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The Spirit Box  
with Kenny Biddle

Susan Gerbic  
tours the UK

Ghost Investigations  
in Queensland



1  
00:00:11,900 --> 00:00:09,110  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:22,170 --> 00:00:11,910  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:25,030 --> 00:00:22,180  
[Music]

4  
00:00:29,609 --> 00:00:25,040  
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:32,770 --> 00:00:29,619  
episode number 549 for the 28th of April

6  
00:00:35,530 --> 00:00:32,780  
2019 rrett saunders here with you from

7  
00:00:37,270 --> 00:00:35,540  
sunny sunny sunny but nicely sunny

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00:00:39,970 --> 00:00:37,280  
Sydney Australia I say that when I'd

9  
00:00:42,190 --> 00:00:39,980  
mean by that is it says nice sunny day

10  
00:00:44,710 --> 00:00:42,200  
it's not ridiculously hot so you can

11  
00:00:47,680 --> 00:00:44,720  
walk around outside and not come back a

12  
00:00:50,049 --> 00:00:47,690  
sweaty mess I do appreciate that coming

13  
00:00:52,750 --> 00:00:50,059

up on this week's spooky skeptic zone we

14

00:00:56,290 --> 00:00:52,760

Speak to Kenny Biddle an investigator

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00:00:59,310 --> 00:00:56,300

and columnist for CSI and he recently

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00:01:03,640 --> 00:00:59,320

did an investigation into these

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00:01:06,670 --> 00:01:03,650

so-called spirit boxes now it's not a

18

00:01:07,450 --> 00:01:06,680

box with a spirit inside that's an

19

00:01:10,899 --> 00:01:07,460

interesting thought

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00:01:15,810 --> 00:01:10,909

it's a radio that scans the frequencies

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00:01:18,550 --> 00:01:15,820

and plays short bursts of each frequency

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00:01:22,000 --> 00:01:18,560

anyway you'll get the idea when we talk

23

00:01:24,640 --> 00:01:22,010

to Kenny I include an example of what

24

00:01:26,110 --> 00:01:24,650

this spirit box sounds like can you

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00:01:29,050 --> 00:01:26,120

communicate with the Dead through

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00:01:31,060 --> 00:01:29,060

technology probably not but find out

27

00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:31,070

with Kenny Biddle coming up at the top

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00:01:35,050 --> 00:01:32,960

of the show following that we catch up

29

00:01:38,350 --> 00:01:35,060

with susan gerbic from guerrilla

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00:01:41,020 --> 00:01:38,360

skepticism on wikipedia we often catch

31

00:01:43,210 --> 00:01:41,030

up with Susan at the moment or when I

32

00:01:46,810 --> 00:01:43,220

did the recording a few days ago she was

33

00:01:50,440 --> 00:01:46,820

in Scotland in Edinburgh as part of her

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00:01:53,290 --> 00:01:50,450

UK tour with the Mentalist mark Edward

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00:01:56,350 --> 00:01:53,300

and I'm rather jealous of Mark and Susan

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00:01:58,450 --> 00:01:56,360

visiting the UK and especially Scotland

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00:02:00,580 --> 00:01:58,460

then to round off the show a report from

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00:02:04,450 --> 00:02:00,590

the skeptic magazine diving back some

39

00:02:07,570 --> 00:02:04,460

years into a ghost investigation in

40

00:02:10,660 --> 00:02:07,580

Queensland haunted houses mediums and

41

00:02:12,390 --> 00:02:10,670

ghostly graveyards also in this week's

42

00:02:17,500 --> 00:02:12,400

show somewhere in this week's show

43

00:02:19,149 --> 00:02:17,510

Maynard tries a Twinkie yeah I always

44

00:02:21,250 --> 00:02:19,159

bring back Twinkies from the United

45

00:02:24,130 --> 00:02:21,260

States my nieces and nephews just love

46

00:02:26,979 --> 00:02:24,140

them what does may not think of Twinkies

47

00:02:29,770 --> 00:02:26,989

that that appears somewhere in the show

48

00:02:32,500 --> 00:02:29,780

this week I think somewhere a couple of

49

00:02:33,620 --> 00:02:32,510

quick announcements from me now before

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00:02:36,050 --> 00:02:33,630

we get into the show

51  
00:02:38,860 --> 00:02:36,060  
if you're in Sydney on the 4th of May

52  
00:02:41,450 --> 00:02:38,870  
the Australian skeptics have a free flu

53  
00:02:42,620 --> 00:02:41,460  
vaccination day and that will be at the

54  
00:02:46,010 --> 00:02:42,630  
East Sydney

55  
00:02:47,390 --> 00:02:46,020  
doctors if you want to register to come

56  
00:02:51,320 --> 00:02:47,400  
along for that there should be a lot of

57  
00:02:53,960 --> 00:02:51,330  
fun yeah it is I did it last year it was

58  
00:02:55,580 --> 00:02:53,970  
a lot of fun hmm that's an odd way to

59  
00:02:58,070 --> 00:02:55,590  
think about it getting a flu vaccination

60  
00:03:00,530 --> 00:02:58,080  
there's a lot of fun I'll put a link in

61  
00:03:02,450 --> 00:03:00,540  
this week's show notes and who knows you

62  
00:03:05,090 --> 00:03:02,460  
might even end up on the sceptic zone

63  
00:03:07,760 --> 00:03:05,100

and my dear friend Eugenie Scott reminds

64

00:03:10,280 --> 00:03:07,770

us that the skeptic owl one-day

65

00:03:15,080 --> 00:03:10,290

conference is coming up on Sunday the

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00:03:18,220 --> 00:03:15,090

9th of June in San Francisco and early

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00:03:21,380 --> 00:03:18,230

bird discounts for that one-day event

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00:03:23,420 --> 00:03:21,390

ends on the 30th of this month so only

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00:03:25,430 --> 00:03:23,430

in a couple of days to find out more

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00:03:29,090 --> 00:03:25,440

about that event follow the link in this

71

00:03:33,890 --> 00:03:29,100

week's show notes or just visit WWF

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00:03:36,320 --> 00:03:33,900

decal con that's one word.com and one

73

00:03:40,790 --> 00:03:36,330

last things it just and one last thing

74

00:03:44,300 --> 00:03:40,800

that just popped up today a memory from

75

00:03:48,260 --> 00:03:44,310

way back in 2013 my friend Rebecca Jones

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00:03:51,770 --> 00:03:48,270

posted the fact that she was in an audio

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00:03:53,300 --> 00:03:51,780

adventure solar flare and if you haven't

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00:03:55,040 --> 00:03:53,310

heard solar flare it's something the

79

00:03:58,390 --> 00:03:55,050

skeptic zone did some years ago as I

80

00:04:00,830 --> 00:03:58,400

said it's a space adventure with the

81

00:04:03,910 --> 00:04:00,840

team from the solar flare or the team

82

00:04:07,850 --> 00:04:03,920

from the skeptic zone as it was in 2013

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00:04:11,330 --> 00:04:07,860

battling evil forces throughout the

84

00:04:14,300 --> 00:04:11,340

galaxy including Jay novella Solar Flare

85

00:04:16,490 --> 00:04:14,310

and the band of power and you can hear

86

00:04:19,760 --> 00:04:16,500

that audio adventure if you go to

87

00:04:21,800 --> 00:04:19,770

skeptic zone dot TV and scroll right to

88

00:04:23,600 --> 00:04:21,810

the bottom of the page and now it's time

89

00:04:26,300 --> 00:04:23,610

for me to run downstairs and see if main

90

00:04:29,210 --> 00:04:26,310

art has left me any Twinkies well I do

91

00:04:36,720 --> 00:04:29,220

that I hope you enjoy the skeptic zone

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00:04:39,080 --> 00:04:36,730

[Music]

93

00:04:45,290 --> 00:04:39,090

[Applause]

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00:04:47,850 --> 00:04:45,300

[Music]

95

00:04:50,070 --> 00:04:47,860

and joining me now all the way from

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00:04:51,780 --> 00:04:50,080

beautiful Philadelphia historical

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00:04:55,200 --> 00:04:51,790

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

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00:04:57,600 --> 00:04:55,210

it's Kenny Biddle hello Kenny hi hey

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00:04:59,430 --> 00:04:57,610

dude I'm doing really well you know what

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00:05:01,950 --> 00:04:59,440

