



# Geller a fake vs e-manager

Y Katz, who brought Uri



## Episode 683

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The Book of Tim

Australian Skeptics news with Adrienne Hill

TROVE UFOs

Skeptical Fairy looking for a replacement

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:09,190  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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for the 7th of november 2021 richard

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saunders here with you from wet and

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raining sydney australia

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not like sunny

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lovely melbourne no they had big storms

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00:00:43,270 --> 00:00:41,600  
lately i wonder if the roses are

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blooming in melbourne

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that's so pretty down there with those

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00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:48,480

blooming roses worth checking out

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but what's coming up on this week's show

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what's coming up on this week's episode

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we're going to kick off with an

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interesting story sort of from the past

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and the present

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about the c.i.a

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yuri gela

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and james randy

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now it appears that the cia

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really did

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look into psychic possibilities and

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psychic powers in the 1970s

26  
00:01:18,469 --> 00:01:15,920  
and a story has come to light which yuri

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00:01:20,789 --> 00:01:18,479  
gala is crowing about

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00:01:22,789 --> 00:01:20,799  
but what's behind it all find out at the

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:22,799  
top of the show when we look into this

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00:01:27,670 --> 00:01:25,680  
interesting part of history

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00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:27,680  
following that it's the book of tim with

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00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:30,400  
tim mendom as tim reads from the pages

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00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:33,119  
of the skeptic magazine

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:35,119  
then we have the australian skeptics

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00:01:39,749 --> 00:01:37,520  
newsletter what's making the news

36  
00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:39,759  
read by adrian hill

37  
00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:41,680  
then to round off we go once more into

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00:01:47,270 --> 00:01:44,159

the digital archives to continue our

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00:01:50,630 --> 00:01:47,280

series of paranormal and odd things

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and again we'll be looking at ufos ufos

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in

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australian history or references to ufos

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now before we get stuck into this week's

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episode a big shout out and a big shout

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out and another big shout out

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with a happy heart to amanda lee in

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victoria and i tell you why i'll tell

48

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you why after listening to last week's

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episode where maynard and i go on a

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ghost tour with professor

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siobhan o'sullivan and if you recall she

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00:02:22,390 --> 00:02:19,200  
is at the moment undergoing

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00:02:24,630 --> 00:02:22,400  
a test trial for her ovarian cancer and

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00:02:27,350 --> 00:02:24,640  
of course we are wishing her every

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00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:27,360  
success with that nevertheless her

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00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:30,640  
prospects aren't so good

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:32,400  
so amanda

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00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:34,720  
set up a donation site

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00:02:38,470 --> 00:02:35,519  
to

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fund ovarian cancer research

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with the initial goal of raising

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00:02:45,190 --> 00:02:43,280  
50 which would be a nice donation for

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ovarian cancer research

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that soared past 50 dollars it's heading

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00:02:51,030 --> 00:02:48,879

towards 400

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skeptic zone listeners let's push that

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over five hundred dollars and keep going

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let's do that let's do that

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to help uh

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show our support our support for this

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vital piece of scientific research when

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it comes to ovarian cancer if you go to

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the skeptic zone page [skepticzone.tv](http://skepticzone.tv) and

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look at the show notes you'll see the

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link

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and if every skeptic's own listener just

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put in

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two three four five ten dollars

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that money would skyrocket and what a

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great thing that would be

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so please have a look

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but now it's time for me to run

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downstairs have some nice um

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waffles

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with canadian maple syrup yeah well i do

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that i hope you enjoy

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the skeptic zone

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nah yuri gela there's a

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a name from the past

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of course skeptic's own listeners many

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of you i'm sure will know who yuri

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gellar uruguay is

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made a name for himself

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posing

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as somebody with mystical psychic

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paranormal powers

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primarily

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bending spoons

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and as my friend james randy used to say

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now there's a great asset for society

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for humanity somebody who can bend

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cutlery

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that's uh

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well

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randy also used to say that it worked

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for geller it worked he made a big

