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At Skeptoid HQ
with Brian Dunning

Australian Skeptics
Newsletter

The Book of Tim
With Tim Mendham

TROVE
Psychic Scams

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

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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00:00:34,870 --> 00:00:31,679

for the 19th of june

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:34,880

2022 richard saunders here coming to you

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00:00:37,270 --> 00:00:36,000

from

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00:00:44,630 --> 00:00:37,280

bend

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00:00:46,549 --> 00:00:44,640

skeptoid headquarters it's great to

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00:00:48,549 --> 00:00:46,559

catch up with brian dunning and family

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:48,559

haven't seen them for a number of years

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

largely owing to covert and speaking of

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:52,640

brian dunning we're going to kick off

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00:00:55,350 --> 00:00:54,079

today's show with an interview with

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00:00:57,270 --> 00:00:55,360

brian

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and his big foot

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yes brian dunning is the only person i

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know

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00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,000

who has a giant

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00:01:07,030 --> 00:01:04,559

dare i say a life-size scale model of

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00:01:08,870 --> 00:01:07,040

bigfoot in his front yard

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00:01:12,550 --> 00:01:08,880

it's quite something we're going to chat

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00:01:15,030 --> 00:01:12,560

to brian about his big foot about the

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00:01:18,070 --> 00:01:15,040

skeptoid podcast a long-running skeptoid

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00:01:19,670 --> 00:01:18,080

podcast and his recent documentary

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00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:19,680

science friction

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00:01:23,830 --> 00:01:21,200

following that it's the recent

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:23,840

australian skeptics newsletter from tim

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00:01:28,310 --> 00:01:24,960

mendum

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00:01:31,990 --> 00:01:28,320

read by yours truly what has caught the

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:32,000

skeptical eye of the skeptics this week

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00:01:36,310 --> 00:01:33,920

and speaking of tim mendum that's

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00:01:37,429 --> 00:01:36,320

followed up by the book of tim with tim

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00:01:40,550 --> 00:01:37,439

mendum

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00:01:42,789 --> 00:01:40,560

where i dropped by the skeptics the

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00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:42,799

australian skeptics headquarters and

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00:01:46,630 --> 00:01:44,799

chat to tim about the latest issue of

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00:01:47,830 --> 00:01:46,640

that fine publication

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00:01:49,590 --> 00:01:47,840

the skeptic

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00:01:51,429 --> 00:01:49,600

of course the journal from australian

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00:01:52,550 --> 00:01:51,439

skeptics what can readers look forward

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00:01:53,749 --> 00:01:52,560

to this

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:53,759

quarter

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00:01:58,230 --> 00:01:55,600

then to round off the show a dive once

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:58,240

more into those trove archives although

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00:02:01,030 --> 00:01:59,600

this week i think we're heading to the

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:01,040

united states and we're going to be

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:03,119

looking for references to

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00:02:06,069 --> 00:02:04,240

psychic

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00:02:10,790 --> 00:02:06,079

scams

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00:02:12,390 --> 00:02:10,800

well that's enough for me at the moment

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00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:12,400

it's time for me to run downstairs

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00:02:16,470 --> 00:02:14,720

because i'm recording

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00:02:18,229 --> 00:02:16,480

i'm actually recording from the very

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00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:18,239

studio that brian dunning records his

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00:02:22,070 --> 00:02:20,720

skeptoid episodes so yes i do need to

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00:02:23,430 --> 00:02:22,080

run downstairs and look for some

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00:02:25,589 --> 00:02:23,440

pancakes

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00:02:27,350 --> 00:02:25,599

oh i wonder if they have any japanese

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pancakes here i'll have to ask brian

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00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:28,959

maybe not

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00:02:32,630 --> 00:02:31,040

japanese pancakes folks if you haven't

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00:02:36,630 --> 00:02:32,640

tried those they are a particular

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00:02:38,390 --> 00:02:36,640

favorite of mine yum yum yum hmm while i

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00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:38,400

do that i might have to have oregon

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00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:40,480

pancakes while i do that i hope you

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00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:41,440

enjoy

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00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:05,430

[Music]

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00:03:09,030 --> 00:03:07,040

folks i often complain about when i'm

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00:03:10,229 --> 00:03:09,040

recording the skeptic zone in my own

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studio

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00:03:13,589 --> 00:03:11,200

but

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00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:13,599

bloody planes interfere now i've got a

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00:03:20,630 --> 00:03:16,480

plane flying over skeptoid headquarters

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00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:20,640

brian is it the cia the fbi who is it

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00:03:25,190 --> 00:03:22,560

probably you know there's nev there's

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00:03:26,949 --> 00:03:25,200

never ever planes here except when you

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00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:26,959

try to record something

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00:03:30,710 --> 00:03:28,560

tell me about it

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00:03:32,070 --> 00:03:30,720

we're uh we're in central oregon is this

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00:03:34,390 --> 00:03:32,080

central oregon yeah this is the high

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00:03:36,390 --> 00:03:34,400

desert isn't it yeah yeah it's beautiful

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00:03:38,550 --> 00:03:36,400

it's uh apparently it's summertime but

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00:03:39,509 --> 00:03:38,560

it's quite cool which suits me very well

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00:03:43,270 --> 00:03:39,519

there's

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00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:43,280

is very nice and we're walking along

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00:03:47,110 --> 00:03:44,480

uh the

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00:03:49,030 --> 00:03:47,120

roadway here the gravel path leading up

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00:03:50,710 --> 00:03:49,040

to skeptoid headquarters

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00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:50,720

and we've come to

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00:03:56,869 --> 00:03:55,120

a giant bigfoot i kid you not here it is

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00:03:58,550 --> 00:03:56,879

how tall is that brian

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00:03:59,990 --> 00:03:58,560

it's supposed to be ten and a half feet

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00:04:01,670 --> 00:04:00,000

tall but i don't think it's quite that

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00:04:04,149 --> 00:04:01,680

tight um

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00:04:06,309 --> 00:04:04,159

i mean that's the

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00:04:06,949 --> 00:04:06,319

i i'm touching seven foot ten here where

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00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:06,959

i'm

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00:04:10,869 --> 00:04:08,400

right yeah i don't think so i mean it's

101
00:04:12,789 --> 00:04:10,879
on a little pedestal but nevertheless

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00:04:15,429 --> 00:04:12,799
what an imposing creature it is it's

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00:04:17,830 --> 00:04:15,439
it's it's quite remarkable and you were

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00:04:19,110 --> 00:04:17,840
even interviewed on local tv news about

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:19,120
it or something like that well i was

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00:04:23,990 --> 00:04:21,120
trying to get some publicity for the the

107
00:04:25,510 --> 00:04:24,000
chainsaw artist who made it and then he

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00:04:28,550 --> 00:04:25,520
turned out to be shy and he didn't want

109
00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:28,560
to show up so it was just me saying hey

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00:04:32,550 --> 00:04:30,880
look i have a bigfoot and he's like oh

111
00:04:34,550 --> 00:04:32,560
like half the other people in central

112
00:04:36,710 --> 00:04:34,560
work

113
00:04:37,909 --> 00:04:36,720

so to describe it it's the classic

114

00:04:39,350 --> 00:04:37,919

bigfoot

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00:04:41,590 --> 00:04:39,360

ape human

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00:04:43,830 --> 00:04:41,600

shape uh it's

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00:04:46,790 --> 00:04:43,840

hello you've got a little

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00:04:48,629 --> 00:04:46,800

yeah crack there that needs some

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00:04:51,909 --> 00:04:48,639

fixing the first few years it's going to

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00:04:53,590 --> 00:04:51,919

crack and you uh you just it needs uh

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00:04:57,670 --> 00:04:53,600

annual maintenance where you cover the

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00:04:59,990 --> 00:04:57,680

whole thing with uh linseed oil yeah and

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when cracks do appear like that

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00:05:04,230 --> 00:05:02,000

that's fine you just spray oil in them

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00:05:06,550 --> 00:05:04,240

and you let them do what they want to do

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00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:06,560

and even you know eventually it comes to

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00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:09,280

some sort of a equilibrium if you want

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to see this creature for yourself folks

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00:05:15,670 --> 00:05:13,440

just go to

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uh the facebook

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page for the skeptic zone and look for

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715 and you'll see a photograph of brian

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dunning

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00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:26,479

and his big foot and you're telling me

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00:05:29,909 --> 00:05:28,160

i'm just looking at its eyes but they

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00:05:31,830 --> 00:05:29,919

were pecked out by birds or something

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00:05:33,749 --> 00:05:31,840

crazy they were

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00:05:36,710 --> 00:05:33,759

he's he's he's a

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painted dark brown which uh actually it

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00:05:40,469 --> 00:05:38,880

looks much better after a few years

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00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:40,479

because the linseed oil and the paint

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00:05:43,749 --> 00:05:41,520

they sort of

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00:05:46,550 --> 00:05:43,759

form this crust and it looks just kind

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00:05:48,550 --> 00:05:46,560

of like a really cool old vintage thing

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00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:48,560

but for now he looks like painted wood

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00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:51,600

yes which isn't quite as cool but uh

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00:05:55,350 --> 00:05:53,520

since his eyes

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00:05:56,629 --> 00:05:55,360

were packed right in the center by

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00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:56,639

woodpeckers

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00:06:00,469 --> 00:05:58,479
it gave him like these big bright

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00:06:02,390 --> 00:06:00,479
glowing pupils

153
00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:02,400
which was kind of freaky looking

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00:06:06,629 --> 00:06:03,360
no it's

155
00:06:08,150 --> 00:06:06,639
marvelous addition to the skepoid

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00:06:09,990 --> 00:06:08,160
headquarters it really it's very

157
00:06:12,390 --> 00:06:10,000
impressive when i come around

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00:06:14,710 --> 00:06:12,400
to the other side it's very chunky isn't

