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00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:12,750
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,089 --> 00:00:16,439
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:12,750 --> 00:00:25,050
yuria hosts Richard Saunders and Stefan

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00:00:16,440 --> 00:00:26,789
cyka hello return Oh Stefan fancy

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00:00:25,050 --> 00:00:28,109
meeting you here I was just at our

6
00:00:26,789 --> 00:00:29,969
favorite club down the end of the street

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00:00:28,109 --> 00:00:31,618
as you can hear by the noise and here

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00:00:29,969 --> 00:00:33,119
you are how about that I would just have

9
00:00:31,618 --> 00:00:34,649
any passing more I was hungry and

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00:00:33,119 --> 00:00:35,939
thirsty and I just saw hey I'll just

11
00:00:34,649 --> 00:00:37,829
drop in and have a drink in a feed and

12
00:00:35,939 --> 00:00:41,099
here you are weren't the odds of that

13
00:00:37,829 --> 00:00:43,829
honestly I miraculous amazing why are

14
00:00:41,100 --> 00:00:46,679
you here we can talk about the upcoming

15
00:00:43,829 --> 00:00:48,359
episode the Skeffington oh why don't we

16
00:00:46,679 --> 00:00:49,619
do an intro just it just as a matter of

17
00:00:48,359 --> 00:00:51,329
fact and you just happen to have all

18
00:00:49,619 --> 00:00:53,009
your gear here and the microphone and

19
00:00:51,329 --> 00:00:54,840
headphones and everything on the

20
00:00:53,009 --> 00:00:56,488
internet through your iPad why don't we

21
00:00:54,840 --> 00:00:58,829
do that well I always carry everything

22
00:00:56,488 --> 00:01:01,199
around just in case well you do you are

23
00:00:58,829 --> 00:01:02,789
mr. gadget man and an ape it's perfect

24
00:01:01,200 --> 00:01:05,129
because just this coincidental meeting

25
00:01:02,789 --> 00:01:06,629
here we are doing an intro and what

26
00:01:05,129 --> 00:01:10,740
actually what are we in trowing which

27
00:01:06,629 --> 00:01:12,000
which episode is it 269 we're getting to

28
00:01:10,739 --> 00:01:14,390
the stage where we're going to start

29

00:01:12,000 --> 00:01:17,819
looking down the barrel of episode three

30
00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:19,290
hundred what 300 to make a good movie

31
00:01:17,819 --> 00:01:21,509
title would know we could dress up as

32
00:01:19,290 --> 00:01:24,118
Spartans and Chuck Chuck well who do

33
00:01:21,510 --> 00:01:26,640
they throw down Andy hole oh I can't

34
00:01:24,118 --> 00:01:28,500
remember the invoice someone somebody

35
00:01:26,640 --> 00:01:30,719
honest I'm sure Stefan that we could

36
00:01:28,500 --> 00:01:34,590
dress up as a Spartans and nobody would

37
00:01:30,719 --> 00:01:37,019
know to a podcast to them and its energy

38
00:01:34,590 --> 00:01:38,728
yes it's episode number 2 169 on the

39
00:01:37,019 --> 00:01:40,349
fifteenth of December not and not long

40
00:01:38,728 --> 00:01:41,969
till standards here I actually he's

41
00:01:40,349 --> 00:01:43,739
around the corner as you walk into the

42
00:01:41,969 --> 00:01:46,019
club Sandra is sitting there on his

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00:01:43,739 --> 00:01:47,459

chair yeah actually that's surprising as

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00:01:46,019 --> 00:01:49,920

I actually sat on his lap and told me

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00:01:47,459 --> 00:01:52,769

what a wonderful Christmas and he

46

00:01:49,920 --> 00:01:55,530

couldn't help me I bet they called the

47

00:01:52,769 --> 00:01:57,688

security not surprised no it's true it's

48

00:01:55,530 --> 00:01:59,310

a lot of people in the club today

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00:01:57,688 --> 00:02:01,379

they've refurb we should wear in this

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00:01:59,310 --> 00:02:03,659

brand new section it's very nice very

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00:02:01,379 --> 00:02:06,310

nice yeah it's amazing what what poker

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00:02:03,659 --> 00:02:08,500

machine money can buy isn't it just

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00:02:06,310 --> 00:02:12,370

if for those who don't live in australia

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00:02:08,500 --> 00:02:14,770

new south wales is poker machine capital

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00:02:12,370 --> 00:02:17,379

of the world i think so it's like Vegas

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00:02:14,770 --> 00:02:18,969

sometimes yeah and and these clubs here

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00:02:17,379 --> 00:02:20,709

