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Lunch with the
Bay Area Skeptics

Australian Skeptics
Newsletter
with Adrienne Hill

TROVE
Uri Geller



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00:00:09,190 --> 00:00:06,550

[Music]

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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:09,200

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,860 --> 00:00:13,930

from australia for science and reason

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00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:16,870

[Applause]

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00:00:28,390 --> 00:00:25,910

yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:28,400

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00:00:32,709 --> 00:00:31,279

for the 3rd of july 2022

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:32,719

richard saunders coming to you from the

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00:00:39,270 --> 00:00:36,000

sidewalk here in oakland california

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00:00:40,790 --> 00:00:39,280

having a uh a bit of an early morning

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00:00:43,350 --> 00:00:40,800

exercise walk

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00:00:45,270 --> 00:00:43,360

coming up on this week's show i catch up

13
00:00:46,389 --> 00:00:45,280

with the local skeptics the bay area

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00:00:49,029 --> 00:00:46,399

skeptics

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:49,039

we have a rather nice lunch

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

and dr eugenie scott

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00:00:56,389 --> 00:00:53,360

will tell us all about the upcoming

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00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:56,399

skeptical convention

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00:01:01,510 --> 00:00:58,559

an online convention with speakers from

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00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:01,520

all over the world and

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00:01:08,310 --> 00:01:04,080

what a uh what a pleasure it was to see

22

00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:11,109

as the buses rumble by

23

00:01:15,670 --> 00:01:12,720

following that it's the australian

24

00:01:18,310 --> 00:01:15,680

skeptics newsletter read once again

25

00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:18,320

by adrian hill in canada thank you very

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00:01:22,149 --> 00:01:19,759

much adrian

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00:01:24,469 --> 00:01:22,159

let's see what's uh making

28

00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:24,479

skeptical news this week

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00:01:26,950 --> 00:01:25,360

then

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:26,960

to round off the show

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00:01:29,910 --> 00:01:27,840

some

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:29,920

interesting reports from australian

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00:01:36,710 --> 00:01:33,360

newspapers mostly jewish as it happens

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00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:36,720

about yuri gellar remember him oh yes

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00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:40,000

spoons and everything else

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00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:41,680

although it's uh summertime here in

37

00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:42,640

oakland

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00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:44,799

the fog has come over

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00:01:47,990 --> 00:01:46,320

it's quite amazing

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:48,000

and there's a bit of rain which is fog

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00:01:50,950 --> 00:01:49,200

rain

42

00:01:54,230 --> 00:01:50,960

which is a bit strange

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00:01:55,670 --> 00:01:54,240

so no matter where you are in the world

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00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:55,680

no matter where you are i hope you're

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00:01:58,789 --> 00:01:57,439

keeping warm

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00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:58,799

especially if you're in the southern

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00:02:02,950 --> 00:02:01,200

hemisphere at the moment or like me in

48

00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:02,960

oakland where it's

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00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:06,000

cloudy and cool keep warm

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00:02:11,110 --> 00:02:08,239

now it's time for me to keep walking and

51
00:02:13,750 --> 00:02:11,120
who knows i might be able to find a nice

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00:02:24,030 --> 00:02:13,760
onion bagel while i do that

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00:02:38,229 --> 00:02:26,320
[Applause]

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00:02:42,550 --> 00:02:40,630
jay diamond where are we

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00:02:44,550 --> 00:02:42,560
we're in the middle of silicon valley

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00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:44,560
i'm i'm having a wonderful day here it's

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00:02:48,630 --> 00:02:46,400
a blue sky look at that it was fog this

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00:02:50,630 --> 00:02:48,640
morning but the blue sky's back and this

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00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:50,640
is a gathering of the local skeptics it

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00:02:55,350 --> 00:02:53,040
was just i'm just so touched that you

61
00:02:57,670 --> 00:02:55,360
all would drive so far in electric cars

62
00:03:00,229 --> 00:02:57,680
to come and

63
00:03:01,509 --> 00:03:00,239

come and have lunch with me but

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00:03:04,070 --> 00:03:01,519

we're waiting for some more people i

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00:03:07,270 --> 00:03:04,080

think

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00:03:09,670 --> 00:03:07,280

we i mean i've got a hybrid so i'm

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00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:09,680

cheating you don't okay well but you you

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00:03:14,149 --> 00:03:12,480

cam on your motorcycle probably

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00:03:15,270 --> 00:03:14,159

i have a car and have a motorcycle both

70

00:03:18,229 --> 00:03:15,280

gas

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00:03:20,070 --> 00:03:18,239

i'm living in the 20th century still

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00:03:20,949 --> 00:03:20,080

i'm looking around the table and i'm i'm

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00:03:25,270 --> 00:03:20,959

seeing

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00:03:27,030 --> 00:03:25,280

here richard was commenting how oh

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00:03:29,350 --> 00:03:27,040

there's another tesla oh there's another

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00:03:31,030 --> 00:03:29,360

tesla oh there's a prius everything's a

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00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:31,040

prius

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00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:32,720

welcome to the bay area thank you we

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00:03:38,070 --> 00:03:35,760

drove here in um yeah mentions um

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00:03:40,229 --> 00:03:38,080

what model of tesla just

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:40,239

it's a tesla model three

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00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:43,760

four wheel drive long distance yeah

83

00:03:48,949 --> 00:03:46,480

nice ride over the bay bridge and then

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00:03:50,309 --> 00:03:48,959

it parked itself

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00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:50,319

and you weren't even in the car and it

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00:03:53,750 --> 00:03:51,920

parked itself so

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00:03:55,910 --> 00:03:53,760

now here's the thing for the last three

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00:03:57,429 --> 00:03:55,920

years no one's gone anywhere

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00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:57,439

so it's really nice that all these

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00:04:01,030 --> 00:03:59,599

electric cars are saving us money but

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00:04:02,550 --> 00:04:01,040

we're not going anywhere

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00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:02,560

and i had the pleasure of being in

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leonard trump's tesla

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00:04:08,789 --> 00:04:06,879

yesterday yesterday

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00:04:10,229 --> 00:04:08,799

as we walked around the chabot space

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00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:10,239

center and what a thrill that was that

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00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:11,120

was a

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00:04:16,310 --> 00:04:14,640

lovely uh lovely bit of time yeah and

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00:04:17,909 --> 00:04:16,320

we also uh

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00:04:21,030 --> 00:04:17,919

went from chabot

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00:04:23,350 --> 00:04:21,040

just across the parking lot uh to a

102

00:04:24,710 --> 00:04:23,360

beautiful redwood forest yeah that was

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00:04:27,510 --> 00:04:24,720

just just a

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00:04:29,270 --> 00:04:27,520

lovely change of uh scenery that's up in

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the oakland hills and the fog was

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00:04:32,469 --> 00:04:30,960

drifting through and it was

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00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:32,479

raining a bit of fog which was

108

00:04:36,310 --> 00:04:34,400

interesting you know nice and cool and

109

00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:36,320

beautiful greg

110

00:04:39,749 --> 00:04:38,080

gregory and

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00:04:42,550 --> 00:04:39,759

listeners you'll know this man because

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00:04:45,350 --> 00:04:42,560

of this sound

113

00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:45,360

that's the dice machine

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00:04:48,710 --> 00:04:47,120

and you're the man who supplied me with

115

00:04:50,550 --> 00:04:48,720

that dice machine i was the one who

116

00:04:53,189 --> 00:04:50,560

gifted you that wonderful little

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00:04:54,070 --> 00:04:53,199

randomizer for your dice for your

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00:04:57,350 --> 00:04:54,080

hidden

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00:04:59,030 --> 00:04:57,360

dice game at the end of the show

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00:05:01,270 --> 00:04:59,040

and it works it works very well but

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00:05:03,189 --> 00:05:01,280

let's get down to business genie

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00:05:05,110 --> 00:05:03,199

conference is coming up

123

00:05:06,150 --> 00:05:05,120

please tell me and you're wearing the

124

00:05:08,629 --> 00:05:06,160

shirt

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00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:08,639

science sees father it says

126
00:05:15,670 --> 00:05:12,880
skeptical 2022 and the logo is the james

127
00:05:17,510 --> 00:05:15,680
webb the james webb array the telescope

128
00:05:19,110 --> 00:05:17,520
that all the mirrors like the honeycomb

129
00:05:21,590 --> 00:05:19,120
reminds me of honeycomb what can you

130
00:05:23,990 --> 00:05:21,600
tell us about the upcoming conference

131
00:05:26,150 --> 00:05:24,000
it is going to be great and people in

132
00:05:31,189 --> 00:05:26,160
australia can listen to it

133
00:05:33,270 --> 00:05:31,199
we have a remarkable list of speakers um

134
00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:33,280
bill nye the science guy is appealing

