The Skeptic Zone
Show 215 - 1 Dec 2012

1
00:00:10,820 --> 00:00:01,939
this is james randi and you're listening

2
00:00:13,669 --> 00:00:10,830
to the skeptic zone welcome to the

3
00:00:17,779 --> 00:00:13,679
skeptic zone the podcast from Australia

4
00:00:26,730 --> 00:00:17,789
for science and reason yuria hosts

5
00:00:31,689 --> 00:00:30,189
hello Richard hello Stefan hello Stefan

6
00:00:33,160 --> 00:00:31,699
now you're there can you hear me I think

7
00:00:35,410 --> 00:00:33,170
I'm here I'm here I'm here and I'm here

8
00:00:37,869 --> 00:00:35,420
as well how are you where are you I'm in

9
00:00:40,150 --> 00:00:37,879
Melbourne I'm in Sydney I'm in Sydney

10
00:00:41,619 --> 00:00:40,160
I'm in Melbourne it's quantum isn't it

11
00:00:43,570 --> 00:00:41,629
it's very quantum we're both sitting

12
00:00:46,590 --> 00:00:43,580
here together in sydney and melbourne at

13
00:00:49,479 --> 00:00:46,600

the same time on two different days

14
00:00:52,600 --> 00:00:49,489
really I'm like at least we're in the

15
00:00:55,030 --> 00:00:52,610
same time zone I'll buy back all right

16
00:00:56,770 --> 00:00:55,040
I'm universe in this universe universe a

17
00:00:58,750 --> 00:00:56,780
well it's great to be back I haven't

18
00:01:00,160 --> 00:00:58,760
seen you for so long Richard you you are

19
00:01:03,549 --> 00:01:00,170
looking younger and younger every day

20
00:01:05,710 --> 00:01:03,559
gee thanks I had my birthday a couple of

21
00:01:07,810 --> 00:01:05,720
days ago even couple of days ah did you

22
00:01:10,240 --> 00:01:07,820
risk a couple of days ago in a couple

23
00:01:12,010 --> 00:01:10,250
yes so we-we're pre-recording this next

24
00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:12,020
week we are I mean we're pre-recording

25
00:01:17,950 --> 00:01:14,240
this but it's the skeptic Zone episode

26
00:01:21,279 --> 00:01:17,960
number 215 no way for the first of

27
00:01:23,230 --> 00:01:21,289
December 2012 and I'm in Melbourne of

28
00:01:25,120 --> 00:01:23,240
course and i will be a nut and i'm here

29
00:01:27,520 --> 00:01:25,130
sitting with you in Sydney Melbourne and

30
00:01:28,780 --> 00:01:27,530
San Belden because I'm in Melbourne for

31
00:01:31,390 --> 00:01:28,790
the Australian skeptics and national

32
00:01:33,490 --> 00:01:31,400
convention ok so it's gonna be a huge

33
00:01:35,679 --> 00:01:33,500
show then it's going really well and it

34
00:01:37,420 --> 00:01:35,689
will be going well soon to business it

35
00:01:40,480 --> 00:01:37,430
will be special three records that you

36
00:01:42,370 --> 00:01:40,490
did next week we should stop stop this

37
00:01:43,749 --> 00:01:42,380
this I'm getting confused I don't know

38
00:01:44,920 --> 00:01:43,759

about our pointless I especially give me

39
00:01:46,569 --> 00:01:44,930
especially because it's been a while

40
00:01:49,060 --> 00:01:46,579
since I've been actually in the zone I

41
00:01:50,830 --> 00:01:49,070
don't know where where have you been all

42
00:01:52,690 --> 00:01:50,840
these last few weeks I've been zoning I

43
00:01:54,190 --> 00:01:52,700
was in California of course only in

44
00:01:55,749 --> 00:01:54,200
california i think i'm going to be

45
00:01:58,359 --> 00:01:55,759
zoning in california in a few weeks

46
00:01:59,530 --> 00:01:58,369
really yes goodness because i've just

47
00:02:00,880 --> 00:01:59,540
been sitting here in sydney and

48
00:02:03,719 --> 00:02:00,890
melbourne doing pretty much nothing oh

49
00:02:06,609 --> 00:02:03,729
and i'm really disappointed in you for

50
00:02:08,830 --> 00:02:06,619
ignoring me for so long someone's got to

51
00:02:10,270 --> 00:02:08,840
go around turning around they do and i

52
00:02:12,910 --> 00:02:10,280
just been in counseling that's all I

53
00:02:16,180 --> 00:02:12,920
think you just try to get over it but

54
00:02:18,670 --> 00:02:16,190
yeah we're the convention is on its on

55
00:02:19,960 --> 00:02:18,680
who's here what's happening telling you

56
00:02:21,550 --> 00:02:19,970
all that all sorts of people are here

57
00:02:22,780 --> 00:02:21,560
it's really wonderful or it will be soon

58
00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:22,790
in a few days when I play down to

59
00:02:27,340 --> 00:02:25,040
Melbourne but I was just on the line

60
00:02:28,870 --> 00:02:27,350
just before we began to record I was

61
00:02:31,860 --> 00:02:28,880
just having a quick word to DJ Grothe

62
00:02:34,080 --> 00:02:31,870
who's just arrived in Melbourne our boy

63
00:02:35,220 --> 00:02:34,090

he's with James Randi and I guess

64
00:02:37,229 --> 00:02:35,230
they're doing well after their flight

65
00:02:40,110 --> 00:02:37,239
which is quite right but he's that his

66
00:02:42,210 --> 00:02:40,120
plane didn't crash next week did it we

67
00:02:47,039 --> 00:02:42,220
didn't know he says actually arrived

68
00:02:49,080 --> 00:02:47,049
yesterday next week that's good welcome

69
00:02:50,580 --> 00:02:49,090
to Australia DJ you know you know in

70
00:02:52,440 --> 00:02:50,590
Star Trek they have these guys from the

71
00:02:54,509 --> 00:02:52,450
future called the temporal lung police

72
00:02:56,369 --> 00:02:54,519
or something I'm don't say stop messing

73
00:02:58,199 --> 00:02:56,379
around with the timeline iodized very

74
00:03:01,259 --> 00:02:58,209
difficult very difficult it's confusing

75
00:03:03,809 --> 00:03:01,269
anyway the exciting thing is coming up

76
00:03:06,150 --> 00:03:03,819
on this week's show we hung report from

77
00:03:08,729 --> 00:03:06,160
Maynard's meet-and-greet Maynard's body

78
00:03:11,280 --> 00:03:08,739
disbeliever no agenda malaise sceptic

79
00:03:14,039 --> 00:03:11,290
soul party haha we had in brunswick on

80
00:03:16,800 --> 00:03:14,049
wednesday night yeah we'll be at this

81
00:03:18,599 --> 00:03:16,810
fantastic and was fantastic highlights

82
00:03:21,960 --> 00:03:18,609
from that all sorts of people came along

83
00:03:24,330 --> 00:03:21,970
also on this week's show a special

84
00:03:26,819 --> 00:03:24,340
doctor rachy reports doctor rate she was

85
00:03:29,430 --> 00:03:26,829
on the project oh really yeah how long

86
00:03:31,319 --> 00:03:29,440
would she was just recently just so he

87
00:03:33,780 --> 00:03:31,329
saw that like after we pre we call no no

88
00:03:35,879 --> 00:03:33,790

she was before even we pre-recorded this

89
00:03:37,860 --> 00:03:35,889
right i saw i think i saw a facebook

90
00:03:40,349 --> 00:03:37,870
post about that she was indeed and

91
00:03:43,520 --> 00:03:40,359
that's online if you if listeners google

92
00:03:45,930 --> 00:03:43,530
the project network tamil the project TV

93
00:03:47,640 --> 00:03:45,940
and go back through the video archives i

94
00:03:50,369 --> 00:03:47,650
can see dr. ain't you but we have the

95
00:03:52,050 --> 00:03:50,379
audio are great because i miss that so i

96
00:03:54,390 --> 00:03:52,060
will look forward to course the recent

97
00:03:57,240 --> 00:03:54,400
story here in australia is doctors take

98
00:03:58,650 --> 00:03:57,250
aim and vaccine objector so i mean this

99
00:04:00,780 --> 00:03:58,660
really is a lot of doctors out there

100
00:04:01,949 --> 00:04:00,790
they've had enough they've had enough

101
00:04:04,020 --> 00:04:01,959
and they're becoming more and more

102
00:04:06,000 --> 00:04:04,030
concerned that our rates of immunization

103
00:04:07,830 --> 00:04:06,010
and going down and any of them have

104
00:04:10,710 --> 00:04:07,840
sussed the fact but it's because of

105
00:04:13,110 --> 00:04:10,720
these red bags online mmm no offense to

106
00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:13,120
Pete about each the good red bag bad rat

107
00:04:19,560 --> 00:04:16,000
sags that the moon moon bats are the

108
00:04:21,659 --> 00:04:19,570
moon bands that's pretty good who are

109
00:04:23,339 --> 00:04:21,669
encouraging people not to get back the

110
00:04:24,480 --> 00:04:23,349
next day to not to be next yeah and

111
00:04:26,909 --> 00:04:24,490
there's people who are now saying that

112
00:04:29,279 --> 00:04:26,919
that they shouldn't you know teachers

113
00:04:31,230 --> 00:04:29,289

and principals are getting concerned

114
00:04:32,879 --> 00:04:31,240
they can't admit kids to school because

115
00:04:34,710 --> 00:04:32,889
they're not being vaccinated and there's

116
00:04:36,300 --> 00:04:34,720
there's all sorts of controversies

117
00:04:38,339 --> 00:04:36,310
arising and people getting furious about

118
00:04:41,040 --> 00:04:38,349
it and other parents going if you if

119
00:04:43,290 --> 00:04:41,050
you're letting anti-vaccine kids into my

120
00:04:45,360 --> 00:04:43,300
into my kids school I'm not being a mic

121
00:04:47,129 --> 00:04:45,370
school it's getting a bit bit bit of a

122
00:04:48,270 --> 00:04:47,139
it's a big issues like enough people out

123
00:04:49,980 --> 00:04:48,280
there enough of the medical profession

124
00:04:52,020 --> 00:04:49,990
are now getting seriously worried that

125
00:04:53,610 --> 00:04:52,030
there's a new booklet has been released

126
00:04:55,980 --> 00:04:53,620
i'll certainly be linking to that on the

127
00:04:57,659 --> 00:04:55,990
skeptics own show notes but yet dr. ET

128
00:04:59,640 --> 00:04:57,669
was asked to go on the project to learn

129
00:05:02,070 --> 00:04:59,650
to talk about this so that's coming up

130
00:05:05,219 --> 00:05:02,080
that is the power of the sketching zone

131
00:05:07,379 --> 00:05:05,229
it is I know her profile I mean the

132
00:05:09,089 --> 00:05:07,389
project sure it's a national show any

133
00:05:11,010 --> 00:05:09,099
with millions of viewers but but the

134
00:05:13,529 --> 00:05:11,020
skeptic zone is what God are there was

135
00:05:16,140 --> 00:05:13,539
her launch pad of course of course it

136
00:05:18,390 --> 00:05:16,150
wasn't speaking of vaccinations and

137
00:05:20,249 --> 00:05:18,400
things I was just showing you before we

138
00:05:22,260 --> 00:05:20,259

turn the microphone on my work in

139
00:05:24,029 --> 00:05:22,270
progress of the vaccination Chronicles

140
00:05:25,379 --> 00:05:24,039
and I must say about very impressed with

141
00:05:28,230 --> 00:05:25,389
it that's right a bit of a documentary

142
00:05:30,779 --> 00:05:28,240
about vaccination you should be history

143
00:05:34,020 --> 00:05:30,789
on right here it's interviews with

144
00:05:36,899 --> 00:05:34,030
people who actually had polio and have

145
00:05:39,360 --> 00:05:36,909
weed families with polio some of the the

146
00:05:41,399 --> 00:05:39,370
good old days where was just all normal

147
00:05:43,140 --> 00:05:41,409
for ol bunch of kids at school to be

148
00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:43,150
walking around in calipers that's the

149
00:05:49,350 --> 00:05:46,479
sort of the days of days no sir the

150
00:05:52,379 --> 00:05:49,360
golden gold in the area I'll be here and

151
00:05:54,450 --> 00:05:52,389
of course this documentary covers other

152
00:05:56,339 --> 00:05:54,460
things like whooping coffin ah yes yes

153
00:05:57,659 --> 00:05:56,349
as you can see i'm just showing stefan

154
00:05:59,490 --> 00:05:57,669
now on my little laptop here the

155
00:06:00,360 --> 00:05:59,500
timeline it's what we've got some

156
00:06:02,580 --> 00:06:00,370
interviews I've got a few more

157
00:06:03,899 --> 00:06:02,590
interviews to do it's looking great I've

158
00:06:06,510 --> 00:06:03,909
got a sequence here I filmed in a

159
00:06:08,189 --> 00:06:06,520
graveyard oh yeah that's not it not some

160
00:06:11,790 --> 00:06:08,199
not so happy but but you got a good

161
00:06:13,140 --> 00:06:11,800
music for it I I hope so obviously or

162
00:06:15,240 --> 00:06:13,150
something i'll be tapping you on the

163
00:06:17,100 --> 00:06:15,250

shoulder physically going and I've got

164
00:06:19,350 --> 00:06:17,110
some newspaper clippings which I've

165
00:06:21,480 --> 00:06:19,360
sourced online here more Sydney polio

166
00:06:25,320 --> 00:06:21,490
cases this is all from many years ago

167
00:06:28,800 --> 00:06:25,330
yeah infantile paralysis one death 40

168
00:06:30,450 --> 00:06:28,810
new cases yeah oh it was huge I mean not

169
00:06:33,719 --> 00:06:30,460
not to give away my age too much cheaper

170
00:06:36,420 --> 00:06:33,729
but I had no years school mates who got

171
00:06:38,670 --> 00:06:36,430
around in calipers back in their 70s so

172
00:06:40,860 --> 00:06:38,680
it's actually quite recent and they're

173
00:06:42,360 --> 00:06:40,870
trying to bring it back it's it's

174
00:06:44,430 --> 00:06:42,370
frightening anyway we'll be having a

175
00:06:47,189 --> 00:06:44,440
chat to dr. HC a special doctor 'he

176
00:06:48,540 --> 00:06:47,199
reports together with fun games from the

177
00:06:50,040 --> 00:06:48,550
early part of the Convention and

178
00:06:51,839 --> 00:06:50,050
Maynard's meet and greet that's the

179
00:06:53,459 --> 00:06:51,849
story of today's show but before we get

180
00:06:54,779 --> 00:06:53,469
into the show i thought i mentioned to

181
00:06:56,730 --> 00:06:54,789
listen as I can't remember if I've done

182
00:06:58,290 --> 00:06:56,740
it before i'm here at serious medium

183
00:07:00,839 --> 00:06:58,300
we're we're recording this interview of

184
00:07:02,820 --> 00:07:00,849
course and somebody I used to work with

185
00:07:04,379 --> 00:07:02,830
in this very room when they were

186
00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:04,389
monitors here and it looked a bit

