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Ghost Hunters

TROVE  
James Randi



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

[Music]

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00:00:16,820 --> 00:00:09,190

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:28,830 --> 00:00:26,550

yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:28,840

episode number

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00:00:35,350 --> 00:00:33,520

712 for the 29th of may 2022 richard

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00:00:37,750 --> 00:00:35,360

saunders coming to you from

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00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:37,760

looking up the skeptic's own window

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00:00:42,790 --> 00:00:41,120

sunny blue skies sydney australia coming

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00:00:46,150 --> 00:00:42,800

up on this week's show i catch up with

11  
00:00:47,510 --> 00:00:46,160

my old friend dr siobhan o'sullivan

12  
00:00:49,430 --> 00:00:47,520

now those of you who have been listening

13  
00:00:51,990 --> 00:00:49,440

to the show for a while might remember

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00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:52,000

that dr siobhan maynard and i went on a

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00:00:56,549 --> 00:00:53,440

ghost hunt

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00:00:58,389 --> 00:00:56,559

not far from here in the suburb of glebe

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00:01:00,069 --> 00:00:58,399

some time ago

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:01:00,079

mostly because we wanted to go on a

19

00:01:03,189 --> 00:01:01,680

ghost hunt but

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00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:03,199

well it was sort of spurred on by the

21

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fact that dr siobhan has terminal

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ovarian cancer

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00:01:11,270 --> 00:01:09,840

and she has such a

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00:01:13,190 --> 00:01:11,280

positive and

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00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:13,200

wonderful outlook in life regardless

26  
00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:14,960  
that she wanted to check out places to

27  
00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:17,520  
haunt after she dies

28  
00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:19,759  
anyway i catch up with her because she's

29  
00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:22,000  
also been lately very interested and

30  
00:01:27,749 --> 00:01:25,280  
very prominent in the discussion of

31  
00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:27,759  
voluntary assisted dying

32  
00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:29,520  
and new laws have just been passed in

33  
00:01:34,630 --> 00:01:32,400  
this state dr siobhan was there at the

34  
00:01:36,789 --> 00:01:34,640  
parliament when these laws were passed

35  
00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:36,799  
so we'll find out all about that coming

36  
00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:38,960  
up at the top of the show and what a

37  
00:01:43,109 --> 00:01:42,000  
wonderful example dr siobhan sets

38  
00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:43,119

strong

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00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:46,320

positive outlook regardless of the

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00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:48,640

the slings and arrows

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00:01:53,590 --> 00:01:51,280

and talking about ghosts talking about

42

00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,600

ghosts after that we look at tick-tock

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00:01:57,109 --> 00:01:56,000

ghost hunters hmm did you hear that dr

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00:01:58,950 --> 00:01:57,119

siobhan

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00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:58,960

maybe after you become a ghost you can

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:01,200

turn up on tick-tock anyway we look at

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:04,240

tick-tock live ghost hunters people

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00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:06,000

wandering around abandoned buildings

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00:02:08,869 --> 00:02:07,600

with all sorts of weird and wonderful

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00:02:11,830 --> 00:02:08,879

gadgets

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00:02:13,190 --> 00:02:11,840

trying to talk with ghosts

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00:02:15,030 --> 00:02:13,200

and this sort of follows on from our

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00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:15,040

tick tock series looking at tick-tock

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00:02:20,869 --> 00:02:19,200

divination and tick-tock psychics

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00:02:23,589 --> 00:02:20,879

and to round off the show

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we dive back into the trove archives

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this time we head for the united states

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and look up references to my old friend

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james the amazing randy

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00:02:34,869 --> 00:02:33,200

who certainly looked for a ghost or two

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00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:34,879

in his time

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before we start of course we're all

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upset and outraged and

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00:02:44,229 --> 00:02:41,360

non-plussed about the events that took

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00:02:46,949 --> 00:02:44,239

place in texas in the last week

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00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:46,959

this seemingly never-ending cycle

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00:02:50,470 --> 00:02:49,120

and what a terrible situation of course

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for the uh

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the parents of those poor kids

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00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:54,560

but also

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00:02:59,670 --> 00:02:56,800

for the teachers now i have

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00:03:02,790 --> 00:02:59,680

quite a few friends who are teachers

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and i admire them very much i really do

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00:03:05,830 --> 00:03:04,800

and i saw a teacher

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00:03:09,030 --> 00:03:05,840

on

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00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:09,040

a news service just a few days ago

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she didn't know what to say thinking

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00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:13,440

that now she has to

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possibly carry a sidearm when she goes

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00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:19,280

to school just to teach little kids

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00:03:21,830 --> 00:03:20,400

it's um

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00:03:24,309 --> 00:03:21,840

it's beyond belief

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00:03:25,830 --> 00:03:24,319

so a big shout out to the teachers i

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00:03:28,710 --> 00:03:25,840

know you're listening

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00:03:29,830 --> 00:03:28,720

and you know that i admire you

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00:03:31,509 --> 00:03:29,840

but now it's time for me to run

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00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:31,519

downstairs and i might as well have a

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00:03:39,350 --> 00:03:32,720

waffle

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00:03:42,869 --> 00:03:39,360

as recommended me

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00:03:44,869 --> 00:03:42,879

by adrian hill and the skeptical fairy

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00:03:47,670 --> 00:03:44,879

now we have to convince susan gerbic to

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00:04:03,090 --> 00:03:47,680

uh to try some while i do that i hope

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00:04:03,100 --> 00:04:11,910

[Music]

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00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:14,630

dr siobhan o'sullivan what a thrill it

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00:04:18,550 --> 00:04:16,880

is to see you again you're not a ghost

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:18,560

i'm not a guy

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00:04:23,030 --> 00:04:21,120

yeah really it's really me because last

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00:04:24,950 --> 00:04:23,040

time we met what a fun time we had you

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00:04:27,430 --> 00:04:24,960

me and maynard

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00:04:30,070 --> 00:04:27,440

wandering around the creepy creepy areas

101  
00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:30,080  
not too far from here looking for ghosts

102  
00:04:33,110 --> 00:04:32,240  
from here looking for guys we didn't see

103  
00:04:35,510 --> 00:04:33,120  
any

104  
00:04:38,550 --> 00:04:35,520  
we saw quite a bit of rubbish

105  
00:04:39,670 --> 00:04:38,560  
and uh signs of people are living rough

106  
00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:39,680  
which is

107  
00:04:45,990 --> 00:04:43,120  
in itself sad but it's not it's not

108  
00:04:47,670 --> 00:04:46,000  
scary in the same way people from the uh

109  
00:04:49,510 --> 00:04:47,680  
other world

110  
00:04:51,030 --> 00:04:49,520  
no no i think we've got more things to

111  
00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:51,040  
worry about in the real world than the

112  
00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:53,360  
other world yes uh but we have but but

113  
00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,120

it was a terrific night because you and

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00:05:00,390 --> 00:04:57,520

me and maynard just had a wonderful

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00:05:01,270 --> 00:05:00,400

interesting fun time it was very fun we

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were

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00:05:04,550 --> 00:05:03,039

it's it's on the skeptic's own folks and

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00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:04,560

i'll link to that episode in this week's

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00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:06,000

show notes you can go back and hear our

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

ghost adventures and i put it on youtube

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00:05:11,909 --> 00:05:09,919

too yes and you can follow us on the map

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00:05:13,670 --> 00:05:11,919

on youtube which i thought was quite fun

123

00:05:15,909 --> 00:05:13,680

anyway that was great because you told

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00:05:18,629 --> 00:05:15,919

me um you were looking for places to

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00:05:20,310 --> 00:05:18,639

haunt of course

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now why i've i've caught up with you

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folks i've caught up with dr siobhan dr

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chiffon has ovarian cancer

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00:05:27,749 --> 00:05:26,720

um and she's

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00:05:29,749 --> 00:05:27,759

you're you're just back from the

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00:05:31,749 --> 00:05:29,759

hospital aren't you yes i'm just back

132

00:05:33,510 --> 00:05:31,759

from seeing my oncologist

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00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:33,520

and um

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00:05:40,870 --> 00:05:36,960

i have now been through every chemo

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00:05:44,469 --> 00:05:40,880

available for ovarian cancer wow um and

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00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:44,479

i was hope the last chemo i was on uh

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00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:47,919

was really really difficult to tolerate

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00:05:52,950 --> 00:05:50,160

and i thought maybe this will do

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00:05:54,390 --> 00:05:52,960

something but no the cancer the cancer

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00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:54,400

just laughs

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00:06:00,070 --> 00:05:57,919

and uh continues on its merry way so i'm

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00:06:00,870 --> 00:06:00,080

gonna have probably a month off chemo

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00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:00,880

now

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00:06:06,309 --> 00:06:03,440

regroup and perhaps i'll go on a drug

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00:06:08,309 --> 00:06:06,319

trial if i'm eligible otherwise i'm

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00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:08,319

going to move to a

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00:06:13,830 --> 00:06:09,759

weekly

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00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:13,840

combination of chemo drugs that um would

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00:06:17,110 --> 00:06:16,000

just try and slow it slow down the

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00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:17,120

growth okay

151  
00:06:21,990 --> 00:06:18,960  
but i couldn't help but notice that your

152  
00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:22,000  
hair's all come back i've got so much

153  
00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:23,520  
more hair now

154  
00:06:28,070 --> 00:06:25,840  
so when i go on this new chemo in a

155  
00:06:29,460 --> 00:06:28,080  
month if that is indeed what happens i

156  
00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:29,470  
will lose my hair again

157  
00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:30,960  
[Music]

158  
00:06:35,430 --> 00:06:33,199  
and also unfortunately

159  
00:06:38,710 --> 00:06:35,440  
the new chemo i'm going to be on isn't

160  
00:06:41,990 --> 00:06:38,720  
on the pbs for ovarian cancer

161  
00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:42,000  
so it's going to be really expensive but

162  
00:06:47,189 --> 00:06:43,680  
anyway um

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00:06:49,990 --> 00:06:47,199

my family has decided i'm

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00:06:54,550 --> 00:06:52,550

that's my that's mighty generous

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00:06:59,510 --> 00:06:54,560

i'm glad i'm glad that puts pressure on

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00:07:02,870 --> 00:07:01,029

i'm pleased to hear that

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00:07:05,110 --> 00:07:02,880

so folks you can catch up with siobhan

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

story again on the previous time that

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00:07:08,870 --> 00:07:07,440

that i spoke to her as we were doing i

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00:07:10,230 --> 00:07:08,880

mean and maynard as we were doing the

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00:07:12,629 --> 00:07:10,240

ghost interview and you can find out the

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00:07:13,830 --> 00:07:12,639

backstory about her ovarian cancer and

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00:07:15,189 --> 00:07:13,840

those issues

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00:07:16,469 --> 00:07:15,199

but i've caught up with you today

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00:07:18,950 --> 00:07:16,479

because

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00:07:20,550 --> 00:07:18,960

last week was it just last week here in

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new south wales very important

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00:07:24,550 --> 00:07:22,160

legislation went through which means

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00:07:25,909 --> 00:07:24,560

that this state is now caught up i think

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00:07:27,830 --> 00:07:25,919

with the rest of the country am i

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00:07:30,390 --> 00:07:27,840

correct and this is to do with a sister

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dying yes so

183

00:07:36,629 --> 00:07:34,080

new south wales has now passed a

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voluntary assisted dying

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law

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00:07:45,510 --> 00:07:41,440

it will take probably around 18 months

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00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:45,520

to establish um the voluntary assisted

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00:07:49,749 --> 00:07:48,000

dying facilities so it's not something

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00:07:50,869 --> 00:07:49,759

that people will be able to access right

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00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:50,879

away

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00:07:56,629 --> 00:07:53,759

but it is now law and so the wheels are

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in motion i assume that however these

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things work a directive will now go out

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to

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that they can start establishing their

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

their centers

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um

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but unfortunately the two territories

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00:08:18,629 --> 00:08:15,280

are being left behind the northern

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00:08:20,230 --> 00:08:18,639

territory did enact a voluntary sister

201  
00:08:23,830 --> 00:08:20,240  
dying law

202  
00:08:26,309 --> 00:08:23,840  
many years ago it was very um vanguard i

203  
00:08:29,270 --> 00:08:26,319  
remember that yes many years ago this

204  
00:08:30,950 --> 00:08:29,280  
wasn't during the howard era

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00:08:32,550 --> 00:08:30,960  
and it was so it was the first in

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00:08:35,589 --> 00:08:32,560  
australia

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00:08:39,190 --> 00:08:35,599  
um but then the federal government

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00:08:41,430 --> 00:08:39,200  
acted to overrule that law which of

209  
00:08:42,790 --> 00:08:41,440  
course the northern territory and the

210  
00:08:45,430 --> 00:08:42,800  
ict

211  
00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:45,440  
both being territories are susceptible

212  
00:08:50,230 --> 00:08:48,000  
to the federal government overruling

213  
00:08:52,150 --> 00:08:50,240

their own local laws

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so um

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a bit prior to the election that we've

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just had

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uh scott morrison our former prime

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minister said that he would not consider

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uh any changes to the situation in the

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two territories now of course uh we have

