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00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:13,699
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,119 --> 00:00:13,699
from Australia for science and reason

3
00:00:22,349 --> 00:00:28,689
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:25,210 --> 00:00:31,570
podcast episode number 413 for the

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00:00:28,689 --> 00:00:33,549
eighteenth of september 2016 Richard

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00:00:31,570 --> 00:00:36,009
Saunders here with you from soggy gray

7
00:00:33,549 --> 00:00:37,750
cloudy Sydney Australia coming up on

8
00:00:36,009 --> 00:00:39,939
this week's show we catch up with some

9
00:00:37,750 --> 00:00:43,268
old friends of the skeptics own first of

10
00:00:39,939 --> 00:00:46,689
all the delightful sharon hill sharon

11
00:00:43,268 --> 00:00:50,640
hill from doubtful news com sharon can

12
00:00:46,689 --> 00:00:54,039
be filling us in updating us bringing us

13
00:00:50,640 --> 00:00:56,530
latest news from doubtful news and will

14
00:00:54,039 --> 00:01:00,100
also discuss the merits of ghost hunting

15
00:00:56,530 --> 00:01:01,510
goes to is ghost busting all that sort

16
00:01:00,100 --> 00:01:04,379
of thing coming up at the top of the

17
00:01:01,509 --> 00:01:06,489
show the incomparable sharon hill

18
00:01:04,379 --> 00:01:08,850
following that it's a very concerning

19
00:01:06,489 --> 00:01:13,209
story we're bringing you thanks to the

20
00:01:08,849 --> 00:01:16,149
reasonable Hank blog about nurses

21
00:01:13,209 --> 00:01:20,559
registered nurses and midwives who are

22
00:01:16,150 --> 00:01:23,259
also active X and they're not shy about

23
00:01:20,560 --> 00:01:26,640
it these nurses and midwives are happy

24
00:01:23,259 --> 00:01:29,530
to post up on blogs and Facebook groups

25
00:01:26,640 --> 00:01:30,909
anti-vaccination memes and so on and

26
00:01:29,530 --> 00:01:33,609
we're going to be reading out some of

27
00:01:30,909 --> 00:01:37,080
the bizarre wacky and crazy memes

28
00:01:33,609 --> 00:01:40,659
anti-vaccination memes these people

29

00:01:37,079 --> 00:01:42,879
circulate or recirculate regurgitate one

30
00:01:40,659 --> 00:01:46,270
might say then to round off the show our

31
00:01:42,879 --> 00:01:49,780
old friend men radford it's going to be

32
00:01:46,269 --> 00:01:53,079
joining us to talk about a very strange

33
00:01:49,780 --> 00:01:56,710
story evil clowns now Ben's got a book

34
00:01:53,079 --> 00:01:58,030
out about naughty evil bad clowns but I

35
00:01:56,709 --> 00:01:59,379
thought we'd have a little talk about

36
00:01:58,030 --> 00:02:03,040
this because it's something that's just

37
00:01:59,379 --> 00:02:05,618
totally bizarre mysterious evil looking

38
00:02:03,040 --> 00:02:08,408
bad clowns running about the countryside

39
00:02:05,618 --> 00:02:10,689
up to no good it is a strange story and

40
00:02:08,408 --> 00:02:12,759
Ben and I will also be discussing the

41
00:02:10,689 --> 00:02:16,348
latest photograph from Loch Ness I don't

42
00:02:12,759 --> 00:02:19,870
know whether you've seen it its a

43
00:02:16,348 --> 00:02:22,780

spoiler alert it's clearly it's clearly

44

00:02:19,870 --> 00:02:24,938

a small group of seals swimming about

45

00:02:22,780 --> 00:02:27,729

and playing about but this has been

46

00:02:24,938 --> 00:02:29,769

touted as one of the best photographs of

47

00:02:27,729 --> 00:02:33,009

the Loch Ness monster well touted by the

48

00:02:29,770 --> 00:02:35,230

media clickbait I suppose of

49

00:02:33,009 --> 00:02:38,669

bit of a story but it's an interesting

50

00:02:35,229 --> 00:02:43,378

case this new photograph from Loch Ness

51

00:02:38,669 --> 00:02:47,289

more or less because it shows to us

52

00:02:43,378 --> 00:02:49,328

clearly clearly what's really going on

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00:02:47,289 --> 00:02:52,328

with many photographs in the past which

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00:02:49,329 --> 00:02:55,120

left and doubtedly those of seals

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00:02:52,329 --> 00:02:57,760

swimming about Loch Ness anyway all that

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00:02:55,120 --> 00:03:00,009

and more with men radford to round off

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00:02:57,759 --> 00:03:02,739

the show before we get to that a couple

58
00:03:00,009 --> 00:03:05,019
of notes from me I've recently been

59
00:03:02,739 --> 00:03:09,939
tinkering with the skeptics own website

60
00:03:05,019 --> 00:03:12,400
at skeptic zone TV and if you click on

61
00:03:09,939 --> 00:03:14,769
the link at the top of the page that

62
00:03:12,400 --> 00:03:18,489
says episodes quick which I'm doing now

63
00:03:14,769 --> 00:03:21,489
you get the standard lips in list of

64
00:03:18,489 --> 00:03:23,980
episodes you can scroll down and go

65
00:03:21,489 --> 00:03:26,139
directly to the year or the month that

66
00:03:23,979 --> 00:03:29,318
you're interested in scrolling down now

67
00:03:26,139 --> 00:03:31,930
goes all the way of course 2 2008 when

68
00:03:29,318 --> 00:03:34,568
the show started but more importantly I

69
00:03:31,930 --> 00:03:36,629
think right near the top of the episodes

70
00:03:34,568 --> 00:03:40,089
link the episodes page which comes up

71
00:03:36,628 --> 00:03:43,289
there's a keyword search and that works

72
00:03:40,090 --> 00:03:46,269
very well if for example you want to

73
00:03:43,289 --> 00:03:48,759
find out all the times I interviewed my

74
00:03:46,269 --> 00:03:50,769
good friend Richard Wiseman for example

75
00:03:48,759 --> 00:03:52,628
if you type Wiseman Richard Wiseman or

76
00:03:50,769 --> 00:03:55,659
just Wiseman into the keyword search hit

77
00:03:52,628 --> 00:03:58,000
the search button up comes every episode

78
00:03:55,659 --> 00:04:01,299
where we've had the pleasure of

79
00:03:58,000 --> 00:04:03,310
interviewing Richard Wiseman or James

80
00:04:01,299 --> 00:04:04,689
Randi if you put in James Randi up comes

81
00:04:03,310 --> 00:04:07,150
all the interviews with james randi

82
00:04:04,689 --> 00:04:09,669
going back over the years Eugenie Scott

83
00:04:07,150 --> 00:04:11,379
maybe if you want to listen to her

84
00:04:09,669 --> 00:04:13,660
interviews it's it's own it's a nice

85
00:04:11,378 --> 00:04:16,298
feature which I haven't utilized until

86

00:04:13,659 --> 00:04:17,829
now but I'm glad it's there stay tuned

87
00:04:16,298 --> 00:04:20,649
at the end of the episode I have a few

88
00:04:17,829 --> 00:04:22,870
more little notes and announcements to

89
00:04:20,649 --> 00:04:24,908
make but 1 i'll share with you right now

90
00:04:22,870 --> 00:04:27,098
is next week's episode of the skeptic

91
00:04:24,908 --> 00:04:29,319
zone is going to be early it actually

92
00:04:27,098 --> 00:04:31,418
it'll be a few days early it might even

93
00:04:29,319 --> 00:04:34,240
come out on the thursday or the friday i

94
00:04:31,418 --> 00:04:37,000
think at this stage quite early because

95
00:04:34,240 --> 00:04:39,519
in a few days i am interviewing ben

96
00:04:37,000 --> 00:04:43,389
goldacre who's coming out courtesy of

97
00:04:39,519 --> 00:04:46,568
think ink to do a tour of australia and

98
00:04:43,389 --> 00:04:48,490
new zealand and in order for us

99
00:04:46,569 --> 00:04:50,679
kept exam listeners to get the full

100
00:04:48,490 --> 00:04:52,749

benefit before they see Ben Goldacre I

101

00:04:50,678 --> 00:04:55,028
will be pulling out the show a bit

102

00:04:52,749 --> 00:04:58,259
earlier next week or this week later

103

00:04:55,028 --> 00:05:00,278
this week I should say so yes look out

104

00:04:58,259 --> 00:05:03,129
possibly Thursday or something like that

105

00:05:00,278 --> 00:05:04,569
for an early episode of the skeptic zone

106

00:05:03,129 --> 00:05:08,249
but now it's time for me to run

107

00:05:04,569 --> 00:05:14,348
downstairs have some nice smoked salmon

108

00:05:08,249 --> 00:05:17,169
with avocado on toast drizzled that is a

109

00:05:14,348 --> 00:05:21,188
nice word drizzled with a little bit of

110

00:05:17,168 --> 00:05:23,498
sesame seed oil sesame oil hmm why I

111

00:05:21,189 --> 00:05:26,399
enjoy that and I will I hope you enjoy

112

00:05:23,499 --> 00:05:26,399
the skeptic zone

113

00:05:48,399 --> 00:05:54,859
and joining me now on the line all the

114

00:05:52,459 --> 00:05:56,870
way from a place I'd like to visit I've

115
00:05:54,860 --> 00:05:59,150
heard it's a bit dull I'd still like to

116
00:05:56,870 --> 00:06:03,680
visit it just at Harrisburg Pennsylvania

117
00:05:59,149 --> 00:06:05,989
it's sharon hill hello hi Richard how

118
00:06:03,680 --> 00:06:07,639
are you I'm doing really well I'm doing

119
00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:09,740
really well and no I have not been to