they call themselves community clubs

58
00:02:18,969 --> 00:02:24,848
because they gather they give it a

59
00:02:20,709 --> 00:02:26,590
approx point 0 0 2 percent of their

60
00:02:24,848 --> 00:02:27,639
income to the community and then they

61
00:02:26,590 --> 00:02:30,069
spend the rest of it building these

62
00:02:27,639 --> 00:02:31,329
massive and Empire well I thought it was

63
00:02:30,068 --> 00:02:33,818
interesting but if you look over where

64
00:02:31,330 --> 00:02:35,019
Santa sitting there have children are

65
00:02:33,818 --> 00:02:38,919
sitting on his lap so what are the

66
00:02:35,019 --> 00:02:41,500
children gaze into machines and alcohol

67
00:02:38,919 --> 00:02:44,619
sales it it's a wonderful inculcation

68
00:02:41,500 --> 00:02:46,120
for the children that's beautiful so 269

69
00:02:44,620 --> 00:02:48,310
what's happening well we're going to

70
00:02:46,120 --> 00:02:49,950
have more of maynards fantastic

71
00:02:48,310 --> 00:02:52,239
interviews from the National Convention

72
00:02:49,949 --> 00:02:54,848
and the thanks again and thanks always

73
00:02:52,239 --> 00:02:56,830
to those people who paid to get me nod

74
00:02:54,848 --> 00:02:58,209
to the convention is fantastic listeners

75
00:02:56,830 --> 00:03:00,910
to this show I tell you what their great

76
00:02:58,209 --> 00:03:03,729
animosity is is magnanimous videos

77
00:03:00,909 --> 00:03:06,699
there's no hang on but the Magnum the

78
00:03:03,729 --> 00:03:09,369
magnanimous aunty is magnificent I'll

79
00:03:06,699 --> 00:03:11,139
believe you you know that was really

80
00:03:09,370 --> 00:03:12,640
great of the listeners to do that and as

81
00:03:11,139 --> 00:03:15,039
a result more wonderful interviews

82
00:03:12,639 --> 00:03:16,569
Maynard talks to dr. Paul Willis now

83
00:03:15,039 --> 00:03:18,370
Paul Willis is on the show every week

84
00:03:16,569 --> 00:03:20,949
with a week in science of course that

85
00:03:18,370 --> 00:03:22,989
segment ah I'm what a scoop we have with

86

00:03:20,949 --> 00:03:24,909
him Paul Willis he's a legend of the

87
00:03:22,989 --> 00:03:27,730
Australian Broadcasting scene and he's

88
00:03:24,909 --> 00:03:30,340
part of the zone now he is and a great

89
00:03:27,729 --> 00:03:32,318
bloke a funny guy he was a big hit at

90
00:03:30,340 --> 00:03:34,000
the convention so Maynard's going to be

91
00:03:32,318 --> 00:03:36,458
talking to Paul Willis about dinosaurs

92
00:03:34,000 --> 00:03:38,439
and all sorts of crazy things and then

93
00:03:36,459 --> 00:03:40,090
he talks to Agent Smith now there were

94
00:03:38,439 --> 00:03:41,829
lots of agent Smith's at the

95
00:03:40,090 --> 00:03:43,689
connectional convention Smith really

96
00:03:41,829 --> 00:03:45,549
there were lots of them he's going to be

97
00:03:43,689 --> 00:03:48,009
chatting to one of the agents miss

98
00:03:45,549 --> 00:03:49,510
Wheatley there and then I catching up

99
00:03:48,009 --> 00:03:52,298
with the editor of the skeptic magazine

100
00:03:49,509 --> 00:03:54,310

here in Australia Tim mendham and dr. H

101

00:03:52,299 --> 00:03:55,659

E I haven't seen her for a while either

102

00:03:54,310 --> 00:03:57,849

not in real life I mean I've been

103

00:03:55,659 --> 00:03:59,919

encountering her by the podcast but

104

00:03:57,849 --> 00:04:01,780

thanks it's been so long balance and on

105

00:03:59,919 --> 00:04:04,179

TV she's doing really well in fact she

106

00:04:01,780 --> 00:04:05,889

only just came back from in the Middle

107

00:04:04,180 --> 00:04:07,629

East where she went out to research some

108

00:04:05,889 --> 00:04:09,550

algae and pop tunes and oh

109

00:04:07,629 --> 00:04:11,769

it's just becoming quite the quite the

110

00:04:09,550 --> 00:04:14,080

personality as well with all the anti

111

00:04:11,770 --> 00:04:16,209

back stuff absolutely she's a big name

112

00:04:14,080 --> 00:04:17,860

in that sneaky Vantiv access if there's

113

00:04:16,209 --> 00:04:19,509

a lot going on in that scene in

114

00:04:17,860 --> 00:04:22,960

Australia now is I think they're

115
00:04:19,509 --> 00:04:25,269
skeptical anti backs issue has just

116
00:04:22,959 --> 00:04:27,729
become like a national issue now it has

117
00:04:25,269 --> 00:04:29,740
and it's largely due to duck people like

118
00:04:27,730 --> 00:04:32,200
dr. hu in the stop the avian and good

119
00:04:29,740 --> 00:04:33,579
people like that who don't give up you

120
00:04:32,199 --> 00:04:35,800
know that this I mean we've been

121
00:04:33,579 --> 00:04:37,750
chatting about this years now it's a

122
00:04:35,800 --> 00:04:39,520
long struggle it's a long pile of Allah

123
00:04:37,750 --> 00:04:41,079
Tish ins are talking though the media's

124
00:04:39,519 --> 00:04:42,969
talking it's starting to happen it's

125
00:04:41,079 --> 00:04:44,620
it's really good really good news that

126
00:04:42,970 --> 00:04:48,040
we're glad to keep you updated about

127
00:04:44,620 --> 00:04:50,350
that then after Maynard's interviews

128
00:04:48,040 --> 00:04:52,600
it's for willis again with the week in

129
00:04:50,350 --> 00:04:54,730
science how about that's terrific we're

130
00:04:52,600 --> 00:04:56,080
exploiting him or what I think so now

131
00:04:54,730 --> 00:04:59,379
he's very happy to be part of this guy

132
00:04:56,079 --> 00:05:02,289
now after that I catch up with sharon

133
00:04:59,379 --> 00:05:03,909
hill from doubtful news com Sharon's

134
00:05:02,290 --> 00:05:07,480
going to be looking back at the year of

135
00:05:03,910 --> 00:05:11,140
crazy skeptical news stories some crazy

136
00:05:07,480 --> 00:05:14,259
skeptical my store like Bigfoot DNA oh I

137
00:05:11,139 --> 00:05:16,810
found some have a real find out of Lee

138
00:05:14,259 --> 00:05:18,250
okay and lock this monster news yeah I

139
00:05:16,810 --> 00:05:21,280
still news about the Loch Ness monster

140
00:05:18,250 --> 00:05:24,670
can you believe that but no no not at

141
00:05:21,279 --> 00:05:26,439
all oh you look at this a handbag is

142
00:05:24,670 --> 00:05:29,590
just arrived oh thank you very much

143

00:05:26,439 --> 00:05:30,910
thank you look at this oh wow that looks

144
00:05:29,589 --> 00:05:32,859
pretty bad that looks good enough to eat

145
00:05:30,910 --> 00:05:34,300
stuff I think I'm gonna eat that you're

146
00:05:32,860 --> 00:05:37,370
gonna have to get some cutlery though oh

147
00:05:34,300 --> 00:05:39,439
it is not really expected either with my

148
00:05:37,370 --> 00:05:41,300
ends but it's a little as I might even

149
00:05:39,439 --> 00:05:43,819
take a picture of this it's a lovely big

150
00:05:41,300 --> 00:05:46,100
hamburger with fries or chips it's

151
00:05:43,819 --> 00:05:47,659
subsidized with poker machines and so

152
00:05:46,100 --> 00:05:50,750
the chips are like three times as big as

153
00:05:47,660 --> 00:05:52,460
they should be well I think Stefan it's

154
00:05:50,750 --> 00:05:54,410
time for you to get stuck into your

155
00:05:52,459 --> 00:05:57,668
burger and chips and let's get stuck

156
00:05:54,410 --> 00:05:57,669
into the shot let's do it

157
00:06:08,069 --> 00:06:15,300

years may not spooky action at a

158

00:06:12,759 --> 00:06:15,300
distance

159

00:06:16,040 --> 00:06:20,670
well Who am I here with in the green

160

00:06:18,810 --> 00:06:22,800
room little boy you've been a busy man

161

00:06:20,670 --> 00:06:24,960
haven't you may not ever we've done I've

162

00:06:22,800 --> 00:06:26,220
done 40 interviews so far enough you're

163

00:06:24,959 --> 00:06:27,689
gonna hear them all here on the skeptic

164

00:06:26,220 --> 00:06:29,310
zone better who've we got hiding in the

165

00:06:27,689 --> 00:06:32,279
corner it stopped the Willis from the

166

00:06:29,310 --> 00:06:34,170
Royal Institution arias are you enjoying

167

00:06:32,279 --> 00:06:35,399
the conference I am loving the

168

00:06:34,170 --> 00:06:36,780
conference i'm not going to see as much

169

00:06:35,399 --> 00:06:38,429
as possible cuz i'm running around

170

00:06:36,779 --> 00:06:39,809
talking to people but that's what I'm

171

00:06:38,430 --> 00:06:41,879
here for and again I want to thank the

172
00:06:39,810 --> 00:06:44,790
skeptical zone lessness for putting in for

173
00:06:41,879 --> 00:06:48,360
a bed for it that would be great yes yes

174
00:06:44,790 --> 00:06:50,550
please go right ahead I think right okay

175
00:06:48,360 --> 00:06:52,980
yet there people just signaling us up

176
00:06:50,550 --> 00:06:55,199
their mother but there was its worst

177
00:06:52,980 --> 00:06:57,330
thing about the podcast whose sight gags

178
00:06:55,199 --> 00:06:59,490
tend to fall a bit flat don't know yeah

179
00:06:57,329 --> 00:07:01,229
yeah yeah so suddenly share those

180
00:06:59,490 --> 00:07:03,960
richards that sort saunders cut that out

181
00:07:01,230 --> 00:07:05,640
okay see you only had the theater of

182
00:07:03,959 --> 00:07:07,829
your mind form a Jamaat richardsaunders

183
00:07:05,639 --> 00:07:10,620
you hate her and put her away okay here

184
00:07:07,829 --> 00:07:13,019
and now now how did you get involved to

185
00:07:10,620 --> 00:07:14,310
be doing the week in science for the

186
00:07:13,019 --> 00:07:15,689
Royal Institute of Australia which

187
00:07:14,310 --> 00:07:16,889
sounds to me like it's some Royalists

188
00:07:15,689 --> 00:07:18,420
thing for supporting the Queen that's

189
00:07:16,889 --> 00:07:20,969
what we're concerned me immediately oh

190
00:07:18,420 --> 00:07:22,680
it's pro monarchy here he goes again but

191
00:07:20,970 --> 00:07:25,620
now it's about science it is entirely

192
00:07:22,680 --> 00:07:27,180
about science it's the first and only

193
00:07:25,620 --> 00:07:29,459
sister organizations the Royal

194
00:07:27,180 --> 00:07:31,470
Institution in Great Britain they was

195
00:07:29,459 --> 00:07:33,149
set up two hundred and fourteen years

196
00:07:31,470 --> 00:07:35,220
ago by so Joseph Banks and they're

197
00:07:33,149 --> 00:07:36,810
specifically about communicating science

198
00:07:35,220 --> 00:07:38,280
no numbers that the one that's Isaac

199
00:07:36,810 --> 00:07:39,870
Newton and the Faraday did all the

200

00:07:38,279 --> 00:07:42,329
experiments in front up that's the Royal

201
00:07:39,870 --> 00:07:47,370
Society and you know the whole

202
00:07:42,329 --> 00:07:49,409
monarchist thing that you don't need to

203
00:07:47,370 --> 00:07:51,420
worry it's not some kind of front to

204
00:07:49,410 --> 00:07:53,160
keep make sure we don't become a

205
00:07:51,420 --> 00:07:55,110
republic we've got out to the Queen

206
00:07:53,160 --> 00:07:58,020
anywhere there no no we don't you Brian

207
00:07:55,110 --> 00:08:01,560
Dunning then we do have oil patronage

208
00:07:58,019 --> 00:08:05,579
our patron is Prince Michael who's the

209
00:08:01,560 --> 00:08:08,519
Duke of Kent cool and I think that you

210
00:08:05,579 --> 00:08:11,550
know we should all take a step back and

211
00:08:08,519 --> 00:08:13,409
realize that royal patronage is really

212
00:08:11,550 --> 00:08:15,720
important for a number of causes the

213
00:08:13,410 --> 00:08:17,790
rspca the Royal Flying Doctor Service

214
00:08:15,720 --> 00:08:20,250

the Royal Children's Hospital what have

215

00:08:17,790 --> 00:08:22,080

you these are all organisations just

216

00:08:20,250 --> 00:08:24,918

like us they have royal patronage and

217

00:08:22,079 --> 00:08:28,050

that royal patronage is a kind of

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00:08:24,918 --> 00:08:28,949

hallmark of quality it says that this is

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00:08:28,050 --> 00:08:32,789

an institution

220

00:08:28,949 --> 00:08:34,620

worthy of public support and that royal

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00:08:32,789 --> 00:08:38,099

patronage we can take to the bank it is

222

00:08:34,620 --> 00:08:40,470

a way of us being able to get across

223

00:08:38,100 --> 00:08:43,379

that we are a bona fide a serious

224

00:08:40,470 --> 00:08:45,540

operation that is run at the highest and

225

00:08:43,379 --> 00:08:47,100

most impeccable standards so of course

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00:08:45,539 --> 00:08:48,719

of course back in the day they were the

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00:08:47,100 --> 00:08:50,279

people had the money so like if you want

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00:08:48,720 --> 00:08:52,320

to get some science done you're either

229
00:08:50,279 --> 00:08:54,329
had to be independently wealthy or go to

230
00:08:52,320 --> 00:08:57,030
the Queen about some cash yeah but that

231
00:08:54,330 --> 00:08:59,580
was a long time ago now you know that

232
00:08:57,029 --> 00:09:01,189
now well the Royal Institution in Great

233
00:08:59,580 --> 00:09:05,670
Britain has to stand on its own two feet

234
00:09:01,190 --> 00:09:07,200
most royal patronized organizations do

235
00:09:05,669 --> 00:09:10,110
literally have to stand on their own two

236
00:09:07,200 --> 00:09:11,310
feet financially sink or swim no what

237
00:09:10,110 --> 00:09:12,840
are you doing to stay on your own two

238
00:09:11,309 --> 00:09:14,549
feet there you've got the awakened

239
00:09:12,840 --> 00:09:16,620
science which we hear every week on the

240
00:09:14,549 --> 00:09:18,870
skeptic zone but that's part of a larger

241
00:09:16,620 --> 00:09:24,509
world domination plan yeah it is pretty

242
00:09:18,870 --> 00:09:27,210
much and what we what we do is any way

243
00:09:24,509 --> 00:09:29,549
that we can figure out how to engage the

244
00:09:27,210 --> 00:09:31,980
nation in particular but the whole world

245
00:09:29,549 --> 00:09:34,349
with the messages of science that's what

246
00:09:31,980 --> 00:09:38,610
we're interested in doing as a national

247
00:09:34,350 --> 00:09:41,279
organization with a hub out of Adelaide

248
00:09:38,610 --> 00:09:43,320
what's the best way to engage the whole

249
00:09:41,279 --> 00:09:46,949
nation in discussions of science we do

250
00:09:43,320 --> 00:09:50,610
all online so you know a lot of our

251
00:09:46,950 --> 00:09:53,370
events most of our events in fact we are

252
00:09:50,610 --> 00:09:58,110
able to live stream in high quality high

253
00:09:53,370 --> 00:09:59,700
definition and we are able to time them

254
00:09:58,110 --> 00:10:02,519
so that people all across the country

255
00:09:59,700 --> 00:10:04,200
can tune in regularly we get a quite a

256
00:10:02,519 --> 00:10:07,439
big audience overseas as well I mean

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00:10:04,200 --> 00:10:11,780
look a good example is last month we had

258
00:10:07,440 --> 00:10:14,760
world vasectomy day we had 17

259
00:10:11,779 --> 00:10:18,029
vasectomies performed in our auditorium

260
00:10:14,759 --> 00:10:19,470
live to camera we broadcast them around

261
00:10:18,029 --> 00:10:22,230
the world and this was an opportunity

262
00:10:19,470 --> 00:10:24,660
for us to be able to talk about men's

263
00:10:22,230 --> 00:10:27,930
health about family planning about

264
00:10:24,659 --> 00:10:29,730
global population questions so we were

265
00:10:27,929 --> 00:10:31,349
able to you know there it's an area

266
00:10:29,730 --> 00:10:33,659
that's probably too dangerous for

267
00:10:31,350 --> 00:10:35,850
mainstream media organizations to go

268
00:10:33,659 --> 00:10:38,490
into but these are conversations that we

269
00:10:35,850 --> 00:10:41,340
need to have we were able to go global

270
00:10:38,490 --> 00:10:43,379
by ourselves because of our connect

271
00:10:41,340 --> 00:10:45,690

to the internet with that but we were

272

00:10:43,379 --> 00:10:48,689

also picked up by the main newspaper

273

00:10:45,690 --> 00:10:50,790

news agencies including Reuters who took

274

00:10:48,690 --> 00:10:52,740

our feed and distributed right the way

275

00:10:50,789 --> 00:10:53,849

across the planet as you have any idea

276

00:10:52,740 --> 00:10:58,169

how many people actually ended up

277

00:10:53,850 --> 00:11:02,460

watching well we try our tracking of the

278

00:10:58,169 --> 00:11:06,709

live stream as it happened run it ran

279

00:11:02,460 --> 00:11:09,330

into the thousands but there's a lot of

280

00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:11,490

beyond stuff there you know we did well

281

00:11:09,330 --> 00:11:13,020

we know that Reuters took it around the

282

00:11:11,490 --> 00:11:14,759

world and many people picked it up

283

00:11:13,019 --> 00:11:17,819

particularly the main news agencies

284

00:11:14,759 --> 00:11:19,649

picked it up we don't know how many were

285

00:11:17,820 --> 00:11:23,100

there we're still getting feedback from

286
00:11:19,649 --> 00:11:25,860
all over the place saying oh we sort of

287
00:11:23,100 --> 00:11:29,279
our iOS on the television and what was

288
00:11:25,860 --> 00:11:30,779
that a scrotum all about so what was the

289
00:11:29,279 --> 00:11:32,100
issue that came out of that day because

290
00:11:30,779 --> 00:11:33,179
you said you raised some of the issues

291
00:11:32,100 --> 00:11:34,830
that might have come up for World

292
00:11:33,179 --> 00:11:36,569
vasectomy day was an issue that came up

293
00:11:34,830 --> 00:11:38,009
or a topic that was spoken about that

294
00:11:36,570 --> 00:11:39,510
you wouldn't even imagine what I've got

295
00:11:38,009 --> 00:11:45,480
spoken about that because you were doing

296
00:11:39,509 --> 00:11:54,509
it came up the real take-home message is

297
00:11:45,480 --> 00:11:56,430
that the the man's role in the birth

298
00:11:54,509 --> 00:11:59,100
control birth control yes that man's

299
00:11:56,429 --> 00:12:01,859
man's role in birth control is often

300
00:11:59,100 --> 00:12:04,950
forgotten about a vasectomy is the

301
00:12:01,860 --> 00:12:08,909
easiest simplest cheapest most reliable

302
00:12:04,950 --> 00:12:11,190
form of contraception and yet we still

303
00:12:08,909 --> 00:12:14,579
would also be the safest as well yeah

304
00:12:11,190 --> 00:12:16,950
yeah I mean it's such a simple operation

305
00:12:14,580 --> 00:12:19,430
we were able to do it in public it takes

306
00:12:16,950 --> 00:12:22,050
about 15 minutes where go to 0

307
00:12:19,429 --> 00:12:23,609
post-operative care have a weekend on

308
00:12:22,049 --> 00:12:25,349
the couch watching the sport that's all

309
00:12:23,610 --> 00:12:29,300
you need to get over it you know and

310
00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:33,420
that's for a lifetime of safe