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00:09:12,630 --> 00:09:09,680

a new prime minister in anthony albanese

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00:09:14,870 --> 00:09:12,640

and the labour party and i

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00:09:16,870 --> 00:09:14,880

think that it is possible that there

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00:09:20,070 --> 00:09:16,880

might be a little bit of i i wouldn't be

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00:09:21,829 --> 00:09:20,080

surprised there seems to be um

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00:09:22,790 --> 00:09:21,839

a mood of change in the air doesn't

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there

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look i really really do hope so and it

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is my view that

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00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:30,480

it is going to be very very difficult to

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shut the territories out particularly

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the act which is

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00:09:38,949 --> 00:09:36,640

you know effectively you cross the road

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and you're in new south wales so to have

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00:09:43,829 --> 00:09:41,360

people on different sides of the road

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00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:43,839

having access to different types of

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00:09:49,509 --> 00:09:46,080

assistance at the end of their lives to

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00:09:51,750 --> 00:09:49,519

me seems like an unsustainable situation

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00:09:55,110 --> 00:09:51,760

but that's not to take away from the

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00:09:56,550 --> 00:09:55,120

very very hard work and

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00:09:59,190 --> 00:09:56,560

dedicated

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00:10:01,670 --> 00:09:59,200

uh work of the people who lobby to get

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these laws introduced and

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you know i'd like to think that perhaps

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the territories will have voluntary

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assisted dying in a few years from now

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but i know that for that to happen there

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00:10:17,269 --> 00:10:13,600

will be a large number of people who

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00:10:19,990 --> 00:10:17,279

would dedicate themselves day in day out

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00:10:22,630 --> 00:10:20,000

and their resources to make it happen so

251  
00:10:25,590 --> 00:10:22,640  
i need to um acknowledge the really

252  
00:10:27,350 --> 00:10:25,600  
dedicated advocates and part of the

253  
00:10:30,230 --> 00:10:27,360  
reason i do do that is i do feel a

254  
00:10:32,150 --> 00:10:30,240  
little bit self-conscious in them to the

255  
00:10:34,150 --> 00:10:32,160  
extent that you know there were some

256  
00:10:36,389 --> 00:10:34,160  
people there on the day that the law

257  
00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:36,399  
passed in new south wales who had been

258  
00:10:40,870 --> 00:10:39,200  
campaigning for 50 years so for it you

259  
00:10:42,310 --> 00:10:40,880  
were there weren't you because i was i

260  
00:10:45,509 --> 00:10:42,320  
know you were there because you were on

261  
00:10:47,110 --> 00:10:45,519  
at least tv two tv news bulletins yeah

262  
00:10:49,750 --> 00:10:47,120  
and you're on the front page of the

263  
00:10:52,790 --> 00:10:49,760

sydney morning herald i was yes so there

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00:10:55,030 --> 00:10:52,800

was a lot of media coverage it really

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00:10:57,990 --> 00:10:55,040

was very very

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00:10:59,990 --> 00:10:58,000

much covered across all places and when

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00:11:01,590 --> 00:11:00,000

we say you were there you were at

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00:11:03,990 --> 00:11:01,600

parliament new south wales parliament in

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sydney yeah so

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there was uh there were a number of

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people who were very actively involved

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00:11:13,269 --> 00:11:11,839

in media conferences and and talking

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00:11:15,350 --> 00:11:13,279

about the issue

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00:11:16,389 --> 00:11:15,360

in the week leading up and also on the

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00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:16,399

day

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00:11:20,550 --> 00:11:17,519

um

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00:11:22,870 --> 00:11:20,560

there was a couple of people there

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00:11:26,389 --> 00:11:22,880

with cancer so people in similar

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00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:26,399

situations to me who are terminally ill

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00:11:30,389 --> 00:11:29,120

there were people there who um were

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00:11:32,550 --> 00:11:30,399

honoring

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00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:32,560

members of their family who had died

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00:11:36,310 --> 00:11:35,120

waiting and wanting voluntary assisted

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00:11:38,550 --> 00:11:36,320

dying

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00:11:42,150 --> 00:11:38,560

um and

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00:11:44,310 --> 00:11:42,160

you know they're also um people for whom

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00:11:46,389 --> 00:11:44,320

you know this law will be particularly

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00:11:48,150 --> 00:11:46,399

applicable to people with a range of

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00:11:50,389 --> 00:11:48,160

cancers you know the really kind of

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00:11:53,110 --> 00:11:50,399

nasty terminal cancers

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00:11:56,310 --> 00:11:53,120

but they're also people who of course

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00:11:59,190 --> 00:11:56,320

can get motor neurone diseases that are

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00:12:00,230 --> 00:11:59,200

extremely um you know difficult to live

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00:12:02,629 --> 00:12:00,240

with and

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00:12:04,470 --> 00:12:02,639

are terminal in some cases

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

and they are the other big group that

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00:12:10,470 --> 00:12:07,360

will benefit from this legislation

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00:12:12,870 --> 00:12:10,480

and um unfortunately um

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00:12:15,030 --> 00:12:12,880

someone who who has worked a long time

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00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:15,040

with um the voluntary sister dying

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00:12:20,069 --> 00:12:17,760

people in particular i've been trying to

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00:12:23,190 --> 00:12:20,079

work with the guy gentle which is andrew

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00:12:25,590 --> 00:12:23,200

denton's charity andrew denton being a

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00:12:27,509 --> 00:12:25,600

very well respected broadcaster here in

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00:12:30,069 --> 00:12:27,519

australia yes for many years yes

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00:12:31,990 --> 00:12:30,079

absolutely well-known broadcaster has

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00:12:33,590 --> 00:12:32,000

taken a great interest in voluntary

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00:12:36,470 --> 00:12:33,600

assisted dying

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00:12:41,110 --> 00:12:36,480

set up a charity called go gentle about

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00:12:43,269 --> 00:12:41,120

five years ago and uh so some of the um

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00:12:46,230 --> 00:12:43,279

people with motor neurone disease who

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00:12:48,310 --> 00:12:46,240

have worked a long time with with andrew

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00:12:49,670 --> 00:12:48,320

weren't able to come unfortunately to

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00:12:52,230 --> 00:12:49,680

parliament house so we had a few

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00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:52,240

representatives from the um soon to be

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00:12:57,190 --> 00:12:54,959

dead community of which i'm a pro now

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00:12:59,670 --> 00:12:57,200

prominent member

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00:13:02,069 --> 00:12:59,680

um soon to be ghosts right soon to be

319

00:13:04,310 --> 00:13:02,079

guys i would love to haunt people i'm

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00:13:07,030 --> 00:13:04,320

just not quite sure when i think of all

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00:13:09,350 --> 00:13:07,040

the people who die each day and then the

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00:13:12,069 --> 00:13:09,360

number of ghost sightings

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00:13:13,910 --> 00:13:12,079

there's a bit of an inefficiency

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00:13:14,870 --> 00:13:13,920

maybe but you would be a friendly ghost

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00:13:16,550 --> 00:13:14,880

wouldn't you

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00:13:20,150 --> 00:13:16,560

oh i just want to have a look at what

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00:13:21,829 --> 00:13:20,160

everyone's up to when i can't see

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00:13:24,470 --> 00:13:21,839

normally i wouldn't be able to say that

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00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,480

maybe maybe maybe you'll get to find out

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00:13:28,629 --> 00:13:26,560

i don't know but tell me why why do you

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00:13:31,030 --> 00:13:28,639

think that uh

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00:13:33,110 --> 00:13:31,040

new south wales this state was so far

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00:13:35,509 --> 00:13:33,120

behind i mean many places in the world

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00:13:37,110 --> 00:13:35,519

have acted on this and here in australia

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00:13:39,430 --> 00:13:37,120

other states have

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00:13:41,990 --> 00:13:39,440

acted upon this but this state seems to

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00:13:43,990 --> 00:13:42,000

have really dragged its heels one of the

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00:13:46,710 --> 00:13:44,000

interesting articles i read you know in

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00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:46,720

the last few days since the

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00:13:52,790 --> 00:13:49,279

law was passed in new south wales

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00:13:56,310 --> 00:13:52,800

was uh talking about how much more

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00:13:57,910 --> 00:13:56,320

um religious uh how

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00:14:00,710 --> 00:13:57,920

how the proportion of people who

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00:14:03,590 --> 00:14:00,720

identify as religious is greater in new

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00:14:05,430 --> 00:14:03,600

south wales than in victoria really

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00:14:07,750 --> 00:14:05,440

yeah it was a really interesting piece

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00:14:09,269 --> 00:14:07,760

actually and i mean so we're talking

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00:14:12,870 --> 00:14:09,279

about something like

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00:14:15,509 --> 00:14:12,880

34 in victoria and um

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00:14:17,829 --> 00:14:15,519

48 in news that kind of thing so not a

351  
00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:17,839  
absolutely dramatic it wasn't chalk and

352  
00:14:21,910 --> 00:14:20,000  
cheese but there certainly was a

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00:14:22,790 --> 00:14:21,920  
significantly bigger proportion of

354  
00:14:25,430 --> 00:14:22,800  
people

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00:14:27,829 --> 00:14:25,440  
in new south wales who who identify as

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00:14:30,470 --> 00:14:27,839  
religious but also new south wales

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00:14:33,110 --> 00:14:30,480  
politics quite frankly

358  
00:14:35,110 --> 00:14:33,120  
it's been corrupt for decades i mean it

359  
00:14:37,350 --> 00:14:35,120  
really is um

360  
00:14:40,230 --> 00:14:37,360  
very focused on who gets the biggest

361  
00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:40,240  
chunk of land near the harbour yes and

362  
00:14:44,710 --> 00:14:42,000  
or the or the new airport or something

363  
00:14:49,590 --> 00:14:44,720

like that or i mean

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00:14:55,189 --> 00:14:49,600

honestly it is a state that is driven by

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00:14:58,470 --> 00:14:55,199

greed and land and wealth and views and

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00:15:00,790 --> 00:14:58,480

um we have not had outstanding

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00:15:02,470 --> 00:15:00,800

leadership at a state level in my

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00:15:05,269 --> 00:15:02,480

opinion

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00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:05,279

for some decades but of course this

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00:15:10,710 --> 00:15:07,360

piece of legislation was put forward by

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00:15:14,389 --> 00:15:10,720

an independent um and he has done a

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00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:14,399

really good job at um

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00:15:18,550 --> 00:15:16,480

bringing forward a number of really

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00:15:21,509 --> 00:15:18,560

complicated and important pieces of

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00:15:23,269 --> 00:15:21,519

legislation and importantly for us

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00:15:26,949 --> 00:15:23,279

thinking about the future of australian

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00:15:27,829 --> 00:15:26,959

politics was able to broker

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00:15:31,110 --> 00:15:27,839

um

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00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:31,120

you know agreements across the aisle get

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00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:33,440

bring a whole lot of people from diverse

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00:15:38,710 --> 00:15:36,000

political parties into the room

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00:15:41,509 --> 00:15:38,720

and so um on the day

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00:15:43,030 --> 00:15:41,519

that the laws passed in new south wales

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00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:43,040

at the press conference and we had

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00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:44,320

people there of course from the liberal

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00:15:48,790 --> 00:15:45,839

party and labour party we had

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00:15:51,990 --> 00:15:48,800

independence animal justice party the

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00:15:54,150 --> 00:15:52,000

greens you know the hunters and fishes

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00:15:55,829 --> 00:15:54,160

were there the nationals so he did a

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00:15:57,110 --> 00:15:55,839

really good job at bringing everyone

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00:15:58,629 --> 00:15:57,120

together

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00:16:01,910 --> 00:15:58,639

and um

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00:16:04,310 --> 00:16:01,920

i think it suggests that maybe

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00:16:05,910 --> 00:16:04,320

you know this kind of turn away from the

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00:16:07,670 --> 00:16:05,920

major parties perhaps it could be

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00:16:10,230 --> 00:16:07,680

beneficial in some way it could be i

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00:16:12,550 --> 00:16:10,240

mean we will see it certainly in in the

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00:16:14,710 --> 00:16:12,560

the federal election just over

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00:16:16,629 --> 00:16:14,720

um it was quite stark

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00:16:17,670 --> 00:16:16,639

the number of independents and greens

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00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:17,680

and

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00:16:22,069 --> 00:16:19,680

i'm glad to say but none of the parties

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00:16:24,069 --> 00:16:22,079

that we would consider to be the lunatic

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00:16:26,069 --> 00:16:24,079

fringe like pauline hansard or the

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00:16:27,910 --> 00:16:26,079

import that you know those sort of

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00:16:30,389 --> 00:16:27,920

parties they didn't do very well they

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00:16:34,310 --> 00:16:30,399

don't do very well hopefully most people

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00:16:36,550 --> 00:16:34,320

can see through their misinformation

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00:16:38,629 --> 00:16:36,560

yeah i mean it one of things that i

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00:16:41,189 --> 00:16:38,639

think we can conclude is that you can't

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00:16:44,550 --> 00:16:41,199

just buy an election in australia it's

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00:16:46,470 --> 00:16:44,560

not that easy or else of course the uap

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00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:46,480