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success doing

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standard

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routines or shall i say

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00:04:52,790 --> 00:04:50,960

what he did was very similar to standard

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magician's routines

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00:04:57,670 --> 00:04:55,199

and something i've been doing namely

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00:04:58,629 --> 00:04:57,680

spoon bending for well well over 20

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00:05:00,070 --> 00:04:58,639

years

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00:05:01,350 --> 00:05:00,080

and what a lot of fun i've had with

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00:05:02,870 --> 00:05:01,360

spoon bending

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00:05:04,710 --> 00:05:02,880

my friend rob palmer the well-known

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skeptic has brought this story to my

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00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:05,840

attention

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00:05:12,629 --> 00:05:07,840

and it comes from

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the daily star from the uk

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and the headline says yuri geller is no

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faker and really does have special

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psychic powers

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says the cia

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exclusive psychic urigela has been given

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an endorsement by the cia

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but the spoonbender keeps a tight lip

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about his work with them as he reveals

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00:05:40,629 --> 00:05:37,280  
the us intelligence agency

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00:05:43,189 --> 00:05:40,639  
still uses psychics to this day

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00:05:46,110 --> 00:05:43,199  
the story says in part the us

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00:05:48,230 --> 00:05:46,120  
intelligence agency analyzed the psychic

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00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:48,240  
spoonbender's mind

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00:05:53,830 --> 00:05:51,600  
in controlled experiments and concluded

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00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:53,840  
he had demonstrated his paranormal

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perceptual ability in a convincing and

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unambiguous manner

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on its website the cia admitted testing

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geller who claims to have used his mind

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to bend cutlery

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move ships

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influence football matches and win

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elections

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surely that would then

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uh be a question of

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match fixing match rigging and he should

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be arrested if that were true

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along with other psychics he had

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00:06:29,830 --> 00:06:27,759  
produced enough accurate findings to

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00:06:31,909 --> 00:06:29,840  
defy randomness

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the agency said this week

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00:06:38,629 --> 00:06:34,960  
however it said the phenomenon was too

155  
00:06:42,150 --> 00:06:38,639  
unreliable inconsistent and sporadic to

156  
00:06:44,870 --> 00:06:42,160  
be useful for intelligence purposes

157  
00:06:46,150 --> 00:06:44,880  
and it had shelved the operation

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00:06:49,029 --> 00:06:46,160  
codenamed

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00:06:51,189 --> 00:06:49,039  
the stargate project

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00:06:53,510 --> 00:06:51,199  
sounds like a tv show

161  
00:06:56,150 --> 00:06:53,520  
geller told the daily star it was an

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00:06:57,909 --> 00:06:56,160  
amazing endorsement of his powers and

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claimed the agency was still using

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psychics in its operations in secret

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and i'm sure they're still using

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martians too

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and pixies and fairies he said the cia

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has given me an

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amazing endorsement

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i can obviously say that i have worked

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with the agency as it's on their website

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but i'm afraid i cannot reveal any of

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kelly goes on to say in this article

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what i can say is the agency is still

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using intuitives

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psychics and remote viewers

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i think the only remote viewing the cia

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are doing is on their television sets

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now i'm surprised not surprised that

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yuri geller is taking advantage of this

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although in recent years he's been

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distancing himself from the claims of

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psychic powers and things and

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saying he's an entertainer and a

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mystifier etc etc

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i'm not surprised that he's jumped on

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any opportunity to uh well basically

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publicize himself look

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that

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in this week's show notes

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and then my friend leonard tremill from

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california

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sent me an very interesting link from

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the cia

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and i will link in the show notes to

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this too

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it's found at [www.cia](http://www.cia)

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slash reading rooms slash docs etc etc

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and it's a pdf

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and it says

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so two two pages approved for release

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2000 in august the 10th

203  
00:08:47,430 --> 00:08:45,440  
and there's a long number

204  
00:08:49,430 --> 00:08:47,440  
some of it is a little bit hard to read

205  
00:08:51,269 --> 00:08:49,440  
because they put type and things over

206  
00:08:52,870 --> 00:08:51,279  
images it's a bit silly

207  
00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:52,880  
uh two

208  
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redacted remarks for your information

209  
00:08:58,550 --> 00:08:57,120  
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210  
00:09:00,870 --> 00:08:58,560  
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yes that sounds like the cia

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and this is the article

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they were sending around

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and this is a page from the new

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scientist magazine

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dated the 6th of april 1978.

