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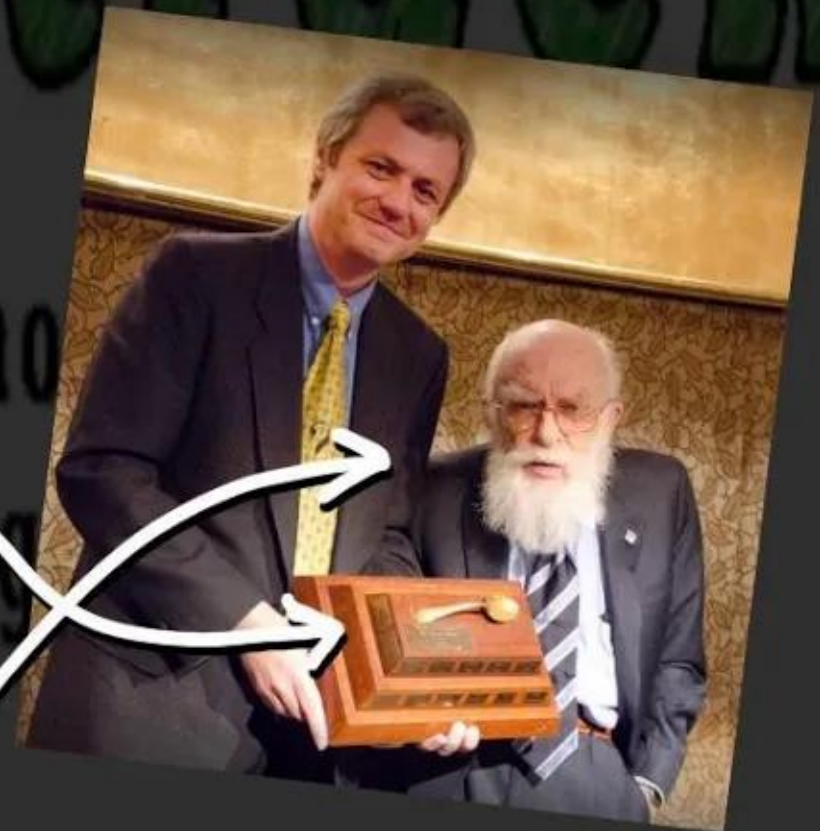


Derek Colanduno
talks Dragon*Con 2019

Bent Spoon Award

Investigation of
"Psychic Surgery"

Think Tank with James Randi



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00:00:12,670 --> 00:00:09,910
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:14,750 --> 00:00:12,680
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:17,650 --> 00:00:14,760
[Music]

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00:00:24,180 --> 00:00:17,660
[Applause]

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[Music]

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00:00:31,179 --> 00:00:26,810
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:34,240 --> 00:00:31,189
episode number 563 for the 4th of August

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00:00:35,530 --> 00:00:34,250
we're into August 2019 which had

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00:00:37,750 --> 00:00:35,540
Saunders here with you from Sydney

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00:00:39,850 --> 00:00:37,760
Australia coming up on this week's show

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00:00:42,070 --> 00:00:39,860
I catch up with a very old friend of

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00:00:42,700 --> 00:00:42,080
mine well he's not old I mean he's an

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00:00:44,770 --> 00:00:42,710

old friend

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we've been friends for a long time Derek

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Colin dunno one of the original

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00:00:54,299 --> 00:00:51,410

skeptical podcasts skepticism the show

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00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:54,309

he did with swoopy Robin McCarthy

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00:01:01,840 --> 00:00:58,879

predates my show predates the skeptic

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guide to the universe predates skeptoid

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00:01:08,289 --> 00:01:05,089

predates the geologic podcast also

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00:01:11,920 --> 00:01:08,299

skeptics with a k' the ESP the European

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00:01:14,289 --> 00:01:11,930

skeptics podcast Americans would be got

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00:01:17,260 --> 00:01:14,299

in before all of us and of course not

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00:01:19,960 --> 00:01:17,270

too many years after Derek started T is

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00:01:22,810 --> 00:01:19,970

skeptical podcasting he suffered a brain

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00:01:25,960 --> 00:01:22,820
aneurysm which really nearly cost him

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00:01:28,420 --> 00:01:25,970
his life it's remarkable what Derek had

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00:01:30,700 --> 00:01:28,430
to do to get back his life back together

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00:01:32,920 --> 00:01:30,710
especially when it came to podcasting

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00:01:35,380 --> 00:01:32,930
but Derek is also the program director

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00:01:37,720 --> 00:01:35,390
it's kept track at DragonCon which is

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00:01:39,940 --> 00:01:37,730
coming up in a few weeks and Derek will

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00:01:40,930 --> 00:01:39,950
give us an overview of what to expect at

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00:01:43,450 --> 00:01:40,940
DragonCon

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00:01:45,940 --> 00:01:43,460
this year and I'm certainly looking

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00:01:48,490 --> 00:01:45,950
forward to being a part of that fun

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00:01:50,560 --> 00:01:48,500
after that we hear about this year's

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00:01:53,440 --> 00:01:50,570

nominations for the Australian skeptics

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00:01:56,320 --> 00:01:53,450

bent spoon award oh I like the men spoon

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00:01:58,360 --> 00:01:56,330

Award presented to the most preposterous

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00:02:00,040 --> 00:01:58,370

piece of paranormal or pseudo scientific

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00:02:02,290 --> 00:02:00,050

people every year from Australian

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00:02:06,460 --> 00:02:02,300

skeptics we're gonna look at some of the

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00:02:08,350 --> 00:02:06,470

past winners today really win they're

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00:02:11,290 --> 00:02:08,360

losers they sort of went they win award

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00:02:14,410 --> 00:02:11,300

do you don't want to win and again find

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00:02:17,199 --> 00:02:14,420

out how you yes you can help us find a

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00:02:19,960 --> 00:02:17,209

worthy recipient for this year following

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00:02:21,640 --> 00:02:19,970

that we dive deep into the back issues

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00:02:24,399 --> 00:02:21,650

of the skeptic the magazine from

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00:02:27,100 --> 00:02:24,409
Australian skeptics so deep we can't

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00:02:30,910 --> 00:02:27,110
dive any deeper we go to issue one page

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00:02:32,980 --> 00:02:30,920
one story one the very first report in

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00:02:33,809 --> 00:02:32,990
the pages of the skeptic revolving

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00:02:36,869 --> 00:02:33,819
around a Mel

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00:02:39,030 --> 00:02:36,879
a psychic surgeon then to round off the

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00:02:43,679 --> 00:02:39,040
show a blast from the past again we go

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00:02:45,209 --> 00:02:43,689
back to 2012 and replay is very rare

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00:02:47,250 --> 00:02:45,219
event on the skeptics and we do this

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00:02:50,250 --> 00:02:47,260
we're going to replay a think tank

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00:02:52,740 --> 00:02:50,260
featuring James Randi now the think tank

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00:02:55,170 --> 00:02:52,750
was for many years of feature of the

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00:02:56,670 --> 00:02:55,180

sceptic zone where we'd get together at

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00:02:58,229 --> 00:02:56,680

the club at the end of the street with

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00:03:00,000 --> 00:02:58,239

some people and a couple of beers and

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wines and dinner and chat about

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00:03:05,640 --> 00:03:03,099

skeptical issues well in 2012 James

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00:03:08,459 --> 00:03:05,650

Randi joined us when we did a think tank

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00:03:10,559 --> 00:03:08,469

down in Melbourne when we were all there

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00:03:12,569 --> 00:03:10,569

for the Australian skeptics National

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00:03:14,580 --> 00:03:12,579

Convention and it's interesting for me

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00:03:16,080 --> 00:03:14,590

to go back pour over the archives of the

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00:03:19,819 --> 00:03:16,090

skeptic zone because there are many

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00:03:23,220 --> 00:03:19,829

interviews and reports and items that I

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I wouldn't say I've forgotten about but

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00:03:26,909 --> 00:03:24,730

I certainly don't remember the details

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and listening to this think tank with

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James Randi all over again is a real

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pleasure it's great to hear Randy's

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00:03:35,339 --> 00:03:33,849

voice on the show again and of course it

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00:03:38,280 --> 00:03:35,349

also features that well known goose

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00:03:40,530 --> 00:03:38,290

Maynard and it just wets our appetite

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00:03:43,710 --> 00:03:40,540

for the upcoming skeptic on in Melbourne

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in December stay tuned at the end of the

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00:03:48,420 --> 00:03:46,659

show for more announcements from me but

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00:03:53,119 --> 00:03:48,430

now it's time for me to run downstairs

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00:03:58,289 --> 00:03:53,129

and I think I'll have a slice or two of

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00:04:01,199 --> 00:03:58,299

this lovely chilli cheese on toast

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melted of course cheese toast melted

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00:04:07,770 --> 00:04:05,349

chili cheese special chilli oh yes very

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00:04:10,790 --> 00:04:07,780

special chilli and while I do that I

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00:04:18,220 --> 00:04:10,800

hope you enjoy the skeptic zone

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[Music]

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[Applause]

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[Music]

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and joining me now on the line all the

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way from wonderful Atlanta Georgia is

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one of the pioneers folks of skeptical

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podcasting it's helfen Derek Collin

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00:04:47,959 --> 00:04:45,990

dunno hello Derek should I usually get

101
00:04:50,149 --> 00:04:47,969
my horses all hitched up and get like

102
00:04:51,769 --> 00:04:50,159
one of those dragons wagons and head

103
00:04:53,839 --> 00:04:51,779
west is that what we're talking about I

104
00:04:55,760 --> 00:04:53,849
think that's what you should do I think

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00:04:58,549 --> 00:04:55,770
that's what you should being a pioneer

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00:05:00,379 --> 00:04:58,559
let's talk about that briefly Derek you

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00:05:03,949 --> 00:05:00,389
know the skeptic zone has been around

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00:05:05,749 --> 00:05:03,959
for coming up to 11 years skeptoid is

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00:05:07,999 --> 00:05:05,759
even a bit older than that the skeptics

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00:05:09,799 --> 00:05:08,009
guide to the universe is a bit older

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00:05:13,100 --> 00:05:09,809
than that even Georgia Ralph has got a

112
00:05:14,929 --> 00:05:13,110
show going back over a decade but you I

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00:05:17,869 --> 00:05:14,939

think you beat us all can you tell us

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00:05:19,909 --> 00:05:17,879

about the early days of skepticism and

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00:05:23,689 --> 00:05:19,919

why you started such a thing oh well

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00:05:25,579 --> 00:05:23,699

let's see so for history there the

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skeptic Scott is only about a week and a

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half newer than skepticism so we I

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like to say we're pretty much started

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at the same time about a week apart

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right we didn't know each other it just

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happened to be random chance that I

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didn't know about them they didn't know

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about me and told me were like three or

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four episodes in actually but back in

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the day I used to be a on on-air radio

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guy in Vegas when I had I was going to

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college there I did a couple morning

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00:05:57,230 --> 00:05:54,749

show I did a morning show I can't do two

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00:05:59,839 --> 00:05:57,240

morning shows you know I didn't have a

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morning show I was one of the hosts for

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00:06:06,109 --> 00:06:01,559

a morning show in Vegas and then also

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00:06:09,739 --> 00:06:06,119

late nights I did all Relic radio kdg

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00:06:10,939 --> 00:06:09,749

owned by George Tobin George Tobin and

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00:06:13,339 --> 00:06:10,949

he's still around he still does what he

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does he's made famous because he used to

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00:06:18,769 --> 00:06:16,139

do kind of like the colonel thing from

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00:06:20,929 --> 00:06:18,779

Elvis but he did it for rock acts to

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like make them popular because nobody

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knew them like Tiffany he put Tiffany in

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malls without a permit just made her

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sing and then she became a thing

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so that was Dortch home and he was one

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of Mike yeah so he owned the raise was

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one of the recent radio station I did

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00:06:40,279 --> 00:06:36,539

the late-night all rock stuff or so you

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00:06:42,649 --> 00:06:40,289

were on there yeah I speak so you you

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00:06:45,290 --> 00:06:42,659

knew how the that sort of side of things

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worked and now it's Whoopi Oh has been a

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00:06:50,670 --> 00:06:46,890

friend of mine since gosh

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00:06:52,140 --> 00:06:50,680

93-94 she just live with me way back in

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00:06:54,240 --> 00:06:52,150

Vegas so she would come to the radio

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00:06:56,820 --> 00:06:54,250

station when I did my late-night stuff

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00:06:58,470 --> 00:06:56,830

on alt rock because there we like to do

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00:07:00,540 --> 00:06:58,480

that because you know we had big-name

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00:07:02,640 --> 00:07:00,550

people like we had like Maher and Manson

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00:07:04,260 --> 00:07:02,650

come in and all those big rock and I

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00:07:06,330 --> 00:07:04,270

knees bands would come in to do

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00:07:08,610 --> 00:07:06,340

interviews so we'd always be there with

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00:07:09,570 --> 00:07:08,620

a microphone and a large city wide

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00:07:10,680 --> 00:07:09,580

audience and go

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00:07:12,330 --> 00:07:10,690

wouldn't it be nice that we could talk

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about the stuff we like to talk about

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which is like skepticism so when

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podcast it came out I found the atom

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courier was starting to do it because

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tax Tobin said have you seen this

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because he thought it was funny and I

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said oh that's cool and I showed it to

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00:07:32,550 --> 00:07:31,150

swoopy I got home one time and on the

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00:07:35,520 --> 00:07:32,560

whiteboard in my office it said

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00:07:37,320 --> 00:07:35,530

skepticism and I said what's that and

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swoopy said that's the name of her

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00:07:45,180 --> 00:07:40,540

podcast and that's how we started but

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that was but mm like three four four or

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five four and five five four and five

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thousand four yeah so that's how that

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started and then just kept up and then

