it

332

00:15:26,139 --> 00:15:24,170

people just go ahead and believe

333

00:15:28,810 --> 00:15:26,149

whatever they want and it's like no oh

334

00:15:30,910 --> 00:15:28,820

no not my psychic no he's and I've had

335

00:15:34,240 --> 00:15:30,920

people say no he's really psychic he's

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00:15:37,420 --> 00:15:34,250

just covering it up and so it's like

337

00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:37,430

really hard in America it's been very

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00:15:43,210 --> 00:15:40,160

hard in Europe there's a much more there

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00:15:45,810 --> 00:15:43,220

much wiser and probably in Australia to

340

00:15:49,150 --> 00:15:45,820

from what I hope what I gather you know

341

00:15:52,509 --> 00:15:49,160

so so that's been the frustrating part

342

00:15:55,449 --> 00:15:52,519

is you go through a lot of work and it

343

00:15:58,420 --> 00:15:55,459

really I did a thing on Ouija boards and

344

00:16:01,269 --> 00:15:58,430

they ended up at the end of the TV show

345

00:16:03,790 --> 00:16:01,279

called brain games mm-hm and after I

346

00:16:05,819 --> 00:16:03,800

exposed the Ouija board by putting

347

00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:05,829

blindfolds on everybody

348

00:16:12,490 --> 00:16:08,720

more people believed in spirits after

349

00:16:18,189 --> 00:16:12,500

that show than before that we're in the

350

00:16:20,530 --> 00:16:18,199

in the in the room so I don't know what

351

00:16:22,810 --> 00:16:20,540

that means I don't get it but but you

352

00:16:25,509 --> 00:16:22,820

know we keep on I keep keep doing it

353

00:16:29,019 --> 00:16:25,519

maybe we're all just paid shills for the

354

00:16:32,110 --> 00:16:29,029

big psychic industry yeah so we just

355

00:16:34,660 --> 00:16:32,120

people want to believe so much that they

356

00:16:39,309 --> 00:16:34,670

just can't accept it it's too much firm

357

00:16:40,110 --> 00:16:39,319

to handle so Susan and I are going to

358

00:16:42,240 --> 00:16:40,120

have this new

359

00:16:45,810 --> 00:16:42,250

York Times article you heard about that

360

00:16:47,190 --> 00:16:45,820

right well will it fill fill us in as

361

00:16:49,380 --> 00:16:47,200

much as you can that sounds interesting

362

00:16:52,170 --> 00:16:49,390

okay yeah as much as I can

363

00:16:56,690 --> 00:16:52,180

susan gerbic and i and her group of

364

00:17:00,150 --> 00:16:56,700

gorillas skeptics did a sting on a

365

00:17:03,210 --> 00:17:00,160

medium who will remain unnamed at this

366

00:17:06,569 --> 00:17:03,220

point uh-huh and it was incredibly well

367

00:17:09,420 --> 00:17:06,579

thought out the protocol was extremely

368

00:17:11,610 --> 00:17:09,430

devious right because we knew we were

369

00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:11,620

dealing with somebody who was pretty

370

00:17:19,350 --> 00:17:16,240

much a match for any investigator and we

371

00:17:22,110 --> 00:17:19,360

caught this guy out red-handed using

372

00:17:24,090 --> 00:17:22,120

facebook information that we planted on

373

00:17:26,790 --> 00:17:24,100

Facebook for him well

374

00:17:29,190 --> 00:17:26,800

we baited baited the hook with all sorts

375

00:17:32,220 --> 00:17:29,200

of things that he turned around and used

376

00:17:34,650 --> 00:17:32,230

in his show so we have we have the fake

377

00:17:38,880 --> 00:17:34,660

fake book pages on screenshots and then

378

00:17:41,190 --> 00:17:38,890

we have his whole show recorded so this

379

00:17:43,290 --> 00:17:41,200

led to a whole lot of other things and

380

00:17:46,080 --> 00:17:43,300

we found this for New York Times

381

00:17:48,530 --> 00:17:46,090

reporter who I had worked with before so

382

00:17:50,850 --> 00:17:48,540

it's been a little more than a year

383

00:17:53,669 --> 00:17:50,860

we've been waiting for this to come out

384

00:17:56,370 --> 00:17:53,679

and now both of us just had a session

385

00:17:57,000 --> 00:17:56,380

with the fact-checker last week so

386

00:18:00,060 --> 00:17:57,010

they're saying

387

00:18:02,610 --> 00:18:00,070

next Sunday oh that's interesting next

388

00:18:05,880 --> 00:18:02,620

Sunday's New York New York Times

389

00:18:07,620 --> 00:18:05,890

Magazine oh it's just it's it's so it's

390

00:18:09,150 --> 00:18:07,630

so great the way the way this has

391

00:18:12,770 --> 00:18:09,160

happened I mean it's taken a long time

392

00:18:15,480 --> 00:18:12,780

but if it goes it's gonna really be

393

00:18:17,940 --> 00:18:15,490

something for people to look at and just

394

00:18:20,190 --> 00:18:17,950

slap their foreheads you know well what

395

00:18:23,160 --> 00:18:20,200

a fascinating willied that you live in

396

00:18:24,900 --> 00:18:23,170

market yeah is and how can people find

397

00:18:27,810 --> 00:18:24,910

out a bit more about what you do Mike

398

00:18:34,530 --> 00:18:27,820

and maybe get a copy of that audio book

399

00:18:37,440 --> 00:18:34,540

so it's a wwm mark Edward comm is the

400

00:18:40,770 --> 00:18:37,450

web's website but if you want to get the

401

00:18:44,940 --> 00:18:40,780

new audio book I'm not selling that at

402

00:18:48,320 --> 00:18:44,950

my website you just go to Amazon and or

403

00:18:51,360 --> 00:18:48,330

audible and be sure you put in new

404

00:18:52,680 --> 00:18:51,370

expanded edition psychic blues new

405

00:18:55,050 --> 00:18:52,690

expanded edition

406

00:18:58,620 --> 00:18:55,060

don't get the old one cuz that's just a

407

00:18:59,940 --> 00:18:58,630

book you want the audiobook now right

408

00:19:01,320 --> 00:18:59,950

there's the clue folks and I'll put a

409

00:19:03,330 --> 00:19:01,330

link in this week's show notes

410

00:19:05,880 --> 00:19:03,340

well market would again what a

411

00:19:07,770 --> 00:19:05,890

fascinating world you live in and I hope

412

00:19:10,590 --> 00:19:07,780

I see you again in the not-too-distant

413

00:19:25,290 --> 00:19:10,600

future thanks for having me and I'll

414

00:19:26,880 --> 00:19:25,300

talk to you again soon today this is dr.

415

00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:26,890

Kyle Kyle Chris must be proud to be

416

00:19:30,840 --> 00:19:28,240

skeptic and you can find out more about

417

00:19:35,070 --> 00:19:30,850

me at dr. Kyle calm and get lots of free

418

00:19:35,080 --> 00:19:46,860

[Music]

419

00:19:53,320 --> 00:19:51,039

as part of our ongoing series of reports

420

00:19:54,850 --> 00:19:53,330

and interviews and articles from the

421

00:19:58,260 --> 00:19:54,860

skeptic magazine the journal from

422

00:20:05,200 --> 00:19:58,270

Australian skeptics we turn to winter

423

00:20:11,769 --> 00:20:05,210

2005 volume 25 number 2 on page 49 an

424

00:20:14,680 --> 00:20:11,779

article by Peter booth and at the time

425

00:20:16,600 --> 00:20:14,690

of writing the little blurb says Peter

426  
00:20:18,789 --> 00:20:16,610  
booth has just completed a Bachelor of

427  
00:20:21,250 --> 00:20:18,799  
Arts majoring in journalism at Griffith

428  
00:20:23,590 --> 00:20:21,260  
University he has also studied theatre

429  
00:20:27,399 --> 00:20:23,600  
and magic which sparked his interest in

430  
00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:27,409  
the topic and the topic is as the title

431  
00:20:36,399 --> 00:20:31,840  
says under the subtitle of investigation

432  
00:20:38,120 --> 00:20:36,409  
psychic or just sick is there any harm

433  
00:20:41,090 --> 00:20:38,130  
in psychic acts

434  
00:20:44,549 --> 00:20:41,100  
[Music]

