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Crazy COVID
Vaccine Conspiracy

Good Things
Happen in 3s

TROVE
Bay Area Skeptics
Predictions



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00:00:08,390 --> 00:00:06,550

[Music]

2
00:00:11,190 --> 00:00:08,400
welcome to the skeptic zone

3
00:00:16,900 --> 00:00:11,200
the podcast from australia for science

4
00:00:23,509 --> 00:00:16,910
and reason

5
00:00:26,990 --> 00:00:26,070
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

6
00:00:31,349 --> 00:00:27,000
episode

7
00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:31,359
655 for the 2nd of may 2021

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00:00:35,670 --> 00:00:33,760
adrian hill here from calgary canada

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00:00:38,069 --> 00:00:35,680
filling in for richard saunders who is

10
00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:38,079
on a secret assignment

11
00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:41,120
well no nothing so exciting richard has

12
00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:42,960
a cold and sounds like something from

13
00:00:46,709 --> 00:00:44,559

the black lagoon

14

00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:46,719

get well soon richard and eat more

15

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

waffles with real canadian maple syrup

16

00:00:53,590 --> 00:00:51,520

coming on this week's show before

17

00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:53,600

richard caught the cold he recorded a

18

00:00:57,350 --> 00:00:54,239

report

19

00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:57,360

about some crazy covid19 vaccine

20

00:01:00,790 --> 00:00:58,079

conspiracy

21

00:01:02,549 --> 00:01:00,800

flyers that were found on cars parked at

22

00:01:05,109 --> 00:01:02,559

an australian hospital

23

00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:05,119

how crazy are they find out at the top

24

00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:06,000

of the show

25

00:01:09,270 --> 00:01:07,920

after that i return with a follow-up

26

00:01:11,270 --> 00:01:09,280

report to my segment

27

00:01:12,870 --> 00:01:11,280

from a few weeks ago about bad things

28

00:01:15,749 --> 00:01:12,880

happening in threes

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00:01:17,190 --> 00:01:15,759

do good things also happen in threes

30

00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:17,200

then to round off the show

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00:01:21,109 --> 00:01:18,960

richard chimes in once more with the

32

00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:21,119

trove report looking at historical

33

00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:22,000

newspapers

34

00:01:26,550 --> 00:01:24,080

but this time from the usa and the

35

00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:26,560

investigations of the bay area skeptics

36

00:01:31,270 --> 00:01:29,040

and psychic predictions

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00:01:33,510 --> 00:01:31,280

also listen out this week for the

38

00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:33,520

skeptical fairy godmother angel

39

00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:37,040

from the internet so no matter where you

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00:01:41,429 --> 00:01:37,520

are

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00:01:42,149 --> 00:01:41,439

might be driving a giant truck across

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00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:42,159

canada

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:44,799

you might be walking the dog in scotland

44

00:01:49,030 --> 00:01:46,479

you might be enjoying a weekend

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00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:49,040

at a beach house in australia i hope you

46

00:01:58,660 --> 00:01:49,920

enjoy

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00:01:58,670 --> 00:02:03,700

[Applause]

48

00:02:15,510 --> 00:02:13,430

[Music]

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,520

as i mentioned sometimes on the show if

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00:02:20,070 --> 00:02:17,440

you go to skepticzone.tv

51
00:02:22,990 --> 00:02:20,080
and look at the show notes for each week

52
00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:23,000
there's a permanent link there for

53
00:02:27,589 --> 00:02:24,560
coronaconspiracy.cloud

54
00:02:29,750 --> 00:02:27,599
this is where you or anybody can upload

55
00:02:33,430 --> 00:02:29,760
crazy wacky and dangerous

56
00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:33,440
corona virus conspiracies or bad cures

57
00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:36,480
flyers leaflets photographs taken on the

58
00:02:41,589 --> 00:02:39,440
street things like that

59
00:02:43,830 --> 00:02:41,599
and some flies have come to my attention

60
00:02:47,589 --> 00:02:43,840
which i think i'll be putting up there

61
00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:47,599
these flyers were found stuck

62
00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:51,360
on the wiper blades the windscreen

63
00:02:56,070 --> 00:02:53,519

wipers of cars in the car park of a

64

00:02:57,750 --> 00:02:56,080

private hospital in the state of

65

00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:57,760

queensland

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00:03:03,270 --> 00:03:00,800

and i will describe them to you

67

00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:03,280

the first flyer has the top half

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00:03:06,630 --> 00:03:04,640

colorful

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00:03:08,390 --> 00:03:06,640

sunset australian skies with a couple of

70

00:03:12,869 --> 00:03:08,400

kangaroos hopping

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00:03:15,270 --> 00:03:12,879

it says worldwide rally for freedom

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00:03:18,470 --> 00:03:15,280

join us in the international stand for

73

00:03:19,750 --> 00:03:18,480

freedom peace and human rights saturday

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00:03:23,509 --> 00:03:19,760

may 15th

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00:03:26,470 --> 00:03:23,519

12 p.m australia wide

76
00:03:28,309 --> 00:03:26,480
melbourne batman park brisbane brisbane

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00:03:31,430 --> 00:03:28,319
city botanical gardens

78
00:03:32,390 --> 00:03:31,440
sydney hyde park adelaide to be

79
00:03:36,309 --> 00:03:32,400
announced

80
00:03:40,390 --> 00:03:36,319
perth supreme court gardens cairns

81
00:03:44,070 --> 00:03:40,400
city place hobart parliament lawn

82
00:03:47,509 --> 00:03:44,080
fraser coast freedom park palmer

83
00:03:52,309 --> 00:03:47,519
darwin nightcliff for sure park

84
00:03:53,830 --> 00:03:52,319
with the url the peoplesrevolution.com.u

85
00:03:56,390 --> 00:03:53,840
do you have the feeling that something

86
00:03:58,149 --> 00:03:56,400
isn't quite right why do we need an

87
00:04:01,509 --> 00:03:58,159
experimental vaccine

88
00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:01,519

with no liability for a quote

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00:04:08,710 --> 00:04:05,599

virus end quote with a 99

90

00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:08,720

survival rate when there are safe and

91

00:04:14,110 --> 00:04:11,120

effective treatments available

92

00:04:15,509 --> 00:04:14,120

if doctors are so sure that the quote

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00:04:19,509 --> 00:04:15,519

vaccines

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00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:19,519

end quote are safe then why do they

95

00:04:26,550 --> 00:04:22,639

need protection laws but we

96

00:04:29,350 --> 00:04:26,560

don't get any join millions of people

97

00:04:31,749 --> 00:04:29,360

around the world to unite stand up and

98

00:04:34,230 --> 00:04:31,759

take back our freedom

99

00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:34,240

please turn over for useful links now

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00:04:36,629 --> 00:04:35,840

what are these useful links on the other

101
00:04:39,510 --> 00:04:36,639
side

102
00:04:41,830 --> 00:04:39,520
censorship including google is currently

103
00:04:43,430 --> 00:04:41,840
removing any opposing views and

104
00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:43,440
discrediting anyone

105
00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:46,560
going against government agendas that

106
00:04:50,870 --> 00:04:47,440
sounds serious

107
00:04:51,430 --> 00:04:50,880
here are some useful links one vaccine

108
00:04:54,790 --> 00:04:51,440
deaths

109
00:04:58,390 --> 00:04:54,800
and adverse reactions two we can lower

110
00:05:02,230 --> 00:04:58,400
the population through vaccinations

111
00:05:04,390 --> 00:05:02,240
three pcr test not designed for

112
00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:04,400
diagnosis

113
00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:08,080

covert medical network cops for covert

114

00:05:12,230 --> 00:05:09,520

truth

115

00:05:13,270 --> 00:05:12,240

concerned lawyers network know your

116

00:05:16,710 --> 00:05:13,280

rights

117

00:05:17,270 --> 00:05:16,720

reunite democracy i stand in the park

118

00:05:19,909 --> 00:05:17,280

meet with

119

00:05:20,790 --> 00:05:19,919

like-minded people every sunday 10 am

120

00:05:23,510 --> 00:05:20,800

and all those have

121

00:05:24,870 --> 00:05:23,520

links at the bottom in red it says it's

122

00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:24,880

time to unite

123

00:05:31,270 --> 00:05:28,160

this all ends when we say no

124

00:05:32,469 --> 00:05:31,280

remember if it doesn't add up do your

125

00:05:36,830 --> 00:05:32,479

research

126
00:05:41,590 --> 00:05:36,840
for alternatives to google try

127
00:05:43,430 --> 00:05:41,600
duckduckgo.com or swisscows.com

128
00:05:44,870 --> 00:05:43,440
oh but it doesn't stop there the next

129
00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:44,880
flyer says warning

130
00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:47,039
to all medical practitioners doctors and

131
00:05:50,790 --> 00:05:48,000
nurses

132
00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:50,800
quote i was just carrying out orders end

133
00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:51,600
quote

134
00:05:55,830 --> 00:05:54,639
is not a legal defense you are licensed

135
00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:55,840
as individuals

136
00:06:00,150 --> 00:05:58,800
you will be on trial for war crimes and

137
00:06:02,070 --> 00:06:00,160
held accountable

138
00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:02,080

with links to international criminal

139

00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:03,280

court and

140

00:06:13,909 --> 00:06:11,990

your duty is to inform your patient one

141

00:06:15,749 --> 00:06:13,919

the quote vaccine end quote is

142

00:06:17,909 --> 00:06:15,759

experimental as a patient

143

00:06:20,390 --> 00:06:17,919

you are taking part in a trial

144

00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:20,400

consisting of new technology

145

00:06:24,309 --> 00:06:23,440

2. no guarantee of immunity the quote

146

00:06:27,990 --> 00:06:24,319

vaccine

147

00:06:30,390 --> 00:06:28,000

and quote only lessens symptoms 3.

