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Richard Saunders

Maynard interviews
George Ivanoff

The Book of Tim
Santa Part #1

TROVE
in the USA



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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,550

[Music]

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00:00:16,830 --> 00:00:09,190

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:23,920 --> 00:00:23,910

[Music]

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00:00:28,070 --> 00:00:25,750

yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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

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00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:30,720

for the 1st of may may day

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00:00:35,110 --> 00:00:33,440

mayday mayday mayday the 1st of may 2022

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00:00:36,229 --> 00:00:35,120

richard saunders coming to you from

9
00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:36,239

soggy

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00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:42,160

sog i tell you what everything's turning

11
00:00:44,869 --> 00:00:43,600

green

12
00:00:49,830 --> 00:00:44,879

the mold

13
00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:49,840

i'm running around the studio with my

14

00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:51,280

little spray

15

00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:53,440

dispenser of a

16

00:00:56,069 --> 00:00:54,239

weak

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00:00:57,270 --> 00:00:56,079

white vinegar solution and water and

18

00:00:59,110 --> 00:00:57,280

scrubbing

19

00:01:00,869 --> 00:00:59,120

the walls

20

00:01:02,790 --> 00:01:00,879

you might be able to even hear the rain

21

00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,800

outside as i speak

22

00:01:06,870 --> 00:01:04,640

this is ridiculous what's coming up on

23

00:01:09,190 --> 00:01:06,880

the show this week despite the rain

24

00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:09,200

maynard's spooky action

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00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:11,680

maynard will be interviewing author from

26
00:01:16,310 --> 00:01:13,439
melbourne the melbourne author george

27
00:01:18,070 --> 00:01:16,320
ivanov who has written a book called

28
00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:18,080
the supernatural

29
00:01:25,109 --> 00:01:21,280
survival guide all about

30
00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:25,119
bigfoot and yowie's and ghosts and esp

31
00:01:30,550 --> 00:01:27,280
and this is a book more or less aimed at

32
00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:30,560
the younger set the younger

33
00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:33,280
generation a great introduction to

34
00:01:38,069 --> 00:01:35,280
skeptical topics and monsters and all

35
00:01:40,630 --> 00:01:38,079
sorts of things in this book find out

36
00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:40,640
all about it when maynard maynard's

37
00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:43,680
spooky action maynard interviews george

38
00:01:47,109 --> 00:01:44,799

ivanov

39

00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:47,119

following that it's part one of a new

40

00:01:50,950 --> 00:01:48,720

part series by tim

41

00:01:53,350 --> 00:01:50,960

mendenham or read by tim bendum in the

42

00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:53,360

book of tim this is an article by dr

43

00:01:56,709 --> 00:01:54,960

tony wheeler

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00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:56,719

all about santa claus

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00:02:01,590 --> 00:01:59,200

i know it's may i know christmas is many

46

00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:01,600

months away but this

47

00:02:06,789 --> 00:02:04,079

this report looks at the truth and the

48

00:02:09,510 --> 00:02:06,799

myths behind the figure we know

49

00:02:11,670 --> 00:02:09,520

the santa claus part one this week

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00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:11,680

part two next week

51
00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:13,599
then to round off the show it's a dive

52
00:02:17,750 --> 00:02:15,440
into the trove archives once again or

53
00:02:19,030 --> 00:02:17,760
this time this time as we do from time

54
00:02:21,030 --> 00:02:19,040
to time we go

55
00:02:23,510 --> 00:02:21,040
further afield to look at the paranormal

56
00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:23,520
the supernatural the spooky goings on as

57
00:02:26,790 --> 00:02:25,040
reported in

58
00:02:28,229 --> 00:02:26,800
newspapers from the united states

59
00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:28,239
starting off

60
00:02:32,229 --> 00:02:30,640
in alaska this week now big

61
00:02:34,309 --> 00:02:32,239
congratulations to our friend and

62
00:02:36,390 --> 00:02:34,319
colleague susan gerbic who you hear from

63
00:02:38,309 --> 00:02:36,400

time to time on the skeptic zone

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00:02:39,509 --> 00:02:38,319

she's been awarded the philip class

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:39,519

award

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00:02:46,070 --> 00:02:43,920

for outstanding contributions in

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00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:46,080

critical thinking and scientific

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00:02:50,710 --> 00:02:47,519

understanding

69

00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:50,720

well done susan great news and i hope

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:53,040

maybe even next week on next week's show

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:54,959

we'll have an interview with susan

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00:03:00,070 --> 00:02:58,400

all about her latest award a big shout

73

00:03:01,670 --> 00:03:00,080

out to those people who are able to get

74

00:03:02,630 --> 00:03:01,680

away for the weekend and having a nice

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00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:02,640

weekend

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00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:04,800

in a place they like

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:07,440

wouldn't that be nice

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00:03:12,710 --> 00:03:10,080

and i hope the skeptic zone

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00:03:15,030 --> 00:03:12,720

can keep you company on your drive back

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00:03:16,830 --> 00:03:15,040

if that's what you're doing

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00:03:19,670 --> 00:03:16,840

but now it's time for me to run

82

00:03:22,149 --> 00:03:19,680

downstairs get out the uh the spray

83

00:03:23,830 --> 00:03:22,159

bottle keep spraying for mold have a cup

84

00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:23,840

of coffee in the meantime and while i'm

85

00:03:27,190 --> 00:03:25,760

doing all that

86

00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:27,200

i hope you enjoy

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00:03:49,990 --> 00:03:44,830

here's maynard's spooky

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00:03:52,789 --> 00:03:51,270

ladies and gentlemen boys and girls

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00:03:55,030 --> 00:03:52,799

people under the couch hiding it's

90

00:03:56,710 --> 00:03:55,040

george ivanov here from the he's got an

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00:03:58,869 --> 00:03:56,720

amazing book out that i get your name

92

00:03:59,910 --> 00:03:58,879

right george yes you do

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00:04:01,429 --> 00:03:59,920

yes wow

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00:04:03,429 --> 00:04:01,439

yes because now are you a member of the

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00:04:05,990 --> 00:04:03,439

communist party

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00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:06,000

no no i am not nor have i ever been a

97

00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:07,519

member of the communist party that's a

98

00:04:11,429 --> 00:04:09,760

pity i was i was hoping you were had

99

00:04:12,949 --> 00:04:11,439

because i had a different set of

100

00:04:14,550 --> 00:04:12,959

questions i'll just have to ask you

101
00:04:16,310 --> 00:04:14,560
about your book now of course you're the

102
00:04:18,310 --> 00:04:16,320
author of over a hundred books including

103
00:04:20,710 --> 00:04:18,320
the australian survival guide and the

104
00:04:22,390 --> 00:04:20,720
human body survival guide and by the way

105
00:04:23,749 --> 00:04:22,400
which is what's the most dangerous organ

106
00:04:25,189 --> 00:04:23,759
we should watch out for in the human

107
00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:25,199
body

108
00:04:29,189 --> 00:04:27,600
the most dangerous organ yes well if

109
00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:29,199
it's a survival guy i mean i mean the

110
00:04:31,909 --> 00:04:30,880
kidneys have done a few people in i know

111
00:04:33,350 --> 00:04:31,919
a liver's

112
00:04:35,270 --> 00:04:33,360
angry with me

113
00:04:38,230 --> 00:04:35,280

look they're they're all yeah look i

114

00:04:40,390 --> 00:04:38,240

don't know um i'd never considered it

115

00:04:42,230 --> 00:04:40,400

from that angle i was mostly looking at

116

00:04:43,670 --> 00:04:42,240

you know like gross things involved with

117

00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:43,680

the human body you know like those

118

00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:45,840

eyelash mites and and stuff like that

119

00:04:49,749 --> 00:04:47,440

the fact that we all have colonies of

120

00:04:51,510 --> 00:04:49,759

these little bugs living in our oh and

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00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:51,520

did you have lots of great close-up

122

00:04:54,870 --> 00:04:53,360

photos of those little imites did you

123

00:04:56,390 --> 00:04:54,880

with the electron microscope yeah yeah

124

00:04:58,150 --> 00:04:56,400

in the bulk yes yes

125

00:04:59,909 --> 00:04:58,160

um so

126

00:05:01,430 --> 00:04:59,919

yeah probably actually you know the

127

00:05:03,189 --> 00:05:01,440

grocery store would probably be the skin

128

00:05:05,430 --> 00:05:03,199

because when you cut or burn it and

129

00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:05,440

stuff it does really horrible spooky

130

00:05:09,909 --> 00:05:07,840

stuff but george you've just written the

131

00:05:12,390 --> 00:05:09,919

supernatural survival guide which has a

132

00:05:13,909 --> 00:05:12,400

whole bunch of you cover all of the all

133

00:05:15,990 --> 00:05:13,919

the major items there basically all the

134

00:05:17,990 --> 00:05:16,000

good food groups you've got ufos ghosts

135

00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:18,000

there's evp in it

136

00:05:23,029 --> 00:05:20,720

electronic voice phenomenon no

137

00:05:24,469 --> 00:05:23,039

no oh wow the only reason i said that

138

00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:24,479

because i didn't see it but i noticed

139

00:05:28,230 --> 00:05:26,320

that there's wave forms on the cover of

140

00:05:29,670 --> 00:05:28,240

the book and i thought well maybe audio

141

00:05:31,110 --> 00:05:29,680

waveforms on the back cover of the book

142

00:05:32,870 --> 00:05:31,120

i thought well maybe that was because

143

00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:32,880

you did evp in the book but i couldn't

144

00:05:38,790 --> 00:05:35,440

see it no no no that was done because

145

00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:38,800

it's it's kind of a cool image mostly

146

00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:41,919

the designer liked it and um it kind of

147

00:05:46,950 --> 00:05:44,320

relates to the stuff in the book on on

148

00:05:48,150 --> 00:05:46,960

infrasound and sound waves ah

149

00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:48,160

well you've got bigfoot in there you've

150

00:05:52,070 --> 00:05:50,160

got the cryptids you've got spontaneous

151
00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:52,080
human combustion that's great

152
00:05:56,710 --> 00:05:54,639
spontaneous human combustion yeah i had

153
00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:56,720
to tone that down considerably from the

154
00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:58,800
oh well yes because now the the age

155
00:06:03,189 --> 00:06:01,120
range you're looking for is it uh under

156
00:06:05,909 --> 00:06:03,199
the teens or tweens or what sort of age

157
00:06:08,710 --> 00:06:05,919
we aiming at yeah look it's it's uh

158
00:06:11,189 --> 00:06:08,720
aimed at you know upper primary so

159
00:06:14,870 --> 00:06:11,199
you know around the 10 to 12

160
00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:14,880
mark but that's kind of that's the the

161
00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:17,039
official aiming point but you know i

