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Mind
Body Wallet

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May 2022

Australian Skeptics
Newsletter
with Adrienne Hill

TROVE
Dowsing School



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

[Music]

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:09,190

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,850 --> 00:00:23,750

[Music]

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00:00:28,470 --> 00:00:25,589

yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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00:00:31,189 --> 00:00:28,480

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00:00:34,549 --> 00:00:31,199

not unlucky for me or you for the 5th of

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:34,559

june 2022 richard saunders coming to you

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00:00:41,430 --> 00:00:38,719

from windy cold sunny cloudy

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00:00:44,069 --> 00:00:41,440

no rain today sydney australia coming up

10
00:00:46,229 --> 00:00:44,079

on this week's show join me and

11
00:00:48,790 --> 00:00:46,239

skeptical friend daryl cahoon

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00:00:50,069 --> 00:00:48,800

as we once more venture into the

13
00:00:53,590 --> 00:00:50,079

craziness

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

the bizarre world of mind body wallet

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00:00:57,350 --> 00:00:56,000

otherwise known as mind body spirit the

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:57,360

frequent

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:00:59,920

new age festival fair

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00:01:03,910 --> 00:01:02,000

and marketing opportunity

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:03,920

here in sydney and it's a bit of a

20

00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:06,000

traveling circus it'll pop up in other

21

00:01:09,429 --> 00:01:07,360

capital cities

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00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:09,439

around the country as well mind body

23

00:01:15,270 --> 00:01:12,159

wallet once again what do we discover

24

00:01:18,230 --> 00:01:15,280

this year no end of crystals

25

00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:18,240

psychics and so on following that it's

26

00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:20,479

the australian skeptic's newsletter by

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00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:22,479

tim mendham red

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00:01:28,469 --> 00:01:25,280

as per normal except when she doesn't do

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00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,479

it by adrian hill in canada

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:30,640

the other week we had her son

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00:01:35,749 --> 00:01:33,360

troy hill reading it and he did very

32

00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:35,759

well we'll have him back again i hope

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00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:37,200

then to round off the show it's our

34

00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:40,000

trove segment looking at digital

35

00:01:45,670 --> 00:01:42,720

archives of newspapers and this week

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00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:45,680

a very strange report from some time ago

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00:01:50,469 --> 00:01:47,759

about a school

38

00:01:52,389 --> 00:01:50,479

a lesson a

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00:01:55,830 --> 00:01:52,399

learning opportunity for students to

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00:01:58,230 --> 00:01:55,840

learn all about water divining

41

00:02:00,230 --> 00:01:58,240

and a big shout out to those people who

42

00:02:02,789 --> 00:02:00,240

are not feeling so well who are

43

00:02:05,030 --> 00:02:02,799

recovering from not only covert but from

44

00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:05,040

colds and flus and everything like that

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00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:08,239

the flu season this year is not kind to

46

00:02:12,390 --> 00:02:10,319

anybody so if you've been under the

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00:02:14,869 --> 00:02:12,400

weather lately you know i'm thinking

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00:02:16,470 --> 00:02:14,879

about you get well soon

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00:02:18,070 --> 00:02:16,480

but now it's time for me to run

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:18,080

downstairs

51
00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:20,000
carefully and quietly open the fridge

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00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:21,520
because as soon as i go anywhere near

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00:02:27,030 --> 00:02:23,680
the fridge i have got two cats suddenly

54
00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:27,040
appear at my feet as if by magic

55
00:02:32,229 --> 00:02:29,200
and make myself some scrambled eggs on

56
00:02:49,550 --> 00:02:32,239
toast while i do that i hope you enjoy

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00:02:55,110 --> 00:02:52,550
[Music]

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00:02:57,190 --> 00:02:55,120
in late may 2022

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00:02:58,630 --> 00:02:57,200
i together with supporter and listener

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00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:58,640
daryl cahoon

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00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:00,959
ventured once more unto the breach once

62
00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:04,800
more unto the spirit of mind body wallet

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00:03:09,110 --> 00:03:07,440

or of course as it's officially known

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00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:09,120

mind body

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00:03:12,149 --> 00:03:10,159

spirit

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00:03:13,750 --> 00:03:12,159

now long time listeners well know that

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00:03:15,670 --> 00:03:13,760

this is something i've been doing for

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00:03:17,509 --> 00:03:15,680

many years every time i have the

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00:03:18,949 --> 00:03:17,519

opportunity i will go to a new age

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00:03:20,470 --> 00:03:18,959

festival

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00:03:22,229 --> 00:03:20,480

walk around

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00:03:24,149 --> 00:03:22,239

see what's on display

73

00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:24,159

and most importantly

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00:03:26,789 --> 00:03:24,959

ask

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00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:26,799

questions

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00:03:30,229 --> 00:03:28,959

now to be honest over the years i've

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00:03:33,830 --> 00:03:30,239

learned a certain

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00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:33,840

amount of things about what's on offer

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00:03:37,589 --> 00:03:35,760

and maybe more importantly about human

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00:03:39,830 --> 00:03:37,599

psychology

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00:03:42,390 --> 00:03:39,840

but uh one of the main motivations of

82

00:03:44,390 --> 00:03:42,400

going back again and again and again

83

00:03:48,710 --> 00:03:44,400

is to keep an eye out

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00:03:51,350 --> 00:03:48,720

for obvious shocks scams cons

85

00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:51,360

and dangerous health products

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00:03:55,830 --> 00:03:53,040

now in the past i've

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00:03:57,750 --> 00:03:55,840

come across stalls selling devices which

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00:03:59,190 --> 00:03:57,760

promised to turn

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00:04:02,070 --> 00:03:59,200

tap water

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00:04:03,110 --> 00:04:02,080

into sunblock for example or people

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00:04:06,149 --> 00:04:03,120

claiming

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00:04:08,470 --> 00:04:06,159

their potion can cure cancer

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00:04:10,789 --> 00:04:08,480

or indeed magical machines based on

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00:04:14,229 --> 00:04:10,799

headphones and laptops which could not

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00:04:16,710 --> 00:04:14,239

only diagnose your bodily conditions

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00:04:19,670 --> 00:04:16,720

down to the level of dna

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00:04:22,230 --> 00:04:19,680

but also send zapping vibrations back

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00:04:24,070 --> 00:04:22,240

through those headphones to zap viruses

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00:04:26,469 --> 00:04:24,080

and bugs

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00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:26,479

and make homeopathic preparation while

101
00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:29,440
you wait and indeed that particular

102
00:04:34,870 --> 00:04:32,639
device that particular machine i've seen

103
00:04:37,350 --> 00:04:34,880
in years past wasn't there this time

104
00:04:43,670 --> 00:04:40,870
i read from the official handbook the

105
00:04:46,629 --> 00:04:43,680
guide given to us for free when we

106
00:04:50,150 --> 00:04:46,639
entered mind body spirit welcome to the

107
00:04:51,990 --> 00:04:50,160
sydney mind body spirit festival

108
00:04:53,990 --> 00:04:52,000
and by the way they write mind body

109
00:04:56,310 --> 00:04:54,000
spirit as one word

110
00:04:59,670 --> 00:04:56,320
we're thrilled to embark on the year

111
00:05:01,990 --> 00:04:59,680
2022 with you and can't wait for you to

112
00:05:03,670 --> 00:05:02,000
enjoy everything we have to offer for

113
00:05:04,870 --> 00:05:03,680

the next three days of

114

00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:04,880

self-love

115

00:05:09,110 --> 00:05:06,720

well-being health

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00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:09,120

and spirituality

117

00:05:14,629 --> 00:05:11,680

from our magnificent stage performers

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00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:14,639

guest speakers fulfilling seminars to

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00:05:20,469 --> 00:05:17,600

shopping psychic readings and natural

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00:05:22,150 --> 00:05:20,479

therapies we know you'll enjoy all of

121

00:05:25,270 --> 00:05:22,160

the festivities

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00:05:28,550 --> 00:05:25,280

the festival cannot exist without you

123

00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:28,560

to our beautiful visitors exhibitors

124

00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:30,800

guest speakers and performers

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00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:32,800

we thank you for being an ongoing part

126
00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:36,320
of our incredible festival family

127
00:05:42,870 --> 00:05:41,919
with love the mbs festival team xx

128
00:05:45,029 --> 00:05:42,880
heart

129
00:05:47,430 --> 00:05:45,039
and it goes on to say main stage

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00:05:49,909 --> 00:05:47,440
performers artists musicians psychic

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00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:49,919
mediums and dancers it's all here at the

132
00:05:53,909 --> 00:05:51,520
main stage

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00:05:56,070 --> 00:05:53,919
seminar room and speakers lounge be

134
00:05:57,830 --> 00:05:56,080
inspired whether you're looking for some

135
00:06:00,230 --> 00:05:57,840
health tips well-being advice

136
00:06:02,950 --> 00:06:00,240
self-improvement or guidance you'll hear

137
00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:02,960
from some incredible guest speakers

138
00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:04,960

in the seminar room

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00:06:09,870 --> 00:06:08,400

soul kitchen health foodies rejoice

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00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:09,880

learn how to detox

141

00:06:14,309 --> 00:06:12,160

[Music]

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00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:14,319

cook for your body look after your

143

00:06:19,430 --> 00:06:17,039

health and so much more

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00:06:21,909 --> 00:06:19,440

whether you're a master chef or

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00:06:25,110 --> 00:06:21,919

disaster chef the soul kitchen stage

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00:06:26,390 --> 00:06:25,120

will help flourish and nourish

147

00:06:28,150 --> 00:06:26,400

and of course

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00:06:29,990 --> 00:06:28,160

psychic reading room

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00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:30,000

looking for that insight into your

150

00:06:33,350 --> 00:06:30,960

future

151

00:06:35,909 --> 00:06:33,360

from love relationships career or

152

00:06:38,309 --> 00:06:35,919

finances hear from the best in tarot

153

00:06:39,270 --> 00:06:38,319

clairvoyance mediums and astrologers and

154

00:06:41,909 --> 00:06:39,280

more

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00:06:44,790 --> 00:06:41,919

avoid disappointment by booking your 25

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00:06:46,710 --> 00:06:44,800

or 50 minute session at the reading room

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:46,720

as soon as you arrive

158

00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:48,400

please note this is a cash-only

159

00:06:52,710 --> 00:06:49,599

experience

160

00:06:54,150 --> 00:06:52,720

atms are located throughout the festival

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00:06:55,749 --> 00:06:54,160

well that's handy

162

00:06:57,430 --> 00:06:55,759

and some of these sessions that were

163

00:06:59,350 --> 00:06:57,440

available in the seminar room for

164

00:07:02,070 --> 00:06:59,360

example over the

165

00:07:03,270 --> 00:07:02,080

one two three four days of mind-body

166

00:07:06,150 --> 00:07:03,280

wallet

167

00:07:10,070 --> 00:07:06,160

build your empire from the inside out

168

00:07:12,309 --> 00:07:10,080

how to merge spirituality and business

169

00:07:14,830 --> 00:07:12,319

or we have another session

170

00:07:18,629 --> 00:07:14,840

insights and healing through past life

171

00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:18,639

regression spirit show how to connect to

172

00:07:21,990 --> 00:07:20,080

your guide

173

00:07:24,070 --> 00:07:22,000

and angel helpers

174

00:07:25,430 --> 00:07:24,080

there was also explaining the law of

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00:07:26,469 --> 00:07:25,440

attraction

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00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:26,479

or

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00:07:31,350 --> 00:07:30,000

how about how to receive signs from the

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00:07:33,909 --> 00:07:31,360

universe

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00:07:36,230 --> 00:07:33,919

and there was a lucky door prize valued

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00:07:38,550 --> 00:07:36,240

at over 1 500

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00:07:41,189 --> 00:07:38,560

win a master set of aromatherapy

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00:07:44,150 --> 00:07:41,199

essential oils

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00:07:45,909 --> 00:07:44,160

so with all that enticement how could i

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00:07:48,710 --> 00:07:45,919

resist going

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00:07:50,200 --> 00:07:48,720

i caught up with daryl cahoon as we made

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00:07:56,230 --> 00:07:50,210

our way to the festival

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00:07:59,670 --> 00:07:56,240