120
00:06:07,639 --> 00:06:11,839
that part of the United States I've not

121
00:06:09,740 --> 00:06:16,009
been to Washington DC or New York or

122
00:06:11,839 --> 00:06:20,599
Pennsylvania it can't be that dull is it

123
00:06:16,009 --> 00:06:23,089
really that it's pretty dull what they

124
00:06:20,600 --> 00:06:25,250
say about Pennsylvania is well we have

125
00:06:23,089 --> 00:06:28,939
Philadelphia on one side Pittsburgh on

126
00:06:25,250 --> 00:06:30,259
the other and you know Alabama in

127
00:06:28,939 --> 00:06:33,290
between basically because there's

128
00:06:30,259 --> 00:06:35,659
nothing there but farmland and yeah

129
00:06:33,290 --> 00:06:38,420
that's about it I'm sure it has a beauty

130
00:06:35,660 --> 00:06:40,700
and a wonder all of its own let's show

131
00:06:38,420 --> 00:06:42,680
and muster everywhere now I guess when

132
00:06:40,699 --> 00:06:45,649
you look for but no it's about time we

133
00:06:42,680 --> 00:06:47,840
caught up with you Sharon ah I skipped

134
00:06:45,649 --> 00:06:49,699
exam listeners are well aware of what

135
00:06:47,839 --> 00:06:51,619
you do because I regularly play the

136
00:06:49,699 --> 00:06:55,750
doubtful news promo with that

137
00:06:51,620 --> 00:06:57,860
interesting riddle music how is

138
00:06:55,750 --> 00:06:59,629
listeners who haven't heard it and don't

139
00:06:57,860 --> 00:07:02,150
know can you tell me a little bit about

140
00:06:59,629 --> 00:07:03,909
the history of doubtful news why you did

141
00:07:02,149 --> 00:07:10,370
it and how's it going at the moment

142
00:07:03,910 --> 00:07:11,390
right I started it oh gee um 2011 or

143

00:07:10,370 --> 00:07:14,000
something like that I can't even

144
00:07:11,389 --> 00:07:17,269
remember now it was so long ago and I

145
00:07:14,000 --> 00:07:21,199
started it up as a way to talk about

146
00:07:17,269 --> 00:07:23,269
weird news in the media that the media

147
00:07:21,199 --> 00:07:26,000
was sort of falling down on these

148
00:07:23,269 --> 00:07:27,649
stories they weren't being critical they

149
00:07:26,000 --> 00:07:29,509
weren't digging into them they weren't

150
00:07:27,649 --> 00:07:31,459
they weren't giving information that

151
00:07:29,509 --> 00:07:33,829
could help people decide whether these

152
00:07:31,459 --> 00:07:36,349
stories were true or not they were just

153
00:07:33,829 --> 00:07:38,629
sort of playing up the hype and i found

154
00:07:36,350 --> 00:07:41,480
that kind of annoying and i was able to

155
00:07:38,629 --> 00:07:43,969
rewrite the stories into a blog form and

156
00:07:41,480 --> 00:07:45,530
add a little bit more information so

157
00:07:43,970 --> 00:07:47,390

people would start maybe thinking a

158

00:07:45,529 --> 00:07:49,159

little bit more critically and deeper

159

00:07:47,389 --> 00:07:50,839

about these questionable claims and then

160

00:07:49,160 --> 00:07:52,790

they could decide for themselves if

161

00:07:50,839 --> 00:07:54,168

maybe the media was being a little bit

162

00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:57,289

too generous and

163

00:07:54,168 --> 00:08:00,019

and credulous so that's why I called it

164

00:07:57,288 --> 00:08:01,628

doubtful news and it went on for a

165

00:08:00,019 --> 00:08:06,318

number of years and then we took a break

166

00:08:01,629 --> 00:08:07,580

back in April of this year and I thought

167

00:08:06,319 --> 00:08:11,930

that was going to be the end of it

168

00:08:07,579 --> 00:08:13,968

actually I was pretty worn out there's

169

00:08:11,930 --> 00:08:17,418

there's a lot of weird news and we it

170

00:08:13,968 --> 00:08:22,038

was very difficult to keep up and you

171

00:08:17,418 --> 00:08:25,908

can get uh pretty jaded trying to oh yes

172
00:08:22,038 --> 00:08:29,688
of course about this Yuri's all the time

173
00:08:25,908 --> 00:08:31,490
it's never ending it really know and it

174
00:08:29,689 --> 00:08:35,240
can be frustrating so I needed a break

175
00:08:31,490 --> 00:08:36,979
and then in june i updated a story about

176
00:08:35,240 --> 00:08:39,740
a guy who thought he found a Bigfoot

177
00:08:36,979 --> 00:08:42,050
skull fossil and i thought oh this is

178
00:08:39,740 --> 00:08:44,060
what I do this is what I do I talk about

179
00:08:42,049 --> 00:08:47,948
these weird stories and I can't help it

180
00:08:44,059 --> 00:08:51,888
so within the past month I've started to

181
00:08:47,948 --> 00:08:55,338
put up some new stories since middle

182
00:08:51,889 --> 00:08:58,278
August and we've started to keep the

183
00:08:55,339 --> 00:09:01,160
site active again and decided that maybe

184
00:08:58,278 --> 00:09:03,439
some interesting new projects are coming

185
00:09:01,159 --> 00:09:06,139
down the road pretty soon well I'm

186
00:09:03,440 --> 00:09:08,029
pleased to know that you're you're back

187
00:09:06,139 --> 00:09:09,470
in the swing of things so to speak what

188
00:09:08,028 --> 00:09:10,909
are some of the stories that have caught

189
00:09:09,470 --> 00:09:14,870
your attention apart from that one

190
00:09:10,909 --> 00:09:18,860
recently well gee I think it's the

191
00:09:14,870 --> 00:09:21,169
official silly season isn't it we have

192
00:09:18,860 --> 00:09:24,560
enough going on in the US here with our

193
00:09:21,169 --> 00:09:26,448
crazy election but there's these stories

194
00:09:24,559 --> 00:09:29,149
that are coming out in the news because

195
00:09:26,448 --> 00:09:33,828
perhaps it's a slow news day otherwise

196
00:09:29,149 --> 00:09:36,409
and the bigger stories that what's going

197
00:09:33,828 --> 00:09:40,370
on right now as we speak are crazy

198
00:09:36,409 --> 00:09:42,919
clowns appearing in North and South

199
00:09:40,370 --> 00:09:44,269
Carolina and scaring children this

200

00:09:42,919 --> 00:09:46,370
sounds like something that been read

201
00:09:44,269 --> 00:09:49,068
through would be interested in he wrote

202
00:09:46,370 --> 00:09:50,448
a great article about it and after I

203
00:09:49,068 --> 00:09:52,309
read that article and then it keeps

204
00:09:50,448 --> 00:09:54,169
going as you know there's there's

205
00:09:52,309 --> 00:09:55,489
contagion with these stories then other

206
00:09:54,169 --> 00:09:58,458
people start thinking that they see

207
00:09:55,490 --> 00:10:00,680
these clowns and right now there's a

208
00:09:58,458 --> 00:10:02,328
couple things also going on in the media

209
00:10:00,679 --> 00:10:04,879
with regards to clowns there's a new

210
00:10:02,328 --> 00:10:07,399
movie or two coming out about evil

211
00:10:04,879 --> 00:10:11,230
clowns Ben's

212
00:10:07,399 --> 00:10:13,699
bad clowns is is recently released and I

213
00:10:11,230 --> 00:10:17,480
think that people just have clowns on

214
00:10:13,700 --> 00:10:19,580

their minds and the funny part is that

215

00:10:17,480 --> 00:10:21,800

for the past week or so that these

216

00:10:19,580 --> 00:10:24,320

clowns have been appearing no one's

217

00:10:21,799 --> 00:10:26,629

taken a picture or a video that could be

218

00:10:24,320 --> 00:10:28,629

authenticated which is weird because

219

00:10:26,629 --> 00:10:32,480

they're in residential areas and

220

00:10:28,629 --> 00:10:34,639

everybody has a cell phone and lots of

221

00:10:32,480 --> 00:10:36,470

places have security cameras or

222

00:10:34,639 --> 00:10:39,259

surveillance cameras why aren't these

223

00:10:36,470 --> 00:10:44,960

clowns showing up are they phantoms are

224

00:10:39,259 --> 00:10:46,819

they introduced you know having a good

225

00:10:44,960 --> 00:10:49,610

old time with these stories it's it's

226

00:10:46,820 --> 00:10:51,590

kind of a mystery clowns I haven't well

227

00:10:49,610 --> 00:10:53,240

that one hasn't made it to Australia yet

228

00:10:51,590 --> 00:10:56,450

I guess but you make a very good point

229
00:10:53,240 --> 00:10:58,310
about the cell phones and everybody has

230
00:10:56,450 --> 00:11:00,770
cell phones and this is the point I made

231
00:10:58,309 --> 00:11:03,019
a few months back on the skeptic zone in

232
00:11:00,769 --> 00:11:06,079
relation to UFOs of course if there's

233
00:11:03,019 --> 00:11:07,970
all this paranormal activity going along

234
00:11:06,080 --> 00:11:12,370
be it UFOs if we can call that

235
00:11:07,970 --> 00:11:17,509
paranormal or ghosts or evil clowns and

236
00:11:12,370 --> 00:11:18,679
there are so many are there are so many

237
00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:22,340
people out there with good quality