I came across an article the other day

101  
00:05:04,200 --> 00:05:01,960  
and the skeptical inquirer which really

102  
00:05:06,780 --> 00:05:04,210  
piqued my interest and it's all about

103  
00:05:09,060 --> 00:05:06,790  
these so-called spirit boxes which we'll

104  
00:05:11,490 --> 00:05:09,070  
get to in a moment but just for the

105  
00:05:13,800 --> 00:05:11,500  
benefit of our audience what are your

106  
00:05:16,290 --> 00:05:13,810  
skeptical chops what are your skeptical

107  
00:05:18,710 --> 00:05:16,300  
qualifications my skeptical

108  
00:05:21,300 --> 00:05:18,720  
qualifications I am a curious person

109  
00:05:24,480 --> 00:05:21,310  
that's that's really what it comes down

110  
00:05:26,820 --> 00:05:24,490  
to I have a background in mechanics so I

111  
00:05:29,879 --> 00:05:26,830  
was an auto mechanic for several years I

112  
00:05:32,100 --> 00:05:29,889  
worked in aviation and also in the

113  
00:05:33,210 --> 00:05:32,110

medical industry I'm back in the

114

00:05:37,050 --> 00:05:33,220

healthcare industry

115

00:05:39,210 --> 00:05:37,060

so my entire background has been coming

116

00:05:42,659 --> 00:05:39,220

out and trying to diagnose a problem and

117

00:05:45,270 --> 00:05:42,669

then fixing it so I've translated that

118

00:05:47,279 --> 00:05:45,280

pretty well over to solving mysteries

119

00:05:49,740 --> 00:05:47,289

and I also have a background in

120

00:05:52,620 --> 00:05:49,750

photography they used to do like wedding

121

00:05:54,420 --> 00:05:52,630

photography and family portraits so it

122

00:05:57,150 --> 00:05:54,430

all comes in handy when you're you know

123

00:05:59,100 --> 00:05:57,160

oh searching for ghosts and UFOs and

124

00:06:02,100 --> 00:05:59,110

stuff like that well let's talk about

125

00:06:03,719 --> 00:06:02,110

ghosts for a moment because the topic of

126

00:06:05,760 --> 00:06:03,729

our interview really revolves around

127

00:06:09,510 --> 00:06:05,770

well spirits and ghosts and things like

128

00:06:11,850 --> 00:06:09,520

that I love God I love ghost ghost

129

00:06:13,140 --> 00:06:11,860

investigations haunting things like like

130

00:06:16,050 --> 00:06:13,150

that I mean I love the good

131

00:06:19,260 --> 00:06:16,060

old-fashioned stuff and you are still

132

00:06:21,390 --> 00:06:19,270

doing periodically podcasts a podcast

133

00:06:24,570 --> 00:06:21,400

called geeks and ghosts what's that all

134

00:06:26,610 --> 00:06:24,580

about well that was it actually started

135

00:06:30,150 --> 00:06:26,620

with a friend of mine just casual

136

00:06:33,000 --> 00:06:30,160

conversations my co-host Lou

137

00:06:35,070 --> 00:06:33,010

Castillo lives in California so he's on

138

00:06:37,140 --> 00:06:35,080

the other side of the country and we met

139

00:06:39,029 --> 00:06:37,150

through a paranormal conference he

140

00:06:41,909 --> 00:06:39,039

actually flew out to my side of the

141

00:06:45,270 --> 00:06:41,919

country and we met and we hit it off

142

00:06:46,590 --> 00:06:45,280

really well and once a week we would get

143

00:06:48,960 --> 00:06:46,600

on skype and

144

00:06:50,880 --> 00:06:48,970

we would chat while we were doing her

145

00:06:53,790 --> 00:06:50,890

own hobbies I would be doing research

146

00:06:56,460 --> 00:06:53,800

and writing articles and he would he

147

00:06:59,490 --> 00:06:56,470

actually builds model tanks and we would

148

00:07:03,470 --> 00:06:59,500

sit there for hours and hours on skype

149

00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:03,480

just just talking about pop culture and

150

00:07:09,720 --> 00:07:08,080

hobbies and ghosts and Bigfoot and one

151  
00:07:13,400 --> 00:07:09,730  
night we just decided hey why don't we

152  
00:07:19,560 --> 00:07:16,410  
that's great that's just so organic

153  
00:07:22,860 --> 00:07:19,570  
annoy yeah yeah it was great it's just

154  
00:07:24,750 --> 00:07:22,870  
to to friends just having fun having a

155  
00:07:26,490 --> 00:07:24,760  
casual conversation and we don't filter

156  
00:07:29,100 --> 00:07:26,500  
ourselves we just say what we want to

157  
00:07:30,690 --> 00:07:29,110  
say we say what's on our mind and we

158  
00:07:33,300 --> 00:07:30,700  
record it and we put it out there and

159  
00:07:35,790 --> 00:07:33,310  
you know they're there people listen so

160  
00:07:37,200 --> 00:07:35,800  
it's fun that's great

161  
00:07:39,690 --> 00:07:37,210  
look folks I'll link to that in the show

162  
00:07:41,040 --> 00:07:39,700  
notes anyway and talking about ghosts

163  
00:07:43,290 --> 00:07:41,050

and things like that

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00:07:45,090 --> 00:07:43,300

this article I'm referring to again

165

00:07:47,280 --> 00:07:45,100

links in the show notes really revolves

166

00:07:49,170 --> 00:07:47,290

around what we know is a spirit box

167

00:07:51,680 --> 00:07:49,180

which we'll get to in a moment but you

168

00:07:53,910 --> 00:07:51,690

must have come across of an interesting

169

00:07:57,840 --> 00:07:53,920

variety of so-called ghost-detecting

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00:08:01,890 --> 00:07:57,850

equipment yeah there's there's a lot out

171

00:08:05,490 --> 00:08:01,900

there from EMF meter's to using the Xbox

172

00:08:07,560 --> 00:08:05,500

Kinect as a ghost finder and then these

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00:08:09,420 --> 00:08:07,570

radios that are that's what they

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00:08:12,420 --> 00:08:09,430

basically are the spirit boxes are

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00:08:14,250 --> 00:08:12,430

basically just radios and they they

176

00:08:17,580 --> 00:08:14,260

fiddle with them so that you can hear

177

00:08:20,220 --> 00:08:17,590

the as they scan through the available

178

00:08:22,770 --> 00:08:20,230

broadcast you don't get that muting

179

00:08:24,900 --> 00:08:22,780

option so it doesn't take out the static

180

00:08:27,630 --> 00:08:24,910

you hear everything it's pretty much I

181

00:08:29,580 --> 00:08:27,640

mean I'm I'm dating myself but the old

182

00:08:31,650 --> 00:08:29,590

car radios and the old radios that I

183

00:08:34,320 --> 00:08:31,660

grew up with or you had to turn the dial

184

00:08:36,719 --> 00:08:34,330

in order to change the station that's

185

00:08:39,510 --> 00:08:36,729

exactly what you're hearing i well

186

00:08:41,370 --> 00:08:39,520

remember that's how I grew up too if you

187

00:08:43,260 --> 00:08:41,380

just twiddle the knobs so to speak you

188

00:08:44,880 --> 00:08:43,270

turn the dial and you go through the

189

00:08:47,730 --> 00:08:44,890

frequencies and in between each

190

00:08:50,280 --> 00:08:47,740

frequency of course each each station

191

00:08:52,770 --> 00:08:50,290

would be just static look folks

192

00:08:56,670 --> 00:08:52,780

what I'll do now is I'll play a little

193

00:09:02,670 --> 00:08:56,680

clip of a spirit box in action this is

194

00:09:02,680 --> 00:09:29,020

[Laughter]

195

00:09:34,580 --> 00:09:31,370

so that's it folks and as you can hear

196

00:09:37,910 --> 00:09:34,590

it is rapidly this this device is

197

00:09:39,410 --> 00:09:37,920

rapidly scanning frequencies and how

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00:09:43,490 --> 00:09:39,420

does it work exactly does it does it

199

00:09:45,380 --> 00:09:43,500

Kenny does it find a station lock on for

200

00:09:46,670 --> 00:09:45,390

a split second then move off or is it

201  
00:09:49,550 --> 00:09:46,680  
just randomly going through any

202  
00:09:52,610 --> 00:09:49,560  
frequencies it's going through the

203  
00:09:54,050 --> 00:09:52,620  
stations it's linear so it goes from

204  
00:09:57,320 --> 00:09:54,060  
that the lower frequencies up to the

205  
00:10:00,290 --> 00:09:57,330  
higher are free through its it's exactly

206  
00:10:03,320 --> 00:10:00,300  
as if you just turn the dial and it

207  
00:10:05,930 --> 00:10:03,330  
doesn't stop on the stations or the

208  
00:10:08,060 --> 00:10:05,940  
broadcast that it it picks up it just

209  
00:10:11,210 --> 00:10:08,070  
keeps going through them so not only

210  
00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:11,220  
you're getting snippets little clips of

211  
00:10:17,690 --> 00:10:14,640  
each station which can amount to half a

212  
00:10:19,820 --> 00:10:17,700  
word to two or three words but you're

213  
00:10:22,520 --> 00:10:19,830

getting the bleeding over from station

214

00:10:24,710 --> 00:10:22,530

the station so you can get a blending of

215

00:10:26,420 --> 00:10:24,720

stations and a blending of broadcast

216

00:10:27,890 --> 00:10:26,430

which means you can get a few words from

217

00:10:30,650 --> 00:10:27,900

one station and a few words from another

218

00:10:33,320 --> 00:10:30,660

station which some ghost owners would

219

00:10:36,350 --> 00:10:33,330

interpret as a full sentence yeah and

220

00:10:38,900 --> 00:10:36,360

this when really this is where we bring

221

00:10:41,500 --> 00:10:38,910

up the topic of pareidolia an audio

222

00:10:44,210 --> 00:10:41,510

pareidolia in this case and people

223

00:10:46,220 --> 00:10:44,220

hearing things that they want to hear or

224

00:10:48,560 --> 00:10:46,230

hearing something and interpreting it as

225

00:10:50,180 --> 00:10:48,570

something that sort of kind of makes

226

00:10:53,570 --> 00:10:50,190

sense to them and you go into this in

227

00:10:55,910 --> 00:10:53,580

the article don't you yes yes because

228

00:10:58,240 --> 00:10:55,920

there is it's so easy just to pick out

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00:11:01,040 --> 00:10:58,250