135
00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:35,440
appearing at skeptical yes yeah heard of

136
00:05:39,430 --> 00:05:36,960
him heard of him

137
00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:39,440
but also steve novella from skeptic's

138
00:05:43,990 --> 00:05:41,919

guide to the universe a number of other

139

00:05:45,110 --> 00:05:44,000

kenny biddle from cfi

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00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:45,120

um

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00:05:53,830 --> 00:05:51,280

the investigative website that does such

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00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:53,840

a good job on any number of stories but

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00:05:58,870 --> 00:05:56,560

also conspiracies and

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00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:58,880

various claims of cuckoo stuff that we

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00:06:04,150 --> 00:06:01,120

skeptics are quite interested in as well

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00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:04,160

it's going to be online so everybody in

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00:06:09,110 --> 00:06:07,280

the world can can be there in fact

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00:06:10,790 --> 00:06:09,120

there's a panel that we're going to have

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00:06:12,950 --> 00:06:10,800

on dealing with

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00:06:15,749 --> 00:06:12,960

uh will dealing with denialism and

151
00:06:19,110 --> 00:06:15,759
people who have trouble accepting facts

152
00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:19,120
on things and we have one speaker from

153
00:06:24,629 --> 00:06:21,360
australia one speaker from england and

154
00:06:26,390 --> 00:06:24,639
one speaker from california so

155
00:06:28,550 --> 00:06:26,400
we will be international we certainly

156
00:06:32,230 --> 00:06:28,560
invite all international attendees as

157
00:06:34,870 --> 00:06:32,240
well you can go to skepticalcon.com

158
00:06:37,430 --> 00:06:34,880
and register it's cheap

159
00:06:40,629 --> 00:06:37,440
and it'll be two days in the middle of

160
00:06:42,629 --> 00:06:40,639
july july 16th and 17th preceded of

161
00:06:44,629 --> 00:06:42,639
course by our usual skeptics in the pub

162
00:06:46,390 --> 00:06:44,639
which is fun but it's also going to have

163
00:06:48,469 --> 00:06:46,400

a number of other really fun things in

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00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:48,479

addition to the stellar speakers that

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00:06:51,589 --> 00:06:49,599

we've got

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00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:51,599

we are going to be the very first

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00:06:56,390 --> 00:06:54,240

skeptic organization to have a virtual

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00:06:59,350 --> 00:06:56,400

reality program

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00:07:01,510 --> 00:06:59,360

we have created we this is the royal we

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had nothing to do with us whatsoever we

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00:07:05,430 --> 00:07:03,039

have very competent people working on

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00:07:07,589 --> 00:07:05,440

this i'm not one of them

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00:07:10,629 --> 00:07:07,599

what residual competence i have is

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00:07:11,909 --> 00:07:10,639

elsewhere anyway we have set up

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00:07:38,550 --> 00:07:11,919

a

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00:07:40,710 --> 00:07:38,560
the um

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00:07:41,830 --> 00:07:40,720
skeptics in virtual reality that's one

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00:07:44,390 --> 00:07:41,840
of the free

179
00:07:46,230 --> 00:07:44,400
opportunities isn't it or is that it is

180
00:07:47,430 --> 00:07:46,240
that's skeptics in the metaverse yeah so

181
00:07:49,830 --> 00:07:47,440
we're doing skeptics in the pub and

182
00:07:52,469 --> 00:07:49,840
skeptics in the metaverse

183
00:07:55,189 --> 00:07:52,479
you mean meta as in metaverse you mean

184
00:07:58,309 --> 00:07:55,199
no goggles or well so you can use

185
00:07:59,270 --> 00:07:58,319
goggles or you can use a pc i've got

186
00:08:02,469 --> 00:07:59,280
goggles

187
00:08:04,390 --> 00:08:02,479
i do not so i'll be going in on my pc so

188
00:08:06,070 --> 00:08:04,400

the listeners with goggles maybe they've

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00:08:08,150 --> 00:08:06,080

got the oculus or whatever it is

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00:08:13,909 --> 00:08:08,160

absolutely

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00:08:15,909 --> 00:08:13,919

we're the first to do it

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00:08:18,469 --> 00:08:15,919

it's gonna be great we have one one of

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00:08:19,990 --> 00:08:18,479

our board members is uh very excited to

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00:08:21,589 --> 00:08:20,000

uh to create this

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00:08:24,469 --> 00:08:21,599

he's an enthusiast

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00:08:26,469 --> 00:08:24,479

and we said go for it

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00:08:28,629 --> 00:08:26,479

fascinating there will be you can

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00:08:30,390 --> 00:08:28,639

register you have to register to attend

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any of the events whether the events are

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free or the

201
00:08:37,670 --> 00:08:35,039
paid events you have to register you can

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:37,680
register as a as a

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00:08:41,190 --> 00:08:39,599
paid participant as it were and then you

204
00:08:43,670 --> 00:08:41,200
can go to all of the talks as well as

205
00:08:46,590 --> 00:08:43,680
the free stuff or you can just register

206
00:08:48,870 --> 00:08:46,600
and attend the free stuff so go to

207
00:08:50,790 --> 00:08:48,880
skepticalcon.com and check it out

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00:08:54,389 --> 00:08:50,800
there's lots of innovative things going

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00:08:57,030 --> 00:08:54,399
on in skeptical 1920.

210
00:08:59,269 --> 00:08:57,040
back in the day we used to have virtual

211
00:09:00,070 --> 00:08:59,279
reality in the 20s that nobody even knew

212
00:09:01,750 --> 00:09:00,080
about

213
00:09:04,389 --> 00:09:01,760

i still do that every now and then i'll

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00:09:06,150 --> 00:09:04,399

catch myself saying the year 19 whoops

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you know

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skeptical

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00:09:15,670 --> 00:09:13,200

long and illustrious history hasn't it

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00:09:17,430 --> 00:09:15,680

yeah this is the 12th year isn't it

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00:09:20,150 --> 00:09:17,440

something like yeah we had to take off

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00:09:22,389 --> 00:09:20,160

our our shoes to count it all the other

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00:09:25,430 --> 00:09:22,399

day when we were figuring this out

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00:09:29,110 --> 00:09:25,440

we haven't we did not have a uh real

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genuine live or digital or whatever

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skeptical in 2020 because there are a

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00:09:36,470 --> 00:09:33,519

few other distractions but we have had

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one consistently since 2010 so

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join the join the

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00:09:42,870 --> 00:09:40,800

the crowd it's going to be fun i had the

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00:09:44,949 --> 00:09:42,880

pleasure of speaking there

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00:09:47,430 --> 00:09:44,959

in the before times

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00:09:48,230 --> 00:09:47,440

2018 do you think yeah this sounds about

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00:09:51,910 --> 00:09:48,240

right

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00:09:54,630 --> 00:09:51,920

uh and i played the skep skepty game

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00:09:58,389 --> 00:09:54,640

that's one of the events that is so much

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fun skepperdy is a skeptic's version of

