

Episode **590**

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Las Vegas Skeptics
review a
"Taking to the Dead" show.
We are joined by
Celestia Ward from
Squaring the Strange

Mind Body Wallet
from 1989

Maynard at Skepticon 2019
with
Mal Vickers
Guy Nolch
Les Oates



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00:00:08,470 --> 00:00:06,630
[Music]

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00:00:11,270 --> 00:00:08,480
welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:11,280
the podcast from australia for science

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00:00:22,950 --> 00:00:16,850
and reason

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00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:22,960
[Music]

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00:00:27,910 --> 00:00:24,880
hello and welcome to the skeptics and

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:27,920
podcast episode number 590.

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00:00:33,110 --> 00:00:31,279
for the second of the second 20. i'm

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00:00:36,790 --> 00:00:33,120
just looking at the date here written

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00:00:45,430 --> 00:00:43,600
2 0. well it's all arbitrary anyway

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00:00:46,869 --> 00:00:45,440

richard saunders here with you coming to

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00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:46,879

you this week from the

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:49,840

san francisco bay area on this week's

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00:00:53,189 --> 00:00:51,520

show i catch up with my old friend

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00:00:56,069 --> 00:00:53,199

celestia ward from

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00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:56,079

squaring the strange podcast that's a

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:58,079

good podcast i do enjoy squaring the

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00:01:03,270 --> 00:00:59,199

strange

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celestia will tell us of the live stage

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performance of someone who claims they

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:07,200

can talk with the dead

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:10,560

this time in las vegas now las vegas is

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:11,680

known for its

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00:01:15,749 --> 00:01:14,080

wide range of entertainment some

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00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:15,759

exceptionally good

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:19,759

we might think of pen and teller or

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00:01:25,590 --> 00:01:23,360

some of the very well-known entertainers

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00:01:28,149 --> 00:01:25,600

who appear in las vegas regularly

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00:01:29,670 --> 00:01:28,159

who are at the top of their game and of

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00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:29,680

course there is the other end of the

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00:01:31,990 --> 00:01:30,640

spectrum

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:32,000

and i think celestia is going to be

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00:01:34,550 --> 00:01:33,360

speaking about the other end of the

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00:01:37,590 --> 00:01:34,560

spectrum

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:37,600

also news of a new las vegas skeptical

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,320

group

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00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:40,320

following that we read from the skeptic

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the journal from australian skeptics

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from volume 9 number 4 way back in 1989

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when a subscriber at the time went along

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00:01:57,350 --> 00:01:54,079

to a mind-body wallet festival or day or

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00:02:00,230 --> 00:01:57,360

fair now this was in sydney

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00:02:01,030 --> 00:02:00,240

and it was for the benefit at the time

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:01,040

of the

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00:02:05,670 --> 00:02:03,600

sydney college of natural therapies and

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traditional chinese medicine

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under the banner of festival of healing

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00:02:13,510 --> 00:02:12,080

you might be very surprised or maybe not

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00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:13,520
so surprised

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00:02:17,910 --> 00:02:16,400
to hear what was going on in the name of

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00:02:20,150 --> 00:02:17,920
the sydney college

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00:02:21,430 --> 00:02:20,160
of natural therapies and traditional

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00:02:23,589 --> 00:02:21,440
chinese medicine

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00:02:25,350 --> 00:02:23,599
and you'll learn how some things have

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00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:25,360
simply not changed

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00:02:28,550 --> 00:02:28,080
in over 30 years and then to round off

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00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:28,560
the show

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00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:31,200
maynard is back at skeptic on 2019 with

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00:02:34,790 --> 00:02:31,599
yet

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00:02:37,750 --> 00:02:34,800
more interviews he talks to some of the

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00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:37,760

skeptical award winners mal vickers from

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00:02:41,190 --> 00:02:39,200

melbourne who was awarded

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00:02:43,509 --> 00:02:41,200

life membership of australian skeptics

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:43,519

for his services to skepticism

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:46,720

guy knulch who won the fred thornett for

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00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:48,560

the promotion of reason

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00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:51,599

also maynard chats to les oates who is a

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00:02:55,750 --> 00:02:53,760

supporter of the skeptic zone

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00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:55,760

stay tuned at the end of the podcast for

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00:03:00,630 --> 00:02:58,000

more announcements from me

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00:03:02,550 --> 00:03:00,640

but now it's time for me to run upstairs

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00:03:06,550 --> 00:03:02,560

run upstairs

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00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:06,560

raid the fridge and have a nice

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00:03:13,110 --> 00:03:10,879
peanut butter and maple syrup sandwich

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00:03:15,190 --> 00:03:13,120
don't knock it till you've tried it

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00:03:24,820 --> 00:03:15,200
while i do that i hope you enjoy

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00:03:41,910 --> 00:03:38,760
[Applause]

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:41,920
and joining me now on the line from

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00:03:46,149 --> 00:03:43,760
beautiful las vegas oh i

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00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:46,159
like las vegas once a year folks i do

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00:03:50,470 --> 00:03:47,760
like to visit las vegas

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00:03:52,070 --> 00:03:50,480
it's celestia award from squaring the

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00:03:54,229 --> 00:03:52,080
strange hello celestia

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00:03:55,670 --> 00:03:54,239
hello richard and i owe you a beer the

87
00:03:57,910 --> 00:03:55,680
next time you get into town

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00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:57,920

unless unless brian dunning has already

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00:04:00,550 --> 00:03:59,599

filled your beer capacity for the rest

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00:04:02,229 --> 00:04:00,560

of your life

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00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:02,239

i think he has you know but still i'll

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00:04:07,110 --> 00:04:04,319

i'll take you up on that generous offer

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00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:07,120

now folks you also will hear celestia on

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00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:09,040

the skeptic zone from time to time

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00:04:12,869 --> 00:04:10,400

because she was kind enough to

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00:04:14,949 --> 00:04:12,879

do a few voiceovers and of course we

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00:04:16,949 --> 00:04:14,959

love to promote squaring the strange how

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00:04:18,949 --> 00:04:16,959

is squaring the strange going

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00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:18,959

oh we're chugging right along we are on

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00:04:22,310 --> 00:04:21,359

episode like 112 is going to be the next

101
00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:22,320
one

102
00:04:25,990 --> 00:04:25,280
and uh we have tackled all sorts of

103
00:04:28,629 --> 00:04:26,000
things from

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00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:28,639
mothman to i think literary hoaxes is

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00:04:32,390 --> 00:04:30,400
the next one we're going to look into

106
00:04:34,150 --> 00:04:32,400
there's just an unlimited amount of

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00:04:34,870 --> 00:04:34,160
stuff that's kind of strange out there

108
00:04:36,710 --> 00:04:34,880
that you can

109
00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:36,720
look into and have a lot of fun

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00:04:40,469 --> 00:04:38,960
researching it certainly is as i've

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00:04:41,510 --> 00:04:40,479
discovered over many years of doing the

112
00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:41,520
skeptic zone

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00:04:45,030 --> 00:04:43,520

but i i really like listening to

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00:04:46,230 --> 00:04:45,040

squaring the strange it's great to hear

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00:04:49,189 --> 00:04:46,240

you pascal and ben

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00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:49,199

chatting about all these mysteries and

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00:04:52,230 --> 00:04:49,600

and

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00:04:53,909 --> 00:04:52,240

uh strange things strange goings on it

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00:04:55,909 --> 00:04:53,919

it reminds me of the good old-fashioned

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00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,919

skepticism that's why i got into this in

121

00:04:59,670 --> 00:04:57,520

the first place

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00:05:01,270 --> 00:04:59,680

there is an ever queen there is an

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00:05:03,350 --> 00:05:01,280

evergreen quality to it

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uh ben always does a lot of the heavy

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00:05:06,550 --> 00:05:04,800

lifting and brings a lot of the research

126
00:05:09,110 --> 00:05:06,560
because of course he's been doing it for

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00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:09,120
20 odd years now and has a huge filing

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00:05:11,990 --> 00:05:10,560
cabinet full of stuff that we can just

129
00:05:14,629 --> 00:05:12,000
pull out and look at

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00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:14,639
and pasqual has been sort of on a

131
00:05:18,150 --> 00:05:16,320
sabbatical for a while but we're hoping

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00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:18,160
to get him back soon

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00:05:22,070 --> 00:05:20,240
now i can vouch for what you say about

134
00:05:24,790 --> 00:05:22,080
ben's filing cabinet i've seen

135
00:05:25,430 --> 00:05:24,800
ben's filing cabinet oh and live to tell

136
00:05:27,350 --> 00:05:25,440
the tale

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00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:27,360
yeah i got lost in there one day i think

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00:05:35,110 --> 00:05:33,029

it's amazing it's extensive and the

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00:05:37,749 --> 00:05:35,120

knowledge of that man is truly

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00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:37,759

astounding now the reason that we're

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00:05:40,950 --> 00:05:38,880

chatting today

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00:05:42,790 --> 00:05:40,960

is that it's come to my notice there's

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00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:42,800

something called the in here it comes

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00:05:48,390 --> 00:05:43,919

folks

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00:05:51,670 --> 00:05:48,400

the lv sos what is the lv

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00:05:55,749 --> 00:05:51,680

sos well it is the newly formed

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00:05:58,390 --> 00:05:55,759

las vegas society of skeptics

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00:05:59,189 --> 00:05:58,400

and i was lucky enough to go to their uh

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00:06:01,029 --> 00:05:59,199

their

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00:06:02,710 --> 00:06:01,039

first meeting which just happened like

151
00:06:05,189 --> 00:06:02,720
less than a week ago

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00:06:06,790 --> 00:06:05,199
and they had a wonderful microbiologist

153
00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:06,800
speaking about his

154
00:06:12,309 --> 00:06:09,759
his part in the uh back and forth about

155
00:06:14,870 --> 00:06:12,319
whether or not there was life on mars

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00:06:16,629 --> 00:06:14,880
due to some bacteria that was possibly

157
00:06:17,590 --> 00:06:16,639
found on a meteorite and back and forth

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00:06:19,749 --> 00:06:17,600
and everything

159
00:06:21,670 --> 00:06:19,759
who also happens to be one of the high

160
00:06:25,909 --> 00:06:21,680
muckety mucks over at unlv

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00:06:29,510 --> 00:06:25,919
uh uh dr dennis basilinski

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00:06:31,590 --> 00:06:29,520
was kind enough to uh entertain us for a

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00:06:33,350 --> 00:06:31,600

good 45 minutes with a talk and a slide

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00:06:34,070 --> 00:06:33,360

presentation and then we also had a

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00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:34,080

little trivia

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00:06:38,629 --> 00:06:36,479

game involving logical fallacies which

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00:06:40,950 --> 00:06:38,639

is now i should give credit here um

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00:06:42,309 --> 00:06:40,960

ron lee is the fellow that that kind of

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00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:42,319

organized it here and so i'm just

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00:06:46,309 --> 00:06:44,080

getting to know these folks and

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00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:46,319

they were happy to have me join up and

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00:06:49,510 --> 00:06:48,000

and i'll be happy to do whatever i can

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00:06:52,309 --> 00:06:49,520

for them over the course of their

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00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:52,319

existence excellent now folks we'll link

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00:06:54,870 --> 00:06:53,120

to that

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00:06:56,150 --> 00:06:54,880
newly formed group in this week's show

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00:06:58,629 --> 00:06:56,160
notes thank you

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00:06:59,670 --> 00:06:58,639
very kind if so if any aussies are in

179
00:07:01,990 --> 00:06:59,680
town uh we

180
00:07:02,710 --> 00:07:02,000
we do hope to have a get together once a

181
00:07:05,909 --> 00:07:02,720
week

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00:07:07,990 --> 00:07:05,919
at a place called uh astronomy ale house

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00:07:11,029 --> 00:07:08,000
and kind of doing skeptics in the pub

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00:07:12,870 --> 00:07:11,039
oh ooh that sounds good

185
00:07:14,150 --> 00:07:12,880
book me in please for the next time i'm

186
00:07:15,670 --> 00:07:14,160
in las vegas oh

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00:07:17,029 --> 00:07:15,680
they're always looking for speakers i

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00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:17,039

think we can definitely get you on the

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00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:17,840

rotation

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00:07:21,990 --> 00:07:19,360

well that's good i'm always looking for

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00:07:24,790 --> 00:07:22,000

people to speak out too

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00:07:26,629 --> 00:07:24,800

something like that now very interesting

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00:07:30,469 --> 00:07:26,639

it's also come to my notice that

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00:07:32,469 --> 00:07:30,479

a uh a figure shrouded in mystery has

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00:07:36,390 --> 00:07:32,479

written a report for the

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00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,400

uh lvsos about

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00:07:40,550 --> 00:07:38,479

well one of the current crop of uh

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so-called psychic so-called people who

