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An Unhappy Letter

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"Lady Ganga"

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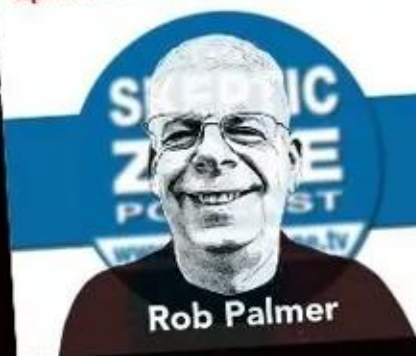
TROVE looks at
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The Sk
Episode



Richard Saunders



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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:09,049
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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00:00:24,109 --> 00:00:16,870
[Applause]

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00:00:27,370 --> 00:00:25,849
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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00:00:32,810 --> 00:00:27,380
episode number

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00:00:35,030 --> 00:00:32,820
736 for the 13th of November 2022

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00:00:36,350 --> 00:00:35,040
Richard Saunders coming to you early in

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:36,360
the morning

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00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:39,360
the sun is not risen the birds are

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00:00:47,450 --> 00:00:42,960
singing now here in Sydney Australia and

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00:00:49,069 --> 00:00:47,460
we are just today waiting for storms to

12
00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:49,079
roll through

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00:00:55,010 --> 00:00:53,160

more rain hopefully not more flooding in

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00:00:57,889 --> 00:00:55,020

the past week my friends we've lost a

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00:01:02,209 --> 00:00:57,899

couple of major characters major people

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00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,219

in the world of skepticism and Magic

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00:01:08,570 --> 00:01:04,559

a lovely magician by the name of Max

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00:01:13,070 --> 00:01:08,580

Marvin died in the uh the past week or

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00:01:16,190 --> 00:01:13,080

so and I met Max at the amazing meeting

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00:01:17,270 --> 00:01:16,200

in Las Vegas some years ago when I was

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00:01:19,310 --> 00:01:17,280

uh

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00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:19,320

part of the organizing committee for the

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00:01:24,170 --> 00:01:21,360

million dollar challenge James Randy

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00:01:26,210 --> 00:01:24,180

million dollar Challenge and I don't

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00:01:29,149 --> 00:01:26,220

remember the exact challenge we were

26
00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:29,159
dealing with but Max Marvin was there to

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00:01:32,810 --> 00:01:31,920
cast an eye over some of our protocols

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00:01:34,730 --> 00:01:32,820
and

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00:01:36,710 --> 00:01:34,740
generally interact

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00:01:39,469 --> 00:01:36,720
and

31
00:01:42,469 --> 00:01:39,479
although I didn't meet him very often

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00:01:46,270 --> 00:01:42,479
maybe once or twice I know he was a

33
00:01:48,649 --> 00:01:46,280
giant figure in the world of uh magic

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00:01:50,330 --> 00:01:48,659
Conjuring The Conjuring arts and a good

35
00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:50,340
friend of James Randy

36
00:01:56,510 --> 00:01:53,700
and then we heard of the death of a

37
00:01:59,929 --> 00:01:56,520
a giant in the

38
00:02:02,270 --> 00:01:59,939

history of modern skepticism Kendrick

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00:02:05,090 --> 00:02:02,280

Frazier the longtime editor of the

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00:02:08,330 --> 00:02:05,100

skeptical Inquirer magazine I met

41

00:02:11,089 --> 00:02:08,340

Kendrick on a number of occasions in Las

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00:02:12,050 --> 00:02:11,099

Vegas for sure probably at other cycon

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00:02:13,610 --> 00:02:12,060

meetings

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00:02:16,490 --> 00:02:13,620

but in more recent years I had the

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00:02:18,710 --> 00:02:16,500

pleasure of meeting Ken in Albuquerque

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00:02:21,290 --> 00:02:18,720

New Mexico where he lived when I was

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00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:21,300

visiting Ben Radford so later on in the

48

00:02:26,690 --> 00:02:23,280

show in the Trove segment we'll be

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00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:26,700

looking at some of the press reports

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00:02:32,570 --> 00:02:29,520

about Kendrick Frazier

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00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:32,580
going back very many years and his

52
00:02:37,430 --> 00:02:35,040
skeptical activities but what else do we

53
00:02:39,170 --> 00:02:37,440
have coming up this week we're going to

54
00:02:40,670 --> 00:02:39,180
start with me

55
00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:40,680
uh

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00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:45,840
out a letter I received many years ago

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00:02:49,550 --> 00:02:47,760
almost 20 years ago from a correspondent

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00:02:51,949 --> 00:02:49,560
who was not very happy

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00:02:55,610 --> 00:02:51,959
not very happy with me in particular in

60
00:02:56,690 --> 00:02:55,620
the skeptical movement for our lack of

61
00:03:00,530 --> 00:02:56,700
action

62
00:03:03,229 --> 00:03:00,540
what's that all about an interesting and

63
00:03:04,190 --> 00:03:03,239

sad letter coming up at the top of the

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00:03:06,910 --> 00:03:04,200

show

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00:03:10,250 --> 00:03:06,920

following that it's another reference

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00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:10,260

to Kendrick Frazier in a way

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00:03:18,470 --> 00:03:13,680

Adrian Hill looks at his daughter

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00:03:21,589 --> 00:03:18,480

Michelle who became known as lady Ganga

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00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:21,599

and sadly she died some years ago

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00:03:27,229 --> 00:03:24,239

why she became noteworthy why she's

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00:03:29,270 --> 00:03:27,239

known as lady Gengar find out coming up

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00:03:32,390 --> 00:03:29,280

with Adrian Hill

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00:03:34,729 --> 00:03:32,400

then we have more reports more on the

74

00:03:37,309 --> 00:03:34,739

spot interviews from Rob Palmer at the

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00:03:39,470 --> 00:03:37,319

recent psychon the committee for

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00:03:42,890 --> 00:03:39,480

skeptical inquiries convention in Las

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00:03:45,470 --> 00:03:42,900

Vegas and amongst other people this week

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00:03:47,509 --> 00:03:45,480

uh Rob catches up with my friend and

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00:03:49,369 --> 00:03:47,519

fellow podcaster from the data skeptic

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00:03:51,229 --> 00:03:49,379

Carl polish

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00:03:54,110 --> 00:03:51,239

then to round off as I mentioned before

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00:03:56,809 --> 00:03:54,120

the Trove segment with the reports on

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00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:56,819

Kendrick Frazier now Sydney people if

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00:04:01,550 --> 00:03:59,599

you haven't done so already head to

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00:04:03,470 --> 00:04:01,560

skepticzone.tv look at the show notes

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00:04:06,470 --> 00:04:03,480

for this week and you'll see a link

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00:04:08,809 --> 00:04:06,480

to the upcoming Skeptics in the pub on

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00:04:13,309 --> 00:04:08,819

the night of the 24th of this month

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00:04:16,250 --> 00:04:13,319

Thursday downtown Sydney we have a

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00:04:18,590 --> 00:04:16,260

wonderful lineup of skeptical people for

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00:04:20,390 --> 00:04:18,600

you to meet including the ESP podcast

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00:04:23,150 --> 00:04:20,400

all the way from Europe

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:23,160

Claire klingenberg all the way from

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00:04:28,610 --> 00:04:26,160

Europe and Dr Carl krystalninski all the

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00:04:30,710 --> 00:04:28,620

way from Sydney

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00:04:32,570 --> 00:04:30,720

all those wonderful people will be there

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00:04:33,830 --> 00:04:32,580

to give little presentations in mingle

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00:04:37,490 --> 00:04:33,840

and chat with you take your questions

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00:04:40,030 --> 00:04:37,500

all at Skeptics in the pub coming up but

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00:04:42,590 --> 00:04:40,040

places are limited so head for

101
00:04:44,590 --> 00:04:42,600
skepticzone.tv or head for meetup and

102
00:04:49,550 --> 00:04:44,600
look for Australian Skeptics and

103
00:04:52,730 --> 00:04:49,560
register your seat as it were also

104
00:04:55,310 --> 00:04:52,740
another plea if you know friends or

105
00:04:59,150 --> 00:04:55,320
family who live in the Australian

106
00:05:01,610 --> 00:04:59,160
Capital territory or nearby

107
00:05:04,310 --> 00:05:01,620
uh don't forget to let them know there's

108
00:05:07,129 --> 00:05:04,320
a skeptical convention coming up at the

109
00:05:09,110 --> 00:05:07,139
uh at the National Library of Australia

110
00:05:11,510 --> 00:05:09,120
and that will be on the third and fourth

111
00:05:13,370 --> 00:05:11,520
of December wonderful Stars appearing

112
00:05:16,070 --> 00:05:13,380
there including the aforementioned ESP

113
00:05:17,409 --> 00:05:16,080

podcast and clay klingenberg and a host

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00:05:19,969 --> 00:05:17,419

of local

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00:05:22,430 --> 00:05:19,979

scientists and other speakers the

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00:05:24,670 --> 00:05:22,440

Australian Skeptics National Convention

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00:05:26,990 --> 00:05:24,680

and if you go to

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00:05:29,930 --> 00:05:27,000

skepticon.org.eu all the information is

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00:05:32,450 --> 00:05:29,940

there but really if you do have friends

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00:05:35,270 --> 00:05:32,460

or family who live in Canberra or the

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00:05:36,830 --> 00:05:35,280

surrounding areas are a favor to me

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00:05:39,050 --> 00:05:36,840

please let them know about this

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00:05:42,170 --> 00:05:39,060

convention because it would be very easy

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00:05:44,570 --> 00:05:42,180

indeed for them to go along and have a

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00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:44,580

wonderful weekend the third and fourth

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00:05:48,950 --> 00:05:46,320
of December

