

James "The Amazing" Randi

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Dick Smith, Phillip Adams and James Randi, an American magician will offer next month \$30,000

tests which would win the first person to demonstrate them the prize money for psychic powers. They are:

Divine the contents of an envelope; Predict an event of oddity; Detect an "aura";

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Highlights of interviews with James Randi

TROVE - Newspapers report on James Randi in 1980

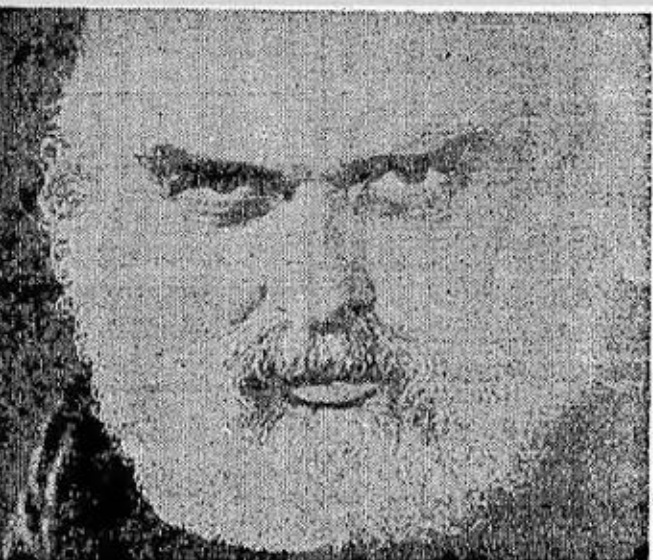
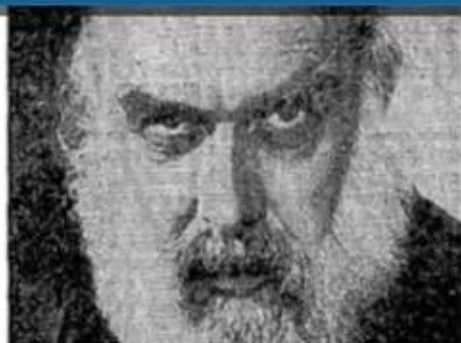
Taking the mystique out of the magical

JAMES Randi, a psychic investigator from New York, does not believe in Santa Claus, the tooth fairy

JAMES RANDI IN AUSTRALIA, AYN-7, Wednesday, 8 pm. Previewed by GARRY SHELLEY.

of paranormal behaviour, from the bending of spoons to the searching for water by divining rod. He wants to "expose people who go out of their way to defraud others". At the same time he would love to believe that these people could prove their supernatural powers scientifically.

The name James Randi might ring a bell to many viewers. He was the gentleman whom Don Lane told to get lost (in a liquefied form) when he accused the latter and



James Randi . . . he can't cop ESP.

When seeing isn't believing . . .

Don Lane and believers in the divining rod, spoon-bending and psychic surgery should watch the special, James Randi in Australia. "Paranormal nonsense, claptrap and flummery," says Mr Randi as he convincingly demonstrates how easily people can fool the more gullible among us — and themselves. Mr Lane should watch Channel 7 at 7.30 on Wednesday night to hear the cogent arguments he would not allow Mr Randi to expound on his show. (Devotees of the Lane

program will recall the evening the comperé had the ill grace to swear at his guest and storm off the set after Randi had raised doubts about Doris Stokes, whom he calls "the granny who hears dead people talking to her." In a statement issued through his Australian sponsor, Dick Smith, the scientist says he's certain Lane's actions were a "calculated set-up.") Randi says he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy for the same reason he can't cop ESP,

spoon-bending and the rest — insufficient evidence. His evidence, in this Doubting Thomas view, places all things paranormal firmly in the Easter Bunny class. It would be a pity if he lost most of his viewers in the first few minutes as he appears to remove a quantity of blood and guts from a willing victim's stomach. It isn't psychic surgery but sleight of hand. By a similar trick, he bends spoons in the slickest, faster-than-the-eye Uri Geller fashion.

The clincher takes place in a field in Ryde, where the reputations of a group of water-diviners are left looking a little tattered. Attracted by an offer of \$40,000 (ten grand each from sceptics Randi, Smith, Phillip Adams and Richard Carleton) the dowzers had to identify gold and brass hidden in cardboard boxes, and which out of 10 pipes had water flowing through it. Before the experiment, most said they would be 100 per cent successful. Five agreed to split the

proceeds they were so confident. In this case, seeing is disbelieving. The results are no better than chance or guesswork, and Randi declares, "It would seem to indicate that dowzing as a force does not exist." Does this shake the faith of our dowzers? Not a bit. They come up with every excuse under the sun (including sun-spots!) to explain away this rare lapse. "People," Randi concludes sadly, "simply will not learn a lesson." — Don Groves.

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the podcast from australia for science

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means sadly for some people around the

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world going back into lockdown

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and i'm certainly thinking about my

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friends and colleagues in those parts of

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the world

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which aren't having such a great

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skeptic zone can help you

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amazing cruise north to alaska

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had actually interviewed james randy

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but after going through archives when

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interview from 2006

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and what i've done is i've put that

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earlier interview on youtube

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on the skeptic's own youtube channel if

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you don't subscribe to the skeptic's own

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youtube channel it's another way to

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listen to the show

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and other videos anyway i will link

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original what i believe is the very

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spanning the years of the skeptic zone

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with james randy following that we go

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and find newspaper references to james

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randy

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more or less focusing on his water

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divining exploits in this country or

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the tests i should say a little bit

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about his don lane

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fiasco when don lane kicked him off the

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and some of these clippings and stories

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come from my own personal research in

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the state library of new south wales

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over the years

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where i've gone through microfilm and

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found references and

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clippings about james randy but before

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we get stuck into the show my hearty

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congratulations

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to dr paulie and the whole team

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uh at the gold coast gold coast skeptics

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who put on a fantastic online skepticon

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the australian skeptics national

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convention i sat there last weekend

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had a wonderful time listening and

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watching the

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talks interacting with other people

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asking questions

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and afterwards going into little rooms

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to uh to chat to friends

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just like the old days a first class

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effort and a wonderful convention so

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once again

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congratulations to the gold coast team

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but now it's time for me to run

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downstairs grab a coffee have a look

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in the back garden because we've had a

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lot of rain lately

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and i guess you know what i'm talking

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about when you've had a lot of rain

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the grass really grows long

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time to get out the whippersnipper well

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i do that

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james randy appeared many times on the

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skeptic's own podcast

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since its beginnings in 2008

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and what i'd like to play you now is a

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a selection of those appearances over

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the years

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but we're going to start with the very

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first time i interviewed james randy

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which was way back in 2007

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alaska

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00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:45,120

we're on the amazing adventure too up

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the coast of alaska and here having

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breakfast with

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mr james randy the ship has been rolling

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like crazy

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during the night and it's

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it is not not quite seized but it's down

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to a reasonable role right now

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and we've got hysterics in the

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background as you can hear but

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uh no i uh i just got you a joke from

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last night yeah there you go

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i'm having a wonderful time it's very

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stimulating to be with such good friends

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and

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curtsies that people give when i pass by

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and you know

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that's right standing to attention yes

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and i i give them a

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quick blessing as i pass i know it's

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really fun richard to

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be here uh with folks like you who come

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some distance to be here

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and that's very flattering indeed and i

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have not seen

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this part of the world before and

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certainly not

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from this particular vantage point so

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i'm having

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a very good time i'm highly entertained

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and i hope that along the way i might

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provide some of the entertainment

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i think that the situation like this

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even though

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we're on a large vessel it's much like

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your amazing meetings it's simply a

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great opportunity

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to make new friends to network like any

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social organization i guess

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well you know we um we launched this

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this cruise as we have with others and

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with the amazing meetings and such

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for purposes of funding the jref uh

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that's

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very obvious and they've never concealed

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the facts about it but

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on this particular venture we won't make

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very much

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money but that's not the only purpose of

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friends of of like mind

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and i've done a great deal of that in

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just the last couple of days and we're

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barely started on this venture

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uh it's been most rewarding in that

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it's touching the flesh and making sure

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that uh

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people have met eye to eye and

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i as i made my little speech at the very

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beginning

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when we first boarded here i want people

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to come over and make sure that i shake

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their hand

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i look them straight in the eye and what

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questions have we got and people have

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00:06:58,790 --> 00:06:57,199
followed me up on that invitation and it

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00:07:01,189 --> 00:06:58,800
cornered me

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00:07:03,029 --> 00:07:01,199
i'm very gladly and happily cornered i

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00:07:04,710 --> 00:07:03,039
must say i have no objection to it in

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00:07:07,110 --> 00:07:04,720
fact i encourage it

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so it's it's been wonderful it's just

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been wonderful a good good experience

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at the very first recording of the

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skeptic zone the very first session

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and that was in atlanta georgia uh my

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guest

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on stage was none other than james randy

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mr randy um you did an excellent series

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in the uk about 1991

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james randy said i spent that money

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already though and in the audience were

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in fact cue laurie and stephen fry yes

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they showed up and they they snuck in

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and sat in the front row so the people

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behind them couldn't see

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their faces didn't know who they were

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and they had a reading

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done for them talk about a fiasco

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total fiasco with a capital f and

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00:07:53,909 --> 00:07:51,599
uh that's a dirty laugh i'll

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00:07:54,629 --> 00:07:53,919
bottle that and take it with me now we

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move to

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in january 2011 and it's maynard's turn

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to interview james randy

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well i'm here at tam australia and uh

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there's a guy a really unusual name

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amazing that is a great first name mr

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randy yes so i've been told that

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many people refer to in conversations

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they refer to

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some amazing event and i always

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interrupt them say no no no that's not

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amazing it's astonishing

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i'm amazing you see and how did you get

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that one as a magician because there's

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lots of names you could have got you

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know

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incredible wacky kooky that guy over

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insufficient that was one that i passed

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and the disdainful that's a good one

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yeah and the clumsy

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and a few things like that but i finally

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settled on amazing as a matter of fact

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that's interesting because when i first

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refer to it

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i was given all kinds of choices there

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were professors

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this and the great and so and so but i

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didn't know of any amazings

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and so i decided to adopt amazing in

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april 2011

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on episode number 128 my catch up with

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james randy

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and speak to him about his recent trip

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to norway

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and joining me now live yes live all the

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way from fort lauderdale in

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florida it's none other than the amazing

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randy himself

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hello randy how exciting this must be

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00:09:26,949 --> 00:09:24,640

for you

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00:09:28,870 --> 00:09:26,959

it is i'm thrilled to death and and

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00:09:30,630 --> 00:09:28,880

imagine you're being interviewed for a

253

00:09:32,230 --> 00:09:30,640

podcast that must be something

254

00:09:34,949 --> 00:09:32,240

yes brand new i've never done this

255

00:09:38,230 --> 00:09:34,959

before of course

256

00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:38,240

now i've been uh quite interested to see

257

00:09:41,590 --> 00:09:40,880

lately uh following your adventures all

258

00:09:44,150 --> 00:09:41,600

the way to

259

00:09:46,630 --> 00:09:44,160

norway randy somewhere i've never been

260

00:09:48,550 --> 00:09:46,640

and somewhere i'd love to visit

261

00:09:49,670 --> 00:09:48,560

can you tell me some of your experiences

262

00:09:53,030 --> 00:09:49,680

in norway and

263

00:09:55,590 --> 00:09:53,040

why did you go so far well i've been all

264

00:09:56,470 --> 00:09:55,600

over scandinavia several times over the

265

00:09:59,269 --> 00:09:56,480

past

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00:10:02,310 --> 00:09:59,279

20 years or so and enjoyed it every

267

00:10:05,110 --> 00:10:02,320

single time even in the dead of winter

268

00:10:06,550 --> 00:10:05,120

i had rather nasty weather in norway i

269

00:10:07,110 --> 00:10:06,560

must say but that's not their fault of

270

00:10:08,550 --> 00:10:07,120

course

271

00:10:10,790 --> 00:10:08,560

they didn't wish it and well on the

272

00:10:12,630 --> 00:10:10,800

other hand maybe that did work if

273

00:10:13,750 --> 00:10:12,640

somebody wished it on me so i'm not too

274

00:10:16,310 --> 00:10:13,760

sure of that

275

00:10:17,190 --> 00:10:16,320

but um i suffered through all that and

276
00:10:18,790 --> 00:10:17,200
had

277
00:10:20,470 --> 00:10:18,800
the the benefit of their great

278
00:10:23,990 --> 00:10:20,480
hospitality we had

279
00:10:26,470 --> 00:10:24,000
sold out crowds every show and

280
00:10:27,509 --> 00:10:26,480
it was rather sad we had to turn away

281
00:10:30,829 --> 00:10:27,519
are you ready

282
00:10:31,990 --> 00:10:30,839
almost 1500 people on the first show in

283
00:10:35,430 --> 00:10:32,000
oslo

284
00:10:38,949 --> 00:10:35,440
that's a lot of people to turn away and

285
00:10:40,389 --> 00:10:38,959
i i was very uh very disappointed to

286
00:10:42,790 --> 00:10:40,399
know that we had to do that

287
00:10:43,990 --> 00:10:42,800
but on the other hand it was streamed

288
00:10:46,389 --> 00:10:44,000

live and

289

00:10:48,710 --> 00:10:46,399

at least a thousand people were tuned in

290

00:10:50,949 --> 00:10:48,720

on the on the web to hear it and

291

00:10:51,990 --> 00:10:50,959

they were very happy with the results i

292

00:10:54,710 --> 00:10:52,000

believe and we had

293

00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:54,720

lots and lots of newspapers based now i

294

00:11:00,230 --> 00:10:56,720

was invited specifically

295

00:11:03,030 --> 00:11:00,240

by the norwegian humanist association

296

00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:03,040

uh i'm surprised and very very pleased

297

00:11:07,590 --> 00:11:04,560

richard i must say

298

00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:07,600

to have discovered when i got there that

299

00:11:12,150 --> 00:11:10,560

um the humanist organization the whole

300

00:11:15,350 --> 00:11:12,160

humanist philosophy

301

00:11:18,389 --> 00:11:15,360

is really very strong and pervasive

302

00:11:20,630 --> 00:11:18,399

uh in norway and they sort of need it i

303

00:11:23,910 --> 00:11:20,640

i'm sure you've heard of the royal house

304

00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:23,920

of norway and their eccentricities

305

00:11:28,230 --> 00:11:25,839

well what royal house doesn't have

306

00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:28,240

ex-interest that's very true very true

307

00:11:31,190 --> 00:11:29,279

you don't have one in

308

00:11:33,350 --> 00:11:31,200

in australia that i know of except it

309

00:11:36,470 --> 00:11:33,360

may be that remote one and what's the

310

00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:36,480

oh yes the uk yes that's the one yes i

311

00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:37,200

see

312

00:11:40,949 --> 00:11:38,800

well you you still have the ladies

313

00:11:42,630 --> 00:11:40,959

picture on your on your coin asian on

314

00:11:45,269 --> 00:11:42,640

your bills and such so we do

315

00:11:46,470 --> 00:11:45,279

yes i see well in canada they still do

316

00:11:48,150 --> 00:11:46,480

i'm told as well

317

00:11:50,870 --> 00:11:48,160

but they're they're preferring beavers

318

00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:50,880

the beavers are much more attractive

319

00:11:54,470 --> 00:11:53,279

um no it's it's quite interesting

320

00:11:57,829 --> 00:11:54,480

because princess

321

00:11:59,750 --> 00:11:57,839

martha louise there she is um

322

00:12:01,670 --> 00:11:59,760

i'm going to try to put it kindly she's

323

00:12:04,470 --> 00:12:01,680

a nut case

324

00:12:07,350 --> 00:12:04,480

she and everybody in norway that i met

325

00:12:10,389 --> 00:12:07,360

now my job is meeting mostly humanists

326

00:12:12,389 --> 00:12:10,399

but uh in the immediate crowd but the

327

00:12:12,870 --> 00:12:12,399

press all the media and such kept on

328

00:12:14,790 --> 00:12:12,880

saying

329

00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:14,800

oh we're so embarrassed over the royal

330

00:12:17,829 --> 00:12:17,200

family because she really is giving

331

00:12:21,030 --> 00:12:17,839

lessons

332

00:12:24,710 --> 00:12:21,040

literally a princess of norway

333

00:12:25,269 --> 00:12:24,720

is giving lessons to people to citizens

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00:12:28,150 --> 00:12:25,279

