



MADRID 56

UP SIGNAL
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AZIMUTH
ELEVATION

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propulsion
rion Institute

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ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/horizons.cgi
"Target Body" = 285263



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00:00:12,390 --> 00:00:09,830
and qe2 is about 1.7 miles in size and

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00:00:15,910 --> 00:00:12,400
we know it's a safe distance away it's

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:15,920
about 3.6 million miles from the planet

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00:00:19,830 --> 00:00:17,760
and we have an image that you're looking

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00:00:21,750 --> 00:00:19,840
at right now it was taken yesterday from

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00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:21,760
the south african astronomical

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00:00:26,950 --> 00:00:24,720
observatory so indeed

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00:00:29,589 --> 00:00:26,960
telescopes around the world are

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00:00:31,830 --> 00:00:29,599
beginning to see it we are right now in

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00:00:34,790 --> 00:00:31,840
mission control to bring you a preview

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:34,800
show of qe2 and give you some tips on

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00:00:38,950 --> 00:00:36,960
how to see it for yourself and also

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00:00:41,350 --> 00:00:38,960

answer some of your questions posted on

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00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:41,360

social media and this is all before

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00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:44,000

closest approach which occurs tomorrow

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00:00:54,869 --> 00:00:50,399

may 31st at 1 59 pm pacific 4 59 eastern

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:54,879

time and 20 59 utc

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00:01:00,310 --> 00:00:57,440

hello everyone i'm gay hill we'll be

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00:01:02,709 --> 00:01:00,320

talking to folks at the south african

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00:01:04,310 --> 00:01:02,719

observatory in just a moment but let's

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00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:04,320

give you a little background on the

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00:01:09,750 --> 00:01:07,360

asteroid protecting the planet is a nasa

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00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:09,760

priority and though this asteroid is not

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00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:12,159

a threat it is an excellent learning

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00:01:17,590 --> 00:01:14,560

opportunity nasa will be getting its

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00:01:20,230 --> 00:01:17,600

best look at this asteroid ever using

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00:01:22,230 --> 00:01:20,240

advanced and detailed radar let me

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00:01:24,630 --> 00:01:22,240

introduce you right now to paul chodes

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:24,640

he's a scientist with nasa's near earth

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00:01:30,230 --> 00:01:27,040

object program office based right here

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:30,240

at jpl the neo program has already

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00:01:34,710 --> 00:01:31,520

identified

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:34,720

95 percent of the asteroids that have

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:37,520

orbits very close to earth and are over

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00:01:41,749 --> 00:01:39,360

one kilometer

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00:01:45,429 --> 00:01:41,759

in diameter which is about a half a mile

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00:01:47,510 --> 00:01:45,439

in diameter 1998 kiwi do happens to be

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00:01:49,270 --> 00:01:47,520

one of these that we're talking about

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00:01:51,030 --> 00:01:49,280

and paul why don't you just kind of

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00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:51,040

brief us tell us a little bit about this

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00:01:55,109 --> 00:01:52,880

particular asteroid well this is one of

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00:01:57,270 --> 00:01:55,119

the big ones so it's one of the 95

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00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:57,280

percent that we've characterized it was

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00:02:02,630 --> 00:01:59,200

discovered about 15 years ago and it's

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00:02:04,789 --> 00:02:02,640

one of the initial successes of our

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00:02:06,149 --> 00:02:04,799

efforts to find the big asteroids that

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00:02:08,309 --> 00:02:06,159

could hit the earth and cause global

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00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:08,319

catastrophe so it's certainly one to

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00:02:11,830 --> 00:02:10,319

keep an eye on we know it's passing at a

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:11,840

comfortable distance

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00:02:18,710 --> 00:02:16,560
and the name why why 1998 qe2 there's a

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00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:18,720
formula to this right yes it's not named

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00:02:22,550 --> 00:02:20,640
after the ocean liner it's not named

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00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:22,560
after queen elizabeth ii it's it's a

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00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:25,040
standard asteroid name 1998 is the year

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00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:27,120
it was discovered and q indicates the

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00:02:33,430 --> 00:02:31,040
month and e2 um it was the previous one

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00:02:35,670 --> 00:02:33,440
was d2 and the next one would be f2 it's

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00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:35,680
just a standard designation all right so

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00:02:41,990 --> 00:02:38,080
you gave us an image yesterday to show

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00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:42,000
us the orbit of qe2 and we can go to it

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00:02:45,910 --> 00:02:43,680
right now and take a look at it it's

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00:02:47,990 --> 00:02:45,920

pretty large yes this is an eccentric

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00:02:50,390 --> 00:02:48,000

orbit you can see that it right now it's

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00:02:52,309 --> 00:02:50,400

right beside the earth very close but at

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:52,319

its farthest point from the sun it goes

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00:02:56,550 --> 00:02:54,640

out to the outer asteroid belt in fact

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00:02:58,630 --> 00:02:56,560

pretty close to the orbit of jupiter so

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00:03:01,110 --> 00:02:58,640

it's an eccentric orbit in a way it's a

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00:03:04,070 --> 00:03:01,120

visitor from deep space and you also

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00:03:06,070 --> 00:03:04,080

gave us a a graphic to show us the

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00:03:08,390 --> 00:03:06,080

closest approach to kind of give us an

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understanding of how far away it really

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00:03:11,910 --> 00:03:10,159

is just to put it in perspective that's

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:11,920

right and we have that image right here

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:14,400

it is uh yes you can see on the left is

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00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:16,080

the earth and the ring around the earth

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00:03:20,550 --> 00:03:18,080

is the moon's orbit for scale you can

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00:03:23,190 --> 00:03:20,560

see that the asteroid passes by i put

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00:03:25,190 --> 00:03:23,200

the dates on this diagram it's about 15

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00:03:26,550 --> 00:03:25,200

times farther than the moon is from the

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00:03:28,789 --> 00:03:26,560

earth so it's a very comfortable

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00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:28,799

distance but for an asteroid this size

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00:03:34,550 --> 00:03:29,680

that's

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00:03:36,390 --> 00:03:34,560

would keep an eye on if it for any

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00:03:38,470 --> 00:03:36,400

reason gets closer

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00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:38,480

to us than the distance we have right

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00:03:41,190 --> 00:03:39,599

here

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exactly we want to keep an eye on all of

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the these asteroids especially the large

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00:03:46,390 --> 00:03:44,640

ones and

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00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:46,400

we don't know of any

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uh asteroids that have a significant

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00:03:51,670 --> 00:03:49,840

chance of hitting the earth right now

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00:03:53,670 --> 00:03:51,680

but we calculate the orbits for all of

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00:03:55,670 --> 00:03:53,680

them and project them into the future so

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00:03:57,830 --> 00:03:55,680

we're familiar with this particular

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00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:57,840

asteroid do we know what it's made of

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00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:59,599

what are some of the characteristics

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00:04:03,990 --> 00:04:01,599

things like that yes this uh this

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00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:04,000
asteroid is what we call a c type and we

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00:04:07,990 --> 00:04:05,599
think that is associated with

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00:04:10,149 --> 00:04:08,000
carbonaceous chondrite meteorites so we

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00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:10,159
have an example of a carbonaceous

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00:04:14,229 --> 00:04:12,480
chondrite meteorite it's very dark this

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00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:14,239
the outer crust of course is black as

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00:04:18,789 --> 00:04:16,880
many meteorites are but even the inside

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00:04:21,909 --> 00:04:18,799
is very dark indeed it's a very

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00:04:24,469 --> 00:04:21,919
primitive type of meteorite formed in

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00:04:26,710 --> 00:04:24,479
the outer solar system it has amino

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00:04:28,950 --> 00:04:26,720
acids in it organic compounds and a lot

112
00:04:31,990 --> 00:04:28,960
of carbon which makes it dark so it is a

113
00:04:34,550 --> 00:04:32,000

very dark object all right so we have

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00:04:36,469 --> 00:04:34,560

been briefed a little bit on qe2 and

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00:04:38,550 --> 00:04:36,479

let's go ahead and speak to some folks

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00:04:41,909 --> 00:04:38,560

who have actually seen it

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00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:41,919

qe2 was discovered 15 years ago in a

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00:04:47,350 --> 00:04:44,720

survey using optical telescopes and the

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00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:47,360

south african astronomical observatory

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00:04:51,590 --> 00:04:49,680

in sutherland is a

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00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:51,600

optical telescope it's used for

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00:04:57,189 --> 00:04:54,320

education and also research and on the

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00:04:59,990 --> 00:04:57,199

line right now is nick loring she is one

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00:05:01,590 --> 00:05:00,000

of the astronomers at that facility nick

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00:05:03,270 --> 00:05:01,600

what do you see what did you see last

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00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:03,280

night

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00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:08,080

saw the asteroid

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00:05:12,150 --> 00:05:10,000

so what we could see was we could see a

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:12,160

few background styles which were just

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00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:14,560

like white specks of light which weren't

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00:05:17,909 --> 00:05:15,520

moving

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00:05:19,830 --> 00:05:17,919

and then we actually saw this white star

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00:05:23,189 --> 00:05:19,840

that looked like a star moving across

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00:05:24,550 --> 00:05:23,199

the field just very very slowly and um

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00:05:26,230 --> 00:05:24,560

we we knew immediately that was the

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00:05:27,749 --> 00:05:26,240

asteroid because it was moving against

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00:05:30,150 --> 00:05:27,759

the the background of the stationary

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00:05:31,990 --> 00:05:30,160

stars so so it just looked like a white

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00:05:33,590 --> 00:05:32,000

dot it actually looked like a star it's

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00:05:34,870 --> 00:05:33,600

just so we could tell it wasn't a star

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00:05:37,270 --> 00:05:34,880

because it was moving relative to the

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00:05:39,430 --> 00:05:37,280

background stars was this difficult to

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00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:39,440

find

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00:05:46,710 --> 00:05:44,320

because um the asteroids orbit has been

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00:05:50,390 --> 00:05:46,720

it's been mapped very well and it's um

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00:05:52,550 --> 00:05:50,400

we actually use jpl's web page to

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00:05:54,469 --> 00:05:52,560

find the coordinates at a specific time

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00:05:56,469 --> 00:05:54,479

point at the telescope at the at the

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00:05:59,270 --> 00:05:56,479

coordinates and there it was right right

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00:06:01,830 --> 00:05:59,280

in the middle well that's uh paul the uh

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00:06:03,670 --> 00:06:01,840
nick mentioned that she used jpl's

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00:06:05,590 --> 00:06:03,680
website to help her with the coordinates

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00:06:06,469 --> 00:06:05,600
could you talk a little bit about that

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00:06:08,150 --> 00:06:06,479
well

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00:06:10,230 --> 00:06:08,160
asteroids are

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00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,240
observed by astronomers around the world

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00:06:13,510 --> 00:06:12,240
and all of the data is collected into a

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00:06:15,350 --> 00:06:13,520
large set of

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00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:15,360
observations which we then use to

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00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:17,039
calculate an orbit and run it into the

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00:06:21,110 --> 00:06:18,960
future and so we can

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00:06:23,749 --> 00:06:21,120
predict where she should look to find

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00:06:25,590 --> 00:06:23,759

this asteroid and uh we know pretty well

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00:06:27,189 --> 00:06:25,600

pretty accurately where it is so the if

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00:06:28,950 --> 00:06:27,199

the predictions you get from our website

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00:06:31,029 --> 00:06:28,960

on the orbital elements and where to

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00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:31,039

look are quite accurate we're glad to

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00:06:35,110 --> 00:06:33,199

hear that was helpful nick and now how

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00:06:38,550 --> 00:06:35,120

are people reacting to this are they

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00:06:40,070 --> 00:06:38,560

very enthused and excited

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00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:40,080

absolutely yeah people are really

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00:06:43,909 --> 00:06:41,680

excited because i think it's just nice

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00:06:45,350 --> 00:06:43,919

when you can actually see something um

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00:06:47,270 --> 00:06:45,360

for your with your own eyes you know

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00:06:49,029 --> 00:06:47,280

when when when we talk about our stories

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00:06:51,029 --> 00:06:49,039

we think of things far away in space

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00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:51,039

that we can't see and now all of a

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00:06:55,350 --> 00:06:52,560

sudden they can actually watch the

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00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:55,360

asteroid moving for themselves so we've

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00:07:01,430 --> 00:06:58,319

had um quite a lot of um interest on our

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00:07:03,430 --> 00:07:01,440

facebook and twitter sites and the press

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00:07:04,629 --> 00:07:03,440

and media and family and friends you

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00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:04,639

know we share we're sharing the

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00:07:09,589 --> 00:07:06,720

information on facebook and we're

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00:07:10,710 --> 00:07:09,599

getting so many sort of uh comments and

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00:07:13,110 --> 00:07:10,720

people are really we are really

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00:07:15,430 --> 00:07:13,120

enthusiastic so nick we have to explain

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00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:15,440

to the audience we really were planning

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00:07:19,430 --> 00:07:17,840

to have a view of this live but

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00:07:21,189 --> 00:07:19,440

apparently weather is not good over

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00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:21,199

there i understand

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00:07:23,990 --> 00:07:22,319

yeah

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00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:24,000

unfortunately the weather is not playing

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00:07:27,589 --> 00:07:25,759

along tonight we had a lovely clear

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00:07:28,710 --> 00:07:27,599

night yesterday we got some really good

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00:07:30,629 --> 00:07:28,720

footage

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and tonight unfortunately we've been in

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and out of cloud and just prior to um

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00:07:37,029 --> 00:07:35,360

the start of the program it's really

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00:07:39,430 --> 00:07:37,039

clouded up for us so we've just been

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00:07:42,830 --> 00:07:39,440
unlucky unfortunately but that's how it

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00:07:44,550 --> 00:07:42,840
goes it's it's part of the territory i

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00:07:45,909 --> 00:07:44,560
understand

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00:07:48,230 --> 00:07:45,919
part of the package of being an

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00:07:49,749 --> 00:07:48,240
astronomer is sitting up in the mountain

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00:07:51,589 --> 00:07:49,759
in the freezing cold

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00:07:53,430 --> 00:07:51,599
you know under cloud

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00:07:55,830 --> 00:07:53,440
all right well thank you so much that

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00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:55,840
was nick loring she is with the south

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00:08:01,110 --> 00:07:58,479
african astronomical observatory in

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00:08:04,070 --> 00:08:01,120
sutherland south africa thank you very

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00:08:06,469 --> 00:08:04,080
very much for helping us out today

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00:08:09,749 --> 00:08:06,479

well for astronomers using

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optical telescopes 1998 qe2 is faint