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00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:57,220

one time when podcasting came to iTunes

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00:08:02,969 --> 00:07:58,479

because it came much later than

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00:08:05,610 --> 00:08:02,979

podcasting and before the keynote at the

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time Steve Jobs would release features

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and then to do it about the features

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that have been around around for a few

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months so when they announced the

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podcasting for iTunes our show

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skepticity happened to be number one

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overall in podcasting so he was doing

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his keynote and they put a picture of me

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and swoopy which used to be at the logo

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for our show behind in of course yes and

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talk about the skepticism was just

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really really cool and then two days

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later that's when my aneurysm blew up in

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my brain so yeah people always made made

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00:08:39,390 --> 00:08:38,229

the joke that you know your resume

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00:08:41,550 --> 00:08:39,400

happened because your brain just

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exploded because Steve Jobs talked about

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you and and that that was quite a

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dramatic time folks because I began

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listening to skepticism quite early on

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and then one day there was a strange

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message come just from swoopy and sweepy

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told the whole world that you had a

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terrible

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aneurysm stroke whatever it was they

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didn't know and at the time

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interestingly enough I and Stefan soika

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who is the part-time co-host of the

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00:09:13,280 --> 00:09:10,350
skeptic zone we were doing another show

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00:09:15,769 --> 00:09:13,290
way back then called the skeptic tank I

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think it was called which would yeah but

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00:09:20,810 --> 00:09:17,760

yeah one of the very first ones I ever

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did podcasting wise one of the early

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predecessors of the skeptic zone and

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that happened during our making of that

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show so I told my audience that this

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message had come through interesting

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00:09:34,370 --> 00:09:32,250

times but after quite a long period of

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00:09:36,650 --> 00:09:34,380

getting your head together

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00:09:39,230 --> 00:09:36,660

if I can put it that way you were back

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00:09:40,970 --> 00:09:39,240

yeah well I'd had to relearn how to they

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00:09:43,879 --> 00:09:40,980

told me I would never walk again um I

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00:09:45,620 --> 00:09:43,889

kind of walk I walk but if I don't think

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00:09:49,389 --> 00:09:45,630

about it I fall but I can walk so I

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00:09:51,769 --> 00:09:49,399

don't care my speech took a long time

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00:09:54,410 --> 00:09:51,779

like three years of speech therapy

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00:09:57,410 --> 00:09:54,420

before I could even remotely sound like

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a sound now before then sounded like a

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stroke patient in fact there was some

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recordings on the skepticism episodes

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between like two thousand six and seven

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where swoopy was run in the show and she

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00:10:11,809 --> 00:10:10,500

would have me on now and then and i go

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00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:11,819

back and listen to as like oh man i

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00:10:16,430 --> 00:10:14,160

really couldn't talk then but yeah so i

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through lots of really good speech

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therapy they Rattray mapped all of my

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speech through where you sing that i my

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speech therapist said it's like this the

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part of your brain bar people talk you

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can look up my MRI it's really fun you

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say where's the speech center of the

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brain well that's where that giant hole

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is because I don't have that anymore

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that it complete because when blood when

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my errors in blue blood when it hits

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your brain cells it kills them so that

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was the danger the reason I had a pump

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all that blood out of my head and they

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didn't think I would survive but they

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did they did it well enough where I

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survived and because of that though my

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speech their center of my brain is

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really just not there much at all so

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they remapped all of my speech through

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where you sing and my speech syrup is

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like it's kind of like this when the

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Beatles sing they don't sound English

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right they don't it's interesting isn't

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it yes so it's not even pro saying for

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your brain it's funny to think about

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that because you're you're thinking or

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just using the same prayer brain because

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00:11:12,360 --> 00:11:11,519

you're talking but in a different way

266

00:11:13,769 --> 00:11:12,370

but

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00:11:17,040 --> 00:11:13,779

completely different per your brain so

268

00:11:19,500 --> 00:11:17,050

they had to like retrain me to talk

269

00:11:22,110 --> 00:11:19,510

through that part your brain I will tell

270

00:11:24,090 --> 00:11:22,120

you I tell people everybody everything I

271

00:11:26,760 --> 00:11:24,100

had to do in my rehab the hardest thing

272

00:11:29,160 --> 00:11:26,770

ever was learning how to talk again that

273

00:11:31,079 --> 00:11:29,170

was drained me I had no idea and my

274

00:11:33,210 --> 00:11:31,089

doctor is like like it takes a lot more

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00:11:36,900 --> 00:11:33,220

calories to think then people think it

276

00:11:38,490 --> 00:11:36,910

does and I would come home from my day

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00:11:40,019 --> 00:11:38,500

of like seven hours of speech therapy

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00:11:42,600 --> 00:11:40,029

and I would come home and I would just

279

00:11:44,100 --> 00:11:42,610

be asleep until the next morning where

280

00:11:46,440 --> 00:11:44,110

I'd have a little bit of breakfast and

281

00:11:48,030 --> 00:11:46,450

go back and do it again I was like so

282

00:11:50,519 --> 00:11:48,040

beat down it was the hardest thing ever

283

00:11:52,530 --> 00:11:50,529

and when I was in speech therapy and

284

00:11:54,120 --> 00:11:52,540

it's funny that my speech therapist even

285

00:11:58,019 --> 00:11:54,130

know this I would go home and I put on

286

00:11:59,790 --> 00:11:58,029

my earphones from podcasting and listen

287

00:12:01,200 --> 00:11:59,800

to myself and then I can actually hear

288

00:12:03,210 --> 00:12:01,210

my mistakes I couldn't ever hear them

289

00:12:04,800 --> 00:12:03,220

before then it's really weird because

290

00:12:06,060 --> 00:12:04,810

you the reason why most people don't

291

00:12:08,010 --> 00:12:06,070

like their voice when they hear it

292

00:12:11,070 --> 00:12:08,020

recording is because the voice in your

293

00:12:14,640 --> 00:12:11,080

head is not what you sound like because

294

00:12:16,829 --> 00:12:14,650

it's a it's a mishmash of the base

295

00:12:20,519 --> 00:12:16,839

through your brain and your skull but

296

00:12:22,949 --> 00:12:20,529

also your brain is really good at just

297

00:12:23,460 --> 00:12:22,959

assuming what you're saying is what

298

00:12:27,990 --> 00:12:23,470

you're saying

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00:12:29,370 --> 00:12:28,000

so aphasia is when you you know lose the

300

00:12:31,410 --> 00:12:29,380

ability to know what you're actually

301
00:12:33,900 --> 00:12:31,420
saying you just assume your brain just

302
00:12:36,660 --> 00:12:33,910
says your said what you said it doesn't

303
00:12:38,370 --> 00:12:36,670
matter and you think you hear that but

304
00:12:40,320 --> 00:12:38,380
you don't and it's it's it's a funny

305
00:12:43,230 --> 00:12:40,330
part about science sometime is like like

306
00:12:46,790 --> 00:12:43,240
you can be convinced that you're hearing

307
00:12:49,050 --> 00:12:46,800
your voice in your head that you're not

308
00:12:50,790 --> 00:12:49,060
it's and that's why you hate your own

309
00:12:53,640 --> 00:12:50,800
voice when it's recording because it's

310
00:12:55,860 --> 00:12:53,650
not what you're used to hearing this is

311
00:12:59,699 --> 00:12:55,870
quite an insight for a podcaster to have

312
00:13:01,440 --> 00:12:59,709
really because it it is acutely aware or

313
00:13:03,720 --> 00:13:01,450

it's acutely important to eat people

314

00:13:06,360 --> 00:13:03,730

like you and I and all our colleagues in

315

00:13:09,840 --> 00:13:06,370

the skeptical podcasting world that our

316

00:13:12,329 --> 00:13:09,850

voices you know we trade off our voices

317

00:13:14,550 --> 00:13:12,339

to a very large extent and you're right

318

00:13:16,199 --> 00:13:14,560

I mean quite often when I'm reading the

319

00:13:18,829 --> 00:13:16,209

skeptic zone and I'm listening to myself

320

00:13:21,120 --> 00:13:18,839

there will be times where I completely

321

00:13:22,980 --> 00:13:21,130

mispronounce a word it sounds completely

322

00:13:24,900 --> 00:13:22,990

different to the word that I should have

323

00:13:26,130 --> 00:13:24,910

said or I thought I said and I have to

324

00:13:27,660 --> 00:13:26,140

go back and record a

325

00:13:31,050 --> 00:13:27,670

or something like that it's a very

326

00:13:32,280 --> 00:13:31,060

strange very strange experience yeah and

327

00:13:35,220 --> 00:13:32,290

it's like I said you could probably

328

00:13:39,210 --> 00:13:35,230

swear that you said that mmm but you

329

00:13:40,980 --> 00:13:39,220

didn't it is it is absolutely strange

330

00:13:43,139 --> 00:13:40,990

well this year's something to look

331

00:13:45,600 --> 00:13:43,149

forward to Derek I can't wait to be

332

00:13:47,460 --> 00:13:45,610

there at DragonCon I'm doing a skeptic

333

00:13:49,410 --> 00:13:47,470

zone live which I'm looking forward to

334

00:13:51,269 --> 00:13:49,420

I'm on a couple of panels but what can

335

00:13:52,230 --> 00:13:51,279

people expect when they come along oh

336

00:13:55,949 --> 00:13:52,240

jeez

337

00:13:59,100 --> 00:13:55,959

oh that's here this year we have some

338

00:14:02,850 --> 00:13:59,110

really good magicians we got Jamie and

339

00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:02,860

Swiss we got Kurt Anderson and then we

340

00:14:11,180 --> 00:14:07,360

also have Oh Matt Dillon honey who

341

00:14:14,220 --> 00:14:11,190

solely does the atheist experience and

342

00:14:16,620 --> 00:14:14,230

he actually has a TV show in the Midwest

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00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:16,630

somewhere and that talks about that

344

00:14:20,370 --> 00:14:18,160

stuff he's a really good man Mentalist

345

00:14:22,259 --> 00:14:20,380

as well a lot of you don't know that so

346

00:14:24,780 --> 00:14:22,269

we do a lot of magic obviously the

347

00:14:27,000 --> 00:14:24,790

crossover between magic and skepticism

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00:14:29,670 --> 00:14:27,010

is pretty obvious to your audience yeah

349

00:14:32,790 --> 00:14:29,680

a lot of people don't realize it so it

350

00:14:35,990 --> 00:14:32,800

to me it's one of the best ways to get

351
00:14:39,360 --> 00:14:36,000
people so that's really cool and

352
00:14:41,699 --> 00:14:39,370
actually this year between Matt and and

353
00:14:44,699 --> 00:14:41,709
Kurt they're actually creating a show

354
00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:44,709
this kind of be very much aimed rated

355
00:14:48,689 --> 00:14:46,810
the skeptical heart of some of the stuff

356
00:14:50,400 --> 00:14:48,699
that James Randi likes to talk about too

357
00:14:53,189 --> 00:14:50,410
like the psychic surgery and all that

358
00:14:55,199 --> 00:14:53,199
how they they used to fool you with

359
00:14:58,949 --> 00:14:55,209
actual stage magic to make people think

360
00:15:00,449 --> 00:14:58,959
that magic was real the past eight or so

361
00:15:03,090 --> 00:15:00,459
years I've always had a couple nights

362
00:15:08,130 --> 00:15:03,100
three or four nights of just late night

363
00:15:12,180 --> 00:15:08,140

you know skeptical comedy so we have

364

00:15:15,150 --> 00:15:12,190

Leeanne Lord again got Ian Harris and

365

00:15:17,009 --> 00:15:15,160

then we also are usually on Sunday or

366

00:15:19,889 --> 00:15:17,019

Saturday night depends on what I ain't

367

00:15:23,280 --> 00:15:19,899

get all the people there Georgia Tech

368

00:15:24,689 --> 00:15:23,290

all the professors and a bunch of the

369

00:15:27,389 --> 00:15:24,699

students that are from the physics and

370

00:15:30,120 --> 00:15:27,399

astronomy department there are comedians

371

00:15:33,000 --> 00:15:30,130

Santa comedians that are actual you know

372

00:15:34,949 --> 00:15:33,010

scholars at the University high-level

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00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:34,959

guys that they come and they have a

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00:15:39,420 --> 00:15:37,120

comedy troupe called you know [h__h]

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00:15:40,740 --> 00:15:39,430