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the television show

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jeopardy jeopardy

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i do have a break what is the name of

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00:10:07,670 --> 00:10:05,850

the television show

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00:10:09,990 --> 00:10:07,680

[Laughter]

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the answer is

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um

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00:10:13,829 --> 00:10:12,320

which it

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00:10:15,750 --> 00:10:13,839

we've done for two years now and it's

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00:10:17,509 --> 00:10:15,760

just hugely fun that is one of the paid

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00:10:19,670 --> 00:10:17,519

events ladies and gentlemen so please do

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00:10:21,509 --> 00:10:19,680

register for real but bill nye is going

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to be one of the contestants

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and also the internationally known

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skeptic turkish skeptic ischiel erican

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00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:29,040
and who's the third one

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00:10:33,110 --> 00:10:31,680
and evan bernstein from sgu yeah so the

253
00:10:34,790 --> 00:10:33,120
sceparity panel is going to be a whole

254
00:10:36,389 --> 00:10:34,800
lot of fun i i think

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00:10:38,470 --> 00:10:36,399
my memory is a bit fuzzy i think i've

256
00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:38,480
attended twice in person

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00:10:42,790 --> 00:10:39,920
and maybe

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00:10:44,790 --> 00:10:42,800
last year i was there virtually i think

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00:10:47,350 --> 00:10:44,800
in a dealer's room or something last

260
00:10:49,190 --> 00:10:47,360
year yeah you were there for the magic

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00:10:50,150 --> 00:10:49,200
the magic yes we had you there for the

262
00:10:51,190 --> 00:10:50,160
magic

263
00:10:53,190 --> 00:10:51,200

that's right

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00:10:55,670 --> 00:10:53,200

and that guy's name eludes me it's

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robert strong robert strong and uh who

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did magic tricks for us all around the

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00:11:00,630 --> 00:10:59,120

world we were going what how did he do

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00:11:02,550 --> 00:11:00,640

that that was great fun that was great

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00:11:04,069 --> 00:11:02,560

fun well i'm pleased to see despite the

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00:11:05,829 --> 00:11:04,079

um

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recent events the last two years that

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the local area bay area skeptics are

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00:11:11,670 --> 00:11:09,040

still

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00:11:14,630 --> 00:11:11,680

out there doing things well um one of

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00:11:16,470 --> 00:11:14,640

the interesting things was taking this

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00:11:18,069 --> 00:11:16,480

online last year because of the pandemic

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00:11:19,750 --> 00:11:18,079

we decided that

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00:11:21,590 --> 00:11:19,760

if we're going to do it online we might

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as well take advantage of the fact that

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we're going to get some talent that we

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would otherwise not get people from

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around the world so

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you know as jeannie said we have a

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couple of panels one of them is on um

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and and this and the other one is the

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comedy of skepticism where we have a

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panel of professional entertainers

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from all over the place that are

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going to be

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dazzling us with with their discussion

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of

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00:12:00,389 --> 00:11:57,839

what you can't see with you is this

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00:12:02,470 --> 00:12:00,399

jeannie has taken off her uh coat turned

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around to reveal all the speakers on the

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back of the t-shirt the official t-shirt

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00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:06,000

look at that

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00:12:09,750 --> 00:12:06,800

yeah

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00:12:12,230 --> 00:12:09,760

just consider this jay's cheat sheet

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00:12:13,190 --> 00:12:12,240

including including let me see now oh

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susan

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certainly did

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earn this is doing trivia she's doing

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the sunday papers so we have uh skeptics

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from around the world doing sunday

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papers that's marshall from skeptics

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with a k absolutely so he's he's on one

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of our panels celestia all the names you

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00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:31,839

know people celestia ward um mick west

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00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:33,360

mcqueen's gonna be on one of our panels

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00:12:36,949 --> 00:12:35,519

he's of course uh uh talking to true

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00:12:39,350 --> 00:12:36,959

believers

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00:12:42,550 --> 00:12:39,360

fantastic what a line up and

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what a backbone genie is showing us here

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00:12:50,069 --> 00:12:48,310

well folks of course needless to say uh

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all the links that you could want about

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this event coming up are in this week's

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show notes but personally thank you

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everybody for making this trip down to

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this part of

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00:13:00,150 --> 00:12:58,480

san francisco it's wonderful to see

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00:13:01,750 --> 00:13:00,160

everybody we're still waiting on some

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00:13:03,430 --> 00:13:01,760

more people to arrive

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00:13:05,269 --> 00:13:03,440

but since i haven't seen you all for two

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00:13:07,910 --> 00:13:05,279

and a half years this is this is quite a

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00:13:09,829 --> 00:13:07,920

treat so thank you everybody

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00:13:11,400 --> 00:13:09,839

the treat is all ours

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thank you jay

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hi this is brian dunning as part of

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national science week in australia

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canberra skeptics will be hosting a free

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00:13:34,870 --> 00:13:33,200

screening of my latest documentary

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00:13:36,870 --> 00:13:34,880

science friction

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00:13:41,430 --> 00:13:36,880

this will be on sunday the 14th of

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00:13:43,470 --> 00:13:41,440

august at 1pm king o'malley's pub 131

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00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:43,480

city walk in canberra

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so what is it all about well you know

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those tv documentaries you see and the

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science experts they feature did you

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know that producers often edit them out

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of context and twist their words to make

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it seem like they promoted some pop

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sensationalism instead of the real facts

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science friction exposes this practice

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00:14:10,389 --> 00:14:08,959

and gives the scientists a chance to

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clear the record

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you will be shocked to see how the media

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

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at king o'malley's pub for further

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information about this free event please

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thank you and i hope you all raise a

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glass to help promote science and

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00:14:44,210 --> 00:14:39,360

truth-telling in the media i know i

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00:15:05,670 --> 00:14:44,220

certainly will and please enjoy the film

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hello everyone this is adrian hill from

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canada recently returned from

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newfoundland

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the province of beautiful scenery great

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people with quite a different canadian

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accent than my own moose and puffins

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i'm here to read the highlights from the

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australian skeptics newsletter

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this is newsletter number 151

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you can subscribe to this newsletter and

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get it delivered to your inbox every

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other week

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complete with links to all the stories

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but now let's see what tim endum has for

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us this week

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hi all says tim

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another selection of the weird and

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wonderful from fish falling from the sky

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to the australian vaccination network

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suffering a major and expensive failing

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in a recent court case and that's just

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for starters

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read on

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tim

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skepticon 2022 from november 26th to the

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27th

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the 2022 annual australian skeptics

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national convention or skepticon for

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2022 will be held at the national

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library in canberra on the weekend of

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november 26th through 27th

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there will also be streaming of sessions

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for those unable to attend and social

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events beforehand and during the

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convention sounds fun wish i could go

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among the key speakers will be an

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international contingent made up of

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claire klingenberg chair of the european

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council of skeptical organizations and

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co-organizer of the czech paranormal

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challenge

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as well as the hosts of the european

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skeptics addicts or esp

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all being well and in this day and age

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there are always the possibilities of

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changes it will be the first

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face-to-face convention since 2019.