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geller of fake says ex-manager

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yasser katz

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who brought uri gela to england admits

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he helped geller trick the press and the

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public

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james randy

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magic circle london and an author of the

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magic of yuri geller

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so

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this is what randy had to say in the

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late 70s about the mata which was being

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passed around the cia

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since yuri gellar first challenged

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scientists five years ago he has been

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widely branded as a fraud and equally

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widely hailed as a miracle worker last

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week for the first time someone from

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inside the gellar organization has

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provided an answer

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yes it katz gellar's manager when he

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first came to britain in 1973

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admitted on r

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a i tv rome on saturday that he helped

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geller cheat

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when gela was still in israel katz

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signed an agreement to manage geller

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outside the us for a percentage of

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geller's income now he says geller never

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paid him and sent him packing after

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geller really got rolling in the u.s

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bitter and angry katz finally told his

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story at first he said he believed in

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geller

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continued to perform for him as if it

251  
00:10:47,590 --> 00:10:45,040  
were all real

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00:10:50,949 --> 00:10:47,600  
evidently however geller announced to

253  
00:10:53,910 --> 00:10:50,959  
cats that he would have to act as a

254  
00:10:56,230 --> 00:10:53,920  
confident by sitting in the audience and

255  
00:10:58,550 --> 00:10:56,240  
singling to the stage

256  
00:11:00,949 --> 00:10:58,560  
cats realized it was because shippy

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00:11:03,030 --> 00:11:00,959  
strang geller's main assistant in these

258  
00:11:05,990 --> 00:11:03,040  
matters and i apologize if i have not

259  
00:11:08,550 --> 00:11:06,000  
pronounced that correctly was not there

260  
00:11:10,069 --> 00:11:08,560  
on that occasion he was given the

261  
00:11:12,710 --> 00:11:10,079  
gesture code

262  
00:11:14,949 --> 00:11:12,720  
which was done by the position of his

263  
00:11:16,150 --> 00:11:14,959

cigarette pointed up to designate the

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00:11:18,310 --> 00:11:16,160

color blue

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00:11:20,790 --> 00:11:18,320

down for green etc

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00:11:23,509 --> 00:11:20,800

and the hand signals as well

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00:11:25,990 --> 00:11:23,519

he served in this way many times at

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public performances and geller presented

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it as genuine esp

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00:11:33,269 --> 00:11:30,720

cats observed that gala took notes

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00:11:35,350 --> 00:11:33,279

assisted by shippy of the licensed

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numbers of cars driven by members of the

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audience as they arrived

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00:11:44,310 --> 00:11:40,640

he was able to reveal these details to

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the spectators as if he obtained them by

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00:11:48,150 --> 00:11:45,600