127
00:05:51,850 --> 00:05:48,960
and don't forget on Saturday night at

128
00:05:54,710 --> 00:05:51,860
the convention there is the annual

129
00:05:57,830 --> 00:05:54,720
Australian Skeptics dinner

130
00:06:00,950 --> 00:05:57,840
free course meal and guest speaker and

131
00:06:04,670 --> 00:06:00,960
you can book all that at skepticon.org

132
00:06:07,430 --> 00:06:04,680
dot a u and we'll all get to know who

133
00:06:09,409 --> 00:06:07,440
will win the bent spoon award this year

134
00:06:11,090 --> 00:06:09,419
but now it's time for me to run

135
00:06:14,150 --> 00:06:11,100
downstairs

136
00:06:16,249 --> 00:06:14,160
and as the sun yes looking out the

137
00:06:19,430 --> 00:06:16,259
window there the sky is turning a little

138
00:06:20,930 --> 00:06:19,440

bit brighter as the sun rises before the

139

00:06:24,650 --> 00:06:20,940

rain falls

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00:06:27,969 --> 00:06:24,660

I think I'll have a bowl of soup with

141

00:06:32,029 --> 00:06:27,979

crusty toast sounds good to me

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00:06:39,760 --> 00:06:32,039

while I do that I hope you enjoy the

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00:06:39,770 --> 00:06:42,940

[Applause]

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00:07:05,450 --> 00:07:01,749

[Music]

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00:07:07,730 --> 00:07:05,460

now folks over the years of the 20 odd

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00:07:09,350 --> 00:07:07,740

years of very odd years I've been

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00:07:11,390 --> 00:07:09,360

involved in the skeptical movement I've

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00:07:12,290 --> 00:07:11,400

received lots of Correspondence you can

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00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:12,300

imagine

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00:07:17,510 --> 00:07:15,120

mostly I'm very pleased to stay mostly

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00:07:19,249 --> 00:07:17,520

it's been quite positive letters about

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00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:19,259

the skeptic zone or the Australian

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00:07:23,870 --> 00:07:21,599

Skeptics or some work we might have done

154

00:07:24,830 --> 00:07:23,880

not floods of it but it's very nice but

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00:07:29,629 --> 00:07:24,840

of course

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00:07:32,210 --> 00:07:29,639

people writing to us because they think

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00:07:33,770 --> 00:07:32,220

we're evil we get people writing to us

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00:07:38,629 --> 00:07:33,780

because they think we're just plainly

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00:07:41,170 --> 00:07:38,639

wrong and this or that area

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00:07:44,150 --> 00:07:41,180

people get uh very annoyed with this

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00:07:46,370 --> 00:07:44,160

angry with us from time to time because

162

00:07:49,610 --> 00:07:46,380

we don't happen to believe in their pet

163

00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:49,620

subject or we're not skeptical of the

164

00:07:55,370 --> 00:07:52,800

same thing they are skeptical of

165

00:07:57,409 --> 00:07:55,380

and that fits broadly in the

166

00:07:59,510 --> 00:07:57,419

within the logical fallacy of relative

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00:08:03,230 --> 00:07:59,520

probation and you can hear more about

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00:08:06,290 --> 00:08:03,240

that fallacy if you go down to the link

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00:08:07,550 --> 00:08:06,300

on skepticzone.tv down the right side of

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00:08:12,110 --> 00:08:07,560

the page the picture of Michelle

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00:08:15,529 --> 00:08:12,120

bickersma who two years ago did a series

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00:08:17,150 --> 00:08:15,539

of 40 logical fallacies which we

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00:08:20,210 --> 00:08:17,160

broadcast on the skeptic Zone and

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00:08:22,249 --> 00:08:20,220

they're all there now on YouTube and

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00:08:24,589 --> 00:08:22,259

you've probably heard the uh the

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00:08:26,749 --> 00:08:24,599

promotions for those over the years

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00:08:28,850 --> 00:08:26,759

in the supermarket where the skeptical

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00:08:32,389 --> 00:08:28,860

Fairy Godmother angel from the internet

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00:08:35,029 --> 00:08:32,399

comes down and tells Adrian and Susan

180

00:08:36,949 --> 00:08:35,039

about the logical fallacies

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00:08:39,469 --> 00:08:36,959

if you haven't heard those

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00:08:42,350 --> 00:08:39,479

they would recommend you go to that link

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00:08:44,810 --> 00:08:42,360

because they're all there in uh in very

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00:08:46,550 --> 00:08:44,820

handy time codes so you can hear each

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00:08:48,889 --> 00:08:46,560

one they they all go for about five

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00:08:50,030 --> 00:08:48,899

minutes but I'd digress yes we've

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00:08:51,769 --> 00:08:50,040

received

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00:08:58,009 --> 00:08:51,779

many letters

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00:09:01,690 --> 00:08:58,019

people will write to us because they

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00:09:03,889 --> 00:09:01,700

think we can instantly fix or change or

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00:09:05,829 --> 00:09:03,899

do something

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00:09:08,570 --> 00:09:05,839

how often have we heard the expression

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00:09:12,170 --> 00:09:08,580

ah you Skeptics you know you should

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00:09:14,810 --> 00:09:12,180

attack this do this fix this

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00:09:15,949 --> 00:09:14,820

bring this person to Justice stop this

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00:09:18,590 --> 00:09:15,959

going on

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00:09:22,850 --> 00:09:18,600

as if we can all ride in on a white

198

00:09:25,970 --> 00:09:22,860

horse and say aha villain

199

00:09:27,829 --> 00:09:25,980

we have you if only

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00:09:29,930 --> 00:09:27,839

now this brings me to

201
00:09:31,730 --> 00:09:29,940
one of the more interesting letters I've

202
00:09:34,730 --> 00:09:31,740
received over the years

203
00:09:36,470 --> 00:09:34,740
and I'm sure our editor Tim Mendham of

204
00:09:38,210 --> 00:09:36,480
the skeptic magazine could probably fill

205
00:09:39,970 --> 00:09:38,220
a thousand episodes of the skeptic Zone

206
00:09:42,829 --> 00:09:39,980
with the

207
00:09:45,170 --> 00:09:42,839
interesting correspondence he gets but

208
00:09:46,790 --> 00:09:45,180
I'll read this one no name partly

209
00:09:48,769 --> 00:09:46,800
because the name is

210
00:09:51,050 --> 00:09:48,779
too hard to read it's a squiggle

211
00:09:53,090 --> 00:09:51,060
signature and I can sort of make it out

212
00:09:55,730 --> 00:09:53,100
a little bit but I really can't

213
00:09:58,910 --> 00:09:55,740

the letter appears to be typed

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00:10:01,430 --> 00:09:58,920

as in with a typewriter and it dates

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00:10:05,090 --> 00:10:01,440

from nearly 20 years ago

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00:10:07,370 --> 00:10:05,100

and it's the result I believe it's the

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00:10:10,009 --> 00:10:07,380

result of me appearing on the television

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00:10:12,769 --> 00:10:10,019

show called a current affair almost 20

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00:10:16,070 --> 00:10:12,779

years ago when I was talking about the

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00:10:19,250 --> 00:10:16,080

so-called medium John Edward now John

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00:10:22,490 --> 00:10:19,260

Edward before the pandemic would come to

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00:10:25,370 --> 00:10:22,500

Australia twice a year for very many

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00:10:26,870 --> 00:10:25,380

years once in the middle of the year to

224

00:10:30,769 --> 00:10:26,880

promote his

225

00:10:32,329 --> 00:10:30,779

uh tour which would occur in the end of

226

00:10:33,410 --> 00:10:32,339

the the end of the year around November

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00:10:36,290 --> 00:10:33,420

December

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00:10:38,449 --> 00:10:36,300

and whenever John Edward step foot in

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00:10:42,290 --> 00:10:38,459

the country he would be instantly picked

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00:10:45,470 --> 00:10:42,300

up by radio television programs and um

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00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:45,480

hardly a skeptical word was said

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00:10:50,569 --> 00:10:47,279

so I was asked to appear on one of these

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00:10:53,509 --> 00:10:50,579

shows and I gave my opinion that uh John

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00:10:55,910 --> 00:10:53,519

Edward was probably using

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00:10:59,930 --> 00:10:55,920

tried and true stage

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00:11:02,870 --> 00:10:59,940

cold reading routines and Etc anyway so

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00:11:13,150 --> 00:11:02,880

I think this is why this letter was sent

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00:11:20,990 --> 00:11:17,210

Dear Mr Saunders I am aware of your

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00:11:23,449 --> 00:11:21,000

organization blandly called Skeptics

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00:11:26,030 --> 00:11:23,459

is nothing but a bunch of publicity

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00:11:30,050 --> 00:11:26,040

seeking blowhards

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00:11:33,170 --> 00:11:30,060

my opinion confirmed by your recent limp

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00:11:36,350 --> 00:11:33,180

wristed attack on John Edward your weak

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00:11:38,569 --> 00:11:36,360

bleatings in no way proved him a fraud

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00:11:41,750 --> 00:11:38,579