words because you're listening you're

230

00:11:04,010 --> 00:11:01,050

literally listening to radio broadcast

231

00:11:06,980 --> 00:11:04,020

so that means music commercials

232

00:11:08,390 --> 00:11:06,990

new stations any kind of broadcast

233

00:11:11,660 --> 00:11:08,400

that's out there so you're gonna have

234

00:11:12,860 --> 00:11:11,670

names and dates and places locations

235

00:11:15,920 --> 00:11:12,870

you're gonna have all these words coming

236

00:11:18,440 --> 00:11:15,930

out and if you're if you're a ghost

237

00:11:19,640 --> 00:11:18,450

honor and and not all ghost owners do

238

00:11:21,950 --> 00:11:19,650

that I just want to make that clear

239

00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:21,960

not all of them do it but a lot too and

240

00:11:26,270 --> 00:11:24,000

if they're at a haunted location and

241

00:11:28,190 --> 00:11:26,280

they're they know the history they know

242

00:11:31,340 --> 00:11:28,200

the ghost stories and they're listening

243

00:11:32,900 --> 00:11:31,350

to all these random noises I guarantee

244

00:11:35,480 --> 00:11:32,910

they're going to pick out answers to

245

00:11:37,910 --> 00:11:35,490

their questions it's just it's just

246

00:11:40,570 --> 00:11:37,920

happens yeah you're absolutely right now

247

00:11:43,220 --> 00:11:40,580

I've seen this in action on a ghost

248

00:11:45,590 --> 00:11:43,230

investigation I did in fact about five

249

00:11:48,020 --> 00:11:45,600

years back in a graveyard at nighttime

250

00:11:50,170 --> 00:11:48,030

we were wandering around and the the

251  
00:11:52,010 --> 00:11:50,180  
paranormal group I was with at the time

252  
00:11:54,830 --> 00:11:52,020  
investigating or just hanging out with

253  
00:11:56,870 --> 00:11:54,840  
had a spirit box and Alec came and just

254  
00:11:59,560 --> 00:11:56,880  
and away it went and they would ask

255  
00:12:03,280 --> 00:11:59,570  
questions and then they would listen to

256  
00:12:06,080 --> 00:12:03,290  
30 40 50 seconds of this spirit box

257  
00:12:07,790 --> 00:12:06,090  
churning away and every now and then you

258  
00:12:09,590 --> 00:12:07,800  
would hear half a word or a full word

259  
00:12:13,370 --> 00:12:09,600  
and then it's ah you see they're saying

260  
00:12:15,860 --> 00:12:13,380  
dead or they're saying this now you did

261  
00:12:17,570 --> 00:12:15,870  
an interesting series of tests involving

262  
00:12:21,370 --> 00:12:17,580  
headphones can you tell me a little bit

263  
00:12:24,920 --> 00:12:21,380

about that well yeah yeah part of the

264

00:12:26,690 --> 00:12:24,930

article topic was that the person who

265

00:12:30,620 --> 00:12:26,700

suggested that you used noise-isolating

266

00:12:32,750 --> 00:12:30,630

headphones in order to block out all the

267

00:12:34,820 --> 00:12:32,760

sound around the area the ambient sound

268

00:12:39,920 --> 00:12:34,830

and also to listen to the spirit Fox

269

00:12:42,320 --> 00:12:39,930

radio and I I had had this idea like all

270

00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:42,330

right he's telling you to use noise

271

00:12:45,890 --> 00:12:45,120

isolating not noise canceling so there's

272

00:12:48,290 --> 00:12:45,900

a big difference

273

00:12:50,690 --> 00:12:48,300

noise cancelling actually it's an active

274

00:12:53,060 --> 00:12:50,700

system where it there's a microphone in

275

00:12:56,210 --> 00:12:53,070

the headpiece did the earphone piece and

276

00:12:58,210 --> 00:12:56,220

it reads the ambient noise and it

277

00:13:00,680 --> 00:12:58,220

actually makes a reverse signal so it

278

00:13:02,540 --> 00:13:00,690

cancels out all the noise so when you

279

00:13:04,700 --> 00:13:02,550

put noise cancelling headphones on it

280

00:13:06,290 --> 00:13:04,710

literally blocks out everything it's

281

00:13:09,110 --> 00:13:06,300

almost like a freaky little feeling when

282

00:13:11,930 --> 00:13:09,120

you put them on but yes in fact I've

283

00:13:13,550 --> 00:13:11,940

been using those on long haul

284

00:13:16,510 --> 00:13:13,560

airplane flights they're quite good they

285

00:13:19,690 --> 00:13:16,520

block out the the noise of the engine

286

00:13:21,860 --> 00:13:19,700

yes yes but noise-isolating headphones

287

00:13:24,890 --> 00:13:21,870

are completely different

288

00:13:27,770 --> 00:13:24,900

they depend mostly on the seal around

289

00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:27,780

the ear that the cushion that's on the

290

00:13:33,320 --> 00:13:30,000

earpiece that goes around your ear it

291

00:13:34,940 --> 00:13:33,330

relies on that to block out a little bit

292

00:13:37,580 --> 00:13:34,950

of the ambient noise and most of the

293

00:13:40,460 --> 00:13:37,590

time it's about 20 to 25 decibels which

294

00:13:43,970 --> 00:13:40,470

isn't a lot considering that normal

295

00:13:47,150 --> 00:13:43,980

voice is about the normal human voice is

296

00:13:49,580 --> 00:13:47,160

about 60 to 70 decibels so it's not

297

00:13:50,930 --> 00:13:49,590

gonna block at block that out but I

298

00:13:53,470 --> 00:13:50,940

wanted to test it for myself

299

00:13:55,520 --> 00:13:53,480

and I actually went to one of the local

300

00:13:57,710 --> 00:13:55,530

electronic stores here in the states

301  
00:14:00,770 --> 00:13:57,720  
called Best Buy and I walked in and they

302  
00:14:02,510 --> 00:14:00,780  
have a large display of all these

303  
00:14:06,350 --> 00:14:02,520  
headphones and I started putting them on

304  
00:14:09,050 --> 00:14:06,360  
and every one that I did I could still

305  
00:14:10,580 --> 00:14:09,060  
hear conversations in the next aisle I

306  
00:14:13,460 --> 00:14:10,590  
could still hear the music that was

307  
00:14:16,160 --> 00:14:13,470  
playing on speakers a good 20 feet above

308  
00:14:19,850 --> 00:14:16,170  
me so it didn't block out anything that

309  
00:14:21,770 --> 00:14:19,860  
would that would save her for instance

310  
00:14:23,960 --> 00:14:21,780  
if somebody was next to me asking

311  
00:14:26,870 --> 00:14:23,970  
questions of ghosts I would still be

312  
00:14:28,460 --> 00:14:26,880  
able to hear them and a funny part of

313  
00:14:30,320 --> 00:14:28,470

that story is that one of the

314

00:14:32,210 --> 00:14:30,330

salespeople came up to me and asked what

315

00:14:34,520 --> 00:14:32,220

I was doing and if they could help me

316

00:14:38,540 --> 00:14:34,530

and I honestly told them this is what

317

00:14:40,400 --> 00:14:38,550

I'm here for this blocks out all the

318

00:14:42,830 --> 00:14:40,410

noises and they're trying to get ghost

319

00:14:44,300 --> 00:14:42,840

voices but not lives and other people

320

00:14:46,700 --> 00:14:44,310

and that sparked a whole conversation

321

00:14:48,740 --> 00:14:46,710

there was I think there were ended up

322

00:14:50,840 --> 00:14:48,750

being seven or eight employees that came

323

00:14:53,000 --> 00:14:50,850

over and we were all testing them all

324

00:14:55,970 --> 00:14:53,010

putting them on everybody's talking it

325

00:14:57,710 --> 00:14:55,980

was a fun time yeah that's what I love

326

00:14:59,450 --> 00:14:57,720

about being a skeptic and it's

327

00:15:02,360 --> 00:14:59,460

interesting to think that I mean in the

328

00:15:05,090 --> 00:15:02,370

mind of the ghost investigators there's

329

00:15:07,010 --> 00:15:05,100

the disembodied people with if you can

330

00:15:09,140 --> 00:15:07,020

put it that way disembodied spirits or

331

00:15:11,030 --> 00:15:09,150

spirits or entities or something like

332

00:15:14,060 --> 00:15:11,040

that they're floating about probably

333

00:15:17,090 --> 00:15:14,070

near a graveyard and you turn up with

334

00:15:19,160 --> 00:15:17,100

your spirit box and the ghost thing for

335

00:15:23,210 --> 00:15:19,170

themselves ah here here it is will use

336

00:15:25,880 --> 00:15:23,220

this will manipulate the airwaves to to

337

00:15:27,170 --> 00:15:25,890

bring our messages forward I mean you

338

00:15:28,700 --> 00:15:27,180

gotta give them credit for some

339

00:15:32,960 --> 00:15:28,710

imagination to come up with something

340

00:15:34,220 --> 00:15:32,970

like this I agree because I mean I can't

341

00:15:36,860 --> 00:15:34,230

do that without a whole bunch of

342

00:15:38,360 --> 00:15:36,870

equipment I need I need equipment to do

343

00:15:40,999 --> 00:15:38,370

that I can't just do that by Mike

344

00:15:42,949 --> 00:15:41,009

so for a ghost to do that I mean that's

345

00:15:45,019 --> 00:15:42,959

that's impressive

346

00:15:49,460 --> 00:15:45,029

maybe they they're all ghosts of

347

00:15:51,379 --> 00:15:49,470

electrical engineers I don't know well

348

00:15:53,809 --> 00:15:51,389

that's great look it's a fascinating

349

00:15:55,639 --> 00:15:53,819

story it's a good report I really

350

00:15:57,650 --> 00:15:55,649

enjoyed reading it folks I recommend it

351  
00:15:59,619 --> 00:15:57,660  
to you and if you ever have the

352  
00:16:03,170 --> 00:15:59,629  
opportunity folks to go out on a ghost

353  
00:16:04,759 --> 00:16:03,180  
investigation why not it's a lot of fun

354  
00:16:06,530 --> 00:16:04,769  
apart from anything else and you do

355  
00:16:09,590 --> 00:16:06,540  
learn something you learn something

356  
00:16:13,879 --> 00:16:09,600  
about psychology and you get to see

357  
00:16:16,939 --> 00:16:13,889  
these strange and interesting ghost

358  
00:16:19,389 --> 00:16:16,949  
hunting equipment in action and there's

359  
00:16:23,090 --> 00:16:19,399  
also there's all sorts of meters and

360  
00:16:25,040 --> 00:16:23,100  
things they use you're saying EMF meters

361  
00:16:26,689 --> 00:16:25,050  
before it's never-ending

362  
00:16:28,280 --> 00:16:26,699  
well Kenny it sounds like you've been

363  
00:16:31,220 --> 00:16:28,290

having a lot more fun than me lately

364

00:16:33,290 --> 00:16:31,230

looking for the ghosts and maybe we can

365

00:16:34,400 --> 00:16:33,300

chat again soon but for now thanks very

366

00:16:48,470 --> 00:16:34,410

much thank you

367

00:16:51,350 --> 00:16:48,480

oh hi Maynard

368

00:16:54,439 --> 00:16:51,360

oh hi Heidi great they're in this park

369

