

James "The Amazing" Randi
1928 - 2020

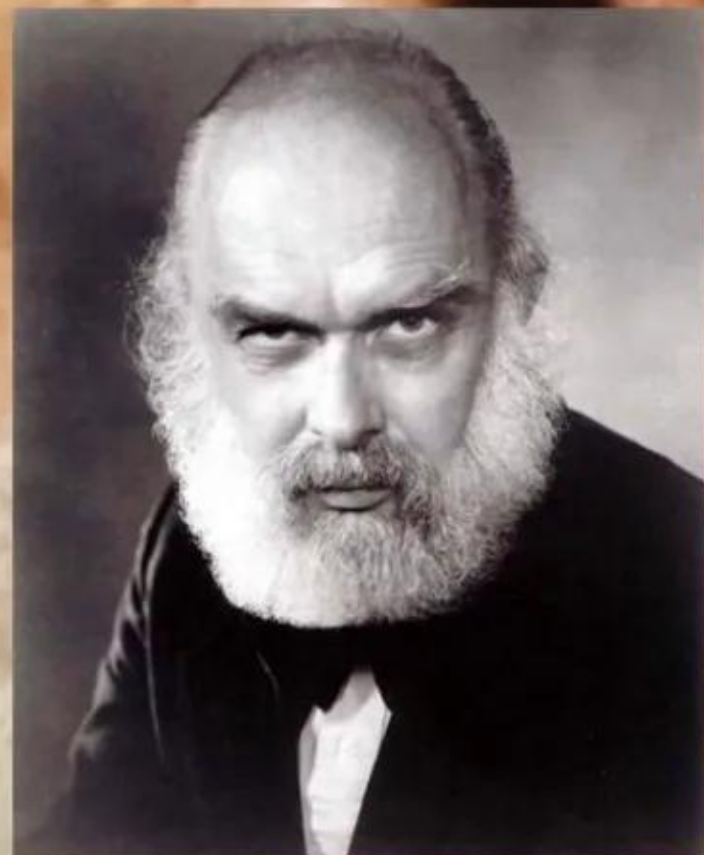
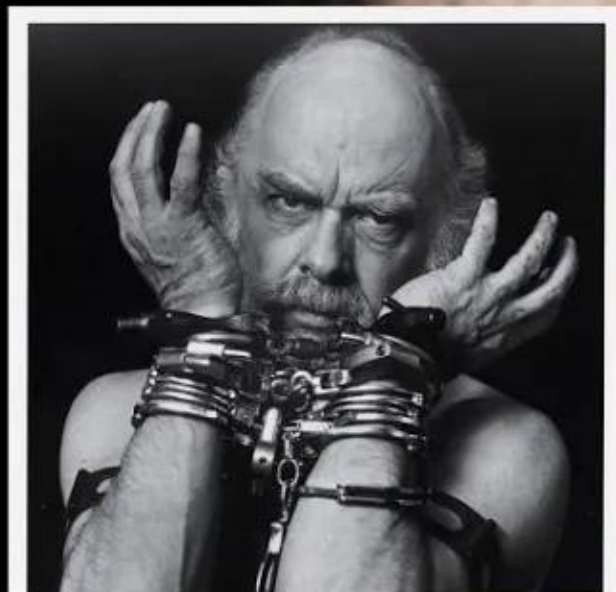
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Vale James Randi - Australian
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levitators spoon vendors

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water diviners beware james randy

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psychic investigator

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is among you i'm not here to demean

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anybody i'm not uh

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here to put anybody down so to speak i'm

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here to investigate

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i can anticipate from my past experience

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00:00:32,549 --> 00:00:30,560

35 years of it in this business

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that it will probably be the essentially

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00:00:35,190 --> 00:00:33,760

the same story that it's been every

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place else in the world

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:37,440
people who innocently deceive themselves

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and that small residual people

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who go out of their way to actually

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00:00:45,830 --> 00:00:43,280
defraud the rest of their or their

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00:00:48,869 --> 00:00:45,840
fellow citizens

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00:00:50,869 --> 00:00:48,879
hello just two days after filming the

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:50,879
australian skeptics award

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:54,079
news came to us of the death of james

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00:00:59,510 --> 00:00:57,440
the amazing randy the bent spoon award

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:59,520
has a plaque on the top which reads

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00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:01,440
the australian skeptics ben spoon award

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00:01:07,109 --> 00:01:02,960
presented by

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00:01:10,070 --> 00:01:07,119
james randy dick smith and philip adams

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00:01:11,429 --> 00:01:10,080
if you've not seen it already let me

28
00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:11,439
suggest to you you look at

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:14,400
james randy in australia on youtube it

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00:01:18,390 --> 00:01:16,560
was made 40 years ago but still holds up

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00:01:21,670 --> 00:01:18,400
as one of the finest pieces

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00:01:22,710 --> 00:01:21,680
of skeptical investigation of paranormal

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00:01:24,710 --> 00:01:22,720
claims

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00:01:26,149 --> 00:01:24,720
it was also one of the inspirations that

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00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:26,159
led to the formation

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00:01:30,069 --> 00:01:28,560
of the australian skeptics here's the

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00:01:30,870 --> 00:01:30,079
spoon anyway that was been by ahri the

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:30,880

melbourne boy

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:33,280

several years ago can you tell me that

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that was trickery even though i thought

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because i wasn't there all i can say is

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it's more probable it is trickery

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00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:40,720

than that it is a supernatural

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occurrence because you admit that the

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conditions were not scientific and they

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were not complete whatsoever

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no the conditions weren't scientific but

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00:01:49,830 --> 00:01:48,960

it appeared as though he bent the spirit

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00:01:51,429 --> 00:01:49,840

as if he did

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00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:51,439

yes all right well um how would that be

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00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:52,880
done how would that sort of trickery or

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00:01:55,670 --> 00:01:54,159
sleight of hand be done

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00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:55,680
would you take this spoon and hold it

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00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:57,439
between your fingers like this in front

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00:02:00,709 --> 00:01:58,560
of me like that

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00:02:02,149 --> 00:02:00,719
put your elbows on the table so let's

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:02,159
present it so that it is

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00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:04,240
thoroughly visible now you're holding it

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00:02:06,950 --> 00:02:05,759
firmly pinch it like that so that you

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00:02:08,790 --> 00:02:06,960
have good control over it

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00:02:10,229 --> 00:02:08,800
turn it just a little bit sideways a

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00:02:11,589 --> 00:02:10,239
little bit like that that's fine now i'm

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00:02:13,030 --> 00:02:11,599

really going to stroke it with my index

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finger i'm not putting undue pressure on

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it

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00:02:16,229 --> 00:02:14,800

if i put pressure on like that i would

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00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:16,239

move your arms right right i'm not

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00:02:19,510 --> 00:02:17,680

putting undue pressure on you're going

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00:02:20,309 --> 00:02:19,520

to get a remarkable illusion taking

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:20,319

place here

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you will think if you aren't very

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careful you will begin to think that it

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looks rubbery am i correct yes

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now i'm putting very little hold it very

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:28,080

very lightly very very so you're barely

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00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:29,200

holding it look at this

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00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:30,640

it appears if it's getting rubbery let

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go of it for a second if you will now

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i'm just going to hold it like this and

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i'm just going to

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heavens to gimbals is there no answer to

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that i did it rather well i think well i

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think you did it very well but how did

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you do it

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if i were to tell you that you'd be as

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smart as i am and i don't want you to be

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00:02:47,830 --> 00:02:46,959

quite as smart as i am because then you

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wouldn't say

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come on now this is you say this is the

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one they do or event yeah but

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just by stroking it gently at that point

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isn't that fantastic

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00:03:00,630 --> 00:02:57,680

that's amazing now

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the world has lost a great magician

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showman

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humanitarian skeptic thinker

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and i have lost a good friend or as we

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say in australia

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a good mate the last message i sent to

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james randy was only a few months ago

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00:03:22,309 --> 00:03:19,040
for his birthday

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00:03:24,710 --> 00:03:22,319
it was a video message and in it i told

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00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:24,720
him that his legacy would surely last

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00:03:34,390 --> 00:03:32,470
so where do i start there are so many

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00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:34,400
stories to tell you of my encounters

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00:03:41,030 --> 00:03:37,360
with james randy over the past 20 years

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00:03:42,149 --> 00:03:41,040
it was simply amazing to tour with james

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00:03:44,070 --> 00:03:42,159
randy for

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00:03:46,229 --> 00:03:44,080
an evening with james randy around

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00:03:48,470 --> 00:03:46,239
australia in 2014 where

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00:03:49,589 --> 00:03:48,480
i shared the envious duty of

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00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:49,599
interviewing the man

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00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:52,560

live on stage i remember we had three

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standing ovations in the city of perth