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00:08:16,150 --> 00:08:12,319

it's far away it's not very exciting but

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00:08:18,629 --> 00:08:16,160

for radar astronomers qe2 is outstanding

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00:08:22,629 --> 00:08:18,639

with radar they have image resolution of

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00:08:24,790 --> 00:08:22,639

about 12 feet on an object 3.6 million

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00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:24,800

miles away and by the time they're

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:26,560

through with this observation they'll

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00:08:36,149 --> 00:08:29,520

have a better idea of qe2's orbit its

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:39,350

1998 qe2 is going to make a relatively

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00:08:44,389 --> 00:08:41,760

close approach to earth on may 31st the

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00:08:46,310 --> 00:08:44,399

orbit for this object is very well known

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00:08:48,710 --> 00:08:46,320

it'll be to the south rising in the

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00:08:50,949 --> 00:08:48,720

southeast setting in the southwest

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00:08:52,949 --> 00:08:50,959

in late may especially early june it'll

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00:08:55,350 --> 00:08:52,959

reach a visual magnitude of about 10 and

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00:08:57,590 --> 00:08:55,360

a half to 11 and that means that amateur

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00:08:58,949 --> 00:08:57,600

astronomers who have four or six-inch

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telescopes

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00:09:03,509 --> 00:09:00,959

could potentially see it

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it is going to come within 15 lunar

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00:09:08,470 --> 00:09:06,399

distances about 15 times the distance

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00:09:11,190 --> 00:09:08,480

between the earth and the moon although

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00:09:13,509 --> 00:09:11,200

it is labeled as a potentially hazardous

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00:09:15,750 --> 00:09:13,519

asteroid what that really means is that

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00:09:17,269 --> 00:09:15,760

its orbit can approach within a certain

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00:09:18,550 --> 00:09:17,279

distance of the earth's orbit for the

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00:09:19,910 --> 00:09:18,560

foreseeable future there's nothing to

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00:09:22,310 --> 00:09:19,920

worry about i mean it's far more

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00:09:24,150 --> 00:09:22,320

dangerous to walk across the street the

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00:09:26,470 --> 00:09:24,160

asteroid is believed to be about 1.7

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00:09:28,550 --> 00:09:26,480

miles in diameter that is about 9 qe2

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00:09:32,310 --> 00:09:28,560

cruise ships end to end

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00:09:34,870 --> 00:09:32,320

rotates with 5.3 hours and we know it's

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00:09:36,949 --> 00:09:34,880

likely rounded even the most powerful

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00:09:38,949 --> 00:09:36,959

optical telescopes and i'm talking even

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in a hubble telescope they can only see

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this asteroid as a point of light it is

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just too far and too small radar is a

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very powerful instrument that we use to

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00:09:51,910 --> 00:09:49,839

study near-earth asteroids

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00:09:53,990 --> 00:09:51,920

was millions of kilometers away

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00:09:56,470 --> 00:09:54,000

and we were able to resolve surface

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00:09:57,670 --> 00:09:56,480

rocks we could see boulders

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there are currently only two radar

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00:10:01,110 --> 00:09:58,959

facilities in the world that have

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sufficient sensitivity for doing regular

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observations of near-earth objects

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arecibo and goldstone it provides an

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extraordinary opportunity to get very

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detailed radar images you are

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00:10:13,509 --> 00:10:11,279

transmitting microwaves it's propagating

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00:10:16,069 --> 00:10:13,519

at a speed of light toward the asteroid

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00:10:18,150 --> 00:10:16,079

it is bouncing back

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00:10:20,230 --> 00:10:18,160

and this radar echo is containing

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00:10:22,230 --> 00:10:20,240

surface features of the asteroid it's

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00:10:24,710 --> 00:10:22,240

telling us about its rotation

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00:10:27,269 --> 00:10:24,720

and it's very precisely pinpointing its

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00:10:29,509 --> 00:10:27,279

distance from the radar

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00:10:31,030 --> 00:10:29,519

this is a great opportunity because

273

00:10:33,829 --> 00:10:31,040

instead of sending a spacecraft to an

274

00:10:35,590 --> 00:10:33,839

asteroid you are on earth an asteroid is

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00:10:37,350 --> 00:10:35,600

coming to you we think we're going to

276

00:10:38,870 --> 00:10:37,360

see images that will rival the caliber

277

00:10:39,990 --> 00:10:38,880

of what we can get from a spacecraft fly

278

00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:40,000

by mission

279

00:10:44,550 --> 00:10:41,760

they really should be that detailed and

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00:10:46,150 --> 00:10:44,560

opportunities like that

281

00:10:47,750 --> 00:10:46,160

they sometimes happen a few times a year

282

00:10:50,710 --> 00:10:47,760

but this is the best one that we know of

283

00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:53,509

and last night goldstone's 70 meter

284

00:11:00,389 --> 00:10:57,920

antenna also known as dss 14 was moved

285

00:11:03,990 --> 00:11:00,399

into position and pointed at asteroid

286

00:11:06,389 --> 00:11:04,000

1998 qe2 and as we heard it's one of two

287

00:11:08,949 --> 00:11:06,399

telescopes in the world that are large

288

00:11:11,509 --> 00:11:08,959

enough and with transmitters powerful

289

00:11:14,710 --> 00:11:11,519

enough to observe asteroids so last

290

00:11:17,350 --> 00:11:14,720

night dss 14 sent out a radar signal

291

00:11:19,590 --> 00:11:17,360

from the antenna the energy bounced off

292

00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:19,600

the asteroid and was received by the

293

00:11:24,470 --> 00:11:21,839

same antenna and then processed into

294

00:11:26,949 --> 00:11:24,480

images images like these they don't look

295

00:11:29,430 --> 00:11:26,959

like pictures on your regular digital

296

00:11:31,670 --> 00:11:29,440

camera there are more like ultrasound

297

00:11:33,509 --> 00:11:31,680

images the principles are quite similar

298

00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:33,519

they don't look like regular pictures

299

00:11:38,150 --> 00:11:35,839

but you can still see things and

300

00:11:40,389 --> 00:11:38,160

recognize things right now radar

301

00:11:42,710 --> 00:11:40,399

scientist marina brosovich is part of

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00:11:44,710 --> 00:11:42,720

that observation team and she is at

303

00:11:46,870 --> 00:11:44,720

goldstone right now she was observing

304

00:11:49,590 --> 00:11:46,880

last night to give us the results hi

305

00:11:52,069 --> 00:11:49,600

marina hi how are you so how did it go

306

00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:52,079

last night well it was quite a bit of

307

00:11:57,509 --> 00:11:55,200

surprise so it turns out the 1998 qe2 is

308

00:11:59,910 --> 00:11:57,519

a binary asteroid

309

00:12:01,829 --> 00:11:59,920

this is something that we did not expect

310

00:12:03,110 --> 00:12:01,839

especially i was looking at this earlier

311

00:12:05,509 --> 00:12:03,120

footage and we have to make some

312

00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:05,519

revisions to that period of rotation

313

00:12:08,949 --> 00:12:06,800

so initially we thought that it's

314

00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:08,959

rotating with a period of 5.3 hours

315

00:12:12,790 --> 00:12:10,800

because that was what was reported to us

316

00:12:14,629 --> 00:12:12,800

by the uh from by the optical observers

317

00:12:17,509 --> 00:12:14,639

and based on the light curves

318

00:12:18,710 --> 00:12:17,519

but in for such a type of rotation we

319

00:12:20,949 --> 00:12:18,720

really don't expect to see any

320

00:12:22,310 --> 00:12:20,959

satellites uh we're talking this one

321

00:12:24,470 --> 00:12:22,320

turned out to be

322

00:12:26,629 --> 00:12:24,480

rotating probably much more rapidly

323

00:12:28,470 --> 00:12:26,639

uh probably less than four hours

324

00:12:31,030 --> 00:12:28,480

and the first thing we see there's this

325

00:12:33,750 --> 00:12:31,040

uh object and it has a satellite well we

326

00:12:36,710 --> 00:12:33,760

have the still pictures that we can show

327

00:12:40,069 --> 00:12:36,720

folks um and you can see the different

328

00:12:42,230 --> 00:12:40,079

frames and a very light small object in

329

00:12:44,949 --> 00:12:42,240

front of it

330

00:12:47,590 --> 00:12:44,959

yes so what you can see here this larger

331

00:12:49,910 --> 00:12:47,600

uh the the larger object on the screen

332

00:12:51,829 --> 00:12:49,920

that is the primary that is the primary

333

00:12:54,069 --> 00:12:51,839

and then this little bright speck of

334

00:12:55,829 --> 00:12:54,079

light over here in the back that is the

335

00:12:58,389 --> 00:12:55,839

satellite and the satellite is in its

336

00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:58,399

orbit around around its primary uh like

337

00:13:02,550 --> 00:13:00,560

the moon would go around the earth

338

00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,560

so what you are seeing over here these

339

00:13:05,509 --> 00:13:04,079

are radar images they are different than

340

00:13:06,870 --> 00:13:05,519

optical images

341

00:13:09,590 --> 00:13:06,880

and

342

00:13:11,910 --> 00:13:09,600

each frame is a snippet about 10 minutes

343

00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:11,920

of data and you can clearly see that

344

00:13:16,629 --> 00:13:14,240

both the primary the these kind of

345

00:13:18,829 --> 00:13:16,639

features on the primary this kind of

346

00:13:22,150 --> 00:13:18,839

radar dark spot is

347

00:13:24,389 --> 00:13:22,160

rotating it's it's rotating as the this

348

00:13:26,870 --> 00:13:24,399

time sequence is progressing and at the

349

00:13:30,069 --> 00:13:26,880

same time what you're seeing is that the

350

00:13:32,470 --> 00:13:30,079

um the satellite is moving

351
00:13:35,190 --> 00:13:32,480
more toward the back so it's moving away

352
00:13:38,310 --> 00:13:35,200
from from the asteroid now where this is

353
00:13:40,389 --> 00:13:38,320
really evident is when you put it into a

354
00:13:45,030 --> 00:13:40,399
movie form and we can show folks that

355
00:13:48,150 --> 00:13:46,629
there you see it yeah you can clearly

356
00:13:50,710 --> 00:13:48,160
see you can see the evidence of the

357
00:13:52,710 --> 00:13:50,720
rotation of the primary because uh this

358
00:13:55,189 --> 00:13:52,720
is i have to say that this these um

359
00:13:57,430 --> 00:13:55,199
resolution of these images is 75 meters

360
00:13:59,350 --> 00:13:57,440
per pixel so we still haven't reached

361
00:14:00,829 --> 00:13:59,360
our highest possible resolution because

362
00:14:04,310 --> 00:14:00,839
the object is still a little bit far

363
00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:04,320

away but even at a 75 meter resolution

364

00:14:08,629 --> 00:14:06,079

what we can see is there's cert there

365

00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:08,639

are clearly some radar dark features

366

00:14:12,629 --> 00:14:10,880

some concavities maybe

367

00:14:14,389 --> 00:14:12,639

maybe those are impact craters or

368

00:14:16,629 --> 00:14:14,399

something but we can't know this for

369

00:14:18,550 --> 00:14:16,639

sure and we definitely can see that

370

00:14:21,189 --> 00:14:18,560

there is a satellite we estimate the

371

00:14:23,910 --> 00:14:21,199

size of the primary was was right on so

372

00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:23,920

this was it's about 2.7 kilometer in

373

00:14:28,629 --> 00:14:26,399

diameter and the satellite is about 600

374

00:14:31,189 --> 00:14:28,639

meters in diameter so this satellite

375

00:14:31,990 --> 00:14:31,199

appears to be small on the radar image

376

00:14:33,750 --> 00:14:32,000

but

377

00:14:35,829 --> 00:14:33,760

it's not this is kind of this different

378

00:14:38,949 --> 00:14:35,839

dimension on horizontal axis it's a

379

00:14:39,829 --> 00:14:38,959

measure of how fast it rotates so this

380

00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:39,839

wide

381

00:14:44,310 --> 00:14:42,000

echo it just means that the primary is

382

00:14:45,430 --> 00:14:44,320

rotating really fast so period less than

383

00:14:47,670 --> 00:14:45,440

four hours

384

00:14:49,590 --> 00:14:47,680

and the little in the back the narrow

385

00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:49,600

echo just means that this asteroid is

386

00:14:55,829 --> 00:14:52,160

rotating really slowly probably periods

387

00:14:58,470 --> 00:14:55,839

of less than one day but many many hours

388

00:15:01,509 --> 00:14:58,480

well you sent us a video

389

00:15:03,829 --> 00:15:01,519

earlier today to give us an example you

390

00:15:05,990 --> 00:15:03,839

think that there are

391

00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:06,000

great similarities between

392

00:15:10,949 --> 00:15:09,199

qe2 and another asteroid that you have

393

00:15:13,670 --> 00:15:10,959

and we can roll that too

394

00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:13,680

yes well so far we know that about 16

395

00:15:16,949 --> 00:15:15,040

of asteroids in the near-earth

396

00:15:19,829 --> 00:15:16,959

population that have diameters greater

397

00:15:22,470 --> 00:15:19,839

than 200 meters we know they're binaries

398

00:15:24,310 --> 00:15:22,480

and this is uh one well-studied binary

399

00:15:26,870 --> 00:15:24,320

that's based on our construction of

400

00:15:28,310 --> 00:15:26,880

radar data and when you reconstruct what

401
00:15:30,389 --> 00:15:28,320
greater data really means you end up

402
00:15:34,230 --> 00:15:30,399
with this three-dimensional shape model

403
00:15:35,670 --> 00:15:34,240
and this is asteroid 1999 kw-4

404
00:15:38,389 --> 00:15:35,680
and it's one of the best studies

405
00:15:40,550 --> 00:15:38,399
binaries you see its primary rotating

406
00:15:42,150 --> 00:15:40,560
really rapidly and then you see the

407
00:15:43,829 --> 00:15:42,160
satellite

408
00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:43,839
that is that is in the orbit around

409
00:15:47,749 --> 00:15:45,839
around this primary

410
00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:47,759
the reason why these the binary