esp

277

00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:48,160

once cats watched geller take down a

278

00:11:53,590 --> 00:11:50,000

description and plate number of a

279

00:11:55,670 --> 00:11:53,600

special model porsche and he waited to

280

00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:55,680

see if geller would use the information

281

00:11:59,350 --> 00:11:58,240

at the press conference being held

282

00:12:01,670 --> 00:11:59,360

he did

283

00:12:03,910 --> 00:12:01,680

geller took cats entirely into the fold

284

00:12:06,230 --> 00:12:03,920

when he stationed him at the door of the

285

00:12:09,190 --> 00:12:06,240

theater to note details about seeding

286

00:12:11,910 --> 00:12:09,200

and possessions of certain people thus

287

00:12:14,230 --> 00:12:11,920

geller could tell a lady that she had

288

00:12:17,110 --> 00:12:14,240

some sort of object in her purse and

289

00:12:19,190 --> 00:12:17,120

identify her by the seat number

290

00:12:23,670 --> 00:12:19,200

all of this was relayed to gala

291

00:12:25,269 --> 00:12:23,680

backstage just before the show started

292

00:12:27,269 --> 00:12:25,279

spoons

293

00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:27,279

in paris why gela was being interviewed

294

00:12:33,990 --> 00:12:31,200

by a reporter for le express cats was

295

00:12:35,750 --> 00:12:34,000

instructed to throw a spoon in the air

296

00:12:39,509 --> 00:12:35,760

to hit the ceiling

297

00:12:41,670 --> 00:12:39,519

to create the effect of a teleportation

298

00:12:43,269 --> 00:12:41,680

the reporter was impressed and wrote it

299

00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:43,279

up as a miracle

300

00:12:47,910 --> 00:12:45,680

frequently says cuts he saw geller throw

301  
00:12:50,150 --> 00:12:47,920  
objects from behind his back over his

302  
00:12:53,030 --> 00:12:50,160  
shoulder unnoticed to create the

303  
00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:53,040  
teleportation effect

304  
00:12:57,509 --> 00:12:54,959  
gel and cats visited the wife of a

305  
00:12:59,910 --> 00:12:57,519  
well-known entertainer in hollywood she

306  
00:13:00,949 --> 00:12:59,920  
offered geller a piece of heirloom

307  
00:13:03,670 --> 00:13:00,959  
jewelry

308  
00:13:05,430 --> 00:13:03,680  
a valuable fork used in the family

309  
00:13:08,230 --> 00:13:05,440  
ceremonies at her home

310  
00:13:11,509 --> 00:13:08,240  
katz reports he saw geller snap it in

311  
00:13:13,870 --> 00:13:11,519  
both hands while she was not looking and

312  
00:13:16,389 --> 00:13:13,880  
he presented it as a

313  
00:13:18,550 --> 00:13:16,399

psychokinetic effect

314

00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:18,560

in london at a hotel geller was trying

315

00:13:23,110 --> 00:13:20,560

to impress a publisher who was

316

00:13:25,670 --> 00:13:23,120

attempting to pry him away from double

317

00:13:29,750 --> 00:13:25,680

day with whom he had signed for the

318

00:13:32,949 --> 00:13:29,760

publication of dr paharich's book uri

319

00:13:35,750 --> 00:13:32,959

geller arranged a subdivide with yasser

320

00:13:38,310 --> 00:13:35,760

when gela got up and left to go to his

321

00:13:41,509 --> 00:13:38,320

room and leave cats and the visitor to

322

00:13:45,030 --> 00:13:41,519

talk alone katz was to call gela in his

323

00:13:45,990 --> 00:13:45,040

room then only pretend to hang up the

324

00:13:48,150 --> 00:13:46,000

phone

325

00:13:50,629 --> 00:13:48,160

in reality he placed it on the floor so

326

00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:50,639

that the conversation would be heard by

327

00:13:56,389 --> 00:13:53,600

geller on another floor

328

00:13:58,710 --> 00:13:56,399

after cats had extracted a number of

329

00:14:00,629 --> 00:13:58,720

personal details from the visitor and

330

00:14:03,590 --> 00:14:00,639

repeated them close to the active

331

00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:03,600

telephone geller came bursting into the

332

00:14:08,949 --> 00:14:06,079

room and repeated the conversation which

333

00:14:11,269 --> 00:14:08,959

he had pretended had come to him by

334

00:14:12,310 --> 00:14:11,279

telepathy the publisher was very

335

00:14:14,470 --> 00:14:12,320

impressed

336

00:14:16,949 --> 00:14:14,480

one of geller's standard tricks

337

00:14:20,310 --> 00:14:16,959

recreating and drawing is done in

338

00:14:22,230 --> 00:14:20,320

several ways sometimes cats noted that

339

00:14:23,030 --> 00:14:22,240

geller would simply pretend to write

340

00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:23,040

down

341

00:14:26,710 --> 00:14:25,920

a guess of what the subject was thinking

342

00:14:28,710 --> 00:14:26,720

then

343

00:14:31,269 --> 00:14:28,720

when the subject made the drawing geller

344

00:14:33,509 --> 00:14:31,279

would quickly sketch an approximation

345

00:14:35,509 --> 00:14:33,519

surreptitiously and show it as a

346

00:14:37,670 --> 00:14:35,519

previously made impression

347

00:14:39,910 --> 00:14:37,680

yellow always showed great excitement

348

00:14:42,470 --> 00:14:39,920

and satisfaction at the results

349

00:14:44,550 --> 00:14:42,480

at other times cats actually had to help

350

00:14:46,870 --> 00:14:44,560

when gela found he could not see through

351  
00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:46,880  
a heavy envelope used to conceal a