Palooza and they usually do that

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00:15:44,160 --> 00:15:40,750

night either Saturday or Sunday night

377

00:15:46,740 --> 00:15:44,170

and we have our normal bevy of panels

378

00:15:49,470 --> 00:15:46,750

and discussions and a bunch of talks -

379

00:15:51,870 --> 00:15:49,480

well I it's it's I'm tired I'm too tired

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00:15:55,380 --> 00:15:51,880

now I'm worn out listening to how good

381

00:15:59,070 --> 00:15:55,390

this is going to be I know I know I had

382

00:16:01,140 --> 00:15:59,080

every time I went there years ago I was

383

00:16:03,750 --> 00:16:01,150

very busy which made me very happy I

384

00:16:05,760 --> 00:16:03,760

gave talks and I actually did a talk on

385

00:16:07,530 --> 00:16:05,770

this on the podcasting panel on you

386

00:16:09,660 --> 00:16:07,540

which I enjoyed very much yeah so I

387

00:16:12,360 --> 00:16:09,670

cannot wait I cannot wait to come back

388

00:16:15,060 --> 00:16:12,370

and enjoy the madness the mayhem the

389

00:16:17,130 --> 00:16:15,070

color and the confusion that is drag you

390

00:16:19,170 --> 00:16:17,140

have an account if you think it's mad if

391

00:16:21,060 --> 00:16:19,180

you think madness and confusion in the

392

00:16:22,350 --> 00:16:21,070

past there's nothing that was easy you

393

00:16:25,830 --> 00:16:22,360

were talking that was like you know

394

00:16:28,770 --> 00:16:25,840

always hokum local convention when you

395

00:16:30,990 --> 00:16:28,780

saw before you wait it is now like it's

396

00:16:33,330 --> 00:16:31,000

the size of a city now it's crazy the

397

00:16:36,000 --> 00:16:33,340

whole thing is nuts but I love it every

398

00:16:38,190 --> 00:16:36,010

year I tell people it's mad but I think

399

00:16:40,260 --> 00:16:38,200

to me it's my Christmas I it's a bunch

400

00:16:43,830 --> 00:16:40,270

of people I don't see but yet once a

401
00:16:45,660 --> 00:16:43,840
year maybe twice if I am lucky but you

402
00:16:48,180 --> 00:16:45,670
know you were all get together you're

403
00:16:50,070 --> 00:16:48,190
having fun and then of course you're

404
00:16:51,780 --> 00:16:50,080
depressed one is over but it you have

405
00:16:53,730 --> 00:16:51,790
just wait - or another year but to me

406
00:16:55,740 --> 00:16:53,740
it's like all the family gets back

407
00:16:57,720 --> 00:16:55,750
together once a year and you have a

408
00:16:59,490 --> 00:16:57,730
blast and then you know you have to wait

409
00:17:01,770 --> 00:16:59,500
a whole another year for your open up

410
00:17:03,450 --> 00:17:01,780
presence again well I loved it before

411
00:17:05,670 --> 00:17:03,460
I'm sure I will love it again

412
00:17:09,090 --> 00:17:05,680
Derek if people want to come along way

413
00:17:13,740 --> 00:17:09,100

can they get the information go to WWE

414

00:17:15,030 --> 00:17:13,750

and cano one word org o RG at drank on

415

00:17:16,590 --> 00:17:15,040

we don't have tickets we have

416

00:17:18,660 --> 00:17:16,600

memberships because when you come to

417

00:17:20,610 --> 00:17:18,670

Dragon Con you remember you remember for

418

00:17:22,140 --> 00:17:20,620

life every time you come you're the

419

00:17:25,620 --> 00:17:22,150

number they give you is the number you

420

00:17:27,210 --> 00:17:25,630

keep but so when you baobab your

421

00:17:30,000 --> 00:17:27,220

membership it's always best to buy it

422

00:17:31,350 --> 00:17:30,010

now because the ticket prices go up by

423

00:17:35,300 --> 00:17:31,360

twenty dollars every two to three months

424

00:17:39,120 --> 00:17:35,310

and then soon within the next like week

425

00:17:41,730 --> 00:17:39,130

the skeptics dot DragonCon org for the

426
00:17:44,550 --> 00:17:41,740
skeptical track and you just skeptics top

427
00:17:47,370 --> 00:17:44,560
dragon Condor course kept track org

428
00:17:49,530 --> 00:17:47,380
because the same place I'll be posting

429
00:17:50,730 --> 00:17:49,540
the schedule and some of the information

430
00:17:51,000 --> 00:17:50,740
for what's going to be happening this

431
00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:51,010
year

432
00:17:54,529 --> 00:17:52,559
excellent well I'll put

433
00:17:56,600 --> 00:17:54,539
those links in the show notes this week

434
00:17:58,879 --> 00:17:56,610
and very soon you'll be able to see the

435
00:18:00,739 --> 00:17:58,889
full schedule coming up for this year

436
00:18:02,419 --> 00:18:00,749
can't wait to see you I can't wait to

437
00:18:03,950 --> 00:18:02,429
see my friends from the skeptics guide

438
00:18:06,110 --> 00:18:03,960

to the universe and all the other people

439

00:18:08,529 --> 00:18:06,120

I've known over the years but for now

440

00:18:10,940 --> 00:18:08,539

take a breath take a very big breath

441

00:18:13,489 --> 00:18:10,950

prepare yourself for the madness that is

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00:18:14,690 --> 00:18:13,499

Dragon Con and thank you very much Derek

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00:18:16,730 --> 00:18:14,700

: dunno

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00:18:18,020 --> 00:18:16,740

Thank You Richard and I will see you in

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00:18:31,609 --> 00:18:18,030

about a month

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00:18:45,029 --> 00:18:35,879

Surf Coast spring skeptic am 2019 in

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00:18:47,609 --> 00:18:45,039

September CS CCS is Australia's

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00:18:51,409 --> 00:18:47,619

longest-running skeptic camp this year

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00:18:53,759 --> 00:18:51,419

we are celebrating our seventh year

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00:18:55,710 --> 00:18:53,769

skeptic camps are designed to give many

451
00:18:58,080 --> 00:18:55,720
members the opportunity to briefly

452
00:19:00,629 --> 00:18:58,090
twenty to thirty minutes present on a

453
00:19:03,239 --> 00:19:00,639
topic of their choice skeptic camps have

454
00:19:05,039 --> 00:19:03,249
been run in hundreds of locations and in

455
00:19:11,549 --> 00:19:05,049
many countries since the first one was

456
00:19:14,879 --> 00:19:11,559
held in 2007 in Denver the event will be

457
00:19:19,289 --> 00:19:14,889
at aireys inlet and idyllic township

458
00:19:21,450 --> 00:19:19,299
located on the Victorian surf coast come

459
00:19:23,249 --> 00:19:21,460
down for the day or make it a weekend by

460
00:19:25,889 --> 00:19:23,259
staying a night or two in the region

461
00:19:29,310 --> 00:19:25,899
either way just feel free to enjoy the

462
00:19:31,889 --> 00:19:29,320
location and the views at the end of the

463
00:19:34,080 --> 00:19:31,899

day we adjourn to the Aries pub for a

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00:19:38,039 --> 00:19:34,090

drink a bite to eat and of course

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00:19:39,989 --> 00:19:38,049

sceptical discussion it's free to

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register but we will ask for about ten

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00:19:44,369 --> 00:19:42,190

dollars to cover the cost of lunch on

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00:19:46,799 --> 00:19:44,379

the day financial support will be

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00:19:49,409 --> 00:19:46,809

provided by dr. McVeigh founder of the

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00:19:53,490 --> 00:19:49,419

event and the Victorian skeptics and the

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00:20:00,789 --> 00:19:56,889

that south coast Springs Skippy camp for

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00:20:03,490 --> 00:20:00,799

2019 on the 14th of September from 10

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00:20:06,460 --> 00:20:03,500

a.m. to 4 p.m. at the aireys inlet

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00:20:09,310 --> 00:20:06,470

community hall for more information just

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00:20:11,889 --> 00:20:09,320

google surf coast of spring skeptic camp

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00:20:28,840 --> 00:20:11,899

or follow the links in this week's show

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00:20:30,730 --> 00:20:28,850

notes this year once again the

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00:20:34,419 --> 00:20:30,740

Australian skeptics will be presenting

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00:20:36,490 --> 00:20:34,429

the annual bent spoon award the bent

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00:20:38,889 --> 00:20:36,500

spoon award is presented annually to the

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00:20:41,289 --> 00:20:38,899

perpetrator of the most Papa stress

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00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:41,299

piece of paranormal or pseudo-scientific

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00:20:49,710 --> 00:20:44,240

piffle the very first bent spoon award

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00:20:52,029 --> 00:20:49,720

was given out in 1982 to tom awards a

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00:20:53,919 --> 00:20:52,039

self-proclaimed psychic whose

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predictions in the popular press were

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00:20:59,399 --> 00:20:57,019

renowned for their inaccuracy other

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00:21:02,980 --> 00:20:59,409

winners over the years have included

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Peter Brock who was a very famous and a

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00:21:09,730 --> 00:21:05,629

very skillful racing car driver here in

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00:21:13,419 --> 00:21:09,740

Australia however he fell into the trap

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00:21:16,029 --> 00:21:13,429

the reception of orgone energy and was

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00:21:19,990 --> 00:21:16,039

trying to sell something he called the

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energy polarizer which is a device once

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00:21:24,789 --> 00:21:22,850

fitted to a car engine was said to make

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00:21:28,749 --> 00:21:24,799

the car run better and give you a better

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00:21:32,350 --> 00:21:28,759

fuel economy and so on and so forth and

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00:21:35,999 --> 00:21:32,360

dankbaar and adelaide psychic who said

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she discovered the colossus of rhodes in

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1991 Woman's Day magazine for its

501
00:21:44,649 --> 00:21:41,330
coverage in support of the paranormal in

502
00:21:47,980 --> 00:21:44,659
particular astrology and Woman's Day and

503
00:21:51,159 --> 00:21:47,990
new idea to this day still promote the

504
00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:51,169
the paranormal a creationist Alan s

505
00:21:58,930 --> 00:21:55,360
Roberts for his search for Noah's Ark a

506
00:22:02,619 --> 00:21:58,940
more serious winner or a more serious

507
00:22:05,980 --> 00:22:02,629
subject for a winner was 1997 dr. Vera

508
00:22:10,240 --> 00:22:05,990
Schreiber for her anti immunization

509
00:22:12,870 --> 00:22:10,250
advise the late my Quilici one in 1999

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00:22:16,950 --> 00:22:12,880
for a documentary he sponsored called

511
00:22:19,500 --> 00:22:16,960
signs from God where he visited people

512
00:22:23,980 --> 00:22:19,510
displaying the stigmata

513
00:22:27,460 --> 00:22:23,990

in 2005 ABC television one with a

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00:22:31,169 --> 00:22:27,470

program called second opinion which was

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00:22:34,510 --> 00:22:31,179

a very uncritical more or less ad for

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00:22:37,120 --> 00:22:34,520

wuined quackery of every shape and color

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00:22:39,399 --> 00:22:37,130

and description I remember that show

518

00:22:42,880 --> 00:22:39,409

very well it would truly was a parade of

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00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:42,890

endless quackery another important award

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00:22:49,600 --> 00:22:46,159

was made in 2006 to the pharmacists of

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00:22:51,940 --> 00:22:49,610

Australia and reading from the blurb who

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00:22:53,860 --> 00:22:51,950

managed to forget their scientific

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00:22:57,100 --> 00:22:53,870

training long enough to sell quackery

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00:22:59,889 --> 00:22:57,110

and snake oil such as homeopathy and ear

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00:23:03,220 --> 00:22:59,899

candles in places where consumers should

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00:23:05,320 --> 00:23:03,230

expect to get real medical supplies and

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00:23:09,610 --> 00:23:05,330

advice and although that was presented

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00:23:11,380 --> 00:23:09,620

way back in 2006 you can today walk into

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00:23:15,090 --> 00:23:11,390

many pharmacies across Australia and

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00:23:18,789 --> 00:23:15,100

still find homeopathy and ear candles

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00:23:21,399 --> 00:23:18,799

another anti-vaxxer in 2009 Meryl Dory

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00:23:23,139 --> 00:23:21,409

whose name has come up quite frequently

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00:23:25,419 --> 00:23:23,149

over the years on the sceptic zone and

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00:23:28,419 --> 00:23:25,429

the deceptively named Australian

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00:23:30,940 --> 00:23:28,429

vaccination network who spread fear and

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00:23:32,139 --> 00:23:30,950

misinformation about vaccines they are

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00:23:35,919 --> 00:23:32,149

currently called the Australian

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vaccination risks Network in a similar

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00:23:41,649 --> 00:23:38,990

vein in 2012 the winner was Fran

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00:23:44,080 --> 00:23:41,659

Sheffield from homeopathy Plus this is

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00:23:48,159 --> 00:23:44,090

an Australian outfit selling homeopathy

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00:23:51,180 --> 00:23:48,169

to cure everything imaginable the blurb

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00:23:54,330 --> 00:23:51,190

says they won for advocating the use of

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00:23:57,039 --> 00:23:54,340

magical sugar and water in place of

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00:23:59,680 --> 00:23:57,049

tried-and-true vaccinations for many

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00:24:03,190 --> 00:23:59,690

deadly diseases most notably whooping

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cough in 2013 was the turn of the

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00:24:07,630 --> 00:24:04,970

chiropractor's Association of Australia

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and the chiropractic board of Australia

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00:24:12,820 --> 00:24:10,480

for failing to ensure their own members

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00:24:15,659 --> 00:24:12,830
including some committee members and

552
00:24:19,029 --> 00:24:15,669
hear to their policy announcements

553
00:24:19,810 --> 00:24:19,039
another anti-vaxxer in 2016 Julie while

554
00:24:22,840 --> 00:24:19,820
Eamon

555
00:24:26,260 --> 00:24:22,850
and we come to 2018 the latest winner

556
00:24:29,500 --> 00:24:26,270
Sarah Stevenson Sarah's day for the

557
00:24:32,320 --> 00:24:29,510
promotion of questionable natural health

558
00:24:35,040 --> 00:24:32,330
remedies via her vast network of

559
00:24:37,870 --> 00:24:35,050
followers sort of an Instagram

560
00:24:40,780 --> 00:24:37,880
influencer I guess you'd say now all

561
00:24:44,790 --> 00:24:40,790
this is to encourage you if you're in

562
00:24:49,660 --> 00:24:44,800
Australia or you know of an Australian

563
00:24:51,790 --> 00:24:49,670

quack or purveyor of particular whoo you

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00:24:53,110 --> 00:24:51,800

can nominate them for the bent spoon

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00:24:55,180 --> 00:24:53,120

award I'll put a link in the show notes

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00:24:58,300 --> 00:24:55,190

it's easy to find if you go to skeptics

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and comm au and follow the link to