159
00:06:16,710 --> 00:06:14,720
it it's it's a big creature yes yes

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:16,720
because the idea was to make it big and

161
00:06:20,469 --> 00:06:18,479
imposing and it's all made out of one

162
00:06:22,950 --> 00:06:20,479
one piece of wood one one log yeah this

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00:06:24,790 --> 00:06:22,960

is from a piece of log that was

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00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:24,800

from the fires we had here in central

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00:06:30,150 --> 00:06:27,520

oregon about two years ago that were so

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incredibly destructive and uh there was

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00:06:33,029 --> 00:06:32,000

just you know countless big logs

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00:06:35,110 --> 00:06:33,039

available

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00:06:37,189 --> 00:06:35,120

so i got this enormous log for a hundred

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:37,199

bucks which is

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00:06:40,629 --> 00:06:38,800

a lot less than it would normally cost

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00:06:41,350 --> 00:06:40,639

yeah yeah well he's done a great job i

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00:06:43,990 --> 00:06:41,360

mean

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00:06:45,909 --> 00:06:44,000

it it's it really is impressive oh i see

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00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:45,919

he's put um

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00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:48,000

bob does that say it mosquito bob

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00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:49,599

mosquito oh yes it's a picture of a

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00:06:53,909 --> 00:06:52,639

mosquito and then the word bob 2021 yep

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00:06:56,710 --> 00:06:53,919

yep

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00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:56,720

fantastic fantastic so apart from i mean

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this is the most important thing here of

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course but we could also talk about the

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secondary thing you do other than

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00:07:07,110 --> 00:07:04,800

putting big feets in your yard

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00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:07,120

skeptoid now you must be celebrating

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00:07:12,469 --> 00:07:09,199

quite a number of years of skeptoid by

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00:07:14,710 --> 00:07:12,479

now yeah this is year 16.

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00:07:16,150 --> 00:07:14,720

16 yes i'm only a couple of years behind

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00:07:19,909 --> 00:07:16,160

you i think yeah yeah you're right up

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00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:19,919

there yeah it shows yes thank you yes

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00:07:24,230 --> 00:07:21,599

and um

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00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:24,240

uh what can fans look forward to some of

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00:07:27,430 --> 00:07:25,759

the topics coming up in the next few

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weeks what you've got lined up can you

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even remember don't even ask me that

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00:07:32,710 --> 00:07:31,039

because i haven't i never have any idea

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00:07:34,629 --> 00:07:32,720

if you ask me what episode i'm working

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00:07:36,629 --> 00:07:34,639

on i honestly don't know it's really

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00:07:39,110 --> 00:07:36,639

weird one after the other right yeah i

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00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:39,120

can't i can't even tell you

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00:07:41,990 --> 00:07:40,000
cool

202
00:07:44,950 --> 00:07:42,000
undoubtedly i did enjoy the one recently

203
00:07:46,390 --> 00:07:44,960
about the shining and skeptoid listeners

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00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:46,400
will know what i'm talking about because

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00:07:49,510 --> 00:07:48,000
it only went to air recently because you

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00:07:52,629 --> 00:07:49,520
made a lot of really good points in that

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00:07:54,869 --> 00:07:52,639
i think if you could remember it yeah

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00:07:57,350 --> 00:07:54,879
i do remember specific episodes yeah

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00:07:59,830 --> 00:07:57,360
that yeah that one was fun it was a

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00:08:02,629 --> 00:07:59,840
about uh the the supposedly the ghosts

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00:08:04,710 --> 00:08:02,639
at the stanley hotel in colorado

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00:08:07,749 --> 00:08:04,720
which is best known for the shining even

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00:08:09,909 --> 00:08:07,759

though the shining was not filmed there

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but the good points you make in it in

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that episode is

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you know people have all sorts of

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stories it's like wow that's great

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ultimately so what

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yeah

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00:08:21,510 --> 00:08:19,840

it was it's just one of those things was

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just random ghost stories that people

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00:08:24,230 --> 00:08:22,639

just make up

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00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:24,240

you know and in the case of this

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particular hotel those ghost stories

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they didn't even exist until

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the hotel became popular because of the

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shining movie so these are they're not

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even old ghost stories like they pretend

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to be and there's just there's just so

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many stupid made-up ghost stories that

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have

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00:08:45,110 --> 00:08:43,440

you know obviously no evidence but

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they're not even good anecdotes so it's

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like what is there to talk about on

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00:08:51,670 --> 00:08:48,000

something like that and then

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00:08:54,310 --> 00:08:51,680

you'll get explain that skeptic

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00:08:58,470 --> 00:08:54,320

is right right yes i heard about a guy

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00:09:02,389 --> 00:08:58,480

who xyz ufo flying dogs ghosts here

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explain that skeptic you can't can you

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nope turns out the paranormal is true

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00:09:07,750 --> 00:09:06,720

after all it must be

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00:09:10,230 --> 00:09:07,760

and

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00:09:11,750 --> 00:09:10,240

the other thing of course which is um

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00:09:13,990 --> 00:09:11,760

forefront of your mind at the moment has

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00:09:15,990 --> 00:09:14,000

been for some years is science friction

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00:09:18,630 --> 00:09:16,000

yes science friction which we you and i

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00:09:20,630 --> 00:09:18,640

have discussed for the last

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00:09:22,550 --> 00:09:20,640

three or four years on and off as it as

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it was in the process of coming together

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00:09:25,670 --> 00:09:24,240

but it's and i interviewed you on this

251
00:09:28,710 --> 00:09:25,680
very show about a month or two back

252
00:09:30,310 --> 00:09:28,720
about it now it's been out for some time

253
00:09:33,030 --> 00:09:30,320
what's the general feeling yeah it's

254
00:09:35,269 --> 00:09:33,040
been out for two months it's on uh

255
00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:35,279
it's doing super good in film festivals

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00:09:39,110 --> 00:09:36,880
which is awesome

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00:09:41,269 --> 00:09:39,120
it's kind of having a sort of a slow

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00:09:44,310 --> 00:09:41,279
burn gradual release instead of one big

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00:09:46,630 --> 00:09:44,320
release all at once it's it's a creeping

260
00:09:47,829 --> 00:09:46,640
out onto streaming services one by one

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00:09:51,430 --> 00:09:47,839
it's on

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00:09:54,389 --> 00:09:51,440
amazon prime 2b in most countries and

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00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:54,399

it's on vimeo on demand in every country

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00:09:59,269 --> 00:09:57,440

right so everyone can see it on vimeo

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00:10:00,550 --> 00:09:59,279

you know rent or buy it download

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00:10:02,790 --> 00:10:00,560

whatever

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00:10:04,310 --> 00:10:02,800

and yeah so i'm pretty stoked about some

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of the film festivals coming up a little

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bit later this year actually so

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00:10:11,670 --> 00:10:08,720

um it

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00:10:13,670 --> 00:10:11,680

is way too long getting out and way too

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00:10:15,110 --> 00:10:13,680

long getting launched but at least at

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00:10:17,910 --> 00:10:15,120

least it's done and it's available for

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00:10:19,430 --> 00:10:17,920

everyone to enjoy now i've i saw it i

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00:10:21,269 --> 00:10:19,440

the f i mean i've seen various rough

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00:10:23,509 --> 00:10:21,279

cuts but i saw the final one on to be

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yeah yeah because toby is very easily

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00:10:27,190 --> 00:10:25,680

accessible in australia

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00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:27,200

yeah although i keep hearing some people

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00:10:31,030 --> 00:10:28,800

say they still can't find it i have no

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00:10:32,949 --> 00:10:31,040

idea

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00:10:34,470 --> 00:10:32,959

well it well if

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00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:34,480

if they read the latest issue of the

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00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:35,760

skeptic the journal from australian

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00:10:42,150 --> 00:10:39,839

skeptics is a handy url yes indeed

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00:10:44,389 --> 00:10:42,160

but how does one go about putting

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00:10:45,670 --> 00:10:44,399

documentaries into film festivals is

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00:10:47,910 --> 00:10:45,680

that a whole thing

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00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:47,920

no that's pretty easy to do i mean the

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00:10:52,870 --> 00:10:50,399

the really good festivals you know the

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00:10:54,949 --> 00:10:52,880

significant ones like khan and sundance

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00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:54,959

and south by southwest those are all

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00:10:58,630 --> 00:10:56,720

invitation only you can't you can't just

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00:11:00,949 --> 00:10:58,640

put a movie into those you can't just

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00:11:02,870 --> 00:11:00,959

apply or submit some of them have you

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00:11:04,150 --> 00:11:02,880

know ways that you can apply but the

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00:11:05,430 --> 00:11:04,160

reality is nobody's going to look at

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00:11:07,269 --> 00:11:05,440

those unless you're

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00:11:09,030 --> 00:11:07,279

you know a major filmmaker there's some

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00:11:10,870 --> 00:11:09,040

big star attached to the film and this

301
00:11:13,750 --> 00:11:10,880
is not that kind of a film so for

302
00:11:15,269 --> 00:11:13,760
regular film festivals um you know of

303
00:11:16,630 --> 00:11:15,279
which there are hundreds and hundreds

304
00:11:18,949 --> 00:11:16,640
all around the world

305
00:11:21,269 --> 00:11:18,959
there are a couple of websites most

306
00:11:22,230 --> 00:11:21,279
noticeably uh film freeway that where

307
00:11:23,829 --> 00:11:22,240
you can just

308
00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:23,839
apply to all of the relevant you can

309
00:11:27,670 --> 00:11:25,600
search and find film festivals that are

310
00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:27,680
relevant to your film and you can apply