187
00:07:09,390 --> 00:07:06,610
different was a certain young lady named

188
00:07:12,240 --> 00:07:09,400

ying liu that's exactly right and

189
00:07:13,409 --> 00:07:12,250
listeners yi Ying who is a very good

190
00:07:16,680 --> 00:07:13,419
friend of ours I haven't seen her for a

191
00:07:19,170 --> 00:07:16,690
few years now mm-hmm she designed fail

192
00:07:22,170 --> 00:07:19,180
whale fail well yes she did how about

193
00:07:25,350 --> 00:07:22,180
that she did and she did indeed and that

194
00:07:28,170 --> 00:07:25,360
little image has has has just turned old

195
00:07:30,510 --> 00:07:28,180
career into it well explosion I keep a

196
00:07:32,430 --> 00:07:30,520
track of her progress on the internet

197
00:07:35,279 --> 00:07:32,440
night on facebook and her website and

198
00:07:38,070 --> 00:07:35,289
she's done the most amazing stuff she's

199
00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:38,080
did stuff lately in Las Vegas radar

200
00:07:43,020 --> 00:07:40,000
track i think the aes he's got to think

201
00:07:45,300 --> 00:07:43,030
of walls 360.com with sort of these

202
00:07:46,649 --> 00:07:45,310
removable sticker giant picked up

203
00:07:50,219 --> 00:07:46,659
pictures you can stick and they've

204
00:07:51,899 --> 00:07:50,229
licensed out all these licensable brands

205
00:07:54,120 --> 00:07:51,909
and mains and start tricks and all these

206
00:07:55,230 --> 00:07:54,130
things and yeah and they're printing

207
00:07:56,879 --> 00:07:55,240
them and post them all around the world

208
00:07:59,070 --> 00:07:56,889
and to think she got to start right here

209
00:08:00,899 --> 00:07:59,080
right here at seriously de group isn't

210
00:08:02,999 --> 00:08:00,909
that in ground she's a lovely like these

211
00:08:04,290 --> 00:08:03,009
fantastic earrings just some really

212
00:08:06,540 --> 00:08:04,300
funny and she was trying to teach me

213
00:08:09,180 --> 00:08:06,550

chinese and she's really funny is

214
00:08:10,920 --> 00:08:09,190
amazing and and that the fail whale was

215
00:08:12,600 --> 00:08:10,930
actually called lifting up a dreamer or

216
00:08:14,490 --> 00:08:12,610
something it was only a little picture

217
00:08:16,770 --> 00:08:14,500
that she just drew for a friend who she

218
00:08:19,050 --> 00:08:16,780
missed cuz she there there are in london

219
00:08:22,350 --> 00:08:19,060
or something and and the guy who owned

220
00:08:24,450 --> 00:08:22,360
twitter founded on istockphoto and and

221
00:08:26,730 --> 00:08:24,460
bought it and use it for the twitter is

222
00:08:29,520 --> 00:08:26,740
overloaded overcapacity yes yes and

223
00:08:31,439 --> 00:08:29,530
became a massive viral meme and people

224
00:08:34,290 --> 00:08:31,449
have it tattooed on the garden that's

225
00:08:36,810 --> 00:08:34,300
insane so there you go a little bit of

226
00:08:39,420 --> 00:08:36,820
trivia little trivia ya Yin used to work

227
00:08:41,610 --> 00:08:39,430
in this very room being hello to you you

228
00:08:45,690 --> 00:08:41,620
years with me designing packaging for

229
00:08:46,980 --> 00:08:45,700
safety clothes she did really near but

230
00:08:49,050 --> 00:08:46,990
they were fun days now who were fun days

231
00:08:50,639 --> 00:08:49,060
well we've got some fun days ahead we've

232
00:08:52,530 --> 00:08:50,649
got some fun reports coming up why don't

233
00:08:54,780 --> 00:08:52,540
we get stuck into the skeptic so let's

234
00:09:15,759 --> 00:08:54,790
do it let its quantum but we'll do it

235
00:09:23,990 --> 00:09:20,930
here's my not spooky action at the

236
00:09:29,999 --> 00:09:27,389
we are coming to you from the gold club

237
00:09:32,160 --> 00:09:30,009
lounge at the Virgin terminal here at

238
00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:32,170

sydney airport yes last time I was here

239
00:09:36,480 --> 00:09:34,240
I was here with dr. rachy and she's

240
00:09:39,060 --> 00:09:36,490
since been barred from here so it's nice

241
00:09:41,370 --> 00:09:39,070
to be back i'm here with may not it's

242
00:09:43,980 --> 00:09:41,380
wednesday the 28th of november and we're

243
00:09:46,290 --> 00:09:43,990
just sitting back enjoying a diet coke

244
00:09:48,150 --> 00:09:46,300
or two and waiting for a flight down to

245
00:09:49,559 --> 00:09:48,160
Melbourne what an exciting time it's

246
00:09:50,910 --> 00:09:49,569
going to be it is it's going to be

247
00:09:52,110 --> 00:09:50,920
different time again for me because I'm

248
00:09:54,150 --> 00:09:52,120
getting introduced to all these so

249
00:09:56,100 --> 00:09:54,160
skeptic things through the years and

250
00:09:57,930 --> 00:09:56,110
because there was that the original town

251
00:09:59,309 --> 00:09:57,940
that I went to in Sydney there was tam

252
00:10:00,569 --> 00:09:59,319
Las Vegas and now this is going to

253
00:10:02,850 --> 00:10:00,579
something completely different all

254
00:10:05,850 --> 00:10:02,860
together all you know completely well

255
00:10:07,439 --> 00:10:05,860
yes and no yeah yeah what happens to

256
00:10:09,780 --> 00:10:07,449
these annual conferences is there any

257
00:10:11,790 --> 00:10:09,790
sort of backroom deals done is they

258
00:10:13,530 --> 00:10:11,800
usually the other things that people

259
00:10:15,480 --> 00:10:13,540
can't say is there an elephant in the

260
00:10:17,189 --> 00:10:15,490
room and there are but I can't say them

261
00:10:18,180 --> 00:10:17,199
now exactly because I'm moving forward

262
00:10:20,009 --> 00:10:18,190
this because there's going to be some

263
00:10:21,540 --> 00:10:20,019

controversy there I'm sure I'm sure if

264
00:10:22,769 --> 00:10:21,550
there's not i'm sure you'll make some so

265
00:10:24,059 --> 00:10:22,779
there's going to be control this is

266
00:10:25,470 --> 00:10:24,069
going to be controls going to start here

267
00:10:27,059 --> 00:10:25,480
in the lashes we're going to drink all

268
00:10:28,949 --> 00:10:27,069
the diet you know what'll be none little

269
00:10:30,629 --> 00:10:28,959
bit i finished my diet coke and whoops

270
00:10:32,970 --> 00:10:30,639
I've just dropped the lid off my boxee i

271
00:10:35,250 --> 00:10:32,980
finished my diet coke and as it happens

272
00:10:36,780 --> 00:10:35,260
to be my birthday I just might go down

273
00:10:39,059 --> 00:10:36,790
to the bar there and get myself a nice

274
00:10:40,620 --> 00:10:39,069
glass of champagne why not I think you

275
00:10:42,240 --> 00:10:40,630
should nap because that you've only got

276
00:10:44,220 --> 00:10:42,250
a very limited time before that day the

277
00:10:46,199 --> 00:10:44,230
aspartame you just absorbed into your

278
00:10:48,000 --> 00:10:46,209
body turns into formaldehyde briefly

279
00:10:49,410 --> 00:10:48,010
before you get the champagne so make

280
00:10:50,910 --> 00:10:49,420
your move now Richard I'm going to do

281
00:10:55,230 --> 00:10:50,920
that and then that will be off to Melvin

282
00:10:59,430 --> 00:10:58,050
okay now we are in the noisy meetup

283
00:11:01,290 --> 00:10:59,440
that's going on here we're all having a

284
00:11:02,670 --> 00:11:01,300
great time there's a skeptic zone fans

285
00:11:04,560 --> 00:11:02,680
everywhere not so many did he just

286
00:11:06,570 --> 00:11:04,570
believers fans but i'm here with Terry

287
00:11:08,910 --> 00:11:06,580
Terry what's your role and why are you

288
00:11:11,610 --> 00:11:08,920

here tonight I'm the president of the

289
00:11:15,240 --> 00:11:11,620
Australian skeptics Victorian branch and

290
00:11:16,769 --> 00:11:15,250
I'm the co-convenor of the Australian

291
00:11:19,230 --> 00:11:16,779
skeptics National Convention which

292
00:11:20,880 --> 00:11:19,240
starts on Friday night the 30th that

293
00:11:22,170 --> 00:11:20,890
means you've been incredibly stressed

294
00:11:24,000 --> 00:11:22,180
you've been dealing with lots of

295
00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:24,010
emotional people there's been phone

296
00:11:30,900 --> 00:11:25,600
calls in the middle of the night your

297
00:11:33,840 --> 00:11:30,910
life has been hell yes look it did

298
00:11:35,370 --> 00:11:33,850
dealing with about 50 emails a day at

299
00:11:38,100 --> 00:11:35,380
the moment related to the conference I

300
00:11:39,690 --> 00:11:38,110
sort of be real I'll be I'm looking

301
00:11:41,100 --> 00:11:39,700
forward the conference starting so it

302
00:11:43,470 --> 00:11:41,110
can actually relax a little bit min

303
00:11:46,230 --> 00:11:43,480
joyas it now I mean since their

304
00:11:49,290 --> 00:11:46,240
international people have arrived we've

305
00:11:51,540 --> 00:11:49,300
been having a really good time we we met

306
00:11:53,430 --> 00:11:51,550
with Randy and DJ and brian at the

307
00:11:55,590 --> 00:11:53,440
airport got'em of the hotel had a really

308
00:11:57,720 --> 00:11:55,600
fantastic dinner last night at la notte

309
00:12:00,329 --> 00:11:57,730
and Carlton and today we took him to the

310
00:12:01,800 --> 00:12:00,339
hillsville sanctuary Hills a wildlife

311
00:12:03,329 --> 00:12:01,810
sanctuary which has become a bit of a

312
00:12:06,240 --> 00:12:03,339
tradition with the Victorian skeptics

313
00:12:07,889 --> 00:12:06,250

dapper international guests and we had a

314
00:12:09,300 --> 00:12:07,899
lot of fun and now here and here we are

315
00:12:11,370 --> 00:12:09,310
at the pub they meet any of our

316
00:12:13,860 --> 00:12:11,380
traditional smelly koalas that we have

317
00:12:16,230 --> 00:12:13,870
they did that the koalas were a

318
00:12:18,449 --> 00:12:16,240
particular success I've got to say a

319
00:12:20,790 --> 00:12:18,459
very stinky overseas this is very stinky

320
00:12:23,190 --> 00:12:20,800
animal yeah well what particularly

321
00:12:26,280 --> 00:12:23,200
impressed the overseas guess was how the

322
00:12:29,579 --> 00:12:26,290
koalas and a great ability does this sit

323
00:12:32,190 --> 00:12:29,589
there and do nothing and be sitting

324
00:12:35,069 --> 00:12:32,200
precariously balanced on very small

325
00:12:36,420 --> 00:12:35,079
limbs of the tree and not fall off so

326
00:12:38,519 --> 00:12:36,430
they took a lot of photos of that which

327
00:12:39,840 --> 00:12:38,529
is really pissing look the less they did

328
00:12:42,540 --> 00:12:39,850
the more interesting the koalas work

329
00:12:44,430 --> 00:12:42,550
does it out they give a slow loris a run

330
00:12:47,280 --> 00:12:44,440
for its money any day of the week what's

331
00:12:49,050 --> 00:12:47,290
a slow loris it just sits there just as

332
00:12:52,170 --> 00:12:49,060
much it's a little bit more active than

333
00:12:54,660 --> 00:12:52,180
a three-toed sloth oh okay yeah well one

334
00:12:55,800 --> 00:12:54,670
koala moved around a bit but it was

335
00:12:57,600 --> 00:12:55,810
interesting of all the things that

336
00:13:00,280 --> 00:12:57,610
fascinate Alan I saw dingoes and

337
00:13:02,620 --> 00:13:00,290
platypuses and stuff and snakes there

338
00:13:04,870 --> 00:13:02,630

the koalas doing nothing was as a

339
00:13:06,970 --> 00:13:04,880
highlight however one of the problems we

340
00:13:09,999 --> 00:13:06,980
had was that when we're designing the

341
00:13:12,699 --> 00:13:10,009
conference we drew up a wish list of who

342
00:13:14,590 --> 00:13:12,709
we would like to get just just in your

343
00:13:17,050 --> 00:13:14,600
wildest dreams imagine who you would

344
00:13:18,759 --> 00:13:17,060
like to get and we'll work through that

345
00:13:22,030 --> 00:13:18,769
wish list and number one on the wish

346
00:13:24,639 --> 00:13:22,040
list was Randy and we approached that he

347
00:13:26,199 --> 00:13:24,649
said yes but there and there you know

348
00:13:28,059 --> 00:13:26,209
great now we've got to come up with the

349
00:13:29,949 --> 00:13:28,069
money that's there what are we going to

350
00:13:32,079 --> 00:13:29,959
do with this he said yes he's coming and

351
00:13:37,050 --> 00:13:32,089
and and then not long after he said he

352
00:13:40,120 --> 00:13:37,060
was coming basically DJ and Brian

353
00:13:43,059 --> 00:13:40,130
volunteered themselves so we got three

354
00:13:44,350 --> 00:13:43,069
of them which is actually fantastic but

355
00:13:45,939 --> 00:13:44,360
it made in a different sort of

356
00:13:47,559 --> 00:13:45,949
conference so in terms of the logistics

357
00:13:50,050 --> 00:13:47,569
of it and that sort of stuff so so we've

358
00:13:52,499 --> 00:13:50,060
got a sort of a slightly bigger deal so

359
00:13:54,639 --> 00:13:52,509
it's kind of a it's a cross between

360
00:13:57,970 --> 00:13:54,649
conferences we've had in the past where

361
00:14:00,009 --> 00:13:57,980
you have say 200 people compared to 10

362
00:14:02,079 --> 00:14:00,019
[\h__\h] ter mors in Sydney where there

363
00:14:05,500 --> 00:14:02,089

were six or seven hundred people we're

364
00:14:07,900 --> 00:14:05,510
somewhere over the 300 mark at the

365
00:14:09,910 --> 00:14:07,910
moment we've got over 300 people coming

366
00:14:12,250 --> 00:14:09,920
in in the next few days you know it

367
00:14:13,809 --> 00:14:12,260
might get up to a little bit more so

368
00:14:15,790 --> 00:14:13,819
it's a it's a bigger conference than

369
00:14:17,470 --> 00:14:15,800
we've organized before so you've got

370
00:14:18,730 --> 00:14:17,480
some internal restructuring to perhaps

371
00:14:21,129 --> 00:14:18,740
have a bit of a think about as a

372
00:14:23,680 --> 00:14:21,139
challenge to like I work full-time for

373
00:14:25,389 --> 00:14:23,690
example if I could get paid to do this

374
00:14:27,639 --> 00:14:25,399
that it'd just be fantastic i would love

375
00:14:29,769 --> 00:14:27,649
it I've never had so much fun in my life

376
00:14:31,629 --> 00:14:29,779
I mean Oh same here yeah it's great

377
00:14:34,509 --> 00:14:31,639
isn't it I've been president in Victoria

378
00:14:36,730 --> 00:14:34,519
for this was seventh year coming up and

379
00:14:38,410 --> 00:14:36,740
I just absolutely love it and the people

380
00:14:40,809 --> 00:14:38,420
you meet them everything is fantastic

381
00:14:43,300 --> 00:14:40,819
but it's all done sort of after hours

382
00:14:44,800 --> 00:14:43,310
and stuff and and I'd love to do more of

383
00:14:46,769 --> 00:14:44,810
it and really get my teeth into some

384
00:14:48,850 --> 00:14:46,779
more the issue the other issue of course

385
00:14:51,190 --> 00:14:48,860
one of the things we have been involved

386
00:14:53,680 --> 00:14:51,200
in quite a lot is some

387
00:14:56,350 --> 00:14:53,690
the creeping teaching of wooing

388
00:14:59,140 --> 00:14:56,360

universities which are no Jim mendham

389
00:15:01,180 --> 00:14:59,150
wrote an article about for for the

390
00:15:03,240 --> 00:15:01,190
magazine and Ken Harvey's been involved

391
00:15:06,220 --> 00:15:03,250
in quite a few people you know the

392
00:15:09,310 --> 00:15:06,230
chiropractic and and stuff at latrobe

393
00:15:11,620 --> 00:15:09,320
University and Victoria University so

394
00:15:14,530 --> 00:15:11,630
some of those issues so so one of the

395
00:15:16,480 --> 00:15:14,540
really encouraging things has been the

396
00:15:19,240 --> 00:15:16,490
formation of the Friends of science and

397
00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:19,250
medicine organization so they're going