00:16:58,429 --> 00:16:54,449

yeah if you like that sort of thing look

370

00:17:02,569 --> 00:16:58,439

over there oh yeah we there are no such

371

00:17:06,559 --> 00:17:02,579

things as Yowies silly hmm might be just

372

00:17:08,120 --> 00:17:06,569

a dog a big dog I think it's a King

373

00:17:12,919 --> 00:17:08,130

Charles Spaniel thing

374

00:17:15,260 --> 00:17:12,929

mmm no no no no it's a Yowie Maynard if

375

00:17:16,039 --> 00:17:15,270

it's a choice between it being a dog or

376

00:17:19,760 --> 00:17:16,049

a Yowie

377

00:17:21,949 --> 00:17:19,770

no no no it's ii yo ii yo ii yo ii yo ii

378

00:17:26,210 --> 00:17:21,959

yo ii argument from Authority

379

00:17:29,060 --> 00:17:26,220

it's yo e are you - what are you arguing

380

00:17:32,649 --> 00:17:29,070

about may not thinks that dog lookin

381

00:17:37,010 --> 00:17:32,659

thing over there is a Yowie uh yeah II

382

00:17:40,310 --> 00:17:37,020

well maybe Chu Becker the wookie over

383

00:17:42,950 --> 00:17:40,320

her I see okay we better look this up in

384

00:17:45,560 --> 00:17:42,960

the skeptics dictionary online though

385

00:17:48,230 --> 00:17:45,570

Wow the skeptics dictionary online

386

00:17:48,990 --> 00:17:48,240

features definitions arguments and

387

00:17:51,540 --> 00:17:49,000

essays

388

00:17:54,240 --> 00:17:51,550

hundreds of strange beliefs amusing

389

00:17:56,970 --> 00:17:54,250

descriptions and dangerous delusions

390

00:17:59,790 --> 00:17:56,980

it also features dozens of entries on

391

00:18:03,120 --> 00:17:59,800

logical fallacies cognitive biases

392

00:18:14,510 --> 00:18:03,130

perception science and philosophy

393

00:18:17,580 --> 00:18:14,520

it's wws ke p di c common right ha d

394

00:18:23,480 --> 00:18:17,590

prepared to be amazed

395

00:18:27,000 --> 00:18:23,490

ok ah here it is send a Bigfoot it says

396

00:18:29,130 --> 00:18:27,010

most scientists discount the evidence of

397

00:18:30,960 --> 00:18:29,140

Bigfoot because the evidence supporting

398

00:18:34,290 --> 00:18:30,970

belief in the survival of the

399

00:18:37,980 --> 00:18:34,300

prehistoric biped ape-like creature of

400

00:18:45,409 --> 00:18:37,990

such dimensions is scant you know maybe

401  
00:19:11,089 --> 00:19:09,499  
thank you skeptics dictionary online and

402  
00:19:13,369 --> 00:19:11,099  
joining me now all the way from

403  
00:19:15,799 --> 00:19:13,379  
beautiful Edinburgh in Scotland the land

404  
00:19:18,019 --> 00:19:15,809  
I dream of it's Susan go back from

405  
00:19:19,359 --> 00:19:18,029  
guerrilla skepticism on Wikipedia hello

406  
00:19:23,869 --> 00:19:19,369  
Susan

407  
00:19:25,819 --> 00:19:23,879  
hi everybody hi Richard nice to catch up

408  
00:19:27,919 --> 00:19:25,829  
with you again the last time we spoke

409  
00:19:31,519 --> 00:19:27,929  
you were very excited about an upcoming

410  
00:19:33,799 --> 00:19:31,529  
trip guerrilla skepticism on the road as

411  
00:19:36,440 --> 00:19:33,809  
it were where have you been and what

412  
00:19:39,769 --> 00:19:36,450  
have you been up to well mark Edward and

413  
00:19:45,379 --> 00:19:39,779

myself have been to Cardiff we've been

414

00:19:49,449 --> 00:19:45,389

to Portsmouth we've been to London York

415

00:19:51,889 --> 00:19:49,459

and Glasgow and now we're in Edinburgh

416

00:19:54,829 --> 00:19:51,899

that's quite a busy trip and what was

417

00:19:57,459 --> 00:19:54,839

the main purpose for this trip well we

418

00:20:00,499 --> 00:19:57,469

were actually coming over to go to a

419

00:20:03,169 --> 00:20:00,509

prisoner conference in Port Marion Wales

420

00:20:06,680 --> 00:20:03,179

that's at old 60s a sci-fi show that

421

00:20:10,879 --> 00:20:06,690

some people will have remembered from

422

00:20:13,009 --> 00:20:10,889

the from the 1960s and we decided we'd

423

00:20:15,379 --> 00:20:13,019

put together a tour and go and see some

424

00:20:18,139 --> 00:20:15,389

sceptic groups and speak and meet people

425

00:20:21,229 --> 00:20:18,149

and hang out and see what's going on in

426

00:20:24,529 --> 00:20:21,239

the UK a bit of a gorilla skeptical

427

00:20:26,539 --> 00:20:24,539

outraged my seat and what does this

428

00:20:30,709 --> 00:20:26,549

involve just you giving talks and and

429

00:20:32,930 --> 00:20:30,719

Mark doing seances I think yeah actually

430

00:20:35,989 --> 00:20:32,940

we have been doing it talks together

431

00:20:37,749 --> 00:20:35,999

he's been talking about psychics and

432

00:20:41,180 --> 00:20:37,759

when psychic entertainment isn't

433

00:20:43,969 --> 00:20:41,190

entertainment and I've been talking

434

00:20:47,329 --> 00:20:43,979

about the GSO w Wikipedia project and

435

00:20:50,029 --> 00:20:47,339

then now that we're in Edinburgh marks

436

00:20:52,639 --> 00:20:50,039

doing seances he's got a couple more

437

00:20:54,769 --> 00:20:52,649

scheduled for this weekend well that's

438

00:20:57,470 --> 00:20:54,779

pretty exciting what does that involve

439

00:21:00,259 --> 00:20:57,480

exactly when Mach does a seance

440

00:21:03,440 --> 00:21:00,269

well they're more of a Victorian Theon's

441

00:21:06,799 --> 00:21:03,450

he does a lot of research about the area

442

00:21:12,560 --> 00:21:06,809

in Edinburgh and he finds you know some

443

00:21:16,909 --> 00:21:12,570

story murdered somebody or somebody who

444

00:21:20,750 --> 00:21:16,919

was a villain and he does research on it

445

00:21:22,029 --> 00:21:20,760

and does the Victorian seance and we do

446

00:21:25,600 --> 00:21:22,039

it in total darkness

447

00:21:27,740 --> 00:21:25,610

whoo it's a lot of fun it really is

448

00:21:29,930 --> 00:21:27,750

that's interesting you should say that

449

00:21:33,200 --> 00:21:29,940

because recently has come to my

450

00:21:35,450 --> 00:21:33,210

attention there's been some footage put

451  
00:21:38,990 --> 00:21:35,460  
on the internet of a so-called psychic

452  
00:21:41,269 --> 00:21:39,000  
doing a mystical science all in the dark

453  
00:21:43,850 --> 00:21:41,279  
and lo and behold the footage was taken

454  
00:21:47,450 --> 00:21:43,860  
with night vision and it shows us the

455  
00:21:50,450 --> 00:21:47,460  
the the so-called medium just stepping

456  
00:21:53,120 --> 00:21:50,460  
out of his binds his bindings or

457  
00:21:56,029 --> 00:21:53,130  
whatever they are and running around and

458  
00:21:59,029 --> 00:21:56,039  
and basically faking it have you seen

459  
00:22:02,320 --> 00:21:59,039  
that oh yes I've seen that matt has but

460  
00:22:06,470 --> 00:22:02,330  
that was really interesting very blatant

461  
00:22:10,820 --> 00:22:06,480  
what mark is doing is obviously seances

462  
00:22:13,789 --> 00:22:10,830  
but it's all wink wink and nod nod we

463  
00:22:18,320 --> 00:22:13,799

you know the audience knows what's going

464

00:22:19,490 --> 00:22:18,330

on there's no hiding yes absolutely so I

465

00:22:23,149 --> 00:22:19,500

guess it's more for fun and

466

00:22:26,539 --> 00:22:23,159

entertainment and importantly education

467

00:22:29,690 --> 00:22:26,549

too yes absolutely it is for fun and

468

00:22:33,649 --> 00:22:29,700

entertainment and you know we don't

469

00:22:38,389 --> 00:22:33,659

usually bring back the dead well not

470

00:22:40,820 --> 00:22:38,399

usually anyway all right so I and how is

471

00:22:43,490 --> 00:22:40,830

the guerrilla skepticism you're part of

472

00:22:45,289 --> 00:22:43,500

the the to have been received right it's

473

00:22:48,230 --> 00:22:45,299

so it's a little early to find out if we

474

00:22:50,750 --> 00:22:48,240

have any new recruits from the UK I'm

475

00:22:54,320 --> 00:22:50,760

really I'm hoping that they will contact

476

00:22:56,450 --> 00:22:54,330

me but usually we it's a few days

477

00:22:58,669 --> 00:22:56,460

afterwards that people who were

478

00:23:03,110 --> 00:22:58,679

interested in joining will actually

479

00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:03,120

reach out and join so who knows I really

480

00:23:07,039 --> 00:23:05,039

do need more people from the UK we have

481

00:23:08,400 --> 00:23:07,049

so many Australians and so many

482

00:23:11,100 --> 00:23:08,410

Americans

483

00:23:15,870 --> 00:23:11,110

and not so many people from the UK it's

484

00:23:18,270 --> 00:23:15,880

very very cited you know but people are

485

00:23:20,760 --> 00:23:18,280

responsive they are enjoying the lecture

486

00:23:24,810 --> 00:23:20,770

they're asking good questions and they

487

00:23:26,910 --> 00:23:24,820

are giving me a lot of feedback and they

488

00:23:27,590 --> 00:23:26,920

are appreciating the work that my team

489

00:23:30,780 --> 00:23:27,600

does

490

00:23:32,910 --> 00:23:30,790

that's excellent have been have you been

491

00:23:35,850 --> 00:23:32,920

getting many comments or questions about

492

00:23:37,800 --> 00:23:35,860

your recent article in The New York

493

00:23:40,860 --> 00:23:37,810

Times or the article that doe mentioned

494

00:23:44,190 --> 00:23:40,870

you well that is interesting all of the

495

00:23:46,380 --> 00:23:44,200

different posts that we've had all the

496

00:23:49,230 --> 00:23:46,390

different skeptic groups have brought up

497

00:23:50,580 --> 00:23:49,240

the New York Times article in their

498

00:23:53,040 --> 00:23:50,590

advertisement that we're going to be

499

00:23:55,680 --> 00:23:53,050

speaking and then whenever we get to the

500

00:23:57,930 --> 00:23:55,690

lecture a lot of people most of the

501  
00:23:59,880 --> 00:23:57,940  
group haven't read it or know what we're

502  
00:24:01,650 --> 00:23:59,890  
talking about it seems that a lot of

503  
00:24:04,350 --> 00:24:01,660  
these meetups people just come to the

504  
00:24:05,910 --> 00:24:04,360  
meetups regularly that's their their

505  
00:24:09,240 --> 00:24:05,920  
thing and they don't really know who the

506  
00:24:12,120 --> 00:24:09,250  
speakers are they just attending the

507  
00:24:14,250 --> 00:24:12,130  
lecture as they always do for social you

508  
00:24:16,860 --> 00:24:14,260  
know to socialize or whatever and so

509  
00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:16,870  
know a lot of people aren't quite aware

