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00:00:20,940 --> 00:00:26,410
hello from Sydney Australia Richardson

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00:00:24,399 --> 00:00:29,528
is here with you once again for the

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00:00:26,410 --> 00:00:33,909
skeptic zone The Skeptical podcast this

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00:00:29,528 --> 00:00:36,909
is show number 10 for Boxing Day 2008 a

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00:00:33,909 --> 00:00:39,549
special show we have an interview with

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00:00:36,909 --> 00:00:41,769
none other than Derek and swoopy from

7
00:00:39,549 --> 00:00:43,959
the great podcast skeptic ality that's

8
00:00:41,770 --> 00:00:46,359
coming up in a moment conducted by our

9
00:00:43,960 --> 00:00:48,460
very own Kylie Sturgis and after that

10
00:00:46,359 --> 00:00:51,579
i'll be reading with the help of tiffany

11
00:00:48,460 --> 00:00:53,920
day from the latest issue of the skeptic

12
00:00:51,579 --> 00:00:55,750
the journal of australian skeptics not

13
00:00:53,920 --> 00:00:58,960
to be confused with the skeptic magazine

14
00:00:55,750 --> 00:01:01,600
from the united states an article

15
00:00:58,960 --> 00:01:04,960
entitled murder for entertainment and

16
00:01:01,600 --> 00:01:07,870
profit about a psychic task force

17
00:01:04,959 --> 00:01:09,579
investigating a very famous set of

18
00:01:07,870 --> 00:01:12,159
serial killings but we'll get to that

19
00:01:09,579 --> 00:01:14,289
soon a few other quick announcements for

20
00:01:12,159 --> 00:01:16,240
you before we get into the show thanks

21
00:01:14,290 --> 00:01:18,220
to everybody who's donated a couple of

22
00:01:16,239 --> 00:01:20,170
dollars towards the upkeep of the

23
00:01:18,219 --> 00:01:22,179
skeptic zone and if you wish to donate

24
00:01:20,170 --> 00:01:26,740
two bucks and that's all we asked for

25
00:01:22,180 --> 00:01:30,610
visit our homepage [ww skeptics on TV](#) and

26
00:01:26,739 --> 00:01:33,549
there you can also find the link in last

27
00:01:30,609 --> 00:01:35,530
week's show to the video of Tiffany days

28
00:01:33,549 --> 00:01:37,920
kittens now we've had a lot of email

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00:01:35,530 --> 00:01:41,469
about people wanting to know about

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00:01:37,920 --> 00:01:44,769
Tiffany's kittens well the video link is

31
00:01:41,469 --> 00:01:46,209
there you can see them for yourself also

32
00:01:44,769 --> 00:01:47,859
it might interest you to know that at

33
00:01:46,209 --> 00:01:49,479
the bottom of that page you'll find a

34
00:01:47,859 --> 00:01:51,939
map of the world with a little dot

35
00:01:49,480 --> 00:01:54,189
showing you the locations of all our

36
00:01:51,939 --> 00:01:57,219
listeners it's very interesting to see

37
00:01:54,189 --> 00:01:59,200
where everybody's listening from and one

38
00:01:57,219 --> 00:02:02,049
final announcement I'll make before we

39
00:01:59,200 --> 00:02:03,810
get into the show the UK skeptics or

40
00:02:02,049 --> 00:02:06,879
some of them at least have started up

41
00:02:03,810 --> 00:02:10,019
skeptics in the pub in Birmingham now if

42
00:02:06,879 --> 00:02:17,408
you want to check that out just go to ww

43
00:02:10,019 --> 00:02:19,330

skeptics in the pub co uk and wow even

44

00:02:17,408 --> 00:02:22,000

they are spelling skeptics with a k

45

00:02:19,330 --> 00:02:23,379

these days so that's birminghamal you

46

00:02:22,000 --> 00:02:26,530

people listening in Birmingham in the

47

00:02:23,378 --> 00:02:28,149

surrounding area run quickly with beer

48

00:02:26,530 --> 00:02:31,090

glass in hand to skeptics in the pub

49

00:02:28,150 --> 00:02:32,829

because they are a lot of fun well

50

00:02:31,090 --> 00:02:33,990

enough about that let's get stuck into

51

00:02:32,829 --> 00:02:37,590

this episode

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:40,439

for Boxing Day 2008 without interview

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00:02:37,590 --> 00:02:42,800

with Derek and swoopy from skepta

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00:02:40,439 --> 00:02:42,800

calorie

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00:02:46,520 --> 00:02:51,450

for this episode I've had the honor of

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00:02:49,169 --> 00:02:53,729

talking to both Derek Holland uno and

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00:02:51,449 --> 00:02:55,699

swoopy the hosts of skeptic ality the

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00:02:53,729 --> 00:02:58,530
official podcast of skeptic magazine

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00:02:55,699 --> 00:03:00,629
from scientists and skeptics such as

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00:02:58,530 --> 00:03:02,819
Michael Shermer Neil deGrasse Tyson and

61
00:03:00,629 --> 00:03:04,439
Richard Dawkins to pop culture figures

62
00:03:02,819 --> 00:03:06,989
such as musician George hurry up

63
00:03:04,439 --> 00:03:08,819
novelist scott sigler and the creators

64
00:03:06,990 --> 00:03:11,480
and executive producers of the TV show

65
00:03:08,819 --> 00:03:14,370
numbers skeptic allottee has done at all

66
00:03:11,479 --> 00:03:16,349
Steve Jobs of Apple computers recognized

67
00:03:14,370 --> 00:03:18,420
skeptic allottee as one of the top nine

68
00:03:16,349 --> 00:03:21,810
podcast during his keynote address in

69
00:03:18,419 --> 00:03:24,238
2005 and yet that very same day co-host

70
00:03:21,810 --> 00:03:26,879
Derek suffered a stroke during the

71
00:03:24,239 --> 00:03:28,950
hiatus of about six months in 2006

72
00:03:26,879 --> 00:03:32,519
whilst he recovered skeptic allottee

73
00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:34,769
continued on and in 2007 for the parsec

74
00:03:32,520 --> 00:03:37,170
award skeptic allottee was recognized as

75
00:03:34,770 --> 00:03:39,450
the best speculative fiction podcast and

76
00:03:37,169 --> 00:03:42,030
the best science podcast and even one

77
00:03:39,449 --> 00:03:45,479
podcast of the week by the UK times in

78
00:03:42,030 --> 00:03:47,189
2008 I took this opportunity to learn

79
00:03:45,479 --> 00:03:49,889
more about the history of skeptic ality

80
00:03:47,189 --> 00:03:52,620
and also their ongoing work as track

81
00:03:49,889 --> 00:03:54,988
directors at dragoncon the 30,000 plus

82
00:03:52,620 --> 00:03:58,670
member convention where they host the

83
00:03:54,989 --> 00:03:58,670
skeptic and podcasting tracks

84
00:04:00,340 --> 00:04:05,000
the biggest thing i think that most

85
00:04:03,349 --> 00:04:06,949
people saying it's the best advice I

86

00:04:05,000 --> 00:04:09,169
ever got is to make sure that when you

87
00:04:06,949 --> 00:04:11,179
decide you're going to have a program

88
00:04:09,169 --> 00:04:12,319
about something that you really love it

89
00:04:11,180 --> 00:04:14,390
yeah and that you're really passionate

90
00:04:12,319 --> 00:04:16,879
about it because your listeners will

91
00:04:14,389 --> 00:04:18,680
know if you're just talking about

92
00:04:16,879 --> 00:04:20,298
something to talk about something versus

93
00:04:18,680 --> 00:04:22,910
talking about something that you really

94
00:04:20,298 --> 00:04:24,529
love them and that making em so make

95
00:04:22,910 --> 00:04:26,480
sure you love it and make sure you do

96
00:04:24,529 --> 00:04:28,039
your research yeah that's one of the

97
00:04:26,480 --> 00:04:30,680
things I've always noticed about your

98
00:04:28,040 --> 00:04:32,750
interviews you are so incredibly well

99
00:04:30,680 --> 00:04:36,740
researched I sort of sit back and go

100
00:04:32,750 --> 00:04:38,480

damn I don't know half the things about

101

00:04:36,740 --> 00:04:40,310

a handful of the interviewees that you

102

00:04:38,480 --> 00:04:42,470

have and yet you guys seem to be full

103

00:04:40,310 --> 00:04:45,230

bottle on absolutely everybody and so

104

00:04:42,470 --> 00:04:47,120

passionate about what they do I can't

105

00:04:45,230 --> 00:04:49,280

sit down and talk to somebody unless I

106

00:04:47,120 --> 00:04:51,230

am as well prepared as I possibly can be

107

00:04:49,279 --> 00:04:53,000

it's like it's like giving a speech or

108

00:04:51,230 --> 00:04:55,340

whatever as long as you are as prepared

109

00:04:53,000 --> 00:04:57,949

as you possibly can be then it really

110

00:04:55,339 --> 00:04:59,599

helps play a lot of my nervousness when

111

00:04:57,949 --> 00:05:01,550

I'm talking to somebody because I get

112

00:04:59,600 --> 00:05:03,170

nervous talking to anybody yeah and

113

00:05:01,550 --> 00:05:05,810

especially if I get the chance to talk

114

00:05:03,170 --> 00:05:07,430

to somebody that we really really love

115
00:05:05,810 --> 00:05:09,709
and really really respect which i think

116
00:05:07,430 --> 00:05:11,300
is just about everybody I talked to who

117
00:05:09,709 --> 00:05:13,430
did you ever think it was going to end

118
00:05:11,300 --> 00:05:16,490
up this way I mean back when you start

119
00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:18,500
and how we started was way back in the

120
00:05:16,490 --> 00:05:21,829
beginning of the internet actually right

121
00:05:18,500 --> 00:05:23,930
before the webhead even hoping well drew

122
00:05:21,829 --> 00:05:26,810
we didn't we didn't spend as much time

123
00:05:23,930 --> 00:05:29,150
online back then because people weren't

124
00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:32,030
online as much that's only what we met

125
00:05:29,149 --> 00:05:34,339
yeah i know i bet i'm saying it wasn't

126
00:05:32,029 --> 00:05:36,529
our past time when we hung out we didn't

127
00:05:34,339 --> 00:05:39,049
other stuff well okay no but we met we

128
00:05:36,529 --> 00:05:41,089
met on IRC if I remember that thing is

129
00:05:39,050 --> 00:05:43,639
everybody remembers Isaac not everybody

130
00:05:41,089 --> 00:05:45,439
anyway that's how we met was I was in

131
00:05:43,639 --> 00:05:48,259
college and I think you were the time

132
00:05:45,439 --> 00:05:50,660
too um no I was working at the time but

133
00:05:48,259 --> 00:05:52,699
it was it was just it was mutual nerd

134
00:05:50,660 --> 00:05:54,229
meets there it was I have a technical

135
00:05:52,699 --> 00:05:56,478
oblem and a friend of a friend said I

136
00:05:54,228 --> 00:05:58,430
know somebody who can help you with your

137
00:05:56,478 --> 00:06:00,680
problem and I ended up talking to him on

138
00:05:58,430 --> 00:06:02,600
the phone and we've been friends ever

139
00:06:00,680 --> 00:06:04,759
since it's been like since what like

140
00:06:02,600 --> 00:06:07,550
nineteen ninety three or four for

141
00:06:04,759 --> 00:06:10,240
something like that yeah and uh and then

142
00:06:07,550 --> 00:06:12,819
she at the time she lived in Seattle

143

00:06:10,240 --> 00:06:15,490
yep and Derek lived in the bright lights

144
00:06:12,819 --> 00:06:17,710
and big city of Las Vegas and I decided

145
00:06:15,490 --> 00:06:19,990
I would go who doesn't want to live in

146
00:06:17,709 --> 00:06:22,359
Las Vegas and that was even before like

147
00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:25,120
you know watching CSI and all of that