398
00:15:22,510 --> 00:15:20,720
to have the presence at the conference

399
00:15:26,050 --> 00:15:22,520
and they'll be presenting at the

400
00:15:27,940 --> 00:15:26,060
conference but so what do you hope to do

401
00:15:31,330 --> 00:15:27,950
after the conference is over have a good

402
00:15:32,800 --> 00:15:31,340
rest or go well I'm very soft satisfied

403
00:15:35,410 --> 00:15:32,810
after that what are you hoping to get

404
00:15:37,720 --> 00:15:35,420
out of it look I've taken soon we could

405
00:15:39,820 --> 00:15:37,730
lay down yeah well that was the plan I

406
00:15:41,260 --> 00:15:39,830
took two weeks off of taking a week off

407
00:15:43,690 --> 00:15:41,270
before the conference and I've taken a

408
00:15:46,180 --> 00:15:43,700
week off after the conference to relax

409
00:15:47,950 --> 00:15:46,190
and have a good lie down well

410
00:15:49,450 --> 00:15:47,960
congratulations on what I'm sure will be

411
00:15:50,650 --> 00:15:49,460
a great conference and I hope you hope

412
00:15:52,330 --> 00:15:50,660
you wrote raise to these challenges

413
00:15:54,160 --> 00:15:52,340

after you've cleaned out the house and

414
00:15:55,540 --> 00:15:54,170
had a good low down thank you very much

415
00:15:57,610 --> 00:15:55,550
and I guess the other thing is we're

416
00:15:59,980 --> 00:15:57,620
just trying to promote the idea that

417
00:16:01,990 --> 00:15:59,990
skepticism is fun and enjoyment you know

418
00:16:05,020 --> 00:16:02,000
that it's it's stimulating and

419
00:16:08,590 --> 00:16:05,030
fascinating but you know there's a lot

420
00:16:10,060 --> 00:16:08,600
of humor and good-natured stuff and just

421
00:16:11,350 --> 00:16:10,070
keeping in touch with people from the

422
00:16:14,590 --> 00:16:11,360
different states and of different

423
00:16:16,060 --> 00:16:14,600
countries my other aim for next year

424
00:16:18,550 --> 00:16:16,070
personally as I want to go back to the

425
00:16:21,460 --> 00:16:18,560
states and i go to awesome texas where i

426
00:16:23,020 --> 00:16:21,470
went to last year and get stuck it's a

427
00:16:25,210 --> 00:16:23,030
live music capital of the world all

428
00:16:29,920 --> 00:16:25,220
right it's i went there after team in

429
00:16:31,420 --> 00:16:29,930
Las Vegas last year and best week I've

430
00:16:34,960 --> 00:16:31,430
ever had it my favorite city in the

431
00:16:37,510 --> 00:16:34,970
world just about and Austin has the

432
00:16:39,790 --> 00:16:37,520
highest percentage of PhDs per head of

433
00:16:44,140 --> 00:16:39,800
population of any of any city in America

434
00:16:45,150 --> 00:16:44,150
in the States it also is the live music

435
00:16:47,639 --> 00:16:45,160
capital the world

436
00:16:51,350 --> 00:16:47,649
it it's a sort of liberal progressive

437
00:16:53,970 --> 00:16:51,360
slightly left wing kind of city it's

438
00:16:55,920 --> 00:16:53,980

it's an enclave but it's like a sea of

439
00:16:59,150 --> 00:16:55,930
sanity and an isle of madness in Texas

440
00:17:01,199 --> 00:16:59,160
it's also it describes itself as a

441
00:17:03,269 --> 00:17:01,209
drinking term with the university

442
00:17:06,480 --> 00:17:03,279
problem and it's where andrew wakefield

443
00:17:09,270 --> 00:17:06,490
is he's got it so it's a little bit

444
00:17:11,039 --> 00:17:09,280
tolerant of Wu too so anyway that's my

445
00:17:16,679 --> 00:17:11,049
plan next year and on their way back to

446
00:17:18,419 --> 00:17:16,689
austin texas yeah as the plan let me

447
00:17:20,730 --> 00:17:18,429
tell you it is pumping here at the

448
00:17:22,319 --> 00:17:20,740
skeptic zone meetup looked up I can

449
00:17:24,539 --> 00:17:22,329
think over 300 people have turned up

450
00:17:25,860 --> 00:17:24,549
none of them with any money it's going

451
00:17:27,510 --> 00:17:25,870
to get ugly by the end of the night

452
00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:27,520
Katherine you'll come along and what

453
00:17:31,279 --> 00:17:28,960
have you come along three or four I

454
00:17:33,659 --> 00:17:31,289
wanted to get out of the house actually

455
00:17:35,370 --> 00:17:33,669
trouble at home now I've got two young

456
00:17:37,529 --> 00:17:35,380
kids and haven't had much of a chance to

457
00:17:39,720 --> 00:17:37,539
get out and it's been interesting

458
00:17:43,260 --> 00:17:39,730
they're only earlier one and a half and

459
00:17:45,330 --> 00:17:43,270
four and a half and the woo around

460
00:17:47,250 --> 00:17:45,340
anything to do with kids is amazing

461
00:17:50,789 --> 00:17:47,260
starting with with pregnancy or even pre

462
00:17:53,149 --> 00:17:50,799
pregnancy pregnancy all the move stuff

463
00:17:55,230 --> 00:17:53,159

around that and then you get into the

464
00:17:57,930 --> 00:17:55,240
vaccinations and all that kind of thing

465
00:18:00,390 --> 00:17:57,940
and I I've had to bite my tongue in a

466
00:18:01,919 --> 00:18:00,400
lot of forums because it's still so much

467
00:18:05,730 --> 00:18:01,929
out there you know going on with you

468
00:18:07,350 --> 00:18:05,740
homeopathy and let me get the dimension

469
00:18:08,789 --> 00:18:07,360
teething rings is that one of the things

470
00:18:10,950 --> 00:18:08,799
you've come up against yet the teething

471
00:18:13,230 --> 00:18:10,960
rings is that their particular type of

472
00:18:14,370 --> 00:18:13,240
ringing and they're supposed to be and

473
00:18:17,340 --> 00:18:14,380
the baby can wear it as a bracelet

474
00:18:18,750 --> 00:18:17,350
around its neck a nice and it's supposed

475
00:18:19,919 --> 00:18:18,760
to be am because amber gives away

476
00:18:23,310 --> 00:18:19,929
something that most of the ones are

477
00:18:24,870 --> 00:18:23,320
normal just plastic yeah yeah I i have

478
00:18:26,610 --> 00:18:24,880
read about those but i haven't never got

479
00:18:28,140 --> 00:18:26,620
one okay so what's the one that really

480
00:18:29,850 --> 00:18:28,150
annoys you or what what's the one that

481
00:18:31,980 --> 00:18:29,860
where other mothers come up to you and

482
00:18:33,270 --> 00:18:31,990
they say something and you might argue

483
00:18:34,440 --> 00:18:33,280
with them and then they look at you like

484
00:18:38,330 --> 00:18:34,450
another problem up

485
00:18:43,340 --> 00:18:38,340
oh good question online it's it's the

486
00:18:46,380 --> 00:18:43,350
homeopathy it's because it's such a

487
00:18:48,990 --> 00:18:46,390
dangerous topic we're not just talking

488
00:18:51,690 --> 00:18:49,000

about teething rings or whether

489
00:18:53,280 --> 00:18:51,700
colleague medicines work or what

490
00:18:56,520 --> 00:18:53,290
colleague actually is we're talking

491
00:18:59,010 --> 00:18:56,530
about babies lives and our children's

492
00:19:00,870 --> 00:18:59,020
lives and adults lives too so that gets

493
00:19:03,870 --> 00:19:00,880
me because it's it's it's close to home

494
00:19:07,160 --> 00:19:03,880
now particularly having kids and it's

495
00:19:10,200 --> 00:19:07,170
just it's just dangerous and it's stupid

496
00:19:12,390 --> 00:19:10,210
but I getting with other mothers online

497
00:19:14,850 --> 00:19:12,400
it must get emotional very quickly yes

498
00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:14,860
it does everyone wants to protect what