435  
00:20:47,549 --> 00:20:44,559  
James Van Praagh says he can talk with

436  
00:20:50,370 --> 00:20:47,559  
the dead he says he can see into the

437  
00:20:52,710 --> 00:20:50,380  
future he may even use his powers to

438  
00:20:55,529 --> 00:20:52,720

search for an answer to the mysterious

439

00:20:58,620 --> 00:20:55,539

disappearance of Sunshine Coast teenager

440

00:21:00,810 --> 00:20:58,630

Daniel Malcolm and as an aside a couple

441

00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:00,820

of years ago the Daniel Malcolm case was

442

00:21:08,039 --> 00:21:04,480

resolved the killer was uncovered the

443

00:21:10,830 --> 00:21:08,049

body was discovered and that was due to

444

00:21:13,169 --> 00:21:10,840

police work Van Praagh

445

00:21:16,680 --> 00:21:13,179

is the latest American television

446

00:21:19,110 --> 00:21:16,690

psychic his television show beyond is

447

00:21:21,720 --> 00:21:19,120

every weekday afternoon on the Nine

448

00:21:24,360 --> 00:21:21,730

Network and his recent tour of Australia

449

00:21:26,340 --> 00:21:24,370

sold-out shows across the country his

450

00:21:28,409 --> 00:21:26,350

show at the Brisbane Convention Centre

451  
00:21:31,139 --> 00:21:28,419  
netted almost a quarter of a million

452  
00:21:34,169 --> 00:21:31,149  
dollars in ticket sales alone his

453  
00:21:36,899 --> 00:21:34,179  
three-hour performances consisted of 40

454  
00:21:38,250 --> 00:21:36,909  
minutes of his life story 20 minutes of

455  
00:21:41,279 --> 00:21:38,260  
questions from the audience

456  
00:21:44,519 --> 00:21:41,289  
30 minutes of guided meditation and an

457  
00:21:47,519 --> 00:21:44,529  
hour of the supposed psychic readings

458  
00:21:49,769 --> 00:21:47,529  
that have made Van Praagh famous almost

459  
00:21:52,169 --> 00:21:49,779  
all audience members who commented on

460  
00:21:54,330 --> 00:21:52,179  
the shows gave a belatedly positive

461  
00:21:56,519 --> 00:21:54,340  
review thoroughly convinced Van Praagh

462  
00:21:59,220 --> 00:21:56,529  
had made contact with the world of the

463  
00:21:59,850 --> 00:21:59,230

spirits however some skeptics were not

464

00:22:02,759 --> 00:21:59,860

impressed

465

00:22:05,610 --> 00:22:02,769

mark Mayer demonstrates unexplainably

466

00:22:08,820 --> 00:22:05,620

paranormal abilities on a daily basis

467

00:22:11,909 --> 00:22:08,830

but Maher is not a psychic he's an

468

00:22:14,159 --> 00:22:11,919

entertainer an illusionist who as part

469

00:22:16,919 --> 00:22:14,169

of his show talking with the dead or

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00:22:19,470 --> 00:22:16,929

lying to the living at Melbourne Trade

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00:22:19,799 --> 00:22:19,480

Centre demonstrates the tricks of the

472

00:22:21,750 --> 00:22:19,809

trade

473

00:22:25,860 --> 00:22:21,760

he says psychics like James Van Praagh

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00:22:28,529 --> 00:22:25,870

can use to deceive vulnerable people may

475

00:22:31,830 --> 00:22:28,539

earn attended one of Van Praagh shows

476  
00:22:34,740 --> 00:22:31,840  
and was disgusted by what he saw Maher

477  
00:22:38,279 --> 00:22:34,750  
says it made my stomach turn to have to

478  
00:22:41,279 --> 00:22:38,289  
watch it it was dreadful the subject

479  
00:22:44,430 --> 00:22:41,289  
matter was just trivialized and thrown

480  
00:22:46,799 --> 00:22:44,440  
away the real actual pain and grief of

481  
00:22:50,029 --> 00:22:46,809  
the people who were there to get some

482  
00:22:52,529 --> 00:22:50,039  
sort of connection looking for hope and

483  
00:22:53,340 --> 00:22:52,539  
desperately trying to have closure on

484  
00:22:56,460 --> 00:22:53,350  
their pain

485  
00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:56,470  
was just washed over in light of

486  
00:23:01,110 --> 00:22:58,720  
entertainment mr. Maer describes what

487  
00:23:03,600 --> 00:23:01,120  
Van Praagh does as quote emotional rape

488  
00:23:05,970 --> 00:23:03,610

in quote it was like watching a woman

489

00:23:07,530 --> 00:23:05,980

being physically attacked and not being

490

00:23:09,300 --> 00:23:07,540

able to do anything about it

491

00:23:11,760 --> 00:23:09,310

mayor says there is a general

492

00:23:14,820 --> 00:23:11,770

misconception that the psychic industry

493

00:23:17,490 --> 00:23:14,830

does no harm actually it does a lot of

494

00:23:19,620 --> 00:23:17,500

harm he says he describes a woman in the

495

00:23:22,380 --> 00:23:19,630

audience at van Praque's Melbourne show

496

00:23:24,840 --> 00:23:22,390

in her early 20s she stood up during the

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00:23:26,880 --> 00:23:24,850

psychic reading and asked Van Praagh if

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00:23:29,850 --> 00:23:26,890

he could contact her daughter who had

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00:23:31,800 --> 00:23:29,860

died at a young age in a car crash Van

500

00:23:34,560 --> 00:23:31,810

Praagh proceeded to apparently

501  
00:23:38,430 --> 00:23:34,570  
communicate with the deceased young girl

502  
00:23:40,680 --> 00:23:38,440  
who he said was sitting next to her the

503  
00:23:42,540 --> 00:23:40,690  
young woman said she was the driver of

504  
00:23:47,040 --> 00:23:42,550  
the car and asked if her daughter

505  
00:23:50,060 --> 00:23:47,050  
forgave her quote oranges take oranges

506  
00:23:52,680 --> 00:23:50,070  
to her grave she wants oranges and quote

507  
00:23:55,320 --> 00:23:52,690  
tears were streaming down the woman's

508  
00:23:57,120 --> 00:23:55,330  
face later Van Praagh told the woman her

509  
00:23:59,610 --> 00:23:57,130  
daughter wanted her to know there was

510  
00:24:01,830 --> 00:23:59,620  
nothing to forgive mayor says this

511  
00:24:04,410 --> 00:24:01,840  
incident was a typical example of van

512  
00:24:06,690 --> 00:24:04,420  
Prague's desecrating of someone's

513  
00:24:10,920 --> 00:24:06,700

memories of their deceased loved ones

514

00:24:13,020 --> 00:24:10,930

what pain must this woman be in she

515

00:24:15,630 --> 00:24:13,030

should be seeing trained emotional

516

00:24:16,980 --> 00:24:15,640

counselors not someone who is pretending

517

00:24:20,130 --> 00:24:16,990

to see her dead daughter

518

00:24:23,190 --> 00:24:20,140

now she can go away and think well that

519

00:24:25,650 --> 00:24:23,200

was amazing why do I want to stop

520

00:24:27,540 --> 00:24:25,660

talking to my daughter now I'll keep

521

00:24:29,790 --> 00:24:27,550

going to psychics forever for the next

522

00:24:32,550 --> 00:24:29,800

50 or 60 years and spent thousands and

523

00:24:35,040 --> 00:24:32,560

thousands of dollars he's screwed over

524

00:24:38,250 --> 00:24:35,050

their memories and their love Mayer

525

00:24:41,070 --> 00:24:38,260

attributes the apparent psychic gift Van

526

00:24:43,680 --> 00:24:41,080

Praagh has to a psychological technique

527

00:24:45,960 --> 00:24:43,690

known as cold reading a combination of

528

00:24:48,420 --> 00:24:45,970

making generalized statements posing

529

00:24:50,970 --> 00:24:48,430

questions as statements and feeding back

530

00:24:53,040 --> 00:24:50,980

information he has already been told

531

00:24:53,760 --> 00:24:53,050

because we are more the same than

532

00:24:56,100 --> 00:24:53,770

different

533

00:24:58,230 --> 00:24:56,110

things that seem quite Pacific and like

534

00:25:00,930 --> 00:24:58,240

they only apply it to either me or you

535

00:25:03,180 --> 00:25:00,940

actually in reality applied to a

536

00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:03,190

majority of people they ask a leading

537

00:25:06,600 --> 00:25:05,200

question based on common life

538

00:25:09,030 --> 00:25:06,610

experiences to

539

00:25:10,830 --> 00:25:09,040

tract specific information and combine

540

00:25:13,049 --> 00:25:10,840

this with things like popular first

541

00:25:15,150 --> 00:25:13,059

names common causes of death or

542

00:25:17,610 --> 00:25:15,160

illnesses and other statistical

543

00:25:20,160 --> 00:25:17,620

probabilities it makes the people feel

544

00:25:22,830 --> 00:25:20,170

that the reading is really personal and

545

00:25:25,680 --> 00:25:22,840

just for them audience members vote van

546

00:25:27,450 --> 00:25:25,690

Prague's television tapings are required

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00:25:29,850 --> 00:25:27,460