162
00:06:21,909 --> 00:06:19,680
always try to go wider as well making it

163
00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:21,919

you know safer for for younger kids and

164

00:06:25,909 --> 00:06:24,080

also hopefully interesting um for older

165

00:06:28,390 --> 00:06:25,919

kids as well well for me the interesting

166

00:06:30,870 --> 00:06:28,400

stuff starts on page 151 which is the

167

00:06:33,270 --> 00:06:30,880

ultra weird section the uh you know the

168

00:06:34,870 --> 00:06:33,280

the various section uh there's it's got

169

00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:34,880

frog reign and that's where the human

170

00:06:38,390 --> 00:06:36,479

combustion is as well you also look at

171

00:06:40,629 --> 00:06:38,400

some dis disappearances like amelia

172

00:06:42,469 --> 00:06:40,639

earhart and that kind of thing uh are

173

00:06:44,309 --> 00:06:42,479

you were you influenced by books of your

174

00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:44,319

childhood like the reader's digest would

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:47,120

put out books on uh famous hoaxes ufos

176
00:06:49,510 --> 00:06:48,400
ghosts so you're looking at that sort of

177
00:06:52,309 --> 00:06:49,520
model

178
00:06:54,950 --> 00:06:52,319
look i was very much influenced um

179
00:06:56,469 --> 00:06:54,960
by a series of books that was um

180
00:07:00,230 --> 00:06:56,479
published called the world of the

181
00:07:03,749 --> 00:07:00,240
unknown so there was like ufos uh ghosts

182
00:07:05,589 --> 00:07:03,759
and and monsters i i read these books as

183
00:07:07,670 --> 00:07:05,599
a kid and they're very sensationalized

184
00:07:09,830 --> 00:07:07,680
and they had such an effect on me

185
00:07:11,110 --> 00:07:09,840
because i believed every single word

186
00:07:13,670 --> 00:07:11,120
that was in these books because it was

187
00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:13,680
in a book so it had to be real

188
00:07:17,110 --> 00:07:15,120

did you used to wander around with a

189

00:07:19,350 --> 00:07:17,120

camera as a kid hoping you might catch

190

00:07:20,550 --> 00:07:19,360

something on camera yes indeed in fact

191

00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:20,560

because i borrowed these books from my

192

00:07:24,150 --> 00:07:22,319

school library but i was particularly

193

00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:24,160

obsessed with the ufo one so i got my

194

00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:26,400

parents to buy me that one and in the

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00:07:32,150 --> 00:07:30,000

ufo book there's actually a i fill out

196

00:07:35,350 --> 00:07:32,160

report that you can do if you happen to

197

00:07:36,950 --> 00:07:35,360

see a ufo and i actually got my dad to

198

00:07:39,110 --> 00:07:36,960

take that book with him to work and

199

00:07:40,950 --> 00:07:39,120

photocopy that page a dozen times so

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00:07:43,510 --> 00:07:40,960

that i would have all these ufo reports

201
00:07:45,589 --> 00:07:43,520
ready to fill out the moment i saw a ufo

202
00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:45,599
and i used to go out into the backyard

203
00:07:49,589 --> 00:07:48,000
you know at dusk with my camera one of

204
00:07:50,710 --> 00:07:49,599
those horrible little cartridge cameras

205
00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:50,720
that wouldn't have been able to take a

206
00:07:56,309 --> 00:07:53,680
photo anyway of the famous kodak

207
00:07:57,350 --> 00:07:56,319
instamatic camera yeah um

208
00:07:58,790 --> 00:07:57,360
yeah

209
00:08:00,150 --> 00:07:58,800
gosh i don't know what brand it was or

210
00:08:02,710 --> 00:08:00,160
whatever but the ones that use those

211
00:08:04,790 --> 00:08:02,720
little cartridges oh yes and the photos

212
00:08:06,869 --> 00:08:04,800
came out square the photos came out

213
00:08:09,430 --> 00:08:06,879

square didn't they that's right yes and

214

00:08:11,350 --> 00:08:09,440

they were always no matter how still you

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00:08:14,469 --> 00:08:11,360

held the camera they were always grainy

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00:08:16,230 --> 00:08:14,479

and blurry no matter what without fail

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00:08:18,230 --> 00:08:16,240

so actually perfect perfect for

218

00:08:20,469 --> 00:08:18,240

capturing a ufo isn't it because most

219

00:08:23,189 --> 00:08:20,479

photographs of the ufos are grainy and

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00:08:25,110 --> 00:08:23,199

blurry oh look at as a child did you end

221

00:08:26,790 --> 00:08:25,120

up having to resort to throwing a hubcap

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00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:26,800

or a hat in the air and taking a photo

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00:08:31,510 --> 00:08:29,599

with the incident no i i never never

224

00:08:33,829 --> 00:08:31,520

actually did that because

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00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:33,839

you know like i uh the idea of faking

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00:08:37,430 --> 00:08:35,760

something never even occurred to me as a

227

00:08:39,430 --> 00:08:37,440

kid because i was convinced that one day

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00:08:41,029 --> 00:08:39,440

i was going to see a real one

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00:08:42,389 --> 00:08:41,039

there's also many other australian

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00:08:43,750 --> 00:08:42,399

things in this as well that people would

231

00:08:46,310 --> 00:08:43,760

know internationally because there's the

232

00:08:48,150 --> 00:08:46,320

valentich disappearance case uh you you

233

00:08:50,550 --> 00:08:48,160

do mention the best straight triangle

234

00:08:52,710 --> 00:08:50,560

which i didn't know was a thing bastrate

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00:08:53,829 --> 00:08:52,720

by the way is the large bit of water

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00:08:55,350 --> 00:08:53,839

that it's been

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00:08:57,350 --> 00:08:55,360

the government has mandated that that

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00:08:59,590 --> 00:08:57,360

large bit of water been between

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00:09:01,910 --> 00:08:59,600

australia and the and the mainland of

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00:09:03,509 --> 00:09:01,920

australia and tasmania because if that

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00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:03,519

was that if tasmania was joined to

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00:09:07,990 --> 00:09:05,120

australia we'd been a hell of a mess i

243

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

mean apart from apart from valenti

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00:09:10,949 --> 00:09:09,600

as a couple of tankers gone missing did

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00:09:12,509 --> 00:09:10,959

the battleship disappear what happened

246

00:09:16,150 --> 00:09:12,519

there there'd been a number of

247

00:09:18,870 --> 00:09:16,160

disappearances and uh ufo sightings that

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00:09:21,110 --> 00:09:18,880

have all been attributed to this bass

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00:09:23,110 --> 00:09:21,120

straight triangle thing i mean that that

250

00:09:24,630 --> 00:09:23,120

was actually something i had no idea of

251

00:09:26,230 --> 00:09:24,640

until i started doing the research as

252

00:09:28,630 --> 00:09:26,240

far as i knew there was the you know

253

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bermuda triangle and that was it but

254

00:09:32,949 --> 00:09:31,360

then when you start um uh doing all the

255

00:09:34,550 --> 00:09:32,959

research you know people have made up

256

00:09:36,550 --> 00:09:34,560

these triangles all over the place you

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00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:36,560

know the dragon's triangle new japan

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00:09:39,030 --> 00:09:38,080

being another you know

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00:09:41,350 --> 00:09:39,040

big one

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00:09:42,790 --> 00:09:41,360

and then then there there it was the

261

00:09:45,509 --> 00:09:42,800

best straight triangle and i thought oh

262

00:09:46,630 --> 00:09:45,519

well that's just just too good to not

263

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

include

264

00:09:51,430 --> 00:09:48,560

and something i learned from your book

265

00:09:53,910 --> 00:09:51,440

which has been pestering me uh with the

266

00:09:56,710 --> 00:09:53,920

westall 66 case one of the biggest mass

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00:09:58,310 --> 00:09:56,720

sightings of uh ufo uh probably ever

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really i think there's there's only one

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african one that is on a par with it uh

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and you've got hazel edwards there who

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was a teacher at the school at the time

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00:10:09,910 --> 00:10:08,560

and it's amazing because i had always

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00:10:11,829 --> 00:10:09,920

wondered because there's a very famous

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00:10:13,670 --> 00:10:11,839

story that a girl was taken away to the

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00:10:15,509 --> 00:10:13,680

hospital and she never returned to

276

00:10:17,509 --> 00:10:15,519

school after the sighting and i thought

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00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:17,519

well there's a testable claim and no

278

00:10:20,949 --> 00:10:19,040

one's ever brought it up it was in the

279

00:10:22,389 --> 00:10:20,959

documentary that were made i was always

280

00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:22,399

found that interesting because there is

281

00:10:26,230 --> 00:10:24,240

no mention of this prior to the

282

00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:26,240

documentary that i could find

283

00:10:31,110 --> 00:10:28,800

yes documentary west 66 is the first

284

00:10:33,030 --> 00:10:31,120

time this is mentioned i watched that

285

00:10:35,509 --> 00:10:33,040

documentary before i had done too much

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00:10:37,509 --> 00:10:35,519

other research on it and it was all very

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00:10:38,870 --> 00:10:37,519

very convincing and stuff until you then

288

00:10:40,230 --> 00:10:38,880

start doing the further research and

289

00:10:42,389 --> 00:10:40,240

find out all the stuff that they left

290

00:10:44,470 --> 00:10:42,399

out and the you know stuff like that

291

00:10:46,389 --> 00:10:44,480

disappearance it baffled me why the

292

00:10:47,990 --> 00:10:46,399

documentary didn't follow it up

293

00:10:49,750 --> 00:10:48,000

and of course the reason yes because he

294

00:10:51,670 --> 00:10:49,760

didn't follow it up is because there was

295

00:10:53,750 --> 00:10:51,680

nothing to follow up

296

00:10:55,430 --> 00:10:53,760

yes it was simply the the student

297

00:10:57,509 --> 00:10:55,440

transferred to another school

298

00:11:00,470 --> 00:10:57,519

yeah it was like it was like a week or

299

00:11:02,710 --> 00:11:00,480

so afterwards so you know

300

00:11:04,949 --> 00:11:02,720

there was no immediate gone sort of

301
00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:04,959
thing and this this is the great problem

302
00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:07,120
with this stuff like this stuff that

303
00:11:11,190 --> 00:11:08,880
wasn't like properly researched at the

304
00:11:13,269 --> 00:11:11,200
time and then his research 20 years

305
00:11:17,350 --> 00:11:13,279
later relying on

306
00:11:19,590 --> 00:11:17,360
um failing memories and um

307
00:11:21,670 --> 00:11:19,600
you know memory contamination and and

308
00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:21,680
and all of this sort of stuff so it's

309
00:11:25,430 --> 00:11:23,760
you don't get an accurate picture it's

310
00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:25,440
why we're never going to know exactly