499
00:19:19,080 --> 00:19:17,200
they think is right because if someone

500
00:19:20,310 --> 00:19:19,090
is challenging that but that means

501
00:19:22,260 --> 00:19:20,320
they're doing something wrong with their

502
00:19:24,900 --> 00:19:22,270
children and you can't get closer to

503
00:19:26,940 --> 00:19:24,910
home than that yeah it's what do you

504
00:19:29,730 --> 00:19:26,950
think is the role of the so-called

505
00:19:32,700 --> 00:19:29,740
skeptic movement to fight this because a

506
00:19:35,460 --> 00:19:32,710
lot of people see ya it's how the

507
00:19:40,440 --> 00:19:35,470
skeptical mothers I think that sounds

508
00:19:44,100 --> 00:19:40,450
great you podcast hmm well I mean it's a

509
00:19:45,960 --> 00:19:44,110
call comes down to education there's a

510
00:19:47,700 --> 00:19:45,970
lot of people i think i suppose i'm

511
00:19:50,940 --> 00:19:47,710
coming to understand that there's people

512
00:19:52,680 --> 00:19:50,950
at the extreme of anything really you're

513
00:19:54,180 --> 00:19:52,690

not going to change their minds no

514
00:19:56,910 --> 00:19:54,190
matter how much logic you talk at them

515
00:19:58,290 --> 00:19:56,920
it's when it comes down to they

516
00:20:00,480 --> 00:19:58,300
emotionally believe in as their sacred

517
00:20:02,850 --> 00:20:00,490
cow they're not going to move but

518
00:20:05,460 --> 00:20:02,860
hopefully in that conversation or are

519
00:20:06,810 --> 00:20:05,470
given there may be some people were kind

520
00:20:09,150 --> 00:20:06,820
of on the borderline who go hang on a

521
00:20:10,500 --> 00:20:09,160
minute I didn't know that which is kind

522
00:20:13,080 --> 00:20:10,510
of where I was a while ago when I was

523
00:20:15,120 --> 00:20:13,090
big into chiropractic and you know

524
00:20:19,500 --> 00:20:15,130
doctor explained it sounded very

525
00:20:22,350 --> 00:20:19,510
scientific and I learned more about it

526
00:20:24,130 --> 00:20:22,360
basically and and and from there learned

527
00:20:28,900 --> 00:20:24,140
about homeopathy and

528
00:20:31,210 --> 00:20:28,910
anything else yeah I'd like to see more

529
00:20:32,620 --> 00:20:31,220
things done a legal standpoint which is

530
00:20:34,300 --> 00:20:32,630
starting to happen with some things I

531
00:20:37,890 --> 00:20:34,310
don't think people should legally be

532
00:20:40,810 --> 00:20:37,900
able to for example sell homeopathic

533
00:20:42,280 --> 00:20:40,820
vaccinations because that's a medical

534
00:20:43,690 --> 00:20:42,290
thing and even if they're making other

535
00:20:46,710 --> 00:20:43,700
claims are getting around it with you

536
00:20:49,840 --> 00:20:46,720
know they're registered but not whatever

537
00:20:51,490 --> 00:20:49,850
it's something they shouldn't be allowed

538
00:20:53,910 --> 00:20:51,500

to do I think because if you get all the

539
00:20:56,470 --> 00:20:53,920
facts right this is how it should be

540
00:20:58,450 --> 00:20:56,480
although and then you get into freedom

541
00:21:01,210 --> 00:20:58,460
of personal freedom and that kind of

542
00:21:02,650 --> 00:21:01,220
thing so what have you found as the

543
00:21:08,130 --> 00:21:02,660
Handy website as a mother you'd

544
00:21:10,450 --> 00:21:08,140
recommend to other people who basically

545
00:21:13,360 --> 00:21:10,460
there's a lot of them Hospital websites

546
00:21:14,890 --> 00:21:13,370
which have really good information just

547
00:21:16,150 --> 00:21:14,900
basically how the science based ones

548
00:21:19,870 --> 00:21:16,160
I've actually gone to the cochrane

549
00:21:21,610 --> 00:21:19,880
review site quite a lot to look at so

550
00:21:24,040 --> 00:21:21,620
because people often say others is study

551
00:21:25,780 --> 00:21:24,050
about this or the now they're changing

552
00:21:27,760 --> 00:21:25,790
it back to start solids at four months

553
00:21:29,050 --> 00:21:27,770
or three months or six months how can we

554
00:21:31,060 --> 00:21:29,060
believe anything they say because they

555
00:21:32,710 --> 00:21:31,070
keep changing their minds but if you go

556
00:21:35,230 --> 00:21:32,720
and have a look at the overall research

557
00:21:37,450 --> 00:21:35,240
and yeah I think that makes that can

558
00:21:39,430 --> 00:21:37,460
make a big difference well I wish you

559
00:21:40,720 --> 00:21:39,440
luck online there you know and and don't

560
00:21:42,460 --> 00:21:40,730
stay up late I mean you're getting

561
00:21:44,260 --> 00:21:42,470
enough you're suffering from lack of

562
00:21:45,640 --> 00:21:44,270
sleep as it is because I actually don't

563
00:21:47,080 --> 00:21:45,650

need to say about new people on the

564
00:21:49,240 --> 00:21:47,090
internet cuz they're wrong because the

565
00:21:50,710 --> 00:21:49,250
you that the neverending story yeah I'm

566
00:21:55,299 --> 00:21:50,720
getting better at backing off and

567
00:22:00,740 --> 00:21:58,940
well listener we've come to a backline

568
00:22:02,030 --> 00:22:00,750
in Brunswick not the first time I've

569
00:22:04,730 --> 00:22:02,040
been in this Lane and it does bring back

570
00:22:06,200 --> 00:22:04,740
many happy late night memories but I'm

571
00:22:07,820 --> 00:22:06,210
there's the sound of a Melbourne tram

572
00:22:10,549 --> 00:22:07,830
going past and we're here with a member

573
00:22:13,310 --> 00:22:10,559
of the jrf who has a very cool job title

574
00:22:15,530 --> 00:22:13,320
on his card yes i am brian thompson i am

575
00:22:18,680 --> 00:22:15,540
the giraffes outreach coordinator and i

576
00:22:20,720 --> 00:22:18,690
said a chalk outline of a body I think

577
00:22:23,030 --> 00:22:20,730
it is and we went out for a couple of

578
00:22:24,530 --> 00:22:23,040
years and she was great okay and she

579
00:22:26,240 --> 00:22:24,540
looked like she was a lot of fun I'm

580
00:22:29,299 --> 00:22:26,250
just sorry that it had to come to this

581
00:22:32,090 --> 00:22:29,309
and it's in different places as well now

582
00:22:33,650 --> 00:22:32,100
active being outreach I I find the

583
00:22:36,080 --> 00:22:33,660
biggest problem the skeptic move it has

584
00:22:37,940 --> 00:22:36,090
is explaining what it is to some people

585
00:22:39,260 --> 00:22:37,950
because you say old they're skeptical

586
00:22:41,060 --> 00:22:39,270
about and there's people that white and

587
00:22:43,159 --> 00:22:41,070
you go well that there they support

588
00:22:45,080 --> 00:22:43,169

science and critical thinking and people

589
00:22:46,760 --> 00:22:45,090
start to go my brain hurts critical

590
00:22:49,610 --> 00:22:46,770
thinking so what is the biggest

591
00:22:51,440 --> 00:22:49,620
challenge with the average that is the

592
00:22:53,630 --> 00:22:51,450
biggest challenge and I found that the

593
00:22:55,370 --> 00:22:53,640
way to get around that is to not bother

594
00:22:58,700 --> 00:22:55,380
really explaining to people what

595
00:23:02,210 --> 00:22:58,710
skepticism is to basically just show by

596
00:23:03,890 --> 00:23:02,220
example so we deal with as skeptics all

597
00:23:06,200 --> 00:23:03,900
sorts of topics that are interesting to

598
00:23:08,659 --> 00:23:06,210
a wide variety of people believers and

599
00:23:11,960 --> 00:23:08,669
non-believers everything from UFOs to

600
00:23:14,350 --> 00:23:11,970
Bigfoot to ghosts to all these other

601
00:23:16,400 --> 00:23:14,360
topics that the average person is

602
00:23:17,810 --> 00:23:16,410
incredibly interested in that's why you

603
00:23:19,159 --> 00:23:17,820
see all these TV shows about all these

604
00:23:21,049 --> 00:23:19,169
things now these TV shows that they're

605
00:23:24,260 --> 00:23:21,059
given are not necessarily the most

606
00:23:25,970 --> 00:23:24,270
skeptical but they're just never

607
00:23:28,700 --> 00:23:25,980
presented with that information but

608
00:23:30,740 --> 00:23:28,710
they'll show up for the topics and what

609
00:23:33,380 --> 00:23:30,750
do you reckon is the worst example of a

610
00:23:35,870 --> 00:23:33,390
the woo TV show you've seen recently for

611
00:23:37,970 --> 00:23:35,880
me it's got to be chasing UFOs lots of

612
00:23:41,210 --> 00:23:37,980
running jumping standing still mostly at

613
00:23:43,370 --> 00:23:41,220

night and I find that a very odd kind of

614
00:23:47,379 --> 00:23:43,380
show is that one that you got home John

615
00:23:49,599 --> 00:23:47,389
you soon mm yeah yeah I think that

616
00:23:51,039 --> 00:23:49,609
my least favorite is the show I don't

617
00:23:52,149 --> 00:23:51,049
even know if it's even on anymore it may

618
00:23:56,109 --> 00:23:52,159
have been canceled recently it was

619
00:23:58,060 --> 00:23:56,119
called paranormal state and it was

620
00:24:00,909 --> 00:23:58,070
basically a ghost hunter show but it

621
00:24:03,099 --> 00:24:00,919
starred chip coffey here's this medium

622
00:24:06,669 --> 00:24:03,109
in the United States a cool name he's

623
00:24:08,229 --> 00:24:06,679
the worst person on earth he's this guy

624
00:24:09,940 --> 00:24:08,239
who goes around and he had another show

625
00:24:11,680 --> 00:24:09,950
called psychic kids where he would go to

626
00:24:13,449 --> 00:24:11,690
kids who are scared of the dark and tell

627
00:24:16,599 --> 00:24:13,459
them it's because you're see demons and

628
00:24:18,519 --> 00:24:16,609
you're a psychic and that sounds helpful

629
00:24:21,039 --> 00:24:18,529
to their development oh it is it is this

630
00:24:22,629 --> 00:24:21,049
dream very very much so but on

631
00:24:24,579 --> 00:24:22,639
paranormal state he would team up with

632
00:24:26,529 --> 00:24:24,589
these kids from Penn State University

633
00:24:28,629 --> 00:24:26,539
who were just you know amateur ghost

634
00:24:31,209 --> 00:24:28,639
hunters like everybody else's but they

635
00:24:34,149 --> 00:24:31,219
were particularly ridiculous they had

636
00:24:36,940 --> 00:24:34,159
these fake story lines about how the

637
00:24:39,759 --> 00:24:36,950
main guy was being stalked by this evil

638
00:24:41,049 --> 00:24:39,769

spirit his entire life every time they

639
00:24:42,459 --> 00:24:41,059
would go to a haunted house he would

640
00:24:44,289 --> 00:24:42,469
think that he heard from this evil

641
00:24:46,839 --> 00:24:44,299
spirit like they made this whole

642
00:24:49,569 --> 00:24:46,849
ridiculous plot line through the entire

643
00:24:52,419 --> 00:24:49,579
show that's just so crazy and the people

644
00:24:54,190 --> 00:24:52,429
that are on the show are just so so

645
00:24:57,909 --> 00:24:54,200
terrible at what they're doing that it's

646
00:24:59,709 --> 00:24:57,919
it's almost fun to watch hmm it's

647
00:25:01,799 --> 00:24:59,719
craptastic I believe is the word you're

648
00:25:05,169 --> 00:25:01,809
looking for it is craptastic and

649
00:25:06,459 --> 00:25:05,179
psychologically damaging tantastic so

650
00:25:08,619 --> 00:25:06,469
how do you counter that with the

651
00:25:11,349 --> 00:25:08,629
outreach from the j ref we've got to

652
00:25:13,239 --> 00:25:11,359
make better stuff that's really the main

653
00:25:15,459 --> 00:25:13,249
thing is that we've got to present our

654
00:25:17,049 --> 00:25:15,469
point of view in a way that's just as

655
00:25:20,680 --> 00:25:17,059
entertaining and just as compelling as

656
00:25:21,940 --> 00:25:20,690
these other shows and and some people

657
00:25:24,669 --> 00:25:21,950
have risen to that challenge and some

658
00:25:26,019 --> 00:25:24,679
people have not but I people tuned in to

659
00:25:27,909 --> 00:25:26,029
these things to be entertained and

660
00:25:30,009 --> 00:25:27,919
that's what we have to keep in mind

661
00:25:31,719 --> 00:25:30,019
that's what I think is unique about the

662
00:25:33,789 --> 00:25:31,729
James Randi Educational Foundation and

663
00:25:35,259 --> 00:25:33,799

that's sort of the legacy of Randy Randy

664
00:25:36,909 --> 00:25:35,269
is not an academic he started his life

665
00:25:39,609 --> 00:25:36,919
as an entertainer and that's he still is

666
00:25:41,469 --> 00:25:39,619
he's he's about 50 feet away from us

667
00:25:44,109 --> 00:25:41,479
right now probably doing a magic trick

668
00:25:46,029 --> 00:25:44,119
for somebody and that's just who he is

669
00:25:47,560 --> 00:25:46,039
as a person is an entertainer and that's

670
00:25:50,169 --> 00:25:47,570
I think why he has been such a

671
00:25:51,819 --> 00:25:50,179
compelling presence and not just the

672
00:25:53,319 --> 00:25:51,829
skeptical movement but in pop culture I

673
00:25:54,819 --> 00:25:53,329
mean he's famous all over the world with

674
00:25:56,280 --> 00:25:54,829
people who don't necessarily identify a

675
00:25:57,630 --> 00:25:56,290
skeptics

676
00:25:59,880 --> 00:25:57,640
what sort of role do you think the

677
00:26:02,310 --> 00:25:59,890
skeptics can play politically it was the

678
00:26:05,430 --> 00:26:02,320
best I stay out of that realm I think

679
00:26:07,410 --> 00:26:05,440
that there are issues that pop up in

680
00:26:09,770 --> 00:26:07,420
politics that skeptics definitely have a

681
00:26:12,150 --> 00:26:09,780
say in now the problem with that is that

682
00:26:13,830 --> 00:26:12,160
different people in different countries

683
00:26:15,030 --> 00:26:13,840
have different rules that they have to

684
00:26:18,420 --> 00:26:15,040
follow and there are different things

685
00:26:21,270 --> 00:26:18,430
that people can do here in Australia you

686
00:26:23,250 --> 00:26:21,280
have been very successful with shutting

687
00:26:25,560 --> 00:26:23,260
down things like the power band people

688
00:26:27,240 --> 00:26:25,570

by pursuing consumer protection laws

689
00:26:28,680 --> 00:26:27,250
that don't necessarily exist in some

690
00:26:30,870 --> 00:26:28,690
place like the United States or if they

691
00:26:34,350 --> 00:26:30,880
do it's a lot more difficult to get

692
00:26:36,060 --> 00:26:34,360
somebody put out of business that is

693
00:26:38,250 --> 00:26:36,070
maybe not something that people consider

694
00:26:40,050 --> 00:26:38,260
politics but it is politics because it

695
00:26:43,290 --> 00:26:40,060
has to do with working within your legal

696
00:26:45,870 --> 00:26:43,300
system and and I don't think I think

697
00:26:48,110 --> 00:26:45,880
maybe that's possibly an area where

698
00:26:51,090 --> 00:26:48,120
skeptics have maybe fallen short is

699
00:26:52,710 --> 00:26:51,100
engaging in that system we talk a lot we

700
00:26:54,330 --> 00:26:52,720
write a lot of letters we do a lot of

701
00:26:55,950 --> 00:26:54,340
blogs and make a lot of podcasts but

702
00:26:58,260 --> 00:26:55,960
there aren't that many of us who are

703
00:27:00,840 --> 00:26:58,270
actually trying to affect the the legal

704
00:27:03,050 --> 00:27:00,850
system from within get our own lobbyists

705
00:27:06,390 --> 00:27:03,060
for example and influence politicians

706
00:27:08,430 --> 00:27:06,400
there are some political schisms within

707
00:27:09,990 --> 00:27:08,440
the septic movement you have Penn &

708
00:27:13,110 --> 00:27:10,000
Teller they're very much libertarians

709
00:27:15,840 --> 00:27:13,120
and and libertarianism doesn't always go

710
00:27:18,330 --> 00:27:15,850
down with all skeptics yeah it certainly

711
00:27:19,740 --> 00:27:18,340
doesn't go down with me personally but I

712
00:27:21,210 --> 00:27:19,750
think that that stuff is sort of outside

713
00:27:23,160 --> 00:27:21,220

the realm of skype i mean if you watch

714
00:27:24,300 --> 00:27:23,170
Penn & Teller show it's a good show but

715
00:27:26,670 --> 00:27:24,310
not everything that they cover is

716
00:27:29,400 --> 00:27:26,680
something that is that important to the

717
00:27:31,500 --> 00:27:29,410
skeptics movement as a whole but there

718
00:27:33,660 --> 00:27:31,510
are definitely core issues that we can

719
00:27:37,470 --> 00:27:33,670
all get around we can all get around or

720
00:27:39,830 --> 00:27:37,480
rally around I should say things like

721
00:27:42,390 --> 00:27:39,840
keeping creationism out of a classroom

722
00:27:43,950 --> 00:27:42,400
things like tightening consumer

723
00:27:46,400 --> 00:27:43,960
protection laws so that we have a means

724
00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:46,410
to go after people who are advertising

725
00:27:51,990 --> 00:27:50,080
false products using false advertising I

726
00:27:54,270 --> 00:27:52,000
mean that these are simple things that

727
00:27:56,940 --> 00:27:54,280
we could do we could go after quack

728
00:27:58,440 --> 00:27:56,950
medicine things like that just general

729
00:28:00,420 --> 00:27:58,450
consumer protection type things which i

730
00:28:02,640 --> 00:28:00,430
think is kind of the core of skepticism

731
00:28:05,340 --> 00:28:02,650
is helping other people by protecting

732
00:28:07,860 --> 00:28:05,350
them from what they don't know isn't

733
00:28:09,379 --> 00:28:07,870
true and what is your next project your

734
00:28:11,569 --> 00:28:09,389
next specific outreach

735
00:28:13,999 --> 00:28:11,579
attempt right now there's something

736
00:28:16,519 --> 00:28:14,009
pretty exciting I can't go into too many

737
00:28:18,139 --> 00:28:16,529
details about it but there is you're

738
00:28:21,049 --> 00:28:18,149

making a haunted house show let's say

739
00:28:23,269 --> 00:28:21,059
randy DJ Grothe in a van driving around

740
00:28:25,819 --> 00:28:23,279
called the growth a machine and they go

741
00:28:27,319 --> 00:28:25,829
and find that it's the old miner sure

742
00:28:28,759 --> 00:28:27,329
not the actual ghost that kind of stuff

743
00:28:31,039 --> 00:28:28,769
yeah yeah it's always old man Smithers

744
00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:31,049
we even remove his rubber mask at the