to sign contracts prohibiting them from

548

00:25:32,970 --> 00:25:29,860

speaking to the media about what they

549

00:25:36,120 --> 00:25:32,980

saw however audience members for his

550

00:25:39,090 --> 00:25:36,130

Brisbane Convention Center show were not

551  
00:25:42,150 --> 00:25:39,100  
required to sign anything and char

552  
00:25:44,760 --> 00:25:42,160  
Vaughn Christensen who paid 110 dollars

553  
00:25:47,070 --> 00:25:44,770  
for her ticket was quick to express her

554  
00:25:49,890 --> 00:25:47,080  
disappointment most of the people are

555  
00:25:53,130 --> 00:25:49,900  
here today as a result of them having

556  
00:25:55,320 --> 00:25:53,140  
some severe emotional trauma or loss of

557  
00:25:55,770 --> 00:25:55,330  
loved ones and they're looking for

558  
00:25:59,100 --> 00:25:55,780  
something

559  
00:26:01,460 --> 00:25:59,110  
I think he's exploiting that after the

560  
00:26:05,580 --> 00:26:01,470  
show they were selling blue stars for an

561  
00:26:08,130 --> 00:26:05,590  
intimate meeting for 500 people they

562  
00:26:10,380 --> 00:26:08,140  
paid 35 dollars a head and basically

563  
00:26:12,659 --> 00:26:10,390

what they get for their money is they

564

00:26:16,260 --> 00:26:12,669

can shake his hand or he can sign a book

565

00:26:18,870 --> 00:26:16,270

for them I met Lady Diana I've met

566

00:26:22,230 --> 00:26:18,880

Michael Jackson I've met Elton John I've

567

00:26:24,750 --> 00:26:22,240

met Bill Clinton lots of significant

568

00:26:28,470 --> 00:26:24,760

people not one of them charged to shake

569

00:26:31,169 --> 00:26:28,480

their hand I just find that ridiculous I

570

00:26:33,720 --> 00:26:31,179

think that it's idolizing another human

571

00:26:36,450 --> 00:26:33,730

being they are so desperate to touch

572

00:26:39,630 --> 00:26:36,460

this man so why the need for an audience

573

00:26:42,570 --> 00:26:39,640

contract Mac Mayer suggests that the

574

00:26:44,400 --> 00:26:42,580

deceptive editing of the shows may have

575

00:26:46,650 --> 00:26:44,410

something to do with it they take up to

576

00:26:49,200 --> 00:26:46,660

six hours of taping to produce 11

577

00:26:52,680 --> 00:26:49,210

minutes of airtime that 11 minutes of

578

00:26:55,350 --> 00:26:52,690

airtime is then edited creatively to

579

00:26:57,659 --> 00:26:55,360

give the best impression on top of that

580

00:27:00,150 --> 00:26:57,669

you're allowed to have questionnaires

581

00:27:01,860 --> 00:27:00,160

before the audience goes in you're

582

00:27:04,470 --> 00:27:01,870

allowed to have microphones in the

583

00:27:06,690 --> 00:27:04,480

audience before the show starts for an

584

00:27:09,090 --> 00:27:06,700

hour while they're all chatting amongst

585

00:27:11,490 --> 00:27:09,100

themselves and just to help Pat it out

586

00:27:13,169 --> 00:27:11,500

if you get stuck you're allowed to have

587

00:27:15,570 --> 00:27:13,179

actors in the audience

588

00:27:17,580 --> 00:27:15,580

Mayer says people generally do not show

589

00:27:20,040 --> 00:27:17,590

the same level of skepticism towards

590

00:27:20,910 --> 00:27:20,050

psychic television shows as they do for

591

00:27:22,770 --> 00:27:20,920

other media

592

00:27:25,470 --> 00:27:22,780

they're so critical about things like

593

00:27:28,260 --> 00:27:25,480

that band is made up and this is not

594

00:27:31,100 --> 00:27:28,270

real reality TV and as soon as this

595

00:27:33,630 --> 00:27:31,110

comes on their logic goes out the window

596

00:27:35,880 --> 00:27:33,640

that's a normal emotional response

597

00:27:41,340 --> 00:27:35,890

across the board when you are feeling in

598

00:27:43,260 --> 00:27:41,350

pain other views victors Zammit is a

599

00:27:46,080 --> 00:27:43,270

Sydney based lawyer an author of the

600

00:27:49,260 --> 00:27:46,090

book a lawyer presents the case for the

601  
00:27:52,410 --> 00:27:49,270  
afterlife Zammit is a staunch defender

602  
00:27:55,620 --> 00:27:52,420  
of end Prague's psychic claims Zammit

603  
00:27:58,200 --> 00:27:55,630  
says the closed-minded skeptics accuse

604  
00:28:01,680 --> 00:27:58,210  
him of fraud but they cannot prove it

605  
00:28:03,540 --> 00:28:01,690  
it's closed-minded skepticism Zemin says

606  
00:28:05,310 --> 00:28:03,550  
a visit to a psychic where he apparently

607  
00:28:08,760 --> 00:28:05,320  
made contact with his deceased father

608  
00:28:11,040 --> 00:28:08,770  
mother and grandmother changed his views

609  
00:28:13,830 --> 00:28:11,050  
on the subject I didn't get along with

610  
00:28:15,930 --> 00:28:13,840  
my father after half an hour of asking

611  
00:28:18,810 --> 00:28:15,940  
lots and lots of questions to confirm

612  
00:28:21,390 --> 00:28:18,820  
some certain incidents from when he was

613  
00:28:24,720 --> 00:28:21,400

alive with meek and nobody on earth

614

00:28:29,160 --> 00:28:24,730

could know about those they were 100%

615

00:28:33,660 --> 00:28:29,170

correct I said okay what do you want and

616

00:28:35,640 --> 00:28:33,670

he said I came for forgiveness I cannot

617

00:28:38,400 --> 00:28:35,650

progress in the world that I am in

618

00:28:42,390 --> 00:28:38,410

unless you forgive me for being such a

619

00:28:44,850 --> 00:28:42,400

lousy father I got that and for me the

620

00:28:48,299 --> 00:28:44,860

experiential is far more important and

621

00:28:50,940 --> 00:28:48,309

even science James Van Praagh was

622

00:28:53,669 --> 00:28:50,950

unavailable to comment on his show but

623

00:28:55,980 --> 00:28:53,679

his manager and producer of beyond John

624

00:28:58,230 --> 00:28:55,990

King invited any skeptic to come to

625

00:29:01,140 --> 00:28:58,240

their shows and still not believe I'm a

626  
00:29:03,120 --> 00:29:01,150  
skeptical myself King says if you see one

627  
00:29:05,190 --> 00:29:03,130  
or two of these things it's pretty hard

628  
00:29:08,190 --> 00:29:05,200  
to deny that there's something there

629  
00:29:10,799 --> 00:29:08,200  
even for the biggest cynic or the

630  
00:29:13,080 --> 00:29:10,809  
biggest skeptic when asked if James Van

631  
00:29:16,350 --> 00:29:13,090  
Praagh claims of psychic powers are fake

632  
00:29:18,690 --> 00:29:16,360  
King responds I produce those shows I

633  
00:29:21,360 --> 00:29:18,700  
put them together so I know that those

634  
00:29:26,040 --> 00:29:21,370  
shows are real I know that there's

635  
00:29:27,930 --> 00:29:26,050  
nothing rigged missing people King says

636  
00:29:30,030 --> 00:29:27,940  
that James Van Praagh has previously

637  
00:29:32,280 --> 00:29:30,040  
worked with police departments and the

638  
00:29:34,789 --> 00:29:32,290

American government and revealed that

639

00:29:36,659 --> 00:29:34,799

Van Praagh may assist authorities

640

00:29:38,759 --> 00:29:36,669

investigating the disappearance of

641

00:29:40,859 --> 00:29:38,769

Daniel Malcolm in December last year I

642

00:29:42,810 --> 00:29:40,869

actually received a newspaper article

643

00:29:44,189 --> 00:29:42,820

about that today it's quite possible

644

00:29:46,349 --> 00:29:44,199

that he Van Praagh

645

00:29:48,839 --> 00:29:46,359

may be interested in doing something

646

00:29:51,569 --> 00:29:48,849

with that this is a prospect that mark

647

00:29:54,209 --> 00:29:51,579

Mayer finds particularly disturbing the

648

00:29:56,849 --> 00:29:54,219

idea of psychic detectives is a myth he

649

00:29:59,069 --> 00:29:56,859

says if you look up any police records

650

00:30:01,589 --> 00:29:59,079

for anywhere there's not been a single

651  
00:30:05,129 --> 00:30:01,599  
case of any psychic solving or helping

652  
00:30:07,469 --> 00:30:05,139  
any crime ever Scotland Yard goes on the

653  
00:30:09,779 --> 00:30:07,479  
record saying they don't use it at all

654  
00:30:13,289 --> 00:30:09,789  
and it has done nothing

655  
00:30:15,059 --> 00:30:13,299  
the LAPD goes on record saying they

656  
00:30:17,759 --> 00:30:15,069  
actually did test to see how accurate

657  
00:30:20,279 --> 00:30:17,769  
they were and they will not use them

658  
00:30:23,699 --> 00:30:20,289  
the FBI don't have any files on it

659  
00:30:25,949 --> 00:30:23,709  
whatsoever neither for or against as

660  
00:30:28,709 --> 00:30:25,959  
soon as a high profile child goes

661  
00:30:31,319 --> 00:30:28,719  
missing they the psychics prey on it

662  
00:30:34,109 --> 00:30:31,329  