311
00:11:30,790 --> 00:11:29,120
to them all and you it's just like

312
00:11:32,230 --> 00:11:30,800
filling out a shopping cart on amazon

313
00:11:34,150 --> 00:11:32,240

you know check all the boxes and then

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00:11:35,430 --> 00:11:34,160

check out and you've got to pay a whole

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00:11:37,670 --> 00:11:35,440

bunch of uh

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00:11:40,310 --> 00:11:37,680

um entry fees for all the festivals

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00:11:42,790 --> 00:11:40,320

right that makes sense yeah we also did

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00:11:44,550 --> 00:11:42,800

quite a bit of advertising

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00:11:45,670 --> 00:11:44,560

to festivals and so we got a lot of

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00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:45,680

festivals

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00:11:49,910 --> 00:11:47,360

uh who saw our trailer and said oh

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00:11:52,310 --> 00:11:49,920

that's actually better than 99 of the

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00:11:54,150 --> 00:11:52,320

crap that people send us

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00:11:56,790 --> 00:11:54,160

so we got into a lot of festivals for

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00:11:58,069 --> 00:11:56,800

for free for just uh with an invited

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00:12:01,509 --> 00:11:58,079

invitation

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00:12:02,949 --> 00:12:01,519

i know a particular kind of interesting

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00:12:03,750 --> 00:12:02,959

and i'm the one who's jet lagged and

329

00:12:08,310 --> 00:12:03,760

you're

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00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:08,320

that it i've just been reminded at the

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00:12:13,590 --> 00:12:12,000

time that your your documentary

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00:12:15,829 --> 00:12:13,600

here be dragons they'd be dragons heavy

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00:12:17,509 --> 00:12:15,839

dragons yeah hereby dragons and my

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00:12:19,509 --> 00:12:17,519

documentary the mighty meter mustard

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00:12:21,910 --> 00:12:19,519

water defining test

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00:12:23,829 --> 00:12:21,920

was shown at the same festival which was

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00:12:24,790 --> 00:12:23,839

the one in the czech republic many years

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00:12:26,870 --> 00:12:24,800

ago

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00:12:29,110 --> 00:12:26,880

this is the olimote scientific film

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00:12:30,629 --> 00:12:29,120

festival now the story is you were

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00:12:33,269 --> 00:12:30,639

invited you couldn't make it and you

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00:12:34,150 --> 00:12:33,279

recommended me i and they invited me

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00:12:35,910 --> 00:12:34,160

there

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00:12:39,269 --> 00:12:35,920

and then i introduced your movie which

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00:12:42,710 --> 00:12:39,279

was god what year was that oh

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00:12:44,370 --> 00:12:42,720

at least 10 years ago yeah wow

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00:12:46,230 --> 00:12:44,380

i have better movies these days

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00:12:47,350 --> 00:12:46,240

[Laughter]

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00:12:48,949 --> 00:12:47,360

well there you are folks there's the

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00:12:50,790 --> 00:12:48,959

clue if you don't um

351
00:12:52,870 --> 00:12:50,800
well you don't need another clue really

352
00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:52,880
it's it's a really enjoyable documentary

353
00:12:56,949 --> 00:12:55,040
it's fascinating you you end up

354
00:12:58,389 --> 00:12:56,959
applauding then screaming at the the

355
00:13:00,870 --> 00:12:58,399
outrageous

356
00:13:02,069 --> 00:13:00,880
antics of these tv production crews at

357
00:13:04,389 --> 00:13:02,079
times

358
00:13:05,750 --> 00:13:04,399
it's stuck isn't it that's the idea

359
00:13:07,829 --> 00:13:05,760
i want people to watch the movie and

360
00:13:09,829 --> 00:13:07,839
come out of it angry

361
00:13:11,670 --> 00:13:09,839
well i wanted my money back as soon as i

362
00:13:13,750 --> 00:13:11,680
saw it i was that angry

363
00:13:15,590 --> 00:13:13,760

brian dunning and friend let's have

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00:13:17,030 --> 00:13:15,600

another look at the just just give it a

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00:13:19,190 --> 00:13:17,040

tap for me brian we'll get with the

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00:13:20,629 --> 00:13:19,200

sound of bigfoot here

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00:13:22,629 --> 00:13:20,639

there we go it's pretty solid it is

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00:13:24,470 --> 00:13:22,639

pretty solid and it's very dark brown

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00:13:25,910 --> 00:13:24,480

but as you say that that color will

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00:13:27,990 --> 00:13:25,920

change over the time

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00:13:30,550 --> 00:13:28,000

brian dunning does it have a name

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00:13:32,790 --> 00:13:30,560

no no no

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00:13:35,110 --> 00:13:32,800

what would you call it anyway no i i

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00:13:36,870 --> 00:13:35,120

have no idea my daughter's really good

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00:13:38,310 --> 00:13:36,880

at names i put her to the task and she

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00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:38,320

didn't want to name it either so i think

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00:13:40,629 --> 00:13:39,920

it's going to just be the bigfoot the

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00:13:45,030 --> 00:13:40,639

big

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00:13:46,900 --> 00:13:45,040

as we walk around the other side thank

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00:13:58,150 --> 00:13:46,910

you very much

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00:14:01,990 --> 00:14:00,389

hello this is maynard did you know that

382

00:14:05,430 --> 00:14:02,000

you could listen to the skeptic zone on

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00:14:10,069 --> 00:14:05,440

youtube yes i know sounds crazy but it's

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00:14:14,949 --> 00:14:12,629

also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

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00:14:16,470 --> 00:14:14,959

with michelle bigesma and funny sketches

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00:14:19,670 --> 00:14:16,480

with richard saunders and a host of

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00:14:30,580 --> 00:14:21,350

just click on the youtube links on the

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00:14:50,069 --> 00:14:48,230

[Music]

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00:14:54,389 --> 00:14:50,079

here is the australian skeptic's

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newsletter newsletter number 150

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00:14:58,629 --> 00:14:57,519

and this arrived in my inbox a few days

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00:15:00,710 --> 00:14:58,639

ago

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00:15:04,230 --> 00:15:00,720

written by tim mendenham what does tim

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00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:04,240

have for us this week hi all it says

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00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:06,800

in a time of trouble on many levels

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00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:09,199

climate change war poverty pandemics

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00:15:14,069 --> 00:15:12,480

continuing inflation cost of living is

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00:15:16,710 --> 00:15:14,079

it still worthwhile to worry about

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00:15:19,269 --> 00:15:16,720

pseudoscience and the paranormal

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00:15:20,790 --> 00:15:19,279

well unlike what some believe we could

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00:15:23,829 --> 00:15:20,800
actually think about more than one thing

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00:15:27,110 --> 00:15:23,839
at a time in fact we probably deal with

403
00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:27,120
50 issues at a time in our normal lives

404
00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:29,360
so what's a couple of other issues

405
00:15:32,389 --> 00:15:30,800
thrown into the mix

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00:15:34,870 --> 00:15:32,399
in this newsletter we'll cover a lot of

407
00:15:36,790 --> 00:15:34,880
those issues no doubt there will be more

408
00:15:39,670 --> 00:15:36,800
pressing things to worry about

409
00:15:41,910 --> 00:15:39,680
than some of them but it doesn't stop us

410
00:15:43,670 --> 00:15:41,920
caring and wanting to do something about

411
00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:43,680
pseudoscience and the paranormal

412
00:15:47,910 --> 00:15:45,839
multitasking here we come

413
00:15:49,430 --> 00:15:47,920

do something about the paranormal team

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00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:49,440

that's an interesting

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00:15:52,870 --> 00:15:51,600

interesting way to put it so how do you

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00:15:54,629 --> 00:15:52,880

do something about something that

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00:15:55,990 --> 00:15:54,639

doesn't exist

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00:15:57,990 --> 00:15:56,000

hmm

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00:15:59,030 --> 00:15:58,000

probably doesn't exist

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00:15:59,910 --> 00:15:59,040

read on

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00:16:04,069 --> 00:15:59,920

tim

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00:16:06,629 --> 00:16:04,079

or gate him we'll do that skepticon 2022

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00:16:08,629 --> 00:16:06,639

november 26-27

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00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:08,639

we're happy to announce that the 2022

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00:16:13,430 --> 00:16:10,560

annual australian skeptics national

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00:16:15,910 --> 00:16:13,440

convention skepticon for 2022 will be

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00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:15,920

held at the national library in canberra

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00:16:22,389 --> 00:16:19,120

on the weekend of november 26th and 27th

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there will also be streaming of sessions

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00:16:28,069 --> 00:16:25,040

for those unable to attend and social

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00:16:30,150 --> 00:16:28,079

events before and during the convention

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00:16:32,310 --> 00:16:30,160

among the key speakers will be an

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international contingent made up of

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00:16:37,749 --> 00:16:35,040

claire klingenberg chair of the european

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00:16:38,749 --> 00:16:37,759

council of skeptical organizations

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and

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00:16:43,110 --> 00:16:41,199

co-organizer of the czech paranormal

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challenge as well as the hosts of the

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00:16:48,629 --> 00:16:45,600

european skeptics podcast can't wait for

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that all being well and in this day and

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00:16:53,110 --> 00:16:51,120

age there are always the possibilities

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00:16:55,509 --> 00:16:53,120

of changes it will be the first

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00:16:57,350 --> 00:16:55,519

face-to-face convention since 2019. we

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00:17:00,150 --> 00:16:57,360

look forward to seeing you there further

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00:17:02,230 --> 00:17:00,160

details and ticket sales will be

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00:17:05,669 --> 00:17:02,240

available soon

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00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:05,679

news items and don't forget that each of

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00:17:10,870 --> 00:17:08,480

the news items i will mention

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00:17:11,990 --> 00:17:10,880

are accompanied by a link in the

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newsletter

451
00:17:17,510 --> 00:17:13,839
for further reading

452
00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:17,520
behaviorists must confront psychiatry's

453
00:17:21,590 --> 00:17:18,959
pseudoscience

454
00:17:23,750 --> 00:17:21,600
a serious look at psychiatry medical

455
00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:23,760
scientists attempt to find a