148
00:06:22,360 --> 00:06:27,009
stuff but so you know that's that's kind

149
00:06:25,120 --> 00:06:28,750
of what we were doing for a while but as

150
00:06:27,009 --> 00:06:30,759
far as getting the podcast started it

151
00:06:28,750 --> 00:06:31,990
was just simply a matter of Derek saying

152
00:06:30,759 --> 00:06:33,370
you know there's just really cool thing

153
00:06:31,990 --> 00:06:36,848
that some people are doing and this was

154
00:06:33,370 --> 00:06:38,590
back at the end of 2004 and he had heard

155
00:06:36,848 --> 00:06:42,098
some tech podcast that he really

156
00:06:38,589 --> 00:06:43,719
respected and we thought you know it's

157
00:06:42,098 --> 00:06:46,060

something interesting to do that not a

158

00:06:43,720 --> 00:06:47,500

lot of people who are doing it sounded

159

00:06:46,060 --> 00:06:49,209

interesting to me but I couldn't imagine

160

00:06:47,500 --> 00:06:51,038

that it would be anything remotely

161

00:06:49,209 --> 00:06:52,689

entertaining to anybody else to listen

162

00:06:51,038 --> 00:06:54,818

to us top of that stuff well it's funny

163

00:06:52,689 --> 00:06:58,209

because I mean like you said about the I

164

00:06:54,819 --> 00:07:01,330

was a DJ well when this will be him down

165

00:06:58,209 --> 00:07:05,168

to vegas i was doing night shifts at the

166

00:07:01,329 --> 00:07:07,209

local alt rock station at night you know

167

00:07:05,168 --> 00:07:08,799

it was kind of fun now and then we get

168

00:07:07,209 --> 00:07:11,049

to like play whatever wanted to at night

169

00:07:08,800 --> 00:07:13,930

so that was kind of fun you know the

170

00:07:11,050 --> 00:07:15,759

boss is the boss people they don't stay

171

00:07:13,930 --> 00:07:17,740

up all night they go to bed because they

172
00:07:15,759 --> 00:07:19,419
have to do you know normal the hours so

173
00:07:17,740 --> 00:07:20,978
the duties got to do whatever they

174
00:07:19,418 --> 00:07:24,008
wanted and all my friends were actually

175
00:07:20,978 --> 00:07:26,889
on the radio too so you know it's like a

176
00:07:24,009 --> 00:07:29,229
radio culture at the time that I was

177
00:07:26,889 --> 00:07:32,918
involved wishes her BF it was involved

178
00:07:29,228 --> 00:07:35,139
with the two so it once podcasting came

179
00:07:32,918 --> 00:07:37,359
around I showed it to swoopy and like

180
00:07:35,139 --> 00:07:38,800
you remember when we used to play with

181
00:07:37,360 --> 00:07:40,569
up we wanted to play on the radio and

182
00:07:38,800 --> 00:07:42,430
there's things we really liked I mean we

183
00:07:40,569 --> 00:07:44,289
really like they skeptic magazine and

184
00:07:42,430 --> 00:07:46,840
things like that so it's actually sweepy

185
00:07:44,288 --> 00:07:48,759
they came to the name I guess it's a

186
00:07:46,839 --> 00:07:50,769
fabulous nothing I don't remember what

187
00:07:48,759 --> 00:07:53,680
you wanted to call it before and I just

188
00:07:50,769 --> 00:07:55,750
remember saying no not that about this

189
00:07:53,680 --> 00:07:57,340
and I don't I have no idea actually not

190
00:07:55,750 --> 00:07:59,468
that we try to figure out a name and

191
00:07:57,339 --> 00:08:02,500
then I came home from a business trip

192
00:07:59,468 --> 00:08:04,000
and it was on the whiteboard and I said

193
00:08:02,500 --> 00:08:06,310
what's this she gives its name of the

194
00:08:04,000 --> 00:08:08,288
show I said that's good with this well

195
00:08:06,310 --> 00:08:10,899
thankfully we did a google search and at

196
00:08:08,288 --> 00:08:12,788
that time except for people misspelling

197
00:08:10,899 --> 00:08:15,758
the words skeptically a couple of

198
00:08:12,788 --> 00:08:18,430
different times it wasn't anywhere so to

199
00:08:15,759 --> 00:08:21,009
who yeah results and they were both like

200

00:08:18,430 --> 00:08:23,019
just misspelling it was just a word so

201
00:08:21,009 --> 00:08:23,889
we were lucky there but and now it's

202
00:08:23,019 --> 00:08:25,359
like you know

203
00:08:23,889 --> 00:08:27,210
it's funny to see everything now to say

204
00:08:25,360 --> 00:08:30,610
the most part that's kind of our fault

205
00:08:27,209 --> 00:08:33,098
that's like almost everything with that

206
00:08:30,610 --> 00:08:35,829
epic ality name even if it's not our

207
00:08:33,099 --> 00:08:39,278
show but that word is our well it's a

208
00:08:35,828 --> 00:08:41,139
fabulous friend than you know so it

209
00:08:39,278 --> 00:08:44,139
looks like that everything seemed to

210
00:08:41,139 --> 00:08:46,269
have really happened around about 2005

211
00:08:44,139 --> 00:08:50,409
you got into podcasting around about

212
00:08:46,269 --> 00:08:52,839
2004 2005 people saying ok let's start

213
00:08:50,409 --> 00:08:54,610
getting more into dragoncon you've got

214
00:08:52,839 --> 00:08:56,350

the keynote address by Steve Jobs

215

00:08:54,610 --> 00:08:59,289

putting you into the top night that was

216

00:08:56,350 --> 00:09:02,589

at top 10 podcasts on iTunes at the time

217

00:08:59,289 --> 00:09:05,019

yeah and then on that same day Derek

218

00:09:02,589 --> 00:09:07,390

suffers an aneurysm and suddenly

219

00:09:05,019 --> 00:09:11,440

everything's into question was the

220

00:09:07,389 --> 00:09:13,269

podcast ever in question was it that you

221

00:09:11,440 --> 00:09:14,920

know at any point because it seemed to

222

00:09:13,269 --> 00:09:19,060

me that there was just this overwhelming

223

00:09:14,919 --> 00:09:22,240

sense of this will not stop us I think

224

00:09:19,059 --> 00:09:23,708

that's true um it was I didn't know what

225

00:09:22,240 --> 00:09:27,370

to make it actually I mean the day that

226

00:09:23,708 --> 00:09:29,379

that Derek had his his stroke and we

227

00:09:27,370 --> 00:09:31,600

were in the hospital waiting and trying

228

00:09:29,379 --> 00:09:33,009

to figure out what was going on talking

229
00:09:31,600 --> 00:09:35,019
to loved ones and friends and things

230
00:09:33,009 --> 00:09:37,629
like that and then we came home after

231
00:09:35,019 --> 00:09:40,328
being there what seemed like at a time

232
00:09:37,629 --> 00:09:42,189
and I just thought well gosh I need to

233
00:09:40,328 --> 00:09:43,539
tell people that this happened and for

234
00:09:42,190 --> 00:09:45,130
some reason i sat down at the microphone

235
00:09:43,539 --> 00:09:48,219
and I just said you know this is what

236
00:09:45,129 --> 00:09:50,198
has happened i don't think i don't know

237
00:09:48,220 --> 00:09:53,500
what's going to happen but but this is

238
00:09:50,198 --> 00:09:54,969
happening so this select I don't yeah I

239
00:09:53,500 --> 00:09:57,309
don't think there's a single person out

240
00:09:54,970 --> 00:10:00,550
there who has heard the episode called

241
00:09:57,309 --> 00:10:02,739
the message and yeah I still cut I still

242
00:10:00,549 --> 00:10:05,429
can't read listen to it it was just that

243
00:10:02,740 --> 00:10:05,430
overwhelming

244
00:10:07,799 --> 00:10:16,688
um this is Sophie and this is one of the

245
00:10:11,948 --> 00:10:20,948
things that um I really didn't want to

246
00:10:16,688 --> 00:10:24,129
do but I unfortunately have to just to

247
00:10:20,948 --> 00:10:26,229
let people know that skepticism isn't

248
00:10:24,129 --> 00:10:28,839
really going anywhere but we are going

249
00:10:26,230 --> 00:10:35,470
to be on a little bit of a hiatus for a

250
00:10:28,839 --> 00:10:38,500
little while Derek unfortunately he is

251
00:10:35,470 --> 00:10:39,879
in the hospital at this time uh he

252
00:10:38,500 --> 00:10:44,289
complained of a headache during dinner

253
00:10:39,879 --> 00:10:46,329
and then got physically sick and very

254
00:10:44,289 --> 00:10:49,059
quickly deteriorated but thankfully by

255
00:10:46,328 --> 00:10:55,179
that time he was nearly to the hospital

256
00:10:49,059 --> 00:10:57,698
where he was diagnosed with a VMA which

257

00:10:55,179 --> 00:11:00,849
loosely translated although not correct

258
00:10:57,698 --> 00:11:04,088
is somewhat like a brain aneurysm where

259
00:11:00,850 --> 00:11:06,639
he was bleeding into his brain he is in

260
00:11:04,089 --> 00:11:08,620
a coma right now but it is drug-induced

261
00:11:06,639 --> 00:11:13,259
as he is sedated and he is on a

262
00:11:08,620 --> 00:11:13,259
ventilator and he is in intensive care I

263
00:11:14,068 --> 00:11:19,509
yet people helped pick up the slack as

264
00:11:17,558 --> 00:11:21,789
well I noticed uh mean it was in fact

265
00:11:19,509 --> 00:11:23,470
the interview it was interview with

266
00:11:21,789 --> 00:11:24,789
Fraser Cain and Richard Saunders that

267
00:11:23,470 --> 00:11:27,370
introduced me to Richard Saunders

268
00:11:24,789 --> 00:11:30,730
funny enough Ronnie really yeah well I

269
00:11:27,370 --> 00:11:33,909
don't ya ya know all of it was amazing

270
00:11:30,730 --> 00:11:37,149
um the number of people who send email

271
00:11:33,909 --> 00:11:40,120

and supportive things and basically said

272

00:11:37,149 --> 00:11:42,250

you know anything you need you know we

273

00:11:40,120 --> 00:11:44,350

will do and that's when you know we

274

00:11:42,250 --> 00:11:49,000

started talking more with Daniel Loxton

275

00:11:44,350 --> 00:11:52,750

of skeptic magazine and him and Fraser

276

00:11:49,000 --> 00:11:55,179

Cain of Universe Today and and just all

277

00:11:52,750 --> 00:11:57,879

sorts of folks really stepped it up and

278

00:11:55,179 --> 00:12:00,188

they were a big big help to us during

279

00:11:57,879 --> 00:12:02,920

that time and and we just did what we

280

00:12:00,188 --> 00:12:03,938

could to that point and then when I was

281

00:12:02,919 --> 00:12:07,899

in a coma so I didn't have to do

282

00:12:03,938 --> 00:12:09,789