because it's great advertising and it's

663  
00:30:37,079 --> 00:30:34,119

absolutely disgusting executive officer

664

00:30:39,059 --> 00:30:37,089

of the Australian experience compares

665

00:30:41,759 --> 00:30:39,069

claiming to be able to find missing

666

00:30:45,029 --> 00:30:41,769

children to the actions of the hoax

667

00:30:47,099 --> 00:30:45,039

emailer David Charles brine who was

668

00:30:49,639 --> 00:30:47,109

recently arrested for claiming he knew

669

00:30:52,489 --> 00:30:49,649

the whereabouts of Daniel Malcolm and

670

00:30:55,889 --> 00:30:52,499

demanding money for his return

671

00:30:58,829 --> 00:30:55,899

William says if you give police a lead

672

00:31:01,109 --> 00:30:58,839

they have to follow it up they psychic

673

00:31:03,899 --> 00:31:01,119

detectives probably convinced themselves

674

00:31:06,389 --> 00:31:03,909

they're helping the police it's cruel

675

00:31:08,549 --> 00:31:06,399

I don't give a damn if you are self

676

00:31:10,769 --> 00:31:08,559

deluded in those cases your self

677

00:31:12,930 --> 00:31:10,779

delusion is causing pain to somebody

678

00:31:14,939 --> 00:31:12,940

else claims by psychics to know the

679

00:31:18,509 --> 00:31:14,949

whereabouts of their son have plagued

680

00:31:20,579 --> 00:31:18,519

mr. and mrs. Malcolm before I received a

681

00:31:22,019 --> 00:31:20,589

few letters from psychics some of them

682

00:31:24,829 --> 00:31:22,029

have been very distressing

683

00:31:27,689 --> 00:31:24,839

Denise Malcolm told Australian story and

684

00:31:29,669 --> 00:31:27,699

as an aside Australian story is the

685

00:31:32,549 --> 00:31:29,679

long-running television program on the

686

00:31:35,039 --> 00:31:32,559

ABC network they say that Daniel may be

687

00:31:37,949 --> 00:31:35,049

in a local bond in the local area close

688

00:31:40,619 --> 00:31:37,959

by or in a country town I've had one

689

00:31:43,079 --> 00:31:40,629

letter saying Daniels head's been shaved

690

00:31:45,749 --> 00:31:43,089

and he hasn't got many days left

691

00:31:48,390 --> 00:31:45,759

Bruce tells me to put them aside and

692

00:31:52,830 --> 00:31:48,400

don't look at them but they do go

693

00:31:56,400 --> 00:31:52,840

through my mind what if it's true no

694

00:31:58,680 --> 00:31:56,410

regulation the psychic industry is not

695

00:32:01,830 --> 00:31:58,690

bound by the same regulations as other

696

00:32:03,630 --> 00:32:01,840

consumer industries Matt mayor believes

697

00:32:06,299 --> 00:32:03,640

tougher restrictions should be

698

00:32:07,710 --> 00:32:06,309

introduced to monitor the industry if

699

00:32:10,380 --> 00:32:07,720

you want to be a psychic

700

00:32:12,780 --> 00:32:10,390

you need no qualifications you need no

701  
00:32:16,170 --> 00:32:12,790  
history you don't need to have any

702  
00:32:18,600 --> 00:32:16,180  
police checks we don't need to prove or

703  
00:32:21,060 --> 00:32:18,610  
substantiate any of your claims he says

704  
00:32:22,590 --> 00:32:21,070  
if people are going to psychics and they

705  
00:32:25,860 --> 00:32:22,600  
want to I'm not saying they're not

706  
00:32:27,960 --> 00:32:25,870  
allowed to or they shouldn't if you want

707  
00:32:29,910 --> 00:32:27,970  
to go you just need to go with the full

708  
00:32:32,730 --> 00:32:29,920  
disclosure that this is entertainment

709  
00:32:35,130 --> 00:32:32,740  
it's made up and it's fun and if that's

710  
00:32:37,020 --> 00:32:35,140  
the case then no problem celebrity

711  
00:32:38,880 --> 00:32:37,030  
psychic John Edward presents the

712  
00:32:42,270 --> 00:32:38,890  
following disclaimer during the credits

713  
00:32:45,030 --> 00:32:42,280

of his television show crossing over the

714

00:32:47,310 --> 00:32:45,040

materials and opinions presented in this

715

00:32:49,970 --> 00:32:47,320

program by John Edward and other third

716

00:32:53,280 --> 00:32:49,980

parties including statements predictions

717

00:32:55,740 --> 00:32:53,290

documents photos and video footage comes

718

00:32:58,260 --> 00:32:55,750

solely from the respective third-party

719

00:33:00,060 --> 00:32:58,270

sources and did not necessarily reflect

720

00:33:02,400 --> 00:33:00,070

the views or opinions of the producer

721

00:33:05,520 --> 00:33:02,410

and are not meant or intended to be a

722

00:33:08,250 --> 00:33:05,530

form of advice instruction suggestion

723

00:33:11,240 --> 00:33:08,260

counsel or factual statement in any way

724

00:33:14,340 --> 00:33:11,250

whatsoever and are intended as

725

00:33:16,440 --> 00:33:14,350

entertainment mock mayor lodged a

726  
00:33:17,130 --> 00:33:16,450  
complaint with consumer affairs in

727  
00:33:19,290 --> 00:33:17,140  
Victoria

728  
00:33:21,240 --> 00:33:19,300  
regarding a lack of such a disclaimer

729  
00:33:23,610 --> 00:33:21,250  
during John Edwards febrile tour of

730  
00:33:25,950 --> 00:33:23,620  
Australia he has so far been

731  
00:33:28,490 --> 00:33:25,960  
unsuccessful in his efforts to get

732  
00:33:31,919 --> 00:33:28,500  
authorities to closer investigate

733  
00:33:33,630 --> 00:33:31,929  
psychic claims Mary Williams said the

734  
00:33:34,980 --> 00:33:33,640  
Australian skeptics once brought a case

735  
00:33:37,830 --> 00:33:34,990  
to the Department of Fair Trading

736  
00:33:39,930 --> 00:33:37,840  
against a supposed psychic telephone

737  
00:33:42,210 --> 00:33:39,940  
hotline run by the famous Australian

738  
00:33:44,430 --> 00:33:42,220

psychic the late Athena

739

00:33:46,650 --> 00:33:44,440

star woman we had received evidence by

740

00:33:49,200 --> 00:33:46,660

planting a stooge in there that people

741

00:33:51,360 --> 00:33:49,210

could get a job there with no tests to

742

00:33:54,299 --> 00:33:51,370

see if they were psychic and they were

743

00:33:56,700 --> 00:33:54,309

given a script to read and told not to

744

00:33:59,250 --> 00:33:56,710

depart from it William said they were

745

00:34:01,260 --> 00:33:59,260

also told to keep people on the phone as

746

00:34:02,230 --> 00:34:01,270

long as they could and the average was

747

00:34:05,770 --> 00:34:02,240

18 minutes

748

00:34:07,540 --> 00:34:05,780

at \$5 a minute they the Department of

749

00:34:10,780 --> 00:34:07,550

Fair Trading refused to do anything

750

00:34:12,460 --> 00:34:10,790

about it they said you're getting into

751

00:34:14,920 --> 00:34:12,470

the area of people's beliefs

752

00:34:17,860 --> 00:34:14,930

I said regardless of whether they

753

00:34:20,500 --> 00:34:17,870

believe it or not the fact is what they

754

00:34:23,140 --> 00:34:20,510

were doing is fraud but they wouldn't

755

00:34:25,180 --> 00:34:23,150

touch it mr.william says despite any

756

00:34:26,770 --> 00:34:25,190

evidence that Van Praagh cannot really

757

00:34:29,350 --> 00:34:26,780

make contact with the afterlife

758

00:34:31,270 --> 00:34:29,360

he and other psychics will continue to

759

00:34:33,790 --> 00:34:31,280

prosper the only thing that will bring

760

00:34:35,830 --> 00:34:33,800

it down is for the entire humanity to

761

00:34:38,500 --> 00:34:35,840

suddenly become critical rational

762

00:34:40,540 --> 00:34:38,510

thinkers he says they're still selling a

763

00:34:42,670 --> 00:34:40,550

simple message they're selling hope and

764

00:34:45,520 --> 00:34:42,680

the rational world is selling you the

765

00:34:50,110 --> 00:34:45,530

hard bloody reality we've definitely got

766

00:34:52,450 --> 00:34:50,120

the harder sell note this piece was

767

00:34:55,240 --> 00:34:52,460

originally written by Peter booth as an

768

00:34:58,240 --> 00:34:55,250

investor give report for a university

769

00:35:01,390 --> 00:34:58,250

course entitled quote feature writing

770

00:35:04,660 --> 00:35:01,400

unquote and later adapted as an audio

771

00:35:06,430 --> 00:35:04,670

story for a radio course the radio

772

00:35:09,340 --> 00:35:06,440

version of the story was nominated by

773

00:35:17,080 --> 00:35:09,350

the course convener for an Aussie award

774

00:35:20,500 --> 00:35:17,090

for junior journalism and that was

775

00:35:24,430 --> 00:35:20,510

psychic or just sick by Peter booth and

776

00:35:28,420 --> 00:35:24,440

you can find that on page 49 of the

777

00:36:02,090 --> 00:35:28,430

skeptic magazine volume 25 number 2 by

778

00:36:02,100 --> 00:36:13,060

[Music]