510  
00:24:23,190 --> 00:24:20,080  
of what we do and a lot of people don't

511  
00:24:26,370 --> 00:24:23,200  
know what the GSO W project is it's it's

512  
00:24:30,780 --> 00:24:26,380  
really been interesting how few people

513  
00:24:34,110 --> 00:24:30,790

even know what we're gonna be talking

514

00:24:36,690 --> 00:24:34,120

about and for those people who may not

515

00:24:38,970 --> 00:24:36,700

have heard you on the show earlier what

516

00:24:41,880 --> 00:24:38,980

we're talking about is a little while

517

00:24:46,110 --> 00:24:41,890

ago susan was involved in a sort of an

518

00:24:48,570 --> 00:24:46,120

undercover operation to using fake

519

00:24:50,730 --> 00:24:48,580

information planted on facebook to show

520

00:24:53,430 --> 00:24:50,740

that a medium was in fact using the

521

00:24:55,710 --> 00:24:53,440

psychic network of the internet rather

522

00:24:58,110 --> 00:24:55,720

than the psychic network of the other

523

00:25:00,980 --> 00:24:58,120

realms so yes that was all very

524

00:25:03,570 --> 00:25:00,990

interesting and is there any further

525

00:25:07,230 --> 00:25:03,580

developments on that sort of front you

526

00:25:11,220 --> 00:25:07,240

can tell us about well we have a plan we

527

00:25:15,600 --> 00:25:11,230

have we have a really really great plan

528

00:25:18,510 --> 00:25:15,610

set up but the media seems to be balking

529

00:25:20,170 --> 00:25:18,520

at it we were trained in mind strong

530

00:25:23,740 --> 00:25:20,180

media

531

00:25:28,020 --> 00:25:23,750

to cover it and help pay for it it's

532

00:25:30,700 --> 00:25:28,030

very expensive what we want to do and we

533

00:25:32,650 --> 00:25:30,710

we're tired of preaching to the choir so

534

00:25:35,500 --> 00:25:32,660

everything I'm trying to do when it

535

00:25:37,630 --> 00:25:35,510

comes to psychics nowadays is going to

536

00:25:42,040 --> 00:25:37,640

be with media coverage in hand we

537

00:25:45,190 --> 00:25:42,050

already have the media coverage and you

538

00:25:48,070 --> 00:25:45,200

know it's pretty daring what we're gonna

539

00:25:51,580 --> 00:25:48,080

do so and I can only do it one time

540

00:25:53,440 --> 00:25:51,590

because once it's done all the mediums

541

00:25:56,350 --> 00:25:53,450

are going to be aware of what we're

542

00:25:57,610 --> 00:25:56,360

about to do so I'm trying to so we're

543

00:26:01,420 --> 00:25:57,620

kind of holding off right at the moment

544

00:26:04,750 --> 00:26:01,430

waiting for the perfect opportunity with

545

00:26:06,580 --> 00:26:04,760

a news media and then of course the

546

00:26:10,720 --> 00:26:06,590

funding is going to be quite a bit it's

547

00:26:14,070 --> 00:26:10,730

about \$12,000 whoo-hoo well I hope you

548

00:26:16,150 --> 00:26:14,080

can keep us updated when it's over

549

00:26:17,470 --> 00:26:16,160

presumably because we don't want to give

550

00:26:18,850 --> 00:26:17,480

anything away well that's gonna be

551

00:26:21,040 --> 00:26:18,860

interesting folks there's something to

552

00:26:23,830 --> 00:26:21,050

look out for there's something to look

553

00:26:25,540 --> 00:26:23,840

out for in the future well good that you

554

00:26:27,550 --> 00:26:25,550

are having a good time I'm glad the tour

555

00:26:31,690 --> 00:26:27,560

has been successful for you and Mark

556

00:26:33,700 --> 00:26:31,700

Edward in the UK and hopefully one day

557

00:26:37,210 --> 00:26:33,710

the not-too-distant future we'll see you

558

00:26:38,620 --> 00:26:37,220

back here in sunny Australia oh yes

559

00:26:41,500 --> 00:26:38,630

absolutely

560

00:26:44,290 --> 00:26:41,510

but for now from one of the most

561

00:26:46,570 --> 00:26:44,300

enchanting cities surely in the world

562

00:26:49,190 --> 00:26:46,580

edinburgh susan gerbic thank you very

563

00:27:03,170 --> 00:26:49,200

much thank you Richard talk soon

564

00:27:08,660 --> 00:27:06,450

Alaura ciao mi chiamo profesora de vo

565

00:27:12,390 --> 00:27:08,670

tuvalu incendiary - teleca's su licencia

566

00:27:16,770 --> 00:27:12,400

para la moda physica de chemica bureau

567

00:27:20,130 --> 00:27:16,780

gia astronomia Mathematica atonte ultra

568

00:27:22,320 --> 00:27:20,140

cosy guarda miss Sulu tuba arrivederci

569

00:27:24,030 --> 00:27:22,330

hey everyone this is Professor Dave I

570

00:27:25,770 --> 00:27:24,040

want to teach you about all kinds of

571

00:27:27,720 --> 00:27:25,780

things regarding science I want to tell

572

00:27:31,110 --> 00:27:27,730

you about physics I want to tell you

573

00:27:33,840 --> 00:27:31,120

about chemistry biology astronomy math

574

00:27:35,520 --> 00:27:33,850

and many many more things come check me

575

00:27:41,490 --> 00:27:35,530

out on youtube the channel is called

576

00:28:05,100 --> 00:27:42,790

[Applause]