745
00:28:36,289 --> 00:28:34,559
end of every episode and one of the

746
00:28:40,249 --> 00:28:36,299
people that were going after though with

747
00:28:42,079 --> 00:28:40,259
the help of Bob blaskowitz he was a very

748
00:28:45,859 --> 00:28:42,089
very prolific skeptic in the United

749
00:28:49,129 --> 00:28:45,869
States there's this this doctor I use

750
00:28:52,699 --> 00:28:49,139
the term loosely named Brzezinski who

751
00:28:55,399 --> 00:28:52,709
lives in Texas he's the he's the cancer

752
00:28:57,499 --> 00:28:55,409
doctor yeah and he's been he's been

753
00:28:59,779 --> 00:28:57,509
supposedly treating people with his

754
00:29:01,219 --> 00:28:59,789
unique form of cancer treatment that has

755
00:29:03,409 --> 00:29:01,229
never been proven to work and it's

756
00:29:04,849 --> 00:29:03,419
costing families hundreds of thousands

757
00:29:06,259 --> 00:29:04,859
of not literally hundreds of thousands

758
00:29:08,359 --> 00:29:06,269
of dollars for this treatment that's

759
00:29:10,249 --> 00:29:08,369
never been proven to work and we're

760
00:29:12,499 --> 00:29:10,259
working on a project to raise awareness

761
00:29:13,759 --> 00:29:12,509
about him and try to get him put out of

762
00:29:15,769 --> 00:29:13,769
business and you have to be very careful

763
00:29:17,389 --> 00:29:15,779

because America with lots of lawyers and

764
00:29:19,669 --> 00:29:17,399
one of the litigious countries in the

765
00:29:21,859 --> 00:29:19,679
world you could find yourselves being

766
00:29:23,359 --> 00:29:21,869
sued easily absolutely but it's a risk

767
00:29:25,729 --> 00:29:23,369
that and we all have to take I mean

768
00:29:27,409 --> 00:29:25,739
people can sue for anything they have

769
00:29:29,499 --> 00:29:27,419
the ability to do that and sometimes it

770
00:29:31,789 --> 00:29:29,509
costs a lot of money just to win a case

771
00:29:32,930 --> 00:29:31,799
but this is something we have to be

772
00:29:35,479 --> 00:29:32,940
prepared to do and this is why it's

773
00:29:36,859 --> 00:29:35,489
important to support the skeptics that

774
00:29:39,499 --> 00:29:36,869
are out there doing this work

775
00:29:41,419 --> 00:29:39,509
financially I mean it might be crass to

776
00:29:43,519 --> 00:29:41,429
say that but that's why people like the

777
00:29:46,039 --> 00:29:43,529
jrf and like other organizations there

778
00:29:48,079 --> 00:29:46,049
are similar to ours ask for donations

779
00:29:49,669 --> 00:29:48,089
right now we're in the middle of our

780
00:29:51,649 --> 00:29:49,679
will be car season of reason our end of

781
00:29:54,619 --> 00:29:51,659
year fundraising campaign and this is

782
00:29:57,109 --> 00:29:54,629
what that money goes toward we have the

783
00:29:58,399 --> 00:29:57,119
ability to engage in these projects

784
00:30:01,310 --> 00:29:58,409
because we have the financial resources

785
00:30:03,859 --> 00:30:01,320
to defend ourselves and to create new

786
00:30:05,719 --> 00:30:03,869
educational materials going forward we

787
00:30:08,839 --> 00:30:05,729
wish you luck and we hope you've been

788
00:30:11,719 --> 00:30:08,849

reasoned reason to another wise doc and

789
00:30:13,069 --> 00:30:11,729
land yes this is a very dark upside down

790
00:30:15,870 --> 00:30:13,079
land and we're trying to spread as much

791
00:30:21,040 --> 00:30:15,880
reason as possible

792
00:30:25,660 --> 00:30:21,050
but there's always well we in trouble we

793
00:30:27,430 --> 00:30:25,670
just got locked out you'll see y'all

794
00:30:43,050 --> 00:30:27,440
shortly as a chalk outline I was about

795
00:30:51,970 --> 00:30:46,450
now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

796
00:30:54,490 --> 00:30:51,980
with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

797
00:30:55,930 --> 00:30:54,500
and welcome to dr. Reggie reports well

798
00:30:58,330 --> 00:30:55,940
i'm currently hiding in the green room

799
00:31:00,430 --> 00:30:58,340
at the australian skeptics national

800
00:31:02,260 --> 00:31:00,440
convention here in melbourne so this

801
00:31:03,880 --> 00:31:02,270
week my report is coming to you from a

802
00:31:05,650 --> 00:31:03,890
segment i did on the television show

803
00:31:08,530 --> 00:31:05,660
called the project which appears on

804
00:31:11,020 --> 00:31:08,540
channel 10 at six-thirty weeknights in

805
00:31:14,380 --> 00:31:11,030
australia it's a very popular show and

806
00:31:17,830 --> 00:31:14,390
my report was following up from a

807
00:31:20,850 --> 00:31:17,840
Academy of Sciences booklet that was

808
00:31:22,900 --> 00:31:20,860
released this week it was in response to

809
00:31:24,370 --> 00:31:22,910
increases in epidemics of

810
00:31:26,710 --> 00:31:24,380
vaccine-preventable diseases in

811
00:31:28,720 --> 00:31:26,720
Australia which have been blamed partly

812
00:31:31,600 --> 00:31:28,730
on the lack of vaccinations by some

813
00:31:33,340 --> 00:31:31,610

parents and so some prominent scientists

814
00:31:36,010 --> 00:31:33,350
got together and decided to put together

815
00:31:37,420 --> 00:31:36,020
an easy-to-understand pamphlet that

816
00:31:39,730 --> 00:31:37,430
would provide parents with them

817
00:31:42,010 --> 00:31:39,740
information where they could find out

818
00:31:44,620 --> 00:31:42,020
things about the ingredients in vaccines

819
00:31:46,450 --> 00:31:44,630
the effectiveness of vaccines and

820
00:31:48,490 --> 00:31:46,460
whether or not if they had any myths

821
00:31:50,410 --> 00:31:48,500
they'd heard it back about vaccines

822
00:31:52,720 --> 00:31:50,420
there would be debunked in this pamphlet

823
00:31:54,640 --> 00:31:52,730
now interestingly I was asked to go on

824
00:31:56,560 --> 00:31:54,650
the project to talk about this and I

825
00:31:58,930 --> 00:31:56,570
specified to the producers that I would

826
00:32:00,910 --> 00:31:58,940
not appear if they had an anti vax are

827
00:32:02,890 --> 00:32:00,920
on because I wasn't interested in

828
00:32:05,620 --> 00:32:02,900
participating in a report that involved

829
00:32:08,350 --> 00:32:05,630
false balance I was told by several

830
00:32:10,720 --> 00:32:08,360
producers that they had actually asked

831
00:32:12,430 --> 00:32:10,730
the anti-vaxxers to go on but they only

832
00:32:15,190 --> 00:32:12,440
wanted to appear if they could appear

833
00:32:17,110 --> 00:32:15,200
live so i'm not sure why they didn't

834
00:32:19,210 --> 00:32:17,120
want to go on unless they could go live

835
00:32:21,850 --> 00:32:19,220
perhaps they had a fear of being edited

836
00:32:24,250 --> 00:32:21,860
to make them look bad or perhaps they

837
00:32:26,110 --> 00:32:24,260
wanted to go on after I'd appeared so

838
00:32:29,380 --> 00:32:26,120

that they could debunk what I had said

839
00:32:31,150 --> 00:32:29,390
in any case the project is always

840
00:32:33,070 --> 00:32:31,160
pre-recorded so they didn't want to do a

841
00:32:35,500 --> 00:32:33,080
live cross so the anti-vaxxers went on

842
00:32:37,570 --> 00:32:35,510
in a small way this is a victory for us

843
00:32:40,210 --> 00:32:37,580
really because it wasn't a false balance

844
00:32:42,220 --> 00:32:40,220
report even though it was quite short it

845
00:32:45,070 --> 00:32:42,230
was distinct and to the point and we

846
00:32:47,950 --> 00:32:45,080
didn't have any false balance so here is

847
00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:47,960
a recording of my parents on the project

848
00:32:56,049 --> 00:32:53,440
on channel 10 on November the 26th 2012

849
00:32:57,490 --> 00:32:56,059
Galatians top immunization specialists

850
00:33:00,250 --> 00:32:57,500
have launched a public campaign to

851
00:33:01,960 --> 00:33:00,260
strike back at what they say is Miss

852
00:33:04,779 --> 00:33:01,970
information being spread about the

853
00:33:06,700 --> 00:33:04,789
so-called dangers of vaccinations in the

854
00:33:09,730 --> 00:33:06,710
early 20th century we didn't have

855
00:33:13,389 --> 00:33:09,740
vaccinations and you should visit the

856
00:33:16,019 --> 00:33:13,399
cemeteries of that time many hundreds of

857
00:33:18,970 --> 00:33:16,029
children died because we did not have

858
00:33:23,200 --> 00:33:18,980
vaccinations that has totally changed in

859
00:33:25,210 --> 00:33:23,210
our society between 1930 and 1960 tens

860
00:33:27,669 --> 00:33:25,220
of thousands of Australians died from

861
00:33:29,610 --> 00:33:27,679
polio a disease that's been wiped out

862
00:33:32,139 --> 00:33:29,620
solely because of mass immunization

863
00:33:33,879 --> 00:33:32,149

against the disease but experts say

864
00:33:35,529 --> 00:33:33,889
we're at risk of letting infectious

865
00:33:37,659 --> 00:33:35,539
diseases like whooping cough gain a

866
00:33:40,269 --> 00:33:37,669
foothold in our community once again

867
00:33:42,039 --> 00:33:40,279
because of a slide in vaccination rates

868
00:33:43,659 --> 00:33:42,049
the number of people who object to

869
00:33:47,080 --> 00:33:43,669
having their children vaccinated has

870
00:33:49,389 --> 00:33:47,090
risen six-fold since 1999 to one point

871
00:33:51,100 --> 00:33:49,399
four four percent and one in twelve

872
00:33:53,620 --> 00:33:51,110
Australian babies are not fully

873
00:33:55,570 --> 00:33:53,630
immunized if it continues to drop we are

874
00:33:57,549 --> 00:33:55,580
going to see diseases that have not

875
00:33:57,910 --> 00:33:57,559
circulated in Australia for a long long

876
00:34:00,130 --> 00:33:57,920
time

877
00:34:01,570 --> 00:34:00,140
an information booklet has been produced

878
00:34:03,520 --> 00:34:01,580
to counter some of the reasons people

879
00:34:05,650 --> 00:34:03,530
refuse to get themselves or their

880
00:34:07,290 --> 00:34:05,660
children jabbed such as that

881
00:34:09,580 --> 00:34:07,300
immunization is an unnecessary

882
00:34:12,720 --> 00:34:09,590
intervention to natural immunity and

883
00:34:15,640 --> 00:34:12,730
concerns over adverse reactions these

884
00:34:18,909 --> 00:34:15,650
exaggerated claims of adverse events are

885
00:34:22,090 --> 00:34:18,919
nonsense are not saying that there are

886
00:34:24,760 --> 00:34:22,100
never serious adverse events but I am

887
00:34:28,210 --> 00:34:24,770
saying that the risk-benefit a question

888
00:34:30,610 --> 00:34:28,220

is just enormously positive these days

889
00:34:32,950 --> 00:34:30,620
parenting choices are largely left up to

890
00:34:34,480 --> 00:34:32,960
individuals but when private choices

891
00:34:36,580 --> 00:34:34,490
have the potential to affect the health

892
00:34:40,750 --> 00:34:36,590
of many how do we ensure that the most

893
00:34:42,730 --> 00:34:40,760
informed choices are being made dr.

894
00:34:44,470 --> 00:34:42,740
rachel Dunlop is a PhD medical research

895
00:34:46,659 --> 00:34:44,480
with a particular focus on the aunt of

896
00:34:48,520 --> 00:34:46,669
the anti-vaccination movement Rachel

897
00:34:50,560 --> 00:34:48,530
this is one of the great frustrations of

898
00:34:52,300 --> 00:34:50,570
my medical career how do we convince

899
00:34:53,830 --> 00:34:52,310
people that don't immunize their kids

900
00:34:56,440 --> 00:34:53,840
that they're doing something that is

901
00:34:57,970 --> 00:34:56,450
dangerous it's a really difficult

902
00:35:00,520 --> 00:34:57,980
questions and Andrea thanks for having

903
00:35:01,630 --> 00:35:00,530
me on to talk about this I guess well

904
00:35:03,340 --> 00:35:01,640
this is part of the reason why the

905
00:35:05,380 --> 00:35:03,350
Academy of Sciences has put out this

906
00:35:08,380 --> 00:35:05,390
booklet today so that they can lay out

907
00:35:10,450 --> 00:35:08,390
all the facts about vaccination they can

908
00:35:12,910 --> 00:35:10,460
put it into simple language so parents

909
00:35:14,440 --> 00:35:12,920
can read this and they can source any

910
00:35:16,750 --> 00:35:14,450
myths that they might have heard on the

911
00:35:19,090 --> 00:35:16,760
internet or through their friends and

912
00:35:21,550 --> 00:35:19,100
hopefully and placate some of their

913
00:35:23,830 --> 00:35:21,560

fears and in most cases when people are

914
00:35:25,270 --> 00:35:23,840
told the information and I told the

915
00:35:26,340 --> 00:35:25,280
facts they will change their minds and

916
00:35:28,750 --> 00:35:26,350
they will get their children vaccinated

917
00:35:30,220 --> 00:35:28,760
you talked about the fear there what is

918
00:35:33,850 --> 00:35:30,230
at the heart of this fear what's the

919
00:35:35,080 --> 00:35:33,860
reasons behind it well in most cases for

920
00:35:37,210 --> 00:35:35,090
parents who choose not to vaccinate

921
00:35:39,370 --> 00:35:37,220
Carrie it's because they've had some

922
00:35:42,280 --> 00:35:39,380
sort of experience with a child possibly

923
00:35:44,200 --> 00:35:42,290
an adverse reaction a side effect from a

924
00:35:46,090 --> 00:35:44,210
vaccine and and we must emphasize as

925
00:35:48,670 --> 00:35:46,100
scientist that every medical procedure

926
00:35:50,650 --> 00:35:48,680
has side effects and some parents have

927
00:35:52,810 --> 00:35:50,660
these things happen and then they get

928
00:35:54,520 --> 00:35:52,820
scared of vaccines and other things are

929
00:35:56,410 --> 00:35:54,530
really just come from conspiracy

930
00:35:58,240 --> 00:35:56,420
theories there was a Smith that autism

931
00:35:59,620 --> 00:35:58,250
was caused by vaccines we know now

932
00:36:01,510 --> 00:35:59,630
that's not true but that's still

933
00:36:03,430 --> 00:36:01,520
circulating around and it scares people

934
00:36:05,590 --> 00:36:03,440
and that sort of stuff you're scaring

935
00:36:08,170 --> 00:36:05,600
people into not vaccinating Rachel we've

936
00:36:10,250 --> 00:36:08,180
tried to encourage people to to

937
00:36:11,780 --> 00:36:10,260
vaccinate by punishing them

938
00:36:14,390 --> 00:36:11,790

the tax system that doesn't appear to

939
00:36:16,220 --> 00:36:14,400
work terribly well should the people who

940
00:36:18,710 --> 00:36:16,230
don't vaccinate be prevented from

941
00:36:20,270 --> 00:36:18,720
sending their children to school yeah

942
00:36:21,500 --> 00:36:20,280
Steve that's a really difficult question

943
00:36:23,840 --> 00:36:21,510
because we don't want to punish the

944
00:36:25,520 --> 00:36:23,850
children do we but we also have to be

945
00:36:27,470 --> 00:36:25,530
aware of the other people that could

946
00:36:30,440 --> 00:36:27,480
suffer as a result of children that

947
00:36:33,320 --> 00:36:30,450
contract vaccine-preventable diseases at

948
00:36:35,390 --> 00:36:33,330
schools so by allowing children to go to

949
00:36:36,800 --> 00:36:35,400
school that haven't received all their

950
00:36:38,960 --> 00:36:36,810
vaccinations or haven't received any

951
00:36:40,700 --> 00:36:38,970
it's putting the community at risk now

952
00:36:42,170 --> 00:36:40,710
Roger you're talking a lot of sense and

953
00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:42,180
there's one woman I hope who is watching