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as he and i covered some of the

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highlights of his career

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in magic and skeptical investigations he

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was eager to perform

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each night despite the grueling travel

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that took

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us from one side of the country to the

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other in a matter of days

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and then there was the time in 2012 when

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00:04:17,189 --> 00:04:15,040

he attended the australian skeptics

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national convention in melbourne

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the city suffered a heat wave but randy

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still managed to speak

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in an unair-conditioned high school hall

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00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:24,320

sweat

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00:04:29,990 --> 00:04:27,600

dripping off everyone we had fans rushed

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00:04:31,830 --> 00:04:30,000

to the stage to try and cool him off

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00:04:33,189 --> 00:04:31,840

although that only sent more hot air in

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00:04:34,950 --> 00:04:33,199

his direction

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00:04:36,230 --> 00:04:34,960

we were scared we would have to carry

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him off

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00:04:43,189 --> 00:04:40,479

but he performed well and carried on

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working with james randy and the million

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dollar challenge committee at various

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amazing meetings in las vegas must

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00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:49,840

surely rank as one of the top

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highlights of any skeptical career his

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vast

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paranormal claims

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was simply invaluable

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oh yes there were times when he had had

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enough

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and he rolled his eyes at me as some new

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ager tried to show randy the error

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of his ways but in the end

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james the amazing randy was proved right

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00:05:19,590 --> 00:05:16,479
in so much that

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no one none of them none of the psychics

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the mystics the healers the water

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00:05:26,469 --> 00:05:24,400
diviners the astrologers

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00:05:27,670 --> 00:05:26,479
none of them could prove under test

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00:05:31,029 --> 00:05:27,680
conditions that they

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00:05:33,590 --> 00:05:31,039
could really do what they claim they can

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00:05:37,749 --> 00:05:35,749
there is an ocean of people from all

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00:05:40,150 --> 00:05:37,759
around the world who can say honestly

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00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:40,160
that james randy influenced the course

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00:05:44,710 --> 00:05:41,520
of their lives

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00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:44,720
i am but one of those drops in the ocean

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00:05:49,749 --> 00:05:48,000

but together all those drops make up a

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00:05:53,670 --> 00:05:49,759

tide of reason

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00:05:55,590 --> 00:05:53,680

thank you james the amazing randy

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00:05:57,860 --> 00:05:55,600

this is james randy and you're listening

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to the skeptic zone

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from australia

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for science and reason

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yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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for the 25th of october 2020 richard

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saunders coming to you from a little bit

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of a gray and

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grizzly and overcast sydney australia

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and i'm sure you can understand that

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over the last uh

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what is it now four days that

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myself and all my skeptical colleagues

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00:06:51,029 --> 00:06:47,840

around the world have been reminiscing

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00:06:51,909 --> 00:06:51,039

into the wee small hours about uh our

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friend

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magician escape artist

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writer thinker humanitarian but most of

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all of course

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a famous skeptic he really did lead by

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example

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and all of us in the skeptical community

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learnt so much from james randy

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ah next week on the skeptic zone i'll be

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playing

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a selected series of clips from

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interviews i've done with james randy

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over the last uh

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well almost 20 years including some

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material that i've never released before

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private conversation i had with randy

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which he gave me permission to record i

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just have to

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dig through the archives to find that

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one but let's turn our attention to this

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00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:36,560
week's episode of the skeptic zone you

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would have heard at the beginning of

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course my tribute to james randy

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now that was played uh first up at

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skepicon 2020 the australian skeptics

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national convention which is on right

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now

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as i record and next on the skeptic zone

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today

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we have the official announcements of

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the australian

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skeptics awards for this year we have

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the

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fred thornett award for reason we have

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got the skeptic of the year we've got

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the barry williams media prize

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and of course oh yes we have the bent

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spoon award for the most preposterous

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piece of paranormal

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00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:12,960

pseudo-scientific pivotal and i'm timing

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00:08:17,990 --> 00:08:15,599

the show this week to

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go out just after those awards are

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announced

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at the convention itself and what a

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wonderful convention it is i was

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sitting here by my computer monitor

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all day watching the wonderful talks at

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skepticon

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one after the other after the other

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after the other

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interacting with people in the chat uh

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going to little

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virtual meetings to chat about the

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convention afterwards

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it's just been uh well you know what for

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for something that had to happen that is

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a virtual convention i think it's

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probably the best virtual

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convention that uh we could hope for and

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of course if you're hearing this on

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sunday morning

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uh australian time on the 25th you still

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have

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a chance to join us just head to

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skepticon.org.edu for the rest of

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today's

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skeptical fun but following the

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announcements of the awards

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we have more of the book of tim with tim

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mendom and this week tim

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is going to look at godwin's law and for

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those of you who don't know godwin's law

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is what happens when a an argument sort

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of degrades

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until somebody gets angry and accuses

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somebody else of acting like adolf

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hitler or the nazis or something like

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that

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and then to round off the show another

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look into the trove the treasure trove

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that is trove we've been enjoying

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lots of interesting searches over the

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past uh few weeks

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lots of classical skepticism and i'm

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sure my old mate james randy would get a

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giggle out of this one today

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we're going to look for references to

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the loch ness monster

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but now it's time for me to run

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downstairs grab a coffee

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00:09:58,630 --> 00:09:57,680

and i think in honor of james randy

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00:10:00,470 --> 00:09:58,640

probably

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00:10:02,069 --> 00:10:00,480
i'm going to make myself a pancake and

277
00:10:05,509 --> 00:10:02,079
i'll tell you why

278
00:10:07,750 --> 00:10:05,519
because one out of the out of the

279
00:10:08,710 --> 00:10:07,760
many memorable times i spent with james

280
00:10:11,269 --> 00:10:08,720
randy

281
00:10:13,110 --> 00:10:11,279
uh myself and former skeptic zone

282
00:10:16,550 --> 00:10:13,120
reporter joanne benamu

283
00:10:16,949 --> 00:10:16,560
were in uh were in las vegas both of us

284
00:10:19,990 --> 00:10:16,959
were

285
00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:20,000
jet lagged out of our skull and somehow

286
00:10:22,150 --> 00:10:20,320
we

287
00:10:23,910 --> 00:10:22,160
ended up having breakfast with james

288
00:10:26,710 --> 00:10:23,920

randy and

289

00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:26,720

that was just a wonderful experience and

290

00:10:31,269 --> 00:10:27,680

i'm pretty sure

291

00:10:33,990 --> 00:10:31,279

at that breakfast i had pancakes so

292

00:10:49,890 --> 00:10:34,000

while i do that i hope you enjoy the

293

00:10:54,790 --> 00:10:51,670

[Music]

294

00:10:57,670 --> 00:10:54,800

hi i'm jessica singer president of

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00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:57,680

australian skeptics inc today tim

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00:11:00,389 --> 00:10:58,320

mendham

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00:11:02,230 --> 00:11:00,399

richard saunders and i will be

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00:11:04,710 --> 00:11:02,240

presenting the australian skeptics

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00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:04,720

awards for 2020

300

00:11:07,990 --> 00:11:07,360

the first award is the thornette award

301
00:11:11,190 --> 00:11:08,000
for the

302
00:11:14,230 --> 00:11:11,200
promotion of reason this award was

303
00:11:17,350 --> 00:11:14,240
established in 2009 and commemorates

304
00:11:19,829 --> 00:11:17,360
fred thornett a tasmanian skeptic who

305
00:11:23,430 --> 00:11:19,839
died that year and is very much missed

306
00:11:26,069 --> 00:11:23,440
in the australian skeptical community

307
00:11:27,430 --> 00:11:26,079
the fred award as it is known

308
00:11:29,590 --> 00:11:27,440
acknowledges someone

309
00:11:30,790 --> 00:11:29,600
who has made a significant contribution

310
00:11:33,190 --> 00:11:30,800
to educating

311
00:11:35,430 --> 00:11:33,200
or informing the public on issues of

312
00:11:37,590 --> 00:11:35,440
science and reason

313
00:11:39,430 --> 00:11:37,600

as part of the award two thousand

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00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:39,440

dollars is given to the recipient

315

00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:43,760

or to a charity or cause of their choice

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00:11:50,470 --> 00:11:46,800

in 2020 the recipient will be familiar

317

00:11:53,990 --> 00:11:50,480

to many of you as a medical practitioner

318

00:11:56,710 --> 00:11:54,000

a broadcaster and a science communicator

319

00:11:58,069 --> 00:11:56,720

who has regularly been called upon this

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00:12:01,190 --> 00:11:58,079

year by the media

321

00:12:02,230 --> 00:12:01,200

to comment on covert 19 and the public

322

00:12:04,629 --> 00:12:02,240

health issues

323

00:12:05,910 --> 00:12:04,639

arising out of the pandemic and its

324

00:12:08,710 --> 00:12:05,920

management

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00:12:09,190 --> 00:12:08,720

with so much misinformation about covert

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00:12:12,310 --> 00:12:09,200