united australian party would have done

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00:16:50,550 --> 00:16:48,720

much better than it did yeah yeah and

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00:16:52,150 --> 00:16:50,560

this is the sort of the party that's

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00:16:54,949 --> 00:16:52,160

that can't wait for donald trump to come

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00:16:56,310 --> 00:16:54,959

back in the united states

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00:16:58,069 --> 00:16:56,320

uh we have a lot of fun here in

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00:17:01,350 --> 00:16:58,079

australia folks with our little parties

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00:17:03,269 --> 00:17:01,360

and their funny ideas anyway dr siobhan

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00:17:05,510 --> 00:17:03,279

it's it's good news

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00:17:07,350 --> 00:17:05,520

i think i think it shows that you know

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00:17:10,949 --> 00:17:07,360

our society is moving forward this is a

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00:17:11,909 --> 00:17:10,959

very important issue yes and um

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00:17:13,750 --> 00:17:11,919

it

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00:17:15,270 --> 00:17:13,760

must have been remarkable for you to be

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00:17:17,590 --> 00:17:15,280

there because it affects you so

428

00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:17,600

personally there on the day

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00:17:22,789 --> 00:17:20,480

and let's hope that uh heaven can wait

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00:17:26,309 --> 00:17:22,799

and you don't have to haunt anybody

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00:17:28,549 --> 00:17:26,319

absolutely i actually was very emotional

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00:17:29,909 --> 00:17:28,559

at the time that

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00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:29,919

um we were

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00:17:33,510 --> 00:17:32,400

we're doing the final press conference

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00:17:36,310 --> 00:17:33,520

um

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00:17:39,350 --> 00:17:36,320

and i feel

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00:17:42,549 --> 00:17:39,360

a bit embarrassed admitting but

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00:17:44,870 --> 00:17:42,559

i was you know thinking about myself but

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00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:44,880

perhaps that is what humans do

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00:17:53,350 --> 00:17:50,310

um and part of the reason why i did

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00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:53,360

become a bit emotional was that

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00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:56,640

it's gonna be a really really big uh

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00:18:00,390 --> 00:17:58,720

effort for me to still be alive in 18

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00:18:03,110 --> 00:18:00,400

months which is how long it will take

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00:18:05,190 --> 00:18:03,120

for it to be established so it's perhaps

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00:18:07,430 --> 00:18:05,200

unlikely i will ever get to use the laws

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00:18:10,549 --> 00:18:07,440

myself but that said

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00:18:12,630 --> 00:18:10,559

i also do have a great deal of respect

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00:18:15,669 --> 00:18:12,640

for palliative care

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00:18:17,430 --> 00:18:15,679

doctors and nurses and institutions and

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00:18:20,710 --> 00:18:17,440  
it is my hope that

452  
00:18:22,870 --> 00:18:20,720  
i will be able to i get to the other

453  
00:18:25,669 --> 00:18:22,880  
side to the haunting side

454  
00:18:27,350 --> 00:18:25,679  
just with palliative care because i'm

455  
00:18:29,750 --> 00:18:27,360  
hoping to avoid the worse of the

456  
00:18:31,270 --> 00:18:29,760  
suffering and yeah i think that has to

457  
00:18:33,510 --> 00:18:31,280  
do with where the

458  
00:18:35,430 --> 00:18:33,520  
tumors are growing and what organs they

459  
00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:35,440  
take down first and that kind of thing

460  
00:18:38,950 --> 00:18:36,240  
so

461  
00:18:41,270 --> 00:18:38,960  
i do hope to even in the absence of

462  
00:18:44,549 --> 00:18:41,280  
established voluntary assisted dying

463  
00:18:47,750 --> 00:18:44,559

laws in new south wales i do hope to

464

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:47,760

yeah go gentle if i can

465

00:18:51,190 --> 00:18:48,960

anyway

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00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:51,200

go gentle but not without making a

467

00:18:55,510 --> 00:18:53,440

statement along the way yes well i think

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00:18:58,950 --> 00:18:55,520

it's i think we can conclude that i'm

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00:19:02,310 --> 00:18:58,960

going to continue to be a bit of a pain

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00:19:05,510 --> 00:19:02,320

in people a thorn in people's side until

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00:19:07,270 --> 00:19:05,520

the end until the bitter end

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00:19:09,510 --> 00:19:07,280

and where should people go to find out

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00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:09,520

more well first of all if you put it

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00:19:15,029 --> 00:19:12,000

into google news you will get a lot of

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00:19:16,710 --> 00:19:15,039

the media reports the go gentle uh

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website is very

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00:19:21,029 --> 00:19:19,200

comprehensive go gentle website okay

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00:19:23,350 --> 00:19:21,039

people can google that and dying with

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00:19:25,669 --> 00:19:23,360

dignity they've also been campaigning on

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00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:25,679

this issue for a very long time so if

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00:19:30,390 --> 00:19:28,240

you plug it into google you will see

482

00:19:33,590 --> 00:19:30,400

plenty of resources

483

00:19:36,230 --> 00:19:33,600

well dr siobhan um well look

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00:19:37,990 --> 00:19:36,240

i i'm still keen for another ghost hunt

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00:19:40,070 --> 00:19:38,000

whether you're with us in person or in

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00:19:42,150 --> 00:19:40,080

spirit i don't care maybe we can

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00:19:44,549 --> 00:19:42,160

organize that one day

488

00:19:47,110 --> 00:19:44,559

if you and maine added the first people

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00:19:49,350 --> 00:19:47,120

to hear me uh from the other side that

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00:19:51,430 --> 00:19:49,360

would be fabulous

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00:19:53,430 --> 00:19:51,440

i would look forward to it dr siobhan

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00:19:58,150 --> 00:19:53,440

thank you very much my pleasure thank

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00:19:58,160 --> 00:20:10,710

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00:20:15,430 --> 00:20:13,270

hi this is brian dunning as part of

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00:20:17,750 --> 00:20:15,440

national science week in australia

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00:20:20,149 --> 00:20:17,760

canberra skeptics will be hosting a free

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00:20:23,029 --> 00:20:20,159

screening of my latest documentary

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00:20:26,070 --> 00:20:23,039

science friction this will be on sunday

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00:20:30,500 --> 00:20:26,080

the 14th of august at 1pm king

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00:20:32,830 --> 00:20:30,510

o'malley's pub 131 city walk in

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00:20:35,430 --> 00:20:32,840

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502  
00:20:37,510 --> 00:20:35,440

canberra so what is it all about well

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00:20:39,830 --> 00:20:37,520

you know those tv documentaries you see

504  
00:20:42,390 --> 00:20:39,840

and the science experts they feature did

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00:20:45,350 --> 00:20:42,400

you know that producers often edit them

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00:20:47,830 --> 00:20:45,360

out of context and twist their words to

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00:20:51,350 --> 00:20:47,840

make it seem like they promoted some pop

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00:20:54,470 --> 00:20:51,360

sensationalism instead of the real facts

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00:20:55,990 --> 00:20:54,480

science fiction exposes this practice

510  
00:20:57,430 --> 00:20:56,000

and gives the scientists a chance to

511  
00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:57,440

clear the record

512  
00:21:02,720 --> 00:21:00,240

you will be shocked to see how the media

513  
00:21:06,710 --> 00:21:02,730

can twist their words and intent

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00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:06,720

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00:21:13,029 --> 00:21:10,240

that's sunday the 14th of august at 1pm

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00:21:15,029 --> 00:21:13,039

at king o'malley's hub for further

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00:21:18,870 --> 00:21:15,039

information about this free event please

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00:21:23,669 --> 00:21:21,110

thank you and i hope you all raise a

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00:21:26,390 --> 00:21:23,679

glass to help promote science and

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00:21:31,060 --> 00:21:26,400

truth-telling in the media i know i

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00:21:47,990 --> 00:21:31,070

certainly will and please enjoy the film

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00:21:49,669 --> 00:21:48,000

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a couple of weeks ago on the skeptic

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00:21:54,470 --> 00:21:52,000

zone we had a segment called tick-tock

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00:21:56,830 --> 00:21:54,480

paranormal which was following on from a

526  
00:21:59,110 --> 00:21:56,840  
segment i did last year about tick-tock

527  
00:22:02,630 --> 00:21:59,120  
tarot now

528  
00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:02,640  
briefly these are live videos broadcast

529  
00:22:06,710 --> 00:22:04,480  
through the tick tock

530  
00:22:08,149 --> 00:22:06,720  
system the tick tock app

531  
00:22:10,230 --> 00:22:08,159  
of people

532  
00:22:12,549 --> 00:22:10,240  
doing whatever in fact there are many

533  
00:22:14,549 --> 00:22:12,559  
live videos on tiktok 24 hours a day of

534  
00:22:16,789 --> 00:22:14,559  
people just doing things

535  
00:22:18,470 --> 00:22:16,799  
talking to the camera going about their

536  
00:22:20,710 --> 00:22:18,480  
daily work

537  
00:22:22,230 --> 00:22:20,720  
and of course engaging in paranormal

538  
00:22:23,990 --> 00:22:22,240

activities

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00:22:27,029 --> 00:22:24,000

now we've covered tarot and we've

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00:22:28,549 --> 00:22:27,039

covered people using other methods of

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00:22:30,470 --> 00:22:28,559

divination

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00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:30,480

divining rods pendulums that sort of

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00:22:34,149 --> 00:22:32,960

thing today we're going to

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00:22:35,990 --> 00:22:34,159

investigate

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00:22:37,190 --> 00:22:36,000

tick-tock ghost hunters because

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00:22:38,950 --> 00:22:37,200

somewhere

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00:22:40,549 --> 00:22:38,960

around the world

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00:22:42,149 --> 00:22:40,559

at any one time

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00:22:43,750 --> 00:22:42,159

it's always night

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00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:43,760

and there are always people ready to

551  
00:22:48,230 --> 00:22:45,919  
venture out into the darkness but not in

552  
00:22:52,390 --> 00:22:48,240  
every situation as we'll get to

553  
00:22:54,070 --> 00:22:52,400  
in order to investigate ghostly things

554  
00:22:56,740 --> 00:22:54,080  
what i have discovered is that many of

555  
00:22:57,830 --> 00:22:56,750  
these people enlist the aid of

556  
00:22:59,750 --> 00:22:57,840  
[Music]

557  
00:23:01,990 --> 00:22:59,760  
spirit boxes

558  
00:23:04,870 --> 00:23:02,000  
in one form or another now just to

559  
00:23:07,750 --> 00:23:04,880  
refresh your memory these are radio

560  
00:23:09,110 --> 00:23:07,760  
receivers that quickly scan frequencies

561  
00:23:13,029 --> 00:23:09,120  
latch on to

562  
00:23:14,789 --> 00:23:13,039  
any given signal and briefly maybe for

563  
00:23:16,710 --> 00:23:14,799

half a second quarter of a second a full

564

00:23:18,549 --> 00:23:16,720

second broadcast

565

00:23:19,990 --> 00:23:18,559

that frequency and then move on to the

566

00:23:21,430 --> 00:23:20,000

next frequency

567

00:23:22,789 --> 00:23:21,440

so sometimes

568

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

you get

569

00:23:25,430 --> 00:23:23,840

words

570

00:23:27,510 --> 00:23:25,440

especially if you're

571

00:23:29,590 --> 00:23:27,520

scanning around on the am dial you get a

572

00:23:32,149 --> 00:23:29,600

lot of talk radio a lot of words coming

573

00:23:33,029 --> 00:23:32,159

through and that's what you hear

574

00:23:34,870 --> 00:23:33,039

now

575

00:23:37,110 --> 00:23:34,880

some of these people use

576

00:23:40,710 --> 00:23:37,120

real radio scanners but many of these

577

00:23:43,990 --> 00:23:40,720

people are now using apps

578

00:23:45,990 --> 00:23:44,000

ghost hunting apps apps that either scan

579

00:23:48,230 --> 00:23:46,000

frequency somewhere and broadcast those

580

00:23:51,990 --> 00:23:48,240

scanned frequencies

581

00:23:53,990 --> 00:23:52,000

bursts as you'll hear or apps that

582

00:23:55,909 --> 00:23:54,000

for some reason

583

00:23:58,549 --> 00:23:55,919

add a lot of echo

584

00:24:00,870 --> 00:23:58,559

echoey sound maybe for

585

00:24:02,149 --> 00:24:00,880

dramatic effect i don't know

586

00:24:03,669 --> 00:24:02,159

and i'm sure there are many ghost

587

00:24:05,830 --> 00:24:03,679

hunting apps available for those who

588

00:24:07,830 --> 00:24:05,840

wish to use them nevertheless one of the

589

00:24:10,230 --> 00:24:07,840

things that struck me about these

590

00:24:11,909 --> 00:24:10,240

scanners no matter if they're real radio

591

00:24:14,230 --> 00:24:11,919

scanners or if they're an app on a

592

00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:14,240

tablet or a phone or something like that

593

00:24:19,029 --> 00:24:16,080

is that they seem to rely heavily on

594

00:24:20,549 --> 00:24:19,039

what we know as audio paradolia

595

00:24:22,549 --> 00:24:20,559

and this is where

596

00:24:25,269 --> 00:24:22,559

you hear something but your brain

597

00:24:27,590 --> 00:24:25,279

interprets it as something else

598

00:24:30,310 --> 00:24:27,600

here is a classic example i'm going to

599

00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:30,320

play this word to you three times it's

600

00:24:34,549 --> 00:24:33,120

an artificial voice making this word or

601  
00:24:36,549 --> 00:24:34,559  
words

602  
00:24:37,510 --> 00:24:36,559  
you decide

603  
00:24:40,070 --> 00:24:37,520  
and

604  
00:24:41,590 --> 00:24:40,080  
maybe you know this one it's a classic

605  
00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:41,600  
what do you hear