456
00:17:28,549 --> 00:17:26,400
psychological basis for mental disorder

457
00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:28,559
but their efforts have failed

458
00:17:32,950 --> 00:17:30,000
that's the quote

459
00:17:35,350 --> 00:17:32,960
with a few exceptions but how well have

460
00:17:37,270 --> 00:17:35,360
psychiatrists filled the gaps quote

461
00:17:39,909 --> 00:17:37,280
psychiatry must be held accountable to

462
00:17:41,669 --> 00:17:39,919
the rules of science as behaviorists we

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00:17:44,070 --> 00:17:41,679

must speak out about what has gone

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terribly wrong with mental health care

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it happened before with eugenics and

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lobotomy because of psychiatry's

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wrongdoing with respect to the

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scientific method mean quote

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00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:55,360

science on why people see

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00:17:58,310 --> 00:17:56,559

ghosts

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00:17:59,990 --> 00:17:58,320

long article takes a look at

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parapsychology

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and the possible reasons for belief in

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the paranormal with comments from both

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00:18:10,630 --> 00:18:08,160

skeptics susan blackmore and researchers

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00:18:13,350 --> 00:18:10,640

an interesting piece

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00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:13,360

mercenaries inspired by psychic to fight

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00:18:16,710 --> 00:18:14,640

in yemen

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00:18:19,510 --> 00:18:16,720

two former german soldiers have gone on

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00:18:22,230 --> 00:18:19,520

trial accused of attempting to form a

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00:18:24,470 --> 00:18:22,240

paramilitary group to fight in yemen's

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00:18:25,430 --> 00:18:24,480

civil war after being inspired by a

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psychic

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they took steps to set up what

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prosecutors say amounted to a quote

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terrorist organization end quote after

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00:18:38,230 --> 00:18:36,240

receiving quote messages from a fortune

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teller that they

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00:18:43,590 --> 00:18:41,039

understood as binding instructions for

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00:18:47,909 --> 00:18:43,600

action language not to mention financial

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00:18:49,909 --> 00:18:47,919

gains which might be another motivation

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00:18:51,190 --> 00:18:49,919

predicting the outcome of the war in

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00:18:53,909 --> 00:18:51,200

ukraine

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00:18:55,990 --> 00:18:53,919

psychics and net york will never let a

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00:18:57,990 --> 00:18:56,000

good opportunity pass without taking

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advantage of it quote

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putin is dragging his feet with the war

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why does he need that and quote asks a

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card reader she is one of dozens of

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prognosis on valentina koltsova's

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youtube channel she talks about the

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future president of kazakhstan the

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00:19:19,430 --> 00:19:17,760
character of belarusian president

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luchenko's son

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00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:22,240
and putin's mystery illness she is one

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of among a bevy of tarot readers

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numerologists astrologists in russia

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ukraine and beyond who have been making

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headlines with their forecasts about the

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00:19:39,669 --> 00:19:36,480
future of the conflict often

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contradicting each other surprise me

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00:19:43,909 --> 00:19:42,000
their video and posts are getting

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00:19:46,070 --> 00:19:43,919

millions of views they are being

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interviewed by prominent outlets and tv

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channels giving their pseudo-scientific

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claims wide exposure

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man that doesn't surprise me

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one little bit

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ghost hunters hit back at ricky gervais

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comedian and noted skeptic ricky gervais

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has upset the ghost hunting community by

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saying there were no such things as

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ghosts

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as part of his netflix stand-up special

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super nature gervais said that ghost

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hunters have quote thousands and

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thousands of hours of footage and

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they've never seen a

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expletive ghost

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00:20:25,590 --> 00:20:22,960

not one end quote

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rachel parsons of redford ghost hunting

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says quote it's obvious his comments are

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in jest and not to be taken seriously

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00:20:34,390 --> 00:20:32,320

end quote

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which means she doesn't take gervase's

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skepticism very well

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the june issue of the skeptic magazine

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which tim and i just discussed earlier

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on in this episode is out now in digital

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form and will hit the streets in hard

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and a reminder that you can subscribe to

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that magazine at skeptics.com.adu

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and as an aside i'll say what i do when

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a handy reference

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items of interest travel tip

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00:21:31,669 --> 00:21:29,760
merseyside historic city hall is haunted

561
00:21:33,830 --> 00:21:31,679
it's been nearly 20 years since the most

562
00:21:36,549 --> 00:21:33,840
haunted team headed to liverpool to

563
00:21:39,909 --> 00:21:36,559

investigate crocs death hall

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00:21:42,070 --> 00:21:39,919

they're back to see some ghoulies

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00:21:43,669 --> 00:21:42,080

which gives liverpool one more string to

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00:21:47,029 --> 00:21:43,679

its bow apart from

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00:21:49,029 --> 00:21:47,039

football and mop tops

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00:21:50,390 --> 00:21:49,039

lawyer quits high-flying job to become a

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00:21:52,630 --> 00:21:50,400

pet psychic

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00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:52,640

a top lawyer

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00:22:01,669 --> 00:21:57,840

jacked in her

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00:22:03,350 --> 00:22:01,679

000 pound job it's a nice sum but it

573

00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:03,360

doesn't actually sound

574

00:22:09,669 --> 00:22:06,240

like much of a high-flying lawyer and

575

00:22:11,830 --> 00:22:09,679

says that she now speaks to animals

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00:22:13,830 --> 00:22:11,840

i speak to animals all the time they

577

00:22:16,230 --> 00:22:13,840

just don't answer back much

578

00:22:18,149 --> 00:22:16,240

and she's earning more money than

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00:22:19,669 --> 00:22:18,159

she was before

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00:22:21,510 --> 00:22:19,679

she says she taught herself to

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00:22:24,950 --> 00:22:21,520

communicate with animals by doing her

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00:22:27,830 --> 00:22:24,960

own research and tim says here ah

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00:22:30,230 --> 00:22:27,840

that's what he actually wrote a a

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00:22:32,549 --> 00:22:30,240

gh exclamation mark

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00:22:33,750 --> 00:22:32,559

and reading a series of books on the

586

00:22:35,990 --> 00:22:33,760

practice

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00:22:37,669 --> 00:22:36,000

what more would you need

588

00:22:39,990 --> 00:22:37,679

during a reading she sits in a quiet

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00:22:42,950 --> 00:22:40,000

room and studies a photo of the animal

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00:22:44,390 --> 00:22:42,960

and telepathically asks them a series of

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00:22:46,710 --> 00:22:44,400

questions

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00:22:48,149 --> 00:22:46,720

woof woof woof meow meow wolf squeak

593

00:22:49,990 --> 00:22:48,159

squeak

594

00:22:51,669 --> 00:22:50,000

tim didn't write that

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00:22:52,710 --> 00:22:51,679

she records her questions and the

596

00:22:55,190 --> 00:22:52,720

animal's

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00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:55,200

responses on her phone so owners can

598

00:22:59,430 --> 00:22:56,720

listen back

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00:23:01,590 --> 00:22:59,440

to the full exchange

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00:23:03,590 --> 00:23:01,600

and here i am wasting my time producing

601
00:23:04,789 --> 00:23:03,600
a skeptical podcast

602
00:23:06,630 --> 00:23:04,799
ah dear

603
00:23:09,510 --> 00:23:06,640
woof to all the dogs listening at the

604
00:23:12,149 --> 00:23:09,520
moment

605
00:23:14,070 --> 00:23:12,159
psychic reveals why hospitals are the

606
00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:14,080
most haunted places

607
00:23:19,669 --> 00:23:16,080
with hardly a mention of hospitals at

608
00:23:23,350 --> 00:23:19,679
all but you do get quote she arms

609
00:23:27,029 --> 00:23:23,360
herself with a wand

610
00:23:29,350 --> 00:23:27,039
crafted from unique healing crystals and

611
00:23:33,029 --> 00:23:29,360
sacred spray

612
00:23:35,750 --> 00:23:33,039
she makes herself and nicknames holy

613
00:23:37,669 --> 00:23:35,760

water a delicate mix of prayers and

614

00:23:39,190 --> 00:23:37,679

energy from crystals

615

00:23:40,630 --> 00:23:39,200

surely somebody just put a lot of words

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00:23:42,070 --> 00:23:40,640

into a hat and pulled them out and says

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00:23:44,310 --> 00:23:42,080

here's a sentence

618

00:23:47,430 --> 00:23:44,320

this is an out and out promotion of a

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00:23:49,510 --> 00:23:47,440

sydney based psychic and exorcist

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00:23:50,630 --> 00:23:49,520

surprisingly they don't mention quantum

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00:23:53,190 --> 00:23:50,640

mechanics

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00:23:55,909 --> 00:23:53,200

at all but how can you bombard demons if

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00:23:59,350 --> 00:23:55,919

you don't have a lump of quantum

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00:24:02,149 --> 00:23:59,360

i've often wondered that myself tim

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00:24:05,029 --> 00:24:02,159

and finally hobart june the 15th to the

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00:24:07,110 --> 00:24:05,039