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00:25:03,370 --> 00:25:01,880

features than the bent spoon award and

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00:25:05,260 --> 00:25:03,380

it says here nominations for a

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00:25:07,690 --> 00:25:05,270

nomination to be accepted it should

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00:25:09,790 --> 00:25:07,700

include the following details the name

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00:25:11,860 --> 00:25:09,800

and contact details of the nominator

573

00:25:15,250 --> 00:25:11,870

only the name will be listed on the

574

00:25:19,180 --> 00:25:15,260

website the name of the person or

575

00:25:21,460 --> 00:25:19,190

organization being nominated the reason

576

00:25:23,650 --> 00:25:21,470

for the nomination including a clear

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00:25:27,430 --> 00:25:23,660

explanation of the link to the

578

00:25:29,940 --> 00:25:27,440

paranormal or to pseudoscience please do

579

00:25:33,430 --> 00:25:29,950

not nominate people who do their woooo

580

00:25:36,160 --> 00:25:33,440

outside Australia even if they appear on

581

00:25:39,160 --> 00:25:36,170

Australian television doing so the bent

582

00:25:41,590 --> 00:25:39,170

spoon is for local heroes only we also

583

00:25:44,290 --> 00:25:41,600

reserve the right to reject nominations

584

00:25:46,990 --> 00:25:44,300

that are deemed inappropriate defamatory

585

00:25:50,520 --> 00:25:47,000

or frivolous nominations will not be

586

00:25:53,410 --> 00:25:50,530

accepted and I think almost without fail

587

00:25:56,380 --> 00:25:53,420

people will write in nominating the

588

00:25:58,420 --> 00:25:56,390

Australian skeptics now to give you some

589

00:26:02,020 --> 00:25:58,430

idea so far we've got three nominations

590

00:26:04,860 --> 00:26:02,030

for this year's bent spoon award we have

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00:26:08,290 --> 00:26:04,870

a SBS television for their program

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00:26:10,930 --> 00:26:08,300

medicine or myth and this reminds me a

593

00:26:13,120 --> 00:26:10,940

little bit of the second opinion program

594

00:26:16,750 --> 00:26:13,130

all those years ago this is nominated by

595

00:26:19,390 --> 00:26:16,760

Gary Barker and it says every episode of

596

00:26:22,300 --> 00:26:19,400

SBS TVs medicine or myth television

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00:26:24,790 --> 00:26:22,310

program misson forms the public as to

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00:26:27,180 --> 00:26:24,800

how products and therapies can or should

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00:26:30,790 --> 00:26:27,190

be tested for safety and effectiveness

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00:26:32,260 --> 00:26:30,800

what is displayed is television not

601
00:26:34,360 --> 00:26:32,270
science

602
00:26:38,290 --> 00:26:34,370
in particular the episode telecast on

603
00:26:41,200 --> 00:26:38,300
June 2nd included a segment on emotional

604
00:26:45,490 --> 00:26:41,210
freedom techniques the process of

605
00:26:49,150 --> 00:26:45,500
tapping with two fingers why to unpure

606
00:26:51,549 --> 00:26:49,160
ative points along one's meridians to

607
00:26:53,880 --> 00:26:51,559
relieve stress and there's more

608
00:26:57,010 --> 00:26:53,890
information about that nomination on the

609
00:26:59,980 --> 00:26:57,020
website now the next nominee is for dr.

610
00:27:03,070 --> 00:26:59,990
Terry Beth's and the University of

611
00:27:06,010 --> 00:27:03,080
Melbourne and this is by Hugh ham dr.

612
00:27:09,070 --> 00:27:06,020
Terry Beth's head of the anesthesia and

613
00:27:11,590 --> 00:27:09,080

pain management assistant professor in

614

00:27:13,600 --> 00:27:11,600

veterinary anesthesia and alagaesia

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00:27:16,690 --> 00:27:13,610

at the University of Melbourne and the

616

00:27:19,200 --> 00:27:16,700

university itself for promoting animal

617

00:27:21,730 --> 00:27:19,210

acupuncture and traditional Chinese

618

00:27:25,299 --> 00:27:21,740

veterinary medicine at the University of

619

00:27:28,530 --> 00:27:25,309

Melbourne you vet Werribee Animal

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00:27:31,690 --> 00:27:28,540

Hospital and finally we come to a

621

00:27:34,870 --> 00:27:31,700

nomination by Jeff Andrews good price

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00:27:37,000 --> 00:27:34,880

pharmacy the good price pharmacy gives

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00:27:39,490 --> 00:27:37,010

away a magazine called natural health

624

00:27:41,950 --> 00:27:39,500

Crusader which in reality is an

625

00:27:43,900 --> 00:27:41,960

advertising channel for Caruso natural

626
00:27:47,320 --> 00:27:43,910
health products although the propagation

627
00:27:49,720 --> 00:27:47,330
of unproven therapies alone should be

628
00:27:52,480 --> 00:27:49,730
enough to win them the award they also

629
00:27:54,700 --> 00:27:52,490
use Pete Evans who incidentally is a

630
00:27:57,400 --> 00:27:54,710
previous spent spoon winner to push

631
00:27:58,870 --> 00:27:57,410
their products with an interview quote

632
00:28:02,049 --> 00:27:58,880
how Pete Evans

633
00:28:03,730 --> 00:28:02,059
changed our lives end quote Evans is a

634
00:28:06,520 --> 00:28:03,740
supporter of the anti-vaccination

635
00:28:09,669 --> 00:28:06,530
movement which worships at the feet of

636
00:28:11,650 --> 00:28:09,679
the discredited doctor Andrew Wakefield

637
00:28:14,470 --> 00:28:11,660
although the article does not mention

638
00:28:16,630 --> 00:28:14,480

vaccinations anyone reading it could

639

00:28:19,150 --> 00:28:16,640

come away with the conclusion that Evans

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00:28:22,210 --> 00:28:19,160

is a great guy and must be right about

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00:28:24,549 --> 00:28:22,220

vaccinations too ironically this

642

00:28:27,880 --> 00:28:24,559

magazine is placed on the counter of the

643

00:28:31,450 --> 00:28:27,890

pharmacy next to a poster hyping their

644

00:28:34,150 --> 00:28:31,460

vaccination service for influenza so

645

00:28:35,320 --> 00:28:34,160

there you are the three nominations this

646

00:28:39,540 --> 00:28:35,330

year so far

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00:28:42,159 --> 00:28:39,550

certainly revolve around medical claims

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00:28:43,470 --> 00:28:42,169

but that doesn't stop you nominating a

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00:28:45,660 --> 00:28:43,480

psychic or

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00:28:48,870 --> 00:28:45,670

or any other form of woo or any other

651
00:28:52,110 --> 00:28:48,880
form of pseudoscience or anything along

652
00:28:55,230 --> 00:28:52,120
those lines so if you want to nominate

653
00:28:58,200 --> 00:28:55,240
why not have a go your nomination will

654
00:29:00,330 --> 00:28:58,210
be reviewed and if it's acceptable will

655
00:29:02,910 --> 00:29:00,340
be published on the website of

656
00:29:04,320 --> 00:29:02,920
Australian skeptic and your nominee will

657
00:29:10,140 --> 00:29:04,330
be in the running for the bench spoon

658
00:29:12,780 --> 00:29:10,150
award once again just head for skeptics

659
00:29:14,940 --> 00:29:12,790
comm dot a you and you can read all

660
00:29:17,280 --> 00:29:14,950
about the bench spoon award or just

661
00:29:25,180 --> 00:29:17,290
follow the links in this week's show

662
00:29:25,190 --> 00:29:30,760
[Music]

663
00:29:35,480 --> 00:29:33,230

the reason was the interview show from

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00:29:36,740 --> 00:29:35,490

the Merseyside skeptic society where

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each month I speak to someone about

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00:29:41,060 --> 00:29:38,790

their fringe beliefs over the Earth's

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00:29:43,130 --> 00:29:41,070

are spoken to psychics UFO believers

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00:29:45,260 --> 00:29:43,140

moon landing and ayahs flat earthers

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00:29:47,120 --> 00:29:45,270

Hollow Earth as an all manner of unusual

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00:29:48,890 --> 00:29:47,130

conspiracy theorists but I've also

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00:29:51,260 --> 00:29:48,900

talked to aids denialists white

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00:29:52,790 --> 00:29:51,270

supremacists gay conversion therapies

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00:29:54,650 --> 00:29:52,800

I even interviewed Jim Humble the

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00:29:56,360 --> 00:29:54,660

inventor of miracle mineral supplement a

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00:29:57,920 --> 00:29:56,370

form of industrial bleach that he and

676
00:30:00,740 --> 00:29:57,930
his followers used to treat cancer and

677
00:30:02,840 --> 00:30:00,750
HIV this isn't a debate show my aim

678
00:30:05,180 --> 00:30:02,850
isn't to win an argument but when we

679
00:30:07,310 --> 00:30:05,190
listen to how people promote and justify

680
00:30:09,320 --> 00:30:07,320
the ideas that we disagree with even the

681
00:30:11,030 --> 00:30:09,330
dangerous ones I think we become much

682
00:30:12,860 --> 00:30:11,040
more effective at countering those ideas

683
00:30:14,930 --> 00:30:12,870
if that sounds like something you'd be

684
00:30:16,910 --> 00:30:14,940
interested in look for be reasonable on

685
00:30:17,800 --> 00:30:16,920
Apple podcasts and everywhere else the

686
00:30:30,370 --> 00:30:17,810
podcast

687
00:30:36,409 --> 00:30:34,149
[Laughter]

688
00:30:38,560 --> 00:30:36,419

now over the past months we've been

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00:30:41,149 --> 00:30:38,570

bringing you reports articles insights

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00:30:42,980 --> 00:30:41,159

investigations and interviews from the

691

00:30:44,600 --> 00:30:42,990

pages of the skeptic the journal from

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00:30:47,570 --> 00:30:44,610

Australian skeptics and I thought this

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00:30:52,159 --> 00:30:47,580

week I would review the very first

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00:30:57,000 --> 00:30:52,169

article ever to appear way back in the

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00:30:58,600 --> 00:30:57,010

skeptic number one from 1981

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[Music]

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00:31:07,160 --> 00:31:02,220

skeptics test psychic surgeon by Mark

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00:31:10,220 --> 00:31:07,170

Plummer when a small paragraph

699

00:31:12,710 --> 00:31:10,230

advertised in the age on January the 3rd

700

00:31:15,020 --> 00:31:12,720

stated that an english-medium psychic

701
00:31:17,540 --> 00:31:15,030
surgeon would be commencing practice in

702
00:31:20,510 --> 00:31:17,550
Melbourne the Australian skeptics swung

703
00:31:23,690 --> 00:31:20,520
into action the advertised numbers were

704
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rung and we were told that mr. román

705
00:31:29,930 --> 00:31:26,370
dare cough acted as a medium for

706
00:31:32,360 --> 00:31:29,940
deceased surgeons to conduct psychic

707
00:31:36,140 --> 00:31:32,370
operations an appointment was arranged

708
00:31:39,290 --> 00:31:36,150
for an elderly patient and her son to

709
00:31:41,870 --> 00:31:39,300
attend for surgery the patient was

710
00:31:45,140 --> 00:31:41,880
actually 73 year old medical

711
00:31:49,460 --> 00:31:45,150
practitioner dr. Murphy Beadle and her

712
00:31:52,010 --> 00:31:49,470
son was magician Mike Wilton a committee

713
00:31:54,770 --> 00:31:52,020

member of the Australian skeptics our

714

00:31:58,970 --> 00:31:54,780

team of doctor Beadnell and Mike Walton

715

00:32:01,940 --> 00:31:58,980

found mr. dare cuffs clinic located in a

716

00:32:04,610 --> 00:32:01,950

new villa unit at 22 Aiken Street cue

717

00:32:07,970 --> 00:32:04,620

the family room of the villa was the

718

00:32:09,980 --> 00:32:07,980

reception area and the receptionist /

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00:32:13,820 --> 00:32:09,990

nurse went to great lengths to assure

720

00:32:16,430 --> 00:32:13,830

the seemingly fragile elderly lady that

721

00:32:19,910 --> 00:32:16,440

there would be no pain we were informed

722

00:32:23,240 --> 00:32:19,920

there would be no blood either as mr.

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00:32:23,980 --> 00:32:23,250

deer cough worked only on the psychic

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00:32:27,080 --> 00:32:23,990

body

725

00:32:29,570 --> 00:32:27,090

the nurses short-out team that

726

00:32:30,430 --> 00:32:29,580

operations done to date had been very

727

00:32:34,640 --> 00:32:30,440

successful

728

00:32:38,390 --> 00:32:34,650

their cough left to prepare himself and

729

00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:38,400

donned a white coat Wilton was assured

730

00:32:43,250 --> 00:32:40,320

that he would be able to observe the

731

00:32:46,070 --> 00:32:43,260

treatment in the bedroom which became

732

00:32:49,660 --> 00:32:46,080

the operating theater for the night with

733

00:32:53,630 --> 00:32:49,670

dim blue lighting and the strains of

734

00:32:57,590 --> 00:32:53,640

Michael row your boat ashore doctor

735

00:33:01,280 --> 00:32:57,600

Beadnell was laid on the bed / operating

736

00:33:04,730 --> 00:33:01,290

table after a suitable brief prayer dear

737

00:33:08,300 --> 00:33:04,740

cough slowly stood then walked with a

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00:33:09,100 --> 00:33:08,310

limp he had adopted the plummy accent of

739

00:33:11,290 --> 00:33:09,110

a pommy

740

00:33:20,110 --> 00:33:11,300

dr. Robert

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00:33:24,170 --> 00:33:20,120

cranium with a special invisible psychic

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00:33:26,660 --> 00:33:24,180

microscope dr. Roberts amazed our team

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00:33:29,720 --> 00:33:26,670

with the revelation that the brain was

744

00:33:32,360 --> 00:33:29,730

divided into two halves the left and the

745

00:33:36,380 --> 00:33:32,370

right and was composed of millions of

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00:33:39,260 --> 00:33:36,390

cells dr. Roberts stated that several of

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00:33:41,840 --> 00:33:39,270

these naughty cells were misbehaving

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00:33:44,900 --> 00:33:41,850

themselves this was explained in

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00:33:49,100 --> 00:33:44,910

layman's terms as being akin to a car

750

00:33:52,840 --> 00:33:49,110

motor with loose spark plugs the problem

751
00:33:56,750 --> 00:33:52,850
explained the treatment began several

752
00:33:59,020 --> 00:33:56,760
special invisible psychic tubes were

753
00:34:02,300 --> 00:33:59,030
inserted through dr. beetle's head

754
00:34:05,480 --> 00:34:02,310
threaded through the body and came out

755
00:34:09,530 --> 00:34:05,490
through the soles of her feet then all

756
00:34:12,080 --> 00:34:09,540
the bad fluids were psychically drained

757
00:34:14,300 --> 00:34:12,090
from her body this was followed by the

758
00:34:17,720 --> 00:34:14,310
passing of hands down the length of the

759
00:34:20,990 --> 00:34:17,730
body and the amazing discovery that one

760
00:34:24,080 --> 00:34:21,000
half of the patient's brain was hot

761
00:34:27,350 --> 00:34:24,090
more passings of hands followed but

762
00:34:32,450 --> 00:34:27,360
clearly a second opinion was needed dr.