311
00:12:29,299 --> 00:12:35,099
contraception you know too often the

312
00:12:33,419 --> 00:12:38,339
burden of contraception is pushing on to

313
00:12:35,100 --> 00:12:42,149
women and the methods of contraception

314

00:12:38,340 --> 00:12:44,670
such as the pill tubal ligation all of

315
00:12:42,149 --> 00:12:46,980
those anything you do to a woman for

316
00:12:44,669 --> 00:12:50,099
contraception is not really very good

317
00:12:46,980 --> 00:12:52,139
for her whereas a snip for a bloke it it

318
00:12:50,100 --> 00:12:54,819
makes no difference to a man's life

319
00:12:52,139 --> 00:12:56,918
whatsoever other then you just

320
00:12:54,818 --> 00:12:59,078
doesn't go her five tadpoles anymore you

321
00:12:56,918 --> 00:13:00,548
know and gets to sit around for two days

322
00:12:59,078 --> 00:13:02,738
just feeling like he's been kicked in

323
00:13:00,548 --> 00:13:05,288
the balls really hard no it's not even

324
00:13:02,739 --> 00:13:08,319
that not even though no in fact one of

325
00:13:05,288 --> 00:13:11,708
the guys who's at this convention was

326
00:13:08,318 --> 00:13:16,208
the first guy on the slab for us on the

327
00:13:11,708 --> 00:13:19,028
day and he said oh look the weekend here

328
00:13:16,208 --> 00:13:21,548

was a little bit saw down there but most

329

00:13:19,028 --> 00:13:23,769

the most of all he'd just really notice

330

00:13:21,548 --> 00:13:24,879

any difference at all let's see even I

331

00:13:23,769 --> 00:13:26,470

was talking about it and you guys

332

00:13:24,879 --> 00:13:28,959

talking about it that day that's a great

333

00:13:26,470 --> 00:13:31,028

thing I mean it now were you doing much

334

00:13:28,958 --> 00:13:32,678

with I mentioned the ABC would would

335

00:13:31,028 --> 00:13:34,509

cover and we're talking generally the

336

00:13:32,678 --> 00:13:36,428

subjects you deal with their in the

337

00:13:34,509 --> 00:13:37,808

society but what about commercial radio

338

00:13:36,428 --> 00:13:38,918

could you get much traction on

339

00:13:37,808 --> 00:13:41,219

commercial radio and getting onto

340

00:13:38,918 --> 00:13:46,208

commercial TV about what you're doing ah

341

00:13:41,220 --> 00:13:49,809

well I know that we did get into the

342

00:13:46,208 --> 00:13:53,378

news bulletins of commercial radio some

343
00:13:49,808 --> 00:13:56,350
some news bulletins we certainly made

344
00:13:53,379 --> 00:14:02,459
all of the commercial television news

345
00:13:56,350 --> 00:14:05,979
bulletins as well as SBS and ABC but you

346
00:14:02,458 --> 00:14:11,158
know look any message is only going to

347
00:14:05,979 --> 00:14:15,399
have a specific audience you know and

348
00:14:11,158 --> 00:14:17,639
let would although it would be good to

349
00:14:15,399 --> 00:14:21,519
be able to get these things discussed on

350
00:14:17,639 --> 00:14:24,278
something like Nova FM you know the

351
00:14:21,519 --> 00:14:27,459
chances of actually getting it up there

352
00:14:24,278 --> 00:14:30,548
is pretty slim I would've thought so you

353
00:14:27,458 --> 00:14:32,288
know I thought we did pretty good being

354
00:14:30,548 --> 00:14:35,918
able to get into the news bulletins of

355
00:14:32,288 --> 00:14:38,438
these a commercial radio but but also

356
00:14:35,918 --> 00:14:39,908
television what's your next project you

357
00:14:38,438 --> 00:14:41,498
have a few thoughts on the boiler there

358
00:14:39,908 --> 00:14:42,788
is that one you can talk about because

359
00:14:41,499 --> 00:14:44,979
we want to blow you we want to give it a

360
00:14:42,788 --> 00:14:48,038
free-kick here on the skeptic zone look

361
00:14:44,979 --> 00:14:50,589
all I can say is watch this space we've

362
00:14:48,038 --> 00:14:54,158
got some pretty big initiatives coming

363
00:14:50,589 --> 00:14:57,459
up that are going to about have both an

364
00:14:54,158 --> 00:15:00,668
international and national impact and if

365
00:14:57,458 --> 00:15:04,149
you just keep within those a week in

366
00:15:00,668 --> 00:15:07,629
science podcasts we do highlight

367
00:15:04,149 --> 00:15:08,200
upcoming events if you tune into the our

368
00:15:07,629 --> 00:15:13,330
oils where

369
00:15:08,200 --> 00:15:15,640
site r-ia us or go you you can see

370
00:15:13,330 --> 00:15:18,129
what's coming up and and get involved

371

00:15:15,639 --> 00:15:20,139
that way you are mad crazy about

372
00:15:18,129 --> 00:15:22,330
dinosaurs your dinosaur not too crazy

373
00:15:20,139 --> 00:15:24,069
for them you like the pterodactyl the

374
00:15:22,330 --> 00:15:27,129
pedestals about who had that you love me

375
00:15:24,070 --> 00:15:30,210
more yeah yeah I found my first fossil

376
00:15:27,129 --> 00:15:32,679
when I was 6 and I've been you know a

377
00:15:30,210 --> 00:15:33,850
paleontologist ever since and what's the

378
00:15:32,679 --> 00:15:36,399
one you'd like to find is there a

379
00:15:33,850 --> 00:15:38,019
missing missing one from our current

380
00:15:36,399 --> 00:15:40,840
little libraries like Jill would mind

381
00:15:38,019 --> 00:15:42,939
Azarcon covering that look Maynard it's

382
00:15:40,840 --> 00:15:45,160
not so much that there's one in

383
00:15:42,940 --> 00:15:47,590
particular I'd like to find the thing I

384
00:15:45,159 --> 00:15:50,289
most want to know about dinosaurs what

385
00:15:47,590 --> 00:15:53,139

do they taste like ah wouldn't that be a

386

00:15:50,289 --> 00:15:54,339

feast you know yeah I know whenever I

387

00:15:53,139 --> 00:15:56,620

think about dinosaurs I think of all the

388

00:15:54,340 --> 00:15:58,149

large plants around then and we didn't

389

00:15:56,620 --> 00:16:00,549

have grasses and even they're just big

390

00:15:58,149 --> 00:16:02,709

big plants no grass yeah it's not very

391

00:16:00,549 --> 00:16:04,990

much places to hide were there really um

392

00:16:02,710 --> 00:16:07,629

well they were forests well I know

393

00:16:04,990 --> 00:16:09,159

there's some pretty big pine trees and

394

00:16:07,629 --> 00:16:11,470

and that sort of thing knocking around

395

00:16:09,159 --> 00:16:13,029

though that's what see but if your

396

00:16:11,470 --> 00:16:14,580

chances of bring him on down needing it

397

00:16:13,029 --> 00:16:16,959

might not have been that good even with

398

00:16:14,580 --> 00:16:19,509

advanced to maybe you just pick on a

399

00:16:16,960 --> 00:16:21,820

small one okay but don't forget if you

400
00:16:19,509 --> 00:16:23,889
took one of every dinosaur that we know

401
00:16:21,820 --> 00:16:26,110
of an average their size the average

402
00:16:23,889 --> 00:16:29,019
dinosaur would be about the size of

403
00:16:26,110 --> 00:16:31,570
sheep really yeah there are a lot of

404
00:16:29,019 --> 00:16:34,179
small dinosaurs you throw the birds in

405
00:16:31,570 --> 00:16:36,610
there which are dying dinosaurs as well

406
00:16:34,179 --> 00:16:37,959
it gets even smaller but since I said

407
00:16:36,610 --> 00:16:40,480
the brontosaurus has just been there

408
00:16:37,960 --> 00:16:42,129
just had a really good press agent well

409
00:16:40,480 --> 00:16:43,810
actually the brontosaurus is one of the

410
00:16:42,129 --> 00:16:46,149
most mixed-up dinosaurs of history

411
00:16:43,809 --> 00:16:49,689
because it went stones mainly but I had

412
00:16:46,149 --> 00:16:51,189
to change the name they when they

413
00:16:49,690 --> 00:16:54,280
originally put a skeleton on display

414
00:16:51,190 --> 00:16:56,290
they put the wrong head on it you know

415
00:16:54,279 --> 00:16:57,549
brontosaurus is a real basket case and

416
00:16:56,289 --> 00:17:00,099
unfortunately it's one of the most

417
00:16:57,549 --> 00:17:01,149
popular dinosaurs so we don't talk about

418
00:17:00,100 --> 00:17:03,460
broader sort of thing where we talk

419
00:17:01,149 --> 00:17:05,078
about Apatosaurus okay now has this got

420
00:17:03,460 --> 00:17:06,490
anything to do with the Flintstones the

421
00:17:05,078 --> 00:17:08,409
fact that it was watching them it was

422
00:17:06,490 --> 00:17:10,480
sentient and had evolved enough to watch

423
00:17:08,410 --> 00:17:12,579
drive-in movies with the other cave

424
00:17:10,480 --> 00:17:14,588
people not only according to the

425
00:17:12,578 --> 00:17:17,048
creationists are

426
00:17:14,588 --> 00:17:19,288
you suggesting a hanna-barbera had a few

427
00:17:17,048 --> 00:17:22,150
creationist it almost certainly yeah

428

00:17:19,288 --> 00:17:27,519
look and who was hotter will moral Betty

429
00:17:22,150 --> 00:17:31,630
or you know yeah yeah I was always like

430
00:17:27,519 --> 00:17:34,150
what was it bam bam okay he was direct

431
00:17:31,630 --> 00:17:36,580
to the point he was uncomplicated factly

432
00:17:34,150 --> 00:17:38,679
you know he was he was a man's cave man

433
00:17:36,579 --> 00:17:40,899
and you ask you so what do you want just

434
00:17:38,679 --> 00:17:42,730
bang one or twice for not and that was

435
00:17:40,900 --> 00:17:45,100
it that was it there was no maybe know

436
00:17:42,730 --> 00:17:47,259
if no buts there was it very

437
00:17:45,099 --> 00:17:50,288
uncomplicated fella there is zero and

438
00:17:47,259 --> 00:17:51,849
one kind of guy Utley yeah yeah digital

439
00:17:50,288 --> 00:17:53,470
yeah what are you looking forward to the

440
00:17:51,849 --> 00:17:55,028
rest of other Sunday here a little bit

441
00:17:53,470 --> 00:17:56,440
of time here left at the convention well

442
00:17:55,028 --> 00:17:57,970

how could I pull my finger out because

443

00:17:56,440 --> 00:17:59,798

I'm doing the last presentation and I'm

444

00:17:57,970 --> 00:18:03,220

not entirely sure what I'm going to be

445

00:17:59,798 --> 00:18:05,769

talking about but uh look I've said that

446

00:18:03,220 --> 00:18:08,470

I'll talk about the future of skeptical

447

00:18:05,769 --> 00:18:12,099

thought and my take-home message is

448

00:18:08,470 --> 00:18:14,649

three words more positive stuff we've

449

00:18:12,099 --> 00:18:17,230

got to do a lot more stuff it would work

450

00:18:14,648 --> 00:18:19,000

first of all we've actually been handed

451

00:18:17,230 --> 00:18:21,370

something that we've been wanting for a

452

00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:24,909

very long time and that is a marketplace

453

00:18:21,369 --> 00:18:26,918

of ideas so we really need to get out

454

00:18:24,909 --> 00:18:29,740

there and start operating in that

455

00:18:26,919 --> 00:18:32,559

marketplace we're doing a lot more stuff

456

00:18:29,740 --> 00:18:36,759

doing a lot more positive stuff you know

457
00:18:32,558 --> 00:18:39,970
the people are pretty fed up with a

458
00:18:36,759 --> 00:18:41,319
bunch of know-it-all naysayers coming in

459
00:18:39,970 --> 00:18:44,350
and telling them what's wrong with the

460
00:18:41,319 --> 00:18:46,329
world and we've got a lot of positive

461
00:18:44,349 --> 00:18:48,668
stuff to offer why don't we put our best

462
00:18:46,329 --> 00:18:51,069
foot forward and say we are about

463
00:18:48,669 --> 00:18:54,940
rational thinking we are about evidence

464
00:18:51,069 --> 00:18:57,250
we are about being able to interact with

465
00:18:54,940 --> 00:18:59,558
the world in a way that's actually

466
00:18:57,250 --> 00:19:01,269
verifiable these are the positive

467
00:18:59,558 --> 00:19:02,408
messages that we need to talk about I

468
00:19:01,269 --> 00:19:04,450
mean the part of the problem you've got

469
00:19:02,409 --> 00:19:07,090
is that the press likes a negative story

470
00:19:04,450 --> 00:19:09,700
I mean like you know skeptics say that

471
00:19:07,089 --> 00:19:12,009
yeah search for the evidence that's not

472
00:19:09,700 --> 00:19:13,960
very good where they go skeptics say dot

473
00:19:12,009 --> 00:19:17,379
dot has lack of evidence is more like a

474
00:19:13,960 --> 00:19:19,899
story they run yeah but you know so

475
00:19:17,380 --> 00:19:21,909
that's the old media I'm talking about

476
00:19:19,898 --> 00:19:23,408
operating in the new media environment

477
00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:25,210
you know and there's a different set of

478
00:19:23,409 --> 00:19:27,130
rules there because it's it is a

479
00:19:25,210 --> 00:19:28,450
marketplace of ideas it's not a

480
00:19:27,130 --> 00:19:30,640
marketplace that

481
00:19:28,450 --> 00:19:33,039
dollar is the is the functional unit but

482
00:19:30,640 --> 00:19:37,660
the idea is a functional unit at the

483
00:19:33,039 --> 00:19:40,389
online environment now if you go to you

484
00:19:37,660 --> 00:19:44,710
know where do skeptics turn up in the

485

00:19:40,390 --> 00:19:47,020
old media you know they turn up on today

486
00:19:44,710 --> 00:19:50,980
tonight or a current affair or those

487
00:19:47,019 --> 00:19:54,339
kinds of programs usually they're out

488
00:19:50,980 --> 00:19:56,049
there may saying something and if it

489
00:19:54,339 --> 00:19:58,000
pleases the producers to make the

490
00:19:56,049 --> 00:20:01,059
skeptical look like a dick that's exactly

491
00:19:58,000 --> 00:20:03,759
what they will do you know on the online

492
00:20:01,059 --> 00:20:06,490
environment we can do what we want we

493
00:20:03,759 --> 00:20:08,799
can say what we want to say we can

494
00:20:06,490 --> 00:20:10,720
present ourselves how we want to be

495
00:20:08,799 --> 00:20:13,029
presented and I think that that's

496
00:20:10,720 --> 00:20:15,700
exactly where the future of skeptical

497
00:20:13,029 --> 00:20:17,859
thought lies how do we present a

498
00:20:15,700 --> 00:20:19,870
positive image to the world that's

499
00:20:17,859 --> 00:20:22,179

creative rather than destructive and

500

00:20:19,869 --> 00:20:26,559

where could we see how you're creating

501

00:20:22,180 --> 00:20:30,370

this online again i will go to arias

502

00:20:26,559 --> 00:20:33,700

store go you where we have blogs we have

503

00:20:30,369 --> 00:20:35,949

videos we have all kinds of ways of

504

00:20:33,700 --> 00:20:37,420

keeping up to date with the latest

505

00:20:35,950 --> 00:20:39,670

science i'm not just keeping up to date

506

00:20:37,420 --> 00:20:41,110

but also being able to interact with it

507

00:20:39,670 --> 00:20:42,759

I mean this is the real joy of the

508

00:20:41,109 --> 00:20:45,579

online environment it's no longer

509

00:20:42,759 --> 00:20:47,319

science communication it's no longer a

510

00:20:45,579 --> 00:20:49,449

boffin on a box still talking about his

511

00:20:47,319 --> 00:20:53,950

favorite subatomic particle it's the

512

00:20:49,450 --> 00:20:56,019

boffin on stage and the audience asking

513

00:20:53,950 --> 00:20:58,360

the questions they want to ask and

514
00:20:56,019 --> 00:21:00,730
because we were online that that

515
00:20:58,359 --> 00:21:02,879
audience can be spread around the state

516
00:21:00,730 --> 00:21:07,349
around the country around the world and

517
00:21:02,880 --> 00:21:10,960
so we can have a more constructive

518
00:21:07,349 --> 00:21:13,799
interaction mayor with the audience so

519
00:21:10,960 --> 00:21:16,809
that we what we end up producing is

520
00:21:13,799 --> 00:21:19,659
relevant information for the audience

521
00:21:16,809 --> 00:21:21,099
now that the two controversial questions

522
00:21:19,660 --> 00:21:22,360
that have gone through this entire

523
00:21:21,099 --> 00:21:25,149
weekend I've been trying to get some

524
00:21:22,359 --> 00:21:26,949
sort of incident started failed

525
00:21:25,150 --> 00:21:29,380
miserably but I have got two questions

526
00:21:26,950 --> 00:21:31,120
first of all if there is a conspiracy

527
00:21:29,380 --> 00:21:33,100
that there's a lack of evidence for that

528
00:21:31,119 --> 00:21:34,509
you would like to be real that you

529
00:21:33,099 --> 00:21:38,169
wouldn't mind if it was real what would

530
00:21:34,509 --> 00:21:40,379
that be so what what's the conspiracy

531
00:21:38,170 --> 00:21:44,750
theory odd most like to be true

532
00:21:40,380 --> 00:21:49,230
curr there is a tough one Maynard and

533
00:21:44,750 --> 00:21:52,109
I've always liked the Reptoid stuff you

534
00:21:49,230 --> 00:21:55,920
know because is it is so out there it is

535
00:21:52,109 --> 00:21:59,309
so wacky is so bizarre in and and and

536
00:21:55,920 --> 00:22:01,380
it's so obviously false that that's why

537
00:21:59,309 --> 00:22:02,879
I'd like it to be true because they're

538
00:22:01,380 --> 00:22:04,470
not just from another place within this

539
00:22:02,880 --> 00:22:08,130
universe they're from another dimension

540
00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:09,509
no there is nothing that could possibly