out there

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00:12:29,350 --> 00:12:28,160

for money to teach them how to contact

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00:12:32,389 --> 00:12:29,360

their guardian

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00:12:34,389 --> 00:12:32,399

angels now i too can speak to guardian

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00:12:36,389 --> 00:12:34,399

angels i can speak the lamp posts

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00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:36,399

i can speak whatever you want but

340

00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:38,000

whether i get an answer of course is

341

00:12:43,430 --> 00:12:40,880

the rather important uh question here

342

00:12:45,910 --> 00:12:43,440

and uh we challenged the princess

343

00:12:47,430 --> 00:12:45,920

uh on television and she didn't appear

344

00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:47,440

with me of course she was royalty you

345

00:12:50,949 --> 00:12:48,079

see

346

00:12:52,550 --> 00:12:50,959

and israel departed me uh still is from

347

00:12:54,389 --> 00:12:52,560

what i've heard

348

00:12:56,230 --> 00:12:54,399

although that that physician may be in

349

00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:56,240

jeopardy i'm not too sure

350

00:13:00,949 --> 00:12:59,600

but um she she just already said that we

351

00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:00,959

do not answer

352

00:13:04,230 --> 00:13:03,600

uh to such inquiries uh this is the

353

00:13:07,430 --> 00:13:04,240

royal we

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00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:07,440

of course ah that that one that's

355

00:13:11,509 --> 00:13:09,440

that's a great excuse and i've heard uh

356

00:13:13,829 --> 00:13:11,519

john edwards say the same thing

357

00:13:15,269 --> 00:13:13,839

yes what do you say what do you say to

358

00:13:18,069 --> 00:13:15,279

the skeptics mr edward oh

359

00:13:19,750 --> 00:13:18,079

i don't respond to skeptics wow that's

360

00:13:20,150 --> 00:13:19,760

the best out you could possibly have i

361

00:13:22,310 --> 00:13:20,160

think

362

00:13:23,190 --> 00:13:22,320

well you may know that we specifically

363

00:13:25,990 --> 00:13:23,200

challenged

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00:13:28,230 --> 00:13:26,000

john edward uh to take the million

365

00:13:31,030 --> 00:13:28,240

dollar prize and his press agent

366

00:13:32,150 --> 00:13:31,040

not he himself we we weren't given that

367

00:13:35,269 --> 00:13:32,160

great favor

368

00:13:37,750 --> 00:13:35,279

and his press agent answered and said

369

00:13:39,509 --> 00:13:37,760

dear sir date at the top then dear sir

370

00:13:40,230 --> 00:13:39,519

uh mr edward does not respond to

371

00:13:43,189 --> 00:13:40,240

criticism

372

00:13:44,389 --> 00:13:43,199

yours truly and then he signed it now

373

00:13:45,430 --> 00:13:44,399

that's great isn't it i

374

00:13:47,430 --> 00:13:45,440

i'm going to appear before the

375

00:13:49,350 --> 00:13:47,440

magistrates i i don't

376

00:13:53,350 --> 00:13:49,360

recognize this court goodbye and walk

377

00:13:59,670 --> 00:13:57,030

following on from that on episode 1 29 i

378

00:14:01,430 --> 00:13:59,680

continue my talk with james randy

379

00:14:03,350 --> 00:14:01,440

but now i'd like to change topics a

380

00:14:03,910 --> 00:14:03,360

little bit change the topic a little bit

381

00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:03,920

and

382

00:14:08,310 --> 00:14:06,079

talk briefly about the one million

383

00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:08,320

dollar prize from the james randy

384

00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:09,760

educational foundation

385

00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:12,240

and the angle i'd like to put to you is

386

00:14:15,590 --> 00:14:13,440

we all know it's there

387

00:14:17,829 --> 00:14:15,600

of course it's there it's it's you've

388

00:14:20,310 --> 00:14:17,839

gone to great pains to

389

00:14:22,389 --> 00:14:20,320

show to anybody who cares to look into

390

00:14:24,870 --> 00:14:22,399

it that the prize is really there

391

00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:24,880

yet there are still people who will not

392

00:14:29,189 --> 00:14:26,160

take your prize

393

00:14:29,990 --> 00:14:29,199

with the ridiculous excuses that oh the

394

00:14:32,470 --> 00:14:30,000

money's not there

395

00:14:34,150 --> 00:14:32,480

and james randy's lying all the time you

396

00:14:36,629 --> 00:14:34,160

must get an awful lot of that

397

00:14:38,790 --> 00:14:36,639

oh yes i do as a matter of fact the the

398

00:14:41,509 --> 00:14:38,800

facts of the matter are that

399

00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:41,519

years ago we advertised that if they

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00:14:44,710 --> 00:14:43,120

wanted proof of it that we would send

401
00:14:47,829 --> 00:14:44,720
them a notarized document

402
00:14:49,829 --> 00:14:47,839
that's an attested warranted document

403
00:14:51,030 --> 00:14:49,839
that is a legal document and if i were

404
00:14:52,790 --> 00:14:51,040
to make a misstatement on

405
00:14:54,230 --> 00:14:52,800
that sort of thing they could sue me and

406
00:14:56,310 --> 00:14:54,240
they could they could certainly win the

407
00:14:59,110 --> 00:14:56,320
mini court of law here in america

408
00:15:00,550 --> 00:14:59,120
um so i i offered to send them a copy of

409
00:15:03,110 --> 00:15:00,560
that form and

410
00:15:04,790 --> 00:15:03,120
as we got the from the investment uh

411
00:15:07,430 --> 00:15:04,800
house which was goldman sach's in those

412
00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:07,440
days no longer is now we've changed

413
00:15:12,069 --> 00:15:10,480

um i used to every month when it came in

414

00:15:12,629 --> 00:15:12,079

i would make a photocopy of it and

415

00:15:14,310 --> 00:15:12,639

prepare

416

00:15:16,230 --> 00:15:14,320

five or six photocopies and put them in

417

00:15:19,670 --> 00:15:16,240

a drawer here in the other office

418

00:15:22,710 --> 00:15:19,680

and be prepared to mail them out now the

419

00:15:25,590 --> 00:15:22,720

fact of the matter richard is that

420

00:15:27,030 --> 00:15:25,600

in all those years we have been offering

421

00:15:30,230 --> 00:15:27,040

this evidence

422

00:15:33,749 --> 00:15:30,240

not one person believer

423

00:15:36,629 --> 00:15:33,759

or non-believer has ever asked to see

424

00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:36,639

that evidence and yet they continue to

425

00:15:38,949 --> 00:15:37,120

say

426

00:15:41,030 --> 00:15:38,959

the money isn't there no it's all a fake

427

00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:41,040

james randy is a magician he's a liar

428

00:15:47,110 --> 00:15:44,160

and it's not there but it's open for

429

00:15:49,269 --> 00:15:47,120

examination the the notarized document

430

00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:49,279

as i say is a legal document it's a

431

00:15:52,790 --> 00:15:52,079

a binding document and we certainly

432

00:15:55,189 --> 00:15:52,800

could be

433

00:15:56,629 --> 00:15:55,199

successfully sued if we made a statement

434

00:15:57,030 --> 00:15:56,639

like that saying the million dollars is

435

00:16:00,870 --> 00:15:57,040

there

436

00:16:02,150 --> 00:16:00,880

it is reserved

437

00:16:03,829 --> 00:16:02,160

as a matter of fact the account is

438

00:16:05,430 --> 00:16:03,839

called the james ready educational

439

00:16:07,990 --> 00:16:05,440

foundation prize account

440

00:16:10,069 --> 00:16:08,000

and it's specifically for that purpose

441

00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:10,079

at the moment it's about 1.3 million

442

00:16:12,629 --> 00:16:10,560

dollars

443

00:16:14,389 --> 00:16:12,639

and we'll take some off the top of it in

444

00:16:15,910 --> 00:16:14,399

order to help run the the foundation

445

00:16:19,350 --> 00:16:15,920

it'll always be a minimum

446

00:16:22,310 --> 00:16:19,360

of one billion dollars not one person

447

00:16:23,829 --> 00:16:22,320

has ever asked to see that evidence not

448

00:16:26,550 --> 00:16:23,839

by fax not by

449

00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:26,560

by the personal visit not by mail not by

450

00:16:29,829 --> 00:16:27,440

email

451
00:16:31,189 --> 00:16:29,839
no one has ever asked to see it and

452
00:16:33,430 --> 00:16:31,199
that's astonishing

453
00:16:35,509 --> 00:16:33,440
isn't it now we skip forward to episode

454
00:16:37,990 --> 00:16:35,519
number 176

455
00:16:39,990 --> 00:16:38,000
in 2012 and don't forget folks you can

456
00:16:41,189 --> 00:16:40,000
go to the full interviews with james

457
00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:41,199
randy these are all just

458
00:16:45,430 --> 00:16:43,680
little snippets little excerpts if you

459
00:16:48,949 --> 00:16:45,440
go to the episodes i mentioned

460
00:16:54,790 --> 00:16:48,959
at skepticzone.tv and click the episode

461
00:16:57,829 --> 00:16:54,800
link so yes this is episode number 176

462
00:16:59,030 --> 00:16:57,839
well randy it's um what a year it's it's

463
00:17:01,110 --> 00:16:59,040

looking to be

464

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:01,120

for the james randy educational

465

00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:02,639

foundation

466

00:17:06,390 --> 00:17:04,799

it's hard to believe it but it's true

467

00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:06,400

tam number 10

468

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:08,480

the amazing meeting number 10 coming up

469

00:17:14,789 --> 00:17:11,120

in july july 12th to the 15th

470

00:17:17,350 --> 00:17:14,799

in las vegas 10 years of tam randy

471

00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:17,360

wow hard to believe hard to believe and

472

00:17:21,750 --> 00:17:18,000

to think that

473

00:17:22,309 --> 00:17:21,760

at the the very first uh tam that we had

474

00:17:29,909 --> 00:17:22,319

we had

475

00:17:33,350 --> 00:17:29,919

1 652 i think it was

476

00:17:35,669 --> 00:17:33,360

and yes it's it's it's incredible really

477

00:17:37,029 --> 00:17:35,679

that's the next potential curve uh

478

00:17:38,870 --> 00:17:37,039

richard and i i think

479

00:17:40,310 --> 00:17:38,880

we're on the very steep side of the

480

00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:40,320

curve right now

481

00:17:43,669 --> 00:17:42,480

i i think so i think before long we're

482

00:17:45,669 --> 00:17:43,679

going to have to you're going to have to

483

00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:45,679

build your own hotel to house all the

484

00:17:47,510 --> 00:17:46,960

people who want to come to the amazing

485

00:17:49,669 --> 00:17:47,520

meeting

486

00:17:50,950 --> 00:17:49,679

and the reason so many people come to

487

00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:50,960

the amazing meeting well you couldn't

488

00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:52,960

put your finger on one reason of course

489

00:17:59,990 --> 00:17:56,559

but for me it's just the caliber of um

490

00:18:02,470 --> 00:18:00,000

speakers uh it's days and days of being

491

00:18:03,590 --> 00:18:02,480

enthralled with the the top scientists

492

00:18:07,110 --> 00:18:03,600

in the world the top

493

00:18:09,990 --> 00:18:07,120

magicians the top thinkers it must be

494

00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:10,000

some big undertaking to get that caliber

495

00:18:14,950 --> 00:18:10,880

of uh

496

00:18:17,669 --> 00:18:14,960

speakers to come along well frankly um

497

00:18:18,789 --> 00:18:17,679

we just have to mumble uh an invitation

498

00:18:21,750 --> 00:18:18,799

and people are

499

00:18:23,350 --> 00:18:21,760

are clamoring to get at us uh i must say

500

00:18:25,350 --> 00:18:23,360

we've had richard dawkins and neil

501
00:18:27,909 --> 00:18:25,360
degrasse tyson just recently do you know

502
00:18:30,470 --> 00:18:27,919
neil degrasse tyson to tell do you know

503
00:18:31,669 --> 00:18:30,480
indeed and i've had the pleasure of uh

504
00:18:34,710 --> 00:18:31,679
in fact the last

505
00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:34,720
tam tam nine which was called tam nine

506
00:18:37,909 --> 00:18:36,160
from outer space i had the pleasure of

507
00:18:39,590 --> 00:18:37,919
interviewing neil degrasse tyson

508
00:18:41,669 --> 00:18:39,600
oh yes of course you did yes i'd

509
00:18:43,350 --> 00:18:41,679
forgotten that but he's a charming

510
00:18:46,470 --> 00:18:43,360
gentleman and uh

511
00:18:47,190 --> 00:18:46,480
by golly uh he has just been such an

512
00:18:49,909 --> 00:18:47,200
attraction

513
00:18:51,830 --> 00:18:49,919

uh well he and richard can you imagine

514

00:18:53,830 --> 00:18:51,840

any conference that has richard dawkins

515

00:18:57,190 --> 00:18:53,840

and neil degrasse tyson at the same

516

00:19:00,390 --> 00:18:57,200

event i mean that that's uh

517

00:19:02,549 --> 00:19:00,400

we we felt that if we invited one more

518

00:19:04,710 --> 00:19:02,559

really sterling person we might reach

519

00:19:06,390 --> 00:19:04,720

critical mass and go up and boom you

520

00:19:10,950 --> 00:19:06,400

know

521

00:19:13,750 --> 00:19:10,960

episode 196 in july 2012

522

00:19:15,950 --> 00:19:13,760

and maynard interviews james randy at

523

00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:15,960

the amazing meeting in las vegas

524

00:19:19,270 --> 00:19:17,520

[Music]

525

00:19:20,630 --> 00:19:19,280

well look here's a guy i spoke to last

526

00:19:22,710 --> 00:19:20,640

time at tam australia

527

00:19:24,470 --> 00:19:22,720

the amazing incredible guy with the

528

00:19:26,789 --> 00:19:24,480

beard randy how are you

529

00:19:27,750 --> 00:19:26,799

i'm doing very well for an old fellow of

530

00:19:29,430 --> 00:19:27,760

83.