238
00:11:18,679 --> 00:11:25,279
cameras on their person all the time why

239
00:11:22,340 --> 00:11:27,220
are we flooded with incredible high

240
00:11:25,279 --> 00:11:30,559
definition pictures of the paranormal

241
00:11:27,220 --> 00:11:34,670
right well I have a personal account of

242
00:11:30,559 --> 00:11:37,669
this of why that could be I was staying

243
00:11:34,669 --> 00:11:39,740
at a cabin on a ridge in West Virginia a

244
00:11:37,669 --> 00:11:43,039
few weeks ago it was a summer night and

245
00:11:39,740 --> 00:11:44,779
it was very warm out and I was out on

246
00:11:43,039 --> 00:11:48,019
the deck and it was dark probably about

247
00:11:44,779 --> 00:11:49,879
ten pm and it was very loud with summer

248
00:11:48,019 --> 00:11:51,439
insects so I couldn't hear anything but

249
00:11:49,879 --> 00:11:53,659
these insects and I'm looking out at the

250
00:11:51,440 --> 00:11:56,240
stars and I see this very very bright

251
00:11:53,659 --> 00:11:58,490
light not not too distant and it's

252
00:11:56,240 --> 00:12:01,100
extremely bright and it's moving very

253
00:11:58,490 --> 00:12:04,700
slowly up down and sideways with in a

254
00:12:01,100 --> 00:12:06,110
very small area and it took me about two

255
00:12:04,700 --> 00:12:08,000
minutes of looking at it trying to

256
00:12:06,110 --> 00:12:11,149
figure out what it was before i realize

257

00:12:08,000 --> 00:12:13,580
i had the ipad in my hand and I hadn't

258
00:12:11,149 --> 00:12:17,149
picked it up and took a picture uh-huh

259
00:12:13,580 --> 00:12:19,129
yes I was too involved in observing and

260
00:12:17,149 --> 00:12:19,829
by the time I realized that and got the

261
00:12:19,129 --> 00:12:22,559
Canberra

262
00:12:19,830 --> 00:12:25,110
open and pointed it it was beyond the

263
00:12:22,559 --> 00:12:28,369
trees and I couldn't see it anymore it

264
00:12:25,110 --> 00:12:32,550
turns out that it was probably a drone

265
00:12:28,370 --> 00:12:35,340
that the it appeared that the neighbors

266
00:12:32,549 --> 00:12:38,159
may have had a drone that they flew at

267
00:12:35,340 --> 00:12:41,160
night the next morning I heard a strange

268
00:12:38,159 --> 00:12:44,189
buzzing sound that sounded like a drone

269
00:12:41,159 --> 00:12:46,559
and I think that that's what it probably

270
00:12:44,190 --> 00:12:48,890
was it would make sense and other people

271
00:12:46,559 --> 00:12:52,529

have suggested that to me as well so

272

00:12:48,889 --> 00:12:53,759

that was my failure to catch a UFO well

273

00:12:52,529 --> 00:12:56,429

I think we're going to hear more about

274

00:12:53,759 --> 00:12:58,169

this in the future as more and more

275

00:12:56,429 --> 00:12:59,669

drones and being flown around and

276

00:12:58,169 --> 00:13:01,829

especially at night we have the lights

277

00:12:59,669 --> 00:13:07,079

on them but still some of them are made

278

00:13:01,830 --> 00:13:09,720

to look like UFOs even brain but i have

279

00:13:07,080 --> 00:13:11,850

i have another story oh yeah I have

280

00:13:09,720 --> 00:13:14,490

another story in the news and this came

281

00:13:11,850 --> 00:13:18,029

from your part of the world who where

282

00:13:14,490 --> 00:13:21,629

somebody took a cell phone video of what

283

00:13:18,029 --> 00:13:24,929

they say was uh by the same name is

284

00:13:21,629 --> 00:13:27,019

Tiger I have seen that it was on our

285

00:13:24,929 --> 00:13:30,870

news reports here last night an

286
00:13:27,019 --> 00:13:33,029
incredibly grainy and patch ie picture

287
00:13:30,870 --> 00:13:35,480
of something that looks like a something

288
00:13:33,029 --> 00:13:38,519
moving somewhere it's very hard to tell

289
00:13:35,480 --> 00:13:40,889
isn't it amazing again such poor quality

290
00:13:38,519 --> 00:13:43,909
when we have these great instruments

291
00:13:40,889 --> 00:13:46,710
right in our hands so yeah unfortunately

292
00:13:43,909 --> 00:13:48,360
videos photographs they're practically

293
00:13:46,710 --> 00:13:51,300
worthless anymore because of the

294
00:13:48,360 --> 00:13:53,370
manipulation but man we all we had to

295
00:13:51,299 --> 00:13:55,199
learn how to use them better well that's

296
00:13:53,370 --> 00:13:57,240
true I wouldn't say they're worthless I

297
00:13:55,200 --> 00:13:58,980
mean if something did happen I mean if

298
00:13:57,240 --> 00:14:01,350
there really was a thylacine and

299
00:13:58,980 --> 00:14:05,550
somebody had their wits about them they

300
00:14:01,350 --> 00:14:08,490
could get just absolutely mind snapping

301
00:14:05,549 --> 00:14:11,639
evidence of such a thing or whatever

302
00:14:08,490 --> 00:14:13,680
other odd phenomenon there might be

303
00:14:11,639 --> 00:14:15,480
about but just getting back to the

304
00:14:13,679 --> 00:14:18,269
website itself i'm curious over the

305
00:14:15,480 --> 00:14:20,639
years do you have you had much feedback

306
00:14:18,269 --> 00:14:22,079
from people who have got a great deal of

307
00:14:20,639 --> 00:14:25,919
benefit out of your sight maybe

308
00:14:22,080 --> 00:14:28,379
journalists or other people sure i have

309
00:14:25,919 --> 00:14:30,599
had a lot of the audience say that they

310
00:14:28,379 --> 00:14:32,850
just loved the site because they were

311
00:14:30,600 --> 00:14:35,819
sick of seeing garbage on the news

312
00:14:32,850 --> 00:14:37,290
and I've had a couple professors contact

313
00:14:35,818 --> 00:14:41,639
me and say they use it in their

314

00:14:37,289 --> 00:14:44,789
classrooms to refer their their students

315
00:14:41,639 --> 00:14:47,909
to this type of story in comparison to

316
00:14:44,789 --> 00:14:50,549
the regular media stories I even had one

317
00:14:47,909 --> 00:14:53,429
professor a friend of the the website

318
00:14:50,549 --> 00:14:56,129
tell me there really is nothing else on

319
00:14:53,429 --> 00:14:58,948
the web like doubtful news because it

320
00:14:56,129 --> 00:15:01,169
covered such an array of subject areas

321
00:14:58,948 --> 00:15:03,528
it's just huge all kinds of subject

322
00:15:01,169 --> 00:15:06,259
areas from alt med to conspiracy to

323
00:15:03,528 --> 00:15:11,278
crypto zoology and paranormal stuff

324
00:15:06,259 --> 00:15:14,940
which is it's difficult to do for one

325
00:15:11,278 --> 00:15:17,309
person so it is kind of a lot to juggle

326
00:15:14,940 --> 00:15:19,170
but I love this kind of stuff and I'm

327
00:15:17,309 --> 00:15:21,119
trying to get some good information out

328
00:15:19,169 --> 00:15:24,059

there may be information that people

329

00:15:21,120 --> 00:15:26,129

won't see any place else and I think

330

00:15:24,059 --> 00:15:28,828

that the audience appreciates that and I

331

00:15:26,129 --> 00:15:32,129

do get some journalists who will see the

332

00:15:28,828 --> 00:15:34,879

story and contact me and we also have a

333

00:15:32,129 --> 00:15:37,409

little circle here in the US of

334

00:15:34,879 --> 00:15:39,509

independent researchers that if we don't

335

00:15:37,409 --> 00:15:42,179

have the capability to talk about a

336

00:15:39,509 --> 00:15:45,300

subject we will pass the journalists off

337

00:15:42,179 --> 00:15:48,059

to one of our friends who has expertise

338

00:15:45,299 --> 00:15:49,889

in that area that's brilliant i did such

339

00:15:48,059 --> 00:15:51,539

a good thing to know that there is such

340

00:15:49,889 --> 00:15:52,860

a resource out there not just for

341

00:15:51,539 --> 00:15:55,110

journalists of course but just for the

342

00:15:52,860 --> 00:15:57,149

general population who are curious and

343
00:15:55,110 --> 00:15:58,769
interested in like would like another

344
00:15:57,149 --> 00:16:00,929
take on some of the strange and bizarre

345
00:15:58,769 --> 00:16:03,870
stories we get out there but when you're

346
00:16:00,929 --> 00:16:05,578
not busy pouring over your you're

347
00:16:03,870 --> 00:16:07,198
doubtful news you're actually getting

348
00:16:05,578 --> 00:16:08,879
out there and doing things and i

349
00:16:07,198 --> 00:16:12,809
understand that recently you went to

350
00:16:08,879 --> 00:16:15,208
washington DC to hunt for a ghost well

351
00:16:12,809 --> 00:16:17,219
I'm a member of the National Capital

352
00:16:15,208 --> 00:16:18,659
Area skeptics i'm a board member with

353
00:16:17,220 --> 00:16:20,370
them and that's the washington d.c

354
00:16:18,659 --> 00:16:25,649
skeptics group it's one of the oldest in

355
00:16:20,370 --> 00:16:28,500
the US and we are planning to run a skep

356
00:16:25,649 --> 00:16:30,688
tour on ghosts for around Halloween time

357
00:16:28,500 --> 00:16:34,049
so i decided to go down and check out

358
00:16:30,688 --> 00:16:37,009
the commercial ghost tour and the tour

359
00:16:34,049 --> 00:16:39,688
was of lafayette square which is the

360
00:16:37,009 --> 00:16:42,259
park area it's called presidents park

361
00:16:39,688 --> 00:16:45,179
it's right between the White House and a

362
00:16:42,259 --> 00:16:46,250
block up Constitution Avenue there's

363
00:16:45,179 --> 00:16:48,919
pennsylvania avenue

364
00:16:46,250 --> 00:16:51,440
there's a park in there and it's

365
00:16:48,919 --> 00:16:53,389
surrounded by there now government

366
00:16:51,440 --> 00:16:55,100
buildings but they the facades look like

367
00:16:53,389 --> 00:16:58,870
houses and at one time they were houses

368
00:16:55,100 --> 00:17:02,420
and many of them are supposedly haunted

369
00:16:58,870 --> 00:17:04,369
so I I went on this ghost tour and

370
00:17:02,419 --> 00:17:07,279
around lafayette square and i listened

371

00:17:04,369 --> 00:17:11,629
to her stories and I was just so

372
00:17:07,279 --> 00:17:16,639
unimpressed now I had been a ghost her

373
00:17:11,630 --> 00:17:18,709
before but this one was worse now I

374
00:17:16,640 --> 00:17:23,000
have to laugh because I have been on a

375
00:17:18,709 --> 00:17:26,150
number of ghost tours myself and they

376
00:17:23,000 --> 00:17:27,709
range from the amusing and fun where

377
00:17:26,150 --> 00:17:30,410
they don't take themselves too seriously

378
00:17:27,709 --> 00:17:33,410
and you learn some history along the way

379
00:17:30,410 --> 00:17:35,750
which is good today e to the cringing

380
00:17:33,410 --> 00:17:37,430
Lee pathetic where it's just here's

381
00:17:35,750 --> 00:17:38,869
another spot and here's another story

382
00:17:37,430 --> 00:17:41,120
here's another spot and here's another

383
00:17:38,869 --> 00:17:42,709
story take a photograph now with your

384
00:17:41,119 --> 00:17:45,259
flesh and you'll see ghosts orbs and

385
00:17:42,710 --> 00:17:48,620

it's just exactly that's exactly how it

386

00:17:45,259 --> 00:17:50,450

was was it was it she was like orbs are

387

00:17:48,619 --> 00:17:52,789

psychic energy take as many pictures as

388

00:17:50,450 --> 00:17:55,730

you can because you'll see them it

389

00:17:52,789 --> 00:17:58,339

really is you know it really is pathetic

390

00:17:55,730 --> 00:18:00,079

and sometimes believers get a little bit

391

00:17:58,339 --> 00:18:02,269

upset with skeptics or naturally enough

392

00:18:00,079 --> 00:18:04,189

and then they'll say are you skeptics

393

00:18:02,269 --> 00:18:05,480

are so mean and you're picking on us and

394

00:18:04,190 --> 00:18:07,549

they'll play that what we call the

395

00:18:05,480 --> 00:18:10,099

victim card but sometimes we just have

396

00:18:07,549 --> 00:18:12,470

to come out out with it and just say

397

00:18:10,099 --> 00:18:16,459

what's going on some things is just

398

00:18:12,470 --> 00:18:19,519

truly cringe-worthy cringe-worthy and

399

00:18:16,460 --> 00:18:22,509

pathetic yeah but what I got out of this

400
00:18:19,519 --> 00:18:25,519
ghost her was the state of ghost tours

401
00:18:22,509 --> 00:18:27,619
and right now and it really is not worth

402
00:18:25,519 --> 00:18:30,950
your money for most of these there

403
00:18:27,619 --> 00:18:32,509
probably are some good ones I haven't

404
00:18:30,950 --> 00:18:34,640
the ones that I've been on have not been

405
00:18:32,509 --> 00:18:37,309
particularly great so we're gonna try a

406
00:18:34,640 --> 00:18:39,890
different spin on a ghost tour and I

407
00:18:37,309 --> 00:18:42,710
think it'll be fun no I would love to

408
00:18:39,890 --> 00:18:44,390
join you on that who knows maybe when

409
00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:46,789
they invent the transporter from Star

410
00:18:44,390 --> 00:18:49,430
Trek I can join you it's a little bit

411
00:18:46,789 --> 00:18:54,049
difficult but also I understand that

412
00:18:49,430 --> 00:18:56,810
you're working on a book right a few

413
00:18:54,049 --> 00:18:58,639
years ago I got a master's degree in

414
00:18:56,809 --> 00:18:59,629
science in the public it was a science

415
00:18:58,640 --> 00:19:04,310
education

416
00:18:59,630 --> 00:19:07,430
degree and the focus of my master's

417
00:19:04,309 --> 00:19:11,059
thesis was paranormal investigators and

418
00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:12,680
how they say they use science so I'm

