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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,099
[Music]

2
00:00:06,160 --> 00:00:11,839
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

3
00:00:09,099 --> 00:00:13,919
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:11,839 --> 00:00:16,969
[Music]

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00:00:13,919 --> 00:00:16,969
[Applause]

6
00:00:22,410 --> 00:00:29,310
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

7
00:00:24,789 --> 00:00:31,899
episode number 493 for the 1st of April

8
00:00:29,309 --> 00:00:35,320
2018 Richardson is here with you from a

9
00:00:31,899 --> 00:00:37,689
very sunny not a cloud in the sky Sydney

10
00:00:35,320 --> 00:00:40,780
Australia and I'm just back from a

11
00:00:37,689 --> 00:00:42,820
wonderful four or five days in Melbourne

12
00:00:40,780 --> 00:00:44,799
staying with my old buddy my old mate

13
00:00:42,820 --> 00:00:47,200
dr. Steve Roberts from the Australian

14
00:00:44,799 --> 00:00:50,709
skeptics I flew down there to continue

15
00:00:47,200 --> 00:00:52,510
the great prediction project because a

16
00:00:50,710 --> 00:00:55,630
lot of the magazines and reference

17
00:00:52,509 --> 00:00:59,439
materials that I needed to look at were

18
00:00:55,630 --> 00:01:00,820
in the State Library of Victoria I've

19
00:00:59,439 --> 00:01:02,649
never been to the State Library of

20
00:01:00,820 --> 00:01:04,599
Victoria before but I'm glad I did this

21
00:01:02,649 --> 00:01:06,700
time a wonderful place very interesting

22
00:01:04,599 --> 00:01:10,689
good place for study in research as you

23
00:01:06,700 --> 00:01:14,320
would might expect and the Steve Roberts

24
00:01:10,689 --> 00:01:15,549
join me for three solid days of research

25
00:01:14,319 --> 00:01:17,829
we've got there in the morning and just

26
00:01:15,549 --> 00:01:19,478
plowed through with a break for lunch

27
00:01:17,829 --> 00:01:24,099
until the late evening for three days

28
00:01:19,478 --> 00:01:27,429
and we ended up sorting through over 900

29

00:01:24,099 --> 00:01:29,049
issues of a magazine called new idea and

30
00:01:27,429 --> 00:01:32,109
Australian listeners will be familiar

31
00:01:29,049 --> 00:01:34,810
with the new idea magazine because in

32
00:01:32,109 --> 00:01:37,329
the pages of those magazines apart from

33
00:01:34,810 --> 00:01:40,209
what your favorite celebrity is doing

34
00:01:37,329 --> 00:01:42,368
now and what your favorite royal is

35
00:01:40,209 --> 00:01:45,579
doing now and what's the latest scandal

36
00:01:42,368 --> 00:01:50,140
and this sort of thing dog stuck up a

37
00:01:45,579 --> 00:01:52,899
tree where psychic predictions over the

38
00:01:50,140 --> 00:01:54,549
years so and so the psychic says this is

39
00:01:52,899 --> 00:01:56,049
what's happening to this favorite royal

40
00:01:54,549 --> 00:01:58,719
or favorite celebrity normally

41
00:01:56,049 --> 00:02:02,009
celebrities a year after year normally

42
00:01:58,719 --> 00:02:06,429
Nicole Kidman for some reason her name

43
00:02:02,009 --> 00:02:08,348

comes up a lot anyway as part of this

44

00:02:06,429 --> 00:02:12,129

week's episode of the skeptic zone a

45

00:02:08,348 --> 00:02:16,119

report on that process as we go to the

46

00:02:12,129 --> 00:02:17,469

library thumb through magazines and see

47

00:02:16,120 --> 00:02:21,789

what we can find out

48

00:02:17,469 --> 00:02:23,500

following that it's a short piece from

49

00:02:21,789 --> 00:02:25,169

the Australian skeptics website about

50

00:02:23,500 --> 00:02:28,169

the

51

00:02:25,169 --> 00:02:30,659

the project I mentioned to you last week

52

00:02:28,169 --> 00:02:32,789

where the Australian skeptics have put

53

00:02:30,659 --> 00:02:33,329

up online every back issue of the

54

00:02:32,789 --> 00:02:34,889

magazine

55

00:02:33,330 --> 00:02:37,380

verse skeptic the journal from

56

00:02:34,889 --> 00:02:40,079

Australian skeptics in PDF form you

57

00:02:37,379 --> 00:02:42,479

might recall that for years we had most

58
00:02:40,080 --> 00:02:45,030
issues up there but the first ten years

59
00:02:42,479 --> 00:02:48,239
just selected articles now we have all

60
00:02:45,030 --> 00:02:50,039
issues apart from the last four which

61
00:02:48,240 --> 00:02:52,370
you need to look at via subscription

62
00:02:50,039 --> 00:02:55,829
it's very cheap though anyway a little

63
00:02:52,370 --> 00:02:57,959
piece about that the whole project from

64
00:02:55,830 --> 00:03:02,550
the Australian skeptics website where I

65
00:02:57,959 --> 00:03:05,039
get to quote myself which is very odd

66
00:03:02,550 --> 00:03:06,630
then to round off the show i chat to

67
00:03:05,039 --> 00:03:10,500
doctor steve roberts in melbourne about

68
00:03:06,629 --> 00:03:12,900
his UFO experiences over the years not

69
00:03:10,500 --> 00:03:15,330
that he's had real UFO experiences but

70
00:03:12,900 --> 00:03:17,219
he has been one of the spokesmen about

71
00:03:15,330 --> 00:03:19,650
ufos for many years from Australian

72
00:03:17,219 --> 00:03:21,870
skeptics and he gives us his opinion on

73
00:03:19,650 --> 00:03:24,239
why there's been such a dramatic decline

74
00:03:21,870 --> 00:03:28,310
in UFO stories and UFO interest really

75
00:03:24,239 --> 00:03:31,140
over the last ten years then we read an

76
00:03:28,310 --> 00:03:34,049
item we also discovered in the library

77
00:03:31,139 --> 00:03:37,018
from a now-defunct magazine or newspaper

78
00:03:34,049 --> 00:03:39,510
in Melbourne called the truth which was

79
00:03:37,019 --> 00:03:44,280
a very young what would call now very

80
00:03:39,509 --> 00:03:47,039
trashy our journal sort of the journal

81
00:03:44,280 --> 00:03:50,400
that used to have page 3 girls and horse

82
00:03:47,039 --> 00:03:53,069
racing as the dominant reason for their

83
00:03:50,400 --> 00:03:55,769
existence and scandalous news and things

84
00:03:53,069 --> 00:03:57,840
like that anyway Steve Roberts was

85
00:03:55,769 --> 00:04:00,420
quoted in this because they ran a story

86

00:03:57,840 --> 00:04:03,019
about crop circles crop circles way back

87
00:04:00,419 --> 00:04:07,469
in 1989 so we'll read you out that story

88
00:04:03,019 --> 00:04:09,420
which includes Steve's comments so a bit

89
00:04:07,469 --> 00:04:12,209
of a different show this week mostly

90
00:04:09,419 --> 00:04:15,708
because I was very busy and away from

91
00:04:12,209 --> 00:04:17,970
the skeptics own Studios to do research

92
00:04:15,709 --> 00:04:21,149
as I mentioned at the top of the show

93
00:04:17,970 --> 00:04:23,910
and as you fully know it's April the 1st

94
00:04:21,149 --> 00:04:27,929
April Fool's Day which had me thinking

95
00:04:23,910 --> 00:04:29,970
in years past it was such a big deal an

96
00:04:27,930 --> 00:04:31,709
April Fool's gag what's what's the April

97
00:04:29,970 --> 00:04:34,169
Fool's joke I mean I'm sure people still

98
00:04:31,709 --> 00:04:36,839
do it but I seem to recall when I was

99
00:04:34,168 --> 00:04:38,939
younger it was a much bigger deal TV

100
00:04:36,839 --> 00:04:41,639

stations and radio stations as

101

00:04:38,939 --> 00:04:43,259

would be broadcasting April Fool's jokes

102

00:04:41,639 --> 00:04:46,740

and trying to fool people in the past

103

00:04:43,259 --> 00:04:49,399

that was a very notable but now you

104

00:04:46,740 --> 00:04:52,470

don't hear much about it I don't think

105

00:04:49,399 --> 00:04:55,319

possibly because there have been cases

106

00:04:52,470 --> 00:04:57,540

of gags and stunts especially pulled by

107

00:04:55,319 --> 00:05:00,779

radio stations which have gone very

108

00:04:57,540 --> 00:05:04,530

wrong and led to tragic outcomes sadly

109

00:05:00,779 --> 00:05:07,829

so I guess this whole idea of gagging

110

00:05:04,529 --> 00:05:10,859

and fooling and trying to score points

111

00:05:07,829 --> 00:05:13,949

over people in that respect is waning in

112

00:05:10,860 --> 00:05:15,720

our culture what do you think is this an

113

00:05:13,949 --> 00:05:17,909

April Fool's gag am I really trying to

114

00:05:15,720 --> 00:05:21,570

fool you you can add your comments to

115
00:05:17,910 --> 00:05:24,000
the episode listing our and Facebook on

116
00:05:21,569 --> 00:05:26,969
the skeptics own Facebook page links at

117
00:05:24,000 --> 00:05:31,250
skeptic zone TV but now it's time for me

118
00:05:26,970 --> 00:05:34,470
to run downstairs have some toast and

119
00:05:31,250 --> 00:05:36,360
cream cheese and I'll try something

120
00:05:34,470 --> 00:05:38,400
different and during one of the lunch

121
00:05:36,360 --> 00:05:41,520
breaks in Melbourne dr. Steve Roberts

122
00:05:38,399 --> 00:05:43,289
and I went down Swanson Street I think

123
00:05:41,519 --> 00:05:46,709
it was found a lovely Japanese

124
00:05:43,290 --> 00:05:50,160
restaurant very authentic and on the

125
00:05:46,709 --> 00:05:53,129
table was a little grinder a little mill

126
00:05:50,160 --> 00:05:56,270
with sesame seeds in it and that was

127
00:05:53,129 --> 00:06:00,659
fantastic so we were able to put

128
00:05:56,269 --> 00:06:04,109
ground-up sesame seeds on our lunch

129
00:06:00,660 --> 00:06:06,030
order so impressed were we we hurried

130
00:06:04,110 --> 00:06:08,449
down the street after lunch found the

131
00:06:06,029 --> 00:06:11,989
store selling them and bought a couple

132
00:06:08,449 --> 00:06:15,149
run downstairs and grind my sesame seeds

133
00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:16,180
while I do that I hope you enjoy the

134
00:06:15,149 --> 00:06:40,539
skeptic zone

135
00:06:16,180 --> 00:06:40,540
[Music]