311
00:11:29,590 --> 00:11:26,880
what it was that they saw i don't think

312
00:11:31,910 --> 00:11:29,600
we will ever have the definitive answer

313
00:11:34,310 --> 00:11:31,920

because it's it's just it's too too much

314

00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:34,320

time has passed and people's memories

315

00:11:38,710 --> 00:11:37,200

are just not that accurate uh i i did a

316

00:11:41,190 --> 00:11:38,720

series of posts recently of all the

317

00:11:43,269 --> 00:11:41,200

stuff that i left out of these books um

318

00:11:45,350 --> 00:11:43,279

that were in the first draft but had to

319

00:11:47,990 --> 00:11:45,360

get cut down and the the full interview

320

00:11:49,110 --> 00:11:48,000

with hazel edwards is is on my blog

321

00:11:50,629 --> 00:11:49,120

because we

322

00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:50,639

we ended up um cutting it out of the

323

00:11:53,670 --> 00:11:52,160

book because there just wasn't room and

324

00:11:56,470 --> 00:11:53,680

it was a recovering information that was

325

00:11:58,550 --> 00:11:56,480

already in the um in the text of oh you

326

00:12:00,550 --> 00:11:58,560

do have a recommendation for websites at

327

00:12:01,829 --> 00:12:00,560

the end that kids can uh look out but

328

00:12:04,069 --> 00:12:01,839

what is that what is it where will we

329

00:12:07,509 --> 00:12:04,079

find that blog what is the uh url oh

330

00:12:08,949 --> 00:12:07,519

that's uh georgeivanoff.com.edu

331

00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:08,959

that because that would be fascinating

332

00:12:14,470 --> 00:12:12,000

to read and look also i i just was

333

00:12:16,230 --> 00:12:14,480

there's other things in here too uh the

334

00:12:17,910 --> 00:12:16,240

the valentine's case as i said is a

335

00:12:20,710 --> 00:12:17,920

great one and

336

00:12:23,110 --> 00:12:20,720

my favorite section of the book is i i

337

00:12:25,430 --> 00:12:23,120

like a beat up i like i like a big

338

00:12:27,110 --> 00:12:25,440

nothing and there's many big nothings in

339

00:12:30,069 --> 00:12:27,120

this book from you a number of times

340

00:12:31,829 --> 00:12:30,079

there is the sections i saw nothing the

341

00:12:34,710 --> 00:12:31,839

interviews with yourself

342

00:12:36,790 --> 00:12:34,720

and you uh one was about ufos one was

343

00:12:38,629 --> 00:12:36,800

about ghosts that i saw and it's like

344

00:12:41,590 --> 00:12:38,639

did anything happen no did you hear

345

00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:41,600

anything no did you see anything no why

346

00:12:45,430 --> 00:12:43,200

are you even doing this interview i

347

00:12:47,030 --> 00:12:45,440

don't know that's great i mean well

348

00:12:49,590 --> 00:12:47,040

thank you it was an attempt to just get

349

00:12:52,470 --> 00:12:49,600

a little bit of humor in there and

350

00:12:56,230 --> 00:12:52,480

because the previous two books uh

351
00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:56,240
included a bunch of personal experiences

352
00:13:00,949 --> 00:12:58,560
i i wanted to continue that trend with

353
00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:00,959
this book as well and and i didn't

354
00:13:05,030 --> 00:13:03,600
actually ever see a ufo or a ghost or

355
00:13:06,949 --> 00:13:05,040
anything but then it occurred to me that

356
00:13:08,949 --> 00:13:06,959
well hang on a day i've been to loch

357
00:13:10,790 --> 00:13:08,959
ness and but i didn't see anything i've

358
00:13:12,550 --> 00:13:10,800
been to australia's supposedly most

359
00:13:14,870 --> 00:13:12,560
haunted house and i didn't see anything

360
00:13:15,910 --> 00:13:14,880
oh we could turn that into you know

361
00:13:17,590 --> 00:13:15,920
funny little

362
00:13:19,350 --> 00:13:17,600
with just those two pages of

363
00:13:20,389 --> 00:13:19,360

non-information of non-happenings in

364

00:13:25,829 --> 00:13:20,399

that you could probably get yourself a

365

00:13:30,870 --> 00:13:29,829

man man claims he saw nothing but did he

366

00:13:33,110 --> 00:13:30,880

and then they'll have the guy with the

367

00:13:35,829 --> 00:13:33,120

big hair come on go aliens

368

00:13:37,590 --> 00:13:35,839

yep that's what'll go on actually is

369

00:13:39,670 --> 00:13:37,600

what's your most fascinating realm of

370

00:13:41,509 --> 00:13:39,680

the supernatural that you uh maybe

371

00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:41,519

uncovered or reopened when you're

372

00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:42,639

writing the book

373

00:13:46,389 --> 00:13:44,800

um you know what i don't think i

374

00:13:50,069 --> 00:13:46,399

uncovered

375

00:13:53,509 --> 00:13:50,079

anything apart from the fact that

376

00:13:55,590 --> 00:13:53,519

uh a lot of articles and and books that

377

00:13:57,829 --> 00:13:55,600

write about the subject for kids leave

378

00:13:59,670 --> 00:13:57,839

out stuff that's that that was my big

379

00:14:02,389 --> 00:13:59,680

take home from all of this the amount of

380

00:14:05,030 --> 00:14:02,399

information that is left out

381

00:14:07,750 --> 00:14:05,040

um you know bigfoot being you know the

382

00:14:10,069 --> 00:14:07,760

the big example because that that that

383

00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:10,079

case where they they found the the

384

00:14:14,949 --> 00:14:12,240

footprints and they took uh

385

00:14:16,389 --> 00:14:14,959

plaster molds and all those photographs

386

00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:16,399

that appeared in the newspaper and that

387

00:14:22,389 --> 00:14:20,000

resulted in in the name bigfoot being

388

00:14:24,230 --> 00:14:22,399

given to to this creature everyone

389

00:14:26,949 --> 00:14:24,240

writes about that everyone writes about

390

00:14:29,430 --> 00:14:26,959

those photographs and those casts no one

391

00:14:31,750 --> 00:14:29,440

writes about the fact that you know a

392

00:14:34,389 --> 00:14:31,760

number of years later it was actually

393

00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:34,399

revealed to be a practical joke

394

00:14:37,269 --> 00:14:36,320

um you know they they produced the

395

00:14:39,750 --> 00:14:37,279

actual

396

00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:39,760

the the wooden molds that the guy used

397

00:14:43,990 --> 00:14:42,320

to make the the footprints in the mud

398

00:14:46,470 --> 00:14:44,000

and all of that sort of stuff so it was

399

00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:46,480

actually officially you know the guy

400

00:14:50,230 --> 00:14:48,480

the guy's kids came forward after he

401
00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:50,240
died and said look dad made us promise

402
00:14:55,670 --> 00:14:52,560
not to tell anyone until after he died

403
00:14:57,509 --> 00:14:55,680
well he died here's all the evidence it

404
00:14:59,350 --> 00:14:57,519
was a practical joke

405
00:15:01,110 --> 00:14:59,360
no one ever writes about that they

406
00:15:04,389 --> 00:15:01,120
always write about you know the fact

407
00:15:06,069 --> 00:15:04,399
that all these footprints were found

408
00:15:07,269 --> 00:15:06,079
it sounds like you've got in your mind

409
00:15:08,629 --> 00:15:07,279
that you are writing for a very

410
00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:08,639
impressionable audience is that

411
00:15:12,629 --> 00:15:10,000
something you're thinking of when you're

412
00:15:15,509 --> 00:15:12,639
doing this oh yeah look one of my goals

413
00:15:16,949 --> 00:15:15,519

with this was i guess to to um introduce

414

00:15:19,670 --> 00:15:16,959

kids to the whole idea of critical

415

00:15:21,269 --> 00:15:19,680

thinking and that you don't just

416

00:15:23,110 --> 00:15:21,279

like accept

417

00:15:25,990 --> 00:15:23,120

everything at face value you've got to

418

00:15:27,430 --> 00:15:26,000

ask yourself the questions you know well

419

00:15:28,629 --> 00:15:27,440

oh okay

420

00:15:33,189 --> 00:15:28,639

so

421

00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:33,199

have an explanation

422

00:15:37,749 --> 00:15:36,000

for a definitive explanation for let's

423

00:15:40,389 --> 00:15:37,759

let's look at the facts and look at the

424

00:15:44,230 --> 00:15:40,399

possible explanations now out of those

425

00:15:45,509 --> 00:15:44,240

possible explanations um high altitude

426
00:15:48,389 --> 00:15:45,519
balloon

427
00:15:52,629 --> 00:15:48,399
um or visiting aliens

428
00:15:54,710 --> 00:15:52,639
which one is the more likely to be the

429
00:15:57,269 --> 00:15:54,720
case

430
00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:57,279
because so much literature like pushes