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we look forward to seeing you there

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further details and ticket sales will be

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avn ordered to pay costs in anti-vaxx

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case

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if you have read the june 2022 issue of

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the skeptic you'll know that the

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australian

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anti-vaccination network tried to get

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children's coveted vaccines banned

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through a court case it lost good thing

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without even getting to a proper trial

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because the judge considered the avn

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didn't have any standing the avian's

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description of itself as the quote peak

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vaccine organization in australia end

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quote a leading body among such

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organizations and a quote leading source

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of information on vaccines end quote was

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somewhat overstated in fact the judge

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called it a bear assertion without any

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evidence

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the avn has now been ordered to pay

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costs which would likely be substantial

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it has set up a campaign to raise funds

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authorized paranormal investigation

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cemetery tours should be banned

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paranormal investigation tours in a

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queensland cemetery have been criticized

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by local historians as disrespectful

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suggesting they should be banned the

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tours go beyond the usual historical

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ghost tours and employ quote typical

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ghost hunting tools such as

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electromagnetic field meter a spirit box

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designed to pick up radio waves

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and a temperature gauge end quote

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the person who runs the hour and a half

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program says the investigations were

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polite and devices used were benign

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quote there's no attempt to actually try

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and channel a ghost or make a ghost

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enter somebody or speak to the beyond

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end quote and probably little chance of

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actually finding something real

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fish fall in texarkana explained

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anyone who is a fan of fortian

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paranormalities will know about fish

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falling from the sky not to mention frog

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falls and crucifix falls

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sharon hill a skeptical u.s researcher

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and paul cropper a longtime

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cryptozoologist investigator from

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australia have put forward an

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explanation for a recent fall of fish

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over the u.s town of texarkana a flock

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of birds may have regurgitated the fish

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a little gross

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but the claim has precedence and is more

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likely than other suggestions such as

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tornadoes

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you can also hear more about this on a

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recent episode of brian dunning's

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skeptoid podcast

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religion and australia

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according to results of the 2021 census

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the number of australians who said they

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had no religion rose to 38.9 percent

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from 30.1

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in 2016.

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for the first time fewer than half of

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australians identified as christian

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though christianity remained the

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nation's most common religion declared

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by 43.9 percent of the population in

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1966 the figure was about 90

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the abs says migration has affected the

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trend since

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though much of the change is due to the

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growth of atheists and secular beliefs

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there were however falls in the number

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of jedis and pastafarians

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dry needling and acupuncture

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an article in the conversation suggests

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that dry needling a western version of

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acupuncture practiced by some

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physiotherapists offers more than

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placebo results in pain relief

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so an interesting thing is i did

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actually look at this article and what i

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found really interesting is after it's

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stating that hey this study found that

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it actually does have some effect it

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would say however there were problems

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with the study or

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more study needs to happen so the usual

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i'm a little bit hesitant to agree with

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how to get people who believe in

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pseudoscience to trust science

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the answer is not to suggest believers

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are silly or worse but to look at how

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they got to believe the nature of

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evidence falsifiability etc in a

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discussive rather than confrontational

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way

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quote if people can dig themselves into

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pseudoscience they can dig themselves

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paranormal experiences are the norm

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not the exception

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a recent study published in spirituality

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in clinical practice which went through

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20 peer-reviewed papers has suggested a

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new term for hauntings and ghostly

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experiences

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haunted people syndrome

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it's glorious

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quote haunting phenomena are complex

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intertwined phenomena involving

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personality ideology culture and

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previous experience towards making sense

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of an event or series of events deemed

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haunting end quote psychologist brian

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lathe explained

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exactly where the researchers sit on the

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reality of anomalous phenomena is less

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clear

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the june issue of the skeptic magazine

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the streets in hard copy soon

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and if you haven't subscribed yet now is

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the time to do so to subscribe to the

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skeptic go to our shop to sign up for a

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items of interest

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haunted alexa video goes viral

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commenters quick to debunk

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a ghost video features spooky voices and

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noises with alexa chipping in with

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ghostly comments the video looks staged

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to us like why is the guy sleeping on

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the lounge and there are ways that you

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can dictate messages to an alexa speaker

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which will then voice the messages

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unprompted

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a text-to-voice feature also exists

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which allows you to dictate messages via

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text to your alexa isn't technology a

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00:24:05,510 --> 00:24:00,320
loch ness monster may live in a parallel

562
00:24:10,870 --> 00:24:08,310
a handy explanation as to why there

563
00:24:16,149 --> 00:24:10,880

isn't any decent evidence it applies

564

00:24:21,430 --> 00:24:18,710

well that's all for this week and until

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00:24:23,430 --> 00:24:21,440

next time this is adrian hill signing

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00:24:26,430 --> 00:24:23,440

off from the land of the friendly giant

567

00:24:40,310 --> 00:24:26,440

and his friends rusty and jerome

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00:24:47,990 --> 00:24:43,029

join us on thursday the 7th of july for

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00:24:53,350 --> 00:24:50,789

this month ross caldo oloni founder of

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00:24:55,750 --> 00:24:53,360

aletto will share the science and

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00:24:58,470 --> 00:24:55,760

secrets of ice cream

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00:25:01,430 --> 00:24:58,480

find out why ice cream needs fat and

573

00:25:03,909 --> 00:25:01,440

sugar why having air in ice cream is

574

00:25:05,830 --> 00:25:03,919

good and how the science enables recipes

575

00:25:06,789 --> 00:25:05,840

to be scaled up

576

00:25:08,630 --> 00:25:06,799

hint

577

00:25:10,870 --> 00:25:08,640

it's all about the physics of moving

578

00:25:12,870 --> 00:25:10,880

large volumes of ingredients and mixes

579

00:25:14,789 --> 00:25:12,880

between equipment

580

00:25:17,750 --> 00:25:14,799

roz will explain the differences between

581

00:25:21,430 --> 00:25:17,760

ice cream gelato sorbet frozen yogurt

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00:25:24,870 --> 00:25:21,440

and vegan frozen desserts as well as the

583

00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:24,880

low fat and low sugar and health star

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00:25:29,029 --> 00:25:27,600

ratings including which is actually

585

00:25:31,669 --> 00:25:29,039

healthier

586

00:25:32,870 --> 00:25:31,679

roz will also share the best way to eat

587

00:25:35,269 --> 00:25:32,880

ice cream

588

00:25:37,669 --> 00:25:35,279

including not letting your tongue freeze

589

00:25:39,029 --> 00:25:37,679

and her secrets of making great ice

590

00:25:43,190 --> 00:25:39,039

cream at home

591

00:25:46,549 --> 00:25:43,200

no one tells you these tips that sydney

592

00:25:49,430 --> 00:25:46,559

skeptics in the pub thursday the 7th of

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00:25:51,350 --> 00:25:49,440

july from 7pm

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00:25:53,750 --> 00:25:51,360

for more information check out the link

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00:25:57,590 --> 00:25:53,760

in this week's show notes or see

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00:26:00,310 --> 00:25:57,600

australian skeptics in the pub at meetup

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00:26:08,090 --> 00:26:00,320

by searching for aust

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00:26:23,269 --> 00:26:18,890

[Music]

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00:26:28,710 --> 00:26:24,950

now it's time once again to look into

600

00:26:30,230 --> 00:26:28,720

those pages at trove at troph.nla.gov.au

601
00:26:31,669 --> 00:26:30,240
the online resource from the australian

602
00:26:35,430 --> 00:26:31,679
government and the national library of

603
00:26:37,830 --> 00:26:35,440
australia digitized newspapers primarily

604
00:26:40,789 --> 00:26:37,840
but also magazines other journals

605
00:26:43,510 --> 00:26:40,799
gazettes weeklies periodicals

606
00:26:46,549 --> 00:26:43,520
no end of interesting things for you

607
00:26:48,230 --> 00:26:46,559
to search to your heart's content and of

608
00:26:49,430 --> 00:26:48,240
course over the last year or so we have

609
00:26:52,230 --> 00:26:49,440
been

610
00:26:57,830 --> 00:26:52,240
making full use of the trove archives

611
00:27:01,669 --> 00:26:59,590
and being the skeptic zone our common

612
00:27:03,269 --> 00:27:01,679
theme has been skeptical

613
00:27:04,710 --> 00:27:03,279

material

614

00:27:06,070 --> 00:27:04,720

and this week we're going to be looking

615

00:27:07,269 --> 00:27:06,080

for references in the australian

616

00:27:09,110 --> 00:27:07,279

newspapers

617

00:27:10,549 --> 00:27:09,120

to one

618

00:27:12,130 --> 00:27:10,559

yuri

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00:27:16,149 --> 00:27:12,140