419
00:19:11,059 --> 00:19:17,450
working that up into a book right now

420
00:19:12,680 --> 00:19:19,850
I'm at the heavy editing stage and so

421
00:19:17,450 --> 00:19:21,529
it's going to be a while longer but I

422
00:19:19,849 --> 00:19:25,189
hope that this gets out there and

423
00:19:21,529 --> 00:19:27,170
hopefully it's it's my goal that real

424
00:19:25,190 --> 00:19:30,380
paranormal investigators of all stripes

425
00:19:27,170 --> 00:19:33,560
ghost hunters UFO seekers Bigfoot

426
00:19:30,380 --> 00:19:36,050
hunters they read it and they see that

427
00:19:33,559 --> 00:19:37,970
we can do investigation a different way

428

00:19:36,049 --> 00:19:39,619
we don't have to pretend to play to play

429
00:19:37,970 --> 00:19:41,630
scientists we don't have to say we're

430
00:19:39,619 --> 00:19:44,839
doing all the scientific stuff we could

431
00:19:41,630 --> 00:19:47,030
be more rational and maybe actually get

432
00:19:44,839 --> 00:19:50,359
some good information out of these

433
00:19:47,029 --> 00:19:54,200
investigations for a change really good

434
00:19:50,359 --> 00:19:57,019
luck yeah yeah I'm still at the

435
00:19:54,200 --> 00:20:00,049
optimistic stage yeah well in my in my

436
00:19:57,019 --> 00:20:03,019
experience and I've seen this in a

437
00:20:00,049 --> 00:20:05,240
number of the new age festivals I go to

438
00:20:03,019 --> 00:20:08,240
or the paranormal conventions they'll be

439
00:20:05,240 --> 00:20:10,880
the ghost hunters there they normally

440
00:20:08,240 --> 00:20:14,539
there are there are groups of them like

441
00:20:10,880 --> 00:20:16,460
like clubs and they almost universally

442
00:20:14,539 --> 00:20:20,619

will have black t-shirts with some sort

443

00:20:16,460 --> 00:20:22,490
of ghost logo on them and they will have

444

00:20:20,619 --> 00:20:25,339
where I've seen them they'll have the

445

00:20:22,490 --> 00:20:28,400
table display and there are all sorts of

446

00:20:25,339 --> 00:20:32,209
scientific looking instruments and

447

00:20:28,400 --> 00:20:33,620
detectors which of course I as Brian

448

00:20:32,210 --> 00:20:35,390
Dunning reminds us and one of these

449

00:20:33,619 --> 00:20:37,489
sceptile episodes it's simply just

450

00:20:35,390 --> 00:20:39,910
laughable that they don't they can't

451

00:20:37,490 --> 00:20:43,789
detect things that have no known

452

00:20:39,910 --> 00:20:46,279
physical properties what I did find out

453

00:20:43,789 --> 00:20:51,069
in the research is from the beginning of

454

00:20:46,279 --> 00:20:53,569
technology at the dawn of science

455

00:20:51,069 --> 00:20:55,879
apparatus has always been associated

456

00:20:53,569 --> 00:20:58,490
with science scientists have to have

457
00:20:55,880 --> 00:21:01,010
something in their hands and trying to

458
00:20:58,490 --> 00:21:04,519
measure things and gadgets and Lady

459
00:21:01,009 --> 00:21:07,009
things and gizmos and so it's not ghost

460
00:21:04,519 --> 00:21:09,319
hunters or Ghostbusters that invented

461
00:21:07,009 --> 00:21:12,379
this it's always been the case and in

462
00:21:09,319 --> 00:21:13,429
fact even when the camera and the radio

463
00:21:12,380 --> 00:21:15,460
was invented those

464
00:21:13,430 --> 00:21:17,420
were sort of seen as supernatural

465
00:21:15,460 --> 00:21:19,130
apparatus because it felt that they

466
00:21:17,420 --> 00:21:22,279
could maybe transcend the natural world

467
00:21:19,130 --> 00:21:23,810
I capture something on the other side so

468
00:21:22,279 --> 00:21:26,059
this has been going on for a really long

469
00:21:23,809 --> 00:21:29,029
time and I think what I was able to see

470
00:21:26,059 --> 00:21:32,119
is this pattern of these investigators

471
00:21:29,029 --> 00:21:34,430
and the the things that they but they

472
00:21:32,119 --> 00:21:37,819
pick out and things that they use the

473
00:21:34,430 --> 00:21:39,560
roles that they try to play and it's

474
00:21:37,819 --> 00:21:41,599
almost a model of the way that they

475
00:21:39,559 --> 00:21:45,200
behave so it's been an interesting

476
00:21:41,599 --> 00:21:48,409
experience and it's occurred to me of

477
00:21:45,200 --> 00:21:52,009
course it's one sphere of investigation

478
00:21:48,410 --> 00:21:53,630
with an incredible failure rate I think

479
00:21:52,009 --> 00:21:57,379
it's around a hundred percent so far

480
00:21:53,630 --> 00:21:59,030
right and obvious a ghost hunters the

481
00:21:57,380 --> 00:22:02,150
sad thing is that the people who call

482
00:21:59,029 --> 00:22:04,309
them sometimes really do need help mmm

483
00:22:02,150 --> 00:22:06,590
they're scared they're very freaked out

484
00:22:04,309 --> 00:22:10,359
they believe something strange is going

485

00:22:06,589 --> 00:22:13,849
on and they want someone to talk to and

486
00:22:10,359 --> 00:22:16,519
these amateur investigators do serve a

487
00:22:13,849 --> 00:22:18,980
role where else could these people go to

488
00:22:16,519 --> 00:22:22,609
tell their story and have a sympathetic

489
00:22:18,980 --> 00:22:24,339
ear so in a way they do play an

490
00:22:22,609 --> 00:22:27,919
interesting role in our society

491
00:22:24,339 --> 00:22:29,539
scientists has have left these fields

492
00:22:27,920 --> 00:22:32,269
they don't want anything to do with it

493
00:22:29,539 --> 00:22:35,450
and who are these people to turn to it's

494
00:22:32,269 --> 00:22:37,730
kind of strange I guess so and it's sort

495
00:22:35,450 --> 00:22:40,279
of feeds back on itself because the

496
00:22:37,730 --> 00:22:42,049
people who want them want to have these

497
00:22:40,279 --> 00:22:43,220
people come and investigate the ghost is

498
00:22:42,049 --> 00:22:45,919
just a sort of people who would believe

499
00:22:43,220 --> 00:22:47,930

in ghosts anyway and when these people

500

00:22:45,920 --> 00:22:49,730

exactly scientific looking instruments

501

00:22:47,930 --> 00:22:51,620

and their black t-shirts and they have

502

00:22:49,730 --> 00:22:53,029

various roles and they'll bring along oh

503

00:22:51,619 --> 00:22:55,939

yeah one of them in the group is

504

00:22:53,029 --> 00:22:58,940

normally the the group's clairvoyant or

505

00:22:55,940 --> 00:23:01,490

medium or something like to tune in on

506

00:22:58,940 --> 00:23:03,259

the vibrations oh and it's kind of

507

00:23:01,490 --> 00:23:05,299

hilarious because they say we use

508

00:23:03,259 --> 00:23:07,970

science but you bring along our psychic

509

00:23:05,299 --> 00:23:11,539

that's right well I look forward to that

510

00:23:07,970 --> 00:23:13,759

book very much it is an interesting area

511

00:23:11,539 --> 00:23:15,889

if I can offer any insights from

512

00:23:13,759 --> 00:23:17,990

Australia I'd be happy to do so but

513

00:23:15,890 --> 00:23:20,960

anyway Sharon I'm so pleased that

514
00:23:17,990 --> 00:23:22,849
doubtful news is going strong good on

515
00:23:20,960 --> 00:23:25,130
you for taking a break I know that

516
00:23:22,849 --> 00:23:27,329
sometimes a crosses my mind it would be

517
00:23:25,130 --> 00:23:30,360
nice to take a break from the Skip Dixon

518
00:23:27,329 --> 00:23:32,369
quick but it is an important thing to do

519
00:23:30,359 --> 00:23:35,819
I think it's a terrific resource and

520
00:23:32,369 --> 00:23:37,859
what's that website once again doubtful

521
00:23:35,819 --> 00:23:41,399
news com that's easy to remember and

522
00:23:37,859 --> 00:23:43,289
fact next time I see you I must I must

523
00:23:41,400 --> 00:23:45,240
buy you some dinner so you'll give me

524
00:23:43,289 --> 00:23:47,609
another lovely doubtful news t shirt I

525
00:23:45,240 --> 00:23:51,930
wore the last one last one I wore to

526
00:23:47,609 --> 00:23:54,959
death we have these great bags too so

527
00:23:51,930 --> 00:23:57,090
when they I've got ya if anyone wants to

528
00:23:54,960 --> 00:23:59,789
have me up for some bags I can get them

529
00:23:57,089 --> 00:24:03,949
great tote bags that fold up and fit

530
00:23:59,789 --> 00:24:06,690
inside your car a box or your purse or

531
00:24:03,950 --> 00:24:09,150
they're there they're good swag to have

532
00:24:06,690 --> 00:24:11,700
yes they're fantastic because I use one

533
00:24:09,150 --> 00:24:16,019
actually I got one off you I guess it

534
00:24:11,700 --> 00:24:18,600
was the last time last year where I saw

535
00:24:16,019 --> 00:24:20,970
you and I you very kindly gave me a

536
00:24:18,599 --> 00:24:22,469
doubtful news tote bag and a fault they

537
00:24:20,970 --> 00:24:24,420
scrunch right up and you open them up

538
00:24:22,470 --> 00:24:26,789
and they have been testing oh you're a

539
00:24:24,420 --> 00:24:28,950
good person to know sharon hill and you

540
00:24:26,789 --> 00:24:30,599
know I I do look forward to the next

541
00:24:28,950 --> 00:24:33,059
time we meet hopefully won't be too long

542

00:24:30,599 --> 00:24:34,699
but for now sharon hill all the way over

543
00:24:33,059 --> 00:24:38,460
there in harrisburg thank you very much

544
00:24:34,700 --> 00:24:57,450
thanks Richard bye everybody

545
00:24:38,460 --> 00:24:59,279
I toss a coin hundred times and I'm

546
00:24:57,450 --> 00:25:01,890
allowed to withhold from you the ISIS

547
00:24:59,279 --> 00:25:04,410
half the times then I can convince you

548
00:25:01,890 --> 00:25:07,200
that I have a coin with two heads okay

549
00:25:04,410 --> 00:25:09,150
if we remove half of the data we can

550
00:25:07,200 --> 00:25:12,420
never know what the true effect size of

551
00:25:09,150 --> 00:25:15,750
these medicines we cannot make decisions

552
00:25:12,420 --> 00:25:17,640
in the absence all of the information in

553
00:25:15,750 --> 00:25:19,470
silence we don't care how many letters

554
00:25:17,640 --> 00:25:21,030
in have after your name in science we

555
00:25:19,470 --> 00:25:22,680
want to know what your reasons aren't

556
00:25:21,029 --> 00:25:24,839

for believing somehow do you know that

557

00:25:22,680 --> 00:25:28,140

something is good for us or bad for us

558

00:25:24,839 --> 00:25:32,369

an evening with Ben Goldacre homeopathic

559

00:25:28,140 --> 00:25:34,950

hucksters nonsensical naturopaths Andy

560

00:25:32,369 --> 00:25:37,679

intellectual anti-vaxxers slippery

561

00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:40,230

statistician the journalists daring to

562

00:25:37,680 --> 00:25:42,950

declare meets is critically carcinogenic

563

00:25:40,230 --> 00:25:45,809

let's not forget fraudulent

564

00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:47,610

pharmaceutical firms so when the public

565

00:25:45,809 --> 00:25:50,369

is kept in the dark about the

566

00:25:47,609 --> 00:25:53,219

detrimental duplicity of these

567

00:25:50,369 --> 00:25:54,659

declarations how many scientists does it

568

00:25:53,220 --> 00:25:58,140

take to screw in a light bulb that it

569

00:25:54,660 --> 00:26:00,630

illuminates the facts just one dr. ben

570

00:25:58,140 --> 00:26:03,190

goldacre shining light in Australia and

571
00:26:00,630 --> 00:26:06,010
New Zealand this September

572
00:26:03,190 --> 00:26:08,440
an evening with Ben Goldacre is brought

573
00:26:06,009 --> 00:26:10,509
to you by think think the folks behind

574
00:26:08,440 --> 00:26:13,570
the Australian tools of dr. Neil

575
00:26:10,509 --> 00:26:16,839
deGrasse Tyson James the amazing Randi

576
00:26:13,569 --> 00:26:18,700
Steve Wozniak and many more Ben Goldacre

577
00:26:16,839 --> 00:26:21,490
will be speaking in Brisbane Melbourne

578
00:26:18,700 --> 00:26:28,210
Auckland and Sydney and to get your

579
00:26:21,490 --> 00:26:30,789
tickets visit w wa you and i hope to see

580
00:26:28,210 --> 00:26:34,440
you at the sydney talk on sunday the

581
00:26:30,789 --> 00:26:34,440
25th off September

582
00:27:02,420 --> 00:27:07,340
now here's something a very great

583
00:27:04,859 --> 00:27:10,079
concern brought to us by a friend

584
00:27:07,339 --> 00:27:14,429
reasonable Hank at the reason blank blog

585
00:27:10,079 --> 00:27:18,210
which is reasonable Hank dot-com is the

586
00:27:14,430 --> 00:27:20,730
pin up man or should I say the dartboard

587
00:27:18,210 --> 00:27:23,840
pin up man of many anti-vaxxers many

588
00:27:20,730 --> 00:27:25,920
anti-vaxxers loon conspiracy theorists

589
00:27:23,839 --> 00:27:29,369
chiropractor especially the

590
00:27:25,920 --> 00:27:32,700
anti-vaccination ones and alt med

591
00:27:29,369 --> 00:27:35,219
huckster what reasonable Hank is done

592
00:27:32,700 --> 00:27:37,650
now for some months is put up on his

593
00:27:35,220 --> 00:27:40,250
blog the rantings and ravings and

594
00:27:37,650 --> 00:27:45,840
postings online postings of

595
00:27:40,250 --> 00:27:47,430
anti-vaccination nurses and midwives yes

596
00:27:45,839 --> 00:27:49,470
it's hard to believe that there is a

597
00:27:47,430 --> 00:27:52,140
certain percentage for nurses and

598
00:27:49,470 --> 00:27:54,210
midwives who are anti-vaccination who

599

00:27:52,140 --> 00:27:57,000
have bought into the conspiracy theories

600
00:27:54,210 --> 00:28:00,090
and one hates to think what they're

601
00:27:57,000 --> 00:28:02,369
advising young parents now what

602
00:28:00,089 --> 00:28:07,079
reasonable Hank has done is he is not

603
00:28:02,369 --> 00:28:11,189
only named these people he has extensive

604
00:28:07,079 --> 00:28:14,069
pages on them showing their postings

605
00:28:11,190 --> 00:28:16,830
online to great detail on how they are

606
00:28:14,069 --> 00:28:20,490
in fact really anti-vaccination and what

607
00:28:16,829 --> 00:28:22,879
did also is done and I don't know if I

608
00:28:20,490 --> 00:28:25,799
Hank regional Hank set out to do this

609
00:28:22,880 --> 00:28:28,800
it's also turned into somewhat over an

610
00:28:25,799 --> 00:28:32,549
interesting archive interesting in a

611
00:28:28,799 --> 00:28:36,149
morbid sense of anti-vaccination memes

612
00:28:32,549 --> 00:28:37,889
and just clicking on some of the the

613
00:28:36,150 --> 00:28:40,860

screenshots posted by these

614

00:28:37,890 --> 00:28:44,009

anti-vaccination nurses and midwives we

615

00:28:40,859 --> 00:28:46,740

can we can see many many examples of the

616

00:28:44,009 --> 00:28:48,869

memes that their fur posted the screen

617

00:28:46,740 --> 00:28:51,029

captures and I thought I'd read some of

618

00:28:48,869 --> 00:28:53,219

them out to you these are doing the

619

00:28:51,029 --> 00:28:54,779

rounds of the internet and of course we

620

00:28:53,220 --> 00:28:57,809

expect them from the anti-vaccination

621

00:28:54,779 --> 00:28:59,549

zealots out there but if we just don't

622

00:28:57,809 --> 00:29:03,240

expect this sort of thing from people

623

00:28:59,549 --> 00:29:05,629

who really should know better and need

624

00:29:03,240 --> 00:29:09,059

to know better being nurses and midwives

625

00:29:05,630 --> 00:29:11,070

now of course must be a tiny percentage

626

00:29:09,059 --> 00:29:12,139

of nurses and midwives i'm sure the vast

627

00:29:11,069 --> 00:29:14,740

majority

628
00:29:12,140 --> 00:29:19,070
are on board with the science and

629
00:29:14,740 --> 00:29:22,700
wouldn't be so stupid and foolhardy as

630
00:29:19,069 --> 00:29:25,869
to join in the general conspiracy

631
00:29:22,700 --> 00:29:29,779
theories but the ones listed on

632
00:29:25,869 --> 00:29:33,289
reasonable Hank blog appear to be so

633
00:29:29,779 --> 00:29:35,210
here are some of the memes as posted at

634
00:29:33,289 --> 00:29:37,670
various places by these nurses and

635
00:29:35,210 --> 00:29:39,620
midwives here's one it's a lovely

636
00:29:37,670 --> 00:29:43,220
picture at the ocean what does it say

637
00:29:39,619 --> 00:29:47,809
one in every 42 boys now has autism does

638
00:29:43,220 --> 00:29:51,860
one in every 42 boys died of measles ?