577

00:28:10,560 --> 00:28:07,289

now we continue our series of reports

578

00:28:12,450 --> 00:28:10,570

and articles and items and things like

579

00:28:14,190 --> 00:28:12,460

that from the skeptic magazine the

580

00:28:18,840 --> 00:28:14,200

Journal from Australian skeptics this

581

00:28:22,900 --> 00:28:18,850

week we're going back to 1989 volume

582

00:28:29,050 --> 00:28:25,660

and on page 25 we find skeptical

583

00:28:34,350 --> 00:28:29,060

investigations experiencing a ghost

584

00:28:40,169 --> 00:28:36,570

and of course this reminds us that

585

00:28:42,120 --> 00:28:40,179

skepticism isn't about sitting back and

586

00:28:50,210 --> 00:28:42,130

reading books loyalty is partly of

587

00:28:57,450 --> 00:28:53,700

during January this year I was invited

588

00:29:00,210 --> 00:28:57,460

to witness the expulsion of spirits from

589

00:29:02,550 --> 00:29:00,220

a haunted house outside by desert near

590

00:29:05,790 --> 00:29:02,560

Brisbane I had the opportunity of

591

00:29:08,400 --> 00:29:05,800

meeting the medium Glennis who could

592

00:29:11,550 --> 00:29:08,410

supposedly communicate with lost souls

593

00:29:14,880 --> 00:29:11,560

who had died but never passed through

594

00:29:18,240 --> 00:29:14,890

the light on the other side these souls

595

00:29:20,550 --> 00:29:18,250

were therefore still roaming around on

596

00:29:23,190 --> 00:29:20,560

this world and frequently performing

597

00:29:25,260 --> 00:29:23,200

mischievous deeds I was invited to

598

00:29:28,020 --> 00:29:25,270

attend by my friend Nicky who is a

599

00:29:30,300 --> 00:29:28,030

professional photographer she was there

600

00:29:33,720 --> 00:29:30,310

to photograph the ghosts in the house

601  
00:29:36,420 --> 00:29:33,730  
for a reporter Joan who was covering the

602  
00:29:38,880 --> 00:29:36,430  
event in order to publish ghost stories

603  
00:29:41,310 --> 00:29:38,890  
in the picture magazine and elsewhere on

604  
00:29:44,030 --> 00:29:41,320  
the way there the reporter explained

605  
00:29:47,250 --> 00:29:44,040  
that there was no doubt in her mind that

606  
00:29:50,340 --> 00:29:47,260  
supernatural things must occur the

607  
00:29:53,240 --> 00:29:50,350  
reporter had previously told us of the

608  
00:29:55,970 --> 00:29:53,250  
mediums involvement with a quote

609  
00:29:58,950 --> 00:29:55,980  
scientific study in quote of

610  
00:30:02,100 --> 00:29:58,960  
metaphysical events conducted by

611  
00:30:04,710 --> 00:30:02,110  
Queensland University on questioning the

612  
00:30:06,690 --> 00:30:04,720  
medium herself in the car she informed

613  
00:30:09,420 --> 00:30:06,700

me that it was actually a chap from

614

00:30:13,500 --> 00:30:09,430

Griffith University who investigated one

615

00:30:15,450 --> 00:30:13,510

of her contacts with the other side she

616

00:30:17,580 --> 00:30:15,460

ridiculed him because he could find

617

00:30:21,840 --> 00:30:17,590

nothing supernatural during her

618

00:30:25,170 --> 00:30:21,850

performance I did not let on that I was

619

00:30:28,950 --> 00:30:25,180

a skeptic so I could see a typical

620

00:30:31,230 --> 00:30:28,960

spirit exorcism they recounted how the

621

00:30:33,240 --> 00:30:31,240

reporter supposedly was pushed out of

622

00:30:35,550 --> 00:30:33,250

the room by a ghost on their last

623

00:30:37,590 --> 00:30:35,560

encounter this sounded too good to be

624

00:30:41,250 --> 00:30:37,600

true so I was looking forward to either

625

00:30:44,370 --> 00:30:41,260

a good exhibition or if my luck could be

626  
00:30:46,620 --> 00:30:44,380  
so good a truly amazing physical

627  
00:30:49,980 --> 00:30:46,630  
phenomenon that would bear serious

628  
00:30:51,840 --> 00:30:49,990  
scientific investigation we arrived with

629  
00:30:54,570 --> 00:30:51,850  
a large chain of electrical storms

630  
00:30:57,270 --> 00:30:54,580  
lighting up the southern horizon before

631  
00:31:01,050 --> 00:30:57,280  
we got out of the car Glennis warned us

632  
00:31:02,169 --> 00:31:01,060  
of the history of this evil house the

633  
00:31:04,210 --> 00:31:02,179  
medium

634  
00:31:07,019 --> 00:31:04,220  
us to believe that there had been a

635  
00:31:10,330 --> 00:31:07,029  
string of gruesome murders and suicides

636  
00:31:12,850 --> 00:31:10,340  
all of which seemed so far over the top

637  
00:31:15,129 --> 00:31:12,860  
that they were most likely taken out of

638  
00:31:18,730 --> 00:31:15,139

horror comics or be great horror movies

639

00:31:20,409 --> 00:31:18,740

as an example one fellow suicided by

640

00:31:23,019 --> 00:31:20,419

hanging himself on meat hooks

641

00:31:26,190 --> 00:31:23,029

another had stabbed his Alsatian dog to

642

00:31:29,619 --> 00:31:26,200

death under the house make cetera etc

643

00:31:33,039 --> 00:31:29,629

when we stepped outside the car the

644

00:31:36,039 --> 00:31:33,049

medium saw a blue and white light coming

645

00:31:38,769 --> 00:31:36,049

out of the distant bush she said they

646

00:31:42,399 --> 00:31:38,779

were probably spirits arising from the

647

00:31:44,859 --> 00:31:42,409

symmetry in that direction I suggested

648

00:31:46,509 --> 00:31:44,869

that it would be more likely that those

649

00:31:48,730 --> 00:31:46,519

lights were simply Street or house

650

00:31:50,889 --> 00:31:48,740

lights further down the road she agreed

651  
00:31:53,109 --> 00:31:50,899  
that was a possibility and that we

652  
00:31:56,139 --> 00:31:53,119  
should investigate before leaving later

653  
00:31:59,590 --> 00:31:56,149  
that night not only did this house have

654  
00:32:01,539 --> 00:31:59,600  
ghosts but last time she was there UFOs

655  
00:32:02,519 --> 00:32:01,549  
were seen coming and going in the

656  
00:32:06,519 --> 00:32:02,529  
western sky

657  
00:32:08,889 --> 00:32:06,529  
it seemed I'd hit the jackpot as we were

658  
00:32:12,279 --> 00:32:08,899  
about to pass through the front gate she

659  
00:32:14,680 --> 00:32:12,289  
told us we'd feel and smell the evil of

660  
00:32:17,350 --> 00:32:14,690  
the place just has she'd done on

661  
00:32:20,980 --> 00:32:17,360  
previous occasions she went in first

662  
00:32:23,499 --> 00:32:20,990  
followed by myself as she predicted she

663  
00:32:26,249 --> 00:32:23,509

shuddered at the gate and said she could

664

00:32:29,440 --> 00:32:26,259

feel it was going to be a bad night I

665

00:32:32,529 --> 00:32:29,450

couldn't help feeling this was for my

666

00:32:35,830 --> 00:32:32,539

benefit to get me in the mood by the

667

00:32:38,499 --> 00:32:35,840

power of suggestion if it was me it

668

00:32:40,779 --> 00:32:38,509

didn't work I felt nothing and told her

669

00:32:46,090 --> 00:32:40,789

so and went on to meet the people who

670

00:32:48,810 --> 00:32:46,100

live there haunted house the house was

671

00:32:51,999 --> 00:32:48,820

rented by a Maori woman in her early 30s

672

00:32:53,499 --> 00:32:52,009

16 year old son and two daughters about

673

00:32:56,320 --> 00:32:53,509

12 and 8 years old

674

00:32:58,869 --> 00:32:56,330

the husband was away and they were glad

675

00:32:59,680 --> 00:32:58,879

as he thought the whole thing was a load

676

00:33:02,680 --> 00:32:59,690

of hogwash

677

00:33:05,409 --> 00:33:02,690

the lady's mother and father were also

678

00:33:08,320 --> 00:33:05,419

there as well as the mediums husband who

679

00:33:11,560 --> 00:33:08,330

had arrived to assist her the house was

680

00:33:14,080 --> 00:33:11,570

a typical small weatherboard home on 1.5

681

00:33:15,379 --> 00:33:14,090

meter stumps with two tanks a front

682

00:33:18,619 --> 00:33:15,389

veranda and in

683

00:33:21,469 --> 00:33:18,629

need of some simple repairs the medium

684

00:33:24,310 --> 00:33:21,479

first proceeded under the house to find

685

00:33:27,469 --> 00:33:24,320

the leylines with her wire sticks

686

00:33:30,409 --> 00:33:27,479

usually used for so-called water

687

00:33:33,049 --> 00:33:30,419

divining but this had to do with ghosts

688

00:33:35,329 --> 00:33:33,059

she couldn't explain it seemed like

689

00:33:38,299 --> 00:33:35,339

nothing more than a meaningless preamble

690

00:33:40,969 --> 00:33:38,309

attempting unsuccessfully to impress her

691

00:33:43,369 --> 00:33:40,979

small audience she lost interest and

692

00:33:47,089 --> 00:33:43,379

when I remarked that I too knew how

693

00:33:49,909 --> 00:33:47,099

water divining worked I asked her if

694

00:33:52,099 --> 00:33:49,919

she'd seen a documentary on TV a few

695

00:33:54,459 --> 00:33:52,109

years ago where the country's best

696

00:33:57,259 --> 00:33:54,469

diviners gathered at North Ryde for the

697

00:33:59,599 --> 00:33:57,269

\$30,000 prize money available for

698

00:34:02,239 --> 00:33:59,609

diviners who could consistently find

699

00:34:05,060 --> 00:34:02,249

underground water the diviners believed

700

00:34:07,489 --> 00:34:05,070

it was a cinch until they were tested

701  
00:34:10,069 --> 00:34:07,499  
scientifically only to find that not one

702  
00:34:14,149 --> 00:34:10,079  
of them could get much above chance let

703  
00:34:16,089 --> 00:34:14,159  
alone a hit every time as an aside of

704  
00:34:20,109 --> 00:34:16,099  
course he's referring to the documentary

705  
00:34:24,099 --> 00:34:20,119  
James Randi in Australia from 1980

706  
00:34:27,139 --> 00:34:24,109  
classic of water divining and skeptical

707  
00:34:29,659 --> 00:34:27,149  
investigations and testing and if you

708  
00:34:31,759 --> 00:34:29,669  
just googled James Randi in Australia

709  
00:34:35,539 --> 00:34:31,769  
you will find that documentary on

710  
00:34:38,119 --> 00:34:35,549  
YouTube we read on on entering the house

711  
00:34:40,430 --> 00:34:38,129  
she explained to the family that she got

712  
00:34:43,579 --> 00:34:40,440  
rid of the ghosts last time and that

713  
00:34:46,490 --> 00:34:43,589

they shouldn't be afraid I asked if she

714

00:34:49,339 --> 00:34:46,500

could get rid of Dan permanently oh yes

715

00:34:53,240 --> 00:34:49,349

she replied firmly then why are we here

716

00:34:55,129 --> 00:34:53,250

now I asked innocently in contradiction

717

00:34:58,519 --> 00:34:55,139

to her previous statement she replied

718

00:35:00,109 --> 00:34:58,529

that they can come back especially if

719

00:35:02,079 --> 00:35:00,119

you need to justify a bit more

720