411
00:15:52,389 --> 00:15:50,240
asteroids are so important is because we

412
00:15:53,590 --> 00:15:52,399
can estimate the mass of the of the

413
00:15:55,509 --> 00:15:53,600

asteroids

414

00:15:57,269 --> 00:15:55,519

and if you know the size then you can

415

00:15:59,670 --> 00:15:57,279

estimate the density and you can

416

00:16:01,590 --> 00:15:59,680

estimate the internal structure

417

00:16:02,629 --> 00:16:01,600

and from here you can

418

00:16:04,310 --> 00:16:02,639

infer

419

00:16:06,629 --> 00:16:04,320

things about the collisional history of

420

00:16:09,509 --> 00:16:06,639

the asteroid and in general about the

421

00:16:11,749 --> 00:16:09,519

processes that shaped the

422

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:11,759

terrestrial planets and the main belt

423

00:16:16,790 --> 00:16:14,079

asteroids so you're able to get more

424

00:16:19,189 --> 00:16:16,800

information this is information that be

425

00:16:21,509 --> 00:16:19,199

could be used for missions i i

426

00:16:23,590 --> 00:16:21,519

understand that we used radar

427

00:16:26,069 --> 00:16:23,600

information to help us with missions

428

00:16:28,230 --> 00:16:26,079

like the hartley 2 mission in fact

429

00:16:30,710 --> 00:16:28,240

yes that is correct we we frequently we

430

00:16:33,350 --> 00:16:30,720

several on several occasions we radar

431

00:16:35,910 --> 00:16:33,360

provided a really key kind of data that

432

00:16:37,590 --> 00:16:35,920

helped make the mission kind of up they

433

00:16:39,670 --> 00:16:37,600

optimize their

434

00:16:41,749 --> 00:16:39,680

navigation sequence

435

00:16:43,590 --> 00:16:41,759

and they they just plan the it's

436

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:43,600

possible to plan much safer and more

437

00:16:48,550 --> 00:16:46,000

efficient mission if you

438

00:16:51,590 --> 00:16:48,560

know how the object looks like prior of

439

00:16:53,910 --> 00:16:51,600

getting there and people are always

440

00:16:56,310 --> 00:16:53,920

concerned about the orbit of these

441

00:16:58,870 --> 00:16:56,320

asteroids that they could be on a

442

00:17:01,030 --> 00:16:58,880

collision course with the earth and

443

00:17:02,790 --> 00:17:01,040

there are times where we think oh it

444

00:17:04,230 --> 00:17:02,800

looks like it but then as we get more

445

00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:04,240

and more information like the

446

00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:06,240

information we're getting today we can

447

00:17:10,470 --> 00:17:08,480

refine those orbits and we will be able

448

00:17:12,069 --> 00:17:10,480

to refine it again after this

449

00:17:13,750 --> 00:17:12,079

observation correct

450

00:17:16,470 --> 00:17:13,760

yeah that is correct so one of the one

451
00:17:18,309 --> 00:17:16,480
of the really kind of powers of radar is

452
00:17:20,710 --> 00:17:18,319
that it can it can locate where the

453
00:17:22,150 --> 00:17:20,720
asteroid is very precisely it provides

454
00:17:24,949 --> 00:17:22,160
this very tight

455
00:17:26,630 --> 00:17:24,959
uh tight point in its orbit and refines

456
00:17:29,029 --> 00:17:26,640
it and based on that you can kind of

457
00:17:31,590 --> 00:17:29,039
extend you can extend the orbit of that

458
00:17:36,470 --> 00:17:33,590
centuries in advance and you can know

459
00:17:38,870 --> 00:17:36,480
exactly you can better assess the risk

460
00:17:40,870 --> 00:17:38,880
and the risk of potentially the asteroid

461
00:17:42,549 --> 00:17:40,880
hitting the earth well before you go

462
00:17:45,750 --> 00:17:42,559
away marina we have a couple of

463
00:17:47,590 --> 00:17:45,760

questions from the social media audience

464

00:17:49,909 --> 00:17:47,600

these are questions that were posted on

465

00:17:51,990 --> 00:17:49,919

our twitter page for asteroid watch and

466

00:17:54,230 --> 00:17:52,000

here's one that's for you

467

00:17:57,510 --> 00:17:54,240

what is the frequency of the radar that

468

00:18:00,390 --> 00:17:57,520

you use and how big is your transmitter

469

00:18:02,150 --> 00:18:00,400

transceiver and where is it located

470

00:18:04,310 --> 00:18:02,160

okay so we have we're working with the

471

00:18:06,390 --> 00:18:04,320

two radars they're only currently we are

472

00:18:08,470 --> 00:18:06,400

working with the radar at our sibo we

473

00:18:10,789 --> 00:18:08,480

are working radar at gallstone so

474

00:18:13,270 --> 00:18:10,799

goldstone this is a 70 meter antenna

475

00:18:16,549 --> 00:18:13,280

it's transmitting at

476

00:18:17,590 --> 00:18:16,559

60 megahertz we have 500 kilowatts of

477

00:18:20,310 --> 00:18:17,600

power

478

00:18:21,750 --> 00:18:20,320

and then at our sibo we have 300 meter

479

00:18:24,230 --> 00:18:21,760

diameter dish

480

00:18:25,990 --> 00:18:24,240

and that one is a one megawatt power

481

00:18:29,750 --> 00:18:26,000

transmitter and it's transmitting in

482

00:18:31,909 --> 00:18:29,760

2380 megahertz our sibo is about 20

483

00:18:33,830 --> 00:18:31,919

times more sensitive than goldstone but

484

00:18:35,990 --> 00:18:33,840

goldstone can cover much more in the sky

485

00:18:37,909 --> 00:18:36,000

because we have fully steerable antenna

486

00:18:39,590 --> 00:18:37,919

so in effect these two systems are

487

00:18:41,270 --> 00:18:39,600

really complementary

488

00:18:44,230 --> 00:18:41,280

all right here's another question from

489

00:18:45,110 --> 00:18:44,240

asteroid watch is the radar a ground

490

00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:45,120

brace

491

00:18:51,909 --> 00:18:48,320

a ground base or space radar to track

492

00:18:56,470 --> 00:18:54,390

well well space radars are used all

493

00:18:58,390 --> 00:18:56,480

being constantly in the missions but

494

00:19:00,230 --> 00:18:58,400

kind of just to get the science data but

495

00:19:02,870 --> 00:19:00,240

it's really not necessary

496

00:19:05,669 --> 00:19:02,880

uh to have a kind of space radar

497

00:19:07,590 --> 00:19:05,679

uh we we already are doing quite a bit

498

00:19:11,029 --> 00:19:07,600

of work with these two

499

00:19:13,430 --> 00:19:11,039

radars that we have on earth all right

500

00:19:15,830 --> 00:19:13,440

so those are two questions from asteroid

501
00:19:17,270 --> 00:19:15,840
watch and if you also have questions

502
00:19:19,669 --> 00:19:17,280
yourself that you would want to send

503
00:19:23,909 --> 00:19:19,679
them in to us go ahead to our twitter

504
00:19:26,310 --> 00:19:23,919
page at asteroid watch twitter.com slash

505
00:19:27,990 --> 00:19:26,320
asteroid watch thanks marina we look

506
00:19:31,270 --> 00:19:28,000
forward to seeing more results on this

507
00:19:33,590 --> 00:19:31,280
data 1998 qe2 should be a great radar

508
00:19:35,830 --> 00:19:33,600
target from today all the way through

509
00:19:39,510 --> 00:19:35,840
june 9. thanks marina thank you very

510
00:19:42,310 --> 00:19:39,520
much and as we mentioned seeing 1998 qe2

511
00:19:44,549 --> 00:19:42,320
can be a challenge it is small it is

512
00:19:46,549 --> 00:19:44,559
faint and it moves slowly you won't be

513
00:19:49,669 --> 00:19:46,559

able to see the asteroid with the naked

514

00:19:52,710 --> 00:19:49,679

eye or even binoculars because it's 15

515

00:19:54,789 --> 00:19:52,720

times as far away as the moon but if you

516

00:19:57,590 --> 00:19:54,799

have the right telescope and nowhere to

517

00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:57,600

look backyard astronomers will be able

518

00:20:01,909 --> 00:19:59,280

to see it and that's why we pulled in

519

00:20:03,750 --> 00:20:01,919

steve whistler steve is a jpl system

520

00:20:06,789 --> 00:20:03,760

engineer that's worked on missions like

521

00:20:08,710 --> 00:20:06,799

deep impact and epoxy and he's also a

522

00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:08,720

trained astronomer who works with the

523

00:20:14,310 --> 00:20:12,240

amateur community now steve you spotted

524

00:20:16,230 --> 00:20:14,320

qe2 yourself yesterday on your own

525

00:20:17,510 --> 00:20:16,240

telescope that's right i set it up last

526

00:20:19,669 --> 00:20:17,520

night and

527

00:20:23,590 --> 00:20:19,679

fortunately i had clear weather and i

528

00:20:26,710 --> 00:20:23,600

got about 40 minutes worth of imaging

529

00:20:28,310 --> 00:20:26,720

out of it and uh yeah so it's definitely

530

00:20:30,870 --> 00:20:28,320

possible to see with a small amateur

531

00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:30,880

telescope even from a

532

00:20:33,510 --> 00:20:32,320

near jpl here where there's a lot of

533

00:20:35,190 --> 00:20:33,520

light pollution

534

00:20:36,470 --> 00:20:35,200

we have the picture that you sent us we

535

00:20:39,590 --> 00:20:36,480

could put it up

536

00:20:41,190 --> 00:20:39,600

this this the small little smudge there

537

00:20:43,909 --> 00:20:41,200

is the asteroid

538

00:20:44,950 --> 00:20:43,919

there's a reference star that i

539

00:20:47,430 --> 00:20:44,960

put in there

540

00:20:49,190 --> 00:20:47,440

but it was it was fairly easy to set up

541

00:20:50,950 --> 00:20:49,200

and see you need to

542

00:20:53,029 --> 00:20:50,960

know where to look and the best way to

543

00:20:55,590 --> 00:20:53,039

find out is to download the coordinates

544

00:20:57,669 --> 00:20:55,600

from jpl's horizon website i entered

545

00:20:59,830 --> 00:20:57,679

them into my computer and told the

546

00:21:02,390 --> 00:20:59,840

telescope to point there so let's back

547

00:21:04,549 --> 00:21:02,400

up a little bit so how bright was it

548

00:21:05,909 --> 00:21:04,559

this is 11th magnitude so it's about 100

549

00:21:07,190 --> 00:21:05,919

times fainter than can be seen with the

550

00:21:08,549 --> 00:21:07,200

naked eye

551
00:21:11,029 --> 00:21:08,559
this is what you wouldn't be able to see

552
00:21:12,950 --> 00:21:11,039
in binoculars either and again it moves

553
00:21:14,549 --> 00:21:12,960
so slowly it would be very hard to see

554
00:21:17,350 --> 00:21:14,559
visually just looking through the

555
00:21:19,029 --> 00:21:17,360
telescope the the image there was 30

556
00:21:22,870 --> 00:21:19,039
seconds and so there was just a very

557
00:21:24,149 --> 00:21:22,880
smooth smudge in 30 seconds so

558
00:21:26,470 --> 00:21:24,159
photographically it's much more

559
00:21:28,789 --> 00:21:26,480
interesting well folks will want to ask

560
00:21:31,190 --> 00:21:28,799
what size telescope did you use i used a

561
00:21:33,270 --> 00:21:31,200
10 10-inch telescope we have pictures of

562
00:21:34,070 --> 00:21:33,280
of ones here too as well that we can cut

563
00:21:41,510 --> 00:21:34,080

to

564

00:21:42,789 --> 00:21:41,520

inches

565

00:21:44,390 --> 00:21:42,799

that is not a computer controlled

566

00:21:46,710 --> 00:21:44,400

telescope and would be relatively hard

567

00:21:48,549 --> 00:21:46,720

to find it in that in this case this one

568

00:21:50,470 --> 00:21:48,559

would be tough uh yes yeah you really

569

00:21:51,909 --> 00:21:50,480

need a good star chart to understand

570

00:21:53,750 --> 00:21:51,919

what the background star field is going

571

00:21:55,669 --> 00:21:53,760

to look like and understand where the

572

00:21:59,270 --> 00:21:55,679

asteroid will be relative to those stars

573

00:22:01,350 --> 00:21:59,280

and then it's it's not too hard to do so

574

00:22:03,669 --> 00:22:01,360

to help folks along we could provide

575

00:22:05,270 --> 00:22:03,679

them a little bit of a star chart we

576

00:22:07,190 --> 00:22:05,280

created one for them we can take a look

577

00:22:09,430 --> 00:22:07,200

and you can help them with this sure now

578

00:22:11,590 --> 00:22:09,440

this will show the path of the asteroid

579

00:22:13,909 --> 00:22:11,600

through the night sky it's basically

580

00:22:16,390 --> 00:22:13,919

it's got a southern declination so it's

581

00:22:18,149 --> 00:22:16,400

it is visible from los angeles tomorrow

582

00:22:19,909 --> 00:22:18,159

night it'll get as high as 37 degrees

583

00:22:21,669 --> 00:22:19,919

above the horizon the further south you

584

00:22:23,510 --> 00:22:21,679

go the better further north it's going

585

00:22:25,830 --> 00:22:23,520

to be a little bit worse

586

00:22:27,350 --> 00:22:25,840

you would need a detailed star chart

587

00:22:28,950 --> 00:22:27,360

with the surrounding

588

00:22:30,470 --> 00:22:28,960

stars that you would be able to see from

589

00:22:31,909 --> 00:22:30,480

your telescope in order to really pick

590

00:22:33,750 --> 00:22:31,919

it out and understand where it is

591

00:22:34,870 --> 00:22:33,760

relative to the stars because it is

592

00:22:36,230 --> 00:22:34,880

going to look like a star even in the

593

00:22:39,110 --> 00:22:36,240

hubble space telescope it would look

594

00:22:41,510 --> 00:22:39,120

like a star how many days would we have

595

00:22:44,549 --> 00:22:41,520

this viewing opportunity uh that i am

596

00:22:45,830 --> 00:22:44,559

not sure of certainly a few more days um

597

00:22:48,870 --> 00:22:45,840

it would be

598

00:22:50,630 --> 00:22:48,880

visible so definitely look for it

599

00:22:52,470 --> 00:22:50,640

in the southern skies but again if you

600

00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:52,480

go to horizon's website or there's

601
00:22:55,590 --> 00:22:54,240
another another a number of other

602
00:22:57,190 --> 00:22:55,600
websites where you can download

603
00:22:59,990 --> 00:22:57,200
information that will tell you its

604
00:23:01,909 --> 00:23:00,000
position and magnitude for every day

605
00:23:04,230 --> 00:23:01,919
so a lot of people aren't aware of this

606
00:23:07,510 --> 00:23:04,240
that there are telescopes that you can

607
00:23:09,990 --> 00:23:07,520
just take this orbital information

608
00:23:11,110 --> 00:23:10,000
downloaded it into your telescope and

609
00:23:13,350 --> 00:23:11,120
computer

610
00:23:15,110 --> 00:23:13,360
and it looks for it for you that's right

611
00:23:17,909 --> 00:23:15,120
so where would you get information like

612
00:23:20,549 --> 00:23:17,919
that there's a number of sites that have

613
00:23:22,549 --> 00:23:20,559

the orbital elements again jpl's horizon

614

00:23:24,149 --> 00:23:22,559

website is what i used and there we have

615

00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:24,159

it on the screen for you is

616

00:23:29,760 --> 00:23:33,350

horizons.cgi

617

00:23:38,310 --> 00:23:35,590

and the target body that they type in is

618

00:23:43,350 --> 00:23:38,320

this number that is the jpl id for the

619

00:23:48,789 --> 00:23:46,149