148

00:06:32,309 --> 00:06:30,400

you can still spread the disease and

149

00:06:34,150 --> 00:06:32,319

will not be exempt from precautions

150

00:06:37,670 --> 00:06:34,160

mandated by the government

151
00:06:40,710 --> 00:06:37,680
four quote vaccine and quote

152
00:06:42,230 --> 00:06:40,720
damage and death doctors and scientists

153
00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:42,240
do not know what

154
00:06:45,430 --> 00:06:44,960
short or long term damage taking the

155
00:06:50,150 --> 00:06:45,440
quote

156
00:06:53,270 --> 00:06:50,160
long-term studies have taken place

157
00:06:56,390 --> 00:06:53,280
this can include permanent disability

158
00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:56,400
and death visit o p

159
00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:00,639
e n v a e r s dot com

160
00:07:07,589 --> 00:07:04,880
covert vaccine adverse events reports

161
00:07:09,749 --> 00:07:07,599
for a current list of damage and death

162
00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:09,759
caused by the covert 19

163
00:07:15,510 --> 00:07:12,960

quote vaccines men quote

164

00:07:17,430 --> 00:07:15,520

if you are unsure please read article 6

165

00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:17,440

of the unesco

166

00:07:21,029 --> 00:07:20,080

universal declaration on bioethics and

167

00:07:24,550 --> 00:07:21,039

human rights

168

00:07:26,710 --> 00:07:24,560

with a link see reverse for information

169

00:07:27,749 --> 00:07:26,720

on consent as written in the nuremberg

170

00:07:30,550 --> 00:07:27,759

code

171

00:07:32,230 --> 00:07:30,560

that holds you personally responsible

172

00:07:34,950 --> 00:07:32,240

for your actions

173

00:07:36,230 --> 00:07:34,960

still confused refer to your code of

174

00:07:38,150 --> 00:07:36,240

ethics

175

00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:38,160

all right let's see what's on the other

176
00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:40,000
side of this

177
00:07:46,790 --> 00:07:43,360
the other side says the covert 19 quote

178
00:07:49,350 --> 00:07:46,800
vaccine end quote will not

179
00:07:50,629 --> 00:07:49,360
provide lasting immunity contribute to

180
00:07:53,110 --> 00:07:50,639
herd immunity

181
00:07:54,390 --> 00:07:53,120
eliminate the virus prevent you from

182
00:07:56,230 --> 00:07:54,400
contracting the virus

183
00:07:59,510 --> 00:07:56,240
prevent you from spreading the virus to

184
00:08:01,990 --> 00:07:59,520
others prevent you from death

185
00:08:04,150 --> 00:08:02,000
eliminate the need for business closures

186
00:08:05,510 --> 00:08:04,160
eliminate the need for restrictions on

187
00:08:09,110 --> 00:08:05,520
gatherings

188
00:08:10,710 --> 00:08:09,120

eliminate the need for masks this begs

189

00:08:15,430 --> 00:08:10,720

the question

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00:08:18,469 --> 00:08:15,440

what will it do this is mrna

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00:08:21,589 --> 00:08:18,479

packaged in a fat envelope

192

00:08:23,510 --> 00:08:21,599

that is delivered to a cell it is a

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00:08:25,430 --> 00:08:23,520

medical device designed to stimulate the

194

00:08:30,150 --> 00:08:25,440

human cell into becoming

195

00:08:33,589 --> 00:08:30,160

a pathogen creator this is not a vaccine

196

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quote vaccine end quote is a

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00:08:37,750 --> 00:08:36,959

legally defined term under public health

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:37,760

law

199

00:08:44,630 --> 00:08:41,760

cdc and fda they are specifically

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00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:44,640

required to stimulate both the immunity

201
00:08:51,110 --> 00:08:47,920
within the person receiving it and

202
00:08:53,910 --> 00:08:51,120
must also disrupt transmission

203
00:08:54,550 --> 00:08:53,920
they are using the term quote vaccine in

204
00:08:57,190 --> 00:08:54,560
quote

205
00:08:58,230 --> 00:08:57,200
to sneak this thing under the emergency

206
00:09:01,350 --> 00:08:58,240
law

207
00:09:03,590 --> 00:09:01,360
what is the pfizer biontech covert 19

208
00:09:07,269 --> 00:09:03,600
quote vaccine end quote

209
00:09:10,949 --> 00:09:07,279
the pfizer biontech covert 19

210
00:09:12,630 --> 00:09:10,959
vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that

211
00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:12,640
may prevent covert 19.

212
00:09:17,110 --> 00:09:15,120
there is no fda approved vaccine to

213
00:09:21,190 --> 00:09:17,120

prevent covert 19.

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fda 6 of april 21 from fact sheet for

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00:09:27,430 --> 00:09:25,040

recipients and caregivers are you aware

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00:09:29,910 --> 00:09:27,440

that all vaccine makers worldwide have

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00:09:32,630 --> 00:09:29,920

been given a free pass from any legal

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00:09:34,710 --> 00:09:32,640

prosecution since 1986

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regarding any deaths or injuries caused

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00:09:38,230 --> 00:09:36,080

by the vaccines

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00:09:39,509 --> 00:09:38,240

are you aware that the pfizer and oxford

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00:09:42,710 --> 00:09:39,519

astrazeneca

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00:09:45,750 --> 00:09:42,720

quote vaccine end quote is still engaged

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00:09:47,990 --> 00:09:45,760

on phase 3 trials for two more years

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00:09:48,389 --> 00:09:48,000

which means this vaccine is still very

226

00:09:51,110 --> 00:09:48,399

much

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00:09:53,829 --> 00:09:51,120

in the experimental stages even though

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00:09:55,990 --> 00:09:53,839

it's being offered to the public

229

00:09:58,070 --> 00:09:56,000

can you afford to get sick are you

230

00:09:59,750 --> 00:09:58,080

prepared to be a guinea pig for two

231

00:10:02,470 --> 00:09:59,760

years minimum

232

00:10:03,670 --> 00:10:02,480

for a quote vaccine and quote that only

233

00:10:07,110 --> 00:10:03,680

reduces symptoms

234

00:10:10,230 --> 00:10:07,120

not transmission and at the end of the

235

00:10:12,550 --> 00:10:10,240

page in completely different typeface

236

00:10:13,590 --> 00:10:12,560

sort of like comic or chalkboard or

237

00:10:15,910 --> 00:10:13,600

something

238

00:10:17,430 --> 00:10:15,920

meet with like-minded people every

239

00:10:20,790 --> 00:10:17,440

sunday 10 a.m

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00:10:22,790 --> 00:10:20,800

at new farm park

241

00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:22,800

so it's quite obvious this is just taken

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00:10:26,710 --> 00:10:24,240

off the internet and

243

00:10:29,030 --> 00:10:26,720

a little bit of local information added

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00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:29,040

it appears to be written

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00:10:33,030 --> 00:10:32,079

more or less for an american audience i

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00:10:36,069 --> 00:10:33,040

think

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00:10:37,829 --> 00:10:36,079

so despite of everything

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00:10:39,750 --> 00:10:37,839

and despite of the news coming out of

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00:10:42,230 --> 00:10:39,760

india at the moment

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00:10:44,310 --> 00:10:42,240

there are still people in our society

251
00:10:46,790 --> 00:10:44,320
willing to run around car parks in

252
00:10:48,949 --> 00:10:46,800
hospitals putting these ridiculous

253
00:10:50,790 --> 00:10:48,959
flyers under the windscreen wiper blades

254
00:10:52,710 --> 00:10:50,800
of cars parked there

255
00:10:54,790 --> 00:10:52,720
now the anti-vaccination movement in

256
00:10:57,269 --> 00:10:54,800
australia has certainly lost a lot

257
00:10:58,949 --> 00:10:57,279
of footing over the last decade or so

258
00:11:00,949 --> 00:10:58,959
thanks to the efforts of people like the

259
00:11:04,389 --> 00:11:00,959
australian skeptics and others

260
00:11:07,269 --> 00:11:04,399
stop the avn so on and so forth

261
00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:07,279
but um it seems to me there are still

262
00:11:11,990 --> 00:11:08,880
plenty of people out there who

263
00:11:18,100 --> 00:11:12,000

uh will happily download print out

264

00:11:31,990 --> 00:11:26,829

[Music]

265

00:11:39,269 --> 00:11:35,110

skeptics in the pub once again in

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00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:39,279

the pub thursday the 6th of may 2021

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00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:41,839

the occidental hotel at wynyard

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00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:43,760

australian skeptics present dr

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00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:47,360

paul willis beyond atheism

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00:11:51,030 --> 00:11:50,000

paul says i think we've been drawn into

271

00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:51,040

a sucker punch

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00:11:56,069 --> 00:11:53,279

when we identify as atheists we are

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00:11:58,949 --> 00:11:56,079

defining ourselves with respect to the

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00:12:01,350 --> 00:11:58,959

rejection of other people's paradigm and

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00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:01,360

not defining ourselves by our own

276
00:12:05,670 --> 00:12:04,800
positive values identifying as a secular

277
00:12:08,550 --> 00:12:05,680
rational

278
00:12:08,829 --> 00:12:08,560
humanist is a better description of who

279
00:12:17,990 --> 00:12:08,839
i

280
00:12:19,190 --> 00:12:18,000
and a freelance teacher of research

281
00:12:21,269 --> 00:12:19,200
communication

282
00:12:23,750 --> 00:12:21,279
he spent six years as director of the

283
00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:23,760
national institution of australia

284
00:12:28,310 --> 00:12:27,600
and 14 years at the abc as a science

285
00:12:31,269 --> 00:12:28,320
reporter

286
00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:31,279
producer he now has his own video