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can speak to the dead

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thomas john what can you tell me about

201
00:07:49,430 --> 00:07:45,520
that well

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00:07:51,670 --> 00:07:49,440
thomas john has with much fanfare uh

203
00:07:53,589 --> 00:07:51,680
plastered his face on billboards around

204
00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:53,599
town and he started up a little show at

205
00:07:57,909 --> 00:07:55,520
cleopatra's barge

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00:07:59,830 --> 00:07:57,919
which is located in caesar's palace

207
00:08:01,670 --> 00:07:59,840
which is one of the larger properties

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00:08:03,990 --> 00:08:01,680
here in town

209
00:08:05,350 --> 00:08:04,000
so it's definitely a a little jewel in

210
00:08:08,550 --> 00:08:05,360
his crown

211
00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:08,560
that we want to try and chisel out

212
00:08:15,270 --> 00:08:12,800
because las vegas has a lot of

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00:08:16,950 --> 00:08:15,280

questionable types of entertainment but

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00:08:18,710 --> 00:08:16,960

i think talking to the dead for money

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00:08:20,550 --> 00:08:18,720

kind of crosses a line that a lot of us

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00:08:23,749 --> 00:08:20,560

don't want crossed

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00:08:26,950 --> 00:08:23,759

um so uh susan gerbic

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00:08:29,430 --> 00:08:26,960

very kindly uh got you know some people

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00:08:31,189 --> 00:08:29,440

on the lv sos reached out to her and she

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00:08:32,870 --> 00:08:31,199

reached out back and talked about thomas

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00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:32,880

john being in vegas

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00:08:35,909 --> 00:08:34,479

and she said you know if you guys get

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00:08:37,509 --> 00:08:35,919

volunteers we could

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00:08:38,870 --> 00:08:37,519

get you guys some tickets and we could

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00:08:41,909 --> 00:08:38,880

see what we can gather because it

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00:08:45,509 --> 00:08:41,919

provided a really unique opportunity

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00:08:47,110 --> 00:08:45,519

to gather data on his methods

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00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:47,120

when you think about it and rather than

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00:08:53,670 --> 00:08:49,920

going to one town and doing one show

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00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:53,680

he was doing a whole lineup of shows so

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00:08:59,910 --> 00:08:57,760

him uh so he was grabbing information

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00:09:01,829 --> 00:08:59,920

we strongly believe he was gathering

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00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:01,839

information off of facebook

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00:09:04,949 --> 00:09:03,440

but people were writing in saying they

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00:09:06,389 --> 00:09:04,959

were going to see his show and he didn't

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00:09:07,990 --> 00:09:06,399

know if it was going to be tuesday or

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00:09:11,110 --> 00:09:08,000

wednesday or friday or saturday

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00:09:13,030 --> 00:09:11,120

afternoon and uh and some of that

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00:09:14,389 --> 00:09:13,040

really kind of uh led to some

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00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:14,399

interesting trends

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00:09:18,230 --> 00:09:16,800

uh susan has got a whole database and

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00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:18,240

this is something we can actually

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00:09:24,070 --> 00:09:21,519

keep working on because he hasn't

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00:09:26,710 --> 00:09:24,080

he uh he's listed more shows he's going

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00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:26,720

to be performing through march at least

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00:09:30,389 --> 00:09:29,040

and it's also not hard to get comps to

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00:09:33,670 --> 00:09:30,399

his show because it's not

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00:09:35,190 --> 00:09:33,680

selling incredibly well i see

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00:09:36,790 --> 00:09:35,200

that's very interesting i wouldn't mind

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00:09:38,389 --> 00:09:36,800

seeing something like that myself i've

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00:09:39,430 --> 00:09:38,399

seen many before of course but it's

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00:09:42,630 --> 00:09:39,440

always

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00:09:45,190 --> 00:09:42,640

interesting to see how other performers

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00:09:45,990 --> 00:09:45,200

if i can use that word go about doing

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00:09:47,590 --> 00:09:46,000

their show

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00:09:49,750 --> 00:09:47,600

now folks what i'm going to do is i'm

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00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:49,760

going to read the first few paragraphs

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00:09:53,430 --> 00:09:50,000

of

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00:09:55,509 --> 00:09:53,440

the report written by somebody who's

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00:10:02,949 --> 00:09:55,519

not quite undercover but somebody who is

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00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:05,430

las vegas society of skeptics published

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on the 25th

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of january the first mission

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from the lvsos is in the books we made a

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00:10:16,230 --> 00:10:14,959

bunch of predictions and watched them

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00:10:19,590 --> 00:10:16,240

come true

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00:10:20,230 --> 00:10:19,600

are we psychic no but we figured out how

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00:10:23,030 --> 00:10:20,240

a grief

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vampire operates here is the first of

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00:10:25,590 --> 00:10:24,880

many experiences from one of our

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00:10:27,910 --> 00:10:25,600

anonymous

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00:10:29,030 --> 00:10:27,920

activists thank you for the mentorship

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00:10:31,269 --> 00:10:29,040

susan gerbic

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00:10:32,470 --> 00:10:31,279

and to the many volunteers that helped

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00:10:36,389 --> 00:10:32,480

gather data

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00:10:39,509 --> 00:10:36,399

my knight sitting through thomas john

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00:10:42,069 --> 00:10:39,519

by the masked skeptic thomas

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00:10:44,069 --> 00:10:42,079

john is trying to break into las vegas

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00:10:47,110 --> 00:10:44,079

with something he calls

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00:10:49,910 --> 00:10:47,120

a life-changing experience

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00:10:51,670 --> 00:10:49,920

certainly vegas has many shows that rely

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00:10:55,350 --> 00:10:51,680

on something that a skeptic

283

00:10:57,269 --> 00:10:55,360

could call fakery from mentalism and

284

00:11:00,630 --> 00:10:57,279

hypnosis shows to the

285

00:11:02,230 --> 00:11:00,640

rows of silicon enhanced breasts draped

286

00:11:04,310 --> 00:11:02,240

in rhinestones

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00:11:05,829 --> 00:11:04,320

but few of these performers are

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00:11:08,470 --> 00:11:05,839

convicted felons

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00:11:10,069 --> 00:11:08,480
with a history of fraud rebranding

290

00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:10,079
themselves as having the

291

00:11:16,310 --> 00:11:13,200
supernatural power to dredge up dead

292

00:11:19,110 --> 00:11:16,320
loved ones even so i can see

293

00:11:19,829 --> 00:11:19,120
vegas giving almost anyone even a guy

294

00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:19,839
like that

295

00:11:23,110 --> 00:11:22,160
a chance at success on the las vegas

296

00:11:26,150 --> 00:11:23,120
strip

297

00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:26,160
you know if the show was good if it had

298

00:11:44,230 --> 00:11:26,880
a

299

00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:44,240
people's grief for profit

300

00:11:47,910 --> 00:11:47,360
and focus on whether thomas john can

301
00:11:51,509 --> 00:11:47,920
offer

302
00:11:54,629 --> 00:11:51,519
vegas tourists a great theatrical

303
00:11:57,750 --> 00:11:54,639
presentation in a word

304
00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:57,760
no this show is

305
00:12:02,470 --> 00:12:00,720
terrible it may have been the worst

306
00:12:05,430 --> 00:12:02,480
production i have ever seen

307
00:12:06,870 --> 00:12:05,440
in my 30-odd years here in vegas i'm

308
00:12:09,670 --> 00:12:06,880
sure there were a few folks

309
00:12:10,069 --> 00:12:09,680
who were impressed because they honestly

310
00:12:12,069 --> 00:12:10,079
thought

311
00:12:13,269 --> 00:12:12,079
thomas john was communicating with dead

312
00:12:15,590 --> 00:12:13,279
spirits

313
00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:15,600

and maybe there were a few audience

314

00:12:20,310 --> 00:12:16,800

members who thought that

315

00:12:21,829 --> 00:12:20,320

puppets were truly alive and puppet up

316

00:12:24,470 --> 00:12:21,839

they certainly provided a more

317

00:12:27,190 --> 00:12:24,480

entertaining case for that theory

318

00:12:28,870 --> 00:12:27,200

more on that later the only truly dead

319

00:12:31,350 --> 00:12:28,880

thing i witnessed on the night i

320

00:12:32,230 --> 00:12:31,360

attended was thomas john's stage

321

00:12:35,110 --> 00:12:32,240

presence

322

00:12:36,550 --> 00:12:35,120

he had no energy whatsoever squinting

323

00:12:39,509 --> 00:12:36,560

and clearing his throat

324

00:12:41,509 --> 00:12:39,519

through the entire show and relying on

325

00:12:44,230 --> 00:12:41,519

an attractive young hostess

326

00:12:45,190 --> 00:12:44,240

who flits from here to there finding

327

00:12:48,949 --> 00:12:45,200

people

328

00:12:51,110 --> 00:12:48,959

thomas might be connecting with

329

00:12:51,990 --> 00:12:51,120

and handing out the microphone thomas

330

00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:52,000

for his part

331

00:12:56,310 --> 00:12:55,040

stammers and guesses often only getting

332

00:12:59,269 --> 00:12:56,320

part of a thought

333

00:13:00,629 --> 00:12:59,279

then abandoning it he might declare that

334

00:13:03,750 --> 00:13:00,639

he's feeling an

335

00:13:04,470 --> 00:13:03,760

older female presence in one part of the

336

00:13:08,310 --> 00:13:04,480

room

337

00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:08,320

and then say well i'll come back to that

338

00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:10,399

one audience member lit up when he told

339

00:13:14,310 --> 00:13:12,240

her he was connecting

340

00:13:16,150 --> 00:13:14,320

with her father then he simply dropped

341

00:13:18,550 --> 00:13:16,160

the matter entirely and wandered off to

342

00:13:20,069 --> 00:13:18,560

the other side of the stage as casually

343

00:13:24,069 --> 00:13:20,079

as one might swipe

344

00:13:26,069 --> 00:13:24,079

left he also got noticeably snippy

345

00:13:28,550 --> 00:13:26,079

with people who didn't agree right away

346

00:13:31,350 --> 00:13:28,560

with his observations

347

00:13:31,670 --> 00:13:31,360

i have seen other psychics and one could

348

00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:31,680

say

349

00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:34,720

in their defense that at least

350

00:13:38,949 --> 00:13:38,000

they seemed to care and exuded a feeling

351
00:13:41,350 --> 00:13:38,959
of empathy

352
00:13:41,990 --> 00:13:41,360
and comfort as they dealt with those

353
00:13:45,350 --> 00:13:42,000
wishing

354
00:13:46,710 --> 00:13:45,360
to connect with loved ones thomas john

355
00:13:49,670 --> 00:13:46,720
simply came off as

356
00:13:54,550 --> 00:13:49,680
callous to me like he really had better

357
00:13:58,069 --> 00:13:57,350
and that's only the first few paragraphs

358
00:14:01,269 --> 00:13:58,079
of this

359
00:14:05,509 --> 00:14:03,910
well yes we have we had a number of

360
00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:05,519
people jump at the chance to