541
00:22:08,130 --> 00:22:12,210
be true about it that's why I'd like

542

00:22:09,509 --> 00:22:14,160
that one confirmed yeah the other

543
00:22:12,210 --> 00:22:16,110
question is Doctor Who related yeah and

544
00:22:14,160 --> 00:22:17,820
that is if there is a popular doctor

545
00:22:16,109 --> 00:22:19,889
everyone has got their own favorite or a

546
00:22:17,819 --> 00:22:24,210
popular doctor who would be the

547
00:22:19,890 --> 00:22:27,630
unpopular Doctor Who oh look i'm not

548
00:22:24,210 --> 00:22:29,400
really a huge Doctor Who fan yeah I just

549
00:22:27,630 --> 00:22:31,440
got a vision so I've been keeping that

550
00:22:29,400 --> 00:22:34,170
very quiet this weekend because you know

551
00:22:31,440 --> 00:22:35,940
I've been surrounded by thought Doctor

552
00:22:34,170 --> 00:22:38,310
Who fans well how tough do you think

553
00:22:35,940 --> 00:22:39,779
it's for me to say whovian all weekend

554
00:22:38,309 --> 00:22:41,009
that's not me if you were to say it

555
00:22:39,779 --> 00:22:46,049
sounds like you're doing it back in

556
00:22:41,009 --> 00:22:51,240

plainer ad yeah you know I grew up on

557

00:22:46,049 --> 00:22:56,399

Jon Pertwee as the doctor and a lost

558

00:22:51,240 --> 00:22:59,579

track of it with Tom Baker and I've

559

00:22:56,400 --> 00:23:01,800

really it's only been the last year or

560

00:22:59,579 --> 00:23:03,960

so that my son's been getting into

561

00:23:01,799 --> 00:23:07,079

Doctor Who and I've started following

562

00:23:03,960 --> 00:23:10,079

along on David Tennant and Matt prices

563

00:23:07,079 --> 00:23:13,409

it meant Matt Smith Matt Smith it Matt

564

00:23:10,079 --> 00:23:15,449

Smith on that hopeless without enough so

565

00:23:13,410 --> 00:23:17,070

for you in some ways Tom Baker was the

566

00:23:15,450 --> 00:23:19,500

unpopular doctor because he didn't hold

567

00:23:17,069 --> 00:23:22,109

you I'll tell you one that I want to

568

00:23:19,500 --> 00:23:25,500

track down and is obviously the most

569

00:23:22,109 --> 00:23:26,939

unpopular doctor because he's never it

570

00:23:25,500 --> 00:23:30,569

never comes up in these conversations

571
00:23:26,940 --> 00:23:32,490
about all the past doctors and that is

572
00:23:30,569 --> 00:23:35,939
it was it Peter Cushing who actually

573
00:23:32,490 --> 00:23:39,120
played doctor who in the movie yet early

574
00:23:35,940 --> 00:23:41,160
movies yes and I think it was the peter

575
00:23:39,119 --> 00:23:44,849
cushing or it was one of those classic

576
00:23:41,160 --> 00:23:46,500
old actors and he never gets to look in

577
00:23:44,849 --> 00:23:48,659
so he must be the most unpopular one

578
00:23:46,500 --> 00:23:50,730
okay look you get up there I hope your

579
00:23:48,660 --> 00:23:53,160
talks popular I hope you look if I look

580
00:23:50,730 --> 00:23:53,700
two words gaga if you get some lady gaga

581
00:23:53,160 --> 00:23:55,470
into

582
00:23:53,700 --> 00:23:58,409
end that would be good yeah well I'll do

583
00:23:55,470 --> 00:24:01,798
my best I'm working on my meat frock as

584
00:23:58,409 --> 00:24:03,179
we talk I'm talking to you get another

585
00:24:01,798 --> 00:24:05,250
agent smith there seems to be quite a

586
00:24:03,179 --> 00:24:06,630
few here this weekend and have you found

587
00:24:05,250 --> 00:24:09,179
it for these skeptics this weekend in

588
00:24:06,630 --> 00:24:10,559
Canberra well we've been keeping tight

589
00:24:09,179 --> 00:24:14,399
control over the proceedings of course

590
00:24:10,558 --> 00:24:16,220
and we've had a couple of incidents but

591
00:24:14,398 --> 00:24:19,678
they those have been dealt with

592
00:24:16,220 --> 00:24:21,120
discreetly and without any fuss you know

593
00:24:19,679 --> 00:24:22,288
just to your right there you haven't

594
00:24:21,119 --> 00:24:24,359
dealt with the incident of that man

595
00:24:22,288 --> 00:24:25,558
dressing like 70s Tom Baker from Doctor

596
00:24:24,359 --> 00:24:29,729
Who you haven't done anything about that

597
00:24:25,558 --> 00:24:31,589
at all he's not harming anyone ok we see

598
00:24:29,730 --> 00:24:34,470
no reason to suppress that kind of

599

00:24:31,589 --> 00:24:36,269
expression mostly so you only have a if

600
00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:38,100
someone came dressed as colin baker from

601
00:24:36,269 --> 00:24:39,750
Doctor Who that would be different then

602
00:24:38,099 --> 00:24:41,308
we'd have to take action you know

603
00:24:39,750 --> 00:24:42,659
actually this this leads us to the

604
00:24:41,308 --> 00:24:44,278
question I was I've been talking a few

605
00:24:42,659 --> 00:24:46,230
people I know you can't talk an official

606
00:24:44,278 --> 00:24:48,659
capacity Agent Smith but do you think

607
00:24:46,230 --> 00:24:49,919
Colin Baker is the unpopular doctor or

608
00:24:48,659 --> 00:24:51,659
would you vote for someone else if

609
00:24:49,919 --> 00:24:53,730
you're voting for the unpopular doctor

610
00:24:51,659 --> 00:24:57,028
now I think Colin Baker was probably

611
00:24:53,730 --> 00:24:59,038
about the most unpopular doctor I've

612
00:24:57,028 --> 00:25:01,619
heard arguments for the Christopher

613
00:24:59,038 --> 00:25:04,440

Eccleston and I've heard arguments for

614

00:25:01,619 --> 00:25:07,589

Patrick Troughton but I think in general

615

00:25:04,440 --> 00:25:09,509

it's it's colin baker that tends to get

616

00:25:07,589 --> 00:25:11,308

the most attention and also like he's a

617

00:25:09,509 --> 00:25:13,109

nice guy we like him at conventions no

618

00:25:11,308 --> 00:25:14,398

one's saying he's a bad actor it's just

619

00:25:13,109 --> 00:25:16,168

that something he brought to the role

620

00:25:14,398 --> 00:25:18,268

and a lot of people have landed on the

621

00:25:16,169 --> 00:25:20,190

writing as well I think there is a

622

00:25:18,269 --> 00:25:23,759

certain amount of blame to be put on the

623

00:25:20,190 --> 00:25:25,230

writers for that it's it's not something

624

00:25:23,759 --> 00:25:28,589

I have a great deal of experience with

625

00:25:25,230 --> 00:25:31,200

but it can't be easy writing a science

626

00:25:28,589 --> 00:25:33,209

fiction TV show on the BBC fith for 50

627

00:25:31,200 --> 00:25:34,500

years but we'll look at even Douglas

628
00:25:33,210 --> 00:25:35,819
Adams had a run-in with him doing it

629
00:25:34,500 --> 00:25:39,269
didn't he and he's not bad at writing

630
00:25:35,819 --> 00:25:41,038
yes for the pirate planet it has been I

631
00:25:39,269 --> 00:25:43,409
don't think I've seen that episode since

632
00:25:41,038 --> 00:25:44,369
it was originally aired I might have to

633
00:25:43,409 --> 00:25:46,799
go back and have a look at that again

634
00:25:44,369 --> 00:25:49,648
look I hope it's an incident free day

635
00:25:46,798 --> 00:25:51,210
for your agent smith I expect so as I

636
00:25:49,648 --> 00:25:53,699
said we're keeping tight control and

637
00:25:51,210 --> 00:25:55,649
with any luck any outbreaks will be

638
00:25:53,700 --> 00:25:58,890
dealt with a did I say outbreaks I'm

639
00:25:55,648 --> 00:26:00,929
sorry any incidents will be dealt with

640
00:25:58,890 --> 00:26:03,210
you've got your eye on the grassy knoll

641
00:26:00,930 --> 00:26:06,690
up there of course we always have our

642
00:26:03,210 --> 00:26:09,329
eyes on the grassy knoll because I

643
00:26:06,690 --> 00:26:10,980
always see at Tim to mendham behind the

644
00:26:09,329 --> 00:26:12,799
table selling t-shirts there how the

645
00:26:10,980 --> 00:26:15,329
shirts are gone this weekend it's

646
00:26:12,799 --> 00:26:17,099
neither five or five hundred I haven't

647
00:26:15,329 --> 00:26:19,079
kept you counted yet quite a lot of

648
00:26:17,099 --> 00:26:20,730
thing what not is what sort of flavor

649
00:26:19,079 --> 00:26:23,839
have the Canberra skeptics brought to

650
00:26:20,730 --> 00:26:23,839
this national conference this year

651
00:26:24,200 --> 00:26:29,460
strawberry higher yes drawing a

652
00:26:27,059 --> 00:26:32,399
different time and a vac you organized

653
00:26:29,460 --> 00:26:34,620
it very well which has been very good be

654
00:26:32,400 --> 00:26:36,720
very interesting it's a lot of very very

655
00:26:34,619 --> 00:26:38,099
serious talks actually not that I've

656

00:26:36,720 --> 00:26:41,610
seen all them because I've been selling

657
00:26:38,099 --> 00:26:43,529
the t-shirts behind the table I'm not

658
00:26:41,609 --> 00:26:45,449
complaining no no no but it's see I have

659
00:26:43,529 --> 00:26:46,649
been worthwhile doing that so but yes

660
00:26:45,450 --> 00:26:48,029
the ones I've seen have been very good

661
00:26:46,650 --> 00:26:49,920
very good presentations and a lot of

662
00:26:48,029 --> 00:26:51,690
them on this topic of conspiracies and

663
00:26:49,920 --> 00:26:53,039
things that's been quite fun but a lot

664
00:26:51,690 --> 00:26:54,900
of people talking about Graham Wilson

665
00:26:53,039 --> 00:26:57,329
many Simpson and his donkey uncover

666
00:26:54,900 --> 00:26:58,800
that's great I know I actually I didn't

667
00:26:57,329 --> 00:27:00,960
see the presentation but for your

668
00:26:58,799 --> 00:27:02,759
information i actually played in a stage

669
00:27:00,960 --> 00:27:05,190
play in primary school I played a

670
00:27:02,759 --> 00:27:06,720

wounded soldier oh that was that that

671

00:27:05,190 --> 00:27:09,240

Simpson was looking after he put me over

672

00:27:06,720 --> 00:27:11,100

the back of a donkey and the kid who was

673

00:27:09,240 --> 00:27:13,109

the back of the donkey really got a bad

674

00:27:11,099 --> 00:27:14,879

back yeah the vet yes there was two kids

675

00:27:13,109 --> 00:27:17,279

of the donkey suit I was a wounded

676

00:27:14,880 --> 00:27:18,540

soldier so so it was a few people I've

677

00:27:17,279 --> 00:27:22,920

actually met that have worked with a

678

00:27:18,539 --> 00:27:24,299

pantomime donkey I did actually the kids

679

00:27:22,920 --> 00:27:25,590

died soon afterwards actually was

680

00:27:24,299 --> 00:27:28,379

horrible we did actually get a photo

681

00:27:25,589 --> 00:27:30,720

taken for the sydney morning herald his

682

00:27:28,380 --> 00:27:32,460

and i was over the donkey and the sky

683

00:27:30,720 --> 00:27:33,809

playing simpson was beside and the kid

684

00:27:32,460 --> 00:27:36,390

who at the front of the donkey had the

685
00:27:33,809 --> 00:27:37,649
donkey head off and the poor kid of the

686
00:27:36,390 --> 00:27:40,470
back never got his picture in the paper

687
00:27:37,650 --> 00:27:41,850
so how would you be I was the back of

688
00:27:40,470 --> 00:27:43,259
Simpsons donkey and that will be the

689
00:27:41,849 --> 00:27:48,509
name of his autobiography if I was

690
00:27:43,259 --> 00:27:50,039
Simpsons ass because we got dr. Rachel

691
00:27:48,509 --> 00:27:51,240
hanging around here to now do you want

692
00:27:50,039 --> 00:27:53,430
to eat that sandwich before we talk

693
00:27:51,240 --> 00:27:55,289
what's the story no it's the cow eat it

694
00:27:53,430 --> 00:27:57,090
while we talk I can do two things at

695
00:27:55,289 --> 00:27:58,619
once like that but one thing I've never

696
00:27:57,089 --> 00:28:00,539
seen dr. Reggie do that you did last

697
00:27:58,619 --> 00:28:02,549
night was she actually ignored a dessert

698
00:28:00,539 --> 00:28:04,200
that was in front of her for hours you

699
00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:07,180
were sitting in front of a real live