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00:12:14,629 --> 00:12:12,320

in circulation and vehement and bitter

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00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:14,639

disagreement from some quarters

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00:12:18,150 --> 00:12:17,360

about the best course of action it is

330

00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:18,160

refreshing

331

00:12:23,670 --> 00:12:21,360

and so important to see someone calm

332

00:12:26,310 --> 00:12:23,680

and rational talking from an

333

00:12:29,509 --> 00:12:26,320

evidence-based perspective

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00:12:31,670 --> 00:12:29,519

so i'm delighted to announce that

335

00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:31,680

this year the thornet award for the

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00:12:41,430 --> 00:12:33,120

promotion of reason

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00:12:45,190 --> 00:12:43,910

hi i'm tim mandum executive officer of

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00:12:47,670 --> 00:12:45,200

australian sceptics inc

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00:12:49,269 --> 00:12:47,680

and editor of our magazine the skeptic

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00:12:51,269 --> 00:12:49,279

and i'm here to announce the winner of

341

00:12:52,710 --> 00:12:51,279

the barry williams award for skeptical

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00:12:54,629 --> 00:12:52,720

journalism

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00:12:57,269 --> 00:12:54,639

this prize is awarded for journalistic

344

00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:57,279

work that critically analyzes or exposes

345

00:13:01,110 --> 00:12:59,600

issues related to pseudoscience or the

346

00:13:02,790 --> 00:13:01,120

paranormal

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00:13:04,230 --> 00:13:02,800

now in typical fashion we've nicknamed

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00:13:07,190 --> 00:13:04,240

the award the wallaby

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00:13:08,230 --> 00:13:07,200

in honor of barry's alter ego of sir jim

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00:13:10,230 --> 00:13:08,240

r wallaby

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00:13:13,350 --> 00:13:10,240

which he used for some of his more

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00:13:14,710 --> 00:13:13,360

whimsical pieces in the skeptic magazine

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00:13:17,269 --> 00:13:14,720

in addition to a commemorative

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00:13:18,470 --> 00:13:17,279

certificate two thousand dollars is

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00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:18,480

award to the recipient

356

00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:22,000

or to a charity or cause of their choice

357

00:13:25,269 --> 00:13:23,680

for this award we have a judging panel

358

00:13:27,030 --> 00:13:25,279

made up of highly experienced

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00:13:28,710 --> 00:13:27,040

award-winning journals

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00:13:30,230 --> 00:13:28,720

we thank them for their guidance and

361

00:13:31,750 --> 00:13:30,240

decision making

362

00:13:33,509 --> 00:13:31,760

this is the third year we've made this

363

00:13:34,790 --> 00:13:33,519

award we had a great collection of

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00:13:36,389 --> 00:13:34,800

pieces submitted

365

00:13:39,590 --> 00:13:36,399

by the journalists themselves and by

366

00:13:41,430 --> 00:13:39,600

others you may not be surprised to know

367

00:13:43,030 --> 00:13:41,440

that the bulk of those pieces were about

368

00:13:45,590 --> 00:13:43,040

the number one news story

369

00:13:48,710 --> 00:13:45,600

of the year which is obviously harry and

370

00:13:51,829 --> 00:13:48,720

megan's split from the royal family

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00:13:53,750 --> 00:13:51,839

huh no sorry

372

00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:53,760

i've just been told that's not correct

373

00:13:56,069 --> 00:13:55,360

that the top story of the year was of

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00:13:59,110 --> 00:13:56,079

course

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00:14:01,509 --> 00:13:59,120

covert 19. in fact the entries were of

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00:14:03,189 --> 00:14:01,519

such a high standard that this year

377

00:14:05,590 --> 00:14:03,199

we're awarding the wallaby to two

378

00:14:06,790 --> 00:14:05,600

winners who will receive two thousand

379

00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:06,800

dollars each

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00:14:13,269 --> 00:14:10,000

and both of them are from the abc

381

00:14:15,430 --> 00:14:13,279

and the winners for 2020 are the health

382

00:14:18,069 --> 00:14:15,440

reports dr norman swan

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00:14:19,509 --> 00:14:18,079

in abc radio nationals science fiction

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00:14:22,230 --> 00:14:19,519

series

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00:14:22,550 --> 00:14:22,240

both of these presented serious rational

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00:14:30,790 --> 00:14:22,560

and

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00:14:31,430 --> 00:14:30,800

dr swan has been the soft-spoken voice

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00:14:34,069 --> 00:14:31,440

of reason

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00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:34,079

across various media platforms and in

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00:14:38,150 --> 00:14:36,480

particular his corona cars podcast with

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00:14:40,550 --> 00:14:38,160

journalist tegan taylor

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00:14:42,829 --> 00:14:40,560

has received international recognition

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00:14:45,110 --> 00:14:42,839

as a source of reliable

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00:14:45,590 --> 00:14:45,120

information science friction's click

395

00:14:48,230 --> 00:14:45,600

sick

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00:14:49,430 --> 00:14:48,240

series was created by presenter reporter

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00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:49,440

ariel bogie

398

00:14:52,629 --> 00:14:52,160

presenter natasha mitchell producer jane

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00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:52,639

lee

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00:14:58,230 --> 00:14:55,760

and series producer carl smith again

401
00:14:59,990 --> 00:14:58,240
across various platforms it looked at

402
00:15:01,990 --> 00:15:00,000
aspects of the disease

403
00:15:03,910 --> 00:15:02,000
including a great deal of investigative

404
00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:03,920
journalism on misinformation

405
00:15:08,629 --> 00:15:06,560
and how it is spread which is

406
00:15:11,670 --> 00:15:08,639
unfortunately a recurring theme

407
00:15:14,389 --> 00:15:11,680
of this last year both of them

408
00:15:14,710 --> 00:15:14,399
very worthy winners so congratulations

409
00:15:17,990 --> 00:15:14,720
to

410
00:15:18,630 --> 00:15:18,000
dr norman swan and science friction

411
00:15:23,990 --> 00:15:18,640
thank you

412
00:15:27,269 --> 00:15:24,000
[Music]

413
00:15:29,509 --> 00:15:27,279

and now we come to skeptic of the year

414

00:15:31,829 --> 00:15:29,519

skeptic of the year is awarded to

415

00:15:34,230 --> 00:15:31,839

someone who has close ties

416

00:15:36,470 --> 00:15:34,240

with the australian skeptical movement

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00:15:39,189 --> 00:15:36,480

and whose work has been exceptional

418

00:15:41,590 --> 00:15:39,199

even by the standards the high standards

419

00:15:45,269 --> 00:15:41,600

of our community

420

00:15:46,150 --> 00:15:45,279

this year i'm delighted to announce that

421

00:15:50,310 --> 00:15:46,160

the award

422

00:15:52,470 --> 00:15:50,320

goes to mandy lee noble

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00:15:54,870 --> 00:15:52,480

you will have heard mandy lee's reports

424

00:15:56,310 --> 00:15:54,880

on richard saunders podcast the skeptic

425

00:15:58,150 --> 00:15:56,320

zone

426
00:15:59,990 --> 00:15:58,160
she has also written for the skeptic

427
00:16:02,389 --> 00:16:00,000
magazine

428
00:16:03,430 --> 00:16:02,399
mandy lee is one of those people who is

429
00:16:06,629 --> 00:16:03,440
quietly active

430
00:16:08,230 --> 00:16:06,639
behind the scenes doing great things it

431
00:16:09,749 --> 00:16:08,240
is through her well-crafted and

432
00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:09,759
carefully thought-out complaints to

433
00:16:12,870 --> 00:16:10,720
regulators

434
00:16:15,189 --> 00:16:12,880
that we have seen action taken against

435
00:16:18,470 --> 00:16:15,199
proponents of alternative medicine

436
00:16:21,350 --> 00:16:18,480
dangerous alternative medicine

437
00:16:22,389 --> 00:16:21,360
she spearheaded the complaint to the h

438
00:16:24,710 --> 00:16:22,399

triple c

439

00:16:26,389 --> 00:16:24,720

about the naturopath barbara o'neil

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00:16:29,269 --> 00:16:26,399

which resulted in o'neill

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00:16:30,069 --> 00:16:29,279

being banned from practice and it was

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00:16:32,230 --> 00:16:30,079

mandy lee's

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00:16:33,350 --> 00:16:32,240

careful observation and monitoring of

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00:16:36,550 --> 00:16:33,360

pete evans

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00:16:38,069 --> 00:16:36,560

over many years that finally saw him

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00:16:40,949 --> 00:16:38,079

fined by the therapeutic goods

447

00:16:41,670 --> 00:16:40,959

administration for his claims about the

448

00:16:44,949 --> 00:16:41,680

prevention

449

00:16:48,829 --> 00:16:44,959

and treatment of covert 19.