00:35:04,970 --> 00:35:02,089

photography for a story I thought

721

00:35:08,329 --> 00:35:04,980

strangely this family which reportedly

722

00:35:12,829 --> 00:35:08,339

was so affected by the ghosts seemed not

723

00:35:17,059 --> 00:35:12,839

the least bit perturbed to me the

724

00:35:19,880 --> 00:35:17,069

exorcism the medium walked into one of

725

00:35:22,960 --> 00:35:19,890

the bedrooms and asked me to hold her

726  
00:35:27,710 --> 00:35:22,970  
torch her husband stood close to her and

727  
00:35:30,589 --> 00:35:27,720  
soon she began to quiver and go into an

728  
00:35:33,200 --> 00:35:30,599  
parent trance she then muttered some

729  
00:35:37,010 --> 00:35:33,210  
aggressive words in a distorted voice

730  
00:35:38,870 --> 00:35:37,020  
and thrashed around a little while her

731  
00:35:43,040 --> 00:35:38,880  
husband stood behind her telling the

732  
00:35:45,859 --> 00:35:43,050  
spirit possessing her that it must go to

733  
00:35:49,099 --> 00:35:45,869  
the light where it can find peace and

734  
00:35:51,320 --> 00:35:49,109  
pass through to the other side it must

735  
00:35:54,980 --> 00:35:51,330  
have done just as he suggested because

736  
00:35:58,250 --> 00:35:54,990  
she soon recovered as she slumped in a

737  
00:36:01,580 --> 00:35:58,260  
chair the medium and her husband kept

738  
00:36:05,180 --> 00:36:01,590

commenting that the spirit was a real

739

00:36:08,359 --> 00:36:05,190

bad one if that meager episode was so

740

00:36:11,180 --> 00:36:08,369

bad I hope they never go and see the

741

00:36:13,790 --> 00:36:11,190

movie poltergeist as they would surely

742

00:36:17,300 --> 00:36:13,800

have a cardiac arrest before half-time I

743

00:36:19,099 --> 00:36:17,310

must admit to a great temptation to bang

744

00:36:21,980 --> 00:36:19,109

on a really good acting job together

745

00:36:24,920 --> 00:36:21,990

with some special effects lighting sound

746

00:36:27,080 --> 00:36:24,930

to make them think a real wild spirit

747

00:36:28,880 --> 00:36:27,090

had possessed me and scare the hell out

748

00:36:30,500 --> 00:36:28,890

of them it would have been most

749

00:36:32,690 --> 00:36:30,510

interesting to see such people's

750

00:36:35,180 --> 00:36:32,700

reaction especially if the spirit

751  
00:36:38,900 --> 00:36:35,190  
condemned them for faking contact with

752  
00:36:42,170 --> 00:36:38,910  
its world and warned them never to do so

753  
00:36:44,540 --> 00:36:42,180  
again this boring show was conducted

754  
00:36:46,700 --> 00:36:44,550  
twice more that night most of the

755  
00:36:48,950 --> 00:36:46,710  
household didn't even bother to watch I

756  
00:36:52,430 --> 00:36:48,960  
didn't blame them if they'd seen it

757  
00:36:54,550 --> 00:36:52,440  
before earlier that night I was told by

758  
00:36:57,740 --> 00:36:54,560  
the reporter that the mediums voice

759  
00:37:00,470 --> 00:36:57,750  
changed completely from one spirit to

760  
00:37:02,390 --> 00:37:00,480  
another and she could talk with accents

761  
00:37:05,480 --> 00:37:02,400  
and slang peculiar to the earliest

762  
00:37:07,430 --> 00:37:05,490  
settlers so I looked forward to this

763  
00:37:10,970 --> 00:37:07,440

aspect of the night's entertainment I

764

00:37:13,160 --> 00:37:10,980

was bitterly disappointed our medium

765

00:37:15,640 --> 00:37:13,170

simply distorted her voice to sound

766

00:37:18,140 --> 00:37:15,650

lower and more gravelly more menacing

767

00:37:21,050 --> 00:37:18,150

regardless of whether it was a male or

768

00:37:21,589 --> 00:37:21,060

female spirit the lack of creativity was

769

00:37:25,670 --> 00:37:21,599

appalling

770

00:37:27,829 --> 00:37:25,680

the final spirit cleansing was done in a

771

00:37:29,900 --> 00:37:27,839

bedroom where the photographer had asked

772

00:37:33,440 --> 00:37:29,910

me to replace the hanging light bulb

773

00:37:35,720 --> 00:37:33,450

with a UV light bulb for effect this was

774

00:37:37,790 --> 00:37:35,730

the climax so she had to fall to the

775

00:37:39,380 --> 00:37:37,800

floor with this one much to the

776

00:37:40,460 --> 00:37:39,390

disappointment of myself and the

777

00:37:42,920 --> 00:37:40,470

reporter

778

00:37:47,180 --> 00:37:42,930

all the mediums husband could say was

779

00:37:50,630 --> 00:37:47,190

quote go to the light men quote no

780

00:37:54,500 --> 00:37:50,640

questions were asked the spirit snow

781

00:37:56,089 --> 00:37:54,510

land said to us quote you all think this

782

00:37:59,150 --> 00:37:56,099

is a joke don't you

783

00:38:02,270 --> 00:37:59,160

end quote ghosts

784

00:38:04,880 --> 00:38:02,280

the reporter claimed that she saw an

785

00:38:07,609 --> 00:38:04,890

elderly woman lying on the bed and hoped

786

00:38:09,559 --> 00:38:07,619

the camera had recorded it even though

787

00:38:11,809 --> 00:38:09,569

no one else could see it including the

788

00:38:13,460 --> 00:38:11,819

medium the reporter and the medium

789

00:38:15,760 --> 00:38:13,470

couldn't agree about the appearance of

790

00:38:18,920 --> 00:38:15,770

the ghost lo and behold nothing

791

00:38:20,870 --> 00:38:18,930

extraordinary turned up on the film it

792

00:38:23,510 --> 00:38:20,880

was said that the two young girls had

793

00:38:25,520 --> 00:38:23,520

been terrified by a ghost which had

794

00:38:27,500 --> 00:38:25,530

lifted the end of their bed and shaken

795

00:38:30,380 --> 00:38:27,510

it so violently that they were being

796

00:38:32,630 --> 00:38:30,390

thrown up and down this sounded

797

00:38:35,300 --> 00:38:32,640

impressive the stuff I was looking for I

798

00:38:37,579 --> 00:38:35,310

asked the girls on their own if they had

799

00:38:40,550 --> 00:38:37,589

seen any ghosts whether they had ever

800

00:38:44,500 --> 00:38:40,560

had the bed shake or been thrown off and

801  
00:38:47,240 --> 00:38:44,510  
they answered no to all my questions

802  
00:38:49,430 --> 00:38:47,250  
during a discussion with everyone in the

803  
00:38:51,500 --> 00:38:49,440  
lounge it became apparent that the

804  
00:38:54,829 --> 00:38:51,510  
grandmother was the main perpetrator of

805  
00:38:57,770 --> 00:38:54,839  
these tales she was the one who would

806  
00:38:59,720 --> 00:38:57,780  
see the ghosts in detail going to have a

807  
00:39:03,920 --> 00:38:59,730  
shower and other such things

808  
00:39:06,980 --> 00:39:03,930  
the boy had heard only some noises the

809  
00:39:09,950 --> 00:39:06,990  
merry grandfather believed but had not

810  
00:39:12,609 --> 00:39:09,960  
seen them and his daughter said she

811  
00:39:16,160 --> 00:39:12,619  
believed in ghosts but had difficulty

812  
00:39:18,020 --> 00:39:16,170  
recounting convincing occurrences the

813  
00:39:20,089 --> 00:39:18,030

grandmother was scaring the youngest

814

00:39:22,430 --> 00:39:20,099

girl by making her believe that the

815

00:39:24,980 --> 00:39:22,440

house was full of ghosts and that she

816

00:39:27,800 --> 00:39:24,990

would protect her granddaughter if any

817

00:39:30,920 --> 00:39:27,810

tried to kill her I thought this was a

818

00:39:33,859 --> 00:39:30,930

bit much the children's mother had baked

819

00:39:35,839 --> 00:39:33,869

a cake for the occasion and seemed to me

820

00:39:37,579 --> 00:39:35,849

to be treating the ghost as simply an

821

00:39:39,470 --> 00:39:37,589

excuse for some visitors and the

822

00:39:43,490 --> 00:39:39,480

possibility of some small degree of

823

00:39:45,500 --> 00:39:43,500

notoriety in a pulp magazine I reminded

824

00:39:47,990 --> 00:39:45,510

them that we should investigate the

825

00:39:50,690 --> 00:39:48,000

spirit lights in the cemetery before

826  
00:39:52,819 --> 00:39:50,700  
leaving even though the storm was just

827  
00:39:54,140 --> 00:39:52,829  
breaking over head-on reluctantly

828  
00:39:56,450 --> 00:39:54,150  
driving down the

829  
00:39:59,480 --> 00:39:56,460  
they were disappointed that the lights

830  
00:40:02,090 --> 00:39:59,490  
were coming from some houses past the

831  
00:40:05,660 --> 00:40:02,100  
cemetery on returning past the cemetery

832  
00:40:07,970 --> 00:40:05,670  
the median exclaimed quote did you see

833  
00:40:11,420 --> 00:40:07,980  
that people are things moving about the

834  
00:40:13,850 --> 00:40:11,430  
cemetery in quote we reversed and got

835  
00:40:15,920 --> 00:40:13,860  
her spotlight from the boot it was

836  
00:40:19,660 --> 00:40:15,930  
simply the reflections of our headlights

837  
00:40:22,820 --> 00:40:19,670  
off the wet headstones on the way home

838  
00:40:24,760 --> 00:40:22,830

even the reporter and the medium said

839

00:40:27,710 --> 00:40:24,770

that they were of the opinion that quote

840

00:40:30,200 --> 00:40:27,720

the grandmother brings the ghosts with

841

00:40:34,720 --> 00:40:30,210

her when she comes and takes them home

842

00:40:41,050 --> 00:40:36,970

and there is a picture accompanying this

843

00:40:43,750 --> 00:40:41,060

story of a very brightly lit background

844

00:40:46,690 --> 00:40:43,760

with the foreground somebody standing in

845

00:40:51,160 --> 00:40:46,700

the foreground it's not very clear and

846

00:40:52,660 --> 00:40:51,170

the caption says medium Glennis McKay

847

00:40:56,319 --> 00:40:52,670

standing in front of a ghostly

848

00:40:58,930 --> 00:40:56,329

apparition she and author friend Joan

849

00:41:01,329 --> 00:40:58,940

Starr believed that the brilliant light

850

00:41:04,240 --> 00:41:01,339

in this photograph is proof of a ghost

851  
00:41:07,240 --> 00:41:04,250  
summoned by the medium they claim that

852  
00:41:10,000 --> 00:41:07,250  
the ghosts eyes are slightly dark

853  
00:41:12,339 --> 00:41:10,010  
hollows silhouetted against the ceiling

854  
00:41:14,859 --> 00:41:12,349  
and its shoulders and arms are the

855  
00:41:18,970 --> 00:41:14,869  
portions extended beyond the edge of the

856  
00:41:21,520 --> 00:41:18,980  
room and across venice's face I believe

857  
00:41:24,339 --> 00:41:21,530  
that no light was on at the time of the

858  
00:41:27,910 --> 00:41:24,349  
exposure and the light source was that

859  
00:41:30,069 --> 00:41:27,920  
of the ghost in fact obtaining the

860  
00:41:32,280 --> 00:41:30,079  
negative it was discovered that light

861  
00:41:35,859 --> 00:41:32,290  
hanging in the center of the passageway

862  
00:41:38,440 --> 00:41:35,869  
