

# You may not be sure you've got it, but chances are excellent you do

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SAN ANTONIO — Everyone may possess the same psychic abilities usually thought to belong only certain "gifted" persons like Jeanne Dixon, according to a researcher at the Mind Science Foundation.

Dr. William Braud, one of perhaps 20 fulltime parapsychologists in the nation, heads a team of research specialists. They are investigating why persons dream about events before they happen, anticipate a telephone ringing an instant before it does, "know" what some-

one else is thinking before he speaks, or what is happening in another room.

Officials of the foundation say they believe many of the coincidences which take place in people's daily lives are genuine occurrences of extrasensory perception.

The Mind Science Foundation claims to be one of a half-dozen such organizations in the United States seeking to explain such phenomena as mental telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition and psychokinesis (mind over matter) by testing average volunteers.

The research began full time two years ago, based on a permanent endowment from the estate of oilman-philanthropist Tom Slick, whose bequests also helped fund the Southwest Research Center and Southwest Foundation for Research and Education.

From the outset, officials of the Mind Science Foundation carefully separated their research from the practice of fortune telling, seances or witchcraft. They maintain the phenomena of the mind in which they are interested are shared by all humans.

The foundation last month brought in acclaimed British psychic Matthew Manning for a week, but Braud said Manning's ESP exhibition, "wasn't that spectacular."

"He definitely has abilities, but whether he has more than you or I is hard to say," Braud said.

"Generally, we work with ordinary, average, everyday people in our effort to test and measure psychic experience phenomena. But occasionally, we like to have someone who is especially endowed with these abilities."

"It's a common practice to either accept everything or reject everything. A lot of facts have come about through serious scientific investigation, but a lot of questions are still unanswered."

One of the tests involves a completely relaxed person in one room describing his or her impressions of a "target" being projected out of sight in an adjoining room. The descriptions often are accurate, Braud said.

Another test is on an "electronic dice thrower" in which a person attempts to foretell which of four colored lights will shine by pressing one of four buttons.

The researcher said an average person often is startled when the testing reveals psychic abilities.

"They're generally impressed," Braud said. "Some are excited. It scares other people and they say, 'am I a witch?'"

## British firemen strike; government won't budge

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LONDON — Soldiers and volunteers turned out in force Wednesday to battle a fire at a power station in Tilbury, east of London, when striking firefighters refused to answer the call.

Nearby resident fled their homes as choking clouds of smoke rolled across the area.

The fire started in a cable duct and troops and volunteers rushed to assist employees of the Tilbury "B" power station, about 30 miles from the capital.

Police evacuated people in the area when the fire was still out of control after five hours.

Thick smoke posed the major problem to troops fighting the fire with their World War II-vintage "Green Goddess" fire trucks as none of the soldiers has breathing apparatus.

The main danger was at the 30-foot level of the power station where large oil tanks were housed, a police spokesman said.

The government, meanwhile, remained firm on refusing to treat the striking firefighters as a "special case" and meet demands for increased pay as the stoppage went into its third day.

The British parliament voted overwhelmingly to support the gov-

ernment's hard-line stand against the nation's 35,000 striking firefighters.

The firefighters stood fast on their demands for a 30 percent pay increase and left their picket lines Tuesday only to save lives. They watched one factory burn to the ground.

The government wants a 10 percent ceiling on pay raises.

Soldiers and volunteers battled hundreds of blazes but lacked the equipment and training to do the job and were plagued by a rash of false alarms. Scotland Yard launched a secret plan to track down the hoax callers.

At least four people have died in fires since the walkout began Monday, but none of the deaths was attributed to the strike.

Near Manchester, the strikers watched a leather goods factory that employed 40 workers burn down.

"The fire brigade would have dealt with this in 10 minutes if they had not been on strike," the owner said. "The army lads and police have done a great job, but they are not specialists."


But firefighters, in separate incidents, broke into their own firehouse to get a ladder to rescue an injured man from a building, helped infantrymen rescue four persons in a burning apartment and rushed to the scene of a bus-truck collision to pull out the injured.

Fire Brigade Union leaders called another meeting Wednesday with city officials to press their demands for higher pay. They now earn \$118 a week.

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The medallion and the ribbon were presented to Shelton recently by Dante Graziosi, president of the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade and head of that country's veterinary medical association.

The award to Shelton was in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the education and research fields of veterinary medicine.

**Staff member attends program**

John Tucker, assistant to the director of Continuing Education at Texas A&M University is a participant this week at a Corpus Christi conference of the Texas Association for Community Service and Continuing Education. Tucker serves as a panelist on co-sponsorship of programs.

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