531

00:19:31,270 --> 00:19:29,440

you're looking the same age as my dad

532

00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:31,280

and my dad loves going to the doctor all

533

00:19:33,430 --> 00:19:32,320

the time i think you've probably had

534

00:19:33,909 --> 00:19:33,440

enough of doctors at the time being

535

00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:33,919

haven't you

536

00:19:37,350 --> 00:19:36,400

well yes i have had a few experiences in

537

00:19:39,750 --> 00:19:37,360

that direction

538

00:19:40,950 --> 00:19:39,760

such as uh well colon cancer

539

00:19:42,950 --> 00:19:40,960

chemotherapy for

540

00:19:44,710 --> 00:19:42,960

six months and a few things like that

541

00:19:45,990 --> 00:19:44,720

and a double heart attack and then

542

00:19:47,990 --> 00:19:46,000

double bypass

543

00:19:49,909 --> 00:19:48,000

so a double heart attack a double heart

544

00:19:50,710 --> 00:19:49,919

yes i i don't fool around yeah i do

545

00:19:52,390 --> 00:19:50,720

things

546

00:19:53,750 --> 00:19:52,400

thoroughly when i do them you seem to

547

00:19:54,870 --> 00:19:53,760

have so much energy is that why you had

548

00:19:55,909 --> 00:19:54,880

the double heart attack you're pushing

549

00:19:59,029 --> 00:19:55,919

yourself a bit hard

550

00:20:01,270 --> 00:19:59,039

that's entirely an act

551
00:20:02,310 --> 00:20:01,280
now now looking back how was tam

552
00:20:03,270 --> 00:20:02,320
australia while you were there

553
00:20:05,990 --> 00:20:03,280
i spoke to you pretty much at the

554
00:20:08,310 --> 00:20:06,000
beginning of it well i tell you i i i

555
00:20:10,070 --> 00:20:08,320
say this with great sincerity anytime

556
00:20:13,430 --> 00:20:10,080
that i can get to australia

557
00:20:13,909 --> 00:20:13,440
i say it correctly to australia i i do

558
00:20:16,630 --> 00:20:13,919
so

559
00:20:18,710 --> 00:20:16,640
uh because well dick smith is a good

560
00:20:21,350 --> 00:20:18,720
friend of mine and so is phil adams and

561
00:20:22,470 --> 00:20:21,360
richard saunders of course and so many

562
00:20:25,430 --> 00:20:22,480
folks over there

563
00:20:26,470 --> 00:20:25,440

you know that are good good solid

564

00:20:28,789 --> 00:20:26,480

friends of mine

565

00:20:30,549 --> 00:20:28,799

i delight in seeing them again and i

566

00:20:34,390 --> 00:20:30,559

just love the country

567

00:20:35,750 --> 00:20:34,400

it's it's a new country it's it's like

568

00:20:38,390 --> 00:20:35,760

the united states was

569

00:20:39,270 --> 00:20:38,400

you know half a century or maybe more

570

00:20:41,909 --> 00:20:39,280

ago

571

00:20:42,789 --> 00:20:41,919

and uh i i almost feel that i want to go

572

00:20:44,789 --> 00:20:42,799

back to that

573

00:20:46,149 --> 00:20:44,799

and i'd like to visit australia for that

574

00:20:49,590 --> 00:20:46,159

very reason

575

00:20:50,789 --> 00:20:49,600

now we come to episode 220 from january

576
00:20:53,830 --> 00:20:50,799
2013

577
00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:53,840
and once again maynard is with james

578
00:20:57,750 --> 00:20:55,840
randy

579
00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,760
it's december in melbourne and every

580
00:21:01,270 --> 00:20:59,679
december in melbourne it rains

581
00:21:02,710 --> 00:21:01,280
james randy you can't go anywhere

582
00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,720
without tripping over one and over the