352  
00:14:50,710 --> 00:14:47,920  
drawing

353  
00:14:52,870 --> 00:14:50,720  
for a tv program in san francisco geller

354  
00:14:54,870 --> 00:14:52,880  
instructed cats to secretly open the

355  
00:14:57,590 --> 00:14:54,880  
envelope while geller distracted the

356  
00:15:00,150 --> 00:14:57,600  
staff at the far side of the studio cats

357  
00:15:02,470 --> 00:15:00,160  
did so and told geller just before he

358  
00:15:05,350 --> 00:15:02,480  
went on the air

359  
00:15:08,710 --> 00:15:05,360  
in palm beach florida cats first saw

360  
00:15:11,350 --> 00:15:08,720  
gela sneak the lens cap off a sealed

361  
00:15:12,790 --> 00:15:11,360  
camera lens to create a psychic photo

362  
00:15:14,470 --> 00:15:12,800  
effect

363  
00:15:17,189 --> 00:15:14,480

when gela was due to appear in

364

00:15:19,910 --> 00:15:17,199

birmingham word arrived backstage that

365

00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:19,920

the front row was packed with magicians

366

00:15:25,829 --> 00:15:22,880

geller said cats turned white and

367

00:15:29,189 --> 00:15:25,839

refused to go on to the stage he begged

368

00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:29,199

katz and vanna schmidt the impresario to

369

00:15:33,030 --> 00:15:30,959

tell the reporters management and the

370

00:15:34,150 --> 00:15:33,040

audience that there had been a bomb

371

00:15:36,790 --> 00:15:34,160

scare

372

00:15:38,470 --> 00:15:36,800

katz was appalled a little later to

373

00:15:41,110 --> 00:15:38,480

learn that he

374

00:15:43,430 --> 00:15:41,120

was being blamed for the cancellation

375

00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:43,440

and that geller was saying that he

376

00:15:48,870 --> 00:15:45,839

wanted to perform but cats would not

377

00:15:50,949 --> 00:15:48,880

allow it the show was cancelled

378

00:15:52,870 --> 00:15:50,959

while they were in italy

379

00:15:55,509 --> 00:15:52,880

cats had a bad scare

380

00:15:57,990 --> 00:15:55,519

together he and gela visited a jewelry

381

00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:58,000

shop to price expensive watches they

382

00:16:03,670 --> 00:16:00,480

left without buying moments after they

383

00:16:06,230 --> 00:16:03,680

rounded the corner geller exclaimed that

384

00:16:08,389 --> 00:16:06,240

a quote teleportation

385

00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:08,399

and quote had taken place a new

386

00:16:12,069 --> 00:16:10,720

wristwatch was on his arm

387

00:16:15,030 --> 00:16:12,079

said katz

388

00:16:18,150 --> 00:16:15,040

i knew he had stolen it

389

00:16:20,949 --> 00:16:18,160

although he now says he was brainwashed

390

00:16:23,670 --> 00:16:20,959

it is curious how simple the tricks were

391

00:16:26,870 --> 00:16:23,680

that geller used to convince cats

392

00:16:30,389 --> 00:16:26,880

two remained complete mysteries until i

393

00:16:33,189 --> 00:16:30,399

interviewed him for r a itv

394

00:16:35,189 --> 00:16:33,199

one involved the teleportation of a

395

00:16:36,949 --> 00:16:35,199

heavy potted plant holder that he

396

00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:36,959

claimed had been found outside the

397

00:16:41,990 --> 00:16:39,440

apartment he shared with gela when cats

398

00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:42,000

returned from buying a newspaper he said

399

00:16:47,749 --> 00:16:45,120

that it would have been impossible for

400

00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:47,759

geller to have lifted this since it took

401  
00:16:53,110 --> 00:16:50,320  
the two of them to replace it inside the

402  
00:16:55,670 --> 00:16:53,120  
apartment again the same planter was

403  
00:16:56,629 --> 00:16:55,680  