anything you know it so so at the time

283

00:12:07,899 --> 00:12:11,889

you know we had to slow down a little

284

00:12:09,789 --> 00:12:15,789

bit and really focus on his rehab and we

285

00:12:11,889 --> 00:12:19,778

had taken kind of a long hiatus when in

286
00:12:15,789 --> 00:12:21,759
the fall of 2006 Daniel Loxton contacted

287
00:12:19,778 --> 00:12:23,169
us again and I actually wasn't even here

288
00:12:21,759 --> 00:12:25,209
i was i was at my mother's house in

289
00:12:23,169 --> 00:12:26,620
seattle and Derek said skeptic magazine

290
00:12:25,208 --> 00:12:30,729
wants to know if you want to work with

291
00:12:26,620 --> 00:12:33,459
him Wow and I said oh gosh I don't know

292
00:12:30,730 --> 00:12:40,649
I may have to think about me and Daniel

293
00:12:33,458 --> 00:12:43,719
boxin were on msn the MSN chat thing and

294
00:12:40,649 --> 00:12:47,078
went back and forth now at this time I

295
00:12:43,720 --> 00:12:49,269
was still if he was even typing but no

296
00:12:47,078 --> 00:12:52,269
you were pretty well but piping I was ok

297
00:12:49,269 --> 00:12:54,850
with that we had you on msn typique one

298
00:12:52,269 --> 00:12:56,500
finger yeah because that's how I was

299
00:12:54,850 --> 00:12:58,540
being with my wife from the hospital

300
00:12:56,500 --> 00:13:00,789
board at home he would he would Peck and

301
00:12:58,539 --> 00:13:02,769
type in to his parents who were in New

302
00:13:00,789 --> 00:13:05,558
Jersey things like that I have someone I

303
00:13:02,769 --> 00:13:08,318
was old one saved my msn which is kind

304
00:13:05,558 --> 00:13:10,259
of interesting that some of them I came

305
00:13:08,318 --> 00:13:13,599
in understand what I was trying to type

306
00:13:10,259 --> 00:13:16,720
yeah Daniel was was really he was his

307
00:13:13,600 --> 00:13:18,550
whole idea and junior skeptic is just

308
00:13:16,720 --> 00:13:19,959
it's always been and lots of people say

309
00:13:18,549 --> 00:13:22,269
it's their favorite part of skeptic

310
00:13:19,958 --> 00:13:23,888
magazine um not that there's not a lot

311
00:13:22,269 --> 00:13:26,259
of other great content but it's so great

312
00:13:23,889 --> 00:13:28,120
to see how somebody approaches

313
00:13:26,259 --> 00:13:29,709
skepticism and critical thinking for

314

00:13:28,120 --> 00:13:31,629
kids because and as you know as an

315
00:13:29,708 --> 00:13:35,169
educator that's the most important thing

316
00:13:31,629 --> 00:13:37,720
to me yeah at dragoncon I had no less

317
00:13:35,169 --> 00:13:39,969
than like at least 20 or 30 people asked

318
00:13:37,720 --> 00:13:41,709
where Danny was they all thought he

319
00:13:39,970 --> 00:13:44,230
would be there much he'll be there in 20

320
00:13:41,708 --> 00:13:46,508
days yeah here he has his hotel room and

321
00:13:44,230 --> 00:13:48,519
everything is going not sure we give him

322
00:13:46,509 --> 00:13:50,709
all the credit toward hooking us up with

323
00:13:48,519 --> 00:13:52,870
skeptic and all the folks there Pat

324
00:13:50,708 --> 00:13:54,938
Lindsay and and of course dr. michael

325
00:13:52,870 --> 00:13:58,839
shermer have all been you know really

326
00:13:54,938 --> 00:14:00,698
great and supportive and it's gotten our

327
00:13:58,839 --> 00:14:02,529
name out to a lot of people who might

328
00:14:00,698 --> 00:14:04,028

not have even you know hadn't thought

329

00:14:02,528 --> 00:14:06,428

about listening to podcasts for one

330

00:14:04,028 --> 00:14:09,100

thing because their demographic is

331

00:14:06,428 --> 00:14:12,159

generally an older demographic and what

332

00:14:09,100 --> 00:14:13,990

we hope to do is to bring you know the

333

00:14:12,159 --> 00:14:15,639

younger folks that are listening to

334

00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:17,289

podcasts or were at the time I mean I

335

00:14:15,639 --> 00:14:19,058

think everybody's into podcasts now but

336

00:14:17,289 --> 00:14:21,519

and that's really come a long way in the

337

00:14:19,058 --> 00:14:23,409

last day of two to three years but to

338

00:14:21,519 --> 00:14:26,198

get that younger demographic into

339

00:14:23,409 --> 00:14:28,298

breeding skeptic and to maybe you know

340

00:14:26,198 --> 00:14:29,079

show that older demographic that there's

341

00:14:28,298 --> 00:14:30,730

a lot

342

00:14:29,080 --> 00:14:32,200

lot of information out there in places

343
00:14:30,730 --> 00:14:34,029
that they might not have been looking

344
00:14:32,200 --> 00:14:36,009
for it and of course there's lots of

345
00:14:34,029 --> 00:14:37,870
other great skeptic podcasts out there

346
00:14:36,009 --> 00:14:41,980
you know skeptics guide to the universe

347
00:14:37,870 --> 00:14:44,769
and there's NeNe and Thomas over at one

348
00:14:41,980 --> 00:14:47,529
point of inquiry and so the fact that

349
00:14:44,769 --> 00:14:50,409
skipped akala T is involved in Dragon

350
00:14:47,529 --> 00:14:52,179
Con at all is just completely an ugly

351
00:14:50,409 --> 00:14:54,549
groundbreaking the idea that someone

352
00:14:52,179 --> 00:14:56,199
could move it out from a skeptic

353
00:14:54,549 --> 00:14:58,179
conference and say right that's it let's

354
00:14:56,200 --> 00:15:02,440
get it out to the people how did this

355
00:14:58,179 --> 00:15:04,779
occur oh dude long story well not it's

356
00:15:02,440 --> 00:15:06,910
not that complicated um Derek had been

357
00:15:04,779 --> 00:15:08,259
attending dragoncon before I moved to

358
00:15:06,909 --> 00:15:11,439
Atlanta because it's an atlanta-based

359
00:15:08,259 --> 00:15:13,960
conference and it's it's a huge sci-fi

360
00:15:11,440 --> 00:15:16,870
con but to another extent it's a culture

361
00:15:13,960 --> 00:15:21,400
con because Greg Khan's been around for

362
00:15:16,870 --> 00:15:23,200
25 years what yeah 24 come this year 20

363
00:15:21,399 --> 00:15:26,379
degree left oh is that what it is and

364
00:15:23,200 --> 00:15:27,610
it's um they have a whole section for

365
00:15:26,379 --> 00:15:30,370
science and they have a whole section

366
00:15:27,610 --> 00:15:32,470
for robotics and count minerals of

367
00:15:30,370 --> 00:15:34,060
people for all sorts of great things

368
00:15:32,470 --> 00:15:37,060
there's a whole space track and they

369
00:15:34,059 --> 00:15:38,799
have our telescopes and I mean there's

370
00:15:37,059 --> 00:15:40,389
everything that I mean if you're if

371

00:15:38,799 --> 00:15:42,370
you're a Dungeons and Dragons loving

372
00:15:40,389 --> 00:15:43,929
geek or if you are a star trek person or

373
00:15:42,370 --> 00:15:45,759
there's plenty of that but there's also

374
00:15:43,929 --> 00:15:47,979
stuff people go there just for the

375
00:15:45,759 --> 00:15:49,840
science and all of those are great

376
00:15:47,980 --> 00:15:51,519
things apart from that and then you can

377
00:15:49,840 --> 00:15:53,590
go have your fun and hang out with Dr

378
00:15:51,519 --> 00:15:56,110
Who people but then you can go to some

379
00:15:53,590 --> 00:15:59,800
really awesome science and so podcasting

380
00:15:56,110 --> 00:16:03,159
as a technology was becoming popular and

381
00:15:59,799 --> 00:16:05,919
I guess it was a Muslim in 2005 yeah the

382
00:16:03,159 --> 00:16:08,319
sci-fi fantasy author tracy hickman is a

383
00:16:05,919 --> 00:16:11,620
good friend of Dragon Con and he

384
00:16:08,320 --> 00:16:13,540
recommended us to start doing a

385
00:16:11,620 --> 00:16:16,419

podcasting programming track the Dragon

386

00:16:13,539 --> 00:16:18,159

Con and we said we'd do it and that was

387

00:16:16,419 --> 00:16:21,939

that was great and the podcasting track

388

00:16:18,159 --> 00:16:24,429

is in it it was its third year ago this

389

00:16:21,940 --> 00:16:26,410

past Dragon Con and that's been going

390

00:16:24,429 --> 00:16:28,659

well but because we had so many great

391

00:16:26,409 --> 00:16:30,879

podcasters and friends who were skeptics

392

00:16:28,659 --> 00:16:32,620

and you know our love is Memphis ism and

393

00:16:30,879 --> 00:16:35,470

science we thought it would be a really

394

00:16:32,620 --> 00:16:37,240

good fit for dragon konnen we just

395

00:16:35,470 --> 00:16:40,139

started pushing that

396

00:16:37,240 --> 00:16:44,350

after we had the podcasting track in

397

00:16:40,139 --> 00:16:46,689

2006-2007 I asked schirmer to come and

398

00:16:44,350 --> 00:16:48,040

Ben Radford to come and full plate to

399

00:16:46,690 --> 00:16:49,779

come well he'll plated already been

400
00:16:48,039 --> 00:16:52,059
attending dragon on and loving it and so

401
00:16:49,778 --> 00:16:54,338
it made sense you know why not why not

402
00:16:52,059 --> 00:16:56,979
push for it and since I had done well

403
00:16:54,339 --> 00:16:58,510
with the podcast attract go then in 2007

404
00:16:56,980 --> 00:17:01,149
we had like four or five of the big-name

405
00:16:58,509 --> 00:17:04,328
skeptics now the first tunnel of the

406
00:17:01,149 --> 00:17:07,568
entire day was ahead schirmer and

407
00:17:04,328 --> 00:17:10,899
Radford and Jeff lag and hopefully and

408
00:17:07,568 --> 00:17:14,709
yeah and like that one room little tiny

409
00:17:10,900 --> 00:17:17,740
room was so packed that like it was nuts

410
00:17:14,709 --> 00:17:20,318
and then the next year Pat the guy who

411
00:17:17,740 --> 00:17:22,359
runs the entire convention he asked me

412
00:17:20,318 --> 00:17:25,230
do you think we need like a whole

413
00:17:22,359 --> 00:17:27,549
skeptic track it said well well yeah

414
00:17:25,230 --> 00:17:29,740
definitely i said i bet we could fill it

415
00:17:27,549 --> 00:17:33,220
and next thing we know he said yeah okay

416
00:17:29,740 --> 00:17:34,720
and then he put me in charge of that one