so folks who probably are going to be

620

00:23:51,750 --> 00:23:48,799

pretty sophisticated have sophisticated

621

00:23:53,830 --> 00:23:51,760

computers and telescopes will be able to

622

00:23:55,669 --> 00:23:53,840

get amateur telescopes sold today have

623

00:23:57,830 --> 00:23:55,679

computer control of some sort all right

624

00:23:59,590 --> 00:23:57,840

but if you have one that you would have

625

00:24:02,630 --> 00:23:59,600

to focus yourself it's going to be a

626

00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:02,640

little tough yes okay so we have a

627

00:24:07,750 --> 00:24:04,720

couple of social media questions for you

628

00:24:10,870 --> 00:24:07,760

steve the first one is am i going to be

629

00:24:12,710 --> 00:24:10,880

able to see it in south florida oh yes

630

00:24:14,149 --> 00:24:12,720

actually probably better than probably

631

00:24:16,230 --> 00:24:14,159

better than here

632

00:24:19,269 --> 00:24:16,240

assuming it's not cloudy yeah all right

633

00:24:20,950 --> 00:24:19,279

so that so pretty much um

634

00:24:22,630 --> 00:24:20,960

all over the united states we should be

635

00:24:25,350 --> 00:24:22,640

able to see it yeah you know i really

636

00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:25,360

couldn't say for like san francisco and

637

00:24:29,110 --> 00:24:27,120

above again it's going to be really low

638

00:24:30,549 --> 00:24:29,120

on the rise in the further north you go

639

00:24:33,190 --> 00:24:30,559

but certainly from the southern united

640

00:24:37,269 --> 00:24:33,200

states it'll be easily visible all right

641

00:24:40,310 --> 00:24:37,279

um some other questions um

642

00:24:43,110 --> 00:24:40,320

this would be probably more towards

643

00:24:44,870 --> 00:24:43,120

folks who are worried about asteroids

644

00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:44,880

and i don't think that that would be

645

00:24:50,149 --> 00:24:47,840

good for you um just rules of thumb

646

00:24:52,310 --> 00:24:50,159

advice for people who want to do this

647

00:24:53,269 --> 00:24:52,320

especially first-timers

648

00:24:54,950 --> 00:24:53,279

should they

649

00:24:56,950 --> 00:24:54,960

go to

650

00:24:58,149 --> 00:24:56,960

you know various planetariums or

651
00:24:59,830 --> 00:24:58,159
something like that would that be

652
00:25:02,310 --> 00:24:59,840
helpful it's really helpful to join an

653
00:25:03,909 --> 00:25:02,320
astronomy club to to learn because

654
00:25:05,750 --> 00:25:03,919
talking to people and seeing how they do

655
00:25:09,269 --> 00:25:05,760
it is one of the best ways to learn uh

656
00:25:10,470 --> 00:25:09,279
this this hobby and websites too

657
00:25:12,789 --> 00:25:10,480
lots of great information on the

658
00:25:15,190 --> 00:25:12,799
websites

659
00:25:16,630 --> 00:25:15,200
as well all right yahoo groups those

660
00:25:19,510 --> 00:25:16,640
sorts of things

661
00:25:21,909 --> 00:25:19,520
i i should plug our own um normal

662
00:25:24,470 --> 00:25:21,919
feature we have a feature on our own

663
00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:24,480

video website here at jpl the what's up

664

00:25:28,230 --> 00:25:26,320

series that's correct every single month

665

00:25:30,390 --> 00:25:28,240

we will tell you what to look for in the

666

00:25:32,390 --> 00:25:30,400

night sky so that's another one to keep

667

00:25:35,350 --> 00:25:32,400

in mind well steve thank you thanks for

668

00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:35,360

the tips and the advice and many of you

669

00:25:38,390 --> 00:25:36,480

who have

670

00:25:41,110 --> 00:25:38,400

probably the more sophisticated

671

00:25:42,549 --> 00:25:41,120

telescopes will be able to see qe2

672

00:25:45,269 --> 00:25:42,559

so

673

00:25:47,510 --> 00:25:45,279

you will be able to see 1998 qe2 in your

674

00:25:49,990 --> 00:25:47,520

own backyard but some of you won't but

675

00:25:52,070 --> 00:25:50,000

don't despair we have one more way for

676

00:25:55,110 --> 00:25:52,080

you to track this asteroid it's a

677

00:25:57,430 --> 00:25:55,120

visualization tool developed here at jpl

678

00:25:59,590 --> 00:25:57,440

it is called eyes on the solar system

679

00:26:01,510 --> 00:25:59,600

visualization producer doug ellison is

680

00:26:05,430 --> 00:26:01,520

here in mission control right now to

681

00:26:07,269 --> 00:26:05,440

give folks tips on how to use it duck

682

00:26:09,029 --> 00:26:07,279

thanks gay well good morning everybody

683

00:26:10,870 --> 00:26:09,039

and some of you i'm sure have already

684

00:26:12,630 --> 00:26:10,880

used our tool called eyes on the solar

685

00:26:14,630 --> 00:26:12,640

system for those of you that haven't you

686

00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:14,640

need any java enabled web browser on a

687

00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:16,960

mac or a pc and you just need to go to

688

00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:20,880

this website here it's at eyes.nasa.gov

689

00:26:23,669 --> 00:26:22,000

now the next few minutes i'm going to

690

00:26:25,029 --> 00:26:23,679

give a brief tour of a few interesting

691

00:26:26,870 --> 00:26:25,039

things in eyes on the solar system you

692

00:26:28,230 --> 00:26:26,880

can look at over the next year or so and

693

00:26:31,190 --> 00:26:28,240

show you how you can ride on board with

694

00:26:32,310 --> 00:26:31,200

1998 qe2 as well over the next few days

695

00:26:34,230 --> 00:26:32,320

let's go and have a look at eyes on the

696

00:26:36,470 --> 00:26:34,240

solar system as you can see right here

697

00:26:38,710 --> 00:26:36,480

what we have is essentially a live view

698

00:26:40,870 --> 00:26:38,720

of where qe2 is right now using the very

699

00:26:42,789 --> 00:26:40,880

same trajectory data that steve was just

700

00:26:45,590 --> 00:26:42,799

talking about and you can see that it's

701
00:26:46,950 --> 00:26:45,600
about 3.6 million miles from the earth

702
00:26:49,269 --> 00:26:46,960
and we can take a look at the asteroid

703
00:26:50,950 --> 00:26:49,279
of course the news that qe2 has a small

704
00:26:52,870 --> 00:26:50,960
moon was a surprise to all of us and so

705
00:26:54,870 --> 00:26:52,880
we'll be adding that in the next few

706
00:26:57,669 --> 00:26:54,880
weeks to give qe2 the most accurate

707
00:26:58,789 --> 00:26:57,679
representation we can but let's leave

708
00:27:00,390 --> 00:26:58,799
this little module for now i'm going to

709
00:27:01,510 --> 00:27:00,400
look at some other things in and around

710
00:27:03,590 --> 00:27:01,520
our solar system that might be

711
00:27:05,190 --> 00:27:03,600
interesting things that people may not

712
00:27:07,269 --> 00:27:05,200
have figured out for themselves in eyes

713
00:27:09,190 --> 00:27:07,279

on the solar system before i'm going to

714

00:27:11,269 --> 00:27:09,200

go and click on the visual controls tab

715

00:27:13,029 --> 00:27:11,279

in the bottom right hand corner here and

716

00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:13,039

way up at the top under the different

717

00:27:16,149 --> 00:27:14,640

sections that kind of the layers of

718

00:27:17,669 --> 00:27:16,159

objects we have in eyes on the solar

719

00:27:19,590 --> 00:27:17,679

system there's a section called small

720

00:27:21,430 --> 00:27:19,600

bodies that's where we keep things like

721

00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:21,440

asteroids and comets now i'm going to

722

00:27:24,630 --> 00:27:23,360

turn on the comets layer and you can see

723

00:27:26,549 --> 00:27:24,640

eyes on the television gets actually

724

00:27:27,990 --> 00:27:26,559

quite busy you can see our old friend

725

00:27:30,310 --> 00:27:28,000

hartley too that we explored with the

726

00:27:32,630 --> 00:27:30,320

epoxy spacecraft comet ellen in over

727

00:27:34,149 --> 00:27:32,640

here halley's comment of course but two

728

00:27:36,070 --> 00:27:34,159

comments in particular can be very very

729

00:27:37,990 --> 00:27:36,080

exciting over the next year or so i'm

730

00:27:39,909 --> 00:27:38,000

going to go and look at comet ison you

731

00:27:41,909 --> 00:27:39,919

can see it's orbit here

732

00:27:43,590 --> 00:27:41,919

if we start fast forwarding through time

733

00:27:45,510 --> 00:27:43,600

we're looking at may this control down

734

00:27:47,350 --> 00:27:45,520

here we can actually skip forwards and

735

00:27:48,710 --> 00:27:47,360

now we're seeing common eyes on screen

736

00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:48,720

towards the inner solar system you can

737

00:27:51,830 --> 00:27:50,080

see right there

738

00:27:53,510 --> 00:27:51,840

in october of this year it actually gets

739

00:27:55,669 --> 00:27:53,520

pretty close to the planet mars let's go

740

00:27:57,110 --> 00:27:55,679

and see just how close that is we can

741

00:27:58,789 --> 00:27:57,120

double click on an object and ride on

742

00:28:00,310 --> 00:27:58,799

board with it i'm going to zoom out just

743

00:28:02,710 --> 00:28:00,320

a little bit so we can have a look at

744

00:28:04,630 --> 00:28:02,720

the coma around the comet and i can

745

00:28:06,630 --> 00:28:04,640

right click on any object in eyes on the

746

00:28:08,789 --> 00:28:06,640

solar system measure the distance from

747

00:28:10,230 --> 00:28:08,799

something click on something else and

748

00:28:12,230 --> 00:28:10,240

i've got a virtual tape measure through

749

00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:12,240

space that tells me how far apart these

750

00:28:15,830 --> 00:28:13,760

two objects are at this point you can

751

00:28:18,389 --> 00:28:15,840

see that mars and comet ice on in

752

00:28:20,230 --> 00:28:18,399

october of 2013 are about 10 million

753

00:28:21,590 --> 00:28:20,240

miles apart and they get within about 8

754

00:28:22,710 --> 00:28:21,600

million miles

755

00:28:24,149 --> 00:28:22,720

i'm going to back out to the whole of

756

00:28:25,909 --> 00:28:24,159

the solar system again with the home

757

00:28:27,190 --> 00:28:25,919

button and i'm going to keep fast

758

00:28:29,110 --> 00:28:27,200

forwarding and eventually you'll see

759

00:28:31,269 --> 00:28:29,120

comet ison get incredibly close to the

760

00:28:32,950 --> 00:28:31,279

sun it's an incredibly close flyby

761

00:28:35,430 --> 00:28:32,960

something known as a sun grazing comet

762

00:28:37,190 --> 00:28:35,440

it gets so close now if it survives that

763

00:28:39,029 --> 00:28:37,200

incredibly close approach to the sun

764

00:28:41,350 --> 00:28:39,039

it's going to be a spectacular comet for

765

00:28:42,950 --> 00:28:41,360

people to see from the earth at the end

766

00:28:44,789 --> 00:28:42,960

of this year and the beginning of next

767

00:28:46,389 --> 00:28:44,799

year now let's go look at a different

768

00:28:48,070 --> 00:28:46,399

asteroid

769

00:28:49,510 --> 00:28:48,080

a different comet what i'm going to look

770

00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:49,520

at now is the one discovered by the

771

00:28:55,750 --> 00:28:51,360

siding springs observatory it's right

772

00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:55,760

down here called 2013 a1 here it is

773

00:28:59,669 --> 00:28:58,080

i'm going to go right on board the comet

774

00:29:01,590 --> 00:28:59,679

and you can see right now it's way way

775

00:29:03,190 --> 00:29:01,600

out below the solar system and i'm going

776

00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:03,200

to actually lock the camera from the

777

00:29:07,430 --> 00:29:05,760

shoulder of this comet onto the planet

778

00:29:09,909 --> 00:29:07,440

mars let's lock the camera by right

779

00:29:11,110 --> 00:29:09,919

clicking the mouse and hitting lock on

780

00:29:13,590 --> 00:29:11,120

and i'm going to fast forward you can

781

00:29:20,389 --> 00:29:13,600

see we're now getting through november

782

00:29:23,909 --> 00:29:22,149

you can see the maven spacecraft gets to

783

00:29:26,470 --> 00:29:23,919

mars not long before this comet flies

784

00:29:27,909 --> 00:29:26,480

past

785

00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:27,919

and towards the end of next year there

786

00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:29,520

you saw it very very quick flyby i was

787

00:29:32,630 --> 00:29:30,640

fast-forwarding a little bit too quick

788

00:29:36,870 --> 00:29:32,640

let's rewind time and look at that flyby

789

00:29:41,430 --> 00:29:38,549

as we get closer you can see mars's

790

00:29:43,350 --> 00:29:41,440

moons phobos and dmos there they are

791

00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:43,360

and from this comet it gets incredibly

792

00:29:47,430 --> 00:29:44,880

close to the planet mars let's just see

793

00:29:49,510 --> 00:29:47,440

how close that is

794

00:29:51,909 --> 00:29:49,520

let's go and look at mars

795

00:29:53,510 --> 00:29:51,919

let's go and zoom well out of the planet

796

00:29:55,430 --> 00:29:53,520

and we can measure that distance as well

797

00:29:57,430 --> 00:29:55,440

we can right click on mars measure the

798

00:29:58,710 --> 00:29:57,440

distance from and left click on the

799

00:30:01,669 --> 00:29:58,720

comet and you can see at this point it's

800

00:30:03,269 --> 00:30:01,679

only 72 000 miles an incredibly close

801
00:30:04,950 --> 00:30:03,279
flyby it's gonna be a spectacular thing

802
00:30:06,789 --> 00:30:04,960
to see from the surface of mars

803
00:30:09,430 --> 00:30:06,799
hopefully with our spacecraft in orbit

804
00:30:10,470 --> 00:30:09,440
around mars and from the surface

805
00:30:12,149 --> 00:30:10,480
and of course comets aren't just

806
00:30:13,830 --> 00:30:12,159
something we look at from a long long

807
00:30:15,590 --> 00:30:13,840
way away occasionally we send spacecraft

808
00:30:17,350 --> 00:30:15,600
to don't go and take a slightly closer

809
00:30:19,909 --> 00:30:17,360
look at them and if we go back to the

810
00:30:22,070 --> 00:30:19,919
present day you'll see that this comet

811
00:30:24,230 --> 00:30:22,080
here chirami of garasimenko has a

812
00:30:25,510 --> 00:30:24,240
spacecraft very close to rosetta and

813
00:30:26,870 --> 00:30:25,520

right now they're only a few million

814

00:30:29,909 --> 00:30:26,880

miles apart in fact you can see that

815

00:30:31,830 --> 00:30:29,919

distance 16.6 million miles if i start

816

00:30:34,470 --> 00:30:31,840

fast forwarding time to about 12 months

817

00:30:36,149 --> 00:30:34,480

from now the rosetta mission which is a

818