287
00:12:35,829 --> 00:12:33,360
production and research company

288
00:12:38,310 --> 00:12:35,839

paleo pictures telling the world the

289

00:12:42,150 --> 00:12:38,320

stories from the history of life

290

00:12:45,430 --> 00:12:42,160

he is also a past skeptic of the year

291

00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:45,440

join us in person yes in person

292

00:12:49,750 --> 00:12:48,079

from 6 pm and the night finishes when

293

00:12:52,150 --> 00:12:49,760

the last person leaves

294

00:12:53,430 --> 00:12:52,160

enjoy a meal and a drink accompanied by

295

00:12:56,069 --> 00:12:53,440

lively discussion

296

00:12:57,509 --> 00:12:56,079

free spoon bending lessons and the

297

00:12:59,670 --> 00:12:57,519

company of other skeptics

298

00:13:01,430 --> 00:12:59,680

as we cover a variety of interesting

299

00:13:02,710 --> 00:13:01,440

topics there's no need to belong to

300

00:13:05,350 --> 00:13:02,720

australian skeptics

301

00:13:06,230 --> 00:13:05,360

all are welcome for more information

302

00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:06,240

just look up

303

00:13:12,949 --> 00:13:09,440

aust skeptics aust skeptics

304

00:13:14,150 --> 00:13:12,959

on meetup.com see you there thursday the

305

00:13:20,020 --> 00:13:14,160

6th of may

306

00:13:29,750 --> 00:13:20,030

the occidental hotel york street sydney

307

00:13:33,269 --> 00:13:29,760

[Music]

308

00:13:38,790 --> 00:13:33,279

you can count on adrian with

309

00:13:42,470 --> 00:13:40,949

after my musings about the saying bad

310

00:13:43,990 --> 00:13:42,480

things happen in threes

311

00:13:45,670 --> 00:13:44,000

i wondered if anyone thought the

312

00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:45,680

opposite that good things happen in

313

00:13:49,030 --> 00:13:46,639

threes

314

00:13:51,030 --> 00:13:49,040

it seems that upon investigation there

315

00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:51,040

are many beliefs and sayings around the

316

00:13:55,030 --> 00:13:53,279

positive effect of all things three

317

00:13:57,189 --> 00:13:55,040

and it has been an important number in

318

00:13:59,509 --> 00:13:57,199

many cultures throughout history

319

00:14:00,710 --> 00:13:59,519

most people have heard of pythagoras for

320

00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:00,720

his famous theorem

321

00:14:04,310 --> 00:14:03,120

a squared plus b squared equals c

322

00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:04,320

squared

323

00:14:10,550 --> 00:14:07,600

the pythagoreans who followed pythagoras

324

00:14:12,550 --> 00:14:10,560

revered numbers according to wikipedia

325

00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:12,560

they held the number 3 to be more

326

00:14:15,990 --> 00:14:14,000

special than the other numbers

327

00:14:17,110 --> 00:14:16,000

since it represented the states of

328

00:14:19,269 --> 00:14:17,120

existence

329

00:14:20,949 --> 00:14:19,279

beginning middle and end and the

330

00:14:23,910 --> 00:14:20,959

goodness of each person

331

00:14:25,670 --> 00:14:23,920

prudence drive and good fortune other

332

00:14:27,990 --> 00:14:25,680

reasons for the reverence to three

333

00:14:28,710 --> 00:14:28,000

are that three points define a triangle

334

00:14:31,750 --> 00:14:28,720

in a plane

335

00:14:34,310 --> 00:14:31,760

and the god apollo symbol was a triangle

336

00:14:36,069 --> 00:14:34,320

in classical greek mythology there was

337

00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:36,079

the olympic triad of

338

00:14:41,829 --> 00:14:39,600

zeus athena and apollo in hinduism

339

00:14:42,629 --> 00:14:41,839

there are the three deities brahma the

340

00:14:45,030 --> 00:14:42,639

creator

341

00:14:46,150 --> 00:14:45,040

vishnu the preserver and shiva the

342

00:14:48,069 --> 00:14:46,160

destroyer

343

00:14:49,590 --> 00:14:48,079

in christianity there is the holy

344

00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:49,600

trinity the father

345

00:14:53,509 --> 00:14:52,560

the son and the holy spirit this is just

346

00:14:56,550 --> 00:14:53,519

a small sample

347

00:14:58,870 --> 00:14:56,560

of what i found the expression third

348

00:15:00,790 --> 00:14:58,880

times a charm or a third time lucky

349

00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:00,800

is often heard as a good luck appeal

350

00:15:04,470 --> 00:15:02,720

before someone attempts something after

351
00:15:06,310 --> 00:15:04,480
their second try

352
00:15:08,150 --> 00:15:06,320
these can sometimes be heard when my

353
00:15:09,829 --> 00:15:08,160
family is playing games such as yahtzee

354
00:15:11,030 --> 00:15:09,839
in hopes that a third role will produce

355
00:15:13,110 --> 00:15:11,040
a six

356
00:15:15,430 --> 00:15:13,120
when someone loses three hands in a row

357
00:15:17,110 --> 00:15:15,440
in poker they might jokingly say

358
00:15:18,629 --> 00:15:17,120
that the fourth or fifth time will be

359
00:15:20,949 --> 00:15:18,639
lucky but if

360
00:15:22,550 --> 00:15:20,959
in the next game they lose the first two

361
00:15:24,150 --> 00:15:22,560
hands but win the third

362
00:15:25,750 --> 00:15:24,160
they might cherry-pick their memory to

363
00:15:27,590 --> 00:15:25,760

confirm the saying

364

00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:27,600

if we are learning a new skill such as

365

00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:28,800

skiing a new

366

00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:30,959

challenging run and we are successful on

367

00:15:34,230 --> 00:15:32,240

the third attempt

368

00:15:35,509 --> 00:15:34,240

can we then conclude that good things

369

00:15:38,310 --> 00:15:35,519

happen in threes

370

00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:38,320

or that the third time's the charm or is

371

00:15:42,069 --> 00:15:40,160

it more likely that the practice

372

00:15:44,230 --> 00:15:42,079

done in the first two attempts make the

373

00:15:45,910 --> 00:15:44,240

third more likely to succeed

374

00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:45,920

the history of these two sayings is

375

00:15:49,269 --> 00:15:47,440

difficult to determine

376

00:15:51,670 --> 00:15:49,279

many dubious sources on the internet

377

00:15:53,829 --> 00:15:51,680

ascribe the saying to the holy trinity

378

00:15:55,189 --> 00:15:53,839

according to gary martin at the website

379

00:15:57,749 --> 00:15:55,199

the phrase finder

380

00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:57,759

there is not a lot of evidence for this

381

00:16:01,430 --> 00:15:59,360

one explanation used

382

00:16:03,829 --> 00:16:01,440

is an old english law that stated if you

383

00:16:07,030 --> 00:16:03,839

survived execution three times

384

00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:07,040

you would be freed in 1885

385

00:16:12,069 --> 00:16:10,720

john babacombe lee was convicted of

386

00:16:14,629 --> 00:16:12,079

murdering his employer

387

00:16:16,310 --> 00:16:14,639

and was sentenced to hang all three

388

00:16:17,189 --> 00:16:16,320

attempts failed and he was later

389

00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:17,199

released

390

00:16:21,110 --> 00:16:19,680

but interesting as this event is the

391

00:16:25,030 --> 00:16:21,120

expression predates it

392

00:16:28,470 --> 00:16:25,040

in alexander hislop's 1862 book

393

00:16:29,829 --> 00:16:28,480

the proverbs of scotland martin asserts

394

00:16:31,509 --> 00:16:29,839

the sayings are old

395

00:16:33,030 --> 00:16:31,519

and likely folk beliefs about

396

00:16:35,110 --> 00:16:33,040

perseverance

397

00:16:36,310 --> 00:16:35,120

third time's a charm is a manner of

398

00:16:39,829 --> 00:16:36,320

saying try

399

00:16:41,829 --> 00:16:39,839

try and try again have you ever noticed

400

00:16:43,030 --> 00:16:41,839

how many folk tales are based on the

401
00:16:45,350 --> 00:16:43,040
number three

402
00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:45,360
for example the three little pigs and

403
00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:47,040
three billy goats gruff

404
00:16:50,389 --> 00:16:48,720
or that they have groups of three such

405
00:16:51,509 --> 00:16:50,399
as cinderella and her two evil

406
00:16:53,430 --> 00:16:51,519
stepsisters

407
00:16:54,629 --> 00:16:53,440
and rumpelstiltskin and his three

408
00:16:56,949 --> 00:16:54,639
guesses

409
00:16:58,790 --> 00:16:56,959
one of our most famous analogies rooted

410
00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:58,800
in folk literature is the goldilocks