[Music]

188

00:08:02,869 --> 00:07:59,680

it's sunday the 29th of may 2022 i'm

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00:08:05,110 --> 00:08:02,879

down here at darling harbour in sydney i

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00:08:07,990 --> 00:08:05,120

just caught the tram

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

the light rail system in and

192

00:08:12,869 --> 00:08:10,720

blowing me down who did i bump into on

193

00:08:15,029 --> 00:08:12,879

the tram it's dara cahoon hello daryl

194

00:08:16,469 --> 00:08:15,039

g'day hi there richard and well i mean

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00:08:17,670 --> 00:08:16,479

it's no surprise i bumped into you

196

00:08:19,110 --> 00:08:17,680

because we've

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00:08:21,589 --> 00:08:19,120

agreed to meet up here today because

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00:08:23,589 --> 00:08:21,599

we're off oh yes oh yes we're off to

199

00:08:24,390 --> 00:08:23,599

mind body spirit or as we love to call

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00:08:27,270 --> 00:08:24,400

it

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:27,280

mind body wallet the uh

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00:08:31,909 --> 00:08:29,520

the every six months it comes around

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00:08:33,350 --> 00:08:31,919

and you and i usually meet up here we

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00:08:35,990 --> 00:08:33,360

often do yes

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00:08:37,829 --> 00:08:36,000

and let's see what's new see what's old

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00:08:39,350 --> 00:08:37,839

well lots of yeah that's actually you

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00:08:41,029 --> 00:08:39,360

make a good point because over the years

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00:08:42,709 --> 00:08:41,039

i've been coming to this spirit festival

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00:08:45,110 --> 00:08:42,719

of psychics and

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00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:45,120

questionable products to say the least

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00:08:49,190 --> 00:08:46,720

i often think of that line from star

212

00:08:50,870 --> 00:08:49,200

wars you know obi-wan when looking at

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00:08:52,310 --> 00:08:50,880

mos eisley

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00:08:55,590 --> 00:08:52,320

you remember that he says you'll never

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00:08:58,949 --> 00:08:55,600

fight or you'll never find a uh

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00:09:01,350 --> 00:08:58,959

now i can't remember the line uh

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00:09:03,350 --> 00:09:01,360

something about scum and villainry and

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00:09:04,710 --> 00:09:03,360

a hive of scum and villainy he says

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00:09:06,389 --> 00:09:04,720

something like that

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00:09:08,070 --> 00:09:06,399

and maybe i'm being a bit mean there are

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00:09:09,430 --> 00:09:08,080

a lot of good hearted people there but

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00:09:11,190 --> 00:09:09,440

there are certainly some shonks and

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00:09:13,829 --> 00:09:11,200

cranks i think there are some chunks and

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00:09:15,670 --> 00:09:13,839

cranks and

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00:09:17,910 --> 00:09:15,680

but i particularly remember the the

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00:09:19,110 --> 00:09:17,920

store from last year that was selling uh

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00:09:20,870 --> 00:09:19,120

an image of

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00:09:23,590 --> 00:09:20,880

the moon was it or the sky at the date

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00:09:27,350 --> 00:09:23,600

of your at any nominated date perfectly

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00:09:29,750 --> 00:09:27,360

legitimate perfectly respectable um

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00:09:31,110 --> 00:09:29,760

for somebody who wants such a thing um

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00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:31,120

and they're not alone some of the stuff

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00:09:34,150 --> 00:09:32,560

they sell there is

234

00:09:36,389 --> 00:09:34,160

perfectly perfectly reasonable

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00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:36,399

respectable material i've

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00:09:39,430 --> 00:09:38,080

over the years there i've purchased a

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00:09:41,990 --> 00:09:39,440

lot of things like

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00:09:43,990 --> 00:09:42,000

lovely hot sauces for some reason they

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00:09:45,269 --> 00:09:44,000

tend to be there or

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00:09:47,670 --> 00:09:45,279

products every now and then which are

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00:09:49,110 --> 00:09:47,680

fun and good and interesting but they're

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00:09:51,509 --> 00:09:49,120

indispersed with

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00:09:53,190 --> 00:09:51,519

every year people who either know full

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00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:53,200

well their claims the medical claims

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00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:54,720

they're making are bogus or people who

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00:09:59,430 --> 00:09:57,360

sincerely really think because they've

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00:10:01,509 --> 00:09:59,440

been told by the guru or the mystic or

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00:10:03,190 --> 00:10:01,519

the guy in california who's been

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00:10:04,949 --> 00:10:03,200

flogging this potion

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00:10:06,389 --> 00:10:04,959

uh that it really works and i'm sure

251
00:10:09,190 --> 00:10:06,399
that's exactly what we'll find again

252
00:10:10,949 --> 00:10:09,200
today i think we will yep california

253
00:10:11,990 --> 00:10:10,959
they seem to be that's where they come

254
00:10:13,190 --> 00:10:12,000
from

255
00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:13,200
it's it's a wonderful day here in

256
00:10:16,069 --> 00:10:14,640
darling harbour we're just walking down

257
00:10:17,350 --> 00:10:16,079
the harbour side

258
00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:17,360
lots of new buildings that's a new

259
00:10:20,710 --> 00:10:19,040
building that huge giant building with a

260
00:10:22,870 --> 00:10:20,720
w on it that used to be where the imax

261
00:10:24,630 --> 00:10:22,880
was yeah big curvy

262
00:10:26,069 --> 00:10:24,640
building i think it's a hotel now we

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00:10:28,470 --> 00:10:26,079

have to explore it later and find out

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00:10:30,310 --> 00:10:28,480

what it's not open yet but a new imax is

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00:10:31,829 --> 00:10:30,320

going there we're just passing a giant

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00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:31,839

ferris wheel here there are people sort

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00:10:36,069 --> 00:10:34,320

of wandering around it's a great day

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00:10:37,750 --> 00:10:36,079

to be out and about anyway we'll go

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00:10:39,990 --> 00:10:37,760

around the corner down

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00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:40,000

beside the water here

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00:10:45,350 --> 00:10:43,440

and uh we'll dive into mind body wallet

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00:10:52,790 --> 00:10:45,360

and who knows what we'll find

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00:10:58,150 --> 00:10:55,190

we made our way to the convention centre

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00:11:01,670 --> 00:10:58,160

only to discover a long queue of people

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00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:01,680

waiting to get in once through the door

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00:11:07,590 --> 00:11:03,360

we were presented

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00:11:09,910 --> 00:11:07,600

with the wonder that is mind body spirit

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00:11:11,990 --> 00:11:09,920

although this year not as big as

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00:11:14,710 --> 00:11:12,000

previous years

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00:11:15,710 --> 00:11:14,720

we made our way up the first row of

281

00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:15,720

stalls

282

00:11:20,150 --> 00:11:18,000

[Music]

283

00:11:21,990 --> 00:11:20,160

so daryl and i are actually in the mind

284

00:11:23,590 --> 00:11:22,000

body wallet we've got our masks on and

285

00:11:24,790 --> 00:11:23,600

we've gone down

286

00:11:26,550 --> 00:11:24,800

one aisle

287

00:11:28,949 --> 00:11:26,560

and we've seen crystals we've seen hemp

288

00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:28,959

products we've seen people supporting

289

00:11:32,069 --> 00:11:30,160

breast cancer which is a good thing

290

00:11:33,030 --> 00:11:32,079

there's always good things here

291

00:11:38,069 --> 00:11:33,040

and

292

00:11:41,269 --> 00:11:38,079

but i do you see anybody now in the

293

00:11:43,350 --> 00:11:41,279

150 people we can gaze at one blink

294

00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:43,360

wearing a mask no

295

00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:45,120

obviously coverts not going to end in my

296

00:11:48,069 --> 00:11:46,560

body wallet

297

00:11:49,829 --> 00:11:48,079

what do you think the ratio to men to

298

00:11:51,430 --> 00:11:49,839

women here would be what 90 percent

299

00:11:54,949 --> 00:11:51,440

women 10 percent

300

00:11:56,629 --> 00:11:54,959

i don't know that it's true actually

301
00:11:59,269 --> 00:11:56,639
looking around there's more men that i

302
00:12:01,269 --> 00:11:59,279
had expected maybe 80 yeah something

303
00:12:03,190 --> 00:12:01,279
like that and that's just that's just a

304
00:12:04,470 --> 00:12:03,200
factual comment it's just a statement of

305
00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:04,480
fact i'm not

306
00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:06,800
going anywhere anywhere at the moment

307
00:12:11,350 --> 00:12:09,120
the spiritual worry we've passed various

308
00:12:12,949 --> 00:12:11,360
psychic boobs

309
00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:12,959
with um

310
00:12:16,150 --> 00:12:14,320
we've got the world's most famous

311
00:12:17,670 --> 00:12:16,160
psychic the world's most famous world's

312
00:12:19,070 --> 00:12:17,680
most accurate side let's keep walking

313
00:12:20,629 --> 00:12:19,080

down and see what we find here

314

00:12:23,829 --> 00:12:20,639

[Music]