763
00:34:36,220 --> 00:34:32,460

Roberts left mr. Jacobs body and dr.

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00:34:39,409 --> 00:34:36,230

Maurice supposedly a deceased french

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00:34:43,399 --> 00:34:39,419

gynecologist took over dr. Maurice

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00:34:46,030 --> 00:34:43,409

French accent had clearly deteriorated

767

00:34:49,460 --> 00:34:46,040

since his death to say nothing of his

768

00:34:52,130 --> 00:34:49,470

diagnostic talents for the diagnosis was

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00:34:55,730 --> 00:34:52,140

that the patient's stomach pains were

770

00:34:59,840 --> 00:34:55,740

caused by displaced pelvic bones after

771

00:35:02,420 --> 00:34:59,850

the birth of her last child lying on the

772

00:35:05,090 --> 00:35:02,430

bed now dr. Bignell couldn't remember

773

00:35:09,020 --> 00:35:05,100

having any children not even a

774

00:35:12,230 --> 00:35:09,030

miscarriage dr. maurice also diagnosed

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00:35:14,810 --> 00:35:12,240

deafness in her left ear our patient

776

00:35:17,750 --> 00:35:14,820

couldn't remember deafness having been a

777

00:35:20,120 --> 00:35:17,760

problem but clearly this liked the birth

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00:35:24,050 --> 00:35:20,130

of her various children must have

779

00:35:26,320 --> 00:35:24,060

slipped her memory dr. Roberts returned

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00:35:29,210 --> 00:35:26,330

to wrap up the post-operative treatment

781

00:35:32,930 --> 00:35:29,220

the good lady would have to come back

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00:35:35,030 --> 00:35:32,940

for further treatment she would feel

783

00:35:38,180 --> 00:35:35,040

quite tired over the next few days and

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00:35:41,180 --> 00:35:38,190

must drink plenty of water she would

785

00:35:43,250 --> 00:35:41,190

also pass more fluid than normal one

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00:35:46,520 --> 00:35:43,260

would hope than anyone drinking more

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00:35:47,660 --> 00:35:46,530

water than normal would also pass more

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00:35:50,060 --> 00:35:47,670

water than normal

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00:35:52,700 --> 00:35:50,070

our team posed a few more questions for

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00:35:55,340 --> 00:35:52,710

dr. Roberts to find out he was a

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00:35:58,900 --> 00:35:55,350

practicing brain surgeon at st.

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00:36:01,820 --> 00:35:58,910

Bartholomew's before dying in 1948

793

00:36:04,790 --> 00:36:01,830

before more questions could be put dr.

794

00:36:08,450 --> 00:36:04,800

Roberts had to depart leaving us with

795

00:36:10,910 --> 00:36:08,460

dr. dare cough to show our team out the

796

00:36:13,640 --> 00:36:10,920

door the opinion of the Australian

797

00:36:16,250 --> 00:36:13,650

skeptics testing team in case you

798

00:36:19,760 --> 00:36:16,260

haven't guessed is that the utterances

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00:36:21,970 --> 00:36:19,770

of the doctors who operated revealed a

800

00:36:24,740 --> 00:36:21,980

complete lack of any medical knowledge

801
00:36:27,710 --> 00:36:24,750
their diagnosis was wrong

802
00:36:30,920 --> 00:36:27,720
manly hopeless French accent merely

803
00:36:34,610 --> 00:36:30,930
added to the conclusion that mr. de

804
00:36:36,920 --> 00:36:34,620
cough was false our findings confirmed

805
00:36:41,090 --> 00:36:36,930
that of an American federal court trade

806
00:36:44,900 --> 00:36:41,100
commission judgment in 1975 that psychic

807
00:36:48,470 --> 00:36:44,910
surgery and psychic healing is pure

808
00:36:51,620 --> 00:36:48,480
fakery and fraud accomplished by the

809
00:36:54,470 --> 00:36:51,630
deception and trickery of the psychic

810
00:36:56,600 --> 00:36:54,480
surgeons to deceive trusting persons

811
00:36:59,180 --> 00:36:56,610
into the false and mistaken belief that

812
00:37:02,470 --> 00:36:59,190
human bodies have been opened with the

813
00:37:05,900 --> 00:37:02,480

bare hands diseased material or

814

00:37:08,270 --> 00:37:05,910

disease-causing material removed and the

815

00:37:12,440 --> 00:37:08,280

incision closed all without pain or

816

00:37:14,540 --> 00:37:12,450

suffering and mr. dear cough if you can

817

00:37:17,300 --> 00:37:14,550

reach him on the advertised phone

818

00:37:19,490 --> 00:37:17,310

numbers please tell him the Australian

819

00:37:22,550 --> 00:37:19,500

skeptics are wondering how to explain

820

00:37:30,230 --> 00:37:22,560

the item in their books psychic surgery

821

00:37:35,790 --> 00:37:32,610

m-matt comes to us once again from the

822

00:37:39,030 --> 00:37:35,800

skeptic magazine number one on the very

823

00:37:40,740 --> 00:37:39,040

front page the very first story also on

824

00:37:46,410 --> 00:37:40,750

the front page which is a broad sheet

825

00:37:49,860 --> 00:37:46,420

size quite big Doris Stokes wrong police

826
00:37:53,600 --> 00:37:49,870
with a big photograph of James Randi

827
00:37:55,890 --> 00:37:53,610
other stories include birth still here

828
00:37:57,630 --> 00:37:55,900
extensive research by the Australian

829
00:37:59,970 --> 00:37:57,640
skeptics has shown that the city of

830
00:38:02,210 --> 00:37:59,980
Perth is still there because apparently

831
00:38:05,390 --> 00:38:02,220
it was predicted that the city would be

832
00:38:08,160 --> 00:38:05,400
wiped out by a giant wall of water

833
00:38:10,500 --> 00:38:08,170
elsewhere in the very first issue we

834
00:38:13,620 --> 00:38:10,510
have a story called alien honeycomb

835
00:38:15,540 --> 00:38:13,630
tested news of the very first bent spoon

836
00:38:17,880 --> 00:38:15,550
award which was called the golden bent

837
00:38:22,560 --> 00:38:17,890
spoon award in those days the story

838
00:38:25,880 --> 00:38:22,570

about biorhythms mass hysteria also

839

00:38:28,530 --> 00:38:25,890

skeptics to test levitation claims and

840

00:38:30,960 --> 00:38:28,540

one of the last stories simply says

841

00:38:33,390 --> 00:38:30,970

Australian skeptics last year Sydney's

842

00:38:35,670 --> 00:38:33,400

electronics entrepreneur dick Smith

843

00:38:37,470 --> 00:38:35,680

sponsored a visit to Australia by James

844

00:38:39,270 --> 00:38:37,480

Randi magician and principal

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00:38:41,010 --> 00:38:39,280

investigator for the American based

846

00:38:42,690 --> 00:38:41,020

Committee for the scientific

847

00:38:45,480 --> 00:38:42,700

investigation of claims of the

848

00:38:48,060 --> 00:38:45,490

paranormal James Randi dick Smith Philip

849

00:38:52,470 --> 00:38:48,070

Adams Richard cotton and a businessman

850

00:38:55,050 --> 00:38:52,480

put up \$50,000 as a prize for anyone who

851
00:38:58,140 --> 00:38:55,060
could prove psychic phenomena in front

852
00:39:00,420 --> 00:38:58,150
of Randy over a hundred people came

853
00:39:02,730 --> 00:39:00,430
forward to be tested for water divining

854
00:39:06,030 --> 00:39:02,740
spoon bending extrasensory perception

855
00:39:08,700 --> 00:39:06,040
psychic photography and psychic metal

856
00:39:11,190 --> 00:39:08,710
detection all failed to prove their

857
00:39:14,160 --> 00:39:11,200
claims in front of independent observers

858
00:39:16,050 --> 00:39:14,170
that is not to say psychic phenomena

859
00:39:18,150 --> 00:39:16,060
does not exist and a group of

860
00:39:20,670 --> 00:39:18,160
Australians decided to set up an

861
00:39:23,100 --> 00:39:20,680
Australian section of the now

862
00:39:25,500 --> 00:39:23,110
international committee to continue the

863
00:39:28,110 --> 00:39:25,510

search and testing of the claims of the

864

00:39:31,200 --> 00:39:28,120

paranormal it was decided to call the

865

00:39:33,990 --> 00:39:31,210

group the Australian skeptics as a short

866

00:39:36,150 --> 00:39:34,000

and catchy title you are a little bit of

867

00:39:38,970 --> 00:39:36,160

a little bit of history

868

00:39:43,520 --> 00:39:38,980

and that complete issue is yours free to

869

00:39:45,920 --> 00:39:43,530

download by visiting WWF dicks commie

870

00:39:53,550 --> 00:39:45,930

you

871

00:39:58,930 --> 00:39:57,010

the earth is only six thousand years old

872

00:40:02,020 --> 00:39:58,940

that's what Answers in Genesis and the

873

00:40:06,190 --> 00:40:02,030

Creation Museum say and how can a museum

874

00:40:08,830 --> 00:40:06,200

be wrong isn't dr. oz just wonderful

875

00:40:10,690 --> 00:40:08,840

I would love today's episode it didn't

876

00:40:14,170 --> 00:40:10,700

talk down to his adoring audience of

877

00:40:16,690 --> 00:40:14,180

women at all science has proved that the

878

00:40:18,180 --> 00:40:16,700

subatomic quantum realm is as real as it

879

00:40:20,530 --> 00:40:18,190

is counterintuitive and bizarre

880

00:40:21,940 --> 00:40:20,540

therefore I can use it to support

881

00:40:24,580 --> 00:40:21,950

quantum healing and quantum

882

00:40:26,610 --> 00:40:24,590

consciousness after all how can journals

883

00:40:29,440 --> 00:40:26,620

like Aquarius metaphysics be wrong

884

00:40:31,150 --> 00:40:29,450

evolution is just a theory after all if

885

00:40:34,000 --> 00:40:31,160

we came from monkeys then why are there

886

00:40:35,770 --> 00:40:34,010

still monkeys we all have friends and

887

00:40:38,380 --> 00:40:35,780

family who believe these things and much

888

00:40:40,480 --> 00:40:38,390

more well if you're a rational thinker

889

00:40:42,250 --> 00:40:40,490

who is tired of arguing on social media

890

00:40:43,330 --> 00:40:42,260

and never getting anywhere we have a

891

00:40:45,340 --> 00:40:43,340

solution for you

892

00:40:47,800 --> 00:40:45,350

join the guerrilla skepticism on

893

00:40:50,200 --> 00:40:47,810

Wikipedia team and we will teach you how

894

00:40:52,330 --> 00:40:50,210

to add reliable scientific and skeptical

895

00:40:55,060 --> 00:40:52,340

information to the world's number one

896

00:40:57,040 --> 00:40:55,070

source for information Wikipedia we

897

00:40:59,590 --> 00:40:57,050

write new articles and improve existing

898

00:41:01,480 --> 00:40:59,600

ones we remove pseudoscience paranormal

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00:41:03,730 --> 00:41:01,490

and altmed claims substituting the

900

00:41:06,340 --> 00:41:03,740

actual facts and we operate in many

901
00:41:07,810 --> 00:41:06,350
languages we've already reached tens of

902
00:41:10,510 --> 00:41:07,820
millions of people searching for

903
00:41:12,940 --> 00:41:10,520
information but as you can imagine we

904
00:41:15,550 --> 00:41:12,950
can never do enough so please join us

905
00:41:18,280 --> 00:41:15,560
all you need is a PC and the desire to

906
00:41:19,960 --> 00:41:18,290
help educate the planet in fact you'll

907
00:41:24,690 --> 00:41:19,970
be educating the world while you sleep

908
00:41:28,090 --> 00:41:24,700
contact us at T is a W team at gmail.com

909
00:41:32,250 --> 00:41:28,100
guerrilla skepticism the time is now

910
00:41:43,030 --> 00:41:35,680
join us now for drinking skeptically in

911
00:41:45,070 --> 00:41:43,040
the think tank right a hush has fallen

912
00:41:46,240 --> 00:41:45,080
over the audience now as the hundreds of

913
00:41:48,880 --> 00:41:46,250

thousands of people at the penny black

914

00:41:50,740 --> 00:41:48,890

next-door just go nuts during the meetup

915

00:41:52,900 --> 00:41:50,750

that we've been having a hush falls over

916

00:41:55,510 --> 00:41:52,910

and a microphone is passed to the man of

917

00:41:58,150 --> 00:41:55,520

the moment Richard Saunders hello and

918

00:41:59,800 --> 00:41:58,160

welcome to this special Melbourne think

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00:42:01,150 --> 00:41:59,810