00:30:38,630 --> 00:30:36,159

collaboration between the european space

819

00:30:39,669 --> 00:30:38,640

agency and nasa as well if we go all the

820

00:30:40,630 --> 00:30:39,679

way through the beginning of next year

821

00:30:42,789 --> 00:30:40,640

you're going to see that the rosetta

822

00:30:44,310 --> 00:30:42,799

spacecraft gets incredibly close to this

823

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:44,320

uh this comet as well in fact it's going

824

00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:45,840

to go into orbit around the comet and

825

00:30:49,590 --> 00:30:47,520

eventually put a lander onto the surface

826

00:30:50,870 --> 00:30:49,600

of that comet as well

827

00:30:52,549 --> 00:30:50,880

and so now we're going to do is just go

828

00:30:54,149 --> 00:30:52,559

back to our little qe2 module so you can

829

00:30:56,070 --> 00:30:54,159

all at home right on board the asteroid

830

00:30:58,070 --> 00:30:56,080

see exactly where it is up in the top

831

00:31:00,310 --> 00:30:58,080

corner is the tours and features module

832

00:31:01,669 --> 00:31:00,320

i'm going to hit 1998 qe2 and we take

833

00:31:03,830 --> 00:31:01,679

you to this little mini module just

834

00:31:05,830 --> 00:31:03,840

about qe2 and by hitting the right along

835

00:31:07,509 --> 00:31:05,840

button there i am on board the asteroid

836

00:31:09,029 --> 00:31:07,519

you can see the earth and the moon right

837

00:31:11,190 --> 00:31:09,039

behind it for the kind of bruce willis

838

00:31:12,549 --> 00:31:11,200

view bring up the controls and hit this

839

00:31:13,830 --> 00:31:12,559

kind of ride along button here and

840

00:31:15,669 --> 00:31:13,840

suddenly you're riding on board the

841

00:31:17,750 --> 00:31:15,679

asteroid as it does its flyby of the

842

00:31:19,110 --> 00:31:17,760

earth over the next few days so that's

843

00:31:21,990 --> 00:31:19,120

eyes on the solar system once again you

844

00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:22,000

can go to it by going to eyes.nasa.gov

845

00:31:24,070 --> 00:31:23,120

and with that i'm going to throw it back

846

00:31:26,549 --> 00:31:24,080

together

847

00:31:27,830 --> 00:31:26,559

thanks doug so you get to see it even

848

00:31:30,230 --> 00:31:27,840

though you don't see it in your own

849

00:31:32,870 --> 00:31:30,240

backyard you can see it on the web

850

00:31:35,830 --> 00:31:32,880

page is back with us he's with the neo

851
00:31:38,470 --> 00:31:35,840
program office let's kind of help people

852
00:31:41,110 --> 00:31:38,480
understand why asteroids are so

853
00:31:43,909 --> 00:31:41,120
important there's a variety of reasons

854
00:31:45,350 --> 00:31:43,919
it's not just the catastrophic fear

855
00:31:47,990 --> 00:31:45,360
factor

856
00:31:49,509 --> 00:31:48,000
these are the some of the most primitive

857
00:31:51,830 --> 00:31:49,519
objects in the solar system so they give

858
00:31:53,750 --> 00:31:51,840
us information if we can study them uh

859
00:31:56,470 --> 00:31:53,760
about how the solar system was formed

860
00:31:57,990 --> 00:31:56,480
what were the ingredients uh that that

861
00:32:00,470 --> 00:31:58,000
were in the nebula which formed the

862
00:32:01,669 --> 00:32:00,480
solar system the some of the most

863
00:32:03,990 --> 00:32:01,679

primitive

864

00:32:06,310 --> 00:32:04,000

objects that we can use to study the

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00:32:07,350 --> 00:32:06,320

early nebula of the solar system

866

00:32:11,110 --> 00:32:07,360

so

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00:32:13,590 --> 00:32:11,120

uh

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00:32:15,830 --> 00:32:13,600

are these things something that we would

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00:32:17,590 --> 00:32:15,840

be interested in in the future

870

00:32:19,430 --> 00:32:17,600

it's also

871

00:32:21,350 --> 00:32:19,440

uh surprising that there are hydrated

872

00:32:23,830 --> 00:32:21,360

minerals in some of these objects which

873

00:32:25,830 --> 00:32:23,840

were formed in the uh outer

874

00:32:28,710 --> 00:32:25,840

area uh outer asteroid belt so they

875

00:32:30,549 --> 00:32:28,720

didn't receive a lot of heating and so

876

00:32:34,070 --> 00:32:30,559

it's possible that we could actually

877

00:32:36,230 --> 00:32:34,080

mine these objects if we go out and with

878

00:32:38,389 --> 00:32:36,240

some sort of in the distant future

879

00:32:40,870 --> 00:32:38,399

possibly or not so distant future we

880

00:32:43,110 --> 00:32:40,880

could go out and extract things like

881

00:32:45,590 --> 00:32:43,120

water and oxygen from these and use them

882

00:32:47,430 --> 00:32:45,600

as resources in space possibly there are

883

00:32:49,350 --> 00:32:47,440

also many minerals that

884

00:32:51,669 --> 00:32:49,360

are present in these objects

885

00:32:54,070 --> 00:32:51,679

and so in it's possible that these

886

00:32:55,750 --> 00:32:54,080

things could be a source of

887

00:32:57,190 --> 00:32:55,760

you know resources and minerals that we

888

00:32:59,509 --> 00:32:57,200

could use on the earth

889

00:33:01,830 --> 00:32:59,519

but it seems the common person seems to

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00:33:04,310 --> 00:33:01,840

be most interested about asteroids

891

00:33:07,509 --> 00:33:04,320

because of concerns of the safety of the

892

00:33:09,509 --> 00:33:07,519

planet and your office has the job of

893

00:33:12,950 --> 00:33:09,519

tracking these asteroids and we we have

894

00:33:14,789 --> 00:33:12,960

a graphic of what we have seen in terms

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00:33:16,950 --> 00:33:14,799

of numbers

896

00:33:19,590 --> 00:33:16,960

since may 8th but you tell me that the

897

00:33:21,029 --> 00:33:19,600

numbers have already increased

898

00:33:23,269 --> 00:33:21,039

yes i think the number of near-earth

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00:33:25,990 --> 00:33:23,279

asteroids listed on the top there is up

900

00:33:27,669 --> 00:33:26,000

by at least 50 since may the 8th in in

901
00:33:29,190 --> 00:33:27,679
less than a month in less than a month

902
00:33:33,590 --> 00:33:29,200
objects

903
00:33:35,750 --> 00:33:33,600
rate of something like 80 per month

904
00:33:37,190 --> 00:33:35,760
and asteroids in general are discovered

905
00:33:39,430 --> 00:33:37,200
at something like

906
00:33:41,350 --> 00:33:39,440
3 000 per month and so

907
00:33:43,669 --> 00:33:41,360
the the numbers are just exploding we

908
00:33:46,310 --> 00:33:43,679
have 600 000 asteroids in our database

909
00:33:48,310 --> 00:33:46,320
right now for the uh for the entire uh

910
00:33:50,950 --> 00:33:48,320
list of asteroids but you seem to have a

911
00:33:54,549 --> 00:33:50,960
real handle on the larger ones the ones

912
00:33:55,590 --> 00:33:54,559
that are over one kilometer say

913
00:33:57,590 --> 00:33:55,600

yes

914

00:33:59,830 --> 00:33:57,600

those were the first priority of the

915

00:34:01,990 --> 00:33:59,840

earth object program office

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00:34:03,750 --> 00:34:02,000

we wanted to know their orbits very

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00:34:05,669 --> 00:34:03,760

accurately and the uncertainties and we

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00:34:07,110 --> 00:34:05,679

wanted to project them into the future

919

00:34:09,109 --> 00:34:07,120

we wanted to know whether they could hit

920

00:34:10,950 --> 00:34:09,119

the earth especially so

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00:34:12,950 --> 00:34:10,960

we take the observations from the minor

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00:34:15,030 --> 00:34:12,960

planet center located in cambridge

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00:34:17,190 --> 00:34:15,040

massachusetts they collect worldwide

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00:34:19,349 --> 00:34:17,200

observations we use those then to

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00:34:21,430 --> 00:34:19,359

compute high precision orbits for these

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00:34:23,030 --> 00:34:21,440
asteroids and that's a complicated

927
00:34:25,270 --> 00:34:23,040
mathematical process but it's very

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00:34:27,190 --> 00:34:25,280
important and then project those into

929
00:34:29,430 --> 00:34:27,200
the future and look at all possible

930
00:34:32,550 --> 00:34:29,440
possibilities we take into account the

931
00:34:34,550 --> 00:34:32,560
gravity of the solar system we go 100

932
00:34:37,270 --> 00:34:34,560
years into the future

933
00:34:39,430 --> 00:34:37,280
so it's it's long on a human time scale

934
00:34:41,270 --> 00:34:39,440
but on a solar system time scale that's

935
00:34:43,589 --> 00:34:41,280
just a blink of the eye and that

936
00:34:44,550 --> 00:34:43,599
information is constantly changing

937
00:34:46,790 --> 00:34:44,560
because

938
00:34:48,470 --> 00:34:46,800

as we get more and more information say

939

00:34:51,990 --> 00:34:48,480

the things we're getting from radar

940

00:34:54,790 --> 00:34:52,000

today all that changes the computation

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00:34:56,950 --> 00:34:54,800

of the orbit yes so we will use the

942

00:34:59,109 --> 00:34:56,960

radar measurements that were made last

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00:35:00,790 --> 00:34:59,119

night and will be made tomorrow we'll

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00:35:02,630 --> 00:35:00,800

use those to improve the orbit even

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00:35:04,870 --> 00:35:02,640

better in this case we know this

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00:35:06,390 --> 00:35:04,880

asteroid can't hit the earth but

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00:35:08,550 --> 00:35:06,400

using the radar measurements we'll be

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00:35:10,390 --> 00:35:08,560

able to predict it accurately hundreds

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00:35:12,550 --> 00:35:10,400

of years into the future and i would

950

00:35:15,430 --> 00:35:12,560

think that that information would be key

951
00:35:17,510 --> 00:35:15,440
if you are going to have a mission to an

952
00:35:19,990 --> 00:35:17,520
asteroid you have to know exactly where

953
00:35:21,990 --> 00:35:20,000
it is at any given time yes the more

954
00:35:24,150 --> 00:35:22,000
observations we get the better radar

955
00:35:26,790 --> 00:35:24,160
really helps to pin down the orbit of an

956
00:35:28,950 --> 00:35:26,800
asteroid as well as setting up as

957
00:35:30,550 --> 00:35:28,960
indicating the size of it so

958
00:35:31,990 --> 00:35:30,560
we saw it this morning those amazing

959
00:35:34,870 --> 00:35:32,000
images that's the first time i've seen

960
00:35:36,950 --> 00:35:34,880
them um where which marina showed were

961
00:35:38,710 --> 00:35:36,960
very impressive now we know

962
00:35:41,750 --> 00:35:38,720
that the size our estimates of the size

963
00:35:43,430 --> 00:35:41,760

was pretty accurate binary and a binary

964

00:35:45,990 --> 00:35:43,440

marina must have been really excited to

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00:35:48,150 --> 00:35:46,000

see that the binaries are not so common

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00:35:50,550 --> 00:35:48,160

uh so i was very exciting i'm happy to

967

00:35:52,390 --> 00:35:50,560

see that uh and we can get a good idea

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00:35:55,190 --> 00:35:52,400

now of the mass

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00:35:57,430 --> 00:35:55,200

of that asteroid if we track and know a

970

00:36:00,390 --> 00:35:57,440

little bit about the orbit of the of the

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00:36:01,829 --> 00:36:00,400

secondary the satellite because the

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00:36:04,230 --> 00:36:01,839

orbital period of the satellite is

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00:36:07,670 --> 00:36:04,240

related to the mass of the asteroid all

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00:36:10,550 --> 00:36:07,680

right so the next mission to an asteroid

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00:36:13,190 --> 00:36:10,560

is one to an asteroid called bennu and

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00:36:16,150 --> 00:36:13,200

we have a picture of bennu

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00:36:18,390 --> 00:36:16,160

yes now bennu is about half a kilometer

978

00:36:20,390 --> 00:36:18,400

500 meters in diameter actually it's

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00:36:23,430 --> 00:36:20,400

probably very similar in size to the

980

00:36:25,829 --> 00:36:23,440

satellite of kiwi too come to think of

981

00:36:28,069 --> 00:36:25,839

it that the mission that will go to

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00:36:29,750 --> 00:36:28,079

bennu is called osiris-rex it's a very

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00:36:33,109 --> 00:36:29,760

exciting mission to be launched in the

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00:36:34,950 --> 00:36:33,119

year 2016. we have visuals of that okay

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00:36:37,349 --> 00:36:34,960

let's see the visual

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00:36:39,510 --> 00:36:37,359

there it is here we are this they asked

987

00:36:41,829 --> 00:36:39,520

oh here we are arriving at the asteroid

988

00:36:44,230 --> 00:36:41,839

and around the year 2018 after uh

989

00:36:46,230 --> 00:36:44,240

approximately a year of studying the

990

00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:46,240

asteroid at a distance the spacecraft

991

00:36:51,109 --> 00:36:48,800

will deploy an arm and pick up samples

992

00:36:52,069 --> 00:36:51,119

from the surface of the asteroid a

993

00:36:53,589 --> 00:36:52,079

certain

994

00:36:56,550 --> 00:36:53,599

number of grams will put it into a

995

00:36:58,150 --> 00:36:56,560

return capsule and then osiris-rex will

996

00:36:59,829 --> 00:36:58,160

come back to the earth and deploy that

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00:37:01,270 --> 00:36:59,839

capsule and it will land in the year

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00:37:03,829 --> 00:37:01,280