583
00:21:04,549 --> 00:21:04,080
past couple of days that's what's been

584
00:21:06,870 --> 00:21:04,559
happening

585
00:21:07,830 --> 00:21:06,880
james randy how are you very well thank

586
00:21:09,909 --> 00:21:07,840
you and i'm having a

587
00:21:12,470 --> 00:21:09,919
marvelous time and meeting such

588
00:21:15,430 --> 00:21:12,480

interesting folks and

589

00:21:15,990 --> 00:21:15,440

well groups of people and individuals

590

00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:16,000

melbourne

591

00:21:21,430 --> 00:21:18,960

is a is a revelation it really is now

592

00:21:23,110 --> 00:21:21,440

when were you last here

593

00:21:24,549 --> 00:21:23,120

i i hate to tell you but i think it was

594

00:21:27,590 --> 00:21:24,559

in 1981

595

00:21:29,270 --> 00:21:27,600

that's when i confronted don lane and i

596

00:21:30,870 --> 00:21:29,280

think that's the last time i was in

597

00:21:32,310 --> 00:21:30,880

melbourne though i find that hard to

598

00:21:36,149 --> 00:21:32,320

believe i i do so much

599

00:21:39,430 --> 00:21:36,159

traveling it's it's all in my lungs

600

00:21:40,310 --> 00:21:39,440

in my poor old head but i how old are

601
00:21:43,510 --> 00:21:40,320
you nasa

602
00:21:47,029 --> 00:21:43,520
i'm 84 all day and

603
00:21:48,630 --> 00:21:47,039
i always say 84 going on 100 because i'm

604
00:21:51,029 --> 00:21:48,640
an optimist

605
00:21:52,710 --> 00:21:51,039
now james i was thinking about you at

606
00:21:54,310 --> 00:21:52,720
about 3 30 this morning because there

607
00:21:55,909 --> 00:21:54,320
was some bogans in the hotel room next

608
00:21:57,510 --> 00:21:55,919
door to me that woke me up

609
00:21:59,029 --> 00:21:57,520
and i thought now what i'm asking james

610
00:22:00,710 --> 00:21:59,039
mr randy something um

611
00:22:02,630 --> 00:22:00,720
because people go oh yes he's part of a

612
00:22:04,230 --> 00:22:02,640
big farmer he's part of some he's on

613
00:22:06,149 --> 00:22:04,240

the government side but this information

614

00:22:07,190 --> 00:22:06,159

i thought hang on a minute let's turn

615

00:22:10,230 --> 00:22:07,200

that around

616

00:22:11,669 --> 00:22:10,240

you are someone who is into rationalism

617

00:22:13,750 --> 00:22:11,679

you're someone who has a lifestyle that

618

00:22:15,430 --> 00:22:13,760

maybe three different uh successive

619

00:22:17,990 --> 00:22:15,440

presidents might not have supported

620

00:22:19,430 --> 00:22:18,000

um how come you haven't made so many

621

00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:19,440

enemies that you're on the receiving end

622

00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:20,799

of some conspiracies

623

00:22:28,710 --> 00:22:24,480

oh i i just may very well be but uh

624

00:22:30,710 --> 00:22:28,720

you know at 84 you sort of mellow

625

00:22:33,110 --> 00:22:30,720

i think i should have mellowed 20 years

626

00:22:36,149 --> 00:22:33,120

ago but i'm mellowing now

627

00:22:37,029 --> 00:22:36,159

and i take these all these things in

628

00:22:39,830 --> 00:22:37,039

turn

629

00:22:40,789 --> 00:22:39,840

and i've learned to ignore a great deal

630

00:22:43,830 --> 00:22:40,799

of

631

00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:43,840

flack from my detractors out there and

632

00:22:47,350 --> 00:22:44,720

i'm sure they're

633

00:22:48,870 --> 00:22:47,360

they are legion as they say uh it

634

00:22:50,470 --> 00:22:48,880

doesn't bother me at all

635

00:22:52,710 --> 00:22:50,480

yeah i guess you just get to a certain

636

00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:52,720

point again yeah yeah

637

00:22:56,149 --> 00:22:54,240

that's exactly right i don't know how

638

00:22:57,110 --> 00:22:56,159

you spell that but that's exactly what

639

00:22:59,350 --> 00:22:57,120

it is yes

640

00:23:02,070 --> 00:22:59,360

and has the term woo-woo got to where

641

00:23:03,830 --> 00:23:02,080

you wanted to be yet that that means

642

00:23:05,669 --> 00:23:03,840

i always use just woo because woo-woo

643

00:23:07,590 --> 00:23:05,679

sounds a bit like a train or something

644

00:23:09,909 --> 00:23:07,600

but you want to get woo-woo into the

645

00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:09,919

dictionary i i would love to get

646

00:23:13,029 --> 00:23:12,000

will interview at least in the american

647

00:23:14,710 --> 00:23:13,039

dictionary

648

00:23:16,230 --> 00:23:14,720

and uh i want to make sure it's a

649

00:23:19,669 --> 00:23:16,240

hyphenated

650

00:23:21,590 --> 00:23:19,679

woo and uh that would just be a

651
00:23:23,270 --> 00:23:21,600
sort of an accomplishment for me it'd be

652
00:23:25,669 --> 00:23:23,280
one of the things i haven't done yet so

653
00:23:28,710 --> 00:23:25,679
i guess i better hurry up and do it

654
00:23:31,750 --> 00:23:28,720
episode 299 now from

655
00:23:32,710 --> 00:23:31,760
july 2014 and once again i bump into

656
00:23:43,830 --> 00:23:32,720
james randy

657
00:23:49,029 --> 00:23:46,149
suggest you are you always enjoy town mr

658
00:23:52,549 --> 00:23:49,039
andy oh i have a ball at this place

659
00:23:53,909 --> 00:23:52,559
and i'm also really rather

660
00:23:56,230 --> 00:23:53,919
struck with the fact that i could

661
00:23:56,710 --> 00:23:56,240
attract people in this case from 23

662
00:23:58,390 --> 00:23:56,720
countries

663
00:23:59,750 --> 00:23:58,400

across the world yes they read them all

664

00:24:01,590 --> 00:23:59,760

out the other day

665

00:24:04,230 --> 00:24:01,600

but i've got to face the fact that it's

666

00:24:05,590 --> 00:24:04,240

not me it's the organization it's the

667

00:24:07,269 --> 00:24:05,600

jref itself

668

00:24:09,029 --> 00:24:07,279

and the work the good work that it does

669

00:24:10,870 --> 00:24:09,039

around the world that

670

00:24:12,390 --> 00:24:10,880

they're really interested in and i just

671

00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:12,400

happen to be the figurehead

672

00:24:16,310 --> 00:24:15,279

so i i take full advantage of that you

673

00:24:17,830 --> 00:24:16,320

do

674

00:24:19,269 --> 00:24:17,840

and it's remarkable that i've actually

675

00:24:20,149 --> 00:24:19,279

caught you it's a bit quiet out here in

676

00:24:22,310 --> 00:24:20,159

the hallway there's a

677

00:24:23,269 --> 00:24:22,320

talk going on inside it's remarkable i

678

00:24:25,350 --> 00:24:23,279

can actually

679

00:24:26,470 --> 00:24:25,360

pull you away from the people yes and

680

00:24:27,909 --> 00:24:26,480

you can't help yourself i saw you

681

00:24:29,350 --> 00:24:27,919

performing some uh

682

00:24:31,269 --> 00:24:29,360

wonderful countering tricks earlier oh

683

00:24:32,630 --> 00:24:31,279

yes yes conjuring tricks

684

00:24:34,310 --> 00:24:32,640

that's what we call them actually

685

00:24:35,029 --> 00:24:34,320

they're miracles of their semi-religious

686

00:24:36,630 --> 00:24:35,039

teacher

687

00:24:39,430 --> 00:24:36,640

that's the way i just won't let on about

688

00:24:41,590 --> 00:24:39,440

that and it's nice to see you

689

00:24:43,750 --> 00:24:41,600

uh so mobile because a couple of times

690

00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:43,760

ago you were

691

00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:49,830

had aneurysms that had really crippled

692

00:24:54,230 --> 00:24:51,840

me and i was in a wheelchair

693

00:24:56,149 --> 00:24:54,240

but i had an operation since yeah very

694

00:24:58,950 --> 00:24:56,159

serious one as a matter of fact and

695

00:25:00,070 --> 00:24:58,960

it almost did me in but medical science

696

00:25:01,510 --> 00:25:00,080

did the job again

697

00:25:03,990 --> 00:25:01,520

that's happened quite a lot recently

698

00:25:04,549 --> 00:25:04,000

things have medical things almost doing

699

00:25:06,470 --> 00:25:04,559

you in

700

00:25:08,149 --> 00:25:06,480

yeah but not quite not yet well colon

701
00:25:09,510 --> 00:25:08,159
cancer and a few other things i had a

702
00:25:11,669 --> 00:25:09,520
hard bypass you know

703
00:25:14,549 --> 00:25:11,679
what's next on the list i don't i i've

704
00:25:17,029 --> 00:25:14,559
got no parts left

705
00:25:18,710 --> 00:25:17,039
or the parts that i have left i i trust

706
00:25:20,070 --> 00:25:18,720
will not go out of circulation i

707
00:25:22,470 --> 00:25:20,080
certainly hope let's not get into

708
00:25:24,789 --> 00:25:22,480
details

709
00:25:25,750 --> 00:25:24,799
well i hope you enjoyed the rest of uh

710
00:25:27,510 --> 00:25:25,760
the amazing meeting

711
00:25:29,350 --> 00:25:27,520
and then we can start counting the days

712
00:25:30,230 --> 00:25:29,360
till the next amazing meeting oh indeed

713
00:25:32,789 --> 00:25:30,240

it did end

714

00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:32,799

i'll be in australia later this year you

715

00:25:37,110 --> 00:25:34,960

will be in australia yes i will indeed

716

00:25:38,630 --> 00:25:37,120

we'll post more details about that um

717

00:25:40,470 --> 00:25:38,640

soon i'm soon

718

00:25:41,990 --> 00:25:40,480

i'm soon i'll be alright keep your seats

719

00:25:46,870 --> 00:25:42,000

i'm sure you will

720

00:25:50,149 --> 00:25:46,880

thank you december 2014 episode number

721

00:25:53,269 --> 00:25:50,159

320 and what a special time that was

722

00:25:56,630 --> 00:25:53,279

for me personally when i was on tour

723

00:25:59,750 --> 00:25:56,640

with james randy around australia sydney

724

00:26:03,029 --> 00:25:59,760

brisbane melbourne perth and adelaide

725

00:26:05,190 --> 00:26:03,039

i found some time in adelaide to have a

726

00:26:07,909 --> 00:26:05,200

chat with james randy

727

00:26:08,710 --> 00:26:07,919

what are we doing here richard we're uh

728

00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:08,720

brandi i

729

00:26:11,990 --> 00:26:11,120

i wish i knew it we've we found

730

00:26:14,549 --> 00:26:12,000

ourselves now

731

00:26:16,710 --> 00:26:14,559

in the city of adelaide this is the uh

732

00:26:18,710 --> 00:26:16,720

the first city on the big tour the

733

00:26:20,710 --> 00:26:18,720

evening with james randy tour it's a

734

00:26:22,470 --> 00:26:20,720

wonderful city and last night uh this

735

00:26:24,390 --> 00:26:22,480

i think the tour got off to a good start

736

00:26:27,750 --> 00:26:24,400

oh yes no i i think

737

00:26:29,430 --> 00:26:27,760

we did okay we amateurs yes uh

738

00:26:31,190 --> 00:26:29,440

you're not accustomed to public speaking

739

00:26:32,149 --> 00:26:31,200

not at all no no no and i have never

740

00:26:34,470 --> 00:26:32,159

done it no

741

00:26:35,510 --> 00:26:34,480

you not too oh no no i've never done it

742

00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:35,520

in my life i'm

743

00:26:39,830 --> 00:26:37,760

frightened frightened of it i think we

744

00:26:42,470 --> 00:26:39,840

winged it pretty well then oh yeah

745

00:26:44,070 --> 00:26:42,480

we did and uh it was it was a very uh

746

00:26:44,789 --> 00:26:44,080

enjoyable evening of course the audience

747

00:26:48,310 --> 00:26:44,799

saw

748

00:26:51,029 --> 00:26:48,320

the documentary uh the honest line

749

00:26:51,430 --> 00:26:51,039

uh followed by a brief uh break and then

750

00:26:53,110 --> 00:26:51,440

uh

751
00:26:54,710 --> 00:26:53,120
you and i chatting on stage for an hour

752
00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:54,720
which was most enjoyable yeah are you

753
00:26:57,909 --> 00:26:55,679
sure because

754
00:26:59,350 --> 00:26:57,919
some people i think they died in the

755
00:27:00,390 --> 00:26:59,360
audience and that's why they weren't

756
00:27:03,669 --> 00:27:00,400
moving much

757
00:27:05,669 --> 00:27:03,679
when the other people moved out but no i

758
00:27:09,350 --> 00:27:05,679
i think we did very well seriously

759
00:27:10,950 --> 00:27:09,360
richard we did very well and uh it it

760
00:27:14,549 --> 00:27:10,960
it may be a beautiful friendship from

761
00:27:18,870 --> 00:27:17,110
that's right well i i first met you in

762
00:27:21,350 --> 00:27:18,880
the year 2000 you were out here for a

763
00:27:23,750 --> 00:27:21,360

big skeptical convention

764

00:27:25,029 --> 00:27:23,760

but your reputation preceded you of

765

00:27:27,590 --> 00:27:25,039

course but we we

766

00:27:28,549 --> 00:27:27,600

uh i remember that quite fondly because

767

00:27:32,710 --> 00:27:28,559

you

768

00:27:34,870 --> 00:27:32,720

digital camera

769

00:27:36,950 --> 00:27:34,880

and i was very proudly showing you my

770

00:27:38,310 --> 00:27:36,960

latest movie digital camera which was

771

00:27:40,389 --> 00:27:38,320

big at the time yes

772

00:27:41,669 --> 00:27:40,399

you were always trying to up me why i am

773

00:27:44,870 --> 00:27:41,679

i still am i think yeah

774

00:27:45,990 --> 00:27:44,880

yes not too successful no no no no no no

775

00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:46,000

no

776

00:27:54,389 --> 00:27:52,480

uh one of my fondest memories of that

777

00:27:56,310 --> 00:27:54,399

time was that it was the first time i

778

00:27:56,789 --> 00:27:56,320

saw the card trick known as out of this

779

00:27:59,669 --> 00:27:56,799

world

780

00:28:01,269 --> 00:27:59,679

oh yes and you performed that on the uh

781

00:28:05,029 --> 00:28:01,279

the boat cruise we had

782

00:28:07,590 --> 00:28:05,039

uh and i honestly thought that could not

783

00:28:09,750 --> 00:28:07,600

happen what i just saw before my eyes

784

00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:09,760

and i subsequently learned the trick but

785

00:28:12,870 --> 00:28:11,840

the first time you see that particular

786

00:28:15,029 --> 00:28:12,880

trick

787

00:28:16,950 --> 00:28:15,039

you cannot fathom how that's possible oh

788

00:28:18,789 --> 00:28:16,960

yeah no out of this world was

789

00:28:20,950 --> 00:28:18,799

what was his name and that i can't think

790

00:28:23,029 --> 00:28:20,960

of the one man's name uh

791

00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:23,039

i never met him but it was something in

792

00:28:27,830 --> 00:28:25,440

the 1930s or so he invented it

793

00:28:29,909 --> 00:28:27,840

and he's in the magic profession the

794

00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:29,919

conjuring profession pardon partly

795

00:28:35,510 --> 00:28:34,159

he's widely known for that and

796

00:28:37,669 --> 00:28:35,520

there are about three or four different

797

00:28:38,070 --> 00:28:37,679

versions of it yes but the one that that

798

00:28:39,990 --> 00:28:38,080

says

799

00:28:41,909 --> 00:28:40,000

that we both do i think is the better

800

00:28:44,389 --> 00:28:41,919

one it's one of those tricks which uh

801
00:28:45,669 --> 00:28:44,399
it has the particular punch in it where

802
00:28:48,549 --> 00:28:45,679
the participant

803
00:28:49,510 --> 00:28:48,559
is the person who's doing the trick yes

804
00:28:51,190 --> 00:28:49,520
entirely yeah

805
00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:51,200
this is entirely in your control you

806
00:28:55,430 --> 00:28:52,960
dealt it exactly the way you wanted

807
00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:55,440
yes i didn't interfere yeah no no no and

808
00:28:59,830 --> 00:28:56,960
when they turned the currents over

809
00:29:00,389 --> 00:28:59,840
yeah it just floors them well the floor

810
00:29:02,549 --> 00:29:00,399
is them

811
00:29:03,830 --> 00:29:02,559
and the first time i saw it and i'm sure

812
00:29:06,310 --> 00:29:03,840
it's the case it's the first time

813
00:29:07,750 --> 00:29:06,320

the audience here i was flawed i was

814

00:29:10,070 --> 00:29:07,760

absolutely gobsmacked

815

00:29:12,389 --> 00:29:10,080

and you're not easily floored not easily

816

00:29:12,870 --> 00:29:12,399

not easily not easily in that occasion i

817

00:29:15,990 --> 00:29:12,880

was

818

00:29:17,669 --> 00:29:16,000

and it gets back to uh what we

819

00:29:19,110 --> 00:29:17,679

indeed what we chatted about last night

820

00:29:22,470 --> 00:29:19,120

on stage is your uh

821

00:29:23,669 --> 00:29:22,480

love of uh conjuring and the adventures

822

00:29:25,990 --> 00:29:23,679

you've had with that

823

00:29:27,590 --> 00:29:26,000

setting aside you're skeptical and

824

00:29:29,669 --> 00:29:27,600

critical thinking outreach yeah if we

825

00:29:32,710 --> 00:29:29,679

get back to the fact that uh

826
00:29:36,230 --> 00:29:32,720
you were for many years the performing

827
00:29:38,470 --> 00:29:36,240
conjurer and escape artist oh yes

828
00:29:39,269 --> 00:29:38,480
made a living at it have barely eeked a

829
00:29:41,350 --> 00:29:39,279
living at it

830
00:29:42,950 --> 00:29:41,360
yeah i actually did rather well travel

831
00:29:44,950 --> 00:29:42,960
all over the world and uh

832
00:29:47,590 --> 00:29:44,960
the profession was very good to me and

833
00:29:49,909 --> 00:29:47,600
my audiences were very good to me

834
00:29:51,590 --> 00:29:49,919
and uh what i'm currently involved in

835
00:29:53,350 --> 00:29:51,600
the the whole skeptical picture of

836
00:29:56,230 --> 00:29:53,360
course that

837
00:29:57,029 --> 00:29:56,240
a professional skeptical picture i must

838
00:30:00,549 --> 00:29:57,039

say

839

00:30:03,669 --> 00:30:00,559

uh is my way of paying back

840

00:30:05,190 --> 00:30:03,679

my audience is that for the applause

841

00:30:06,710 --> 00:30:05,200

that they gave me and the support that

842

00:30:08,310 --> 00:30:06,720

they gave me and the

843

00:30:10,389 --> 00:30:08,320

the income that they gave you over the

844

00:30:13,510 --> 00:30:10,399

years it was very true oh yes

845

00:30:16,630 --> 00:30:13,520

they supported me and uh this is

846

00:30:19,110 --> 00:30:16,640

i feel a way of giving it back um

847

00:30:20,710 --> 00:30:19,120

absolutely and it's one of the great

848

00:30:21,430 --> 00:30:20,720

places i'm sure that you discover when

849

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:21,440

you

850

00:30:24,630 --> 00:30:22,799

travel around the world is other

851

00:30:26,789 --> 00:30:24,640

magicians will come and say hello

852

00:30:28,070 --> 00:30:26,799

oh yes again setting aside over the

853

00:30:29,510 --> 00:30:28,080

skeptics yeah always

854

00:30:32,149 --> 00:30:29,520

coming to you but just getting back to

855

00:30:33,750 --> 00:30:32,159

your pure love of uh the conjuring god

856

00:30:35,590 --> 00:30:33,760

last night we had a young magician

857

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:35,600

coming yes yes indeed

858

00:30:39,269 --> 00:30:37,760

and he bought one of the the james randy

859

00:30:41,350 --> 00:30:39,279

decks oh yes

860

00:30:42,789 --> 00:30:41,360

and uh was shuffling them one hand too

861

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:42,799

much to my amazing oh yeah

862

00:30:46,789 --> 00:30:45,840

no he he appears to be very clever with

863

00:30:48,470 --> 00:30:46,799

his hands and i

864

00:30:49,590 --> 00:30:48,480

i wish they'd had more time to spend

865

00:30:50,230 --> 00:30:49,600

with him because i had a couple of

866

00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:50,240

things

867

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:53,679

little little twists that i wanted to

868

00:30:56,710 --> 00:30:55,600

explain to him but he had to hustle away

869

00:31:01,990 --> 00:30:56,720

and we did

870

00:31:04,230 --> 00:31:02,000

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871

00:31:05,430 --> 00:31:04,240

and i chat to james randy about the

872

00:31:08,710 --> 00:31:05,440

upcoming

873

00:31:10,149 --> 00:31:08,720

tam 13 in las vegas and

874

00:31:11,830 --> 00:31:10,159

i guess this is one of the things i

875

00:31:15,350 --> 00:31:11,840

really miss is my

876

00:31:18,230 --> 00:31:15,360

uh is my catching up with james randy to

877

00:31:19,669 --> 00:31:18,240

talk about exciting things like tam

878

00:31:22,310 --> 00:31:19,679

joining me now all the way from fort

879

00:31:24,389 --> 00:31:22,320

lauderdale as he normally does about

880

00:31:28,310 --> 00:31:24,399

this time of year it's the one and only

881

00:31:31,110 --> 00:31:28,320

the amazing james randy hello randy

882

00:31:32,070 --> 00:31:31,120

speaking hello good to talk to you again

883

00:31:35,430 --> 00:31:32,080

richard

884

00:31:38,549 --> 00:31:35,440

as you say this is our our annual um

885

00:31:41,909 --> 00:31:38,559

get together on skype and uh i

886

00:31:44,710 --> 00:31:41,919

always look forward to it so uh ask away

887

00:31:46,230 --> 00:31:44,720

oh well let me begin uh right away randy

888

00:31:47,830 --> 00:31:46,240

as i mentioned at the top of the show to

889

00:31:50,070 --> 00:31:47,840

my listeners i went

890

00:31:51,190 --> 00:31:50,080

under the knife oh yes i went under the

891

00:31:53,509 --> 00:31:51,200

surgeon's knife

892

00:31:54,950 --> 00:31:53,519

a couple of days ago here in australia

893

00:31:56,310 --> 00:31:54,960

but what many people don't know in the

894

00:31:58,070 --> 00:31:56,320

minutes leading up to them

895

00:31:59,990 --> 00:31:58,080

uh wheeling me into the operating room

896

00:32:01,830 --> 00:32:00,000

you were having a quick chat to me

897

00:32:03,029 --> 00:32:01,840

a text chat and i found that very

898

00:32:04,789 --> 00:32:03,039

encouraging and you were

899

00:32:06,389 --> 00:32:04,799

assuring me that modern science knows

900

00:32:08,149 --> 00:32:06,399

what it's doing and you're reminding me

901
00:32:11,830 --> 00:32:08,159
of all the various

902
00:32:14,149 --> 00:32:11,840
procedures you've had done yes well

903
00:32:16,950 --> 00:32:14,159
they have been numerous and the medical

904
00:32:20,630 --> 00:32:16,960
sides triumphed again

905
00:32:22,310 --> 00:32:20,640
some of the my detractors out there

906
00:32:24,389 --> 00:32:22,320
don't think it triumphs again

907
00:32:25,350 --> 00:32:24,399
they think it made a mistake but

908
00:32:27,750 --> 00:32:25,360
nonetheless

909
00:32:30,070 --> 00:32:27,760
i'm still here and i intend to be here

910
00:32:33,590 --> 00:32:30,080
for quite some time i'm 86 now

911
00:32:36,950 --> 00:32:33,600
i always say going on 100 because i'm

912
00:32:39,590 --> 00:32:36,960
optimistic and perhaps realistic but uh

913
00:32:40,230 --> 00:32:39,600

i certainly uh looking forward you know

914

00:32:43,669 --> 00:32:40,240

after all

915

00:32:47,430 --> 00:32:43,679

merton gardner made it to 97 and

916

00:32:49,909 --> 00:32:47,440

uh you know astonishing uh how

917

00:32:51,590 --> 00:32:49,919

how we can do these things uh i i'm

918

00:32:54,310 --> 00:32:51,600

looking for it even sanctuary

919

00:32:54,789 --> 00:32:54,320

after which i'll relax a bit oh i see

920

00:32:56,549 --> 00:32:54,799

because

921

00:32:59,029 --> 00:32:56,559

i was just about to ask you now that

922

00:33:00,950 --> 00:32:59,039

you're uh officially retired what does

923

00:33:03,990 --> 00:33:00,960

that mean for the amazing randy

924

00:33:05,430 --> 00:33:04,000

does that really mean much at all how

925

00:33:08,950 --> 00:33:05,440

are you enjoying your

926

00:33:09,830 --> 00:33:08,960

your retirement well i i'm working

927

00:33:12,310 --> 00:33:09,840

harder than

928

00:33:13,269 --> 00:33:12,320

ever as a matter of fact because uh

929

00:33:16,950 --> 00:33:13,279

first of all

930

00:33:18,389 --> 00:33:16,960

my shortening time on earth uh sure

931

00:33:20,789 --> 00:33:18,399

and that's the only place i'm going to

932

00:33:24,389 --> 00:33:20,799

spend it i i can assure you

933

00:33:27,750 --> 00:33:24,399

um no i i found that the

934

00:33:28,950 --> 00:33:27,760

the pressure of having to attend almost

935

00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:28,960

daily to

936

00:33:32,549 --> 00:33:31,279

j-ref matters was getting a bit much for

937

00:33:35,269 --> 00:33:32,559

me and uh

938

00:33:36,230 --> 00:33:35,279

my board of governors said that they

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00:33:39,590 --> 00:33:36,240