954
00:36:46,190 --> 00:36:44,160
is my 18 month old daughter because she

955
00:36:49,190 --> 00:36:46,200
had her vaccinations today it was very

956
00:36:52,790 --> 00:36:49,200
Angie then Emily after watching you

957
00:36:55,070 --> 00:36:52,800
she's changed in my day she'll thank you

958
00:36:58,640 --> 00:36:55,080
in the future she will she was happy

959
00:37:00,110 --> 00:36:58,650
with the chocolate I must I information

960
00:37:01,490 --> 00:37:00,120
is a very powerful thing and you're

961
00:37:05,870 --> 00:37:01,500
doing a wonderful job Thank You Rachel

962
00:37:08,960 --> 00:37:05,880
thank you well that was me appearing on

963
00:37:11,600 --> 00:37:08,970

the project on November the 26 2012 and

964
00:37:26,760 --> 00:37:11,610
until next time this has been dr. Reggie

965
00:37:31,690 --> 00:37:29,980
hi I'm audit oh yeah Kristen or even tip

966
00:37:34,030 --> 00:37:31,700
said I some lotion little skeptic zone

967
00:37:36,010 --> 00:37:34,040
I'm skeptical million nadia the VINs not

968
00:37:37,870 --> 00:37:36,020
a blog gear or petrov a podcast of

969
00:37:40,030 --> 00:37:37,880
reading in skip sistema slicks on this

970
00:37:41,890 --> 00:37:40,040
door panel central de i'll skip cystal

971
00:37:43,990 --> 00:37:41,900
demo or hyper besides the deeps corner

972
00:37:45,580 --> 00:37:44,000
Chiclets and calendar / activator or

973
00:37:46,930 --> 00:37:45,590
link it in the state association escapes

974
00:37:48,520 --> 00:37:46,940
his blog in opportunity I'm layer or the

975
00:37:50,440 --> 00:37:48,530
disk ateres hefty tip of food oh man so

976
00:38:00,400 --> 00:37:50,450
stick Kingdom or Delta do Lhasa escapes

977
00:38:07,260 --> 00:38:00,410
his thoughts hello join us now for

978
00:38:11,560 --> 00:38:10,060
right a hush has fallen over the

979
00:38:12,730 --> 00:38:11,570
audience now as the hundreds of

980
00:38:15,370 --> 00:38:12,740
thousands of people at the penny black

981
00:38:17,230 --> 00:38:15,380
next door just go nuts during the meetup

982
00:38:19,390 --> 00:38:17,240
that we've been having a hush falls over

983
00:38:21,850 --> 00:38:19,400
and a microphone is passed to the man of

984
00:38:24,640 --> 00:38:21,860
the moment Richard Saunders hello and

985
00:38:26,290 --> 00:38:24,650
welcome to this special Melbourne think

986
00:38:27,670 --> 00:38:26,300
tank it's not the first Melbourne think

987
00:38:29,920 --> 00:38:27,680
tank we've had but it's the first one

988
00:38:32,560 --> 00:38:29,930

this year i might say may not this is a

989
00:38:34,750 --> 00:38:32,570
wonderful evening that our friend lily

990
00:38:38,020 --> 00:38:34,760
is really put together in yourself it's

991
00:38:39,880 --> 00:38:38,030
hello and we've snuck away from the main

992
00:38:41,830 --> 00:38:39,890
bar where there are lots of people with

993
00:38:44,200 --> 00:38:41,840
a select group of people here to have a

994
00:38:46,900 --> 00:38:44,210
little think tank chatting session and

995
00:38:50,530 --> 00:38:46,910
let me introduce our special guest for

996
00:38:53,140 --> 00:38:50,540
the think tank james randi hello there

997
00:38:55,480 --> 00:38:53,150
i'm very happy to be here in such an

998
00:38:58,660 --> 00:38:55,490
augusta company to say the least i'm

999
00:39:01,060 --> 00:38:58,670
graduating now of course but we'll we'll

1000
00:39:04,180 --> 00:39:01,070
see how a gust you can be in the next

1001
00:39:05,830 --> 00:39:04,190
10-15 minutes we'll see how we can do we

1002
00:39:07,930 --> 00:39:05,840
got a lovely group of people they're all

1003
00:39:09,670 --> 00:39:07,940
taking photographs of some reason let's

1004
00:39:11,680 --> 00:39:09,680
may not let's go around the room and and

1005
00:39:15,280 --> 00:39:11,690
let people introduce themselves yes and

1006
00:39:17,620 --> 00:39:15,290
now we have a we have a neutral here yes

1007
00:39:19,990 --> 00:39:17,630
hi my name is Roland I'm from

1008
00:39:22,620 --> 00:39:20,000
Switzerland and I'm here in Melbourne

1009
00:39:25,870 --> 00:39:22,630
for one year asked for study reasons and

1010
00:39:27,610 --> 00:39:25,880
I knew a lot about the skeptics and and

1011
00:39:29,940 --> 00:39:27,620
the Australian skeptics and that's why

1012
00:39:32,140 --> 00:39:29,950
I'm here and you told me that there's no

1013
00:39:32,849 --> 00:39:32,150

skeptical movement in Switzerland

1014
00:39:35,339 --> 00:39:32,859
officially

1015
00:39:37,410 --> 00:39:35,349
that's not true not anymore we have now

1016
00:39:40,499 --> 00:39:37,420
well not till now yeah yeah till now we

1017
00:39:44,400 --> 00:39:40,509
have founded a new one you'd find it

1018
00:39:49,049 --> 00:39:44,410
under the website www attica dot CH

1019
00:39:50,789 --> 00:39:49,059
skeptic are written with AK and of

1020
00:39:52,739 --> 00:39:50,799
course we have posted lately hello

1021
00:39:55,380 --> 00:39:52,749
Hawaii you may not fine now how you

1022
00:39:58,140 --> 00:39:55,390
feeling it so far very good very hot and

1023
00:40:01,710 --> 00:39:58,150
I need a nun tree and have sir Gavin

1024
00:40:03,900 --> 00:40:01,720
hello man hello listeners like myself a

1025
00:40:05,700 --> 00:40:03,910
no agenda listener and a skeptic zone

1026
00:40:09,059 --> 00:40:05,710
list now I am also a producer of no

1027
00:40:13,229 --> 00:40:09,069
agenda and longtime skeptic yes and

1028
00:40:15,390 --> 00:40:13,239
private investigator oh so now you know

1029
00:40:17,460 --> 00:40:15,400
why is here I don't believe anything

1030
00:40:21,749 --> 00:40:17,470
that I can't see hear feel smell touch

1031
00:40:23,549 --> 00:40:21,759
or photograph then we got here John

1032
00:40:26,279 --> 00:40:23,559
Carney I'm not entirely sure why I'm

1033
00:40:27,989 --> 00:40:26,289
here I think you were here for the free

1034
00:40:31,140 --> 00:40:27,999
drinks John wasn't oh that's it that's

1035
00:40:32,849 --> 00:40:31,150
it of course just just so I know what

1036
00:40:35,700 --> 00:40:32,859
page you're on what's your word that

1037
00:40:39,610 --> 00:40:35,710
really annoys you will it really annoys

1038
00:40:46,990 --> 00:40:42,820

bad reporting bad journalism bad science

1039
00:40:49,120 --> 00:40:47,000
journalism in particular I'm skeptical

1040
00:40:52,660 --> 00:40:49,130
Steve Roberts from Zoe skeptics I live

1041
00:40:54,370 --> 00:40:52,670
round here sir you just walking past and

1042
00:40:55,990 --> 00:40:54,380
saw a crowd well indeed yeah that's

1043
00:40:57,730 --> 00:40:56,000
quite a crowd here in fact yeah I'm a

1044
00:40:59,320 --> 00:40:57,740
bit zoned out as I've just written a

1045
00:41:01,420 --> 00:40:59,330
motorbike from London to the body Vostok

1046
00:41:03,690 --> 00:41:01,430
but i I've got a vibe at this morning's

1047
00:41:06,820 --> 00:41:03,700
I'm kind of you know you can fly now oh

1048
00:41:08,740 --> 00:41:06,830
can you wish they told me that ya know I

1049
00:41:10,330 --> 00:41:08,750
tell you daughter or sometimes I'll do a

1050
00:41:12,670 --> 00:41:10,340
shout out all the suitors the police

1051
00:41:14,050 --> 00:41:12,680
about a Mongolian zone but it's good to

1052
00:41:16,930 --> 00:41:14,060
be here and all you guys in here in

1053
00:41:18,640 --> 00:41:16,940
Melbourne my hometown and you may

1054
00:41:19,870 --> 00:41:18,650
welcome yeah it's interesting Steve you

1055
00:41:23,350 --> 00:41:19,880
should mention that part of the world

1056
00:41:25,750 --> 00:41:23,360
you are in Russia recently right and one

1057
00:41:27,520 --> 00:41:25,760
of the very first times I remember

1058
00:41:30,370 --> 00:41:27,530
seeing much about the amazing james

1059
00:41:32,530 --> 00:41:30,380
randi was a documentary that he took

1060
00:41:35,280 --> 00:41:32,540
part in called secrets of the psychics

1061
00:41:37,780 --> 00:41:35,290
where he went to Russia not long after

1062
00:41:40,260 --> 00:41:37,790
the collapse of the Soviet Union and

1063
00:41:42,370 --> 00:41:40,270

what a fascinating documentary that was

1064
00:41:44,740 --> 00:41:42,380
do you have vivid memories of that time

1065
00:41:46,780 --> 00:41:44,750
Randy well there was Kirlian photography

1066
00:41:48,820 --> 00:41:46,790
and every giving in that wasn't no yes

1067
00:41:51,550 --> 00:41:48,830
as a matter of fact you know it was

1068
00:41:53,710 --> 00:41:51,560
interesting period in history in general

1069
00:41:56,940 --> 00:41:53,720
of course to everyone around the world

1070
00:42:00,970 --> 00:41:56,950
but to be particularly for one aspect

1071
00:42:03,130 --> 00:42:00,980
they they had been freed up all of a

1072
00:42:05,650 --> 00:42:03,140
sudden and they didn't know what the

1073
00:42:08,590 --> 00:42:05,660
hell to do with it you know the the

1074
00:42:10,630 --> 00:42:08,600
churches were suddenly filling up when

1075
00:42:13,690 --> 00:42:10,640
they had been pretty well discouraged

1076
00:42:16,150 --> 00:42:13,700
from from gathering crowds and such but

1077
00:42:18,730 --> 00:42:16,160
the churches were choc full right to the

1078
00:42:22,510 --> 00:42:18,740
doors and they to the windows as a

1079
00:42:24,670 --> 00:42:22,520
matter of fact and everybody who had any

1080
00:42:26,440 --> 00:42:24,680
kind of crazy idea like Carolyn

1081
00:42:29,350 --> 00:42:26,450
photography or any of these things that

1082
00:42:34,150 --> 00:42:29,360
are so popular among the whoo whoo crowd

1083
00:42:36,940 --> 00:42:34,160
as I refer to them that suddenly took

1084
00:42:39,580 --> 00:42:36,950
off and it got away from the authorities

1085
00:42:42,300 --> 00:42:39,590
and I don't know what happened to it

1086
00:42:46,720 --> 00:42:42,310
eventually but it did sort of level out

1087
00:42:49,490 --> 00:42:46,730
at a high level of acceptance and belief

1088
00:42:52,160 --> 00:42:49,500

in all kinds of strange strange things

1089
00:42:53,690 --> 00:42:52,170
is very disturbing of all the places in

1090
00:42:55,490 --> 00:42:53,700
all the countries you've traveled to is

1091
00:42:58,850 --> 00:42:55,500
there one nation you find more

1092
00:43:00,650 --> 00:42:58,860
suggestible than another one no not

1093
00:43:03,320 --> 00:43:00,660
really I get asked this question

1094
00:43:05,240 --> 00:43:03,330
constantly as you might imagine but it's

1095
00:43:07,970 --> 00:43:05,250
just of a different degree or a

1096
00:43:11,390 --> 00:43:07,980
different flavor yeah in some places

1097
00:43:14,210 --> 00:43:11,400
they'll all be for psychic surgery for

1098
00:43:16,850 --> 00:43:14,220
example and they accept it and oh yes

1099
00:43:18,770 --> 00:43:16,860
it's it's it's the way of medicine that

1100
00:43:22,360 --> 00:43:18,780
that's the future of medicine right and

1101
00:43:25,160 --> 00:43:22,370
right next door in another country just

1102
00:43:26,660 --> 00:43:25,170
two miles over the border they say oak

1103
00:43:28,880 --> 00:43:26,670
psyche trees you know that total

1104
00:43:31,610 --> 00:43:28,890
nonsense now wait Kirlian photography is

1105
00:43:33,560 --> 00:43:31,620
the thing no question of that and you

1106
00:43:35,890 --> 00:43:33,570
were just telling me that Switzerland

1107
00:43:37,400 --> 00:43:35,900
has done the opposite to most other

1108
00:43:40,340 --> 00:43:37,410
governments and they've actually

1109
00:43:42,140 --> 00:43:40,350
enshrined complementary medicine into

1110
00:43:43,820 --> 00:43:42,150
their system officially yes

1111
00:43:46,250 --> 00:43:43,830
unfortunately that's that's one of the

1112
00:43:47,900 --> 00:43:46,260
side effects of direct democracy we had

1113
00:43:50,150 --> 00:43:47,910

a couple of years ago people's

1114
00:43:51,980 --> 00:43:50,160
initiative where they introduced

1115
00:43:54,710 --> 00:43:51,990
complementary medicine into the

1116
00:43:56,420 --> 00:43:54,720
Constitution and that has as a result

1117
00:43:58,160 --> 00:43:56,430
that government has now the government

1118
00:44:00,550 --> 00:43:58,170
health care system is now to pay

1119
00:44:03,590 --> 00:44:00,560
complementary and alternative medicine

1120
00:44:06,080 --> 00:44:03,600
now that the opposite is Australian an

1121
00:44:08,000 --> 00:44:06,090
English government yes yes and that's

1122
00:44:10,910 --> 00:44:08,010
probably one of the reasons why we

1123
00:44:13,730 --> 00:44:10,920
started to come together and organize

1124
00:44:15,710 --> 00:44:13,740
ourselves you know Switzerland is known

1125
00:44:18,470 --> 00:44:15,720
for this sort of thing particularly in

1126
00:44:20,690 --> 00:44:18,480
the complementary medicine angle hanuman

1127
00:44:22,790 --> 00:44:20,700
after after all you know he he grew up

1128
00:44:25,400 --> 00:44:22,800
there pretty well he he founded

1129
00:44:28,839 --> 00:44:25,410
homeopathy that that Judge strange

1130
00:44:33,109 --> 00:44:28,849
expression founded homeopathy

1131
00:44:35,749 --> 00:44:33,119
yeah yeah the words don't come easily

1132
00:44:37,249 --> 00:44:35,759
now he's an amazing coincidence you get

1133
00:44:39,890 --> 00:44:37,259
from time to time when you flew to

1134
00:44:43,519 --> 00:44:39,900
Russia and this is trivial knowledge you

1135
00:44:45,829 --> 00:44:43,529
flew with swiss air he yes but I didn't

1136
00:44:48,140 --> 00:44:45,839
blame them but no no no no they were

1137
00:44:51,069 --> 00:44:48,150
they were my host after all so I had to

1138
00:44:54,200 --> 00:44:51,079

be polite but I you know I I did have a

1139