26th an exhibition of miracles

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00:24:08,789 --> 00:24:07,120

evidence from miraculous events that

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00:24:10,630 --> 00:24:08,799

have occurred around the world will be

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00:24:14,630 --> 00:24:10,640

explored and discussed by medical

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00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:14,640

experts and some are real medical people

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00:24:18,310 --> 00:24:16,240

during an exhibition taking place at the

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00:24:20,710 --> 00:24:18,320

waterside pavilion in hobart an

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00:24:22,870 --> 00:24:20,720

innovation by the archdiocese of hobart

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00:24:26,070 --> 00:24:22,880

the exhibition titled quote miraculous

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00:24:29,269 --> 00:24:26,080

events science tests faith and quote

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00:24:31,909 --> 00:24:29,279

will consist of quiet interactive and

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00:24:34,310 --> 00:24:31,919

documentary style presentations of more

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00:24:36,230 --> 00:24:34,320

than 20 miracles including eyewitness

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00:24:37,830 --> 00:24:36,240

testimonies

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00:24:39,269 --> 00:24:37,840

and findings from scientific

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00:24:42,789 --> 00:24:39,279

investigations

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00:24:45,669 --> 00:24:42,799

the miracles will include inexplicable

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00:24:47,190 --> 00:24:45,679

healings from deafness blindness cancer

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00:24:50,470 --> 00:24:47,200

paralysis

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00:24:54,230 --> 00:24:52,630

somehow having an exhibition of miracles

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00:24:56,789 --> 00:24:54,240

seems a bit weird

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00:24:59,510 --> 00:24:56,799

is it one of those industry shows with

648

00:25:01,909 --> 00:24:59,520

different stores breaking their wares

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00:25:04,230 --> 00:25:01,919

quote our miracles are better than their

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00:25:06,630 --> 00:25:04,240

miracles end quote

651
00:25:09,430 --> 00:25:06,640
lots of talks as well

652
00:25:11,650 --> 00:25:09,440
that sounds like a

653
00:25:15,190 --> 00:25:11,660
fascinating experience

654
00:25:16,710 --> 00:25:15,200
[Music]

655
00:25:18,470 --> 00:25:16,720
and that was the australian skeptic's

656
00:25:20,070 --> 00:25:18,480
newsletter normally

657
00:25:22,390 --> 00:25:20,080
normally read to you from canada of

658
00:25:24,630 --> 00:25:22,400
course by adrian hill

659
00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:24,640
hopefully adrian will be available for

660
00:25:28,630 --> 00:25:26,320
the next one but we are thinking about

661
00:25:30,549 --> 00:25:28,640
you adrian if you want to subscribe to

662
00:25:32,630 --> 00:25:30,559
this newsletter and get it delivered to

663
00:25:36,760 --> 00:25:32,640

your inbox every other week just head

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00:25:36,770 --> 00:25:43,190

[Music]

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00:25:46,870 --> 00:25:45,029

i don't know about you guys but i really

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00:25:49,110 --> 00:25:46,880

love conferences meeting like-minded

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00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:49,120

people in person is always a blast yeah

668

00:25:53,430 --> 00:25:51,200

andras i think we all agree nothing

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00:25:55,350 --> 00:25:53,440

compares to that experience guys i still

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00:25:58,310 --> 00:25:55,360

fondly remember the one where i met you

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00:26:01,110 --> 00:25:58,320

for the first time esc 2017 in

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00:26:03,590 --> 00:26:01,120

watchtower yes see that's the european

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00:26:05,909 --> 00:26:03,600

skeptics congress yeah that was fun ah

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00:26:08,230 --> 00:26:05,919

we should do it again and we can pontus

675

00:26:10,710 --> 00:26:08,240

hanukkah's right this fall in vienna

676
00:26:13,909 --> 00:26:10,720
austria yeah between the 9th and 11th of

677
00:26:16,230 --> 00:26:13,919
september just go to exo.org and

678
00:26:18,149 --> 00:26:16,240
register now early bird prices still

679
00:26:20,070 --> 00:26:18,159
apply yeah and there will be speakers

680
00:26:23,029 --> 00:26:20,080
from all over europe talking about all

681
00:26:25,110 --> 00:26:23,039
kinds of stuff indeed science education

682
00:26:26,789 --> 00:26:25,120
policy making you name it not to mention

683
00:26:28,950 --> 00:26:26,799
all the networking and all the fun we

684
00:26:30,390 --> 00:26:28,960
will have so come and meet us in vienna

685
00:26:33,190 --> 00:26:30,400
we're looking forward to seeing you

686
00:26:36,060 --> 00:26:33,200
there yeah see you at the european

687
00:26:44,390 --> 00:26:36,070
skeptics congress 2022

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00:26:45,750 --> 00:26:44,400

[Music]

689

00:26:47,910 --> 00:26:45,760

and now

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00:26:50,630 --> 00:26:47,920

a reading from the book of tim

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00:26:53,440 --> 00:26:50,640

[Music]

692

00:26:59,190 --> 00:26:53,450

with tim mendham

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00:27:04,789 --> 00:27:02,070

i'm with tim mandapalo tim hello richard

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00:27:06,390 --> 00:27:04,799

hello i've come here to um skeptic's

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00:27:07,350 --> 00:27:06,400

headquarters i don't often come here

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00:27:09,750 --> 00:27:07,360

every now and then i'll come to

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00:27:11,190 --> 00:27:09,760

skeptic's headquarters towers skeptics

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00:27:13,110 --> 00:27:11,200

towers

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this is a major enterprise right you've

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00:27:15,909 --> 00:27:14,240

got

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00:27:17,430 --> 00:27:15,919
you've i i know it's a serious place

702
00:27:18,789 --> 00:27:17,440
because you have the uh kookaburras

703
00:27:20,149 --> 00:27:18,799
laughing outside sometimes that's right

704
00:27:22,230 --> 00:27:20,159
well that's the emblem of the skeptics

705
00:27:25,110 --> 00:27:22,240
you see the australian kookaburra now

706
00:27:26,870 --> 00:27:25,120
talking about funny things the the

707
00:27:29,590 --> 00:27:26,880
latest issue of

708
00:27:32,470 --> 00:27:29,600
our journal the skeptic is about to hit

709
00:27:34,549 --> 00:27:32,480
the post boxes of subscribers and but

710
00:27:37,750 --> 00:27:34,559
it's already hit the inboxes of people

711
00:27:39,750 --> 00:27:37,760
who subscribe digitally that's right

712
00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:39,760
that's correct richard yes it's very

713
00:27:42,870 --> 00:27:41,120

well put

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00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:42,880

it's yeah it is currently the printer so

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their printers takes a while and then

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00:27:46,789 --> 00:27:45,360

they got to go through the mailing house

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00:27:48,630 --> 00:27:46,799

and that sort of stuff but the digital

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00:27:50,950 --> 00:27:48,640

copy is out for people who subscribe to

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00:27:52,310 --> 00:27:50,960

the digital like all like you or who can

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00:27:55,029 --> 00:27:52,320

get the

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00:27:57,350 --> 00:27:55,039

hard copy and the digital for free

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00:28:00,549 --> 00:27:57,360

and that's a real plus yes okay so this

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is the latest issue is volume 42 number

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two which means that we've been going

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00:28:06,630 --> 00:28:04,640

for 42 years with this magazine right

726
00:28:07,430 --> 00:28:06,640
and uh richard was reading it as a small

727
00:28:09,750 --> 00:28:07,440
child

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00:28:11,590 --> 00:28:09,760
and i was editing it

729
00:28:14,310 --> 00:28:11,600
not such a small child but i certainly

730
00:28:16,310 --> 00:28:14,320
was reading the early issues i remember

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00:28:17,510 --> 00:28:16,320
in in the first maybe the first five

732
00:28:18,950 --> 00:28:17,520
years of the

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00:28:20,630 --> 00:28:18,960
publication i would have been reading

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00:28:23,029 --> 00:28:20,640
some of those issues yeah and the

735
00:28:24,470 --> 00:28:23,039
magazines changed a lot

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00:28:26,149 --> 00:28:24,480
and people can find that out for

737
00:28:27,669 --> 00:28:26,159
themselves they can look at all the old

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00:28:29,909 --> 00:28:27,679

issues including the very first issue

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00:28:32,470 --> 00:28:29,919

which is four pages for free for free

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00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:32,480

yes absolutely and this was a classic uh

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00:28:37,029 --> 00:28:34,159

copy of the magazine it was sort of like

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00:28:38,710 --> 00:28:37,039

one sheet of paper folded yes and uh it

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00:28:41,029 --> 00:28:38,720

was it was cute the way it was done but

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00:28:42,870 --> 00:28:41,039

i mean it did improve gradually what was

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00:28:49,909 --> 00:28:42,880

the big headline

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00:28:53,590 --> 00:28:52,070

wrong police and of course big picture

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00:28:55,269 --> 00:28:53,600

of james randy on the cover because

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00:28:56,470 --> 00:28:55,279

doris stokes wrong isn't just a headline

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that we had ready to go and just threw

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it in every time it was it was a common

751
00:29:02,950 --> 00:29:01,520
occurrence she was a popular medium at

752
00:29:04,710 --> 00:29:02,960
the time and it's interesting that the

753
00:29:06,389 --> 00:29:04,720
early stories were all about sort of

754
00:29:07,990 --> 00:29:06,399
predictions and psychics and that was

755
00:29:10,230 --> 00:29:08,000
the main area alternative medicine

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hardly cropped up not in those not for a

757
00:29:14,230 --> 00:29:12,000
while yeah the first issue had something

758
00:29:16,549 --> 00:29:14,240
a bit of psychic surgery right people

759
00:29:18,789 --> 00:29:16,559
dig their hands inside your body to re

760
00:29:20,230 --> 00:29:18,799
pull out all the cancerous changes

761
00:29:21,590 --> 00:29:20,240
but yes alternative medicine is of

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00:29:23,750 --> 00:29:21,600
course now a staple if you like of

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00:29:26,149 --> 00:29:23,760

skeptical activity certainly and the bug

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00:29:28,630 --> 00:29:26,159

bearing the serious most serious aspects

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of what we do but yeah it's taken a

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while to actually become

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a core part of the skeptical things

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things come and go but what can readers

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look forward to when they do get either

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their digital copy or their physical

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00:29:43,590 --> 00:29:42,000

copy right well yeah the main feature of

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this issue we always have a big feature

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which is central on a particular theme

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and this time it's on science and

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pretenders for science and basically the

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idea is that there's a lot of studio

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science that comes along and tags on the