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00:16:54,949 --> 00:16:48,839

hearty congratulations to mandy lee

451
00:16:58,870 --> 00:16:56,870
hello i'm richard saunders chief

452
00:17:01,430 --> 00:16:58,880
investigator of australian skeptics inc

453
00:17:03,269 --> 00:17:01,440
and producer of the skeptic zone podcast

454
00:17:03,749 --> 00:17:03,279
i'm here to announce the winner of this

455
00:17:07,189 --> 00:17:03,759
year's

456
00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:07,199
bent spoon award presented to the most

457
00:17:10,949 --> 00:17:08,480
preposterous piece

458
00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:10,959
of paranormal or pseudo-scientific

459
00:17:13,590 --> 00:17:12,480
piffle

460
00:17:15,429 --> 00:17:13,600
now this year there were many

461
00:17:15,990 --> 00:17:15,439
nominations from previous years and we

462
00:17:19,990 --> 00:17:16,000
can

463
00:17:22,309 --> 00:17:20,000

thank covert 19 largely for that i think

464

00:17:23,429 --> 00:17:22,319

will a past winner once again win this

465

00:17:29,510 --> 00:17:23,439

year

466

00:17:30,789 --> 00:17:29,520

past winner former tv celebrity chef

467

00:17:33,669 --> 00:17:30,799

pete evans

468

00:17:35,029 --> 00:17:33,679

this year for promoting the biocharger

469

00:17:38,710 --> 00:17:35,039

machine to combat

470

00:17:41,990 --> 00:17:38,720

covert 19 past winner meryl dorey

471

00:17:45,510 --> 00:17:42,000

this year for her covert 19 denial

472

00:17:46,070 --> 00:17:45,520

and her part in organizing the vaxxed

473

00:17:48,870 --> 00:17:46,080

bus

474

00:17:50,549 --> 00:17:48,880

tour past winner fran sheffield and

475

00:17:52,150 --> 00:17:50,559

homeopathy plus

476
00:17:53,590 --> 00:17:52,160
this year for their promotion of

477
00:17:56,789 --> 00:17:53,600
homeopathy to combat

478
00:17:59,950 --> 00:17:56,799
covert 19 past winner

479
00:18:01,830 --> 00:17:59,960
judith wileyman this year for her

480
00:18:04,870 --> 00:18:01,840
conspiratorial claims

481
00:18:09,029 --> 00:18:04,880
about covert 19 mms

482
00:18:11,590 --> 00:18:09,039
australia genesis 2 church chapter 316

483
00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:11,600
for selling a form of bleach as a

484
00:18:18,310 --> 00:18:14,559
panacea for many health conditions

485
00:18:21,510 --> 00:18:18,320
including covert 19 radio personalities

486
00:18:22,950 --> 00:18:21,520
kyle and jackie o four in the opinion of

487
00:18:26,549 --> 00:18:22,960
the nominator

488
00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:26,559

giving pete paleo evans an unrestricted

489

00:18:30,950 --> 00:18:28,000

20 minutes to espouse

490

00:18:31,270 --> 00:18:30,960

his dangerous nonsense tony rogers and

491

00:18:35,270 --> 00:18:31,280

the

492

00:18:37,510 --> 00:18:35,280

nominator

493

00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:37,520

awarding rogers a doctorate on the basis

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00:18:42,470 --> 00:18:38,640

of his phd

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00:18:45,430 --> 00:18:42,480

thesis the political economy of autism

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00:18:46,390 --> 00:18:45,440

which uncritically cites junk science to

497

00:18:49,830 --> 00:18:46,400

support

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00:18:51,990 --> 00:18:49,840

conspiracy theories although

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00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:52,000

not in the running this honorable

500

00:18:56,150 --> 00:18:53,440

mentions are given to

501
00:18:58,470 --> 00:18:56,160
the murdoch press in both print and tv

502
00:19:01,510 --> 00:18:58,480
for regularly promoting misinformation

503
00:19:02,470 --> 00:19:01,520
and rarely offering corrections when the

504
00:19:05,350 --> 00:19:02,480
true facts are

505
00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:05,360
revealed this includes the arson

506
00:19:09,950 --> 00:19:07,200
involvement in the bushfires

507
00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:09,960
and sad's promotion of

508
00:19:14,230 --> 00:19:12,000
hydroxychloroquine

509
00:19:15,110 --> 00:19:14,240
also those pharmacies in australia who

510
00:19:19,110 --> 00:19:15,120
still

511
00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:19,120
stock homeopathy and ear candles

512
00:19:24,700 --> 00:19:24,000
and the winner is the envelope please

513
00:19:29,350 --> 00:19:24,710

thank you

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00:19:36,950 --> 00:19:34,230

pete evans pete evans for promoting the

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00:19:38,870 --> 00:19:36,960

bio charging machine a box of flashing

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00:19:42,150 --> 00:19:38,880

lights that has been likened to a bad

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00:19:44,870 --> 00:19:42,160

prop from a 1973 episode of doctor who

518

00:19:47,750 --> 00:19:44,880

that is claimed to combat covert 19 and

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00:19:50,390 --> 00:19:47,760

hundreds of other diseases

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00:19:52,070 --> 00:19:50,400

how it seems that this reject from a

521

00:19:54,549 --> 00:19:52,080

children's disco

522

00:19:56,789 --> 00:19:54,559

costing 21 000 australian dollars can

523

00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:56,799

emit energies and frequencies

524

00:20:00,710 --> 00:19:59,280

that recharge and detoxify cells in the

525

00:20:03,350 --> 00:20:00,720

human body

526

00:20:05,430 --> 00:20:03,360

now we're not the first organization to

527

00:20:06,950 --> 00:20:05,440

acknowledge pete evans over his claims

528

00:20:09,270 --> 00:20:06,960

for this

529

00:20:10,310 --> 00:20:09,280

cross between a blender and christmas

530

00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:10,320

lights

531

00:20:13,669 --> 00:20:12,240

in april the therapeutic goods

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00:20:16,230 --> 00:20:13,679

administration

533

00:20:18,310 --> 00:20:16,240

issued two infringement notices to pete

534

00:20:19,270 --> 00:20:18,320

evans totaling twenty five thousand two

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00:20:21,430 --> 00:20:19,280

hundred dollars

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00:20:22,470 --> 00:20:21,440

for alleged breaches of the therapeutic

537

00:20:26,230 --> 00:20:22,480

goods act

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00:20:28,390 --> 00:20:26,240

in regards to this device pete evans

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00:20:29,430 --> 00:20:28,400

now enters the history books as the

540

00:20:32,830 --> 00:20:29,440

first person

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00:20:39,110 --> 00:20:32,840

ever to win the bench spoon award

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00:20:42,630 --> 00:20:41,270

thank you tim mendham and richard

543

00:20:45,029 --> 00:20:42,640

saunders

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00:20:53,040 --> 00:20:45,039

and that wraps it up for the australian

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00:20:53,050 --> 00:21:02,390

[Music]

546

00:21:08,149 --> 00:21:05,430

hmm i sure do miss going to those

547

00:21:10,149 --> 00:21:08,159

skeptical meetings in pubs and cafes

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00:21:16,230 --> 00:21:10,159

to hear talks and interact with my

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00:21:20,549 --> 00:21:16,240

friends now well

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00:21:26,549 --> 00:21:23,830

who the hell are you i'm your skeptical

551
00:21:27,270 --> 00:21:26,559
fairy godmother angel from the internet

552
00:21:30,710 --> 00:21:27,280
you're my

553
00:21:34,230 --> 00:21:30,720
skeptical what relax richard

554
00:21:37,270 --> 00:21:34,240
i can make your wish come true what

555
00:21:41,029 --> 00:21:37,280
you mean free beer

556
00:21:44,630 --> 00:21:41,039
no no no the other wish

557
00:21:47,510 --> 00:21:44,640
oh oh really yes

558
00:21:48,950 --> 00:21:47,520
i have news of skeptical meetings and

559
00:21:52,390 --> 00:21:48,960
talks online

560
00:21:55,669 --> 00:21:52,400
oh oh oh yes of course yes

561
00:21:57,590 --> 00:21:55,679
skeptics cafe online by the vic skeptics

562
00:21:59,990 --> 00:21:57,600
brings you live and interactive

563
00:22:03,029 --> 00:22:00,000

skeptical talks via zoom

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00:22:03,830 --> 00:22:03,039

anyone anywhere in the world is welcome

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00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:03,840

to join in

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00:22:08,549 --> 00:22:06,240

on the third monday of the month just

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00:22:10,950 --> 00:22:08,559

check out the skeptics cafe page on

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00:22:13,990 --> 00:22:10,960

facebook to see when the next talk is

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00:22:16,789 --> 00:22:14,000

and who will be presenting

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alternatively see the vic skeptics