315

00:12:25,750 --> 00:12:23,839

book a 30-minute healing session here

316

00:12:27,350 --> 00:12:25,760

spiritual healer and mentor well there

317

00:12:29,829 --> 00:12:27,360

you go

318

00:12:31,590 --> 00:12:29,839

change starts here

319

00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:31,600

they're selling various soaps and

320

00:12:34,870 --> 00:12:33,120

candles

321

00:12:36,870 --> 00:12:34,880

massage chairs which are always a good

322

00:12:39,350 --> 00:12:36,880

thing

323

00:12:40,870 --> 00:12:39,360

we got outside wind decorations that

324

00:12:43,269 --> 00:12:40,880

sort of twirl and spin in the wind

325

00:12:46,870 --> 00:12:43,279

that's nice

326

00:12:48,949 --> 00:12:46,880

something called the spirit of life

327

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

peace happiness courage love that sounds

328

00:12:53,030 --> 00:12:51,120

all very good

329

00:12:54,150 --> 00:12:53,040

uh a clothing store which looks very

330

00:12:56,790 --> 00:12:54,160

nice indeed

331

00:12:59,990 --> 00:12:56,800

lovely clothing there

332

00:13:04,829 --> 00:13:00,000

uh here's another psychic reading booth

333

00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:08,550

um they're not very happy unfortunately

334

00:13:14,470 --> 00:13:10,399

what's this one now

335

00:13:18,949 --> 00:13:16,310

daryl's just gone by to look at the aura

336

00:13:21,269 --> 00:13:18,959

and chakra scanning booth

337

00:13:22,150 --> 00:13:21,279

and he's asking questions

338

00:13:24,069 --> 00:13:22,160

which

339

00:13:25,590 --> 00:13:24,079

we found is the most effective thing you

340

00:13:27,910 --> 00:13:25,600

can do here

341

00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:27,920

simply go up to these booths selling

342

00:13:32,550 --> 00:13:30,000

magical nonsense and say what does it do

343

00:13:33,350 --> 00:13:32,560

how does it work and then

344

00:13:37,190 --> 00:13:33,360

the

345

00:13:39,590 --> 00:13:37,200

how

346

00:13:41,750 --> 00:13:39,600

their nonsense works

347

00:13:46,069 --> 00:13:41,760

we make our way through the crowded

348

00:13:51,030 --> 00:13:47,750

of course they were the usual products

349

00:13:52,710 --> 00:13:51,040

on offer good things nice yummy foods

350

00:13:54,069 --> 00:13:52,720

hot sauces

351
00:13:56,069 --> 00:13:54,079
perfumes

352
00:13:58,310 --> 00:13:56,079
interesting clothing

353
00:13:59,990 --> 00:13:58,320
decorations for your garden

354
00:14:02,870 --> 00:14:00,000
and some notable charities there

355
00:14:03,990 --> 00:14:02,880
represented too every year there's

356
00:14:06,230 --> 00:14:04,000
something

357
00:14:08,389 --> 00:14:06,240
a bit more bizarre than normal

358
00:14:10,710 --> 00:14:08,399
or maybe it just fits within the normal

359
00:14:12,629 --> 00:14:10,720
parameters of bazaar

360
00:14:15,110 --> 00:14:12,639
and this year's winner was a company

361
00:14:16,949 --> 00:14:15,120
called coastal clarity quantum healing

362
00:14:19,269 --> 00:14:16,959
from queensland

363
00:14:21,750 --> 00:14:19,279

and they were demonstrating the

364

00:14:22,870 --> 00:14:21,760

ao scanner

365

00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:22,880

now

366

00:14:27,670 --> 00:14:26,160

as told to us from the representative at

367

00:14:29,829 --> 00:14:27,680

the stall

368

00:14:32,069 --> 00:14:29,839

you speak into this device which

369

00:14:33,910 --> 00:14:32,079

presumably is on an iphone or an ipad or

370

00:14:35,030 --> 00:14:33,920

something like that it records your

371

00:14:41,110 --> 00:14:35,040

voice

372

00:14:42,550 --> 00:14:41,120

four octaves or notes that are

373

00:14:45,030 --> 00:14:42,560

out of balance

374

00:14:47,509 --> 00:14:45,040

it rebalances these notes

375

00:14:48,629 --> 00:14:47,519

creates mp3 files to which you listen

376
00:14:50,949 --> 00:14:48,639
back

377
00:14:54,629 --> 00:14:50,959
and quoting from the flyer given to us

378
00:14:57,590 --> 00:14:54,639
ayo scan programs body systems the body

379
00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:57,600
systems scan performs a complete and

380
00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:00,240
thorough scan of hundreds of blueprint

381
00:15:05,670 --> 00:15:02,959
frequencies associated with 13 body

382
00:15:07,030 --> 00:15:05,680
systems and performs an optimizing

383
00:15:08,790 --> 00:15:07,040
analysis

384
00:15:11,110 --> 00:15:08,800
this scan complements the results

385
00:15:13,990 --> 00:15:11,120
provided in the vitals and comprehensive

386
00:15:16,389 --> 00:15:14,000
scans to specifically highlight body

387
00:15:20,230 --> 00:15:16,399
systems that need support this scan

388
00:15:22,710 --> 00:15:20,240

generates a 27 page data report that

389

00:15:23,670 --> 00:15:22,720

includes specific analysis of each body

390

00:15:26,310 --> 00:15:23,680

system

391

00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:26,320

well if that's not making health claims

392

00:15:30,230 --> 00:15:28,800

then i don't know what it is

393

00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:30,240

however

394

00:15:34,150 --> 00:15:32,639

also on the flies given to us

395

00:15:37,269 --> 00:15:34,160

is the following

396

00:15:40,710 --> 00:15:37,279

can these scans show us proof about

397

00:15:43,110 --> 00:15:40,720

conditions question mark the ao scan is

398

00:15:45,990 --> 00:15:43,120

not sold as a medical device and cannot

399

00:15:48,470 --> 00:15:46,000

be used to treat or cure any condition

400

00:15:50,389 --> 00:15:48,480

it is however a great tool to find out

401
00:15:52,470 --> 00:15:50,399
more about your body and to help you

402
00:15:55,430 --> 00:15:52,480
understand your body better

403
00:15:58,389 --> 00:15:55,440
it can reveal what protocol or therapy

404
00:16:00,790 --> 00:15:58,399
is more therapeutic and what mineral

405
00:16:03,269 --> 00:16:00,800
vitamin or supplement appears more

406
00:16:07,509 --> 00:16:03,279
effective than another

407
00:16:10,310 --> 00:16:07,519
please note the ao scan mobile device is

408
00:16:13,350 --> 00:16:10,320
not in capital letters a medical device

409
00:16:14,550 --> 00:16:13,360
and does not diagnose treat or cure any

410
00:16:16,710 --> 00:16:14,560
disease

411
00:16:19,910 --> 00:16:16,720
and the contact details list somebody

412
00:16:23,030 --> 00:16:19,920
here from the outfit as being a quote

413
00:16:25,030 --> 00:16:23,040

frequency specialist end quote

414

00:16:26,949 --> 00:16:25,040

now despite their disclaimers that this

415

00:16:29,509 --> 00:16:26,959

product is not a medical device and does

416

00:16:31,030 --> 00:16:29,519

not diagnose or treat or

417

00:16:32,069 --> 00:16:31,040

these sort of

418

00:16:34,150 --> 00:16:32,079

words

419

00:16:35,749 --> 00:16:34,160

i think that any reasonable person

420

00:16:37,189 --> 00:16:35,759

looking at the device and hearing the

421

00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:37,199

sales pitch

422

00:16:40,880 --> 00:16:39,360

would have the exact

423

00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:40,890

opposite impression

424

00:16:48,310 --> 00:16:46,550

all right daryl

425

00:16:50,710 --> 00:16:48,320

so we've come to the end

426

00:16:53,430 --> 00:16:50,720

we've come to the very end

427

00:16:54,710 --> 00:16:53,440

okay mind body wallet back again uh lots

428

00:16:56,389 --> 00:16:54,720

of people here

429

00:16:58,069 --> 00:16:56,399

scarcely anybody wearing masks but

430

00:17:00,150 --> 00:16:58,079

that's just like the trains in sydney at

431

00:17:01,829 --> 00:17:00,160

the moment anyway

432

00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:01,839

um and

433

00:17:06,549 --> 00:17:04,480

you know the usual assortment of

434

00:17:08,309 --> 00:17:06,559

uh bizarre medical claims like we heard

435

00:17:10,549 --> 00:17:08,319

from um

436

00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:10,559

the um whatever that place was

437

00:17:14,470 --> 00:17:12,480

the frequency store

438

00:17:15,750 --> 00:17:14,480

which i have the details about

439

00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:15,760

we're all frequent did you know that

440

00:17:19,590 --> 00:17:18,000

we're all frequencies yeah and you can

441

00:17:21,669 --> 00:17:19,600

record your voice and hear it back as an

442

00:17:24,230 --> 00:17:21,679

mp3 to put your frequencies back in

443

00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:24,240

balance in balance and balance yes

444

00:17:28,710 --> 00:17:26,400

uh lots of crystals here the aura camera

445

00:17:30,470 --> 00:17:28,720

is an old favorite so all in all it's a

446

00:17:32,230 --> 00:17:30,480

regular mind body wallet

447

00:17:33,669 --> 00:17:32,240

we've got some paperwork to work through

448

00:17:35,750 --> 00:17:33,679

but once again daryl thank you for

449

00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:35,760

coming along thank you it's always an

450

00:17:39,190 --> 00:17:36,960

interesting day out and i still

451
00:17:41,590 --> 00:17:39,200
recommend it to anyone out there if you

452
00:17:42,950 --> 00:17:41,600
have the chance visit a new age fair and

453
00:17:45,190 --> 00:17:42,960
the best thing you can do is ask

454
00:17:53,110 --> 00:17:45,200
questions ask questions that's right

455
00:17:58,150 --> 00:17:55,190
so that was mind body wallet mind buddy

456
00:17:59,510 --> 00:17:58,160
spirit for another six months

457
00:18:01,510 --> 00:17:59,520
thanks to

458
00:18:03,990 --> 00:18:01,520
daryl cahoon for joining me

459
00:18:06,789 --> 00:18:04,000
on yet another wander through

460
00:18:16,560 --> 00:18:06,799
the craziness the madness the

461
00:18:16,570 --> 00:18:23,430
[Music]

462
00:18:27,190 --> 00:18:25,590
hello this is maynard did you know that

463
00:18:30,630 --> 00:18:27,200

you could listen to the skeptic zone on

464

00:18:35,270 --> 00:18:30,640

youtube yes i know sounds crazy but it's

465

00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:37,830

also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

466

00:18:41,590 --> 00:18:40,160

with michelle bigesma and funny sketches

467

00:18:44,870 --> 00:18:41,600

with richard saunders and a host of

468

00:18:55,780 --> 00:18:46,549

just click on the youtube links on the

469

00:19:15,270 --> 00:19:12,870

[Music]

470

00:19:18,150 --> 00:19:15,280

hello everyone this is adrian hill from

471

00:19:20,549 --> 00:19:18,160

canada back to read the highlights from

472

00:19:22,470 --> 00:19:20,559

the australian skeptics newsletter and i

473

00:19:24,470 --> 00:19:22,480

want to thank my son troy for filling in

474

00:19:27,029 --> 00:19:24,480

for me the last time when my voice kept

475

00:19:29,270 --> 00:19:27,039

disappearing i think even though i'm

476

00:19:31,669 --> 00:19:29,280

biased because you know i'm his mother

477

00:19:34,310 --> 00:19:31,679

he did a wonderful job with his accents

478

00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:34,320

unfortunately the only accent i can do

479

00:19:40,390 --> 00:19:36,880

is maple syrup canadian

480

00:19:42,390 --> 00:19:40,400

this is newsletter number 149

481

00:19:44,789 --> 00:19:42,400

you can subscribe to this newsletter and

482

00:19:47,110 --> 00:19:44,799

get it delivered to your inbox every

483

00:19:51,430 --> 00:19:47,120

other week complete with links to all

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00:19:54,710 --> 00:19:53,010

dot www.skeptics.com.a u

485

00:19:57,190 --> 00:19:54,720

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486

00:20:00,549 --> 00:19:57,200

but now let's get to the newsletter and

487

00:20:02,070 --> 00:20:00,559

see what tim mendem has lined up for us

488

00:20:03,909 --> 00:20:02,080

hi all

489

00:20:05,750 --> 00:20:03,919

now that the election is over we've

490

00:20:07,590 --> 00:20:05,760

packed away the polling booths and the

491

00:20:11,350 --> 00:20:07,600

psychic animals have gone back to their

492

00:20:13,750 --> 00:20:11,360

normal lives although pig the dugong and

493

00:20:16,549 --> 00:20:13,760

sparkles the croc picked the winner

494

00:20:18,950 --> 00:20:16,559

while hugo the galapagos turtle was a

495

00:20:23,669 --> 00:20:18,960

bit distracted by a female turtle named

496

00:20:25,830 --> 00:20:23,679

stella obviously a teal candidate

497

00:20:29,990 --> 00:20:25,840

on to more important things like haunted

498

00:20:32,710 --> 00:20:30,000

houses yuri's aliens and psychic coffins

499

00:20:34,789 --> 00:20:32,720

not to mention litigant naturopaths

500

00:20:37,770 --> 00:20:34,799

racism pseudoscience ultimate

501
00:20:39,190 --> 00:20:37,780
misinformation and the usual contenders

502
00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:39,200
[Music]