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coattails of science yes now these these

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pseudo sciences always say that well

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science doesn't understand and science

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can't that they're waiting for science

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to catch up that's right i've heard that

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00:30:09,669 --> 00:30:08,320

mostly from homeopathic can science

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00:30:11,190 --> 00:30:09,679

explain love

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that's what that's right i've heard that

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before yeah all those sort of things

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science doesn't know everything science

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doesn't know everything science doesn't

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know there's energy's unknown to science

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as soon as you hear somebody they're red

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00:30:21,990 --> 00:30:20,720

flags as soon as you hear someone saying

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to you well science doesn't know

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everything then you you've got them you

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00:30:26,870 --> 00:30:25,760

know ah you don't know what you're

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talking about

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science doesn't know everything exactly

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the thing is that they always say

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science doesn't know everything but

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we do but we do yes and because the

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trouble is with these is that when they

801
00:30:39,110 --> 00:30:37,919
do find a scientist who supports their

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idea

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they grab hold of them because they

804
00:30:44,870 --> 00:30:43,039
think a scientist has yeah impromata has

805
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a reputation see look a scientist agrees

806
00:30:47,750 --> 00:30:46,159
with it but you were just rubbishing

807
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science and now you've got it on your

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side yeah okay

809
00:30:52,310 --> 00:30:50,799
you'll always find a scientist somewhere

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00:30:55,110 --> 00:30:52,320
to support you you will always find it

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yes yes so a phd who is

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00:31:00,470 --> 00:30:58,480
a food by any name yes um but okay this

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00:31:02,789 --> 00:31:00,480

issue has a big feature we're looking at

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00:31:04,310 --> 00:31:02,799

science pretenders if you like across

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various ideas we have a couple of

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articles which actually explains the

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whole concept and how to spot the

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difference

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and then we have we look at areas like

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uh quantum quackery and quantum pops up

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have you ever heard quantum used among

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00:31:19,509 --> 00:31:17,200

psychics richard never what what's this

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term quantum

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

frequently i mean

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00:31:24,630 --> 00:31:23,200

let me bring in what you're about to say

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there's an article in me

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in me

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let me preempt what you're about to say

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there's an article by me in the magazine

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about the mind body spirit and the

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number of times over the last 20 years

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i've seen and heard the word quantum and

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mind body spirit is

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stunning it was almost every time i [h__\h]

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yes and it's dragged up but it's sort of

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and this is the science doesn't

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understand but they keep quoting quantum

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and obviously it doesn't take long to

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sort of push into the conversation you

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realize they don't understand quantity

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but it's a handy word because quantum is

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weird yeah i mean um cutting edge and

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00:31:57,590 --> 00:31:56,320

new and yeah blah blah blah once said

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that if you think you understand quantum

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mechanics you don't

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but i mean so that quantum has dragged

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up a lot so it's an article here quantum

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quackery which is an older article done

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from the us actually

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but uh it's called this we have an

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article about the media

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appropriating science the other way to

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drag it into pseudoscience and to have

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that imprimatur of a scientist

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commenting and that's an article that

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you wrote richard uh along with an

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interview with brian dunning concerning

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his his movie of course science friction

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the new brian dunning documentary yes

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which you can look at online yeah it's

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very excellent actually that quotes a

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lot of scientists complaining or you

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00:32:37,190 --> 00:32:35,039

know just stating their experiences of

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how they were used and abused by

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00:32:40,950 --> 00:32:38,720

documentary makers and things like that

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00:32:42,389 --> 00:32:40,960

hardly done by hardly done by okay well

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then we have a long article which looks

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at archaeology and pseudo-archaeology

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especially in pop culture so you only

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need to mention indiana jones and lara

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croft and all these people to realize

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there's a lot of stuff which is

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not very scientific about how

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archaeology is presented it's like um

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forensics is presented on tv is they do

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it in one afternoon or something yeah

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you know and and this is goes way back

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into the history of archaeology as

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people that are putting forward

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pop theories and you know sort of pretty

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superficial theories about archaeology

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so we cover a lot of that uh science

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pretenders stuff in the issue we also as

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you say have an article about um the

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mind body

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we should be yeah uh

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convention exhibition which you go to

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quite regularly yes and as you say there

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are predictable surprises that's what i

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called the article predictable surprises

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because every now and then you'll see

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something say well i haven't seen that

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before but you can predict that's going

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to happen

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or there are things you have seen before

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of many things i've seen before yes we

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also have an interesting article about

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uh the australian anti-vaccination

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network which has been trying to take

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the children's vaccinations against the

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covert to court to have it stopped yes

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and uh they didn't do that well actually

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very well at all there's a punchline

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which i'll give away then court didn't

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actually think they had any any

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justification for their uh thoughts at

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all so yeah they had no standing in the

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00:34:09,270 --> 00:34:07,200
in the the argument

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00:34:11,109 --> 00:34:09,280
we then have a few other articles uh

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00:34:13,829 --> 00:34:11,119
looking what we call the hall of shame

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00:34:15,909 --> 00:34:13,839
which is looking about people making

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claims yeah quack claims

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00:34:20,230 --> 00:34:18,000

pseudoscientific claims dangerous claims

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in alternative medicine areas and how

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well the regulators respond to that

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that's good and well well it's not this

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is the term

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loosely used because at times they don't

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respond very well right right so we look

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at a range of different regulators and a

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range of these different claims as to

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how they have responded

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and then of course we have the usual

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things the usual sort of columns about

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sort of yet what goes around is one of

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00:34:42,389 --> 00:34:41,200
my favorites yes

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which which we often hear on the

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00:34:45,589 --> 00:34:43,440
skeptics

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00:34:52,950 --> 00:34:45,599
this one we have about uh sri stanford

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00:34:56,230 --> 00:34:54,230
a lot of other things and a crossword

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00:34:57,829 --> 00:34:56,240
puzzle of course which is a puzzle yeah

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00:35:01,829 --> 00:34:57,839
yeah so there's a lot of stuff to read

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00:35:03,510 --> 00:35:01,839
in this session and letters to learn

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00:35:05,349 --> 00:35:03,520
including one by me i read yeah that's

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00:35:06,390 --> 00:35:05,359
right i wrote a letter to you and you

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00:35:07,990 --> 00:35:06,400
published it

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00:35:09,349 --> 00:35:08,000
i know okay people actually i don't know

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00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:09,359

why i publish anything by you but i

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don't know what you do that's the way it

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goes but i mean yeah there's a lot of

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00:35:14,310 --> 00:35:12,960

stuff to to have a look at in the

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magazine i

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there's always one sample issue which we

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will have up fairly soon actually on the

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uh on the website so you can get a

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teaser yeah but uh we have these things

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regularly all these features and

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articles and what goes around and that

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sort of stuff it's a great magazine look

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folks if you don't subscribe to the

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skeptical magazine from australia give it

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a go

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00:35:34,390 --> 00:35:31,720
just go to

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skeptics.com.u you can easily subscribe

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and if you get the physical copy you get

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the digital copy for free so you can

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read it on the train or in the bath or

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whatever you can keep the digital copy

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and leave the hard copy at your local

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so that's volume number what was the mf

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volcano 42 number two 42. that's

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meaningful that's for june that's with

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you june 22. tim menden the editor of

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that fine journal the skeptic thank you

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thank you richard

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hi this is rob palmer i'm a guerrilla

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skepticism on wikipedia team member and

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a columnist for the skeptical inquirer i

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also do a fair amount of public speaking

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on topics of interest to skeptics

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this is an invitation for you to attend

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my upcoming zoom talk

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let me list some of the important topics

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i'll cover

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ghosts haunt houses and are routinely

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recorded in photos and on audio

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consciousness can leave a body and do

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things like remote viewing in fact the

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soul's been weighed it's 21 grams

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people have near-death experiences and

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glimpse the other side

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there is also proof of reincarnation

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demonic possession is a thing and of

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course mediums can communicate with the

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dead we see that all the time on tv

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paranormal and supernatural claims like

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these are commonly believed but

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extraordinary claims require

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extraordinary evidence

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so just how good is the evidence for any

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of these things join me as i am

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interviewed about all of this at the

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next rfrx meeting

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that's a weekly presentation series held

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over zoom by recovering from religion a

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non-profit which helps people struggling

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with issues surrounding religious doubt

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the zoom session begins at 8 pm eastern

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time in the u.s

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on monday june 20th

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that's 10 am

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on tuesday the 21st in sydney the

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session will go live at that time at

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this link tinyurl.com

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forward slash weekly rfr

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no registration is required if you can't

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catch it live a recording will

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eventually be uploaded to the rfr

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youtube channel at tinyurl.com

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forward slash rfr playlist as well as

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to the rfr audio podcast series

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funny but i have a premonition that some

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of you listening to this will join me

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don't prove me wrong

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now it's time once again to dive into

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those archives those digital archives

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from around the world normally it's a

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trove at

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trove.nla.gov.au but today i thought we'd

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go once more

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once more back to the united states of

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america

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quite apt i guess

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and we're going to be looking for

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reports

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over the years

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and believe me there are many

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but i've selected a few

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of

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people being conned

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scammed built

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by psychics

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now of course when i say psychics just

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pretend that you can see air quotes

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because

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as far as we know

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there's no such thing as a psychic

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there are people claiming to be psychic

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so if i ever say the word psychic that's

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what i mean people who

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claim to have psychic powers whether

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they

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psychic powers or whether

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they surely know they do not

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the generic term for these people is

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simply psychic

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and it's easier to say that than alleged

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or claimed or

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and our first return today comes from

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arlington heights daily herald suburban

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chicago

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dated the 14th of december 2013

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with the heading police

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psychic charged nearly one million

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dollars for

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curse removal

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los angeles

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brian james was having a tough time his

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finances weren't in order his emotional

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health wasn't great

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and his love life needed a boost