639
00:29:47,809 --> 00:29:55,789
there are various postings here for the

640
00:29:51,859 --> 00:29:58,459
vax movie help bring the movie vax from

641
00:29:55,789 --> 00:30:00,649
cover up to catastrophe to australia and

642
00:29:58,460 --> 00:30:03,980
new zealand share and find out group on

643
00:30:00,650 --> 00:30:08,360
facebook oh dear now the one with a a

644
00:30:03,980 --> 00:30:11,210
road sign says vaccine checkpoint ahead

645
00:30:08,359 --> 00:30:13,129
and just scrolling through the the lists

646
00:30:11,210 --> 00:30:16,400
here here's another meme come up posted

647
00:30:13,130 --> 00:30:19,100
by one of these nurses your baby needs

648
00:30:16,400 --> 00:30:22,670
the hepatitis V vaccine in case he

649
00:30:19,099 --> 00:30:25,189
shoots up heroin with a prostitute hmm

650
00:30:22,670 --> 00:30:28,240
charming here's another one a meme that

651
00:30:25,190 --> 00:30:32,960
says the murdering of our daughters

652
00:30:28,240 --> 00:30:35,960
which is ranting about the gardasil

653
00:30:32,960 --> 00:30:38,059
vaccination another one it's quite too

654
00:30:35,960 --> 00:30:42,440
graphic there is a picture of a little

655
00:30:38,059 --> 00:30:45,980
baby lying on a poison sign with lots of

656

00:30:42,440 --> 00:30:48,559
needles stuck all over its body the next

657
00:30:45,980 --> 00:30:51,289
picture along has a man in a in a

658
00:30:48,559 --> 00:30:53,240
chemical hazard suit spraying crops it

659
00:30:51,289 --> 00:30:56,480
would appear and there's another picture

660
00:30:53,240 --> 00:31:00,309
there of a teenager guzzling a hamburger

661
00:30:56,480 --> 00:31:04,160
and the caption is a world gone mad

662
00:31:00,309 --> 00:31:07,309
where this is normal and okay when those

663
00:31:04,160 --> 00:31:09,170
pictures and this is radical and

664
00:31:07,309 --> 00:31:13,730
quackery than the radical in quackery

665
00:31:09,170 --> 00:31:15,019
are organic foods a classic meditation

666
00:31:13,730 --> 00:31:17,170
shot of somebody sitting cross-legged

667
00:31:15,019 --> 00:31:21,470
with their hands over their head and

668
00:31:17,170 --> 00:31:24,080
what appears to be herbs and things

669
00:31:21,470 --> 00:31:25,850
ready to grind into natural medicine I

670
00:31:24,079 --> 00:31:28,819

imagine Oh another one

671

00:31:25,849 --> 00:31:31,849

it's a it's a grandmother and a little

672

00:31:28,819 --> 00:31:33,548

baby but the grandmother is a wolf like

673

00:31:31,849 --> 00:31:37,250

Little Red Riding Hood wolf I guess

674

00:31:33,548 --> 00:31:39,889

grandma your dtap only stops you from

675

00:31:37,250 --> 00:31:42,470

coughing after exposure you still carry

676

00:31:39,890 --> 00:31:45,259

pertussis in your Airways for six weeks

677

00:31:42,470 --> 00:31:47,890

understand the danger with a website

678

00:31:45,259 --> 00:31:50,119

link and we've click over to another

679

00:31:47,890 --> 00:31:53,600

another listing from another one of

680

00:31:50,119 --> 00:31:58,158

these nurses and midwives I is the next

681

00:31:53,599 --> 00:32:00,199

meme as as published has promoted as

682

00:31:58,159 --> 00:32:04,400

well as recycled by one of these people

683

00:32:00,200 --> 00:32:07,069

I am NOT Mandy vaccine I am pro child

684

00:32:04,400 --> 00:32:09,230

pro-family pro community I am Pro

685
00:32:07,069 --> 00:32:12,678
science I am pro research I am pro

686
00:32:09,230 --> 00:32:15,759
health pro well-being prosafety I am pro

687
00:32:12,679 --> 00:32:18,798
government transparency I am pro

688
00:32:15,759 --> 00:32:21,288
pharmaceutical company accountability IM

689
00:32:18,798 --> 00:32:26,329
pro honesty i am pro critical thinking I

690
00:32:21,288 --> 00:32:30,019
am pro freedom in other words they see

691
00:32:26,329 --> 00:32:32,349
his ID vaccinations all this all this

692
00:32:30,019 --> 00:32:34,668
rhetoric they go on about about

693
00:32:32,349 --> 00:32:37,009
pro-freedom and all the rest of it's

694
00:32:34,669 --> 00:32:39,230
just a cover-up that they're crossed

695
00:32:37,009 --> 00:32:42,109
their anti-vaccination I mean the same

696
00:32:39,230 --> 00:32:44,569
one has links to vaccine free Australia

697
00:32:42,109 --> 00:32:47,329
and unvaccinated in Australia and so on

698
00:32:44,569 --> 00:32:51,678
another one they've posted up another

699
00:32:47,329 --> 00:32:54,558
meme has men dressed in riot gear with

700
00:32:51,679 --> 00:32:56,870
lots of needles attacking people on the

701
00:32:54,558 --> 00:32:58,849
street in the background the right truck

702
00:32:56,869 --> 00:33:02,359
says mandatory vaccination and the

703
00:32:58,849 --> 00:33:05,000
lettering says take a long sobering look

704
00:33:02,359 --> 00:33:06,229
into the not-too-distant future there we

705
00:33:05,000 --> 00:33:10,400
go we're going to be tackled to the

706
00:33:06,230 --> 00:33:12,829
ground by riot police with the needles

707
00:33:10,400 --> 00:33:15,200
and another picture has a little baby

708
00:33:12,829 --> 00:33:19,069
crying being taken away by one of these

709
00:33:15,200 --> 00:33:21,110
evil vaccine enforcement police it's

710
00:33:19,069 --> 00:33:23,349
quite amazing Hank reasonable Hank

711
00:33:21,109 --> 00:33:26,029
you've really put together an incredible

712
00:33:23,349 --> 00:33:28,879
archive of these anti-vaccination memes

713

00:33:26,029 --> 00:33:32,089
here's another one top 5 reasons to

714
00:33:28,880 --> 00:33:35,500
vaccinate your kids number one injecting

715
00:33:32,089 --> 00:33:37,470
aluminium and formaldehyde is healthy

716
00:33:35,500 --> 00:33:40,980
too

717
00:33:37,470 --> 00:33:44,210
you never read the package insert three

718
00:33:40,980 --> 00:33:48,900
seizures asthma and allergies are fun

719
00:33:44,210 --> 00:33:52,230
for you don't understand natural human

720
00:33:48,900 --> 00:33:56,090
immunity and five everyone else does it

721
00:33:52,230 --> 00:33:58,710
now what is also on the the website

722
00:33:56,089 --> 00:34:01,589
listed under the the memes and the

723
00:33:58,710 --> 00:34:03,000
postings by these people are references

724
00:34:01,589 --> 00:34:06,058
to such things as the code of

725
00:34:03,000 --> 00:34:07,890
Professional Conduct for midwives well

726
00:34:06,058 --> 00:34:11,250
look I could go on and on and on because

727
00:34:07,890 --> 00:34:13,858

there are so many nurses and midwives

728

00:34:11,250 --> 00:34:16,858
are listed here at the blog but I will

729

00:34:13,858 --> 00:34:18,960
link to this in this week's show notes

730

00:34:16,858 --> 00:34:20,909
or if you visit reasonable hang calm you

731

00:34:18,960 --> 00:34:23,039
can see it for yourself in fact i'll

732

00:34:20,909 --> 00:34:25,200
link directly to the search solar all

733

00:34:23,039 --> 00:34:28,469
these will come up it's quite

734

00:34:25,199 --> 00:34:30,989
eye-opening and it's a little bit scary

735

00:34:28,469 --> 00:34:34,108
to to think that there are people who

736

00:34:30,989 --> 00:34:37,439
should enjoy a great level of respect in

737

00:34:34,108 --> 00:34:39,348
our community who are into the very

738

00:34:37,440 --> 00:34:44,220
conspiracy theory that puts their own

739

00:34:39,349 --> 00:34:46,349
and their own careers in question and

740

00:34:44,219 --> 00:34:48,449
that's putting it lightly but more

741

00:34:46,349 --> 00:34:51,480
importantly it's putting young lives at

742
00:34:48,449 --> 00:34:54,648
risk well done reasonable Hank a very

743
00:34:51,480 --> 00:34:56,679
worrying story indeed

744
00:34:54,648 --> 00:34:58,739
you

745
00:34:56,679 --> 00:34:58,740
you

746
00:35:14,739 --> 00:35:21,429
the skeptic zone live a special live

747
00:35:18,110 --> 00:35:24,289
recording of this very podcast at the

748
00:35:21,429 --> 00:35:27,589
Occidental hotel in Sydney just near

749
00:35:24,289 --> 00:35:30,230
winded station 43 York Street this is

750
00:35:27,590 --> 00:35:33,260
part of skeptics in the pub join me in

751
00:35:30,230 --> 00:35:36,139
the skeptic zone crew for live reports

752
00:35:33,260 --> 00:35:38,780
and interviews prize giveaways on the

753
00:35:36,139 --> 00:35:40,420
night everybody's welcome but for more

754
00:35:38,780 --> 00:35:44,900
information and to reserve your place

755
00:35:40,420 --> 00:35:46,670
visit meetup com /a ust skeptics there

756
00:35:44,900 --> 00:35:49,269
will be a link in this week show notes

757
00:35:46,670 --> 00:35:52,059
see you there at the skeptic zone live

758
00:35:49,269 --> 00:35:57,880
Thursday the sixth of October at the

759
00:35:52,059 --> 00:35:57,880
Occidental hotel starting around 6pm and

760
00:36:21,130 --> 00:36:26,510
joining me now all the way from Turkey

761
00:36:24,650 --> 00:36:28,550
New Mexico I've never been there I'd

762
00:36:26,510 --> 00:36:30,710
like to visit and if I did go to visit I

763
00:36:28,550 --> 00:36:33,860
would certainly visit my old friend van

764
00:36:30,710 --> 00:36:36,530
Radford hello Ben hello there Richard

765
00:36:33,860 --> 00:36:37,880
hello good to see you because that's

766
00:36:36,530 --> 00:36:40,340
what we're doing at the moment through

767
00:36:37,880 --> 00:36:42,710
the wonders of the one is the skype you

768
00:36:40,340 --> 00:36:45,920
got the old skeptical beard happening

769
00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:47,630
man I see yeah you know I figured I need

770

00:36:45,920 --> 00:36:50,269
to look a little distinguished a little

771
00:36:47,630 --> 00:36:52,250
a little bit of gray helps me either

772
00:36:50,269 --> 00:36:53,840
look old or look look intelligent I'm

773
00:36:52,250 --> 00:36:56,000
not sure which you take your pick well

774
00:36:53,840 --> 00:36:58,280
that's why I've been very carefully

775
00:36:56,000 --> 00:37:03,019
dyeing my hair gray for years to give me

776
00:36:58,280 --> 00:37:05,180
that distinguish look I put a little bit

777
00:37:03,019 --> 00:37:08,619
in each year you know nobody notices

778
00:37:05,179 --> 00:37:11,029
they think I'm gently oh well I wish

779
00:37:08,619 --> 00:37:14,239
anyway optical you're skeptical I

780
00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:14,920
haven't seen you since we we saw each