361
00:14:09,350 --> 00:14:07,600
to sit in on this and and bite the

362
00:14:11,750 --> 00:14:09,360
bullet so to speak and sit through

363
00:14:12,470 --> 00:14:11,760

the entire show and i was one of them i

364

00:14:14,310 --> 00:14:12,480

went and got

365

00:14:16,150 --> 00:14:14,320

got to see the show and i had seen john

366

00:14:19,829 --> 00:14:16,160

edward on a previous

367

00:14:21,829 --> 00:14:19,839

occasion uh but i i didn't think there

368

00:14:23,670 --> 00:14:21,839

would be any performer that would make

369

00:14:27,269 --> 00:14:23,680

me appreciate john edward but

370

00:14:31,910 --> 00:14:29,670

he does not have the warmth that john

371

00:14:34,150 --> 00:14:31,920

edward had he's he's a bit

372

00:14:36,230 --> 00:14:34,160

cold in his presentation and and perhaps

373

00:14:40,629 --> 00:14:36,240

he was a bit off of his game because of

374

00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:40,639

uh the the uh investigations that susan

375

00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:42,000

and others have been doing

376

00:14:45,910 --> 00:14:44,160

uh in fact i think other mediums have

377

00:14:46,389 --> 00:14:45,920

even started attacking thomas john so

378

00:14:52,230 --> 00:14:46,399

he's

379

00:14:53,670 --> 00:14:52,240

and folks listen there's lots more i i

380

00:14:55,189 --> 00:14:53,680

mean i only just read the first few

381

00:14:57,670 --> 00:14:55,199

paragraphs but the

382

00:14:58,470 --> 00:14:57,680

report itself is extensive it's

383

00:15:02,069 --> 00:14:58,480

insightful

384

00:15:04,230 --> 00:15:02,079

it's funny uh and it's a little bit um

385

00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:04,240

what can i say sobering by the end of it

386

00:15:08,710 --> 00:15:06,560

so i really recommend that everybody

387

00:15:10,629 --> 00:15:08,720

spend the time go to the website

388

00:15:12,069 --> 00:15:10,639

in this week's show notes and read the

389

00:15:14,150 --> 00:15:12,079

full report for yourself

390

00:15:16,069 --> 00:15:14,160

because whoever it was in there in the

391

00:15:17,670 --> 00:15:16,079

audience uh they did a very good job i

392

00:15:20,069 --> 00:15:17,680

think i think you'd agree

393

00:15:21,509 --> 00:15:20,079

oh well we've got like upwards of about

394

00:15:25,189 --> 00:15:21,519

70 or 80 people

395

00:15:25,990 --> 00:15:25,199

who uh are members via the facebook page

396

00:15:27,750 --> 00:15:26,000

and then we had

397

00:15:29,910 --> 00:15:27,760

quite a handful of those people showed

398

00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:29,920

up for a live meeting

399

00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:32,240

and the problem with putting somebody's

400

00:15:36,470 --> 00:15:33,440

name right on the

401
00:15:38,069 --> 00:15:36,480
uh the report is that if it circulates

402
00:15:39,829 --> 00:15:38,079
like that i think the person who wrote

403
00:15:41,749 --> 00:15:39,839
it is a little bit worried because

404
00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:41,759
caesar's palace is a large

405
00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:43,920
employer in las vegas and they kind of

406
00:15:47,670 --> 00:15:45,839
have their fingers in everything

407
00:15:49,509 --> 00:15:47,680
and i think many people are a little

408
00:15:52,310 --> 00:15:49,519
nervous about uh

409
00:15:53,189 --> 00:15:52,320
potentially causing a rift with caesar's

410
00:15:55,670 --> 00:15:53,199
if they perhaps

411
00:15:56,710 --> 00:15:55,680
work for they might work for one of the

412
00:15:58,710 --> 00:15:56,720
uh

413
00:16:01,430 --> 00:15:58,720

many properties you never know so you

414

00:16:03,509 --> 00:16:01,440

know it's vegas is a small town

415

00:16:04,949 --> 00:16:03,519

which i think will will work for us when

416

00:16:06,389 --> 00:16:04,959

it comes to uh

417

00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:06,399

kind of putting the word out that look

418

00:16:11,749 --> 00:16:08,720

this this thomas john fella is not

419

00:16:13,350 --> 00:16:11,759

uh not what he claims to be all right

420

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:13,360

that's that's interesting nevertheless

421

00:16:15,990 --> 00:16:14,079

folks

422

00:16:17,749 --> 00:16:16,000

again i can't recommend this report

423

00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:17,759

enough i began to read it and i was

424

00:16:20,949 --> 00:16:19,120

reading it and reading i'm thinking this

425

00:16:25,590 --> 00:16:20,959

is a really good report

426

00:16:27,590 --> 00:16:25,600

it's about the method of the show

427

00:16:28,629 --> 00:16:27,600

what happened afterwards and and on it

428

00:16:31,829 --> 00:16:28,639

goes so

429

00:16:34,310 --> 00:16:31,839

congratulations to your uh mystery

430

00:16:36,069 --> 00:16:34,320

writer there and before we go celestia

431

00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:36,079

what projects are you working on well

432

00:16:38,870 --> 00:16:36,880

i've i've

433

00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:38,880

never really given up the editing i used

434

00:16:42,629 --> 00:16:40,240

to be a full-time

435

00:16:43,350 --> 00:16:42,639

editor and so i have been working on a

436

00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:43,360

couple of

437

00:16:46,870 --> 00:16:45,120

editorial projects with some people and

438

00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:46,880

those are gonna see the

439

00:16:53,749 --> 00:16:50,160
day eventually

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00:16:54,389 --> 00:16:53,759
um but my artwork is also uh full force

441

00:16:56,629 --> 00:16:54,399
i'm always

442

00:16:59,269 --> 00:16:56,639
always busy with that and so and then

443

00:17:01,509 --> 00:16:59,279
i've got the toddler so between all that

444

00:17:03,189 --> 00:17:01,519
on all fronts i'm kind of running to put

445

00:17:05,590 --> 00:17:03,199
fires out left and right

446

00:17:06,470 --> 00:17:05,600
are you burning the candle at both ends

447

00:17:08,069 --> 00:17:06,480
so no wonder

448

00:17:10,230 --> 00:17:08,079
you're trying to run around putting out

449

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:10,240
fires well look we appreciate the work

450

00:17:14,150 --> 00:17:11,120
you do

451
00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:14,160
in uh on squaring the strange very much

452
00:17:18,309 --> 00:17:16,959
uh good luck with the continued uh

453
00:17:22,870 --> 00:17:18,319
adventures with the

454
00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:22,880
the newly formed uh lv sos the las vegas

455
00:17:27,110 --> 00:17:25,520
the las vegas society of skeptics and if

456
00:17:29,270 --> 00:17:27,120
anybody checks it out that is a

457
00:17:31,430 --> 00:17:29,280
fantastic logo i'm sad

458
00:17:33,190 --> 00:17:31,440
to say that i did not design it they had

459
00:17:35,270 --> 00:17:33,200
that logo before i even

460
00:17:36,549 --> 00:17:35,280
met anybody on there but it's a neat

461
00:17:39,590 --> 00:17:36,559
little rocket ship

462
00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:39,600
lv sos logo and please

463
00:17:42,950 --> 00:17:42,480

allow me to thank once more susan gerbic

464

00:17:46,630 --> 00:17:42,960

who

465

00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:46,640

uh through a tremendously long drawn out

466

00:17:52,310 --> 00:17:49,520

thread on facebook messenger with a

467

00:17:56,710 --> 00:17:52,320

bunch of the lvsos people and myself

468

00:17:58,470 --> 00:17:56,720

formulated clever and reliable ways to

469

00:18:01,510 --> 00:17:58,480

get the information that we wanted to

470

00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:01,520

get on the methods thomas john was using

471

00:18:05,590 --> 00:18:03,760

and uh and continually update this

472

00:18:07,990 --> 00:18:05,600

database we have which i believe

473

00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:08,000

susan is working on a larger project

474

00:18:10,630 --> 00:18:09,600

talking about what she's learned from

475

00:18:13,830 --> 00:18:10,640

this one

476

00:18:16,390 --> 00:18:13,840

it wouldn't surprise me at

477

00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:16,400

i spent some time with susan running

478

00:18:20,230 --> 00:18:18,080

around and running around and running

479

00:18:22,789 --> 00:18:20,240

around it wouldn't surprise me at all

480

00:18:23,909 --> 00:18:22,799

yes so big shout out to susan gerbic but

481

00:18:27,190 --> 00:18:23,919

for now

482

00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:27,200

celestia wood all the way from amazing

483

00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:28,000

las vegas

484

00:18:31,000 --> 00:18:30,559

thank you very much all right take care

485

00:18:38,390 --> 00:18:31,010

richard

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00:18:40,789 --> 00:18:38,400

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hey fellow skeptics ben radford here

488

00:18:43,590 --> 00:18:42,080

with celestia ward

489

00:18:45,990 --> 00:18:43,600

your friendly host of squaring the

490

00:18:48,710 --> 00:18:46,000

strange a podcast that looks at topics

491

00:18:51,029 --> 00:18:48,720

ranging from legends panics and cryptids

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00:18:52,789 --> 00:18:51,039

to media myths psychology and folklore

493

00:18:53,270 --> 00:18:52,799

breaking things down and picking things

494

00:18:55,430 --> 00:18:53,280

apart

495

00:18:57,270 --> 00:18:55,440

as we skeptics do we bring a few

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different perspectives on things

497

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celestia for example is a witty

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cartoonist and ben is a brilliant writer

499

00:19:05,350 --> 00:19:03,360

and long time skeptical investigator

500

00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:05,360

we don't always agree but we have fun

501
00:19:09,830 --> 00:19:07,440
trying and we learn new things

502
00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:09,840
join us for new topics every week or two

503
00:19:12,789 --> 00:19:12,000
or browse our backlog of evergreen

504
00:19:15,750 --> 00:19:12,799
episodes

505
00:19:16,870 --> 00:19:15,760
available on itunes and all your podcast

506
00:19:22,830 --> 00:19:16,880
feeding troughs

507
00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:23,940
bye-bye

508
00:19:39,110 --> 00:19:37,510
once again we dive into the pages of the

509
00:19:40,150 --> 00:19:39,120
skeptic the journal from australian

510
00:19:44,789 --> 00:19:40,160
skeptics

511
00:19:48,710 --> 00:19:44,799
this time all the way back to 1989

512
00:19:52,549 --> 00:19:50,950
to cover yet another report on one of my

513
00:19:58,870 --> 00:19:52,559

favorite topics

514

00:20:03,669 --> 00:20:01,270

now mind body wallet is of course the

515

00:20:08,149 --> 00:20:03,679

generic term we give to

516

00:20:11,029 --> 00:20:08,159

or new age festivals healing things

517

00:20:12,549 --> 00:20:11,039

crystals and psychics and new age

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00:20:15,669 --> 00:20:12,559

energies and

519

00:20:17,510 --> 00:20:15,679

odd gizmos and feel-good stuff

520

00:20:19,350 --> 00:20:17,520

the standard one in australia is called

521

00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:19,360

mind-body spirit

522

00:20:22,710 --> 00:20:20,880

but of course there are hundreds of

523

00:20:23,350 --> 00:20:22,720

similar things all around the world

524

00:20:26,549 --> 00:20:23,360

going back

525

00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:26,559

decades so in 1989

526

00:20:30,149 --> 00:20:28,559

a subscriber to the skeptic magazine

527

00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:30,159

murray finch

528

00:20:38,230 --> 00:20:34,640

went along to the bondi healing festival

529

00:20:41,110 --> 00:20:38,240

bondi being a beachside suburb in sydney

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and this report can be found in volume 9

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number 4

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summer 1989 of the skeptic magazine

533

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bondi healing festival subscriber murray

534

00:20:56,920 --> 00:20:54,640

finch

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00:20:59,830 --> 00:20:56,930

looks at the alternative health scene

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00:21:02,470 --> 00:20:59,840

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the 1989 skeptics conference was a great

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00:21:06,310 --> 00:21:03,280

success

539

00:21:09,830 --> 00:21:06,320

but i felt it was time to balance my

540

00:21:12,470 --> 00:21:09,840

yin with my yang and experience

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00:21:14,310 --> 00:21:12,480

another point of view when the sydney

542

00:21:14,950 --> 00:21:14,320

college of natural therapies and

543

00:21:17,830 --> 00:21:14,960

traditional

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00:21:19,909 --> 00:21:17,840

chinese medicine conducted a weekend

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festival of healing at the sydney

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beachside

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bondi pavilion on august 26 27 this year

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00:21:32,230 --> 00:21:28,960

i took a cosmic plunge to attend

549

00:21:35,350 --> 00:21:32,240

the pavilion was turned into a new age

550

00:21:37,990 --> 00:21:35,360

side show alley if you were recovering

551
00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:38,000
from a dose of the flu or perhaps your

552
00:21:41,590 --> 00:21:40,640
karma was playing up then this was the

553
00:21:44,270 --> 00:21:41,600
place to be

554
00:21:45,669 --> 00:21:44,280
aura readings crystal balancing foot

555
00:21:48,870 --> 00:21:45,679
reflexology

556
00:21:51,909 --> 00:21:48,880
homeopathy iridology it was all there

557
00:21:54,950 --> 00:21:51,919
at one table a woman dangled a

558
00:21:57,909 --> 00:21:54,960
radionic pendulum over a chart

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as it swayed to and fro it indicated