tank it's not the first Melbourne think

920

00:42:03,430 --> 00:42:01,160

tank we've had but it's the first one

921

00:42:05,950 --> 00:42:03,440

this year I might say may not this is a

922

00:42:07,630 --> 00:42:05,960

wonderful evening that our friend Lynne

923

00:42:11,380 --> 00:42:07,640

Lee is really put together in yourself

924

00:42:12,790 --> 00:42:11,390

it's hello and we've snuck away from the

925

00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:12,800

main bar where there were lots of people

926
00:42:17,020 --> 00:42:15,200
with a select group of people here to

927
00:42:19,540 --> 00:42:17,030
have a little think tank chatting

928
00:42:22,740 --> 00:42:19,550
session and let me introduce our special

929
00:42:25,990 --> 00:42:22,750
guests for the think tank James Randi

930
00:42:28,780 --> 00:42:26,000
hello there I'm very happy to be here in

931
00:42:31,930 --> 00:42:28,790
such an August company to say the least

932
00:42:34,270 --> 00:42:31,940
I'm graduating now of course but we'll

933
00:42:37,240 --> 00:42:34,280
we'll see how a gust you can be in the

934
00:42:39,100 --> 00:42:37,250
next 10-15 minutes we'll see how we can

935
00:42:40,690 --> 00:42:39,110
do we got a lovely group of people

936
00:42:41,140 --> 00:42:40,700
they're all taking photographs of some

937
00:42:42,730 --> 00:42:41,150
reason

938
00:42:44,890 --> 00:42:42,740

let's may not let's go around the room

939

00:42:48,010 --> 00:42:44,900

and let people introduce themselves yes

940

00:42:51,160 --> 00:42:48,020

and now we have a we have a neutral here

941

00:42:53,530 --> 00:42:51,170

yes hi my name is Roland I'm from

942

00:42:56,130 --> 00:42:53,540

Switzerland and I'm here in Melbourne

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00:42:59,410 --> 00:42:56,140

for one year asked for study reasons and

944

00:43:01,120 --> 00:42:59,420

I knew a lot about the skeptic zone and

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00:43:03,450 --> 00:43:01,130

the Australian skeptics and that's why

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00:43:05,650 --> 00:43:03,460

I'm here and you told me that there's no

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00:43:08,080 --> 00:43:05,660

skeptical movement in Switzerland

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00:43:10,900 --> 00:43:08,090

officially that's not true not anymore

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00:43:13,900 --> 00:43:10,910

we have not till now yeah yeah till now

950

00:43:17,850 --> 00:43:13,910

we we have founded a new one you'd find

951
00:43:21,620 --> 00:43:17,860
it under the website www.sceeto.com

952
00:43:24,320 --> 00:43:21,630
takur written with a k'

953
00:43:26,240 --> 00:43:24,330
and of course we have postal Italy hello

954
00:43:27,200 --> 00:43:26,250
Hawaii you may not line now how you

955
00:43:30,050 --> 00:43:27,210
feeling it so far

956
00:43:33,020 --> 00:43:30,060
very good very hot and I need a nut tree

957
00:43:35,720 --> 00:43:33,030
can have sir Gavin hello Mona and hello

958
00:43:37,970 --> 00:43:35,730
listeners like myself a No Agenda

959
00:43:39,770 --> 00:43:37,980
listener and a skipping zone listener I

960
00:43:43,100 --> 00:43:39,780
am also a producer of No Agenda and

961
00:43:47,600 --> 00:43:43,110
longtime skeptic yes and private

962
00:43:49,790 --> 00:43:47,610
investigator now you know why is it I

963
00:43:54,170 --> 00:43:49,800

don't believe anything that I can't see

964

00:43:55,760 --> 00:43:54,180

hear feel smell touch all photograph we

965

00:43:57,140 --> 00:43:55,770

got here John Connie

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00:43:59,840 --> 00:43:57,150

yeah I'm not entirely sure why I'm here

967

00:44:01,430 --> 00:43:59,850

I think you were here for the free

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00:44:04,640 --> 00:44:01,440

drinks John wasn't oh that's it that's

969

00:44:06,380 --> 00:44:04,650

it of course just just so I know what

970

00:44:13,120 --> 00:44:06,390

paid you your on what's your word that

971

00:44:20,480 --> 00:44:16,340

bad reporting bad journalism bad science

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00:44:22,460 --> 00:44:20,490

journalism in particular I'm skeptical

973

00:44:25,940 --> 00:44:22,470

steve roberts from saw you skeptics i

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00:44:27,890 --> 00:44:25,950

live round here so you just walking past

975

00:44:29,510 --> 00:44:27,900

and saw a crowd well indeed yeah that's

976

00:44:31,400 --> 00:44:29,520

quite a crowd here in fact yeah I'm a

977

00:44:33,140 --> 00:44:31,410

bit zone downs I've just been to motor

978

00:44:35,510 --> 00:44:33,150

bike from London somebody vostok but I

979

00:44:38,390 --> 00:44:35,520

I've got that this falling some kind of

980

00:44:41,000 --> 00:44:38,400

you know you can fly now oh can you

981

00:44:42,740 --> 00:44:41,010

obviously told me that yeah no I tell

982

00:44:44,150 --> 00:44:42,750

you sometimes I'll do a show about all

983

00:44:46,430 --> 00:44:44,160

the superstitions believes about a

984

00:44:48,470 --> 00:44:46,440

Mongolian zone but it's good to be here

985

00:44:50,960 --> 00:44:48,480

in all you guys in here in Melbourne my

986

00:44:52,370 --> 00:44:50,970

hometown and you know they work on with

987

00:44:54,860 --> 00:44:52,380

yeah it's interesting Steve you should

988

00:44:57,050 --> 00:44:54,870

mention that part of the world you are

989

00:44:59,690 --> 00:44:57,060

in Russia recently right and one of the

990

00:45:02,110 --> 00:44:59,700

very first times I remember seeing much

991

00:45:04,640 --> 00:45:02,120

about the amazing James Randi was a

992

00:45:06,230 --> 00:45:04,650

documentary that he took part in called

993

00:45:08,990 --> 00:45:06,240

secrets of the psychics

994

00:45:11,450 --> 00:45:09,000

where he went to Russia not long after

995

00:45:13,780 --> 00:45:11,460

the collapse of the Soviet Union and

996

00:45:15,890 --> 00:45:13,790

what a fascinating documentary that was

997

00:45:16,859 --> 00:45:15,900

do you have vivid memories of that time

998

00:45:18,809 --> 00:45:16,869

Randy

999

00:45:19,950 --> 00:45:18,819

well there was Cooley in photography and

1000

00:45:22,319 --> 00:45:19,960

every good thing in that wasn't no no

1001
00:45:25,259 --> 00:45:22,329
yes as a matter of fact you know it was

1002
00:45:27,209 --> 00:45:25,269
interesting period in history in general

1003
00:45:30,469 --> 00:45:27,219
of course to everyone around the world

1004
00:45:34,469 --> 00:45:30,479
but to be particularly for one aspect

1005
00:45:36,660 --> 00:45:34,479
they they had been freed up all of a

1006
00:45:39,180 --> 00:45:36,670
sudden and they didn't know what the

1007
00:45:42,089 --> 00:45:39,190
hell to do with it you know the the

1008
00:45:44,160 --> 00:45:42,099
churches were suddenly filling up when

1009
00:45:47,219 --> 00:45:44,170
they had been pretty well discouraged

1010
00:45:49,410 --> 00:45:47,229
from from gathering crowds and such but

1011
00:45:52,349 --> 00:45:49,420
the churches were chock full right to

1012
00:45:56,039 --> 00:45:52,359
the doors and they to the windows as a

1013
00:45:58,200 --> 00:45:56,049

matter of fact and everybody who had any

1014

00:46:00,450 --> 00:45:58,210

kind of crazy idea like carry on

1015

00:46:02,819 --> 00:46:00,460

photography or any of these things that

1016

00:46:07,680 --> 00:46:02,829

are so popular among the woo woo crowd

1017

00:46:10,440 --> 00:46:07,690

as I refer to them that suddenly took

1018

00:46:13,170 --> 00:46:10,450

off and it got away from the authorities

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00:46:15,950 --> 00:46:13,180

and I I don't know what happened to it

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00:46:19,890 --> 00:46:15,960

eventually but it did sort of level out

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00:46:21,930 --> 00:46:19,900

had a high level of acceptance and

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00:46:25,259 --> 00:46:21,940

belief in all kinds of strange strange

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00:46:26,459 --> 00:46:25,269

things is rather disturbing of all the

1024

00:46:28,709 --> 00:46:26,469

places in all the countries you've

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00:46:32,339 --> 00:46:28,719

traveled to is that one nation you find

1026
00:46:33,859 --> 00:46:32,349
more suggestible than another one no not

1027
00:46:37,170 --> 00:46:33,869
really I get asked this question

1028
00:46:38,759 --> 00:46:37,180
constantly as you might imagine but it's

1029
00:46:41,999 --> 00:46:38,769
just of a different degree or a

1030
00:46:45,420 --> 00:46:42,009
different flavor in some places they'll

1031
00:46:49,140 --> 00:46:45,430
all be for psychic surgery for example

1032
00:46:50,880 --> 00:46:49,150
and they accept it and oh yes it's it's

1033
00:46:53,670 --> 00:46:50,890
the way of medicine that that's the

1034
00:46:57,089 --> 00:46:53,680
future of medicine right and right next

1035
00:46:59,069 --> 00:46:57,099
door and another country just two miles

1036
00:47:00,839 --> 00:46:59,079
over the border they say oh thank you

1037
00:47:02,819 --> 00:47:00,849
trees you know that's total nonsense no

1038
00:47:04,730 --> 00:47:02,829

way Kirlian photography is the thing

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00:47:05,960 --> 00:47:04,740

there's no question of that

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00:47:08,300 --> 00:47:05,970

you were just telling me that

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00:47:10,730 --> 00:47:08,310

Switzerland has done the opposite to

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00:47:12,740 --> 00:47:10,740

most other governments and they've

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00:47:15,079 --> 00:47:12,750

actually enshrined complementary

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00:47:17,210 --> 00:47:15,089

medicine into their system officially

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00:47:19,670 --> 00:47:17,220

yes unfortunately that's that's one of

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00:47:21,410 --> 00:47:19,680

the side effects of direct democracy we

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00:47:23,660 --> 00:47:21,420

had a couple of years ago of people's

1048

00:47:25,520 --> 00:47:23,670

initiative where they introduced

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00:47:28,010 --> 00:47:25,530

complementary medicine into the

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00:47:30,079 --> 00:47:28,020

Constitution and that has as a result

1051
00:47:31,670 --> 00:47:30,089
that government has now the government

1052
00:47:35,050 --> 00:47:31,680
health care system is now to pay

1053
00:47:37,130 --> 00:47:35,060
complementary and alternative medicine

1054
00:47:39,589 --> 00:47:37,140
the opposite of the Australian and

1055
00:47:41,510 --> 00:47:39,599
English government yes yes and that's

1056
00:47:44,420 --> 00:47:41,520
probably one of the reasons why we

1057
00:47:47,780 --> 00:47:44,430
started to come together and organize

1058
00:47:49,310 --> 00:47:47,790
ourselves Knowland is known for this

1059
00:47:51,950 --> 00:47:49,320
sort of thing particularly in the

1060
00:47:54,020 --> 00:47:51,960
complementary medicine angle Hahnemann

1061
00:47:56,329 --> 00:47:54,030
after after all you know he he grew up

1062
00:47:58,940 --> 00:47:56,339
there pretty well and he he founded

1063
00:48:05,810 --> 00:47:58,950

homeopathy that that chose a strange

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00:48:08,210 --> 00:48:05,820

expression founded homeopathy the words

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00:48:09,740 --> 00:48:08,220

don't come easily he's an amazing

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00:48:12,260 --> 00:48:09,750

coincidence you get from time to time

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00:48:14,530 --> 00:48:12,270

when you flew to Russia and this is

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00:48:18,530 --> 00:48:14,540

trivial knowledge you flew with Swissair

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00:48:21,170 --> 00:48:18,540

he yes but I didn't blame them no no

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00:48:23,570 --> 00:48:21,180

they were they were my hosts after all

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00:48:26,870 --> 00:48:23,580

so I had to be polite but you know I I

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00:48:29,120 --> 00:48:26,880

did have a must tell you they I'm

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00:48:33,349 --> 00:48:29,130

compelled there's no question of it I

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00:48:37,010 --> 00:48:33,359

was in Copenhagen oh I guess it was

1075

00:48:40,790 --> 00:48:37,020

about two years ago and I was taking a

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00:48:43,550 --> 00:48:40,800

friend to lunch and I write across a

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00:48:45,800 --> 00:48:43,560

massive traffic with a real traffic jam

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00:48:48,560 --> 00:48:45,810

in the middle of Copa Miriam I heard mr.