503
00:20:43,830 --> 00:20:41,280
and of course the annual skeptics

504
00:20:45,190 --> 00:20:43,840
convention in canberra in november face

505
00:20:47,430 --> 00:20:45,200
to face

506
00:20:48,950 --> 00:20:47,440
read on tim

507
00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:48,960
okay tim

508
00:20:56,190 --> 00:20:51,520
there's that canadian accent

509
00:20:57,350 --> 00:20:56,200
skepticon 2022 november 26th to the 27th

510
00:20:59,750 --> 00:20:57,360
[Music]

511
00:21:01,909 --> 00:20:59,760
we are happy to announce that the 2022

512
00:21:03,029 --> 00:21:01,919
annual australian skeptics national

513
00:21:06,630 --> 00:21:03,039

convention

514

00:21:08,710 --> 00:21:06,640

skepticon for 2022 will be held at the

515

00:21:12,149 --> 00:21:08,720

national library in canberra on the

516

00:21:13,750 --> 00:21:12,159

weekend of november 26th through 27th

517

00:21:15,590 --> 00:21:13,760

there will also be social events

518

00:21:17,350 --> 00:21:15,600

beforehand

519

00:21:19,190 --> 00:21:17,360

among the key speakers will be an

520

00:21:21,750 --> 00:21:19,200

international contingent made up of

521

00:21:23,909 --> 00:21:21,760

claire klingenberg chair of the european

522

00:21:26,230 --> 00:21:23,919

council of skeptical organizations and

523

00:21:28,549 --> 00:21:26,240

co-organizer of the czech paranormal

524

00:21:30,789 --> 00:21:28,559

challenge as well as the hosts of the

525

00:21:33,350 --> 00:21:30,799

european skeptics addicts otherwise

526
00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:33,360
known as esp

527
00:21:37,190 --> 00:21:35,520
all being well and in this day and age

528
00:21:39,270 --> 00:21:37,200
there are always the possibilities of

529
00:21:42,230 --> 00:21:39,280
changes it will be the first

530
00:21:45,909 --> 00:21:42,240
face-to-face convention since 2019.

531
00:21:48,230 --> 00:21:45,919
we look forward to seeing you there

532
00:21:49,360 --> 00:21:48,240
further details and ticket sales will be

533
00:21:50,789 --> 00:21:49,370
available soon

534
00:21:53,909 --> 00:21:50,799
[Music]

535
00:21:56,149 --> 00:21:53,919
gp sued by naturopath faces long road

536
00:21:58,870 --> 00:21:56,159
ahead

537
00:22:00,870 --> 00:21:58,880
melbourne doctor adam smith says he

538
00:22:02,710 --> 00:22:00,880

thought he was doing a community service

539

00:22:04,710 --> 00:22:02,720

by posting videos pointing out

540

00:22:07,830 --> 00:22:04,720

misinformation from a filipino

541

00:22:10,149 --> 00:22:07,840

naturopath now practicing in the u.s

542

00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:10,159

but the result has been legal action to

543

00:22:14,230 --> 00:22:12,480

silence him with possible fees in the

544

00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:14,240

hundreds of thousands

545

00:22:18,470 --> 00:22:16,080

australian skeptics has been in

546

00:22:20,310 --> 00:22:18,480

conversation with him for some time in

547

00:22:22,549 --> 00:22:20,320

the early days he had hoped the matter

548

00:22:25,110 --> 00:22:22,559

would be resolved quickly in his favor

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00:22:27,669 --> 00:22:25,120

he has now set up a gofundme page to

550

00:22:31,029 --> 00:22:27,679

help out

551
00:22:34,310 --> 00:22:31,039
graphology is largely an urban myth we

552
00:22:37,350 --> 00:22:34,320
think largely is an understatement

553
00:22:39,830 --> 00:22:37,360
graphology is quote the pseudoscience

554
00:22:41,669 --> 00:22:39,840
that claims to reveal personality traits

555
00:22:43,750 --> 00:22:41,679
through the analysis of the subject's

556
00:22:46,070 --> 00:22:43,760
handwriting end quote

557
00:22:47,830 --> 00:22:46,080
but as the author says neither your

558
00:22:50,149 --> 00:22:47,840
signature nor your handwriting says

559
00:22:52,310 --> 00:22:50,159
anything about your personality for an

560
00:22:54,140 --> 00:22:52,320
interesting video on this topic google

561
00:22:56,230 --> 00:22:54,150
james randy griffology

562
00:22:58,950 --> 00:22:56,240
[Music]

563
00:23:02,070 --> 00:22:58,960

psychics in the courtroom oh dear the

564

00:23:04,230 --> 00:23:02,080

blurb goes quote a parapsychologist

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00:23:07,190 --> 00:23:04,240

expert explores paranormal aided

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00:23:10,310 --> 00:23:07,200

investigations court cases and more end

567

00:23:12,070 --> 00:23:10,320

quote problem is he undermines most of

568

00:23:14,630 --> 00:23:12,080

the cases of paranormal assistance that

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00:23:16,710 --> 00:23:14,640

he brings up that's the only reason this

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00:23:18,630 --> 00:23:16,720

story is up here rather than in the

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00:23:20,710 --> 00:23:18,640

section at the bottom

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00:23:23,990 --> 00:23:20,720

it's so weird to see someone undercut

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00:23:26,310 --> 00:23:24,000

their own profession so consistently you

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00:23:28,630 --> 00:23:26,320

wonder if it's an elaborate joke but we

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00:23:31,909 --> 00:23:28,640

don't think it is

576
00:23:34,230 --> 00:23:31,919
congress taking ufos more seriously but

577
00:23:36,310 --> 00:23:34,240
questions remain

578
00:23:39,029 --> 00:23:36,320
american politicians have a meeting to

579
00:23:40,870 --> 00:23:39,039
discuss unidentified flying objects or

580
00:23:43,029 --> 00:23:40,880
aerial phenomena

581
00:23:46,230 --> 00:23:43,039
among the fors and against

582
00:23:48,630 --> 00:23:46,240
comes the breathtaking observation quote

583
00:23:50,950 --> 00:23:48,640
few can argue that the public still has

584
00:23:52,149 --> 00:23:50,960
questions and much remains unexplained

585
00:23:53,909 --> 00:23:52,159
end quote

586
00:23:57,060 --> 00:23:53,919
of course they're unexplained that's

587
00:23:58,630 --> 00:23:57,070
pretty much what the u of ufo stands for

588
00:24:01,430 --> 00:23:58,640

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00:24:05,430 --> 00:24:01,440

items of interest

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00:24:08,470 --> 00:24:05,440

creepy essex home named the quote most

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00:24:12,149 --> 00:24:08,480

haunted in england end quote

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00:24:14,230 --> 00:24:12,159

but what a shame it burned down in 1938

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00:24:18,070 --> 00:24:14,240

apparently borley rectory is still

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00:24:20,549 --> 00:24:18,080

haunted even though it isn't there

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00:24:22,710 --> 00:24:20,559

and your author admits to a failed trek

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00:24:26,870 --> 00:24:22,720

in his youth trying to find the place

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00:24:30,230 --> 00:24:26,880

not realizing it had gone long before

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00:24:33,430 --> 00:24:30,240

scotland is quote most haunted country

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00:24:35,110 --> 00:24:33,440

in world end quote oh troy where are you

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00:24:37,430 --> 00:24:35,120

when i need you

601
00:24:40,390 --> 00:24:37,440
thumbing a supernatural nose at borley

602
00:24:43,190 --> 00:24:40,400
rectory comes the news that a paranormal

603
00:24:45,669 --> 00:24:43,200
expert says that scotland leads the pack

604
00:24:48,310 --> 00:24:45,679
when it comes to gory hauntings we have

605
00:24:50,870 --> 00:24:48,320
to trust her because she quote got into

606
00:24:53,190 --> 00:24:50,880
becoming a parapsychologist by seeking

607
00:24:55,990 --> 00:24:53,200
to apply scientific principles to

608
00:24:58,470 --> 00:24:56,000
anomalous phenomena the further into

609
00:25:00,870 --> 00:24:58,480
quantum theory i worked the more things

610
00:25:02,950 --> 00:25:00,880
like ghosts started to make sense end

611
00:25:06,630 --> 00:25:02,960
quote and there you go

612
00:25:09,029 --> 00:25:06,640
quantum proof of everything

613
00:25:11,029 --> 00:25:09,039

aliens could invade earth within the

614

00:25:12,950 --> 00:25:11,039

next five years

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00:25:15,669 --> 00:25:12,960

according to keller

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00:25:17,269 --> 00:25:15,679

yuri's been very active lately what with

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00:25:20,789 --> 00:25:17,279

predicting all sorts of approaching

618

00:25:23,029 --> 00:25:20,799

phenomena the most recent is using quote

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00:25:25,190 --> 00:25:23,039

remote viewing to send his mind through

620

00:25:28,870 --> 00:25:25,200

space and time to have a look at the

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00:25:30,950 --> 00:25:28,880

aliens in action end quote or maybe that

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00:25:35,110 --> 00:25:30,960

should be quote

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00:25:37,190 --> 00:25:35,120

aliens inaction end quote get it

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00:25:39,750 --> 00:25:37,200

anyway they'll be here soon so keep a

625

00:25:42,710 --> 00:25:39,760

bag packed by the door

626
00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:42,720
psychic making personalized coffins for

627
00:25:48,549 --> 00:25:46,080
murdered kids oh dear

628
00:25:51,029 --> 00:25:48,559
this could be seen as opportunism of the

629
00:25:53,269 --> 00:25:51,039
lowest kind but self-professed medium

630
00:25:55,190 --> 00:25:53,279
trey ganim is donating customized

631
00:25:57,029 --> 00:25:55,200
coffins to the families of those killed

632
00:25:59,830 --> 00:25:57,039
in the horrific shooting at robb

633
00:26:02,390 --> 00:25:59,840
elementary school in uvalde texas in

634
00:26:05,029 --> 00:26:02,400
which 19 children died

635
00:26:07,269 --> 00:26:05,039
he runs a customized coffin business and

636
00:26:09,830 --> 00:26:07,279
has promised to donate caskets decorated

637
00:26:11,750 --> 00:26:09,840
specifically for each murdered child

638
00:26:14,390 --> 00:26:11,760

among the designs he is featuring on the

639

00:26:17,110 --> 00:26:14,400

coffins are dinosaurs butterflies and

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00:26:19,510 --> 00:26:17,120

scenes from popular tik tok videos

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00:26:21,830 --> 00:26:19,520

he claims to regularly communicate with

642

00:26:24,149 --> 00:26:21,840

the deceased while working on caskets

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00:26:26,620 --> 00:26:24,159

including victims of the vivaldi

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00:26:30,710 --> 00:26:26,630

shooting which is very very sad

645

00:26:33,669 --> 00:26:30,720

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646

00:26:35,990 --> 00:26:33,679

well that's all for now and until next

647

00:26:38,630 --> 00:26:36,000

time this has been adrian hill from the

648

00:26:40,200 --> 00:26:38,640

land of waffles moose and of course

649

00:26:49,029 --> 00:26:40,210

maple syrup

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00:26:51,190 --> 00:26:49,039