Edward alleviated his Australian

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00:11:46,250 --> 00:11:41,760

audiences of one million dollars perhaps

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00:11:49,850 --> 00:11:46,260

more so evidently my opinion of your bag

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00:11:52,670 --> 00:11:49,860

of wind Club is shared by at least one

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00:11:55,150 --> 00:11:52,680

other person again sometimes I wonder

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00:11:56,990 --> 00:11:55,160

what these people expect we can

251
00:12:01,310 --> 00:11:57,000
magically do

252
00:12:04,670 --> 00:12:01,320
we read on I previously wrote to you now

253
00:12:06,470 --> 00:12:04,680
I'm not sure when he says I previously

254
00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:06,480
wrote to you whether he means me

255
00:12:11,150 --> 00:12:08,160
personally because I didn't receive

256
00:12:13,130 --> 00:12:11,160
anything before or you as in the

257
00:12:15,530 --> 00:12:13,140
Australian Skeptics I suspect it means

258
00:12:17,150 --> 00:12:15,540
the Australian Skeptics I previously

259
00:12:21,050 --> 00:12:17,160
wrote to you about a chiropractic

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00:12:23,930 --> 00:12:21,060
practice called the activator which is

261
00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:23,940
as effective as a stick with the star

262
00:12:30,410 --> 00:12:27,600
stuck on the end not unexpectedly my

263
00:12:32,949 --> 00:12:30,420

letter was rudely ignored the subject

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00:12:36,910 --> 00:12:32,959

not being headline material

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00:12:39,889 --> 00:12:36,920

gutless though your bag of wind Club

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00:12:43,790 --> 00:12:39,899

undoubtedly is I would like to alert

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00:12:46,490 --> 00:12:43,800

someone anyone about two more rots in

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00:12:50,269 --> 00:12:46,500

Chiropractic practice now I'll read

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00:12:52,190 --> 00:12:50,279

these uh paragraphs I'm not exactly sure

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00:12:54,710 --> 00:12:52,200

of some of the terminology so please

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00:12:57,290 --> 00:12:54,720

give me a little bit of leeway here

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00:12:59,569 --> 00:12:57,300

the petty Bond technique originating

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00:13:02,150 --> 00:12:59,579

from an American technique Peddler of

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00:13:06,490 --> 00:13:02,160

the same name This concerns the skull's

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00:13:09,350 --> 00:13:06,500

foramen magnum with the atlas vertebrae

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00:13:11,930 --> 00:13:09,360

restoration to the correct position of

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00:13:14,150 --> 00:13:11,940

these two anatomical parts will cure all

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00:13:17,930 --> 00:13:14,160

Mankind's sufferings

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00:13:21,710 --> 00:13:17,940

the Sacro occipital technique performed

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00:13:26,150 --> 00:13:21,720

with the aid of two wedges strategically

281

00:13:27,350 --> 00:13:26,160

placed with a 180 kilogram male might

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00:13:31,009 --> 00:13:27,360

have some effect

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00:13:34,250 --> 00:13:31,019

on a 50 kilogram girl is about as

284

00:13:36,050 --> 00:13:34,260

effective as a feather in the wind this

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00:13:37,970 --> 00:13:36,060

correspondent certainly likes talking

286

00:13:41,629 --> 00:13:37,980

about the wind

287

00:13:44,750 --> 00:13:41,639

all of these cure-all techniques will

288

00:13:46,370 --> 00:13:44,760

not stand the test of Newton's Laws

289

00:13:49,970 --> 00:13:46,380

hmm

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00:13:51,590 --> 00:13:49,980

if you are as I suspect nothing but a

291

00:13:55,370 --> 00:13:51,600

bunch of pimples

292

00:13:58,850 --> 00:13:55,380

on the of time you will ignore

293

00:14:00,889 --> 00:13:58,860

this letter as you did my first however

294

00:14:03,530 --> 00:14:00,899

I personally challenge you to

295

00:14:07,129 --> 00:14:03,540

investigate the facts I have raised

296

00:14:09,949 --> 00:14:07,139

but I suspect you will fail again

297

00:14:13,610 --> 00:14:09,959

dismally as you did

298

00:14:14,930 --> 00:14:13,620

with Edward yours etc

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00:14:17,750 --> 00:14:14,940

etc

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00:14:19,009 --> 00:14:17,760

so it's interesting that uh I did what I

301
00:14:23,449 --> 00:14:19,019
could

302
00:14:25,190 --> 00:14:23,459
we alerted the media the media came to

303
00:14:27,829 --> 00:14:25,200
us we publicized the fact what we

304
00:14:29,629 --> 00:14:27,839
thought of Edward but somehow and not

305
00:14:31,610 --> 00:14:29,639
unsurprisingly the rest of the media

306
00:14:33,889 --> 00:14:31,620
were happy to have John Edward on

307
00:14:36,710 --> 00:14:33,899
because they know he rates

308
00:14:40,430 --> 00:14:36,720
and he did his shows and he left that

309
00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:40,440
somehow we have failed dismally well I

310
00:14:43,970 --> 00:14:42,000
wish there was more we could do or I

311
00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:43,980
wish that more of the media would pay

312
00:14:48,769 --> 00:14:46,320
attention to what we say after

313
00:14:50,990 --> 00:14:48,779

over 40 years of the Australian Skeptics

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00:14:53,389 --> 00:14:51,000

I think we've earned the right to uh

315

00:14:56,230 --> 00:14:53,399

some respect but that's not how this

316

00:14:59,329 --> 00:14:56,240

works at all and we can look at it that

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00:15:00,850 --> 00:14:59,339

in the 50 plus years of the modern

318

00:15:04,069 --> 00:15:00,860

skeptical movement

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00:15:06,290 --> 00:15:04,079

uh it's clear that no psychic

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00:15:08,870 --> 00:15:06,300

Clairvoyant anyone with a paranormal

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00:15:10,850 --> 00:15:08,880

claim has stepped up to demonstrate

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00:15:11,810 --> 00:15:10,860

their claim and change the mind of

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00:15:14,150 --> 00:15:11,820

science

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00:15:15,769 --> 00:15:14,160

sort of really doesn't matter because as

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00:15:17,629 --> 00:15:15,779

soon as somebody comes along who is

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00:15:21,050 --> 00:15:17,639

newsworthy

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00:15:24,230 --> 00:15:21,060

and the media know it and that person

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00:15:27,710 --> 00:15:24,240

will get publicity that's simply the way

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00:15:30,590 --> 00:15:27,720

it works but I will say of course we

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00:15:33,710 --> 00:15:30,600

have our successes we have made

331

00:15:37,009 --> 00:15:33,720

or brought about many changes softly

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00:15:40,370 --> 00:15:37,019

quietly slowly sometimes with a lot of

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00:15:42,650 --> 00:15:40,380

effort indeed a lot of effort mostly by

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00:15:44,629 --> 00:15:42,660

volunteers I think of our friends at the

335

00:15:46,250 --> 00:15:44,639

good thinking Society in the UK in their

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00:15:48,550 --> 00:15:46,260

fight against Homeopathy on the National

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00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:48,560

Health over there they have had

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00:15:54,290 --> 00:15:51,839

wonderful success in making huge inroads

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00:15:56,689 --> 00:15:54,300

and they should be applauded for that

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00:15:58,850 --> 00:15:56,699

but it's not as if I get back to my

341

00:16:00,590 --> 00:15:58,860

earlier point it's not as if people can

342

00:16:02,509 --> 00:16:00,600

write to us and say do something about

343

00:16:04,069 --> 00:16:02,519

this that or the other and we say right

344

00:16:05,750 --> 00:16:04,079

here we go where's the white horse

345

00:16:07,610 --> 00:16:05,760

gallop Gallop gallop

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00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:07,620

we got you

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00:16:12,769 --> 00:16:10,560

it just doesn't work like that and it's

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00:16:14,629 --> 00:16:12,779

interesting how many people get quite

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00:16:16,009 --> 00:16:14,639

angry with the Skeptics because once

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00:16:18,829 --> 00:16:16,019

again we're not skeptical of the things

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00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:18,839

they're skeptical of mostly politicians

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00:16:23,689 --> 00:16:20,880

we might be skeptical of politicians but

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00:16:27,230 --> 00:16:23,699

it's sort of outside the sphere of what

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00:16:29,150 --> 00:16:27,240

we do personally my specialty is the

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00:16:31,490 --> 00:16:29,160

old-fashioned stuff the ghosts the UFOs

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00:16:33,050 --> 00:16:31,500

the ESP the cold reading the bigfoots

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00:16:35,449 --> 00:16:33,060

the uh

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00:16:36,470 --> 00:16:35,459

the water divining and that sort of

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00:16:38,269 --> 00:16:36,480

stuff

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00:16:40,610 --> 00:16:38,279

more recently we have people more

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00:16:44,090 --> 00:16:40,620

interested in conspiracy theories and

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00:16:46,129 --> 00:16:44,100

medical fraud Homeopathy and that sort

363

00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:46,139

of thing but no matter the topic no

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00:16:49,970 --> 00:16:48,000

matter the skeptical topic

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00:16:52,670 --> 00:16:49,980

it's not as if we can just as I say

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00:16:56,269 --> 00:16:52,680

write in and make things change despite

367

00:16:59,629 --> 00:16:56,279

the disappointment shown almost 20 years

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00:17:02,030 --> 00:16:59,639

ago by this correspondent and I must say

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00:17:04,370 --> 00:17:02,040

in closing that I've been called many

370

00:17:05,449 --> 00:17:04,380

things in my time being in the skeptical

371

00:17:07,789 --> 00:17:05,459

movement

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00:17:11,169 --> 00:17:07,799

the anti-vaxxers the Australian

373

00:17:16,730 --> 00:17:11,179

vaccination Network or the ilk called me

374

00:17:20,990 --> 00:17:16,740

a Mouseketeer only evil but to be called

375

00:17:23,929 --> 00:17:21,000

a pimple on the of time I think

376

00:17:25,789 --> 00:17:23,939

that takes the cake

377

00:17:28,069 --> 00:17:25,799

I wonder how many of my skeptical

378

00:17:30,650 --> 00:17:28,079

colleagues in the podcasting business in

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00:17:32,630 --> 00:17:30,660

the magazine business also receive

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00:17:34,310 --> 00:17:32,640

interesting letters

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00:17:37,789 --> 00:17:34,320