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which

561
00:22:03,750 --> 00:22:01,760
flower essence were to be prescribed

562
00:22:05,430 --> 00:22:03,760
another woman demonstrated electronic

563
00:22:09,270 --> 00:22:05,440

gadgets that picked up

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00:22:12,870 --> 00:22:09,280

vibrations from saliva samples and

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00:22:16,789 --> 00:22:12,880

realigned organs it's a sort of gravity

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00:22:18,950 --> 00:22:16,799

she said a series of lectures gave us

567

00:22:20,149 --> 00:22:18,960

a sample of what was being taught at the

568

00:22:23,350 --> 00:22:20,159

college

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00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:23,360

a naturopath diploma takes four years of

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00:22:26,470 --> 00:22:24,480

full-time study

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00:22:29,110 --> 00:22:26,480

costing over three thousand dollars a

572

00:22:30,070 --> 00:22:29,120

year despite the fees the college is

573

00:22:32,710 --> 00:22:30,080

having

574

00:22:33,590 --> 00:22:32,720

financial trouble and the festival was

575

00:22:36,870 --> 00:22:33,600

primarily

576

00:22:38,789 --> 00:22:36,880

a fundraiser students at the college are

577

00:22:41,510 --> 00:22:38,799

told that they are being taught

578

00:22:43,270 --> 00:22:41,520

university level science i can only

579

00:22:45,590 --> 00:22:43,280

assume the college is referring to the

580

00:22:47,669 --> 00:22:45,600

university of atlantis

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00:22:49,270 --> 00:22:47,679

sadly most of the students and the

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00:22:51,830 --> 00:22:49,280

therapists are women

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00:22:52,549 --> 00:22:51,840

whose basic science education failed

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00:22:55,750 --> 00:22:52,559

them

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00:22:56,390 --> 00:22:55,760

long before university margaret spicer

586

00:22:58,390 --> 00:22:56,400

began the

587

00:22:59,510 --> 00:22:58,400

lectures with an introduction to natural

588

00:23:02,549 --> 00:22:59,520

therapies

589

00:23:05,750 --> 00:23:02,559

we were told they involved phenomena

590

00:23:07,830 --> 00:23:05,760

known since ancient times but

591

00:23:09,510 --> 00:23:07,840

strangely modern science is having

592

00:23:12,310 --> 00:23:09,520

trouble coping with this

593

00:23:14,230 --> 00:23:12,320

the journal nature did publish proof of

594

00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:14,240

homeopathy but

595

00:23:17,350 --> 00:23:16,320

people have been trying to discredit it

596

00:23:20,070 --> 00:23:17,360

ever since

597

00:23:22,230 --> 00:23:20,080

but science has its limitations how can

598

00:23:23,029 --> 00:23:22,240

you use the same test on a group of

599

00:23:25,830 --> 00:23:23,039

people

600

00:23:27,110 --> 00:23:25,840

because everyone is different margaret

601
00:23:30,310 --> 00:23:27,120
explained

602
00:23:33,590 --> 00:23:30,320
science doesn't matter anyway knowing

603
00:23:34,230 --> 00:23:33,600
is more important we know crystals work

604
00:23:36,390 --> 00:23:34,240
because

605
00:23:38,870 --> 00:23:36,400
everyone knows silicon chips and crystal

606
00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:38,880
radios are amazing powerful things

607
00:23:43,669 --> 00:23:41,200
a modern laboratory may not be able to

608
00:23:46,630 --> 00:23:43,679
find anything in a homeopathic medicine

609
00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:46,640
but anyone who has taken such medicine

610
00:23:51,110 --> 00:23:48,720
knows it works

611
00:23:51,830 --> 00:23:51,120
eva starr gave the next lecture which

612
00:23:56,870 --> 00:23:51,840
was

613
00:23:59,269 --> 00:23:56,880

sure what that had to do with health

614

00:24:00,310 --> 00:23:59,279

but it sounded good eva told us the

615

00:24:03,750 --> 00:24:00,320

pyramids were

616

00:24:07,269 --> 00:24:03,760

really built by the wise ones

617

00:24:07,669 --> 00:24:07,279

from atlantis where else who came to

618

00:24:10,070 --> 00:24:07,679

teach

619

00:24:11,269 --> 00:24:10,080

the backward egyptians how to use both

620

00:24:12,870 --> 00:24:11,279

sides of their brain

621

00:24:14,549 --> 00:24:12,880

they taught how the organs in the body

622

00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:14,559

corresponded with the planets

623

00:24:17,669 --> 00:24:16,240

and their knowledge is still in the

624

00:24:20,789 --> 00:24:17,679

pyramids not

625

00:24:23,669 --> 00:24:20,799

yet ready to be released from pyramid

626

00:24:25,909 --> 00:24:23,679

energy we moved on to crystal energy

627

00:24:28,789 --> 00:24:25,919

clifton harrison presented

628

00:24:30,870 --> 00:24:28,799

crystal healing a practical approach we

629

00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:30,880

started in a very practical way

630

00:24:34,870 --> 00:24:33,679

with a crystal massage this was done by

631

00:24:36,870 --> 00:24:34,880

rubbing a crystal in

632

00:24:38,470 --> 00:24:36,880

small circular motions over your

633

00:24:41,510 --> 00:24:38,480

partner's back

634

00:24:45,269 --> 00:24:41,520

when it was time to swap clifton had to

635

00:24:47,590 --> 00:24:45,279

cleanse the crystal with a spray bottle

636

00:24:50,149 --> 00:24:47,600

containing a mixture of essential oils

637

00:24:53,029 --> 00:24:50,159

and flour essence

638

00:24:55,190 --> 00:24:53,039

this removed the bad vibes so they were

639

00:24:57,909 --> 00:24:55,200

not passed on to the next person

640

00:24:59,190 --> 00:24:57,919

clifton was a hands-on therapist he did

641

00:25:02,789 --> 00:24:59,200

not want to dwell on

642

00:25:04,310 --> 00:25:02,799

crystal theory but he did say crystals

643

00:25:07,190 --> 00:25:04,320

work through electricity

644

00:25:07,430 --> 00:25:07,200

picking it up from our aura transforming

645

00:25:11,350 --> 00:25:07,440

it

646

00:25:14,070 --> 00:25:11,360

this as

647

00:25:15,430 --> 00:25:14,080

an electrical loop between us and the

648

00:25:19,110 --> 00:25:15,440

rock

649

00:25:19,510 --> 00:25:19,120

a body layout was performed someone laid

650

00:25:22,390 --> 00:25:19,520

down

651
00:25:23,590 --> 00:25:22,400
and had obsidian which clifton described

652
00:25:26,390 --> 00:25:23,600
as a

653
00:25:26,950 --> 00:25:26,400
very scorpionic rock placed above their

654
00:25:29,990 --> 00:25:26,960
liver

655
00:25:30,390 --> 00:25:30,000
to draw out the bitterness and above

656
00:25:33,990 --> 00:25:30,400
their

657
00:25:35,029 --> 00:25:34,000
spleen to draw out the anger after 10 to

658
00:25:38,549 --> 00:25:35,039
15 minutes

659
00:25:39,909 --> 00:25:38,559
the rock was removed but a hole had been

660
00:25:41,909 --> 00:25:39,919
left behind

661
00:25:43,669 --> 00:25:41,919
pink quartz was then placed on the

662
00:25:47,029 --> 00:25:43,679
patient to fill the hole

663
00:25:47,750 --> 00:25:47,039

with love there is so much power in good

664

00:25:51,590 --> 00:25:47,760

rocks

665

00:25:52,390 --> 00:25:51,600

clifton said shirley darby a former

666

00:25:55,350 --> 00:25:52,400

interior

667

00:25:56,070 --> 00:25:55,360

decorator who also does astrology and

668

00:26:00,070 --> 00:25:56,080

numerology

669

00:26:02,230 --> 00:26:00,080

charts gave a talk on color psychology

670

00:26:03,430 --> 00:26:02,240

shirley informed us that color is a

671

00:26:06,230 --> 00:26:03,440

nutrient

672

00:26:07,669 --> 00:26:06,240

and if we look into the sky we can

673

00:26:10,390 --> 00:26:07,679

sometimes see

674

00:26:12,070 --> 00:26:10,400

molecules of color floating around of

675

00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:12,080

course there are also

676

00:26:16,149 --> 00:26:14,240

higher levels of color but only

677

00:26:18,789 --> 00:26:16,159

clairvoyant people can see them

678

00:26:19,190 --> 00:26:18,799

one may think it was time for the men in

679

00:26:22,149 --> 00:26:19,200

white

680

00:26:24,149 --> 00:26:22,159

coats to arrive but shirley told us it

681

00:26:27,830 --> 00:26:24,159

was just these sorts of people

682

00:26:28,950 --> 00:26:27,840

who are prone to madness white absorbs

683

00:26:32,310 --> 00:26:28,960

everything

684

00:26:35,190 --> 00:26:32,320

and offers no protection from good or

685

00:26:37,190 --> 00:26:35,200

bad energy dentists we were told have

686

00:26:38,789 --> 00:26:37,200

the highest suicide and heart attack

687

00:26:41,350 --> 00:26:38,799

rate of any profession

688

00:26:43,269 --> 00:26:41,360

because they are constantly absorbing

689

00:26:45,510 --> 00:26:43,279

their patients negative energy

690

00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:45,520

right through the solar plexus which is

691

00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:46,640

the chakra

692

00:26:51,029 --> 00:26:49,120

energy center such problems can be

693

00:26:51,990 --> 00:26:51,039

avoided by wearing something under the

694

00:26:55,269 --> 00:26:52,000

coat to act

695

00:26:57,430 --> 00:26:55,279

as a barrier i can't recall my dentist

696

00:27:00,630 --> 00:26:57,440

being naked except for a white

697

00:27:01,269 --> 00:27:00,640

coat so he must have got the message if

698

00:27:04,549 --> 00:27:01,279

all else

699

00:27:06,149 --> 00:27:04,559

fails you can wrap colored cellophane

700

00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:06,159

around a bottle of water

701
00:27:10,950 --> 00:27:08,480
leave it in the sun for a while and then

702
00:27:12,310 --> 00:27:10,960
drink it to absorb the color energy

703
00:27:12,780 --> 00:27:12,320
different colors having different

704
00:27:15,190 --> 00:27:12,790
effects

705
00:27:17,110 --> 00:27:15,200
[Music]