431
00:16:00,710 --> 00:15:59,360
the more unlikely case because it's the

432
00:16:02,389 --> 00:16:00,720
more interesting case because it's the

433
00:16:05,670 --> 00:16:02,399
more you know

434
00:16:09,110 --> 00:16:07,110
possibility but

435
00:16:11,509 --> 00:16:09,120
no one ever pushes the

436
00:16:13,189 --> 00:16:11,519
the more logical the more likely

437
00:16:14,470 --> 00:16:13,199
explanation

438
00:16:16,870 --> 00:16:14,480

oh

439

00:16:18,230 --> 00:16:16,880

and is there if this is another thing i

440

00:16:19,829 --> 00:16:18,240

love asking

441

00:16:21,749 --> 00:16:19,839

critical thinkers and skeptics if there

442

00:16:23,910 --> 00:16:21,759

was one of these genres or one of these

443

00:16:26,710 --> 00:16:23,920

supernatural things that were

444

00:16:28,710 --> 00:16:26,720

real which one would you like it to be

445

00:16:31,269 --> 00:16:28,720

oh aliens i would i would love that you

446

00:16:33,910 --> 00:16:31,279

know i i approach all of this from a

447

00:16:35,749 --> 00:16:33,920

from a skeptical point of view but like

448

00:16:37,110 --> 00:16:35,759

at the back of my mind i keep hoping

449

00:16:39,189 --> 00:16:37,120

that i'm wrong

450

00:16:41,030 --> 00:16:39,199

that the aliens are actually visiting

451
00:16:43,350 --> 00:16:41,040
because i think that would be incredibly

452
00:16:46,710 --> 00:16:43,360
cool i would i would love for someone to

453
00:16:47,670 --> 00:16:46,720
come forward with definitive evidence

454
00:16:49,749 --> 00:16:47,680
that

455
00:16:52,550 --> 00:16:49,759
the the aliens have been visiting us

456
00:16:54,230 --> 00:16:52,560
well ghosts i'm not so keen on you know

457
00:16:55,749 --> 00:16:54,240
the whole idea of like getting people

458
00:16:58,389 --> 00:16:55,759
coming back to haunt you i really don't

459
00:17:00,550 --> 00:16:58,399
like the idea so i prefer that to remain

460
00:17:01,910 --> 00:17:00,560
fiction but you know

461
00:17:03,590 --> 00:17:01,920
well yes because

462
00:17:04,630 --> 00:17:03,600
but i've rethought the whole alien thing

463
00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:04,640

because there's a big oh you know if

464

00:17:08,549 --> 00:17:06,240

aliens were discovered and they were

465

00:17:10,789 --> 00:17:08,559

real the whole world would unite

466

00:17:12,309 --> 00:17:10,799

no they wouldn't half

467

00:17:14,309 --> 00:17:12,319

half of them with half of them would

468

00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:14,319

think it was real they would probably be

469

00:17:18,309 --> 00:17:16,720

the democrats uh half the republicans

470

00:17:20,549 --> 00:17:18,319

would go and hide in the hills the other

471

00:17:22,549 --> 00:17:20,559

half would protest and go with big signs

472

00:17:24,949 --> 00:17:22,559

going don't you don't use

473

00:17:27,189 --> 00:17:24,959

don't you suppress my rights you aliens

474

00:17:29,029 --> 00:17:27,199

so i think it would actually heighten

475

00:17:29,909 --> 00:17:29,039

the divisions we currently have in some

476
00:17:32,070 --> 00:17:29,919

ways

477
00:17:35,190 --> 00:17:32,080

i don't think there's anything that that

478
00:17:37,110 --> 00:17:35,200

could possibly unite the human race

479
00:17:40,150 --> 00:17:37,120

if we if anything we are getting more

480
00:17:41,110 --> 00:17:40,160

and more divisive and and just

481
00:17:42,630 --> 00:17:41,120

yeah you

482
00:17:45,430 --> 00:17:42,640

you think a pandemic might have made

483
00:17:46,630 --> 00:17:45,440

everyone pull together but not so

484
00:17:51,590 --> 00:17:46,640

no

485
00:17:54,150 --> 00:17:51,600

oh yes you said you went to australia's

486
00:17:55,669 --> 00:17:54,160

most uh haunted place what what was it

487
00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:55,679

and what did you not see there which

488
00:18:00,230 --> 00:17:58,080

wasn't there oh the the

489

00:18:02,230 --> 00:18:00,240

monte cristo homestead in new south

490

00:18:04,630 --> 00:18:02,240

wales they they they publicize

491

00:18:05,830 --> 00:18:04,640

themselves as australia's most haunted

492

00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:05,840

house there

493

00:18:11,270 --> 00:18:08,880

there's been a lot of um

494

00:18:13,830 --> 00:18:11,280

deaths that have happened over the years

495

00:18:16,549 --> 00:18:13,840

in in that household a lot of unhappy

496

00:18:18,549 --> 00:18:16,559

deaths um well i mean i guess all debts

497

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:18,559

are unhappy to a certain extent but you

498

00:18:23,029 --> 00:18:21,440

know um unhappy circumstances you know

499

00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:23,039

where you know

500

00:18:27,190 --> 00:18:25,520

a baby was dropped down some stairs you

501
00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:27,200
know and another person was pushed over

502
00:18:33,029 --> 00:18:30,240
a balcony and um there's all these kind

503
00:18:34,710 --> 00:18:33,039
of um very unhappy circumstances

504
00:18:36,710 --> 00:18:34,720
surrounding a lot of deaths at that time

505
00:18:38,070 --> 00:18:36,720
and and did you get a vibe from the

506
00:18:40,390 --> 00:18:38,080
place did you get any did you get any

507
00:18:42,390 --> 00:18:40,400
feeling in your water nothing no not

508
00:18:45,029 --> 00:18:42,400
nothing i i went there

509
00:18:47,510 --> 00:18:45,039
because it was australia's supposedly

510
00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:47,520
most haunted house and i had just had a

511
00:18:52,549 --> 00:18:50,160
fiction book at the time come out um uh

512
00:18:54,390 --> 00:18:52,559
called the haunting of spook house so i

513
00:18:55,669 --> 00:18:54,400

i decided that since i was passing by i

514

00:18:58,630 --> 00:18:55,679

wanted to stop there and take some

515

00:19:01,350 --> 00:18:58,640

publicity pics of my haunted house book

516

00:19:03,029 --> 00:19:01,360

in an actual haunted house oh have you

517

00:19:04,710 --> 00:19:03,039

now what's been the i know the book has

518

00:19:06,549 --> 00:19:04,720

only just recently come out but has

519

00:19:09,190 --> 00:19:06,559

penguin been passing an email onto you

520

00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:09,200

going i thought on page 37 that you said

521

00:19:12,789 --> 00:19:11,440

this thing and it's not sir

522

00:19:15,110 --> 00:19:12,799

not yet

523

00:19:16,789 --> 00:19:15,120

but you know it's it's bound to i i live

524

00:19:19,029 --> 00:19:16,799

in fear of those sort of things

525

00:19:22,230 --> 00:19:19,039

happening um with with non-fiction books

526
00:19:24,070 --> 00:19:22,240
because i i'm human i make mistakes so

527
00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:24,080
is my editor so he's you know my fact

528
00:19:28,870 --> 00:19:25,840
checker that we're we're all you know

529
00:19:30,630 --> 00:19:28,880
just people and mistakes do happen

530
00:19:32,070 --> 00:19:30,640
um and things

531
00:19:34,310 --> 00:19:32,080
undoubtedly will have crawled in

532
00:19:36,549 --> 00:19:34,320
somewhere along the line that that isn't

533
00:19:38,470 --> 00:19:36,559
right and um all we can do is if

534
00:19:40,710 --> 00:19:38,480
something like that's been uh pointed

535
00:19:42,470 --> 00:19:40,720
out i will go and double check all that

536
00:19:44,870 --> 00:19:42,480
information and for the next edition

537
00:19:47,350 --> 00:19:44,880
we'll we'll make amendments

538
00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:47,360

um but yeah so far so far that hasn't

539

00:19:52,230 --> 00:19:50,160

happened so fingers crossed and i i like

540

00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:52,240

your talking with the dead and partying

541

00:19:55,909 --> 00:19:54,640

with the dead section and uh look if the

542

00:19:57,350 --> 00:19:55,919

kids are going to get some great ideas

543

00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:57,360

for halloween costumes from this for

544

00:20:01,350 --> 00:19:59,280

sure oh good

545

00:20:03,029 --> 00:20:01,360

i'm glad

546

00:20:04,789 --> 00:20:03,039

the thing with this book is that i have

547

00:20:07,909 --> 00:20:04,799

included you know a lot of stuff that

548

00:20:09,990 --> 00:20:07,919

just that amuses me personally and while

549

00:20:12,070 --> 00:20:10,000

the book is aimed at a particular age

550

00:20:13,510 --> 00:20:12,080

range and uh and i've done my best to to

551
00:20:16,149 --> 00:20:13,520
find stuff that's going to be of the

552
00:20:18,549 --> 00:20:16,159
interest to that age range i i i have to

553
00:20:20,630 --> 00:20:18,559
put in the stuff that just amuses me

554
00:20:23,110 --> 00:20:20,640
even if sometimes kids might scratch

555
00:20:24,549 --> 00:20:23,120
their heads over it and so where do you

556
00:20:26,710 --> 00:20:24,559
go after writing a book on the

557
00:20:29,270 --> 00:20:26,720
supernatural anyway do you

558
00:20:31,510 --> 00:20:29,280
go to a book on bird watching

559
00:20:33,110 --> 00:20:31,520
well actually from here i've gone back

560
00:20:35,510 --> 00:20:33,120
to fiction

561
00:20:37,029 --> 00:20:35,520
so my next book is a

562
00:20:39,190 --> 00:20:37,039
middle grade novel

563
00:20:45,029 --> 00:20:39,200

tentatively called secrets of monster

564

00:20:50,310 --> 00:20:47,190

and yes it will have monsters and

565

00:20:52,070 --> 00:20:50,320

cryptids and stuff in it all inspired by

566

00:20:53,669 --> 00:20:52,080

you know the research and stuff that i

567

00:20:56,230 --> 00:20:53,679

did for this book but now moving

568

00:20:58,070 --> 00:20:56,240

definitely into the realms of fiction

569

00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:58,080

thank you for talking to us today about

570

00:21:01,510 --> 00:21:00,240

this george it's it's penguin but

571

00:21:03,110 --> 00:21:01,520

penguin is the publisher that's going to

572

00:21:05,110 --> 00:21:03,120

be forwarding all the crank letters that

573

00:21:06,950 --> 00:21:05,120

come i think uh you you might have to

574

00:21:08,310 --> 00:21:06,960

have a crank male section in your next

575

00:21:12,310 --> 00:21:08,320

book

576

00:21:14,230 --> 00:21:12,320

it's a look it'll make a coffee table

577

00:21:15,990 --> 00:21:14,240

book because uh you know on a friday

578

00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:16,000

night uh you know for adults a few

579

00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:18,000

drinks and away you go there's multiple

580

00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:19,600

topics of conversation and argument to

581

00:21:24,310 --> 00:21:22,000

be had in this where can we get it

582

00:21:25,830 --> 00:21:24,320

um you can get it at all good book shops

583

00:21:28,549 --> 00:21:25,840

around australia and you could probably

584

00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:28,559

get it in some bad book shops as well um

585

00:21:31,990 --> 00:21:30,480

it's yeah it's uh because it's my

586

00:21:33,990 --> 00:21:32,000

current book it should be pretty much

587

00:21:35,669 --> 00:21:34,000

available um anywhere

588

00:21:37,830 --> 00:21:35,679

and once again your website where we can

589

00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:37,840

find out more and possibly uh see one of

590

00:21:43,750 --> 00:21:40,720

your non interviews

591

00:21:45,350 --> 00:21:43,760

the website is george

592

00:21:48,070 --> 00:21:45,360

dot a u

593

00:21:50,310 --> 00:21:48,080

and one if there were aliens of all the

594

00:21:53,270 --> 00:21:50,320

aliens you've seen or created in fiction

595

00:21:55,909 --> 00:21:53,280

which ones would you like them to be

596

00:21:57,750 --> 00:21:55,919

aren't time lords from doctor who

597

00:21:59,430 --> 00:21:57,760

wow well there's only one or two isn't

598

00:22:00,710 --> 00:21:59,440

it oh depending on which incarnation of

599

00:22:02,230 --> 00:22:00,720

the doctor there used to be sometimes

600

00:22:10,550 --> 00:22:02,240

there's a lot of them as long as davros

601
00:22:53,110 --> 00:22:17,850
[Music]

602
00:23:04,550 --> 00:22:53,990
on

603
00:23:20,470 --> 00:23:10,290
[Music]

604
00:23:40,710 --> 00:23:23,150
a

605
00:23:41,840 --> 00:23:40,720
[Music]

606
00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:41,850
with tim mendham

607
00:23:53,750 --> 00:23:51,830
hi my name is tim manderman

608
00:23:56,310 --> 00:23:53,760
executive officer of australian skeptics

609
00:23:58,549 --> 00:23:56,320
inc and editor of our quarterly magazine

610
00:24:00,870 --> 00:23:58,559
the skeptic which you can download most

611
00:24:03,990 --> 00:24:00,880
issues for free from our website

612
00:24:07,269 --> 00:24:05,590
now before i start with this particular

613
00:24:09,350 --> 00:24:07,279

article i should ask that all the little

614

00:24:10,549 --> 00:24:09,360

east should be moved somewhere else

615

00:24:12,149 --> 00:24:10,559

because it's about

616

00:24:15,190 --> 00:24:12,159

santa

617

00:24:16,870 --> 00:24:15,200

in fact as we say around christmas time

618

00:24:19,750 --> 00:24:16,880

all thoughts turn to the most important

619

00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:19,760

person of the season santa claus

620

00:24:23,430 --> 00:24:21,520

so this is a background on santa claus

621

00:24:25,430 --> 00:24:23,440

by anthony wheeler

622

00:24:27,909 --> 00:24:25,440

and it comes from the skeptic magazine

623

00:24:30,870 --> 00:24:27,919

from december 2015

624

00:24:32,870 --> 00:24:30,880

which is volume 35 number four and as i

625

00:24:34,390 --> 00:24:32,880

say you can download that for free from

626
00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:34,400
our website

627
00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:36,480
and anthony starts off who believes in