yellow

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00:27:20,470 --> 00:27:18,389

yuri gela is an interesting character in

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00:27:22,470 --> 00:27:20,480

the annals of skepticism

622

00:27:25,430 --> 00:27:22,480

partly because

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00:27:26,710 --> 00:27:25,440

these days depending on how old you are

624

00:27:29,350 --> 00:27:26,720

the name

625

00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:29,360

may not be familiar to you now anyone

626
00:27:32,870 --> 00:27:31,600
like me who's been in the skeptical game

627
00:27:34,870 --> 00:27:32,880
for a while

628
00:27:37,269 --> 00:27:34,880
and remembers the uh

629
00:27:38,549 --> 00:27:37,279
the events of the 1970s to a degree i

630
00:27:40,549 --> 00:27:38,559
was quite young

631
00:27:43,110 --> 00:27:40,559
will remember yuri gellar because he was

632
00:27:44,950 --> 00:27:43,120
famous for traveling the world

633
00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:44,960
and

634
00:27:50,710 --> 00:27:46,080
really

635
00:27:53,110 --> 00:27:50,720
bending spoons and a couple of other

636
00:27:54,070 --> 00:27:53,120
what words should i use here a couple of

637
00:27:56,870 --> 00:27:54,080
other

638
00:27:59,110 --> 00:27:56,880

performances urigella claimed he could

639

00:28:01,430 --> 00:27:59,120

bend spoons and other

640

00:28:03,669 --> 00:28:01,440

miraculous things by using unknown

641

00:28:06,230 --> 00:28:03,679

powers while magicians

642

00:28:08,549 --> 00:28:06,240

magicians notably james randy

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00:28:09,510 --> 00:28:08,559

pointed out that everything that geller

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00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:09,520

did

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00:28:13,110 --> 00:28:10,480

could be

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00:28:17,110 --> 00:28:13,120

relatively easily reproduced

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00:28:19,269 --> 00:28:17,120

by cundras using standard known

648

00:28:21,510 --> 00:28:19,279

illusions

649

00:28:23,750 --> 00:28:21,520

now let me read from the wikipedia page

650

00:28:26,230 --> 00:28:23,760

of uruguay yuri gellar born 20th of

651
00:28:27,190 --> 00:28:26,240
december 1946 making him 75 at the

652
00:28:30,230 --> 00:28:27,200
moment

653
00:28:32,870 --> 00:28:30,240
is an israeli british illusionist

654
00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:32,880
magician television personality and

655
00:28:36,950 --> 00:28:34,559
self-proclaimed

656
00:28:39,830 --> 00:28:36,960
psychic he is known for his trademark

657
00:28:42,149 --> 00:28:39,840
television performances of spoon mending

658
00:28:43,909 --> 00:28:42,159
and other illusions

659
00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:43,919
geller uses countering tricks to

660
00:28:47,750 --> 00:28:46,480
simulate the effects of psychokinesis

661
00:28:49,669 --> 00:28:47,760
and telepathy

662
00:28:51,830 --> 00:28:49,679
geller's career as an entertainer has

663
00:28:53,830 --> 00:28:51,840

spanned more than four decades with

664

00:28:55,909 --> 00:28:53,840

television shows and appearances in many

665

00:28:58,630 --> 00:28:55,919

countries magicians have called gel a

666

00:29:00,950 --> 00:28:58,640

fraud due to his claims of possessing

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00:29:03,350 --> 00:29:00,960

truly psychic powers

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00:29:06,470 --> 00:29:03,360

so that's interesting that wiki

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00:29:08,950 --> 00:29:06,480

states in the opening paragraph

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00:29:11,029 --> 00:29:08,960

geller uses conjuring tricks to simulate

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00:29:13,110 --> 00:29:11,039

the effects of psychokinesis and

672

00:29:14,789 --> 00:29:13,120

telepathy of course there's a very

673

00:29:16,950 --> 00:29:14,799

interesting book written by james randy

674

00:29:17,909 --> 00:29:16,960

called the magic of yuri gala which was

675

00:29:18,669 --> 00:29:17,919

later

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00:29:20,870 --> 00:29:18,679

uh

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00:29:23,190 --> 00:29:20,880

re-published under the title of the

678

00:29:25,269 --> 00:29:23,200

truth about yuri gellar and if you

679

00:29:27,029 --> 00:29:25,279

haven't read that i recommend that book

680

00:29:30,310 --> 00:29:27,039

it's the

681

00:29:31,909 --> 00:29:30,320

most most interesting and enlightening

682

00:29:34,470 --> 00:29:31,919

and over the years

683

00:29:36,470 --> 00:29:34,480

i have learned what many years ago

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00:29:37,830 --> 00:29:36,480

i learned how to bend spoons just like

685

00:29:40,710 --> 00:29:37,840

yuri gala

686

00:29:42,549 --> 00:29:40,720

but when i do it i use

687

00:29:45,669 --> 00:29:42,559

conjuring tricks that i practice and

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00:29:47,269 --> 00:29:45,679

practice and practice

689

00:29:48,230 --> 00:29:47,279

some people have asked me over the years

690

00:29:51,190 --> 00:29:48,240

whether

691

00:29:53,350 --> 00:29:51,200

they think yuri geller may be just

692

00:29:54,710 --> 00:29:53,360

innocently deceiving himself that he has

693

00:29:57,110 --> 00:29:54,720

such powers

694

00:29:59,110 --> 00:29:57,120

the only thing i can say to that

695

00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:59,120

is that in order to bend and break

696

00:30:02,389 --> 00:30:01,279

spoons the way geller does and the way i

697

00:30:04,710 --> 00:30:02,399

do

698

00:30:06,710 --> 00:30:04,720

you have to practice it

699

00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:06,720

as the decades roll on

700

00:30:11,990 --> 00:30:09,600

gela is now more or less

701

00:30:15,750 --> 00:30:12,000

a character from the past

702

00:30:17,909 --> 00:30:15,760

in 1992 geller filed a 15 million

703

00:30:19,909 --> 00:30:17,919

lawsuit against james randy and the

704

00:30:23,029 --> 00:30:19,919

committee for the investigation of

705

00:30:25,510 --> 00:30:23,039

claims of the paranormal for statements

706

00:30:26,630 --> 00:30:25,520

made in an international herald tribune

707

00:30:29,990 --> 00:30:26,640

interview

708

00:30:33,430 --> 00:30:30,000

in 1991 but was unsuccessful because the

709

00:30:34,230 --> 00:30:33,440

statutes of limitations had expired

710

00:30:39,029 --> 00:30:34,240

and

711

00:30:40,230 --> 00:30:39,039

about the run-ins he had with yuri

712

00:30:41,990 --> 00:30:40,240

gellar who

713

00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:42,000

at one stage or other

714

00:30:46,389 --> 00:30:44,000

would tend to sue people

715

00:30:48,630 --> 00:30:46,399

and before we get into the items from

716

00:30:50,149 --> 00:30:48,640

trove i will say that when you know how

717

00:30:51,990 --> 00:30:50,159

to do spoon bending you know the

718

00:30:53,590 --> 00:30:52,000

mechanics of it

719

00:30:55,510 --> 00:30:53,600

the patter

720

00:30:58,070 --> 00:30:55,520

as the magicians say and you see

721

00:31:01,029 --> 00:30:58,080

somebody else for example possibly

722

00:31:03,190 --> 00:31:01,039

somebody from israel bending spoons

723

00:31:04,549 --> 00:31:03,200

in the video archives and television

724

00:31:05,990 --> 00:31:04,559

appearances

725

00:31:07,190 --> 00:31:06,000

your reaction is

726

00:31:12,540 --> 00:31:07,200

oh

727

00:31:16,789 --> 00:31:12,550

when you know how a trick is done

728

00:31:18,389 --> 00:31:16,799

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729

00:31:20,630 --> 00:31:18,399

and our first return comes from the in

730

00:31:23,029 --> 00:31:20,640

1975 just after the

731

00:31:24,950 --> 00:31:23,039

the main hype of yuri gellar although he

732

00:31:27,110 --> 00:31:24,960

was still very well known very well

733

00:31:29,990 --> 00:31:27,120

known at the time

734

00:31:33,669 --> 00:31:30,000

from the australian jewish news

735

00:31:36,149 --> 00:31:33,679

dated the 14th of february the secrets

736

00:31:37,669 --> 00:31:36,159

of mr geller

737

00:31:39,269 --> 00:31:37,679

skepticism

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00:31:41,029 --> 00:31:39,279