I think I might have a word to Tim

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00:17:40,610 --> 00:17:37,799

Mendham I think he he would have a few

383

00:17:43,070 --> 00:17:40,620

to show me

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00:17:43,080 --> 00:18:05,289

[Music]

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00:18:11,540 --> 00:18:08,029

.com and get lots of free stuff there as

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00:18:27,049 --> 00:18:13,010

[Music]

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00:18:27,059 --> 00:18:33,110

with Adrian Hill

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00:18:38,090 --> 00:18:35,570

hello everyone this is Adrian Hill from

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00:18:40,370 --> 00:18:38,100

Canada here to talk about a courageous

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00:18:41,150 --> 00:18:40,380

but sad story that many of you may not

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00:18:43,909 --> 00:18:41,160

know

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00:18:45,710 --> 00:18:43,919

as Richard noted in the introduction a

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00:18:48,650 --> 00:18:45,720

friend of Science and skeptical thinking

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00:18:50,810 --> 00:18:48,660

Kendrick Fraser died this week

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00:18:53,150 --> 00:18:50,820

I never had the pleasure of meeting

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00:18:55,370 --> 00:18:53,160

Kendrick though I had hoped to meet him

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00:18:57,710 --> 00:18:55,380

at cycon as he was scheduled to speak at

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00:18:59,930 --> 00:18:57,720

the opening remarks but could not attend

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00:19:02,150 --> 00:18:59,940

due to his declining health

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00:19:04,010 --> 00:19:02,160

I wanted to meet him because I had

401
00:19:07,310 --> 00:19:04,020
written the Wikipedia page for his

402
00:19:09,529 --> 00:19:07,320
daughter Michelle in 2021

403
00:19:12,289 --> 00:19:09,539
Susan gerbeck keeps a running list of

404
00:19:14,390 --> 00:19:12,299
possible Pages for us gsow editors to

405
00:19:16,130 --> 00:19:14,400
work on and this was one she suggested

406
00:19:19,010 --> 00:19:16,140
that I should take on

407
00:19:21,409 --> 00:19:19,020
by writing her Wikipedia page I became

408
00:19:23,450 --> 00:19:21,419
quite attached to her and her story so I

409
00:19:26,029 --> 00:19:23,460
hope you find her tale as inspirational

410
00:19:28,190 --> 00:19:26,039
as I did

411
00:19:31,250 --> 00:19:28,200
Michelle was diagnosed with cervical

412
00:19:33,950 --> 00:19:31,260
cancer in 2009 after going 10 years

413
00:19:36,169 --> 00:19:33,960

without having a Pap test partially due

414

00:19:38,210 --> 00:19:36,179

to not having health insurance

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00:19:40,490 --> 00:19:38,220

the cancer occurred unfortunately

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00:19:42,890 --> 00:19:40,500

despite undergoing chemotherapy and

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00:19:45,529 --> 00:19:42,900

radiation and she was given only three

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00:19:47,570 --> 00:19:45,539

to six months to live

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00:19:49,730 --> 00:19:47,580

a visit to a friend's place in

420

00:19:52,430 --> 00:19:49,740

California where she took up stand-up

421

00:19:54,070 --> 00:19:52,440

paddle boarding morphed into a plan to

422

00:19:57,890 --> 00:19:54,080

raise awareness of the human

423

00:20:00,169 --> 00:19:57,900

papillonavirus or HPV vaccine and the

424

00:20:02,210 --> 00:20:00,179

importance of regular screening

425

00:20:04,730 --> 00:20:02,220

Michelle decided to stand up paddle

426

00:20:07,130 --> 00:20:04,740

board down the Ganges River or the ganga

427

00:20:10,130 --> 00:20:07,140

as it is called in India starting at

428

00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:10,140

rushukish and finishing at the Hindu

429

00:20:15,169 --> 00:20:12,720

holy city of Varanasi

430

00:20:17,330 --> 00:20:15,179

she chose India partly because she had

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00:20:19,789 --> 00:20:17,340

been to the country before as a 19 year

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00:20:21,830 --> 00:20:19,799

old where she discovered Buddhism and

433

00:20:23,810 --> 00:20:21,840

partly because of the high incidence of

434

00:20:28,310 --> 00:20:23,820

cervical cancer deaths there

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00:20:29,930 --> 00:20:28,320

this 25-day 1100 kilometer Adventure set

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00:20:32,090 --> 00:20:29,940

a woman's world record for paddle

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00:20:34,970 --> 00:20:32,100

boarding and attracted the attention of

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local and American Media Michelle's

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00:20:38,750 --> 00:20:36,600

friend and filmmaker Nat Stone

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00:20:40,610 --> 00:20:38,760

accompanied her to record the journey

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00:20:43,070 --> 00:20:40,620

and to operate a support boat that

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00:20:45,350 --> 00:20:43,080

contained camera equipment and supplies

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00:20:47,390 --> 00:20:45,360

for 10 to 12 hours each day Michelle

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00:20:49,789 --> 00:20:47,400

stood paddling and Performing Tibetan

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00:20:51,470 --> 00:20:49,799

prayers for the dying sometimes stopping

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00:20:52,730 --> 00:20:51,480

to give local children rides on her

447

00:20:54,770 --> 00:20:52,740

paddle board

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00:20:58,850 --> 00:20:54,780

people would line the river watching for

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00:21:00,950 --> 00:20:58,860

the woman they had nicknamed lady Ganga

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ten weeks after returning from this

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00:21:06,529 --> 00:21:03,000
remarkable Journey Michelle died at her

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00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:06,539
home in Albuquerque she was only 45.

453
00:21:11,930 --> 00:21:08,880
three years after Michelle's death in

454
00:21:13,490 --> 00:21:11,940
2015 filmmakers Mark Hefty and Frederick

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00:21:15,890 --> 00:21:13,500
Lumiere released a beautiful

456
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award-winning documentary called lady

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ganga nilsa's story which you can watch

458
00:21:23,510 --> 00:21:21,780
by finding the link in the show notes

459
00:21:25,730 --> 00:21:23,520
I highly recommend watching this

460
00:21:27,529 --> 00:21:25,740
documentary but I will warn you have

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some tissue ready

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and if you would like to find out more

463
00:21:33,890 --> 00:21:31,500

about this incredible woman and her

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story check out the Wikipedia page

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titled lady Ganga

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until next time this is Adrian Hill

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00:22:05,450 --> 00:22:02,830

hello

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00:22:08,390 --> 00:22:05,460

did you know the European continent is

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00:22:10,909 --> 00:22:08,400

home to almost 750 million people living

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00:22:12,710 --> 00:22:10,919

in 50 different countries belonging to

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00:22:15,169 --> 00:22:12,720

an even greater number of ethnicities

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00:22:17,149 --> 00:22:15,179

and believe it or not only a handful of

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00:22:19,250 --> 00:22:17,159

them list English as the first or at

474

00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:19,260

least one of the official languages and

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there's an amazing amount of skeptical

476
00:22:24,590 --> 00:22:22,980
activism going on out there that you are

477
00:22:26,870 --> 00:22:24,600
not aware of because it's not in English

478
00:22:29,270 --> 00:22:26,880
yeah because you know pseudoscience

479
00:22:31,370 --> 00:22:29,280
quackery and fake news do not stop at

480
00:22:33,230 --> 00:22:31,380
Borders they get translated to other

481
00:22:35,690 --> 00:22:33,240
languages and transferred across the

482
00:22:38,149 --> 00:22:35,700
whole world so if you're interested in

483
00:22:40,190 --> 00:22:38,159
weekly updates on what's going on in

484
00:22:42,409 --> 00:22:40,200
some of the countries here providing you

485
00:22:44,630 --> 00:22:42,419
with all the interesting facts news and

486
00:22:46,370 --> 00:22:44,640
even some skeptical history or if you

487
00:22:48,289 --> 00:22:46,380
want to hear your interviews in English

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00:22:50,510 --> 00:22:48,299

with brilliant people you sometimes

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00:22:53,330 --> 00:22:50,520

haven't even heard about then what you

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need is to subscribe to the ESP extra

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sensory perception you must be really

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wrong no the ESPN the European Skeptics

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podcast that's right and if you're

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wondering how you can find us online go

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to the esp.eu and you can also find us

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on Twitter at es podcast underscore EU

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or you can like us on Facebook and if

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you want to subscribe do a quick search

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00:23:18,529 --> 00:23:16,260

on all the intertubes for the European

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00:23:21,529 --> 00:23:18,539

Skeptics podcast you'll find us on

501
00:23:23,570 --> 00:23:21,539
Soundcloud iTunes Stitcher Spotify and

502
00:23:33,780 --> 00:23:23,580
all the rest the European Skeptics

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00:23:46,250 --> 00:23:43,690
[Music]

504
00:23:49,130 --> 00:23:46,260
here's another cycon conference attendee

505
00:23:51,950 --> 00:23:49,140
who is willing to share his story with

506
00:23:54,409 --> 00:23:51,960
skeptic Zone listeners please introduce

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00:23:56,390 --> 00:23:54,419
yourself my name is Kyle polich longtime