628
00:24:42,549 --> 00:24:37,760
father christmas

629
00:24:44,549 --> 00:24:42,559
is the myth how did it originate

630
00:24:47,669 --> 00:24:44,559
how can i pretend the gift giver becomes

631
00:24:49,430 --> 00:24:47,679
so famous and so popular

632
00:24:51,750 --> 00:24:49,440
australians know father christmas as a

633
00:24:53,430 --> 00:24:51,760
tubby cheerful and very friendly old man

634
00:24:54,710 --> 00:24:53,440
dressed in a red suit with white fur

635
00:24:57,029 --> 00:24:54,720
trimmings

636
00:24:59,110 --> 00:24:57,039
his long red floppy cap end is topped

637
00:25:00,710 --> 00:24:59,120
with a white tassel and his boots are

638
00:25:02,549 --> 00:25:00,720

shiny black

639

00:25:05,110 --> 00:25:02,559

children can always tell the real father

640

00:25:08,310 --> 00:25:05,120

christmas from his many imitators by his

641

00:25:09,909 --> 00:25:08,320

deep hearty ho ho ho laugh

642

00:25:12,149 --> 00:25:09,919

every christmas santa claus leaves his

643

00:25:14,149 --> 00:25:12,159

home at the north pole on a sled pulled

644

00:25:16,870 --> 00:25:14,159

through the sky by eight magical

645

00:25:19,029 --> 00:25:16,880

reindeer dasher dancer prancer vixen

646

00:25:21,430 --> 00:25:19,039

comet cupid donna and blitzen an

647

00:25:23,269 --> 00:25:21,440

additional reindeer rudolph is so

648

00:25:25,669 --> 00:25:23,279

popular he has his own song about his

649

00:25:27,750 --> 00:25:25,679

bright red nose

650

00:25:29,590 --> 00:25:27,760

the sled is laden with presence enough

651
00:25:30,549 --> 00:25:29,600
for every boy and girl in the whole

652
00:25:32,549 --> 00:25:30,559
world

653
00:25:34,710 --> 00:25:32,559
and santa claus spends all christmas eve

654
00:25:36,390 --> 00:25:34,720
night delivering all these presents

655
00:25:38,549 --> 00:25:36,400
parking his reindeer and sled on the

656
00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:38,559
snowy rooftops while he climbs down

657
00:25:42,470 --> 00:25:40,320
chimneys to leave a present at the foot

658
00:25:44,149 --> 00:25:42,480
of each child's bed

659
00:25:45,990 --> 00:25:44,159
it always snows for father christmas

660
00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:46,000
even though we might not see it

661
00:25:49,269 --> 00:25:47,840
even in australia

662
00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:49,279
if the children leave stockings hunt

663
00:25:52,789 --> 00:25:51,200

from the bedpost or mantelpiece father

664

00:25:54,070 --> 00:25:52,799

christmas will obligingly stuff the

665

00:25:55,590 --> 00:25:54,080

presents in them

666

00:25:57,430 --> 00:25:55,600

some houses don't have chimneys these

667

00:25:59,909 --> 00:25:57,440

days but that's okay because father

668

00:26:01,990 --> 00:25:59,919

christmas magic can still get him in

669

00:26:03,430 --> 00:26:02,000

though i can't say how

670

00:26:04,789 --> 00:26:03,440

the presents are only for those children

671

00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,799

who have been good

672

00:26:08,630 --> 00:26:06,480

fortunately since every child is

673

00:26:10,390 --> 00:26:08,640

basically really good deep down there's

674

00:26:12,230 --> 00:26:10,400

never been any need for father christmas

675

00:26:13,669 --> 00:26:12,240

to miss out a child

676

00:26:15,590 --> 00:26:13,679

children soon learn that there is no

677

00:26:17,269 --> 00:26:15,600

point trying to stay awake to catch a

678

00:26:19,269 --> 00:26:17,279

glimpse of father christmas because he

679

00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:19,279

never visits until each child in the

680

00:26:22,789 --> 00:26:20,880

house is sound asleep

681

00:26:24,789 --> 00:26:22,799

and if ever a child does

682

00:26:26,789 --> 00:26:24,799

rouse and catch a parent fumbling among

683

00:26:28,630 --> 00:26:26,799

the presents it's only mummy or daddy

684

00:26:31,590 --> 00:26:28,640

making sure that all the snow has been

685

00:26:33,029 --> 00:26:31,600

brushed off so the toys won't get wet no

686

00:26:35,110 --> 00:26:33,039

matter how many children there are

687

00:26:37,669 --> 00:26:35,120

father christmas always has enough time

688

00:26:39,990 --> 00:26:37,679

to visit each and every one

689

00:26:42,710 --> 00:26:40,000

children customarily ask their mother

690

00:26:45,190 --> 00:26:42,720

for a mince pie and a glass of sherry to

691

00:26:46,789 --> 00:26:45,200

leave for father christmas to eat after

692

00:26:48,789 --> 00:26:46,799

leaving their presents and before

693

00:26:50,149 --> 00:26:48,799

proceeding to the next house

694

00:26:51,830 --> 00:26:50,159

personally we came from a more

695

00:26:53,350 --> 00:26:51,840

working-class family family left him a

696

00:26:55,430 --> 00:26:53,360

beer

697

00:26:57,190 --> 00:26:55,440

no sherry in our house

698

00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:57,200

so no wonder father christmas is so

699

00:26:59,669 --> 00:26:58,320

tubby

700

00:27:01,669 --> 00:26:59,679

but if your mother suggests leaving a

701
00:27:03,110 --> 00:27:01,679
beer in a sausage or a squash and a

702
00:27:05,190 --> 00:27:03,120
sandwich instead

703
00:27:07,110 --> 00:27:05,200
don't worry because mothers know best a

704
00:27:09,029 --> 00:27:07,120
character or two for the reindeer is

705
00:27:10,710 --> 00:27:09,039
always welcome too

706
00:27:12,470 --> 00:27:10,720
after his long night delivering presents

707
00:27:14,549 --> 00:27:12,480
father christmas returns to his home at

708
00:27:16,310 --> 00:27:14,559
the north pole he spends all the next

709
00:27:18,470 --> 00:27:16,320
year preparing for the next christmas

710
00:27:20,950 --> 00:27:18,480
with the help of busy elves making more

711
00:27:22,950 --> 00:27:20,960
presents for every boy and child

712
00:27:24,630 --> 00:27:22,960
in the days leading up to christmas your

713
00:27:26,950 --> 00:27:24,640

parents may take you to see father

714

00:27:28,789 --> 00:27:26,960

christmas at the shops or he may come to

715

00:27:30,549 --> 00:27:28,799

see you at a children's party

716

00:27:32,230 --> 00:27:30,559

of course most of these are pretend

717

00:27:33,510 --> 00:27:32,240

father christmases

718

00:27:35,590 --> 00:27:33,520

they are really

719

00:27:37,350 --> 00:27:35,600

a kindly father who likes children

720

00:27:39,269 --> 00:27:37,360

dressed up as father christmas to hand

721

00:27:40,789 --> 00:27:39,279

out the presents that's all right

722

00:27:43,110 --> 00:27:40,799

because you can be sure that it's

723

00:27:45,190 --> 00:27:43,120

someone friendly and of course you can

724

00:27:47,750 --> 00:27:45,200

never be really sure who it is under

725

00:27:49,750 --> 00:27:47,760

that false white beard after all it just

726

00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:49,760

might be the real father christmas just

727

00:27:52,950 --> 00:27:51,440

for once

728

00:27:54,549 --> 00:27:52,960

okay that's the story

729

00:27:56,789 --> 00:27:54,559

our modern santa claus or father

730

00:27:58,870 --> 00:27:56,799

christmas is an amalgam of several old

731

00:28:01,510 --> 00:27:58,880

part historical and part mythical

732

00:28:04,549 --> 00:28:01,520

figures from different cultures

733

00:28:05,590 --> 00:28:04,559

nicholas was born in 285

734

00:28:10,549 --> 00:28:05,600

ce

735

00:28:12,070 --> 00:28:10,559

turkey and miraculously could speak from

736

00:28:13,909 --> 00:28:12,080

birth

737

00:28:15,909 --> 00:28:13,919

orphaned early young nicholas gained

738

00:28:18,310 --> 00:28:15,919

fame by giving away all his money and

739

00:28:19,990 --> 00:28:18,320

gold to three poor girls

740

00:28:21,590 --> 00:28:20,000

they may have been sisters

741

00:28:23,669 --> 00:28:21,600

so that they could marry

742

00:28:25,750 --> 00:28:23,679

soon after the bishop admired dreamt

743

00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:25,760

that the next person to enter his church

744

00:28:29,350 --> 00:28:28,080

would himself become a bishop

745

00:28:30,389 --> 00:28:29,360

and the next winter was the young

746

00:28:34,310 --> 00:28:30,399

nicholas

747

00:28:36,310 --> 00:28:34,320

imprisoned by the emperor for defending

748

00:28:37,750 --> 00:28:36,320

the persecuted christians

749

00:28:40,310 --> 00:28:37,760

ten years later the new christian

750

00:28:41,430 --> 00:28:40,320

emperor constantine freed bishop

751
00:28:43,750 --> 00:28:41,440
nicholas

752
00:28:46,149 --> 00:28:43,760
the tall lean and much venerated bishop

753
00:28:49,430 --> 00:28:46,159
nicholas served the people of myra until

754
00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:49,440
he died at about 65 years of age

755
00:28:53,029 --> 00:28:51,360
he was later made a saint when he

756
00:28:55,269 --> 00:28:53,039
appeared to sailors in the midst of a

757
00:28:56,630 --> 00:28:55,279
storm which they feared would sink their

758
00:28:58,630 --> 00:28:56,640
ships

759
00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:58,640
nicholas's appearance miraculously