417
00:17:33,220 --> 00:17:36,579
and left's will be in charge of the

418
00:17:34,720 --> 00:17:38,140
podcasting is that that's not a big

419
00:17:36,579 --> 00:17:40,178
problem we'll just make sure that space

420
00:17:38,140 --> 00:17:41,890
science podcasting skeptics are right

421
00:17:40,179 --> 00:17:43,960
near each other and we just do it that

422
00:17:41,890 --> 00:17:46,210
way so that's why this year we had

423
00:17:43,960 --> 00:17:47,769
skeptics and I've already been told that

424
00:17:46,210 --> 00:17:49,990
next year we have a bigger room because

425
00:17:47,769 --> 00:17:52,960
our room was not big enough Frank Tom

426
00:17:49,990 --> 00:17:55,480
terms our room for pie for the skeptic

427
00:17:52,960 --> 00:17:57,670
stuff was pretty big Wow yeah we did

428

00:17:55,480 --> 00:17:58,808
really well Derek did an amazing job and

429
00:17:57,670 --> 00:18:00,279
I can't believe that there are crazy

430
00:17:58,808 --> 00:18:03,819
people that came from as far away as

431
00:18:00,279 --> 00:18:05,769
Australia yeah whit we're just not as

432
00:18:03,819 --> 00:18:08,200
it's an Australian thing I mean but you

433
00:18:05,769 --> 00:18:09,549
could go to Antarctica to the Arctic and

434
00:18:08,200 --> 00:18:11,140
there'll be some Australian wandering

435
00:18:09,549 --> 00:18:13,029
around there taking photos we just

436
00:18:11,140 --> 00:18:16,630
notice it the thing is even before you

437
00:18:13,029 --> 00:18:18,579
guys can always seemed like every third

438
00:18:16,630 --> 00:18:20,230
or fourth person I met a drank on most

439
00:18:18,579 --> 00:18:22,210
from Australia so it's kind of weird

440
00:18:20,230 --> 00:18:24,549
that way our good friend philip he lives

441
00:18:22,210 --> 00:18:26,558
in australia and he always sends us all

442
00:18:24,549 --> 00:18:27,940

sorts of evil candies and he's been to

443

00:18:26,558 --> 00:18:30,039

dragoncon a couple of times and this

444

00:18:27,940 --> 00:18:32,830

time couldn't come but he did just a

445

00:18:30,039 --> 00:18:35,859

lion bag a big box of violet crumbles

446

00:18:32,829 --> 00:18:37,629

and macarthur lasers and minties and we

447

00:18:35,859 --> 00:18:39,669

had to I had to get them out of the

448

00:18:37,630 --> 00:18:42,070

house and they're all of our friends the

449

00:18:39,670 --> 00:18:44,170

time for these oh wait to visit Nana pop

450

00:18:42,069 --> 00:18:46,299

because we're like if we have this giant

451

00:18:44,170 --> 00:18:47,490

box of giant Australian candy here we're

452

00:18:46,299 --> 00:18:49,470

going to eat it

453

00:18:47,490 --> 00:18:51,450

we'll have to see if we can manage to

454

00:18:49,470 --> 00:18:53,819

coordinate something then do a trade off

455

00:18:51,450 --> 00:18:55,140

with Australian Molly's and an American

456

00:18:53,819 --> 00:18:57,210

candy or something like that although we

457
00:18:55,140 --> 00:18:58,950
seen him manage to cause a bit of a

458
00:18:57,210 --> 00:19:00,779
scandal last time at dragoncon by

459
00:18:58,950 --> 00:19:04,140
torturing as many people as we could

460
00:19:00,779 --> 00:19:06,240
with them must stick so I recall those

461
00:19:04,140 --> 00:19:08,250
our mentees people love them out omit

462
00:19:06,240 --> 00:19:10,410
the musk sticks though that that Richard

463
00:19:08,250 --> 00:19:13,740
yeah trying to dare people to eat them I

464
00:19:10,410 --> 00:19:16,140
never did try one what we gonna have to

465
00:19:13,740 --> 00:19:18,960
send you something no oh well Cooper I

466
00:19:16,140 --> 00:19:20,429
smelled then they smell very lovely if

467
00:19:18,960 --> 00:19:22,769
they were perfume I would want to wear

468
00:19:20,429 --> 00:19:24,960
them but I'm not sure one of the torture

469
00:19:22,769 --> 00:19:26,759
devices I remember doing the same with

470
00:19:24,960 --> 00:19:28,529
Vegemite Vegemite is one good way to

471
00:19:26,759 --> 00:19:31,619
make Americans completely enough way

472
00:19:28,529 --> 00:19:32,910
freaked out well it's so much fun

473
00:19:31,619 --> 00:19:35,250
because a lot of my friends who are

474
00:19:32,910 --> 00:19:37,769
podcasters like in the sci-fi portion or

475
00:19:35,250 --> 00:19:39,960
who are podcasting authors hung out with

476
00:19:37,769 --> 00:19:41,429
a lot of the skeptics and so now I get

477
00:19:39,960 --> 00:19:43,710
to read about my podcasting friends

478
00:19:41,429 --> 00:19:46,080
having parties with skeptics and things

479
00:19:43,710 --> 00:19:47,579
like that and it is it's really great I

480
00:19:46,079 --> 00:19:49,769
in fact there's some people that I know

481
00:19:47,579 --> 00:19:51,689
we're pretty much into the woo and I

482
00:19:49,769 --> 00:19:54,539
think they've heard around been with the

483
00:19:51,690 --> 00:19:57,360
skeptics now I think we helped change in

484
00:19:54,539 --> 00:20:00,178
people yeah there are five icons

485

00:19:57,359 --> 00:20:01,949
everywhere and if you start as a

486
00:20:00,179 --> 00:20:03,960
volunteer and get involved I mean if you

487
00:20:01,950 --> 00:20:06,870
want to see skepticism you know at your

488
00:20:03,960 --> 00:20:09,299
local nerd con I think you can put it in

489
00:20:06,869 --> 00:20:10,859
there you just you just have to get

490
00:20:09,299 --> 00:20:12,990
yourself in there and and prove that

491
00:20:10,859 --> 00:20:13,919
there's an audience for it which you

492
00:20:12,990 --> 00:20:15,929
know with all of the networking

493
00:20:13,920 --> 00:20:18,509
resources you have you just tell people

494
00:20:15,929 --> 00:20:20,130
hey you know such and such is going to

495
00:20:18,509 --> 00:20:22,799
come and give a talk here at this place

496
00:20:20,130 --> 00:20:24,780
everybody come and support it you know

497
00:20:22,799 --> 00:20:27,450
they will and it will it will prove it

498
00:20:24,779 --> 00:20:29,460
because we had no idea how many people

499
00:20:27,450 --> 00:20:31,769

were going to come to dragoncon to see

500

00:20:29,460 --> 00:20:33,569

the skeptics and it's astounding or we

501

00:20:31,769 --> 00:20:35,849

were shocked people from all walks of

502

00:20:33,569 --> 00:20:38,579

life and it was great when James Randi

503

00:20:35,849 --> 00:20:40,889

he had an interview about I'm one of the

504

00:20:38,579 --> 00:20:42,569

magic podcast and he had just gotten

505

00:20:40,890 --> 00:20:44,580

back from dragoncon and he was talking

506

00:20:42,569 --> 00:20:47,129

about the diversity of people that he

507

00:20:44,579 --> 00:20:48,629

saw was really yeah he loved it that

508

00:20:47,130 --> 00:20:50,520

there were folks in wheelchairs and

509

00:20:48,630 --> 00:20:52,800

there were people of all shapes and

510

00:20:50,519 --> 00:20:55,799

sizes career with disabilities and other

511

00:20:52,799 --> 00:20:58,619

babies are and and nobody all of these

512

00:20:55,799 --> 00:21:01,019

misfit people they all belong

513

00:20:58,619 --> 00:21:04,289

and and that's just the greatest thing

514
00:21:01,019 --> 00:21:06,869
is there's no judgment it's just a great

515
00:21:04,289 --> 00:21:08,759
place for everybody to come and get

516
00:21:06,869 --> 00:21:11,099
together on these topics that they you

517
00:21:08,759 --> 00:21:13,349
know they all agree on and it's very

518
00:21:11,099 --> 00:21:16,019
tactile there it's very tangible you're

519
00:21:13,349 --> 00:21:18,419
able to talk to people on a level that

520
00:21:16,019 --> 00:21:20,789
you can't at a lot of different events

521
00:21:18,420 --> 00:21:22,680
and so you know it's amounts to hang out

522
00:21:20,789 --> 00:21:25,409
with James Randi and watch him do you

523
00:21:22,680 --> 00:21:28,170
know close-up magic I mean it's it's

524
00:21:25,410 --> 00:21:29,970
doable yeah it was so awesome I think

525
00:21:28,170 --> 00:21:32,850
that goes back again to activism to

526
00:21:29,970 --> 00:21:35,339
where it helps to put the human face on

527
00:21:32,849 --> 00:21:38,250
something a lot of people brand is being

528
00:21:35,339 --> 00:21:40,169
quite cynical and you know it goes to

529
00:21:38,250 --> 00:21:42,359
show you know we're not all that

530
00:21:40,170 --> 00:21:44,610
different there are there's commonality

531
00:21:42,359 --> 00:21:47,039
we're all searching for truths and

532
00:21:44,609 --> 00:21:48,869
evidence and so you know putting a more

533
00:21:47,039 --> 00:21:51,690
human face on something that you know

534
00:21:48,869 --> 00:21:54,419
people tend to decry is always a great

535
00:21:51,690 --> 00:21:57,779
thing to go yeah improve our many peps

536
00:21:54,420 --> 00:22:01,080
alone among the public for sure and this

537
00:21:57,779 --> 00:22:05,339
year we had the Jeff mid-calf memorial

538
00:22:01,079 --> 00:22:07,500
panel we did we had opportunities to

539
00:22:05,339 --> 00:22:09,119
have people from overseas come and talk

540
00:22:07,500 --> 00:22:10,799
which the skeptics I was extremely

541
00:22:09,119 --> 00:22:14,759
grateful for we had the opportunity to

542

00:22:10,799 --> 00:22:16,200
relaunch our show what will 2009 hold

543
00:22:14,759 --> 00:22:18,089
for us we will you have more

544
00:22:16,200 --> 00:22:20,610
opportunities for kid friendly shows I

545
00:22:18,089 --> 00:22:22,379
know that there was a certain amount of

546
00:22:20,609 --> 00:22:24,439
muttering in the audience about let's

547
00:22:22,380 --> 00:22:28,020
get more kids in let's have more family

548
00:22:24,440 --> 00:22:30,120
opportunities I be exactly that last

549
00:22:28,019 --> 00:22:32,789
comment you said is definitely true

550
00:22:30,119 --> 00:22:34,859
because I had a lot of parents come up

551
00:22:32,789 --> 00:22:37,319
to me and he said can you have at least