they understood

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00:33:42,870 --> 00:33:39,600

and they allowed me to resign as the uh

941

00:33:44,950 --> 00:33:42,880

chairman of um jayraf

942

00:33:47,190 --> 00:33:44,960

of the james randy educational

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00:33:50,870 --> 00:33:47,200

foundation as we all know

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00:33:52,870 --> 00:33:50,880

and uh so i i'm just the founder

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00:33:54,950 --> 00:33:52,880

now that doesn't mean that i i just

946

00:33:56,070 --> 00:33:54,960

stumbled over in my yard or something

947

00:33:59,430 --> 00:33:56,080

like that you know

948

00:34:02,710 --> 00:33:59,440

i i started the thing up

949

00:34:05,830 --> 00:34:02,720

x number of years ago and uh

950

00:34:09,829 --> 00:34:05,840

it's been a huge success and for me and

951
00:34:13,669 --> 00:34:09,839
i hope for the skeptical community 2017

952
00:34:17,109 --> 00:34:13,679
in july on episode number 455

953
00:34:24,790 --> 00:34:17,119
another interview of james randy

954
00:34:27,909 --> 00:34:26,950
i'm glad that it's recorded it is i'm

955
00:34:30,470 --> 00:34:27,919
backstage here

956
00:34:31,750 --> 00:34:30,480
near the green room at nexus the north

957
00:34:32,869 --> 00:34:31,760
east conference of science and

958
00:34:35,909 --> 00:34:32,879
skepticism

959
00:34:37,909 --> 00:34:35,919
in new york wow wow

960
00:34:39,750 --> 00:34:37,919
uh with none other than james the

961
00:34:41,190 --> 00:34:39,760
amazing randy randy it's great to see

962
00:34:43,109 --> 00:34:41,200
you we haven't seen each other for

963
00:34:44,310 --> 00:34:43,119

a little while yes it's been quite a

964

00:34:46,149 --> 00:34:44,320

while and

965

00:34:47,990 --> 00:34:46,159

there's been changes in both of our

966

00:34:49,669 --> 00:34:48,000

lives right um

967

00:34:51,829 --> 00:34:49,679

now i think the last time i saw you

968

00:34:53,909 --> 00:34:51,839

would have been the last amazing meeting

969

00:34:55,109 --> 00:34:53,919

in las vegas i believe so yeah not last

970

00:34:57,030 --> 00:34:55,119

year but the year before

971

00:34:59,190 --> 00:34:57,040

but before then was our big tour of

972

00:35:02,390 --> 00:34:59,200

australia which i remember with with

973

00:35:05,430 --> 00:35:02,400

enormous mixed feelings

974

00:35:08,710 --> 00:35:05,440

of mexican perfection yeah but it was

975

00:35:10,870 --> 00:35:08,720

very busy very busy it just

976
00:35:12,069 --> 00:35:10,880
zipping back and forth because australia

977
00:35:14,870 --> 00:35:12,079
is a rather large place

978
00:35:16,950 --> 00:35:14,880
it is and we not as we discovered as we

979
00:35:19,430 --> 00:35:16,960
found out very easily yes yeah

980
00:35:21,109 --> 00:35:19,440
but it was a wonderful tour though i was

981
00:35:24,230 --> 00:35:21,119
pretty pooped at the end of it but

982
00:35:24,950 --> 00:35:24,240
uh nonetheless uh that's fine i was

983
00:35:27,670 --> 00:35:24,960
younger then

984
00:35:28,310 --> 00:35:27,680
you were i noticed you're a video back

985
00:35:30,950 --> 00:35:28,320
then

986
00:35:31,430 --> 00:35:30,960
no it wasn't it was a tiring i even for

987
00:35:34,230 --> 00:35:31,440
me

988
00:35:34,950 --> 00:35:34,240

uh in my how old was i in my late 40s i

989

00:35:36,790 --> 00:35:34,960

i was

990

00:35:39,349 --> 00:35:36,800

tired i can't think of the name of the

991

00:35:42,829 --> 00:35:39,359

young asian gentleman who

992

00:35:45,750 --> 00:35:42,839

helped this dish yes yes

993

00:35:47,349 --> 00:35:45,760

yes susie anderson thinking and getting

994

00:35:50,310 --> 00:35:47,359

us around the country yes

995

00:35:52,150 --> 00:35:50,320

and um we we toured uh sydney and

996

00:35:55,510 --> 00:35:52,160

brisbane and melbourne and adelaide and

997

00:35:56,470 --> 00:35:55,520

oh yes yes but it was a marvelous

998

00:35:58,470 --> 00:35:56,480

experience but

999

00:35:59,589 --> 00:35:58,480

what the connection you've had to

1000

00:36:02,470 --> 00:35:59,599

australia over

1001
00:36:02,950 --> 00:36:02,480
many decades oh yes well dick smith of

1002
00:36:07,109 --> 00:36:02,960
course

1003
00:36:10,950 --> 00:36:07,119
there and uh

1004
00:36:11,510 --> 00:36:10,960
and uh i would say that i i owe a good

1005
00:36:13,990 --> 00:36:11,520
deal to

1006
00:36:15,430 --> 00:36:14,000
dick because he he uh made a lot of

1007
00:36:18,950 --> 00:36:15,440
things easier

1008
00:36:21,750 --> 00:36:18,960
for me and for for davey my partner

1009
00:36:22,630 --> 00:36:21,760
well james randy is so good to see you

1010
00:36:24,550 --> 00:36:22,640
here in new york

1011
00:36:26,630 --> 00:36:24,560
where you used to live of course for

1012
00:36:29,109 --> 00:36:26,640
many years and uh folks

1013
00:36:31,109 --> 00:36:29,119

james randy did a performance last night

1014

00:36:33,270 --> 00:36:31,119

in front of a packed auditorium

1015

00:36:34,230 --> 00:36:33,280

what was that performance i uh i just

1016

00:36:35,990 --> 00:36:34,240

did a little talk

1017

00:36:37,750 --> 00:36:36,000

a little talk yeah well you did the rope

1018

00:36:40,630 --> 00:36:37,760

trick yeah well i had the wrong i always

1019

00:36:41,510 --> 00:36:40,640

do the rope tricks yeah just to prove

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00:36:43,670 --> 00:36:41,520

that i

1021

00:36:45,589 --> 00:36:43,680

i still have some skill left you know

1022

00:36:46,790 --> 00:36:45,599

that i can still do a couple of tricks

1023

00:36:47,109 --> 00:36:46,800

it would be disappointing if you didn't

1024

00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:47,119

do

1025

00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:48,800

at least one trick that's what what are

1026
00:36:52,550 --> 00:36:50,640
your intro very very true but i hope you

1027
00:36:53,850 --> 00:36:52,560
enjoy the rest of the convention

1028
00:36:55,589 --> 00:36:53,860
thank you so much

1029
00:36:58,150 --> 00:36:55,599
[Music]

1030
00:36:59,510 --> 00:36:58,160
so now we come to the last message randy

1031
00:37:03,030 --> 00:36:59,520
ever sent me

1032
00:37:07,190 --> 00:37:03,040
which was in may 2018 um

1033
00:37:10,230 --> 00:37:07,200
a uh well wishing a congratulations for

1034
00:37:11,270 --> 00:37:10,240
episode 500 of the skeptic zone and you

1035
00:37:15,829 --> 00:37:11,280
can hear

1036
00:37:18,710 --> 00:37:15,839
that in 2018 in may 2018 randy's health

1037
00:37:19,829 --> 00:37:18,720
was starting to decline as the years

1038
00:37:23,190 --> 00:37:19,839

caught up

1039

00:37:25,190 --> 00:37:23,200

hello my name is james randy

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00:37:26,550 --> 00:37:25,200

i want to congratulate my good friend

1041

00:37:30,470 --> 00:37:26,560

richard saunders

1042

00:37:33,589 --> 00:37:30,480

on over 500 episodes of the skeptic zone

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00:37:34,550 --> 00:37:33,599

podcast i've been on there many times

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00:37:37,430 --> 00:37:34,560

and

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00:37:39,109 --> 00:37:37,440

over the last 10 years it's been a good

1046

00:37:42,630 --> 00:37:39,119

adventure i must say

1047

00:37:45,030 --> 00:37:42,640

thank you richard we need more of you

1048

00:37:46,630 --> 00:37:45,040

so typical of james randy even though

1049

00:37:48,950 --> 00:37:46,640

his health was failing

1050

00:37:50,550 --> 00:37:48,960

he still made a personal video to uh to

1051
00:37:52,870 --> 00:37:50,560
send to me

1052
00:37:53,910 --> 00:37:52,880
but let's end with the another part of

1053
00:37:58,950 --> 00:37:53,920
the interview

1054
00:38:00,870 --> 00:37:58,960
from may 2012 episode number 176

1055
00:38:03,990 --> 00:38:00,880
one of my favorite interviews with james

1056
00:38:07,190 --> 00:38:04,000
randy where i put the question to him

1057
00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:07,200
what is james randy really like

1058
00:38:11,670 --> 00:38:10,880
i i think i'm a kindly guy who tries to

1059
00:38:14,870 --> 00:38:11,680
help people

1060
00:38:17,990 --> 00:38:14,880
understand how the real world works and

1061
00:38:21,510 --> 00:38:18,000
to my limited ability and such i i

1062
00:38:24,390 --> 00:38:21,520
have to strain the the limits

1063
00:38:26,069 --> 00:38:24,400

of what i can do but i i do that and

1064

00:38:27,109 --> 00:38:26,079

i've written nine books now with the

1065

00:38:30,550 --> 00:38:27,119

tenth one

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00:38:32,790 --> 00:38:30,560

a magician in the laboratory uh forming

1067

00:38:36,390 --> 00:38:32,800

up right now as we speak

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00:38:38,630 --> 00:38:36,400

uh it it's going to be very satisfying

1069

00:38:41,190 --> 00:38:38,640

to me if i get my 10th book out

1070

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:41,200

and when i close my eyes richard i'm

1071

00:38:43,510 --> 00:38:42,480

going to do with a certain amount of

1072

00:38:44,870 --> 00:38:43,520

satisfaction

1073

00:38:47,430 --> 00:38:44,880

i think i'm simply going to say

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00:38:48,150 --> 00:38:47,440

something like well i did the best i

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00:38:49,910 --> 00:38:48,160

could

1076
00:38:51,829 --> 00:38:49,920
and that's all a fellow can be asked to

1077
00:38:53,750 --> 00:38:51,839
do and and and

1078
00:38:55,990 --> 00:38:53,760
my delight at knowing people like like

1079
00:38:57,030 --> 00:38:56,000
you and all the rest of sagans and

1080
00:38:59,349 --> 00:38:57,040
asimos and

1081
00:39:00,550 --> 00:38:59,359
and the smiths and the philip adams is

1082
00:39:03,430 --> 00:39:00,560
it too oh yes

1083
00:39:05,030 --> 00:39:03,440
like that has been uh that has made my

1084
00:39:09,620 --> 00:39:05,040
life really worthwhile

1085
00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:12,310
[Music]

1086
00:39:17,750 --> 00:39:15,200
james the amazing randy amazing in so

1087
00:39:28,640 --> 00:39:17,760
many ways but folks

1088
00:39:40,980 --> 00:39:28,650

he was an amazing friend

1089

00:39:44,310 --> 00:39:42,470

[Music]