00:44:58,519 --> 00:44:54,210
must tell you hey I'm compelled there's

1140
00:45:02,239 --> 00:44:58,529
no question of it I was in Copenhagen oh

1141
00:45:06,019 --> 00:45:02,249
I guess it was about two years ago and I

1142
00:45:08,989 --> 00:45:06,029
was taking her friend to lunch and I

1143
00:45:10,609 --> 00:45:08,999
right across a massive traffic with a

1144
00:45:14,150 --> 00:45:10,619
real traffic jam in the middle of

1145
00:45:15,529 --> 00:45:14,160
Copenhagen i heard mr. Abdi mr. Gandhi I

1146
00:45:19,309 --> 00:45:15,539
looked around and there's a fellow

1147
00:45:21,230 --> 00:45:19,319
waving his hand in the air at me and I

1148
00:45:23,539 --> 00:45:21,240
figured well nobody knows I'm in town

1149
00:45:26,930 --> 00:45:23,549
really but he rushed through the crowd

1150
00:45:29,150 --> 00:45:26,940
almost got run over several times and he

1151
00:45:32,089 --> 00:45:29,160
rushed up to me all breathless he said

1152
00:45:34,999 --> 00:45:32,099
trendy oh he extended his hand I shook

1153
00:45:37,759 --> 00:45:35,009
his hand he said I want you to know I'm

1154
00:45:41,059 --> 00:45:37,769
a skeptic too and I pulled the line on

1155
00:45:42,769 --> 00:45:41,069
him which well did he bought us lunch as

1156
00:45:44,509 --> 00:45:42,779
a result of it so i'll give you the line

1157
00:45:47,150 --> 00:45:44,519
just in case you want to get a free

1158
00:45:49,759 --> 00:45:47,160
lunch I just looked him up and down very

1159
00:45:52,460 --> 00:45:49,769
quietly after he said I'm a skeptic too

1160
00:45:55,130 --> 00:45:52,470
and I looked at him I said I doubt that

1161
00:45:58,190 --> 00:45:55,140
I just to keep in character you see I

1162
00:46:00,289 --> 00:45:58,200
had to be in character had and he was so

1163
00:46:02,720 --> 00:46:00,299

thrilled with that he bought us lunch so

1164
00:46:05,029 --> 00:46:02,730
I I got his address as a matter of fact

1165
00:46:06,920 --> 00:46:05,039
so if you go to Copenhagen a I'm sure

1166
00:46:10,069 --> 00:46:06,930
they'd kill he's good for it oh it's

1167
00:46:12,160 --> 00:46:10,079
good Fred I'm sure yes now I was just

1168
00:46:15,170 --> 00:46:12,170
going to ask the crowd here in general

1169
00:46:17,299 --> 00:46:15,180
we're all here of course for the

1170
00:46:19,870 --> 00:46:17,309
Australian skeptics national convention

1171
00:46:21,309 --> 00:46:19,880
how important do you think and I know

1172
00:46:23,799 --> 00:46:21,319
Tam

1173
00:46:26,140 --> 00:46:23,809
in the United States has been going for

1174
00:46:29,109 --> 00:46:26,150
a little bit 11 years next year I yes

1175
00:46:32,289 --> 00:46:29,119
yeah and in Australia we've been having

1176
00:46:35,140 --> 00:46:32,299
conventions now for 28 years I think it

1177
00:46:36,969 --> 00:46:35,150
is man how important do you think just

1178
00:46:39,189 --> 00:46:36,979
around the room it is to have these

1179
00:46:40,630 --> 00:46:39,199
gatherings isn't preaching to convert at

1180
00:46:42,969 --> 00:46:40,640
all do you think it's more important

1181
00:46:46,089 --> 00:46:42,979
than that lindley yeah Lily I find it

1182
00:46:48,160 --> 00:46:46,099
more fun to get out and meet people it's

1183
00:46:51,339 --> 00:46:48,170
important obviously to get the word out

1184
00:46:53,380 --> 00:46:51,349
there are people who are young or who

1185
00:46:56,499 --> 00:46:53,390
have just come into the scene young or

1186
00:47:01,930 --> 00:46:56,509
old and it's good to sort of pass on the

1187
00:47:06,370 --> 00:47:01,940
message that skepticism and science is

1188
00:47:10,359 --> 00:47:06,380

the way to view the world you can't sort

1189
00:47:13,749 --> 00:47:10,369
of rely on psychic bullcrap or whatever

1190
00:47:16,930 --> 00:47:13,759
sort of rubbish tits out there and also

1191
00:47:19,239 --> 00:47:16,940
a fun way of just meeting people at all

1192
00:47:20,589 --> 00:47:19,249
that sort of stuff looking Gavin you

1193
00:47:22,509 --> 00:47:20,599
been to a couple of these things what do

1194
00:47:25,449 --> 00:47:22,519
you make of them I love going to skip

1195
00:47:26,620 --> 00:47:25,459
the camps whenever I can my my schedule

1196
00:47:28,359 --> 00:47:26,630
is fairly busy being a private

1197
00:47:30,839 --> 00:47:28,369
investigator but I love meeting

1198
00:47:33,549 --> 00:47:30,849
like-minded people like when they said

1199
00:47:36,249 --> 00:47:33,559
enjoying their company and finding a new

1200
00:47:39,479 --> 00:47:36,259
woo to hate and I'm not and I'm looking

1201
00:47:42,939 --> 00:47:39,489
over there lucky 88 is out of order

1202
00:47:45,910 --> 00:47:42,949
ironic irony love it we're in a poke

1203
00:47:47,529 --> 00:47:45,920
enjoy the pokey venues yeah and i do i

1204
00:47:50,170 --> 00:47:47,539
just love meeting the like-minded people

1205
00:47:53,259 --> 00:47:50,180
and and yeah just using the scientific

1206
00:47:55,390 --> 00:47:53,269
method in my in my daily life i have to

1207
00:47:57,279 --> 00:47:55,400
well actually as a private investigator

1208
00:48:00,430 --> 00:47:57,289
you have to be skeptical about stuff but

1209
00:48:03,309 --> 00:48:00,440
also the law isn't always logical so

1210
00:48:06,249 --> 00:48:03,319
you've got that dichotomy going on the

1211
00:48:09,219 --> 00:48:06,259
law is an ass and but if you treat it as

1212
00:48:11,410 --> 00:48:09,229
an ass and you treat it like a child so

1213
00:48:13,870 --> 00:48:11,420

that whatever you have to prove you

1214
00:48:16,870 --> 00:48:13,880
prove it from the from the ground floor

1215
00:48:20,170 --> 00:48:16,880
right up to the penthouse I've been I've

1216
00:48:21,819 --> 00:48:20,180
been quizzed in court back in the day

1217
00:48:23,709 --> 00:48:21,829
when I was in the Federal Police I took

1218
00:48:25,509 --> 00:48:23,719
photographs all chemical film

1219
00:48:27,130 --> 00:48:25,519
photographs of a man carrying a package

1220
00:48:28,220 --> 00:48:27,140
contained about 20 kilos of

1221
00:48:30,710 --> 00:48:28,230
methamphetamine

1222
00:48:32,690 --> 00:48:30,720
and two years later when I had to prove

1223
00:48:35,870 --> 00:48:32,700
those photographs in court we had to

1224
00:48:38,750 --> 00:48:35,880
take the negatives and the Pretender

1225
00:48:40,400 --> 00:48:38,760
prints and the man in the suit was not

1226
00:48:43,220 --> 00:48:40,410
the man in the death metal t-shirt with

1227
00:48:46,700 --> 00:48:43,230
long hair but it was still the same air

1228
00:48:49,370 --> 00:48:46,710
and it's it's that scientific proof but

1229
00:48:51,980 --> 00:48:49,380
yes then I put my hand on the Bible

1230
00:48:55,910 --> 00:48:51,990
Dutch don't tell anyone I put my hand on

1231
00:48:57,710 --> 00:48:55,920
the Bible I swore the oath that you know

1232
00:48:59,120 --> 00:48:57,720
I took that photograph and this of these

1233
00:49:02,090 --> 00:48:59,130
are my photographs that I produced to

1234
00:49:05,660 --> 00:49:02,100
the court and I I found unfortunately

1235
00:49:08,900 --> 00:49:05,670
that if you took the affirmation juries

1236
00:49:11,390 --> 00:49:08,910
would not give as much weight to your

1237
00:49:12,800 --> 00:49:11,400
evidence as it so i would i would pick

1238
00:49:14,810 --> 00:49:12,810

up the Bible and i would say i would

1239
00:49:16,040 --> 00:49:14,820
swear I swear by Almighty God that the

1240
00:49:17,000 --> 00:49:16,050
evidence I should give to the court in

1241
00:49:20,420 --> 00:49:17,010
this case should be the truth the whole

1242
00:49:21,800 --> 00:49:20,430
truth and anything but the truth you

1243
00:49:23,630 --> 00:49:21,810
would have found that to Randy that

1244
00:49:25,010 --> 00:49:23,640
there was a bit of a bias against that

1245
00:49:27,950 --> 00:49:25,020
an American court rooms as well is that

1246
00:49:30,200 --> 00:49:27,960
correct oh absolutely it by the way my

1247
00:49:32,090 --> 00:49:30,210
ambition I'm a rascal there's no

1248
00:49:34,760 --> 00:49:32,100
question i was born or a split in the

1249
00:49:37,040 --> 00:49:34,770
DNA and I I'm not responsible for it's

1250
00:49:39,140 --> 00:49:37,050
my parent you have to go after them but

1251
00:49:42,320 --> 00:49:39,150
see what I would do is I would get a

1252
00:49:45,260 --> 00:49:42,330
copy of a pornographic novel I would put

1253
00:49:47,900 --> 00:49:45,270
a cover of a Bible on it and I would use

1254
00:49:50,030 --> 00:49:47,910
that for the oath and but but that's

1255
00:49:52,220 --> 00:49:50,040
that's my nature but and get to get

1256
00:49:55,010 --> 00:49:52,230
serious on your troublemaker it starts

1257
00:49:57,890 --> 00:49:55,020
with the bead and it goes from there but

1258
00:50:00,620 --> 00:49:57,900
to get serious folks this this I think

1259
00:50:05,060 --> 00:50:00,630
is important when we do the amazing

1260
00:50:08,270 --> 00:50:05,070
meeting in Las Vegas every year I I spot

1261
00:50:10,940 --> 00:50:08,280
people who I figure has something to say

1262
00:50:14,359 --> 00:50:10,950
to me I let them have the opportunity of

1263
00:50:17,240 --> 00:50:14,369

sort of getting me aside and in many

1264
00:50:20,480 --> 00:50:17,250
cases this is more often than you might

1265
00:50:25,099 --> 00:50:20,490
imagine I will get people bursting into

1266
00:50:27,710 --> 00:50:25,109
tears and telling me I had to come to

1267
00:50:29,390 --> 00:50:27,720
this meeting because you know it made a

1268
00:50:32,120 --> 00:50:29,400
good deal a great deal of difference to

1269
00:50:34,640 --> 00:50:32,130
me I I didn't realize before there were

1270
00:50:39,950 --> 00:50:34,650
other people who believe the way I do

1271
00:50:43,170 --> 00:50:39,960
that this is some like bull crap or what

1272
00:50:45,000 --> 00:50:43,180
they they break down they break down and

1273
00:50:47,220 --> 00:50:45,010
they look around them there it's like

1274
00:50:50,070 --> 00:50:47,230
they just gotten into paradise somehow

1275
00:50:52,380 --> 00:50:50,080
but it's very serious to a lot of these

1276
00:50:54,810 --> 00:50:52,390
people and those people always show up

1277
00:50:56,550 --> 00:50:54,820
on the subsequent years every year they

1278
00:50:57,990 --> 00:50:56,560
they go under their way to make sure

1279
00:50:59,790 --> 00:50:58,000
they're going to be there and I've

1280
00:51:03,270 --> 00:50:59,800
developed a little coterie of these

1281
00:51:06,000 --> 00:51:03,280
these folks who we rescued we really did

1282
00:51:08,490 --> 00:51:06,010
rescue them from some sort of insanity

1283
00:51:10,470 --> 00:51:08,500
they didn't realize that there were

1284
00:51:12,450 --> 00:51:10,480
people like the fellow says I'm

1285
00:51:14,970 --> 00:51:12,460
prescription to you know I doubt that

1286
00:51:17,610 --> 00:51:14,980
but there are people like this who

1287
00:51:19,170 --> 00:51:17,620
really need this kind of support it's

1288
00:51:21,750 --> 00:51:19,180

extremely important to them and

1289
00:51:24,330 --> 00:51:21,760
sometimes I get very heartfelt letters

1290
00:51:26,430 --> 00:51:24,340
to that run on for several pages from

1291
00:51:28,110 --> 00:51:26,440
people I've never heard of before it

1292
00:51:31,380 --> 00:51:28,120
never heard their names and they just

1293
00:51:33,870 --> 00:51:31,390
find an address for me this is very very

1294
00:51:35,160 --> 00:51:33,880
important and that's why a meeting as

1295
00:51:37,620 --> 00:51:35,170
such as we're at right at this very

1296
00:51:40,710 --> 00:51:37,630
moment can be very important to a lot of

1297
00:51:42,570 --> 00:51:40,720
folks it really supports them and have

1298
00:51:44,610 --> 00:51:42,580
you noticed this John Steven for

1299
00:51:46,920 --> 00:51:44,620
meetings like this in Victoria I think

1300
00:51:49,440 --> 00:51:46,930
so i think another important thing about

1301
00:51:54,420 --> 00:51:49,450
me skeptics groups and meetings in

1302
00:51:57,650 --> 00:51:54,430
particular a particular but is the this

1303
00:52:02,960 --> 00:52:00,170
of activism against things like

1304
00:52:05,240 --> 00:52:02,970
anti-vaccine groups I mean you know it's

1305
00:52:07,400 --> 00:52:05,250
so it's so important and I don't think

1306
00:52:08,779 --> 00:52:07,410
you know the media or even the

1307
00:52:11,359 --> 00:52:08,789
scientific establishment is really

1308
00:52:13,789 --> 00:52:11,369
geared to act against groups like that I

1309
00:52:17,029 --> 00:52:13,799
think interest groups like skeptics

1310
00:52:19,670 --> 00:52:17,039
groups very well placed to kind of run

1311
00:52:21,620 --> 00:52:19,680
grassroots campaigns against you know

1312
00:52:24,859 --> 00:52:21,630
people who are pitching harmful

1313
00:52:27,079 --> 00:52:24,869

dangerous word yeah and Steven yeah

1314
00:52:30,020 --> 00:52:27,089
you've been around for a few years now

1315
00:52:32,809 --> 00:52:30,030
yeah although James of somewhat older a

1316
00:52:35,980 --> 00:52:32,819
couple of years old it longer than

1317
00:52:38,599 --> 00:52:35,990
everybody in the world defuser low here

1318
00:52:42,950 --> 00:52:38,609
yeah look I've been to many conferences

1319
00:52:44,569 --> 00:52:42,960
of this 1987 and it's important to meet

1320
00:52:46,069 --> 00:52:44,579
up it's not not be important to have the

1321
00:52:47,900 --> 00:52:46,079
conference and hear the speakers because

1322
00:52:50,240 --> 00:52:47,910
we know we know each other we know what

1323
00:52:52,309 --> 00:52:50,250