706
00:27:18,710 --> 00:27:17,120
there are many who will laugh this off

707
00:27:20,389 --> 00:27:18,720
as harmless nonsense

708
00:27:22,950 --> 00:27:20,399
however the dangerous side of

709
00:27:26,149 --> 00:27:22,960
alternative medicine

710
00:27:27,909 --> 00:27:26,159
was about to be exposed peter to manilow

711
00:27:30,070 --> 00:27:27,919
a practicing homeopath

712
00:27:31,750 --> 00:27:30,080
illustrated this when he gave a lecture

713
00:27:33,190 --> 00:27:31,760

on homeopathy

714

00:27:35,669 --> 00:27:33,200

samuel henneman the founder of

715

00:27:36,870 --> 00:27:35,679

homeopathy was made to sound like a

716

00:27:39,190 --> 00:27:36,880

messiah

717

00:27:41,029 --> 00:27:39,200

it is only now the world is catching up

718

00:27:43,590 --> 00:27:41,039

with him according to peter

719

00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:43,600

we are on the verge of a revolution he

720

00:27:46,310 --> 00:27:44,399

exclaimed

721

00:27:49,190 --> 00:27:46,320

there is a consciousness change away

722

00:27:52,310 --> 00:27:49,200

from tablets peter was a true believer

723

00:27:53,269 --> 00:27:52,320

he had no doubt many experiments have

724

00:27:55,830 --> 00:27:53,279

been done

725

00:27:57,990 --> 00:27:55,840

there is no need to repeat them it's

726

00:27:58,470 --> 00:27:58,000

just that the scientific community has

727

00:28:00,830 --> 00:27:58,480

trouble

728

00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:00,840

getting their minds around them he

729

00:28:04,549 --> 00:28:02,559

lamented we were told

730

00:28:08,070 --> 00:28:04,559

hannemann discovered e equals m c

731

00:28:11,350 --> 00:28:08,080

squared 150 years before einstein

732

00:28:14,789 --> 00:28:11,360

when homeopathic substances are diluted

733

00:28:17,430 --> 00:28:14,799

one in 100 30 times over

734

00:28:19,590 --> 00:28:17,440

they are shaken each time and this

735

00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:19,600

transforms the matter into energy

736

00:28:24,710 --> 00:28:22,080

even if not one molecule of the medicine

737

00:28:27,350 --> 00:28:24,720

is present in the final delusion

738

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:27,360

it is still potent enough because the

739

00:28:37,510 --> 00:28:35,750

peter recommended homeopathic

740

00:28:39,750 --> 00:28:37,520

immunization for children

741

00:28:41,669 --> 00:28:39,760

and those traveling abroad the full

742

00:28:42,950 --> 00:28:41,679

range of childhood diseases can be

743

00:28:46,389 --> 00:28:42,960

catered for

744

00:28:49,750 --> 00:28:46,399

homeopathically polio tetanus

745

00:28:52,630 --> 00:28:49,760

diphtheria he does them all

746

00:28:53,110 --> 00:28:52,640

when going overseas peter can treat you

747

00:28:56,470 --> 00:28:53,120

against

748

00:28:59,190 --> 00:28:56,480

typhoid cholera and anything else you

749

00:29:00,710 --> 00:28:59,200

care to mention the homeopathic energy

750

00:29:03,830 --> 00:29:00,720

will be enough to send

751
00:29:06,070 --> 00:29:03,840
these diseases running if you ever get

752
00:29:09,110 --> 00:29:06,080
knocked down by a bus

753
00:29:11,990 --> 00:29:09,120
make sure you have your homeopathic

754
00:29:13,110 --> 00:29:12,000
first aid kit it consists of a brown

755
00:29:15,029 --> 00:29:13,120
paper bag

756
00:29:16,389 --> 00:29:15,039
containing five small bottles of

757
00:29:18,149 --> 00:29:16,399
powdered herbs

758
00:29:19,510 --> 00:29:18,159
and peta was selling them for five

759
00:29:21,029 --> 00:29:19,520
dollars each

760
00:29:23,350 --> 00:29:21,039
the accompanying instructions

761
00:29:26,470 --> 00:29:23,360
recommended their use for all manner of

762
00:29:28,789 --> 00:29:26,480
misfortunes including constipation

763
00:29:30,870 --> 00:29:28,799

puncture wounds tetanus prevention

764

00:29:34,389 --> 00:29:30,880

animal bites burns

765

00:29:37,110 --> 00:29:34,399

concussions and spinal injury

766

00:29:37,830 --> 00:29:37,120

there is a fine line between looney

767

00:29:40,549 --> 00:29:37,840

tunes

768

00:29:42,470 --> 00:29:40,559

and public menace and it had certainly

769

00:29:44,950 --> 00:29:42,480

been crossed by now

770

00:29:45,830 --> 00:29:44,960

if one day i'm wedged halfway down the

771

00:29:48,230 --> 00:29:45,840

cliff

772

00:29:49,430 --> 00:29:48,240

i hope the rescue helicopter does a

773

00:29:52,830 --> 00:29:49,440

little more

774

00:29:56,149 --> 00:29:52,840

than deliver a charlatan with an

775

00:29:59,590 --> 00:29:58,630

and the report has an addendum addendum

776

00:30:02,470 --> 00:29:59,600

homeopathic

777

00:30:05,029 --> 00:30:02,480

immunization according to the story in

778

00:30:08,310 --> 00:30:05,039

the melbourne sun november the 19th

779

00:30:10,950 --> 00:30:08,320

1989 natural health advocate

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00:30:12,950 --> 00:30:10,960

jenny edgley has been criticized by

781

00:30:15,590 --> 00:30:12,960

doctors for producing a

782

00:30:17,669 --> 00:30:15,600

good health video which denounces

783

00:30:19,990 --> 00:30:17,679

vaccination for children and promotes

784

00:30:22,630 --> 00:30:20,000

fasting and natural remedies

785

00:30:23,590 --> 00:30:22,640

ama queenslander chairman dr warwick

786

00:30:27,029 --> 00:30:23,600

carter

787

00:30:30,070 --> 00:30:27,039

is quoted as describing ms edgeley as

788

00:30:32,310 --> 00:30:30,080

quote grossly irresponsible

789

00:30:34,630 --> 00:30:32,320

end quote we vaccinate against whooping

790

00:30:36,389 --> 00:30:34,640

cough tetanus diphtheria measles mumps

791

00:30:39,990 --> 00:30:36,399

rubella and polio

792

00:30:42,789 --> 00:30:40,000

any one of these diseases can be fatal

793

00:30:43,750 --> 00:30:42,799

and all have serious consequences the

794

00:30:46,630 --> 00:30:43,760

risk is

795

00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:46,640

infinitesimal compared to the risks of

796

00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:47,520

contracting

797

00:30:52,870 --> 00:30:50,399

the diseases ms said that modern

798

00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:52,880

immunization programs were alarming more

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00:30:55,909 --> 00:30:53,679

people

800

00:30:58,789 --> 00:30:55,919

there are alternatives we promote

801
00:31:00,870 --> 00:30:58,799
homeopathic vaccination modeled on 200

802
00:31:03,830 --> 00:31:00,880
year-old remedies from germany

803
00:31:05,509 --> 00:31:03,840
i don't say don't vaccinate but i do

804
00:31:07,909 --> 00:31:05,519
want people to be informed

805
00:31:08,789 --> 00:31:07,919
and make an informed decision it is

806
00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:08,799
frightening

807
00:31:12,789 --> 00:31:11,360
what vaccines are made of and the

808
00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:12,799
effects they can have

809
00:31:19,350 --> 00:31:16,000
fever convulsions epileptic fits

810
00:31:21,350 --> 00:31:19,360
aids leukemia and arthritis

811
00:31:22,389 --> 00:31:21,360
she said her four children had not been

812
00:31:24,470 --> 00:31:22,399
vaccinated

813
00:31:26,389 --> 00:31:24,480

the kids are all in the video talking

814

00:31:29,669 --> 00:31:26,399

about their diets and new age

815

00:31:33,830 --> 00:31:29,679

camps they have been to the video also

816

00:31:35,909 --> 00:31:33,840

covers such subjects as power foods

817

00:31:42,230 --> 00:31:35,919

foods that heal the body and strengthen

818

00:31:45,669 --> 00:31:44,630

and that report is the bondi healing

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00:31:48,710 --> 00:31:45,679

festival

820

00:31:53,350 --> 00:31:48,720

written by murray finch coming to us

821

00:31:56,470 --> 00:31:53,360

all the way from 1989

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00:31:58,389 --> 00:31:56,480

and it's just startling i mean i've yet

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00:32:00,149 --> 00:31:58,399

to read every single page of every

824

00:32:03,350 --> 00:32:00,159

single issue of the skeptic magazine

825

00:32:04,789 --> 00:32:03,360

because there are a lot of pages to read

826

00:32:07,430 --> 00:32:04,799

although i did a lot of work on the

827

00:32:10,789 --> 00:32:07,440

digital restoration of these magazines

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00:32:15,269 --> 00:32:10,799

so to read that report especially

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00:32:17,110 --> 00:32:15,279

the addendum is quite startling in a way

830

00:32:19,269 --> 00:32:17,120

i mean nothing has changed it's only

831

00:32:19,909 --> 00:32:19,279

gotten worse these festivals still go on

832

00:32:23,590 --> 00:32:19,919

people still

833

00:32:25,669 --> 00:32:23,600

swear by homeopathy although it's

834

00:32:26,870 --> 00:32:25,679

its influence is certainly waning around

835

00:32:30,630 --> 00:32:26,880

the world as

836

00:32:33,350 --> 00:32:30,640

science and reason take a firm hold

837

00:32:34,230 --> 00:32:33,360

but way back then way back uh 31 years

838

00:32:38,149 --> 00:32:34,240

ago

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00:32:39,669 --> 00:32:38,159

we still had the same anti-vaccination

840

00:32:42,149 --> 00:32:39,679

rhetoric

841

00:32:43,190 --> 00:32:42,159

and don't forget these people are firmly

842

00:32:46,230 --> 00:32:43,200

convinced

843

00:32:50,389 --> 00:32:46,240

without a shadow of a doubt that magical

844

00:32:54,830 --> 00:32:50,399

homeopathy can indeed protect you from

845

00:32:56,789 --> 00:32:54,840

whooping cough and diphtheria and and so

846

00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:56,799

on as for the

847

00:33:00,070 --> 00:32:58,720

mind body wallet festivals and the new

848

00:33:03,750 --> 00:33:00,080

age festivals

849

00:33:05,430 --> 00:33:03,760

scarcely anything has changed

850

00:33:08,830 --> 00:33:05,440

and you can read that report for

851
00:33:13,029 --> 00:33:10,149
www.skeptics.com.edu

852
00:33:14,310 --> 00:33:13,039
looking for the link to the journal and

853
00:33:25,380 --> 00:33:14,320
looking up

854
00:33:34,470 --> 00:33:25,390
the skeptic volume 9 number 4.

855
00:33:41,509 --> 00:33:38,149
surf coast summer skeptic camp eight

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00:33:47,110 --> 00:33:41,519
saturday the 29th of february 2020

857
00:33:54,470 --> 00:33:50,830
the surf coast summer skeptic camp

858
00:33:55,590 --> 00:33:54,480
scss 8 is australia's longest running

859
00:33:58,470 --> 00:33:55,600
skepty camp

860
00:33:59,990 --> 00:33:58,480
in 2020 we are celebrating our eighth

861
00:34:02,310 --> 00:34:00,000
year

862
00:34:03,830 --> 00:34:02,320
skepticamps are designed to give many

863
00:34:06,149 --> 00:34:03,840

members the opportunity

864

00:34:06,870 --> 00:34:06,159

to present on a topic of their choice

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00:34:09,909 --> 00:34:06,880

for about

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00:34:10,149 --> 00:34:09,919

20 minutes skeptic camps have been run

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in

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skeptically related topic

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00:34:30,069 --> 00:34:27,679

in which you are interested or highlight

870

00:34:31,990 --> 00:34:30,079

some practices that you see as dubious

871

00:34:34,069 --> 00:34:32,000

that need to be brought to the attention

872

00:34:36,950 --> 00:34:34,079

of the skeptics community

873

00:34:37,510 --> 00:34:36,960

or something we might find interesting

874

00:34:40,389 --> 00:34:37,520

please

875

00:34:41,349 --> 00:34:40,399

offer to share your thoughts this is a

876

00:34:43,750 --> 00:34:41,359

sharing event

877

00:34:45,109 --> 00:34:43,760

where many contributors combine to have

878

00:34:49,109 --> 00:34:45,119

a great day

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00:34:50,149 --> 00:34:49,119

in an idyllic speaking of having a great

880

00:34:53,030 --> 00:34:50,159

day

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00:34:56,470 --> 00:34:53,040

aries inlet is a picturesque township

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00:34:58,790 --> 00:34:56,480

located on the victorian surf coast

883

00:35:01,109 --> 00:34:58,800

summer time is a great time to enjoy the

884

00:35:04,150 --> 00:35:01,119

delights of this location

885

00:35:05,829 --> 00:35:04,160

so why not make a weekend of it and stay

886

00:35:09,270 --> 00:35:05,839

in the area for the night

887

00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:09,280

or a few nights feel free to enjoy the

888

00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:10,560

location

889

00:35:16,790 --> 00:35:14,240

and the views at the end of the day

890

00:35:17,670 --> 00:35:16,800

we head to the aries pub for a drink

891

00:35:20,870 --> 00:35:17,680

dinner

892

00:35:21,589 --> 00:35:20,880

and skeptical discussion it is free to

893

00:35:23,829 --> 00:35:21,599

register

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00:35:25,030 --> 00:35:23,839

we might ask for a small contribution

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00:35:28,390 --> 00:35:25,040

maybe five dollars

896

00:35:30,310 --> 00:35:28,400

to cover general costs office to present

897

00:35:31,190 --> 00:35:30,320

should be made to the skeptic groups of

898

00:35:37,150 --> 00:35:31,200

victoria

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00:35:41,349 --> 00:35:37,160

email address at sgofvic

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00:35:44,150 --> 00:35:41,359

gmail.com as for the speakers

901
00:35:46,390 --> 00:35:44,160
we will update you regularly but since

902
00:35:47,750 --> 00:35:46,400
this is a participatory event

903
00:35:51,270 --> 00:35:47,760
you should consider making a

904
00:35:56,550 --> 00:35:53,349
to register at meetup just follow the

905
00:36:09,589 --> 00:35:56,560
links in this week's show notes

906
00:36:18,310 --> 00:36:13,750
here's maynard's spooky action

907
00:36:22,150 --> 00:36:20,069
and i'm just with mal vikki's the winner

908
00:36:24,150 --> 00:36:22,160
of the lifetime award tonight

909
00:36:26,069 --> 00:36:24,160
can you tell us well what you think you

910
00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:26,079
got to follow i