1090

00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:44,320

now it's time once again to dive into

1091

00:39:46,829 --> 00:39:46,320

the treasure trove that is trove at

1092

00:39:50,630 --> 00:39:46,839

trove

1093

00:39:52,470 --> 00:39:50,640

nla.gov dot a u the online resource of

1094

00:39:55,109 --> 00:39:52,480

digitized newspapers gazettes

1095

00:39:56,069 --> 00:39:55,119

periodicals magazines articles reports

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00:39:58,950 --> 00:39:56,079

etc etc

1097

00:40:01,270 --> 00:39:58,960

etc but this week it's a bit of a

1098

00:40:04,470 --> 00:40:01,280

combination because i'm also

1099

00:40:06,390 --> 00:40:04,480

raiding my own personal archive of

1100

00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:06,400

news clippings which i've collected at

1101

00:40:11,750 --> 00:40:08,400

the state library of

1102

00:40:13,829 --> 00:40:11,760

new south wales in their uh

1103

00:40:15,030 --> 00:40:13,839

microfilm section going through and

1104

00:40:17,750 --> 00:40:15,040

looking for

1105

00:40:19,670 --> 00:40:17,760

articles of interest well in this case

1106

00:40:22,550 --> 00:40:19,680

of course to do with james

1107

00:40:24,390 --> 00:40:22,560

randy and what i'll do is concentrate on

1108

00:40:27,109 --> 00:40:24,400

the year 1980

1109

00:40:27,589 --> 00:40:27,119

the year randy flew out to australia at

1110

00:40:30,150 --> 00:40:27,599

the

1111

00:40:32,550 --> 00:40:30,160

invitation of dick smith to help conduct

1112

00:40:34,550 --> 00:40:32,560

the water divining tests

1113

00:40:35,829 --> 00:40:34,560

and a good primer for what i'm about to

1114

00:40:39,270 --> 00:40:35,839

read out

1115

00:40:41,829 --> 00:40:39,280

is james randy in australia on youtube

1116

00:40:42,630 --> 00:40:41,839

the documentary about the water divining

1117

00:40:44,710 --> 00:40:42,640

tests

1118

00:40:46,950 --> 00:40:44,720

now by the time many years ago i got my

1119

00:40:50,150 --> 00:40:46,960

hands on the original copy

1120

00:40:51,430 --> 00:40:50,160

it it was being kept by dick smith we

1121

00:40:53,829 --> 00:40:51,440

sent it to melbourne

1122

00:40:55,510 --> 00:40:53,839

where the only machine in the country

1123

00:40:58,550 --> 00:40:55,520

exists or existed

1124

00:41:00,550 --> 00:40:58,560

to transfer the uh the tape they

1125

00:41:02,069 --> 00:41:00,560

told us that the tape had degraded and

1126

00:41:04,790 --> 00:41:02,079

was unusable

1127

00:41:06,550 --> 00:41:04,800

luckily for us uh barry williams the

1128

00:41:07,829 --> 00:41:06,560

former president late barry williams the

1129

00:41:08,870 --> 00:41:07,839

former president of the australian

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00:41:11,829 --> 00:41:08,880

skeptics

1131

00:41:13,190 --> 00:41:11,839

made a video tape recording of the

1132

00:41:16,230 --> 00:41:13,200

documentary when it was

1133

00:41:19,510 --> 00:41:16,240

aired and we were able to use that

1134

00:41:21,829 --> 00:41:19,520

to put onto a dvd of water divining

1135

00:41:24,390 --> 00:41:21,839

nevertheless james randy in australia on

1136

00:41:27,750 --> 00:41:24,400

youtube it's perfectly uh

1137

00:41:30,710 --> 00:41:27,760

viewable watchable right now so

1138

00:41:32,150 --> 00:41:30,720

we begin with a page from the sydney

1139

00:41:39,290 --> 00:41:32,160

morning herald

1140

00:41:44,790 --> 00:41:41,270

[Music]

1141

00:41:48,630 --> 00:41:44,800

30 000 promised for levitation

1142

00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:48,640

divination psychic challenge by ben

1143

00:41:53,349 --> 00:41:52,240

sandylands dick smith philip adams and

1144

00:41:55,990 --> 00:41:53,359

james randy

1145

00:41:57,510 --> 00:41:56,000

an american magician will offer next

1146

00:41:59,430 --> 00:41:57,520

month thirty thousand dollars

1147

00:42:01,990 --> 00:41:59,440

cash to the first person who can

1148

00:42:04,150 --> 00:42:02,000

demonstrate a paranormal ability

1149

00:42:06,150 --> 00:42:04,160

they can levitate bend spoons or divine

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00:42:07,670 --> 00:42:06,160

for water by any means other than

1151

00:42:10,309 --> 00:42:07,680

trickery or technology

1152

00:42:11,750 --> 00:42:10,319

mr smith said yesterday the money is

1153

00:42:14,950 --> 00:42:11,760

being put up for proof

1154

00:42:17,030 --> 00:42:14,960

of any psychic or paranormal powers but

1155

00:42:18,150 --> 00:42:17,040

instead of rushing to put their powers

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00:42:20,470 --> 00:42:18,160

to the test

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00:42:22,950 --> 00:42:20,480

australian levitators water diviners

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00:42:26,230 --> 00:42:22,960

spoonbenders and psychic surgeons

1159

00:42:29,349 --> 00:42:26,240

are discovering prior commitments

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00:42:32,470 --> 00:42:29,359

which prevent them using their gifts to

1161

00:42:35,430 --> 00:42:32,480

win the prize mr smith sydney's

1162

00:42:36,309 --> 00:42:35,440

unconventional electronics businessman

1163

00:42:38,950 --> 00:42:36,319

believes

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00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:38,960

this shyness has something to do with mr

1165

00:42:42,870 --> 00:42:39,599

randy

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00:42:45,109 --> 00:42:42,880

who will arrive in sydney on july 28

1167

00:42:46,630 --> 00:42:45,119

to perform in sydney and melbourne he

1168

00:42:49,109 --> 00:42:46,640

can bend spoons

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00:42:50,950 --> 00:42:49,119

perform psychic surgery and create all

1170

00:42:52,150 --> 00:42:50,960

manner of illusions because he's a

1171

00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:52,160

master magician

1172

00:42:55,910 --> 00:42:54,240

but he detests people who claim to be

1173

00:42:58,790 --> 00:42:55,920

supernatural or psychic

1174

00:43:00,470 --> 00:42:58,800

when they are only magicians mr smith

1175

00:43:02,950 --> 00:43:00,480

and mr adams have both

1176
00:43:03,910 --> 00:43:02,960
matched james randy's long-standing

1177
00:43:07,430 --> 00:43:03,920
reward of

1178
00:43:11,190 --> 00:43:07,440
ten thousand dollars or so it seems

1179
00:43:13,349 --> 00:43:11,200
mr adams said yesterday he had set aside

1180
00:43:15,589 --> 00:43:13,359
ten thousand dollars in psychic money

1181
00:43:17,750 --> 00:43:15,599
which would be deposited by

1182
00:43:19,349 --> 00:43:17,760
thought transference in the account of

1183
00:43:21,510 --> 00:43:19,359
the successful claimant

1184
00:43:23,430 --> 00:43:21,520
a paddock has already been prepared for

1185
00:43:25,990 --> 00:43:23,440
the test of dowsing

1186
00:43:26,790 --> 00:43:26,000
or the power of water dividing with a

1187
00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:26,800
fork stick

1188
00:43:31,510 --> 00:43:29,760

or other object pipes made of various

1189

00:43:32,470 --> 00:43:31,520

materials have been buried in the

1190

00:43:35,030 --> 00:43:32,480

paddock

1191

00:43:35,510 --> 00:43:35,040

the dowsers will be invited to define

1192

00:43:38,470 --> 00:43:35,520

which

1193

00:43:39,990 --> 00:43:38,480

pipes contain flowing water the team had

1194

00:43:41,990 --> 00:43:40,000

hoped to find some entrants from the

1195

00:43:42,710 --> 00:43:42,000

caufield institute of technology in

1196

00:43:44,790 --> 00:43:42,720

melbourne

1197

00:43:47,069 --> 00:43:44,800

where researcher dr charles osborne

1198

00:43:49,510 --> 00:43:47,079

claims to have discovered

1199

00:43:50,069 --> 00:43:49,520

inexplicable psychic powers among

1200

00:43:53,430 --> 00:43:50,079

children

1201
00:43:54,870 --> 00:43:53,440
students the team had hoped to find some

1202
00:43:57,190 --> 00:43:54,880
entrance from the corefield

1203
00:43:58,470 --> 00:43:57,200
institute of technology in melbourne

1204
00:44:00,870 --> 00:43:58,480
where researcher dr

1205
00:44:02,069 --> 00:44:00,880
charles osborne claims to have

1206
00:44:05,030 --> 00:44:02,079
discovered

1207
00:44:05,750 --> 00:44:05,040
inexplicable psychic powers among

1208
00:44:08,870 --> 00:44:05,760
children

1209
00:44:11,990 --> 00:44:08,880
and students but to their disappointment

1210
00:44:13,109 --> 00:44:12,000
dr osborne confirmed yesterday that he

1211
00:44:16,150 --> 00:44:13,119
had been

1212
00:44:17,109 --> 00:44:16,160
unavailable to interest any of his 40

1213
00:44:19,990 --> 00:44:17,119

subjects in

1214

00:44:22,150 --> 00:44:20,000

accepting a test of their powers which

1215

00:44:26,230 --> 00:44:22,160

include moving toy boats around

1216

00:44:28,790 --> 00:44:26,240

ponds by thought power mr smith said

1217

00:44:29,589 --> 00:44:28,800

dr osborne's astonishing claims had

1218

00:44:32,390 --> 00:44:29,599

received

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00:44:33,109 --> 00:44:32,400

uncritical coverage in the press but not

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00:44:35,349 --> 00:44:33,119

even

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00:44:37,910 --> 00:44:35,359

thirty thousand dollars could induce one

1222

00:44:39,750 --> 00:44:37,920

of them to prove their paranormal gifts

1223

00:44:41,589 --> 00:44:39,760

he said he had long believed that the

1224

00:44:45,109 --> 00:44:41,599

public was being

1225

00:44:48,630 --> 00:44:45,119

intellectually ripped off by ufo reports

1226

00:44:49,430 --> 00:44:48,640

pyramidology astrology and humbug in

1227

00:44:51,910 --> 00:44:49,440

general

1228

00:44:53,670 --> 00:44:51,920

but he was now prepared to put his money

1229

00:44:55,270 --> 00:44:53,680

where his mouth was

1230

00:44:57,190 --> 00:44:55,280

i'm not closing my mind to the

1231

00:44:57,910 --> 00:44:57,200

possibility that people possess such

1232

00:44:59,829 --> 00:44:57,920

powers

1233

00:45:02,390 --> 00:44:59,839

but when the claims are dignified by a

1234

00:45:04,630 --> 00:45:02,400

member of a publicly funded institute of

1235

00:45:07,910 --> 00:45:04,640

higher education i think

1236

00:45:11,349 --> 00:45:07,920

we are all entitled to say show me

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00:45:11,829 --> 00:45:11,359

mr smith said james randy has suggested

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00:45:14,150 --> 00:45:11,839

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1239

00:45:16,470 --> 00:45:14,160

feats which would win the first person

1240

00:45:19,750 --> 00:45:16,480

to demonstrate them the prize money

1241

00:45:22,470 --> 00:45:19,760

for psychic powers they are

1242

00:45:23,750 --> 00:45:22,480

levitate yourself or move a remote

1243

00:45:30,710 --> 00:45:23,760

object

1244

00:45:35,030 --> 00:45:30,720

define the contents of a sealed envelope

1245

00:45:38,630 --> 00:45:35,040

predict an event of sufficient oddity

1246

00:45:41,910 --> 00:45:38,640

detect an aura

1247

00:45:44,829 --> 00:45:41,920

diagnose an illness remotely

1248

00:45:47,109 --> 00:45:44,839

cure an illness by paranormal

1249

00:45:48,630 --> 00:45:47,119

intervention define the presence or

1250

00:45:51,430 --> 00:45:48,640

nature of a concealed

1251
00:45:51,990 --> 00:45:51,440
substance control the actions of a

1252
00:45:55,190 --> 00:45:52,000
person

1253
00:45:58,710 --> 00:45:55,200
or a machine demonstrate

1254
00:46:00,710 --> 00:45:58,720
out of body travel or perception and

1255
00:46:02,230 --> 00:46:00,720
perform any other demonstration of

1256
00:46:04,550 --> 00:46:02,240
paranormal powers

1257
00:46:05,829 --> 00:46:04,560
without resorting to trickery or

1258
00:46:08,710 --> 00:46:05,839
technology

1259
00:46:10,950 --> 00:46:08,720
and on the page there's a a nice

1260
00:46:13,910 --> 00:46:10,960
publicity photograph of randy

1261
00:46:14,550 --> 00:46:13,920
and underneath it says james randy are

1262
00:46:17,910 --> 00:46:14,560
the

1263
00:46:20,069 --> 00:46:17,920

in quotes psychics and quotes scared of

1264

00:46:23,030 --> 00:46:20,079

a magician

1265

00:46:24,870 --> 00:46:23,040

and the next time we see randy mentioned

1266

00:46:26,550 --> 00:46:24,880

in the newspapers comes to us from the

1267

00:46:31,190 --> 00:46:26,560

canberra times

1268

00:46:34,630 --> 00:46:31,200

dated the 30th of july 1980

1269

00:46:37,910 --> 00:46:34,640

diviners miss 40 000

1270

00:46:39,670 --> 00:46:37,920

sydney no one won a 40 000

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00:46:42,630 --> 00:46:39,680

challenge to divineness to demonstrate

1272

00:46:45,829 --> 00:46:42,640

their ability to divine for water brass

1273

00:46:48,710 --> 00:46:45,839

and gold in sydney yesterday

1274

00:46:50,150 --> 00:46:48,720

none of the 10 acceptors could even find

1275

00:46:52,950 --> 00:46:50,160

a lost brass

1276

00:46:54,390 --> 00:46:52,960

tuning prong used on one of their

1277

00:46:57,109 --> 00:46:54,400

divining rods

1278

00:46:58,230 --> 00:46:57,119

sydney businessman mr dick smith writer

1279

00:47:00,950 --> 00:46:58,240

philip adams

1280

00:47:02,790 --> 00:47:00,960

american magician james randy and

1281

00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:02,800

journalist richard carlton

1282

00:47:07,109 --> 00:47:05,040

had each offered ten thousand dollars to

1283

00:47:09,270 --> 00:47:07,119

anyone who could repeatedly

1284

00:47:10,390 --> 00:47:09,280

demonstrate their ability to detect

1285

00:47:13,270 --> 00:47:10,400

running water

1286

00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:13,280

under the ground or pick which box

1287

00:47:17,430 --> 00:47:13,920

contained

1288

00:47:18,550 --> 00:47:17,440

a lump of brass or gold judges were the

1289

00:47:21,349 --> 00:47:18,560

reverend tedenovs

1290

00:47:22,150 --> 00:47:21,359

director of the wayside chapel father

1291

00:47:24,309 --> 00:47:22,160

lori drake

1292

00:47:25,990 --> 00:47:24,319

senior lecturer in geophysics at

1293

00:47:27,990 --> 00:47:26,000

macquarie university

1294

00:47:30,150 --> 00:47:28,000

mr bill williamson of the new south

1295

00:47:33,190 --> 00:47:30,160

wales resources commission

1296

00:47:36,069 --> 00:47:33,200

and mr john mills executive secretary of

1297

00:47:38,309 --> 00:47:36,079

the national water wells association

1298

00:47:39,589 --> 00:47:38,319

the diviners looking for running water

1299

00:47:42,950 --> 00:47:39,599

were each given

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00:47:46,150 --> 00:47:42,960