there in his apartment with him in tel

404  
00:16:57,430 --> 00:16:56,639  
aviv

405  
00:16:59,990 --> 00:16:57,440  
and

406  
00:17:01,910 --> 00:17:00,000  
against his protestations i easily

407  
00:17:04,230 --> 00:17:01,920  
lifted out a couple of plants moved the

408  
00:17:05,590 --> 00:17:04,240  
plant to several feet and put the extra

409  
00:17:07,750 --> 00:17:05,600  
pots back

410  
00:17:10,549 --> 00:17:07,760  
he dropped his claims on the matter at

411  
00:17:12,789 --> 00:17:10,559  
that point he went on to describe an

412  
00:17:14,630 --> 00:17:12,799  
event which he had forgotten having told

413  
00:17:17,590 --> 00:17:14,640

me about several years before in new

414

00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:17,600

york and i was astonished to hear how

415

00:17:22,789 --> 00:17:20,480

much the story had gained in that time

416

00:17:24,710 --> 00:17:22,799

it involved a theater chair armrest that

417

00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:24,720

he claimed had been

418

00:17:31,830 --> 00:17:28,960

levitated to allow to fall in a puddle

419

00:17:34,630 --> 00:17:31,840

he had the arm rest with him there and

420

00:17:38,630 --> 00:17:34,640

asserted that after he'd lifted it from

421

00:17:41,029 --> 00:17:38,640

the puddle it had been bone dry

422

00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:41,039

i poured a glass of water over it right

423

00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:44,000

before him and showed him that the vinyl

424

00:17:51,110 --> 00:17:47,919

plastic armrest was just as dry then

425

00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:51,120

as it had been when the geller miracle

426

00:17:54,789 --> 00:17:52,559

took place

427

00:17:56,310 --> 00:17:54,799

after the gela myth finally

428

00:17:58,310 --> 00:17:56,320

disintegrates

429

00:18:00,710 --> 00:17:58,320

gela and strang were last reported

430

00:18:03,590 --> 00:18:00,720

living in mexico and the geller

431

00:18:04,390 --> 00:18:03,600

believers no doubt they too have moved

432

00:18:05,590 --> 00:18:04,400

on

433

00:18:12,230 --> 00:18:05,600

to other

434

00:18:18,630 --> 00:18:15,669

and again that is from the new scientist

435

00:18:21,590 --> 00:18:18,640

magazine dated the 6th of april 1978

436

00:18:23,110 --> 00:18:21,600

written by james randy and i have before

437

00:18:25,350 --> 00:18:23,120

me here

438

00:18:26,870 --> 00:18:25,360

the book the truth about yuri gellar by

439

00:18:28,870 --> 00:18:26,880

james randy

440

00:18:30,950 --> 00:18:28,880

and

441

00:18:33,350 --> 00:18:30,960

autographed

442

00:18:35,669 --> 00:18:33,360

to richard from randy that's very nice

443

00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:35,679

and if you haven't read that book it's a

444

00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:37,200

terrific read it really is an

445

00:18:44,230 --> 00:18:40,160

interesting read into the whole geller

446

00:18:46,390 --> 00:18:44,240

phenomenon all those years ago

447

00:18:48,150 --> 00:18:46,400

so in 1978

448

00:18:49,990 --> 00:18:48,160

james randy was of the opinion that

449

00:18:53,029 --> 00:18:50,000

geller's days had gone

450

00:18:54,870 --> 00:18:53,039

but now every every few years well maybe

451  
00:18:56,870 --> 00:18:54,880  
every year i don't know gala pops up in

452  
00:18:58,630 --> 00:18:56,880  
the press somewhere along the way he

453  
00:19:00,630 --> 00:18:58,640  
does love the publicity and he'll claim

454  
00:19:02,789 --> 00:19:00,640  
responsibility for all sorts of things i

455  
00:19:03,990 --> 00:19:02,799  
think he even claimed responsibility for

456  
00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:04,000  
helping move