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00:26:53,669 --> 00:26:51,200

carrie is it oh yes hi i'm carrie i am

652

00:26:56,470 --> 00:26:53,679

psychic ross and i will be reading you

653

00:26:58,630 --> 00:26:56,480

this evening oh interesting well okay i

654

00:27:00,390 --> 00:26:58,640

co-host a podcast it's called ono ross

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00:27:02,870 --> 00:27:00,400

and kerry yes i'm sensing that the

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00:27:04,470 --> 00:27:02,880

spirits are telling me it is a show

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00:27:06,870 --> 00:27:04,480

about well it's about like fringe

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00:27:09,350 --> 00:27:06,880

science and spirituality and claims of

659

00:27:11,510 --> 00:27:09,360

the paranormal oh you knew that you do

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00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:11,520

research online but more importantly

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00:27:16,950 --> 00:27:14,640

like we do in-person investigations

662

00:27:18,549 --> 00:27:16,960

as well oh my god that's amazing you see

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00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:18,559

me and my friend this is so weird my

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00:27:22,549 --> 00:27:20,880

friend ross same name as you weird he

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00:27:23,830 --> 00:27:22,559

and i just go and try them all out and

666

00:27:25,510 --> 00:27:23,840

actually we've gone to a number of

667

00:27:27,830 --> 00:27:25,520

psychics and to be honest with you it's

668

00:27:28,830 --> 00:27:27,840

a lot like this it's called owner ross

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00:27:30,789 --> 00:27:28,840

and carrie they can find it at

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00:27:33,100 --> 00:27:30,799

maximumfun.org i could have told you

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00:27:45,269 --> 00:27:33,110

that

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00:27:49,510 --> 00:27:46,870

now it's time once again to look into

673

00:27:51,669 --> 00:27:49,520

those archives those digital

674

00:27:54,549 --> 00:27:51,679

newspaper magazine

675

00:27:57,269 --> 00:27:54,559

journal archives from around the world

676

00:27:59,950 --> 00:27:57,279

normally in australia we look for the

677

00:28:02,630 --> 00:27:59,960

trove archive at

678

00:28:04,789 --> 00:28:02,640

trove.nla.gov.edu but sometimes often we

679

00:28:07,029 --> 00:28:04,799

go further afield

680

00:28:08,630 --> 00:28:07,039

and today we're back once again in the

681

00:28:10,549 --> 00:28:08,640

united states

682

00:28:11,669 --> 00:28:10,559

and concentrating on one article this

683

00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:11,679

week

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00:28:14,310 --> 00:28:13,200

it's called

685

00:28:15,760 --> 00:28:14,320

first

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00:28:20,149 --> 00:28:15,770

for wisdom

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00:28:22,310 --> 00:28:20,159

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00:28:23,590 --> 00:28:22,320

now this appeared in the joplin sunday

689

00:28:26,710 --> 00:28:23,600

globe

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00:28:29,590 --> 00:28:26,720

dated may 13 2001

691

00:28:32,230 --> 00:28:29,600

and this is from joplin missouri

692

00:28:33,990 --> 00:28:32,240

united states and this is all about

693

00:28:37,510 --> 00:28:34,000

water dowsing

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00:28:39,510 --> 00:28:37,520

or as we tend to call it here divining

695

00:28:42,149 --> 00:28:39,520

an interesting story

696

00:28:45,430 --> 00:28:42,159

which includes a mention

697

00:28:47,510 --> 00:28:45,440

from james randy and the large picture

698

00:28:50,149 --> 00:28:47,520

that accompanies this story on the front

699

00:28:52,070 --> 00:28:50,159

page of the newspaper in question the

700

00:28:53,430 --> 00:28:52,080

joplin globe

701
00:28:54,950 --> 00:28:53,440
is of a

702
00:28:57,029 --> 00:28:54,960
elderly man

703
00:28:58,789 --> 00:28:57,039
instructing a young

704
00:29:00,630 --> 00:28:58,799
student and the

705
00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:00,640
and the caption reads

706
00:29:05,350 --> 00:29:04,240
casey ridenour 11 of eureka springs

707
00:29:08,070 --> 00:29:05,360
arkansas

708
00:29:10,950 --> 00:29:08,080
is being helped by louis matisha with

709
00:29:13,190 --> 00:29:10,960
the american society of dowsers the

710
00:29:15,590 --> 00:29:13,200
group's central conference was recently

711
00:29:16,950 --> 00:29:15,600
held in eureka springs at the crescent

712
00:29:20,230 --> 00:29:16,960
hotel

713
00:29:23,350 --> 00:29:20,240

dowsing pupils seek answers from wand

714

00:29:27,350 --> 00:29:23,360

skeptics ask for proof

715

00:29:29,669 --> 00:29:27,360

by max mccoey globe staff writer

716

00:29:32,149 --> 00:29:29,679

eureka springs arkansas

717

00:29:35,430 --> 00:29:32,159

in the shadow of the historic crescent

718

00:29:39,190 --> 00:29:35,440

hotel novice dowsers move slowly down a

719

00:29:42,070 --> 00:29:39,200

swath of carefully manicured lawn copper

720

00:29:44,630 --> 00:29:42,080

ones twitching in their fists

721

00:29:47,510 --> 00:29:44,640

how deep is the vein ask their

722

00:29:50,549 --> 00:29:47,520

instructor lee khachadorian

723

00:29:52,470 --> 00:29:50,559

the students believe they have found

724

00:29:55,590 --> 00:29:52,480

water and not

725

00:29:57,909 --> 00:29:55,600

just water but water that is portable

726

00:30:00,549 --> 00:29:57,919

palatable with a flow of at least five

727

00:30:03,190 --> 00:30:00,559

gallons per minute at the surface and at

728

00:30:06,310 --> 00:30:03,200

a depth of less than 500 feet

729

00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:06,320

at least that's what they've carefully

730

00:30:08,789 --> 00:30:07,520

asked

731

00:30:10,310 --> 00:30:08,799

their tools

732

00:30:12,310 --> 00:30:10,320

to locate

733

00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:12,320

also called bobbars

734

00:30:18,549 --> 00:30:15,440

the wands are the soul of simplicity

735

00:30:21,029 --> 00:30:18,559

a length of copper wire a few twists to

736

00:30:24,070 --> 00:30:21,039

make a spring joint about a third of the

737

00:30:26,470 --> 00:30:24,080

way down and a wooden handle

738

00:30:29,029 --> 00:30:26,480

the business end bobs seemingly of its

739

00:30:30,310 --> 00:30:29,039

own volition and answers are deduced

740

00:30:34,230 --> 00:30:30,320

according to the direction of the

741

00:30:37,510 --> 00:30:34,240

movement 45 feet says ronald bond a

742

00:30:39,990 --> 00:30:37,520

middle-aged businessman from texas four

743

00:30:42,710 --> 00:30:40,000

of the seven other students concur

744

00:30:45,909 --> 00:30:42,720

and also agree on the number of veins or

745

00:30:48,630 --> 00:30:45,919

underground streams present three

746

00:30:49,590 --> 00:30:48,640

such demonstrations are impressive to

747

00:30:51,510 --> 00:30:49,600

watch

748

00:30:53,350 --> 00:30:51,520

but short of tranquilizing the

749

00:30:55,909 --> 00:30:53,360

management and digging up the hotel's

750

00:30:58,470 --> 00:30:55,919

lawn there is no practical way to know

751
00:31:00,710 --> 00:30:58,480
how accurate the students have been

752
00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:00,720
catchadorian students are among the

753
00:31:06,389 --> 00:31:03,600
three dozen who have paid 52 dollars

754
00:31:09,110 --> 00:31:06,399
each to attend a day-long beginning

755
00:31:10,870 --> 00:31:09,120
dowsing school held in eureka springs in

756
00:31:13,669 --> 00:31:10,880
conjunction with the central conference

757
00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:13,679
of the american society of dowsers

758
00:31:18,149 --> 00:31:16,000
despite the work of debunkers like james

759
00:31:20,549 --> 00:31:18,159
randy and others who say dowsing just

760
00:31:23,430 --> 00:31:20,559
doesn't work the non-profit american

761
00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:23,440
society of dowsers has about 5 000

762
00:31:28,870 --> 00:31:25,840
members and receives hundreds of letters

763
00:31:31,669 --> 00:31:28,880

annually from the curious and although

764

00:31:34,389 --> 00:31:31,679

dowsing is an ancient folk tradition

765

00:31:36,549 --> 00:31:34,399

usually associated with locating water

766

00:31:37,990 --> 00:31:36,559

adherents claim nothing is beyond their

767

00:31:40,950 --> 00:31:38,000

power to locate

768

00:31:41,909 --> 00:31:40,960

oil and gas missing persons even

769

00:31:44,470 --> 00:31:41,919

treasure

770

00:31:46,870 --> 00:31:44,480

dowsing also transcends time and

771

00:31:51,830 --> 00:31:46,880

distance they claim and successful

772

00:31:52,870 --> 00:31:51,840

searches can be made using maps alone

773

00:31:54,630 --> 00:31:52,880

but

774

00:31:58,070 --> 00:31:54,640

there's a catch

775

00:32:01,029 --> 00:31:58,080

dowsing only works they say when based

776

00:32:02,789 --> 00:32:01,039

on a legitimate need to know

777

00:32:05,590 --> 00:32:02,799

ask questions out of scientific

778

00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:05,600

curiosity or basic human greed

779

00:32:12,310 --> 00:32:09,440

and the results are unreliable

780

00:32:14,149 --> 00:32:12,320

bunk says randy who has a standing offer

781

00:32:16,630 --> 00:32:14,159

of one million dollars for anyone who

782

00:32:18,389 --> 00:32:16,640

can prove paranormal powers under

783

00:32:21,269 --> 00:32:18,399

controlled conditions

784

00:32:23,509 --> 00:32:21,279

dowsing is self-delusion mostly

785

00:32:25,990 --> 00:32:23,519

it's the idiom motor reaction and you

786

00:32:27,830 --> 00:32:26,000

can look that up in any psychology book

787

00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:27,840

what they are really doing is moving the

788

00:32:31,110 --> 00:32:30,000

stick or pendulum or the wires

789

00:32:34,389 --> 00:32:31,120

themselves

790

00:32:37,269 --> 00:32:34,399

the reason they find water is because 94

791

00:32:40,470 --> 00:32:37,279

of the earth's surface has water within

792

00:32:43,990 --> 00:32:40,480

a drillable distance the real trick says

793

00:32:45,990 --> 00:32:44,000

randy would be to find a dry spot

794

00:32:47,830 --> 00:32:46,000

thirsting for more

795

00:32:50,470 --> 00:32:47,840

the crescent hotel is an appropriate

796

00:32:53,909 --> 00:32:50,480

location for a dowsing conference that

797

00:32:56,549 --> 00:32:53,919

also offered seminars on feng shui

798

00:32:58,070 --> 00:32:56,559

past lives regression

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00:33:00,149 --> 00:32:58,080