911
00:36:30,470 --> 00:36:28,480
i'm still surprised i i don't know i

912
00:36:32,950 --> 00:36:30,480
mean i've been doing some research but

913
00:36:34,069 --> 00:36:32,960

lots of people have supported me so i

914

00:36:35,349 --> 00:36:34,079

you know you don't think you're making

915

00:36:37,030 --> 00:36:35,359

that much of a difference but obviously

916

00:36:38,870 --> 00:36:37,040

i was so you looked a bit shocked you

917

00:36:41,910 --> 00:36:38,880

were busy taking photos and everything

918

00:36:42,950 --> 00:36:41,920

what me yeah yeah well i'll have to stop

919

00:36:45,829 --> 00:36:42,960

that didn't i

920

00:36:46,310 --> 00:36:45,839

yeah i had to again really surprised but

921

00:36:47,750 --> 00:36:46,320

um

922

00:36:49,990 --> 00:36:47,760

you know very grateful for everyone's

923

00:36:50,550 --> 00:36:50,000

help and support there's a there's a

924

00:36:53,510 --> 00:36:50,560

lovely

925

00:36:54,710 --> 00:36:53,520

paper with a frame around it what are

926
00:36:57,030 --> 00:36:54,720
you going to do with that

927
00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:57,040
um straight to the pool room as they say

928
00:37:00,069 --> 00:36:58,000
okay

929
00:37:01,990 --> 00:37:00,079
yeah or maybe blow it up three times

930
00:37:03,270 --> 00:37:02,000
size and put it up on the wall yeah i'll

931
00:37:04,950 --> 00:37:03,280
take a photograph of it

932
00:37:06,310 --> 00:37:04,960
and what would most skeptics have known

933
00:37:07,349 --> 00:37:06,320
you for with all the work you've done

934
00:37:10,950 --> 00:37:07,359
over the years

935
00:37:12,950 --> 00:37:10,960
um oh look ronnie

936
00:37:14,310 --> 00:37:12,960
running around organizing conventions

937
00:37:16,069 --> 00:37:14,320
and um

938
00:37:19,349 --> 00:37:16,079

writing for the on the vic skeptics

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00:37:20,710 --> 00:37:19,359

website quite a lot um

940

00:37:22,790 --> 00:37:20,720

generally being a bit of a nuisance you

941

00:37:23,990 --> 00:37:22,800

know where can we catch you online being

942

00:37:25,990 --> 00:37:24,000

a bit of a nuisance

943

00:37:27,190 --> 00:37:26,000

i'm sometimes a bit of a pest to the tga

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00:37:30,230 --> 00:37:27,200

on twitter

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00:37:32,550 --> 00:37:30,240

what's your handle there it's uh it's

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00:37:34,630 --> 00:37:32,560

vicar of skeptic

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00:37:36,230 --> 00:37:34,640

congratulations mal vickers enjoy being

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00:37:37,829 --> 00:37:36,240

a life member thank you try and make it

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00:37:41,589 --> 00:37:37,839

last as long as possible

950

00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:43,030

now and now we've got two people are you

951
00:37:45,829 --> 00:37:44,160
the first time you've been to a

952
00:37:47,349 --> 00:37:45,839
skeptical dinner yeah it is

953
00:37:49,589 --> 00:37:47,359
now what did you make of all that magic

954
00:37:51,030 --> 00:37:49,599
we had 16 year old magic we had some

955
00:37:53,670 --> 00:37:51,040
bumbling magic on say

956
00:37:55,349 --> 00:37:53,680
i was a magician's assistant yeah it was

957
00:37:57,109 --> 00:37:55,359
amazing it was so interesting

958
00:37:58,470 --> 00:37:57,119
definitely got my brain ticking all

959
00:38:00,790 --> 00:37:58,480
right and what about you

960
00:38:02,310 --> 00:38:00,800
yes i was suitably impressed and of

961
00:38:03,990 --> 00:38:02,320
course being a restaurateur

962
00:38:05,589 --> 00:38:04,000
i mean this is like a little bit lower

963
00:38:06,310 --> 00:38:05,599

down you know the five star level from

964

00:38:08,630 --> 00:38:06,320

what you do

965

00:38:09,670 --> 00:38:08,640

service was still wonderful the drinks

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00:38:11,990 --> 00:38:09,680

were coming and

967

00:38:13,349 --> 00:38:12,000

uh yeah your stint as an assistant was

968

00:38:14,550 --> 00:38:13,359

pretty good on the stage

969

00:38:17,109 --> 00:38:14,560

would you like to describe the suit i'm

970

00:38:20,069 --> 00:38:17,119

wearing oh it's amazing it's a bit

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00:38:20,710 --> 00:38:20,079

holographic in a way blue shot silk shot

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00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:20,720

tyre silk

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00:38:25,190 --> 00:38:22,960

oh wow in fact it is actually material

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00:38:26,790 --> 00:38:25,200

to make a tie out of and i found i found

975

00:38:28,630 --> 00:38:26,800

and i contacted the person who made the

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00:38:30,550 --> 00:38:28,640

tie and i ordered enough for a suit

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00:38:32,310 --> 00:38:30,560

so it's not the correct way for a suit

978

00:38:34,150 --> 00:38:32,320

but it

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00:38:35,589 --> 00:38:34,160

it looks great though so hang on you two

980

00:38:37,030 --> 00:38:35,599

away from the restaurants what's going

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00:38:38,470 --> 00:38:37,040

on tonight at the restaurant we've got

982

00:38:39,670 --> 00:38:38,480

mom and my brother at the restaurant

983

00:38:40,870 --> 00:38:39,680

they're covering for us

984

00:38:44,150 --> 00:38:40,880

you better get back there there could be

985

00:38:47,109 --> 00:38:44,160

an incident i'm sure they can handle it

986

00:38:51,349 --> 00:38:47,119

coming to a place thank you for coming

987

00:38:54,710 --> 00:38:53,030

so how did you go running the auction

988

00:38:55,750 --> 00:38:54,720

there you uh you jumped up the prices

989

00:38:59,270 --> 00:38:55,760

for a few things the

990

00:39:01,510 --> 00:38:59,280

signed uh albus say yuri gela the signed

991

00:39:02,790 --> 00:39:01,520

randy book you had there about conjuring

992

00:39:04,630 --> 00:39:02,800

with everyone's signature on it two

993

00:39:06,550 --> 00:39:04,640

hundred dollars to go for uh yeah yeah

994

00:39:08,550 --> 00:39:06,560

you know what now it's all over i can't

995

00:39:10,710 --> 00:39:08,560

the the the numbers in my head are a bit

996

00:39:11,829 --> 00:39:10,720

muddled but i love it it's great fun i

997

00:39:12,870 --> 00:39:11,839

always have a good time doing the

998

00:39:14,470 --> 00:39:12,880

auctioneering

999

00:39:16,630 --> 00:39:14,480

you raised just under a thousand dollars

1000

00:39:18,790 --> 00:39:16,640

there i'd say yeah wow really

1001

00:39:19,829 --> 00:39:18,800

yeah we can eat now we can eat we can

1002

00:39:22,550 --> 00:39:19,839

eat for the rest of the thing

1003

00:39:24,150 --> 00:39:22,560

so i reckon you've been to 35 million of

1004

00:39:25,750 --> 00:39:24,160

these things how's this dinner tonight

1005

00:39:27,349 --> 00:39:25,760

gone oh fabulous i mean the best

1006

00:39:29,349 --> 00:39:27,359

entertainment for

1007

00:39:30,390 --> 00:39:29,359

for i've seen in a long time a great

1008

00:39:32,470 --> 00:39:30,400

crowd um

1009

00:39:37,030 --> 00:39:32,480

friendly people wow i couldn't be

1010

00:39:40,390 --> 00:39:38,310

yes hello look i'm just sort of

1011

00:39:41,430 --> 00:39:40,400

swallowing my meal down in between

1012

00:39:42,470 --> 00:39:41,440

because i'm interviewing about 50

1013

00:39:43,910 --> 00:39:42,480

million people here tonight before

1014

00:39:45,910 --> 00:39:43,920

everyone gets drunk and goes home

1015

00:39:47,750 --> 00:39:45,920

but i'm here with someone who tell us

1016

00:39:48,870 --> 00:39:47,760

who you are and what award you've just

1017

00:39:51,190 --> 00:39:48,880

won here tonight

1018

00:39:53,270 --> 00:39:51,200

i'm going alts and i've won the fred

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00:39:55,670 --> 00:39:53,280

thornett award for the promotion of

1020

00:39:57,349 --> 00:39:55,680

reason and congratulations but a bit of

1021

00:39:59,270 --> 00:39:57,359

a bittersweet award because

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00:40:00,390 --> 00:39:59,280

unfortunately you had to close down the

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00:40:02,310 --> 00:40:00,400

magazine this year

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00:40:04,150 --> 00:40:02,320

which was it was austral asian science

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00:40:05,990 --> 00:40:04,160

it's been published in various films

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00:40:09,190 --> 00:40:06,000

since the 1930s and i've been

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00:40:11,270 --> 00:40:09,200

in control of it since the 1990s

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00:40:12,470 --> 00:40:11,280

unfortunately just wasn't viable in the

1029

00:40:14,069 --> 00:40:12,480

end and i've sort of kept it going for

1030

00:40:15,670 --> 00:40:14,079

as long as i could but had to pull up in

1031

00:40:16,710 --> 00:40:15,680

this year so was it competing

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00:40:18,390 --> 00:40:16,720

competition among

1033

00:40:20,309 --> 00:40:18,400

all magazines or people just aren't

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00:40:21,829 --> 00:40:20,319

reading magazines full stop or

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00:40:23,750 --> 00:40:21,839

the lack of interest in science

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00:40:25,190 --> 00:40:23,760

magazines i think it's more that

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00:40:26,390 --> 00:40:25,200

everything's free on the internet these

1038

00:40:28,150 --> 00:40:26,400

days and um

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00:40:29,670 --> 00:40:28,160

and so it's harder and harder to you

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00:40:31,109 --> 00:40:29,680

know sort of put up pay walls and things

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00:40:32,309 --> 00:40:31,119

like that because in the end

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00:40:33,910 --> 00:40:32,319

someone's got it someone's got to pay

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00:40:35,510 --> 00:40:33,920

for it pay for the funding bills so what

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00:40:36,870 --> 00:40:35,520

have we got left in australia as far as

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00:40:39,750 --> 00:40:36,880

science magazines go

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00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:39,760

cosmos is uh still around that's every

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00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:41,680

it's once a quarter now

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00:40:45,349 --> 00:40:43,359

that's published now out of south

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00:40:48,550 --> 00:40:45,359

australia

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00:40:51,990 --> 00:40:48,560

and otherwise there's uh

1051
00:40:55,109 --> 00:40:52,000
the uh there's the astronomy one um

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00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:55,119
but i actually find it hard even when i

1053
00:40:59,190 --> 00:40:56,640
go into a news agent

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00:41:00,630 --> 00:40:59,200
and i know that i've got a blue cover i