457  
00:19:08,549 --> 00:19:06,480  
the olympic torch when it got stuck

458  
00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:08,559  
slightly at the opening of the games

459  
00:19:13,750 --> 00:19:11,440  
here in sydney in the year 2000

460  
00:19:15,990 --> 00:19:13,760  
and did i do i remember that he claimed

461  
00:19:17,990 --> 00:19:16,000  
responsibility for helping free that

462  
00:19:19,820 --> 00:19:18,000  
ship that was stuck in the sewers canal

463  
00:19:21,270 --> 00:19:19,830

earlier this year

464

00:19:23,350 --> 00:19:21,280

[Music]

465

00:19:24,870 --> 00:19:23,360

and once again i will link to the

466

00:19:27,570 --> 00:19:24,880

relevant

467

00:19:42,789 --> 00:19:27,580

pages in this week's show notes

468

00:19:47,190 --> 00:19:44,789

for years and years a skeptical fairy

469

00:19:49,190 --> 00:19:47,200

godmother angel from the internet kept a

470

00:19:51,110 --> 00:19:49,200

watchful eye on the world

471

00:19:54,150 --> 00:19:51,120

ready to appear out of thin air in a

472

00:19:56,310 --> 00:19:54,160

puff of smoke to offer advice and save

473

00:19:58,470 --> 00:19:56,320

people from committing logical fallacies

474

00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:58,480

and buying well frankly substandard

475

00:20:02,950 --> 00:20:00,240

maple syrup

476  
00:20:05,110 --> 00:20:02,960  
but in 2021 she's decided to take some

477  
00:20:07,590 --> 00:20:05,120  
time off to watch the australian and new

478  
00:20:10,630 --> 00:20:07,600  
zealand skeptics convention in november

479  
00:20:15,029 --> 00:20:10,640  
hmm fancy her task now is to find a fill

480  
00:20:19,590 --> 00:20:16,870  
let us take you now to that magical

481  
00:20:22,149 --> 00:20:19,600  
realm of dreams that lies beyond time

482  
00:20:24,000 --> 00:20:22,159  
and space the home office

483  
00:20:28,060 --> 00:20:24,010  
of the skeptical fairy

484  
00:20:32,789 --> 00:20:28,070  
[Music]

485  
00:20:36,789 --> 00:20:32,799  
[Laughter]

486  
00:20:41,350 --> 00:20:38,310  
from the internet

487  
00:20:44,789 --> 00:20:41,360  
thank you all for applying for the job

488  
00:20:48,549 --> 00:20:44,799

one of you will replace me but i need to

489

00:20:51,029 --> 00:20:48,559

be sure to pick the right candidate yes

490

00:20:52,310 --> 00:20:51,039

okay sounds good okay sounds okay good

491

00:20:54,780 --> 00:20:52,320

yes

492

00:20:57,190 --> 00:20:54,790

but how did we get here

493

00:20:59,029 --> 00:20:57,200

[Music]

494

00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:59,039

it's magic

495

00:21:02,470 --> 00:21:00,480

all right then

496

00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:02,480

candidate number one

497

00:21:07,190 --> 00:21:04,480

oh that's me

498

00:21:09,909 --> 00:21:07,200

it says here on your application that

499

00:21:13,510 --> 00:21:09,919

you have studied logical fallacies by

500

00:21:15,510 --> 00:21:13,520

listening to the skeptic zone podcast oh

501  
00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:15,520  
yes skeptical fairy godmother angel from

502  
00:21:21,350 --> 00:21:18,960  
the internet i never miss a show in fact

503  
00:21:23,430 --> 00:21:21,360  
if i get the job i will fly to the

504  
00:21:25,110 --> 00:21:23,440  
producer and tell him about a new

505  
00:21:28,070 --> 00:21:25,120  
logical fallacy

506  
00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:28,080  
oh really which one is that