136
00:06:42,250 --> 00:06:49,279
I'm stepping off the train here at

137
00:06:44,660 --> 00:06:50,720
Melbourne Central and with skeptic Steve

138
00:06:49,279 --> 00:06:53,989
Robert Steve we're making our way

139
00:06:50,720 --> 00:06:55,870
somehow in this maze we're making our

140
00:06:53,990 --> 00:06:59,918
way to the State Library to continue

141
00:06:55,870 --> 00:07:01,509
researching the great prediction project

142
00:06:59,918 --> 00:07:03,829
that's it all right

143

00:07:01,509 --> 00:07:05,810
I'm very busy here in Melbourne today

144
00:07:03,829 --> 00:07:09,198
now I've come to Melbourne because the

145
00:07:05,810 --> 00:07:12,579
state library here in Melbourne has back

146
00:07:09,199 --> 00:07:15,949
issues of a magazine called new idea

147
00:07:12,579 --> 00:07:18,649
which I guess I believe would have been

148
00:07:15,949 --> 00:07:21,139
vaguely or generally categorized under

149
00:07:18,649 --> 00:07:23,329
the women's interest group of magazines

150
00:07:21,139 --> 00:07:26,300
although these days I'm not sure if

151
00:07:23,329 --> 00:07:28,008
that's a term you would you would use I

152
00:07:26,300 --> 00:07:29,930
think you get the idea either other

153
00:07:28,009 --> 00:07:32,780
magazines like this include the

154
00:07:29,930 --> 00:07:36,650
Australian Women's Weekly Woman's Day

155
00:07:32,779 --> 00:07:39,168
magazine mega serve various others over

156
00:07:36,649 --> 00:07:41,359
the years but these magazines are the

157
00:07:39,168 --> 00:07:43,098

sort of magazine that have predictions

158

00:07:41,360 --> 00:07:45,919

psychic predictions psychic columns

159

00:07:43,098 --> 00:07:47,899

every every issue has a psychic two or

160

00:07:45,918 --> 00:07:51,469

three circuit columns but every now and

161

00:07:47,899 --> 00:07:54,679

then they will predict things and we've

162

00:07:51,470 --> 00:07:56,180

gone way back to issues in 1999 and

163

00:07:54,680 --> 00:08:00,019

we're going right through the years to

164

00:07:56,180 --> 00:08:02,120

the present day it's a better solid

165

00:08:00,019 --> 00:08:04,430

three-day job two of us poring over

166

00:08:02,120 --> 00:08:08,930

hundreds upon hundreds of issues of the

167

00:08:04,430 --> 00:08:10,459

magazine and extracting the pages well

168

00:08:08,930 --> 00:08:13,189

photographing the pages with the

169

00:08:10,459 --> 00:08:15,978

predictions for my card on the machine

170

00:08:13,189 --> 00:08:18,079

here to get out and then it's a matter

171

00:08:15,978 --> 00:08:20,000

of looking at those predictions trying

172
00:08:18,079 --> 00:08:22,500
to make sense of them putting them into

173
00:08:20,000 --> 00:08:27,199
the spreadsheet and

174
00:08:22,500 --> 00:08:31,620
when we go hello up here yeah all right

175
00:08:27,199 --> 00:08:33,569
this escalator I must say I'm very

176
00:08:31,620 --> 00:08:35,009
impressed of the State Library of

177
00:08:33,570 --> 00:08:37,050
Victoria I think it's a wonderful place

178
00:08:35,009 --> 00:08:39,779
it's a good for research and know the

179
00:08:37,049 --> 00:08:41,699
old building very historic yeah and all

180
00:08:39,779 --> 00:08:42,870
you have to do is go online which is

181
00:08:41,700 --> 00:08:46,080
quite easy oh we've got someone coming

182
00:08:42,870 --> 00:08:49,769
up and put in the magazines you're

183
00:08:46,080 --> 00:08:52,470
requesting in this case the new idea the

184
00:08:49,769 --> 00:08:54,509
year and the months and so on and ten

185
00:08:52,470 --> 00:08:56,610
minutes later they just appear magically

186
00:08:54,509 --> 00:08:59,279
on a shelf we collect them and start

187
00:08:56,610 --> 00:09:02,330
pouring through them it's a good system

188
00:08:59,279 --> 00:09:04,649
but this is certainly a long project I

189
00:09:02,330 --> 00:09:08,550
originally thought this project would

190
00:09:04,649 --> 00:09:10,379
just take me last year to do yeah but as

191
00:09:08,549 --> 00:09:12,599
the project went on and hundreds and

192
00:09:10,379 --> 00:09:15,299
hundreds of predictions came in through

193
00:09:12,600 --> 00:09:18,139
lots of research yeah it's turning into

194
00:09:15,299 --> 00:09:18,139
a monster Oh

195
00:09:19,480 --> 00:09:23,220
we're just coming up the escalators here

196
00:09:21,309 --> 00:09:26,139
at Melbourne central train station

197
00:09:23,220 --> 00:09:29,470
beneath a glorious historical shock

198
00:09:26,139 --> 00:09:32,559
tower which is now enclosed under a huge

199
00:09:29,470 --> 00:09:35,070
glass dome it's quite impressive it's

200

00:09:32,559 --> 00:09:35,069
beautiful

201
00:09:35,840 --> 00:09:42,889
oh well on to the library we've worked

202
00:09:41,149 --> 00:09:45,169
our way up to the street level here

203
00:09:42,889 --> 00:09:48,429
there goes a Melbourne tram right in

204
00:09:45,169 --> 00:09:50,809
front of it and there it is

205
00:09:48,429 --> 00:09:54,319
directly across from the State Library

206
00:09:50,809 --> 00:09:59,179
of Victoria beautifully beautiful

207
00:09:54,320 --> 00:10:01,940
glorious sunny day here in Melbourne yes

208
00:09:59,179 --> 00:10:04,039
for the police oh yeah the police here

209
00:10:01,940 --> 00:10:05,540
see the Sun perks to be your skipped if

210
00:10:04,039 --> 00:10:14,480
you get to do strange things like come

211
00:10:05,539 --> 00:10:16,129
to Melbourne to do research I can come

212
00:10:14,480 --> 00:10:18,909
to Melbourne anyway this is Swanson

213
00:10:16,129 --> 00:10:21,710
street with parsley on our crossing over

214
00:10:18,909 --> 00:10:25,899

we're holding up the trams earlier all

215

00:10:21,710 --> 00:10:25,900

right there

216

00:10:27,700 --> 00:10:35,110

Steve's just pointing out a work of art

217

00:10:29,649 --> 00:10:37,689

to me here it looks like a sunken plinth

218

00:10:35,110 --> 00:10:39,029

yeah right into the pavement it all

219

00:10:37,690 --> 00:10:42,670

right

220

00:10:39,029 --> 00:10:46,120

let's walk past the statue this statue

221

00:10:42,669 --> 00:10:47,740

over here the dragon son George and the

222

00:10:46,120 --> 00:10:52,659

dragon statues there's a Joan of Arc

223

00:10:47,740 --> 00:10:58,149

statue which is odd there you go

224

00:10:52,659 --> 00:10:59,559

a surplus Joan of Arc statute or what

225

00:10:58,149 --> 00:11:01,929

are we going to do with this Joan of Arc

226

00:10:59,559 --> 00:11:04,139

statue oh it's the Australians that's

227

00:11:01,929 --> 00:11:07,509

right

228

00:11:04,139 --> 00:11:10,090

and okay we're walking up the main steps

229

00:11:07,509 --> 00:11:12,819
here now off the street up into the

230

00:11:10,090 --> 00:11:18,360
library it's off there's a giant statue

231

00:11:12,820 --> 00:11:24,129
of Sir Edmund berry very impressive no

232

00:11:18,360 --> 00:11:27,399
no the looking man some more steps Joan

233

00:11:24,129 --> 00:11:30,990
of Arc is on our right and some George

234

00:11:27,399 --> 00:11:30,990
and the dragon are on our left

235

00:11:31,820 --> 00:11:38,270
we're walking now under the giant

236

00:11:34,039 --> 00:11:46,789
columns to enter the front door of the

237

00:11:38,269 --> 00:11:56,449
library here we go into the through the

238

00:11:46,789 --> 00:12:04,149
glass door okay not many ppl just open

239

00:11:56,450 --> 00:12:04,150
yeah through the security gates very

240

00:12:05,649 --> 00:12:10,610
into the Information Center which is the

241

00:12:08,649 --> 00:12:16,039
where they have the tables in the

242

00:12:10,610 --> 00:12:17,450
research area here we are it's not too

243
00:12:16,039 --> 00:12:23,149
many people here at the moment which is

244
00:12:17,450 --> 00:12:28,270
good and let's see if we can find a good

245
00:12:23,149 --> 00:12:28,269
place to plonk ourselves

246
00:12:35,149 --> 00:12:39,809
yeah tables fine in fact why don't we

247
00:12:37,679 --> 00:12:44,549
take that far table over there it's near

248
00:12:39,809 --> 00:12:47,059
where the magazines are anyway and right

249
00:12:44,549 --> 00:12:55,039
oh good we've got a table to themselves

250
00:12:47,059 --> 00:12:57,059
if I walk back here to the shelf nothing

251
00:12:55,039 --> 00:13:01,019
nothing no they're not waiting for it

252
00:12:57,059 --> 00:13:01,379
are these them Roberts here it is found

253
00:13:01,019 --> 00:13:04,740
it

254
00:13:01,379 --> 00:13:09,019
yep it's on the wrong shelf I'll take

255
00:13:04,740 --> 00:13:13,129
these two volumes they're huge volumes

256
00:13:09,019 --> 00:13:20,100
bound and leather of all the back issues

257

00:13:13,129 --> 00:13:26,759
of the new idea magazine so here we go

258
00:13:20,100 --> 00:13:33,320
let's see ah so this one at random I've

259
00:13:26,759 --> 00:13:33,319
got is September October 2006 Wow

260
00:13:34,698 --> 00:13:42,208
so the process is you open the magazine

261
00:13:39,208 --> 00:13:43,588
you go straight to the front page you

262
00:13:42,208 --> 00:13:45,958
look at the front page to see if there's

263
00:13:43,589 --> 00:13:48,329
anything on it that says something along

264
00:13:45,958 --> 00:13:51,349
the lines of the psychic predictions for

265
00:13:48,328 --> 00:13:55,500
the year or something Sting's

266
00:13:51,350 --> 00:13:58,620
okay more yet and then go to the index

267
00:13:55,500 --> 00:14:01,708
page so here we are index page is about

268
00:13:58,620 --> 00:14:04,679
three or four pages in and quickly

269
00:14:01,708 --> 00:14:06,768
scanning the whole index if anything

270
00:14:04,679 --> 00:14:10,169
jumping out like psychic predictions or

271
00:14:06,769 --> 00:14:11,490

are UFOs or monsters or anything like

272

00:14:10,169 --> 00:14:13,379

that we have a look at that page

273

00:14:11,490 --> 00:14:17,149

otherwise it's straight to the back

274

00:14:13,379 --> 00:14:19,799

section which is normally after page 100

275

00:14:17,149 --> 00:14:22,409

here in the index that says your spirit

276

00:14:19,799 --> 00:14:23,789

psychic answers and weekly stars and

277

00:14:22,409 --> 00:14:26,639

it's always worth looking at that

278

00:14:23,789 --> 00:14:29,399

quickly for sometimes predictions for

279

00:14:26,639 --> 00:14:33,269

celebrities pop up there other things

280

00:14:29,399 --> 00:14:37,039

like that and once we find something we

281

00:14:33,269 --> 00:14:37,039

want photograph and

282

00:14:37,340 --> 00:14:42,889

labeled so we know who made the

283

00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:44,870

prediction and when and so on and so on

284

00:14:42,889 --> 00:14:50,240

well Steve we've got a day's work ahead

285

00:14:44,870 --> 00:14:52,720

of us you ordered the 1945 Omega zero

286
00:14:50,240 --> 00:14:52,720
that'll help

287
00:14:58,210 --> 00:15:01,750
well we're a couple of hours into it