760
00:29:03,029 --> 00:29:00,320
calmed the weather and the sailors

761
00:29:05,029 --> 00:29:03,039
survived consequently saint nicholas is

762
00:29:06,149 --> 00:29:05,039
the patron saint of sailors throughout

763
00:29:07,990 --> 00:29:06,159

the world

764

00:29:10,710 --> 00:29:08,000

saint nicholas is also the patron saint

765

00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:10,720

of children with his feast day of 6th of

766

00:29:15,350 --> 00:29:12,960

december being particularly celebrated

767

00:29:18,310 --> 00:29:15,360

by the dutch settlers in the new world

768

00:29:21,350 --> 00:29:18,320

where they settled new amsterdam

769

00:29:23,190 --> 00:29:21,360

as new anthony became new york in 1664

770

00:29:25,190 --> 00:29:23,200

with the dominance of british settlers

771

00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:25,200

the new arrivals adopted the tradition

772

00:29:31,269 --> 00:29:28,080

of saint nicholas's gifts for children

773

00:29:32,549 --> 00:29:31,279

with the dutch name sinterklaas becoming

774

00:29:34,710 --> 00:29:32,559

santa claus

775

00:29:35,909 --> 00:29:34,720

and the focus changing from religious to

776

00:29:37,750 --> 00:29:35,919

mythical

777

00:29:39,750 --> 00:29:37,760

the traditional gift-giving of saint

778

00:29:42,149 --> 00:29:39,760

nicholas's day was merged with jesus

779

00:29:44,789 --> 00:29:42,159

christ's official birthday christmas day

780

00:29:46,789 --> 00:29:44,799

on the 25th of december with santa claus

781

00:29:48,230 --> 00:29:46,799

distributing his presence on christmas

782

00:29:50,389 --> 00:29:48,240

eve

783

00:29:52,630 --> 00:29:50,399

our modern american santa claus is based

784

00:29:54,470 --> 00:29:52,640

on a children's poem a visit of saint

785

00:29:55,510 --> 00:29:54,480

nicholas also known as the night before

786

00:29:58,070 --> 00:29:55,520

christmas

787

00:30:02,310 --> 00:29:58,080

written by a professor of divinity dr

788

00:30:04,389 --> 00:30:02,320

clement clarke moore in 1822 in new york

789

00:30:06,470 --> 00:30:04,399

this poem was itself based on washington

790

00:30:09,350 --> 00:30:06,480

irving's accounts of saint nicholas

791

00:30:11,350 --> 00:30:09,360

gleaned from dutch settlers in new york

792

00:30:13,750 --> 00:30:11,360

moore's palm included the sled pulled by

793

00:30:15,750 --> 00:30:13,760

reindeer each of which were named and

794

00:30:17,750 --> 00:30:15,760

the delivery of presence by descending

795

00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:17,760

chimneys on christmas eve

796

00:30:22,630 --> 00:30:20,320

it is in moore's poem that the tall and

797

00:30:25,029 --> 00:30:22,640

lean saint nicholas became an elf and

798

00:30:27,190 --> 00:30:25,039

short tubby and married father christmas

799

00:30:29,430 --> 00:30:27,200

familiar to us all

800

00:30:32,470 --> 00:30:29,440

cartoons by thomas nast published in

801
00:30:34,789 --> 00:30:32,480
harper's weekly in the 1860s to 1880s

802
00:30:37,909 --> 00:30:34,799
and large santa to full size and

803
00:30:40,149 --> 00:30:37,919
bolstered his new plump and jovial image

804
00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:40,159
john tenua's cartoons in punch christmas

805
00:30:45,990 --> 00:30:44,000
issues from 1875 to 1889 did a similar

806
00:30:48,149 --> 00:30:46,000
service for english readers

807
00:30:49,990 --> 00:30:48,159
l frank boehm author of the wizard of oz

808
00:30:51,750 --> 00:30:50,000
gave santa claus a complete history in

809
00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:51,760
his the life and adventures of santa

810
00:30:56,310 --> 00:30:53,679
claus though settling him in laughing

811
00:30:58,549 --> 00:30:56,320
valley instead of the north pole

812
00:31:00,950 --> 00:30:58,559
these three new yorkers more nice and

813
00:31:02,630 --> 00:31:00,960

bomb contributed their best parts to our

814

00:31:04,230 --> 00:31:02,640

contemporary version

815

00:31:06,070 --> 00:31:04,240

and so our modern myth of father

816

00:31:08,149 --> 00:31:06,080

christmas is complete

817

00:31:10,470 --> 00:31:08,159

elsewhere the local equivalent of father

818

00:31:12,389 --> 00:31:10,480

christmas is a very different character

819

00:31:14,710 --> 00:31:12,399

in holland and germany on the eve of

820

00:31:17,029 --> 00:31:14,720

saint nicholas's day sinterklaas still

821

00:31:19,509 --> 00:31:17,039

arrives from spain by ship in a white

822

00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:19,519

robe and red cassock with his moorish

823

00:31:25,029 --> 00:31:23,120

assistant zvartha pete black peter the

824

00:31:27,029 --> 00:31:25,039

dutch children leave hay carrots and

825

00:31:28,230 --> 00:31:27,039

water in their shoes before the

826
00:31:30,710 --> 00:31:28,240
fireplace

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00:31:31,750 --> 00:31:30,720
for center classes or sinterklaas white

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00:31:33,830 --> 00:31:31,760
horse

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00:31:35,590 --> 00:31:33,840
and in the morning they find instead

830
00:31:37,590 --> 00:31:35,600
sweets and presents

831
00:31:39,830 --> 00:31:37,600
unseen the horse gallops from roof to

832
00:31:41,430 --> 00:31:39,840
roof and the moor scrambles down the

833
00:31:43,110 --> 00:31:41,440
chimneys to gather the food for the

834
00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:43,120
horse and leave presents with the

835
00:31:46,149 --> 00:31:44,080
children

836
00:31:48,710 --> 00:31:46,159
sinterklaas has to keep his super white

837
00:31:50,470 --> 00:31:48,720
robe clean and so it just drops sweets

838
00:31:52,710 --> 00:31:50,480

down the chimney for the children in

839

00:31:54,950 --> 00:31:52,720

italy the christmas myth is that the

840

00:31:57,830 --> 00:31:54,960

three wise men asked the good witch

841

00:32:00,389 --> 00:31:57,840

buffana to accompany them to bethlehem

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00:32:02,470 --> 00:32:00,399

but bufana foolishly declined being far

843

00:32:04,710 --> 00:32:02,480

too busy with her housework

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00:32:06,549 --> 00:32:04,720

regretting her decision perfana has

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00:32:08,789 --> 00:32:06,559

wandered ever since seeking the holy

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00:32:10,870 --> 00:32:08,799

child sliding down the chimneys every

847

00:32:12,710 --> 00:32:10,880

twelfth night in england father

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00:32:15,669 --> 00:32:12,720

christmas wears a red suit trimmed with

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00:32:17,830 --> 00:32:15,679

white fur and in france it is pair noel

850

00:32:20,149 --> 00:32:17,840

bringing the children's presence

851
00:32:21,110 --> 00:32:20,159
in germany chris kringle or christ's

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00:32:23,590 --> 00:32:21,120
child

853
00:32:26,149 --> 00:32:23,600
is a fairy in spain the three wise men

854
00:32:28,310 --> 00:32:26,159
each looking like a familiar jovial

855
00:32:31,509 --> 00:32:28,320
father christmas bring the presents you

856
00:32:33,669 --> 00:32:31,519
know russia an evil old woman baba yaga

857
00:32:36,549 --> 00:32:33,679
deliberately misdirected the three wise

858
00:32:38,070 --> 00:32:36,559
men in new russia grandfather frost

859
00:32:39,430 --> 00:32:38,080
brings the presence

860
00:32:41,750 --> 00:32:39,440
whichever father christmas you are

861
00:32:44,149 --> 00:32:41,760
expecting it has become widely expected

862
00:32:45,669 --> 00:32:44,159
that christmas is a time of presence

863
00:32:47,909 --> 00:32:45,679

god gave the people of the earth the

864

00:32:49,830 --> 00:32:47,919

gift of his son jesus christ the three

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00:32:51,909 --> 00:32:49,840

wise men gave the christ child their

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00:32:54,710 --> 00:32:51,919

birthday gifts of gold frankincense and

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00:32:56,470 --> 00:32:54,720

myrrh now parents relatives and friends

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00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:56,480

celebrate this greatest gift of all with

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00:33:00,789 --> 00:32:58,720

their own gifts to each other so watch

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00:33:03,110 --> 00:33:00,799

out for father christmas visit to your

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00:33:05,029 --> 00:33:03,120

house enjoy his gifts to you and

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00:33:06,800 --> 00:33:05,039

remember god's gift to jesus christ that

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00:33:10,710 --> 00:33:06,810

they celebrate

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00:33:13,590 --> 00:33:12,230

that's the end of part one of this

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article in the next part we're looking

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00:33:17,190 --> 00:33:15,519

at the trappings of christmas

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and all the appertances that are

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associated with santa claus and the

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and that's

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father figure from the skeptic magazine

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00:33:34,310 --> 00:33:32,320

december 2015

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which is volume 35

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number four and you can download that

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00:33:39,430 --> 00:33:38,320

issue of the magazine from our website

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00:33:42,030 --> 00:33:39,440

for free

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from skeptics.com.eu

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it's very religious at the end it's a

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bit religious at the end isn't it

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that's okay it's part of the religious

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yeah it's it's history i know it's it's

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history it's incompetent

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hello this is maynard did you know that

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you could listen to the skeptic zone on

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00:34:29,510 --> 00:34:24,879

youtube yes i know sounds crazy but it's

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also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

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with michelle bigesma and funny sketches

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with richard saunders and a host of

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just click on the youtube links on the

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now it's time once again to look for

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digital archives in digital archives

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the trove segment normally we look at

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trove

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the online resource from the australian

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00:35:17,750 --> 00:35:15,520
government and the national library of

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00:35:19,829 --> 00:35:17,760
australia full of digitized newspapers

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00:35:21,270 --> 00:35:19,839
fully searchable

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i really should work for the trove

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people

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00:35:27,430 --> 00:35:25,520

i think it's fascinating

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now as we sometimes do or look further

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in fact all the way across the

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pacific ocean to the united states

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and we'll look at some references to the

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paranormal supernatural skepticism all

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that sort of stuff and our first port of

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call comes from alaska i went to alaska

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now what year was that 2007

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on

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the amazing cruise the amazing adventure

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with james randy

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wow what a fabulous time that was

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what a fabulous time that was walking

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around alaska being on the ship with a

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ship full of skeptics

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and spending a very valuable time with

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james randy happy memories anyway

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from the daily news miner

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dated the 9th of june 1985

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00:36:18,630 --> 00:36:16,720

1985 just before

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00:36:21,109 --> 00:36:18,640

just before i got my first job out of

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high school

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00:36:25,109 --> 00:36:22,480

that sort of

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dates it for me

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a little bit anyway

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and this is a story by bob

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and it's titled

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pittsburgh

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for people who claim they can levitate

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predict the future make dogs talk bend

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spoons with their minds or grow beards

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with psychic powers

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a skeptical band of sleuths says prove

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the cold light of science is being

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turned on people claiming supernatural

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powers by a network of scientists

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psychologists and magicians the better

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00:37:08,310 --> 00:37:06,079
to spot sleight of hand and chicanery

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00:37:10,390 --> 00:37:08,320
some groups are even offering cash if

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00:37:13,030 --> 00:37:10,400
such claims can be validated we are

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00:37:14,870 --> 00:37:13,040
truth seekers says richard bush a

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00:37:17,750 --> 00:37:14,880
magician hypnotist

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00:37:20,310 --> 00:37:17,760
and mentalist who is the chairman of the

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00:37:23,430 --> 00:37:20,320
paranormal investigating committee of

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pittsburgh we don't have an axe to grind

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00:37:28,550 --> 00:37:26,240

we're not out to embarrass anyone but

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any claims ought to be backed up by

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evidence bush's committee offers five

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thousand dollars cash prize

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for anyone who can perform a paranormal

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claim under scientific conditions

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in three years it has probed 47 claims

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and received hundreds of calls and

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letters without paying up one woman said

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she could grow a beard through mental

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powers

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a man in texas said he could make

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barking dogs talk

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another claimed his magnetic waves could

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sexually arouse women

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00:38:08,390 --> 00:38:06,079

while giving headaches to men

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a doctor said he could strengthen or

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weaken muscles

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with lines of force

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after three years

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we still have all the money bush says

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the answer begins to be maybe they can't

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do what they say

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worldwide about 290 000

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is dangled by separate groups and

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individuals probing paranormals bush

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says the pittsburgh group is part of the

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international committee for the

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scientific investigation of claims of

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the paranormal

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cycop which was founded nine years ago