606  
00:24:58,789 --> 00:24:57,190  
now i wonder what

607  
00:25:00,390 --> 00:24:58,799  
you heard

608  
00:25:01,990 --> 00:25:00,400  
did you hear

609  
00:25:04,870 --> 00:25:02,000  
the term

610  
00:25:10,630 --> 00:25:04,880  
brainstorm

611  
00:25:22,149 --> 00:25:10,640  
play this again and think of the term

612  
00:25:25,510 --> 00:25:23,990  
i think that time you could clearly hear

613  
00:25:28,549 --> 00:25:25,520

the words uh

614

00:25:30,230 --> 00:25:28,559

brainstorm or the term brainstorm

615

00:25:32,470 --> 00:25:30,240

but now let me play

616

00:25:34,549 --> 00:25:32,480

exactly the same file again the same

617

00:25:36,710 --> 00:25:34,559

word the same recording and of course

618

00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:36,720

you're welcome to rewind this part of

619

00:25:39,669 --> 00:25:37,840

the show if you

620

00:25:41,909 --> 00:25:39,679

are skeptical

621

00:25:43,029 --> 00:25:41,919

this time i want you to think of the

622

00:25:44,149 --> 00:25:43,039

words

623

00:25:45,190 --> 00:25:44,159

green

624

00:25:57,190 --> 00:25:45,200

needle

625

00:26:00,789 --> 00:25:58,950

that's remarkable isn't it every time i

626

00:26:02,070 --> 00:26:00,799

do this for myself

627

00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:02,080

i can make my

628

00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,080

brain interpret

629

00:26:07,510 --> 00:26:06,480

brainstorm or green needle

630

00:26:10,390 --> 00:26:07,520

it's

631

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

bizarre but that's audio paradolia

632

00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:12,240

your mind

633

00:26:15,510 --> 00:26:14,240

is

634

00:26:16,870 --> 00:26:15,520

affecting

635

00:26:18,950 --> 00:26:16,880

what you hear

636

00:26:20,549 --> 00:26:18,960

just like visual paradolia where you can

637

00:26:23,029 --> 00:26:20,559

see faces

638

00:26:26,310 --> 00:26:23,039

in the clouds or whatever your brain

639

00:26:28,710 --> 00:26:26,320

will manipulate the information coming

640

00:26:32,070 --> 00:26:28,720

in through your senses bear that in mind

641

00:26:33,269 --> 00:26:32,080

as we hear some of these spirit boxes in

642

00:26:36,149 --> 00:26:33,279

action

643

00:26:37,830 --> 00:26:36,159

now our first tick tucker goes by the

644

00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:37,840

handle of

645

00:26:42,470 --> 00:26:40,400

burn zebra i think it's pronounced

646

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

and this fellow seems to be wandering

647

00:26:46,789 --> 00:26:44,080

around a

648

00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:46,799

graveyard in fact he is absolutely

649

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

wandering around the graveyard

650

00:26:52,950 --> 00:26:51,039

it's the dead of night

651  
00:26:54,630 --> 00:26:52,960  
and he has a

652  
00:26:56,070 --> 00:26:54,640  
flashlight

653  
00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:56,080  
let's have a listen

654  
00:26:59,269 --> 00:26:58,240  
like i said yes i haven't lied from the

655  
00:27:03,590 --> 00:26:59,279  
start

656  
00:27:06,630 --> 00:27:03,600  
i am a a scepti i'm a skeptic

657  
00:27:08,149 --> 00:27:06,640  
and the first one that i did made me

658  
00:27:09,350 --> 00:27:08,159  
start feeling that i shouldn't be oh

659  
00:27:14,230 --> 00:27:09,360  
look at that

660  
00:27:16,710 --> 00:27:15,110  
feet

661  
00:27:21,669 --> 00:27:16,720  
um

662  
00:27:24,470 --> 00:27:21,679  
i was a skeptic but each one i do i feel

663  
00:27:26,149 --> 00:27:24,480

different feelings and different vibes

664

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

you know what i mean i feel eeriness as

665

00:27:30,230 --> 00:27:27,840

well in that like

666

00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:30,240

it's very astonishing for me it's really

667

00:27:32,950 --> 00:27:31,600

insane

668

00:27:34,230 --> 00:27:32,960

yes i'm

669

00:27:36,630 --> 00:27:34,240

going to show you the side because i

670

00:27:40,870 --> 00:27:36,640

don't want to really show the

671

00:27:45,669 --> 00:27:40,880

but there's one two three four

672

00:27:50,389 --> 00:27:47,990

with with respect is it okay if i leave

673

00:27:51,750 --> 00:27:50,399

you now i'll bring you a gift next time

674

00:27:53,830 --> 00:27:51,760

i'm here

675

00:27:56,630 --> 00:27:53,840

but is it okay if i leave you now and

676  
00:27:58,230 --> 00:27:56,640  
let you lay here to rest in peace barry

677  
00:28:01,190 --> 00:27:58,240  
cousin

678  
00:28:02,630 --> 00:28:01,200  
so there we go and he is using

679  
00:28:04,149 --> 00:28:02,640  
one of these uh

680  
00:28:05,990 --> 00:28:04,159  
devices

681  
00:28:08,149 --> 00:28:06,000  
an ipad i guess it is maybe it's an

682  
00:28:11,110 --> 00:28:08,159  
android device that doesn't matter

683  
00:28:12,549 --> 00:28:11,120  
but it's clearly using an app

684  
00:28:14,950 --> 00:28:12,559  
and in this case

685  
00:28:18,070 --> 00:28:14,960  
the app is as far as i can tell by

686  
00:28:20,310 --> 00:28:18,080  
looking at the the video the live video

687  
00:28:23,110 --> 00:28:20,320  
paratech

688  
00:28:24,630 --> 00:28:23,120

world output jammed session list i'm

689

00:28:27,029 --> 00:28:24,640

just reading off the screen

690

00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:27,039

sensor live data and there's lots of

691

00:28:30,870 --> 00:28:28,080

little

692

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:30,880

sensory uh things to read there

693

00:28:36,230 --> 00:28:33,760

it looks almost scientific

694

00:28:38,710 --> 00:28:36,240

control panel but again it's an app i

695

00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:38,720

guess paratech

696

00:28:43,510 --> 00:28:40,880

but let's check out the next live tick

697

00:28:45,830 --> 00:28:43,520

tock from ghost hunting and this one

698

00:28:47,830 --> 00:28:45,840

involves a ouija board we can't see the

699

00:28:49,590 --> 00:28:47,840

people involved their faces because the

700

00:28:51,510 --> 00:28:49,600

camera is rather close to the ouija

701  
00:28:52,789 --> 00:28:51,520  
board there are three people operating

702  
00:28:53,669 --> 00:28:52,799  
the board

703  
00:28:54,950 --> 00:28:53,679  
uh

704  
00:28:56,710 --> 00:28:54,960  
it's hard to say where they are

705  
00:28:58,389 --> 00:28:56,720  
presumably what they consider to be a

706  
00:29:00,470 --> 00:28:58,399  
haunted location

707  
00:29:02,950 --> 00:29:00,480  
but let's see how they go

708  
00:29:05,200 --> 00:29:02,960  
with their ouija board

709  
00:29:12,070 --> 00:29:05,210  
why am i cursed

710  
00:29:17,110 --> 00:29:15,110  
danny cursed me

711  
00:29:19,830 --> 00:29:17,120  
oh damn

712  
00:29:21,750 --> 00:29:19,840  
i wonder why i killed you

713  
00:29:26,789 --> 00:29:21,760

it was probably because you were jealous

714

00:29:28,549 --> 00:29:26,799

and you killed me why she cursed me

715

00:29:30,070 --> 00:29:28,559

doesn't get too much more interesting

716

00:29:32,870 --> 00:29:30,080

than that though

717

00:29:34,470 --> 00:29:32,880

it is very interesting watching them use

718

00:29:35,909 --> 00:29:34,480

the ouija board because there are three

719

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

people using it

720

00:29:40,310 --> 00:29:37,760

two people with their fingers on the

721

00:29:41,190 --> 00:29:40,320

lower part of the plant jet which is the

722

00:29:43,830 --> 00:29:41,200

uh

723

00:29:45,269 --> 00:29:43,840

triangular piece that you move around a

724

00:29:46,950 --> 00:29:45,279

ouija board

725

00:29:48,870 --> 00:29:46,960

but clearly

726

00:29:51,830 --> 00:29:48,880

clearly the person with the finger at

727

00:29:54,470 --> 00:29:51,840

the top of the planchet is guiding where

728

00:29:57,029 --> 00:29:54,480

it goes it's quite obvious to see

729

00:29:58,870 --> 00:29:57,039

and that was from a group called ghost

730

00:30:00,950 --> 00:29:58,880

dusters

731

00:30:03,350 --> 00:30:00,960

and next we come to an account called

732

00:30:04,789 --> 00:30:03,360

mad underscore paranormal underscore

733

00:30:09,269 --> 00:30:04,799

official

734

00:30:13,350 --> 00:30:09,279

husband and wife

735

00:30:16,070 --> 00:30:13,360

darren and alex paranormal lives

736

00:30:17,190 --> 00:30:16,080

live seance giveaways on facebook oh

737

00:30:19,590 --> 00:30:17,200

okay

738

00:30:21,510 --> 00:30:19,600

now they have one of these apps which

739

00:30:23,669 --> 00:30:21,520

on an ipad presumably

740

00:30:25,510 --> 00:30:23,679

if you point it at your subject

741

00:30:28,310 --> 00:30:25,520

a real live person

742

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

it uh draws a stick figure over that

743

00:30:31,510 --> 00:30:30,480

subject so they turn into a stick figure

744

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:31,520

why

745

00:30:40,389 --> 00:30:37,760

where are they it looks like possibly

746

00:30:41,669 --> 00:30:40,399

again an abandoned warehouse or location

747

00:30:43,430 --> 00:30:41,679

or who knows what

748

00:30:46,310 --> 00:30:43,440

with a couple of lights right in the

749

00:30:48,230 --> 00:30:46,320

background they also have what seems to

750

00:30:50,950 --> 00:30:48,240

be some sort of meter

751  
00:30:52,710 --> 00:30:50,960  
visible on camera let's have a listen

752  
00:31:02,800 --> 00:30:52,720  
we can't communicate with somebody we

753  
00:31:09,669 --> 00:31:02,990  
[Applause]

754  
00:31:09,679 --> 00:31:23,500  
step back

755  
00:31:23,510 --> 00:31:34,389  
[Music]

756  
00:31:34,399 --> 00:31:37,520  
we need your name

757  
00:31:37,530 --> 00:31:42,070  
[Applause]

758  
00:31:42,080 --> 00:31:44,870  
that's going off

759  
00:31:49,990 --> 00:31:47,669  
so maybe by now

760  
00:31:52,070 --> 00:31:50,000  
you're curious as i'm curious how many

761  
00:31:53,509 --> 00:31:52,080  
of these people are doing this for a

762  
00:31:55,830 --> 00:31:53,519  
lock or a bit of

763  
00:31:57,430 --> 00:31:55,840

tick-tock entertainment or just a silly

764

00:31:59,110 --> 00:31:57,440

fun night out

765

00:32:01,269 --> 00:31:59,120

and how many of these people really

766

00:32:03,190 --> 00:32:01,279

think that disembodied spirits are using

767

00:32:04,870 --> 00:32:03,200

modern electronic equipment to somehow

768

00:32:06,870 --> 00:32:04,880

channel their um

769

00:32:08,549 --> 00:32:06,880

their views and opinions

770

00:32:12,389 --> 00:32:08,559

to the people wandering around

771

00:32:14,870 --> 00:32:12,399

graveyards and abandoned buildings

772

00:32:16,630 --> 00:32:14,880

that's a very good question

773

00:32:18,789 --> 00:32:16,640

in my experience i would have to say

774

00:32:22,070 --> 00:32:18,799

that a good percentage of these people

775

00:32:24,549 --> 00:32:22,080

really honestly think that these devices

776

00:32:25,830 --> 00:32:24,559

are being used by

777

00:32:29,269 --> 00:32:25,840

dead people

778

00:32:30,870 --> 00:32:29,279

to send messages to the living

779

00:32:32,470 --> 00:32:30,880

but i certainly hope some are doing it

780

00:32:34,789 --> 00:32:32,480

for a laugh

781

00:32:37,350 --> 00:32:34,799

and next we have an account called sos

782

00:32:40,789 --> 00:32:37,360

paranormal paranormal experiences

783

00:32:43,110 --> 00:32:40,799

captured during our live stream with you

784

00:32:45,430 --> 00:32:43,120

and they are

785

00:32:47,110 --> 00:32:45,440

presumably in an abandoned building it's

786

00:32:48,549 --> 00:32:47,120

very hard to say because we can't see

787

00:32:51,269 --> 00:32:48,559

much

788

00:32:53,990 --> 00:32:51,279

they have a stuffed toy

789

00:32:56,870 --> 00:32:54,000

on the ground a dirty ground near a

790

00:32:59,029 --> 00:32:56,880

brick wall a very old brick wall

791

00:33:00,230 --> 00:32:59,039

and another device which i can't quite

792

00:33:02,870 --> 00:33:00,240

make out

793

00:33:05,430 --> 00:33:02,880

again it's at night and

794

00:33:08,310 --> 00:33:05,440

also on the screen is a question

795

00:33:11,190 --> 00:33:08,320

what's at the tower

796

00:33:16,190 --> 00:33:11,200

presumably they're at an historic site

797

00:33:21,029 --> 00:33:18,549

[Music]