700
00:28:04,200 --> 00:28:09,819
active dessert and you did not touch it

701
00:28:07,180 --> 00:28:12,850
well I mentioned I was sweet teeth as

702
00:28:09,819 --> 00:28:15,609
you like food but not really dessert get

703
00:28:12,849 --> 00:28:18,069
out no seriously and in any case it was

704
00:28:15,609 --> 00:28:19,659
Richard Saunders desert and the rough

705
00:28:18,069 --> 00:28:21,149
that would have come forth if I had

706
00:28:19,660 --> 00:28:23,740
eaten it would have been worse than

707
00:28:21,150 --> 00:28:25,720
enjoying the desert anyway Maynard so it

708
00:28:23,740 --> 00:28:28,000
just wasn't worth it look at what's been

709
00:28:25,720 --> 00:28:30,430
the standout moment here of the Canberra

710
00:28:28,000 --> 00:28:32,500
skeptics um I've enjoyed all the tops

711
00:28:30,430 --> 00:28:35,080
I've been really eclectic I particularly

712
00:28:32,500 --> 00:28:37,869
enjoyed catan Josh's talk on wind farm

713

00:28:35,079 --> 00:28:39,250
syndrome I haven't seen him speak before

714
00:28:37,869 --> 00:28:41,709
so I was really looking forward to his

715
00:28:39,250 --> 00:28:43,329
talk and I just find out is aware in the

716
00:28:41,710 --> 00:28:45,730
green room who's a bit nervous wasn't it

717
00:28:43,329 --> 00:28:47,529
but he had no need to be he said that he

718
00:28:45,730 --> 00:28:49,630
always gets nervous before talks so in a

719
00:28:47,529 --> 00:28:51,250
kind of translates into nervous energy

720
00:28:49,630 --> 00:28:54,910
which is uncommon for a lot of people

721
00:28:51,250 --> 00:28:56,650
benim this whole wind turbine syndrome

722
00:28:54,910 --> 00:28:59,920
has only really surfaced in the last

723
00:28:56,650 --> 00:29:03,490
three years interestingly it correlated

724
00:28:59,920 --> 00:29:06,640
with wind farm lobby groups also

725
00:29:03,490 --> 00:29:08,769
becoming quite well known so it wasn't

726
00:29:06,640 --> 00:29:10,390
until people were told that they might

727
00:29:08,769 --> 00:29:12,789

be sick that they started reporting that

728

00:29:10,390 --> 00:29:14,380

was 60 Simon Chapman who actually won

729

00:29:12,789 --> 00:29:16,450

the skeptic of the year last night at

730

00:29:14,380 --> 00:29:17,830

the dinner he did a study reporting that

731

00:29:16,450 --> 00:29:19,539

correlation so I think that's really

732

00:29:17,829 --> 00:29:21,789

interesting that until the power of

733

00:29:19,539 --> 00:29:23,289

suggestion came to play in this nobody

734

00:29:21,789 --> 00:29:25,839

really noticed there was anything wrong

735

00:29:23,289 --> 00:29:27,009

yeah also focusing on other things that

736

00:29:25,839 --> 00:29:28,539

are happening in the Hunter Valley

737

00:29:27,009 --> 00:29:30,519

because there's a few wind turbines been

738

00:29:28,539 --> 00:29:32,680

putting around there there's also a UFO

739

00:29:30,519 --> 00:29:34,150

flap going down in the Hunter Valley in

740

00:29:32,680 --> 00:29:36,580

newcastle at the moment I heard about

741

00:29:34,150 --> 00:29:38,530

that now you reported on that to ya

742
00:29:36,579 --> 00:29:40,689
expect to end cook with journalists at

743
00:29:38,529 --> 00:29:42,279
the newcastle morning herald and he's

744
00:29:40,690 --> 00:29:45,100
been gathering people about the whole

745
00:29:42,279 --> 00:29:46,899
thing and he yeah apparently the western

746
00:29:45,099 --> 00:29:49,629
side of Lake Macquarie and Gloucester

747
00:29:46,900 --> 00:29:51,759
seem to be too current UFO hot spots wow

748
00:29:49,630 --> 00:29:53,560
that's interesting yeah well

749
00:29:51,759 --> 00:29:55,660
interestingly where we are now may not

750
00:29:53,559 --> 00:29:58,990
were only 25 kilometers from the wind

751
00:29:55,660 --> 00:30:02,320
farm on Lake George we saw it on the way

752
00:29:58,990 --> 00:30:04,150
here yeah yeah so I do feel a little bit

753
00:30:02,319 --> 00:30:05,769
sick this morning it may have been all

754
00:30:04,150 --> 00:30:08,860
the food I ate last night and perhaps

755
00:30:05,769 --> 00:30:10,389
the slider I drink at the pub but no no

756

00:30:08,859 --> 00:30:12,669

I think it's definitely the wind farms

757

00:30:10,390 --> 00:30:14,530

so I'm going to have to report that to

758

00:30:12,670 --> 00:30:17,800

Simon Chapman to add to his list I think

759

00:30:14,529 --> 00:30:19,759

he said last night he's now up to 230

760

00:30:17,799 --> 00:30:23,299

associated with the wind farm syndrome

761

00:30:19,759 --> 00:30:25,849

oh I can't find my pants on that list I

762

00:30:23,299 --> 00:30:28,190

don't know but if not you should report

763

00:30:25,849 --> 00:30:30,559

it to you you should he'll add it to the

764

00:30:28,190 --> 00:30:32,330

list you look at much your name wait I

765

00:30:30,559 --> 00:30:34,190

blush look at look dr. Raymond my pants

766

00:30:32,329 --> 00:30:35,720

are just melting away I know it's

767

00:30:34,190 --> 00:30:37,789

amazing what have you been doing Maynard

768

00:30:35,720 --> 00:30:38,690

I'm walking to work continuously and as

769

00:30:37,789 --> 00:30:40,460

I might have mentioned to you before

770

00:30:38,690 --> 00:30:42,259
doing the Oprah thing which is not the

771
00:30:40,460 --> 00:30:44,120
Oprah diet then one idea that Oprah gave

772
00:30:42,259 --> 00:30:46,430
me which wasn't even hers it's a fat

773
00:30:44,119 --> 00:30:48,199
bust your house no chocolate no cakes in

774
00:30:46,430 --> 00:30:50,360
your house bust your health yeah that's

775
00:30:48,200 --> 00:30:51,740
what she calls that past your house when

776
00:30:50,359 --> 00:30:53,089
you said the Oprah thing I thought are

777
00:30:51,740 --> 00:30:54,740
you jumping up and down your couch or

778
00:30:53,089 --> 00:30:56,509
something that just I don't know that's

779
00:30:54,740 --> 00:30:59,240
a given that's the time I really been

780
00:30:56,509 --> 00:31:01,819
you do that edit you'll get whenever the

781
00:30:59,240 --> 00:31:05,079
730 report comes on go like that that's

782
00:31:01,819 --> 00:31:07,189
how excited I am by ABC content yeah oh

783
00:31:05,079 --> 00:31:08,389
yeah and suppose you just remove all

784
00:31:07,190 --> 00:31:10,309

your stuff from your house that might be

785

00:31:08,390 --> 00:31:12,290

bad witch which means that when you do

786

00:31:10,309 --> 00:31:14,839

see it in the wild like here you go hon

787

00:31:12,289 --> 00:31:16,519

lau fantails oh wow biscuits so it

788

00:31:14,839 --> 00:31:18,889

doesn't actually help you your willpower

789

00:31:16,519 --> 00:31:20,180

much because it's still just as bad as

790

00:31:18,890 --> 00:31:21,710

ever but it does take it out of the

791

00:31:20,180 --> 00:31:24,380

house so you don't go I'll just have a

792

00:31:21,710 --> 00:31:26,090

packet of scotch fingers before bed yeah

793

00:31:24,380 --> 00:31:28,220

that's good idea what some biscuits as

794

00:31:26,089 --> 00:31:29,449

well well you should own market that as

795

00:31:28,220 --> 00:31:31,640

a diet may not and you could make a

796

00:31:29,450 --> 00:31:33,019

billion dollars well it merely is just

797

00:31:31,640 --> 00:31:35,390

don't buy crap and put it in your house

798

00:31:33,019 --> 00:31:36,950

I don't see how that that really could

799
00:31:35,390 --> 00:31:38,750
earn you any money at all now you can

800
00:31:36,950 --> 00:31:41,299
just make a little pop-up ad that says

801
00:31:38,750 --> 00:31:43,670
how to lose body fat weight uses weird

802
00:31:41,299 --> 00:31:45,619
tip and it could be you with no pants

803
00:31:43,670 --> 00:31:47,150
jumping up and down on the couch that's

804
00:31:45,619 --> 00:31:49,369
weird it's really going to put people

805
00:31:47,150 --> 00:31:50,480
off their food exactly doctor about you

806
00:31:49,369 --> 00:31:51,919
have the rest of the day have you got

807
00:31:50,480 --> 00:31:52,640
any think you're gonna reveal before the

808
00:31:51,920 --> 00:31:54,050
end of the day you've got any

809
00:31:52,640 --> 00:31:55,970
controversial things are gonna get are

810
00:31:54,049 --> 00:31:58,039
you going to unmask anybody I'm hoping

811
00:31:55,970 --> 00:32:00,019
it i'll be unmasked or something oh i

812
00:31:58,039 --> 00:32:01,519
don't know i'm still I'm still sussing

813
00:32:00,019 --> 00:32:02,750
out what's going on here there's a few

814
00:32:01,519 --> 00:32:04,400
strange looking people that might be

815
00:32:02,750 --> 00:32:06,980
hiding something so i'll do some

816
00:32:04,400 --> 00:32:09,470
investigating maenad i love the guy that

817
00:32:06,980 --> 00:32:11,660
is a dead ringer for Tom Baker as Doctor

818
00:32:09,470 --> 00:32:13,400
Who oh my gosh yes there's a guy here

819
00:32:11,660 --> 00:32:15,259
today who's dressed up as Tom Baker with

820
00:32:13,400 --> 00:32:17,750
it he's really tall he's got a really

821
00:32:15,259 --> 00:32:19,430
long coat on he looks amazing yes oh

822
00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:21,640
they all go chat to him now go on may