1055
00:41:02,390 --> 00:41:00,640
find it hard to find let alone the

1056
00:41:03,990 --> 00:41:02,400
science magazines

1057
00:41:06,470 --> 00:41:04,000
but even if i know i've got a blue cover

1058
00:41:07,750 --> 00:41:06,480
even to find my magazine and the the

1059
00:41:08,550 --> 00:41:07,760
fastest way to find the science

1060
00:41:09,829 --> 00:41:08,560
magazines

1061
00:41:11,349 --> 00:41:09,839
is to look for maybe the witchcraft

1062
00:41:12,870 --> 00:41:11,359
magazines because they end up putting

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00:41:14,230 --> 00:41:12,880

the science magazines next to all that

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00:41:16,870 --> 00:41:14,240

kind of nonsense and australia

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00:41:18,470 --> 00:41:16,880

astrology and is that wild magazine new

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00:41:19,589 --> 00:41:18,480

dawn is it still around you know that

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00:41:21,030 --> 00:41:19,599

woo magazine that was

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00:41:22,870 --> 00:41:21,040

published in queensland i know the one

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00:41:24,630 --> 00:41:22,880

you're talking about i haven't

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00:41:27,349 --> 00:41:24,640

gone looking for it no i imagine you

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00:41:29,589 --> 00:41:27,359

wouldn't yeah um so i can't actually say

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00:41:31,349 --> 00:41:29,599

whether or not it is look i'm a bit of a

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00:41:33,190 --> 00:41:31,359

fan of the 14 times although

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00:41:34,710 --> 00:41:33,200

they straddle all sorts of things don't

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00:41:37,510 --> 00:41:34,720

they but what do you think's the gold

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00:41:40,470 --> 00:41:37,520

standard for science magazines worldwide

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00:41:41,430 --> 00:41:40,480

oh well new scientists is is um and

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00:41:44,230 --> 00:41:41,440

that's been around for

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00:41:45,910 --> 00:41:44,240

as long as i can remember um you know

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00:41:49,190 --> 00:41:45,920

good science journalism

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00:41:50,470 --> 00:41:49,200

up-to-date yeah it ticks a lot of boxes

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00:41:51,910 --> 00:41:50,480

well i hope there's a bit of a cash

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00:41:52,870 --> 00:41:51,920

prize with it to help make up with some

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00:41:55,030 --> 00:41:52,880

of the money you

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00:41:56,470 --> 00:41:55,040

you've encountered over the years uh yes

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00:41:58,309 --> 00:41:56,480

there is uh fortunately so

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00:41:59,589 --> 00:41:58,319

that's great so my wife's my wife's

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00:42:00,790 --> 00:41:59,599

happy about that so

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00:42:02,390 --> 00:42:00,800

what are you moving into now have you

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00:42:03,750 --> 00:42:02,400

gone into other publishing and was it

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00:42:05,829 --> 00:42:03,760

great being a publisher

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00:42:07,430 --> 00:42:05,839

like you were like who was the uh the

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00:42:08,630 --> 00:42:07,440

head of the daily planet who was the

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00:42:10,309 --> 00:42:08,640

publisher of that that used to be

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00:42:10,870 --> 00:42:10,319

superman's paper he'd come in and get a

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00:42:12,630 --> 00:42:10,880

clock and

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00:42:14,069 --> 00:42:12,640

we need a scoop we need a scoop you know

1098

00:42:14,870 --> 00:42:14,079

the jimmy olsen's boss i thought you

1099

00:42:16,630 --> 00:42:14,880

were going down the

1100

00:42:18,390 --> 00:42:16,640

the the path of the publisher being hugh

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00:42:19,829 --> 00:42:18,400

hefner and no i wasn't that although

1102

00:42:21,589 --> 00:42:19,839

i did publish out of my bedroom for the

1103

00:42:23,670 --> 00:42:21,599

first few years but uh

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00:42:25,430 --> 00:42:23,680

but no no no um what was the question

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00:42:25,829 --> 00:42:25,440

again you've got me sidetracked oh um

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00:42:28,950 --> 00:42:25,839

yeah

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00:42:30,550 --> 00:42:28,960

what was it i like being up oh what have

1108

00:42:30,950 --> 00:42:30,560

you moved into other areas of publishing

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00:42:33,670 --> 00:42:30,960

now

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00:42:35,270 --> 00:42:33,680

uh sort of i've done freelance editing

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00:42:36,630 --> 00:42:35,280

i'm basically an editor by trade and

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00:42:37,990 --> 00:42:36,640

that's how i got into it basically the

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00:42:38,710 --> 00:42:38,000

magazine i was working on which was

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00:42:40,230 --> 00:42:38,720

search

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00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:40,240

was with a commercial publisher it was

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00:42:43,190 --> 00:42:42,160

no longer commercial for them so then i

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00:42:45,190 --> 00:42:43,200

took it on and

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00:42:46,390 --> 00:42:45,200

set up in in a bedroom at my father's

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00:42:48,390 --> 00:42:46,400

place and and

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00:42:49,510 --> 00:42:48,400

and started then as a young 20 something

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00:42:52,309 --> 00:42:49,520

year old right

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00:42:54,069 --> 00:42:52,319

so is it uh right drunk edit sober is

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00:42:55,750 --> 00:42:54,079

that that old adage true or not

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00:42:58,309 --> 00:42:55,760

no not for me i don't i don't drink that

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much um and uh

1126

00:43:02,230 --> 00:43:00,480

no no no i'm just just basically for

1127

00:43:03,030 --> 00:43:02,240

fiction probably fiction probably works

1128

00:43:04,790 --> 00:43:03,040

that way maybe

1129

00:43:06,790 --> 00:43:04,800

yeah no no i don't have the little hat

1130

00:43:09,109 --> 00:43:06,800

and the little note the little the pen

1131

00:43:09,990 --> 00:43:09,119

uh tucked behind the ears yeah with

1132

00:43:13,750 --> 00:43:10,000

press written on it

1133

00:43:16,630 --> 00:43:13,760

just just like i've been

1134

00:43:18,710 --> 00:43:16,640

home um basically looking in uh looking

1135

00:43:20,150 --> 00:43:18,720

after the kids whilst uh tapping away on

1136

00:43:21,990 --> 00:43:20,160

the computer and um

1137

00:43:23,589 --> 00:43:22,000

trying to ignore the fights that break

1138

00:43:25,670 --> 00:43:23,599

out every hour

1139

00:43:26,870 --> 00:43:25,680

all right well look a good luck with

1140

00:43:28,390 --> 00:43:26,880

that because i know it probably might

1141

00:43:30,150 --> 00:43:28,400

not get any better for a while

1142

00:43:31,990 --> 00:43:30,160

oh they're they're they are actually

1143

00:43:32,790 --> 00:43:32,000

getting better they're now teenagers and

1144

00:43:33,750 --> 00:43:32,800

almost

1145

00:43:35,990 --> 00:43:33,760

different kind of fights they're

1146

00:43:36,950 --> 00:43:36,000

fighting with you now uh well they've

1147

00:43:38,309 --> 00:43:36,960

always fought with me but

1148

00:43:40,069 --> 00:43:38,319

they're fighting with each other less

1149

00:43:41,589 --> 00:43:40,079

and less which is good but um

1150

00:43:43,109 --> 00:43:41,599

you know in terms of what's next for me

1151

00:43:45,510 --> 00:43:43,119

like i've done done a bit of it uh

1152

00:43:46,550 --> 00:43:45,520

freelance editing i'll do do some work

1153

00:43:47,510 --> 00:43:46,560

with the royal australian chemical

1154

00:43:48,950 --> 00:43:47,520

institute and

1155

00:43:50,470 --> 00:43:48,960

and looking for any other projects that

1156

00:43:51,829 --> 00:43:50,480

might come up like quality science

1157

00:43:52,950 --> 00:43:51,839

writing you're doing where can we find

1158

00:43:55,589 --> 00:43:52,960

you online now

1159

00:43:57,349 --> 00:43:55,599

uh well i guess the um the magazines

1160

00:43:59,430 --> 00:43:57,359

website and the business website is

1161

00:44:00,230 --> 00:43:59,440

still control dot com dot ie which is

1162

00:44:01,750 --> 00:44:00,240

control

1163

00:44:03,829 --> 00:44:01,760

publications i had to come up with a

1164

00:44:05,510 --> 00:44:03,839

name for the uh business when i was

1165

00:44:06,950 --> 00:44:05,520

first starting out and i was a big fan

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00:44:10,309 --> 00:44:06,960

of

1167

00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:10,319

get smart so um yeah chief at control

1168

00:44:16,230 --> 00:44:11,280

gets to me

1169

00:44:17,589 --> 00:44:16,240

though that doesn't get to me

1170

00:44:19,670 --> 00:44:17,599

it sounds like you need a cone of

1171

00:44:22,470 --> 00:44:19,680

silence at home sometimes uh

1172

00:44:22,950 --> 00:44:22,480

yes i do i do look congratulations with

1173

00:44:24,950 --> 00:44:22,960

it and just

1174

00:44:26,710 --> 00:44:24,960

a bit of a hot tip worldwide what's a

1175

00:44:28,069 --> 00:44:26,720

great website to go to just get a bit of

1176

00:44:30,230 --> 00:44:28,079

information or one of your favorite

1177

00:44:31,829 --> 00:44:30,240

websites you'd like to go to to look at

1178

00:44:33,829 --> 00:44:31,839

as you know as a viewer instead of

1179

00:44:36,150 --> 00:44:33,839

someone who writes

1180

00:44:37,349 --> 00:44:36,160

what well yeah for science or anything

1181

00:44:38,230 --> 00:44:37,359

for science for anything i look i'm

1182

00:44:39,910 --> 00:44:38,240

actually uh

1183

00:44:41,910 --> 00:44:39,920

i'm actually a football tragic so i

1184

00:44:43,270 --> 00:44:41,920

spend i spend way too much time as a

1185

00:44:45,030 --> 00:44:43,280

richmond supporter

1186

00:44:47,109 --> 00:44:45,040

bathing in premiersip glory these days

1187

00:44:48,870 --> 00:44:47,119

after having basically tearing my hair

1188

00:44:50,790 --> 00:44:48,880

out for 37 years so

1189

00:44:52,710 --> 00:44:50,800

so i'm enjoying that at the moment well

1190

00:44:55,190 --> 00:44:52,720

it's a great relief because sport

1191

00:44:56,230 --> 00:44:55,200

unlike science like i know it matters to

1192

00:44:58,710 --> 00:44:56,240

me richmond supporter

1193

00:44:59,589 --> 00:44:58,720

but really who wins doesn't really

1194

00:45:01,670 --> 00:44:59,599

matter like

1195

00:45:03,190 --> 00:45:01,680

either way but someone has to so it's

1196

00:45:04,309 --> 00:45:03,200

kind of a release from the science thing

1197

00:45:05,589 --> 00:45:04,319

you know who wins doesn't matter

1198

00:45:07,910 --> 00:45:05,599

that you're sounding like a carlton

1199

00:45:09,829 --> 00:45:07,920

supporter now well i don't believe in

1200

00:45:12,309 --> 00:45:09,839

sport full stop you see so when i see

1201
00:45:14,790 --> 00:45:12,319
sport going on oh people do this because

1202
00:45:16,390 --> 00:45:14,800
it doesn't really matter to the world

1203
00:45:17,589 --> 00:45:16,400
who actually wins or not except to the

1204
00:45:20,470 --> 00:45:17,599
fans

1205
00:45:21,670 --> 00:45:20,480
yes yes each team will win yeah well

1206
00:45:23,109 --> 00:45:21,680
that's right yeah you can't win all the

1207
00:45:24,950 --> 00:45:23,119
time but yeah it's just good to have a

1208
00:45:26,630 --> 00:45:24,960
have an outlet and um so have you ever

1209
00:45:28,150 --> 00:45:26,640
had a friend who was an andy richmond

1210
00:45:29,190 --> 00:45:28,160
fan and you've just been rubbing it into

1211
00:45:30,710 --> 00:45:29,200
them

1212
00:45:32,170 --> 00:45:30,720
no no i only got straight on the phone

1213
00:45:33,349 --> 00:45:32,180

and went

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00:45:34,550 --> 00:45:33,359

[Music]

1215

00:45:35,829 --> 00:45:34,560

my best friends are the ones i've been

1216

00:45:36,550 --> 00:45:35,839

able to footy with for years and years

1217

00:45:38,550 --> 00:45:36,560

and years so

1218

00:45:39,990 --> 00:45:38,560

um and like i said yeah i work from home

1219

00:45:40,470 --> 00:45:40,000

so i don't have people in the office to

1220

00:45:43,589 --> 00:45:40,480

uh

1221

00:45:44,630 --> 00:45:43,599

to to annoy me or to annoy them so i do

1222

00:45:45,990 --> 00:45:44,640

have a brother who's an essence

1223

00:45:48,309 --> 00:45:46,000

supporter i sometimes rub it into

1224

00:45:49,430 --> 00:45:48,319

him look actually one last question

1225

00:45:51,510 --> 00:45:49,440

because i've been asking everybody

1226

00:45:53,190 --> 00:45:51,520

what's the woo that annoys you the most

1227

00:45:54,150 --> 00:45:53,200

that you most like to write about that

1228

00:45:55,910 --> 00:45:54,160

annoys you

1229

00:45:57,829 --> 00:45:55,920

everyone's got their own word they go oh

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00:45:59,190 --> 00:45:57,839

god yeah look there's

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00:46:02,309 --> 00:45:59,200

there's two that have gotten my goat

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00:46:06,230 --> 00:46:02,319

over the years so one is homeopathy

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00:46:07,670 --> 00:46:06,240

and the other one was scientology so

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00:46:09,589 --> 00:46:07,680

now why the scientology one in

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00:46:11,109 --> 00:46:09,599

particular like rather like

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00:46:13,750 --> 00:46:11,119

jehovah's witnesses or another

1237

00:46:15,510 --> 00:46:13,760

particular religion i really don't know

1238

00:46:17,190 --> 00:46:15,520

i really don't know it just did get my

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00:46:20,630 --> 00:46:17,200

goat at the time

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00:46:22,630 --> 00:46:20,640

and so that's one that's that that

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00:46:24,230 --> 00:46:22,640

but also yeah homeopathy just seems

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00:46:25,829 --> 00:46:24,240

absolutely ridiculous

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00:46:28,630 --> 00:46:25,839

congratulations to people get along to

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00:46:30,790 --> 00:46:28,640

control dot com dot iu

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00:46:32,870 --> 00:46:30,800

thank you that's great thank you see you

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00:46:39,910 --> 00:46:32,880

later see you tomorrow everybody

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00:46:42,870 --> 00:46:41,349

well back out on the mean streets of

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00:46:44,069 --> 00:46:42,880

melbourne outside the jasper hotel where

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00:46:44,710 --> 00:46:44,079

we've been having video tonight where

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00:46:47,190 --> 00:46:44,720

we're going to

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00:46:48,470 --> 00:46:47,200
hail an uber and go home and just do a