798

00:33:24,030 --> 00:33:21,039

you can see here

799

00:33:24,030 --> 00:33:24,040

please

800

00:33:24,040 --> 00:33:29,360

[Music]

801  
00:33:29,370 --> 00:33:51,590

[Applause]

802  
00:33:51,600 --> 00:34:01,029

hi carol

803  
00:34:04,149 --> 00:34:02,310

now i'll make the point here that you

804  
00:34:05,750 --> 00:34:04,159

can often hear these people

805  
00:34:07,190 --> 00:34:05,760

saying random things as if they're

806  
00:34:08,710 --> 00:34:07,200

talking to people on the phone actually

807  
00:34:12,149 --> 00:34:08,720

what they're doing is they're looking at

808  
00:34:13,909 --> 00:34:12,159

the live screen as they broadcast and

809  
00:34:17,270 --> 00:34:13,919

they can see comments and questions sent

810  
00:34:19,109 --> 00:34:17,280

in by viewers instantly so often they

811  
00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:19,119

will simply respond to those questions

812  
00:34:22,710 --> 00:34:20,720

that are put on the screen but it sounds

813  
00:34:24,310 --> 00:34:22,720

a little bit disjointed when you can't

814

00:34:25,909 --> 00:34:24,320

see that

815

00:34:28,230 --> 00:34:25,919

and now we have an account called

816

00:34:30,710 --> 00:34:28,240

seeking underscore the underscore

817

00:34:33,430 --> 00:34:30,720

unknown seeking the unknown and seeking

818

00:34:36,790 --> 00:34:33,440

the unknown and friends are in

819

00:34:40,869 --> 00:34:36,800

what could be an abandoned house

820

00:34:42,550 --> 00:34:40,879

in a sad state of disrepair

821

00:34:44,470 --> 00:34:42,560

with another bear

822

00:34:46,629 --> 00:34:44,480

another stuffed little bear on a little

823

00:34:49,190 --> 00:34:46,639

cushion on the floor which the carpet's

824

00:34:51,829 --> 00:34:49,200

been ripped off and the only light

825

00:34:53,589 --> 00:34:51,839

source comes from them i would presume

826  
00:34:57,750 --> 00:34:53,599  
but in this case

827  
00:35:00,310 --> 00:34:57,760  
the light source is continually strobing

828  
00:35:02,470 --> 00:35:00,320  
continually strobing like a disco let's

829  
00:35:06,470 --> 00:35:02,480  
have a listen i'll touch the bear or the

830  
00:35:13,750 --> 00:35:07,589  
missed

831  
00:35:16,470 --> 00:35:13,760  
now jamie in there night middle i'll say

832  
00:35:19,589 --> 00:35:16,480  
don't forget your screenshots guys that

833  
00:35:22,310 --> 00:35:19,599  
were weird i was never ever

834  
00:35:24,630 --> 00:35:22,320  
seen that before

835  
00:35:26,069 --> 00:35:24,640  
and we do enough color changing lights

836  
00:35:28,710 --> 00:35:26,079  
to know

837  
00:35:31,510 --> 00:35:28,720  
if it's if it was that or not yeah you

838  
00:35:33,270 --> 00:35:31,520

can't get a light behind you no no when

839

00:35:37,109 --> 00:35:33,280

we're facing that way it lights all that

840

00:35:43,829 --> 00:35:38,630

copycat

841

00:35:46,069 --> 00:35:43,839

because you've amazed

842

00:35:48,150 --> 00:35:46,079

we're all amazed

843

00:35:50,710 --> 00:35:48,160

now while before we were concentrating

844

00:35:54,550 --> 00:35:50,720

on audio paradolia this one

845

00:35:56,630 --> 00:35:54,560

seems to be using strobing lights to

846

00:35:59,430 --> 00:35:56,640

possibly set up classical visual

847

00:36:01,990 --> 00:35:59,440

paradolia so i guess they're seeing

848

00:36:03,589 --> 00:36:02,000

things as the lights flicker and they're

849

00:36:05,910 --> 00:36:03,599

interpreting that as

850

00:36:08,950 --> 00:36:05,920

a ghostly presence

851  
00:36:10,230 --> 00:36:08,960  
and finally to wrap up one more from sos

852  
00:36:12,630 --> 00:36:10,240  
paranormal

853  
00:36:14,630 --> 00:36:12,640  
and it looks like they're in an

854  
00:36:16,790 --> 00:36:14,640  
abandoned factory or possibly something

855  
00:36:19,510 --> 00:36:16,800  
like that lots of graffiti on the wall

856  
00:36:21,670 --> 00:36:19,520  
and they have their camera focused

857  
00:36:24,950 --> 00:36:21,680  
at some distance on a candle near the

858  
00:36:28,069 --> 00:36:26,470  
any are there any

859  
00:36:29,349 --> 00:36:28,079  
is there any secret places underneath

860  
00:36:34,630 --> 00:36:29,359  
here

861  
00:36:41,740 --> 00:36:36,470  
yeah i'm good thank you jessica how are

862  
00:36:41,750 --> 00:36:47,430  
[Music]

863  
00:36:47,440 --> 00:36:53,030

i hope they think we're good karen

864

00:36:56,950 --> 00:36:54,870

that's how i try and come across do you

865

00:36:59,910 --> 00:36:56,960

think we're good

866

00:37:02,150 --> 00:36:59,920

i'm sliced by the way i don't

867

00:37:04,069 --> 00:37:02,160

so i don't know what actually idc means

868

00:37:08,390 --> 00:37:04,079

i don't know

869

00:37:11,910 --> 00:37:10,390

so again lots of the time they're simply

870

00:37:12,950 --> 00:37:11,920

talking back to the people who are

871

00:37:16,150 --> 00:37:12,960

viewing

872

00:37:17,589 --> 00:37:16,160

and at that particular moment

873

00:37:19,190 --> 00:37:17,599

3

874

00:37:21,109 --> 00:37:19,200

600 people

875

00:37:22,390 --> 00:37:21,119

including myself were viewing the

876  
00:37:24,710 --> 00:37:22,400  
activities of

877  
00:37:26,870 --> 00:37:24,720  
sos paranormal

878  
00:37:29,030 --> 00:37:26,880  
and the ghostly voices you heard are

879  
00:37:29,910 --> 00:37:29,040  
being generated by some

880  
00:37:34,069 --> 00:37:29,920  
app

881  
00:37:35,510 --> 00:37:34,079  
designed to make the voices sound rather

882  
00:37:36,150 --> 00:37:35,520  
um

883  
00:37:41,990 --> 00:37:36,160  
ghostly

884  
00:37:44,950 --> 00:37:42,000  
[Music]

885  
00:37:47,990 --> 00:37:44,960  
tick-tock ghost hunters live

886  
00:37:49,750 --> 00:37:48,000  
live people looking for dead people

887  
00:37:51,510 --> 00:37:49,760  
part of the endless 24-hour

888  
00:37:54,630 --> 00:37:51,520

entertainment cycle

889

00:37:56,320 --> 00:37:54,640

or a serious investigation to look for

890

00:38:12,230 --> 00:37:56,330

ghosts

891

00:38:15,670 --> 00:38:14,470

i'm mick west in my podcast tales from

892

00:38:17,109 --> 00:38:15,680

the rabbit hole i have extended

893

00:38:19,430 --> 00:38:17,119

conversations with people who've been

894

00:38:21,109 --> 00:38:19,440

involved in conspiracy culture i do this

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00:38:22,390 --> 00:38:21,119

for a couple of reasons firstly because

896

00:38:24,069 --> 00:38:22,400

it's really interesting these people

897

00:38:25,750 --> 00:38:24,079

have great stories about how they fell

898

00:38:27,589 --> 00:38:25,760

down the conspiracy theory rabbit hole

899

00:38:29,510 --> 00:38:27,599

what they did down there and what it was

900

00:38:31,109 --> 00:38:29,520

to help them out sometimes i also talk

901  
00:38:32,150 --> 00:38:31,119  
to people who investigate conspiracy

902  
00:38:34,150 --> 00:38:32,160  
theories and they have equally

903  
00:38:36,069 --> 00:38:34,160  
fascinating stories from the other side

904  
00:38:37,510 --> 00:38:36,079  
secondly i want to understand how best

905  
00:38:39,030 --> 00:38:37,520  
to prevent the spread of conspiracy

906  
00:38:40,630 --> 00:38:39,040  
theories and misinformation which is an

907  
00:38:43,030 --> 00:38:40,640  
increasing problem in a time when

908  
00:38:44,710 --> 00:38:43,040  
alternative media is exploding the best

909  
00:38:46,710 --> 00:38:44,720  
way to do this is to communicate

910  
00:38:48,630 --> 00:38:46,720  
effectively with the people involved and

911  
00:38:50,069 --> 00:38:48,640  
the best way to do that is with a nice

912  
00:38:52,630 --> 00:38:50,079  
long chat

913  
00:38:55,100 --> 00:38:52,640

check it out tales from the rabbit hole

914

00:39:13,349 --> 00:38:55,110

tftrh.com

915

00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:13,359

[Music]

916

00:39:18,069 --> 00:39:15,200

now it's time once again to head back to

917

00:39:19,030 --> 00:39:18,079

those digital archives from around the

918

00:39:20,390 --> 00:39:19,040

world

919

00:39:22,150 --> 00:39:20,400

normally of course

920

00:39:25,510 --> 00:39:22,160

we look at australian newspapers and

921

00:39:28,430 --> 00:39:25,520

magazines and so on the digitized

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00:39:31,109 --> 00:39:28,440

treasure trove that is at

923

00:39:32,630 --> 00:39:31,119

trove.nla.gov.a you have a look but

924

00:39:34,069 --> 00:39:32,640

today we're going once again we're going

925

00:39:36,550 --> 00:39:34,079

further afield

926  
00:39:38,150 --> 00:39:36,560  
to the united states

927  
00:39:40,870 --> 00:39:38,160  
and i've been thinking about my old

928  
00:39:43,190 --> 00:39:40,880  
friend james randy recently

929  
00:39:44,470 --> 00:39:43,200  
some of his books are right on the shelf

930  
00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:44,480  
here

931  
00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:46,320  
in the studio

932  
00:39:50,069 --> 00:39:48,240  
so i thought we'd do once again we'd do

933  
00:39:53,270 --> 00:39:50,079  
another search and see what we could

934  
00:39:58,550 --> 00:39:53,280  
find in the uh printed history for james

935  
00:40:02,790 --> 00:40:00,470  
now maybe for you just like me james

936  
00:40:06,630 --> 00:40:02,800  
randy was a huge influence

937  
00:40:09,829 --> 00:40:06,640  
and i learned so much from his books and

938  
00:40:13,190 --> 00:40:09,839

there's quite a wealth of um james randy

939

00:40:14,230 --> 00:40:13,200

online especially on youtube of course

940

00:40:16,230 --> 00:40:14,240

if you

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00:40:18,870 --> 00:40:16,240

look for james randy you can see tv

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00:40:20,710 --> 00:40:18,880

specials he did documentaries

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00:40:23,109 --> 00:40:20,720

investigations and so on and you can

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00:40:25,190 --> 00:40:23,119

learn an awful lot from that

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00:40:26,790 --> 00:40:25,200

but i learned i learned quite a lot from

946

00:40:28,630 --> 00:40:26,800

the man himself

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00:40:29,750 --> 00:40:28,640

and we became very good friends over the

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00:40:31,910 --> 00:40:29,760

years

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00:40:33,589 --> 00:40:31,920

and uh every now and then i think to

950

00:40:36,550 --> 00:40:33,599

myself wouldn't it be nice to fly once

951  
00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:36,560  
more to las vegas and spend some time

952  
00:40:41,589 --> 00:40:39,359  
at the amazing meeting with james randy

953  
00:40:43,750 --> 00:40:41,599  
however we can still

954  
00:40:44,710 --> 00:40:43,760  
look to these archives and see what we

955  
00:40:45,990 --> 00:40:44,720  
can find

956  
00:40:47,829 --> 00:40:46,000  
[Music]