288
00:15:00,710 --> 00:15:05,210
this morning

289
00:15:01,750 --> 00:15:08,120
not not too many things are coming up

290
00:15:05,210 --> 00:15:11,540
the odd prediction here and there and

291
00:15:08,120 --> 00:15:14,110
the odd story involving psychics but one

292
00:15:11,539 --> 00:15:16,480
of the current

293
00:15:14,110 --> 00:15:17,700
people contributing to the issues in

294
00:15:16,480 --> 00:15:22,180
where are we

295
00:15:17,700 --> 00:15:23,920
2007 of new idea looking at is a an

296
00:15:22,179 --> 00:15:24,338
astrologer by the name of Karen Moore

297
00:15:23,919 --> 00:15:27,569
gold

298
00:15:24,339 --> 00:15:30,730
and most of this stuff's pretty

299
00:15:27,570 --> 00:15:32,920
lightweight I suppose Scorpio for

300
00:15:30,730 --> 00:15:35,250
example you'll have to think on your

301
00:15:32,919 --> 00:15:38,469
feet respond in the moment and avoid

302
00:15:35,250 --> 00:15:40,720
trying to plan too far ahead with an

303
00:15:38,470 --> 00:15:43,360
unusual undertaking or issue with your

304
00:15:40,720 --> 00:15:46,180
children this sort of stuff very um

305
00:15:43,360 --> 00:15:48,278
nondescript but she does make celebrity

306
00:15:46,179 --> 00:15:49,838
predictions but uh most of them are

307
00:15:48,278 --> 00:15:54,519
unusable because they're they're more

308
00:15:49,839 --> 00:16:00,180
like personality readings really here's

309
00:15:54,519 --> 00:16:04,049
a good example this is from August 2007

310
00:16:00,179 --> 00:16:09,189
her predictions from Michael Jackson

311
00:16:04,049 --> 00:16:12,699
intense obsessive erratic secretive born

312
00:16:09,190 --> 00:16:13,570
on August 29th 1958 Michael Jackson has

313
00:16:12,700 --> 00:16:15,399
a horoscope

314

00:16:13,570 --> 00:16:17,649
that's a blend of extreme elements

315
00:16:15,399 --> 00:16:21,100
reflecting the complexity originality

316
00:16:17,649 --> 00:16:24,399
and contradictions in his nature he has

317
00:16:21,100 --> 00:16:27,040
flashes of genius and grand visions but

318
00:16:24,399 --> 00:16:30,399
reality and imagination also become

319
00:16:27,039 --> 00:16:35,278
blurred his gentle moon in Pisces really

320
00:16:30,399 --> 00:16:35,278
doesn't want to hurt anyone or anything

321
00:16:35,659 --> 00:16:40,240
so I'm not even going to bother adding

322
00:16:38,090 --> 00:16:42,500
that to the catalogue because that's

323
00:16:40,240 --> 00:16:44,149
what can you do with them it's

324
00:16:42,500 --> 00:16:47,240
completely vague but that's a problem

325
00:16:44,149 --> 00:16:48,019
with a lot of these so-called

326
00:16:47,240 --> 00:16:53,830
predictions

327
00:16:48,019 --> 00:16:53,829
well many more many more pages to go

328
00:16:54,490 --> 00:17:00,590

contrary to popular belief not all

329

00:16:56,720 --> 00:17:02,330

libraries are quiet this one seems to

330

00:17:00,590 --> 00:17:03,950

tolerate a certain amount of talking and

331

00:17:02,330 --> 00:17:05,600

noise which is okay it's not too

332

00:17:03,950 --> 00:17:07,910

distracting there's a tour guide in here

333

00:17:05,599 --> 00:17:09,409

at the moment so the two of God is

334

00:17:07,910 --> 00:17:12,890

busily telling everybody about the

335

00:17:09,410 --> 00:17:16,339

wonders of the library just looking

336

00:17:12,890 --> 00:17:18,230

through all these magazines and of

337

00:17:16,338 --> 00:17:20,208

course one of the regular features under

338

00:17:18,230 --> 00:17:23,289

the psychics and clairvoyant directory

339

00:17:20,209 --> 00:17:29,180

section really adds the paid advertising

340

00:17:23,289 --> 00:17:32,809

for mostly almost exclusively I think

341

00:17:29,180 --> 00:17:35,690

dial-up psychic lines absolute soul

342

00:17:32,809 --> 00:17:38,889

secrets 24 hours for your convenience

343
00:17:35,690 --> 00:17:41,950
psychic readings with Archangel Michael

344
00:17:38,890 --> 00:17:44,300
yeah it's pretty exclusive in them

345
00:17:41,950 --> 00:17:48,460
destinies spiritual psychics

346
00:17:44,299 --> 00:17:48,460
international world-class psychics

347
00:17:48,579 --> 00:17:54,609
although the word psychic is spelt

348
00:17:52,609 --> 00:17:56,779
psychic with an apostrophe s at the end

349
00:17:54,609 --> 00:18:03,219
international world-class psychic

350
00:17:56,779 --> 00:18:03,220
psychic posh PS figure that one out

351
00:18:04,099 --> 00:18:10,509
melissa's and genuine psychics but she's

352
00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:16,160
letting us know they're genuine

353
00:18:10,509 --> 00:18:19,190
Christopher's angelic mediums another

354
00:18:16,160 --> 00:18:21,590
one's psychic secrets unbelievable

355
00:18:19,190 --> 00:18:25,820
from only a dollar 95 a minute well it's

356
00:18:21,589 --> 00:18:27,740
more expensive than that now here's

357
00:18:25,819 --> 00:18:32,589
another one current top 10 clairvoyance

358
00:18:27,740 --> 00:18:32,589
in Australia whoever they were or our

359
00:18:33,099 --> 00:18:38,058
holy videos it's all there

360
00:18:35,839 --> 00:18:39,709
a break-in now our study our research

361
00:18:38,058 --> 00:18:41,418
brings us to the top level of the

362
00:18:39,710 --> 00:18:43,880
library which is much bigger than I

363
00:18:41,419 --> 00:18:46,159
thought delivery's huge where they have

364
00:18:43,880 --> 00:18:48,980
on display here behind this glass

365
00:18:46,159 --> 00:18:50,330
cabinet is the actual armor worn by

366
00:18:48,980 --> 00:18:53,839
Ritter red Kelly

367
00:18:50,329 --> 00:18:56,599
Ned Kelly Kelly is the actual armor worn

368
00:18:53,839 --> 00:18:59,329
by Ned Kelly Ned Kelly's our right in

369
00:18:56,599 --> 00:19:02,480
front of us with a boot yeah hurry one

370
00:18:59,329 --> 00:19:04,579
here to hop he had to he he was

371

00:19:02,480 --> 00:19:09,349
certainly caught on up and we can see

372
00:19:04,579 --> 00:19:12,668
where the armor has bullet marks from

373
00:19:09,349 --> 00:19:12,668
the police firing at him

374
00:19:13,609 --> 00:19:20,209
it's it's quite interesting to see this

375
00:19:17,089 --> 00:19:21,589
suit Obama because being Australian you

376
00:19:20,210 --> 00:19:23,569
sort of know about this all your life

377
00:19:21,589 --> 00:19:26,319
Ned Kelly any suit of armor but to see

378
00:19:23,569 --> 00:19:26,319
the real thing

379
00:19:26,730 --> 00:19:33,450
an unexpected surprise here in the

380
00:19:30,569 --> 00:19:36,769
Melbourne the State Library of Victoria

381
00:19:33,450 --> 00:19:36,769
in Melbourne

382
00:19:37,390 --> 00:19:42,280
it's many hours later it's nearly 6

383
00:19:39,400 --> 00:19:44,019
o'clock in the evening of us count of

384
00:19:42,279 --> 00:19:45,519
how many issues we've gone through we've

385
00:19:44,019 --> 00:19:48,039

ordered all the remaining ones we need

386

00:19:45,519 --> 00:19:50,379

on a trolley and there are many to go

387

00:19:48,039 --> 00:19:56,289

through yet we're somewhere in the

388

00:19:50,380 --> 00:19:58,270

middle of the 2011 at the moment and we

389

00:19:56,289 --> 00:20:02,379

noticed that now this magazine new idea

390

00:19:58,269 --> 00:20:04,240

of hired Alison devar and John Edward to

391

00:20:02,380 --> 00:20:06,270

give advice and they also have a destiny

392

00:20:04,240 --> 00:20:09,548

page and this is an interesting one

393

00:20:06,269 --> 00:20:12,250

wills and Kate lines don't lie it's all

394

00:20:09,548 --> 00:20:13,389

about their palm prints well I suppose

395

00:20:12,250 --> 00:20:17,589

they waive enough so they've got

396

00:20:13,390 --> 00:20:20,470

photographs see the different psychics

397

00:20:17,589 --> 00:20:22,240

come and go from the magazine or their

398

00:20:20,470 --> 00:20:25,120

column gets short small or the smaller

399

00:20:22,240 --> 00:20:27,298

they finally vanish you know yeah and

400
00:20:25,119 --> 00:20:35,459
some come for a few issues and disappear

401
00:20:27,298 --> 00:20:45,900
it's interesting and the survey I

402
00:20:35,460 --> 00:20:46,110
have met a ghost and we go done for the

403
00:20:45,900 --> 00:20:48,120
day

404
00:20:46,109 --> 00:20:51,869
done for the day out we go through the

405
00:20:48,119 --> 00:20:53,289
same the same doorway under the same

406
00:20:51,869 --> 00:20:54,609
columns

407
00:20:53,289 --> 00:20:58,990
[Music]

408
00:20:54,609 --> 00:21:00,069
the sun's going down son George and Joan

409
00:20:58,990 --> 00:21:03,819
of Arc are still there and the

410
00:21:00,069 --> 00:21:05,919
skateboard is a skating bastard so it's

411
00:21:03,819 --> 00:21:07,839
not bad being skeptical research Steve

412
00:21:05,920 --> 00:21:09,730
it's interesting first good fun you get

413
00:21:07,839 --> 00:21:12,549
some nice places in Melville and have a

414
00:21:09,730 --> 00:21:15,579
nice lunch and look looks who new idea

415
00:21:12,549 --> 00:21:18,369
magazine read all about Tom Cruise and

416
00:21:15,579 --> 00:21:22,149
Nicole Kidman and Prince William and

417
00:21:18,369 --> 00:21:23,949
Kate and Camilla in northern normal what

418
00:21:22,150 --> 00:21:26,140
I see there's only about twenty or

419
00:21:23,950 --> 00:21:29,650
thirty people who ever figure in it the

420
00:21:26,140 --> 00:21:30,730
same people come round and round I think

421
00:21:29,650 --> 00:21:33,370
they're the people they know the phone

422
00:21:30,730 --> 00:21:35,110
numbers off I think you're right and now

423
00:21:33,369 --> 00:21:37,599
it's time to go home and crack open a

424
00:21:35,109 --> 00:21:39,639
nice bottle bread I reckon yeah to the

425
00:21:37,599 --> 00:21:42,179
strains of mark who's the busker hello

426
00:21:39,640 --> 00:21:42,180
Marcus

427
00:21:44,569 --> 00:22:07,509
[Music]

428

00:22:12,028 --> 00:22:19,148
dr. Harriet Hall MD no into thousands as

429
00:22:16,118 --> 00:22:22,269
the skeptic a retired family physician

430
00:22:19,148 --> 00:22:24,338
and former Air Force flight surgeon she

431
00:22:22,269 --> 00:22:26,038
writes about medicine so-called

432
00:22:24,338 --> 00:22:29,908
complementary and alternative medicine

433
00:22:26,038 --> 00:22:33,009
science pakery and critical thinking

434
00:22:29,909 --> 00:22:35,259
Harriet now has a free course a series

435
00:22:33,009 --> 00:22:38,618
of 10 video lectures on science-based

436
00:22:35,259 --> 00:22:40,628
medicine and alternative medicine the

437
00:22:38,618 --> 00:22:42,759
videos and an accompanying course guide

438
00:22:40,628 --> 00:22:47,558
can be found by following the link at

439
00:22:42,759 --> 00:22:52,199
skeptic info or by visiting web brandy

440
00:22:47,558 --> 00:22:55,949
org slash educational - modules dot

441
00:22:52,199 --> 00:22:58,179
html' topics covered in the series are

442
00:22:55,949 --> 00:22:59,589

science-based medicine vs.