2023

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00:37:06,150 --> 00:37:03,839

in utah and we'll actually have actual

1000

00:37:08,710 --> 00:37:06,160

samples from that asteroid that is an

1001
00:37:10,710 --> 00:37:08,720
incredibly ambitious endeavor very

1002
00:37:13,270 --> 00:37:10,720
exciting but there is another one that

1003
00:37:14,630 --> 00:37:13,280
is even more ambitious

1004
00:37:17,589 --> 00:37:14,640
yes

1005
00:37:21,349 --> 00:37:17,599
nasa has proposed an asteroid initiative

1006
00:37:24,150 --> 00:37:21,359
with a very exciting goal of going out

1007
00:37:25,190 --> 00:37:24,160
to find a nearer earth asteroid one

1008
00:37:27,030 --> 00:37:25,200
that's in an

1009
00:37:28,230 --> 00:37:27,040
orbit that's pretty close to the earth

1010
00:37:30,230 --> 00:37:28,240
and we would

1011
00:37:31,589 --> 00:37:30,240
send a spacecraft out there a high-tech

1012
00:37:35,349 --> 00:37:31,599
spacecraft

1013
00:37:36,950 --> 00:37:35,359

powered by solar arrays deploy a bag

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00:37:39,910 --> 00:37:36,960

around this asteroid it has to be the

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00:37:42,710 --> 00:37:39,920

right size here about 20 to 30 feet in

1016

00:37:45,589 --> 00:37:42,720

diameter we'll deploy a bag inflate it

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00:37:47,589 --> 00:37:45,599

and then move the spacecraft

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00:37:49,270 --> 00:37:47,599

match its orbital speed of the rotation

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00:37:50,470 --> 00:37:49,280

speed move the spacecraft around the

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00:37:53,430 --> 00:37:50,480

asteroid

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00:37:55,910 --> 00:37:53,440

put it in the bag and then cinch the bag

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00:37:58,310 --> 00:37:55,920

thus capturing the asteroid

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00:37:59,990 --> 00:37:58,320

then we will actually have an entire

1024

00:38:01,589 --> 00:38:00,000

asteroid which we will have studied in

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00:38:03,750 --> 00:38:01,599

detail

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00:38:05,750 --> 00:38:03,760

at some distance and we'll be able to

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00:38:08,390 --> 00:38:05,760

study how the whole thing is constructed

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00:38:09,910 --> 00:38:08,400

what its bulk properties are

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00:38:11,910 --> 00:38:09,920

and this would be very useful

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00:38:13,829 --> 00:38:11,920

information if we ever ever had to

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00:38:14,950 --> 00:38:13,839

deflect an asteroid we need to know

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00:38:16,550 --> 00:38:14,960

things like

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00:38:17,750 --> 00:38:16,560

the the bulk properties and the density

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00:38:19,270 --> 00:38:17,760

that sort of thing

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00:38:21,349 --> 00:38:19,280

here we see the asteroid being pulled

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00:38:24,310 --> 00:38:21,359

into the space close to the spacecraft

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00:38:27,270 --> 00:38:24,320

the advanced ion engines firing we push

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00:38:28,390 --> 00:38:27,280

the space the the asteroid back towards

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00:38:30,150 --> 00:38:28,400

the earth

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00:38:32,470 --> 00:38:30,160

actually towards the moon and put it

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00:38:33,990 --> 00:38:32,480

into orbit around the moon which is a

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00:38:36,310 --> 00:38:34,000

stable place

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00:38:38,550 --> 00:38:36,320

then the orion spacecraft

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00:38:39,910 --> 00:38:38,560

would launch with us with astronauts

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00:38:41,750 --> 00:38:39,920

from florida

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00:38:43,510 --> 00:38:41,760

and it could go up and visit the

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00:38:44,950 --> 00:38:43,520

captured asteroid which is in orbit

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00:38:47,270 --> 00:38:44,960

around the moon

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00:38:50,390 --> 00:38:47,280

they could use tools to actually take

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00:38:52,630 --> 00:38:50,400

samples from the asteroid and take very

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00:38:55,829 --> 00:38:52,640

the most interesting samples that uh

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00:38:57,990 --> 00:38:55,839

from interesting areas on this asteroid

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00:38:59,670 --> 00:38:58,000

we put the samples then and return those

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00:39:00,950 --> 00:38:59,680

to the earth and we could study them up

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00:39:03,670 --> 00:39:00,960

close

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00:39:06,150 --> 00:39:03,680

it's a very exciting mission

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00:39:09,030 --> 00:39:06,160

you personally have a

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00:39:11,910 --> 00:39:09,040

role a sort of a predecessor role to

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00:39:14,310 --> 00:39:11,920

this mission in that it's going to be

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00:39:16,870 --> 00:39:14,320

your job to find us that asteroid well

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00:39:19,349 --> 00:39:16,880

the the near earth object program office

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00:39:20,470 --> 00:39:19,359

is charged with finding and selecting a

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00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:20,480

good target

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00:39:25,030 --> 00:39:23,520

and we need to find one that matches

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00:39:27,349 --> 00:39:25,040

certain constraints it has to be about

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00:39:30,390 --> 00:39:27,359

the right size 20 to 30 feet and

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00:39:32,710 --> 00:39:30,400

especially it has to be in an orbit that

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00:39:34,069 --> 00:39:32,720

passes the earth fairly slowly so that

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00:39:36,470 --> 00:39:34,079

the moon would have a chance of

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00:39:38,790 --> 00:39:36,480

capturing it so we are looking for very

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00:39:41,349 --> 00:39:38,800

specific orbit types as well

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00:39:44,310 --> 00:39:41,359

and we have about a dozen candidates

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00:39:45,750 --> 00:39:44,320

already and we think we will find

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00:39:47,510 --> 00:39:45,760

more good candidates in the next few

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00:39:49,349 --> 00:39:47,520

years so we'll be looking

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00:39:51,030 --> 00:39:49,359

at all the discoveries and searching for

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00:39:53,270 --> 00:39:51,040

these asteroids will be a high priority

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00:39:54,150 --> 00:39:53,280

in the next few years but it's it's the

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00:39:55,670 --> 00:39:54,160

same

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00:39:57,750 --> 00:39:55,680

survey that we'll be searching for

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00:39:59,670 --> 00:39:57,760

asteroids that could hit the earth so

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00:40:01,589 --> 00:39:59,680

it's the same basic technique but we'll

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00:40:03,510 --> 00:40:01,599

be watching for those ones which are in

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00:40:05,349 --> 00:40:03,520

orbits that could come close to the

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00:40:07,349 --> 00:40:05,359

earth very slowly and could be captured

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00:40:08,470 --> 00:40:07,359

and you're just discovering new ones

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00:40:09,270 --> 00:40:08,480

every day

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00:40:13,510 --> 00:40:09,280

so

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00:40:14,950 --> 00:40:13,520

every day yes uh we'll but we'll be

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00:40:16,470 --> 00:40:14,960

looking for just the right one i think

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00:40:19,349 --> 00:40:16,480

right we'll find one in the next few

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00:40:22,390 --> 00:40:19,359

years and timed just right to be where

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00:40:24,069 --> 00:40:22,400

you want it just then we also need it to

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00:40:25,750 --> 00:40:24,079

naturally come by the earth at about the

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00:40:27,990 --> 00:40:25,760

right time as well that's right all

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00:40:30,470 --> 00:40:28,000

right we'll find one as promised we are

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00:40:32,390 --> 00:40:30,480

doing some of the um social media

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00:40:34,870 --> 00:40:32,400

questions that you've sent in we have

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00:40:37,829 --> 00:40:34,880

one from ted wade

1100

00:40:41,190 --> 00:40:37,839

if hubble is retired or replaced can it

1101
00:40:42,950 --> 00:40:41,200
be assigned to neo search duties that's

1102
00:40:44,230 --> 00:40:42,960
an interesting question well a good

1103
00:40:46,230 --> 00:40:44,240
question

1104
00:40:48,710 --> 00:40:46,240
hubble is not well suited to search for

1105
00:40:51,349 --> 00:40:48,720
asteroids it's actually has a very

1106
00:40:54,069 --> 00:40:51,359
narrow field of view and can take very

1107
00:40:56,470 --> 00:40:54,079
detailed close-ups of particular objects

1108
00:40:58,069 --> 00:40:56,480
but what we need is to search large

1109
00:40:59,190 --> 00:40:58,079
regions of the sky

1110
00:41:00,550 --> 00:40:59,200
to find

1111
00:41:02,790 --> 00:41:00,560
an object in which we don't know where

1112
00:41:04,710 --> 00:41:02,800
it is so we we need to have a large

1113
00:41:06,710 --> 00:41:04,720

field of view so hubble is not the

1114

00:41:09,030 --> 00:41:06,720

appropriate

1115

00:41:11,349 --> 00:41:09,040

instrument to find asteroids well we

1116

00:41:13,190 --> 00:41:11,359

have marina standing by as well both of

1117

00:41:16,390 --> 00:41:13,200

you could help us with this

1118

00:41:18,470 --> 00:41:16,400

what do we know about 1998 qe2

1119

00:41:21,750 --> 00:41:18,480

composition and what might we learn

1120

00:41:23,750 --> 00:41:21,760

about it during the this flyby so both

1121

00:41:24,950 --> 00:41:23,760

of you can probably help us with that

1122

00:41:26,790 --> 00:41:24,960

you know a little bit about the

1123

00:41:28,550 --> 00:41:26,800

composition you said

1124

00:41:30,950 --> 00:41:28,560

we think we know basically what it looks

1125

00:41:33,910 --> 00:41:30,960

like yes um and that it's very dark it's

1126
00:41:35,349 --> 00:41:33,920
carbonaceous and it uh very primitive

1127
00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:35,359
elements coming from the outer solar

1128
00:41:40,790 --> 00:41:38,319
system but uh i was fascinated to see

1129
00:41:43,910 --> 00:41:40,800
the craters on marina's images very

1130
00:41:45,750 --> 00:41:43,920
interesting um we uh and we were as i

1131
00:41:47,990 --> 00:41:45,760
say it'd be great to learn about the

1132
00:41:49,829 --> 00:41:48,000
density of this object

1133
00:41:52,630 --> 00:41:49,839
from the orbital period of its satellite

1134
00:41:55,030 --> 00:41:52,640
then we will know approximately

1135
00:41:57,349 --> 00:41:55,040
give us better idea of the composition

1136
00:41:59,589 --> 00:41:57,359
i'll give this question also to marina

1137
00:42:02,870 --> 00:41:59,599
the question is

1138
00:42:04,630 --> 00:42:02,880

what do we know about qe2's composition

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00:42:07,589 --> 00:42:04,640

and what might we learn during this

1140

00:42:10,230 --> 00:42:07,599

flyby and you and i talked a little bit

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00:42:12,710 --> 00:42:10,240

earlier on you said since it's dark it

1142

00:42:13,510 --> 00:42:12,720

may be larger than you thought it would

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00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:13,520

was

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00:42:18,150 --> 00:42:15,200

do you still believe that's the case

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00:42:21,750 --> 00:42:18,160

that it's larger than you thought

1146

00:42:26,950 --> 00:42:24,230

i don't hear a thing apparently

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00:42:28,950 --> 00:42:26,960

apparently i hear you hear me um but

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00:42:30,790 --> 00:42:28,960

there was a question at one point and i

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00:42:33,190 --> 00:42:30,800

can hear gail barry okay

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00:42:35,030 --> 00:42:33,200

i think she can i can hear it yes okay

1151
00:42:37,270 --> 00:42:35,040
marina can hear me do you think that

1152
00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:37,280
this asteroid is larger than you first

1153
00:42:43,190 --> 00:42:39,599
anticipated it to be

1154
00:42:45,589 --> 00:42:43,200
uh 1998 qe2 it's it's about uh right

1155
00:42:47,510 --> 00:42:45,599
size so whatever this was this was

1156
00:42:50,069 --> 00:42:47,520
initially estimated by spitzer science

1157
00:42:52,150 --> 00:42:50,079
telescope uh based on special science

1158
00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:52,160
telescope data they estimated it it has

1159
00:42:57,510 --> 00:42:54,240
reflectivity about six percent

1160
00:42:59,270 --> 00:42:57,520
and 2.7 kilometer diameter so from what

1161
00:43:03,190 --> 00:42:59,280
we can see from the visible extent of

1162
00:43:05,030 --> 00:43:03,200
the radar images it is it is about right

1163
00:43:07,910 --> 00:43:05,040

now this is

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00:43:09,990 --> 00:43:07,920

one radar observation but you mentioned

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00:43:12,710 --> 00:43:10,000

that you're going to be doing several

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00:43:14,710 --> 00:43:12,720

others in in the coming year is that

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00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:14,720

yeah yeah it is correct what do we do

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00:43:18,870 --> 00:43:16,800

this is uh basically we we always

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00:43:20,390 --> 00:43:18,880

observe uh with well last year was

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00:43:23,670 --> 00:43:20,400

really busy let me tell you about last

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00:43:26,390 --> 00:43:23,680

year last year we observed 66 asteroids

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00:43:29,270 --> 00:43:26,400

only at our sibo and we observed 28

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00:43:31,589 --> 00:43:29,280

asteroids at goldstone we we spent like

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00:43:33,589 --> 00:43:31,599