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in buffalo new york cycop has 300

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members such as astronomer carl sagan

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and psychology professor b.f skinner of

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harvard university it publishes the

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skeptical inquirer a quarterly magazine

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with a circulation of twenty thousand in

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simple terms they are debunkers who

1001
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demand the same standards of proof from

1002
00:39:06,230 --> 00:39:04,160
psychics as required for other

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00:39:08,550 --> 00:39:06,240
scientific discovery

1004
00:39:11,349 --> 00:39:08,560
they have investigated faith healers

1005
00:39:13,589 --> 00:39:11,359
poltergeists telepaths astrologers

1006
00:39:15,349 --> 00:39:13,599
mystics ufos bigfoots and other

1007
00:39:17,430 --> 00:39:15,359
supernatural happenings

1008
00:39:19,510 --> 00:39:17,440
these claims are as unsinkable as rubber

1009
00:39:22,069 --> 00:39:19,520
ducks at a shooting gallery says paul

1010
00:39:24,710 --> 00:39:22,079
kurtz philosophy professor at the state

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00:39:26,870 --> 00:39:24,720
university of new york at buffalo who is

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00:39:29,670 --> 00:39:26,880
chairman of cycop you can never shoot

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00:39:31,430 --> 00:39:29,680

them down they're always popping back up

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the only therapy is a little common

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sense the debunker's creed kurtz says is

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the burden of proof rests on the

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claimants we're disturbed about the

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00:39:43,510 --> 00:39:41,920

growth of irrationality and

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00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:43,520

pseudoscience

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paranormal is the new folk religion we

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believe an obligation to the public to

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00:39:53,670 --> 00:39:51,200

separate the wheat from the chaff

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it is important to have a skeptical

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point of view

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last year cycop investigated a reported

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poltergeist in columbus ohio a teenager

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00:40:06,710 --> 00:40:04,640
claimed lamps and telephones were flying

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00:40:11,109 --> 00:40:06,720
about her house while lights and water

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00:40:13,030 --> 00:40:11,119
spigots turned on and off probes were

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00:40:15,510 --> 00:40:13,040
not allowed inside the house but

1031
00:40:18,470 --> 00:40:15,520
witnesses say they never saw an object

1032
00:40:20,309 --> 00:40:18,480
actually take off and a tv crew filmed

1033
00:40:22,150 --> 00:40:20,319
the teen

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00:40:23,829 --> 00:40:22,160
knocking over a lamp

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00:40:27,270 --> 00:40:23,839
finding no evidence to support the

1036
00:40:30,870 --> 00:40:27,280
claims the committee ruled it a hoax

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00:40:33,750 --> 00:40:30,880
last november cycops sent letters to 1

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00:40:36,710 --> 00:40:33,760

800 newspapers asking them to print this

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disclaimer with astrology columns the

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00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:39,040

following astrological forecast should

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00:40:44,150 --> 00:40:41,680

be read for entertainment value only

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00:40:46,630 --> 00:40:44,160

these predictions have no reliable basis

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00:40:48,230 --> 00:40:46,640

in scientific fact five newspapers

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00:40:50,790 --> 00:40:48,240

complied

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the debunkers admit the public sometimes

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00:40:57,190 --> 00:40:54,000

views them as heavy-handed

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00:40:59,670 --> 00:40:57,200

know-it-alls spoiling harm is fun

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00:41:02,870 --> 00:40:59,680

after all what could be the harm in

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00:41:05,430 --> 00:41:02,880

going to a fortune teller or palmist it

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00:41:07,910 --> 00:41:05,440

is harmful bush says

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people are paying with their belief

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system we must not let the public think

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00:41:15,750 --> 00:41:13,200

there is a simple magical solution to

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00:41:16,630 --> 00:41:15,760

life in the stars or the palm of your

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00:41:19,270 --> 00:41:16,640

hand

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00:41:21,750 --> 00:41:19,280

it's a delusion it teaches people not to

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00:41:23,270 --> 00:41:21,760

be self-reliant it teaches people to be

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anti-scientific

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cold critical answers are duller than

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supernatural however some people see us

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as killjoys says dr donald mcburney a

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professor of psychology at the

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university of pittsburgh and a local

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debunker

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there is a natural bias in favor of the

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simple explanation over the complicated

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hard to understand one not every mystic

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or psychic is a charlatan intentionally

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hoodwinking a gullible public the

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debunkers say

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they present a hui award every april

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fool's day to those who promote

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irrationality winners are notified

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telepathically

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most of them are not frauds bush says

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they are self-deceived misguided people

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00:42:10,150 --> 00:42:07,680
they got fooled themselves into

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believing bush is one of the few

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00:42:15,670 --> 00:42:13,119
magicians who serves as a scientific and

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00:42:17,510 --> 00:42:15,680
technical consultant to cycop everything

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00:42:20,069 --> 00:42:17,520
i do as a magician is based on

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00:42:22,630 --> 00:42:20,079
scientific principles much says there's

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00:42:24,069 --> 00:42:22,640
no psychic claim i only claim to be an

1084
00:42:26,630 --> 00:42:24,079
entertainer

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00:42:29,190 --> 00:42:26,640
scientists realize they need to have a

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00:42:32,309 --> 00:42:29,200
magician present in case there is a

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00:42:35,270 --> 00:42:32,319
deception a brain surgeon can't go to a

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00:42:37,750 --> 00:42:35,280

poker game and decide who's cheating

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when a person makes a claim with the

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local committee ground rules are agreed

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upon in writing and the debunkers call

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upon

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physicists engineers linguists or

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magicians to witness the demonstration

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00:42:54,630 --> 00:42:51,920

bush issued a plea for anyone with

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00:42:56,470 --> 00:42:54,640

supernatural ability to contact him

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those who sincerely believe that they

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can perform psychic phenomenon are urged

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to come forward for the benefit of

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science he says i'm not a believer

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i'm not a disbeliever

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00:43:10,710 --> 00:43:08,240

i'm a skeptic and the photograph

1103

00:43:11,750 --> 00:43:10,720

accompanying the article is of richard

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00:43:13,750 --> 00:43:11,760

bush

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00:43:17,750 --> 00:43:13,760

with a heavy beard

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00:43:20,630 --> 00:43:17,760

brown glasses and he is examining a

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00:43:23,030 --> 00:43:20,640

recently bent spoon with a comical look

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00:43:25,030 --> 00:43:23,040

on his face truth seeker magician

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00:43:27,190 --> 00:43:25,040

hypnotist and mentalist richard bush

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00:43:29,430 --> 00:43:27,200

takes a quizzical look at a ben spoon in

1111

00:43:31,349 --> 00:43:29,440

his pittsburgh apartment bush is

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00:43:33,030 --> 00:43:31,359

chairman of the paranormal investigating

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00:43:35,510 --> 00:43:33,040

committee of pittsburgh one of the

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00:43:37,190 --> 00:43:35,520

groups of skeptics worldwide who probe

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00:43:40,309 --> 00:43:37,200

paranormal claims

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00:43:42,550 --> 00:43:40,319

we are truth seekers he says

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00:43:44,630 --> 00:43:42,560

associated press photo

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00:43:47,030 --> 00:43:44,640

and now we'll skip ahead some years to

1119

00:43:50,069 --> 00:43:47,040

the year 1990

1120

00:43:52,230 --> 00:43:50,079

sunday the 7th of january in the orange

1121

00:43:55,349 --> 00:43:52,240

county register

1122

00:43:58,150 --> 00:43:55,359

and this is by stephen mason

1123

00:43:59,990 --> 00:43:58,160

under the subtitle of look at it this

1124

00:44:02,069 --> 00:44:00,000

way

1125

00:44:03,270 --> 00:44:02,079

knowing and believing are two different

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00:44:05,510 --> 00:44:03,280

things

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00:44:07,589 --> 00:44:05,520

a while back i was asked to speak at a

1128

00:44:10,150 --> 00:44:07,599

convention sponsored by the committee

1129

00:44:11,990 --> 00:44:10,160

for the scientific investigation of

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00:44:14,550 --> 00:44:12,000

claims of the paranormal

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00:44:17,829 --> 00:44:14,560

i couldn't have asked for better company

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00:44:19,990 --> 00:44:17,839

penn teller james the amazing randy and

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00:44:22,550 --> 00:44:20,000

carl sagan joined dozens of other

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00:44:24,630 --> 00:44:22,560

notables from science and education in a

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00:44:27,109 --> 00:44:24,640

three-day review of everything from fire

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00:44:28,390 --> 00:44:27,119

walking to spontaneous combustion of

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00:44:30,790 --> 00:44:28,400

humans

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00:44:33,750 --> 00:44:30,800

i was impressed by their debunking of so

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00:44:36,710 --> 00:44:33,760

many mysteries that on investigation

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00:44:38,150 --> 00:44:36,720

turned out to be anything but

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00:44:40,870 --> 00:44:38,160

mysterious

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00:44:42,470 --> 00:44:40,880

and while we're on the subject

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00:44:44,470 --> 00:44:42,480

how do you feel

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00:44:45,589 --> 00:44:44,480

about the paranormal

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00:44:46,950 --> 00:44:45,599

answer

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00:44:48,230 --> 00:44:46,960

yes

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00:44:51,910 --> 00:44:48,240

no

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00:44:54,309 --> 00:44:51,920

or maybe do you believe in

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00:44:56,470 --> 00:44:54,319

witchcraft

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00:44:59,109 --> 00:44:56,480

esp

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00:45:01,750 --> 00:44:59,119
life on other planets

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00:45:04,069 --> 00:45:01,760
life after death

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00:45:05,430 --> 00:45:04,079
loch ness monster

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00:45:07,270 --> 00:45:05,440
god

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00:45:08,870 --> 00:45:07,280
angels

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00:45:11,109 --> 00:45:08,880
ghosts

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00:45:12,950 --> 00:45:11,119
astrology

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00:45:14,790 --> 00:45:12,960
the committee people don't think much of

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00:45:17,589 --> 00:45:14,800
parapsychology

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00:45:20,390 --> 00:45:17,599
and claims of the paranormal

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00:45:23,030 --> 00:45:20,400
their journal the skeptical inquirer

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00:45:24,950 --> 00:45:23,040
regularly reports on topics from the

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00:45:28,790 --> 00:45:24,960

face on mars

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00:45:31,430 --> 00:45:28,800

to the efficacy of ion therapy

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00:45:34,150 --> 00:45:31,440

their research is most impressive

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00:45:37,589 --> 00:45:34,160

and if you want a mailing address drop

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00:45:41,030 --> 00:45:37,599

me a note and i'll forward the same

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00:45:43,349 --> 00:45:41,040

they find it especially vexing that even

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00:45:45,589 --> 00:45:43,359

after science has contributed so much to

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00:45:48,230 --> 00:45:45,599

man's knowledge the media should give

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00:45:50,550 --> 00:45:48,240

time and space to psychics mystics and

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00:45:52,069 --> 00:45:50,560

assorted new age proponents

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00:45:52,950 --> 00:45:52,079

they complain

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00:45:55,030 --> 00:45:52,960

too

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00:45:57,430 --> 00:45:55,040

that people in general tend not to be

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sufficiently critical of these