1252
00:46:50,390 --> 00:46:48,480
wrap-up of the evening

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00:46:52,470 --> 00:46:50,400
quietly to ourselves and download stuff

1254
00:46:54,230 --> 00:46:52,480
off the card over a dozen interviews

1255
00:46:55,109 --> 00:46:54,240
being done tonight it's been a furious

1256
00:46:56,950 --> 00:46:55,119
night but i think

1257
00:48:22,230 --> 00:46:56,960
tonight at the end of the evening really

1258
00:48:25,829 --> 00:48:23,910
thank you for listening to the skeptic's

1259
00:48:28,390 --> 00:48:25,839
own podcast this week

1260
00:48:29,589 --> 00:48:28,400
now for those listening in sydney

1261
00:48:34,230 --> 00:48:29,599
australia

1262
00:48:37,589 --> 00:48:34,240
in the pub and this will be

1263
00:48:39,829 --> 00:48:37,599

at uh the occidental hotel

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00:48:41,829 --> 00:48:39,839

which is 43 york street just near

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00:48:44,069 --> 00:48:41,839

windyard station

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00:48:45,349 --> 00:48:44,079

well you could probably take the new

1267

00:48:47,829 --> 00:48:45,359

tram down

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00:48:48,470 --> 00:48:47,839

george street thursday the 6th of

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00:48:51,829 --> 00:48:48,480

february

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00:48:55,670 --> 00:48:51,839

from 6 p.m and the talk this month

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00:48:58,790 --> 00:48:55,680

is food glorious

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00:49:01,349 --> 00:48:58,800

food gary kennedy will talk about some

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00:49:04,870 --> 00:49:01,359

of the myths around so-called

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00:49:06,470 --> 00:49:04,880

super foods and new fad diet regimes

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00:49:08,549 --> 00:49:06,480

along with myths spread around

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00:49:09,589 --> 00:49:08,559

processing technology such as food

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00:49:12,390 --> 00:49:09,599

irradiation

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00:49:13,829 --> 00:49:12,400

genetic engineering and growing meat in

1279

00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:13,839

a petri dish

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00:49:18,390 --> 00:49:16,000

now i seem to remember gary has spoken

1281

00:49:19,190 --> 00:49:18,400

for us once before probably many years

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00:49:22,230 --> 00:49:19,200

ago

1283

00:49:23,750 --> 00:49:22,240

and is a really entertaining speaker

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00:49:25,589 --> 00:49:23,760

you're all welcome to come along that

1285

00:49:28,549 --> 00:49:25,599

sydney skeptics in the pub

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from 6 p.m thursday the 6th of february

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00:49:32,230 --> 00:49:30,800

at the occidental hotel near wind

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00:49:34,950 --> 00:49:32,240

station in sydney

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00:49:36,710 --> 00:49:34,960

and all going well maynard and i will be

1290

00:49:37,750 --> 00:49:36,720

joining you there on the night to do

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00:49:39,589 --> 00:49:37,760

interviews

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00:49:41,349 --> 00:49:39,599

thank you to those people who wrote in

1293

00:49:44,790 --> 00:49:41,359

to comment on last week's

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00:49:47,589 --> 00:49:44,800

episode where we had skeptics in

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00:49:49,430 --> 00:49:47,599

the tub now that episode seems to have

1296

00:49:49,750 --> 00:49:49,440

caught the attention of a lot of people

1297

00:49:51,589 --> 00:49:49,760

and

1298

00:49:53,589 --> 00:49:51,599

got lots of engagement according to

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00:49:57,349 --> 00:49:53,599

libsyn where the skeptic

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00:49:59,510 --> 00:49:57,359

zone is hosted and partly as a result of

1301
00:50:01,109 --> 00:49:59,520
that i've decided to bump up the quality

1302
00:50:03,430 --> 00:50:01,119
of the skeptic zone

1303
00:50:04,630 --> 00:50:03,440
so normally the show will be in mono

1304
00:50:06,870 --> 00:50:04,640
like this episode

1305
00:50:07,670 --> 00:50:06,880
but sometimes i'll i'll bump it up to

1306
00:50:09,430 --> 00:50:07,680
stereo

1307
00:50:11,910 --> 00:50:09,440
but generally speaking the bit rate of

1308
00:50:13,109 --> 00:50:11,920
the show has now been improved for

1309
00:50:16,790 --> 00:50:13,119
better listening

1310
00:50:19,390 --> 00:50:16,800
you again to those people

1311
00:50:20,870 --> 00:50:19,400
who contribute to the skeptic zone at

1312
00:50:23,910 --> 00:50:20,880
skepticzone.tv

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00:50:27,030 --> 00:50:23,920

via patreon and some people via paypal

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00:50:30,069 --> 00:50:27,040

every cent every ruble every

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00:50:33,349 --> 00:50:30,079

drachma every euro

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00:50:34,950 --> 00:50:33,359

every pound

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00:50:37,190 --> 00:50:34,960

oh that's contentious at the moment

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isn't it good luck

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00:50:40,710 --> 00:50:39,520

really really helps for me to keep the

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00:50:43,109 --> 00:50:40,720

show

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00:50:45,030 --> 00:50:43,119

on the internet and you can also go

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00:50:48,230 --> 00:50:45,040

there and

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00:50:50,069 --> 00:50:48,240

do a once-off donation to the show

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00:50:51,750 --> 00:50:50,079

coming up on next week's show lots more

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00:50:53,990 --> 00:50:51,760

from maynard as normal

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00:50:56,630 --> 00:50:54,000
lots more interviews to get through that

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00:50:59,030 --> 00:50:56,640
he did at skepticon 2019

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00:51:01,030 --> 00:50:59,040
and i hope to bring you a report i'm

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00:51:04,309 --> 00:51:01,040
writing at the moment about

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00:51:05,190 --> 00:51:04,319
homeopathy in supermarkets and

1331
00:51:07,990 --> 00:51:05,200
pharmacies

1332
00:51:09,069 --> 00:51:08,000
here in the united states now as this is

1333
00:51:12,069 --> 00:51:09,079
episode

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00:51:14,390 --> 00:51:12,079
590 it means we're on the countdown the

1335
00:51:17,030 --> 00:51:14,400
10 episode count down to the big

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00:51:17,510 --> 00:51:17,040
600 and it's interesting to think that

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00:51:19,270 --> 00:51:17,520
in the

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00:51:22,230 --> 00:51:19,280

years and years of the skeptic zone all

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00:51:26,309 --> 00:51:22,240

the topics we've covered everything from

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00:51:29,589 --> 00:51:26,319

miracles to iridology to brainwashing

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00:51:32,150 --> 00:51:29,599

and much more and hopefully many more

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topics and investigations and reports to

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00:51:35,829 --> 00:51:32,960

come

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00:51:36,790 --> 00:51:35,839

and of course speaking of a vast range

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of skeptical

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topics if you want to keep up to date

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with what's happening at australian

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skeptics

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the bottom of the page

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you can sign up for the australian

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00:51:52,309 --> 00:51:50,800

skeptics newsletter and in fact just a

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00:51:53,670 --> 00:51:52,319

few days ago the latest newsletter

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00:51:56,390 --> 00:51:53,680

appeared in my inbox

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00:51:58,390 --> 00:51:56,400

which is number 90. it covers such

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stories as the announcing of the dates

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for the next skepticon

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which will be this year in surfers

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paradise in queensland

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00:52:08,630 --> 00:52:07,359

and that will be on the 23rd to the 25th

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of october

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we also have news of the notorious bell

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00:52:16,790 --> 00:52:12,960

gibson the

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woman who faked her cancer her home was

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00:52:22,790 --> 00:52:20,079

raided over a 500 000

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00:52:24,470 --> 00:52:22,800

unpaid fine more pseudoscience on

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netflix now this is about

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00:52:30,309 --> 00:52:27,760

gwyneth paltrow's group lab a story

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00:52:32,950 --> 00:52:30,319

about defending science-based medicine

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and lots more so you can keep up to date

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with

1371

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australian skeptics by subscribing to

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that newsletter

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but for this week from the san francisco

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bay area this is richard saunders

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00:52:53,190 --> 00:52:51,750

you've been listening to the skeptic

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zone podcast

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00:52:57,750 --> 00:52:56,440

please visit our website at

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00:53:00,870 --> 00:52:57,760

www.skepticzone.tv

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00:53:02,870 --> 00:53:00,880

for show notes contacts and to access

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00:53:06,390 --> 00:53:02,880

the back catalog of episodes

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going back to 2008. you can follow the

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at skepticzone visit our facebook page

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00:53:16,790 --> 00:53:15,440

or leave a review on itunes you can also

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00:53:20,069 --> 00:53:16,800

support the skeptic zone

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via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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podcast

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is an independent production the views

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and opinions expressed on the skeptic

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00:53:27,910 --> 00:53:25,920

zone

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00:53:29,829 --> 00:53:27,920

are not necessarily those of australian

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00:53:43,750 --> 00:53:29,839

skeptics or any other

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00:53:45,510 --> 00:53:43,760

skeptical organization

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00:53:47,750 --> 00:53:45,520

hello afterthoughts the people who

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00:53:51,109 --> 00:53:47,760

listen after the show

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00:53:53,109 --> 00:53:51,119

now the real show's over i walked over

1397

00:53:55,670 --> 00:53:53,119

and turned on the heater

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00:53:56,230 --> 00:53:55,680

i'm doing the mundane things just don't

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mind me

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00:54:00,069 --> 00:53:57,920

because i'm plugging my battery pack

1401
00:54:01,829 --> 00:54:00,079
here

1402
00:54:03,109 --> 00:54:01,839
and oh yes of course the dice game

1403
00:54:04,230 --> 00:54:03,119
that's why you're listening now every

1404
00:54:06,390 --> 00:54:04,240
now and then

1405
00:54:07,270 --> 00:54:06,400
after the show's over we play the dice

1406
00:54:10,950 --> 00:54:07,280
game where i

1407
00:54:12,630 --> 00:54:10,960
roll a die dice as we've discussed on

1408
00:54:16,390 --> 00:54:12,640
the show before the common usage is

1409
00:54:19,109 --> 00:54:16,400
dice technically it's dye but who cares

1410
00:54:21,829 --> 00:54:19,119
uh i roll it three times and it's up to

1411
00:54:26,150 --> 00:54:21,839
you to use your psychic predicting power

1412
00:54:27,829 --> 00:54:26,160
or dumb luck probably dumb luck to

1413
00:54:29,430 --> 00:54:27,839

see if you can predict the numbers now

1414

00:54:31,270 --> 00:54:29,440

recently i've given away at various

1415

00:54:34,470 --> 00:54:31,280

talks i've been doing

1416

00:54:36,390 --> 00:54:34,480

skeptics own ten-sided dice so if you

1417

00:54:39,510 --> 00:54:36,400

have one you can play along at home

1418

00:54:40,069 --> 00:54:39,520

i guess here we go rolling for the first

1419

00:54:43,510 --> 00:54:40,079

time

1420

00:54:47,990 --> 00:54:43,520

it's uh it's going to be a number from

1421

00:54:52,950 --> 00:54:51,510

first number this week is six number six

1422

00:54:54,789 --> 00:54:52,960

write that down with your skeptic's own

1423

00:54:55,990 --> 00:54:54,799

pen i should make up some skeptics and

1424

00:55:00,069 --> 00:54:56,000

pens that would be fun

1425

00:55:05,990 --> 00:55:04,230

seven six and seven

1426

00:55:07,670 --> 00:55:06,000

what do you think i think the next one

1427

00:55:09,600 --> 00:55:07,680

will be eight here we go

1428

00:55:11,589 --> 00:55:09,610

last one coming up now

1429

00:55:14,870 --> 00:55:11,599

[Applause]