779

00:36:19,310 --> 00:36:16,490

hi this is dr. Pamela gay from astronomy

780

00:36:21,230 --> 00:36:19,320

cast each week Fraser Cain and I take

781

00:36:23,450 --> 00:36:21,240

our listeners on a fact-based journey

782

00:36:26,180 --> 00:36:23,460

through the cosmos with our weekly

783

00:36:28,970 --> 00:36:26,190

podcast we explain not just what we know

784

00:36:31,850 --> 00:36:28,980

but how we know what we know about this

785

00:36:34,310 --> 00:36:31,860

universe that we share check us out at

786

00:36:36,710 --> 00:36:34,320

astronomy cast calm and look for us in

787

00:36:51,110 --> 00:36:36,720

itunes google play and wherever you

788

00:36:52,220 --> 00:36:51,120

download podcasts see online that looks

789

00:36:58,480 --> 00:36:52,230

good enough to eat

790

00:37:05,420 --> 00:36:58,490

or does it here's the diet skeptic

791

00:37:07,610 --> 00:37:05,430

mandelino ville and joining me now on

792

00:37:11,300 --> 00:37:07,620

the line it's Mandy Lee Noble hello

793

00:37:13,310 --> 00:37:11,310

Mandy Lee hello Richard how are you I'm

794

00:37:16,010 --> 00:37:13,320

doing really well it's great to be back

795

00:37:17,660 --> 00:37:16,020

in Australia although I think I'm gonna

796

00:37:19,280 --> 00:37:17,670

be heading stateside in the

797

00:37:21,500 --> 00:37:19,290

not-too-distant future but more about

798

00:37:23,990 --> 00:37:21,510

that a bit later on I thought I'd ring

799

00:37:26,420 --> 00:37:24,000

you up Skype you up messing you up

800

00:37:29,420 --> 00:37:26,430

however we're doing this because I

801  
00:37:32,660 --> 00:37:29,430  
understand you apart from your regular

802  
00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:32,670  
diet sceptic work you have been involved

803  
00:37:39,170 --> 00:37:34,800  
with our friends susan gerbic what can

804  
00:37:41,450 --> 00:37:39,180  
you tell me well like many people I have

805  
00:37:44,210 --> 00:37:41,460  
been over the years listening to Susan's

806  
00:37:48,590 --> 00:37:44,220  
reports and on skeptic zone and on other

807  
00:37:51,550 --> 00:37:48,600  
podcasts and thinking I should do some

808  
00:37:55,970 --> 00:37:51,560  
editing and become a griller skeptic and

809  
00:37:59,180 --> 00:37:55,980  
when I was at skeptic on last year I met

810  
00:38:02,600 --> 00:37:59,190  
two of the great editors Julie and

811  
00:38:04,700 --> 00:38:02,610  
Harold Barents and they encouraged me to

812  
00:38:06,530 --> 00:38:04,710  
join a Louis bit concerned about the

813  
00:38:10,430 --> 00:38:06,540

training but they offered some help and

814

00:38:14,300 --> 00:38:10,440

now I'm a graduated editor so you are

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00:38:15,710 --> 00:38:14,310

now a graduated wiki editors guerrilla

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00:38:19,070 --> 00:38:15,720

skeptic ed

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00:38:21,290 --> 00:38:19,080

let's get to get it on wiki and because

818

00:38:23,180 --> 00:38:21,300

we run lots of promos for it and people

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00:38:24,890 --> 00:38:23,190

find out about it so please tell me

820

00:38:27,560 --> 00:38:24,900

about the experience of learning how to

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00:38:29,210 --> 00:38:27,570

become an editor it was actually really

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00:38:31,790 --> 00:38:29,220

good and and for anyone who's

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00:38:35,120 --> 00:38:31,800

considering it you learn a lot of skills

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00:38:37,040 --> 00:38:35,130

that you can use in other parts of your

825

00:38:39,650 --> 00:38:37,050

work or whatever it is you do because

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00:38:41,930 --> 00:38:39,660

you learn a lot of a few word processing

827

00:38:42,410 --> 00:38:41,940

skills and IT skills which was quite

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00:38:45,680 --> 00:38:42,420

good

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00:38:47,660 --> 00:38:45,690

you mentored on the way so Susan catches

830

00:38:49,790 --> 00:38:47,670

up with you and checks in with hey going

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00:38:54,230 --> 00:38:49,800

and and the other skeptics will as well

832

00:38:57,020 --> 00:38:54,240

the other editors mm-hm and so you do a

833

00:38:59,240 --> 00:38:57,030

little some lots of little exercises

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00:39:01,849 --> 00:38:59,250

that are examples of what an editor

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00:39:04,400 --> 00:39:01,859

might do on Wikipedia and along the way

836

00:39:06,290 --> 00:39:04,410

you'd learn the rules so there's our

837

00:39:10,160 --> 00:39:06,300

it's sort of a little bit about rules

838

00:39:12,260 --> 00:39:10,170

unto itself type of platform and once

839

00:39:15,109 --> 00:39:12,270

you get that you sort of have a couple

840

00:39:17,690 --> 00:39:15,119

of projects at the end that you do and I

841

00:39:20,359 --> 00:39:17,700

just finished my final project which is

842

00:39:24,320 --> 00:39:20,369

to finish either do a complete new page

843

00:39:30,260 --> 00:39:24,330

of a Wikimedia subject or do a major

844

00:39:32,300 --> 00:39:30,270

rewrite so and and roughly how long did

845

00:39:35,240 --> 00:39:32,310

all this take until you at reach the

846

00:39:36,740 --> 00:39:35,250

stage you are now well for me probably

847

00:39:40,160 --> 00:39:36,750

like most people have seen a bit of

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00:39:42,170 --> 00:39:40,170

Spitz and start so it was like so took I

849

00:39:44,359 --> 00:39:42,180

think the whole process about three or

850

00:39:46,940 --> 00:39:44,369

four months I would get through quite a

851

00:39:49,880 --> 00:39:46,950

few things if I had an afternoon free

852

00:39:52,130 --> 00:39:49,890

and then I'd be you know away from it

853

00:39:54,670 --> 00:39:52,140

for a couple of weeks and and Susan be

854

00:39:57,859 --> 00:39:54,680

dropping a few hints going how he going

855

00:39:59,420 --> 00:39:57,869

but they were really really good and

856

00:40:00,820 --> 00:39:59,430

encouraging and they understand that

857

00:40:03,620 --> 00:40:00,830

people have other lives too and

858

00:40:05,480 --> 00:40:03,630

eventually I got to the end and I was

859

00:40:07,190 --> 00:40:05,490

really lucky because when I looked at

860

00:40:09,890 --> 00:40:07,200

the project list there was one that

861

00:40:12,020 --> 00:40:09,900

really spoke to me so and of course if

862

00:40:13,579 --> 00:40:12,030

you have your own project that you want

863

00:40:15,710 --> 00:40:13,589

to do is your final assignment you can

864

00:40:18,140 --> 00:40:15,720

do that as well but I was just like he

865

00:40:22,370 --> 00:40:18,150

that I went yep that's the one for me

866

00:40:25,160 --> 00:40:22,380

and I wrote a new or updated a Wikipedia

867

00:40:27,680 --> 00:40:25,170

page that was a great experience yes now

868

00:40:29,309 --> 00:40:27,690

that's very interesting because in

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00:40:31,410 --> 00:40:29,319

discussions before

870

00:40:33,269 --> 00:40:31,420

you you showed me the page you've been

871

00:40:35,880 --> 00:40:33,279

working on and it's a very important

872

00:40:37,859 --> 00:40:35,890

page I feel and it's something that

873

00:40:39,779 --> 00:40:37,869

people should visit and have a look at

874

00:40:42,269 --> 00:40:39,789

and this revolves around somebody who

875

00:40:43,739 --> 00:40:42,279

called themselves and I used sadly the

876

00:40:47,309 --> 00:40:43,749

past tense called themselves the

877

00:40:49,680 --> 00:40:47,319

wellness warrior please tell us more yes

878

00:40:52,199 --> 00:40:49,690

so when I got the final assignment

879

00:40:55,229 --> 00:40:52,209

because season of course is over to Mary

880

00:40:57,029 --> 00:40:55,239

Karr she didn't realize how I'm well

881

00:40:59,009 --> 00:40:57,039

known the Wellness warrior was in

882

00:40:59,849 --> 00:40:59,019

Australia and the first thing I said was

883

00:41:02,279 --> 00:40:59,859

oh well

884

00:41:05,699 --> 00:41:02,289

Jessica Hynes Coe was a it's a household

885

00:41:09,779 --> 00:41:05,709

name even now and that she had a really

886

00:41:15,269 --> 00:41:09,789

big impact on Australia and quite sadly

887

00:41:18,089 --> 00:41:15,279

she passed away in 2015 no and it was a

888

00:41:20,309 --> 00:41:18,099

there was a really much of there was a

889

00:41:24,059 --> 00:41:20,319

few couple of outlining comments about

890

00:41:27,680 --> 00:41:24,069

her sort of points of data about what

891

00:41:30,719 --> 00:41:27,690

her story was but there was definitely

892

00:41:32,969 --> 00:41:30,729

some other things to add to it that I

893

00:41:36,509 --> 00:41:32,979

thought were really important and also

894

00:41:38,609 --> 00:41:36,519

to she's a notable person so to answer

895

00:41:39,779 --> 00:41:38,619

people's questions about her and I think

896

00:41:42,239 --> 00:41:39,789

some of the questions that a lot of

897

00:41:45,689 --> 00:41:42,249

people have is you know what happens

898

00:41:47,939 --> 00:41:45,699

that someone who lives in a country

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00:41:50,539 --> 00:41:47,949