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website at vicskeptics.wordpress.com

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00:22:24,149 --> 00:22:23,120

for details that sounds great a

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skeptical

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um god fairy uh angel mother um

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person and there are similar skeptical

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online talks happening around the

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country and

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00:22:39,510 --> 00:22:37,760

all over the world all you need to do is

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search for them

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00:22:47,270 --> 00:22:42,640

wow now just one more question

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00:22:51,110 --> 00:22:47,280

yes what about the beer

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00:22:54,390 --> 00:22:51,120

okay all right

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00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:54,400

well just for you

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i'll make it so you can go to the

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supermarket

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00:23:04,230 --> 00:23:01,520

buy whatever beer you like and drink it

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00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:04,240

while watching the talk online at home

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00:23:08,230 --> 00:23:05,039

and they say

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00:23:10,630 --> 00:23:08,240

miracles never happen and to think i

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00:23:20,830 --> 00:23:10,640

gave up being the tooth fairy for

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00:23:26,630 --> 00:23:23,380

goodbye

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00:23:32,870 --> 00:23:30,110

and now a reading from the book of tim

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00:23:44,549 --> 00:23:32,880

[Music]

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00:23:46,549 --> 00:23:44,559

hi my name's tim menden i'm executive

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00:23:48,310 --> 00:23:46,559

officer for australian skeptics inc

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00:23:49,669 --> 00:23:48,320

and i'm the editor of our magazine the

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00:23:51,669 --> 00:23:49,679

skeptic

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and today in the book of tim i'll be

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reading from

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the skeptic magazine june 2019

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00:24:02,310 --> 00:24:00,640
which is volume 39 number two

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00:24:04,549 --> 00:24:02,320
i'm reading from a regular column in the

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00:24:06,310 --> 00:24:04,559
magazine called what goes around

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which starts off with a particular fact

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00:24:08,710 --> 00:24:07,919
or set of facts and works that way

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00:24:10,630 --> 00:24:08,720
through

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00:24:12,390 --> 00:24:10,640
related facts etc until we come back

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00:24:13,909 --> 00:24:12,400
where we started from

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00:24:16,710 --> 00:24:13,919
which shows that all knowledge is

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00:24:19,669 --> 00:24:16,720
connected and connectable

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00:24:20,789 --> 00:24:19,679
and this time the column is subtitled

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00:24:23,350 --> 00:24:20,799
mind fuhrer

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00:24:25,029 --> 00:24:23,360

to mine host and first of all we'll be

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looking at the famous

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godwin's law

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goblin's law or godwin's rule of hitler

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analogies

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is an internet adage that asserts that

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as an online discussion

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grows longer the probability of a

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comparison involving hitler

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approaches one that is sooner or later

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someone will compare someone or

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something to adolf hitler or his deeds

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there's a tradition in many news groups

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and other internet discussion forums

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that when a hitler comparison is made

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the threat is finished

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and whoever made the comparison loses

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whatever debate is in progress

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it is now applied to any threaded online

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discussion such as internet forums chat

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rooms

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comment threads as well as to speeches

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articles and other rhetoric

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where reductio ad hitler occurs

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michael wayne godwin who was born in

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1956

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is an american attorney and author he

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was the first staff council of the

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electronic frontier foundation

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from july 2007 to october 2010

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he was general counsel for the wikimedia

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foundation and was elected to the open

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source initiative board

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in march 2011. he has served as a

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contributing editor

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of reason magazine since 1994 and is

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currently general counsel and director

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of innovation policy

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at the r street institute godwin has

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00:25:53,909 --> 00:25:50,400
stated that he introduced godwin's law

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00:25:56,230 --> 00:25:53,919
as an experiment in mimetics and quote

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00:25:58,230 --> 00:25:56,240
i seeded godwin's law in any news group

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or topic where i saw a gratuitous

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00:26:02,710 --> 00:26:01,440
nazi reference soon to my surprise other

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00:26:05,269 --> 00:26:02,720
people were citing it

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00:26:06,549 --> 00:26:05,279
the counter meme was reproducing on its

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00:26:08,630 --> 00:26:06,559
own

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00:26:09,750 --> 00:26:08,640
godwin is an old english word meaning

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00:26:12,870 --> 00:26:09,760
good friend

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00:26:14,710 --> 00:26:12,880
godwin of wessex who died in 1053

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00:26:16,870 --> 00:26:14,720

was one of the most powerful earls in

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00:26:18,630 --> 00:26:16,880

england under the danish king knut the

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great and his successes

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canuter of course are called canute and

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he was the one who supposedly

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tried to stop the water from rolling in

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00:26:28,149 --> 00:26:26,799

or stop the tide from coming in

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00:26:29,830 --> 00:26:28,159

which he knew it wouldn't and he was

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00:26:32,230 --> 00:26:29,840

proving that kings weren't

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00:26:33,350 --> 00:26:32,240

all powerful but never mind back to

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00:26:35,190 --> 00:26:33,360

godman

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00:26:36,470 --> 00:26:35,200

in 1035 the throne of england was

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00:26:39,110 --> 00:26:36,480

claimed by alfred

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etheling and godwin is reported to have

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00:26:43,269 --> 00:26:40,960
either captured alfred himself

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00:26:44,870 --> 00:26:43,279
or to have deceived him by pretending to

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00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:44,880
be his ally

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00:26:50,390 --> 00:26:47,760
alfred was blinded and soon died

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00:26:52,950 --> 00:26:50,400
according to the anglo-saxon chronicle

682
00:26:53,830 --> 00:26:52,960
godwin had alfred's retainers executed

683
00:26:57,590 --> 00:26:53,840
blinded

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00:26:59,750 --> 00:26:57,600
maimed and scalped no more horrible deed

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00:27:00,549 --> 00:26:59,760
was done in this country since the danes

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00:27:03,669 --> 00:27:00,559
came

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00:27:04,870 --> 00:27:03,679
and made peace here not a very nice

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00:27:07,269 --> 00:27:04,880

fellow

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00:27:09,029 --> 00:27:07,279

following various political maneuverings

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godwin's son harold

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became king of england but he was

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overthrown

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00:27:16,630 --> 00:27:14,039

and killed in the battle of hastings in

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1066.

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some notable but possibly less exciting

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godwins

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not necessarily related to that include

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mary wollstonecraft

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00:27:27,750 --> 00:27:25,520

author of the vindication of the rights

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of woman who married into the goblin

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00:27:31,110 --> 00:27:28,320
family

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00:27:32,630 --> 00:27:31,120
her daughter mary wollstonecraft godwin

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00:27:36,070 --> 00:27:32,640
author of frankenstein

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who married the poet percy bishelly

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former rock musician and drug addict

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jeff godwin who turned fundamentalist

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00:27:42,789 --> 00:27:40,799
christian

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00:27:44,630 --> 00:27:42,799
who now campaigns against rock music as

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the work of the devil

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two godwins have associations with

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madagascar

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00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:49,919
jeff godwin presumably not related to

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00:27:53,590 --> 00:27:51,440

the fundamentalist godwin

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00:27:55,029 --> 00:27:53,600

is an expert on the software package

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00:27:58,149 --> 00:27:55,039

known as madagascar

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used for multi-dimensional data analysis

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and alan godwin is founder owner and ceo

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of reef and rainforest which runs tours

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of the island of madagascar and

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00:28:11,190 --> 00:28:09,520

madagascar previously known as the

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malagasy republic

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00:28:15,830 --> 00:28:13,840

is an island country in the indian ocean

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00:28:17,909 --> 00:28:15,840

approximately 400 kilometers off the

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00:28:19,590 --> 00:28:17,919

coast of east africa

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00:28:21,669 --> 00:28:19,600

because the islands split from india

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00:28:23,750 --> 00:28:21,679

more than 80 million years ago

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00:28:26,470 --> 00:28:23,760

madagascar's native plants and animals

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have evolved in relative isolation

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with over 90 of its wildlife found

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nowhere else on earth

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particularly its lemurs and many species

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of chameleons

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in the 1930s the nazis developed the

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madagascar plan

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that identified the island as a

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potential site

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for the deportation of europe's jews

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during the second world war the island

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was the site of the battle of madagascar

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1942 between the vichy government and

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the british

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one participant in the battle of

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madagascar which was the first

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large-scale operation by the allies of

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world war ii

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combining sea land and air forces was