552
00:22:34,859 --> 00:22:40,439
one or two things next year for kids or

553
00:22:37,319 --> 00:22:42,089
talk about you know educating kids and I

554
00:22:40,440 --> 00:22:45,120
want to make sure we have that next year

555
00:22:42,089 --> 00:22:46,889
and also I want to continue the Jeff

556
00:22:45,119 --> 00:22:49,649

Maggio madcap thing because it's a very

557

00:22:46,890 --> 00:22:51,240

important and you know it's so sadly to

558

00:22:49,650 --> 00:22:56,160

make it cuz he was really excited to

559

00:22:51,240 --> 00:22:58,980

come chill plate is now the head guy at

560

00:22:56,160 --> 00:23:00,509

the JR effing and he's always having

561

00:22:58,980 --> 00:23:03,720

great ideas about new things to do in

562

00:23:00,509 --> 00:23:05,490

education is a big part of his agenda so

563

00:23:03,720 --> 00:23:07,140

between him and Daniel Loxton I'm sure

564

00:23:05,490 --> 00:23:09,929

that there will be some more

565

00:23:07,140 --> 00:23:11,490

opportunities for junior skeptics and

566

00:23:09,929 --> 00:23:13,769

younger people to get involved

567

00:23:11,490 --> 00:23:17,069

and do things like that so that would be

568

00:23:13,769 --> 00:23:19,558

great too you know I don't know our

569

00:23:17,069 --> 00:23:21,058

first meeting for dragoncon is just

570

00:23:19,558 --> 00:23:24,420

after the first of the year with the

571
00:23:21,058 --> 00:23:27,058
first week of drummer yeah yeah and so

572
00:23:24,420 --> 00:23:30,300
that's when it starts rolling and the

573
00:23:27,058 --> 00:23:33,450
thing is to basically whatever anybody

574
00:23:30,299 --> 00:23:36,659
wants to have I mean it can be kind of a

575
00:23:33,450 --> 00:23:39,569
group say I mean you can go and find out

576
00:23:36,660 --> 00:23:43,259
more about things at is it's kept track

577
00:23:39,569 --> 00:23:44,700
dot o RG yeah online and we have forums

578
00:23:43,259 --> 00:23:46,650
and stuff there and people can suggest

579
00:23:44,700 --> 00:23:48,720
things that they like to see and if

580
00:23:46,650 --> 00:23:51,390
there's an overwhelming desire for one

581
00:23:48,720 --> 00:23:53,429
thing or another or one kind of speaker

582
00:23:51,390 --> 00:23:55,140
or another or if somebody really you

583
00:23:53,429 --> 00:23:57,300
know wants to do something that we

584
00:23:55,140 --> 00:23:59,100
haven't done before I think I think

585
00:23:57,299 --> 00:24:03,839
we're up for anything so people should

586
00:23:59,099 --> 00:24:06,569
should log on and suggest stuff for 2009

587
00:24:03,839 --> 00:24:09,000
because it's not too soon oh no one

588
00:24:06,569 --> 00:24:11,730
skeptical and authors and folks who want

589
00:24:09,000 --> 00:24:15,390
to sign up for the guest application you

590
00:24:11,730 --> 00:24:17,220
can go to dragoncon or RG and the guest

591
00:24:15,390 --> 00:24:19,980
application is already available to fill

592
00:24:17,220 --> 00:24:22,289
out for next year I know at least of two

593
00:24:19,980 --> 00:24:25,349
other conventions now her doing it this

594
00:24:22,289 --> 00:24:28,409
coming year icon which I think is up in

595
00:24:25,349 --> 00:24:31,049
New York are doing like a skeptic not

596
00:24:28,410 --> 00:24:33,900
like a whole track my icons don't have

597
00:24:31,049 --> 00:24:36,899
tracks but they have a vent the complete

598
00:24:33,900 --> 00:24:39,420
skeptical events at icon I know because

599

00:24:36,900 --> 00:24:41,790
they asked brian and done de brian

600
00:24:39,420 --> 00:24:46,110
dunning to go there with a bunch of the

601
00:24:41,789 --> 00:24:49,230
skip skip ecology people stepped on yeah

602
00:24:46,109 --> 00:24:52,259
and then i know it baltistan which is

603
00:24:49,230 --> 00:24:55,019
another sci-fi con vert a smaller con

604
00:24:52,259 --> 00:24:58,920
but they're doing some skeptics up to Oh

605
00:24:55,019 --> 00:25:00,329
awesome yeah no 17 I mean basically and

606
00:24:58,920 --> 00:25:03,210
if anyone wants to find out more about

607
00:25:00,329 --> 00:25:05,939
like how to you know try and pitch it to

608
00:25:03,210 --> 00:25:08,460
your local convention you know shoot us

609
00:25:05,940 --> 00:25:10,830
an email those were working to have

610
00:25:08,460 --> 00:25:13,410
everybody you know infiltrate their

611
00:25:10,829 --> 00:25:17,129
local cons with with science and skeptic

612
00:25:13,410 --> 00:25:19,110
content because I I think it fits so

613
00:25:17,130 --> 00:25:20,790

well that there's you know there's no

614

00:25:19,109 --> 00:25:22,589

science fiction without science in it

615

00:25:20,789 --> 00:25:24,539

and so there's really nothing that

616

00:25:22,589 --> 00:25:26,159

anybody can say that it says it does

617

00:25:24,539 --> 00:25:29,009

along there yeah expect a lot of

618

00:25:26,160 --> 00:25:32,400

conventions have like some spit or some

619

00:25:29,009 --> 00:25:35,670

science or space science type events and

620

00:25:32,400 --> 00:25:38,130

you know epic stuff basis basically fits

621

00:25:35,670 --> 00:25:40,019

into that perfectly so dad Randy had a

622

00:25:38,130 --> 00:25:42,510

blast I saw him but like throwing the

623

00:25:40,019 --> 00:25:45,029

last day out and down in the lobby where

624

00:25:42,509 --> 00:25:48,000

I was getting my breakfast at the little

625

00:25:45,029 --> 00:25:51,329

cafe place and I said hey James are you

626

00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:53,519

doing he's like I have a good time yeah

627

00:25:51,329 --> 00:25:54,659

it's just such a sweet man he's like

628
00:25:53,519 --> 00:25:56,849
this like the best thing ever and then

629
00:25:54,660 --> 00:25:58,740
on the last day for remember that what

630
00:25:56,849 --> 00:26:01,289
he said about is like no I definitely

631
00:25:58,740 --> 00:26:02,700
have to come back yeah like yeah yeah I

632
00:26:01,289 --> 00:26:05,129
think we were we were just really

633
00:26:02,700 --> 00:26:07,319
pleased that he had such a wonderful

634
00:26:05,130 --> 00:26:09,030
time oh he had a blast that I heard it

635
00:26:07,319 --> 00:26:12,089
from independent sources and stuff just

636
00:26:09,029 --> 00:26:14,279
you know I mean and Kylie can relay I've

637
00:26:12,089 --> 00:26:17,009
told will be a couple times like on the

638
00:26:14,279 --> 00:26:19,619
last day jammed Rani was so happy and so

639
00:26:17,009 --> 00:26:21,779
spry I was worried about him cuz he was

640
00:26:19,619 --> 00:26:26,639
like jumping over little gaps and not

641
00:26:21,779 --> 00:26:28,859
like like okay gene slow down don't

642
00:26:26,640 --> 00:26:30,660
don't trip though cuz he was like he

643
00:26:28,859 --> 00:26:32,729
dropped over like things he wouldn't

644
00:26:30,660 --> 00:26:34,800
like he's in a rush they not only rush

645
00:26:32,730 --> 00:26:36,839
but he was just excited he was like this

646
00:26:34,799 --> 00:26:38,849
running around it oh yeah and what other

647
00:26:36,839 --> 00:26:40,409
conference can you have where he's like

648
00:26:38,849 --> 00:26:42,029
sitting in the audience and you walk out

649
00:26:40,410 --> 00:26:43,650
to him so you know you should be on this

650
00:26:42,029 --> 00:26:46,889
panel and he gets up and he walks onto

651
00:26:43,650 --> 00:26:49,590
our panel at join z yeah I know oh yeah

652
00:26:46,890 --> 00:26:52,230
my mom oh it's like a pig I do not want

653
00:26:49,589 --> 00:26:55,230
to be the person running the event where

654
00:26:52,230 --> 00:26:57,960
james randi gets excited and then fall I

655
00:26:55,230 --> 00:27:00,180
don't be that kind I was like what my

656

00:26:57,960 --> 00:27:05,670
last days okay chief let's be a little

657
00:27:00,180 --> 00:27:09,299
easy now I'm fine oh no you could not

658
00:27:05,670 --> 00:27:10,920
you so happy having fun oh I guess

659
00:27:09,299 --> 00:27:13,069
that's a spirit or dragon come you can

660
00:27:10,920 --> 00:27:15,029
keep any understanding just going back

661
00:27:13,069 --> 00:27:17,549
okay and then you have to go home and

662
00:27:15,029 --> 00:27:19,769
sleep for a week dragoncon to me is what

663
00:27:17,549 --> 00:27:21,960
is the neg Holly I know it's coming on

664
00:27:19,769 --> 00:27:23,789
Christmas I like Christmas but mean

665
00:27:21,960 --> 00:27:27,930
drank on to me is the real curve

666
00:27:23,789 --> 00:27:30,059
dragoncon is Derek's favorite host pick

667
00:27:27,930 --> 00:27:32,180
up the end during the entire time but

668
00:27:30,059 --> 00:27:33,700
I'm having a blast happy dragon yeah

669
00:27:32,180 --> 00:27:37,630
yeah

670
00:27:33,700 --> 00:27:39,100

I'll talk to you soon but definitely and

671

00:27:37,630 --> 00:27:42,278

brilliant holidays to you guys we're

672

00:27:39,099 --> 00:27:43,990

taking it here by pilot bar many thanks

673

00:27:42,278 --> 00:27:46,509

to Derek and Scooby for talking to us

674

00:27:43,990 --> 00:27:48,370

during a very busy time of the year you

675

00:27:46,509 --> 00:27:52,778

can find out more about skeptic allottee

676

00:27:48,369 --> 00:27:55,449

by heading to their website at wwc kept

677

00:27:52,778 --> 00:27:58,028

akala tecom and if you'd like to know

678

00:27:55,450 --> 00:27:59,769

more about Dragon Con we're both Derek

679

00:27:58,028 --> 00:28:02,950

and swoopy are responsible for directing

680

00:27:59,769 --> 00:28:08,429

their skeptic and podcasting tracks you

681

00:28:02,950 --> 00:28:10,450

can head to the website at ww.com org

682

00:28:08,429 --> 00:28:13,179

skeptic zone will once again be

683

00:28:10,450 --> 00:28:16,350

appearing as they did in 2008 and we

684

00:28:13,179 --> 00:28:16,350

look forward to seeing you all there

685
00:28:29,169 --> 00:28:35,840
hi I'm dr. ginger Campbell I started the