where they have the most amazing medical

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00:41:53,039 --> 00:41:50,549

treatment available to them for free

901  
00:41:55,430 --> 00:41:53,049  
that they turn their back on that when

902  
00:41:59,849 --> 00:41:55,440  
they need it most so I really wanted to

903  
00:42:02,969 --> 00:41:59,859  
give a very neutral account of Jessica's

904  
00:42:04,859 --> 00:42:02,979  
life and the impact that she had that

905  
00:42:07,289 --> 00:42:04,869  
made her a notable person and a

906  
00:42:09,839 --> 00:42:07,299  
candidate for Wikipedia page

907  
00:42:12,359 --> 00:42:09,849  
yes and and again of course I say it is

908  
00:42:14,239 --> 00:42:12,369  
sad I mean nobody wishes somebody like

909  
00:42:17,249 --> 00:42:14,249  
that to pass away but she had

910  
00:42:19,489 --> 00:42:17,259  
significant health problems but it seems

911  
00:42:21,959 --> 00:42:19,499  
that she just took the path of

912  
00:42:23,789 --> 00:42:21,969  
alternative medicine and just being well

913  
00:42:26,279 --> 00:42:23,799

and good happy thoughts and all this

914

00:42:29,160 --> 00:42:26,289

sort of thing and in her case sadly it

915

00:42:31,289 --> 00:42:29,170

really didn't work out yeah and I mean

916

00:42:33,359 --> 00:42:31,299

it was never going to be a really good

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00:42:36,180 --> 00:42:33,369

ending for Jessica's she had a very

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00:42:38,999 --> 00:42:36,190

aggressive cancer but she you know the

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00:42:41,039 --> 00:42:39,009

odds were in her favor - to be alive at

920

00:42:42,780 --> 00:42:41,049

the 10-year mark had she taken a

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00:42:44,910 --> 00:42:42,790

conventional medicine

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00:42:47,130 --> 00:42:44,920

you know root but it would have required

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00:42:51,840 --> 00:42:47,140

quite evasive treatment and quite

924

00:42:53,390 --> 00:42:51,850

evasive surgery so when with my talking

925

00:42:57,120 --> 00:42:53,400

of the story I just wanted to outline

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00:43:00,150 --> 00:42:57,130

the decisions she made but also the

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00:43:02,430 --> 00:43:00,160

people who influenced her because I

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00:43:04,290 --> 00:43:02,440

think that's really important is to know

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00:43:07,020 --> 00:43:04,300

that there are people out there who are

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00:43:08,940 --> 00:43:07,030

providing information that that might

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00:43:11,580 --> 00:43:08,950

lead to people to not to take

932

00:43:14,460 --> 00:43:11,590

conventional cancer treatments so I just

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00:43:16,590 --> 00:43:14,470

wanted to outline you know the people

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00:43:18,930 --> 00:43:16,600

that she was listening to at the time

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00:43:21,450 --> 00:43:18,940

she had a very famous blog that's now

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deleted but I was really lucky in that

937

00:43:26,820 --> 00:43:25,060

in lots of other people quoted directly

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00:43:29,490 --> 00:43:26,830

from her blog so I was really able to

939

00:43:31,650 --> 00:43:29,500

piece together a very full story of what

940

00:43:34,950 --> 00:43:31,660

was happening for Jessica at the time I

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00:43:37,740 --> 00:43:34,960

also wanted to give a good detail what

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00:43:40,350 --> 00:43:37,750

was what the outcomes were for her for

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00:43:43,950 --> 00:43:40,360

those choices and along that quality of

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00:43:47,310 --> 00:43:43,960

life access as well so a lot of people

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00:43:49,770 --> 00:43:47,320

talk about Jessica's choices in the fact

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00:43:51,990 --> 00:43:49,780

that oh well maybe she might have she

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00:43:54,480 --> 00:43:52,000

was probably going to eventually you

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00:43:57,360 --> 00:43:54,490

know die from her cancer anyway and she

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00:43:59,190 --> 00:43:57,370

might have made that ten year mark but I

950

00:44:01,830 --> 00:43:59,200

think another important thing to think

951  
00:44:03,690 --> 00:44:01,840  
about with taking alternative choices is

952  
00:44:05,820 --> 00:44:03,700  
the quality of life that they provide

953  
00:44:08,580 --> 00:44:05,830  
and there's a bit of a mistake that they

954  
00:44:10,890 --> 00:44:08,590  
provide a better quality of life but

955  
00:44:12,570 --> 00:44:10,900  
that's not always the case so there's

956  
00:44:15,150 --> 00:44:12,580  
there's some stuff there about her own

957  
00:44:18,090 --> 00:44:15,160  
reflections and how she was coping with

958  
00:44:20,970 --> 00:44:18,100  
her her cancer as it progressed not

959  
00:44:23,190 --> 00:44:20,980  
having conventional treatment it sounds

960  
00:44:25,020 --> 00:44:23,200  
like a fascinating page mandy i'll

961  
00:44:27,660 --> 00:44:25,030  
certainly focus on you know certainly

962  
00:44:30,260 --> 00:44:27,670  
link to the page in question at

963  
00:44:32,700 --> 00:44:30,270

Wikipedia in this week's show notes and

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00:44:35,520 --> 00:44:32,710

Mandy I look forward to many more

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00:44:39,660 --> 00:44:35,530

interesting diet skeptic reports coming

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00:44:42,300 --> 00:44:39,670

up in 2019 yes I found been as you know

967

00:44:45,420 --> 00:44:42,310

Richard I'm myself I've been travelling

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00:44:47,540 --> 00:44:45,430

around Australia doing some training for

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00:44:50,700 --> 00:44:47,550

other health professionals in

970

00:44:53,280 --> 00:44:50,710

evidence-based nutrition and along the

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00:44:55,950 --> 00:44:53,290

way I've been running into quite a few

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00:44:59,609 --> 00:44:55,960

interesting nutritional claims and I was

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00:45:03,870 --> 00:44:59,619

Dean so once I get home and unpack my

974

00:45:06,420 --> 00:45:03,880

bags I'll be pulling up some of those

975

00:45:09,440 --> 00:45:06,430

things that have snapshots with with my

976  
00:45:11,640 --> 00:45:09,450  
phone phone camera while I've been at

977  
00:45:14,430 --> 00:45:11,650  
different places around Australia and

978  
00:45:17,310 --> 00:45:14,440  
maybe unpack some of those products and

979  
00:45:20,010 --> 00:45:17,320  
their claims about nutrition lots to

980  
00:45:21,930 --> 00:45:20,020  
look forward to in 2019 from mandelino

981  
00:45:25,050 --> 00:45:21,940  
who've died skipping but for now

982  
00:45:26,910 --> 00:45:25,060  
Mandy Lee thank you very much thanks a

983  
00:45:28,190 --> 00:45:26,920  
lot Richard and look forward to talking

984  
00:45:31,530 --> 00:45:28,200  
to you soon

985  
00:45:38,570 --> 00:45:36,850  
[Music]

986  
00:45:41,400 --> 00:45:38,580  
[Applause]