411
00:17:01,590 --> 00:16:59,519
principle

412
00:17:03,990 --> 00:17:01,600
which arises from the temperature of

413
00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:04,000

three bowls of porridge

414

00:17:07,350 --> 00:17:06,240

in sports such as cricket and hockey

415

00:17:09,110 --> 00:17:07,360

there is the hat trick

416

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,120

where a bowler takes three consecutive

417

00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:11,120

wickets or a hockey player scores three

418

00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:12,480

goals in a game

419

00:17:16,789 --> 00:17:14,720

canadian football has three downs

420

00:17:19,510 --> 00:17:16,799

baseball has three strikes

421

00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:19,520

horse racing has win place and show and

422

00:17:22,470 --> 00:17:20,480

the trifecta

423

00:17:23,829 --> 00:17:22,480

which a better can win by predicting

424

00:17:26,230 --> 00:17:23,839

which horse will come first

425

00:17:28,630 --> 00:17:26,240

second and third in the upcoming

426

00:17:30,230 --> 00:17:28,640

olympics a select few will win gold

427

00:17:33,270 --> 00:17:30,240

silver and bronze medals

428

00:17:35,190 --> 00:17:33,280

i could go on think of the many phrases

429

00:17:38,710 --> 00:17:35,200

we know that are grouped in threes

430

00:17:40,950 --> 00:17:38,720

see no evil hear no evil speak no evil

431

00:17:42,870 --> 00:17:40,960

the good the bad and the ugly and from

432

00:17:45,029 --> 00:17:42,880

the united states constitution

433

00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:45,039

life liberty and the pursuit of

434

00:17:48,950 --> 00:17:47,120

happiness

435

00:17:50,710 --> 00:17:48,960

in my research i kept coming across

436

00:17:54,070 --> 00:17:50,720

disciplines which have developed

437

00:17:56,230 --> 00:17:54,080

a rule of three this is so prevalent

438

00:17:57,669 --> 00:17:56,240

that there is a list on wikipedia there

439

00:17:58,470 --> 00:17:57,679

are rules of three for computer

440

00:18:01,750 --> 00:17:58,480

programming

441

00:18:03,430 --> 00:18:01,760

statistics hematology aviation writing

442

00:18:06,070 --> 00:18:03,440

and even wicca

443

00:18:08,070 --> 00:18:06,080

in wicca the rule of three prescribes

444

00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:08,080

that the energy that a person puts into

445

00:18:11,830 --> 00:18:08,880

the world

446

00:18:13,029 --> 00:18:11,840

will be returned to them three times in

447

00:18:14,950 --> 00:18:13,039

german folklore

448

00:18:16,390 --> 00:18:14,960

a triangle with a cross in each corner

449

00:18:18,310 --> 00:18:16,400

and a prayer in the middle was said to

450

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:18,320

protect cradles from witches

451
00:18:23,669 --> 00:18:21,440
and to prevent gout in japan a

452
00:18:25,669 --> 00:18:23,679
tri-colored or calico cat

453
00:18:26,870 --> 00:18:25,679
is thought to be a protective spirit

454
00:18:29,669 --> 00:18:26,880
that attracts good luck

455
00:18:31,350 --> 00:18:29,679
wealth and prosperity japanese sailors

456
00:18:33,750 --> 00:18:31,360
would often take these cats aboard

457
00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:33,760
to protect them from misfortune at sea

458
00:18:38,150 --> 00:18:36,160
in writing whether it be drama or comedy

459
00:18:39,830 --> 00:18:38,160
it is commonly thought that a trio of

460
00:18:40,549 --> 00:18:39,840
incidents or characters is the most

461
00:18:42,390 --> 00:18:40,559
engaging

462
00:18:43,750 --> 00:18:42,400
satisfying and memorable for the

463
00:18:45,510 --> 00:18:43,760

audience

464

00:18:47,909 --> 00:18:45,520

in comedy jokes often have three

465

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:47,919

subjects a scotsman a german and an

466

00:18:51,750 --> 00:18:48,960

american

467

00:18:53,270 --> 00:18:51,760

a priest a doctor and a lawyer or my

468

00:18:55,590 --> 00:18:53,280

take on a classic

469

00:18:57,110 --> 00:18:55,600

a statistician an engineer and a

470

00:18:58,390 --> 00:18:57,120

computer science are in a car

471

00:19:00,870 --> 00:18:58,400

heading to the rocky mountains for a

472

00:19:02,310 --> 00:19:00,880

hike the car breaks down in an area with

473

00:19:05,110 --> 00:19:02,320

no cell reception

474

00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:05,120

the statistician says what is the

475

00:19:08,390 --> 00:19:07,440

probability that another car will drive

476
00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:08,400
by and help us

477
00:19:12,950 --> 00:19:11,440
in the next 10 minutes the engineer says

478
00:19:14,870 --> 00:19:12,960
let's create a list of possible

479
00:19:17,029 --> 00:19:14,880
solutions and the cost and time

480
00:19:18,390 --> 00:19:17,039
associated with each the computer

481
00:19:20,310 --> 00:19:18,400
scientist says

482
00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:20,320
why don't we get out of the car then get

483
00:19:23,029 --> 00:19:21,919
back in and see if it will start up

484
00:19:25,190 --> 00:19:23,039
again

485
00:19:27,350 --> 00:19:25,200
so-called inspirational writers will

486
00:19:28,630 --> 00:19:27,360
attempt to motivate us with such waffley

487
00:19:30,870 --> 00:19:28,640
threes as

488
00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:30,880

beautify your thoughts thoughts are the

489

00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:32,320

headwaters of action

490

00:19:36,950 --> 00:19:35,280

life and manifestation said by david

491

00:19:40,710 --> 00:19:36,960

avocado wolf

492

00:19:43,590 --> 00:19:40,720

or the way you think the way you behave

493

00:19:45,430 --> 00:19:43,600

the way you eat can influence your life

494

00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:45,440

by 30 to 50 years

495

00:19:49,350 --> 00:19:48,240

by deepak chopra i prefer this

496

00:19:52,470 --> 00:19:49,360

inspirational quote

497

00:19:53,669 --> 00:19:52,480

by reba mcintyre to succeed in life you

498

00:19:56,549 --> 00:19:53,679

only need three things

499

00:19:58,710 --> 00:19:56,559

a wishbone a backbone and a funny bone

500

00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:58,720

within advertising the rule of three has

501
00:20:01,350 --> 00:20:00,240
been used repeatedly to get your

502
00:20:04,390 --> 00:20:01,360
attention

503
00:20:07,669 --> 00:20:04,400
reuse reduce recycle just do it

504
00:20:10,230 --> 00:20:07,679
from nike i'm loving it from mcdonald's

505
00:20:11,830 --> 00:20:10,240
most are aware of mind body and spirit

506
00:20:13,909 --> 00:20:11,840
the favorite of the so-called health and

507
00:20:16,549 --> 00:20:13,919
wellness industry

508
00:20:18,149 --> 00:20:16,559
why are all things three so common there

509
00:20:18,630 --> 00:20:18,159
has been quite a lot of research about

510
00:20:22,470 --> 00:20:18,640
memory

511
00:20:24,549 --> 00:20:22,480
that might help to explain this in 1956

512
00:20:25,750 --> 00:20:24,559
bell labs published a paper called the

513
00:20:27,830 --> 00:20:25,760

magical number seven

514

00:20:29,909 --> 00:20:27,840

plus or minus two where the author

515

00:20:31,270 --> 00:20:29,919

milller demonstrated that people can

516

00:20:33,270 --> 00:20:31,280

repeat back no more

517

00:20:35,029 --> 00:20:33,280

than seven randomly ordered chunks of

518

00:20:38,390 --> 00:20:35,039

information either letters

519

00:20:40,070 --> 00:20:38,400

digits or words later research has shown

520

00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:40,080

that this was optimistic

521

00:20:44,470 --> 00:20:42,320

multiple studies by nelson cohen and

522

00:20:45,270 --> 00:20:44,480

others have shown that young adults can

523

00:20:47,990 --> 00:20:45,280

only recall

524

00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:48,000

three to five chunks and as we age

525

00:20:52,070 --> 00:20:50,000

things do not improve

526
00:20:53,590 --> 00:20:52,080
cowan has shown that the number of

527
00:20:54,149 --> 00:20:53,600
chunks that can be held in working

528
00:20:56,789 --> 00:20:54,159
memory

529
00:20:58,149 --> 00:20:56,799
decreases as we age so just as our

530
00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:58,159
brains are pattern seeking

531
00:21:02,950 --> 00:21:00,240
perhaps our working memory limits what

532
00:21:04,710 --> 00:21:02,960
appeals to us what if we looked for the

533
00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:04,720
significance of other numbers

534
00:21:07,830 --> 00:21:06,400
with a quick google search for the

535
00:21:10,710 --> 00:21:07,840
number five in our lives

536
00:21:13,270 --> 00:21:10,720
i had these titles pop up purpose and

537
00:21:15,669 --> 00:21:13,280
the life path of the number five

538
00:21:17,510 --> 00:21:15,679

why is the number five so important

539

00:21:19,990 --> 00:21:17,520

angel number five

540

00:21:22,470 --> 00:21:20,000

continuing in my odd number search when

541

00:21:24,470 --> 00:21:22,480

i substituted in seven for five

542

00:21:26,630 --> 00:21:24,480

up popped seven reasons we are

543

00:21:29,990 --> 00:21:26,640

captivated by the number seven

544

00:21:31,909 --> 00:21:30,000

angel number seven and magnificent seven

545

00:21:34,070 --> 00:21:31,919

the meaning in history behind the

546

00:21:35,909 --> 00:21:34,080

world's favorite number

547

00:21:37,750 --> 00:21:35,919

so it appears that as we look for

548

00:21:38,230 --> 00:21:37,760

meaning in our lives every single digit

549

00:21:41,350 --> 00:21:38,240

number

550

00:21:42,310 --> 00:21:41,360

has been assigned significance although

551
00:21:44,870 --> 00:21:42,320
the number three

552
00:21:46,310 --> 00:21:44,880
is not alone in seeking notoriety it has

553
00:21:48,310 --> 00:21:46,320
been important in the past

554
00:21:49,590 --> 00:21:48,320
present and will most likely still be in

555
00:21:51,350 --> 00:21:49,600
the future

556
00:21:53,190 --> 00:21:51,360
people events and things grouped in

557
00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:53,200
three appeal to us

558
00:21:57,350 --> 00:21:55,360
while many superstitions and sayings are

559
00:21:59,430 --> 00:21:57,360
based on the venerable number

560
00:22:01,270 --> 00:21:59,440
and having both beliefs bad things

561
00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:01,280
happen in threes and the best things