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00:23:59,570 --> 00:23:56,400
skeptic Zone listener I do believe I've

509
00:24:01,789 --> 00:23:59,580
heard your voice in the podcast land you

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00:24:03,950 --> 00:24:01,799
host the data skeptic podcast and I'm

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fortunate to get the promo on skeptic

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Zone every so often is this your first

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conference no no I was at one cycon

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before the great pandemic and a couple

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of times before that but this is my

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first actually even big event out since

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things kicked off I've been kind of a

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Hermit I saw you on Susan's trivia for

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uh one episode and we were talking about

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whether you were going to come and you

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00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:25,799

were really hedging it so my

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understanding is you booked this really

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late you're not at this great Hotel you

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have to walk some great number of miles

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to get here right I have a 30 minute

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walk which is a well enjoyed walk an

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hour a day is a good little bit of

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exercise what have you enjoyed about the

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conference besides getting the exercise

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in

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um I mean like any good Skeptics

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conference seeing familiar faces and new

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00:24:50,690 --> 00:24:48,840

faces and getting to have the kind of

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00:24:53,930 --> 00:24:50,700

water cooler discussions that you can't

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00:24:55,730 --> 00:24:53,940

quite get on a podcast or on a zoom but

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00:24:57,470 --> 00:24:55,740

of course some outstanding talks as well

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and a couple of what were your favorites

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well um there were some great lecture is

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but if I had to pull out favorites I

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think it might be some of the Neil

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deGrasse Tyson moments or even today's

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session with Penn Gillette which I felt

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were like in the family events like I

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heard a couple of stories I'd never

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heard before I almost skipped a pen

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because I've heard him so many times

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Julia Sweeney pulled interesting stuff

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out of she sure did yeah and I heard a

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nuanced approach to ways in which I

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thought I understood him before and I

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00:25:27,289 --> 00:25:25,740

didn't quite well but it also he talked

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00:25:29,090 --> 00:25:27,299

about like none of us are the same

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00:25:31,490 --> 00:25:29,100

person we were some years ago and he

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00:25:33,830 --> 00:25:31,500

including himself yeah so even whatever

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00:25:35,450 --> 00:25:33,840

you understood him to be before I think

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00:25:36,950 --> 00:25:35,460

he's admitting he's changed and those

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00:25:39,110 --> 00:25:36,960

are the skeptical moments to celebrate

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00:25:40,730 --> 00:25:39,120

right right I have always hated when

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00:25:42,590 --> 00:25:40,740

they say someone's a flip-flopper like

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00:25:44,269 --> 00:25:42,600

it's bad like that's the thing you want

561

00:25:46,310 --> 00:25:44,279

you get new evidence you update your

562

00:25:48,649 --> 00:25:46,320

beliefs and what was the thing that

563

00:25:50,450 --> 00:25:48,659

changed his mind about I would still say

564

00:25:52,490 --> 00:25:50,460

he's a Libertarian I think he would say

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00:25:54,470 --> 00:25:52,500

that's right but he has changed from

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00:25:57,529 --> 00:25:54,480

like a hardcore libertarian because he

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00:25:59,090 --> 00:25:57,539

got an e no an email yeah something what

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00:26:01,490 --> 00:25:59,100

was this story there there was a big

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00:26:03,830 --> 00:26:01,500

anti mask rally being planned in Las

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00:26:05,630 --> 00:26:03,840

Vegas and not only did they reach out to

571

00:26:07,669 --> 00:26:05,640

him like will you host this but it was

572

00:26:09,950 --> 00:26:07,679

just presumptive like of course you will

573

00:26:12,529 --> 00:26:09,960

host this as if there was no discussion

574

00:26:15,289 --> 00:26:12,539

about it and yeah and and he is not an

575

00:26:17,269 --> 00:26:15,299

anti-mascara or an anti-vaxxer and took

576

00:26:19,610 --> 00:26:17,279

such an exception to this that it made

577

00:26:21,409 --> 00:26:19,620

him rethink his positions a free thinker

578

00:26:23,450 --> 00:26:21,419

in him that killed that Spirit yeah that

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00:26:25,789 --> 00:26:23,460

was impressive tomorrow we'll get a

580

00:26:27,350 --> 00:26:25,799

little bit more time for cycon uh on

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00:26:29,570 --> 00:26:27,360

Sunday so what are your plans for that

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00:26:30,890 --> 00:26:29,580

day well obviously the Sunday papers

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00:26:32,450 --> 00:26:30,900

which are a big highlight to the

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00:26:34,370 --> 00:26:32,460

closeout of the conference you get to

585

00:26:36,710 --> 00:26:34,380

hear new ideas and up and coming

586

00:26:37,909 --> 00:26:36,720

speakers and get a more like intimate

587

00:26:39,289 --> 00:26:37,919

setting to hear what's going on in

588

00:26:40,190 --> 00:26:39,299

people's thoughts and there's something

589

00:26:42,409 --> 00:26:40,200

about

590

00:26:44,810 --> 00:26:42,419

skeptoy doing something indeed yeah

591

00:26:46,610 --> 00:26:44,820

there's um I'm not clear on it I'm not

592

00:26:48,230 --> 00:26:46,620

totally either my interpretation of it

593

00:26:49,370 --> 00:26:48,240

from skimming an email that I probably

594

00:26:51,289 --> 00:26:49,380

should have read better before talking

595

00:26:53,090 --> 00:26:51,299

on another podcast about it was that it

596

00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:53,100

was sort of an invitation to listeners

597

00:26:57,350 --> 00:26:55,679

to come in uh hear maybe a little about

598

00:26:58,909 --> 00:26:57,360

what they're being planning and get some

599

00:27:00,409 --> 00:26:58,919

feedback on what you'd like to hear more

600

00:27:02,149 --> 00:27:00,419

of and maybe less of on the show and

601
00:27:03,769 --> 00:27:02,159
that sort of thing yeah that was my take

602
00:27:05,690 --> 00:27:03,779
on it too well so we'll see how that

603
00:27:07,490 --> 00:27:05,700
goes yeah okay thank you for your time

604
00:27:10,370 --> 00:27:07,500
my pleasure

605
00:27:12,289 --> 00:27:10,380
so it's still Saturday night and there's

606
00:27:13,669 --> 00:27:12,299
only a little bit of the second

607
00:27:15,890 --> 00:27:13,679
conference left which is the Sunday

608
00:27:18,710 --> 00:27:15,900
morning pavers but I have run into

609
00:27:21,890 --> 00:27:18,720
somebody please introduce yourself hi

610
00:27:23,269 --> 00:27:21,900
this is Carl with a k and it says press

611
00:27:26,269 --> 00:27:23,279
on your badge so what's that all about

612
00:27:27,950 --> 00:27:26,279
uh I am a quasi official unofficial

613
00:27:29,269 --> 00:27:27,960

photographer for the convention so I've

614

00:27:31,010 --> 00:27:29,279

noticed you sitting in the first row

615

00:27:32,510 --> 00:27:31,020

taking pictures with very good

616

00:27:35,630 --> 00:27:32,520

photographic equipment of all the

617

00:27:38,870 --> 00:27:35,640

speakers and I do recall I have seen

618

00:27:41,269 --> 00:27:38,880

your name on a lot of the Wikipedia

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00:27:43,789 --> 00:27:41,279

photos for these people yes

620

00:27:45,649 --> 00:27:43,799

uh that's why I get to sit in the front

621

00:27:47,510 --> 00:27:45,659

row I get all the good pictures and then

622

00:27:49,310 --> 00:27:47,520

Susan

623

00:27:51,710 --> 00:27:49,320

later on when they write articles

624

00:27:53,409 --> 00:27:51,720

they'll say hey did you get a photo of

625

00:27:56,090 --> 00:27:53,419

this speaker

626
00:27:57,310 --> 00:27:56,100
and I'll say I got a photo of all the

627
00:28:00,110 --> 00:27:57,320
speakers

628
00:28:01,730 --> 00:28:00,120
and they're all very high quality and in

629
00:28:04,190 --> 00:28:01,740
fact I think the one that's on my

630
00:28:06,169 --> 00:28:04,200
Facebook page is one you took when I was

631
00:28:08,510 --> 00:28:06,179
doing a Sunday papers I believe so yeah

632
00:28:11,450 --> 00:28:08,520
three or four years ago you've leaning

633
00:28:14,269 --> 00:28:11,460
so casually against selector trying to

634
00:28:16,610 --> 00:28:14,279
look like I was not nervous at all not

635
00:28:18,409 --> 00:28:16,620
only do my photos get used for Wikipedia

636
00:28:21,890 --> 00:28:18,419
articles they get used for skeptical

637
00:28:23,750 --> 00:28:21,900
Inquirer articles and my photo of Joe

638
00:28:26,390 --> 00:28:23,760

usinski got used for the Japanese

639

00:28:29,450 --> 00:28:26,400

edition of his book did they point that

640

00:28:31,310 --> 00:28:29,460

out that it was your photo yes well they

641

00:28:33,710 --> 00:28:31,320

they asked my permission I granted

642

00:28:35,810 --> 00:28:33,720

permission and they I didn't ask for

643

00:28:37,789 --> 00:28:35,820

money I just said give me a couple

644

00:28:39,409 --> 00:28:37,799

copies of the book and they got like

645

00:28:41,390 --> 00:28:39,419

five copies of the book

646

00:28:43,490 --> 00:28:41,400

so what got you involved in all of this

647

00:28:45,710 --> 00:28:43,500

every conference I've been to which is

648

00:28:47,510 --> 00:28:45,720

this is my fourth one you've been there

649

00:28:49,190 --> 00:28:47,520

and I know you were involved way before

650

00:28:51,590 --> 00:28:49,200

me so what got you involved in this

651
00:28:53,330 --> 00:28:51,600
whole skeptical move well to try not go

652
00:28:54,769 --> 00:28:53,340
too long the story and what seems

653
00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:54,779
interesting to me but probably not so