957  
00:40:50,470 --> 00:40:47,839  
and our first port of call comes to us

958  
00:40:53,910 --> 00:40:50,480  
from the dover times reporter dated the

959  
00:40:57,109 --> 00:40:53,920  
13th of march 1984

960  
00:40:59,109 --> 00:40:57,119  
magician told to stay away

961  
00:41:03,990 --> 00:40:59,119  
from columbus

962  
00:41:09,270 --> 00:41:06,710  
columbus associated press

963  
00:41:12,069 --> 00:41:09,280

a magician says he should be allowed in

964

00:41:13,990 --> 00:41:12,079

the john and joan resch home

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00:41:16,470 --> 00:41:14,000

to help determine whether sleight of

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00:41:18,390 --> 00:41:16,480

hand or something supernatural is

967

00:41:20,150 --> 00:41:18,400

causing objects to

968

00:41:22,069 --> 00:41:20,160

spontaneously

969

00:41:25,670 --> 00:41:22,079

move around

970

00:41:28,230 --> 00:41:25,680

but mrs resh said monday that she might

971

00:41:30,710 --> 00:41:28,240

not allow magician james randy to join

972

00:41:33,750 --> 00:41:30,720

two case western reserve university

973

00:41:35,990 --> 00:41:33,760

scientists who want to visit the house

974

00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:36,000

today if you're going to detect a

975

00:41:41,270 --> 00:41:39,200

burglar you need a burglar randy said

976  
00:41:43,670 --> 00:41:41,280  
and because he feels

977  
00:41:45,910 --> 00:41:43,680  
most unexplained activity is the result

978  
00:41:48,790 --> 00:41:45,920  
of sleight of hand

979  
00:41:50,470 --> 00:41:48,800  
you bring in a magician an expert in

980  
00:41:52,550 --> 00:41:50,480  
sleight of hand

981  
00:41:54,390 --> 00:41:52,560  
two other investigators have visited the

982  
00:41:57,829 --> 00:41:54,400  
house and said they hoped to have a

983  
00:41:58,630 --> 00:41:57,839  
preliminary report ready by the weekend

984  
00:41:59,589 --> 00:41:58,640  
bill

985  
00:42:01,750 --> 00:41:59,599  
roll

986  
00:42:03,990 --> 00:42:01,760  
director of the psychical research

987  
00:42:06,630 --> 00:42:04,000  
foundation of chapel hill

988  
00:42:10,069 --> 00:42:06,640

north carolina and assistant kelly

989

00:42:11,990 --> 00:42:10,079

powers arrived sunday to seek the cause

990

00:42:15,750 --> 00:42:12,000

of the disturbances which the family

991

00:42:17,589 --> 00:42:15,760

says began 10 days ago and seem to focus

992

00:42:20,950 --> 00:42:17,599

on fourteen-year-old

993

00:42:22,790 --> 00:42:20,960

tina mrs resh said it had been quiet

994

00:42:25,430 --> 00:42:22,800

since objects flew

995

00:42:27,030 --> 00:42:25,440

furniture moved and pictures rattled

996

00:42:29,030 --> 00:42:27,040

sunday morning

997

00:42:30,630 --> 00:42:29,040

roland powers brought video an audio

998

00:42:32,230 --> 00:42:30,640

recording devices

999

00:42:34,790 --> 00:42:32,240

but roll said

1000

00:42:37,510 --> 00:42:34,800

the first and most reliable tool is

1001  
00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:37,520  
common sense what you're looking for are

1002  
00:42:42,309 --> 00:42:39,599  
normal ways in which this person can

1003  
00:42:45,030 --> 00:42:42,319  
perpetrate these acts by conscious or

1004  
00:42:46,630 --> 00:42:45,040  
unconscious manipulation powers who

1005  
00:42:49,589 --> 00:42:46,640  
describes himself as a clinical

1006  
00:42:51,829 --> 00:42:49,599  
psychologist who has studied such

1007  
00:42:53,829 --> 00:42:51,839  
incidences for eight years

1008  
00:42:56,550 --> 00:42:53,839  
said all of the possibilities have to be

1009  
00:42:59,750 --> 00:42:56,560  
eliminated before investigators will

1010  
00:43:02,069 --> 00:42:59,760  
consider psychic phenomena

1011  
00:43:05,349 --> 00:43:02,079  
powers said they will look for patterns

1012  
00:43:08,790 --> 00:43:05,359  
in the trajectory direction distance and

1013  
00:43:11,510 --> 00:43:08,800

velocity of moving objects as well as

1014

00:43:12,390 --> 00:43:11,520

their proximity to tina

1015

00:43:14,950 --> 00:43:12,400

roll

1016

00:43:17,910 --> 00:43:14,960

author of the poltergeist

1017

00:43:20,390 --> 00:43:17,920

said his foundation has studied three

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00:43:22,950 --> 00:43:20,400

dozen similar cases he said one-third of

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00:43:25,589 --> 00:43:22,960

the cases was disproved

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00:43:27,829 --> 00:43:25,599

one-third yield inconclusive findings

1021

00:43:31,510 --> 00:43:27,839

and one-third was determined to be

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00:43:33,430 --> 00:43:31,520

recurrent spontaneous psychokinesis

1023

00:43:35,430 --> 00:43:33,440

the unconscious ability of some

1024

00:43:37,750 --> 00:43:35,440

individuals to affect the movement of

1025

00:43:40,230 --> 00:43:37,760

objects in their immediate physical

1026

00:43:41,750 --> 00:43:40,240

environment randy is part of a group

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00:43:43,190 --> 00:43:41,760

called the committee for the scientific

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00:43:45,589 --> 00:43:43,200

investigation of claims of the

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00:43:47,829 --> 00:43:45,599

paranormal also coming with randy are

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00:43:50,309 --> 00:43:47,839

nicholas sandluck astronomer and

1031

00:43:53,349 --> 00:43:50,319

research associate at case western

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00:43:54,790 --> 00:43:53,359

reserve and fellow faculty member

1033

00:43:56,870 --> 00:43:54,800

stephen shaw

1034

00:44:00,390 --> 00:43:56,880

if it's scientists or astronomers who

1035

00:44:02,630 --> 00:44:00,400

are interested in it fine mrs resh said

1036

00:44:04,870 --> 00:44:02,640

they can visit but the magician is not

1037

00:44:07,990 --> 00:44:04,880

going to visit the committee says it has

1038

00:44:10,710 --> 00:44:08,000

debunked as hoaxes numerous claims of

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00:44:12,870 --> 00:44:10,720

paranormal incidents whenever there is a

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00:44:14,390 --> 00:44:12,880

possibility of hoaxing involved there

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00:44:16,870 --> 00:44:14,400

should be a professional magician

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00:44:19,430 --> 00:44:16,880

present shaw said he

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00:44:20,790 --> 00:44:19,440

randy is a better observer than we are

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00:44:23,510 --> 00:44:20,800

in some things

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00:44:25,790 --> 00:44:23,520

he's more expert at detecting any form

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00:44:29,349 --> 00:44:25,800

of trickery than any of the

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00:44:31,349 --> 00:44:29,359

parascologists and they will admit it

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00:44:33,990 --> 00:44:31,359

so there we go i wonder what happened i

1049

00:44:36,950 --> 00:44:34,000

wonder if randy ever made it in to

1050

00:44:38,069 --> 00:44:36,960

investigate that particular

1051  
00:44:40,470 --> 00:44:38,079  
event

1052  
00:44:44,150 --> 00:44:40,480  
and now we skip forward many years to

1053  
00:44:50,390 --> 00:44:46,950  
published in the selena journal

1054  
00:44:53,109 --> 00:44:50,400  
on thursday the 1st of january and this

1055  
00:44:56,630 --> 00:44:53,119  
is a story by james talley

1056  
00:44:59,510 --> 00:44:56,640  
he's looking for a few good flakes

1057  
00:45:02,829 --> 00:44:59,520  
in a world so fast-paced and advanced

1058  
00:45:04,390 --> 00:45:02,839  
where a few of us can even program our

1059  
00:45:07,109 --> 00:45:04,400  
vcrs

1060  
00:45:10,230 --> 00:45:07,119  
we have neither the time nor luxury for

1061  
00:45:11,430 --> 00:45:10,240  
confusing claptrap and illusions that

1062  
00:45:13,190 --> 00:45:11,440  
parade as

1063  
00:45:15,670 --> 00:45:13,200

illumination

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00:45:18,710 --> 00:45:15,680

believe it or not florida magician puts

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00:45:21,270 --> 00:45:18,720

a bounty on paranormal claims

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00:45:23,030 --> 00:45:21,280

the new year is upon us

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00:45:26,710 --> 00:45:23,040

time to reflect on our friendly

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00:45:28,470 --> 00:45:26,720

forecasters the professional psychics i

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00:45:31,670 --> 00:45:28,480

won't bore you with the national

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00:45:35,309 --> 00:45:31,680

enquirer's psychic strikeouts this year

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00:45:38,630 --> 00:45:35,319

and i'm saving the 1 800 hotlines for

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00:45:40,150 --> 00:45:38,640

1999 a year more pregnant with

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00:45:42,790 --> 00:45:40,160

possibilities

1074

00:45:44,710 --> 00:45:42,800

this year it's time to put your money

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00:45:48,230 --> 00:45:44,720

where your powers are

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00:45:51,670 --> 00:45:48,240

correction you risk no money

1077

00:45:53,349 --> 00:45:51,680

and you stain to gain gobs of it i'm

1078

00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:53,359

talking about the challenge an

1079

00:45:58,829 --> 00:45:56,400

international dare to those professing

1080

00:46:01,750 --> 00:45:58,839

to possess paranormal

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00:46:05,910 --> 00:46:01,760

abilities bend a spoon or two

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00:46:08,390 --> 00:46:05,920

walk away with 1.1 million

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00:46:10,710 --> 00:46:08,400

sponsored by the james randy educational

1084

00:46:12,630 --> 00:46:10,720

foundation of fort lauderdale

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00:46:15,030 --> 00:46:12,640

challenge rules are basic

1086

00:46:17,349 --> 00:46:15,040

you and the james randy educational

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00:46:19,510 --> 00:46:17,359

foundation agree on experimental

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00:46:21,430 --> 00:46:19,520

parameters what will and won't

1089

00:46:25,270 --> 00:46:21,440

constitute definitive proof of your

1090

00:46:26,550 --> 00:46:25,280

powers you go to florida and show your

1091

00:46:29,190 --> 00:46:26,560

stuff

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00:46:33,670 --> 00:46:29,200

if you're for real james randy and other

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00:46:36,470 --> 00:46:33,680

pledges will fork over a cool million

1094

00:46:37,910 --> 00:46:36,480

what's more you may get to see mr randy

1095

00:46:41,750 --> 00:46:37,920

eat his hat

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00:46:44,150 --> 00:46:41,760

randy also known as the amazing randy 69

1097

00:46:46,550 --> 00:46:44,160

is a man with a mission

1098

00:46:49,349 --> 00:46:46,560

he's not out to save souls under the

1099

00:46:52,870 --> 00:46:49,359

challenged tutelage of a spirit guide

1100

00:46:55,030 --> 00:46:52,880

the renowned magician rationalist author

1101

00:46:59,030 --> 00:46:55,040

is perhaps the world's most famous

1102

00:47:01,829 --> 00:46:59,040

exposer of fraud in mata's supernatural

1103

00:47:03,910 --> 00:47:01,839

he's debunked yuri galen nostradamus and

1104

00:47:05,349 --> 00:47:03,920

con games galore

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00:47:08,470 --> 00:47:05,359

think of him as

1106

00:47:10,390 --> 00:47:08,480

agent scully with a beard although randy

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00:47:11,589 --> 00:47:10,400

wouldn't put up with half of mulder's

1108

00:47:16,069 --> 00:47:11,599

nonsense

1109

00:47:20,230 --> 00:47:17,589

is real

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00:47:22,790 --> 00:47:20,240

so is his challenge

1111

00:47:26,069 --> 00:47:22,800

the prize money no one knows

1112

00:47:28,230 --> 00:47:26,079

out of 78 who began negotiations

1113

00:47:30,549 --> 00:47:28,240

none have seen it through preferring to

1114

00:47:32,470 --> 00:47:30,559

quit when randy insists on rigorous

1115

00:47:35,109 --> 00:47:32,480

scientific methodology

1116

00:47:37,349 --> 00:47:35,119

homeopaths hedged

1117

00:47:39,829 --> 00:47:37,359

douses the murder

1118

00:47:43,109 --> 00:47:39,839

even the maker of the laundry ball a

1119

00:47:44,790 --> 00:47:43,119

device alleged to ironize the ickies off

1120

00:47:47,349 --> 00:47:44,800

your clothes

1121

00:47:49,829 --> 00:47:47,359

decided not to take the plunge

1122

00:47:51,030 --> 00:47:49,839

small wonder most of these montebanks

1123

00:47:52,390 --> 00:47:51,040

make more

1124

00:47:54,470 --> 00:47:52,400

muller

1125

00:47:56,790 --> 00:47:54,480

than the dnc

1126

00:47:58,950 --> 00:47:56,800

why submit to testing when you could

1127

00:48:01,910 --> 00:47:58,960

derail your gravy train

1128

00:48:04,390 --> 00:48:01,920

randy can't give accurate figures on the

1129

00:48:06,470 --> 00:48:04,400

paranormal industry's revenues

1130

00:48:08,790 --> 00:48:06,480

it's like trying to determine how much

1131

00:48:10,549 --> 00:48:08,800

bookies make but he estimates it's a

1132

00:48:12,790 --> 00:48:10,559

billion-dollar swindle

1133

00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:12,800

cop-out cranks make randy more cranky

1134

00:48:17,349 --> 00:48:15,119

than usual nothing would please him more

1135

00:48:20,390 --> 00:48:17,359

than to put his favorite con artists to

1136

00:48:23,270 --> 00:48:20,400

the test and his targets vary widely

1137

00:48:25,589 --> 00:48:23,280

from televangelists to psychic hotlines

1138

00:48:28,829 --> 00:48:25,599

to tmrs

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00:48:31,910 --> 00:48:28,839