686
00:28:32,779 --> 00:28:38,450
brain science podcast in December 2006

687
00:28:35,839 --> 00:28:40,879
with the tagline the show for everyone

688
00:28:38,450 --> 00:28:44,750
who has a brain because you don't need a

689
00:28:40,880 --> 00:28:48,110
PhD to enjoy my podcast all you need is

690
00:28:44,750 --> 00:28:50,960
curiosity about how our brains make us

691
00:28:48,109 --> 00:28:53,928
who we are the brain science podcast is

692
00:28:50,960 --> 00:28:56,390
not a self-help show but understanding

693
00:28:53,929 --> 00:28:59,480
how the brain works will give you useful

694
00:28:56,390 --> 00:29:02,390
insights into your own behavior and the

695
00:28:59,480 --> 00:29:04,250
behavior of others on the show I talk

696
00:29:02,390 --> 00:29:07,210
about the latest books about the brain

697
00:29:04,250 --> 00:29:09,650
and I interview leading scientists of

698
00:29:07,210 --> 00:29:12,470
course I would love to be discovered by

699
00:29:09,650 --> 00:29:15,620
NPR but until then you can find the

700
00:29:12,470 --> 00:29:19,870
brain science podcast in iTunes and at

701
00:29:15,619 --> 00:29:19,869
brain science podcast com

702
00:29:25,519 --> 00:29:31,940
and now we come to our reading from the

703
00:29:29,579 --> 00:29:37,319
latest issue of the skeptic magazine

704
00:29:31,940 --> 00:29:41,009
that's a volume 28 number four page

705
00:29:37,319 --> 00:29:43,589
eight murder for entertainment and

706
00:29:41,009 --> 00:29:46,440
profit and this is a story written by

707
00:29:43,589 --> 00:29:49,259
Bret Christian who is a longtime skeptic

708
00:29:46,440 --> 00:29:51,570
and the publisher and editor of the post

709
00:29:49,259 --> 00:29:56,009
group of suburban newspapers in Perth

710
00:29:51,569 --> 00:29:59,279
Western Australia exposing psychics

711
00:29:56,009 --> 00:30:01,879
scandalous disregard for the feelings of

712
00:29:59,279 --> 00:30:01,879
victims

713

00:30:05,430 --> 00:30:11,519
murder for entertainment and profit few

714
00:30:09,509 --> 00:30:14,039
real-life murder mysteries have captured

715
00:30:11,519 --> 00:30:16,710
the public imagination as have perfs

716
00:30:14,039 --> 00:30:18,990
so-called clermont serial killings a

717
00:30:16,710 --> 00:30:21,329
series of abductions and murders of

718
00:30:18,990 --> 00:30:24,289
three young blonde women last seen

719
00:30:21,329 --> 00:30:29,220
leaving up-market suburban nightspots in

720
00:30:24,289 --> 00:30:32,519
1996 and 1997 the crimes caused untold

721
00:30:29,220 --> 00:30:35,250
grief for those left behind 11 years

722
00:30:32,519 --> 00:30:37,549
later the unsolved cases still inspire

723
00:30:35,250 --> 00:30:40,200
waves of media publicity and

724
00:30:37,549 --> 00:30:42,210
recreations unscrupulous psychics

725
00:30:40,200 --> 00:30:45,569
have made the crimes their own hunting

726
00:30:42,210 --> 00:30:49,500
ground so much so that on September the

727
00:30:45,569 --> 00:30:52,139

27th 2008 three psychics decided to join

728

00:30:49,500 --> 00:30:54,990

forces to capitalize on public fear and

729

00:30:52,140 --> 00:30:57,450

curiosity for entertainment and profit

730

00:30:54,990 --> 00:30:59,579

for good measure they threw in the names

731

00:30:57,450 --> 00:31:01,740

of a couple of other young women who had

732

00:30:59,579 --> 00:31:04,710

disappeared in Western Australia over

733

00:31:01,740 --> 00:31:07,680

the past 20 years what they evidently

734

00:31:04,710 --> 00:31:09,809

forgot or didn't care about was that

735

00:31:07,680 --> 00:31:12,390

standing behind each young woman whose

736

00:31:09,809 --> 00:31:14,399

name they hyped was a legion of family

737

00:31:12,390 --> 00:31:16,590

and friends who found distressing this

738

00:31:14,400 --> 00:31:19,259

attention at the level of a carnival

739

00:31:16,589 --> 00:31:21,779

sideshow the so-called psychics familiar

740

00:31:19,259 --> 00:31:25,349

to many skeptics melodramatically named

741

00:31:21,779 --> 00:31:27,930

themselves the psychic task force they

742
00:31:25,349 --> 00:31:29,730
were Scott Russell Hill who modestly

743
00:31:27,930 --> 00:31:32,789
bills himself as the world's most

744
00:31:29,730 --> 00:31:36,360
accurate psychic ghost whisperer Anthony

745
00:31:32,789 --> 00:31:39,180
grisel Kerr and spirit medium Deb Malone

746
00:31:36,359 --> 00:31:41,159
who is regularly gifted credibility with

747
00:31:39,180 --> 00:31:43,289
invitations to appear on high rating

748
00:31:41,160 --> 00:31:46,019
television programs such as Channel

749
00:31:43,289 --> 00:31:48,539
Seven's sunrise the psychic task force

750
00:31:46,019 --> 00:31:51,000
members promised to use their combined

751
00:31:48,539 --> 00:31:53,730
paranormal powers for a live

752
00:31:51,000 --> 00:31:55,890
investigation into the clermont serial

753
00:31:53,730 --> 00:31:57,930
killings bait that was apparently

754
00:31:55,890 --> 00:32:01,440
irresistible for the mostly young

755
00:31:57,930 --> 00:32:05,009
audience that filled the 2300 capacity

756
00:32:01,440 --> 00:32:06,450
burswood casino theatre twice over at a

757
00:32:05,009 --> 00:32:09,089
ticket price of a hundred and

758
00:32:06,450 --> 00:32:12,029
thirty-five dollars ahead listeners to

759
00:32:09,089 --> 00:32:14,250
pervs local nova radio station could not

760
00:32:12,029 --> 00:32:16,980
swipe their credit cards fast enough

761
00:32:14,250 --> 00:32:18,118
after Scott Russell Hill of sensing

762
00:32:16,980 --> 00:32:20,219
murder Fame

763
00:32:18,118 --> 00:32:22,228
former radio jock went on air to

764
00:32:20,219 --> 00:32:24,629
demonstrate his so-called powers and

765
00:32:22,229 --> 00:32:28,038
sweep this vast audience towards the

766
00:32:24,628 --> 00:32:31,948
burswood on a crest of his psychic wave

767
00:32:28,038 --> 00:32:34,408
email campaign after the state show

768
00:32:31,949 --> 00:32:36,989
along an excitable anonymous email

769
00:32:34,409 --> 00:32:39,299
spread like wildfire through western

770

00:32:36,989 --> 00:32:41,308
australia's vast internet social network

771
00:32:39,298 --> 00:32:43,318
it warned young women to be on the

772
00:32:41,308 --> 00:32:45,928
lookout for a man who's identical

773
00:32:43,318 --> 00:32:48,449
allegedly unfolded on stage from the

774
00:32:45,929 --> 00:32:50,609
visions of the psychic task force his

775
00:32:48,449 --> 00:32:52,709
image projected onto a big screen while

776
00:32:50,608 --> 00:32:55,078
the task force sat beneath the picture

777
00:32:52,709 --> 00:32:57,058
churning out and greyfax that police

778
00:32:55,078 --> 00:32:58,678
running australia's most extensive

779
00:32:57,058 --> 00:33:01,168
murder investigation had failed to

780
00:32:58,679 --> 00:33:03,298
uncover the success with which this

781
00:33:01,169 --> 00:33:06,119
hokey act preyed on the fears and

782
00:33:03,298 --> 00:33:08,098
gullibility of its audience jumps off

783
00:33:06,118 --> 00:33:09,778
the computer screen they depressingly

784
00:33:08,098 --> 00:33:12,808

show that skeptics still have a lot of

785

00:33:09,778 --> 00:33:16,019

work to do among the under 30 s the

786

00:33:12,808 --> 00:33:18,178

target Nova FM audience I've just seen

787

00:33:16,019 --> 00:33:20,368

the most amazing show I've just in the

788

00:33:18,179 --> 00:33:21,869

face of the clermont serial killer if he

789

00:33:20,368 --> 00:33:24,538

crosses my path I'd know him in a

790

00:33:21,868 --> 00:33:26,968

heartbeat the show was by three psychics

791

00:33:24,538 --> 00:33:29,128

have done an amazing investigation into

792

00:33:26,969 --> 00:33:30,749

the clermont killings and information

793

00:33:29,128 --> 00:33:33,118

was just too incredible not to pass on

794

00:33:30,749 --> 00:33:35,429

oh and I by the way he's planning on

795

00:33:33,118 --> 00:33:37,019

striking you again very soon so make

796

00:33:35,429 --> 00:33:40,048

sure you let as many females know this

797

00:33:37,019 --> 00:33:41,878

information as soon as you can so the

798

00:33:40,048 --> 00:33:44,308

killer is about 35 years old now

799
00:33:41,878 --> 00:33:46,228
possibly as old as 40 he's been killing

800
00:33:44,308 --> 00:33:48,959
for quite some time the Clermont girls

801
00:33:46,229 --> 00:33:50,759
were not his only victims and in fact if

802
00:33:48,959 --> 00:33:52,528
you remember Julie Cutler and Hayley

803
00:33:50,759 --> 00:33:55,229
Dodd then you already know that he's

804
00:33:52,528 --> 00:33:57,538
been operating well before Clermont the

805
00:33:55,229 --> 00:33:58,739
psychics know where Sarah is located but

806
00:33:57,538 --> 00:33:59,999
it's going to be difficult to get her

807
00:33:58,739 --> 00:34:02,429
remains as they're underneath the

808
00:33:59,999 --> 00:34:04,318
limestone in Henderson this area was

809
00:34:02,429 --> 00:34:06,119
redeveloped very soon after he hid her

810
00:34:04,318 --> 00:34:08,338
body there in fact he knew that would

811
00:34:06,118 --> 00:34:10,409
happen as he worked in the area so

812
00:34:08,338 --> 00:34:12,808
things of interest this man is not a

813
00:34:10,409 --> 00:34:14,789
taxi driver he actually drove a blue

814
00:34:12,809 --> 00:34:17,190
Ford Falcon I can't remember the exact

815
00:34:14,789 --> 00:34:19,349
models and hopeless with car and he

816
00:34:17,190 --> 00:34:21,749
definitely knew Sarah that's why she got

817
00:34:19,349 --> 00:34:23,159
into his car he was a casual friend of

818
00:34:21,748 --> 00:34:25,048
one of sarah's friends and that's why

819
00:34:23,159 --> 00:34:27,628
she trusted him despite not knowing him

820
00:34:25,048 --> 00:34:29,190
very well psychics also had the name of

821
00:34:27,628 --> 00:34:31,398
his friend and they can use is to verify

822