654
00:29:02,750 --> 00:28:58,080
much to everyone else uh way back

655
00:29:06,110 --> 00:29:02,760
two thousand eight ish for years I had

656
00:29:08,510 --> 00:29:06,120
been using the web to find scientific

657
00:29:10,210 --> 00:29:08,520
information and other technical

658
00:29:13,130 --> 00:29:10,220
information and

659
00:29:17,630 --> 00:29:13,140
my friend Scott

660
00:29:19,850 --> 00:29:17,640
used to have a Blog called polite defect

661
00:29:22,549 --> 00:29:19,860
and one of the things he did on this

662
00:29:24,830 --> 00:29:22,559
website was he wrote medical reviews of

663
00:29:26,630 --> 00:29:24,840

TV shows and comic books and stuff like

664

00:29:30,889 --> 00:29:26,640

that he would grade the medicine in it

665

00:29:34,010 --> 00:29:30,899

and he linked to some other sites one

666

00:29:37,250 --> 00:29:34,020

which was respectful insolence from uh

667

00:29:39,169 --> 00:29:37,260

orac I guess it's David Gorski everyone

668

00:29:42,169 --> 00:29:39,179

knows that I'm pretty sure now yeah so

669

00:29:44,029 --> 00:29:42,179

it's not a secret anymore and from David

670

00:29:45,710 --> 00:29:44,039

gorski's respectful insolence I found

671

00:29:48,409 --> 00:29:45,720

neurologica and science-based medicine

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00:29:51,110 --> 00:29:48,419

and then the James Randy's

673

00:29:55,130 --> 00:29:51,120

site and everything quickly became a

674

00:29:57,289 --> 00:29:55,140

James Randy fan and one year after Tam

675

00:29:58,430 --> 00:29:57,299

six had the amazing meeting six had

676
00:30:00,470 --> 00:29:58,440
happened

677
00:30:01,610 --> 00:30:00,480
my friend Scott and I started talking so

678
00:30:03,289 --> 00:30:01,620
you know

679
00:30:05,810 --> 00:30:03,299
Randy just he went through that cancer

680
00:30:07,970 --> 00:30:05,820
thing real recently if we want to ever

681
00:30:10,310 --> 00:30:07,980
see him in person we need to go to the

682
00:30:13,370 --> 00:30:10,320
amazing meeting next year because he may

683
00:30:15,590 --> 00:30:13,380
not be around much longer and so he and

684
00:30:18,590 --> 00:30:15,600
I the next year went to the amazing

685
00:30:22,190 --> 00:30:18,600
meeting seven but both of us are

686
00:30:25,789 --> 00:30:22,200
naturally like introverted people so we

687
00:30:28,909 --> 00:30:25,799
stuck together the whole time and pretty

688
00:30:31,190 --> 00:30:28,919

much did you get kids to talk to Randy

689

00:30:33,049 --> 00:30:31,200

I I would I was not brave enough to talk

690

00:30:34,970 --> 00:30:33,059

to Brady that year

691

00:30:35,870 --> 00:30:34,980

and but like we we didn't do anything

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00:30:37,669 --> 00:30:35,880

but hang around with each other

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00:30:39,769 --> 00:30:37,679

basically the whole time

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00:30:41,510 --> 00:30:39,779

and we went again the next year and kind

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00:30:43,549 --> 00:30:41,520

of did the same thing

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00:30:45,230 --> 00:30:43,559

but the following year

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00:30:47,269 --> 00:30:45,240

he wasn't able to go

698

00:30:49,610 --> 00:30:47,279

to your friend my friend Scott was not

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00:30:51,889 --> 00:30:49,620

able to attend and so I had to make the

700

00:30:54,529 --> 00:30:51,899

decision whether to go all by myself

701
00:30:57,230 --> 00:30:54,539
which is something I generally don't do

702
00:30:59,029 --> 00:30:57,240
or not go and I couldn't not go and so I

703
00:31:01,909 --> 00:30:59,039
just overcame my anxiety and went by

704
00:31:03,710 --> 00:31:01,919
myself and got started meeting people

705
00:31:06,409 --> 00:31:03,720
because I was just completely on my own

706
00:31:08,450 --> 00:31:06,419
and I yeah I hear that's one of the good

707
00:31:10,310 --> 00:31:08,460
things about the conference for a lot of

708
00:31:12,230 --> 00:31:10,320
people that they do what they normally

709
00:31:14,570 --> 00:31:12,240
wouldn't have done is to meet other

710
00:31:16,610 --> 00:31:14,580
people and get more involved and it

711
00:31:18,590 --> 00:31:16,620
helped if you can get into the orbit of

712
00:31:20,269 --> 00:31:18,600
Susan Kirby but if you will meet all

713
00:31:22,250 --> 00:31:20,279

sorts of people who are very friendly

714

00:31:25,130 --> 00:31:22,260

gravitational field I'm not coming on

715

00:31:28,909 --> 00:31:25,140

her weight yeah she's got she's got a

716

00:31:31,610 --> 00:31:28,919

skeptical gravitas yeah and she knows

717

00:31:33,110 --> 00:31:31,620

everyone and everyone knows her so once

718

00:31:34,370 --> 00:31:33,120

Susan is your friend you're gonna get a

719

00:31:36,110 --> 00:31:34,380

whole bunch of other friends and did you

720

00:31:38,210 --> 00:31:36,120

get to meet Randy I did get to meet

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00:31:40,730 --> 00:31:38,220

Randy several times over the next few

722

00:31:43,610 --> 00:31:40,740

years because I mean he's gone now

723

00:31:46,730 --> 00:31:43,620

unfortunately but you know he was around

724

00:31:50,090 --> 00:31:46,740

for cam seven Tam eight tab nine ten

725

00:31:53,269 --> 00:31:50,100

eleven twelve thirteen and then zycon

726

00:31:55,130 --> 00:31:53,279

2016 27 and so you eventually got what

727

00:31:57,169 --> 00:31:55,140

you wanted out of it the first time you

728

00:31:59,870 --> 00:31:57,179

came and plus the skeptical movement got

729

00:32:01,909 --> 00:31:59,880

you as a great resource yes okay very

730

00:32:03,769 --> 00:32:01,919

good and we're both better for it

731

00:32:06,590 --> 00:32:03,779

so by the way I don't know if you have

732

00:32:08,810 --> 00:32:06,600

ever been on the skeptic zone right no

733

00:32:12,889 --> 00:32:08,820

but but I think you were on a different

734

00:32:15,110 --> 00:32:12,899

podcast I was on episode 402 of the

735

00:32:16,010 --> 00:32:15,120

Skeptics Guide to the universe how did

736

00:32:17,210 --> 00:32:16,020

that happen

737

00:32:20,630 --> 00:32:17,220

well

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00:32:23,930 --> 00:32:20,640

at the amazing meeting they the SGU

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00:32:25,860 --> 00:32:23,940

would often have this dinner for friends

740

00:32:26,990 --> 00:32:25,870

of the SGU and

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00:32:28,730 --> 00:32:27,000

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00:32:29,690 --> 00:32:28,740

uh like at the end of the toward the end

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00:32:31,190 --> 00:32:29,700

of the night

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00:32:33,289 --> 00:32:31,200

they would hold an auction like two

745

00:32:35,630 --> 00:32:33,299

auctions one with a guest appearance on

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00:32:37,549 --> 00:32:35,640

science or fiction and the other was for

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00:32:38,750 --> 00:32:37,559

a guest appearance as a guest Rogue for

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00:32:41,330 --> 00:32:38,760

the whole episode

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00:32:43,130 --> 00:32:41,340

and I won that auction how much was that

750

00:32:45,169 --> 00:32:43,140

do you want to say I don't I don't think

751
00:32:48,769 --> 00:32:45,179
they want me to fail but my winning bid

752
00:32:50,450 --> 00:32:48,779
was all right so let me ask instead

753
00:32:53,149 --> 00:32:50,460
was the experience as good as you

754
00:32:55,250 --> 00:32:53,159
thought it might be it was I really

755
00:32:57,049 --> 00:32:55,260
enjoyed it thank you Carl for your time

756
00:32:59,750 --> 00:32:57,059
thank you

757
00:33:02,149 --> 00:32:59,760
just finished the last official event of

758
00:33:04,850 --> 00:33:02,159
Saturday at scicon and I ran into a

759
00:33:06,889 --> 00:33:04,860
fellow skeptical Inquirer author tell us

760
00:33:09,169 --> 00:33:06,899
a little bit about you hi my name is JD

761
00:33:11,450 --> 00:33:09,179
sword I write the co-write the morning

762
00:33:13,789 --> 00:33:11,460
heresy they call him the devil in the

763
00:33:15,889 --> 00:33:13,799

details and hosts the podcast of the

764

00:33:17,450 --> 00:33:15,899

same name devil in the details

765

00:33:19,789 --> 00:33:17,460

and I've seen your articles in the

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00:33:22,370 --> 00:33:19,799

skeptical Inquirer online yes right and

767

00:33:23,870 --> 00:33:22,380

you you have a topic that's sort of uh

768

00:33:27,710 --> 00:33:23,880

unique what do you like to write about

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00:33:30,409 --> 00:33:27,720