and quote

800

00:33:02,310 --> 00:33:00,159

clearing non-beneficial

801
00:33:05,029 --> 00:33:02,320
thought forms

802
00:33:07,669 --> 00:33:05,039
end quote eureka springs is a curious

803
00:33:11,269 --> 00:33:07,679
combination of victorian charm and new

804
00:33:13,190 --> 00:33:11,279
age hypnosis and the 115 year crescent

805
00:33:14,470 --> 00:33:13,200
is alleged to be

806
00:33:16,710 --> 00:33:14,480
haunted

807
00:33:18,870 --> 00:33:16,720
some of the ghosts the story goes are

808
00:33:21,269 --> 00:33:18,880
the unhappy souls of those who died

809
00:33:23,909 --> 00:33:21,279
there while the hotel was a cancer

810
00:33:26,630 --> 00:33:23,919
hospital early in its career a

811
00:33:30,070 --> 00:33:26,640
handwritten letter signed politely asked

812
00:33:32,630 --> 00:33:30,080
dowsers not to clear any quote

813
00:33:35,990 --> 00:33:32,640

negative energies and quote they find in

814

00:33:37,110 --> 00:33:36,000

the hotel for fear of driving out the

815

00:33:40,389 --> 00:33:37,120

ghosts

816

00:33:42,149 --> 00:33:40,399

out on the lawn catchadorian has steered

817

00:33:44,310 --> 00:33:42,159

her charges clear of the north side of

818

00:33:46,230 --> 00:33:44,320

the hotel where many dowsers have

819

00:33:47,750 --> 00:33:46,240

detected something

820

00:33:51,750 --> 00:33:47,760

noxious

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00:33:54,870 --> 00:33:51,760

catchadorian 61 is an american society

822

00:33:57,669 --> 00:33:54,880

of daos trustee who lives in woodstock

823

00:34:00,310 --> 00:33:57,679

vermont she says she has been dowsing

824

00:34:01,350 --> 00:34:00,320

for more than 20 years to locate water

825

00:34:04,870 --> 00:34:01,360

enhance

826

00:34:06,470 --> 00:34:04,880

life energies and solve problems she

827

00:34:08,470 --> 00:34:06,480

agrees with randy that dowsers

828

00:34:09,909 --> 00:34:08,480

unconsciously move their tools

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00:34:11,909 --> 00:34:09,919

themselves

830

00:34:14,710 --> 00:34:11,919

but says it's because they are connected

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00:34:16,310 --> 00:34:14,720

to something greater than themselves

832

00:34:18,310 --> 00:34:16,320

there's something said in many different

833

00:34:22,149 --> 00:34:18,320

religions including christianity and

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00:34:24,869 --> 00:34:22,159

judaism about asking and you shall find

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00:34:26,069 --> 00:34:24,879

catchadorian said this is what dowsing

836

00:34:29,109 --> 00:34:26,079

is all about

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00:34:32,310 --> 00:34:29,119

dowsing students are seekers she says

838

00:34:34,310 --> 00:34:32,320

who thirst for more than water they are

839

00:34:36,710 --> 00:34:34,320

in the process of realizing there is

840

00:34:39,190 --> 00:34:36,720

something beyond themselves

841

00:34:42,310 --> 00:34:39,200

that they haven't been able to get in

842

00:34:45,430 --> 00:34:42,320

touch with she said they are looking for

843

00:34:48,790 --> 00:34:45,440

something that is missing in their life

844

00:34:50,950 --> 00:34:48,800

some are coming for healing purposes

845

00:34:53,030 --> 00:34:50,960

and some want to take control of a

846

00:34:54,149 --> 00:34:53,040

particular type of energy

847

00:34:57,430 --> 00:34:54,159

intent

848

00:34:59,990 --> 00:34:57,440

is important kochidorian said

849

00:35:01,589 --> 00:35:00,000

and she advises her students to think

850

00:35:02,710 --> 00:35:01,599

carefully about the information they

851
00:35:05,990 --> 00:35:02,720
request

852
00:35:08,950 --> 00:35:06,000
not only is the phrasing of the question

853
00:35:11,349 --> 00:35:08,960
vital because the instruments tend to

854
00:35:14,790 --> 00:35:11,359
interpret things literally asking if

855
00:35:16,550 --> 00:35:14,800
one's car needs gas invariably results

856
00:35:19,829 --> 00:35:16,560
in an affirmative

857
00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:19,839
because all cars need gas regardless of

858
00:35:25,030 --> 00:35:22,480
how much gasoline is in the tank of any

859
00:35:28,069 --> 00:35:25,040
particular vehicle but there are some

860
00:35:29,670 --> 00:35:28,079
questions that simply shouldn't be asked

861
00:35:32,790 --> 00:35:29,680
most of these

862
00:35:35,270 --> 00:35:32,800
forbidden areas often involve greed

863
00:35:38,310 --> 00:35:35,280

invasion of privacy or questions for

864

00:35:40,150 --> 00:35:38,320

which the dowser cannot set aside his or

865

00:35:42,790 --> 00:35:40,160

her ego

866

00:35:44,790 --> 00:35:42,800

and a brief stop here along the way for

867

00:35:46,790 --> 00:35:44,800

me to comment that

868

00:35:49,349 --> 00:35:46,800

really well that all depends on who you

869

00:35:51,589 --> 00:35:49,359

ask because over the decades and decades

870

00:35:52,790 --> 00:35:51,599

that um australian skeptics and other

871

00:35:54,630 --> 00:35:52,800

groups have been

872

00:35:56,150 --> 00:35:54,640

testing the claims of water diviners and

873

00:35:57,750 --> 00:35:56,160

water dowsers

874

00:35:59,190 --> 00:35:57,760

some will say this some will say

875

00:36:01,589 --> 00:35:59,200

something else some will say of course

876

00:36:03,990 --> 00:36:01,599

they can be tested for dowsing it all

877

00:36:05,589 --> 00:36:04,000

depends on who you talk to

878

00:36:07,430 --> 00:36:05,599

we read on

879

00:36:09,990 --> 00:36:07,440

she advised her students to begin a

880

00:36:13,109 --> 00:36:10,000

session by first dowsing for

881

00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:13,119

permission to pursue a particular topic

882

00:36:17,430 --> 00:36:16,000

with a formula summed up by

883

00:36:20,550 --> 00:36:17,440

quote may i

884

00:36:24,230 --> 00:36:20,560

can i should i end quote if the answer

885

00:36:27,190 --> 00:36:24,240

to any of these questions is no she said

886

00:36:30,230 --> 00:36:27,200

only the foolish would proceed

887

00:36:32,790 --> 00:36:30,240

cochadorian said she had never met randy

888

00:36:35,670 --> 00:36:32,800

but that she doubted his assertion that

889

00:36:37,270 --> 00:36:35,680

drillable water can be found on 94 of

890

00:36:39,589 --> 00:36:37,280

the earth's surface

891

00:36:42,470 --> 00:36:39,599

anyone with experience in drilling she

892

00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:42,480

said knows how difficult it is to place

893

00:36:47,190 --> 00:36:44,160

a good well

894

00:36:49,430 --> 00:36:47,200

also she said randy didn't seem to be a

895

00:36:51,270 --> 00:36:49,440

particularly happy person

896

00:36:53,270 --> 00:36:51,280

based on the few times she's seen him on

897

00:36:56,550 --> 00:36:53,280

television or in a documentary on

898

00:36:58,870 --> 00:36:56,560

dowsing made by her son george

899

00:37:00,710 --> 00:36:58,880

given a choice she said she'd rather be

900

00:37:02,950 --> 00:37:00,720

happy even if it means believing in

901
00:37:05,910 --> 00:37:02,960
something she can't prove

902
00:37:07,910 --> 00:37:05,920
every human being can dowse

903
00:37:10,069 --> 00:37:07,920
assuming for a moment that khachadorian

904
00:37:11,910 --> 00:37:10,079
and her fellows in the american society

905
00:37:13,030 --> 00:37:11,920
of dowsers are right the question

906
00:37:15,589 --> 00:37:13,040
becomes

907
00:37:17,589 --> 00:37:15,599
what makes dowsing work

908
00:37:19,750 --> 00:37:17,599
the american society of dowsers is

909
00:37:22,390 --> 00:37:19,760
careful to endorse no particular

910
00:37:24,550 --> 00:37:22,400
explanation but individual dowsers have

911
00:37:26,510 --> 00:37:24,560
pet theories ranging from

912
00:37:28,550 --> 00:37:26,520
guardian angels to unknown

913
00:37:31,910 --> 00:37:28,560

electromagnetic forces

914

00:37:33,349 --> 00:37:31,920

to what one particular at eureka springs

915

00:37:34,630 --> 00:37:33,359

called

916

00:37:35,670 --> 00:37:34,640

the big

917

00:37:37,510 --> 00:37:35,680

library

918

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

in the sky

919

00:37:41,829 --> 00:37:39,760

during a classroom session earlier in

920

00:37:43,910 --> 00:37:41,839

the day on the fourth floor of the

921

00:37:46,550 --> 00:37:43,920

crescent hotel questions about what

922

00:37:48,390 --> 00:37:46,560

makes dowsing works were discouraged

923

00:37:50,630 --> 00:37:48,400

by tony garringer

924

00:37:53,430 --> 00:37:50,640

an instructor an avid amateur dowser

925

00:37:56,230 --> 00:37:53,440

from las cruces new mexico don't lose

926
00:37:58,470 --> 00:37:56,240
sleep over it he told the students you

927
00:38:00,630 --> 00:37:58,480
don't have to know how an automatic

928
00:38:01,510 --> 00:38:00,640
transmission works in order to drive a

929
00:38:04,950 --> 00:38:01,520
car

930
00:38:07,349 --> 00:38:04,960
the task for us today is to teach you

931
00:38:09,750 --> 00:38:07,359
how to operate this stuff every human

932
00:38:12,470 --> 00:38:09,760
being can dowse but most people have

933
00:38:15,030 --> 00:38:12,480
never developed it he said

934
00:38:16,390 --> 00:38:15,040
the students were given an inexpensive

935
00:38:20,550 --> 00:38:16,400
set of four

936
00:38:23,190 --> 00:38:20,560
basic tools the wand a ceramic pendulum

937
00:38:26,550 --> 00:38:23,200
a pair of l-shaped copper rods

938
00:38:29,190 --> 00:38:26,560

and a forked stick made from plastic

939

00:38:31,829 --> 00:38:29,200

tubing garander told the students not to

940

00:38:33,670 --> 00:38:31,839

waste their money on high-priced devices

941

00:38:35,750 --> 00:38:33,680

with fancy claims

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00:38:37,910 --> 00:38:35,760

some dowsing tools go for hundreds or

943

00:38:40,790 --> 00:38:37,920

even thousands of dollars as long as the

944

00:38:43,750 --> 00:38:40,800

material can swing bob sway or bend

945

00:38:46,950 --> 00:38:43,760

properly he said it doesn't matter what

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00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:46,960

the tool is made of the important thing

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00:38:52,150 --> 00:38:50,240

is the mind of the dowser also he said

948

00:38:55,030 --> 00:38:52,160

the tools must be

949

00:38:58,230 --> 00:38:55,040

programmed to give correct answers by

950

00:39:00,710 --> 00:38:58,240

telling them aloud what is expected a

951
00:39:04,230 --> 00:39:00,720
pendulum for example is commonly

952
00:39:06,950 --> 00:39:04,240
programmed to single a yes answer by

953
00:39:10,069 --> 00:39:06,960
swinging away from the dowser while the

954
00:39:12,550 --> 00:39:10,079
I rods are usually expected to cross

955
00:39:16,069 --> 00:39:12,560
there is more to it of course there is

956
00:39:17,589 --> 00:39:16,079
also a ready position a

957
00:39:20,069 --> 00:39:17,599
no position

958
00:39:22,550 --> 00:39:20,079
and movements that indicate number and

959
00:39:25,430 --> 00:39:22,560
direction also the I rods seem

960
00:39:26,390 --> 00:39:25,440
particularly sensitive and will often

961
00:39:29,430 --> 00:39:26,400
spin

962
00:39:32,310 --> 00:39:29,440
seemingly with no input from the dowser

963
00:39:34,950 --> 00:39:32,320

garringer considers himself an expert

964

00:39:38,390 --> 00:39:34,960

but does not charge for his services

965

00:39:41,030 --> 00:39:38,400

i had a bad pork chop

966

00:39:43,510 --> 00:39:41,040

a former magician and escape artist

967

00:39:45,710 --> 00:39:43,520

james randy may be the world's best

968

00:39:48,069 --> 00:39:45,720

known debunker of paranormal and

969

00:39:50,630 --> 00:39:48,079

pseudo-scientific claims following in

970

00:39:53,750 --> 00:39:50,640

the footsteps of another famous escape

971

00:39:56,390 --> 00:39:53,760

artist harry houdini randy has exposed

972

00:39:58,550 --> 00:39:56,400

spoonbenders faith healers and occult

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00:40:01,349 --> 00:39:58,560

