

Lucky Day!

National Capital Area Skeptics Friday the 13th Superstition-Free Celebration

Featuring close-up magic by

Brian "The Lies of Brian" Morton

NCAS starts a new tradition — we're ending our 2002-2003 season with the first in an ongoing series of events to be held EVERY Friday 13th.

Invite your lucky (& unlucky) friends to join you and fellow skeptics Friday, June 13 for a happy hour (or two) at the Mayorga coffee bar in Silver Spring, Maryland.

No reservations, no cover, no minimum — just pay as you go. We can't read your mind — a call (301-587-3827) or email (ncas@ncas.org) is appreciated to help us know what to expect.

Bring your skepticism, but leave your cynicism at the door. Brian Morton's magic — "blatant dishonesty in the service of wonder" — will wow you!

Friday, June 13

6:00 - 8:00pm

Mayorga Coffee

coffee, wine, beer & light fare

8040 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland

At the intersection of Blair Mill Road, just north of East-West Highway; 1/2 mile from Silver Spring Metro.

Limited free parking in lot on Blair Mill. Metered street parking also available.



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Shadow of a Doubt

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

JUNE 2003

Have a Joyful Summer

It is now June and NCAS does not usually schedule events during July and August. After our Friday June 13th get together, NCAS takes a break for the summer. We will be back in September for a new year of lectures and other events.



Visiting London late summer?

If so, why not take in: The 11th European Skeptics Congress, London, September 5-7, 2003.

Sponsored by: ASKE (The Association for Skeptical Enquiry); THE SKEPTIC (ukskeptic@compuserve); ECSO (The European Council of Skeptical Organisations); and CSICOP (The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal). See: http://www.skeptica.dk/2002/05_01.htm. (The 11th European Skeptics Congress, ASKE, P.O. Box 5994, Ripley, DE5 3X, UK).

Bad Science

Another interesting website with weekly articles about bad science is the (UK) Guardian's website <http://www.guardian.co.uk/life/badscience/>. The stories are quite interesting.

CSICOP's Annual Workshop

The Skeptics Toolbox: Critiquing Research: Determining Adequacy, August 14-17. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

CSICOP was created to deal with paranormal claims. Most such claims lack any support from scientifically based research. However, an increasing number of paranormal claims are supported by evidence allegedly based on scientific research. The research supporting such claims uses the latest tools of statistical inference and state-of-the-art apparatus. How can the ordinary skeptic tell whether such studies pass muster? Information at <http://www.csicop.org/events/2003-toolbox/>.

Closer to Truth

Closer to Truth brings together leading scientists, scholars and artists to debate the fundamental issues of our times. WHUT (local UHF Channel 32 & Channel 19 on PG County COMCAST cable) aired four episodes on each Sunday in May at 10:30 am. There is a streaming video archive of each episode of two earlier series (100 & 200) and presumably the 300 series after all of its episodes have been broadcast. <http://www.closertotruth.com/videoarchive/index.html>. As well as video and audio tapes of this series and other materials. <http://www.closertotruth.com/resources/index.html>.

The current times for Closer to Truth at WHUT in June (from the Closer to Truth web site): <http://www.closertotruth.com/tvschedules/index.html>. Then select Washington DC.

Time to renew?

Check your mailing label – **this means you**. If the renewal date has passed, please send \$30 (for 1 person) or \$40 (for 2 member households) for a one-year renewal to the NCAS address below. Multi-year discounts are available – avoid the annual hassle of renewing by signing up for 2, 5 or lifetime memberships. (See rates on website.)



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