I'm going to say you know even if it's

1324
00:52:54,740 --> 00:52:52,319
due to us we will will know the attitude

1325
00:52:57,109 --> 00:52:54,750
already it's very very important to meet

1326
00:53:00,140 --> 00:52:57,119
up and that you didn't further it on the

1327
00:53:01,370 --> 00:53:00,150
web with via email on facebook pages and

1328
00:53:05,210 --> 00:53:01,380
so on to actually get to know the other

1329
00:53:08,690 --> 00:53:05,220
skeptics and form a sort of web of camo

1330
00:53:10,579 --> 00:53:08,700
artery that that's really important

1331
00:53:12,500 --> 00:53:10,589
having place because as John said the

1332
00:53:14,630 --> 00:53:12,510
opposition groups we have are organized

1333
00:53:16,309 --> 00:53:14,640
that we're not organized we all just

1334
00:53:17,539 --> 00:53:16,319
like herding cats really but you know

1335
00:53:18,950 --> 00:53:17,549
we're up against you know the

1336
00:53:20,630 --> 00:53:18,960
anti-vaccination volved the biblical

1337
00:53:23,059 --> 00:53:20,640
fundamentalist blobs there follow the

1338
00:53:25,120 --> 00:53:23,069

organized societies with a priest and

1339
00:53:26,930 --> 00:53:25,130
dogma her no dissent internally and

1340
00:53:29,990 --> 00:53:26,940
they're they're quite you know quite

1341
00:53:32,089 --> 00:53:30,000
hard to oppose on some things so we need

1342
00:53:33,529 --> 00:53:32,099
all the strength we can find while

1343
00:53:36,920 --> 00:53:33,539
remaining out while retaining our

1344
00:53:40,010 --> 00:53:36,930
individual thumb thoughts and attitudes

1345
00:53:41,690 --> 00:53:40,020
you know and personalities and this is a

1346
00:53:43,039 --> 00:53:41,700
very important way of doing it to

1347
00:53:46,700 --> 00:53:43,049
actually meet people in the flesh that

1348
00:53:48,890 --> 00:53:46,710
you're only seen on facebook I'm holding

1349
00:53:52,150 --> 00:53:48,900
up a photo of brian dunning of skip toid

1350
00:53:54,549 --> 00:53:52,160
on a stick now that's intimidating

1351
00:53:56,920 --> 00:53:54,559
damon 0 0 on Brian Dunning going for a

1352
00:53:58,599 --> 00:53:56,930
deep voice it's one of maynard next to

1353
00:54:01,089 --> 00:53:58,609
it and it's that takes to team up with

1354
00:54:03,010 --> 00:54:01,099
me but we've gotta hold them up I'm

1355
00:54:05,500 --> 00:54:03,020
gonna just a quick photo and then it'll

1356
00:54:08,559 --> 00:54:05,510
be back to Richard Richard what are you

1357
00:54:10,270 --> 00:54:08,569
hoping for other doggy with you and

1358
00:54:12,760 --> 00:54:10,280
explain well I'm hoping for I'm hoping

1359
00:54:16,270 --> 00:54:12,770
for world peace and the adoption of the

1360
00:54:18,609 --> 00:54:16,280
scientific method I by no one will

1361
00:54:21,220 --> 00:54:18,619
follow yeah one would might follow up

1362
00:54:22,630 --> 00:54:21,230
from the other pics it easier I'm sure I

1363
00:54:24,760 --> 00:54:22,640

look I'm really looking forward to this

1364
00:54:27,730 --> 00:54:24,770
weekend and all the sessions that are

1365
00:54:30,250 --> 00:54:27,740
coming up I know that James Randi is

1366
00:54:32,799 --> 00:54:30,260
visiting a school tomorrow a really

1367
00:54:34,630 --> 00:54:32,809
important thing to us I've got spaghetti

1368
00:54:37,210 --> 00:54:34,640
bolognaise at the tuck shop that's why

1369
00:54:40,150 --> 00:54:37,220
he's going out apart from that last meal

1370
00:54:41,020 --> 00:54:40,160
I'm looking forward about well I think

1371
00:54:43,960 --> 00:54:41,030
we've all learned something this

1372
00:54:45,250 --> 00:54:43,970
afternoon I'm most other people more

1373
00:54:47,770 --> 00:54:45,260
than me because I'm not particularly

1374
00:54:49,390 --> 00:54:47,780
bright but what do you think what are

1375
00:54:52,510 --> 00:54:49,400
you looking forward to to finish off

1376
00:54:56,170 --> 00:54:52,520
well I I must tell you about an ALICE

1377
00:54:57,730 --> 00:54:56,180
who I know now we were talking about the

1378
00:55:00,760 --> 00:54:57,740
the feminine angle on this sort of thing

1379
00:55:02,710 --> 00:55:00,770
this alice is a person who I had very

1380
00:55:05,230 --> 00:55:02,720
very good friend of mine I worked with

1381
00:55:09,519 --> 00:55:05,240
Alice for a long time on a special tour

1382
00:55:13,420 --> 00:55:09,529
and i must say that Alice has turned

1383
00:55:16,120 --> 00:55:13,430
into a fundamentalist freak and but

1384
00:55:19,029 --> 00:55:16,130
Alice's father was a merman minister

1385
00:55:22,120 --> 00:55:19,039
after all I'm speaking unfortunately of

1386
00:55:24,220 --> 00:55:22,130
Alice Cooper and I worked with Alice I

1387
00:55:25,870 --> 00:55:24,230
did a whole tour with Alice we got along

1388
00:55:28,809 --> 00:55:25,880

very well we still get along very very

1389
00:55:31,510 --> 00:55:28,819
well but we don't argue about religion

1390
00:55:33,519 --> 00:55:31,520
he knows better than that do you think

1391
00:55:35,710 --> 00:55:33,529
it's because of these wild crazy days

1392
00:55:37,690 --> 00:55:35,720
it's almost like an antidote or some way

1393
00:55:39,460 --> 00:55:37,700
that the pendulum had to swing back that

1394
00:55:41,859 --> 00:55:39,470
way again it might very well be I've

1395
00:55:43,359 --> 00:55:41,869
always thought of that but I don't want

1396
00:55:44,799 --> 00:55:43,369
to get into an argument with him he's

1397
00:55:46,089 --> 00:55:44,809
still a good friend of mine I want to

1398
00:55:48,430 --> 00:55:46,099
keep him that way

1399
00:55:51,039 --> 00:55:48,440
man I think he's still such a wonderful

1400
00:55:54,789 --> 00:55:51,049
man yeah if I see now I just don't

1401
00:56:00,370 --> 00:55:54,799
believe he's that Alice Cooper he's

1402
00:56:02,200 --> 00:56:00,380
that's him that's him oh yes on the Big

1403
00:56:04,049 --> 00:56:02,210
Island Cooper fan but I'm more of a fan

1404
00:56:11,309 --> 00:56:04,059
of the man who discovered Alice Cooper

1405
00:56:17,890 --> 00:56:11,319
Frank Zappa like that was my my brother

1406
00:56:20,079 --> 00:56:17,900
25 people more you can't pass out I so

1407
00:56:22,509 --> 00:56:20,089
told me away from the bar let's place

1408
00:56:25,180 --> 00:56:22,519
wrap it up Mina can you just wrap it up

1409
00:56:26,680 --> 00:56:25,190
a notch yeah well we've certainly been

1410
00:56:28,960 --> 00:56:26,690
having a bit of fun here in this very

1411
00:56:31,890 --> 00:56:28,970
small room off a sideline in brunswick

1412
00:56:35,650 --> 00:56:31,900
street with with Randy and Richard and

1413
00:56:39,789 --> 00:56:35,660

Stephen and John and Gavin and I can see

1414
00:56:41,289 --> 00:56:39,799
literally see Robert Roland as well and

1415
00:56:45,960 --> 00:56:41,299
thank you for joining us here on this

1416
00:57:03,690 --> 00:56:45,970
very special episode of the drunk tank I

1417
00:57:08,529 --> 00:57:06,279
did you see that UFO sighting that made

1418
00:57:10,239 --> 00:57:08,539
the news what did that latest study

1419
00:57:12,670 --> 00:57:10,249
about alternative treatments really say

1420
00:57:15,609 --> 00:57:12,680
is this photo making the rounds real or

1421
00:57:17,499 --> 00:57:15,619
hoax doubtful news is a unique website

1422
00:57:19,660 --> 00:57:17,509
featuring news about pseudoscience the

1423
00:57:21,359 --> 00:57:19,670
paranormal anomalies and questionable

1424
00:57:24,609 --> 00:57:21,369
claims framed with the skeptical view

1425
00:57:27,069 --> 00:57:24,619
come visit doleful newscom every day for

1426
00:57:30,219 --> 00:57:27,079
news about cryptozoology conspiracies

1427
00:57:32,709 --> 00:57:30,229
shams scams and more follow us on

1428
00:57:34,269 --> 00:57:32,719
twitter at doubtful news critical

1429
00:57:36,549 --> 00:57:34,279
thinking is essential in assessing

1430
00:57:48,140 --> 00:57:36,559
today's news duffel news helps you

1431
00:57:48,150 --> 00:57:53,070
you

1432
00:57:58,450 --> 00:57:56,020
Richard yes definitely that is a

1433
00:58:00,430 --> 00:57:58,460
fabulous fabulous show wasn't that fun

1434
00:58:02,740 --> 00:58:00,440
it was good the convention is just going

1435
00:58:04,690 --> 00:58:02,750
off it is and i love the the bits from

1436
00:58:06,280 --> 00:58:04,700
Maynard's meet and greet there in

1437
00:58:08,260 --> 00:58:06,290
melbourne on my birth it was so much fun

1438
00:58:09,700 --> 00:58:08,270

you can count on my own art it's one

1439
00:58:11,260 --> 00:58:09,710
thing about him you'll always come

1440
00:58:12,849 --> 00:58:11,270
through with the goods and if this stuff

1441
00:58:14,560 --> 00:58:12,859
pops out of his brain you just can't

1442
00:58:15,880 --> 00:58:14,570
even imagine is even sitting in anyone's

1443
00:58:17,349 --> 00:58:15,890
brain well let me tell you something

1444
00:58:18,670 --> 00:58:17,359
that you know he went to town of course

1445
00:58:24,340 --> 00:58:18,680
and all the listeners now he went to tie

1446
00:58:26,859 --> 00:58:24,350
it but Tim was 160 months ago yeah every

1447
00:58:29,800 --> 00:58:26,869
week since then there have been reports

1448
00:58:33,940 --> 00:58:29,810
from a knife from 10 he's unstoppable it

1449
00:58:36,970 --> 00:58:33,950
gives you some idea of what the quantity

1450
00:58:38,590 --> 00:58:36,980
of work he was the amount or something

1451
00:58:39,790 --> 00:58:38,600
his brain is just like this in it's

1452
00:58:42,700 --> 00:58:39,800
almost a stream-of-consciousness

1453
00:58:44,290 --> 00:58:42,710
delivery but it's all good stuff it's

1454
00:58:45,910 --> 00:58:44,300
amazing stunning speaking about good

1455
00:58:48,640 --> 00:58:45,920
stuff and I keep promising the listeners

1456
00:58:51,099 --> 00:58:48,650
this I keep teasing them that I'm almost

1457
00:58:53,109 --> 00:58:51,109
finished the great script oh the

1458
00:58:54,730 --> 00:58:53,119
adventure will you still get nearly

1459
00:58:56,470 --> 00:58:54,740
there you've seen it you've seen I've

1460
00:58:58,240 --> 00:58:56,480
seen drivers you've seen draft so it's

1461
00:59:00,099 --> 00:58:58,250
looking good and I'm just coming to the

1462
00:59:01,930 --> 00:59:00,109
climax now where I'm trying to wrap up

1463
00:59:04,300 --> 00:59:01,940

all the loose ends and get the villains

1464
00:59:05,950 --> 00:59:04,310
there and the heroes happening so I hope

1465
00:59:08,109 --> 00:59:05,960
in very early in the new year we'll all

1466
00:59:10,630 --> 00:59:08,119
get together and for a record through

1467
00:59:12,460 --> 00:59:10,640
the big record hey hey originally I

1468
00:59:15,340 --> 00:59:12,470
think that was going to be done for show

1469
00:59:17,620 --> 00:59:15,350
115 are you but I Richard look honestly

1470
00:59:19,240 --> 00:59:17,630
a radio play in this day and age it's

1471
00:59:21,130 --> 00:59:19,250
not something you can just churn out and

1472
00:59:23,740 --> 00:59:21,140
like a tweet like a tweet it's not know

1473
00:59:25,960 --> 00:59:23,750
you know you had tweet radio plays you

1474
00:59:28,240 --> 00:59:25,970
you construct them you refine them and

1475
00:59:31,840 --> 00:59:28,250
you you create them in craft you could

1476
00:59:35,859 --> 00:59:31,850
tweet a radio play short sure that your

1477
00:59:36,970 --> 00:59:35,869
opens hello and and you know we're

1478
00:59:40,570 --> 00:59:36,980
looking forward to that that's gonna be

1479
00:59:42,609 --> 00:59:40,580
huge sometime I hope so well we're in

1480
00:59:45,970 --> 00:59:42,619
the meantime I meantime I've got some

1481
00:59:47,560 --> 00:59:45,980
more reporting to do from Melbourne I'm

1482
00:59:49,780 --> 00:59:47,570
gonna grab some more reports more

1483
00:59:52,690 --> 00:59:49,790
interviews why I'm down here ya go which

1484
00:59:55,150 --> 00:59:52,700
I've been in a few days Kimbrel

1485
00:59:56,800 --> 00:59:55,160
mechanics is you're gonna get a few more

1486
00:59:58,240 --> 00:59:56,810
for the next couple of a couple of

1487
01:00:00,220 --> 00:59:58,250
episodes I think may now it's probably

1488
01:00:02,080 --> 01:00:00,230

got the name some for the next year but

1489
01:00:03,030 --> 01:00:02,090
that's main idea probably has but I

1490
01:00:04,590 --> 01:00:03,040
again

1491
01:00:05,790 --> 01:00:04,600
thank you to the listeners for for

1492
01:00:08,190 --> 01:00:05,800
tuning in once again thank you how is

1493
01:00:11,520 --> 01:00:08,200
the listenership going Richard up oh

1494
01:00:14,780 --> 01:00:11,530
it's always going upstairs I'd have to

1495
01:00:17,340 --> 01:00:14,790
check the figures but um I guess we're

1496
01:00:19,020 --> 01:00:17,350
something shy of 2 million downloads I'd

1497
01:00:26,030 --> 01:00:19,030
something like okay so we're somewhere

1498
01:00:31,590 --> 01:00:28,890
another classic from Stefan yeah yeah I

1499
01:00:34,590 --> 01:00:31,600
will but hopefully you'll let me back in

1500
01:00:36,690 --> 01:00:34,600
here another time we'll see you again

1501
01:00:38,610 --> 01:00:36,700
sometime soon eh all right Stephen

1502
01:00:40,830 --> 01:00:38,620
thanks for letting me come by the old

1503
01:00:42,300 --> 01:00:40,840
headquarters again aah yes we'll see you

1504
01:00:44,160 --> 01:00:42,310
next time and thank you mrs. we'll see

1505
01:00:50,640 --> 01:00:44,170
you in the next zone see you in the next

1506
01:00:55,320 --> 01:00:50,650
own bar you've been listening to the

1507
01:00:59,160 --> 01:00:55,330
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