and research

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00:31:43,190 --> 00:31:41,039

australian audiences will soon be

740

00:31:45,430 --> 00:31:43,200

experiencing the strange happenings that

741

00:31:49,669 --> 00:31:45,440

seem to accompany yuri gala

742

00:31:52,549 --> 00:31:49,679

wherever he takes his one-man show

743

00:31:55,509 --> 00:31:52,559

knives and forks have been bent broken

744

00:31:57,509 --> 00:31:55,519

watches restarted and feats of apparent

745

00:32:01,110 --> 00:31:57,519

telepathy performed

746

00:32:02,389 --> 00:32:01,120

no generally accepted explanation is yet

747

00:32:04,230 --> 00:32:02,399

forthcoming

748

00:32:05,750 --> 00:32:04,240

i'll just stop there and say to that

749

00:32:09,590 --> 00:32:05,760

well depends on who you asked at the

750

00:32:12,950 --> 00:32:11,590

the magicians were under no illusions

751
00:32:15,990 --> 00:32:12,960
let me say

752
00:32:17,990 --> 00:32:16,000
although the phenomenon of mr geller the

753
00:32:20,710 --> 00:32:18,000
israeli ex-paratrooper is new to

754
00:32:22,549 --> 00:32:20,720
australia he is well known in israel

755
00:32:25,750 --> 00:32:22,559
britain and the united states for his

756
00:32:29,029 --> 00:32:25,760
performances he claims to be doing these

757
00:32:30,710 --> 00:32:29,039
strange things not as an illusionist

758
00:32:33,350 --> 00:32:30,720
using sleight of hand or deceptive

759
00:32:36,470 --> 00:32:33,360
material but as someone

760
00:32:39,190 --> 00:32:36,480
invested with a previously unappreciated

761
00:32:42,389 --> 00:32:39,200
power he is prepared to back up this

762
00:32:44,789 --> 00:32:42,399
claim very convincingly by performing in

763
00:32:47,830 --> 00:32:44,799

such auspicious surroundings as the back

764

00:32:51,350 --> 00:32:47,840

of a taxi in the company of the science

765

00:32:53,669 --> 00:32:51,360

correspondent of the sunday times if he

766

00:32:56,310 --> 00:32:53,679

is an illusionist he runs the risk of

767

00:32:57,509 --> 00:32:56,320

being detected every time he shows off

768

00:32:59,750 --> 00:32:57,519

his skills

769

00:33:02,549 --> 00:32:59,760

particularly when his performance goes

770

00:33:05,669 --> 00:33:02,559

on to videotape and let me break here

771

00:33:07,990 --> 00:33:05,679

once again and say i have many many many

772

00:33:09,990 --> 00:33:08,000

of yuri geller's yuri gala's

773

00:33:12,470 --> 00:33:10,000

performances

774

00:33:14,230 --> 00:33:12,480

which were filmed and videotaped in my

775

00:33:16,630 --> 00:33:14,240

archives and

776

00:33:19,350 --> 00:33:16,640

that's interesting viewing goes on

777

00:33:23,509 --> 00:33:19,360

further any stagehand knows how an

778

00:33:26,310 --> 00:33:23,519

illusion works but none has yet revealed

779

00:33:29,269 --> 00:33:26,320

mr geller's secrets another break to say

780

00:33:32,549 --> 00:33:29,279

with in the case of um

781

00:33:34,870 --> 00:33:32,559

feats similar to what yuri gellar did

782

00:33:37,350 --> 00:33:34,880

then a stagehand would um

783

00:33:40,630 --> 00:33:37,360

would wouldn't see what was going on

784

00:33:43,029 --> 00:33:40,640

it's uh it's a bit of an irrelevant

785

00:33:45,430 --> 00:33:43,039

argument it needs to be said however

786

00:33:48,710 --> 00:33:45,440

that not everyone is convinced that mr

787

00:33:50,389 --> 00:33:48,720

geller is other than a great illusionist

788

00:33:52,389 --> 00:33:50,399

and there seems to be somewhat more

789

00:33:54,470 --> 00:33:52,399

skepticism in israel

790

00:33:57,430 --> 00:33:54,480

and the united states than was developed

791

00:33:59,669 --> 00:33:57,440

in britain nevertheless he has clearly

792

00:34:02,789 --> 00:33:59,679

created a prima facie case for further

793

00:34:06,070 --> 00:34:02,799

investigation even though he has already

794

00:34:09,430 --> 00:34:06,080

been examined extensively by a team at

795

00:34:12,149 --> 00:34:09,440

stanford research institute and i refer

796

00:34:15,349 --> 00:34:12,159

back to the book the truth about yuri

797

00:34:17,589 --> 00:34:15,359

geller for james randy's take on those

798

00:34:19,349 --> 00:34:17,599

so-called tests

799

00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:19,359

draws crowds

800

00:34:23,909 --> 00:34:20,720

trick-or-treat

801
00:34:26,310 --> 00:34:23,919
key bender and watch mender irigella

802
00:34:29,990 --> 00:34:26,320
draws thousands with his demonstrations

803
00:34:33,829 --> 00:34:30,000
of energy transference and mind reading

804
00:34:36,550 --> 00:34:33,839
open and sincere 27 year old mr geller

805
00:34:40,470 --> 00:34:36,560
says his powers came from and quote

806
00:34:43,750 --> 00:34:40,480
outside in quote source and he seems as

807
00:34:45,030 --> 00:34:43,760
excited as his audience when it

808
00:34:47,510 --> 00:34:45,040
works

809
00:34:50,310 --> 00:34:47,520
he has established his celebrity status

810
00:34:52,310 --> 00:34:50,320
with a combination of unparalleled

811
00:34:54,869 --> 00:34:52,320
accomplishments all over the world in

812
00:34:57,589 --> 00:34:54,879
front of thousands of witnesses he calls

813
00:35:00,150 --> 00:34:57,599

his performances a quote lecture

814

00:35:02,069 --> 00:35:00,160

demonstration end quote and says i

815

00:35:04,710 --> 00:35:02,079

lecture and demonstrate if nothing

816

00:35:07,190 --> 00:35:04,720

happens i just lecture what in fact he

817

00:35:08,550 --> 00:35:07,200

achieves in the course of some two hours

818

00:35:12,150 --> 00:35:08,560

is

819

00:35:13,990 --> 00:35:12,160

to reproduce the name of a city and a

820

00:35:16,870 --> 00:35:14,000

drawing chalked by a member of the

821

00:35:19,510 --> 00:35:16,880

audience on a blackboard and then erased

822

00:35:21,829 --> 00:35:19,520

again while he is blindfolded to

823

00:35:24,310 --> 00:35:21,839

describe a woman's clothes

824

00:35:27,109 --> 00:35:24,320

while blindfolded to establish a

825

00:35:28,550 --> 00:35:27,119

particular color chosen by a member of

826
00:35:30,630 --> 00:35:28,560
the audience

827
00:35:33,589 --> 00:35:30,640
to get some watches from hundreds of

828
00:35:34,950 --> 00:35:33,599
broken ones submitted by the audience to

829
00:35:36,150 --> 00:35:34,960
work again

830
00:35:37,670 --> 00:35:36,160
to bend

831
00:35:39,589 --> 00:35:37,680
several keys

832
00:35:42,390 --> 00:35:39,599
all this is strung together with a

833
00:35:45,829 --> 00:35:42,400
continuous flow of personalized chatter

834
00:35:48,870 --> 00:35:45,839
relaxed informal and unshowy

835
00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:48,880
he has a way to involve an audience with