562
00:22:05,029 --> 00:22:02,400
come in threes

563
00:22:07,029 --> 00:22:05,039

covers all possibilities allowing us to

564

00:22:09,110 --> 00:22:07,039

validate the saying that corresponds to

565

00:22:10,710 --> 00:22:09,120

the situation at hand

566

00:22:12,230 --> 00:22:10,720

quite like what we have found the

567

00:22:14,149 --> 00:22:12,240

psychics in the great australian

568

00:22:15,590 --> 00:22:14,159

prediction project do to hedge their

569

00:22:18,470 --> 00:22:15,600

bets

570

00:22:19,830 --> 00:22:18,480

now it is time for me to head upstairs

571

00:22:39,430 --> 00:22:19,840

and make myself

572

00:22:42,950 --> 00:22:42,149

hey adrian hi susan out for some

573

00:22:45,110 --> 00:22:42,960

shopping eh

574

00:22:46,789 --> 00:22:45,120

yep i'm stocking up on this imitation

575

00:22:49,830 --> 00:22:46,799

maple syrup from australia

576

00:22:52,470 --> 00:22:49,840

imitation imitation

577

00:22:52,870 --> 00:22:52,480

no no no no you need to buy the real

578

00:22:55,990 --> 00:22:52,880

thing

579

00:22:57,990 --> 00:22:56,000

from canada but i saw the tv commercial

580

00:22:59,590 --> 00:22:58,000

and it said that noted pancake eating

581

00:23:01,430 --> 00:22:59,600

expert richard saunders says it's the

582

00:23:03,110 --> 00:23:01,440

best maple syrup money can buy

583

00:23:04,549 --> 00:23:03,120

and sixty percent of people preferred in

584

00:23:07,430 --> 00:23:04,559

a blind taste test

585

00:23:08,390 --> 00:23:07,440

everyone knows it's the best oh come on

586

00:23:10,710 --> 00:23:08,400

susan

587

00:23:12,230 --> 00:23:10,720

you know better than that that's the

588

00:23:15,430 --> 00:23:12,240

argument from authority

589

00:23:16,549 --> 00:23:15,440

it is or is it the argument from

590

00:23:19,909 --> 00:23:16,559

popularity

591

00:23:21,029 --> 00:23:19,919

hmm it might be another logical fallacy

592

00:23:22,789 --> 00:23:21,039

i'm not sure

593

00:23:29,830 --> 00:23:22,799

really if only we had a way of finding

594

00:23:35,590 --> 00:23:33,350

hello everyone oh my it's the skeptical

595

00:23:38,070 --> 00:23:35,600

fairy godmother angel from the internet

596

00:23:39,190 --> 00:23:38,080

yes that's right but how did you know

597

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:39,200

who i am

598

00:23:44,870 --> 00:23:42,480

i listened to the skeptic zone podcast

599

00:23:45,510 --> 00:23:44,880

also didn't you used to be the tooth

600

00:23:50,390 --> 00:23:45,520

fairy

601
00:23:53,430 --> 00:23:50,400
oh yes i remember you

602
00:23:53,990 --> 00:23:53,440
i'll never forget your left upper

603
00:23:57,990 --> 00:23:54,000
lateral

604
00:24:01,190 --> 00:23:58,000
incisor would you like it back no

605
00:24:02,870 --> 00:24:01,200
it's okay you keep it hey skeptical

606
00:24:04,390 --> 00:24:02,880
fairy godmother angel what are you doing

607
00:24:06,710 --> 00:24:04,400
here in the supermarket

608
00:24:07,510 --> 00:24:06,720
i've come to tell you that you can find

609
00:24:09,669 --> 00:24:07,520
out about

610
00:24:10,549 --> 00:24:09,679
40 different logical fallacies on

611
00:24:14,630 --> 00:24:10,559
youtube

612
00:24:17,350 --> 00:24:14,640
in one handy location listen to each one

613
00:24:21,190 --> 00:24:17,360

to hear an explanation and examples of

614

00:24:28,070 --> 00:24:25,070

just go to tinyurl.com

615

00:24:30,230 --> 00:24:28,080

logicalzone and you'll find all the

616

00:24:33,350 --> 00:24:30,240

logical fallacies with michelle

617

00:24:35,110 --> 00:24:33,360

bickersmart with handy time codes to get

618

00:24:38,390 --> 00:24:35,120

to the exact one you want

619

00:24:40,669 --> 00:24:38,400

who is michelle bigesma um just a friend

620

00:24:44,070 --> 00:24:40,679

of mine

621

00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:44,080

tinyurl.com logicalzone

622

00:24:48,710 --> 00:24:46,000

thank you skeptical fairy godmother

623

00:24:51,029 --> 00:24:48,720

angel i guess you'll disappear in a puff

624

00:24:54,549 --> 00:24:51,039

of smoke and thunder now eh

625

00:24:55,990 --> 00:24:54,559

um not quite yet i have a bit of

626
00:25:00,789 --> 00:24:56,000
shopping to do

627
00:25:04,149 --> 00:25:00,799
susan yes where do i find the australian

628
00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:04,159
maple syrup hmm what no no

629
00:25:07,269 --> 00:25:06,400
no come with me so-called skeptical

630
00:25:15,610 --> 00:25:07,279
fairy

631
00:25:23,260 --> 00:25:15,620
this is real maple syrup from canada

632
00:25:27,430 --> 00:25:25,590
[Music]