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that's when the 25 year old los angeles

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michelle morgan

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who worked in the san fernando valley at

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an office with a

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neon sign out front proclaiming

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psychic readings

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all he had to do to solve his problems

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was to get a

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pesky cursed removed

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but it would cost him plenty according

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to a private investigator who james

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hired to look into the psychic

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two years later authorities say james is

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out nearly

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one million dollars and morgan whose

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real name is april lee and her husband

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michael johnson

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are free on bail after they were charged

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with grand theft attempted grand theft

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and extortion they are due in court on

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december 19 for a pre-trial hearing

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they were arrested in november when lee

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and james traveled to san jose to

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collect a final payment of 500

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thousand dollars his mother was supposed

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to give them after selling her house

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instead authorities said the psychic was

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surprised to find police waiting for her

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lee's attorney james e silvestine

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declined to discuss the allegations in

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detail friday but said his client

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maintains her innocence

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it's not a crime to be a psychic

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sylvestein said prosecutors say whatever

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the job or title it's a crime to steal

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someone's money

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you have to get away from thinking of it

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as proving or disproving spirits and

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curses

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and look for the fraud santa clara

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county deputy district attorney sherry

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bollard told the los angeles daily news

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which first reported the story

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james was having emotional financial and

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relationship issues said new york

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private investigator bob nygard

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who ultimately helped him build a case

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against lee 28 and her 32 year old

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husband so it's basically made him the

1115

00:42:27,589 --> 00:42:26,640

perfect mark he told the associated

1116

00:42:29,750 --> 00:42:27,599

press

1117

00:42:32,390 --> 00:42:29,760

sorry bob for that bad impersonation of

1118

00:42:33,430 --> 00:42:32,400

you bob nygard is a terrific bloke i met

1119

00:42:34,390 --> 00:42:33,440

him

1120

00:42:35,750 --> 00:42:34,400

in

1121

00:42:37,750 --> 00:42:35,760

at dragoncon

1122

00:42:40,710 --> 00:42:37,760

once or twice over the years

1123

00:42:42,069 --> 00:42:40,720

wow what a character what a character

1124

00:42:45,109 --> 00:42:42,079

we read on

1125

00:42:47,910 --> 00:42:45,119

he said there was a specific person

1126

00:42:49,910 --> 00:42:47,920

james had a romantic interest in

1127

00:42:52,710 --> 00:42:49,920

but the psychic told him he couldn't

1128

00:42:56,630 --> 00:42:52,720

approach her until the curse was lifted

1129

00:43:00,230 --> 00:42:56,640

because if he were to do so her alleged

1130

00:43:02,950 --> 00:43:00,240

curse removal work would fail and my

1131

00:43:04,550 --> 00:43:02,960

client's romantic interest would die

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00:43:07,670 --> 00:43:04,560

nygaard said

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00:43:10,470 --> 00:43:07,680

instead he said lee claimed she would

1134

00:43:13,190 --> 00:43:10,480

become a go-between for the couple and

1135

00:43:16,230 --> 00:43:13,200

sent james text messages from her cell

1136

00:43:17,670 --> 00:43:16,240

phone that she claimed to have forwarded

1137

00:43:19,829 --> 00:43:17,680

from the woman

1138

00:43:22,550 --> 00:43:19,839

one said the woman couldn't wait to get

1139

00:43:24,309 --> 00:43:22,560

together with him once that curse was

1140

00:43:27,030 --> 00:43:24,319

broken

1141

00:43:29,670 --> 00:43:27,040

James kept forking over money much of it

1142

00:43:32,550 --> 00:43:29,680

from his mother's retirement savings my

1143

00:43:34,150 --> 00:43:32,560

God said until he finally became

1144

00:43:36,950 --> 00:43:34,160

suspicious and approached the woman

1145

00:43:39,030 --> 00:43:36,960

directly when he learned she'd never

1146

00:43:40,550 --> 00:43:39,040

sent him any messages

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00:43:42,550 --> 00:43:40,560

he went to the police

1148

00:43:44,710 --> 00:43:42,560

there he was mocked by an officer who

1149

00:43:47,750 --> 00:43:44,720

told him what a sucker he had been for

1150

00:43:49,270 --> 00:43:47,760

giving money to a psychic Nygard said

1151
00:43:51,829 --> 00:43:49,280
that's when he sought out the private

1152
00:43:53,589 --> 00:43:51,839
investigator a retired policeman who has

1153
00:43:55,990 --> 00:43:53,599
recovered tens of thousands of dollars

1154
00:43:58,710 --> 00:43:56,000
for victims of other psychics

1155
00:44:00,870 --> 00:43:58,720
and that makes a very good point there

1156
00:44:02,309 --> 00:44:00,880
uh i i we look we don't know what really

1157
00:44:05,030 --> 00:44:02,319
happened when he went to the police

1158
00:44:07,109 --> 00:44:05,040
whether there was a true mocking tone

1159
00:44:10,069 --> 00:44:07,119
which there could have been there could

1160
00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:10,079
have been but ultimately we remember not

1161
00:44:13,030 --> 00:44:11,280
trying not to

1162
00:44:14,870 --> 00:44:13,040
blame the victim

1163
00:44:16,470 --> 00:44:14,880

and people will go to psychics for all

1164

00:44:17,829 --> 00:44:16,480

sorts of reasons

1165

00:44:20,470 --> 00:44:17,839

and our next

1166

00:44:25,230 --> 00:44:20,480

item comes from the fairfield ledger

1167

00:44:29,270 --> 00:44:25,240

fairfield iowa dated wednesday july 21st

1168

00:44:32,069 --> 00:44:29,280

1982 quite a while back

1169

00:44:35,190 --> 00:44:32,079

following psychics advice costs eldora

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00:44:39,510 --> 00:44:35,200

farmer 7 500

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00:44:41,910 --> 00:44:39,520