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00:48:51,140 --> 00:48:48,570

Romney mr. grandi I looked around and

1080

00:48:53,960 --> 00:48:51,150

there's a fellow waving his hand in the

1081

00:48:56,390 --> 00:48:53,970

air at me and I figured well nobody

1082

00:48:57,800 --> 00:48:56,400

knows I'm in town really but he rushed

1083

00:49:01,520 --> 00:48:57,810

through the crowd almost got run over

1084

00:49:04,339 --> 00:49:01,530

several times and he rushed up to me all

1085

00:49:06,200 --> 00:49:04,349

breathless he said mr. Andy oh he

1086

00:49:08,780 --> 00:49:06,210

extended his hand I shook his hand he

1087

00:49:12,160 --> 00:49:08,790

said I want you to know I'm a skeptic

1088

00:49:15,079 --> 00:49:12,170

too and I pulled the line on him which

1089

00:49:15,800 --> 00:49:15,089

well it he bought us lunch as a result

1090

00:49:17,270 --> 00:49:15,810

of it

1091

00:49:20,060 --> 00:49:17,280

give you the line just in case you want

1092

00:49:22,550 --> 00:49:20,070

to get a free lunch I just looked him up

1093

00:49:24,560 --> 00:49:22,560

and down very quietly after he said I'm

1094

00:49:28,220 --> 00:49:24,570

a skeptic too and I looked at him I said

1095

00:49:30,200 --> 00:49:28,230

I doubt that just to keep in character

1096

00:49:32,240 --> 00:49:30,210

you see I had I had to be in character

1097

00:49:35,060 --> 00:49:32,250

had and he was so thrilled with that

1098

00:49:36,650 --> 00:49:35,070

equation he bought his lunch so I I got

1099

00:49:38,720 --> 00:49:36,660

his address as a matter of fact so if

1100

00:49:40,640 --> 00:49:38,730

you've got at Copenhagen a I'm sure they

1101

00:49:43,940 --> 00:49:40,650

kill he's good for it oh it's a good

1102

00:49:46,430 --> 00:49:43,950

Fred I'm sure yes now I was just going

1103

00:49:48,680 --> 00:49:46,440

to ask the crowd here in general now

1104

00:49:50,620 --> 00:49:48,690

we're all here of course for the

1105

00:49:53,440 --> 00:49:50,630

Australian skeptics National Convention

1106

00:49:57,050 --> 00:49:53,450

how important do you think and I know

1107

00:49:58,940 --> 00:49:57,060

Tama in in the United States has been

1108

00:50:02,060 --> 00:49:58,950

going for a little bit 11 years next

1109

00:50:05,000 --> 00:50:02,070

year yes yeah and in Australia we've

1110

00:50:07,550 --> 00:50:05,010

been having conventions now for 28 years

1111

00:50:10,280 --> 00:50:07,560

I think it is man how important do you

1112

00:50:12,140 --> 00:50:10,290

think just around the room it is to have

1113

00:50:13,760 --> 00:50:12,150

these gatherings is it preaching to

1114

00:50:16,370 --> 00:50:13,770

convert it or do you think it's more

1115

00:50:18,610 --> 00:50:16,380

important than that Lindley yeah I find

1116

00:50:21,440 --> 00:50:18,620

it more fun to get out and meet people

1117

00:50:23,860 --> 00:50:21,450

it's important obviously to get the word

1118

00:50:26,720 --> 00:50:23,870

out there are people who are young or

1119

00:50:29,900 --> 00:50:26,730

who have just come into the scene young

1120

00:50:32,020 --> 00:50:29,910

or old and it's good to sort of pass on

1121

00:50:37,040 --> 00:50:32,030

the message that

1122

00:50:41,290 --> 00:50:37,050

scepticism and science is the way to to

1123

00:50:44,329 --> 00:50:41,300

view the world you can't sort of rely on

1124

00:50:47,750 --> 00:50:44,339

psychic bullcrap or whatever sort of

1125

00:50:51,020 --> 00:50:47,760

rubbish that's out there and also a fun

1126
00:50:53,089 --> 00:50:51,030
way of just meeting people all that sort

1127
00:50:54,319 --> 00:50:53,099
of stuff big Davin you've been to a

1128
00:50:56,480 --> 00:50:54,329
couple of these things what do you make

1129
00:50:57,710 --> 00:50:56,490
of them I love going to kept the camp's

1130
00:50:59,930 --> 00:50:57,720
whenever I can

1131
00:51:01,970 --> 00:50:59,940
my schedule is fairly busy being a

1132
00:51:04,359 --> 00:51:01,980
private investigator but I love meeting

1133
00:51:06,740 --> 00:51:04,369
like-minded people like when they said

1134
00:51:10,130 --> 00:51:06,750
enjoying their company and finding a new

1135
00:51:12,970 --> 00:51:10,140
whoo to hate and I'm looking over there

1136
00:51:18,020 --> 00:51:12,980
lucky eighty eight is out of order

1137
00:51:19,280 --> 00:51:18,030
ironic irony love it the Polka venues

1138
00:51:20,870 --> 00:51:19,290

yeah and I do

1139

00:51:23,480 --> 00:51:20,880

I just love meeting the like-minded

1140

00:51:25,400 --> 00:51:23,490

people and and yeah just using the

1141

00:51:28,010 --> 00:51:25,410

scientific method in mind you know in my

1142

00:51:29,630 --> 00:51:28,020

daily life I have to well actually as a

1143

00:51:31,579 --> 00:51:29,640

private investigator you have to be

1144

00:51:34,790 --> 00:51:31,589

skeptical about stuff but also the law

1145

00:51:38,930 --> 00:51:34,800

isn't always logical so you've got that

1146

00:51:41,089 --> 00:51:38,940

dichotomy going on the law is an ass but

1147

00:51:43,849 --> 00:51:41,099

if you treat it as an S and you treat it

1148

00:51:46,940 --> 00:51:43,859

like a child so that whatever you have

1149

00:51:48,940 --> 00:51:46,950

to prove you prove it from the from the

1150

00:51:52,579 --> 00:51:48,950

ground floor right up to the penthouse

1151

00:51:54,109 --> 00:51:52,589

I've been I've been quizzed in court

1152

00:51:56,450 --> 00:51:54,119

back in the day when I was in the

1153

00:51:58,339 --> 00:51:56,460

federal police I took photographs old

1154

00:51:59,930 --> 00:51:58,349

chemical film photographs of a man

1155

00:52:02,930 --> 00:51:59,940

carrying a package contained about

1156

00:52:04,490 --> 00:52:02,940

twenty kilos of methamphetamine and two

1157

00:52:07,270 --> 00:52:04,500

years later when I had to prove those

1158

00:52:10,010 --> 00:52:07,280

photographs in court we had to take the

1159

00:52:12,710 --> 00:52:10,020

negatives and the Pretender prints and

1160

00:52:15,190 --> 00:52:12,720

the man in the suit was not the man in

1161

00:52:18,070 --> 00:52:15,200

the death metal t-shirt with long hair

1162

00:52:21,340 --> 00:52:18,080

but it was still the same man and it's

1163

00:52:23,050 --> 00:52:21,350

it's a scientific proof they yes and I

1164

00:52:25,480 --> 00:52:23,060

put my hand on the Bible

1165

00:52:29,410 --> 00:52:25,490

Dutch don't tell anyone I put my hand on

1166

00:52:31,210 --> 00:52:29,420

the Bible I swore the oath that you know

1167

00:52:32,620 --> 00:52:31,220

I took that photograph and this of these

1168

00:52:35,590 --> 00:52:32,630

are my photographs that I produced to

1169

00:52:39,160 --> 00:52:35,600

the court and I I found unfortunately

1170

00:52:42,490 --> 00:52:39,170

that if you took the affirmation juries

1171

00:52:44,920 --> 00:52:42,500

would not give as much weight to your

1172

00:52:46,510 --> 00:52:44,930

evidence as it so I would I would pick

1173

00:52:48,340 --> 00:52:46,520

up the Bible and I would see I would

1174

00:52:49,540 --> 00:52:48,350

swear I swear by Almighty God that the

1175

00:52:50,530 --> 00:52:49,550

evidence I shall give to the court in

1176

00:52:53,950 --> 00:52:50,540

this case should be the truth the whole

1177

00:52:55,480 --> 00:52:53,960

truth and anything but the truth you

1178

00:52:57,160 --> 00:52:55,490

would have found that to Randy but that

1179

00:52:58,570 --> 00:52:57,170

there was a bit of a bias against that

1180

00:52:59,890 --> 00:52:58,580

an American courtrooms as well is that

1181

00:53:03,250 --> 00:52:59,900

correct oh absolutely

1182

00:53:05,020 --> 00:53:03,260

by the way my ambition I'm a rascal

1183

00:53:07,360 --> 00:53:05,030

there's no question I was born or

1184

00:53:08,980 --> 00:53:07,370

oscillating the dma and I I'm not

1185

00:53:11,920 --> 00:53:08,990

responsible for it as my parent you have

1186

00:53:13,720 --> 00:53:11,930

to go after them but see what I would do

1187

00:53:17,050 --> 00:53:13,730

is I would get a copy of a pornographic

1188

00:53:19,450 --> 00:53:17,060

novel I would put a cover of a Bible on

1189

00:53:22,570 --> 00:53:19,460

a newsmen and I would use that for the

1190

00:53:25,210 --> 00:53:22,580

oath but but that's that's my nature but

1191

00:53:27,010 --> 00:53:25,220

and get to get serious now troublemaker

1192

00:53:27,570 --> 00:53:27,020

it starts hit the beard and it goes from

1193

00:53:31,330 --> 00:53:27,580

there

1194

00:53:33,670 --> 00:53:31,340

but to get serious folks this this I

1195

00:53:35,560 --> 00:53:33,680

think is important when we do the

1196

00:53:40,930 --> 00:53:35,570

amazing meeting in Las Vegas every year

1197

00:53:43,600 --> 00:53:40,940

I I spot people who I figure has

1198

00:53:46,000 --> 00:53:43,610

something to say to me I let them have

1199

00:53:50,080 --> 00:53:46,010

the opportunity of sort of getting me

1200

00:53:52,750 --> 00:53:50,090

aside and in many cases this is more

1201
00:53:56,890 --> 00:53:52,760
often than you might imagine I will get

1202
00:53:59,320 --> 00:53:56,900
people bursting into tears and telling

1203
00:54:02,410 --> 00:53:59,330
me I had to come to this meeting because

1204
00:54:05,200 --> 00:54:02,420
you know it made a good a great deal of

1205
00:54:07,690 --> 00:54:05,210
difference to me I didn't realize before

1206
00:54:12,280 --> 00:54:07,700
there were other people who believed the

1207
00:54:13,920 --> 00:54:12,290
way I do that this is some like bullcrap

1208
00:54:16,680 --> 00:54:13,930
or whatever

1209
00:54:18,540 --> 00:54:16,690
they they break down they break down and

1210
00:54:20,730 --> 00:54:18,550
they look around them there it's like

1211
00:54:23,580 --> 00:54:20,740
they'd just gotten into paradise somehow

1212
00:54:26,070 --> 00:54:23,590
but it's very serious to a lot of these

1213
00:54:28,320 --> 00:54:26,080

people and those people always show up

1214

00:54:30,060 --> 00:54:28,330

on the subsequent years every year they

1215

00:54:31,500 --> 00:54:30,070

they go under their weight and make sure

1216

00:54:33,300 --> 00:54:31,510

they're gonna be there and I've

1217

00:54:36,780 --> 00:54:33,310

developed a little coterie of these

1218

00:54:39,510 --> 00:54:36,790

these folks who we rescued we really did

1219

00:54:42,030 --> 00:54:39,520

rescue them from some sort of insanity

1220

00:54:43,980 --> 00:54:42,040

they didn't realize that there were

1221

00:54:46,590 --> 00:54:43,990

people like the fellow says I'm

1222

00:54:49,050 --> 00:54:46,600

descriptor too you know I doubt that but

1223

00:54:51,840 --> 00:54:49,060

there are people like this who really

1224

00:54:53,670 --> 00:54:51,850

need this kind of support it's extremely

1225

00:54:56,160 --> 00:54:53,680

important to them and sometimes I get

1226

00:54:58,290 --> 00:54:56,170

very heartfelt letters too that run on

1227

00:55:00,330 --> 00:54:58,300

through several pages from people I've

1228

00:55:02,220 --> 00:55:00,340

never heard of before it never heard

1229

00:55:05,130 --> 00:55:02,230

their names and they just find an

1230

00:55:07,410 --> 00:55:05,140

address for me this is very very

1231

00:55:08,790 --> 00:55:07,420

important and that's why I'm eating as

1232

00:55:11,130 --> 00:55:08,800

such as we're at right at this very

1233

00:55:14,220 --> 00:55:11,140

moment can be very important to a lot of

1234

00:55:16,080 --> 00:55:14,230

folks it really supports them and have

1235

00:55:18,150 --> 00:55:16,090

you noticed this John and Stephen for

1236

00:55:20,600 --> 00:55:18,160

meetings like this in Victoria I think

1237

00:55:22,950 --> 00:55:20,610

so I think another important thing about

1238

00:55:27,930 --> 00:55:22,960

our script it's groups and meetings in

1239

00:55:31,270 --> 00:55:27,940

particular in particular but is the this

1240

00:55:36,849 --> 00:55:34,059

of activism against things like anti

1241

00:55:39,040 --> 00:55:36,859

vaccine groups I mean yeah it's so it's

1242

00:55:41,230 --> 00:55:39,050

so important and I don't think you know

1243

00:55:43,599 --> 00:55:41,240

the media or even the scientific

1244

00:55:45,270 --> 00:55:43,609

establishment is really geared to act

1245

00:55:48,819 --> 00:55:45,280

against groups like that I think

1246

00:55:50,589 --> 00:55:48,829

interest groups like skeptics groups are

1247

00:55:53,200 --> 00:55:50,599

very well placed to kind of run

1248

00:55:55,150 --> 00:55:53,210

grassroots campaigns against you know

1249

00:55:56,349 --> 00:55:55,160

people who are pitching harmful

1250

00:55:59,079 --> 00:55:56,359

dangerous word

1251
00:56:02,109 --> 00:55:59,089
yeah and stevia yeah you've been around

1252
00:56:05,880 --> 00:56:02,119
for a few years now yeah although James

1253
00:56:11,680 --> 00:56:05,890
is somewhat older a couple of years old

1254
00:56:15,460 --> 00:56:11,690
everybody in the world I've been to many

1255
00:56:17,410 --> 00:56:15,470
conferences since 1987 and is it's

1256
00:56:18,700 --> 00:56:17,420
important to meet up it's not not very

1257
00:56:20,050 --> 00:56:18,710
important to have the conference and

1258
00:56:21,730 --> 00:56:20,060
hear those speakers because we know we

1259
00:56:24,460 --> 00:56:21,740
know each other we're not only going to

1260
00:56:27,220 --> 00:56:24,470
say you know even if it's due to us we

1261
00:56:29,200 --> 00:56:27,230
all know the attitude already it's very

1262
00:56:31,530 --> 00:56:29,210
very important to meet up and actually

1263
00:56:33,970 --> 00:56:31,540

didn't further it on the web with the

1264

00:56:35,470 --> 00:56:33,980

email on Facebook pages and so on to

1265

00:56:40,740 --> 00:56:35,480

actually get to know the other skeptics

1266

00:56:42,609 --> 00:56:40,750

and form a sort of web of cammo artery

1267

00:56:44,559 --> 00:56:42,619

that's really important having place

1268

00:56:47,079 --> 00:56:44,569

because as John said the opposition

1269

00:56:48,520 --> 00:56:47,089

groups we have are organized and we're

1270

00:56:50,109 --> 00:56:48,530

not organized we all just like herding

1271

00:56:51,460 --> 00:56:50,119

cats really but you know we're up

1272

00:56:53,140 --> 00:56:51,470

against you know the anti-vaccination

1273

00:56:54,520 --> 00:56:53,150

involved the biblical fundamentalist

1274

00:56:57,339 --> 00:56:54,530

mobs there some of the organized

1275

00:57:00,280 --> 00:56:57,349

societies with a priest and Dogma her no

1276

00:57:02,290 --> 00:57:00,290

dissent internally and they're quite you

1277

00:57:04,690 --> 00:57:02,300

know quite hard to oppose on some things

1278

00:57:07,089 --> 00:57:04,700

so we need all the strength we can find

1279

00:57:10,420 --> 00:57:07,099

while remaining a while retaining our

1280

00:57:13,540 --> 00:57:10,430

individual from thoughts and attitudes

1281

00:57:15,190 --> 00:57:13,550

you know and personalities and this is a

1282

00:57:16,390 --> 00:57:15,200

very important way of doing it to

1283

00:57:20,349 --> 00:57:16,400

actually meet people in the flesh that

1284

00:57:22,329 --> 00:57:20,359

you're only seen on Facebook I'm holding

1285

00:57:25,730 --> 00:57:22,339

up a photo of Brian Dunning of skeptoid

1286

00:57:29,490 --> 00:57:25,740

on a stick now that's intimidating

1287

00:57:34,079 --> 00:57:29,500

I'm Bionic I have a deep voice it's one

1288

00:57:35,910 --> 00:57:34,089

of Maynard next door we've gotta hold

1289

00:57:36,839 --> 00:57:35,920

them up I'm gonna just a quick photo in

1290

00:57:39,540 --> 00:57:36,849

the little hood then it'll be back to

1291

00:57:42,960 --> 00:57:39,550

Richard Richard what are you hoping for

1292

00:57:44,670 --> 00:57:42,970

other girl give at the end well I'm

1293

00:57:46,829 --> 00:57:44,680

hoping for I'm hoping for a world peace

1294

00:57:52,349 --> 00:57:46,839

and the adoption of the scientific

1295

00:57:55,079 --> 00:57:52,359

method no one would follow from the

1296