633
00:25:29,750 --> 00:25:27,440
now it's time once again to look into

634
00:25:32,390 --> 00:25:29,760
the archives of newspapers

635
00:25:35,470 --> 00:25:32,400
articles periodicals and so on normally

636
00:25:37,190 --> 00:25:35,480
we would go to trove

637
00:25:38,070 --> 00:25:37,200
trove.nla.gov.au to see what was

638
00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:38,080

happening

639

00:25:42,310 --> 00:25:40,159

in australian newspapers and so on but

640

00:25:43,350 --> 00:25:42,320

this week we're going to cast our net a

641

00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:43,360

bit further

642

00:25:47,350 --> 00:25:45,360

and with the help of my good friend ben

643

00:25:49,669 --> 00:25:47,360

radford from squaring the strange

644

00:25:50,870 --> 00:25:49,679

i have access to some american

645

00:25:54,149 --> 00:25:50,880

newspapers

646

00:25:57,909 --> 00:25:54,159

united states

647

00:25:59,990 --> 00:25:57,919

and in relation to the ongoing

648

00:26:01,029 --> 00:26:00,000

great australian psychic prediction

649

00:26:02,870 --> 00:26:01,039

project

650

00:26:04,710 --> 00:26:02,880

i thought i'd look up references in the

651
00:26:08,549 --> 00:26:04,720
united states to

652
00:26:10,470 --> 00:26:08,559
psychic predictions and more importantly

653
00:26:11,590 --> 00:26:10,480
the skeptical take on some of these

654
00:26:13,830 --> 00:26:11,600
predictions

655
00:26:15,110 --> 00:26:13,840
now it seems that the references i've

656
00:26:17,590 --> 00:26:15,120
discovered

657
00:26:18,310 --> 00:26:17,600
all revolve around the san francisco bay

658
00:26:20,070 --> 00:26:18,320
area

659
00:26:22,870 --> 00:26:20,080
that is to say the skeptical

660
00:26:24,390 --> 00:26:22,880
investigations of the bay area skeptics

661
00:26:30,149 --> 00:26:24,400
no group i'm very pleased to be

662
00:26:34,149 --> 00:26:32,710
and the first uh item comes to us from

663
00:26:37,510 --> 00:26:34,159

the nashua telegraph

664

00:26:40,070 --> 00:26:37,520

serving nashua in southern new hampshire

665

00:26:41,549 --> 00:26:40,080

nashua new hampshire friday the 28th of

666

00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:41,559

december

667

00:26:47,029 --> 00:26:44,559

1984. whoops

668

00:26:48,630 --> 00:26:47,039

1984 proves to be another bad year for

669

00:26:51,510 --> 00:26:48,640

psychics

670

00:26:52,630 --> 00:26:51,520

san francisco associated press

671

00:26:54,789 --> 00:26:52,640

california

672

00:26:57,590 --> 00:26:54,799

hasn't slipped into the ocean no

673

00:27:01,029 --> 00:26:57,600

lightning bolt has struck mr t

674

00:27:03,190 --> 00:27:01,039

and senator edward m kennedy has yet to

675

00:27:06,230 --> 00:27:03,200

elope to europe with his secretary

676

00:27:07,830 --> 00:27:06,240

it never ceases to amuse me of the

677

00:27:10,149 --> 00:27:07,840

predictions that are made

678

00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:10,159

and how short people's memories are said

679

00:27:12,950 --> 00:27:10,880

schaefer

680

00:27:14,789 --> 00:27:12,960

a member of the bay area skeptics a

681

00:27:17,669 --> 00:27:14,799

group that since 1982

682

00:27:20,389 --> 00:27:17,679

has traced the track records of psychics

683

00:27:23,909 --> 00:27:20,399

annual prognostications

684

00:27:26,630 --> 00:27:23,919

presuming the final four days of 1984

685

00:27:27,029 --> 00:27:26,640

don't prove the see is correct after all

686

00:27:30,389 --> 00:27:27,039

this

687

00:27:32,389 --> 00:27:30,399

year's predictions were dismal

688

00:27:33,590 --> 00:27:32,399

but no worse than any other years

689

00:27:37,269 --> 00:27:33,600

schaefer said

690

00:27:39,669 --> 00:27:37,279

thursday 1983 was quite terrible too

691

00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:39,679

this kind of thing happens every year

692

00:27:43,590 --> 00:27:41,120

for example

693

00:27:44,470 --> 00:27:43,600

gene dixon of washington dc predicted

694

00:27:47,029 --> 00:27:44,480

that fidel

695

00:27:47,750 --> 00:27:47,039

castro's agents would take over two

696

00:27:50,310 --> 00:27:47,760

small latin

697

00:27:52,149 --> 00:27:50,320

american countries that drug scandals

698

00:27:53,590 --> 00:27:52,159

would leave the outcome of the olympic

699

00:27:55,990 --> 00:27:53,600

games in doubt

700

00:27:57,190 --> 00:27:56,000

and that richard burton was very likely

701
00:28:00,389 --> 00:27:57,200
to step back into

702
00:28:02,870 --> 00:28:00,399
elizabeth taylor's life she somehow

703
00:28:04,310 --> 00:28:02,880
failed to predict burton's death

704
00:28:06,389 --> 00:28:04,320
schaefer said

705
00:28:08,310 --> 00:28:06,399
they never seem to do well with

706
00:28:11,909 --> 00:28:08,320
specifics like that

707
00:28:14,630 --> 00:28:11,919
some psychics are experts at being vague

708
00:28:15,430 --> 00:28:14,640
schaefer said janine dixon is the best

709
00:28:18,470 --> 00:28:15,440
of these

710
00:28:20,470 --> 00:28:18,480
she might say nancy reagan is entering a

711
00:28:22,870 --> 00:28:20,480
time of great crisis

712
00:28:24,710 --> 00:28:22,880
that's a great prediction because it

713
00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:24,720

says nothing

714

00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:28,080

dallas psychic john catchings predicted

715

00:28:32,789 --> 00:28:30,720

kennedy would elope miami psychic mick

716

00:28:35,669 --> 00:28:32,799

dane predicted that mr t

717

00:28:36,710 --> 00:28:35,679

would be struck by lightning attracted

718

00:28:39,669 --> 00:28:36,720

to his gold

719

00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:39,679

jewelry and local psychic barbara

720

00:28:43,110 --> 00:28:40,880

masalam

721

00:28:44,389 --> 00:28:43,120

foresaw an assassination attempt against

722

00:28:47,190 --> 00:28:44,399

president reagan

723

00:28:48,070 --> 00:28:47,200

on the campaign trail in october people

724

00:28:51,110 --> 00:28:48,080

say

725

00:28:53,750 --> 00:28:51,120

what about the serious psychics

726
00:28:54,549 --> 00:28:53,760
well these are the serious psychics said

727
00:28:56,630 --> 00:28:54,559
schaefer

728
00:28:58,310 --> 00:28:56,640
adding that psychics use publicity from

729
00:29:00,389 --> 00:28:58,320
their annual predictions to attract

730
00:29:02,149 --> 00:29:00,399
customers for private readings

731
00:29:04,389 --> 00:29:02,159
that cost as much as three hundred

732
00:29:06,230 --> 00:29:04,399
dollars but even schaefer admits the

733
00:29:08,470 --> 00:29:06,240
tellers of the fortune

734
00:29:09,269 --> 00:29:08,480
occasionally were on the mark for

735
00:29:12,710 --> 00:29:09,279
example

736
00:29:13,990 --> 00:29:12,720
ms masalam predicted a woman would run

737
00:29:16,870 --> 00:29:14,000
for vice president

738
00:29:18,950 --> 00:29:16,880

on the democratic ticket however

739

00:29:19,590 --> 00:29:18,960

journalist jack anderson made the same

740

00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:19,600

prediction

741

00:29:25,990 --> 00:29:23,600

in a parade magazine article he said

742

00:29:27,669 --> 00:29:26,000

most people can do as well by guessing

743

00:29:29,750 --> 00:29:27,679

and a lot of the predictions

744

00:29:30,710 --> 00:29:29,760

could be made by anyone who reads the

745

00:29:33,269 --> 00:29:30,720

newspaper

746

00:29:34,389 --> 00:29:33,279

schaefer said the reverend woods

747

00:29:36,710 --> 00:29:34,399

mattingly

748

00:29:38,149 --> 00:29:36,720

leader of the seekers quest ministry in

749

00:29:40,230 --> 00:29:38,159

san jose

750

00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:40,240

was responsible for what schaefer called

751
00:29:45,830 --> 00:29:43,520
the most dramatic prediction of 1984

752
00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:45,840
that the californian coast would drop