and i think tm in the tmers stands for

1140

00:48:34,470 --> 00:48:31,920

transcendental meditation

1141

00:48:36,870 --> 00:48:34,480

it goes on the latter's claim that their

1142

00:48:38,630 --> 00:48:36,880

discipline confers invulnerability

1143

00:48:39,990 --> 00:48:38,640

prompted randy to devise a simple

1144

00:48:42,549 --> 00:48:40,000

experiment

1145

00:48:43,670 --> 00:48:42,559

he'd swing a baseball bat and

1146

00:48:45,430 --> 00:48:43,680

dot dot

1147

00:48:47,589 --> 00:48:45,440

what's his real beef

1148

00:48:49,990 --> 00:48:47,599

i'm finding people being swindled by

1149

00:48:52,230 --> 00:48:50,000

things they don't understand he said

1150

00:48:54,069 --> 00:48:52,240

they'll invest their lives in it in some

1151

00:48:55,910 --> 00:48:54,079

cases you don't know how many people

1152

00:48:57,750 --> 00:48:55,920

literally go down the drain financially

1153

00:48:59,750 --> 00:48:57,760

and emotionally because they depend on

1154

00:49:01,829 --> 00:48:59,760

these things i feel like the fellow who

1155

00:49:03,829 --> 00:49:01,839

sees somebody struck by a car and

1156

00:49:05,910 --> 00:49:03,839

decides he better do something about it

1157

00:49:06,950 --> 00:49:05,920

but don't the gullible reap what they

1158

00:49:09,670 --> 00:49:06,960

sow

1159

00:49:11,990 --> 00:49:09,680

randy doesn't see it that way in fact he

1160

00:49:14,790 --> 00:49:12,000

predicts a class-action lawsuit against

1161

00:49:16,630 --> 00:49:14,800

telephone psychics in the near future

1162

00:49:18,390 --> 00:49:16,640

though he's frustrated by the lack of

1163

00:49:22,069 --> 00:49:18,400

governmental outrage

1164

00:49:25,349 --> 00:49:22,079

at these scams outrage needed for real

1165

00:49:26,230 --> 00:49:25,359

education campaigns and crackdowns with

1166

00:49:28,630 --> 00:49:26,240

teeth

1167

00:49:32,950 --> 00:49:28,640

it's popular to believe in seemingly

1168

00:49:35,030 --> 00:49:32,960

harmless hokum so politicians sit silent

1169

00:49:37,589 --> 00:49:35,040

they care more about being elected than

1170

00:49:38,790 --> 00:49:37,599

making sure people are fairly treated he

1171

00:49:41,270 --> 00:49:38,800

fumes

1172

00:49:44,790 --> 00:49:41,280

the deeper evil in the paranormal he

1173

00:49:47,030 --> 00:49:44,800

maintains is how it muddies our thinking

1174

00:49:49,030 --> 00:49:47,040

in a world so fast-paced and advanced

1175

00:49:52,470 --> 00:49:49,040

where a few of us can even program our

1176

00:49:55,030 --> 00:49:52,480

vcrs we have neither the time nor luxury

1177

00:49:56,829 --> 00:49:55,040

for confusing clap traps and illusions

1178

00:49:59,750 --> 00:49:56,839

that parade as

1179

00:50:02,549 --> 00:49:59,760

illumination and that may be

1180

00:50:05,670 --> 00:50:02,559

at base what keeps him going

1181

00:50:09,670 --> 00:50:05,680

pawning off as mystical truth tricks

1182

00:50:11,109 --> 00:50:09,680

originally devised to delight may offend

1183

00:50:12,390 --> 00:50:11,119

the amazing randy's sense of

1184

00:50:15,670 --> 00:50:12,400

professional ethics

1185

00:50:16,710 --> 00:50:15,680

could randy's reward go to other causes

1186

00:50:19,190 --> 00:50:16,720

perhaps

1187

00:50:21,190 --> 00:50:19,200

but he's even used that point to entice

1188

00:50:23,190 --> 00:50:21,200

fence sitters into the challenge

1189

00:50:25,430 --> 00:50:23,200

back in 1968

1190

00:50:28,150 --> 00:50:25,440

when he first made his dare the prize

1191

00:50:31,910 --> 00:50:28,160

was a mere 10 grand too little folks

1192

00:50:35,109 --> 00:50:31,920

said now they balk at seven figures

1193

00:50:37,030 --> 00:50:35,119

feigning selflessness fine

1194

00:50:38,790 --> 00:50:37,040

randy tells them don't do it for the

1195

00:50:41,430 --> 00:50:38,800

money do it for the satisfaction of

1196

00:50:43,510 --> 00:50:41,440

making me look like a fool and give the

1197

00:50:46,790 --> 00:50:43,520

money to aids research or starving

1198

00:50:49,030 --> 00:50:46,800

children still no takers to satisfy the

1199

00:50:50,870 --> 00:50:49,040

skeptic crusader

1200

00:50:53,030 --> 00:50:50,880

and for those who insist that such

1201  
00:50:55,510 --> 00:50:53,040  
intelligence insulting gimmicks as

1202  
00:50:57,430 --> 00:50:55,520  
stimulators and chakra massage are

1203  
00:50:58,630 --> 00:50:57,440  
simply entertainment

1204  
00:51:00,630 --> 00:50:58,640  
or worse

1205  
00:51:03,190 --> 00:51:00,640  
first amendment protected rights on par

1206  
00:51:06,150 --> 00:51:03,200  
with the world's major religions randy

1207  
00:51:08,630 --> 00:51:06,160  
sighs and returns to his vehicular

1208  
00:51:10,790 --> 00:51:08,640  
assault metaphor if a fellow wants to

1209  
00:51:12,150 --> 00:51:10,800  
climb back into the traffic again that's

1210  
00:51:14,230 --> 00:51:12,160  
his business

1211  
00:51:16,710 --> 00:51:14,240  
and at the bottom it says james talley

1212  
00:51:18,870 --> 00:51:16,720  
is a selena writer and editor you can

1213  
00:51:22,470 --> 00:51:18,880

send him a message or read his other

1214

00:51:28,150 --> 00:51:22,480

work through his world wide webpage

1215

00:51:28,160 --> 00:51:31,990

jtelly4n6

1216

00:51:34,630 --> 00:51:33,829

and i guess that sort of dates it as

1217

00:51:36,549 --> 00:51:34,640

well

1218

00:51:39,510 --> 00:51:36,559

and we have one more on james the

1219

00:51:43,230 --> 00:51:39,520

amazing randy going forward a few months

1220

00:51:44,870 --> 00:51:43,240

to the news herald dated the 31st of may

1221

00:51:47,430 --> 00:51:44,880

1998

1222

00:51:50,390 --> 00:51:47,440

by john percenty the associated press

1223

00:51:54,230 --> 00:51:50,400

and the title of the article is that's

1224

00:51:55,430 --> 00:51:54,240

bunk skeptic james randy still targeting

1225

00:51:57,190 --> 00:51:55,440

nonsense

1226  
00:51:58,630 --> 00:51:57,200  
fort lauderdale

1227  
00:52:00,870 --> 00:51:58,640  
scattered among hundreds of books

1228  
00:52:02,390 --> 00:52:00,880  
ranging from the scientific to the

1229  
00:52:05,270 --> 00:52:02,400  
supernatural

1230  
00:52:08,230 --> 00:52:05,280  
are a variety of toys that renowned

1231  
00:52:11,030 --> 00:52:08,240  
skeptic james randy keeps in his library

1232  
00:52:14,150 --> 00:52:11,040  
there's gene dixon's horoscope predictor

1233  
00:52:17,270 --> 00:52:14,160  
looking like a big pink calculator and

1234  
00:52:19,349 --> 00:52:17,280  
yuri geller's mind power kit and don't

1235  
00:52:21,349 --> 00:52:19,359  
overlook the do-it-yourself dowser kit

1236  
00:52:24,549 --> 00:52:21,359  
complete with numerous wish-bone-shaped

1237  
00:52:26,549 --> 00:52:24,559  
wands to find water and ore

1238  
00:52:28,230 --> 00:52:26,559

we always keep up with the devil

1239

00:52:30,790 --> 00:52:28,240

i have one thing that bothers the hell

1240

00:52:32,549 --> 00:52:30,800

out of me and that's kids being swindled

1241

00:52:33,829 --> 00:52:32,559

or misinformed

1242

00:52:36,790 --> 00:52:33,839

it's been more than a quarter of a

1243

00:52:39,829 --> 00:52:36,800

century since randy exposed geller

1244

00:52:42,950 --> 00:52:39,839

an israeli claiming to bend spoons with

1245

00:52:45,030 --> 00:52:42,960

his mind and 12 years since the amazing

1246

00:52:47,430 --> 00:52:45,040

randy became the first magician to

1247

00:52:49,030 --> 00:52:47,440

receive a prestigious macarthur

1248

00:52:52,230 --> 00:52:49,040

foundation grant

1249

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

still he still finds plenty of nonsense

1250

00:52:56,549 --> 00:52:54,640

to expose randy has written several

1251  
00:53:00,069 --> 00:52:56,559  
books debunking everything from faith

1252  
00:53:03,349 --> 00:53:00,079  
healers to unicorns and the 16th century

1253  
00:53:05,589 --> 00:53:03,359  
sia nostradamus the sacred cows of

1254  
00:53:08,549 --> 00:53:05,599  
alternative medicine are turned into

1255  
00:53:10,150 --> 00:53:08,559  
hamburger by randy's hyper rationalist

1256  
00:53:12,630 --> 00:53:10,160  
analysis

1257  
00:53:15,750 --> 00:53:12,640  
chiropractors are shams in his

1258  
00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:15,760  
professional opinion as a homeopathic