443

00:22:58,179 --> 00:23:03,209
evidence-based medicine

444

00:22:59,588 --> 00:23:06,489
what is Kam chiropractic acupuncture

445

00:23:03,209 --> 00:23:09,278
homeopathy naturopathy and herbal

446

00:23:06,489 --> 00:23:12,009
medicine energy medicine miscellaneous

447

00:23:09,278 --> 00:23:14,979
alternatives pitfalls in research and

448

00:23:12,009 --> 00:23:16,499
science based medicine in the media and

449

00:23:14,979 --> 00:23:18,909
politics

450

00:23:16,499 --> 00:23:21,338
Harriett covers each topic in a

451

00:23:18,909 --> 00:23:24,609
matter-of-fact no-nonsense way that

452

00:23:21,338 --> 00:23:26,710
shorter educate and entertain skeptic

453

00:23:24,608 --> 00:23:42,629
dot info

454

00:23:26,710 --> 00:23:42,630
[Music]

455

00:23:44,630 --> 00:23:51,840
you might remember last week I told you

456

00:23:48,048 --> 00:23:54,000
of the project by the Australian

457
00:23:51,839 --> 00:23:56,189
skeptics to digitize and publish all the

458
00:23:54,000 --> 00:23:57,660
back issues of the magazine the skeptic

459
00:23:56,190 --> 00:24:01,140
the journal from Australian skeptics

460
00:23:57,660 --> 00:24:07,529
quite a long process I really started

461
00:24:01,140 --> 00:24:10,140
way back in 2001 when I digitized many

462
00:24:07,529 --> 00:24:12,269
issues that were available then for

463
00:24:10,140 --> 00:24:15,150
something called the great skeptic CD

464
00:24:12,269 --> 00:24:19,319
all very new and cutting stuff way back

465
00:24:15,150 --> 00:24:21,120
in 2001 and here is a little news item

466
00:24:19,319 --> 00:24:23,960
that's just appeared on the skeptics our

467
00:24:21,119 --> 00:24:27,269
website at skeptics comdatais you

468
00:24:23,960 --> 00:24:30,390
skeptic magazine back issues online and

469
00:24:27,269 --> 00:24:32,940
free Australian skeptics has digitized

470
00:24:30,390 --> 00:24:35,070
all the back issues of the skeptic

471
00:24:32,940 --> 00:24:39,538
magazine going back to its first issue

472
00:24:35,069 --> 00:24:42,629
in 1981 and these are now available for

473
00:24:39,538 --> 00:24:45,240
free download from the magazine page of

474
00:24:42,630 --> 00:24:47,370
the Australian skeptics website the only

475
00:24:45,240 --> 00:24:50,069
exceptions are the most recent four

476
00:24:47,369 --> 00:24:52,769
issues which are kept exclusively for

477
00:24:50,069 --> 00:24:54,769
subscribers although sample articles for

478
00:24:52,769 --> 00:24:57,658
even those issues are also available

479
00:24:54,769 --> 00:24:59,819
this is the result of a concerted effort

480
00:24:57,659 --> 00:25:01,890
by Australian skeptics Inc and we

481
00:24:59,819 --> 00:25:04,740
believe that offering complete back

482
00:25:01,890 --> 00:25:08,490
issues of virtually the entire run of a

483
00:25:04,740 --> 00:25:10,579
skeptical publication for free is unique

484
00:25:08,490 --> 00:25:12,599
in the skeptical community

485

00:25:10,579 --> 00:25:14,519
richardsaunders committee member and

486
00:25:12,599 --> 00:25:16,529
former president of Australian skeptics

487
00:25:14,519 --> 00:25:19,079
who was instrumental in digitizing the

488
00:25:16,529 --> 00:25:21,808
printed issues along with current

489
00:25:19,079 --> 00:25:23,639
president Iran's again quote the

490
00:25:21,808 --> 00:25:25,950
magazine is the second oldest

491
00:25:23,640 --> 00:25:28,740
english-speaking skeptical magazine in

492
00:25:25,950 --> 00:25:31,230
the world in quote Saunders says it's

493
00:25:28,740 --> 00:25:33,089
funny to quote myself quote it was a

494
00:25:31,230 --> 00:25:36,298
pretty basic production in the first

495
00:25:33,089 --> 00:25:39,359
years with literally cut and paste

496
00:25:36,298 --> 00:25:41,759
photocopy by a dedicated crew of

497
00:25:39,359 --> 00:25:44,219
volunteers we're happy to say that the

498
00:25:41,759 --> 00:25:46,429
process has improved dramatically over

499
00:25:44,220 --> 00:25:49,500

these through increasingly sophisticated

500

00:25:46,429 --> 00:25:51,390

publishing technology cleaning up or the

501

00:25:49,500 --> 00:25:53,519

printing and production imperfections of

502

00:25:51,390 --> 00:25:57,910

those early issues has been a long

503

00:25:53,519 --> 00:25:59,889

process in some cases it meant finally

504

00:25:57,910 --> 00:26:01,269

new copies of the photography and

505

00:25:59,890 --> 00:26:03,850

clippings that we use

506

00:26:01,269 --> 00:26:05,170

there's illustrations which has been a

507

00:26:03,849 --> 00:26:08,769

time-consuming job

508

00:26:05,170 --> 00:26:10,450

albeit a labor of love in quota readers

509

00:26:08,769 --> 00:26:12,460

can now see how these skeptical movement

510

00:26:10,450 --> 00:26:15,580

in Australia has developed over four

511

00:26:12,460 --> 00:26:18,250

decades as reflected in the pages of the

512

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magazine from health and medicine to

513

00:26:18,250 --> 00:26:23,410

psychics and clairvoyance Yowies cults

514
00:26:20,710 --> 00:26:27,610
pseudoscience and the paranormal there

515
00:26:23,410 --> 00:26:31,180
is a wealth of information in the 144

516
00:26:27,609 --> 00:26:32,979
issues now available in addition to the

517
00:26:31,180 --> 00:26:35,769
individual issues there are two

518
00:26:32,980 --> 00:26:39,009
compendium publications in the beginning

519
00:26:35,769 --> 00:26:40,839
and the second coming which collated

520
00:26:39,009 --> 00:26:42,879
articles from the first ten years of the

521
00:26:40,839 --> 00:26:46,059
skeptical according to a number of themes

522
00:26:42,880 --> 00:26:49,180
each of which is available separately of

523
00:26:46,059 --> 00:26:51,399
course the skeptic continues to be

524
00:26:49,180 --> 00:26:54,820
published every quarter and readers can

525
00:26:51,400 --> 00:26:57,850
subscribe to coming new issues via our

526
00:26:54,819 --> 00:27:00,329
online shop although you will have to

527
00:26:57,849 --> 00:27:00,329
pay for those

528
00:27:00,750 --> 00:27:05,390
and as I mentioned last week what I've

529
00:27:03,179 --> 00:27:10,620
done is I've put all those back issues

530
00:27:05,390 --> 00:27:12,570
on my iPad on a recent flight down to

531
00:27:10,619 --> 00:27:16,168
Melbourne I was able to sit back and

532
00:27:12,569 --> 00:27:30,720
just dump through many many articles and

533
00:27:16,169 --> 00:27:33,179
stories the skeptic magazine the journal

534
00:27:30,720 --> 00:27:35,610
from Australian skeptics subscribe

535
00:27:33,179 --> 00:27:41,070
online to the world's second oldest

536
00:27:35,609 --> 00:27:44,158
skeptical magazine visit WWF XCOM 2 and

537
00:27:41,069 --> 00:27:47,819
click the publication's link you can

538
00:27:44,159 --> 00:27:51,120
also find there over 30 years on back

539
00:27:47,819 --> 00:27:55,609
issues free to download the skeptic

540
00:27:51,119 --> 00:27:55,609
magazine from Australian skeptics

541
00:27:59,450 --> 00:28:02,558
[Music]

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00:28:04,579 --> 00:28:10,539
on my recent trip to Melbourne I took

543
00:28:07,759 --> 00:28:14,480
time out to interview dr. Steve Roberts

544
00:28:10,539 --> 00:28:17,809
for many years continuing the Australian

545
00:28:14,480 --> 00:28:20,660
skeptic spokesman on matters revolving

546
00:28:17,809 --> 00:28:23,750
around UFOs and strange phenomena like

547
00:28:20,660 --> 00:28:26,840
that and we chatted about his UFO

548
00:28:23,750 --> 00:28:29,539
experiences over the years I took the

549
00:28:26,839 --> 00:28:31,279
opportunity to interview dr. Steve for

550
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an archival project the Australian