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practitioners

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00:46:03,589 --> 00:46:01,440

and they argued that because even

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00:46:05,589 --> 00:46:03,599

legitimate researchers can be led astray

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00:46:08,790 --> 00:46:05,599

by skilled sleight of hand

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a trained magician should oversee any

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00:46:14,069 --> 00:46:11,599

and all tests of paranormal claims

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00:46:16,390 --> 00:46:14,079

as a psychologist i can see two good

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00:46:18,309 --> 00:46:16,400

reasons for the emphasis on things that

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go bump in the night

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one is that while science has removed

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many of our naive and superstitious

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beliefs it hasn't really left anything

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in their place for centuries humanity

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has been quite comfortable with its

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myths

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indeed they grew out of humanity's basic

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need to make sense of mysterious things

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so

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when a bunch of scientists

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tell say paranormal claims of bogus

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humanity is left in something of a

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vacuum

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00:46:56,069 --> 00:46:53,599

if for example there are no angels

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who's going to watch over humanity

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00:47:00,390 --> 00:46:58,319
science doesn't want the job it freely

1202
00:47:03,670 --> 00:47:00,400
admits its limitations

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00:47:05,109 --> 00:47:03,680
and the second reason is that scientists

1204
00:47:06,710 --> 00:47:05,119
typically lack

1205
00:47:09,190 --> 00:47:06,720
pizzazz

1206
00:47:13,109 --> 00:47:09,200
as a group they tend to be

1207
00:47:14,950 --> 00:47:13,119
a whole lot better with a test tube

1208
00:47:16,950 --> 00:47:14,960
than a microphone

1209
00:47:20,390 --> 00:47:16,960
if you want glitz and glamour sex and

1210
00:47:22,630 --> 00:47:20,400
showbiz and who doesn't a guy bending

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00:47:24,470 --> 00:47:22,640
spoons and reading minds

1212
00:47:27,190 --> 00:47:24,480
is hard to beat

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00:47:29,589 --> 00:47:27,200

now about what you believe if your

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00:47:30,390 --> 00:47:29,599

answers corresponded to a written gallup

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poll

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about 20 percent said yes to witchcraft

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with female believers outnumbering males

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by five percent

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esp was even more popular with almost

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half those queried saying they thought

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it was for real

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life on other planets also got a yes

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00:47:56,790 --> 00:47:53,280

from about 50 of the population and life

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00:47:59,829 --> 00:47:56,800

after death came away with 70 who

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believed dying was just the beginning

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the loch ness monster did less well with

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00:48:09,670 --> 00:48:05,920
31 convinced the creature was real ten

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00:48:11,589 --> 00:48:09,680
years ago but only 13 percent so

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inclined today

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00:48:16,710 --> 00:48:14,480
god is alive according to 95 percent

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00:48:19,750 --> 00:48:16,720
although less than 70 percent believed

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00:48:20,630 --> 00:48:19,760
in angels and only 15 gave ghosts the

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00:48:25,190 --> 00:48:20,640
nod

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00:48:27,589 --> 00:48:25,200
down from 20 a decade ago and finally 58

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of women and 48 percent of men said they

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believed in astrology

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look at it this way

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there is a major difference between what

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you know

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and what you believe

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what you know is based on logic and

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intellect what you believe

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is based on faith and emotion

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and to finish off something a bit

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different

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from the times tribune and this was or

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is a newspaper in kentucky

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and we are now in the year 2012 on the

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00:48:59,589 --> 00:48:57,200

4th of june

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00:49:00,950 --> 00:48:59,599

and the front page the front page of

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this issue

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seeking the supernatural local

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00:49:06,630 --> 00:49:04,720
paranormal team investigates mountain

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00:49:09,430 --> 00:49:06,640
view lodge

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00:49:11,270 --> 00:49:09,440
and i might save this story the whole

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00:49:13,349 --> 00:49:11,280
story for another day

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00:49:14,150 --> 00:49:13,359
but i'll just read one little section

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here

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so it's about a group of paranormal

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ghost hunters

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and the section i will read from this

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00:49:24,950 --> 00:49:21,680
report

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uh is uh here it says

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tools of the ghost hunting trade

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here are some of the tools local ghost

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hunters say are a must when seeking

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signs of the paranormal

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here we go

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digital camera

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makes sense

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infrared camera to pick up energy and

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heat

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signals right

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it's it's interesting it sort of

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presupposes that ghosts somehow

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can emit infrared

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what's next

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laser grid this one is pretty cool it

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casts a laser net across a room or

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hallway showing any

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00:50:08,390 --> 00:50:06,559
shadows or objects

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pass through

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00:50:12,150 --> 00:50:10,079
the laser beam

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actually i had one of those ones some

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00:50:15,589 --> 00:50:13,839
years ago at a paranormal fair i bought

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00:50:18,710 --> 00:50:15,599

myself a little kit

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well you know these

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little red lasers you used to buy

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play with the cats or something and you

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put a little attachment on and suddenly

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it produces a

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grid pattern

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uh what's next here radio tuned to an am

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station to provide white noise for

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better electronic voice phenomenon

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evp recordings

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this is also known as a poor man's ghost

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box

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before on the skeptic zone

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what's next digital recorder for evp

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recordings

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electromagnetic field meter emf a

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compass is a cheap emf meter i suppose

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so

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okay

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uh walkie-talkies to stay in contact

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with everyone

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a blessed cross

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just in case

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and most important of all several good

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flashlights and a whole lot of batteries

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as the ghosts

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often

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well

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i didn't know that

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ghosts drain

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batteries and flashlights

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which reminds me of something

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a ufo researcher told me once with a

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straight face

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that ufos can sometimes

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interfere with cameras and that's why

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they didn't get any good photographs

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that night

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so there you go an interesting round up

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from some american papers this week

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looking at various paranormal and

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things to do with cycop and some ghosts

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at the end

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and while this week we were looking more

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or less in american newspapers don't

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forget if you're in australia or

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anywhere in the world

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it's a free knowledge bank you can check

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out the australian newspapers at the

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trove archive at trove.nla.gov.au

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and you never know you never know

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you never know

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what you might find

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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coming up on the next episode of course

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we've got part two of father figure the

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story of santa claus as read by tim

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menden in the book of tim

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we should have the australian skeptic's

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newsletter with adrian hill

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and by popular demand

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sort of

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trove will once again once again look at

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that evergreen of skepticism ufos there

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are so many stories of ufos in digital

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archives of newspapers i can't believe

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it but it's always fun to look at uh

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what uh what people thought in the past

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about uh

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visiting

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aliens and uh

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earthlings who contribute to the skeptic

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zone via patreon or paypal

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we always get a nice uh contribution

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from the folks living around proxima

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centauri hmm thanks very much no matter

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where you are in the galaxy

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your contributions mean the skeptic zone

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can continue

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and if you do enjoy the show then please

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by all means we invite you to visit

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but for this week

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this is richard saunders signing off

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00:54:50,789 --> 00:54:48,720

review on itunes

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00:54:54,069 --> 00:54:50,799

you can also support the skeptic zone

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00:54:57,190 --> 00:54:54,079

via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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00:54:59,030 --> 00:54:57,200

podcast is an independent production

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00:55:01,270 --> 00:54:59,040

the views and opinions expressed on the

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00:55:03,829 --> 00:55:01,280

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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00:55:05,480 --> 00:55:03,839

of australian skeptics or any other

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00:55:16,069 --> 00:55:05,490

skeptical organization

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00:55:21,430 --> 00:55:18,470

hello to those people who wait around

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00:55:22,950 --> 00:55:21,440

who stay around after the music

1396

00:55:25,109 --> 00:55:22,960

after the show

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00:55:27,990 --> 00:55:25,119

and the easter egg of the occasional

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00:55:29,990 --> 00:55:28,000

dice game this is where i roll a die

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00:55:32,230 --> 00:55:30,000

this week it's the d10

1400

00:55:34,150 --> 00:55:32,240

a d10 i'm going to roll it three times

1401

00:55:36,150 --> 00:55:34,160

and i want you to use your psychic

1402

00:55:38,309 --> 00:55:36,160

predicting power or your dumb luck or

1403

00:55:41,750 --> 00:55:38,319

whatever you wish to do

1404

00:55:43,750 --> 00:55:41,760

maybe you wish to travel to the future

1405

00:55:46,150 --> 00:55:43,760

and tell me what numbers are going to

1406

00:55:48,069 --> 00:55:46,160

come up that would be something here we

1407

00:55:49,030 --> 00:55:48,079

go i'm going to roll this d10 three

1408

00:55:51,510 --> 00:55:49,040

times

1409

00:55:54,870 --> 00:55:51,520

first number coming up predict away here

1410

00:55:59,510 --> 00:55:57,990

six today's first number is six

1411

00:56:01,349 --> 00:55:59,520

how did you do

1412

00:56:03,349 --> 00:56:01,359

let's do it again

1413

00:56:08,150 --> 00:56:03,359

going to roll the dice now guess away

1414

00:56:10,470 --> 00:56:09,109

six

1415

00:56:13,990 --> 00:56:10,480

hmm

1416

00:56:17,109 --> 00:56:14,000

six and six huh there's a message here

1417

00:56:19,270 --> 00:56:17,119

last one coming up guess away what is

1418

00:56:23,910 --> 00:56:19,280

your guess let me hear it now

1419

00:56:27,109 --> 00:56:24,950

three

1420

00:56:29,589 --> 00:56:27,119

today's lucky numbers

1421

00:56:30,950 --> 00:56:29,599

are six six and three

1422

00:56:32,870 --> 00:56:30,960

and one more

1423

00:56:34,950 --> 00:56:32,880

okay one more

1424

00:56:36,470 --> 00:56:34,960

i know susan go back to yelling out five

1425

00:56:38,789 --> 00:56:36,480

okay susan i'll see what i can do here

1426
00:56:39,910 --> 00:56:38,799
it comes

1427
00:56:41,750 --> 00:56:39,920
three

1428
00:56:43,670 --> 00:56:41,760
it's a rig die

1429
00:56:44,950 --> 00:56:43,680
today's numbers are six

1430
00:56:45,990 --> 00:56:44,960
six

1431
00:56:50,390 --> 00:56:46,000
three

1432
00:56:53,270 --> 00:56:50,400
what do you want

1433
00:56:56,950 --> 00:56:53,280
what do i let you in here for recording

1434
00:57:02,630 --> 00:56:59,990
hmm you want to go out now

1435
00:57:04,789 --> 00:57:02,640
why can't cats make up them all right

1436
00:57:07,190 --> 00:57:04,799
you know you know i'm recording um you

1437
00:57:09,910 --> 00:57:07,200
know i've got all the sound

1438
00:57:10,789 --> 00:57:09,920

now my headphones are tangled

1439

00:57:13,270 --> 00:57:10,799

no

1440

00:57:15,030 --> 00:57:13,280

this is ridiculous

1441

00:57:16,230 --> 00:57:15,040

um

1442

00:57:18,549 --> 00:57:16,240

okay

1443

00:57:19,990 --> 00:57:18,559

they're in a knot how did you do

1444

00:57:24,829 --> 00:57:20,000

all right ready if i open the door do

1445

00:57:29,349 --> 00:57:27,829

well no don't go under the table oh good

1446

00:57:30,870 --> 00:57:29,359

grief