uh mostly cases of exorcism demonic

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00:33:34,190 --> 00:33:30,419

possession cases about some haunted

771

00:33:35,810 --> 00:33:34,200

houses and stuff q and on material

772

00:33:38,210 --> 00:33:35,820

how'd you get interested in all of that

773

00:33:41,570 --> 00:33:38,220

stuff well for me it really started with

774

00:33:44,149 --> 00:33:41,580

pizzagate in 2016. when that first

775

00:33:45,529 --> 00:33:44,159

happened I immediately Drew parallels

776

00:33:48,649 --> 00:33:45,539

between that and the satanic panic at

777

00:33:50,389 --> 00:33:48,659

the 80s and I was like you know this is

778

00:33:53,090 --> 00:33:50,399

something that we need to look out for

779

00:33:54,769 --> 00:33:53,100

so that partially inspired me to get

780

00:33:56,210 --> 00:33:54,779

more involved with

781

00:33:58,669 --> 00:33:56,220

reaching out to people from the center

782

00:34:01,549 --> 00:33:58,679

for inquiry and from there it just kind

783

00:34:03,590 --> 00:34:01,559

of snowballed to getting a calm and

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00:34:05,149 --> 00:34:03,600

being an active writer yeah so that was

785

00:34:06,769 --> 00:34:05,159

the first thing I saw that that your

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00:34:08,930 --> 00:34:06,779

article started popping up on skeptical

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00:34:10,909 --> 00:34:08,940

and Fire online and then recently I saw

788

00:34:12,710 --> 00:34:10,919

your name on the morning heresy how did

789

00:34:14,869 --> 00:34:12,720

that part happen so I don't remember

790

00:34:17,629 --> 00:34:14,879

exactly how

791

00:34:19,250 --> 00:34:17,639

that started by the way for people who

792

00:34:21,050 --> 00:34:19,260

don't know the morning heresy I should

793

00:34:23,389 --> 00:34:21,060

say is will you describe it what is it

794

00:34:25,909 --> 00:34:23,399

uh well it's the newsletter it's kind of

795

00:34:28,430 --> 00:34:25,919

a Roundup of any kind of news stories

796

00:34:31,190 --> 00:34:28,440

that the skeptic Community might might

797

00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:31,200

be interested in my co-co-write it with

798

00:34:36,589 --> 00:34:33,720

the new Communications guy Jeff

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00:34:39,889 --> 00:34:36,599

Dellinger 4th of August still involved

800

00:34:42,829 --> 00:34:39,899

in it I had reached out to

801
00:34:44,690 --> 00:34:42,839
to him and Barry and you know asked is

802
00:34:47,149 --> 00:34:44,700
there anything else that I can do and

803
00:34:49,070 --> 00:34:47,159
get involved in and honestly I don't

804
00:34:51,889 --> 00:34:49,080
really remember how it how the topic

805
00:34:54,250 --> 00:34:51,899
came up but you you know what I remember

806
00:34:56,270 --> 00:34:54,260
now because it's when he got the new job

807
00:34:58,790 --> 00:34:56,280
when Paul got the new job with free

808
00:35:01,070 --> 00:34:58,800
inquiry I had messaged Barry and I said

809
00:35:02,930 --> 00:35:01,080
do you know what the future of that's

810
00:35:06,230 --> 00:35:02,940
going to be are you looking for somebody

811
00:35:08,210 --> 00:35:06,240
to contribute in any way and at the time

812
00:35:10,430 --> 00:35:08,220
he was like you know I don't really know

813
00:35:12,109 --> 00:35:10,440

what it's going to be and I think Paul

814

00:35:14,870 --> 00:35:12,119

had reached out to me

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00:35:16,250 --> 00:35:14,880

and was like you know I don't know what

816

00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:16,260

the future is necessarily going to be

817

00:35:21,349 --> 00:35:18,960

but I'd be very interested if you'd be

818

00:35:22,190 --> 00:35:21,359

willing to to do some work for it so you

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00:35:24,589 --> 00:35:22,200

know let's

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00:35:26,810 --> 00:35:24,599

give it a give it a couple couple weeks

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00:35:29,510 --> 00:35:26,820

we'll try it out and see how it goes and

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apparently he he liked liked what I had

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to say I am always impressed by that

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that email when it comes because how did

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these people have the time to research

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all of this and do all of this in one

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day and then and yours have been the

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same way he has a very extensive list of

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key keyword searches and sources to

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peruse through he taught me all the kind

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of tricks and some some days it's it's

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less busy than others

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um and then other days you get absolute

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gold mines of you know I can't believe

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that I'm writing about this this is so

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you know it's a ridiculous story so

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let's talk about taikon so this is your

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first one I understand it yeah how'd you

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decide to come well knowing that it was

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the first one they've had since the

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pandemic

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you know everyone said this is going to

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be a big deal it's going to be the big

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one and knowing who the guest speakers

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were going to be my friend Kenny Biddle

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um Susan kerbrick was going to be there

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and then of course Penn and Teller were

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going to be there and you know if it

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00:36:35,210 --> 00:36:31,079

wasn't for them and for for James Randy

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00:36:37,670 --> 00:36:35,220

I probably wouldn't be a skeptic so I

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00:36:39,290 --> 00:36:37,680
really wanted to make a point to come to

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00:36:42,170 --> 00:36:39,300
meet you know new people such as

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00:36:45,410 --> 00:36:42,180
yourself do what I could to to help out

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00:36:48,770 --> 00:36:45,420
and contribute to the convention and you

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00:36:50,870 --> 00:36:48,780
know just give give my thanks to the

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00:36:52,810 --> 00:36:50,880
people that that helped helped me get

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00:36:56,150 --> 00:36:52,820
here

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you know Kenny Kenny's been a fantastic

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00:37:00,170 --> 00:36:58,800
mentor and he did a great talk today it

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00:37:01,970 --> 00:37:00,180
was his first time on the main stage

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00:37:03,109 --> 00:37:01,980
although he's done workshops previous

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00:37:05,150 --> 00:37:03,119
years

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00:37:06,530 --> 00:37:05,160

yeah it was yeah it was really good all

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right well thank you very much for your

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from the data skeptic podcast if you're

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curious about the way data is changing

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our world topics like Ai and all this

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craziness with Facebook and Bots and the

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Twitter storm and how the algorithms

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that underline that work and you don't

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want a technical Deep dive you want it

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you know in the vernacular in a way that

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people can understand check us out at

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data skeptic that's what we try and do I

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interview Advanced Professionals in the

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field who do this sort of research and

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then I get into interesting projects as

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well

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we're a weekly show and you can find us

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today to skeptical.com

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now it's time once again to dip into the

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digital archives from around the world

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and as I mentioned at the top of the

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show the sad news of the death of

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Kendrick Frazier

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had the pleasure of meeting in

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Albuquerque New Mexico a dinner at his

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house

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it was wonderful in the uh in the

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company of Ben Radford and Ken Spartan

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Ruth they lived up on the um on a

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00:38:57,290 --> 00:38:54,599

hillside looking uh over the City of

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Albuquerque and it was just a beautiful

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beautiful Vista happy memories

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if we turn to Wikipedia Kendrick Frazier

901
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born March 1942 was a science writer and

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long time editor of the skeptical

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Inquirer magazine he was also a former

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editor of Science News author or editor

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of 10 books a fellow of the American

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Association for the advancement of

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science he was a fellow and a member of

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the executive Council of the committee

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for skeptical inquiry CSI an

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00:39:33,589 --> 00:39:30,900
international organization which

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promotes skeptical inquiry he has

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written extensively about a variety of

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science topics including astronomy space

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exploration the Earth and planetary

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Sciences archeology technology the

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00:39:47,329 --> 00:39:45,540

history and philosophy of science public

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issues of Science and the Critical

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00:39:53,450 --> 00:39:50,700

examination of pseudoscience and fringe

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00:39:58,430 --> 00:39:53,460

science and indeed right here on the

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Wiki page is an example of Ken speaking

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00:40:05,210 --> 00:40:02,940

for himself recorded in January 2015 so

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I'll play that right now

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I'm Ken Frazier and I'm editor of the

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skeptical Inquirer magazine uh I got

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into skepticism from the science side of

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things but I was editor of Science News

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Magazine in Washington before that so I

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bring a science writer's point of view

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to skepticism and always have

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um I've been editor of Si for so long

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that I'm now almost the Grand Old Man of

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the skeptical movement I guess but it's

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ironic because I still think of myself

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as a young person I guess I'm not really

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anymore I have very much appreciated and

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enjoyed being editor of the skeptical

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Inquirer and being a part and a

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contributor to the skeptical movement

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for a good long time now I'm on the

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executive Council of the committee for

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skeptical inquiry

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and uh also on the board of the center

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for inquiry which is our overall

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umbrella organization all in Amherst New

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York uh fortunately I work out of

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Albuquerque New Mexico so I'm in uh not

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at the headquarters location

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and uh one of the fun things about my

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job is I get to interact with authors

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and Skeptics from all over the world

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um who contribute to the skeptical

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movement through a skeptical Inquirer

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and other forums

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and uh all the material comes in through

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me and then I make decisions of what

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we're going to publish

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and uh then it goes to other editors but

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it's a joy uh dealing with academics

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Scholars and investigators who are

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skeptical from all over the world it's

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really quite an interesting and I think

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very valuable movement and I'm pleased

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to be a part of it

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yes a great loss to the skeptical

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movement a very very nice man to meet

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and deal with but let's look back into

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history and see what some of the news