781
00:37:14,239 --> 00:37:16,389
other at the LA

782
00:37:14,920 --> 00:37:18,608
amazing meeting which was the last

783
00:37:16,389 --> 00:37:20,500
amazing meeting and I remember I ended

784
00:37:18,608 --> 00:37:22,239

interviewed you outside because we're

785

00:37:20,500 --> 00:37:24,849

looking for somewhere quiet but there

786

00:37:22,239 --> 00:37:27,189

was constant helicopters it was insane

787

00:37:24,849 --> 00:37:30,039

it was but it was most like you set it

788

00:37:27,190 --> 00:37:31,480

up but I know you didn't I did but that

789

00:37:30,039 --> 00:37:34,239

was a lot of fun that was a lot of fun

790

00:37:31,480 --> 00:37:36,519

we certainly a lament that there will be

791

00:37:34,239 --> 00:37:40,838

no more tams it was a good run for many

792

00:37:36,519 --> 00:37:44,309

years but I'm I've given you a tap today

793

00:37:40,838 --> 00:37:47,289

called you up because there's this

794

00:37:44,309 --> 00:37:49,690

bizarre thing going on which I've seen

795

00:37:47,289 --> 00:37:51,639

on various feeds I haven't paid it too

796

00:37:49,690 --> 00:37:53,650

much attention because it sort of got

797

00:37:51,639 --> 00:37:55,868

lost a little bit in the wash of bizarre

798

00:37:53,650 --> 00:37:57,970

things but it keeps coming up this is

799

00:37:55,869 --> 00:38:00,490

all about and sort of touches on the

800

00:37:57,969 --> 00:38:05,798

paranormal in a strange sort of way this

801

00:38:00,489 --> 00:38:08,199

is all about creepy and bad clowns that

802

00:38:05,798 --> 00:38:12,670

seem to be infesting the United States

803

00:38:08,199 --> 00:38:15,639

now what the hell is this all about it's

804

00:38:12,670 --> 00:38:18,068

a it's a it's actually I honestly is

805

00:38:15,639 --> 00:38:20,108

it's such a complex topics that it would

806

00:38:18,068 --> 00:38:21,489

really probably take me half hour to to

807

00:38:20,108 --> 00:38:23,588

really go into and it's it's a

808

00:38:21,489 --> 00:38:25,000

fascinating topic as as you know I

809

00:38:23,588 --> 00:38:27,489

recently wrote a book about it called

810

00:38:25,000 --> 00:38:29,650

bad clowns yeah and I go into the

811

00:38:27,489 --> 00:38:31,598

history of evil clowns and scary clowns

812

00:38:29,650 --> 00:38:33,010

and in real life and pop culture and

813
00:38:31,599 --> 00:38:34,809
this and that and it was it was just

814
00:38:33,010 --> 00:38:36,339
I've actually had some people who sort

815
00:38:34,809 --> 00:38:38,798
of looked at me sideways and asked me if

816
00:38:36,338 --> 00:38:40,929
I if I've been dressing his clown to

817
00:38:38,798 --> 00:38:43,838
promote my book i said no i have an

818
00:38:40,929 --> 00:38:47,558
alibi I wasn't around at the time you

819
00:38:43,838 --> 00:38:49,509
know ask Richard nobody here's what is

820
00:38:47,559 --> 00:38:51,880
fascinating let me give you sort of a

821
00:38:49,510 --> 00:38:54,339
thumbnail sketch so what's what's been

822
00:38:51,880 --> 00:38:57,039
happening and it's been especially true

823
00:38:54,338 --> 00:39:00,219
over the past but say six weeks or two

824
00:38:57,039 --> 00:39:04,838
months or so is there's been a series of

825
00:39:00,219 --> 00:39:08,199
a clown scary clown creepy clown reports

826
00:39:04,838 --> 00:39:09,548
um and this is actually nothing new as I

827

00:39:08,199 --> 00:39:11,409
talk about in the book and also Loren

828
00:39:09,548 --> 00:39:12,880
Coleman in his book mysterious America

829
00:39:11,409 --> 00:39:15,159
and other people have written about it

830
00:39:12,880 --> 00:39:16,809
as well but there's that there's a

831
00:39:15,159 --> 00:39:20,769
long-standing phenomena of what are

832
00:39:16,809 --> 00:39:22,240
called phantom clowns and and again I

833
00:39:20,769 --> 00:39:24,789
devoted chapter my book to it because

834
00:39:22,239 --> 00:39:28,609
it's such a bizarre fascinating 40 in

835
00:39:24,789 --> 00:39:31,699
topic but basically these are clowns

836
00:39:28,610 --> 00:39:34,130
sort of a rumors of clowns that that

837
00:39:31,699 --> 00:39:36,379
have circulated the the first ones that

838
00:39:34,130 --> 00:39:39,289
were really the really sort of came into

839
00:39:36,380 --> 00:39:41,960
prominence were in the 1980s in 1981 for

840
00:39:39,289 --> 00:39:44,539
example there was a in Massachusetts

841
00:39:41,960 --> 00:39:47,240

there were reports of clowns in a white

842

00:39:44,539 --> 00:39:50,179

van that we're trying to allegedly lure

843

00:39:47,239 --> 00:39:52,309

and abduct children and as you can

844

00:39:50,179 --> 00:39:54,619

imagine this scare people right are

845

00:39:52,309 --> 00:39:56,900

these clowns creeping around children ah

846

00:39:54,619 --> 00:39:59,449

but it was it was interesting because it

847

00:39:56,900 --> 00:40:01,460

when when when police investigated they

848

00:39:59,449 --> 00:40:03,019

never found anything was always it was

849

00:40:01,460 --> 00:40:05,300

always you know they would they would

850

00:40:03,019 --> 00:40:07,460

send squad cars out they investigate and

851

00:40:05,300 --> 00:40:09,650

no one ever saw these clowns except for

852

00:40:07,460 --> 00:40:12,829

children and the vast majority of the

853

00:40:09,650 --> 00:40:15,619

reports were from from from from

854

00:40:12,829 --> 00:40:18,019

children and some of them we know you

855

00:40:15,619 --> 00:40:20,480

know upon investigation we know were

856
00:40:18,019 --> 00:40:22,789
hoaxes right so for example they were

857
00:40:20,480 --> 00:40:26,420
hey there were some where for example a

858
00:40:22,789 --> 00:40:29,179
kid said that he was confronted by a he

859
00:40:26,420 --> 00:40:32,300
was he was going to school with his bit

860
00:40:29,179 --> 00:40:35,359
his backpack of books and he he suddenly

861
00:40:32,300 --> 00:40:38,120
was confronted by a clown with a machete

862
00:40:35,360 --> 00:40:43,309
in one hand and a Uzi machine gun in the

863
00:40:38,119 --> 00:40:45,170
other hand ah now I i find this dubious

864
00:40:43,309 --> 00:40:48,199
for several reasons but let me finish

865
00:40:45,170 --> 00:40:51,619
the story so so apparently what this

866
00:40:48,199 --> 00:40:55,069
brave child did was he threw his bag of

867
00:40:51,619 --> 00:40:57,559
books at this armed clown uh which

868
00:40:55,070 --> 00:41:00,650
terrified the clown apparently the the

869
00:40:57,559 --> 00:41:04,519
bag of school books from this from this

870
00:41:00,650 --> 00:41:06,829
this this pubescent boy was so scared

871
00:41:04,519 --> 00:41:09,759
that was terrifying the clown dropped

872
00:41:06,829 --> 00:41:13,969
his machete and machine gun and ran off

873
00:41:09,760 --> 00:41:15,710
uh now you may be wondering I'm sorry

874
00:41:13,969 --> 00:41:17,809
I've got you could I've got the image in

875
00:41:15,710 --> 00:41:19,849
my head of the funny shoes and scree

876
00:41:17,809 --> 00:41:22,909
scree scree scree nothing exactly right

877
00:41:19,849 --> 00:41:25,819
and police are showing up looking for

878
00:41:22,909 --> 00:41:28,489
like size 48 foot bridge right ha dado

879
00:41:25,820 --> 00:41:30,890
so so when you look at the story you're

880
00:41:28,489 --> 00:41:33,349
like well you know I'm skeptical right

881
00:41:30,889 --> 00:41:35,089
yeah it's like all of a sudden you know

882
00:41:33,349 --> 00:41:37,789
that the kids the hero of the story cuz

883
00:41:35,090 --> 00:41:39,769
he bravely you know shadow you scared

884

00:41:37,789 --> 00:41:41,809
the clear anyway of course I'm not

885
00:41:39,769 --> 00:41:42,500
ruining anything by spy telling you that

886
00:41:41,809 --> 00:41:44,719
he admitted

887
00:41:42,500 --> 00:41:48,199
this this was in fact not true the whole

888
00:41:44,719 --> 00:41:49,819
thing was fake I know but uh but so what

889
00:41:48,199 --> 00:41:52,879
happened was that over over the last

890
00:41:49,820 --> 00:41:54,769
over the next few decades these the

891
00:41:52,880 --> 00:41:56,240
so-called phantom clowns recurred in

892
00:41:54,769 --> 00:41:59,119
different places so there was some in

893
00:41:56,239 --> 00:42:01,339
Massachusetts there's some of Chicago

894
00:41:59,119 --> 00:42:03,799
there were reports in in honduras in

895
00:42:01,340 --> 00:42:06,350
Central America also in in England and

896
00:42:03,800 --> 00:42:09,260
elsewhere great so these the the

897
00:42:06,349 --> 00:42:10,460
so-called phantom clowns again they sort

898
00:42:09,260 --> 00:42:12,890

of they would they would there would be

899

00:42:10,460 --> 00:42:15,409

these this sort of spate of reports or

900

00:42:12,889 --> 00:42:17,659

sightings that would make the news for a

901

00:42:15,409 --> 00:42:18,889

few weeks or maybe even a month and then

902

00:42:17,659 --> 00:42:21,829

sort of fade away and then they would

903

00:42:18,889 --> 00:42:23,869

re-emerge six months later or a couple

904

00:42:21,829 --> 00:42:25,610

years later somewhere else and the the

905

00:42:23,869 --> 00:42:27,739

common thread here was that they were

906

00:42:25,610 --> 00:42:30,530

always near misses there were never

907

00:42:27,739 --> 00:42:33,799

actually any children that were abducted

908

00:42:30,530 --> 00:42:36,590

attacked you know molested killed or

909

00:42:33,800 --> 00:42:38,300

anything of it was it was always near

910

00:42:36,590 --> 00:42:40,519

misses it was always it was almost

911

00:42:38,300 --> 00:42:43,250

always children and they almost always

912

00:42:40,519 --> 00:42:44,719

you know had the story about how and it

913
00:42:43,250 --> 00:42:47,300
was it you know and what happened was it

914
00:42:44,719 --> 00:42:48,889
was essentially a folkloric thing so so

915
00:42:47,300 --> 00:42:50,840
then the rumors started it was basically

916
00:42:48,889 --> 00:42:52,730
schoolyard rumors so some people say

917
00:42:50,840 --> 00:42:54,350
well you know the reason these clowns

918
00:42:52,730 --> 00:42:56,719
are trying to abduct kids is because

919
00:42:54,349 --> 00:42:59,630
they use their they kill the children

920
00:42:56,719 --> 00:43:03,049
use their blood Oh put on ice cream ice

921
00:42:59,630 --> 00:43:07,670
cream topping what now you know again I

922
00:43:03,050 --> 00:43:09,769
I'm like really this is you know and in

923
00:43:07,670 --> 00:43:11,450
it again from a folkloric point of view

924
00:43:09,769 --> 00:43:13,429
it's fascinating because it this

925
00:43:11,449 --> 00:43:16,460
actually traces back to for example the

926
00:43:13,429 --> 00:43:18,379
blood libel rumors that were held

927

00:43:16,460 --> 00:43:21,650
against against the Jews you know

928

00:43:18,380 --> 00:43:23,900
millennia ago so this whole notion that

929

00:43:21,650 --> 00:43:26,119
the blood of innocent children is being

930

00:43:23,900 --> 00:43:28,130
used for nefarious purposes this has a

931

00:43:26,119 --> 00:43:30,619
long tradition and it just happened he

932

00:43:28,130 --> 00:43:34,579
updated in this particular clown context

933

00:43:30,619 --> 00:43:37,250
um so anyway so so this is the this is

934

00:43:34,579 --> 00:43:39,829
the background for the Phantom clowns in

935

00:43:37,250 --> 00:43:41,329
addition to these phantom clowns which

936

00:43:39,829 --> 00:43:46,309
by the way in the book I make analogies

937

00:43:41,329 --> 00:43:48,559
to basically water would circle you know

938

00:43:46,309 --> 00:43:52,849
phantom menaces and examples this would

939

00:43:48,559 --> 00:43:55,039
be Spring Heeled jack or the fit the

940

00:43:52,849 --> 00:43:56,299
phantom gasser of Mattoon or the the

941

00:43:55,039 --> 00:43:59,570

type a slasher and

942

00:43:56,300 --> 00:44:02,360

there's there's a handful of of figures

943

00:43:59,570 --> 00:44:03,769

historical sort of mysteries uh there's

944

00:44:02,360 --> 00:44:05,120

about a dozen or so depending on how you

945

00:44:03,769 --> 00:44:07,750

count them but essentially these are

946

00:44:05,119 --> 00:44:11,059

these tend to be masked figures who are

947

00:44:07,750 --> 00:44:13,699

briefly seen reported usually bye bye

948

00:44:11,059 --> 00:44:16,849

bye children not always but but often

949

00:44:13,699 --> 00:44:18,829

times and but that are said to sort of

950

00:44:16,849 --> 00:44:20,779

Menace people they don't really attack

951

00:44:18,829 --> 00:44:23,090

people for the most part there's there's

952

00:44:20,780 --> 00:44:24,890

very few cases of anyone actually being

953

00:44:23,090 --> 00:44:28,010

killed or injured it's more sort of a

954

00:44:24,889 --> 00:44:31,279

menace or a threat and so I place these

955

00:44:28,010 --> 00:44:34,460

phantom clowns clearly in the context of

956

00:44:31,280 --> 00:44:36,080

this larger group of phantom menace so

957

00:44:34,460 --> 00:44:37,849

anyway so that's that's that's why I

958

00:44:36,079 --> 00:44:40,069

piece it so so that's one that's one

959

00:44:37,849 --> 00:44:42,920

element that's going on the second thing

960

00:44:40,070 --> 00:44:46,190

that's going on is that there have been

961

00:44:42,920 --> 00:44:48,650

a series of real-life people not not

962

00:44:46,190 --> 00:44:50,119

mythological folklore people not you

963

00:44:48,650 --> 00:44:53,660

know mythical entities like slender man

964

00:44:50,119 --> 00:44:55,549

or phantom clouds but real people who

965

00:44:53,659 --> 00:44:59,210

are dressing as clowns trying to scare

966

00:44:55,550 --> 00:45:02,600

people uh actually and this is big going

967

00:44:59,210 --> 00:45:04,539

on for for several years I the first one

968

00:45:02,599 --> 00:45:08,150

that really caught my attention was a

969

00:45:04,539 --> 00:45:11,210

character named Northampton clown and he

970
00:45:08,150 --> 00:45:13,400
was seen in Northampton England and it

971
00:45:11,210 --> 00:45:15,679
was this clown that would appear in

972
00:45:13,400 --> 00:45:19,010
Northampton usually at night just

973
00:45:15,679 --> 00:45:23,029
standing there looking scary waving

974
00:45:19,010 --> 00:45:24,560
waving menace lead to passersby uh and

975
00:45:23,030 --> 00:45:26,360
he didn't attack anyone he didn't hurt

976
00:45:24,559 --> 00:45:28,369
anyone it wasn't kind of weapon but it

977
00:45:26,360 --> 00:45:31,099
was just creepy enough to see a person

978
00:45:28,369 --> 00:45:33,409
in a park or a roadway or a street yeah

979
00:45:31,099 --> 00:45:36,289
it's in the semi-darkness standing there

980
00:45:33,409 --> 00:45:39,889
alone and so what happened was this

981
00:45:36,289 --> 00:45:42,800
Northampton clown character uh he and a

982
00:45:39,889 --> 00:45:44,449
friend began posting photos and on

983
00:45:42,800 --> 00:45:46,310
social media and so they would actually

984
00:45:44,449 --> 00:45:48,019
encourage people hey if you've seen the

985
00:45:46,309 --> 00:45:50,059
Northampton clown take a photo put it on

986
00:45:48,019 --> 00:45:51,769
Facebook page there was actually

987
00:45:50,059 --> 00:45:53,900
Northampton clown facebook page it was

988
00:45:51,769 --> 00:45:55,909
set up and the whole thing turned out to

989
00:45:53,900 --> 00:45:59,180
be basically a publicity stunt for a

990
00:45:55,909 --> 00:46:00,500
filmmaker yeah ah yeah there you go so

991
00:45:59,179 --> 00:46:01,819
anyway so that that was one of the

992
00:46:00,500 --> 00:46:05,090
original ones that was the Northampton

993
00:46:01,820 --> 00:46:06,830
clown and in in later years and I know

994
00:46:05,090 --> 00:46:08,329
because I wrote about this for Discovery

995
00:46:06,829 --> 00:46:10,670
News and life science and other other

996
00:46:08,329 --> 00:46:13,279
other outlets I mean I followed this

997
00:46:10,670 --> 00:46:16,070
very closely so so what would happen is

998

00:46:13,280 --> 00:46:17,690
the the few a few months later in some

999
00:46:16,070 --> 00:46:20,090
cases a year later often right around

1000
00:46:17,690 --> 00:46:21,619
Halloween there would be copycats so

1001
00:46:20,090 --> 00:46:23,510
there was then there was the Staten

1002
00:46:21,619 --> 00:46:24,829
Island clown and then there was there

1003
00:46:23,510 --> 00:46:26,990
were a couple other clowns there were

1004
00:46:24,829 --> 00:46:31,039
there was a spate of clown reports in

1005
00:46:26,989 --> 00:46:32,539
for example in in France in 2014 on one

1006
00:46:31,039 --> 00:46:34,579
hand again you have these phantom clowns