1259  
00:53:20,710 --> 00:53:18,319  
medicine and therapeutic touch

1260  
00:53:23,510 --> 00:53:20,720  
in many ways randy's greatest trick

1261  
00:53:26,069 --> 00:53:23,520  
could be his transformation from a

1262  
00:53:27,030 --> 00:53:26,079  
novelty act on the johnny carson tonight

1263  
00:53:30,230 --> 00:53:27,040

show

1264

00:53:32,390 --> 00:53:30,240

to a first-rate consumer advocate he

1265

00:53:35,750 --> 00:53:32,400

frequently writes magazines such as

1266

00:53:37,750 --> 00:53:35,760

skeptic discover and scientific american

1267

00:53:40,870 --> 00:53:37,760

i see people being swindled every day by

1268

00:53:43,349 --> 00:53:40,880

medical quackery frauds of every sort

1269

00:53:45,109 --> 00:53:43,359

psychics and their hotlines people who

1270

00:53:47,750 --> 00:53:45,119

claim to be able to find lost children

1271

00:53:48,630 --> 00:53:47,760

or help them invest their money randy

1272

00:53:50,390 --> 00:53:48,640

said

1273

00:53:52,790 --> 00:53:50,400

i know they are being swindled because i

1274

00:53:56,710 --> 00:53:52,800

know the methods being used

1275

00:54:00,470 --> 00:53:56,720

looking like a modern day merlin he has

1276  
00:54:02,710 --> 00:54:00,480  
been described as a giddy leprechaun

1277  
00:54:05,030 --> 00:54:02,720  
randy speaks a mile a minute blinking

1278  
00:54:07,990 --> 00:54:05,040  
constantly with nervous energy he

1279  
00:54:10,309 --> 00:54:08,000  
performs sleight of hand the way some

1280  
00:54:12,950 --> 00:54:10,319  
twiddle their thumbs a crumpled napkin

1281  
00:54:16,950 --> 00:54:12,960  
disappears and reappears at one point in

1282  
00:54:19,430 --> 00:54:16,960  
the interview as it orbits randy's hands

1283  
00:54:21,910 --> 00:54:19,440  
like a tiny white planet

1284  
00:54:23,750 --> 00:54:21,920  
photos of his days as a magician dot the

1285  
00:54:26,150 --> 00:54:23,760  
walls of the james randy educational

1286  
00:54:27,270 --> 00:54:26,160  
foundation his non-profit debunking

1287  
00:54:29,990 --> 00:54:27,280  
fortress

1288  
00:54:31,190 --> 00:54:30,000

one shows randy covered in snaking

1289

00:54:34,150 --> 00:54:31,200

chains

1290

00:54:36,549 --> 00:54:34,160

in another he dangles in a straitjacket

1291

00:54:39,349 --> 00:54:36,559

over niagara falls new york

1292

00:54:42,069 --> 00:54:39,359

born randall james hamilton zinger in

1293

00:54:43,990 --> 00:54:42,079

toronto in 1928 he dropped out of high

1294

00:54:46,390 --> 00:54:44,000

school and joined a carnival he

1295

00:54:49,109 --> 00:54:46,400

performed his magic at the white house

1296

00:54:50,950 --> 00:54:49,119

and inspired some of today's most

1297

00:54:53,030 --> 00:54:50,960

prominent tricksters

1298

00:54:55,750 --> 00:54:53,040

penn gillette of penn teller said he was

1299

00:54:56,870 --> 00:54:55,760

18 when he saw randy speak and his life

1300

00:54:59,430 --> 00:54:56,880

changed

1301  
00:55:02,710 --> 00:54:59,440  
being ripped off by a cheap esp kid as a

1302  
00:55:05,349 --> 00:55:02,720  
pre-teen he hated both science and magic

1303  
00:55:07,670 --> 00:55:05,359  
until randy convinced him otherwise

1304  
00:55:09,990 --> 00:55:07,680  
the whole 22-year career of panatella

1305  
00:55:12,230 --> 00:55:10,000  
can be attributed to randy gillette the

1306  
00:55:14,309 --> 00:55:12,240  
more vocal of the performance euro said

1307  
00:55:16,950 --> 00:55:14,319  
from las vegas where the pair was

1308  
00:55:19,190 --> 00:55:16,960  
performing he's a national treasure he's

1309  
00:55:21,349 --> 00:55:19,200  
someone who will go against any sort of

1310  
00:55:24,309 --> 00:55:21,359  
establishment that says it is okay to

1311  
00:55:26,950 --> 00:55:24,319  
lie to people and that is a real radical

1312  
00:55:27,829 --> 00:55:26,960  
notion today not everybody is a randy

1313  
00:55:30,710 --> 00:55:27,839

fan

1314

00:55:34,470 --> 00:55:30,720

miss dixon the late astrologer once said

1315

00:55:37,430 --> 00:55:34,480

of randy he's crazy isn't he paranormal

1316

00:55:39,270 --> 00:55:37,440

scientists seethe at the mention of

1317

00:55:41,510 --> 00:55:39,280

randy calling him an opportunist and

1318

00:55:44,069 --> 00:55:41,520

publicity hound when christopher

1319

00:55:45,430 --> 00:55:44,079

columbus asked queen isabella to sail to

1320

00:55:47,109 --> 00:55:45,440

the new world

1321

00:55:49,589 --> 00:55:47,119

james would have been the little guy

1322

00:55:51,910 --> 00:55:49,599

standing there saying the world is flat

1323

00:55:53,910 --> 00:55:51,920

man you're going to fall off

1324

00:55:56,390 --> 00:55:53,920

said larry montz of the international

1325

00:55:58,069 --> 00:55:56,400

society for paranormal research in los

1326  
00:55:59,670 --> 00:55:58,079  
angeles

1327  
00:56:01,589 --> 00:55:59,680  
and i'll just quickly

1328  
00:56:03,670 --> 00:56:01,599  
break in here and say yes i've heard all

1329  
00:56:06,309 --> 00:56:03,680  
these arguments too all these

1330  
00:56:08,230 --> 00:56:06,319  
uh ridiculous statements from the new

1331  
00:56:10,309 --> 00:56:08,240  
age and the paranormal people

1332  
00:56:12,549 --> 00:56:10,319  
completely and utterly

1333  
00:56:15,109 --> 00:56:12,559  
misrepresenting what the skeptical point

1334  
00:56:16,789 --> 00:56:15,119  
of view is that's no surprise

1335  
00:56:19,030 --> 00:56:16,799  
we read on

1336  
00:56:21,190 --> 00:56:19,040  
randy was wowing audiences with his

1337  
00:56:25,190 --> 00:56:21,200  
escape routines for more than a decade

1338  
00:56:27,510 --> 00:56:25,200

when in 1971 he targeted geller who had

1339

00:56:31,589 --> 00:56:27,520

convinced a few scientists he could

1340

00:56:34,150 --> 00:56:31,599

twist flatware through psychokinesis

1341

00:56:37,109 --> 00:56:34,160

in a celebrated show randy helped carson

1342

00:56:38,950 --> 00:56:37,119

set up the psychic in 1972 the spoons

1343

00:56:42,549 --> 00:56:38,960

and other props were kept from geller's

1344

00:56:44,789 --> 00:56:42,559

hands until showtime so no tampering

1345

00:56:47,349 --> 00:56:44,799

would be possible geller set for an

1346

00:56:48,470 --> 00:56:47,359

agonizing 22 minutes unable to perform

1347

00:56:50,309 --> 00:56:48,480

any tricks

1348

00:56:53,430 --> 00:56:50,319

randy also debunked a so-called

1349

00:56:55,589 --> 00:56:53,440

possessed teenage girl from ohio

1350

00:56:59,750 --> 00:56:55,599

anderson louis parapsychological

1351  
00:57:02,470 --> 00:56:59,760  
laboratory he found a boy who reportedly

1352  
00:57:05,190 --> 00:57:02,480  
vanished in the bermuda triangle

1353  
00:57:08,230 --> 00:57:05,200  
biking down his neighborhood street in

1354  
00:57:10,150 --> 00:57:08,240  
rumsom new jersey randy hounded faith

1355  
00:57:13,349 --> 00:57:10,160  
healers showing up in the skies at

1356  
00:57:16,150 --> 00:57:13,359  
revivals he continues to dispel the myth

1357  
00:57:19,109 --> 00:57:16,160  
of crop circles and mocks homeopathic

1358  
00:57:22,150 --> 00:57:19,119  
concoctions saying they contain not a

1359  
00:57:24,150 --> 00:57:22,160  
trace of real medicine he has been sued

1360  
00:57:27,349 --> 00:57:24,160  
more times than he can remember but

1361  
00:57:29,870 --> 00:57:27,359  
never successfully in 1986 his work was

1362  
00:57:32,230 --> 00:57:29,880  
legitimized when he received a

1363  
00:57:34,150 --> 00:57:32,240

272 thousand dollar

1364

00:57:35,510 --> 00:57:34,160

genius grant from the macarthur

1365

00:57:40,710 --> 00:57:35,520

foundation

1366

00:57:43,870 --> 00:57:40,720

offers a 1 million dollar award to

1367

00:57:46,230 --> 00:57:43,880

anyone who can prove what he calls the

1368

00:57:49,109 --> 00:57:46,240

pseudosciences he investigates

1369

00:57:52,710 --> 00:57:49,119

outrageous claims and doles out annual

1370

00:57:56,230 --> 00:57:52,720

pegasus awards a play on when pigs can

1371

00:57:58,950 --> 00:57:56,240

fly two recipients this year were abc tv

1372

00:58:00,069 --> 00:57:58,960

for purporting new age notions without

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question

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and the national institutes of health

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which budgeted 20 million dollars into

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research for alternative healing randy

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honors fellow debunkers and last month

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bestowed a one thousand dollar award on

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a 12 year old emily rosa of loveland

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colorado

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she found that 21 experienced

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practitioners of therapeutic touch were

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unable to detect the energy field they

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claim to manipulate to treat

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everything from cancer to burns

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emily's study was published in the

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journal of the american medical

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association in april randy says

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therapeutic touch often takes advantage

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of the sickly and elderly wildly

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tricksters charging up to seventy

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dollars a session

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if this isn't sure quackery juvenile

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fantasy mythology it's all of the

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negative things you can say about an

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idea or theory he says

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linda rosa emily's mother says randy

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inspires young people encouraging them

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not to accept pseudosciences

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i think we are on the verge of a

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00:59:10,549 --> 00:59:07,520

movement here

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00:59:12,789 --> 00:59:10,559

ms rosa said as my daughter says

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00:59:15,450 --> 00:59:12,799

catching adults doing silly things is

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00:59:19,510 --> 00:59:15,460

fun

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and there we go just a few just a mere

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smattering of the many articles and

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reports over the years especially from

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u.s papers regarding

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00:59:33,160 --> 00:59:31,920

my old mate who i miss very much james

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00:59:39,190 --> 00:59:33,170

the amazing randy

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but you too can look up all sorts of

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00:59:45,190 --> 00:59:42,720

interesting things like paranormal

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testing or james randy or astrology or

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whatever you want to look up

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by visiting maybe your local newspaper

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archives

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00:59:55,270 --> 00:59:53,359

from wherever you are in the world

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and of course you're more than welcome

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to visit the australian archives at

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a trove.nla.gov.au but no matter where

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01:00:07,040 --> 01:00:03,040

you're searching you'll never know

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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01:00:31,270 --> 01:00:30,319

zone podcast coming up on next week's

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01:00:33,750 --> 01:00:31,280

show

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01:00:36,549 --> 01:00:33,760

a report about mind body wallet here in

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01:00:38,390 --> 01:00:36,559

sydney yes it's on again

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01:00:40,549 --> 01:00:38,400

later today i'm heading downtown to

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01:00:41,510 --> 01:00:40,559

visit mind body wallet microphone in

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01:00:43,349 --> 01:00:41,520

hand

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01:00:45,270 --> 01:00:43,359

and i will

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01:00:47,510 --> 01:00:45,280

see what i find sometimes

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01:00:49,990 --> 01:00:47,520

sometimes i don't discover too much down

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01:00:51,750 --> 01:00:50,000

there sometimes i discover the most

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01:00:54,390 --> 01:00:51,760

outrageous

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01:00:56,710 --> 01:00:54,400

bizarre things so we'll see

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01:00:57,670 --> 01:00:56,720

also next week we have a trove segment

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01:01:00,470 --> 01:00:57,680

about

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a dowsing school for students

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i suppose school is for students isn't

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01:01:07,190 --> 01:01:03,359

it

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01:01:08,870 --> 01:01:07,200

and this is a story from the year 2001.

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thank you to those people who continue

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01:01:13,349 --> 01:01:10,880

to support the skeptic zone at patreon

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01:01:15,349 --> 01:01:13,359

or paypal at skepticzone.tv

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and thank you to those new supporters

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01:01:18,870 --> 01:01:17,920

just come on board i hope you enjoy the

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01:01:23,349 --> 01:01:18,880

show

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it's because of you i'm able to buy the

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01:01:27,589 --> 01:01:25,440

equipment to do for example the

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01:01:29,750 --> 01:01:27,599

interview with dr shavonna savilin that

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01:01:32,230 --> 01:01:29,760

you just heard this week on the show

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01:01:34,150 --> 01:01:32,240

taking my portable equipment purchased

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with funds from

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your generous support so yes

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thank you very much

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but for this week this is richard

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saunders signing off from sunny sydney

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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01:01:58,710 --> 01:01:55,599

please visit our website at

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01:02:04,390 --> 01:02:01,829

for show notes contacts and to access

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01:02:06,549 --> 01:02:04,400

the back catalog of episodes going back

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01:02:08,549 --> 01:02:06,559

to 2008.

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review on itunes

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you can also support the skeptic zone

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via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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podcast is an independent production

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the views and opinions expressed on the

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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of australian skeptics or any other

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01:02:47,589 --> 01:02:32,460

skeptical organization

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01:02:51,270 --> 01:02:49,270

hello people who keep listening after

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01:02:54,150 --> 01:02:51,280

the music where ah there it is there's

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my dice rolling machine

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it's not a machine really it's a

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it's a

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01:03:04,710 --> 01:03:03,359

collapsible box anyway

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01:03:06,150 --> 01:03:04,720

it's the dice game if you don't know

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what the dice game is every now and then

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i roll a 10-sided die or a six-sided die

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01:03:12,950 --> 01:03:10,880

or a 30 or whatever today it's a 10

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01:03:15,510 --> 01:03:12,960

and you use your psychic magic guessing

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01:03:17,190 --> 01:03:15,520

dumb luck powers whatever you wish

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01:03:19,589 --> 01:03:17,200

you can time travel

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01:03:20,630 --> 01:03:19,599

time travel and then listen to the show

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01:03:21,990 --> 01:03:20,640

then come

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01:03:24,069 --> 01:03:22,000

anyway

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01:03:25,270 --> 01:03:24,079

whatever i'm going to roll this three

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times

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01:03:30,069 --> 01:03:27,920

in this dice rolling contraption

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01:03:31,670 --> 01:03:30,079

and you use your whatever powers to try

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01:03:34,789 --> 01:03:31,680

and determine which number comes up here

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01:03:36,390 --> 01:03:34,799

it comes number one first roll

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shake shake and

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through the machine 10

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10. there we go first number is 10.

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second number coming up

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01:03:47,349 --> 01:03:45,580

here it comes

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four

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01:03:53,670 --> 01:03:52,480

as we used to say in the 1970s 10 for a

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01:03:58,390 --> 01:03:53,680

good buddy

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01:04:03,029 --> 01:04:00,309

three

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today's winning numbers are 10