00:34:29,190 --> 00:34:33,588
the information to the police

823
00:34:31,398 --> 00:34:36,378
he's very clever is cold and calculating

824
00:34:33,588 --> 00:34:37,788
everything was well planned and he went

825
00:34:36,378 --> 00:34:39,798
out knowing exactly what he was going to

826
00:34:37,789 --> 00:34:42,230
do and how he would make it happen he

827

00:34:39,798 --> 00:34:44,509
had a plan well she was actually taken

828
00:34:42,230 --> 00:34:46,909
from a car park behind Club bayview as

829
00:34:44,510 --> 00:34:48,440
was the case with Jane and kiara this

830
00:34:46,909 --> 00:34:50,599
guy picked these girls because of their

831
00:34:48,440 --> 00:34:52,639
hair and he's kept the hair as trophies

832
00:34:50,599 --> 00:34:55,250
he interacted with these girls before

833
00:34:52,639 --> 00:34:57,139
taking them and yes he is the man on at

834
00:34:55,250 --> 00:34:59,298
the CCTV vision that has just recently

835
00:34:57,139 --> 00:35:01,640
been released and yes he was talking to

836
00:34:59,298 --> 00:35:03,318
Jane on that footage I had a really good

837
00:35:01,639 --> 00:35:06,108
look and an identical picture of this

838
00:35:03,318 --> 00:35:08,058
man and he's a Mediterranean or Italian

839
00:35:06,108 --> 00:35:10,880
background he has dark hair and dark

840
00:35:08,059 --> 00:35:12,349
eyes i felt absolutely sick when I

841
00:35:10,880 --> 00:35:14,690

looked at him and as I stared at his

842

00:35:12,349 --> 00:35:16,789

picture ever feel the rage and anger and

843

00:35:14,690 --> 00:35:18,260

the hate to the point where I saw his

844

00:35:16,789 --> 00:35:19,579

face change into what it would have

845

00:35:18,260 --> 00:35:22,849

looked like when he committed these

846

00:35:19,579 --> 00:35:25,640

crimes it was really scary he's driven

847

00:35:22,849 --> 00:35:27,740

by compulsion and he will not stop so

848

00:35:25,639 --> 00:35:30,440

you may ask why has he gone so quiet

849

00:35:27,739 --> 00:35:32,239

well he has other victims varied very

850

00:35:30,440 --> 00:35:34,338

close to Sarah they were taken before

851

00:35:32,239 --> 00:35:36,949

Sarah up in the meantime he's got

852

00:35:34,338 --> 00:35:38,659

married and had children also careful

853

00:35:36,949 --> 00:35:40,909

not to describe anything too graphic to

854

00:35:38,659 --> 00:35:43,038

us about what he did to the girls he did

855

00:35:40,909 --> 00:35:44,778

some pretty bad to them and it

856
00:35:43,039 --> 00:35:47,240
involved a ritual that had surgical

857
00:35:44,778 --> 00:35:49,099
aspects this is important to him and he

858
00:35:47,239 --> 00:35:51,709
did it to all the bodies and the

859
00:35:49,099 --> 00:35:53,329
violence escalated with each girl Sarah

860
00:35:51,710 --> 00:35:55,159
was still alive when he took her to

861
00:35:53,329 --> 00:35:57,470
Henderson she actually tried to make a

862
00:35:55,159 --> 00:35:59,719
run for when they got there but to no

863
00:35:57,469 --> 00:36:01,848
avail he's driven by issues with his

864
00:35:59,719 --> 00:36:04,009
mother and whilst she did not physically

865
00:36:01,849 --> 00:36:06,349
harm him she put him down a lot and he

866
00:36:04,010 --> 00:36:08,510
suffered mentally her hands she did this

867
00:36:06,349 --> 00:36:10,670
because of issues with his father he has

868
00:36:08,510 --> 00:36:12,619
an inferiority complex and that's why he

869
00:36:10,670 --> 00:36:14,028
goes after the high class girls when

870
00:36:12,619 --> 00:36:16,068
they reject his office they're signing

871
00:36:14,028 --> 00:36:17,869
their own death certificates personally

872
00:36:16,068 --> 00:36:19,369
I have no doubt the Sarah's talking from

873
00:36:17,869 --> 00:36:20,869
beyond the grave and she's tried to make

874
00:36:19,369 --> 00:36:22,608
her efforts known by linking to

875
00:36:20,869 --> 00:36:25,490
high-profile media personalities like

876
00:36:22,608 --> 00:36:27,139
Scott Russell Hill she's timed it to

877
00:36:25,489 --> 00:36:28,759
coincide with all the latest hype about

878
00:36:27,139 --> 00:36:30,379
Claremont and particularly with the

879
00:36:28,760 --> 00:36:32,569
release of that footage not so long ago

880
00:36:30,380 --> 00:36:34,460
I think these psychics have absolutely

881
00:36:32,568 --> 00:36:36,500
nailed this case they have really

882
00:36:34,460 --> 00:36:38,059
detailed information and it will be easy

883
00:36:36,500 --> 00:36:41,358
for the police to validate if it's real

884

00:36:38,059 --> 00:36:43,880
or not needless to say the killer has

885
00:36:41,358 --> 00:36:45,409
not struck again and nothing the psychic

886
00:36:43,880 --> 00:36:47,900
task force curvy

887
00:36:45,409 --> 00:36:50,359
older has led to any perpetrator being

888
00:36:47,900 --> 00:36:53,329
identified in fact police said it

889
00:36:50,360 --> 00:36:55,190
damaged their investigation they do not

890
00:36:53,329 --> 00:36:57,440
even know for sure that the three

891
00:36:55,190 --> 00:37:01,280
Claremont victims were abducted by the

892
00:36:57,440 --> 00:37:04,070
same person obvious question the obvious

893
00:37:01,280 --> 00:37:06,170
question arises if the psychics know so

894
00:37:04,070 --> 00:37:08,450
much about the murders why not go

895
00:37:06,170 --> 00:37:11,150
straight to the police why did they feel

896
00:37:08,449 --> 00:37:13,789
the need to first expose all this

897
00:37:11,150 --> 00:37:16,250
personal gruesome information before a

898
00:37:13,789 --> 00:37:18,800

paying audience apart from the obvious

899

00:37:16,250 --> 00:37:21,050

advantages to their bank balances they

900

00:37:18,800 --> 00:37:23,690

must surely be aware that no psychic

901

00:37:21,050 --> 00:37:26,210

anywhere in the world has ever provided

902

00:37:23,690 --> 00:37:29,000

vital information that led police to

903

00:37:26,210 --> 00:37:31,460

solve a crime the dismissive attitude of

904

00:37:29,000 --> 00:37:34,219

police is outlined in the authors murder

905

00:37:31,460 --> 00:37:38,750

and clairvoyance published in the

906

00:37:34,219 --> 00:37:41,089

skeptic 2004 volume 24 number one one

907

00:37:38,750 --> 00:37:43,099

can only imagine the feelings of the

908

00:37:41,090 --> 00:37:45,680

relatives when they heard of the psychic

909

00:37:43,099 --> 00:37:48,380

task force babbling about the manner in

910

00:37:45,679 --> 00:37:50,480

which these poor women died briefly the

911

00:37:48,380 --> 00:37:53,780

tripe outlined in the email is a

912

00:37:50,480 --> 00:37:56,090

mishmash of publicly known facts rumor

913
00:37:53,780 --> 00:37:58,550
and speculation about the murders that

914
00:37:56,090 --> 00:38:02,480
have been swirling around Perth for 12

915
00:37:58,550 --> 00:38:04,400
years bad slip-ups but the psychics took

916
00:38:02,480 --> 00:38:06,710
a big risk when they clearly channeled

917
00:38:04,400 --> 00:38:09,019
the outer lunatic limits of Google

918
00:38:06,710 --> 00:38:11,570
rather than the spirits of the deceased

919
00:38:09,019 --> 00:38:14,659
women here is where they badly slipped

920
00:38:11,570 --> 00:38:16,640
up bodies of two of the women thought to

921
00:38:14,659 --> 00:38:19,670
be victims of the clermont serial killer

922
00:38:16,639 --> 00:38:22,849
were discovered and minutely examined by

923
00:38:19,670 --> 00:38:25,610
pathologists in the usual way police

924
00:38:22,849 --> 00:38:27,469
know exactly how the women died and how

925
00:38:25,610 --> 00:38:29,329
they were treated but police

926
00:38:27,469 --> 00:38:31,459
investigating this case through an

927
00:38:29,329 --> 00:38:34,429
unusual blanket of security around the

928
00:38:31,460 --> 00:38:36,139
entire investigation all police involved

929
00:38:34,429 --> 00:38:39,259
in the task force were made to sign

930
00:38:36,139 --> 00:38:41,509
secret oaths very few details of the

931
00:38:39,260 --> 00:38:44,950
crimes were made public when secrecy is

932
00:38:41,510 --> 00:38:47,660
imposed speculation thrives and rumors

933
00:38:44,949 --> 00:38:49,609
dangerously inaccurate were rife in the

934
00:38:47,659 --> 00:38:51,559
community even making their way to

935
00:38:49,610 --> 00:38:55,099
school yards and fringe internet sites

936
00:38:51,559 --> 00:38:57,769
an easy resource for any psychic looking

937
00:38:55,099 --> 00:38:59,268
for sensational material rumor and

938
00:38:57,769 --> 00:39:01,639
speculation

939
00:38:59,268 --> 00:39:03,828
10 years ago the rumors and speculations

940
00:39:01,639 --> 00:39:06,739
about the state of the bodies became so

941

00:39:03,829 --> 00:39:09,169
bizarre and so persistent that despite

942
00:39:06,739 --> 00:39:11,478
their obsessive secrecy police were

943
00:39:09,168 --> 00:39:13,338
compelled to go public with a statement

944
00:39:11,478 --> 00:39:15,468
about what had not happened to the

945
00:39:13,338 --> 00:39:17,688
bodies of the murdered women the

946
00:39:15,469 --> 00:39:20,298
visiting psychics evidently missed or

947
00:39:17,688 --> 00:39:24,768
ignored this fact as they trolled perfs

948
00:39:20,298 --> 00:39:27,469
folklore outrage and disgust Don Spears

949
00:39:24,768 --> 00:39:29,958
the father of teenager Sarah Spears 18

950
00:39:27,469 --> 00:39:32,958
abducted from Claremont reacted with

951
00:39:29,958 --> 00:39:35,358
outrage and disgust to the show and the

952
00:39:32,958 --> 00:39:39,108
email his daughter's body has not been

953
00:39:35,358 --> 00:39:41,478
found his harrowing tearful experiences

954
00:39:39,108 --> 00:39:44,268
were outlined in the article murder and

955
00:39:41,478 --> 00:39:46,188

clairvoyance he said for years he

956

00:39:44,268 --> 00:39:48,379

listened to psychics because clinging to

957

00:39:46,188 --> 00:39:50,688

every thread of hope he worried that a