823
00:32:19,430 --> 00:32:21,640
not

824
00:32:32,309 --> 00:32:37,690
hello and allah needle on solo scoffs of

825
00:32:35,529 --> 00:32:40,029
dip moment been to an at low so now to

826
00:32:37,690 --> 00:32:45,160
skeptics on for read to stop and Katie

827

00:32:40,029 --> 00:32:52,960
snide incur I'm moving from RC Connor we

828
00:32:45,160 --> 00:32:54,790
maybe burn skeptics own burns TV now on

829
00:32:52,960 --> 00:32:57,640
Belfast FM we turn to the personal ads

830
00:32:54,789 --> 00:32:59,950
easing going and confident skeptic seeks

831
00:32:57,640 --> 00:33:02,020
other critical thinkers for fun laughter

832
00:32:59,950 --> 00:33:04,059
and good times must be willing to apply

833
00:33:02,019 --> 00:33:05,740
logic liberally and a good listener

834
00:33:04,059 --> 00:33:08,109
expect something new and interesting

835
00:33:05,740 --> 00:33:10,059
every month come on meet me in Belfast

836
00:33:08,109 --> 00:33:12,039
in Northern Ireland if this sounds like

837
00:33:10,059 --> 00:33:17,099
you check out my profile on Belfast

838
00:33:12,039 --> 00:33:17,099
skeptics calm music by Kevin MacLeod

839
00:33:17,849 --> 00:33:22,899
welcome to a week in science from RI oz

840
00:33:20,740 --> 00:33:27,190
bringing you the science news you need

841
00:33:22,900 --> 00:33:29,019

to know 2013 has been a weird year in

842

00:33:27,190 --> 00:33:31,539

science so we thought would bring you

843

00:33:29,019 --> 00:33:34,769

the highlights the low lights and the

844

00:33:31,539 --> 00:33:34,769

stories have just made us laugh

845

00:33:36,019 --> 00:33:41,430

at number five researchers have found

846

00:33:38,940 --> 00:33:43,920

that we have a whole sense dedicated to

847

00:33:41,430 --> 00:33:47,220

smelling popcorn just like we have five

848

00:33:43,920 --> 00:33:49,950

categories of taste bitter sweet etc we

849

00:33:47,220 --> 00:33:52,559

also have ten basic categories of smell

850

00:33:49,950 --> 00:33:55,680

one of which is popcorn other categories

851

00:33:52,559 --> 00:34:00,179

include woody fruity and minty sense and

852

00:33:55,680 --> 00:34:02,970

the pungent smell of decay sorry lads

853

00:34:00,180 --> 00:34:05,279

but our number-4 weird story may not be

854

00:34:02,970 --> 00:34:09,630

good news for everyone it seems that

855

00:34:05,279 --> 00:34:12,000

size does matter researchers created

856
00:34:09,630 --> 00:34:15,960
life-size computer-generated images of

857
00:34:12,000 --> 00:34:18,269
male figures with varying boy bits women

858
00:34:15,960 --> 00:34:22,470
rated the images is more attractive when

859
00:34:18,269 --> 00:34:24,809
it had a larger penis and was tall at

860
00:34:22,469 --> 00:34:27,029
number three is the case of the clapping

861
00:34:24,809 --> 00:34:29,219
disease audience members pick up the

862
00:34:27,030 --> 00:34:31,649
clapping infection from the volume of

863
00:34:29,219 --> 00:34:33,989
other peoples applause and will continue

864
00:34:31,648 --> 00:34:36,389
until one person decides that they've

865
00:34:33,989 --> 00:34:38,129
clapped for long enough the disease like

866
00:34:36,389 --> 00:34:40,289
spread of clapping means that there is

867
00:34:38,130 --> 00:34:42,148
no relationship between the duration of

868
00:34:40,289 --> 00:34:45,809
applause and the quality of the

869
00:34:42,148 --> 00:34:47,429
performance if you think the clapping

870
00:34:45,809 --> 00:34:50,630
store is weird you're gonna love number

871
00:34:47,429 --> 00:34:53,070
two a study of dog's wagging their tails

872
00:34:50,630 --> 00:34:55,019
Italian researchers found that dogs

873
00:34:53,070 --> 00:34:57,300
behave differently when their mates wag

874
00:34:55,019 --> 00:34:59,940
their tails to the right then when they

875
00:34:57,300 --> 00:35:02,220
wag them to the left this direction of

876
00:34:59,940 --> 00:35:04,650
the tail wag could signify different

877
00:35:02,219 --> 00:35:07,349
doggy emotions indicating that they have

878
00:35:04,650 --> 00:35:09,740
asymmetrically organized brains just

879
00:35:07,349 --> 00:35:09,739
like us

880
00:35:09,820 --> 00:35:17,150
drumroll please our number one weird

881
00:35:13,670 --> 00:35:19,519
science story for 2013 is the Mothma

882
00:35:17,150 --> 00:35:21,588
beale japanese researchers this year

883
00:35:19,519 --> 00:35:24,679
developed a two-wheeled robot that can

884

00:35:21,588 --> 00:35:27,108
be driven by a male silk moth the moths

885
00:35:24,679 --> 00:35:30,108
steered the robot towards enticing

886
00:35:27,108 --> 00:35:31,759
female moth sex pheromones while the

887
00:35:30,108 --> 00:35:35,630
researchers monitored their brain

888
00:35:31,760 --> 00:35:38,359
activity that's it for this special

889
00:35:35,630 --> 00:35:40,190
weird episode of a week in science check

890
00:35:38,358 --> 00:35:41,690
out the full top ten which we put

891
00:35:40,190 --> 00:35:44,838
together with the Australian science

892
00:35:41,690 --> 00:35:49,909
media center and CSIRO on the our oils

893
00:35:44,838 --> 00:35:51,440
website are I au s org a you follow us

894
00:35:49,909 --> 00:35:54,259
on Twitter using the hashtag week

895
00:35:51,440 --> 00:35:56,389
insight and like us on Facebook I'm Paul

896
00:35:54,260 --> 00:35:58,880
Willis tune in next week when Tania

897
00:35:56,389 --> 00:36:01,779
brings you the top 5 science stories of

898
00:35:58,880 --> 00:36:01,780

2013

899

00:36:13,809 --> 00:36:19,250

but guests yours is an award-winning

900

00:36:16,250 --> 00:36:22,130

weekly science show in French hosted by

901

00:36:19,250 --> 00:36:24,409

a bunch of crazy enthusiasts we are

902

00:36:22,130 --> 00:36:26,780

convinced that the greatest ideas in

903

00:36:24,409 --> 00:36:29,000

science are quite easy to grasp as long

904

00:36:26,780 --> 00:36:31,550

as they're presented with passion using

905

00:36:29,000 --> 00:36:33,710

a vocabulary common to all curious minds

906

00:36:31,550 --> 00:36:36,500

whatever their academic background if

907

00:36:33,710 --> 00:36:39,530

any you don't understand French yet oh

908

00:36:36,500 --> 00:36:41,420

it's never too late all our stories have

909

00:36:39,530 --> 00:36:43,160

a written transcript on the website and

910

00:36:41,420 --> 00:36:45,349

people from all around the world are

911

00:36:43,159 --> 00:36:48,409

using our content to learn Maria's

912

00:36:45,349 --> 00:36:50,868

language our topics range from 0 to

913
00:36:48,409 --> 00:36:53,210
infinity from evolution to artificial

914
00:36:50,869 --> 00:36:55,850
life from electromagnetism to the

915
00:36:53,210 --> 00:36:59,059
science of introverts we just love

916
00:36:55,849 --> 00:37:01,849
mathematics science critical thinking so

917
00:36:59,059 --> 00:37:03,559
do you want to join you can subscribe to

918
00:37:01,849 --> 00:37:06,230
the podcast for free from our website

919
00:37:03,559 --> 00:37:08,900
podcast science tops FM that's in one

920
00:37:06,230 --> 00:37:11,329
word you also find us on itunes and

921
00:37:08,900 --> 00:37:13,610
soundcloud see you soon hopefully at

922
00:37:11,329 --> 00:37:15,819
losing a year at the other shop against

923
00:37:13,610 --> 00:37:15,820
yours

924
00:37:28,760 --> 00:37:34,220
well folks is a lot of views out there

925
00:37:31,170 --> 00:37:36,900
you can rely on quite frankly it's good

926
00:37:34,219 --> 00:37:38,939
information and there's a lot of news

927
00:37:36,900 --> 00:37:41,550
that you should doubt we call that

928
00:37:38,940 --> 00:37:43,590
doubtful news well no it's all mixed up

929
00:37:41,550 --> 00:37:45,420
and reversed in the skeptical world on

930
00:37:43,590 --> 00:37:47,610
the line all the way from New York I

931
00:37:45,420 --> 00:37:50,579
have Sharon Hill from doubtful news

932
00:37:47,610 --> 00:37:52,950
hello Sharon hi Richard actually I'm in

933
00:37:50,579 --> 00:37:57,630
Pennsylvania but close enough all the

934
00:37:52,949 --> 00:38:01,079
way from business keep going that's New

935
00:37:57,630 --> 00:38:02,910
York I want to see I'll just say that in

936
00:38:01,079 --> 00:38:04,829
my timezone it's early in the morning so

937
00:38:02,909 --> 00:38:07,049
I get Pennsylvania and New York mixed up

938
00:38:04,829 --> 00:38:11,610
all the time anyway it's good to have

939
00:38:07,050 --> 00:38:13,769
you back on the skeptic zone what an

940
00:38:11,610 --> 00:38:15,680
interesting year it's been in doubtful

941

00:38:13,769 --> 00:38:19,759
news how's the whole doubtful news

942
00:38:15,679 --> 00:38:23,250
project going well we're never not busy

943
00:38:19,760 --> 00:38:26,160
like you said there's always strange

944
00:38:23,250 --> 00:38:28,340
stories out there and use to cover on

945
00:38:26,159 --> 00:38:30,719
pseudoscience and alt med and

946
00:38:28,340 --> 00:38:32,039
questionable claims and the paranormal

947
00:38:30,719 --> 00:38:33,689
all sorts of stuff that we do at

948
00:38:32,039 --> 00:38:35,070
doubtful news so there's never a day

949
00:38:33,690 --> 00:38:37,200
that goes by that isn't there's

950
00:38:35,070 --> 00:38:40,670
something there in fact there are days

951
00:38:37,199 --> 00:38:43,289
usually like Monday Tuesday are quiet

952
00:38:40,670 --> 00:38:45,210
Thursday is ridiculous for some reason

953
00:38:43,289 --> 00:38:47,039
there's always a ton of bizarre stories

954
00:38:45,210 --> 00:38:49,380
that happen on thursday we have like

955
00:38:47,039 --> 00:38:51,059

seven or eight different weird things

956

00:38:49,380 --> 00:38:52,650

going on we're trying to put those

957

00:38:51,059 --> 00:38:55,460

stories up on the site so people can

958

00:38:52,650 --> 00:38:57,539

hear about them first and and and again

959

00:38:55,460 --> 00:38:59,820

actually give us some comments about how

960

00:38:57,539 --> 00:39:01,529

they feel or extra information so always

961

00:38:59,820 --> 00:39:03,450

busy here I don't think we'll ever run

962

00:39:01,530 --> 00:39:06,120

out of weird news I think you're

963

00:39:03,449 --> 00:39:08,399

absolutely right Missy in particular in

964

00:39:06,119 --> 00:39:11,670

particular has been quite weird please

965

00:39:08,400 --> 00:39:13,800

please tell us about the Bigfoot news

966

00:39:11,670 --> 00:39:15,900

during the year cuz i love i love that

967

00:39:13,800 --> 00:39:19,039

old fashioned skepticism like Bigfoot it

968

00:39:15,900 --> 00:39:21,930

reminds me when I was twelve years old

969

00:39:19,039 --> 00:39:23,670

right it was it was again a huge year

970
00:39:21,929 --> 00:39:26,219
for Bigfoot and I don't think people

971
00:39:23,670 --> 00:39:28,440
really understand how maybe another

972
00:39:26,219 --> 00:39:31,709
parts of the world how popular Bigfoot

973
00:39:28,440 --> 00:39:34,980
is in the US and it's also it's also big

974
00:39:31,710 --> 00:39:35,789
in Canada and it's a it's as the Yeti is

975
00:39:34,980 --> 00:39:38,730
big in

976
00:39:35,789 --> 00:39:41,940
in Asia and everybody knows about

977
00:39:38,730 --> 00:39:44,010
Bigfoot it's an icon and with the

978
00:39:41,940 --> 00:39:45,480
television coverage that's going on here

979
00:39:44,010 --> 00:39:49,290
in the US with the show Finding Bigfoot

980
00:39:45,480 --> 00:39:50,940
we get a lot of stories and it's very

981
00:39:49,289 --> 00:39:53,340
popular it's just extremely popular in

982
00:39:50,940 --> 00:39:55,800
the media and the stories that come out

983
00:39:53,340 --> 00:39:59,400
of Bigfoot world are just kind of insane

984
00:39:55,800 --> 00:40:02,610
and this year we had the release of the

985
00:39:59,400 --> 00:40:05,579
study of Bigfoot DNA results from two

986
00:40:02,610 --> 00:40:08,250
scientists well 22 reports came out to

987
00:40:05,579 --> 00:40:10,110
two studies came out the first one was

988
00:40:08,250 --> 00:40:12,599
by dr. Melba Ketchum she's a

989
00:40:10,110 --> 00:40:16,019
veterinarian and that came out showing

990
00:40:12,599 --> 00:40:18,719
that well she self-published a paper

991
00:40:16,019 --> 00:40:20,489
claiming that the DNA sequences that she

992
00:40:18,719 --> 00:40:23,579
had that were supposedly from Bigfoot

993
00:40:20,489 --> 00:40:28,019
were actually a hybrid human and unknown

994
00:40:23,579 --> 00:40:29,699
primate hmmm well there's so much

995
00:40:28,019 --> 00:40:31,500
background to this story I couldn't

996
00:40:29,699 --> 00:40:33,509
possibly talk about it all here because

997
00:40:31,500 --> 00:40:35,489
it goes on for more than five years but

998

00:40:33,510 --> 00:40:37,170
her findings were roundly dismissed for

999
00:40:35,489 --> 00:40:39,269
a number of reasons besides the fact

1000
00:40:37,170 --> 00:40:41,610
that it they made no sense to other

1001
00:40:39,269 --> 00:40:44,340
geneticists who looked at the date and

1002
00:40:41,610 --> 00:40:47,309
just in any sense but still she's out

1003
00:40:44,340 --> 00:40:49,800
there saying that she this is these are

1004
00:40:47,309 --> 00:40:52,650
her results and scientists should be

1005
00:40:49,800 --> 00:40:54,269
looking at them and along with that came

1006
00:40:52,650 --> 00:40:57,960
some rather question about very

1007
00:40:54,269 --> 00:40:59,759
questionable video and of creatures that

1008
00:40:57,960 --> 00:41:01,679
were walking around in the forest or

1009
00:40:59,760 --> 00:41:03,090
sleeping on the forest bed that actually

1010
00:41:01,679 --> 00:41:07,739
looked more like Chewbacca from Star

1011
00:41:03,090 --> 00:41:10,860
Was many real creature so that that

1012
00:41:07,739 --> 00:41:13,469

whole story just tanked in my mind on

1013

00:41:10,860 --> 00:41:16,620

the other hand we had a geneticist at

1014

00:41:13,469 --> 00:41:18,409

Oxford University dr. Bryan Sykes who

1015

00:41:16,619 --> 00:41:20,880

was also followed during his

1016

00:41:18,409 --> 00:41:25,079

experimentation by the BB i got the BBC

1017

00:41:20,880 --> 00:41:27,420

but by a network in the UK who was

1018

00:41:25,079 --> 00:41:29,610

chronicling his studies and his trips

1019

00:41:27,420 --> 00:41:31,440

abroad to determine whether the samples

1020

00:41:29,610 --> 00:41:34,620

that he was getting and studying were

1021

00:41:31,440 --> 00:41:37,380

actually from yeti sasquatch and the all

1022

00:41:34,619 --> 00:41:41,400

nasty from russia and that was produced

1023

00:41:37,380 --> 00:41:43,980

into a TV show and he also relieves the

1024

00:41:41,400 --> 00:41:45,809

snooze in the press and his results were

1025

00:41:43,980 --> 00:41:48,239

fascinating

1026

00:41:45,809 --> 00:41:50,189

and in contrast to Ketchum's everybody

1027
00:41:48,239 --> 00:41:51,509
was really taken by his results that

1028
00:41:50,188 --> 00:41:56,639
showed that there actually was a hybrid

1029
00:41:51,509 --> 00:41:59,958
bear in the Tibet Himalaya the Himalayan

1030
00:41:56,639 --> 00:42:04,438
area that showed that it matched up with

1031
00:41:59,958 --> 00:42:06,989
very old bones from a polar bear from

1032
00:42:04,438 --> 00:42:08,278
svalbard and Norway and so now they're

1033
00:42:06,989 --> 00:42:09,809
trying to figure out exactly what this

1034
00:42:08,278 --> 00:42:11,219
animal is and is it really still out

1035
00:42:09,809 --> 00:42:13,160
there's a really a hybrid bear that

1036
00:42:11,219 --> 00:42:15,269
people are interpreting as the Yeti and

1037
00:42:13,159 --> 00:42:17,629
on the other hand when he came to

1038
00:42:15,268 --> 00:42:19,998
America all the American samples both in

1039
00:42:17,630 --> 00:42:23,509
Canada and the US turned out to not

1040
00:42:19,998 --> 00:42:27,208
belong to Bigfoot goodbye belong to

1041
00:42:23,509 --> 00:42:30,599
native normal animals so big Bigfoot

1042
00:42:27,208 --> 00:42:33,358
news this year it was a big news for

1043
00:42:30,599 --> 00:42:35,309
Bigfoot but in the end not too many

1044
00:42:33,358 --> 00:42:37,788
surprises there i would suggest but you

1045
00:42:35,309 --> 00:42:40,319
know what it gives me an interesting I

1046
00:42:37,789 --> 00:42:41,819
ironic warm feeling in the heart I think

1047
00:42:40,318 --> 00:42:43,438
there's still people out there camping

1048
00:42:41,818 --> 00:42:47,998
in the woods with their torches and

1049
00:42:43,438 --> 00:42:51,268
their guns okay that's a big hairy

1050
00:42:47,998 --> 00:42:52,228
Bigfoot will come tromping by and I

1051
00:42:51,268 --> 00:42:56,308
think that this was a great opportunity

1052
00:42:52,228 --> 00:42:58,739
for skeptics to talk about because there

1053
00:42:56,309 --> 00:43:00,479
were a lot of Bigfoot enthusiasts who

1054
00:42:58,739 --> 00:43:02,639
were interested in what does this what

1055

00:43:00,478 --> 00:43:04,259
do these DNA studies me what what does

1056
00:43:02,639 --> 00:43:06,358
the genetics mean so it was a chance for

1057
00:43:04,259 --> 00:43:08,219
us to talk about real science and how

1058
00:43:06,358 --> 00:43:11,219
good science is done and how poor

1059
00:43:08,219 --> 00:43:14,608
science should be approached looked at

1060
00:43:11,219 --> 00:43:16,259
and criticized and that makes for better

1061
00:43:14,608 --> 00:43:18,328
overall knowledge maybe you didn't get

1062
00:43:16,259 --> 00:43:19,708
the answer you wanted but this is how

1063
00:43:18,329 --> 00:43:21,359
science works so this was a big

1064
00:43:19,708 --> 00:43:23,698
opportunity for us to talk about that as

1065
00:43:21,358 --> 00:43:25,650
well yes how disappointing when the

1066
00:43:23,699 --> 00:43:28,858
science doesn't back up yours sincerely

1067
00:43:25,650 --> 00:43:32,160
held beliefs but also in the same sort

1068
00:43:28,858 --> 00:43:35,278
of going back to Richard Saunders at 12

1069
00:43:32,159 --> 00:43:38,879

years old vain we have but Loch Ness

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00:43:35,278 --> 00:43:41,188
monster hoax yes it was also big year

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00:43:38,880 --> 00:43:43,499
Loch Ness out there was a hoax photo

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00:43:41,188 --> 00:43:45,838
that came out from a tour boat operator

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00:43:43,498 --> 00:43:49,948
named George Edwards now at first he

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00:43:45,838 --> 00:43:51,568
touted it as the best photo of Nessie

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00:43:49,949 --> 00:43:53,400
that had ever been out there and it was

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00:43:51,568 --> 00:43:57,150
sort of just like a hump in the water

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00:43:53,400 --> 00:43:58,769
and the photo itself didn't make a lot

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00:43:57,150 --> 00:44:00,720
of sense when you looked at it it didn't

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00:43:58,769 --> 00:44:03,420
like it was moving and it didn't have

1080

00:44:00,719 --> 00:44:06,029
the feeling of it being an actual animal

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00:44:03,420 --> 00:44:07,889
soon after it was discovered by another

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00:44:06,030 --> 00:44:11,880
Nessie researcher that it was indeed a

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00:44:07,889 --> 00:44:14,009
hoax it was a prop used by a TV station

1084
00:44:11,880 --> 00:44:16,289
or a TV production company to produce

1085
00:44:14,010 --> 00:44:18,750
what look like the Loch Ness monsters

1086
00:44:16,289 --> 00:44:21,659
they were filming it and Edwards knew of

1087
00:44:18,750 --> 00:44:25,139
this prop and he had actually towed it

1088
00:44:21,659 --> 00:44:27,299
during the filming of that TV show so he

1089
00:44:25,139 --> 00:44:29,339
had deliberately used it to create a

1090
00:44:27,300 --> 00:44:31,560
hoax photograph now the interesting

1091
00:44:29,340 --> 00:44:33,030
thing that happened after that is he got

1092
00:44:31,559 --> 00:44:34,820
into a dispute with the local

1093
00:44:33,030 --> 00:44:38,220
researchers who run the Loch Ness

1094
00:44:34,820 --> 00:44:39,990
visitor center who are leaning towards

1095
00:44:38,219 --> 00:44:43,619
the fact that Nessie is not really a

1096
00:44:39,989 --> 00:44:45,449
giant sea monster or lake monster but a

1097
00:44:43,619 --> 00:44:47,579
number of different rather mundane

1098
00:44:45,449 --> 00:44:51,269
explanations maybe it's a big fish or

1099
00:44:47,579 --> 00:44:54,239
it's a wave effect or logs in the Loch

1100
00:44:51,269 --> 00:44:56,099
whatever so George Edwards made a remark

1101
00:44:54,239 --> 00:44:58,559
saying well nobody's gonna come to Loch

1102
00:44:56,099 --> 00:45:01,980
Ness if they think it's just a big fish

1103
00:44:58,559 --> 00:45:03,779
mm-hmm so he justified his hoax by

1104
00:45:01,980 --> 00:45:05,789
trying to bring more business into the

1105
00:45:03,780 --> 00:45:10,710
Loch Ness area and I thought that that

1106
00:45:05,789 --> 00:45:12,539
was another interesting spin on a story

1107
00:45:10,710 --> 00:45:14,760
that we normally think of as just a lake

1108
00:45:12,539 --> 00:45:20,009
monster story it actually has more of a

1109
00:45:14,760 --> 00:45:21,720
social threads throughout this we're

1110
00:45:20,010 --> 00:45:23,130
talking about economics as well as

1111
00:45:21,719 --> 00:45:25,500
people's beliefs so it's very

1112

00:45:23,130 --> 00:45:27,660
interesting yeah I think that's

1113
00:45:25,500 --> 00:45:29,070
fascinating after again like Bigfoot

1114
00:45:27,659 --> 00:45:31,619
after all these years there's still

1115
00:45:29,070 --> 00:45:33,930
something going on with these old good

1116
00:45:31,619 --> 00:45:36,059
old-fashioned skeptical topics that I

1117
00:45:33,929 --> 00:45:38,339
certainly remember but now some better

1118
00:45:36,059 --> 00:45:42,299
news i guess one would look at it this

1119
00:45:38,340 --> 00:45:45,539
way is that some people have ended up

1120
00:45:42,300 --> 00:45:46,980
exactly where they belong which is jail

1121
00:45:45,539 --> 00:45:50,429
and these are the people who made these

1122
00:45:46,980 --> 00:45:53,760
fake bomb detectors based loosely on the

1123
00:45:50,429 --> 00:45:55,529
ideomotor action of water divining right

1124
00:45:53,760 --> 00:45:57,570
there were two trials this year in the

1125
00:45:55,530 --> 00:46:00,510
UK for the people who made these devices

1126
00:45:57,570 --> 00:46:02,820

and sold them for exorbitant amounts to

1127

00:46:00,510 --> 00:46:04,620

various military groups and government

1128

00:46:02,820 --> 00:46:08,160

officials across the country are across

1129

00:46:04,619 --> 00:46:09,750

the world and they were used in areas

1130

00:46:08,159 --> 00:46:12,769

like Iraq and

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00:46:09,750 --> 00:46:14,940