551
00:28:31,279 --> 00:28:35,649
skeptics are doing at the moment where

552
00:28:32,869 --> 00:28:39,619
we video prominent members of the

553
00:28:35,650 --> 00:28:41,240
organisation to get on record their

554
00:28:39,619 --> 00:28:43,099
thoughts and opinions and their

555
00:28:41,240 --> 00:28:46,220
recollections of the early days of the

556
00:28:43,099 --> 00:28:49,129

organisation following that I'll read

557

00:28:46,220 --> 00:28:50,660

out the item we discovered from the

558

00:28:49,130 --> 00:28:54,410

truth magazine

559

00:28:50,660 --> 00:29:08,690

way back in 1989 but here's dr. Steve

560

00:28:54,410 --> 00:29:10,340

Roberts yeah other people claimed that

561

00:29:08,690 --> 00:29:12,769

how can somebody be an expert on

562

00:29:10,339 --> 00:29:15,379

something that is unknown but yeah I

563

00:29:12,769 --> 00:29:18,589

mean I look I was a UFO believer when I

564

00:29:15,380 --> 00:29:20,990

was a kid I'll fess up on this I thought

565

00:29:18,589 --> 00:29:23,389

there was something going on I believed

566

00:29:20,990 --> 00:29:25,490

I have respect for books and you can get

567

00:29:23,390 --> 00:29:27,560

UFO books you could at the time you

568

00:29:25,490 --> 00:29:29,990

certainly can't now and I thought if

569

00:29:27,559 --> 00:29:32,799

some of you did book it's true and I

570

00:29:29,990 --> 00:29:35,870

thought there's something happening and

571
00:29:32,799 --> 00:29:39,589
if you don't chase up the legends too

572
00:29:35,869 --> 00:29:41,689
far you can believe that the problem was

573
00:29:39,589 --> 00:29:43,309
we had a really group at my university

574
00:29:41,690 --> 00:29:44,690
that was studying this

575
00:29:43,309 --> 00:29:47,450
we still got hold of all the UFO

576
00:29:44,690 --> 00:29:51,740
sightings that we got all of the video

577
00:29:47,450 --> 00:29:54,289
archives of UFO sightings and well first

578
00:29:51,740 --> 00:29:57,230
are for six years of archives to be

579
00:29:54,289 --> 00:29:59,539
there's about that much paper Connie so

580
00:29:57,230 --> 00:30:02,000
where's the rest of it well that's it

581
00:29:59,539 --> 00:30:04,490
that's what there is it's not this whole

582
00:30:02,000 --> 00:30:07,579
UFO store he comes on a hundred

583
00:30:04,490 --> 00:30:11,480
sightings that which were easier clearly

584
00:30:07,579 --> 00:30:12,679
just garbage fuzzy fuzzy lights or funny

585
00:30:11,480 --> 00:30:15,819
feeling or something

586
00:30:12,680 --> 00:30:18,200
the some had some guts in them

587
00:30:15,819 --> 00:30:19,939
but some though none of the famous

588
00:30:18,200 --> 00:30:21,740
sightings in there that came up later on

589
00:30:19,940 --> 00:30:24,440
you had this interest long before you

590
00:30:21,740 --> 00:30:25,849
came to Australia oh yeah yeah I was 15

591
00:30:24,440 --> 00:30:28,100
you know I thought there's something

592
00:30:25,849 --> 00:30:30,649
going on so we thought we'd study it we

593
00:30:28,099 --> 00:30:32,500
got to get a uni as I saying the big

594
00:30:30,650 --> 00:30:34,880
mistake was we looked at the evidence

595
00:30:32,500 --> 00:30:36,259
the first wasn't much evidence the

596
00:30:34,880 --> 00:30:39,020
secondly what there was was not very

597
00:30:36,259 --> 00:30:41,690
good and we went to some UFO meetings of

598
00:30:39,019 --> 00:30:43,400
the UFO research Association there's

599

00:30:41,690 --> 00:30:47,299
some strange people at these meetings

600
00:30:43,400 --> 00:30:50,360
and we all became skeptical you know we

601
00:30:47,299 --> 00:30:51,799
want to start with they had a boat could

602
00:30:50,359 --> 00:30:53,569
see the Loch Ness monster we had a film

603
00:30:51,799 --> 00:30:56,960
with it it's fairly plausible this film

604
00:30:53,569 --> 00:30:59,210
team Dinsdale and we saw we saw the film

605
00:30:56,960 --> 00:31:01,069
it could be the Loch Ness monster a

606
00:30:59,210 --> 00:31:03,829
number of questions arise you know what

607
00:31:01,069 --> 00:31:06,019
does it eat and he's there more than one

608
00:31:03,829 --> 00:31:09,349
you know and why haven't we got other

609
00:31:06,019 --> 00:31:11,389
films and you know and so on but could

610
00:31:09,349 --> 00:31:14,209
this be something else what is the

611
00:31:11,390 --> 00:31:16,190
object really to them to being awesome

612
00:31:14,210 --> 00:31:20,360
basically closer they can really do you

613
00:31:16,190 --> 00:31:22,190

think there was a lot but yeah we became

614

00:31:20,359 --> 00:31:25,789

skeptical was long before skeptics were

615

00:31:22,190 --> 00:31:27,500

invented so when I hear a UFO sighting

616

00:31:25,789 --> 00:31:30,259

you think well is that there is it more

617

00:31:27,500 --> 00:31:32,990

likely that there are aliens flying

618

00:31:30,259 --> 00:31:35,179

around the earth doing things or more

619

00:31:32,990 --> 00:31:42,079

like that somebody just misinterpreted

620

00:31:35,179 --> 00:31:43,820

what you saw and yeah so I think to be

621

00:31:42,079 --> 00:31:45,649

skeptical of UFOs you have to learn all

622

00:31:43,819 --> 00:31:47,599

the stories you know there was a

623

00:31:45,650 --> 00:31:49,940

sighting in Windlesham forest in 1980

624

00:31:47,599 --> 00:31:52,189

you have to know what that was and where

625

00:31:49,940 --> 00:31:55,340

it was and what it was like and what the

626

00:31:52,190 --> 00:31:57,289

inspiration is the the wacko story of it

627

00:31:55,339 --> 00:32:00,439

and the you know the believer story and

628
00:31:57,289 --> 00:32:02,359
the scientific fact of it you know the

629
00:32:00,440 --> 00:32:04,880
Jimmy Carter saw you further this is

630
00:32:02,359 --> 00:32:06,889
true there's an explanation which is is

631
00:32:04,880 --> 00:32:09,620
not well known but whose manipulation of

632
00:32:06,890 --> 00:32:12,050
what he saw and used to learn all that

633
00:32:09,619 --> 00:32:14,479
and when you talk these people they it's

634
00:32:12,049 --> 00:32:15,349
like talking to get about creationism so

635
00:32:14,480 --> 00:32:17,120
what about this one

636
00:32:15,349 --> 00:32:18,678
you know what about this so do you have

637
00:32:17,119 --> 00:32:20,089
to know all these i well that was that

638
00:32:18,679 --> 00:32:22,820
was a hoax oh that was somebody was

639
00:32:20,089 --> 00:32:24,379
identifying that was something I want

640
00:32:22,819 --> 00:32:27,099
this one oh I don't know about that one

641
00:32:24,380 --> 00:32:29,230
oh you don't know about that one oh well

642
00:32:27,099 --> 00:32:31,269
got the upper edges you see this is

643
00:32:29,230 --> 00:32:33,339
proof as you foes and you don't know

644
00:32:31,269 --> 00:32:36,519
you know you get sunk no Skipton

645
00:32:33,339 --> 00:32:38,918
burglars all betray me stuff that's how

646
00:32:36,519 --> 00:32:41,019
I became the UFO expert it's not long

647
00:32:38,919 --> 00:32:44,710
after you joined the Australian skeptics

648
00:32:41,019 --> 00:32:48,220
in Canberra in Melbourne you were called

649
00:32:44,710 --> 00:32:50,140
upon by the skeptics to represent them

650
00:32:48,220 --> 00:32:53,079
when the media came calling

651
00:32:50,140 --> 00:32:54,820
um yeah other other people did as well

652
00:32:53,079 --> 00:32:57,759
Colleen Kay the professor of astronomy

653
00:32:54,819 --> 00:33:00,009
he was active in that William Blake of

654
00:32:57,759 --> 00:33:01,390
Hamlet Barry Williams could handle it he

655
00:33:00,009 --> 00:33:04,150
depends which town you're in and Barry's

656

00:33:01,390 --> 00:33:07,450
in Sydney Connie Kay was in Newcastle I

657
00:33:04,150 --> 00:33:09,730
was in Melbourne I was like on to tell

658
00:33:07,450 --> 00:33:11,350
you a couple of times and was called up

659
00:33:09,730 --> 00:33:14,500
a couple of times or eventually got

660
00:33:11,349 --> 00:33:16,658
passed to me when you first stories now

661
00:33:14,500 --> 00:33:21,130
just you can interpret each one as they

662
00:33:16,659 --> 00:33:23,620
come in you know very very very indeed

663
00:33:21,130 --> 00:33:25,210
now because could people have mobile

664
00:33:23,619 --> 00:33:28,119
phones with cameras in them or mobile

665
00:33:25,210 --> 00:33:38,169
phones and that just killed it now the

666
00:33:28,119 --> 00:33:40,449
other day you know one truth here and

667
00:33:38,169 --> 00:33:44,679
which was really a trashy magazine

668
00:33:40,450 --> 00:33:46,870
horse-racing and pornography and and

669
00:33:44,679 --> 00:33:57,548
what's he called a hysterical news you

670
00:33:46,869 --> 00:34:00,759

know aliens ate my baby and you called

671

00:33:57,548 --> 00:34:03,730

him because there was a crop circle yeah

672

00:34:00,759 --> 00:34:07,629

all right um there was a fad for crop

673

00:34:03,730 --> 00:34:09,280

circles in Britain 19 1989 and a few

674

00:34:07,630 --> 00:34:11,169

before that not many but he got bigger

675

00:34:09,280 --> 00:34:14,409

and bigger in there someone 1990 was

676

00:34:11,168 --> 00:34:16,349

huge and it got even huger only in

677

00:34:14,409 --> 00:34:19,090

Wiltshire in Britain which is hilly and

678

00:34:16,349 --> 00:34:20,440

hot and dry and has crops which in

679

00:34:19,090 --> 00:34:22,570

August which is the height of the summer

680

00:34:20,440 --> 00:34:24,280

the crops standing you can bend the

681

00:34:22,570 --> 00:34:26,440

stores over easily and make a pattern in

682

00:34:24,280 --> 00:34:27,490

it and then go up a hill nearby and look

683

00:34:26,440 --> 00:34:29,590

at it

684

00:34:27,489 --> 00:34:32,199

fill these circles were appearing

685
00:34:29,590 --> 00:34:34,210
nephrite in the center the farmer gets

686
00:34:32,199 --> 00:34:35,618
apoplectic but until he realized he

687
00:34:34,210 --> 00:34:38,949
could put up a sign that says see the

688
00:34:35,619 --> 00:34:40,149
crop circle five quid and he gets more

689
00:34:38,949 --> 00:34:45,009
money than the crop is

690
00:34:40,148 --> 00:34:47,259
a for having to harvest it and yeah

691
00:34:45,010 --> 00:34:48,849
there were a crop circle fans Colin

692
00:34:47,260 --> 00:34:49,450
Andrews noticing noticeable you're still

693
00:34:48,849 --> 00:34:51,399
out there

694
00:34:49,449 --> 00:34:53,858
still trying to believe in them you know

695
00:34:51,398 --> 00:34:55,929
and um eventually till all made and

696
00:34:53,858 --> 00:34:56,918
confess to forging most of them and

697
00:34:55,929 --> 00:34:59,139
other people copied

698
00:34:56,918 --> 00:35:01,269
there's at least 20 groups in prison now

699
00:34:59,139 --> 00:35:05,098
I think making crop circles they meet in

700
00:35:01,269 --> 00:35:07,659
the same pub probably a fight stars and

701
00:35:05,099 --> 00:35:11,440
what appeared in Australia I mean we all

702
00:35:07,659 --> 00:35:16,298
like our own story so this is 1989 lady

703
00:35:11,440 --> 00:35:19,210
no idea it was in the town in the Mallee

704
00:35:16,298 --> 00:35:22,088
in western Victoria match EU there were

705
00:35:19,210 --> 00:35:23,679
five or 12 five circles that appeared

706
00:35:22,088 --> 00:35:26,500
the Ottomans at five it appeared there

707
00:35:23,679 --> 00:35:28,509
was a picture of the farmer standing in

708
00:35:26,500 --> 00:35:30,699
one of them which was about the size of

709
00:35:28,510 --> 00:35:31,720
half the size in this room about you

710
00:35:30,699 --> 00:35:33,608
know four meters across

711
00:35:31,719 --> 00:35:36,730
there's ten feet across yes right yeah

712
00:35:33,608 --> 00:35:37,960
standing in that and um it's looking

713

00:35:36,730 --> 00:35:39,250
like other night could have just do

714
00:35:37,960 --> 00:35:42,010
business and somebody doing a u-turn

715
00:35:39,250 --> 00:35:44,260
with a foil quad bike or something or

716
00:35:42,010 --> 00:35:48,910