836
00:35:51,109 --> 00:35:50,160
himself

837
00:35:52,470 --> 00:35:51,119
open

838
00:35:55,670 --> 00:35:52,480

mind

839

00:35:59,109 --> 00:35:55,680

he does not always succeed at first

840

00:36:02,230 --> 00:35:59,119

but he tries again his little misses are

841

00:36:05,030 --> 00:36:02,240

in his favor of course because they made

842

00:36:07,030 --> 00:36:05,040

the second effort look more remarkable

843

00:36:09,589 --> 00:36:07,040

it does seem that mr geller has more

844

00:36:11,430 --> 00:36:09,599

success in intimate groups rather than

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00:36:13,750 --> 00:36:11,440

in front of hundreds

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00:36:14,950 --> 00:36:13,760

the true cynic would say that the

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00:36:16,550 --> 00:36:14,960

failures

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00:36:18,550 --> 00:36:16,560

are deliberate

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00:36:21,270 --> 00:36:18,560

but there is no place in yuri gellar's

850

00:36:23,430 --> 00:36:21,280

show for cynics the only way to enjoy

851

00:36:24,790 --> 00:36:23,440

his demonstration is to go into it with

852

00:36:28,150 --> 00:36:24,800

an open mind

853

00:36:31,430 --> 00:36:28,160

and simply marvel at his achievements

854

00:36:35,390 --> 00:36:31,440

yuri gellar uses his powers be they

855

00:36:36,950 --> 00:36:35,400

psychic or telepathic or

856

00:36:39,589 --> 00:36:36,960

extraterrestrial

857

00:36:42,630 --> 00:36:39,599

in an almost unspectacular manner with

858

00:36:44,390 --> 00:36:42,640

astonishing end results

859

00:36:46,390 --> 00:36:44,400

yuri geller's melbourne appearance will

860

00:36:47,829 --> 00:36:46,400

be on march 19th

861

00:36:49,990 --> 00:36:47,839

in the town hall

862

00:36:52,870 --> 00:36:50,000

other dates newcastle civic theatre

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00:36:55,190 --> 00:36:52,880

march 5 sydney town hall march 7.

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00:36:57,349 --> 00:36:55,200

brisbane town hall march 8th perth

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00:37:00,870 --> 00:36:57,359

concert hall march 15

866

00:37:03,109 --> 00:37:00,880

adelaide apollo march 18.

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00:37:04,790 --> 00:37:03,119

now the late simon turnbull the

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00:37:06,230 --> 00:37:04,800

president of the australian psychics

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00:37:09,349 --> 00:37:06,240

association

870

00:37:11,589 --> 00:37:09,359

who i knew over the years

871

00:37:13,990 --> 00:37:11,599

told me of his uh

872

00:37:17,990 --> 00:37:14,000

attending the yuri gala performance in

873

00:37:19,510 --> 00:37:18,000

the sydney town hall way back in 1975

874

00:37:21,270 --> 00:37:19,520

and assured me

875

00:37:23,750 --> 00:37:21,280

that yuri gellar really did bend the

876
00:37:25,270 --> 00:37:23,760
spoon using psychic palace because

877
00:37:26,550 --> 00:37:25,280
simon saw it

878
00:37:29,589 --> 00:37:26,560
for himself

879
00:37:33,510 --> 00:37:29,599
when i bent a spoon for simon

880
00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:35,430
interesting

881
00:37:39,829 --> 00:37:37,760
and then he said and i kid you not and

882
00:37:41,190 --> 00:37:39,839
i've probably related this story before

883
00:37:43,430 --> 00:37:41,200
he said to me

884
00:37:45,990 --> 00:37:43,440
when you did it richard it was a trick

885
00:37:47,589 --> 00:37:46,000
but when yuri gellar did it it was real

886
00:37:50,550 --> 00:37:47,599
psychic power

887
00:37:53,190 --> 00:37:50,560
and our next entry comes once again from

888
00:37:56,150 --> 00:37:53,200

the australian jewish times

889

00:37:58,550 --> 00:37:56,160

and this is dated the 29th of november

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00:38:01,750 --> 00:37:58,560

1984.

891

00:38:02,829 --> 00:38:01,760

yuri gellar predicts great israeli

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00:38:05,910 --> 00:38:02,839

event

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00:38:08,630 --> 00:38:05,920

jerusalem spoon bending yuri gallo

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00:38:10,950 --> 00:38:08,640

returned to israel last week with a

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00:38:13,270 --> 00:38:10,960

prediction that something great will

896

00:38:14,150 --> 00:38:13,280

happen in the country within the next

897

00:38:16,710 --> 00:38:14,160

three

898

00:38:20,069 --> 00:38:16,720

months it was this premonition that

899

00:38:22,710 --> 00:38:20,079

brought the 37 year old psychic home for

900

00:38:25,109 --> 00:38:22,720

a month-long visit geller who has been

901
00:38:26,470 --> 00:38:25,119
abroad for more than 10 years declined

902
00:38:29,349 --> 00:38:26,480
to reveal

903
00:38:32,390 --> 00:38:29,359
what he expected to take place it will

904
00:38:34,790 --> 00:38:32,400
not be a war was all he would say

905
00:38:36,550 --> 00:38:34,800
with the promise of more details towards

906
00:38:40,230 --> 00:38:36,560
the end of his stay

907
00:38:42,230 --> 00:38:40,240
geller says he made a small fortune in

908
00:38:44,710 --> 00:38:42,240
the us where he has been using his

909
00:38:47,349 --> 00:38:44,720
psychic powers to help major

910
00:38:50,069 --> 00:38:47,359
corporations in their quest for gold and

911
00:38:51,910 --> 00:38:50,079
other valuable minerals i have only had

912
00:38:53,829 --> 00:38:51,920
30 success

913
00:38:55,829 --> 00:38:53,839

meaning that most of the time i don't

914

00:38:57,349 --> 00:38:55,839

find anything he said

915

00:38:59,990 --> 00:38:57,359

but when i do

916

00:39:01,510 --> 00:39:00,000

then both the prospectors and i profit

917

00:39:03,589 --> 00:39:01,520

he beamed

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00:39:07,030 --> 00:39:03,599

geller also offered to help israeli

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00:39:08,790 --> 00:39:07,040

sources interested in looking for oil he

920

00:39:10,950 --> 00:39:08,800

said he is also available to help in

921

00:39:12,069 --> 00:39:10,960

security matters if his services are

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00:39:13,030 --> 00:39:12,079

required

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00:39:16,069 --> 00:39:13,040

geller

924

00:39:18,790 --> 00:39:16,079

said he had recently undertaken tests at

925

00:39:20,710 --> 00:39:18,800

tokyo university where under

926
00:39:23,910 --> 00:39:20,720
scientifically controlled conditions he

927
00:39:26,470 --> 00:39:23,920
managed to erase a computer tape

928
00:39:28,950 --> 00:39:26,480
but gala claimed he is tired of the

929
00:39:31,990 --> 00:39:28,960
continuous round of tests and

930
00:39:35,270 --> 00:39:32,000
experiments which he said were usually

931
00:39:37,430 --> 00:39:35,280
connected with the cia or other american

932
00:39:39,510 --> 00:39:37,440
security agencies

933
00:39:41,990 --> 00:39:39,520
he said he had agreed to take part in

934
00:39:44,550 --> 00:39:42,000
the tests only because the russians are

935
00:39:49,190 --> 00:39:44,560
active in psychic research

936
00:39:51,670 --> 00:39:49,200
fearful of a kgb kidnap attempt

937
00:39:52,870 --> 00:39:51,680
gala said he is protected by bodyguards

938
00:39:55,750 --> 00:39:52,880

abroad

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00:39:57,589 --> 00:39:55,760