in Thailand and in Mexico and

1132

00:46:12,769 --> 00:46:17,610

particularly in the Middle East where

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00:46:14,940 --> 00:46:20,130

they were used it's certain that people

1134

00:46:17,610 --> 00:46:22,800

were killed because bombs had gotten

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00:46:20,130 --> 00:46:25,320

through these checkpoints because people

1136

00:46:22,800 --> 00:46:28,590

had a false belief that these devices

1137

00:46:25,320 --> 00:46:31,800

were able to spot explosives and of

1138

00:46:28,590 --> 00:46:34,050

course they didn't uh so I think we're

1139

00:46:31,800 --> 00:46:36,960

looking at a a situation where these

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00:46:34,050 --> 00:46:39,019

these two men who were charged and

1141
00:46:36,960 --> 00:46:42,240
ultimately convicted and sent to jail

1142
00:46:39,019 --> 00:46:43,829
deliberately deceived the people that

1143
00:46:42,239 --> 00:46:46,349
they sold this device to they knew it

1144
00:46:43,829 --> 00:46:49,619
didn't work they must have known it well

1145
00:46:46,349 --> 00:46:52,559
and it was also it had been tested the

1146
00:46:49,619 --> 00:46:54,719
military officials who were purchased it

1147
00:46:52,559 --> 00:46:57,599
should have done some background

1148
00:46:54,719 --> 00:47:01,259
information they didn't there were

1149
00:46:57,599 --> 00:47:03,360
possibly some bribing involved as well

1150
00:47:01,260 --> 00:47:05,790
where they were officials to a bribe to

1151
00:47:03,360 --> 00:47:08,550
to buy lots of these machines under the

1152
00:47:05,789 --> 00:47:10,529
pretense that they worked so all in all

1153
00:47:08,550 --> 00:47:12,720
it was just a horrendous story I was

1154
00:47:10,530 --> 00:47:15,630
glad to see that these men were found

1155
00:47:12,719 --> 00:47:17,609
guilty and ended up exactly where they

1156
00:47:15,630 --> 00:47:19,829
blocked ms that was a good news story

1157
00:47:17,610 --> 00:47:24,660
from a bad news story I guess in the end

1158
00:47:19,829 --> 00:47:27,329
and i think i think i made this point at

1159
00:47:24,659 --> 00:47:29,129
the last amazing meeting or somebody did

1160
00:47:27,329 --> 00:47:34,949
it now i'll just credit and no i think i

1161
00:47:29,130 --> 00:47:37,710
do that if these devices were given to

1162
00:47:34,949 --> 00:47:39,989
people like the australian skeptics or

1163
00:47:37,710 --> 00:47:41,909
groups in America and for half an hour

1164
00:47:39,989 --> 00:47:43,469
with the military representatives we

1165
00:47:41,909 --> 00:47:45,179
could have shown them quite clearly that

1166
00:47:43,469 --> 00:47:47,730
they didn't work it wouldn't have taken

1167
00:47:45,179 --> 00:47:50,339
that long but they just never work

1168
00:47:47,730 --> 00:47:53,880
properly tested right they were

1169

00:47:50,340 --> 00:47:56,670
eventually tested by MIT here in the US

1170
00:47:53,880 --> 00:47:58,740
but also there is a history of some

1171
00:47:56,670 --> 00:48:02,309
skeptics being involved there there was

1172
00:47:58,739 --> 00:48:04,079
a head Lac who was in a contact military

1173
00:48:02,309 --> 00:48:06,150
at the time who warned them these

1174
00:48:04,079 --> 00:48:07,949
devices didn't work and I don't believe

1175
00:48:06,150 --> 00:48:10,559
that they were used by the US military

1176
00:48:07,949 --> 00:48:12,119
because of that they were warned that

1177
00:48:10,559 --> 00:48:14,029
these devices did not work and of course

1178
00:48:12,119 --> 00:48:17,039
James Randi had a hand in that as well

1179
00:48:14,030 --> 00:48:19,410
proofs hood in the UK it was part of the

1180
00:48:17,039 --> 00:48:22,320
BBC team that investigated the factory

1181
00:48:19,409 --> 00:48:23,619
that was near his residence and he

1182
00:48:22,320 --> 00:48:26,980
became involved in that so there

1183
00:48:23,619 --> 00:48:29,199

were definite skeptic input into this

1184

00:48:26,980 --> 00:48:31,000

process so I think we can claim some

1185

00:48:29,199 --> 00:48:33,189

success in that that we did get involved

1186

00:48:31,000 --> 00:48:36,460

and something did come out of it that's

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00:48:33,190 --> 00:48:39,220

that's nice to know and people you know

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00:48:36,460 --> 00:48:41,110

can sometimes in the general public or

1189

00:48:39,219 --> 00:48:43,089

the media just regard skeptics is the

1190

00:48:41,110 --> 00:48:46,170

funny people or the the cranks or the

1191

00:48:43,090 --> 00:48:49,000

people who won't believe where we have

1192

00:48:46,170 --> 00:48:51,940

good evidence behind us to suggest that

1193

00:48:49,000 --> 00:48:55,449

at least consulting us or seeking our

1194

00:48:51,940 --> 00:48:58,210

opinion can be a very good thing in

1195

00:48:55,449 --> 00:49:01,239

general um absolutely another example

1196

00:48:58,210 --> 00:49:04,769

that was the Stanislaus versus key yes

1197

00:49:01,239 --> 00:49:07,599

case just recently that came out in

1198
00:49:04,769 --> 00:49:11,590
America's largest distributed newspaper

1199
00:49:07,599 --> 00:49:13,420
USA Today a huge exposé of Burzynski and

1200
00:49:11,590 --> 00:49:15,700
his cancer treatment center which

1201
00:49:13,420 --> 00:49:18,430
promotes this use of this chemical

1202
00:49:15,699 --> 00:49:20,019
called antineoplastons that has never

1203
00:49:18,429 --> 00:49:22,119
been shown to work he's been in trouble

1204
00:49:20,019 --> 00:49:23,829
with the FDA he's never gotten his work

1205
00:49:22,119 --> 00:49:25,509
published he charges people absorb

1206
00:49:23,829 --> 00:49:28,090
exorbitant amounts for this treatment

1207
00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:29,860
and it doesn't work just recently a

1208
00:49:28,090 --> 00:49:32,680
child died after receiving this

1209
00:49:29,860 --> 00:49:33,880
treatment which prompted the federal the

1210
00:49:32,679 --> 00:49:35,859
federal office of Food and Drug

1211
00:49:33,880 --> 00:49:38,320
Administration in the u.s. to start to

1212
00:49:35,860 --> 00:49:41,769
investigate dr. Burzynski rather closely

1213
00:49:38,320 --> 00:49:45,039
and this was definitely prompted by some

1214
00:49:41,769 --> 00:49:47,679
skeptical activism by people like date

1215
00:49:45,039 --> 00:49:50,170
of course he and Robert blaskowitz and I

1216
00:49:47,679 --> 00:49:53,139
think that they had a huge hand it

1217
00:49:50,170 --> 00:49:56,380
keeping the pressure on the media to

1218
00:49:53,139 --> 00:49:58,239
expose dr. Burzynski and for the fda to

1219
00:49:56,380 --> 00:50:01,269
actually do something so i think again

1220
00:49:58,239 --> 00:50:03,339
we're seeing some response from

1221
00:50:01,269 --> 00:50:06,759
skeptical activism it's very heartening

1222
00:50:03,340 --> 00:50:10,150
to see that it is i think we're not just

1223
00:50:06,760 --> 00:50:11,770
a knee-jerk reaction group either i mean

1224
00:50:10,150 --> 00:50:13,480
we do have to react when things come

1225
00:50:11,769 --> 00:50:15,340
along but we can certainly initiate

1226

00:50:13,480 --> 00:50:16,960
investigations and bring things to the

1227
00:50:15,340 --> 00:50:19,210
attention of authorities and i think

1228
00:50:16,960 --> 00:50:22,510
that's a very good use for skeptical

1229
00:50:19,210 --> 00:50:25,389
activities what else do we have in the

1230
00:50:22,510 --> 00:50:27,670
wonderful year that was doubtful news

1231
00:50:25,389 --> 00:50:30,339
for 2013 let's look at one or two more

1232
00:50:27,670 --> 00:50:34,150
and i can't i can't go too far past

1233
00:50:30,340 --> 00:50:35,220
Sylvia Browne but who could uh there was

1234
00:50:34,150 --> 00:50:37,289
that

1235
00:50:35,219 --> 00:50:41,789
was probably the most notable death this

1236
00:50:37,289 --> 00:50:45,480
year hmm and I I don't know a lot of a

1237
00:50:41,789 --> 00:50:46,980
lot of people remember that uh when the

1238
00:50:45,480 --> 00:50:48,630
Queen made a speech one year when she

1239
00:50:46,980 --> 00:50:51,090
had a terrible year she called it the

1240
00:50:48,630 --> 00:50:54,119

annus horribilis she had a terrible year

1241

00:50:51,090 --> 00:50:57,869

this was Sylvia Browne senator Iblis he

1242

00:50:54,119 --> 00:50:59,608

had a terrible terrible year she was

1243

00:50:57,869 --> 00:51:01,349

experiencing some health problems as

1244

00:50:59,608 --> 00:51:03,269

well she had had a stroke so I think she

1245

00:51:01,349 --> 00:51:07,530

was it not in the best of health but it

1246

00:51:03,269 --> 00:51:12,030

what really took a put her in freefall I

1247

00:51:07,530 --> 00:51:15,720

think was the case where the woman in

1248

00:51:12,030 --> 00:51:19,920

Ohio Amanda berry was found after she

1249

00:51:15,719 --> 00:51:22,379

had been held captive by a man she was

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00:51:19,920 --> 00:51:26,369

held captive for a number of years but

1251

00:51:22,380 --> 00:51:28,740

in 2004 Brown had told amanda berry's

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00:51:26,369 --> 00:51:31,260