them so he just made it for a long it

717
00:35:44,260 --> 00:35:51,849
was just a service the organ said there

718
00:35:48,909 --> 00:35:53,649
were five and also that farm would seen

719
00:35:51,849 --> 00:35:55,710
a bright yellow light and also water had

720
00:35:53,650 --> 00:35:57,700
gone be seen from the farmers water tank

721
00:35:55,710 --> 00:36:01,298
they said that to be two years before

722
00:35:57,699 --> 00:36:03,278
the yellow light was six weeks later and

723
00:36:01,298 --> 00:36:05,190
water goes missing you know I thought I

724
00:36:03,278 --> 00:36:07,298
thought that tank was full was empty now

725
00:36:05,190 --> 00:36:09,159
maybe somebody left the tap on and

726
00:36:07,298 --> 00:36:11,949
didn't fess up to it it happens a lot on

727
00:36:09,159 --> 00:36:13,778

farms you know but you make an article

728

00:36:11,949 --> 00:36:16,868

out of it and I saw this in the truth or

729

00:36:13,778 --> 00:36:18,880

his brought to my attention and I rang

730

00:36:16,869 --> 00:36:21,099

them up and said well it's just um you

731

00:36:18,880 --> 00:36:22,660

know nothing to shout about really you

732

00:36:21,099 --> 00:36:24,970

know there's no evidence except the

733

00:36:22,659 --> 00:36:27,098

circle that it was a UFO not you know

734

00:36:24,969 --> 00:36:33,308

UFO lands on farms the headline is

735

00:36:27,099 --> 00:36:37,059

saying yeah all over the front page yeah

736

00:36:33,309 --> 00:36:38,410

and why I said well it no it was a UFO

737

00:36:37,059 --> 00:36:40,660

it could just be somebody else you

738

00:36:38,409 --> 00:36:42,818

contacted the reporter yeah

739

00:36:40,659 --> 00:36:44,618

John Pinckney right who was famous for

740

00:36:42,818 --> 00:36:47,469

digging up stories like this just joined

741

00:36:44,619 --> 00:36:49,119

the truce at the time and the UI doctor

742
00:36:47,469 --> 00:36:49,659
said well what would Steven moments know

743
00:36:49,119 --> 00:36:52,269
about

744
00:36:49,659 --> 00:36:54,219
you've never made it for circle in fact

745
00:36:52,268 --> 00:36:56,318
I have so I didn't bother replying to

746
00:36:54,219 --> 00:36:57,879
all this I say well I've seen it you

747
00:36:56,318 --> 00:36:59,500
haven't you've never made one you know

748
00:36:57,880 --> 00:37:02,440
the way you say it could be done what I

749
00:36:59,500 --> 00:37:06,639
have you know that a yr give you know it

750
00:37:02,440 --> 00:37:08,500
sells newspapers I tell ya that came and

751
00:37:06,639 --> 00:37:11,108
went that story but I saw the farmer

752
00:37:08,500 --> 00:37:13,750
come to a convention of crop circle fans

753
00:37:11,108 --> 00:37:15,518
are four hundred people in a new Colin

754
00:37:13,750 --> 00:37:18,670
Andrews giving a talk and the farm

755
00:37:15,518 --> 00:37:20,649
owners of females 14 ARF everyone was

756
00:37:18,670 --> 00:37:21,430
seated the farmer who'd been flown down

757
00:37:20,650 --> 00:37:24,789
from the Mallee

758
00:37:21,429 --> 00:37:26,679
to Melbourne and wined and dined came in

759
00:37:24,789 --> 00:37:29,109
very attractively coiffed and made-up

760
00:37:26,679 --> 00:37:31,659
wearing a fur comes and he could sense

761
00:37:29,108 --> 00:37:33,130
the vivint's in the room as if the Queen

762
00:37:31,659 --> 00:37:35,588
of England had come either which was a

763
00:37:33,130 --> 00:37:37,210
similar experience and she was treated

764
00:37:35,588 --> 00:37:40,088
with enormous respect because he had

765
00:37:37,210 --> 00:37:41,949
this crop circle on her farm and I did

766
00:37:40,088 --> 00:37:43,389
say to officer like if you like I can

767
00:37:41,949 --> 00:37:45,909
give you the name and address of the man

768
00:37:43,389 --> 00:37:47,710
who made your crop circle so you know no

769
00:37:45,909 --> 00:37:49,058
I'd rather not find that out and so you

770

00:37:47,710 --> 00:37:50,679
know I like things the way they are

771
00:37:49,059 --> 00:37:59,769
thinking I like the fur coats and the

772
00:37:50,679 --> 00:38:03,639
the front seat you know still popular

773
00:37:59,768 --> 00:38:06,159
for a while but when do you think is the

774
00:38:03,639 --> 00:38:08,230
do you notice the decline in the

775
00:38:06,159 --> 00:38:10,028
popularity in reporting doesn't really

776
00:38:08,230 --> 00:38:11,309
tie in that closely with mobile phones

777
00:38:10,028 --> 00:38:15,909
yeah

778
00:38:11,309 --> 00:38:19,028
1993 onwards mobile phones available to

779
00:38:15,909 --> 00:38:20,858
the common man phones in cars in 1990

780
00:38:19,028 --> 00:38:24,219
the phone was so big you couldn't

781
00:38:20,858 --> 00:38:26,170
measure in the car and we have one at

782
00:38:24,219 --> 00:38:29,288
work there's a heavy briefcase 20

783
00:38:26,170 --> 00:38:31,750
kilograms with the phone in it and then

784
00:38:29,289 --> 00:38:34,930

1993 they began to be phoned you could

785

00:38:31,750 --> 00:38:36,460

actually carry on your person okay and

786

00:38:34,929 --> 00:38:39,149

there's an advert for it might else to

787

00:38:36,460 --> 00:38:41,710

us and so somebody in a field with a UFO

788

00:38:39,150 --> 00:38:43,809

and he had a phone and they were saying

789

00:38:41,710 --> 00:38:45,400

quick tell somebody yeah and that's

790

00:38:43,809 --> 00:38:47,769

that's a key the phenomena just died

791

00:38:45,400 --> 00:38:49,480

overnight you know because on suddenly

792

00:38:47,768 --> 00:38:50,500

people had these phones they couldn't

793

00:38:49,480 --> 00:38:53,380

take pictures but you could bring

794

00:38:50,500 --> 00:38:56,028

somebody up and say on you know mum is a

795

00:38:53,380 --> 00:38:57,980

UFO and thought my head now

796

00:38:56,028 --> 00:38:59,690

or whatever come here quick or something

797

00:38:57,980 --> 00:39:01,309

and then of course later they had

798

00:38:59,690 --> 00:39:04,099

cameras on the phone so now everybody

799

00:39:01,309 --> 00:39:07,400
has a camera yeah a new photo just died

800

00:39:04,099 --> 00:39:10,099
out you know I mean you're not contacted

801

00:39:07,400 --> 00:39:13,190
anymore by media about you like I am but

802

00:39:10,099 --> 00:39:14,869
there's no usually though you photos we

803

00:39:13,190 --> 00:39:17,000
suddenly sets fire to a garbage bag you

804

00:39:14,869 --> 00:39:19,160
you take the the garbage sack and set

805

00:39:17,000 --> 00:39:21,349
hold it upside down set for the bottom

806

00:39:19,159 --> 00:39:23,838
it'll fill the hot air and float off

807

00:39:21,349 --> 00:39:26,240
there's your UFO yeah gets in the media

808

00:39:23,838 --> 00:39:29,659
no the one I remember you didn't comment

809

00:39:26,239 --> 00:39:33,169
on was ten twelve years ago was the

810

00:39:29,659 --> 00:39:34,848
beverage you ever yeah no just just for

811

00:39:33,170 --> 00:39:39,500
the sake of reminding people yeah that

812

00:39:34,849 --> 00:39:41,028
story that was in January 2004 January

813
00:39:39,500 --> 00:39:45,409
anyway which is the height of summer

814
00:39:41,028 --> 00:39:47,929
down here and somebody it's only one of

815
00:39:45,409 --> 00:39:50,210
the council engineers has to go out of

816
00:39:47,929 --> 00:39:52,519
the year and photograph the level

817
00:39:50,210 --> 00:39:54,528
crossing working okay they take a film

818
00:39:52,519 --> 00:39:56,509
when the train comes showing the booms

819
00:39:54,528 --> 00:39:58,880
come up and down showing all the lights

820
00:39:56,510 --> 00:40:00,380
flashing and they then have a record

821
00:39:58,880 --> 00:40:01,880
that the crossing was working on that

822
00:40:00,380 --> 00:40:02,750
day every year we used to go and film

823
00:40:01,880 --> 00:40:05,838
the level crossing

824
00:40:02,750 --> 00:40:07,880
boom working and their views filming is

825
00:40:05,838 --> 00:40:13,369
boom going up and down mm-hmm

826
00:40:07,880 --> 00:40:16,548
the cross goes this UFO and yeah I was a

827

00:40:13,369 --> 00:40:19,640
JP and I have the original picture so

828
00:40:16,548 --> 00:40:22,519
sublease now suddenly I have the

829
00:40:19,639 --> 00:40:25,129
original Seminole evidence myself you

830
00:40:22,519 --> 00:40:26,599
know I have the JPEG picture and that's

831
00:40:25,130 --> 00:40:28,880
all there is you know cuz normally get a

832
00:40:26,599 --> 00:40:30,170
copy of a copy of a copy and you think

833
00:40:28,880 --> 00:40:31,700
well the originals gonna be better but

834
00:40:30,170 --> 00:40:33,619
no I've actually got the original and

835
00:40:31,699 --> 00:40:37,129
there is a black object flying with a

836
00:40:33,619 --> 00:40:40,338
little white tail yeah now if you go

837
00:40:37,130 --> 00:40:42,769
there the height of the summer and you

838
00:40:40,338 --> 00:40:48,259
interview people they're always doing

839
00:40:42,769 --> 00:40:49,730
that yeah and lo and behold a fly goes

840
00:40:48,260 --> 00:40:51,829
in front of the camera and that's that's

841
00:40:49,730 --> 00:40:54,588

why the UFOs out of focus and the level

842

00:40:51,829 --> 00:40:56,359

crossings in focus and the the size all

843

00:40:54,588 --> 00:40:58,608

matches up everything is right for a fly

844

00:40:56,358 --> 00:41:01,190

about three feet from the lens

845

00:40:58,608 --> 00:41:02,420

going across and of course your face is

846

00:41:01,190 --> 00:41:04,789

behind the camera so you actually

847

00:41:02,420 --> 00:41:06,559

wouldn't see it you will see that the

848

00:41:04,789 --> 00:41:07,720

fly the guy said at the time you didn't

849

00:41:06,559 --> 00:41:08,950

see anything

850

00:41:07,719 --> 00:41:11,489

but when he looked at the photograph

851

00:41:08,949 --> 00:41:13,719

they must like the OD at the photo so

852

00:41:11,489 --> 00:41:16,299

what is the story what's the backstory

853

00:41:13,719 --> 00:41:18,368

of the sighting you know for every UFO

854

00:41:16,300 --> 00:41:20,859

picture you have this UFO picture and

855

00:41:18,369 --> 00:41:22,930

there's gotta be a story say well did

856
00:41:20,858 --> 00:41:24,730
you see it did you hear the noise or

857
00:41:22,929 --> 00:41:27,449
other people there what were you doing

858
00:41:24,730 --> 00:41:29,588
while you taking photographs in the sky

859
00:41:27,449 --> 00:41:33,129
did you have to go and get the camera

860
00:41:29,588 --> 00:41:34,389
what is the story it's kind of odd that

861
00:41:33,130 --> 00:41:35,559
just when you've got the camera video

862
00:41:34,389 --> 00:41:41,920
and you're pointing it at the sky

863
00:41:35,559 --> 00:41:44,529
oh you phone comes across you know so it

864
00:41:41,920 --> 00:41:48,250
filled a spot on the news otherwise it's

865
00:41:44,530 --> 00:41:50,530
Man Bites Dog or you know laser scan

866
00:41:48,250 --> 00:41:56,800
with the Australian cricketer polishers

867
00:41:50,530 --> 00:41:58,510
cricket ball in short of New Zealand you

868
00:41:56,800 --> 00:41:59,980
phones are cute and no one's ever been

869
00:41:58,510 --> 00:42:01,960
harmed by a UFO

870
00:41:59,980 --> 00:42:03,670
I had duck tees say they haven't no

871
00:42:01,960 --> 00:42:05,980
one's being killed by you phone nobody's

872
00:42:03,670 --> 00:42:14,889
flown an airplane into a skyscraper

873
00:42:05,980 --> 00:42:18,760
because of you folks yeah that's all

874
00:42:14,889 --> 00:42:20,710
very bucolic unfortunate of skipper's

875
00:42:18,760 --> 00:42:22,569
has become nasty in later years because

876
00:42:20,710 --> 00:42:25,510
there's nastier targets than flying

877
00:42:22,568 --> 00:42:26,920
saucers and astrologers but my mother

878
00:42:25,510 --> 00:42:30,520
miss those days anyway that was that

879
00:42:26,920 --> 00:42:30,680
yeah gonna be bad news they'll force

880
00:42:30,519 --> 00:42:32,710
[Music]

881
00:42:30,679 --> 00:42:34,750
[Applause]

882
00:42:32,710 --> 00:42:38,780
[Music]