he will give several performances

940

00:40:00,710 --> 00:39:57,599

in israel

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00:40:01,990 --> 00:40:00,720

what an important man yuri gallery is my

942

00:40:03,589 --> 00:40:02,000

goodness me

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00:40:05,990 --> 00:40:03,599

let me see now

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00:40:07,910 --> 00:40:06,000

this was from november 1984 so we're

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00:40:12,390 --> 00:40:07,920

looking for

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00:40:13,470 --> 00:40:12,400

a major event

947

00:40:16,230 --> 00:40:13,480

of

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00:40:18,390 --> 00:40:16,240

unspecified detail that occurred in

949

00:40:20,790 --> 00:40:18,400

israel from

950

00:40:23,510 --> 00:40:20,800

december 1984

951
00:40:25,990 --> 00:40:23,520
december january february something like

952
00:40:27,829 --> 00:40:26,000
that 1985

953
00:40:29,670 --> 00:40:27,839
and a quick scan of the first few months

954
00:40:32,790 --> 00:40:29,680
of 1985

955
00:40:35,030 --> 00:40:32,800
reveals nothing

956
00:40:36,710 --> 00:40:35,040
hugely outstanding

957
00:40:38,870 --> 00:40:36,720
but i guess this reminds me of the great

958
00:40:40,950 --> 00:40:38,880
australian psychic prediction project

959
00:40:43,109 --> 00:40:40,960
where we went back and checked all these

960
00:40:45,030 --> 00:40:43,119
grandiose predictions made by psychics

961
00:40:46,710 --> 00:40:45,040
over the years

962
00:40:48,550 --> 00:40:46,720
and to round off we have a couple of

963
00:40:50,309 --> 00:40:48,560

shorter notices once again from the

964

00:40:55,030 --> 00:40:50,319

australian jewish news

965

00:40:56,550 --> 00:40:55,040

date of the 23rd of march 2001

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00:40:58,710 --> 00:40:56,560

gala to pay

967

00:41:00,790 --> 00:40:58,720

when yuri geller is invited to a

968

00:41:04,309 --> 00:41:00,800

function he usually ends up performing

969

00:41:06,230 --> 00:41:04,319

for his supper according to the guardian

970

00:41:07,510 --> 00:41:06,240

that's exactly what happened at a recent

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00:41:09,910 --> 00:41:07,520

bar mitzvah

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00:41:11,829 --> 00:41:09,920

at which the israeli-born spoonbender

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00:41:14,790 --> 00:41:11,839

demonstrated his talents

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00:41:17,190 --> 00:41:14,800

after the event however the bar mitzvah

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00:41:19,030 --> 00:41:17,200

boy's father received an email from a

976
00:41:20,950 --> 00:41:19,040
manager at the hotel

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00:41:23,510 --> 00:41:20,960
where the function was held

978
00:41:25,430 --> 00:41:23,520
informing him that the bill for the

979
00:41:29,190 --> 00:41:25,440
party would include

980
00:41:30,710 --> 00:41:29,200
a charge for the cutlery that geller

981
00:41:34,150 --> 00:41:30,720
ruined

982
00:41:35,510 --> 00:41:34,160
now i'll stop here and i

983
00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:35,520
wonder if that's

984
00:41:40,870 --> 00:41:38,319
um i wonder if that really happened

985
00:41:44,230 --> 00:41:40,880
or if that was

986
00:41:46,470 --> 00:41:44,240
a publicity stunt the whole story

987
00:41:47,829 --> 00:41:46,480
we may never know

988
00:41:50,630 --> 00:41:47,839

and finally

989

00:41:52,790 --> 00:41:50,640

once again the australian jewish news

990

00:41:54,710 --> 00:41:52,800

published on the 24th of november in the

991

00:41:57,349 --> 00:41:54,720

year 2000

992

00:41:59,990 --> 00:41:57,359

gela bent on justice

993

00:42:03,510 --> 00:42:00,000

israeli psychic yuri gela

994

00:42:06,470 --> 00:42:03,520

is suing computer game giant nintendo

995

00:42:08,309 --> 00:42:06,480

for allegedly basing an evil pokemon

996

00:42:11,030 --> 00:42:08,319

character on him

997

00:42:13,190 --> 00:42:11,040

geller who claims he can bend spoons by

998

00:42:15,510 --> 00:42:13,200

using mind power has made the claim

999

00:42:16,950 --> 00:42:15,520

because the pokemon character

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00:42:20,230 --> 00:42:16,960

yangela

1001
00:42:23,270 --> 00:42:20,240
carries a spoon and gives his victims

1002
00:42:29,030 --> 00:42:25,910
geller recently declared that he was

1003
00:42:31,829 --> 00:42:29,040
responsible for stalling the cauldron on

1004
00:42:33,990 --> 00:42:31,839
its ascent during the opening ceremony

1005
00:42:36,550 --> 00:42:34,000
of the sydney olympic games

1006
00:42:40,230 --> 00:42:36,560
he did it as part of his quest

1007
00:42:41,910 --> 00:42:40,240
for global nuclear disarmament he said

1008
00:42:44,550 --> 00:42:41,920
that's interesting because i seem to

1009
00:42:45,829 --> 00:42:44,560
remember at the time geller claimed

1010
00:42:48,309 --> 00:42:45,839
he uh

1011
00:42:51,440 --> 00:42:48,319
he started the cauldron once it became

1012
00:42:54,710 --> 00:42:51,450
stalled using his special powers

1013
00:42:58,550 --> 00:42:57,589

so there we are some news from the past

1014

00:43:00,950 --> 00:42:58,560

about

1015

00:43:03,750 --> 00:43:00,960

a character from the past

1016

00:43:06,230 --> 00:43:03,760

yuri gellar the famous spoonbender

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00:43:07,270 --> 00:43:06,240

from israel who wowed audiences around

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00:43:09,109 --> 00:43:07,280

the world

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00:43:12,069 --> 00:43:09,119

with his

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00:43:14,230 --> 00:43:12,079

performances

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00:43:17,190 --> 00:43:14,240

you too can be wowed from around the

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00:43:20,030 --> 00:43:17,200

world by checking out the uh archives at

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00:43:23,990 --> 00:43:22,309

trove.nla.gov.a you

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00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:24,000

type in your search

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00:43:31,140 --> 00:43:26,480

and you never know what spoons you might

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00:43:45,030 --> 00:43:43,670

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00:43:48,710 --> 00:43:45,040

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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zone podcast as i keep my walk along

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walking along here the footpath the

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sidewalk

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near a

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near motorway very loud

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00:43:59,109 --> 00:43:57,119

i'm passing one of the e-scooters

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chained to a pole which seemed to be

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everywhere

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coming up on next week's show i should

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be able to bring you an interview with

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none other than susan gerbic from

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00:44:11,750 --> 00:44:09,119

gorilla skepticism on wikipedia i'll be

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00:44:14,630 --> 00:44:11,760

seeing her a bit later on this week i'm

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00:44:15,829 --> 00:44:14,640

really looking forward to that

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00:44:18,230 --> 00:44:15,839

and you never know what you're going to

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00:44:19,990 --> 00:44:18,240

get with susan she's

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00:44:22,710 --> 00:44:20,000

she always reminds me of the energizer

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00:44:25,829 --> 00:44:22,720

bunny always on the go

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but until then we're the last uh

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reminder

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to myself to thank you

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the listeners out there who support the

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and paypal i had skippyzone.tv this is

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00:44:38,710 --> 00:44:37,599
richard saunders signing off from

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oakland

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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the views and opinions expressed on the

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