hoaxes of all kinds

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00:40:02,950 --> 00:40:01,359

since 1996 the james randy educational

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00:40:05,670 --> 00:40:02,960

foundation has offered

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00:40:07,990 --> 00:40:05,680

a one million dollar prize to

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00:40:09,990 --> 00:40:08,000

anyone who can show under proper

978

00:40:12,550 --> 00:40:10,000

observing conditions evidence of any

979

00:40:14,069 --> 00:40:12,560

paranormal supernatural or occult power

980

00:40:16,390 --> 00:40:14,079

or event

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00:40:19,190 --> 00:40:16,400

applicants are asked to perform a simple

982

00:40:21,349 --> 00:40:19,200

preliminary test of the claim and if

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00:40:22,870 --> 00:40:21,359

successful they will be allowed to take

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00:40:24,630 --> 00:40:22,880

the formal test

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00:40:27,829 --> 00:40:24,640

which are designed

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00:40:29,109 --> 00:40:27,839

with the participation and approval of

987

00:40:31,349 --> 00:40:29,119

the applicant

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00:40:33,670 --> 00:40:31,359

though hundreds have applied

989

00:40:36,150 --> 00:40:33,680

nobody has yet passed even the

990

00:40:39,430 --> 00:40:36,160

preliminary test dowsing depends on

991

00:40:41,430 --> 00:40:39,440

having an unstable system of some kind

992

00:40:44,309 --> 00:40:41,440

randy said in a telephone interview this

993

00:40:46,470 --> 00:40:44,319

week from the foundation headquarters in

994

00:40:48,870 --> 00:40:46,480

fort lauderdale florida you can't

995

00:40:50,870 --> 00:40:48,880

possibly keep a pendulum still the

996

00:40:53,430 --> 00:40:50,880

l-shaped rods represent the same

997

00:40:55,589 --> 00:40:53,440

phenomenon randy said he had been

998

00:40:58,790 --> 00:40:55,599

studying the dowsing since he was

999

00:41:01,030 --> 00:40:58,800

fifteen and although he has tested

1000

00:41:03,190 --> 00:41:01,040

dowses many times around the world under

1001
00:41:05,510 --> 00:41:03,200
carefully controlled conditions

1002
00:41:07,349 --> 00:41:05,520
they have always failed

1003
00:41:09,990 --> 00:41:07,359
what sets them apart from the hundreds

1004
00:41:12,550 --> 00:41:10,000
of others who claim supernatural power

1005
00:41:16,069 --> 00:41:12,560
that he has tested randy said

1006
00:41:18,470 --> 00:41:16,079
is that he has discovered only three who

1007
00:41:21,670 --> 00:41:18,480
tried to cheat in some way

1008
00:41:24,550 --> 00:41:21,680
all of the others appeared to be sincere

1009
00:41:26,870 --> 00:41:24,560
now dowsers are essentially honest folks

1010
00:41:30,069 --> 00:41:26,880
and they think they have the power

1011
00:41:31,349 --> 00:41:30,079
randy said some dowsers came in a couple

1012
00:41:33,349 --> 00:41:31,359
of weeks ago

1013
00:41:34,390 --> 00:41:33,359

and they were tested in one room in the

1014

00:41:36,710 --> 00:41:34,400

library here

1015

00:41:40,390 --> 00:41:36,720

and they failed then they always make

1016

00:41:43,510 --> 00:41:40,400

excuses i had a bad pork chop it was too

1017

00:41:46,950 --> 00:41:43,520

damp there were negative vibrations in

1018

00:41:48,870 --> 00:41:46,960

germany randy said he devised a simple

1019

00:41:50,710 --> 00:41:48,880

test in which dowsers were asked to

1020

00:41:52,950 --> 00:41:50,720

determine if water was running through a

1021

00:41:54,790 --> 00:41:52,960

particular pipe or not

1022

00:41:56,230 --> 00:41:54,800

again he said

1023

00:41:58,710 --> 00:41:56,240

they couldn't

1024

00:42:00,470 --> 00:41:58,720

dousers need this to be true because

1025

00:42:03,190 --> 00:42:00,480

it's the only thing they've got going

1026

00:42:06,150 --> 00:42:03,200

for them he said you find these are

1027

00:42:08,470 --> 00:42:06,160

people who have never been paid much

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00:42:10,710 --> 00:42:08,480

attention to but at conventions they're

1029

00:42:13,030 --> 00:42:10,720

all good old boys slap each other on the

1030

00:42:14,069 --> 00:42:13,040

back and have a good time it's a social

1031

00:42:16,550 --> 00:42:14,079

club

1032

00:42:18,790 --> 00:42:16,560

but dowses seem to have won their case

1033

00:42:21,109 --> 00:42:18,800

in the court of public opinion randy

1034

00:42:23,190 --> 00:42:21,119

said because dowsing is such a

1035

00:42:25,349 --> 00:42:23,200

well-known folk tradition

1036

00:42:30,069 --> 00:42:25,359

but the evidence cited in favor of

1037

00:42:32,390 --> 00:42:30,079

dowsing is invariably anecdotal now we

1038

00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:32,400

really want someone to show us it works

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00:42:36,390 --> 00:42:34,560

and we're putting up one million dollars

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00:42:38,230 --> 00:42:36,400

for it he said

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00:42:40,390 --> 00:42:38,240

but they will say this is something that

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00:42:41,990 --> 00:42:40,400

shouldn't be tested or that they don't

1043

00:42:44,309 --> 00:42:42,000

want the million bucks

1044

00:42:46,710 --> 00:42:44,319

when i say why don't they give this

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00:42:48,870 --> 00:42:46,720

money to aids research or hungry

1046

00:42:51,109 --> 00:42:48,880

children when they win

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00:42:53,589 --> 00:42:51,119

they don't have an answer james

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00:42:56,630 --> 00:42:53,599

underdown is the executive director of

1049

00:42:59,589 --> 00:42:56,640

the center for inquiry west in los

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00:43:02,309 --> 00:42:59,599

angeles and he agrees with randy that

1051
00:43:04,630 --> 00:43:02,319
although there is no proven scientific

1052
00:43:06,950 --> 00:43:04,640
for dowsing it continues to hold a

1053
00:43:09,829 --> 00:43:06,960
prominent place in the popular

1054
00:43:12,870 --> 00:43:09,839
imagination in the case of dowsing it

1055
00:43:15,349 --> 00:43:12,880
goes off in two directions under down

1056
00:43:17,750 --> 00:43:15,359
said one is folklore because the

1057
00:43:20,470 --> 00:43:17,760
witching stick is an old notion and the

1058
00:43:21,910 --> 00:43:20,480
other which i think the american dowsing

1059
00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:21,920
society takes

1060
00:43:27,349 --> 00:43:24,720
is the whole rest of the spectrum

1061
00:43:29,349 --> 00:43:27,359
where people feel like they can douse to

1062
00:43:31,829 --> 00:43:29,359
heal sickness spiritual energy

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00:43:33,829 --> 00:43:31,839

imbalances and all these different ideas

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00:43:35,589 --> 00:43:33,839

which are closer to new age thinking and

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00:43:37,430 --> 00:43:35,599

alternative medicine

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00:43:40,870 --> 00:43:37,440

many of these claims are difficult to

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00:43:41,990 --> 00:43:40,880

test but we think it's fair game to say

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00:43:43,430 --> 00:43:42,000

prove it

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00:43:45,670 --> 00:43:43,440

underdown said

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00:43:48,550 --> 00:43:45,680

the onus of proof is on the claimant

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00:43:50,150 --> 00:43:48,560

especially if you're charging people

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00:43:51,270 --> 00:43:50,160

that's when it gets into the realm of

1073

00:43:53,750 --> 00:43:51,280

fraud

1074

00:43:56,230 --> 00:43:53,760

subtle energies

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00:43:58,390 --> 00:43:56,240

the students at eureka springs however

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00:44:00,870 --> 00:43:58,400

didn't seem to need a scientific

1077

00:44:04,309 --> 00:44:00,880

evidence one way or another

1078

00:44:07,589 --> 00:44:04,319

ron bond the woodlands texas businessman

1079

00:44:10,390 --> 00:44:07,599

who helped douse the depth of the water

1080

00:44:12,150 --> 00:44:10,400

on the lawn of the crescent hotel

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00:44:14,309 --> 00:44:12,160

said he saw

1082

00:44:16,390 --> 00:44:14,319

example after example

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00:44:18,309 --> 00:44:16,400

that dowsing worked and called the

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00:44:20,550 --> 00:44:18,319

conference exceptional

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00:44:23,190 --> 00:44:20,560

i attend simply on the recommendation of

1086

00:44:26,550 --> 00:44:23,200

a friend and with no previous knowledge

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00:44:28,630 --> 00:44:26,560

and truly with no expectations he said

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00:44:31,589 --> 00:44:28,640

one weekend of hands-on experience

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00:44:34,710 --> 00:44:31,599

opened my faculties and confirmed for me

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00:44:37,430 --> 00:44:34,720

the existence of subtle energies existed

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00:44:39,750 --> 00:44:37,440

all around us daily linda j cunningham

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00:44:41,750 --> 00:44:39,760

another of catchadorian students heard

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00:44:44,069 --> 00:44:41,760

about the dowsing school when she

1094

00:44:44,870 --> 00:44:44,079

attended a feng shui workshop with a

1095

00:44:47,150 --> 00:44:44,880

friend

1096

00:44:49,589 --> 00:44:47,160

cunningham an executive with a

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00:44:52,710 --> 00:44:49,599

telecommunications consulting company in

1098

00:44:55,589 --> 00:44:52,720

norman oklahoma said her husband had

1099

00:44:58,470 --> 00:44:55,599

attended an american society of dallas's

1100

00:44:59,829 --> 00:44:58,480

conference last year in flagstaff

1101
00:45:02,550 --> 00:44:59,839
arizona

1102
00:45:05,990 --> 00:45:02,560
and was so impressed he began writing

1103
00:45:08,069 --> 00:45:06,000
about dowsing she did not elaborate

1104
00:45:10,470 --> 00:45:08,079
cochadorian and other members of the

1105
00:45:15,030 --> 00:45:10,480
american society of nasa's meanwhile are

1106
00:45:17,190 --> 00:45:15,040
preparing for the 41st annual convention

1107
00:45:20,950 --> 00:45:17,200
to be held june

1108
00:45:22,710 --> 00:45:20,960
to 17 on the campus of linden vermont

1109
00:45:25,510 --> 00:45:22,720
state college

1110
00:45:29,430 --> 00:45:25,520
the theme of the convention is

1111
00:45:32,630 --> 00:45:29,440
dowsing a connection to the universe

1112
00:45:33,750 --> 00:45:32,640
catchadorian says she knows that dowsing

1113
00:45:36,550 --> 00:45:33,760

works

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00:45:39,670 --> 00:45:36,560

and it is just one of the many things

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00:45:41,670 --> 00:45:39,680

science still doesn't understand

1116

00:45:43,750 --> 00:45:41,680

she compared the thinking of randy and

1117

00:45:45,670 --> 00:45:43,760

others to the old newtonian clockwork

1118

00:45:48,550 --> 00:45:45,680

view of the universe while dowsing

1119

00:45:51,430 --> 00:45:48,560

embraces the possibilities

1120

00:45:52,630 --> 00:45:51,440

and ambiguities inherent in quantum

1121

00:45:53,829 --> 00:45:52,640

mechanics

1122

00:45:55,990 --> 00:45:53,839

but in the end

1123

00:45:57,109 --> 00:45:56,000

it comes down to a matter of faith

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00:45:58,790 --> 00:45:57,119

by the way

1125

00:46:01,510 --> 00:45:58,800

khachadorian said

1126
00:46:02,200 --> 00:46:01,520
i don't consider myself a dowser i just

1127
00:46:03,349 --> 00:46:02,210
hold the rod

1128
00:46:04,630 --> 00:46:03,359
[Music]