883
00:42:34,750 --> 00:42:44,659
from the weekend truth newspaper dated

884

00:42:38,780 --> 00:42:47,349
the 16th of December 1989 scared

885
00:42:44,659 --> 00:42:52,338
Ozzy family tells truths John Pinkley

886
00:42:47,349 --> 00:42:56,420
UFO lands on farm world exclusive photos

887
00:42:52,338 --> 00:42:59,210
a giant UFO lifts this mysterious circle

888
00:42:56,420 --> 00:43:01,789
of flattened wheat and four others like

889
00:42:59,210 --> 00:43:04,250
it on a western Victorian farm according

890
00:43:01,789 --> 00:43:07,400
to frightened locals they tell of

891
00:43:04,250 --> 00:43:12,800
sightings sounds and terrified livestock

892
00:43:07,400 --> 00:43:14,869
full story more photos inside in fact

893
00:43:12,800 --> 00:43:18,769
this is the front page of the newspaper

894
00:43:14,869 --> 00:43:21,588
only cost a dollar 20 and the picture

895
00:43:18,769 --> 00:43:24,400
shows our lady standing on the edge of a

896
00:43:21,588 --> 00:43:29,389
crop circle which is about 4 meters in

897
00:43:24,400 --> 00:43:32,930
diameter we turn to page 4 UFO landing

898
00:43:29,389 --> 00:43:36,318

mystery sheep panicked by eerie light in

899

00:43:32,929 --> 00:43:39,169

the fields exclusive report by John

900

00:43:36,318 --> 00:43:42,650

Hinckley three frightened farmers

901

00:43:39,170 --> 00:43:44,720

believe a gigantic UFO landed last week

902

00:43:42,650 --> 00:43:48,410

on their Victorian week property a

903

00:43:44,719 --> 00:43:50,598

pattern of five perfect circles in which

904

00:43:48,409 --> 00:43:53,239

unbroken wheat stalks swirl

905

00:43:50,599 --> 00:43:57,048

anti-clockwise have been found on the

906

00:43:53,239 --> 00:43:59,568

9,000 hectare farm West Park run by Max

907

00:43:57,048 --> 00:44:02,960

and Nancy jolly and their son Stuart

908

00:43:59,568 --> 00:44:06,558

aged 29 the startling discovery comes

909

00:44:02,960 --> 00:44:09,639

only four weeks after the family's 700

910

00:44:06,559 --> 00:44:12,769

sheep were panicked by a huge yellow

911

00:44:09,639 --> 00:44:16,129

object pulsating above the paddocks in

912

00:44:12,769 --> 00:44:18,920

western Victoria's Mally region first to

913
00:44:16,130 --> 00:44:21,349
notice the uncanny quote landing rings

914
00:44:18,920 --> 00:44:24,650
end quote where Jali's neighbors Brian

915
00:44:21,349 --> 00:44:26,359
Finch and Austin grace quote they'd

916
00:44:24,650 --> 00:44:29,240
brought in an international combine

917
00:44:26,358 --> 00:44:31,608
harvester onto our property to strip

918
00:44:29,239 --> 00:44:34,219
wheat and quote Nancy jolly told me

919
00:44:31,608 --> 00:44:36,259
quote sitting in an elevated de cabin

920
00:44:34,219 --> 00:44:37,879
about five meters above the ground they

921
00:44:36,260 --> 00:44:41,599
spotted what everyone else had missed

922
00:44:37,880 --> 00:44:43,880
two large swirled circles of wheat about

923
00:44:41,599 --> 00:44:46,640
three meters in diameter surrounded by

924
00:44:43,880 --> 00:44:49,670
three smaller circles each of about one

925
00:44:46,639 --> 00:44:53,210
meter obviously something exerting

926
00:44:49,670 --> 00:44:55,220
colossal forces set down there outside

927
00:44:53,210 --> 00:44:58,039
the circles you can scratch dirt up with

928
00:44:55,219 --> 00:45:02,269
your fingers but inside the ground is

929
00:44:58,039 --> 00:45:05,389
increasingly compressed like cement the

930
00:45:02,269 --> 00:45:08,150
weight appears to be woven almost like a

931
00:45:05,389 --> 00:45:11,809
straw basket the stalks are quite

932
00:45:08,150 --> 00:45:15,260
amazingly undamaged with the grain fully

933
00:45:11,809 --> 00:45:18,049
matured in the heads which suggests the

934
00:45:15,260 --> 00:45:20,360
landing might have occurred sometime

935
00:45:18,050 --> 00:45:24,110
last week in quote the mind-blowing

936
00:45:20,360 --> 00:45:26,599
circles discovery climaxes two years of

937
00:45:24,110 --> 00:45:30,019
mystery and fear for the jolly family in

938
00:45:26,599 --> 00:45:33,529
November 1987 following sightings of

939
00:45:30,019 --> 00:45:37,759
eerie aerial lights Nancy found that the

940
00:45:33,530 --> 00:45:40,519
farm houses 40,000 liter water tank had

941

00:45:37,760 --> 00:45:42,260
been totally drained overnight quote we

942
00:45:40,519 --> 00:45:46,360
haven't a clue what happened and quota

943
00:45:42,260 --> 00:45:50,060
she said quote all we know is someone or

944
00:45:46,360 --> 00:45:54,349
something took every drop of our water

945
00:45:50,059 --> 00:45:57,380
main quota in 1981 I investigated

946
00:45:54,349 --> 00:46:00,019
several similar cases of UFO related

947
00:45:57,380 --> 00:46:03,200
water disappearances all were in

948
00:46:00,019 --> 00:46:06,380
northern Victoria in December 1988

949
00:46:03,199 --> 00:46:09,230
stuart jolly was shocked from sleep by a

950
00:46:06,380 --> 00:46:13,660
shattering noise outside his bedroom

951
00:46:09,230 --> 00:46:16,880
window subheading berserk quote I

952
00:46:13,659 --> 00:46:20,569
thought the racket would puncture my

953
00:46:16,880 --> 00:46:23,300
eardrums and quote he recalled it was

954
00:46:20,570 --> 00:46:25,640
like the scream of jet engines revving

955
00:46:23,300 --> 00:46:29,420

up and down with the shrilling of

956

00:46:25,639 --> 00:46:32,569

thousands of cicadas mixed in my dog

957

00:46:29,420 --> 00:46:35,090

would normally have been on the spot and

958

00:46:32,570 --> 00:46:38,090

barking but he seemed to have shot

959

00:46:35,090 --> 00:46:40,820

through and just for international

960

00:46:38,090 --> 00:46:43,640

listeners shot through means disappeared

961

00:46:40,820 --> 00:46:45,890

more or less or run away I rushed

962

00:46:43,639 --> 00:46:49,909

outside but saw nothing the racket

963

00:46:45,889 --> 00:46:51,619

seemed to be coming from empty sky the

964

00:46:49,909 --> 00:46:53,629

jollies endured an even more bizarre

965

00:46:51,619 --> 00:46:56,480

brush with the unknown in August this

966

00:46:53,630 --> 00:46:58,220

year quote about nine o'clock one night

967

00:46:56,480 --> 00:46:59,500

I heard a commotion and went out to see

968

00:46:58,219 --> 00:47:02,259

what was happening

969

00:46:59,500 --> 00:47:05,679

in quotes Stuart said quote the trouble

970
00:47:02,260 --> 00:47:07,780
was centered on a sheep panic our 700

971
00:47:05,679 --> 00:47:11,108
ewes and lambs had gone berserk

972
00:47:07,780 --> 00:47:14,830
they were dashing around and bleating in

973
00:47:11,108 --> 00:47:17,108
total panic and then I saw why hovering

974
00:47:14,829 --> 00:47:19,029
above the paddock was a huge yellow

975
00:47:17,108 --> 00:47:22,059
light that seemed to be pulsating at

976
00:47:19,030 --> 00:47:24,340
first I thought someone was spotlighting

977
00:47:22,059 --> 00:47:27,159
our sheep but then I realized the light

978
00:47:24,340 --> 00:47:31,090
was far too big for that also it was

979
00:47:27,159 --> 00:47:34,269
making a weird high-pitched noise like

980
00:47:31,090 --> 00:47:38,590
the blades of a helicopter with its

981
00:47:34,269 --> 00:47:41,259
engines off and slowing I'd never seen

982
00:47:38,590 --> 00:47:43,000
sheep go wild in that way before if a

983
00:47:41,260 --> 00:47:44,640
dog had been threatening them they

984
00:47:43,000 --> 00:47:47,739
simply would have huddled together

985
00:47:44,639 --> 00:47:50,348
reasonably calm and disciplined but this

986
00:47:47,739 --> 00:47:52,000
mob were stumbling all over the paddock

987
00:47:50,349 --> 00:47:55,480
I could see it was the light and the

988
00:47:52,000 --> 00:47:57,760
noise that were driving them crazy after

989
00:47:55,480 --> 00:48:01,059
a few more minutes of chaos the light

990
00:47:57,760 --> 00:48:03,400
started to move foolishly perhaps I got

991
00:48:01,059 --> 00:48:05,380
into the car to chase it but before I

992
00:48:03,400 --> 00:48:08,349
could start up it vanished behind the

993
00:48:05,380 --> 00:48:12,400
pine trees quote we went out with

994
00:48:08,349 --> 00:48:15,039
torches and again that means flashlights

995
00:48:12,400 --> 00:48:18,880
we went out with torches and were amazed

996
00:48:15,039 --> 00:48:21,159
to find a wedged tailed eagle with a

997
00:48:18,880 --> 00:48:24,059
wingspan of about two metres stumbling

998

00:48:21,159 --> 00:48:28,118
around in the paddock seemingly in shock

999
00:48:24,059 --> 00:48:30,309
and this is the story that Steve Roberts

1000
00:48:28,119 --> 00:48:33,730
who just heard saw in the truth

1001
00:48:30,309 --> 00:48:38,679
newspaper and contacted the reporter and

1002
00:48:33,730 --> 00:48:43,240
a few days later in fact on December the

1003
00:48:38,679 --> 00:48:46,079
23rd there was a follow up again we have

1004
00:48:43,239 --> 00:48:50,649
the same picture of the crop circle and

1005
00:48:46,079 --> 00:48:54,759
the headline skeptic UFO proof hasn't

1006
00:48:50,650 --> 00:48:56,980
cropped up story by Ricky Turner flatten

1007
00:48:54,760 --> 00:48:59,109
crop circles found recently in a

1008
00:48:56,980 --> 00:49:00,990
Victorian wheat crop could have been

1009
00:48:59,108 --> 00:49:04,539
made by a man or men with a stick

1010
00:49:00,989 --> 00:49:06,699
according to Australian sceptics Stephen

1011
00:49:04,539 --> 00:49:09,009
Roberts Melbourne UFO spokesman for

1012
00:49:06,699 --> 00:49:12,500

Australian skeptics contacted truth

1013

00:49:09,010 --> 00:49:14,690

after our world exclusive story reported

1014

00:49:12,500 --> 00:49:17,059