1007
00:46:32,539 --> 00:46:37,670
which are essentially mythological

1008
00:46:34,579 --> 00:46:39,860
legendary menacing creatures that that

1009
00:46:37,670 --> 00:46:42,139
are sort of that are reported but never

1010
00:46:39,860 --> 00:46:44,390
actually seen ever actually caught and

1011
00:46:42,139 --> 00:46:46,789
and and you know air and almost

1012
00:46:44,389 --> 00:46:48,710

certainly not not real that are sent for

1013

00:46:46,789 --> 00:46:51,440

you the product of rumors legend then

1014

00:46:48,710 --> 00:46:54,110

you have people who actually do dresses

1015

00:46:51,440 --> 00:46:55,639

clowns uh but the important the

1016

00:46:54,110 --> 00:46:57,710

important distinction here is that the

1017

00:46:55,639 --> 00:46:59,119

people who've just as clowns when you

1018

00:46:57,710 --> 00:47:01,699

when you actually look what they do uh

1019

00:46:59,119 --> 00:47:02,719

they don't they don't attack anyone for

1020

00:47:01,699 --> 00:47:05,000

the most part I mean there's there's a

1021

00:47:02,719 --> 00:47:06,349

handful it's used copycats it's it's

1022

00:47:05,000 --> 00:47:07,789

people who are just have that's good to

1023

00:47:06,349 --> 00:47:10,039

know yeah yeah they're just having fun

1024

00:47:07,789 --> 00:47:12,289

they're there because the thing it's so

1025

00:47:10,039 --> 00:47:15,829

easy to have this viral story right all

1026

00:47:12,289 --> 00:47:17,300

you need is a clown mask and you know to

1027
00:47:15,829 --> 00:47:18,710
dress up and stain somewhere at night

1028
00:47:17,300 --> 00:47:20,930
wait for someone to photograph you and

1029
00:47:18,710 --> 00:47:22,849
suddenly you're making national news so

1030
00:47:20,929 --> 00:47:25,009
this is the these two factors are at

1031
00:47:22,849 --> 00:47:27,549
play and what happened about six weeks

1032
00:47:25,010 --> 00:47:32,000
ago in in Greenville South Carolina

1033
00:47:27,550 --> 00:47:33,830
their reports of of of these these

1034
00:47:32,000 --> 00:47:35,690
clowns that were allegedly trying to

1035
00:47:33,829 --> 00:47:37,849
lure people behind this this group of

1036
00:47:35,690 --> 00:47:40,670
buildings this is hansel and gretel type

1037
00:47:37,849 --> 00:47:42,380
story the story is that there's there's

1038
00:47:40,670 --> 00:47:44,809
you know there's these apartments in

1039
00:47:42,380 --> 00:47:47,750
Greenville and behind these apart this

1040
00:47:44,809 --> 00:47:50,090
apartment complex through a wooded area

1041
00:47:47,750 --> 00:47:51,679
there's a trail that goes and there's a

1042
00:47:50,090 --> 00:47:53,450
house back in the back in the woods

1043
00:47:51,679 --> 00:47:57,409
again this is straight a Hansel and

1044
00:47:53,449 --> 00:47:59,269
Gretel right and the kids say rumor

1045
00:47:57,409 --> 00:48:01,549
among children is for what that's worth

1046
00:47:59,269 --> 00:48:04,009
but there's a group of clowns that live

1047
00:48:01,550 --> 00:48:06,080
in this house that is you know that is

1048
00:48:04,010 --> 00:48:08,180
down through the woods past death and

1049
00:48:06,079 --> 00:48:11,750
there they and they have been seen

1050
00:48:08,179 --> 00:48:13,399
luring children to them but what's

1051
00:48:11,750 --> 00:48:14,570
interesting what so and you would think

1052
00:48:13,400 --> 00:48:17,630
well what are they learning them with

1053
00:48:14,570 --> 00:48:21,920
you might think candy ice cream pokemon

1054
00:48:17,630 --> 00:48:24,140
cards no no in this case the the claim

1055

00:48:21,920 --> 00:48:24,650
is that they're they're losing children

1056
00:48:24,139 --> 00:48:27,679
with

1057
00:48:24,650 --> 00:48:30,980
big wats of money well that'll do it

1058
00:48:27,679 --> 00:48:33,259
every time he read that or iphone 7 I

1059
00:48:30,980 --> 00:48:36,528
think right exactly so it's this

1060
00:48:33,260 --> 00:48:38,960
fascinating modern twist modern American

1061
00:48:36,528 --> 00:48:40,880
twist on this on this legendary thing

1062
00:48:38,960 --> 00:48:42,108
right and so so you know yo there's

1063
00:48:40,880 --> 00:48:43,730
clowns out there you know they're

1064
00:48:42,108 --> 00:48:45,828
flashing bigs well was when I'm thinking

1065
00:48:43,730 --> 00:48:48,019
number one first of all many kids are

1066
00:48:45,829 --> 00:48:49,818
scared of clowns so if they saw clown

1067
00:48:48,019 --> 00:48:51,259
they're not going to be fooled by their

1068
00:48:49,818 --> 00:48:53,778
stick in a run like hell me sit

1069
00:48:51,260 --> 00:48:55,910

direction so and then you factor it's a

1070

00:48:53,778 --> 00:48:58,219

it's a fascinating story but so what

1071

00:48:55,909 --> 00:48:59,899

happened was was that this is taken very

1072

00:48:58,219 --> 00:49:02,028

seriously because again you know this is

1073

00:48:59,900 --> 00:49:03,380

you have to remember that the initial

1074

00:49:02,028 --> 00:49:05,809

reports are about children and

1075

00:49:03,380 --> 00:49:07,210

oftentimes you know I've I can't tell

1076

00:49:05,809 --> 00:49:11,028

you how many times people say you know

1077

00:49:07,210 --> 00:49:14,690

children don't lie and they have you

1078

00:49:11,028 --> 00:49:16,519

ever seen a child should really about

1079

00:49:14,690 --> 00:49:19,250

all sorts of things for no reason at all

1080

00:49:16,519 --> 00:49:21,710

right the their life it's part of it

1081

00:49:19,250 --> 00:49:23,179

exactly and it's just part of the the

1082

00:49:21,710 --> 00:49:25,190

growing princess right that's where they

1083

00:49:23,179 --> 00:49:28,818

it doesn't mean they're evil it doesn't

1084
00:49:25,190 --> 00:49:31,400
mean there's just what they do all right

1085
00:49:28,818 --> 00:49:34,190
so I might have told the odd whopper

1086
00:49:31,400 --> 00:49:36,230
myself when I was younger I didn't ever

1087
00:49:34,190 --> 00:49:38,329
know now that's that's understandable

1088
00:49:36,230 --> 00:49:40,429
but so in the end that's then that's

1089
00:49:38,329 --> 00:49:42,619
where the adults come along and slowly

1090
00:49:40,429 --> 00:49:45,048
guide them and teach them that what's

1091
00:49:42,619 --> 00:49:47,329
right rock exact all right what now tell

1092
00:49:45,048 --> 00:49:49,038
me a little bit about your book and how

1093
00:49:47,329 --> 00:49:52,818
people can get that because that that

1094
00:49:49,039 --> 00:49:54,410
this it does cover this topic yeah yeah

1095
00:49:52,818 --> 00:49:57,710
I mean that the book is called bad

1096
00:49:54,409 --> 00:49:59,058
clowns I talked with you and Empress

1097
00:49:57,710 --> 00:50:00,679
University of New Mexico press to

1098
00:49:59,059 --> 00:50:02,750
publish it we were going we're trying to

1099
00:50:00,679 --> 00:50:04,278
think should there be a subtitle we went

1100
00:50:02,750 --> 00:50:07,579
back and forth for several weeks said

1101
00:50:04,278 --> 00:50:10,849
what more do you want it's like it's the

1102
00:50:07,579 --> 00:50:13,818
this the title is the subject is bad

1103
00:50:10,849 --> 00:50:16,670
clown that that covers everything it

1104
00:50:13,818 --> 00:50:19,239
goes into historical bad clowns evil

1105
00:50:16,670 --> 00:50:22,400
clowns the psychology of fear of clowns

1106
00:50:19,239 --> 00:50:25,639
there I go into dip clowns that the dunk

1107
00:50:22,400 --> 00:50:28,430
tank clowns mr. punch at the punch of

1108
00:50:25,639 --> 00:50:30,980
duty shows fictional clowns so I I try

1109
00:50:28,429 --> 00:50:33,048
to sort of cover the whole spectrum and

1110
00:50:30,980 --> 00:50:35,420
that the book has been it's been out for

1111
00:50:33,048 --> 00:50:38,059
a couple months now you can get it on

1112

00:50:35,420 --> 00:50:40,820
amazon com local bookstores

1113
00:50:38,059 --> 00:50:43,250
and and it just so happens again it's I

1114
00:50:40,820 --> 00:50:46,100
the the timing could be better you know

1115
00:50:43,250 --> 00:50:47,840
I just it came out again a few months

1116
00:50:46,099 --> 00:50:50,449
ago I'd actually been writing it for for

1117
00:50:47,840 --> 00:50:52,670
about 10 years on and off and it just

1118
00:50:50,449 --> 00:50:54,769
happened that this seemed to be a good

1119
00:50:52,670 --> 00:50:57,639
time to write about bad clowns and boom

1120
00:50:54,769 --> 00:51:00,500
there in the news everywhere else sudden

1121
00:50:57,639 --> 00:51:02,599
bad clowns I wonder what'll be next that

1122
00:51:00,500 --> 00:51:04,909
what a fascinating topic now just before

1123
00:51:02,599 --> 00:51:07,009
we go earlier on in the show of course

1124
00:51:04,909 --> 00:51:09,230
and i know you are listening Ben I know

1125
00:51:07,010 --> 00:51:10,730
you listen to the skeptics in every week

1126
00:51:09,230 --> 00:51:12,530

so you would have heard earlier in the

1127

00:51:10,730 --> 00:51:13,969

show that you're on now I don't think

1128

00:51:12,530 --> 00:51:16,850

that works anyway we were talking to

1129

00:51:13,969 --> 00:51:18,409

sharon hill yes maybe that works in some

1130

00:51:16,849 --> 00:51:20,329

weird universe i don't know we were

1131

00:51:18,409 --> 00:51:22,429

chatting to sharon hill of doubtful news

1132

00:51:20,329 --> 00:51:25,819

now i must say that that interview i did

1133

00:51:22,429 --> 00:51:28,819

with Sharon was recorded earlier last

1134

00:51:25,820 --> 00:51:33,470

week and was just lined up for this

1135

00:51:28,820 --> 00:51:36,200

episode and the latest news from loch

1136

00:51:33,469 --> 00:51:38,119

ness hadn't hit yet but i noticed now at

1137

00:51:36,199 --> 00:51:40,099

doubtful new sharon hill has covered

1138

00:51:38,119 --> 00:51:42,650

this quite well and i'm sure you've been

1139

00:51:40,099 --> 00:51:44,569

made aware of this the mysterious

1140

00:51:42,650 --> 00:51:46,820

photograph the new one coming from loch

1141
00:51:44,570 --> 00:51:49,700
ness you have seen it i think i have in

1142
00:51:46,820 --> 00:51:52,400
fact i wrote a piece for a seeker which

1143
00:51:49,699 --> 00:51:56,809
is formally discovery news online so if

1144
00:51:52,400 --> 00:51:59,119
you if you go to seeker SE e ke are calm

1145
00:51:56,809 --> 00:52:00,739
and you type in Loch Ness or type in my

1146
00:51:59,119 --> 00:52:02,509
name Benjamin Radford you'll you'll find

1147
00:52:00,739 --> 00:52:04,849
the story but yes I I wrote a piece

1148
00:52:02,510 --> 00:52:06,650
about it in fact just yesterday and in

1149
00:52:04,849 --> 00:52:08,210
fact i quote sharon hill whoo-hoo I

1150
00:52:06,650 --> 00:52:10,309
greatly admire and respect she's done

1151
00:52:08,210 --> 00:52:13,369
wonderful work for doubtful news and

1152
00:52:10,309 --> 00:52:16,130
elsewhere and yeah I I came about came

1153
00:52:13,369 --> 00:52:18,319
you know came into the the investigating

1154
00:52:16,130 --> 00:52:21,890
the photograph and looked at the story

1155
00:52:18,320 --> 00:52:25,670
behind it and as Sharon points out you

1156
00:52:21,889 --> 00:52:27,529
know it's it's almost certainly seals or

1157
00:52:25,670 --> 00:52:30,260
possibly order that almost but very

1158
00:52:27,530 --> 00:52:31,519
likely seals are very likely sales yeah

1159
00:52:30,260 --> 00:52:34,310
and it's in it's you know it's

1160
00:52:31,519 --> 00:52:35,780
interesting because you know one of the

1161
00:52:34,309 --> 00:52:38,360
one of the reasons that it's making such

1162
00:52:35,780 --> 00:52:42,350
news is because you know in the world of

1163
00:52:38,360 --> 00:52:44,390
a Bigfoot and and and Loch Ness monsters

1164
00:52:42,349 --> 00:52:47,929
and Yeti almost all the photos are

1165
00:52:44,389 --> 00:52:49,849
blurry bad you know out of focus who

1166
00:52:47,929 --> 00:52:51,858
knows what the hell they are this this

1167
00:52:49,849 --> 00:52:55,130
photograph is different it is it

1168
00:52:51,858 --> 00:52:57,588
is fairly clear and it is it's in focus

1169

00:52:55,130 --> 00:53:00,548
and its brightly lit unfortunately that

1170
00:52:57,588 --> 00:53:04,849
means that we can tell what it is and so

1171
00:53:00,548 --> 00:53:07,400
yeah in this particular case um yeah and

1172
00:53:04,849 --> 00:53:09,140
it's interesting because if you when

1173
00:53:07,400 --> 00:53:11,420
you're looking at it when you're

1174
00:53:09,139 --> 00:53:13,639
analyzing photographs of monsters and

1175
00:53:11,420 --> 00:53:16,039
leged monsters as of course I have for

1176
00:53:13,639 --> 00:53:18,798
many years some independently and in my

1177
00:53:16,039 --> 00:53:20,359
books and with monster talk podcast what

1178
00:53:18,798 --> 00:53:22,909
you find is you have this there's this

1179
00:53:20,358 --> 00:53:26,598
interesting sort of twilight zone in

1180
00:53:22,909 --> 00:53:28,219
which if a photo is to clear then it

1181
00:53:26,599 --> 00:53:29,539
won't it won't be considered mysterious

1182
00:53:28,219 --> 00:53:31,788
because you'll you'll be able to figure

1183
00:53:29,539 --> 00:53:33,680

out what it is if it's if it's if it's

1184

00:53:31,789 --> 00:53:36,769

too blurry if it's if it's too ambiguous

1185

00:53:33,679 --> 00:53:39,199

then you can't tell what it is you're

1186

00:53:36,768 --> 00:53:42,409

some sort of blob so that it has to be

1187

00:53:39,199 --> 00:53:45,379

just ambiguous enough to be tantalizing

1188

00:53:42,409 --> 00:53:47,899

or to be to be to be it has to be just

1189

00:53:45,380 --> 00:53:51,289

yeah there it's there's interesting gray

1190

00:53:47,900 --> 00:53:53,119

area where if it's do clear then then

1191

00:53:51,289 --> 00:53:55,579

it's not mysterious because we can tell

1192

00:53:53,119 --> 00:53:58,220

what it is if it's not clear enough then

1193

00:53:55,579 --> 00:54:00,920

it just you know a blob against you know

1194

00:53:58,219 --> 00:54:03,259

something dark and so so it is there's

1195

00:54:00,920 --> 00:54:05,230

again the it's only a mystery in that

1196

00:54:03,259 --> 00:54:08,088

little son in that little zone there

1197

00:54:05,230 --> 00:54:09,739

we're outside of that it's you know it's

1198
00:54:08,088 --> 00:54:11,989
something that no notices are pay

1199
00:54:09,739 --> 00:54:13,548
attention to and on one end of the

1200
00:54:11,989 --> 00:54:16,190
spectrum and on the other side it's

1201
00:54:13,548 --> 00:54:20,028
obviously you know an order or a deer or

1202
00:54:16,190 --> 00:54:21,829
a seal I didn't really strike me the

1203
00:54:20,028 --> 00:54:24,650
importance of this photograph at first I

1204
00:54:21,829 --> 00:54:26,329
saw it oh and I blew it up on my own

1205
00:54:24,650 --> 00:54:28,849
computer I said are you sure it's a

1206
00:54:26,329 --> 00:54:31,190
co-write could be an order then I had

1207
00:54:28,849 --> 00:54:32,838
you know checked the pictures of co-op

1208
00:54:31,190 --> 00:54:34,999
it's obvious three seals they're just

1209
00:54:32,838 --> 00:54:37,400
playing around that's okay so on that

1210
00:54:34,998 --> 00:54:38,748
point of view I didn't really worry me

1211
00:54:37,400 --> 00:54:40,519
or impress me and I didn't think too

1212
00:54:38,748 --> 00:54:43,098
much more of of it but then upon

1213
00:54:40,518 --> 00:54:45,709
reflection I thought and it alludes to

1214
00:54:43,099 --> 00:54:47,298
what you say it's a wonderful example of

1215
00:54:45,710 --> 00:54:50,210
how photographs down through the years

1216
00:54:47,298 --> 00:54:52,759
were almost undoubtedly of similar

1217
00:54:50,210 --> 00:54:54,139
things from Loch Ness but now the

1218
00:54:52,759 --> 00:54:56,358
photography is getting better and better

1219
00:54:54,139 --> 00:54:58,190
we can clearly see that of course it's

1220
00:54:56,358 --> 00:55:01,068
just some seals playing around i mean

1221
00:54:58,190 --> 00:55:04,519
this one you'd have to be a pretty

1222
00:55:01,068 --> 00:55:05,719
diehard paranormal enthusiasts to to

1223
00:55:04,518 --> 00:55:08,329
think this is anything

1224
00:55:05,719 --> 00:55:10,039
then three or four seals just playing

1225
00:55:08,329 --> 00:55:11,539
around in the water but it's very

1226

00:55:10,039 --> 00:55:14,659
important because it shows us exactly

1227
00:55:11,539 --> 00:55:16,309
that this has no doubt being the case

1228
00:55:14,659 --> 00:55:18,379
for many years right i mean there's

1229
00:55:16,309 --> 00:55:21,980
that's exactly right there's no reason

1230
00:55:18,380 --> 00:55:24,650
to assume that that you that you know

1231
00:55:21,980 --> 00:55:26,630