is it unlawful to charge an iowa farmer

1172

00:44:45,349 --> 00:44:41,920

thousands of dollars to tell him he can

1173

00:44:48,870 --> 00:44:45,359

regain the affections of his girlfriend

1174

00:44:51,829 --> 00:44:48,880

by washing himself with a tomato

1175

00:44:55,510 --> 00:44:51,839

sleeping with a shoe under his pillow

1176
00:44:57,829 --> 00:44:55,520
and doing unusual things with eggs pins

1177
00:45:00,550 --> 00:44:57,839
and wooden matches

1178
00:45:04,870 --> 00:45:00,560
police say a psychic instructed an

1179
00:45:06,069 --> 00:45:04,880
eldora farmer in those acts and more

1180
00:45:09,190 --> 00:45:06,079
to quote

1181
00:45:12,069 --> 00:45:09,200
ready's body of evil spirits end quote

1182
00:45:15,589 --> 00:45:12,079
but they say the polk county attorney's

1183
00:45:18,470 --> 00:45:15,599
office has ruled that no charges can be

1184
00:45:22,710 --> 00:45:18,480
filed against the psychic because they

1185
00:45:24,550 --> 00:45:22,720
have yet to prove she violated any local

1186
00:45:27,510 --> 00:45:24,560
or state laws

1187
00:45:30,470 --> 00:45:27,520
investigators said the farmer who is in

1188
00:45:31,430 --> 00:45:30,480

his mid-20s did everything from sell

1189

00:45:33,990 --> 00:45:31,440

corn

1190

00:45:36,630 --> 00:45:34,000

to cash an insurance policy to pay the

1191

00:45:39,109 --> 00:45:36,640

psychic spending as much as seven

1192

00:45:40,870 --> 00:45:39,119

thousand five hundred dollars since last

1193

00:45:42,950 --> 00:45:40,880

september

1194

00:45:46,150 --> 00:45:42,960

detective ron warne

1195

00:45:47,589 --> 00:45:46,160

who said he was not finished with his

1196

00:45:50,309 --> 00:45:47,599

investigation

1197

00:45:52,790 --> 00:45:50,319

said he would file charges if possible

1198

00:45:55,670 --> 00:45:52,800

but until then he said he would not

1199

00:45:57,829 --> 00:45:55,680

release the names of the psychic or the

1200

00:45:59,589 --> 00:45:57,839

farmer the farmer said he contacted the

1201
00:46:01,349 --> 00:45:59,599
psychic through a small newspaper

1202
00:46:03,750 --> 00:46:01,359
advertisement

1203
00:46:04,870 --> 00:46:03,760
i was just curious at first he told

1204
00:46:07,990 --> 00:46:04,880
police

1205
00:46:09,030 --> 00:46:08,000
the first time she just wanted 45 or

1206
00:46:11,030 --> 00:46:09,040
something

1207
00:46:13,510 --> 00:46:11,040
but after the first meeting the farmer

1208
00:46:14,870 --> 00:46:13,520
said the psychic requested he buy her a

1209
00:46:18,309 --> 00:46:14,880
gold necklace

1210
00:46:21,030 --> 00:46:18,319
and about 100 worth of groceries she

1211
00:46:22,870 --> 00:46:21,040
told me my body was full of evil

1212
00:46:25,349 --> 00:46:22,880
the man told police

1213
00:46:27,829 --> 00:46:25,359

she was going to rid me of it

1214

00:46:31,270 --> 00:46:27,839

the psychic reportedly directed the man

1215

00:46:33,670 --> 00:46:31,280

to wrap a tomato in a handkerchief

1216

00:46:35,750 --> 00:46:33,680

and rub it over his head and body

1217

00:46:39,270 --> 00:46:35,760

he was then to stuff the tomato in a

1218

00:46:42,470 --> 00:46:39,280

shoe and put it under his pillow finally

1219

00:46:44,550 --> 00:46:42,480

he brought the tomato and one thousand

1220

00:46:46,550 --> 00:46:44,560

five hundred dollars in cash to the

1221

00:46:50,230 --> 00:46:46,560

psychic police said

1222

00:46:53,030 --> 00:46:50,240

the psychic is said to have quote

1223

00:46:55,990 --> 00:46:53,040

dug around inside the tomato

1224

00:46:57,030 --> 00:46:56,000

until she finally dug out a small

1225

00:46:58,550 --> 00:46:57,040

replica

1226

00:47:02,470 --> 00:46:58,560

of a devil's head

1227

00:47:05,270 --> 00:47:02,480

part of the evil in the young man's body

1228

00:47:06,390 --> 00:47:05,280

had been removed the psychic reportedly

1229

00:47:08,710 --> 00:47:06,400

claimed

1230

00:47:11,349 --> 00:47:08,720

but there still was some left

1231

00:47:14,309 --> 00:47:11,359

on another occasion the man was to push

1232

00:47:16,710 --> 00:47:14,319

seven needles into seven matchsticks and

1233

00:47:18,870 --> 00:47:16,720

bury them in a certain location the

1234

00:47:20,950 --> 00:47:18,880

needles were supposed to get rid of

1235

00:47:22,790 --> 00:47:20,960

seven evil spirits

1236

00:47:25,109 --> 00:47:22,800

police said the man

1237

00:47:26,870 --> 00:47:25,119

was also told to do something with a

1238

00:47:29,670 --> 00:47:26,880

fresh egg and bring it back to the

1239

00:47:31,510 --> 00:47:29,680

psychic with two thousand dollars

1240

00:47:33,910 --> 00:47:31,520

the farmer followed the instructions

1241

00:47:36,710 --> 00:47:33,920

police said and when he gave the egg to

1242

00:47:38,870 --> 00:47:36,720

the psychic she prayed over a bucket of

1243

00:47:40,630 --> 00:47:38,880

water and blood

1244

00:47:43,589 --> 00:47:40,640

and quote

1245

00:47:44,470 --> 00:47:43,599

turn the money over to the spirits end

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00:47:46,950 --> 00:47:44,480

quote

1247

00:47:49,589 --> 00:47:46,960

by the end of june after doling out more

1248

00:47:51,349 --> 00:47:49,599

payments and even buying toys for the

1249

00:47:53,190 --> 00:47:51,359

psychic's children

1250

00:47:56,549 --> 00:47:53,200

officers said the man apparently

1251

00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:56,559

realized the psychic was not helping

1252

00:48:00,309 --> 00:47:59,119

the letters he was writing to his former

1253

00:48:01,670 --> 00:48:00,319

girlfriend

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00:48:03,829 --> 00:48:01,680

was still

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00:48:06,470 --> 00:48:03,839

unanswered

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00:48:09,829 --> 00:48:06,480

oh that is a bit of a sad story

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00:48:12,150 --> 00:48:09,839

all the way back there in 1982

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00:48:16,150 --> 00:48:12,160

and now we come to the panama city news

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00:48:17,910 --> 00:48:16,160

herald dated the 1st of august 1997.

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00:48:21,349 --> 00:48:17,920

spiritual scam

1261

00:48:25,190 --> 00:48:21,359

police say psychic milked elderly widow

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00:48:26,950 --> 00:48:25,200

out of three hundred thousand dollars

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00:48:28,230 --> 00:48:26,960

the associated press

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00:48:31,710 --> 00:48:28,240

deland

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00:48:35,030 --> 00:48:31,720

psychic kitty wilson convinced

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00:48:38,069 --> 00:48:35,040

81 year old mary porter

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00:48:41,030 --> 00:48:38,079

that there was a 200 year old curse on

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00:48:43,829 --> 00:48:41,040

her family and house the only way to

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00:48:46,710 --> 00:48:43,839

lift the curse the psychic told the

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00:48:49,349 --> 00:48:46,720

elderly widow was to give her three

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00:48:52,470 --> 00:48:49,359

hundred thousand dollars police said

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00:48:53,910 --> 00:48:52,480

now mrs wilson who faces federal charges

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00:48:56,390 --> 00:48:53,920

can't be found

1274

00:48:58,790 --> 00:48:56,400

she still may be in the area volusia

1275

00:49:01,589 --> 00:48:58,800

county sheriff's spokesman gary davison

1276

00:49:04,069 --> 00:49:01,599

said thursday two warrants for her

1277

00:49:07,510 --> 00:49:04,079

arrest were issued wednesday she faces

1278

00:49:10,150 --> 00:49:07,520

felony charges of scheming to defraud in

1279

00:49:12,950 --> 00:49:10,160

excess of one hundred thousand dollars

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00:49:14,710 --> 00:49:12,960

and exploiting the elderly in excess of

1281

00:49:17,670 --> 00:49:14,720

one hundred thousand dollars

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00:49:20,950 --> 00:49:17,680

circuit judge ed sanders

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00:49:23,750 --> 00:49:20,960

set bail at 1.5 million

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00:49:26,309 --> 00:49:23,760

mrs porter began visiting ms wilson's

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00:49:28,230 --> 00:49:26,319

business in may seeking guidance after

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00:49:30,230 --> 00:49:28,240

her husband's death she told

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00:49:32,470 --> 00:49:30,240

investigators that she was deeply

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00:49:34,790 --> 00:49:32,480

depressed at the time

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00:49:37,030 --> 00:49:34,800

the psychic convinced the elderly woman

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00:49:40,150 --> 00:49:37,040

that her family was suffering from a 200

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00:49:42,150 --> 00:49:40,160

year old curse that caused misery health

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00:49:45,430 --> 00:49:42,160

problems and bad luck

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00:49:49,430 --> 00:49:45,440

ms wilson told mrs porter that

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00:49:52,549 --> 00:49:49,440

at a cost of 12 000 per person

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00:49:55,910 --> 00:49:52,559

she could pay penance to release the

1296

00:49:58,470 --> 00:49:55,920

suffering spirits of 24 friends and

1297

00:50:01,750 --> 00:49:58,480

relatives who had perished in a

1298

00:50:04,470 --> 00:50:01,760

shipwreck in europe that money would be

1299

00:50:07,270 --> 00:50:04,480

dumped in devil's triangle she told the

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00:50:11,109 --> 00:50:07,280

widow mrs porter was told that another

1301
00:50:12,390 --> 00:50:11,119
45 000 was needed to lift a curse from

1302
00:50:15,670 --> 00:50:12,400
her home

1303
00:50:18,230 --> 00:50:15,680
and some inherited funds she withdrew

1304
00:50:21,109 --> 00:50:18,240
large amounts of money over a two-month

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00:50:21,990 --> 00:50:21,119
period from banks in deland daytona

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00:50:27,109 --> 00:50:22,000
beach

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00:50:30,870 --> 00:50:27,119
case ms wilson

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00:50:33,510 --> 00:50:30,880
posed as mrs porter's daughter telling

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00:50:36,549 --> 00:50:33,520
bankers that they planned to open an

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00:50:39,750 --> 00:50:36,559
italian restaurant ms wilson even bought

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00:50:43,270 --> 00:50:39,760
a plate of spaghetti to an orlando bank

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00:50:46,069 --> 00:50:43,280
to bolster her story police said

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00:50:48,470 --> 00:50:46,079

investigators said ms wilson exploited

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

mrs porter's deep religious belief

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00:50:52,790 --> 00:50:50,240

gaining her confidence by telling her

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00:50:54,309 --> 00:50:52,800

she knew mother teresa and had a close

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00:50:55,349 --> 00:50:54,319

acquaintance who was a priest in the

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00:50:57,510 --> 00:50:55,359

vatican

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00:51:01,109 --> 00:50:57,520

miss wilson ran her psychic business at

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00:51:03,670 --> 00:51:01,119

two deland era locations with several

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00:51:05,910 --> 00:51:03,680

family members investigators said they

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00:51:06,950 --> 00:51:05,920

hadn't decided if others would be

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00:51:08,950 --> 00:51:06,960

charged

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00:51:10,870 --> 00:51:08,960

sergeant wayne barr said there may be

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00:51:12,630 --> 00:51:10,880

other victims who are too ashamed to

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00:51:14,790 --> 00:51:12,640
admit they were scammed

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00:51:15,440 --> 00:51:14,800
i would say there are many other victims

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00:51:16,630 --> 00:51:15,450
out there

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00:51:17,990 --> 00:51:16,640
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00:51:20,710 --> 00:51:18,000
said

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00:51:24,420 --> 00:51:20,720
we definitely want this lady in jail so

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00:51:27,589 --> 00:51:24,430
she can't victimize other people

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00:51:29,190 --> 00:51:27,599
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and there we go

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just some of the uh interesting stories

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over the years

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people being built scam conned

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whatever

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word you want to use out of funds

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by people pretending to have mystical

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psychic powers

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but you don't need to pretend to have

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mystical psychic powers to enjoy

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researching

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00:51:58,950 --> 00:51:56,160

articles

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information stories from the past and

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00:52:02,950 --> 00:52:01,280

you can do that by visiting any

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any local

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00:52:06,790 --> 00:52:04,960

archive in your country or if you're in

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00:52:08,390 --> 00:52:06,800
australia or anywhere around the world

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00:52:11,589 --> 00:52:08,400
of course you can visit trove at

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00:52:14,870 --> 00:52:13,589
but no matter where you search

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00:52:19,660 --> 00:52:14,880
you never know

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thank you for listening to the skeptic's

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own podcast and a big thank you to brian

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dunning and family for putting up with

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me

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haven't been to the states in uh

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well two and a half years

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and jet lag normally knocks me around

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00:52:55,589 --> 00:52:54,079

but this time it's like a double

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sledgehammer i don't know what's going

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of a mystery i haven't haven't had much

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time to think about it i know

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i have a section in trove called oddball

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so very strange stories coming up in the

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but for this week from the land of big

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feet

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bigfoots

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and snow-capped mountains this is

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richard saunders signing off from bend

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