possible UFO activity that has

1015

00:49:14,690 --> 00:49:20,179

frightened farmers in western Victoria's

1016

00:49:17,059 --> 00:49:22,909

Maui district now a report featured

1017

00:49:20,179 --> 00:49:25,359

pictures of large circles of wheat

1018

00:49:22,909 --> 00:49:29,029

flattened in an anti-clockwise direction

1019

00:49:25,360 --> 00:49:31,059

possibly where a craft landed and told

1020

00:49:29,030 --> 00:49:34,400

of water tanks mysteriously emptied

1021

00:49:31,059 --> 00:49:37,099

wheat farmers Max and Nancy jolly and

1022

00:49:34,400 --> 00:49:39,829

their son Stuart believed a gigantic UFO

1023

00:49:37,099 --> 00:49:42,589

landed on their 9,000 hectare property

1024

00:49:39,829 --> 00:49:45,139

earlier this month and claimed the

1025

00:49:42,590 --> 00:49:48,019

landing climaxes two years of UFO

1026

00:49:45,139 --> 00:49:50,329

activity in the area in August this year

1027
00:49:48,019 --> 00:49:53,420
sheep on the farm were terrified by a

1028
00:49:50,329 --> 00:49:56,269
large orb of yellow light that hovered

1029
00:49:53,420 --> 00:49:59,420
above them before speeding off in

1030
00:49:56,269 --> 00:50:02,329
November 1987 following sightings of

1031
00:49:59,420 --> 00:50:05,630
eerie aerial lights nancy jolly found

1032
00:50:02,329 --> 00:50:09,920
the farm houses 40,000 liter water tank

1033
00:50:05,630 --> 00:50:12,800
had totally drained quote nonsense

1034
00:50:09,920 --> 00:50:16,190
end quote said mr. Robertson melbourne

1035
00:50:12,800 --> 00:50:19,250
computer systems analyst with a PhD in

1036
00:50:16,190 --> 00:50:22,490
chemistry quote water doesn't get sucked

1037
00:50:19,250 --> 00:50:25,579
up by UFOs and it only disappears from a

1038
00:50:22,489 --> 00:50:26,869
tank when somebody steals it or the tank

1039
00:50:25,579 --> 00:50:29,869
springs a leak

1040
00:50:26,869 --> 00:50:32,659
what would a spacecraft do with

1041
00:50:29,869 --> 00:50:35,569
thousands of gallons of water a water

1042
00:50:32,659 --> 00:50:39,170
propelled spacecraft I don't think so

1043
00:50:35,570 --> 00:50:41,180
where's the hard evidence of a UFO there

1044
00:50:39,170 --> 00:50:43,670
have been so many of these circle

1045
00:50:41,179 --> 00:50:46,549
markings found that surely there would

1046
00:50:43,670 --> 00:50:48,829
be some hard evidence by now the thing

1047
00:50:46,550 --> 00:50:51,560
that makes these marks has never seen

1048
00:50:48,829 --> 00:50:54,500
we widely believe these strange circles

1049
00:50:51,559 --> 00:50:57,409
are made by men men with a stick and

1050
00:50:54,500 --> 00:51:00,820
even the largest ones could have easily

1051
00:50:57,409 --> 00:51:03,699
been made in about half an hour in quote

1052
00:51:00,820 --> 00:51:06,559
mr. Robert said claims of UFO activity

1053
00:51:03,699 --> 00:51:09,649
gained credence because quote people

1054
00:51:06,559 --> 00:51:12,559
really want to believe in UFOs I would

1055

00:51:09,650 --> 00:51:14,690
like to believe in UFOs and make contact

1056
00:51:12,559 --> 00:51:17,389
with other beings myself but until there

1057
00:51:14,690 --> 00:51:19,280
is some hard evidence and a fuzzy

1058
00:51:17,389 --> 00:51:22,129
photograph or a patch of ground that

1059
00:51:19,280 --> 00:51:24,800
anyone could have trampled just isn't

1060
00:51:22,130 --> 00:51:26,030
good enough we have to conclude the

1061
00:51:24,800 --> 00:51:29,720
obvious

1062
00:51:26,030 --> 00:51:31,910
there are no UFOs end quote and we have

1063
00:51:29,719 --> 00:51:36,739
a reply by the original reporter Pinkley

1064
00:51:31,909 --> 00:51:38,899
it says Pinkley how would you know truth

1065
00:51:36,739 --> 00:51:41,599
writer John Pinkley Australia's most

1066
00:51:38,900 --> 00:51:44,690
famous UFO investigator has challenged

1067
00:51:41,599 --> 00:51:48,069
mr. Roberts or anyone else to duplicate

1068
00:51:44,690 --> 00:51:51,860
the circles found in Jolly's wheat farm

1069
00:51:48,070 --> 00:51:55,370

quote it can't be done by humans because

1070

00:51:51,860 --> 00:51:57,559

you can't bend wheat over like that when

1071

00:51:55,369 --> 00:52:00,679

it comes close to harvest and quote mr.

1072

00:51:57,559 --> 00:52:03,769

pink we said quote the stalks snap and

1073

00:52:00,679 --> 00:52:06,529

that is the amazing thing with all these

1074

00:52:03,769 --> 00:52:09,320

circles not a single stalk is ever

1075

00:52:06,530 --> 00:52:12,320

snapped we have proven it can't be done

1076

00:52:09,320 --> 00:52:14,809

unlike mr. Roberts we have taken the

1077

00:52:12,320 --> 00:52:17,539

trouble to study these circles and to

1078

00:52:14,809 --> 00:52:20,179

conduct some tests and quote mr. pink

1079

00:52:17,539 --> 00:52:21,769

Lee said there have been dozens of

1080

00:52:20,179 --> 00:52:24,349

similar circles turning up all over

1081

00:52:21,769 --> 00:52:27,309

Victoria and reports from all over the

1082

00:52:24,349 --> 00:52:32,679

world of huge amounts of stored water

1083

00:52:27,309 --> 00:52:32,679

disappearing during UFO activity

1084
00:52:33,449 --> 00:52:39,348
and that story originally published in

1085
00:52:36,150 --> 00:52:44,970
the truth newspaper now defunct in

1086
00:52:39,349 --> 00:52:48,210
December 1989 and this was discovered as

1087
00:52:44,969 --> 00:52:50,548
we were conducting research at the State

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00:52:48,210 --> 00:52:54,119
Library of Victoria and this was all

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00:52:50,548 --> 00:52:56,610
coming off the archives of microfilm a

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00:52:54,119 --> 00:53:06,920
great yarn from years ago

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00:52:56,610 --> 00:53:06,920
[Music]

1092
00:53:10,179 --> 00:53:14,210
hi this is Ben Radford and this is

1093
00:53:12,559 --> 00:53:16,400
Pascual Romero from the squaring the

1094
00:53:14,210 --> 00:53:18,230
strange podcast every week my co-host

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00:53:16,400 --> 00:53:20,660
and I cast a skeptical eye at a

1096
00:53:18,230 --> 00:53:22,608
different topic monsters ghosts demons

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00:53:20,659 --> 00:53:24,679
mysteries and even current events are

1098
00:53:22,608 --> 00:53:26,748
dissected and discussed with a fun

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00:53:24,679 --> 00:53:28,248
unscripted and skeptical take that

1100
00:53:26,748 --> 00:53:30,828
you're sure to enjoy find this is

1101
00:53:28,248 --> 00:53:34,088
squirting strange calm iTunes or on your

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00:53:30,829 --> 00:53:34,089
favorite podcast platform

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00:53:38,300 --> 00:53:41,829
[Music]

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00:53:48,489 --> 00:53:53,059
thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:53:50,719 --> 00:53:55,159
zone and a big big thank you to dr.

1106
00:53:53,059 --> 00:53:58,549
Steve Roberts and his wife Barbara for

1107
00:53:55,159 --> 00:54:00,618
having me stay over in their house and a

1108
00:53:58,550 --> 00:54:03,260
big THANK YOU to Steve especially for

1109
00:54:00,619 --> 00:54:05,690
coming in with me every day our to the

1110
00:54:03,260 --> 00:54:08,060
library to help me with this research

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00:54:05,690 --> 00:54:11,809
between the two of us had meant we got

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00:54:08,059 --> 00:54:13,460
through everything doubly quick I guess

1113
00:54:11,809 --> 00:54:15,529
I would have been there for many more

1114
00:54:13,460 --> 00:54:17,329
days to get through everything but with

1115
00:54:15,530 --> 00:54:20,300
Steve Roberts by my side getting through

1116
00:54:17,329 --> 00:54:20,990
these issues of the magazine we we got

1117
00:54:20,300 --> 00:54:22,700
the job done

1118
00:54:20,989 --> 00:54:24,819
which meant thumbing through the

1119
00:54:22,699 --> 00:54:27,710
magazine look at the content pages and

1120
00:54:24,820 --> 00:54:32,680
photographing the articles in question

1121
00:54:27,710 --> 00:54:37,730
and in the end we had in the order of

1122
00:54:32,679 --> 00:54:39,559
240 items that we archived now they have

1123
00:54:37,730 --> 00:54:41,900
to be put into a spreadsheet and

1124
00:54:39,559 --> 00:54:44,869
analyzed and well the project goes on

1125
00:54:41,900 --> 00:54:48,889
and as I mentioned last week I might be

1126
00:54:44,869 --> 00:54:52,369

I might be asking for help is some time

1127

00:54:48,889 --> 00:54:55,848

this year from listeners to help with

1128

00:54:52,369 --> 00:54:58,130

that project stay tuned but for this

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00:54:55,849 --> 00:55:04,730

week this is Richard Saunders signing

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00:54:58,130 --> 00:55:06,800

off from Sydney Australia you've been

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00:55:04,730 --> 00:55:13,730

listening to the skeptic zone podcast

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and to access the bat catalog of

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episodes going back to 2008 you can

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for any other skeptical organisation

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