was on reflecting off a painting behind

863  
00:41:40,150 --> 00:41:38,450

the mediums face a door at the end of

864

00:41:41,890 --> 00:41:40,160

the hall the opposite wall of the

865

00:41:45,339 --> 00:41:41,900

passage and the ceiling where

866

00:41:47,769 --> 00:41:45,349

undulations created the eyes of the

867

00:41:54,709 --> 00:41:51,739

and that was experiencing a ghost house

868

00:41:58,669 --> 00:41:54,719

written by Greg Thompson way back in

869

00:42:00,409 --> 00:41:58,679

1989 so 30 years ago volume 9 number 3

870

00:42:04,720 --> 00:42:00,419

of the skeptic magazine the journal from

871

00:42:09,910 --> 00:42:08,349

and you can read so much more in the

872

00:42:21,400 --> 00:42:09,920

pages of the skeptic magazine at

873

00:42:21,410 --> 00:42:29,940

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874

00:42:38,200 --> 00:42:32,680

thank you for listening to the skeptics

875

00:42:42,730 --> 00:42:38,210

own podcast that was episode 549 next

876

00:42:44,940 --> 00:42:42,740

week will be episode 550 550 I guess

877

00:42:47,890 --> 00:42:44,950

that's a milestone a killer meter peg

878

00:42:49,960 --> 00:42:47,900

however you want to say it I'm not sure

879

00:42:51,460 --> 00:42:49,970

what it means I think it means that

880

00:42:55,480 --> 00:42:51,470

we're going to have some interviews and

881

00:42:57,750 --> 00:42:55,490

reports as normal this episode I had

882

00:43:01,570 --> 00:42:57,760

hoped to speak to Jessica Singer about

883

00:43:04,270 --> 00:43:01,580

her experiences in London and skeptics

884

00:43:06,820 --> 00:43:04,280

in the pub well that interviews been

885

00:43:08,650 --> 00:43:06,830

held over until the next show I also

886

00:43:11,710 --> 00:43:08,660

hope to chat to our friends from the

887

00:43:14,410 --> 00:43:11,720

Merseyside skeptics who are going to be

888

00:43:16,210 --> 00:43:14,420

celebrating 10 years and of course I'll

889

00:43:20,200 --> 00:43:16,220

be bringing you a report from the flu

890

00:43:23,109 --> 00:43:20,210

vaccination day and that just remind you

891

00:43:26,710 --> 00:43:23,119

is on the 4th Saturday the 4th of May

892

00:43:28,150 --> 00:43:26,720

Star Wars day here in Sydney and again

893

00:43:30,970 --> 00:43:28,160

if you'd like to come along if you're in

894

00:43:32,440 --> 00:43:30,980

Sydney for your flu vaccination I'll be

895

00:43:35,020 --> 00:43:32,450

rolling up my sleeve and more than one

896

00:43:37,750 --> 00:43:35,030

way there'll be a link in this week's

897

00:43:39,820 --> 00:43:37,760

show notes actually following the flu

898

00:43:43,240 --> 00:43:39,830

vaccination day I'll be heading for

899

00:43:45,550 --> 00:43:43,250

Maynard's Love Shack number 2 hope to

900

00:43:48,070 --> 00:43:45,560

see you at both events thank you to

901  
00:43:50,320 --> 00:43:48,080  
those people who support the sceptic

902  
00:43:54,910 --> 00:43:50,330  
zone via PayPal or patreon thank you to

903  
00:43:56,770 --> 00:43:54,920  
my recent patreon people only in the

904  
00:43:58,480 --> 00:43:56,780  
last week thank you very much great to

905  
00:44:01,030 --> 00:43:58,490  
have you on board and if you're not on

906  
00:44:02,829 --> 00:44:01,040  
board with patreon or PayPal well I

907  
00:44:04,329 --> 00:44:02,839  
would encourage you to do it even if you

908  
00:44:07,240 --> 00:44:04,339  
do it for a couple of months two or

909  
00:44:10,420 --> 00:44:07,250  
three four months it really does help

910  
00:44:13,450 --> 00:44:10,430  
the sceptic zone keep going and you can

911  
00:44:17,020 --> 00:44:13,460  
do that at skeptic zone TV but for this

912  
00:44:19,390 --> 00:44:17,030  
week until show number 550 this is

913  
00:44:26,530 --> 00:44:19,400

Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

914

00:44:31,940 --> 00:44:29,030

you've been listening to the skeptic

915

00:44:38,630 --> 00:44:31,950

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00:44:42,130 --> 00:44:38,640

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918

00:44:48,079 --> 00:44:44,820

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00:44:50,359 --> 00:44:48,089

on twitter at skeptic zone visit our

920

00:44:51,250 --> 00:44:50,369

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00:44:53,930 --> 00:44:51,260

itunes

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00:44:57,320 --> 00:44:53,940

you can also support the skeptic zone

923

00:45:00,040 --> 00:44:57,330

via patreon or PayPal the skeptic zone

924

00:45:02,420 --> 00:45:00,050

podcast is an independent production

925

00:45:04,579 --> 00:45:02,430

reviews and opinions expressed on the

926  
00:45:06,890 --> 00:45:04,589  
skeptical zone are not necessarily those

927  
00:45:08,690 --> 00:45:06,900  
of Australian skeptics or any other

928  
00:45:19,820 --> 00:45:08,700  
skeptical organisation

929  
00:45:26,280 --> 00:45:23,070  
hold on folks hold on I'm with may not

930  
00:45:28,980 --> 00:45:26,290  
here and we are just trying or Maynard's

931  
00:45:31,530 --> 00:45:28,990  
trying Twinkies for the first time may

932  
00:45:34,650 --> 00:45:31,540  
not look all these Americans that say

933  
00:45:36,420 --> 00:45:34,660  
smart things about must expose dicks

934  
00:45:39,390 --> 00:45:36,430  
they taste like deer poo

935  
00:45:40,890 --> 00:45:39,400  
well Twinkies are not much better let me

936  
00:45:44,400 --> 00:45:40,900  
tell you I've been having two of these

937  
00:45:47,160 --> 00:45:44,410  
and they're not unflavored full but

938  
00:45:50,250 --> 00:45:47,170

they're horrible and they've got shaving

939

00:45:53,970 --> 00:45:50,260

cream inside them which is flavored by

940

00:45:58,770 --> 00:45:53,980

some non-dairy petrochemical by-product

941

00:46:00,930 --> 00:45:58,780

that it's yeah look it's okay um look if

942

00:46:02,340 --> 00:46:00,940

you're you've had to I had to you had to

943

00:46:03,990 --> 00:46:02,350

have an one but you had to have another

944

00:46:06,030 --> 00:46:04,000

one just to make sure yes and there was

945

00:46:08,190 --> 00:46:06,040

260 calories in that because they're

946

00:46:10,200 --> 00:46:08,200

American kilojoules people get with it

947

00:46:12,120 --> 00:46:10,210

there's only you and one small island in

948

00:46:13,650 --> 00:46:12,130

the Caribbean that still uses Imperial

949

00:46:15,270 --> 00:46:13,660

but yeah and you wish you had in a

950

00:46:16,920 --> 00:46:15,280

revolution to kick out the English and

951  
00:46:19,710 --> 00:46:16,930  
the king how come you're so quick to

952  
00:46:21,660 --> 00:46:19,720  
adoptee imperial measurement system and

953  
00:46:23,970 --> 00:46:21,670  
by the way wasn't who Darth Vader was

954  
00:46:25,460 --> 00:46:23,980  
with I think that's right but you're

955  
00:46:27,450 --> 00:46:25,470  
just laughing when you were reading the

956  
00:46:29,700 --> 00:46:27,460  
nutrition oh yeah and they spread that

957  
00:46:32,310 --> 00:46:29,710  
out here um this is two Twinkies which

958  
00:46:35,430 --> 00:46:32,320  
is to the cakes wrapped I'm sure you've

959  
00:46:36,810 --> 00:46:35,440  
had which I've had and and as time goes

960  
00:46:38,040 --> 00:46:36,820  
on there's an aftertaste to them so I

961  
00:46:39,870 --> 00:46:38,050  
can understand if you didn't like the

962  
00:46:41,940 --> 00:46:39,880  
musk stick which is an Australian thing

963  
00:46:43,470 --> 00:46:41,950

you'd spit them out yeah I could

964

00:46:45,480 --> 00:46:43,480

understand that now I think some of this

965

00:46:48,510 --> 00:46:45,490

alleged cream that's in them but I love

966

00:46:52,560 --> 00:46:48,520

how this like dietary fiber zero vitamin

967

00:46:54,390 --> 00:46:52,570

a 0% vitamin C zero percent calcium two

968

00:46:56,190 --> 00:46:54,400

percent and there is four percent iron

969

00:46:58,680 --> 00:46:56,200

that was probably deposited there by the

970

00:47:00,660 --> 00:46:58,690

machines that made the machine what if

971

00:47:02,790 --> 00:47:00,670

it doesn't have something like vitamin A

972

00:47:04,170 --> 00:47:02,800

and vitamin C why put it there I think

973

00:47:06,540 --> 00:47:04,180

you would find there's a labeling

974

00:47:08,070 --> 00:47:06,550

requirement that most foods of a certain

975

00:47:10,560 --> 00:47:08,080

type have to have that so even if it's

976  
00:47:12,510 --> 00:47:10,570  
zero you should be letting no you aren't

977  
00:47:14,730 --> 00:47:12,520  
getting any of that I must admit these

978  
00:47:16,590 --> 00:47:14,740  
are the standard Twinkies we're trying

979  
00:47:17,900 --> 00:47:16,600  
at the moment which is the the goal

980  
00:47:20,850 --> 00:47:17,910  
which what to say

981  
00:47:22,770 --> 00:47:20,860  
individually wrapped cakes golden sponge

982  
00:47:25,350 --> 00:47:22,780  
cake with creamy filling I do like their

983  
00:47:27,390 --> 00:47:25,360  
mascot but yes Twinkie the kid

984  
00:47:30,000 --> 00:47:27,400  
rinkie the kinky the kid is sort of

985  
00:47:32,580 --> 00:47:30,010  
wearing a sort of 80s

986  
00:47:34,500 --> 00:47:32,590  
gay disco outfit kind of thing and he's

987  
00:47:36,060 --> 00:47:34,510  
got a double band downer on and it's off

988  
00:47:38,040 --> 00:47:36,070

to one side which probably means

989

00:47:40,080 --> 00:47:38,050

something in the hankie code now I know

990

00:47:41,820 --> 00:47:40,090

you don't know the hankie code is but

991

00:47:43,740 --> 00:47:41,830

believe you me this is out there check

992

00:47:45,990 --> 00:47:43,750

out the hankie code on Twinkie the kid

993

00:47:48,150 --> 00:47:46,000

and you'll find out what he's into or

994

00:47:50,370 --> 00:47:48,160

not into I really don't know about these

995

00:47:52,470 --> 00:47:50,380

things folks but I tell you what I did

996

00:47:55,500 --> 00:47:52,480

also bring back to Australia I brought

997

00:47:57,240 --> 00:47:55,510

back these golden sponge Twinkies and I

998

00:48:00,210 --> 00:47:57,250

brought back chocolate Twinkies

999

00:48:02,280 --> 00:48:00,220

chocolate and I tried one and I must

1000

00:48:05,370 --> 00:48:02,290

admit if I had to choose between the two

1001

00:48:07,410 --> 00:48:05,380

I would choose the golden ones yeah and

1002

00:48:11,010 --> 00:48:07,420

how many calories was then them even

1003

00:48:12,450 --> 00:48:11,020

more I imagine yes well the guy I just