00:57:56,670 --> 00:57:55,089

other makes it easier I'm sure I'm

1297

00:57:58,740 --> 00:57:56,680

really looking forward to this weekend

1298

00:58:01,829 --> 00:57:58,750

and all the sessions that are coming up

1299

00:58:02,880 --> 00:58:01,839

I know that James Randi is visiting a

1300

00:58:06,059 --> 00:58:02,890

school tomorrow

1301

00:58:07,440 --> 00:58:06,069

a really important thing to us I've got

1302

00:58:09,120 --> 00:58:07,450

to swing any board nights at the tuck

1303

00:58:11,880 --> 00:58:09,130

shop that's why he's going out there

1304

00:58:13,950 --> 00:58:11,890

apart from that last meal looking

1305

00:58:16,770 --> 00:58:13,960

forward to that well I think we've all

1306

00:58:18,420 --> 00:58:16,780

learned something this afternoon um most

1307

00:58:20,670 --> 00:58:18,430

other people more than me cuz I'm not

1308

00:58:22,079 --> 00:58:20,680

particular bright but what do you think

1309

00:58:25,200 --> 00:58:22,089

what are you looking forward to

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00:58:29,010 --> 00:58:25,210

to finish off well I I must tell you

1311

00:58:30,750 --> 00:58:29,020

about an Alice who I know now we were

1312

00:58:32,760 --> 00:58:30,760

talking about the the feminine angle on

1313

00:58:35,039 --> 00:58:32,770

this sort of thing this Alice is a

1314

00:58:37,559 --> 00:58:35,049

person who I very very good friend of

1315

00:58:41,450 --> 00:58:37,569

mine I worked with Alice for a long time

1316

00:58:44,280 --> 00:58:41,460

on a special tour and I must say that

1317

00:58:48,420 --> 00:58:44,290

Alice has turned into a fundamentalist

1318

00:58:51,720 --> 00:58:48,430

freak and but Alice's father was a

1319

00:58:54,720 --> 00:58:51,730

Mormon minister after all I'm speaking

1320

00:58:56,280 --> 00:58:54,730

unfortunately of Alice Cooper and I

1321

00:58:58,410 --> 00:58:56,290

worked with Alice I did a whole tour

1322

00:59:00,960 --> 00:58:58,420

with Alice we got along very well we

1323

00:59:02,730 --> 00:59:00,970

still get along very very well but we

1324

00:59:05,099 --> 00:59:02,740

don't argue about religion he knows

1325

00:59:07,349 --> 00:59:05,109

better than that do you think it's

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00:59:09,240 --> 00:59:07,359

because of these wild crazy days it's

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00:59:11,339 --> 00:59:09,250

almost like an antidote or some way that

1328

00:59:13,140 --> 00:59:11,349

the pendulum had to swing back that way

1329

00:59:15,569 --> 00:59:13,150

again it might very well be I've always

1330

00:59:17,160 --> 00:59:15,579

thought of that but I don't want to get

1331

00:59:18,630 --> 00:59:17,170

into an argument with him he's still a

1332

00:59:19,630 --> 00:59:18,640

good friend of mine I want to keep him

1333

00:59:21,940 --> 00:59:19,640

that way

1334

00:59:24,850 --> 00:59:21,950

man I think he's still such a wonderful

1335

00:59:29,200 --> 00:59:24,860

man if I theme now I just don't believe

1336

00:59:30,100 --> 00:59:29,210

he's that Ellis Cooper he's that's him

1337

00:59:34,660 --> 00:59:30,110

that's him

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00:59:36,340 --> 00:59:34,670

oh yes on the big island scoop of fan

1339

00:59:54,390 --> 00:59:36,350

but I'm more of a fan of the man who

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01:00:00,220 --> 00:59:58,690

can you just well we've certainly been

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having a bit of fun here in this very

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small room off a sideline in Brunswick

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Street with with Randy and Richard and

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Steven and John and Gavin and I can see

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literally you can see Roland Roland as

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well and and thank you for joining us

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here on this very special episode of the

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drunk tank

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[Music]

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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zone now if you go to skeptic zone TV

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under the YouTube icon on every episode

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promotion for the skeptic zone if you

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care to use it if you have a podcast of

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your own or you want to add this file to

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your page it's only 30 seconds and it's

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a promotion for the skeptic zone help

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pass the word around also on that page

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01:01:20,790 --> 01:01:17,500
if you scroll right to the bottom I've

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01:01:23,460 --> 01:01:20,800
added some more origami posters some of

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01:01:26,820 --> 01:01:23,470
my origami foldings and photography and

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01:01:28,620 --> 01:01:26,830

I've placed those up on Wikimedia so

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01:01:31,740 --> 01:01:28,630

they are free to download in high

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resolution and I always think that they

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would make a nice addition to a

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01:01:38,070 --> 01:01:35,830

children's room or maybe the children's

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ward in a hospital or anywhere really I

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01:01:42,420 --> 01:01:40,359

think they're quite dumb they're quite

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01:01:45,230 --> 01:01:42,430

fun pictures have a look at skeptic zone

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TV right at the bottom of the page on

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Tuesday the 6th of August just coming up

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at the Maudie skeptics in the pub

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01:01:56,099 --> 01:01:53,130

in Victoria just south of Melbourne

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climate change latest research findings

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dr. Scott power using 22 climate models

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Scott power and Francois de Lodge at the

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Australian Bureau of Meteorology and

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01:02:10,740 --> 01:02:08,350

Melbourne analyzed the rate at which

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01:02:13,950 --> 01:02:10,750

monthly temperatures are likely to reach

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unprecedented levels over the course of

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the 21st century the results are

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disturbing Scott will outline his

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01:02:24,030 --> 01:02:21,100

findings and the predictions of the

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modelling for more information about

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01:02:29,070 --> 01:02:25,869

that particular Meetup

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you can go to [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and just look

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01:02:34,170 --> 01:02:32,170

for Morty mor di skeptics in the pub

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again links in this week's show notes

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and of course on Tuesday the 13th of

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01:02:43,109 --> 01:02:40,600

August in Canberra social skeptics in

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01:02:44,760 --> 01:02:43,119

Canberra we have a very own Trish hand

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who was a reporter on the sceptic zone

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with her segment attrition ships she's

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also a vice president of the Australian

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01:02:54,789 --> 01:02:51,970

skeptics here in New South Wales and she

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01:02:58,209 --> 01:02:54,799

will be giving a talk women's whooo

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01:03:02,109 --> 01:02:58,219

pseudoscience and women's health this is

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from 6 p.m. at the law lecture theater

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01:03:08,650 --> 01:03:05,209

Law School Building number 5 at the

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01:03:11,199 --> 01:03:08,660
Australian National University and this

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01:03:13,959 --> 01:03:11,209
talk is a tour through the world of

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01:03:16,029 --> 01:03:13,969
women's whoo there's probably more of it

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01:03:19,569 --> 01:03:16,039
than you realize and it's often the

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01:03:22,719 --> 01:03:19,579
weirder than you expect and dinner will

1406
01:03:25,120 --> 01:03:22,729
follow that talk again links in this

1407
01:03:28,329 --> 01:03:25,130
week's show notes for social skeptics

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01:03:31,539 --> 01:03:28,339
Canberra and I you know what I saw Trish

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01:03:34,870 --> 01:03:31,549
Han on the TV news just a couple of days

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01:03:37,059 --> 01:03:34,880
ago because Trish also works at the

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01:03:40,479 --> 01:03:37,069
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital here in

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01:03:43,839 --> 01:03:40,489
Sydney a very famous hospital and she

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01:03:47,829 --> 01:03:43,849

was taking part in action to highlight

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01:03:51,249 --> 01:03:47,839

the very real dangers a lot of hospital

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01:03:54,489 --> 01:03:51,259

staff face in this country from violent

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01:03:57,519 --> 01:03:54,499

and unruly people who come into the

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01:04:01,689 --> 01:03:57,529

hospital for various reasons agitated

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01:04:03,939 --> 01:04:01,699

people people angry at something people

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01:04:06,160 --> 01:04:03,949

affected by certain substances I guess

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01:04:08,079 --> 01:04:06,170

whatever the case whatever the case and

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01:04:10,919 --> 01:04:08,089

Trish and her colleagues were

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01:04:13,989 --> 01:04:10,929

highlighting the fact that they should

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01:04:17,199 --> 01:04:13,999

be able to work in a safe environment

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01:04:21,539 --> 01:04:17,209

and as somebody promoting science and

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01:04:24,429 --> 01:04:21,549

reason as hospital people do of course

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01:04:27,400 --> 01:04:24,439

as I think it's acutely important that

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01:04:29,769 --> 01:04:27,410

they work in a safe environment like

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everybody everybody no matter what their

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workplace should be able to work in a

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safe environment so well done Trish and

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01:04:37,419 --> 01:04:36,019

your colleagues were standing up to

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01:04:40,689 --> 01:04:37,429

highlight and support that very

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01:04:43,359 --> 01:04:40,699

important issue and finally if you visit

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01:04:46,569 --> 01:04:43,369

the skipping zone Facebook page one of

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01:04:48,400 --> 01:04:46,579

the recent postings is a fun poster or a

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fun picture of the sceptic zone Katz

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Henrietta and Maud if you go there you

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01:04:56,380 --> 01:04:53,689

can see what they really do behind the

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01:04:59,679 --> 01:04:56,390

scenes here at the sceptic zone mostly

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sleep I think yeah but for this week

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this is Richard Saunders signing off

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production the views and opinions

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01:05:45,720 --> 01:05:43,569

expressed on the skeptic zone are not

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01:05:48,640 --> 01:05:45,730

necessarily those of Australian skeptics

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01:05:59,020 --> 01:05:48,650

or any other skeptical organization

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01:06:02,310 --> 01:06:01,510

I mean what you're saying is what you're

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saying

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so when you have aphasia like I do

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because my brain just assumes when I say

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a word and then it's the word I want to

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say I better let you get that alum stuff

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yeah that's that's my that's actually my

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01:06:20,350 --> 01:06:18,830

my ringer on my phone cuz you know I

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01:06:21,820 --> 01:06:20,360

have an iPhone everybody has like all

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01:06:24,400 --> 01:06:21,830

the different rings so I just use that

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01:06:25,810 --> 01:06:24,410

process I know that is my ring because

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01:06:32,710 --> 01:06:25,820

nobody uses the red alert

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01:06:34,120 --> 01:06:32,720

further ringtone so yeah yeah so yes the

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funny thing is like so one of the

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reasons why you don't like your voice