that the the previous photographs were

1232
00:55:24,650 --> 00:55:28,369
any different I mean it's things on the

1233
00:55:26,630 --> 00:55:30,858
water right it just happened to be that

1234
00:55:28,369 --> 00:55:33,920
the technology and the camera you know

1235
00:55:30,858 --> 00:55:36,440
that the digital I mean there's the

1236
00:55:33,920 --> 00:55:39,680
technology for capturing visual images

1237
00:55:36,440 --> 00:55:42,260
has increased in quality exponentially

1238
00:55:39,679 --> 00:55:44,809
in the past in you know five ten years

1239
00:55:42,260 --> 00:55:45,980
and so it's the same thing you know when

1240
00:55:44,809 --> 00:55:48,108

you when you look at for example the

1241
00:55:45,980 --> 00:55:51,108
evidence for Bigfoot right to this day

1242
00:55:48,108 --> 00:55:52,759
most Bigfoot believers will tell you

1243
00:55:51,108 --> 00:55:55,039
that the best evidence for Bigfoot is

1244
00:55:52,760 --> 00:56:00,230
the patterson-gimlin film which was shot

1245
00:55:55,039 --> 00:56:03,559
in 1967 1967 that's that's how all this

1246
00:56:00,230 --> 00:56:07,309
film is and and you know and the irony

1247
00:56:03,559 --> 00:56:09,440
is that if someone today shot that same

1248
00:56:07,309 --> 00:56:10,759
patterson-gimlin film that the blurry

1249
00:56:09,440 --> 00:56:12,889
image of you know that the creature

1250
00:56:10,760 --> 00:56:15,619
going from right left and yeah in bluff

1251
00:56:12,889 --> 00:56:18,139
creek california if that was shot today

1252
00:56:15,619 --> 00:56:19,700
the quality of the cameras would be such

1253
00:56:18,139 --> 00:56:22,098
that people would recognize it

1254
00:56:19,699 --> 00:56:24,259
immediately it's a guy in a suit it

1255
00:56:22,099 --> 00:56:27,500
looks exactly like a guy in a suit and

1256
00:56:24,260 --> 00:56:30,380
and and but because so so it's it's a

1257
00:56:27,500 --> 00:56:33,260
mistake to sort of to misunderstand the

1258
00:56:30,380 --> 00:56:36,289
poor quality of visual recording

1259
00:56:33,260 --> 00:56:38,390
technology from decades before and and

1260
00:56:36,289 --> 00:56:39,650
and sort of conflate that with with oh

1261
00:56:38,389 --> 00:56:42,500
well back then there were mysterious

1262
00:56:39,650 --> 00:56:44,720
things no back then the cat the

1263
00:56:42,500 --> 00:56:45,980
photography was worse that's why that's

1264
00:56:44,719 --> 00:56:49,279
why we don't know what the hell it is

1265
00:56:45,980 --> 00:56:51,320
which is flying and wait it's causing an

1266
00:56:49,280 --> 00:56:53,330
interesting effect in in the world of

1267
00:56:51,320 --> 00:56:55,789
the paranormal cryptozoology out are you

1268
00:56:53,329 --> 00:56:57,469
because again the the technology is

1269
00:56:55,789 --> 00:57:00,588
getting better and better every year and

1270
00:56:57,469 --> 00:57:02,480
so you know it raises really interesting

1271
00:57:00,588 --> 00:57:04,820
questions for we know what would a

1272
00:57:02,480 --> 00:57:06,829
plausible Bigfoot photo what would a

1273
00:57:04,820 --> 00:57:11,390
plausible messy photo look like in 10

1274
00:57:06,829 --> 00:57:13,279
years uh and because the I and my guess

1275
00:57:11,389 --> 00:57:15,980
is that the the so-called plausible

1276
00:57:13,280 --> 00:57:18,589
images organ or goodness sooner or later

1277
00:57:15,980 --> 00:57:19,670
vanish because there will be no

1278
00:57:18,588 --> 00:57:21,469
plausible images

1279
00:57:19,670 --> 00:57:22,940
because all the ones the quality of the

1280
00:57:21,469 --> 00:57:25,759
cell phone videos and high-definition

1281
00:57:22,940 --> 00:57:27,650
cameras are going to be such that people

1282
00:57:25,760 --> 00:57:30,589
know exactly what it is it can no longer

1283

00:57:27,650 --> 00:57:32,480
be mistaken for a lake monster CMOS for

1284
00:57:30,588 --> 00:57:34,279
a Bigfoot because we now know what it is

1285
00:57:32,480 --> 00:57:36,500
and so there again it goes back to that

1286
00:57:34,280 --> 00:57:40,099
sort of Twilight Zone the ambiguity in

1287
00:57:36,500 --> 00:57:41,539
which mysteries of all are the golden

1288
00:57:40,099 --> 00:57:43,250
year of the paranormal and may be

1289
00:57:41,539 --> 00:57:45,858
slipping behind us I don't know that'll

1290
00:57:43,250 --> 00:57:47,750
be a sad day will it oh I don't know I

1291
00:57:45,858 --> 00:57:51,380
like that old-fashioned stuff i love

1292
00:57:47,750 --> 00:57:52,699
reports of loch ness oh me too well then

1293
00:57:51,380 --> 00:57:54,858
i think one day you'll have to come out

1294
00:57:52,699 --> 00:57:57,318
here to visit australia new zealand and

1295
00:57:54,858 --> 00:58:00,078
we can I don't know we could hunt for

1296
00:57:57,318 --> 00:58:02,058
the Yowie I'd love to yeah we uh yeah

1297
00:58:00,079 --> 00:58:04,339

other monsters that apparently are

1298

00:58:02,059 --> 00:58:06,260

running around running around here in

1299

00:58:04,338 --> 00:58:07,849

Australia although strangely enough I i

1300

00:58:06,260 --> 00:58:09,589

I've noticed over the years when I

1301

00:58:07,849 --> 00:58:11,510

another skeptics turn up the monsters

1302

00:58:09,588 --> 00:58:14,000

seem to run away you scare them Richard

1303

00:58:11,510 --> 00:58:16,069

you scare them and if people want to

1304

00:58:14,000 --> 00:58:18,949

check your website out Ben I think it's

1305

00:58:16,068 --> 00:58:21,739

just Benjamin Radford com it is exactly

1306

00:58:18,949 --> 00:58:23,750

although i would say it in in an

1307

00:58:21,739 --> 00:58:26,179

American accent but it works you the way

1308

00:58:23,750 --> 00:58:29,000

whatever Australian English or American

1309

00:58:26,179 --> 00:58:31,219

English is just it's all the same oddly

1310

00:58:29,000 --> 00:58:32,690

enough it still works and Redford all

1311

00:58:31,219 --> 00:58:35,480

the way from Albuquerque New Mexico

1312
00:58:32,690 --> 00:58:37,809
thank you very much great thanks to be

1313
00:58:35,480 --> 00:58:37,809
on take care

1314
00:58:47,420 --> 00:58:55,800
hey Heidi oh hi Joe hi Heidi oh hi

1315
00:58:52,318 --> 00:58:59,039
Maynard hi Maynard oh hi Joe nice day in

1316
00:58:55,800 --> 00:59:02,880
this park yeah yes great weather oh look

1317
00:58:59,039 --> 00:59:05,460
a unicorn a unicorn there are no such

1318
00:59:02,880 --> 00:59:08,670
things as unicorns silly yes there are

1319
00:59:05,460 --> 00:59:11,159
no there isn't hey ladies what are you

1320
00:59:08,670 --> 00:59:14,608
arguing about Joe thinks unicorns are

1321
00:59:11,159 --> 00:59:18,118
real they fo are let's look this up in

1322
00:59:14,608 --> 00:59:20,400
the skeptics dictionary the word how can

1323
00:59:18,119 --> 00:59:22,710
we do that in this park there are no

1324
00:59:20,400 --> 00:59:25,019
computers here you ladies probably don't

1325
00:59:22,710 --> 00:59:28,108
know about the skeptics dictionary app

1326
00:59:25,019 --> 00:59:31,230
available now for iPhone iPad and iPod

1327
00:59:28,108 --> 00:59:33,210
touch in the App Store yeah we do we've

1328
00:59:31,230 --> 00:59:37,559
been listening to the skeptic zone for

1329
00:59:33,210 --> 00:59:39,750
years you know yes ok the app lets you

1330
00:59:37,559 --> 00:59:43,469
access all the great skeptics dictionary

1331
00:59:39,750 --> 00:59:46,318
articles when you're on the go yeah let

1332
00:59:43,469 --> 00:59:49,230
me look up unicorns oh cool Heidi

1333
00:59:46,318 --> 00:59:51,719
prepare to be proven wrong it says here

1334
00:59:49,230 --> 00:59:55,050
the Unicorn is a creature from fables

1335
00:59:51,719 --> 00:59:56,578
aha actually I see now that someone just

1336
00:59:55,050 --> 00:59:59,280
dumped their ice cream cone on that

1337
00:59:56,579 --> 01:00:01,619
horse's head Thanks yep attention their

1338
00:59:59,280 --> 01:00:03,980
iphone that that's just some guy in his

1339
01:00:01,619 --> 01:00:03,980
undies

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01:00:13,150 --> 01:00:18,278
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1341
01:00:15,849 --> 01:00:21,190
zone and bang you to sharon hill and Ben

1342
01:00:18,278 --> 01:00:23,130
Radford for taking part this week now

1343
01:00:21,190 --> 01:00:26,679
here's a few more little notes before we

1344
01:00:23,130 --> 01:00:29,588
sign out off and away from the skeptic

1345
01:00:26,679 --> 01:00:32,639
zone those people in Australia if you

1346
01:00:29,588 --> 01:00:36,308
have not seen the new movie spin out

1347
01:00:32,639 --> 01:00:40,629
which is currently in wide release it's

1348
01:00:36,309 --> 01:00:43,298
a lot of fun I was a very lucky I went

1349
01:00:40,630 --> 01:00:46,298
to see a special preview last week of

1350
01:00:43,298 --> 01:00:49,358
spin up here in Sydney which was a lot

1351
01:00:46,298 --> 01:00:51,219
of fun Maynard was there too doing lots

1352
01:00:49,358 --> 01:00:52,960
of interviews as main out would a big

1353
01:00:51,219 --> 01:00:54,879
thank you to our Tim Ferguson the

1354
01:00:52,960 --> 01:00:58,990

director the co-director now spin out

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01:00:54,880 --> 01:01:00,940

for having me come along and much

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01:00:58,989 --> 01:01:03,639

appreciated and if you have seen the

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01:01:00,940 --> 01:01:07,179

movie why not head over to Maynard com

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01:01:03,639 --> 01:01:10,449

dot for a special podcast you'll see

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01:01:07,179 --> 01:01:12,669

there behind the scenes of spin out

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01:01:10,449 --> 01:01:14,759

Maynard spent some time on the set as

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01:01:12,670 --> 01:01:17,289

they were filming he interviews the

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01:01:14,760 --> 01:01:20,680

director the co-director Tim Ferguson

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01:01:17,289 --> 01:01:23,650

and many of the stars of the movie check

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01:01:20,679 --> 01:01:27,219

it out Maynard calm got a you for the

1365

01:01:23,650 --> 01:01:30,670

behind the scenes podcast and as I've

1366

01:01:27,219 --> 01:01:32,980

mentioned before our full disclosure I'm

1367

01:01:30,670 --> 01:01:34,630

not getting any special kickbacks or

1368

01:01:32,980 --> 01:01:38,528

deals for mentioning this movie it's

1369
01:01:34,630 --> 01:01:40,778
just nice to help out a friend and also

1370
01:01:38,528 --> 01:01:43,059
I like to support the local film and TV

1371
01:01:40,778 --> 01:01:45,818
industry because I do part time work in

1372
01:01:43,059 --> 01:01:47,559
it from time to time in fact those

1373
01:01:45,818 --> 01:01:49,869
people in Australia if you saw the first

1374
01:01:47,559 --> 01:01:52,599
episode of the new TV series doctor

1375
01:01:49,869 --> 01:01:55,358
doctor right at the beginning of the

1376
01:01:52,599 --> 01:01:57,970
show there was a strange and the CZ

1377
01:01:55,358 --> 01:02:00,369
ologist doing an operation with big

1378
01:01:57,969 --> 01:02:03,098
glasses well that was me now here's some

1379
01:02:00,369 --> 01:02:05,528
exciting news that will be of interest

1380
01:02:03,099 --> 01:02:07,720
if you're in New Zealand the New Zealand

1381
01:02:05,528 --> 01:02:10,298
skeptics have a convention coming up the

1382
01:02:07,719 --> 01:02:12,489
second to the fourth of December in

1383
01:02:10,298 --> 01:02:14,608
beautiful Queenstown for more

1384
01:02:12,489 --> 01:02:19,449
information visit conference dot

1385
01:02:14,608 --> 01:02:22,719
skeptics dot n Z and I'm very lucky

1386
01:02:19,449 --> 01:02:24,759
indeed very fortunate I'll be a one of

1387
01:02:22,719 --> 01:02:26,019
the guest speakers at the convention

1388
01:02:24,760 --> 01:02:28,450
looking forward to that

1389
01:02:26,019 --> 01:02:30,639
enormously it'll be nice to bump into

1390
01:02:28,449 --> 01:02:33,759
some old friends including Susan ger

1391
01:02:30,639 --> 01:02:35,619
Beck who has appeared on the skeptic

1392
01:02:33,760 --> 01:02:37,630
zone from time to time well I'm sure

1393
01:02:35,619 --> 01:02:39,099
I'll be talking about this conference a

1394
01:02:37,630 --> 01:02:41,019
bit more over the next few months and

1395
01:02:39,099 --> 01:02:43,569
hopefully interviewing some of the

1396
01:02:41,019 --> 01:02:46,840
people from New Zealand the New Zealand

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01:02:43,570 --> 01:02:50,200
skeptics all about it if you are in New

1398
01:02:46,840 --> 01:02:52,720
Zealand or if you know people in New

1399
01:02:50,199 --> 01:02:55,599
Zealand some of your new zealand

1400
01:02:52,719 --> 01:03:00,489
facebook friends point them towards

1401
01:02:55,599 --> 01:03:02,019
conference dot skeptics NZ and i'm sure

1402
01:03:00,489 --> 01:03:03,879
we'll have a lot of fun i'm going to be

1403
01:03:02,019 --> 01:03:05,980
bringing some divining rods and we're

1404
01:03:03,880 --> 01:03:09,789
going to be doing some divining tests

1405
01:03:05,980 --> 01:03:13,240
and stuff like that i think i think my

1406
01:03:09,789 --> 01:03:14,610
talk is going to be around the secrets

1407
01:03:13,239 --> 01:03:18,029
of the psychics or something like that

1408
01:03:14,610 --> 01:03:20,950
something like that more news about that

1409
01:03:18,030 --> 01:03:25,510
before long and lastly thank you once

1410
01:03:20,949 --> 01:03:27,359
again to those generous people who show

1411
01:03:25,510 --> 01:03:31,360

their support to the skeptic zone by

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01:03:27,360 --> 01:03:34,660

their monthly or weekly donations via

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01:03:31,360 --> 01:03:38,740

paypal or via patreon then you can sort

1414

01:03:34,659 --> 01:03:40,359

all that out at skeptic zone TV well

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01:03:38,739 --> 01:03:42,969

somebody has to buy may not all those

1416

01:03:40,360 --> 01:03:44,860

cups of coffee and tea but for this week

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01:03:42,969 --> 01:03:51,189

this is Richard Saunders signing off

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01:03:44,860 --> 01:03:52,829

from Sydney Australia you've been

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01:03:51,190 --> 01:03:56,349

listening to the skeptics own podcast

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01:03:52,829 --> 01:03:59,440

visit our website at wwc a petting zoo

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01:03:56,349 --> 01:04:03,309

TV for contacts and archive of all

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01:03:59,440 --> 01:04:05,590

episodes since 2008 and our online store

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01:04:03,309 --> 01:04:08,309

please support the skeptic zone by

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01:04:05,590 --> 01:04:11,320

following us on twitter at skeptic zone

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01:04:08,309 --> 01:04:14,380

liking us on facebook and leaving a

1426
01:04:11,320 --> 01:04:17,260
review on iTunes you can also show your

1427
01:04:14,380 --> 01:04:20,710
support by subscribing via paypal for as

1428
01:04:17,260 --> 01:04:23,050
little as 99 cents a week the skeptic

1429
01:04:20,710 --> 01:04:24,760
zone is an independent production the

1430
01:04:23,050 --> 01:04:26,860
views and opinions expressed on the

1431
01:04:24,760 --> 01:04:29,050
skeptic zone and not necessarily those

1432
01:04:26,860 --> 01:04:33,360
of Australian skeptic League or any

1433
01:04:29,050 --> 01:04:33,360
other skeptical organization

1434
01:04:38,090 --> 01:04:42,059
okay go into a quick edit excuse me from

1435
01:04:40,530 --> 01:04:44,310
in it I got to kick the two cats out

1436
01:04:42,059 --> 01:04:48,150
they've just walked in the climbing over

1437
01:04:44,309 --> 01:05:03,869
okay you two gone you out app not coming

1438
01:04:48,150 --> 01:05:05,760
out alright feed you later you're lovely

1439
01:05:03,869 --> 01:05:08,909
but they decided to walk into the studio

1440

01:05:05,760 --> 01:05:12,590

now to happen to talk to me but you

1441

01:05:08,909 --> 01:05:12,589

probably try to get my attention