753
00:29:49,430 --> 00:29:47,039
into the ocean

754
00:29:51,590 --> 00:29:49,440
on thursday mattingly said he backed

755
00:29:52,950 --> 00:29:51,600
away from that prediction this year but

756
00:29:56,549 --> 00:29:52,960
was convinced

757
00:29:58,870 --> 00:29:56,559
it would happen before the year 2000

758
00:30:00,710 --> 00:29:58,880
there will be a geologic disturbance

759
00:30:02,149 --> 00:30:00,720
along the southern california coast

760
00:30:04,070 --> 00:30:02,159
that will lead to a very large

761
00:30:07,269 --> 00:30:04,080
earthquake or inundation

762
00:30:10,230 --> 00:30:07,279
by the pacific ocean or both he said

763
00:30:12,470 --> 00:30:10,240

the timeline is just very hard to get

764

00:30:14,950 --> 00:30:12,480

it's not meant to be an excuse

765

00:30:17,029 --> 00:30:14,960

it's just very hard to get after he

766

00:30:20,470 --> 00:30:17,039

sensed the disaster would occur

767

00:30:22,389 --> 00:30:20,480

mattingly said he turned to prayer

768

00:30:23,990 --> 00:30:22,399

i think the power of prayer changes

769

00:30:26,549 --> 00:30:24,000

things he said

770

00:30:27,269 --> 00:30:26,559

when i get a negative forecast i apply

771

00:30:29,590 --> 00:30:27,279

prayer

772

00:30:30,950 --> 00:30:29,600

i see it makes a difference in people's

773

00:30:34,070 --> 00:30:30,960

personal lives

774

00:30:36,870 --> 00:30:34,080

so why can't we apply it to the planet

775

00:30:37,830 --> 00:30:36,880

and expect to see it all work there no

776

00:30:41,909 --> 00:30:37,840

matter the record

777

00:30:44,870 --> 00:30:41,919

polls show that 50 to 75

778

00:30:46,070 --> 00:30:44,880

of the public believes psychics can see

779

00:30:48,789 --> 00:30:46,080

the future

780

00:30:50,470 --> 00:30:48,799

schaefer said for many people this is a

781

00:30:53,269 --> 00:30:50,480

kind of substitute religion

782

00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:53,279

he said for other people they've simply

783

00:30:56,630 --> 00:30:53,679

seen

784

00:30:58,549 --> 00:30:56,640

and heard it so many times and they've

785

00:31:01,350 --> 00:30:58,559

never heard it effectively

786

00:31:03,029 --> 00:31:01,360

challenged and that was from way back in

787

00:31:06,549 --> 00:31:03,039

1984 and a lot of that

788

00:31:09,110 --> 00:31:06,559

is simply still true today

789

00:31:10,389 --> 00:31:09,120

and i really find that line in here

790

00:31:14,630 --> 00:31:10,399

about

791

00:31:16,389 --> 00:31:14,640

psychics

792

00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:16,399

that's fascinating and it still goes on

793

00:31:21,110 --> 00:31:18,640

because people will criticize skeptics

794

00:31:23,190 --> 00:31:21,120

for going after easy targets

795

00:31:25,990 --> 00:31:23,200

well we examine people who make

796

00:31:27,830 --> 00:31:26,000

paranormal claims it's as simple as that

797

00:31:31,190 --> 00:31:27,840

and they all think they're serious or

798

00:31:35,269 --> 00:31:31,200

they all pose as being serious at least

799

00:31:37,909 --> 00:31:35,279

and our next clipping comes from 1988

800

00:31:39,350 --> 00:31:37,919

the 6th of january the syracuse post

801
00:31:41,669 --> 00:31:39,360
standard

802
00:31:42,710 --> 00:31:41,679
skeptics keep track record on psychic

803
00:31:45,509 --> 00:31:42,720
predictions

804
00:31:46,549 --> 00:31:45,519
by kristen hackerson knight rider

805
00:31:49,430 --> 00:31:46,559
newspapers

806
00:31:50,230 --> 00:31:49,440
san jose california you read it here

807
00:31:53,190 --> 00:31:50,240
first

808
00:31:53,909 --> 00:31:53,200
or second if you buy the tabloids donna

809
00:31:57,190 --> 00:31:53,919
rice

810
00:31:59,509 --> 00:31:57,200
thorne hall and jessica han will co-star

811
00:32:00,470 --> 00:31:59,519
in a charlie's angels type television

812
00:32:03,029 --> 00:32:00,480
series

813
00:32:04,470 --> 00:32:03,039

scientists will discover and hatch baby

814

00:32:06,950 --> 00:32:04,480

dinosaur eggs

815

00:32:07,509 --> 00:32:06,960

queen elizabeth will step down charles

816

00:32:09,830 --> 00:32:07,519

and i

817

00:32:11,590 --> 00:32:09,840

will step up that's the word from the

818

00:32:13,509 --> 00:32:11,600

bay area skeptics

819

00:32:15,190 --> 00:32:13,519

an organization that keeps tabs on

820

00:32:17,590 --> 00:32:15,200

annual psychic predictions

821

00:32:18,470 --> 00:32:17,600

so it can rebut them at the end of the

822

00:32:20,710 --> 00:32:18,480

year

823

00:32:22,070 --> 00:32:20,720

nobody has consistently correctly

824

00:32:24,149 --> 00:32:22,080

predicted events

825

00:32:26,070 --> 00:32:24,159

said robert shafer a santa clara

826

00:32:27,909 --> 00:32:26,080

california computer programmer

827

00:32:30,549 --> 00:32:27,919

and former chairman of the skeptics

828

00:32:33,110 --> 00:32:30,559

group which was formed five years ago to

829

00:32:33,830 --> 00:32:33,120

question and often disprove paranormal

830

00:32:35,909 --> 00:32:33,840

claims

831

00:32:37,029 --> 00:32:35,919

you would think with a little bit of

832

00:32:38,470 --> 00:32:37,039

critical thinking

833

00:32:40,710 --> 00:32:38,480

people would realize that the

834

00:32:43,590 --> 00:32:40,720

predictions are a lot of hokum

835

00:32:44,789 --> 00:32:43,600

schaefer said people's acceptance just

836

00:32:46,789 --> 00:32:44,799

shows how

837

00:32:48,070 --> 00:32:46,799

rare critical thinking is to

838

00:32:50,149 --> 00:32:48,080

counterbalance that

839

00:32:52,230 --> 00:32:50,159

the skeptics announce at the end of each

840

00:32:55,430 --> 00:32:52,240

year the accuracy

841

00:32:59,110 --> 00:32:55,440

of that year's psychic predictions

842

00:33:02,070 --> 00:32:59,120

the tally not very accurate for instance

843

00:33:03,070 --> 00:33:02,080

san jose psychic sylvia brown predicted

844

00:33:07,190 --> 00:33:03,080

that in

845

00:33:10,470 --> 00:33:07,200

1987 part of interstate 280 in san jose

846

00:33:12,070 --> 00:33:10,480

would be washed away in june a major

847

00:33:13,909 --> 00:33:12,080

earthquake would strike around the

848

00:33:14,950 --> 00:33:13,919

california towns of mill valley and

849

00:33:17,350 --> 00:33:14,960

grass valley

850

00:33:17,990 --> 00:33:17,360

and ronald reagan would seek a change to

851
00:33:21,830 --> 00:33:18,000
the law

852
00:33:25,269 --> 00:33:21,840
so he could run for a third term well

853
00:33:26,710 --> 00:33:25,279
with 1987 behind us the bay area

854
00:33:29,990 --> 00:33:26,720
skeptics point out that

855
00:33:32,710 --> 00:33:30,000
virtually no rain fell in june

856
00:33:33,350 --> 00:33:32,720
no earthquake hit mill valley and grass

857
00:33:36,310 --> 00:33:33,360
valley

858
00:33:38,149 --> 00:33:36,320
which are 100 miles apart in any case

859
00:33:39,269 --> 00:33:38,159
and reagan didn't try to get himself

860
00:33:41,509 --> 00:33:39,279
re-elected

861
00:33:44,470 --> 00:33:41,519
brown could not be reached for comment

862
00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:44,480
other 1987 predictions that did not come

863
00:33:47,750 --> 00:33:45,360

to pass

864

00:33:49,350 --> 00:33:47,760

according to the skeptics included

865

00:33:53,509 --> 00:33:49,360

pregnancies for princess

866

00:33:55,750 --> 00:33:53,519

diane fergie and madonna

867

00:33:56,630 --> 00:33:55,760

a love affair between burt reynolds and

868

00:33:58,710 --> 00:33:56,640

vanna white

869

00:34:00,070 --> 00:33:58,720

assassination attempts on soviet leader

870

00:34:02,710 --> 00:34:00,080

mikhail gorbachev

871

00:34:06,149 --> 00:34:02,720

and pope john paul ii and a drug

872

00:34:09,270 --> 00:34:06,159

overdose by princess stephanie of monaco

873

00:34:11,190 --> 00:34:09,280

and it seems to me that even in papers

874

00:34:11,909 --> 00:34:11,200

from the united states the royals seem

875

00:34:14,710 --> 00:34:11,919

to get

876

00:34:16,190 --> 00:34:14,720

a lot of mentions okay the next one

877

00:34:20,069 --> 00:34:16,200

comes from

878

00:34:23,909 --> 00:34:20,079

1990 on the 28th of december 1990

879

00:34:27,109 --> 00:34:23,919

annapolis capital psychics

880

00:34:27,829 --> 00:34:27,119

bomb out with predictions for 1990. as

881

00:34:29,990 --> 00:34:27,839

predicted

882

00:34:31,470 --> 00:34:30,000

the nation's most famous psychics failed

883

00:34:34,470 --> 00:34:31,480

to accurately forecast

884

00:34:36,950 --> 00:34:34,480

1990 news events and in most

885

00:34:39,270 --> 00:34:36,960

cases were just plain wrong the san

886

00:34:42,310 --> 00:34:39,280

francisco bay area skeptics said

887

00:34:44,710 --> 00:34:42,320

yesterday predictions that fizzled

888

00:34:45,909 --> 00:34:44,720

included a jackie onassis marriage to

889

00:34:49,030 --> 00:34:45,919

rockstar john

890

00:34:49,990 --> 00:34:49,040

bon jovi and a tidal wave flooding new

891

00:34:52,310 --> 00:34:50,000

york city

892

00:34:55,030 --> 00:34:52,320

did you hear the one about the meteorite

893

00:34:57,430 --> 00:34:55,040

landing in the white house rose garden

894

00:34:58,550 --> 00:34:57,440

or the japanese finding a cure for the

895

00:35:00,790 --> 00:34:58,560

common cold

896

00:35:01,670 --> 00:35:00,800

these predictions can prove harmful even

897

00:35:03,510 --> 00:35:01,680

dangerous

898

00:35:04,710 --> 00:35:03,520

said robert steiner the skeptic

899

00:35:07,109 --> 00:35:04,720

spokesman

900

00:35:09,190 --> 00:35:07,119

it becomes dangerous when you let other

901
00:35:11,510 --> 00:35:09,200
people control your lives with them

902
00:35:12,390 --> 00:35:11,520
each year the skeptics dig up the

903
00:35:14,310 --> 00:35:12,400
predictions

904
00:35:16,230 --> 00:35:14,320
made in the year before to the

905
00:35:19,349 --> 00:35:16,240
embarrassment of those who made them

906
00:35:21,349 --> 00:35:19,359
steiner said no psychics predicted the

907
00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:21,359
genuinely surprising news stories from

908
00:35:25,030 --> 00:35:22,480
1990

909
00:35:26,550 --> 00:35:25,040
including the stunning electoral defeat

910
00:35:29,030 --> 00:35:26,560
of the santanistas

911
00:35:30,670 --> 00:35:29,040
in nicaragua this year's top stories

912
00:35:33,270 --> 00:35:30,680
were so

913
00:35:33,670 --> 00:35:33,280

unanticipated that someone would have to

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00:35:36,150 --> 00:35:33,680

be

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00:35:36,950 --> 00:35:36,160

really psychic to have predicted them

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00:35:39,750 --> 00:35:36,960

the group

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00:35:41,270 --> 00:35:39,760

said in a statement the skeptics

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00:35:44,630 --> 00:35:41,280

describe themselves as

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00:35:46,310 --> 00:35:44,640

quote a group of people from all walks

920

00:35:48,630 --> 00:35:46,320

of life who support the critical

921

00:35:51,670 --> 00:35:48,640

examination of paranormal claims

922

00:35:53,829 --> 00:35:51,680

in quote psychic gene nixon predicted

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00:35:55,349 --> 00:35:53,839

that president bush's greatest challenge

924

00:35:57,030 --> 00:35:55,359

would come over the summer

925

00:35:58,870 --> 00:35:57,040

and he would be forced to make life and

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00:36:01,190 --> 00:35:58,880

death decisions about troubles in

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latin america and china while those

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00:36:03,910 --> 00:36:03,280

regions were relatively quiet over the

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00:36:06,870 --> 00:36:03,920

summer

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00:36:07,349 --> 00:36:06,880

dixon somehow failed to foresee bush

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00:36:10,150 --> 00:36:07,359

having

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00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:10,160

trouble in iraq the skeptic said in a

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00:36:14,870 --> 00:36:12,720

supermarket tabloid in july

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00:36:16,069 --> 00:36:14,880

irene hughes predicted jacqueline

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00:36:19,430 --> 00:36:16,079

onassis would marry

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00:36:21,510 --> 00:36:19,440

jon von jovi and bryant gumbel would be

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00:36:24,870 --> 00:36:21,520

fired from the today show

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00:36:27,190 --> 00:36:24,880

after a bar room brawl

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00:36:29,190 --> 00:36:27,200

in the same article marie gracie of

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00:36:31,990 --> 00:36:29,200

los angeles said the

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00:36:33,109 --> 00:36:32,000

largest earthquake on record would hit

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00:36:35,589 --> 00:36:33,119

the seabed near

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new york producing a tidal wave that

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00:36:38,950 --> 00:36:36,480

would flood

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00:36:41,109 --> 00:36:38,960

manhattan she's also the psychic who

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00:36:41,829 --> 00:36:41,119

predicted the meteorite in the rose

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00:36:44,630 --> 00:36:41,839

garden

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00:36:47,030 --> 00:36:44,640

and the cure for the common cold not one

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00:36:50,150 --> 00:36:47,040

prediction which was both specific

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00:36:53,589 --> 00:36:50,160

and surprising came true the skeptics

951
00:36:55,910 --> 00:36:53,599
scoffed and a personal note from me

952
00:36:57,670 --> 00:36:55,920
it's a pity that the journalist used the

953
00:37:01,109 --> 00:36:57,680
word scoffed

954
00:37:04,710 --> 00:37:01,119
and what i hope the skeptics don't do is

955
00:37:05,750 --> 00:37:04,720
scoff that is make fun or light of these

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00:37:09,030 --> 00:37:05,760
predictions

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00:37:09,270 --> 00:37:09,040
well in in a you know in a sense we sort

958
00:37:13,109 --> 00:37:09,280
of

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00:37:15,910 --> 00:37:13,119
can it can be a funny story but