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donald sinclair

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an officer in the royal navy reserve who

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saw action of greenland

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madagascar and north africa after the

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war

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00:29:16,549 --> 00:29:14,720
he was co-proprietor of the glen eagles

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hotel in torquay

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england members of the cast of the tv

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00:29:24,470 --> 00:29:22,480
comedy monty pythons flying circus

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00:29:25,750 --> 00:29:24,480
stayed at the hotel while filming

757
00:29:28,630 --> 00:29:25,760
locally

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for some reason sinclair thought one of

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the cast briefcases contained a bomb

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00:29:36,549 --> 00:29:34,480
and he hid it behind a garden wall he

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was the inspiration for the character

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basil faulty hotel owner in faulty

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towers

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written by john cleese member of the

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pythons

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faulty's most famous line in the show is

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don't mention the war

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and that was what goes around from the

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skeptic june 2019

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and you can look at our back copies of

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the magazine on our website

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skeptics.com and download virtually

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39 years worth of the magazine and then

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of course

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once you've been impressed by those

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you'll subscribe to the magazine

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the earth is only 6 000 years old that's

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what answers in genesis

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00:30:33,909 --> 00:30:33,039

and the creation museum say and how can

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00:30:38,070 --> 00:30:33,919

a museum

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00:30:40,789 --> 00:30:38,080

be wrong isn't dr oz just wonderful

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i loved today's episode it didn't talk

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down to his adoring audience of women

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00:30:48,389 --> 00:30:45,840

at all science has proved that the

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00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:48,399

subatomic quantum realm is as real as it

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00:30:52,310 --> 00:30:50,399

is counterintuitive and bizarre

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therefore i can use it to support

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00:30:54,710 --> 00:30:53,679

quantum healing and quantum

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consciousness

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after all how can journals like aquarius

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metaphysics be wrong

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evolution is just a theory after all if

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we came from monkeys then why are there

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still monkeys

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we all have friends and family who

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believe these things and much more

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well if you're a rational thinker who is

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tired of arguing on social media and

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00:31:15,830 --> 00:31:13,519

never getting anywhere

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we have a solution for you join the

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guerrilla skepticism wikipedia team

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and we will teach you how to add

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reliable scientific and skeptical

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00:31:24,549 --> 00:31:22,720
information

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00:31:26,630 --> 00:31:24,559
to the world's number one source of

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00:31:28,389 --> 00:31:26,640
information wikipedia

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00:31:30,630 --> 00:31:28,399
we write new articles and improve

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00:31:31,990 --> 00:31:30,640
existing ones we remove pseudoscience

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paranormal and ultimate

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00:31:36,389 --> 00:31:34,559
claims substituting the actual facts and

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00:31:38,470 --> 00:31:36,399
we operate in many languages

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00:31:40,630 --> 00:31:38,480
we've already reached tens of millions

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00:31:42,870 --> 00:31:40,640

of people searching for information

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00:31:44,389 --> 00:31:42,880

but as you can imagine we can never do

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00:31:46,870 --> 00:31:44,399

enough so please

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join us all you need is a pc and a

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desire to help educate the planet

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00:31:52,789 --> 00:31:51,039

in fact you'll be educating the world

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while you sleep contact

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now it's time once again to look through

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the archive that is

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trove at trove.nla.gov.au

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an archive of digitized newspapers

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gazettes magazines periodicals journals

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articles you name it going back

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decades decades and decades a wonderful

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resource

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of scanned papers some of them

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owing to their age however are a little

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bit uh

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fuzzy i suppose the ones going back into

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the 1800s

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but certainly most are very legible

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and this week in keeping with our theme

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of

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classic skepticism i thought i would

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00:32:57,350 --> 00:32:55,360

look up references in australian

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newspapers to

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and we find ourselves looking through

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the pages of the pin jelly

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brookton leader from western australia

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now this was around from 1925 to 1954

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on the 29th of july 1937

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it is claimed on the unimpeachable

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testimony

848

00:33:35,110 --> 00:33:33,840

of numerous observers that a monster of

849

00:33:37,990 --> 00:33:35,120

unknown size does

850

00:33:39,029 --> 00:33:38,000

really exist in loch ness and is

851
00:33:42,149 --> 00:33:39,039
supposedly

852
00:33:45,190 --> 00:33:42,159
a reptile of prehistoric species

853
00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:45,200
interest has been reawakened by the