10 opportunities to walk over a course

1301
00:47:47,510 --> 00:47:46,160
under which 10 pipes were buried after

1302
00:47:49,750 --> 00:47:47,520
each try the water was

1303
00:47:51,270 --> 00:47:49,760
channeled into a different pipe and the

1304
00:47:54,630 --> 00:47:51,280
diviners had to select

1305
00:47:55,910 --> 00:47:54,640
which pipe was carrying the water others

1306
00:47:58,309 --> 00:47:55,920
tried to pick

1307
00:47:59,910 --> 00:47:58,319
which of 10 cardboard boxes had a lump

1308
00:48:02,309 --> 00:47:59,920
of brass inside

1309
00:48:03,589 --> 00:48:02,319
again each diviner was given 10 chances

1310
00:48:06,870 --> 00:48:03,599
to find the correct

1311
00:48:08,069 --> 00:48:06,880
box no matter how hard they tried with

1312
00:48:10,790 --> 00:48:08,079
their forked sticks

1313
00:48:12,710 --> 00:48:10,800

metal bars pieces of wire or keys

1314

00:48:14,790 --> 00:48:12,720

dangling from a string

1315

00:48:16,470 --> 00:48:14,800

no one proved they could find what they

1316

00:48:19,990 --> 00:48:16,480

were looking for

1317

00:48:22,549 --> 00:48:20,000

after the diviners completed 107 tests

1318

00:48:24,710 --> 00:48:22,559

mr smith said the success rate had

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00:48:26,470 --> 00:48:24,720

averaged only 11

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00:48:28,870 --> 00:48:26,480

no better than the chance you would get

1321

00:48:30,390 --> 00:48:28,880

from throwing a dice

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00:48:32,630 --> 00:48:30,400

and now we come to the sydney morning

1323

00:48:36,069 --> 00:48:32,640

herald once again on the 17th of

1324

00:48:37,990 --> 00:48:36,079

august 1980 and in the interim after the

1325

00:48:39,910 --> 00:48:38,000

last uh

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00:48:41,910 --> 00:48:39,920

item we found from a few months earlier

1327

00:48:42,549 --> 00:48:41,920

james randy had appeared on the don lane

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00:48:44,549 --> 00:48:42,559

show

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00:48:47,190 --> 00:48:44,559

which is a very famous incident where

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00:48:50,309 --> 00:48:47,200

james randy was kicked off the show

1331

00:48:53,190 --> 00:48:50,319

after don lane lost his temper but

1332

00:48:56,309 --> 00:48:53,200

that's possibly a story for another day

1333

00:48:59,109 --> 00:48:56,319

the article says randy's a wake-up call

1334

00:48:59,670 --> 00:48:59,119

to the tricks of mediums with a picture

1335

00:49:02,630 --> 00:48:59,680

of

1336

00:49:04,630 --> 00:49:02,640

james randy with the caption james randy

1337

00:49:06,630 --> 00:49:04,640

crusade against fakes

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00:49:07,990 --> 00:49:06,640

james randy the magician who made don

1339

00:49:10,470 --> 00:49:08,000

lane disappear

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00:49:12,069 --> 00:49:10,480

used to be one of the psychic phonies he

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00:49:15,270 --> 00:49:12,079

now debunks

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00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:15,280

as plain randall's wing which

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00:49:19,430 --> 00:49:18,319

was james randy's birth name he had a

1344

00:49:22,390 --> 00:49:19,440

telepathy act

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00:49:24,069 --> 00:49:22,400

that made him a star but when distraught

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00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:24,079

parents started pleading with him to

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00:49:27,829 --> 00:49:25,520

find their lost children

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00:49:28,950 --> 00:49:27,839

he gave it away i couldn't live with

1349

00:49:31,510 --> 00:49:28,960

that kind of lie

1350

00:49:32,870 --> 00:49:31,520

randy explained later so i went back to

1351

00:49:34,710 --> 00:49:32,880

conjuring rabbits

1352

00:49:37,109 --> 00:49:34,720

and he started crusading against the

1353

00:49:37,990 --> 00:49:37,119

fakes and lies who poses mediums and

1354

00:49:40,630 --> 00:49:38,000

faith healers

1355

00:49:41,990 --> 00:49:40,640

to make fortunes at the expense of human

1356

00:49:45,109 --> 00:49:42,000

grief

1357

00:49:47,510 --> 00:49:45,119

randy was 15 when he attended his first

1358

00:49:49,430 --> 00:49:47,520

spiritualist meeting i saw all the

1359

00:49:51,349 --> 00:49:49,440

conjuring tricks magicians use

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00:49:53,430 --> 00:49:51,359

and i saw little old ladies being taken

1361

00:49:55,510 --> 00:49:53,440

in by it he said

1362

00:49:57,990 --> 00:49:55,520

i thought one day i'm going to have

1363

00:50:00,790 --> 00:49:58,000

enough authority to expose these people

1364

00:50:01,910 --> 00:50:00,800

these days randy one of america's top

1365

00:50:04,390 --> 00:50:01,920

magicians

1366

00:50:06,549 --> 00:50:04,400

has that authority on the don lane show

1367

00:50:07,670 --> 00:50:06,559

last week he criticized spoon bender

1368

00:50:10,390 --> 00:50:07,680

yuri gellar

1369

00:50:12,630 --> 00:50:10,400

and doris stokes the ubiquitous

1370

00:50:14,870 --> 00:50:12,640

grandmotherly medium who claims to

1371

00:50:17,030 --> 00:50:14,880

communicate beyond the grave

1372

00:50:18,790 --> 00:50:17,040

lane who were several times had mrs

1373

00:50:22,150 --> 00:50:18,800

stokes on his show

1374

00:50:25,109 --> 00:50:22,160

leapt heatedly to her defense finally

1375

00:50:26,069 --> 00:50:25,119

sweeping randy's props from a table lane

1376

00:50:29,349 --> 00:50:26,079

told the magician

1377

00:50:30,390 --> 00:50:29,359

to piss off then abracadabra the

1378

00:50:33,910 --> 00:50:30,400

comedian

1379

00:50:36,390 --> 00:50:33,920

stormed off his own show challenge

1380

00:50:37,510 --> 00:50:36,400

it wasn't exactly the best example of

1381

00:50:40,069 --> 00:50:37,520

the lanky

1382

00:50:41,910 --> 00:50:40,079

yanks wit and here of course they're

1383

00:50:44,950 --> 00:50:41,920

referring to don lane who was

1384

00:50:47,750 --> 00:50:44,960

also known at the time as the lanky

1385

00:50:49,349 --> 00:50:47,760

yank a very popular talk show host in

1386

00:50:52,549 --> 00:50:49,359

the 1970s

1387

00:50:55,829 --> 00:50:52,559

originally from new york i think

1388

00:50:57,190 --> 00:50:55,839

we read on indeed randy himself tends to

1389

00:51:00,150 --> 00:50:57,200

be funnier

1390

00:51:01,910 --> 00:51:00,160

he has compared doris stokes with santa

1391

00:51:04,390 --> 00:51:01,920

claus the tooth fairy

1392

00:51:05,510 --> 00:51:04,400

and the easter bunny and he issued her

1393

00:51:08,549 --> 00:51:05,520

with a rare challenge

1394

00:51:09,510 --> 00:51:08,559

a wrestling match to the death nude in

1395

00:51:11,910 --> 00:51:09,520

mud

1396

00:51:12,710 --> 00:51:11,920

not surprisingly mrs stokes found the

1397

00:51:16,150 --> 00:51:12,720

offer

1398

00:51:19,829 --> 00:51:16,160

one she could refuse more to the point

1399

00:51:21,270 --> 00:51:19,839

though she has also resisted invitations

1400

00:51:24,470 --> 00:51:21,280

to perform her

1401
00:51:27,349 --> 00:51:24,480
calling up the dead act under randy's

1402
00:51:29,670 --> 00:51:27,359
relentless gaze randy was brought to

1403
00:51:31,589 --> 00:51:29,680
australia by three well-known skeptics

1404
00:51:33,270 --> 00:51:31,599
electronics millionaire dick smith

1405
00:51:35,990 --> 00:51:33,280
writer philip adams and tv

1406
00:51:37,910 --> 00:51:36,000
current affairs reporter richard carlton

1407
00:51:41,270 --> 00:51:37,920
his original brief was to pour

1408
00:51:43,190 --> 00:51:41,280
cold water on water and metal diviners

1409
00:51:44,630 --> 00:51:43,200
which he succeeded in doing without

1410
00:51:47,990 --> 00:51:44,640
attracting the publicity

1411
00:51:49,990 --> 00:51:48,000
he had hoped for randy and his three

1412
00:51:51,270 --> 00:51:50,000
backers offered forty thousand dollars

1413
00:51:54,069 --> 00:51:51,280

for any diviner

1414

00:51:54,710 --> 00:51:54,079

who could find hidden water brass and

1415

00:51:57,510 --> 00:51:54,720

gold

1416

00:52:00,069 --> 00:51:57,520

all ten entrants failed recording a

1417

00:52:02,790 --> 00:52:00,079

success rate of just eleven percent

1418

00:52:04,069 --> 00:52:02,800

yet the tests were virtually unreported

1419

00:52:06,309 --> 00:52:04,079

in the media

1420

00:52:08,549 --> 00:52:06,319

as randy put it if hitler's alive and

1421

00:52:12,069 --> 00:52:08,559

well in argentina it's a story

1422

00:52:15,910 --> 00:52:12,079

if he's dead and gone no story ben's

1423

00:52:16,470 --> 00:52:15,920

spoons the 52 year old canadian-born

1424

00:52:18,950 --> 00:52:16,480

magician

1425

00:52:21,910 --> 00:52:18,960

has written three books two of them the

1426
00:52:24,870 --> 00:52:21,920
magic of yuri gallum and flim flam

1427
00:52:26,230 --> 00:52:24,880
the truth about unicorns parapsychology

1428
00:52:28,870 --> 00:52:26,240
and other delusions

1429
00:52:30,870 --> 00:52:28,880
claim to expose the slights of hand used

1430
00:52:33,829 --> 00:52:30,880
by those who claim to have

1431
00:52:34,630 --> 00:52:33,839
supernatural power one of his other acts

1432
00:52:38,790 --> 00:52:34,640
is to bend

1433
00:52:42,230 --> 00:52:38,800
spoons the way geller did by illusion

1434
00:52:44,309 --> 00:52:42,240
not by the power of mind he claims his

1435
00:52:44,630 --> 00:52:44,319
strange encounter with don lane was a

1436
00:52:47,030 --> 00:52:44,640
set

1437
00:52:48,950 --> 00:52:47,040
up lane's ratings have depended a good

1438
00:52:51,589 --> 00:52:48,960

deal on people like doris stokes

1439

00:52:53,430 --> 00:52:51,599

i think she's a favorite of his and he

1440

00:52:56,309 --> 00:52:53,440

believed i was attacking her

1441

00:52:57,829 --> 00:52:56,319

which she justly deserves to be randy

1442

00:52:59,349 --> 00:52:57,839

flew back to the united states on

1443

00:53:01,510 --> 00:52:59,359

wednesday still puzzled

1444

00:53:02,549 --> 00:53:01,520

at the way australia has taken to mrs

1445

00:53:05,030 --> 00:53:02,559

stokes

1446

00:53:06,390 --> 00:53:05,040

but his experience hasn't affected his

1447

00:53:08,710 --> 00:53:06,400

sense of humor

1448

00:53:09,910 --> 00:53:08,720

indeed he spent almost as much time

1449

00:53:12,870 --> 00:53:09,920

taking the mickey

1450

00:53:14,950 --> 00:53:12,880

out of his friend dick smith hearing of

1451
00:53:16,870 --> 00:53:14,960
the eccentric millionaires plans to

1452
00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:16,880
retrace scott's path across the