958

00:39:48,380 --> 00:39:54,380

person with real information might be

959

00:39:50,688 --> 00:39:56,989

coming forward posing as a psychic he

960

00:39:54,380 --> 00:39:59,269

has since revealed he suffered

961

00:39:56,989 --> 00:40:02,179

depression as a result of his many

962

00:39:59,268 --> 00:40:04,668

fruitless searches some seven hours

963

00:40:02,179 --> 00:40:07,759

drive away while acting on psychics

964

00:40:04,668 --> 00:40:09,708

certainties psychics just want to make

965

00:40:07,759 --> 00:40:12,139

money from other people's grief and

966

00:40:09,708 --> 00:40:15,288

misfortune mr. Spears was quoted as

967

00:40:12,139 --> 00:40:18,439

saying the burswood event was about

968

00:40:15,289 --> 00:40:21,559

profit making not solving the case he

969

00:40:18,438 --> 00:40:23,449

said it upsets me that they are still

970
00:40:21,559 --> 00:40:25,939
trying to gain from the death of my

971
00:40:23,449 --> 00:40:30,048
daughter and the other girls after all

972
00:40:25,938 --> 00:40:32,358
these years another tragic case one of

973
00:40:30,048 --> 00:40:34,518
the extra names the team gratuitously

974
00:40:32,358 --> 00:40:37,038
through into their three and a half hour

975
00:40:34,518 --> 00:40:39,498
stage show supposedly a victim of the

976
00:40:37,039 --> 00:40:42,079
Clairemont killer was that of hailey

977
00:40:39,498 --> 00:40:43,759
Dodd a 17 year old who was far from home

978
00:40:42,079 --> 00:40:46,699
when she disappeared from the farming

979
00:40:43,759 --> 00:40:51,349
community of badging gara north of Perth

980
00:40:46,699 --> 00:40:53,989
in 1999 she too has a mother father

981
00:40:51,349 --> 00:40:55,969
family and friends when Margaret Dodd

982
00:40:53,989 --> 00:40:57,978
heard that the name of her daughter who

983
00:40:55,969 --> 00:41:00,349
is presumed to have been murdered had

984
00:40:57,978 --> 00:41:02,898
been raised during the psychic show she

985
00:41:00,349 --> 00:41:04,699
was more than curious she grimly noted

986
00:41:02,898 --> 00:41:07,188
that the psychics had got wrong the

987
00:41:04,699 --> 00:41:09,079
order of the disappearances of the young

988
00:41:07,188 --> 00:41:11,509
women she recalled that she had

989
00:41:09,079 --> 00:41:12,760
previously emailed Scott Russell Hill

990
00:41:11,509 --> 00:41:15,579
for help after

991
00:41:12,760 --> 00:41:18,940
seeing him on his laughably transparent

992
00:41:15,579 --> 00:41:21,460
television show sensing murder he never

993
00:41:18,940 --> 00:41:23,860
replied that's why I was so angry they

994
00:41:21,460 --> 00:41:27,130
could use Haley in a money-making show

995
00:41:23,860 --> 00:41:29,260
mrs. Dodd said here he was up on stage

996
00:41:27,130 --> 00:41:31,990
making money out of other people's

997
00:41:29,260 --> 00:41:34,420
sufferings it's hurtful now there's this

998

00:41:31,989 --> 00:41:36,339
long email about the show circulating

999
00:41:34,420 --> 00:41:38,380
with Haley's name in it that's how we

1000
00:41:36,340 --> 00:41:41,289
found out that they had been using her

1001
00:41:38,380 --> 00:41:43,900
name to make a buck I cried it all over

1002
00:41:41,289 --> 00:41:46,269
again Margaret Dodd is no stranger to

1003
00:41:43,900 --> 00:41:48,190
the extra pain that so-called psychics

1004
00:41:46,269 --> 00:41:50,949
inflict on the families of murder

1005
00:41:48,190 --> 00:41:53,710
victims from the time Haley disappeared

1006
00:41:50,949 --> 00:41:55,449
mrs. Dodd was played with psychics who

1007
00:41:53,710 --> 00:41:58,690
claimed to be in contact with her

1008
00:41:55,449 --> 00:42:01,269
daughter one stumbled badly starting her

1009
00:41:58,690 --> 00:42:04,300
cold reading with two spectacular misses

1010
00:42:01,269 --> 00:42:06,639
the psychic said Haley spirit had sat in

1011
00:42:04,300 --> 00:42:09,820
her kitchen and eaten breakfast mrs.

1012
00:42:06,639 --> 00:42:11,529

Dodd said she said Haley loved Vegemite

1013

00:42:09,820 --> 00:42:13,780

toast and really wanted to get her

1014

00:42:11,530 --> 00:42:16,210

driver's license but we're from England

1015

00:42:13,780 --> 00:42:19,260

she hated Vegemite and already had her

1016

00:42:16,210 --> 00:42:22,030

license the psychic was just guessing

1017

00:42:19,260 --> 00:42:25,240

despite living daily with the tragedy of

1018

00:42:22,030 --> 00:42:28,450

the loss of Haley mrs. Dodd has retained

1019

00:42:25,239 --> 00:42:30,849

a sense of humor it's amazing how many

1020

00:42:28,449 --> 00:42:34,239

people are psychic in this world she

1021

00:42:30,849 --> 00:42:36,969

said her voice heavy with irony she now

1022

00:42:34,239 --> 00:42:39,489

has two phone numbers one listed and one

1023

00:42:36,969 --> 00:42:41,849

not when the listed number rings she

1024

00:42:39,489 --> 00:42:44,769

steals herself to tackle another psychic

1025

00:42:41,849 --> 00:42:47,079

when one has nothing one tends to grasp

1026

00:42:44,769 --> 00:42:50,050

at straws no matter how obscure they may

1027
00:42:47,079 --> 00:42:53,139
be she said psychics had sent her on

1028
00:42:50,050 --> 00:42:56,140
tearful searches of bush near more river

1029
00:42:53,139 --> 00:42:59,079
and other far-flung locations half a

1030
00:42:56,139 --> 00:43:00,909
day's drive away all to no avail another

1031
00:42:59,079 --> 00:43:02,920
psychic who charged thirty dollars of

1032
00:43:00,909 --> 00:43:05,230
reading said that Margaret was an

1033
00:43:02,920 --> 00:43:07,659
aristocratic French woman who had been

1034
00:43:05,230 --> 00:43:09,940
beheaded in a previous life she then

1035
00:43:07,659 --> 00:43:12,039
said mrs. Dodd distorted versions of

1036
00:43:09,940 --> 00:43:13,780
information that had been published in

1037
00:43:12,039 --> 00:43:16,900
the press about her daughter's case I

1038
00:43:13,780 --> 00:43:19,269
wanted to believe mrs. Dodd said the

1039
00:43:16,900 --> 00:43:22,240
psychic swore she never watched TV or

1040
00:43:19,269 --> 00:43:24,369
read newspapers as I left the house the

1041
00:43:22,239 --> 00:43:26,199
television was blaring in one corner and

1042
00:43:24,369 --> 00:43:28,358
there were a stack of newspapers

1043
00:43:26,199 --> 00:43:30,309
the table she asked me if there was

1044
00:43:28,358 --> 00:43:33,400
anything I would like to ask the spirits

1045
00:43:30,309 --> 00:43:35,769
so I said yes where is our TV remote

1046
00:43:33,400 --> 00:43:37,650
we've lost it all the spirits could

1047
00:43:35,769 --> 00:43:40,449
offer that it would turn up one day

1048
00:43:37,650 --> 00:43:43,269
let's have a bit of dignity here people

1049
00:43:40,449 --> 00:43:45,939
are hurting despite her cynicism and

1050
00:43:43,269 --> 00:43:48,099
many disappointments Margaret bods next

1051
00:43:45,940 --> 00:43:50,710
move shows the power the cold reader

1052
00:43:48,099 --> 00:43:53,588
holds over desperate relatives who have

1053
00:43:50,710 --> 00:43:55,358
lost a loved one after she complained to

1054
00:43:53,588 --> 00:43:58,000
the three psychics about their

1055

00:43:55,358 --> 00:44:00,578
exploitative Perth show Deb Malone

1056
00:43:58,000 --> 00:44:03,309
contacted her in November the spirit

1057
00:44:00,579 --> 00:44:06,640
medium could not let go she threw poor

1058
00:44:03,309 --> 00:44:09,029
mrs. Dodd another straw to clutch she

1059
00:44:06,639 --> 00:44:12,159
was very apologetic about my feelings

1060
00:44:09,030 --> 00:44:15,760
she asked me to send a piece of Hayley's

1061
00:44:12,159 --> 00:44:18,639
clothing Margaret said so I said to her

1062
00:44:15,760 --> 00:44:21,099
if you can find her find her don't mess

1063
00:44:18,639 --> 00:44:23,230
me around I've done it I've sent the

1064
00:44:21,099 --> 00:44:25,900
clothes I'll see what comes out of it

1065
00:44:23,230 --> 00:44:27,730
she said now I want these Sears to prove

1066
00:44:25,900 --> 00:44:30,070
their credibility if it's a trick like

1067
00:44:27,730 --> 00:44:32,199
Houdini then state it is only for

1068
00:44:30,070 --> 00:44:34,359
entertainment let them stick to the

1069
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winning lotto numbers her turmoil

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otherwise sane people who run FM station

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Nova and their on-air presenters

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bubble-headed and unquestioning

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promotions of the psychic show while the

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murder victims relatives are left alone

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with their tears those who exploit them

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can laugh all the way to the bank

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well thanks everybody for joining me for

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zone next week Stefan will be back along

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with dr. Richie the roundup with my

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koala hand the think tank with the

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regular crew and if you enjoy listening

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to the skeptic zone all the past

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episodes in this episode do us a really

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great favor and leave a review on iTunes

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you'll find all our email addresses on

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the contact page so until next week this

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