400 hours observing asteroids only at

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00:43:35,990 --> 00:43:33,599

goldstone so it's we are you know we

1176
00:43:38,390 --> 00:43:36,000
have a very busy asteroid season ahead

1177
00:43:39,750 --> 00:43:38,400
uh we are probably expecting again

1178
00:43:41,990 --> 00:43:39,760
probably 50

1179
00:43:44,150 --> 00:43:42,000
objects to be observed not everything is

1180
00:43:45,510 --> 00:43:44,160
going to be glorious images as you have

1181
00:43:47,990 --> 00:43:45,520
seen some of them will be just a

1182
00:43:49,910 --> 00:43:48,000
detection but just as important because

1183
00:43:52,230 --> 00:43:49,920
we can get their orbits right

1184
00:43:53,670 --> 00:43:52,240
and maybe some initial physical

1185
00:43:54,390 --> 00:43:53,680
characterization

1186
00:43:56,230 --> 00:43:54,400
but

1187
00:43:57,910 --> 00:43:56,240
i think that the next good target next

1188
00:44:01,270 --> 00:43:57,920

good radar target is coming this summer

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00:44:03,270 --> 00:44:01,280

it's coming in august it's asteroid 2005

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00:44:06,309 --> 00:44:03,280

wk4

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00:44:09,109 --> 00:44:06,319

and it's about 300 meters as we think

1192

00:44:12,230 --> 00:44:09,119

it's about 300 meters in diameter so it

1193

00:44:14,309 --> 00:44:12,240

is a smaller than the satellite of 1998

1194

00:44:15,349 --> 00:44:14,319

qe2 which is about 600 meters in

1195

00:44:17,190 --> 00:44:15,359

diameter

1196

00:44:19,510 --> 00:44:17,200

and this one is going to come relatively

1197

00:44:21,510 --> 00:44:19,520

close about eight lunar distances and so

1198

00:44:22,550 --> 00:44:21,520

we expect to really have a very nice

1199

00:44:24,870 --> 00:44:22,560

images

1200

00:44:27,589 --> 00:44:24,880

and then the next year we are going to

1201

00:44:30,390 --> 00:44:27,599

have a chance to observe a comet

1202

00:44:35,190 --> 00:44:30,400

so this is going to become a linear it's

1203

00:44:36,950 --> 00:44:35,200

209 p comet linear in may of 2013

1204

00:44:38,950 --> 00:44:36,960

usually we don't have opportunities to

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00:44:41,030 --> 00:44:38,960

observe comet with with radar because

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00:44:43,910 --> 00:44:41,040

they just don't come close enough this

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00:44:45,190 --> 00:44:43,920

one is going to be at about 20 22 lunar

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00:44:47,349 --> 00:44:45,200

distances

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00:44:49,670 --> 00:44:47,359

and we'll we'll you know we'll be able

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00:44:51,670 --> 00:44:49,680

to get a peek at this type of object

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00:44:53,589 --> 00:44:51,680

but what is interesting it is going to

1212

00:44:55,750 --> 00:44:53,599

be a real treat for the optical

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00:44:58,470 --> 00:44:55,760

observers because there are some

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00:45:00,710 --> 00:44:58,480

indications that there is going to be a

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00:45:02,790 --> 00:45:00,720

really amazing meteor shower

1216

00:45:05,510 --> 00:45:02,800

caused by this comet so this comet is

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00:45:08,069 --> 00:45:05,520

periodic comet and earth is going to

1218

00:45:11,589 --> 00:45:08,079

pass through the trails of that this

1219

00:45:12,390 --> 00:45:11,599

comet deposited in 1800s

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00:45:14,150 --> 00:45:12,400

and

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00:45:15,990 --> 00:45:14,160

in may of next year

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00:45:17,349 --> 00:45:16,000

there is supposed to be a really nice

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00:45:19,829 --> 00:45:17,359

meteor shower

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00:45:22,230 --> 00:45:19,839

and we will also get to observe the

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00:45:24,630 --> 00:45:22,240

objects that produce this meteor shower

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00:45:27,349 --> 00:45:24,640

all right i have another asteroid watch

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00:45:30,230 --> 00:45:27,359

question either from marina or paul

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00:45:32,870 --> 00:45:30,240

i know how you find them but how do you

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00:45:35,589 --> 00:45:32,880

work out its trajectory based on a

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00:45:37,670 --> 00:45:35,599

single lens scope

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00:45:40,309 --> 00:45:37,680

well it's not just a single observation

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00:45:42,710 --> 00:45:40,319

we actually collect all the observations

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00:45:44,950 --> 00:45:42,720

and there could be hundreds of them

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00:45:46,710 --> 00:45:44,960

for a well-observed object and we fold

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00:45:49,750 --> 00:45:46,720

them all into the math

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00:45:51,990 --> 00:45:49,760

of the known gravity fields of the sun

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00:45:53,750 --> 00:45:52,000

and all of the planets and we figure out

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00:45:55,910 --> 00:45:53,760

which is the orbit that will fit all of

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00:45:57,510 --> 00:45:55,920

those best so and there's some

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00:45:59,109 --> 00:45:57,520

uncertainty of course there always will

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00:46:02,309 --> 00:45:59,119

be some because the observations are not

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00:46:04,230 --> 00:46:02,319

perfect but we get a very good idea the

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00:46:06,630 --> 00:46:04,240

more observations the better we'll get a

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00:46:09,589 --> 00:46:06,640

very good idea of the orbit and at a

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00:46:11,670 --> 00:46:09,599

particular time and then we will project

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00:46:13,510 --> 00:46:11,680

that into the future as well all right

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00:46:15,670 --> 00:46:13,520

so we're going to wrap up some of these

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00:46:18,309 --> 00:46:15,680

questions for now

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00:46:19,670 --> 00:46:18,319

and we'd like to thank marina for

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00:46:23,030 --> 00:46:19,680

helping us out with some of these

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00:46:25,430 --> 00:46:23,040
asteroid questions thank you so much

1252
00:46:27,829 --> 00:46:25,440
and some of these questions were very

1253
00:46:30,309 --> 00:46:27,839
good and very sharp they they are

1254
00:46:32,790 --> 00:46:30,319
already aware of how we track asteroids

1255
00:46:35,270 --> 00:46:32,800
they are more interested on how exactly

1256
00:46:36,069 --> 00:46:35,280
do we figure out the orbits

1257
00:46:38,069 --> 00:46:36,079
so

1258
00:46:41,030 --> 00:46:38,079
we're going to move on ahead now

1259
00:46:43,510 --> 00:46:41,040
asteroids are a very high priority at

1260
00:46:47,109 --> 00:46:43,520
nasa for a number of different reasons

1261
00:46:49,510 --> 00:46:47,119
to protect the planet as paul told us to

1262
00:46:52,630 --> 00:46:49,520
understand how the solar system formed

1263
00:46:55,910 --> 00:46:52,640

because it holds the elements that were

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00:46:57,510 --> 00:46:55,920

the very very beginning of our formation

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00:47:00,069 --> 00:46:57,520

and to explore

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00:47:02,790 --> 00:47:00,079

it as a possible resource that one day

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00:47:05,270 --> 00:47:02,800

we could possibly mine these asteroids

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00:47:07,670 --> 00:47:05,280

to tell us more it is my pleasure to

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00:47:10,309 --> 00:47:07,680

introduce the administrator of nasa

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00:47:12,630 --> 00:47:10,319

charles bolden he joins us now from nasa

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00:47:14,710 --> 00:47:12,640

headquarters in washington d.c

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00:47:18,950 --> 00:47:14,720

administrator bolden thanks so much for

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00:47:22,230 --> 00:47:20,630

very much for letting me come to you i

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00:47:24,150 --> 00:47:22,240

don't know whether uh whether i'm coming

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00:47:25,670 --> 00:47:24,160

through or not but i've had an

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00:47:27,910 --> 00:47:25,680

opportunity to listen to some of the

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00:47:30,150 --> 00:47:27,920

questions and and the comments that have

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00:47:31,750 --> 00:47:30,160

been going on and i find it quite

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00:47:33,829 --> 00:47:31,760

enlightening you know

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00:47:36,710 --> 00:47:33,839

as we get more and more excited about

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00:47:39,910 --> 00:47:36,720

every opportunity to to see an asteroid

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00:47:43,030 --> 00:47:39,920

or a comet or learn more about it

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00:47:45,349 --> 00:47:43,040

we find that nasa's present strategy for

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00:47:46,470 --> 00:47:45,359

dealing with asteroids is falling more

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00:47:48,790 --> 00:47:46,480

into line

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00:47:50,710 --> 00:47:48,800

i would remind everyone that in our 2014

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00:47:53,190 --> 00:47:50,720

budget request the president actually

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00:47:54,870 --> 00:47:53,200

added an additional 20 million dollars

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00:47:57,109 --> 00:47:54,880

bringing us up to a grand total of 40

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00:47:59,270 --> 00:47:57,119

million dollars for what i consider to

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00:48:01,510 --> 00:47:59,280

be the most critical effort right now

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00:48:03,109 --> 00:48:01,520

which is uh identification and

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00:48:05,829 --> 00:48:03,119

characterization

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00:48:07,270 --> 00:48:05,839

of near-earth asteroids particularly

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00:48:10,069 --> 00:48:07,280

earth-threatening

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00:48:12,150 --> 00:48:10,079

asteroids those that that we know very

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00:48:13,430 --> 00:48:12,160

little about and and know not enough

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00:48:16,710 --> 00:48:13,440

about the number

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00:48:19,190 --> 00:48:16,720

size characteristics of them

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00:48:21,270 --> 00:48:19,200

we mentioned in our 2014 budget also

1301
00:48:22,950 --> 00:48:21,280
that we were we would put aside 105

1302
00:48:25,510 --> 00:48:22,960
million dollars

1303
00:48:28,230 --> 00:48:25,520
to begin or to continue our effort to do

1304
00:48:30,790 --> 00:48:28,240
three things uh one identification and

1305
00:48:32,950 --> 00:48:30,800
characterization second which is sort of

1306
00:48:34,950 --> 00:48:32,960
new would be actually

1307
00:48:37,030 --> 00:48:34,960
rendezvousing with and trying to

1308
00:48:39,750 --> 00:48:37,040
redirect an asteroid

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00:48:41,990 --> 00:48:39,760
sort of in response to our question that

1310
00:48:43,750 --> 00:48:42,000
we always get about can we protect the

1311
00:48:44,710 --> 00:48:43,760
planet the answer to that is no right

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00:48:46,309 --> 00:48:44,720
now

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00:48:48,549 --> 00:48:46,319

but if we're able to demonstrate that

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00:48:51,430 --> 00:48:48,559

humans are able to redirect an asteroid

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00:48:53,270 --> 00:48:51,440

or deflect it in some slight way we may

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00:48:55,430 --> 00:48:53,280

be getting close to the day that we say

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00:48:58,630 --> 00:48:55,440

yes we can protect the planet and then

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00:49:01,190 --> 00:48:58,640

the third segment of that strategy is to

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00:49:03,510 --> 00:49:01,200

utilize sls and mpcv or our heavy lift

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00:49:05,510 --> 00:49:03,520

rocket and multi-purpose crew vehicle in

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00:49:07,589 --> 00:49:05,520

development right now uh to take an

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00:49:10,950 --> 00:49:07,599

asteroid an astronaut crew

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00:49:12,870 --> 00:49:10,960

uh into cis lunar space in a in a stable

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00:49:14,790 --> 00:49:12,880

orbit where we would have relocated the

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00:49:16,710 --> 00:49:14,800

asteroid to actually do some human

1326
00:49:17,510 --> 00:49:16,720
interaction with an asteroid all of this

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00:49:20,470 --> 00:49:17,520
in

1328
00:49:23,109 --> 00:49:20,480
challenge to put humans with an asteroid

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00:49:24,150 --> 00:49:23,119
by 2025. i don't need to tell this

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00:49:27,829 --> 00:49:24,160
audience

1331
00:49:31,910 --> 00:49:27,839
nasa has a long long long history

1332
00:49:33,510 --> 00:49:31,920
of investigation and study of asteroids

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00:49:35,910 --> 00:49:33,520
we work with our international partners

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00:49:37,510 --> 00:49:35,920
for example the the japanese uh very

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00:49:39,670 --> 00:49:37,520
successful with their hayabusa mission

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00:49:41,990 --> 00:49:39,680
and bringing back uh a sample we have

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00:49:44,309 --> 00:49:42,000
osiris osiris-rex that we're all excited

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00:49:45,910 --> 00:49:44,319

about that's going to launch uh in the

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00:49:48,230 --> 00:49:45,920

next few years and then bring us back a

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00:49:51,109 --> 00:49:48,240

sample in the 2020s

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00:49:53,589 --> 00:49:51,119

and we also are currently watching uh

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00:49:56,150 --> 00:49:53,599

dawn the the dawn spacecraft

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00:49:58,630 --> 00:49:56,160

wind its way away from vesta where it

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00:50:00,630 --> 00:49:58,640

made amazing discoveries onto cirrus

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00:50:03,270 --> 00:50:00,640

that i am told as an asteroid but some

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00:50:06,710 --> 00:50:03,280

people may even classify as a minor as a

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00:50:08,390 --> 00:50:06,720

as a minor planet or a dwarf planet so

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00:50:09,670 --> 00:50:08,400

there's a lot of excitement ahead and i

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00:50:10,390 --> 00:50:09,680

just want to thank you all for letting

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00:50:11,990 --> 00:50:10,400

me

1351
00:50:13,829 --> 00:50:12,000
join this team today to talk a little

1352
00:50:15,270 --> 00:50:13,839
bit about what nasa's doing so i think

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00:50:17,190 --> 00:50:15,280
you're probably going to move on to

1354
00:50:19,349 --> 00:50:17,200
questions or something and i'll

1355
00:50:22,150 --> 00:50:19,359
stand by yes i have one for you right

1356
00:50:24,870 --> 00:50:22,160
now how does the asteroid initiative fit

1357
00:50:27,750 --> 00:50:24,880
into this overall agency plan to go to

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00:50:30,230 --> 00:50:27,760
mars and beyond

1359
00:50:32,710 --> 00:50:30,240
the asteroid strategy if you will

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00:50:35,109 --> 00:50:32,720
consist of three segments as i as i just