960
00:37:17,670 --> 00:37:15,920
putting the word scoffed does imply that

961
00:37:20,870 --> 00:37:17,680
the skeptics are

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00:37:23,990 --> 00:37:20,880
ultimately pleased

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00:37:25,829 --> 00:37:24,000

and um happy to say there i told you so

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00:37:28,390 --> 00:37:25,839

near near now which

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00:37:31,589 --> 00:37:28,400

is just not not really the spirit of

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00:37:34,470 --> 00:37:31,599

skepticism skepticism is an open inquiry

967

00:37:36,550 --> 00:37:34,480

and reporting on the results i hope

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00:37:37,190 --> 00:37:36,560

skeptics don't go around scoffing too

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00:37:39,829 --> 00:37:37,200

much

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00:37:41,750 --> 00:37:39,839

now let's skip forward a couple of years

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00:37:44,230 --> 00:37:41,760

to 1992

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00:37:45,750 --> 00:37:44,240

on the 1st of january in the galveston

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00:37:48,790 --> 00:37:45,760

daily news

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00:37:52,470 --> 00:37:48,800

psychics from coast to coast

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00:37:56,069 --> 00:37:52,480

wrong again associated press

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00:37:59,670 --> 00:37:56,079

san jose california this is what

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00:38:01,270 --> 00:37:59,680

didn't happen in 1991. california didn't

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00:38:04,390 --> 00:38:01,280

slip into the sea

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00:38:05,829 --> 00:38:04,400

tom cruise didn't go bald the pope

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00:38:09,910 --> 00:38:05,839

didn't meet a

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00:38:13,510 --> 00:38:09,920

crazed camel and tammy faye baker

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00:38:16,870 --> 00:38:13,520

and imelda marcos didn't open a boutique

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00:38:20,069 --> 00:38:16,880

this is what did happen the

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00:38:21,270 --> 00:38:20,079

soviet union dissolved the kennedy clan

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00:38:24,550 --> 00:38:21,280

faced another public

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00:38:25,510 --> 00:38:24,560

trial the us went to war in the persian

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00:38:28,230 --> 00:38:25,520

gulf

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00:38:29,589 --> 00:38:28,240

and the psychics from coast to coast

989

00:38:31,270 --> 00:38:29,599

were wrong again

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00:38:33,349 --> 00:38:31,280

i could almost picture something as

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00:38:34,950 --> 00:38:33,359

crazy as tammy faye baker and imelda

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00:38:37,349 --> 00:38:34,960

marcos getting together

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00:38:38,710 --> 00:38:37,359

it's outrageous but plausible because

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they're outrageous

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00:38:42,790 --> 00:38:41,760

skeptic society chairman norman sperling

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said tuesday

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00:38:46,630 --> 00:38:45,200

but it didn't happen although some

998

00:38:47,270 --> 00:38:46,640

people out there probably thought it

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00:38:49,349 --> 00:38:47,280

would

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00:38:51,670 --> 00:38:49,359

not the skeptics especially the

1001
00:38:53,030 --> 00:38:51,680
naysayers in san francisco bay area

1002
00:38:55,349 --> 00:38:53,040
skeptic society

1003
00:38:57,109 --> 00:38:55,359
which on tuesday issued its eighth

1004
00:38:59,670 --> 00:38:57,119
annual list of failed psychic

1005
00:39:02,310 --> 00:38:59,680
predictions that made tabloid headlines

1006
00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:02,320
but not news last year some of the

1007
00:39:06,790 --> 00:39:04,320
failed prophecies included

1008
00:39:08,550 --> 00:39:06,800
terry brill predicted a quake would dump

1009
00:39:10,790 --> 00:39:08,560
california into the ocean

1010
00:39:12,069 --> 00:39:10,800
and u.s housing costs would drop as much

1011
00:39:15,270 --> 00:39:12,079
as 50 percent

1012
00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:15,280
housing prices slipped a bit as did the

1013
00:39:19,190 --> 00:39:17,680

state but brielle kept her californian

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00:39:21,270 --> 00:39:19,200

residency

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00:39:22,630 --> 00:39:21,280

in her defense brill said that the

1016

00:39:24,950 --> 00:39:22,640

skeptic society

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00:39:26,630 --> 00:39:24,960

twisted her predictions around to make

1018

00:39:28,790 --> 00:39:26,640

her look wrong

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00:39:31,430 --> 00:39:28,800

i never said california would fall into

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the ocean and housing prices did fall

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she said from her redwood city home i

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said the coastline would change

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not disappear the skeptics just don't

1024

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like psychics

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00:39:44,230 --> 00:39:41,920

maria gracie predicted a massive

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00:39:46,390 --> 00:39:44,240
earthquake would strike the grand canyon

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00:39:48,950 --> 00:39:46,400
and actor cruz would lose his hair

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00:39:52,069 --> 00:39:48,960
because of a stress-related illness

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00:39:52,630 --> 00:39:52,079
both appear to be in one piece john

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00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:52,640
monty

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said a former u.s president would die

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and an american tourist would foil

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00:40:03,190 --> 00:40:00,960
an assassination attempt on former

1034
00:40:06,790 --> 00:40:03,200
soviet president mikhail gorbachev

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00:40:10,230 --> 00:40:06,800
gorbachev isn't dead but communism is

1036
00:40:13,910 --> 00:40:10,240
judy heavenly said pope john paul ii

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00:40:17,670 --> 00:40:13,920
would have a close call with a charging

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00:40:20,550 --> 00:40:17,680

crazed camel and scientists would find

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00:40:22,870 --> 00:40:20,560

evidence of extraterrestrial life using

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00:40:25,589 --> 00:40:22,880

the hubble space telescope

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the hard-to-focus hubble suffered from

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gremlins

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but only of the high-tech type

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gene dixon predicted the reverend jimmy

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swaggart's ministry would be

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saved by a last-minute donation and she

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forecast prince charles and princess

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diana

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would announce their separation an

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annual

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psychic favorite nixon did foresee the

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release of hostages held in lebanon

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00:40:52,710 --> 00:40:51,680
and the short tenure of president

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00:40:56,550 --> 00:40:52,720
jean-francois

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00:40:59,270 --> 00:40:56,560
aristide of haiti but skeptic society

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00:41:02,069 --> 00:40:59,280
spokesman robert shaffer dismissed those

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00:41:04,069 --> 00:41:02,079
predictions saying most people knew the

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hostage crisis was nearing an end

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and haiti presidents aren't known to

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00:41:09,670 --> 00:41:07,280
last

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clarissa bernhard twice predicted quakes

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that didn't happen

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00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:14,560

and said mrs baker and mrs marcus would

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team up

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to open a chain of clothing boutiques

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the two shopaholics

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are still on the user end of credit

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lou wright predicted a major quake would

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devastate the los angeles area

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and that a famous politician would leave

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his wife

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for singer whitney houston only brill

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could be reached for comment on her

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psychic predictions

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but another lou wright who shares the

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female psychics

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denver home town and a masculine first

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name

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offers to share her 1992 predictions

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when she answered her telephone tuesday

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i'm getting so many calls for the other

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lou that i might as well

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try it she said warren beatty and

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annette benning

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will name their new baby daughter

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madonna

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not so there we go

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some of the past reports in various uh

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papers from the united states revolving

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the

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predictions of psychics as

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reported as commented on by the bay area

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skeptics

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and it's been very interesting to trawl

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through the

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online resources of american newspapers

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for a change

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and once again thank you to my friend

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and colleague ben

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radford from squaring the strange for

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helping me to get access to some of

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these

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online newspapers

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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zone this week and thank you to those

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people from around the planet who

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contribute to the show each week via

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patreon or paypal

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via skepticzone.tv have a look at that

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page for lots more information including

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including the vaccination chronicles

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documentary

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and the solar flare space adventure

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but for this week this is adrian hill

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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of episodes

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is an independent production the views

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and opinions expressed on the skeptic

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hello to the people who listen after the

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music i'm here with my niece cordelia

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00:44:38,309 --> 00:44:35,440

yeah very much dungeons and dragons and

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00:44:39,270 --> 00:44:38,319

dragons well we happen to have some d10s

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00:44:41,910 --> 00:44:39,280

with us

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00:44:43,750 --> 00:44:41,920

so folks at home we're going to roll uh

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00:44:45,109 --> 00:44:43,760

you'll roll yours and i'll roll mine

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00:44:47,030 --> 00:44:45,119

and we'll shout out the numbers and see

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00:44:49,510 --> 00:44:47,040

if you can guess or predict what the

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00:44:51,589 --> 00:44:49,520

dice are going to

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00:44:53,190 --> 00:44:51,599

oh be you want to play two you've got

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00:44:54,870 --> 00:44:53,200

three of us now what's your name again

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00:44:56,790 --> 00:44:54,880

alison hello allison all right here we

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00:44:58,470 --> 00:44:56,800

go so cordelia you go first

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00:45:01,750 --> 00:44:58,480

yep so just tell it the number shout out

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00:45:08,950 --> 00:45:05,589

four four allison uh three no

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00:45:09,670 --> 00:45:08,960

it's all right you can guess six and uh

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00:45:12,870 --> 00:45:09,680

i will guess

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00:45:16,309 --> 00:45:12,880

mine's going to come up a two

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00:45:18,309 --> 00:45:16,319

eight we're not very good are we

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00:45:19,990 --> 00:45:18,319

sure so we do it one more time all right

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00:45:23,990 --> 00:45:20,000

here we go there's yours

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00:45:26,710 --> 00:45:24,000

i'll go first ah ten

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00:45:29,990 --> 00:45:26,720

oh it's a nine close what do you say um

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00:45:30,000 --> 00:45:36,710

nine