mother on the Montel Williams TV show

1253

00:51:28,739 --> 00:51:33,989

that her daughter was dead she had been

1254

00:51:31,260 --> 00:51:36,900

missing for over a year and Sylvia said

1255
00:51:33,989 --> 00:51:39,469
that that Barry was dead the mother died

1256
00:51:36,900 --> 00:51:42,389
thinking that her daughter was not alive

1257
00:51:39,469 --> 00:51:44,909
so when it was found that she actually

1258
00:51:42,389 --> 00:51:47,389
was alive Sylvia received a tremendous

1259
00:51:44,909 --> 00:51:50,549
amount to negative press for that and

1260
00:51:47,389 --> 00:51:52,079
that did her absolutely no favors even

1261
00:51:50,550 --> 00:51:55,650
though the family sort of forgave her

1262
00:51:52,079 --> 00:51:58,980
for that it was just a huge downturn in

1263
00:51:55,650 --> 00:52:02,820
her popularity and reputation and then

1264
00:51:58,980 --> 00:52:05,880
she passed away in in November so you

1265
00:52:02,820 --> 00:52:07,680
know a lot of skeptics feel that they're

1266
00:52:05,880 --> 00:52:12,088
glad she's gone but really we're just

1267
00:52:07,679 --> 00:52:13,588
glad that her that she has ended the

1268
00:52:12,088 --> 00:52:15,869
things that she does I mean I didn't

1269
00:52:13,588 --> 00:52:17,820
matter if she was if she just stopped or

1270
00:52:15,869 --> 00:52:19,950
if she died unfortunately it took her

1271
00:52:17,820 --> 00:52:22,680
death for her to finish promoting

1272
00:52:19,949 --> 00:52:24,719
herself as a psychic uh but no more

1273
00:52:22,679 --> 00:52:27,569
Sylvia Browne and I hope I hope we've

1274
00:52:24,719 --> 00:52:29,699
turned a page I hope we could get past

1275
00:52:27,570 --> 00:52:31,980
these celebrity psychics the first

1276
00:52:29,699 --> 00:52:33,809
encounter I had with Sylvia Browne the

1277
00:52:31,980 --> 00:52:35,309
first not personally but the first time

1278
00:52:33,809 --> 00:52:37,949
she was brought to my attention was way

1279
00:52:35,309 --> 00:52:40,139
back in nineteen i think 89 with the

1280
00:52:37,949 --> 00:52:42,659
special testing psychic powers live with

1281
00:52:40,139 --> 00:52:45,650
James Randi and Bill Bixby she took part

1282
00:52:42,659 --> 00:52:48,389
in that and when I saw the segment I

1283

00:52:45,650 --> 00:52:50,760
assumed that she was an actress

1284
00:52:48,389 --> 00:52:55,348
going on to show how bad cold reading is

1285
00:52:50,760 --> 00:52:57,390
she was that had on the show isn't it

1286
00:52:55,349 --> 00:53:02,309
amazing she lasted for so long it is

1287
00:52:57,389 --> 00:53:03,960
well yes and no it's a great indication

1288
00:53:02,309 --> 00:53:06,930
that you don't actually have to be any

1289
00:53:03,960 --> 00:53:09,949
good in the psychic or the cold reading

1290
00:53:06,929 --> 00:53:13,710
area for people to believe you anyway

1291
00:53:09,949 --> 00:53:16,528
let's round off the look back at the

1292
00:53:13,710 --> 00:53:19,980
doubtful news for 2013 with the story i

1293
00:53:16,528 --> 00:53:22,739
just can't I just can't let go without

1294
00:53:19,980 --> 00:53:25,829
mentioning goblins and Zimbabwe blow up

1295
00:53:22,739 --> 00:53:27,509
a house and steal women's underwear now

1296
00:53:25,829 --> 00:53:30,298
we've all been drunk and done that from

1297
00:53:27,510 --> 00:53:34,470

time to time but what's this story all

1298

00:53:30,298 --> 00:53:36,389

about I it was very very strange and I

1299

00:53:34,469 --> 00:53:39,449

we're really hitting a disconnect

1300

00:53:36,389 --> 00:53:40,710

between what goes on in areas of the

1301

00:53:39,449 --> 00:53:43,439

world that we're just not very familiar

1302

00:53:40,710 --> 00:53:46,318

with the culture and and how people

1303

00:53:43,440 --> 00:53:48,588

behave in society and what they accept

1304

00:53:46,318 --> 00:53:51,568

is is true and what they think of is

1305

00:53:48,588 --> 00:53:53,338

fiction I can't say that I understand

1306

00:53:51,568 --> 00:53:55,440

what goes on in Zimbabwe but for some

1307

00:53:53,338 --> 00:53:58,710

strange reason we got a flood of stories

1308

00:53:55,440 --> 00:54:00,619

out of Zimbabwe about goblins things bad

1309

00:53:58,710 --> 00:54:04,250

that would happen in these areas

1310

00:54:00,619 --> 00:54:07,108

wouldn't be attributed to goblins and

1311

00:54:04,250 --> 00:54:08,849

they're very strange like you can you

1312
00:54:07,108 --> 00:54:10,710
can buy a goblin and they could bring

1313
00:54:08,849 --> 00:54:13,710
you good luck but then they could turn

1314
00:54:10,710 --> 00:54:17,179
on you and cause you bad luck and I

1315
00:54:13,710 --> 00:54:19,108
can't really wrap my head around the

1316
00:54:17,179 --> 00:54:21,808
explanation if people really think these

1317
00:54:19,108 --> 00:54:23,699
are real or if it's just sort of an

1318
00:54:21,809 --> 00:54:26,099
imaginary thing or like a curse or

1319
00:54:23,699 --> 00:54:28,318
witchcraft or whatever but at one point

1320
00:54:26,099 --> 00:54:30,329
there was this story that came out as a

1321
00:54:28,318 --> 00:54:31,829
bob way that this goblin was in this

1322
00:54:30,329 --> 00:54:33,690
house and they were trying to get rid of

1323
00:54:31,829 --> 00:54:35,818
it and it ended up they think they glued

1324
00:54:33,690 --> 00:54:37,318
the house up and people were were

1325
00:54:35,818 --> 00:54:38,608
injured and i'm not sure if they were

1326
00:54:37,318 --> 00:54:41,099
killed or not i think somebody was

1327
00:54:38,608 --> 00:54:44,369
killed and then after that we started to

1328
00:54:41,099 --> 00:54:46,140
hear these stories about children and

1329
00:54:44,369 --> 00:54:49,048
teachers were being harassed in schools

1330
00:54:46,139 --> 00:54:50,909
by goblins and these goblins had sort of

1331
00:54:49,048 --> 00:54:52,380
a sexual nature to them where they would

1332
00:54:50,909 --> 00:54:54,889
attack the women and they would like to

1333
00:54:52,380 --> 00:54:57,019
seal underwear

1334
00:54:54,889 --> 00:54:59,210
it was just a very bizarre thing and I

1335
00:54:57,018 --> 00:55:00,588
put these stories on doubtful news just

1336
00:54:59,210 --> 00:55:02,630
to bring them to people's attention I

1337
00:55:00,588 --> 00:55:05,389
don't claim to understand what's going

1338
00:55:02,630 --> 00:55:07,099
on here I I don't want to make any

1339
00:55:05,389 --> 00:55:08,298
pronouncements about them but I'm just

1340

00:55:07,099 --> 00:55:10,160
sort of letting people know that there

1341
00:55:08,298 --> 00:55:11,298
is this these stories that happen in

1342
00:55:10,159 --> 00:55:13,848
other parts of the world that are so

1343
00:55:11,298 --> 00:55:15,259
strange we can't possibly comprehend how

1344
00:55:13,849 --> 00:55:18,980
people could believe them what they do

1345
00:55:15,260 --> 00:55:21,049
Wow how about that well there's the

1346
00:55:18,980 --> 00:55:23,028
travel advisory fizz in bob way you're

1347
00:55:21,048 --> 00:55:25,278
going to see backing up watch out for

1348
00:55:23,028 --> 00:55:29,389
goblins hold on to your underwear I

1349
00:55:25,278 --> 00:55:31,909
theme now listens whatever you do keep a

1350
00:55:29,389 --> 00:55:36,288
tight hold and you might be all right

1351
00:55:31,909 --> 00:55:38,899
it's it's a wonderful thing to go to

1352
00:55:36,289 --> 00:55:40,849
doubtful news calm and have a look at

1353
00:55:38,900 --> 00:55:43,130
some of these interesting stories from

1354
00:55:40,849 --> 00:55:45,710

around the world stories that are

1355

00:55:43,130 --> 00:55:47,720

amusing in times and very important at

1356

00:55:45,710 --> 00:55:49,699

other times I think and of course many

1357

00:55:47,719 --> 00:55:53,058

of our listeners would know your voice

1358

00:55:49,699 --> 00:55:56,358

is probably your face two from the

1359

00:55:53,059 --> 00:56:00,470

weekly what do you call it a vid caster

1360

00:55:56,358 --> 00:56:02,630

of audio go be okay we can't call it

1361

00:56:00,469 --> 00:56:06,048

just a hangout hanging out with with

1362

00:56:02,630 --> 00:56:08,298

virtual skeptics yeah we just sort of

1363

00:56:06,048 --> 00:56:10,400

group of us get together and we just

1364

00:56:08,298 --> 00:56:13,338

talk about the stories of the week and

1365

00:56:10,400 --> 00:56:15,528

our our pet subject areas and we read a

1366

00:56:13,338 --> 00:56:18,949

bit of books that were were currently

1367

00:56:15,528 --> 00:56:21,920

interested in and we just pick at each

1368

00:56:18,949 --> 00:56:23,598

other an F on it is it's a I was lucky

1369
00:56:21,920 --> 00:56:25,309
enough to be a guest on earlier on in

1370
00:56:23,599 --> 00:56:29,000
the year and I set myself up in front of

1371
00:56:25,309 --> 00:56:32,630
my my ipad i think it was at the time

1372
00:56:29,000 --> 00:56:34,608
with and hooked up to the Hangout system

1373
00:56:32,630 --> 00:56:36,349
and there you all were weren't there I

1374
00:56:34,608 --> 00:56:39,230
was and we had it we had a great time

1375
00:56:36,349 --> 00:56:42,798
and if I'm very lucky I might even come

1376
00:56:39,230 --> 00:56:45,710
by again sometime in 27 yes that's great

1377
00:56:42,798 --> 00:56:48,469
and 2014 another big year ahead for

1378
00:56:45,710 --> 00:56:51,199
doubtful news do you predict yes what

1379
00:56:48,469 --> 00:56:53,778
will it bring we can ever you can't even

1380
00:56:51,199 --> 00:56:55,879
imagine I try not to imagine what what

1381
00:56:53,778 --> 00:56:58,369
could possibly happen but like every day

1382
00:56:55,880 --> 00:57:00,289
I wake up and I look at the news feed

1383
00:56:58,369 --> 00:57:02,930
something weird is there it's

1384
00:57:00,289 --> 00:57:05,050
fascinating and it's interesting so

1385
00:57:02,929 --> 00:57:06,369
people should come on over it

1386
00:57:05,050 --> 00:57:08,140
and visit every day because we have

1387
00:57:06,369 --> 00:57:10,779
stories up every day and you're on

1388
00:57:08,139 --> 00:57:12,670
Twitter of course too yes I have an

1389
00:57:10,780 --> 00:57:15,100
account for doubtful news which you

1390
00:57:12,670 --> 00:57:16,690
should follow the best way to follow us

1391
00:57:15,099 --> 00:57:18,549
because all the stories go there and

1392
00:57:16,690 --> 00:57:21,490
sometimes commentary discussions that I

1393
00:57:18,550 --> 00:57:24,960
have with with other Twitter people and

1394
00:57:21,489 --> 00:57:26,979
I also have my own account at I doubt it

1395
00:57:24,960 --> 00:57:29,309
all right well the best thing for

1396
00:57:26,980 --> 00:57:32,380
listeners to do is head over to doubtful

1397

00:57:29,309 --> 00:57:33,940
newscom all the information is there and

1398
00:57:32,380 --> 00:57:36,010
I think there's still time to vote for

1399
00:57:33,940 --> 00:57:40,030
your favorite doubtful news story of

1400
00:57:36,010 --> 00:57:42,190
2013 death very if they hurry if they

1401
00:57:40,030 --> 00:57:44,470
have it sharon hill all the way from

1402
00:57:42,190 --> 00:57:48,070
Pennsylvania and who likes to visit New

1403
00:57:44,469 --> 00:57:50,409
York I'm sure from time to time a

1404
00:57:48,070 --> 00:57:52,330
pleasure to have a chat with you and I

1405
00:57:50,409 --> 00:58:06,879
do hope we can catch up in person

1406
00:57:52,329 --> 00:58:08,440
sometime in the coming year did you see

1407
00:58:06,880 --> 00:58:10,599
that UFO sighting that made the news

1408
00:58:08,440 --> 00:58:12,849
what did that latest study about

1409
00:58:10,599 --> 00:58:14,529
alternative treatments really say is

1410
00:58:12,849 --> 00:58:17,469
this photo making the rounds real or

1411
00:58:14,530 --> 00:58:19,360

hoax duffel news is a unique website

1412

00:58:17,469 --> 00:58:21,489

featuring news about pseudoscience the

1413

00:58:19,360 --> 00:58:23,190

paranormal anomalies and questionable

1414

00:58:21,489 --> 00:58:26,169

claims framed with the skeptical view

1415

00:58:23,190 --> 00:58:27,929

come visit doubtful newscom every day

1416

00:58:26,170 --> 00:58:31,659

for news about cryptozoology

1417

00:58:27,929 --> 00:58:34,569

conspiracies shams scams and more follow

1418

00:58:31,659 --> 00:58:36,099

us on twitter at doubtful news critical

1419

00:58:34,570 --> 00:58:38,410

thinking is essential in assessing

1420

00:58:36,099 --> 00:58:42,239

today's news duffel news helps you

1421

00:58:38,409 --> 00:58:42,239

decide can you really believe this stuff

1422

00:58:51,190 --> 00:58:55,460

stefan that burger looks damn good

1423

00:58:53,150 --> 00:58:57,829

Richard it's been how long's a show at

1424

00:58:55,460 --> 00:59:00,230

our and I'm still eating that's that's

1425

00:58:57,829 --> 00:59:02,690

how amazing this dude how big this dish

1426
00:59:00,230 --> 00:59:04,400
is an hour I'm still only halfway

1427
00:59:02,690 --> 00:59:05,840
through the chips it's a way it's true

1428
00:59:04,400 --> 00:59:09,110
it's true you're still going through

1429
00:59:05,840 --> 00:59:13,640
after all this time my gosh what a great

1430
00:59:09,110 --> 00:59:16,070
show episode 269 oh well and episode 270

1431
00:59:13,639 --> 00:59:17,839
will be coming from Auckland oh really

1432
00:59:16,070 --> 00:59:20,300
i'll be in oakland you do it over there

1433
00:59:17,840 --> 00:59:23,300
i'm making my way slowly to san

1434
00:59:20,300 --> 00:59:26,570
francisco by auckland yeah it's a long

1435
00:59:23,300 --> 00:59:28,700
story right I just the way that things

1436
00:59:26,570 --> 00:59:31,100
worked out the airfares and the travel

1437
00:59:28,699 --> 00:59:32,269
and the planes and their engines and all

1438
00:59:31,099 --> 00:59:34,039
that sort of thing you've been to

1439
00:59:32,269 --> 00:59:36,380
Auckland before yes there last year yeah

1440
00:59:34,039 --> 00:59:38,239
it's very nice city it is and what

1441
00:59:36,380 --> 00:59:40,160
surprised me and Auckland listeners will

1442
00:59:38,239 --> 00:59:43,159
know what I mean is it gets really humid

1443
00:59:40,159 --> 00:59:45,139
hot you know oh really so for I was

1444
00:59:43,159 --> 00:59:47,299
surprised but yes it's quite them quite

1445
00:59:45,139 --> 00:59:48,829
steamy anyway that's hopefully where the

1446
00:59:47,300 --> 00:59:51,860
show will become if not we'll be coming

1447
00:59:48,829 --> 00:59:53,539
from our California and but a Merry

1448
00:59:51,860 --> 00:59:55,760
Christmas Stefan if I won't see you

1449
00:59:53,539 --> 00:59:58,039
before the new year and a happy start to

1450
00:59:55,760 --> 00:59:59,690
2014 it's going to be a big one and of

1451
00:59:58,039 --> 01:00:01,099
course the the prediction so that's

1452
00:59:59,690 --> 01:00:02,329
going to be the fun the fun part we're

1453
01:00:01,099 --> 01:00:04,639
going to make some predictions next we

1454

01:00:02,329 --> 01:00:06,199
can't wait we are just before i go and

1455
01:00:04,639 --> 01:00:08,719
before you go in fact probably just

1456
01:00:06,199 --> 01:00:10,189
after this we're going to record a

1457
01:00:08,719 --> 01:00:11,539
segment for next week's show where we're

1458
01:00:10,190 --> 01:00:14,000
going to look back at the psychic

1459
01:00:11,539 --> 01:00:16,250
predictions for 2013 that'll be coming

1460
01:00:14,000 --> 01:00:18,079
up on the next episode it didn't see

1461
01:00:16,250 --> 01:00:20,510
much of Nelson Mandela there did read no

1462
01:00:18,079 --> 01:00:22,190
I don't think so I don't think so and I

1463
01:00:20,510 --> 01:00:23,810
think listeners will be interested to

1464
01:00:22,190 --> 01:00:25,369
know who won the federal election here

1465
01:00:23,809 --> 01:00:26,900
in Australia to see you oh yes of course

1466
01:00:25,369 --> 01:00:28,219
so and we'll be trying to make a few

1467
01:00:26,900 --> 01:00:30,410
predictions ourselves so happy that we

1468
01:00:28,219 --> 01:00:33,469

will check in into a month's time we

1469

01:00:30,409 --> 01:00:35,389

will do that well you fit my goodness me

1470

01:00:33,469 --> 01:00:36,769

used to playing your way through those

1471

01:00:35,389 --> 01:00:39,049

burgers and chips it's a quite

1472

01:00:36,769 --> 01:00:42,019

incredible you do that Stefan and until

1473

01:00:39,050 --> 01:00:44,539

next time this is the skeptic zones

1474

01:00:42,019 --> 01:00:46,219

deafen cyka and Richard Saunders signing

1475

01:00:44,539 --> 01:00:48,159

off from the can't be Hostin Park

1476

01:00:46,219 --> 01:00:51,489

Carousel Club down the end of the street

1477

01:00:48,159 --> 01:00:59,049

and in what a lovely club it is too

1478

01:00:51,489 --> 01:01:02,469

please never see ya but you've been

1479

01:00:59,050 --> 01:01:07,000

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