1361
00:50:37,190 --> 00:50:35,119
mentioned and very briefly for the sake

1362
00:50:39,109 --> 00:50:37,200
of redundancy let me let me mention what

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00:50:41,270 --> 00:50:39,119

they are again the first part of the

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00:50:43,750 --> 00:50:41,280

strategy the critical part for us

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00:50:46,549 --> 00:50:43,760

is identification and characterization

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00:50:48,630 --> 00:50:46,559

of of as many asteroids in our solar

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00:50:50,230 --> 00:50:48,640

system as we can the ones we're

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00:50:52,710 --> 00:50:50,240

primarily interested in and the ones

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00:50:54,630 --> 00:50:52,720

that the folk at jpl and other other

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00:50:56,230 --> 00:50:54,640

nasa centers are working on is

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00:50:58,069 --> 00:50:56,240

identifying those that are earth

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00:51:01,190 --> 00:50:58,079

threatening the the near-earth objects

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00:51:04,230 --> 00:51:01,200

that are that at some point may may have

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00:51:05,990 --> 00:51:04,240

a potential to impact earth or

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00:51:08,069 --> 00:51:06,000

impact some of the satellites that are

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00:51:09,910 --> 00:51:08,079

orbiting earth so that's that's the

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00:51:12,230 --> 00:51:09,920

first segment the president has proposed

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00:51:14,309 --> 00:51:12,240

40 million dollars for that in the 2014

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00:51:16,230 --> 00:51:14,319

budget the second segment that we're

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00:51:18,630 --> 00:51:16,240

proposing which is new

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00:51:20,790 --> 00:51:18,640

is to actually utilize continue our

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00:51:22,710 --> 00:51:20,800

development of solar electric propulsion

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00:51:25,030 --> 00:51:22,720

new propulsion techniques

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00:51:27,829 --> 00:51:25,040

to rendezvous with and actually try to

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00:51:30,710 --> 00:51:27,839

redirect a small asteroid

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00:51:33,349 --> 00:51:30,720

or a small piece of an asteroid to the

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00:51:35,670 --> 00:51:33,359

lunar vicinity what we call cislunar or

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00:51:37,670 --> 00:51:35,680

some people call it translunar space so

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00:51:39,030 --> 00:51:37,680

it would be in a counter-rotating orbit

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00:51:41,030 --> 00:51:39,040

of the moon

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00:51:43,270 --> 00:51:41,040

putting it close enough that that within

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00:51:45,270 --> 00:51:43,280

a reasonable amount of time we could

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00:51:47,510 --> 00:51:45,280

launch an astronaut crew that would go

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00:51:50,470 --> 00:51:47,520

rendezvous in lunar orbit with this

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00:51:52,150 --> 00:51:50,480

asteroid and do the third segment uh

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00:51:54,630 --> 00:51:52,160

which would be to actually have human

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00:51:57,270 --> 00:51:54,640

interaction with an asteroid it is still

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00:51:58,870 --> 00:51:57,280

to be decided whether that's robotic uh

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00:52:00,950 --> 00:51:58,880

human interaction where the crew never

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00:52:03,589 --> 00:52:00,960

has to leave the vehicle or whether we

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00:52:05,910 --> 00:52:03,599
venture out on an eva and do some some

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00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:05,920
direct intervention or interaction with

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00:52:10,069 --> 00:52:07,440
it uh like

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00:52:12,470 --> 00:52:10,079
physically taking samples by hand so

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00:52:14,309 --> 00:52:12,480
that we can bring them back to earth

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00:52:16,710 --> 00:52:14,319
one thing i will tell or some

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00:52:18,630 --> 00:52:16,720
clarification that i will tell people

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00:52:21,190 --> 00:52:18,640
this is not a science

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00:52:23,430 --> 00:52:21,200
strategy this is not a human exploration

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00:52:25,510 --> 00:52:23,440
strategy it's not a technology

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00:52:27,030 --> 00:52:25,520
development strategy it is for perhaps

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00:52:29,030 --> 00:52:27,040
the first time

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00:52:31,109 --> 00:52:29,040

a synergized strategy that pulls

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00:52:32,549 --> 00:52:31,119

together everything that nasa does and

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00:52:34,150 --> 00:52:32,559

does so well

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00:52:35,750 --> 00:52:34,160

and it even involves our aeronautics

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00:52:38,069 --> 00:52:35,760

mission directorate because that's the

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00:52:40,549 --> 00:52:38,079

home of of of our knowledge of

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00:52:42,390 --> 00:52:40,559

fundamental hypersonics research

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00:52:44,470 --> 00:52:42,400

and every time you leave and return to

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00:52:45,750 --> 00:52:44,480

the planet or go to another planet

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00:52:47,430 --> 00:52:45,760

nowadays

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00:52:49,270 --> 00:52:47,440

we're utilizing what the aeronautics

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00:52:51,589 --> 00:52:49,280

folk teach us about hypersonics research

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00:52:53,670 --> 00:52:51,599

so it's exciting for us i hope it's

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00:52:55,030 --> 00:52:53,680

exciting for all of our employees

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00:52:57,349 --> 00:52:55,040

because they're going to be doing a

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00:52:59,349 --> 00:52:57,359

taste of everything and and

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00:53:00,950 --> 00:52:59,359

as always happens there nobody's going

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00:53:02,950 --> 00:53:00,960

to be perfectly happy but everybody

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00:53:05,349 --> 00:53:02,960

hopefully will get a piece of this pie

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00:53:07,990 --> 00:53:05,359

well speaking of synergy you you

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00:53:09,829 --> 00:53:08,000

mentioned that a lot of different pieces

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00:53:12,870 --> 00:53:09,839

will be fitting together

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00:53:15,670 --> 00:53:12,880

different nasa centers but other us

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00:53:18,710 --> 00:53:15,680

agencies perhaps perhaps international

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00:53:20,870 --> 00:53:18,720

partnerships what are we talking about

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00:53:22,790 --> 00:53:20,880

gay it is our hope and and we have

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00:53:25,030 --> 00:53:22,800

already begun the effort of working

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00:53:26,230 --> 00:53:25,040

collaboratively with other agencies of

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00:53:28,549 --> 00:53:26,240

the government

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00:53:29,430 --> 00:53:28,559

whether it's the department of energy

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00:53:31,270 --> 00:53:29,440

uh

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on and on and on

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00:53:34,630 --> 00:53:32,960

and we have also engaged our

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00:53:36,950 --> 00:53:34,640

international partners

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00:53:39,190 --> 00:53:36,960

one of the first sets of calls that i

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00:53:41,109 --> 00:53:39,200

made on the morning

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00:53:43,750 --> 00:53:41,119

that we were rolling our budget out was

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00:53:45,349 --> 00:53:43,760

to the heads of of of our partner

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00:53:47,670 --> 00:53:45,359

agencies on the international space

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00:53:50,470 --> 00:53:47,680

station and there are there are five big

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00:53:52,710 --> 00:53:50,480

agencies that that predominantly run the

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00:53:55,270 --> 00:53:52,720

international space agency uh the

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00:53:57,510 --> 00:53:55,280

russian space agency jaxa from japan

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canadian space agency the european space

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agency which is huge uh jean-jacques

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dordan is the as the the um the head of

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00:54:06,630 --> 00:54:04,079

the european space agency which

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00:54:08,549 --> 00:54:06,640

encompasses uh more than 20 different

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00:54:11,190 --> 00:54:08,559

nations in europe and then the united

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00:54:13,510 --> 00:54:11,200

states through nasa but all of them were

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00:54:15,109 --> 00:54:13,520

briefed on this concept all of them were

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00:54:17,510 --> 00:54:15,119

very receptive

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00:54:19,750 --> 00:54:17,520

and everybody's waiting to see

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00:54:21,589 --> 00:54:19,760

how we're going to formulate the the

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00:54:23,349 --> 00:54:21,599

actual details of the mission so mission

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00:54:26,150 --> 00:54:23,359

formulation will begin

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00:54:28,309 --> 00:54:26,160

uh later this this summer

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00:54:30,790 --> 00:54:28,319

and hopefully we will be able to come

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00:54:32,870 --> 00:54:30,800

out and and brief the american public on

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00:54:35,829 --> 00:54:32,880

a little bit more meaty concept sometime

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00:54:38,069 --> 00:54:35,839

next fall or winter all right well we

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00:54:40,870 --> 00:54:38,079

promised our audience that we would also

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00:54:42,470 --> 00:54:40,880

give you a social media question so here

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00:54:43,190 --> 00:54:42,480

is one and it could be a tough one for

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00:54:46,069 --> 00:54:43,200

you

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00:54:48,950 --> 00:54:46,079

it's they usually are yeah they are

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if an asteroid was to collide with earth

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00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:52,480

is there anything we could do about it

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00:54:58,309 --> 00:54:54,960

gay unfortunately for the for the

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questioner um the answer is no right now

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the and let's let's not say that we we

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work with fema today with the federal

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00:55:06,870 --> 00:55:05,280

emergency management agency we work with

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00:55:08,390 --> 00:55:06,880

department of state we work with the

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00:55:11,109 --> 00:55:08,400

department of defense

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00:55:12,950 --> 00:55:11,119

when we get indications and it is nasa

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00:55:14,950 --> 00:55:12,960

usually that gets the first indications

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00:55:15,910 --> 00:55:14,960

that a near-earth object is inbound

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00:55:18,309 --> 00:55:15,920

whether it's

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00:55:20,470 --> 00:55:18,319

junk falling from space as we have had

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00:55:22,789 --> 00:55:20,480

happen several times over the past

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00:55:24,710 --> 00:55:22,799

12 to 14 months or whether it is really

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00:55:26,549 --> 00:55:24,720

an asteroid

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as was the case

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a few months ago

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00:55:33,109 --> 00:55:31,200

we we notify our partner agencies if

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00:55:34,549 --> 00:55:33,119

it's one that looks like its trajectory

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00:55:36,069 --> 00:55:34,559

is going to bring it and potentially

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00:55:38,870 --> 00:55:36,079
impact earth

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00:55:41,190 --> 00:55:38,880
we work as diligently as we can with

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00:55:42,230 --> 00:55:41,200
other agencies to get an as accurate a

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00:55:45,109 --> 00:55:42,240
prediction

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00:55:47,829 --> 00:55:45,119
of the entry point and potential impact

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00:55:49,670 --> 00:55:47,839
point as we can so that the so that fema

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00:55:52,230 --> 00:55:49,680
can then begin to work if it's going to

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00:55:54,470 --> 00:55:52,240
impact uh the continental the united

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00:55:56,710 --> 00:55:54,480
states or so the state department can

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00:55:59,190 --> 00:55:56,720
begin to act if we think that it's going

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00:56:01,109 --> 00:55:59,200
to impact one of our one another nation

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00:56:03,349 --> 00:56:01,119
of the world because these are not

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00:56:05,510 --> 00:56:03,359

national threats these are these are

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00:56:07,270 --> 00:56:05,520

global threats and so

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00:56:09,750 --> 00:56:07,280

we have already had to do this many

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00:56:11,510 --> 00:56:09,760

times in the past

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00:56:12,950 --> 00:56:11,520

and and it seems to have worked

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00:56:14,630 --> 00:56:12,960

relatively well

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00:56:17,430 --> 00:56:14,640

we were surprised i think as everybody

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00:56:19,510 --> 00:56:17,440

knows by the by the small asteroid that

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00:56:20,870 --> 00:56:19,520

that surprised us over russia about two

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00:56:22,230 --> 00:56:20,880

or three months ago

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00:56:23,910 --> 00:56:22,240

um but

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that's what we're trying to avoid with

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00:56:27,829 --> 00:56:25,760

increased effort on identification and

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00:56:29,750 --> 00:56:27,839

characterization is it so that we're not

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surprised by something that can can

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00:56:35,589 --> 00:56:32,960

impact earth uh but the the mitigation

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00:56:37,990 --> 00:56:35,599

the actual ability to protect earth uh

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00:56:39,990 --> 00:56:38,000

is not within our technological grasp

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right now and that's that's why this the

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asteroid strategy and the second segment

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of of actually a an effort to redirect

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an asteroid is so so important to the

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world not just to the us and we heard it

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00:56:55,270 --> 00:56:52,559

from you it's not a an easy thing to

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00:56:56,789 --> 00:56:55,280

answer but there are steps being made in

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00:56:59,589 --> 00:56:56,799

that direction and that's the most

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00:57:01,589 --> 00:56:59,599

important thing yes very much so all

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00:57:03,190 --> 00:57:01,599

right well thank you so much for the

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update administrator bold and we

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00:57:07,430 --> 00:57:04,960

appreciate you carving out a little bit

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00:57:09,349 --> 00:57:07,440

of your day just for us and to be a part

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00:57:10,789 --> 00:57:09,359

of our program thanks so much okay

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00:57:12,789 --> 00:57:10,799

thanks so very much for letting me be a

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00:57:15,430 --> 00:57:12,799

part of the program and and thanks to

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00:57:18,230 --> 00:57:15,440

all of the folk around the nasa family

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uh who who work at this so diligently

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every day um my visit to jpl for example

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last week was v really really really

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00:57:27,270 --> 00:57:25,440
enlightening and informative to me

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00:57:29,510 --> 00:57:27,280
and it's always good to meet with a

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00:57:31,190 --> 00:57:29,520
bunch of people that that are passionate

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00:57:32,630 --> 00:57:31,200
about things like saving the earth the

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00:57:34,470 --> 00:57:32,640
way that you all are out there thank you

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00:57:36,549 --> 00:57:34,480
very much oh it's a pleasure having you

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00:57:38,390 --> 00:57:36,559
a part of the show thank you

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00:57:40,710 --> 00:57:38,400
so we have a few more

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00:57:43,109 --> 00:57:40,720
social media questions that i can have

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00:57:45,109 --> 00:57:43,119
you feel paul if you're okay and some of

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00:57:46,230 --> 00:57:45,119
them are kind of tough

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00:57:48,549 --> 00:57:46,240
um

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00:57:51,589 --> 00:57:48,559

how far can we watch an incoming

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asteroid and get an early warning

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well that would depend on how big it is

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and it would also depend on its sort of

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orbit this was an eccentric orbit for

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qe2 we had a chance to see it 15 years

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ago and we discovered it then when it

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was relatively near the earth

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we would

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be able to see many of these many orbits

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before they would hit the earth if if it

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was on a collision course so the idea is

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to discover them as early as possible

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the earlier we find them the more

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00:58:23,589 --> 00:58:21,280

warning time we have more information

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well that wraps things up for us here at

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jpl we'd like to thank the folks at the

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south africa astronomical observatory in

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sutherland the radar scientists and the

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team at goldstone of course paul chodas

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steve whistler and doug ellison here at

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00:58:41,910 --> 00:58:39,520

jpl in mission control and we and of

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course administrator bolden and we look

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forward to all the exciting results

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ahead now if you're interested in more

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information about asteroids here are two

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websites to check out nasa.gov

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asteroids or you can follow us on

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twitter at twitter.com