987  
00:45:44,820 --> 00:45:41,410  
aliens are probing people and mutilating

988  
00:45:46,980 --> 00:45:44,830

cows 9/11 was an inside job

989

00:45:50,520 --> 00:45:46,990

I'm the oppa to clean up my athlete's

990

00:45:53,810 --> 00:45:50,530

foot vaccines cause autism but also

991

00:45:55,859 --> 00:45:53,820

physical mattis lawn is definitely real

992

00:45:58,230 --> 00:45:55,869

we all have friends and family who

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00:46:00,270 --> 00:45:58,240

believe these things and much more well

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00:46:02,099 --> 00:46:00,280

if you're a rational thinker who is

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00:46:03,720 --> 00:46:02,109

tired of arguing on social media and

996

00:46:04,800 --> 00:46:03,730

never getting anywhere we have a

997

00:46:06,810 --> 00:46:04,810

solution for you

998

00:46:09,270 --> 00:46:06,820

join the guerrilla skepticism on

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00:46:11,670 --> 00:46:09,280

wikipedia team and we will teach you how

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00:46:13,589 --> 00:46:11,680

to add reliable scientific and skeptical

1001  
00:46:16,740 --> 00:46:13,599  
information to the world's number-one

1002  
00:46:18,720 --> 00:46:16,750  
source of information Wikipedia we write

1003  
00:46:21,240 --> 00:46:18,730  
new articles and improve existing ones

1004  
00:46:23,430 --> 00:46:21,250  
we remove pseudoscience paranormal and

1005  
00:46:25,589 --> 00:46:23,440  
augment claims substituting the actual

1006  
00:46:28,260 --> 00:46:25,599  
facts and we operate in many languages

1007  
00:46:30,630 --> 00:46:28,270  
we've already reached tens of millions

1008  
00:46:32,640 --> 00:46:30,640  
of people searching for information but

1009  
00:46:35,700 --> 00:46:32,650  
as you can imagine we can never do

1010  
00:46:38,310 --> 00:46:35,710  
enough so please join us all you need is

1011  
00:46:40,710 --> 00:46:38,320  
a PC a Facebook account and the desire

1012  
00:46:42,359 --> 00:46:40,720  
to help educate the planet in fact

1013  
00:46:46,200 --> 00:46:42,369

you'll be educating the world while you

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sleep contact us at e is Oh W team at

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gmail.com guerrilla skepticism the time

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here's Maynard spooky action at the

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well it's certainly good to be back in

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00:47:10,260 --> 00:47:08,050

Australia and it's good to catch up

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00:47:11,580 --> 00:47:10,270

again with may not hello Manor it's

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00:47:14,790 --> 00:47:11,590

great to have you here in the Maynard

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00:47:16,680 --> 00:47:14,800

international studios annex it is it is

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00:47:19,170 --> 00:47:16,690

because I'm glancing over towards the

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00:47:21,480 --> 00:47:19,180

shelf and amongst the treasures you have

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00:47:24,150 --> 00:47:21,490

of course are almost the complete set of

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00:47:25,920 --> 00:47:24,160

Batman figures for the 1960s and who

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00:47:28,800 --> 00:47:25,930

else has the novelization of the

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00:47:31,080 --> 00:47:28,810

original Michael Crichton Westworld

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00:47:32,760 --> 00:47:31,090

movie the one with Yul Brynner in it I

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00:47:33,960 --> 00:47:32,770

saw that just a few months ago it's

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00:47:35,610 --> 00:47:33,970

actually a really good movie yeah

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00:47:37,110 --> 00:47:35,620

everyone reckons the series is great but

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00:47:38,790 --> 00:47:37,120

look yeah it can be great but I've got

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00:47:41,010 --> 00:47:38,800

that kind of time you know that was one

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00:47:43,170 --> 00:47:41,020

of the inspirations for the Terminator

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00:47:44,820 --> 00:47:43,180

really I wouldn't surprise me there yeah

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00:47:47,670 --> 00:47:44,830

well you're Brenner was a lot of

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00:47:50,820 --> 00:47:47,680

inspirations when I wonder when I think

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00:47:52,410 --> 00:47:50,830

I go what would your Brynner in the king

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00:47:54,300 --> 00:47:52,420

and I have done he would have you would

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00:47:56,450 --> 00:47:54,310

have gone and all these children would

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00:47:59,640 --> 00:47:56,460

have come out that's no help at all it's

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00:48:00,900 --> 00:47:59,650

help what do I do in this crisis aren't

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00:48:03,000 --> 00:48:00,910

kids now that's not going to help yeah

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00:48:04,440 --> 00:48:03,010

no Yul Brenner and the king and I don't

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00:48:05,910 --> 00:48:04,450

use that as an inspiration just think

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00:48:07,590 --> 00:48:05,920

what would Batman do what would Batman

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00:48:09,930 --> 00:48:07,600

do but if you do have the chance to see

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00:48:15,900 --> 00:48:09,940

the original West world the movie that's

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00:48:18,210 --> 00:48:15,910

also got Richard what's-his-name how

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00:48:20,820 --> 00:48:18,220

people people remember but as you can

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00:48:23,490 --> 00:48:20,830

see look at that that's got a 32-page

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00:48:25,500 --> 00:48:23,500

black and white or Victoria Shaw was in

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00:48:29,370 --> 00:48:25,510

it this will tell us to keep going keep

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going there James Brolin and we should

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bit Richard Benjamin of course you would

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00:48:35,340 --> 00:48:32,710

all know his great work from what was

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00:48:36,270 --> 00:48:35,350

that sighs quark quark rocky was

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00:48:38,970 --> 00:48:36,280

fantastic

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00:48:40,980 --> 00:48:38,980

Wow there you James Brolin well I

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thought the best work Hiva did was some

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pee-wee's big adventure paging mr.

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00:48:49,530 --> 00:48:46,480

Herman now of course you've got some

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00:48:51,480 --> 00:48:49,540

something coming up relatively soon here

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00:48:53,520 --> 00:48:51,490

in Sydney which skeptics own fans might

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like to come along to if you're thinking

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00:48:58,530 --> 00:48:56,350

I want some rushing flushing pumping and

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00:49:00,090 --> 00:48:58,540

jumping you better be at the red bar

1068

00:49:03,150 --> 00:49:00,100

which is in glib just up the road from

1069

00:49:05,010 --> 00:49:03,160

where Tim and I am glebe in gluant row

1070

00:49:07,510 --> 00:49:05,020

36 Cleveland Road for maintenance Love

1071

00:49:09,190 --> 00:49:07,520

Shack that's right Love Shack Bay

1072

00:49:11,859 --> 00:49:09,200

I'll be playing a retro night there of

1073

00:49:13,330 --> 00:49:11,869

music one night only only one night and

1074

00:49:15,250 --> 00:49:13,340

if it doesn't go well there will not be

1075

00:49:16,510 --> 00:49:15,260

another one so just don't assume there's

1076

00:49:19,030 --> 00:49:16,520

going to be another one to go to because

1077

00:49:20,200 --> 00:49:19,040

that often is not the case in Sydney by

1078

00:49:23,140 --> 00:49:20,210

the way overseas listens

1079

00:49:25,660 --> 00:49:23,150

Sydney nightlife not so much these days

1080

00:49:27,310 --> 00:49:25,670

very pretty city can't travel round it

1081

00:49:29,680 --> 00:49:27,320

by public transport very easily and you

1082

00:49:31,840 --> 00:49:29,690

can't go out after 10:30 at night easily

1083

00:49:33,790 --> 00:49:31,850

either now there's new laws against that

1084

00:49:36,250 --> 00:49:33,800

but you can still go to Maynard's Love

1085

00:49:37,690 --> 00:49:36,260

Shack again this is in glee but where

1086

00:49:39,370 --> 00:49:37,700

can people find out about this mean oh

1087

00:49:41,740 --> 00:49:39,380

look there's an event just look for main

1088

00:49:43,840 --> 00:49:41,750

ads Love Shack on Facebook or you can go

1089

00:49:46,450 --> 00:49:43,850

to the bunga bunga Facebook page the

1090

00:49:48,760 --> 00:49:46,460

Maynard Facebook page or may not come to

1091

00:49:49,960 --> 00:49:48,770

know you yes we will have the details of

1092

00:49:52,510 --> 00:49:49,970

that up there shortly and like I said

1093

00:49:54,910 --> 00:49:52,520

16th of March between 8 and 12 and it's

1094

00:49:57,100 --> 00:49:54,920

only \$10 and look if you fly in from

1095

00:50:00,070 --> 00:49:57,110

overseas the Canadian and the American

1096

00:50:02,470 --> 00:50:00,080

dollar is worth so much it could well

1097

00:50:04,630 --> 00:50:02,480

you know it'll well make up for the AFA

1098

00:50:07,030 --> 00:50:04,640

you had to pay because \$10 is like \$2

1099

00:50:09,370 --> 00:50:07,040

American or Canadian isn't now it's well

1100

00:50:11,230 --> 00:50:09,380

yes and look I might pay you a player

1101

00:50:13,300 --> 00:50:11,240

request and we'll be playing everything

1102

00:50:15,160 --> 00:50:13,310

I was just gonna play 80s or play 90s of

1103

00:50:16,960 --> 00:50:15,170

a pirate let's play we think from the

1104

00:50:21,160 --> 00:50:16,970

later half of the 20th century so that's

1105

00:50:22,840 --> 00:50:21,170

right music from 1951 on Wow so I might

1106

00:50:24,460 --> 00:50:22,850

even play some Andrews Sisters as well

1107

00:50:26,830 --> 00:50:24,470

so who knows what could go on that night

1108

00:50:28,599 --> 00:50:26,840

there's not enough Andrews Sisters being

1109

00:50:31,000 --> 00:50:28,609

played anymore and I will be screening

1110

00:50:32,050 --> 00:50:31,010

Raquel Welch and Ann Margaret videos on

1111

00:50:33,820 --> 00:50:32,060

the big screen

1112

00:50:35,290 --> 00:50:33,830

not the sound just the video there so if

1113

00:50:36,520 --> 00:50:35,300

you've got some dance moves you're

1114

00:50:38,890 --> 00:50:36,530

lacking the dance moves you can just

1115

00:50:40,150 --> 00:50:38,900

copy theirs come along to me nerds Love

1116

00:50:42,340 --> 00:50:40,160

Shack and then what was that date again

1117

00:50:44,800 --> 00:50:42,350

that's the 16th of March between 8 and

1118

00:50:47,380 --> 00:50:44,810

12 sunny 10 bucks come on and the place

1119

00:50:49,570 --> 00:50:47,390

only holds 50 people so we are know we

1120

00:50:51,880 --> 00:50:49,580

haven't got big expectations as long as

1121

00:50:53,980 --> 00:50:51,890

we get over 7 it'll kind of look busy as

1122

00:50:55,840 --> 00:50:53,990

long as our moves around a lot and the

1123

00:50:57,940 --> 00:50:55,850

link of course on this week's show notes

1124

00:50:59,680 --> 00:50:57,950

great I can't see you there people and

1125

00:51:14,430 --> 00:50:59,690

like yeah look you know what I said

1126

00:51:14,440 --> 00:51:23,589

[Music]