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archives newspaper archives

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have written about Kendrick Frazier

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and first of all we find ourselves in

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the year 1984 in the pages of the

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Kenosha Wisconsin news

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November the 25th 1984. skeptical

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Inquirer magazine fights claims made by

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national tabloids by Charles hillinger

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copyright 1984 Los Angeles Times so this

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is a a syndicated item because I've also

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discovered the same report in several

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other newspapers around the same time

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Albuquerque New Mexico

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there are strong grounds to believe

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there is no such thing as a psychic

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insisted Kendrick Frazier 40 editor of

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skeptical Inquirer accordingly that

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evaluates fringe science claims from a

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responsible scientific point of view of

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course there are many who call

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themselves psychic but neither I nor my

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colleagues know of anyone who when

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subjected to good scientific

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observations under control conditions

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has been able to demonstrate paranormal

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abilities said Frasier author of two

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science books and a full-time science

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writer for Scandia National Lab in

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Albuquerque who edits the journal from

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his home the skeptical Inquirer has been

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published since 1976 by the Buffalo New

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York-based committee for the scientific

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investigations of claims of the

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Paranormal whose stated purpose is quote

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to combat the nonsense published by The

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National Enquirer the globe the Starin

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similar public stations in the

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widespread paranormal craze that has

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swept the country in recent years end

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quote topics covered include perpetual

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motion the occult Bigfoot Evolution

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00:44:13,210 --> 00:44:09,680
versus creationism ESP

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00:44:16,309 --> 00:44:13,220
contras dowsing TV pseudo documentaries

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00:44:19,670 --> 00:44:16,319
Transcendental Meditation Clairvoyance

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astrology Telekinesis the use of mental

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power to make objects move

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biorhythms UFOs telepathy the Bermuda

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Triangle and other triangles Pyramid

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Power Faith healing mind reading

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levitation palmistry poltergeists and

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automatic writing the committee for the

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skeptical Inquirer grew out of a

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statement disavowing astrology published

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in 1975 by Paul Kurtz professor of

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philosophy at the University of New York

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State Buffalo and 191 other leading

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scientists including 19 Nobel Prize

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winners Frasier said

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the panel's 100 members include many of

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America's most distinguished scientists

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psychologists philosophers investigative

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journalists and magicians among them are

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astronomers Carl Sagan George Abell of

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the University of California at Los

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Angeles and Edwin C cropp director of

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the Griffith Park Observatory Isaac

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Asimov author and chemist Harvard

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University zoologist Stephen J Gould

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Harvard psychologist B.F Skinner

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Anthropologist Laurie Godfrey Scientific

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American columnist Martin Gardner and

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James Randy the skeptical Inquirer is a

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labor of love no one was paid for

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writing the Articles said Frasier who

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International the National Academy of

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Science newsletter and Science News

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Magazine before becoming editor of the

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publication he emphasized that everyone

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is involved out of a sense of

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intellectual integrity and having great

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faith in the Public's ability to make

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the right decisions if they have correct

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information available every issue of the

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skeptical Inquirer contains articles

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challenging Publications and individuals

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in the Paranormal field a recent issue

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Bermuda Triangle gobbling up ships and

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planes again an investigation by the

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Journal was not able to verify a single

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in the skeptical inquire written by

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Eugene Emery science writer for the

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Providence Journal commented on a quote

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PM Magazine and quote TV program a few

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months ago that aired a film sequence of

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a cylindrical object identified as a UFO

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moving across the sky near Cumberland RI

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this is no hoax the program's

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commentator insisted however Emery

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quoted the chief photographer of the

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Museum of Science in Boston is saying

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that hoax is written all over it and

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identified the object as a small tube

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suspended on a thin horizontal wire

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pulled by a thread across the area

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filmed as for psychics Frasier said that

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one will come along once in a while and

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make a lucky hit in helping police find

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a body and get a Big Splash in the news

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media and people are led to believe the

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person is successful all the time which

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and again that comes to us from the

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Kenosha news from Wisconsin although it

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was a syndicated piece from Los Angeles

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and it was published on the 25th of

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November 1984.

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and our next entry takes place some

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years earlier in 1976

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1976 the 26th of July in the Benton

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Courier Benton Arkansas

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cultist claims challenged

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by Don Oakley

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one of the puzzles of our time is why in

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an age when science has conquered many

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major diseases has sent men to the moon

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and instruments to the nearer planets

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and has put the world into instantaneous

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communication with itself we should be

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witnessing a proliferation of

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pseudoscientific Cults Fringe religious

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groups pop psychology movements and

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alike if all these are signs of a

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society in search of answers to

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questions which Orthodox science and

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religion ignores or has no satisfactory

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answers to then this has to be the most

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Relentless generation in history

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or perhaps the most gullible every age

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has had its similar groups and movements

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but the last decade has brought a flood

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of interest in what is variously called

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Fringe signs borderline signs

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pseudoscience paranormal phenomena

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occultism mysticism the Cults of

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unreason the new irrationalism or the

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new nonsense rights Kendrick Frazier in

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science news ancient astronauts

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astrology the Bermuda Triangle UFOs

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psychokinesis psychic healing curling

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photography Pyramid Power reincarnation

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continents plant communication one has

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to go only as far as the nearest

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magazine stand to find Publications on

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these and other subjects in abundant

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quantities some 140 Americans are

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involved in Fringe religious cults such

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as spiritualism Hari Krishna and

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Scientology according to the University

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of Chicago Anthropologist Irving

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zaretsky who recently completed a

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10-year period as a principal observer

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in many of these groups the number may

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be much larger says zaretsky and it

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includes a great many respectable middle

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class and upper-class people who may

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also belong to traditional religious

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groups it is hard to get accurate

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numbers because cult participation is

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often an occasional One-Shot experience

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rather than a continuing membership so

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many people are turning to pop

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psychologies in the 1970s says Dr

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William Rickles chief of the clinical

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and psychological laboratory at the

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Veterans Administration in seppavola

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California that I feel the pop

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psychological movement is very much

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taking the place of religion in what is

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probably the most publicized example of

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this phenomenon Earhart seminars

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training EST has in the four years since

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it began

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processed 70 000 people at two hundred

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and fifty dollars each similar

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Consciousness industry vendors are doing

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almost as well

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the typical scientist's reaction to all

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this is usually to throw up his hands in

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disgust matter about the naive and

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gullibility of the general public turn

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back to his experiments and forget about

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it says Frasier but now there is

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something new on the scene at least in

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the field of pseudoscience he reports a

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group of Scholars scientists and

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investigators determined to challenge

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the claims of the cultists the formation

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of a committee for the scientific

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investigation of claims of the

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Paranormal was announced last spring at

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a meeting of the American humanist

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Association in Buffalo New York perhaps

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anti-scientific and pseudoscientific

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irrationalism is a passing fashion says

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the committee's co-chairman Paul Kurtz

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professor of philosophy at the State

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University of New York in Buffalo and

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editor of the humanist yet one of the

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best ways to deal with it is for the

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scientific and educational Community to

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respond in a responsible manner to this

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alarming growth the committee intends to

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function like a consumer information

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group providing the public and the news

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media with access to facts by which they

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can judge the validity of unusual claims

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and that comes to us from 1976 and that

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is still the case to this very day

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especially

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with groups like um the committee for

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skeptical inquiry and the Australian

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Skeptics we are here to provide the news

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media and the public with access to uh

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to our reasoned way of thinking to the

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facts of any particular case we happen

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to know about uh we've always considered

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ourselves to be a resource for the

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public and the media

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and finally from 1995 on the 28th of

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August a very short piece in the

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Clovis News Journal from Clovis New

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Mexico right on the front page it says

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FYI alien abductees Boulder Colorado

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Associated Press aliens are abducting

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humans and one of them looks like Irish

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singer Sinead O'Connor at least that's

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the word of a woman who says she was on

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board an extraterrestrial craft Leah

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Haley told her story at the UFO

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phenomenon conference Sunday in Boulder

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what they are lacking is any real

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physical evidence that is irrefutable

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said Kendrick Frazier of Albuquerque

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editor of the skeptical Inquirer a

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magazine published by the committee for

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the scientific investigation of claims

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of the Paranormal and if a person has

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00:54:30,170 --> 00:54:26,819

been abducted a federal crime why not

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report it to the FBI one reason may be

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that there is a large fine against false

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reporting Frasier said

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so there we are just a couple of news

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items reported in the pages of the

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American Press about a late friend

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Kendrick Frazier and you can see what a

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uh what a wonderful career he had as an

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was there right at the beginning

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early days

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of the uh the whole skeptical movement

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a great loss but I think Kendrick lived

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a uh a full and very interesting life

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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monthly weekly whatever you can even do

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a one-off contribution whatever you can

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do certainly does help keep the show

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going now for uh whatever it is 14 plus

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years

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hello the birds are starting to chirp

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outside the sun has come up now

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yes

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although luckily being a Sunday morning

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it's a bit quiet and the airport hasn't

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opened yet

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there are lots of aircraft sort of just

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hovering well they're not hovering they

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plan it so they're inbound and just

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after six o'clock they start to take off

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and start to land so to get my recording

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done before the uh the flight traffic is

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uh always a good thing

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well sometimes I'm not awake in time

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coming up on next week's show I hope to

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bring you an interview with Xeon lights

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the activists from the UK and she was a

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recent guest of ours here in Sydney at

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Skeptics in the pub a very interesting

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character indeed when it comes to the

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future of our planet and the energy

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resources we should be using something

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to look forward to but for this week

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this is Richard Saunders signing off

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the object as a small tube suspended on

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