1453
00:53:21,750 --> 00:53:18,319
antarctic

1454
00:53:23,829 --> 00:53:21,760
randy asked smith will you drop electric

1455
00:53:26,230 --> 00:53:23,839
toilet seats to them

1456
00:53:27,109 --> 00:53:26,240
and seeing smith having his photo taken

1457
00:53:30,150 --> 00:53:27,119
again

1458
00:53:33,030 --> 00:53:30,160
randy noted dryly dick gets his tan

1459
00:53:33,829 --> 00:53:33,040
from strobes and flashlights and now we

1460
00:53:36,470 --> 00:53:33,839
come to

1461
00:53:37,190 --> 00:53:36,480
the sydney morning herald on the 11th of

1462
00:53:41,270 --> 00:53:37,200
october

1463
00:53:45,190 --> 00:53:41,280

1980 so we're moving on through the year

1464

00:53:47,270 --> 00:53:45,200

and a relatively quick turnaround

1465

00:53:49,030 --> 00:53:47,280

this is a preview of the documentary

1466

00:53:52,230 --> 00:53:49,040

which was filmed

1467

00:53:55,030 --> 00:53:52,240

on the water divining tests

1468

00:53:55,750 --> 00:53:55,040

taking the mystique out of the magical

1469

00:53:58,870 --> 00:53:55,760

james

1470

00:54:02,309 --> 00:53:58,880

randy in australia atn7

1471

00:54:06,470 --> 00:54:02,319

and that was the tv network it still is

1472

00:54:09,510 --> 00:54:06,480

wednesday 8pm previewed by gary shelley

1473

00:54:10,069 --> 00:54:09,520

james randy a psychic investigator from

1474

00:54:11,670 --> 00:54:10,079

new york

1475

00:54:13,430 --> 00:54:11,680

does not believe in santa claus the

1476

00:54:15,270 --> 00:54:13,440

tooth fairy or the easter bunny

1477

00:54:16,630 --> 00:54:15,280

there is not enough evidence to support

1478

00:54:19,109 --> 00:54:16,640

their existence

1479

00:54:20,150 --> 00:54:19,119

says the magician who is not entirely

1480

00:54:22,390 --> 00:54:20,160

humorous

1481

00:54:24,069 --> 00:54:22,400

mr randy scoffs at any form of

1482

00:54:26,549 --> 00:54:24,079

paranormal behavior

1483

00:54:29,109 --> 00:54:26,559

from the bending of spoons to the

1484

00:54:32,069 --> 00:54:29,119

searching for water by divining rod

1485

00:54:33,030 --> 00:54:32,079

he wants to expose people who go out of

1486

00:54:35,910 --> 00:54:33,040

their way

1487

00:54:37,910 --> 00:54:35,920

to defraud others at the same time he

1488

00:54:38,870 --> 00:54:37,920

would love to believe that these people

1489

00:54:41,190 --> 00:54:38,880

could

1490

00:54:43,109 --> 00:54:41,200

prove their supernatural powers

1491

00:54:45,109 --> 00:54:43,119

scientifically

1492

00:54:46,230 --> 00:54:45,119

the name james randy might ring a bell

1493

00:54:49,030 --> 00:54:46,240

to many viewers

1494

00:54:50,069 --> 00:54:49,040

he was the gentleman whom don lane told

1495

00:54:53,670 --> 00:54:50,079

to

1496

00:54:55,829 --> 00:54:53,680

get lost in a liquefied form

1497

00:54:57,670 --> 00:54:55,839

when he exposed yuri geller and doris

1498

00:55:00,150 --> 00:54:57,680

stokes's frauds

1499

00:55:01,109 --> 00:55:00,160

live mr randy was brought to australia

1500

00:55:03,349 --> 00:55:01,119

by dick smith

1501
00:55:05,349 --> 00:55:03,359
in an attempt to prove or disprove the

1502
00:55:08,470 --> 00:55:05,359
validity of water diviners

1503
00:55:10,470 --> 00:55:08,480
and psychic surgeons in the program the

1504
00:55:13,670 --> 00:55:10,480
investigator explains the skull

1505
00:55:15,750 --> 00:55:13,680
duggary and chicanery exercised by the

1506
00:55:17,910 --> 00:55:15,760
psychic surgeons in the philippines

1507
00:55:19,270 --> 00:55:17,920
whose hands fumble in and out of the

1508
00:55:21,190 --> 00:55:19,280
stomachs of patients

1509
00:55:22,309 --> 00:55:21,200
who pay thousands of dollars for

1510
00:55:24,309 --> 00:55:22,319
treatment

1511
00:55:26,390 --> 00:55:24,319
it is not a pretty sight as randy

1512
00:55:27,430 --> 00:55:26,400
demonstrates on a bewildered human

1513
00:55:29,910 --> 00:55:27,440

guinea pig

1514

00:55:32,230 --> 00:55:29,920

with sleight of hand he appears to draw

1515

00:55:34,470 --> 00:55:32,240

out pieces of the man's innards

1516

00:55:36,870 --> 00:55:34,480

but they are only a handful of chicken

1517

00:55:39,670 --> 00:55:36,880

livers water diviners also bear the

1518

00:55:41,750 --> 00:55:39,680

brunt of mr randy's expose

1519

00:55:43,589 --> 00:55:41,760

he conducts some experiments to test

1520

00:55:45,910 --> 00:55:43,599

their extraordinary

1521

00:55:47,750 --> 00:55:45,920

gift with a reward of thirty thousand

1522

00:55:50,309 --> 00:55:47,760

dollars for any person who can

1523

00:55:52,789 --> 00:55:50,319

scientifically prove their powers

1524

00:55:55,589 --> 00:55:52,799

each water diviner claimed to have had

1525

00:55:58,230 --> 00:55:55,599

unlimited success in the craft

1526

00:55:59,670 --> 00:55:58,240

and many make a good living from the man

1527

00:56:02,549 --> 00:55:59,680

on the land

1528

00:56:03,349 --> 00:56:02,559

one codger was certain the test would be

1529

00:56:06,230 --> 00:56:03,359

easier

1530

00:56:08,150 --> 00:56:06,240

than getting in and out of bed the

1531

00:56:10,390 --> 00:56:08,160

experiment arranged in true

1532

00:56:12,230 --> 00:56:10,400

show business fashion had the reverend

1533

00:56:16,230 --> 00:56:12,240

tedenovs and a priest

1534

00:56:18,870 --> 00:56:16,240

father drake as official judges however

1535

00:56:19,990 --> 00:56:18,880

god was not on the side of james randy

1536

00:56:22,309 --> 00:56:20,000

and dick smith because

1537

00:56:23,750 --> 00:56:22,319

both religious men actually believe in

1538

00:56:26,390 --> 00:56:23,760

water divining

1539

00:56:27,910 --> 00:56:26,400

as well as divining for water tests were

1540

00:56:32,870 --> 00:56:27,920

made in the search for

1541

00:56:36,069 --> 00:56:32,880

brass and gold objects out of 111

1542

00:56:39,190 --> 00:56:36,079

attempts only 15 were successful

1543

00:56:42,710 --> 00:56:39,200

an average of 11 but not

1544

00:56:45,589 --> 00:56:42,720

one merited the prize which is still

1545

00:56:47,270 --> 00:56:45,599

up for grabs and as an aside i'm a

1546

00:56:48,950 --> 00:56:47,280

little surprised that they actually gave

1547

00:56:52,470 --> 00:56:48,960

away the results

1548

00:56:56,230 --> 00:56:52,480

in the in the review the preview here

1549

00:56:58,069 --> 00:56:56,240

oh well we read on james randy is

1550

00:57:01,190 --> 00:56:58,079

convinced that the movement of the

1551
00:57:01,750 --> 00:57:01,200
divining or dowsing rod is manipulated

1552
00:57:04,150 --> 00:57:01,760
by the

1553
00:57:05,589 --> 00:57:04,160
imagination or wishful thinking of the

1554
00:57:07,430 --> 00:57:05,599
person operating it

1555
00:57:09,510 --> 00:57:07,440
there is an enormous amount of harm in

1556
00:57:12,789 --> 00:57:09,520
deception he said

1557
00:57:14,549 --> 00:57:12,799
he gave as an example the jamestown

1558
00:57:18,230 --> 00:57:14,559
massacre in ghana

1559
00:57:21,349 --> 00:57:18,240
there the total belief in one man whose

1560
00:57:24,549 --> 00:57:21,359
charisma and power was so overwhelming

1561
00:57:28,150 --> 00:57:24,559
meant that death was the only salvation

1562
00:57:31,589 --> 00:57:28,160
which i am sure is more than james randy

1563
00:57:35,510 --> 00:57:34,069

and finally we come to the sydney

1564

00:57:39,589 --> 00:57:35,520

morning herald once more

1565

00:57:42,069 --> 00:57:39,599

on the 9th of november 1980

1566

00:57:44,069 --> 00:57:42,079

and again we have a photograph of a

1567

00:57:47,910 --> 00:57:44,079

publicity photograph of randy

1568

00:57:52,230 --> 00:57:47,920

james randy he can't cop esp

1569

00:57:55,030 --> 00:57:52,240

when seeing isn't believing

1570

00:57:57,430 --> 00:57:55,040

don lane and believers in divining rod

1571

00:58:00,230 --> 00:57:57,440

spoon bending and psychic surgery

1572

00:58:01,270 --> 00:58:00,240

should watch the special james randy in

1573

00:58:03,589 --> 00:58:01,280

australia

1574

00:58:04,470 --> 00:58:03,599

paranormal nonsense claptrap and

1575

00:58:08,069 --> 00:58:04,480

flummery

1576

00:58:11,030 --> 00:58:08,079

says mr randy as he convincingly

1577

00:58:12,150 --> 00:58:11,040

demonstrates how easily people can fool

1578

00:58:15,990 --> 00:58:12,160

the more gullible

1579

00:58:17,430 --> 00:58:16,000

among us and themselves mr lane should

1580

00:58:19,030 --> 00:58:17,440

watch channel 7 at 7

1581

00:58:21,109 --> 00:58:19,040

30 on wednesday night to hear the

1582

00:58:25,270 --> 00:58:21,119

cognitive arguments he would not

1583

00:58:28,470 --> 00:58:25,280

allow mr randy to expound on his show

1584

00:58:29,829 --> 00:58:28,480

devotees of the lane program will recall

1585

00:58:32,789 --> 00:58:29,839

the evening the

1586

00:58:35,109 --> 00:58:32,799

compare had the ill grace to swear at

1587

00:58:37,510 --> 00:58:35,119

his guest and storm off the set

1588

00:58:38,630 --> 00:58:37,520

after randy had raised doubts about

1589

00:58:41,190 --> 00:58:38,640

doris stokes

1590

00:58:41,670 --> 00:58:41,200

whom he calls the granny who hears dead

1591

00:58:43,750 --> 00:58:41,680

people

1592

00:58:45,510 --> 00:58:43,760

talking to her in a statement issued

1593

00:58:46,230 --> 00:58:45,520

through his australian sponsor nick

1594

00:58:49,430 --> 00:58:46,240

smith

1595

00:58:50,630 --> 00:58:49,440

the scientist says he's certain lane's

1596

00:58:53,510 --> 00:58:50,640

actions were

1597

00:58:53,829 --> 00:58:53,520

calculated setup randy does not believe

1598

00:58:55,670 --> 00:58:53,839

in

1599

00:58:57,910 --> 00:58:55,680

santa claus the easter bunny and the

1600

00:59:00,789 --> 00:58:57,920

tooth fairy for the same reason

1601
00:59:01,829 --> 00:59:00,799
he can't cop esp spoon bending and the

1602
00:59:05,109 --> 00:59:01,839
rest

1603
00:59:05,750 --> 00:59:05,119
insufficient evidence his evidence in

1604
00:59:08,789 --> 00:59:05,760
his

1605
00:59:11,829 --> 00:59:08,799
doubting thomas view places all

1606
00:59:13,670 --> 00:59:11,839
things paranormal firmly in the easter

1607
00:59:16,230 --> 00:59:13,680
bunny class

1608
00:59:18,069 --> 00:59:16,240
it would be a pity if he lost most of

1609
00:59:20,710 --> 00:59:18,079
his viewers in the first few minutes

1610
00:59:21,750 --> 00:59:20,720
as he appears to remove a quantity of

1611
00:59:24,470 --> 00:59:21,760
blood and guts from

1612
00:59:25,589 --> 00:59:24,480
a willing victim's stomach it isn't

1613
00:59:28,390 --> 00:59:25,599

psychic surgery

1614

00:59:30,230 --> 00:59:28,400

but sleight of hand by a similar trick

1615

00:59:33,349 --> 00:59:30,240

he bends spoons in the

1616

00:59:34,309 --> 00:59:33,359

slickest faster than the eye urrigala

1617

00:59:36,710 --> 00:59:34,319

fashion

1618

00:59:37,510 --> 00:59:36,720

the clincher takes place in a field in

1619

00:59:39,270 --> 00:59:37,520

ride

1620

00:59:41,829 --> 00:59:39,280

where the reputations of a group of

1621

00:59:44,870 --> 00:59:41,839

water diviners are left looking

1622

00:59:47,829 --> 00:59:44,880

a little tattered attracted by an offer

1623

00:59:50,230 --> 00:59:47,839

of forty thousand dollars ten grand each

1624

00:59:51,750 --> 00:59:50,240

from skeptics randy smith philip adams

1625

00:59:54,630 --> 00:59:51,760

and richard carlton

1626
00:59:56,470 --> 00:59:54,640
the dowers had to identify golden brass

1627
00:59:59,030 --> 00:59:56,480
hidden in cardboard boxes

1628
00:59:59,670 --> 00:59:59,040
and which out of ten pipes had water

1629
01:00:03,030 --> 00:59:59,680
flowing

1630
01:00:07,030 --> 01:00:03,040
through it before the experiment most

1631
01:00:09,829 --> 01:00:07,040
said they would be 100 successful

1632
01:00:10,390 --> 01:00:09,839
five agreed to split the proceeds they

1633
01:00:13,910 --> 01:00:10,400
were so

1634
01:00:15,030 --> 01:00:13,920
confident in this case seeing is

1635
01:00:17,270 --> 01:00:15,040
disbelieving

1636
01:00:18,150 --> 01:00:17,280
the results are no better than chance or

1637
01:00:20,789 --> 01:00:18,160
guesswork

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01:00:23,190 --> 01:00:20,799

and randy declares it would seem to

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indicate that dowsing as a force

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does not exist does this shake the faith

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of our dousers not a bit

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they come up with every excuse under the

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sun

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01:00:43,190 --> 01:00:40,000

this rare lapse people

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01:00:44,710 --> 01:00:43,200

randy concludes sadly simply will not

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01:00:50,070 --> 01:00:44,720

learn a lesson

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01:00:52,230 --> 01:00:50,080

and that was a report by don groves

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[Music]

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so there we are some newspaper reports

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from 1980

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01:00:59,510 --> 01:00:58,799
centering on james randy's visit and

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01:01:01,670 --> 01:00:59,520
he's

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01:01:02,789 --> 01:01:01,680
taking part in the famous water divining

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01:01:05,030 --> 01:01:02,799
tests

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01:01:06,549 --> 01:01:05,040
i will link to james randy in australia

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01:01:10,710 --> 01:01:06,559
in the show notes

1657
01:01:13,109 --> 01:01:10,720
and i think it's a classic of skepticism

1658
01:01:14,390 --> 01:01:13,119
and it's certainly a very early

1659
01:01:23,950 --> 01:01:14,400
introduction to me

1660
01:01:36,710 --> 01:01:23,960
to the world of testing the paranormal

1661
01:01:39,829 --> 01:01:38,390
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1662
01:01:41,750 --> 01:01:39,839
zone and uh

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01:01:43,589 --> 01:01:41,760

thank you once again to james randy for

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01:01:44,549 --> 01:01:43,599

being so generous with your time over

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01:01:46,390 --> 01:01:44,559

the years

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for interviews and such like and i've

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noticed on youtube especially

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there are lots of people posting up

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lectures and talks and interviews with

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01:01:58,630 --> 01:01:56,559

james randy just like i am

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01:02:01,029 --> 01:01:58,640

and that's a wealth of information in

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01:02:03,029 --> 01:02:01,039

fact i watched a lecture

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just the other night an hour and a half

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of randy when he was about 62 6263

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and he was in fine form quick witted

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sharp

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01:02:15,910 --> 01:02:13,359

telling us about uh tests with water

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01:02:17,430 --> 01:02:15,920

divining and homeopathy and psychics and

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01:02:20,789 --> 01:02:17,440

everything like that

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01:02:23,349 --> 01:02:20,799

lots of lots of good talks on

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youtube with james randy thank you to

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those people who continue to support the

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skeptic zone at skepticzone.tv with

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patreon

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01:02:33,670 --> 01:02:31,440

or paypal always necessary

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01:02:34,630 --> 01:02:33,680

and this year it's been more necessary

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than ever

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which is ridiculous because necessary is

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a superlative

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i'll try it again always vital but this

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year more vital than ever no that

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doesn't work

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01:02:47,430 --> 01:02:46,079

always crucial but this year more you

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01:02:51,430 --> 01:02:47,440

know what i mean

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coming up on next week's show

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i'm going to cover news about the vaxxed

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bus

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they've been vexed

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because local councils up and down the

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state of new south wales have said

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no to the vexed bus much to the

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chagrin of the conspiracy theorists

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01:03:16,870 --> 01:03:13,680

running around the country in their big

1704

01:03:18,870 --> 01:03:16,880

black bus good to see that people in

1705

01:03:22,309 --> 01:03:18,880

local councils are stepping up

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01:03:23,750 --> 01:03:22,319

to fight this nonsense and uh conspiracy

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theory mongering

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and also on next week's show more

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logical fallacies with michelle

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bickersma

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hello michelle and the book of tim with

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tim menden

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and the last thought i will leave you

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with today

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is i noticed there was a posting on

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james randy's facebook page

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just in the last few days by his partner

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devi with a simple message

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and that was for my friends in the

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united states

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01:03:54,870 --> 01:03:52,880

vote but for this week

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this is richard saunders signing off

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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zone podcast

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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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or leave a review on itunes you can also

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support the skeptic zone

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via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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podcast is an

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independent production the views and

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opinions expressed on the skeptic zone

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are not necessarily those of australian