1127

00:51:27,710 --> 00:51:25,910

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1128

00:51:30,410 --> 00:51:27,720

zone now here's a note for people in

1129

00:51:32,839 --> 00:51:30,420

California in the San Francisco area and

1130

00:51:34,640 --> 00:51:32,849

the Bay Area I'm going to be well I'm

1131

00:51:37,960 --> 00:51:34,650

scheduled to give a talk for the Bay

1132

00:51:41,329 --> 00:51:37,970

Area skeptics on the 14th of March

1133

00:51:45,460 --> 00:51:41,339

details will appear as soon as I get

1134

00:51:48,529 --> 00:51:45,470

them to hand but the Bay Area skeptics

1135

00:51:50,089 --> 00:51:48,539

friends of the skeptic zone and personal

1136

00:51:52,640 --> 00:51:50,099

friends of mine for many years now and

1137

00:51:57,049 --> 00:51:52,650

I'll be speaking about Australia's

1138

00:51:58,430 --> 00:51:57,059

psychic detectives coming up in probably

1139

00:52:00,979 --> 00:51:58,440

in Berkeley I think that's where they

1140

00:52:04,519 --> 00:52:00,989

normally have those Bay Area skeptics

1141

00:52:08,120 --> 00:52:04,529

meetings so keep an eye out on that for

1142

00:52:11,479 --> 00:52:08,130

the 14th of March thank you to my new

1143

00:52:15,200 --> 00:52:11,489

patreon sandpeople recently have come on

1144

00:52:17,809 --> 00:52:15,210

board for \$5 a month which is fantastic

1145

00:52:23,089 --> 00:52:17,819

thank you so much really helped put the

1146

00:52:26,569 --> 00:52:23,099

show out on in your ears and for the

1147

00:52:29,029 --> 00:52:26,579

technically-minded these days 99% of the

1148

00:52:32,989 --> 00:52:29,039

show indeed what I'm traveling in 100%

1149

00:52:36,620 --> 00:52:32,999

of the show is edited and produced on I

1150

00:52:38,269 --> 00:52:36,630

devices on iPad and iPhone when I'm here

1151  
00:52:40,970 --> 00:52:38,279  
back in the studio I'm using a different

1152  
00:52:45,499 --> 00:52:40,980  
microphone but on the run in the field

1153  
00:52:47,359 --> 00:52:45,509  
as it were I can use my devices with an

1154  
00:52:50,299 --> 00:52:47,369  
attachment a zoom mic attachment

1155  
00:52:51,890 --> 00:52:50,309  
sometimes sometimes the microphone in

1156  
00:52:55,999 --> 00:52:51,900  
the iPhone is good enough for field

1157  
00:52:58,660 --> 00:52:56,009  
reports and all the editing mixing sound

1158  
00:53:01,009 --> 00:52:58,670  
mixing is done on the iPad using a

1159  
00:53:04,999 --> 00:53:01,019  
application called ferrite which I found

1160  
00:53:06,680 --> 00:53:05,009  
to be very very good indeed I'm tempted

1161  
00:53:09,170 --> 00:53:06,690  
to take this microphone I'm using at the

1162  
00:53:11,739 --> 00:53:09,180  
moment which is a Zen Heiser shotgun

1163  
00:53:15,349 --> 00:53:11,749

microphone out on the field with me -

1164

00:53:22,960 --> 00:53:15,359

hmm but for this week oh I've just

1165

00:53:28,700 --> 00:53:26,420

open the window to the studio it's

1166

00:53:30,110 --> 00:53:28,710

always a race against the unknown here

1167

00:53:32,930 --> 00:53:30,120

because I live not far from the airport

1168

00:53:34,820 --> 00:53:32,940

and every now and then when I'm doing a

1169

00:53:37,700 --> 00:53:34,830

voiceover or recording I have to stop

1170

00:53:40,040 --> 00:53:37,710

every three minutes for a380s and seven

1171

00:53:41,020 --> 00:53:40,050

seven sevens and I don't know what that

1172

00:53:44,150 --> 00:53:41,030

one is

1173

00:53:46,460 --> 00:53:44,160

when the planes flying overhead

1174

00:53:53,330 --> 00:53:46,470

this is Richard Saunders signing off

1175

00:53:55,370 --> 00:53:53,340

from Sydney Australia you've been

1176

00:54:02,300 --> 00:53:55,380

listening to the skeptic zone podcast

1177

00:54:04,760 --> 00:54:02,310

please visit our website at [wwlp.com](http://wwlp.com) tax

1178

00:54:08,810 --> 00:54:04,770

and to access the bat catalogue of

1179

00:54:10,520 --> 00:54:08,820

episodes going back to 2008 you can

1180

00:54:13,580 --> 00:54:10,530

follow the skeptic zone podcast on

1181

00:54:15,860 --> 00:54:13,590

twitter at skeptic zone visit our

1182

00:54:19,250 --> 00:54:15,870

facebook page or leave a review on

1183

00:54:22,610 --> 00:54:19,260

itunes you can also support the skeptic

1184

00:54:24,980 --> 00:54:22,620

zone via patreon or paypal the skeptic

1185

00:54:27,140 --> 00:54:24,990

zone podcast is an independent

1186

00:54:29,120 --> 00:54:27,150

production the views and opinions

1187

00:54:31,280 --> 00:54:29,130

expressed on the skeptic zone are not

1188

00:54:34,200 --> 00:54:31,290

necessarily those of Australian skeptics

1189

00:54:45,970 --> 00:54:34,210

or any other sceptical organisation

1190

00:54:50,750 --> 00:54:48,590

hello to the people who listen on after

1191

00:54:53,720 --> 00:54:50,760

the music this week we're going to be

1192

00:54:57,040 --> 00:54:53,730

playing the dice game for those of you

1193

00:55:00,500 --> 00:54:57,050

new every week or every other week I

1194

00:55:03,500 --> 00:55:00,510

roll a 10 sided die and see if you can

1195

00:55:05,810 --> 00:55:03,510

use your predicting powers to predict

1196

00:55:08,300 --> 00:55:05,820

what numbers will come up this week I'm

1197

00:55:12,370 --> 00:55:08,310

going to use one of my other die dice

1198

00:55:16,460 --> 00:55:12,380

dice it's a 30 sided one a 30 sided die

1199

00:55:18,140 --> 00:55:16,470

which I picked up at actually I think I

1200

00:55:20,450 --> 00:55:18,150

picked this one up at games in Berkeley

1201  
00:55:23,930 --> 00:55:20,460  
or was it Dragon Con many years ago I've

1202  
00:55:25,190 --> 00:55:23,940  
got a 60 sided one here too but I think

1203  
00:55:26,840 --> 00:55:25,200  
that's a little bit extravagant for

1204  
00:55:29,690 --> 00:55:26,850  
today so I'm gonna roll it three times

1205  
00:55:31,490 --> 00:55:29,700  
and we'll see if you can use your

1206  
00:55:38,060 --> 00:55:31,500  
predicting power to guess a number from

1207  
00:55:41,210 --> 00:55:38,070  
zero no from one in fact from 1 to 30 so

1208  
00:55:50,180 --> 00:55:41,220  
here we go I'm gonna roll the dice or

1209  
00:55:53,630 --> 00:55:50,190  
the die and sweets first number is 28 28

1210  
00:56:00,490 --> 00:55:53,640  
so use your predicting power again good

1211  
00:56:02,960 --> 00:56:00,500  
shake and it's come to rest on number 23

1212  
00:56:06,470 --> 00:56:02,970  
how's your predicting going are you

1213  
00:56:09,280 --> 00:56:06,480

psychic one more number predict away

1214

00:56:12,020 --> 00:56:09,290

here it comes

1215

00:56:14,660 --> 00:56:12,030

rolling rolling rolling oh and it

1216

00:56:22,790 --> 00:56:14,670

stopped on number 9 so this week's