854
00:33:49,909 --> 00:33:47,519
statement of eyewitnesses that they have

855
00:33:53,110 --> 00:33:49,919
recently seen a number of

856
00:33:55,990 --> 00:33:53,120
smaller monsters leading to the belief

857
00:33:57,990 --> 00:33:56,000
that the creature is breeding loch ness

858
00:33:59,830 --> 00:33:58,000
is fully 900 feet deep and

859
00:34:01,750 --> 00:33:59,840
said to extend in all directions under

860
00:34:04,549 --> 00:34:01,760
the surrounding hills

861
00:34:07,190 --> 00:34:04,559
as plenty of air holes run from these

862
00:34:10,069 --> 00:34:07,200
hills to the caverns below

863
00:34:11,030 --> 00:34:10,079

it is not unreasonable to suppose that

864

00:34:14,069 --> 00:34:11,040

there are

865

00:34:16,550 --> 00:34:14,079

chambers fed by warm springs

866

00:34:17,990 --> 00:34:16,560

the last of prehistoric monsters still

867

00:34:21,669 --> 00:34:18,000

contrives

868

00:34:24,790 --> 00:34:21,679

to exist the next search result

869

00:34:28,629 --> 00:34:24,800

is from the year 1950 on the 9th

870

00:34:30,310 --> 00:34:28,639

of november and this is in the pages of

871

00:34:33,190 --> 00:34:30,320

the daily telegraph

872

00:34:34,069 --> 00:34:33,200

here in sydney oddly enough it says from

873

00:34:37,109 --> 00:34:34,079

1931

874

00:34:38,869 --> 00:34:37,119

to 1954 so it could have been a previous

875

00:34:39,990 --> 00:34:38,879

incarnation of the daily telegraph or

876

00:34:43,589 --> 00:34:40,000

something like that

877

00:34:44,710 --> 00:34:43,599

nevertheless the article says loch ness

878

00:34:48,550 --> 00:34:44,720

monster

879

00:34:50,629 --> 00:34:48,560

found london wednesday australian

880

00:34:53,030 --> 00:34:50,639

associated press

881

00:34:55,990 --> 00:34:53,040

naval experts yesterday revealed the

882

00:34:59,030 --> 00:34:56,000

truth about the loch ness monster

883

00:35:02,150 --> 00:34:59,040

there never was one

884

00:35:04,870 --> 00:35:02,160

well that's a bit disappointing

885

00:35:06,470 --> 00:35:04,880

scores of people have seen the monster

886

00:35:09,030 --> 00:35:06,480

and scientists traveled from all over

887

00:35:11,670 --> 00:35:09,040

the world to investigate the mystery

888

00:35:12,950 --> 00:35:11,680

the monster brought fame and prosperity

889

00:35:15,109 --> 00:35:12,960

to the lock side

890

00:35:15,990 --> 00:35:15,119

but according to the naval experts

891

00:35:18,069 --> 00:35:16,000

yesterday

892

00:35:20,470 --> 00:35:18,079

the various monsters seen through the

893

00:35:23,829 --> 00:35:20,480

years were merely strings of

894

00:35:26,550 --> 00:35:23,839

four horned mines surfacing at the end

895

00:35:29,349 --> 00:35:26,560

of a secret experiment

896

00:35:30,150 --> 00:35:29,359

the story began in 1918 when the mine

897

00:35:34,069 --> 00:35:30,160

layer

898

00:35:36,790 --> 00:35:34,079

welbeck laid 300 uncharged experimental

899

00:35:40,630 --> 00:35:36,800

four-horned mines in a string of eight

900

00:35:42,950 --> 00:35:40,640

in the loch i never knew that the object

901
00:35:43,990 --> 00:35:42,960
was to test the depths at which mines

902
00:35:46,550 --> 00:35:44,000
could be anchored

903
00:35:47,349 --> 00:35:46,560
and how long they would stay under when

904
00:35:50,870 --> 00:35:47,359
the mines

905
00:35:54,630 --> 00:35:50,880
surfaced they rolled over once or twice

906
00:35:55,270 --> 00:35:54,640
filled with water and sank naval experts

907
00:35:57,990 --> 00:35:55,280
believe

908
00:35:59,190 --> 00:35:58,000
that about 40 mines are still anchored

909
00:36:02,230 --> 00:35:59,200
in the lock

910
00:36:05,109 --> 00:36:02,240
but the moorings cannot last much longer

911
00:36:06,390 --> 00:36:05,119
one naval expert said at a distance when

912
00:36:09,270 --> 00:36:06,400
they bob up they make

913
00:36:10,870 --> 00:36:09,280

a very fine monster it has all been a

914

00:36:14,069 --> 00:36:10,880

big laugh for the few of us

915

00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:14,079

in the know who are still alive well

916

00:36:19,910 --> 00:36:16,000

there you go according to that report

917

00:36:21,430 --> 00:36:19,920

the mystery was solved in 1950

918

00:36:23,270 --> 00:36:21,440

now this would have come as a bit of a

919

00:36:25,510 --> 00:36:23,280

disappointment to those people writing

920

00:36:29,510 --> 00:36:25,520

in 1934

921

00:36:31,829 --> 00:36:29,520

in the kyogle examiner and on the 2nd of

922

00:36:34,710 --> 00:36:31,839

january of that year we read

923

00:36:37,030 --> 00:36:34,720

loch ness monster interest in the loch

924

00:36:39,190 --> 00:36:37,040

ness monster is spreading

925

00:36:41,910 --> 00:36:39,200

scientific societies and newspapers are

926
00:36:45,270 --> 00:36:41,920
making efforts to clear up the mystery

927
00:36:48,390 --> 00:36:45,280
a mr m a weatherall a

928
00:36:49,349 --> 00:36:48,400
central african big game hunter told the

929
00:36:51,670 --> 00:36:49,359
daily mail

930
00:36:52,870 --> 00:36:51,680
that he believed he had four traces

931
00:36:56,310 --> 00:36:52,880
including the marks of

932
00:36:59,430 --> 00:36:56,320
nails or flipper tips of a mammoth

933
00:37:01,670 --> 00:36:59,440
amphibian he is beginning

934
00:37:04,470 --> 00:37:01,680
a systematic search of the shore of the

935
00:37:08,790 --> 00:37:04,480
lake in hopes of finding the beast's

936
00:37:11,190 --> 00:37:08,800
lair in the vicinity of the spot where a

937
00:37:14,390 --> 00:37:11,200
man stated last summer that he had seen

938
00:37:16,630 --> 00:37:14,400

a monster carrying a sheep in its mouth

939

00:37:18,550 --> 00:37:16,640

that must have been quite a sight a

940

00:37:20,630 --> 00:37:18,560

monster of unknown species

941

00:37:21,990 --> 00:37:20,640

is reported to have been seen by many

942

00:37:25,990 --> 00:37:22,000

persons in loch ness

943

00:37:29,030 --> 00:37:26,000

in scotland and blurred photographs

944

00:37:31,750 --> 00:37:29,040

have been secured of it

945

00:37:32,310 --> 00:37:31,760

and blurred photographs it is described

946

00:37:35,109 --> 00:37:32,320

as having

947

00:37:37,510 --> 00:37:35,119

a body or neck like the fabled sea

948

00:37:40,710 --> 00:37:37,520

serpent and the head like a horse

949

00:37:42,870 --> 00:37:40,720

blurred photographs i love that line it

950

00:37:45,990 --> 00:37:42,880

reminds me of an episode of the

951
00:37:48,870 --> 00:37:46,000
the bbc show the goodies from the 1970s

952
00:37:50,390 --> 00:37:48,880
where the three goodies go to find the

953
00:37:52,310 --> 00:37:50,400
loch ness monster

954
00:37:54,630 --> 00:37:52,320
and i sold all sorts of things by the

955
00:37:56,950 --> 00:37:54,640
loch ness tourist board

956
00:37:58,230 --> 00:37:56,960
including a special camera for taking

957
00:38:01,430 --> 00:37:58,240
fuzzy out of focus

958
00:38:04,550 --> 00:38:01,440
pictures so let's now zip forward to the

959
00:38:07,270 --> 00:38:04,560
1952 in the warwick daily news from

960
00:38:10,390 --> 00:38:07,280
queensland 29th of august

961
00:38:13,670 --> 00:38:10,400
loch ness monster gone

962
00:38:15,990 --> 00:38:13,680
by kendrick howard this

963
00:38:16,790 --> 00:38:16,000

is an age given to the hoaxes and tall

964

00:38:20,069 --> 00:38:16,800

stories

965

00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:20,079

but myths legends and strange monsters

966

00:38:25,190 --> 00:38:22,960

still survive all countries have their

967

00:38:28,069 --> 00:38:25,200

stock characters

968

00:38:29,190 --> 00:38:28,079

england her ghosts that still walk on

969

00:38:32,069 --> 00:38:29,200

stormy nights

970

00:38:34,310 --> 00:38:32,079

holland the flying dutchman perhaps the

971

00:38:35,109 --> 00:38:34,320

creature that gained most publicity was

972

00:38:38,310 --> 00:38:35,119

scotland's

973

00:38:39,510 --> 00:38:38,320

loch ness monster that sea serpent come

974

00:38:42,230 --> 00:38:39,520

dragon which

975

00:38:42,950 --> 00:38:42,240

for all its fearsomeness was impeccably

976
00:38:46,870 --> 00:38:42,960
mannered

977
00:38:47,829 --> 00:38:46,880
and strangely shy known to millions by

978
00:38:50,630 --> 00:38:47,839
hearsay

979
00:38:51,349 --> 00:38:50,640
and a few by sight it has been written

980
00:38:54,390 --> 00:38:51,359
about

981
00:38:57,270 --> 00:38:54,400
photographed shouted at called to

982
00:38:58,710 --> 00:38:57,280
and made the subject of two very lengthy

983
00:39:00,550 --> 00:38:58,720
treatises

984
00:39:02,230 --> 00:39:00,560
the story of the loch ness monster

985
00:39:05,349 --> 00:39:02,240
reached its peak

986
00:39:07,829 --> 00:39:05,359
in 1930. firstly

987
00:39:09,829 --> 00:39:07,839
a young veterinary student cycling along

988
00:39:13,190 --> 00:39:09,839

the lakeside in the early morning

989

00:39:15,829 --> 00:39:13,200

saw the monster on the shore it was he

990

00:39:16,390 --> 00:39:15,839

firmly declared about 20 feet long and

991

00:39:18,710 --> 00:39:16,400

looked

992

00:39:20,150 --> 00:39:18,720

like something between a seal and a

993

00:39:22,950 --> 00:39:20,160

plesiosaur

994

00:39:24,470 --> 00:39:22,960

two years later a melbourne clergyman

995

00:39:27,510 --> 00:39:24,480

the reverend gordon powell

996

00:39:29,589 --> 00:39:27,520

of the collins street independent church

997

00:39:32,150 --> 00:39:29,599

then a student doing a postgraduate

998

00:39:34,390 --> 00:39:32,160

course in theology at glasgow university

999

00:39:35,190 --> 00:39:34,400

saw its surface in the placid lake

1000

00:39:38,390 --> 00:39:35,200

waters

1001
00:39:40,150 --> 00:39:38,400
late one afternoon the same year a film

1002
00:39:43,349 --> 00:39:40,160
was taken of the monster

1003
00:39:45,670 --> 00:39:43,359
on one of its rare appearances

1004
00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:45,680
the stills pre-produced in scottish

1005
00:39:48,950 --> 00:39:46,560
papers

1006
00:39:51,990 --> 00:39:48,960
show what pal saw a creature of

1007
00:39:54,470 --> 00:39:52,000
tremendous size with the serpentine neck

1008
00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:54,480
and head like a seal at the height of