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and

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00:46:07,990 --> 00:46:06,640
the next accompanying picture to do with

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this story

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00:46:12,550 --> 00:46:09,359
is a

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00:46:16,470 --> 00:46:12,560
small group of school kids

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00:46:19,430 --> 00:46:16,480
joe alexander and ben caffrey both nine

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00:46:22,470 --> 00:46:19,440
from fayetteville arkansas and cali

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00:46:24,950 --> 00:46:22,480
smith 11 of eureka springs arkansas

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00:46:27,700 --> 00:46:24,960
practice their dowsing skills during a

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00:46:31,670 --> 00:46:27,710

workshop for children

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00:46:35,750 --> 00:46:33,750

there's so much to unpack in that story

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00:46:37,589 --> 00:46:35,760

there really is but i don't think i need

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00:46:39,270 --> 00:46:37,599

to go into too many details for you i

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00:46:40,390 --> 00:46:39,280

think

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you and i

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00:46:45,750 --> 00:46:43,200

are probably on the same page

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where you have a modality claim like

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00:46:49,829 --> 00:46:46,800

dowsing

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00:46:52,150 --> 00:46:49,839

which fails under scientific testing

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00:46:53,910 --> 00:46:52,160

and the rebuttal as well of course it

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00:46:55,109 --> 00:46:53,920

does it doesn't work on the scientific

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00:46:57,430 --> 00:46:55,119

testing

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00:46:59,750 --> 00:46:57,440
there can't be much more of a red flag

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00:47:02,790 --> 00:46:59,760
than that really

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00:47:04,390 --> 00:47:02,800
and like many things that we discover in

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00:47:06,950 --> 00:47:04,400
our adventures

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00:47:09,670 --> 00:47:06,960
dowsing water divining divining

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00:47:12,230 --> 00:47:09,680
is certainly an unsinkable rubber duck

1157
00:47:15,030 --> 00:47:12,240
no matter how many times it's deflated

1158
00:47:17,270 --> 00:47:15,040
no matter how many times it fails

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00:47:19,510 --> 00:47:17,280
there will be people thousands of people

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00:47:22,230 --> 00:47:19,520
who will believe in it

1161
00:47:26,710 --> 00:47:25,430
and again that story was called thirst

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00:47:27,910 --> 00:47:26,720
for wisdom

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00:47:30,710 --> 00:47:27,920

by

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00:47:34,390 --> 00:47:30,720

max mccoys globe staff writer and that

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00:47:38,500 --> 00:47:34,400

was published on the 13th of may 2001 in

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00:47:42,790 --> 00:47:41,270

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00:47:45,670 --> 00:47:42,800

and of course you can check out all

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00:47:48,069 --> 00:47:45,680

sorts of things like dancing and reports

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00:47:51,589 --> 00:47:48,079

on just about any topic you like here in

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00:47:53,510 --> 00:47:51,599

australia visit trove trove.nla.gov

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00:47:55,030 --> 00:47:53,520

dot a u but i'm sure no matter where you

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00:47:56,710 --> 00:47:55,040

are in the world

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00:47:58,950 --> 00:47:56,720

you'll be able to discover a local

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00:48:01,829 --> 00:47:58,960

archive and i'm sure you'll spend many

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00:48:06,730 --> 00:48:01,839

happy hours there because

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00:48:26,710 --> 00:48:24,720

thank you for listening to the skeptic's

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00:48:29,829 --> 00:48:26,720

own podcast coming up on next week's

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00:48:32,230 --> 00:48:29,839

show i hope to bring you a a report some

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00:48:34,230 --> 00:48:32,240

interviews by susan gerbic who's in

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00:48:37,270 --> 00:48:34,240

fabulous las vegas right at the moment

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00:48:38,950 --> 00:48:37,280

meeting up with all my friends oh i'm so

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00:48:41,910 --> 00:48:38,960

envious

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00:48:44,309 --> 00:48:41,920

and uh they've all descended on las

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00:48:46,150 --> 00:48:44,319

vegas to wish ben radford a happy

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00:48:49,190 --> 00:48:46,160

birthday happy birthday ben radford i

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00:48:50,870 --> 00:48:49,200

know you listened to the show and i wish

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00:48:52,710 --> 00:48:50,880

i could have been there but

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00:48:54,630 --> 00:48:52,720

these days things like that are a little

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00:48:56,630 --> 00:48:54,640

bit more difficult i miss las vegas but

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00:48:58,710 --> 00:48:56,640

i certainly miss seeing you ben and all

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00:49:01,349 --> 00:48:58,720

my skeptical friends of course maybe one

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00:49:03,190 --> 00:49:01,359

day we'll all get together again

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00:49:05,510 --> 00:49:03,200

and also coming up on next week's show a

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00:49:08,230 --> 00:49:05,520

different trove segment

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next week it's adrian hill

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00:49:13,349 --> 00:49:11,040

our wonderful reporter adrian hill will

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00:49:15,750 --> 00:49:13,359

be taking over the trove segment next

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00:49:16,790 --> 00:49:15,760

week and she'll be looking at references

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00:49:19,349 --> 00:49:16,800

to

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00:49:21,510 --> 00:49:19,359

reflex ology

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00:49:23,829 --> 00:49:21,520

and talking about far-fetched

1203

00:49:25,430 --> 00:49:23,839

alternative medicine we also have a

1204

00:49:28,710 --> 00:49:25,440

segment coming up next week about

1205

00:49:32,950 --> 00:49:28,720

tick-tock homeopathy

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00:49:34,630 --> 00:49:32,960

there's some words you don't often hear

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00:49:36,309 --> 00:49:34,640

put together

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00:49:38,309 --> 00:49:36,319

thank you to those people who continue

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00:49:39,589 --> 00:49:38,319

to support the show via paypal or

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00:49:42,230 --> 00:49:39,599

patreon

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00:49:45,349 --> 00:49:42,240

in a few weeks time i'll be making a

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00:49:48,630 --> 00:49:45,359

significant purchase here at the skeptic

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00:49:50,710 --> 00:49:48,640

zone for new equipment which i need

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00:49:53,190 --> 00:49:50,720

and that is due to one very generous

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00:49:56,630 --> 00:49:53,200

benefactor and you know who you are and

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00:49:59,109 --> 00:49:56,640

i thank you very much i'll be ready to

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00:50:01,510 --> 00:49:59,119

organize that in a couple of weeks i

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00:50:02,870 --> 00:50:01,520

hope but in the meantime everyone's

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00:50:04,790 --> 00:50:02,880

contribution

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00:50:06,870 --> 00:50:04,800

goes a long way here at the skeptic zone

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00:50:08,309 --> 00:50:06,880

it means that you can enjoy the show

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00:50:09,589 --> 00:50:08,319

week after week

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00:50:11,670 --> 00:50:09,599

and your

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00:50:13,589 --> 00:50:11,680

support means everybody else can also

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00:50:15,750 --> 00:50:13,599

enjoy the show week after week and i

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00:50:18,069 --> 00:50:15,760

certainly enjoy bringing it to you

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00:50:19,190 --> 00:50:18,079

but for this week this is richard

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saunders

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00:50:29,109 --> 00:50:27,109

australia you've been listening to the

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please visit our website at

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the back catalog of episodes going back

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to 2008.

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on twitter at skepticzone

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visit our facebook page or leave a

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review on itunes

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00:50:55,990 --> 00:50:52,800

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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00:51:07,410 --> 00:51:05,760

of australian skeptics or any other

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skeptical organization

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hello to everybody who listens after the

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00:51:27,670 --> 00:51:25,280

music for the easter egg normally we

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00:51:28,790 --> 00:51:27,680

roll a die and you guess which number

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00:51:30,630 --> 00:51:28,800

comes up

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00:51:32,470 --> 00:51:30,640

but a few weeks ago i did a deck of

1251
00:51:33,750 --> 00:51:32,480
cards and people say they enjoyed that

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00:51:36,309 --> 00:51:33,760
so i'm going to do it again in other

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00:51:38,470 --> 00:51:36,319
words what i'm going to do is shuffle

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00:51:41,510 --> 00:51:38,480
this deck of cards

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00:51:43,030 --> 00:51:41,520
and choose one at random and well we can

1256
00:51:45,990 --> 00:51:43,040
all guess i won't even look actually

1257
00:51:47,750 --> 00:51:46,000
i'll just shuffle them face down

1258
00:51:50,630 --> 00:51:47,760
and i'll guess along with you so shuffle

1259
00:51:52,470 --> 00:51:50,640
shuffle shuffle out of 52 cards what

1260
00:51:55,510 --> 00:51:52,480
card do you think it is you can either

1261
00:51:57,430 --> 00:51:55,520
say red or black 50 50 shot you can

1262
00:51:58,470 --> 00:51:57,440
choose a suit one out of four

1263
00:52:02,230 --> 00:51:58,480

a number

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00:52:06,150 --> 00:52:02,240

or the whole card in its entirety

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lots of options so here we go

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00:52:08,470 --> 00:52:07,680

and you'll just have to take my word for

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it

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i'm much as in the dark as you are i've

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stopped

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top card i'm about to turn over

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um

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three of hearts here we go and it is

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the ten of diamonds

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00:52:25,349 --> 00:52:23,359

hmm

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00:52:27,349 --> 00:52:25,359

i got the color right i got the color

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00:52:28,630 --> 00:52:27,359

right back it goes into the deck all

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00:52:30,870 --> 00:52:28,640

right

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00:52:33,910 --> 00:52:30,880

shuffle shuffle shuffle

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00:52:34,790 --> 00:52:33,920

and stopping now

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00:52:37,030 --> 00:52:34,800

jack

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00:52:38,950 --> 00:52:37,040

of clubs that's what i'm guessing and it

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00:52:41,829 --> 00:52:38,960

is

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00:52:45,430 --> 00:52:41,839

the seven of spades okay

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00:52:47,030 --> 00:52:45,440

well i've got two colors right so far

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00:52:49,109 --> 00:52:47,040

two colors right

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00:52:52,910 --> 00:52:49,119

last one coming up

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00:52:56,710 --> 00:52:52,920

and i'm going to predict the queen of

1289

00:53:00,150 --> 00:52:56,720

spades and the card is