1009
00:39:57,589 --> 00:39:55,440
the furore

1010
00:39:59,030 --> 00:39:57,599
the scottish hills resounded to the

1011
00:40:00,950 --> 00:39:59,040
clamour of incoming special

1012
00:40:02,230 --> 00:40:00,960
correspondents who took up positions

1013
00:40:05,430 --> 00:40:02,240

along the shore

1014

00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:05,440

and waited for the story to literally

1015

00:40:10,069 --> 00:40:08,400

break wide open but the monster was

1016

00:40:12,550 --> 00:40:10,079

reluctant to appear

1017

00:40:14,630 --> 00:40:12,560

despite offers of up to twenty thousand

1018

00:40:16,630 --> 00:40:14,640

pounds from enterprising promoters

1019

00:40:17,990 --> 00:40:16,640

nobody ever came near to bringing it

1020

00:40:22,069 --> 00:40:18,000

back alive

1021

00:40:25,750 --> 00:40:22,079

or dead perhaps like disney's dragon

1022

00:40:27,829 --> 00:40:25,760

it dislikes publicity zoologists think

1023

00:40:30,550 --> 00:40:27,839

it's unlikely that a modern sea serpent

1024

00:40:33,270 --> 00:40:30,560

will ever be produced for examination

1025

00:40:33,589 --> 00:40:33,280

but they warn scientists dare not deny

1026

00:40:36,390 --> 00:40:33,599

that

1027

00:40:37,510 --> 00:40:36,400

large marine snakes may still exist in

1028

00:40:40,630 --> 00:40:37,520

the oceans

1029

00:40:42,870 --> 00:40:40,640

so someone may yet catch a sea serpent

1030

00:40:46,470 --> 00:40:42,880

or even a bunyip

1031

00:40:49,190 --> 00:40:46,480

and just as an aside a bunyip is a

1032

00:40:51,030 --> 00:40:49,200

mythical australian creature sea

1033

00:40:53,270 --> 00:40:51,040

serpents of the loch ness type thrived

1034

00:40:55,829 --> 00:40:53,280

in the seas millions of years ago

1035

00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:55,839

did one by some strange oversight of

1036

00:40:58,470 --> 00:40:56,640

nature

1037

00:41:01,270 --> 00:40:58,480

escape the march of evolution and

1038

00:41:02,550 --> 00:41:01,280

survive in the uninhabited waters of

1039

00:41:04,550 --> 00:41:02,560

loch ness

1040

00:41:06,390 --> 00:41:04,560

the monster is often mentioned when

1041

00:41:10,950 --> 00:41:06,400

discussion arises as to whether

1042

00:41:13,109 --> 00:41:10,960

sea serpents exist the 30-foot mosasaur

1043

00:41:14,710 --> 00:41:13,119

is a sea monster that would satisfy the

1044

00:41:18,230 --> 00:41:14,720

most ardent explorer

1045

00:41:20,470 --> 00:41:18,240

of marine life unfortunately it died out

1046

00:41:22,790 --> 00:41:20,480

about 80 million years ago

1047

00:41:24,630 --> 00:41:22,800

the reverend roy chapman andrews

1048

00:41:25,990 --> 00:41:24,640

director of the american museum of

1049

00:41:29,670 --> 00:41:26,000

natural history

1050

00:41:31,670 --> 00:41:29,680

has this to say on sea serpents

1051
00:41:33,510 --> 00:41:31,680
there is no scientific evidence to show

1052
00:41:36,630 --> 00:41:33,520
that any of the monsters

1053
00:41:37,030 --> 00:41:36,640
of the age of reptiles still exist all

1054
00:41:40,069 --> 00:41:37,040
the

1055
00:41:42,390 --> 00:41:40,079
sea serpents that have come ashore

1056
00:41:43,589 --> 00:41:42,400
have been examined and proved to be some

1057
00:41:46,630 --> 00:41:43,599
already known fish

1058
00:41:49,030 --> 00:41:46,640
or animal what would dr andrews say to

1059
00:41:51,829 --> 00:41:49,040
those who maintain that the loch ness

1060
00:41:53,910 --> 00:41:51,839
creature does exist perhaps he would

1061
00:41:56,950 --> 00:41:53,920
attribute the whole affair to

1062
00:41:58,550 --> 00:41:56,960
a delusion but those who have seen the

1063
00:41:59,430 --> 00:41:58,560

monster of loch ness will have none of

1064

00:42:02,790 --> 00:41:59,440

this

1065

00:42:06,150 --> 00:42:02,800

it's real enough they say

1066

00:42:08,630 --> 00:42:06,160

and larger than life now let's slip back

1067

00:42:13,510 --> 00:42:08,640

a few years to the year 1947

1068

00:42:15,270 --> 00:42:13,520

the 10th of april in chronicle

1069

00:42:17,910 --> 00:42:15,280

that's what it says chronicle from

1070

00:42:21,109 --> 00:42:17,920

adelaide south australia

1071

00:42:22,190 --> 00:42:21,119

and i guess this was something that was

1072

00:42:25,750 --> 00:42:22,200

around from

1073

00:42:29,349 --> 00:42:25,760

1895 to 1954.

1074

00:42:31,670 --> 00:42:29,359

loch ness monster again

1075

00:42:32,550 --> 00:42:31,680

london the loch ness monster has made a

1076

00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:32,560

reappearance

1077

00:42:35,589 --> 00:42:34,560

for motorists on monday night reported

1078

00:42:38,710 --> 00:42:35,599

having seen it

1079

00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:38,720

near dramadroket one described it as

1080

00:42:42,309 --> 00:42:39,599

having a

1081

00:42:44,470 --> 00:42:42,319

gleaming body and one hump the other

1082

00:42:47,670 --> 00:42:44,480

said the monster had two humps

1083

00:42:48,630 --> 00:42:47,680

the first motorist agreed that that

1084

00:42:51,190 --> 00:42:48,640

might be true

1085

00:42:52,470 --> 00:42:51,200

because his eyes are not what they used

1086

00:42:55,030 --> 00:42:52,480

to be

1087

00:42:55,589 --> 00:42:55,040

and finally let's flip through the pages

1088

00:42:59,030 --> 00:42:55,599

of

1089

00:43:00,470 --> 00:42:59,040

weekly times from melbourne and this was

1090

00:43:05,109 --> 00:43:00,480

reported on the 13th

1091

00:43:07,910 --> 00:43:05,119

of january 1934 loch ness monster

1092

00:43:10,230 --> 00:43:07,920

although some london newspapers scoff at

1093

00:43:13,270 --> 00:43:10,240

the loch ness monster as a myth

1094

00:43:14,550 --> 00:43:13,280

all published a graphic narrative told

1095

00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:14,560

by arthur grant

1096

00:43:18,710 --> 00:43:16,800

a veterinary student who says that he

1097

00:43:21,349 --> 00:43:18,720

nearly ran over the monster when he was

1098

00:43:23,829 --> 00:43:21,359

motorcycling by the lake at midnight

1099

00:43:24,790 --> 00:43:23,839

in the moonlight he says it was lying on

1100

00:43:27,270 --> 00:43:24,800

the roadway

1101
00:43:27,990 --> 00:43:27,280
30 yards ahead of him when he first saw

1102
00:43:31,910 --> 00:43:28,000
it

1103
00:43:33,510 --> 00:43:31,920
the lake

1104
00:43:36,230 --> 00:43:33,520
and entered the waters with a great

1105
00:43:39,589 --> 00:43:36,240
splash it had a long neck

1106
00:43:42,710 --> 00:43:39,599
and eel like head and big eyes

1107
00:43:43,510 --> 00:43:42,720
its flippers were apparently webbed its

1108
00:43:46,790 --> 00:43:43,520
total length

1109
00:43:49,510 --> 00:43:46,800
was from 15 to 20 feet

1110
00:43:51,750 --> 00:43:49,520
grant suggested that it was a hybrid

1111
00:43:58,000 --> 00:43:51,760
something between a plesiosaur

1112
00:43:58,010 --> 00:44:01,190
[Music]

1113
00:44:06,390 --> 00:44:03,829

well there we go now they were but five

1114

00:44:08,630 --> 00:44:06,400

of the dozens and dozens of returns

1115

00:44:10,390 --> 00:44:08,640

when we entered the search for the loch

1116

00:44:11,990 --> 00:44:10,400

ness monster

1117

00:44:15,109 --> 00:44:12,000

and here's me thinking that it was

1118

00:44:17,190 --> 00:44:15,119

really huge in the 1970s along with

1119

00:44:18,230 --> 00:44:17,200

bigfoot and ufos and spoon bending and

1120

00:44:21,829 --> 00:44:18,240

all that

1121

00:44:24,230 --> 00:44:21,839

but as far as nessie goes it seems that

1122

00:44:25,270 --> 00:44:24,240

there's been lots of coverage in the

1123

00:44:26,290 --> 00:44:25,280

decades

1124

00:44:31,030 --> 00:44:26,300

before that

1125

00:44:35,430 --> 00:44:33,750

once again you can spend the leisurely

1126
00:44:37,270 --> 00:44:35,440
couple of hours looking up all sorts of

1127
00:44:41,670 --> 00:44:37,280
things at trove

1128
00:44:52,650 --> 00:44:41,680
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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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zone and a big congratulations to those

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winners of the australian skeptics

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awards

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and i'm not sure you say congratulations

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to somebody who wins the bent spoon

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award but who knows

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which reminds me those people listening

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in australia if you have somebody you'd

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like to nominate

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for the bent spoon award or maybe an

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institution

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a government agency a company something

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like that

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you can do that probably in the next

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couple of months for 2021 but keep those

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people in mind

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and thank you for those people who in

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the past week have made a couple of very

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generous donations and

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not to mention anyone uh particular

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but somebody contributed some uh

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funds to the skeptic zone and as a

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little thank you to them

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i sent them off a little parcel

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including an autographed card from james

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randy

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um and i sent that out one day before

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james randy died so

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uh you know who you are and look out in

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the post

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but for this week this is richard

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saunders signing off

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