507  
00:21:34,390 --> 00:21:30,480  
the logical fallacy of the

508  
00:21:37,029 --> 00:21:34,400  
sticky situation the sticky situation

509  
00:21:38,149 --> 00:21:37,039  
does this have anything to do with maple

510  
00:21:42,070 --> 00:21:38,159  
syrup

511  
00:21:45,029 --> 00:21:42,080  
yes how did you know just a wild guess

512  
00:21:47,590 --> 00:21:45,039  
okay then um

513  
00:21:50,149 --> 00:21:47,600

candidate number two

514

00:21:51,990 --> 00:21:50,159

what makes you think you are qualified

515

00:21:53,909 --> 00:21:52,000

to fill in for me

516

00:21:55,830 --> 00:21:53,919

well skeptical fairy godmother angel

517

00:21:59,110 --> 00:21:55,840

from the internet i'm working on your

518

00:22:01,510 --> 00:21:59,120

wikipedia page and i needed extra inside

519

00:22:03,510 --> 00:22:01,520

information and what better way than to

520

00:22:05,510 --> 00:22:03,520

borrow your wings

521

00:22:08,310 --> 00:22:05,520

but you know you'd have to give them

522

00:22:10,830 --> 00:22:08,320

back right hmm

523

00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:10,840

yes

524

00:22:13,510 --> 00:22:12,480

right

525

00:22:15,830 --> 00:22:13,520

so

526

00:22:18,950 --> 00:22:15,840

now candidate number three

527

00:22:20,549 --> 00:22:18,960

yeah um sorry what was that narrator

528

00:22:23,750 --> 00:22:20,559

saying about the australian and new

529

00:22:26,870 --> 00:22:23,760

zealand skeptics convention oh i want to

530

00:22:27,830 --> 00:22:26,880

watch it live so that's why i need to

531

00:22:29,669 --> 00:22:27,840

fill in

532

00:22:31,270 --> 00:22:29,679

really i thought i was applying to be

533

00:22:33,110 --> 00:22:31,280

the tooth fairy

534

00:22:35,830 --> 00:22:33,120

what's so special about this convention

535

00:22:35,840 --> 00:22:43,669

my nod

536

00:22:50,710 --> 00:22:47,909

how did i get here um magic maynard can

537

00:22:52,789 --> 00:22:50,720

you tell callie about the convention

538

00:22:54,710 --> 00:22:52,799

for the first time ever australian and

539

00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:54,720

new zealand skeptics are combining their

540

00:23:01,590 --> 00:22:58,320

resources to bring new skepticon 2021

541

00:23:03,669 --> 00:23:01,600

the all online skeptical convention i'm

542

00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:03,679

skeptical right now special guests

543

00:23:08,870 --> 00:23:06,000

include professor richard wiseman new

544

00:23:11,909 --> 00:23:08,880

zealander of the year dr susie wiles

545

00:23:14,549 --> 00:23:11,919

youtube sensation professor dave that's

546

00:23:15,430 --> 00:23:14,559

right professor dave he'll buy you a

547

00:23:17,990 --> 00:23:15,440

drink

548

00:23:20,710 --> 00:23:18,000

also dr sat douchey

549

00:23:22,630 --> 00:23:20,720

dr ken harvey some bloke called richard

550

00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:22,640

saunders i hear he's not that good you

551  
00:23:27,669 --> 00:23:26,000  
can always sit in the back and many more

552  
00:23:30,310 --> 00:23:27,679  
no matter where you are in the world

553  
00:23:32,149 --> 00:23:30,320  
join us on the 20th and 21st of november

554  
00:23:34,830 --> 00:23:32,159  
so get your tickets now at the low low

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low price of forty dollars at

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skepticon.org dot ay u ay you

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from a u

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00:23:44,549 --> 00:23:41,679  
wow

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sounds good can i go now

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00:23:48,870 --> 00:23:46,799  
in that case skeptical fairy godmother

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00:23:51,029 --> 00:23:48,880  
angel from the internet

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00:23:52,789 --> 00:23:51,039  
i might change my minds i think i'll

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00:23:53,830 --> 00:23:52,799

sign up for the convention

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00:23:56,710 --> 00:23:53,840

yeah

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00:23:58,390 --> 00:23:56,720

you know i think i will too

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00:23:59,670 --> 00:23:58,400

well don't look at me i don't want to

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00:24:02,230 --> 00:23:59,680

miss the convention

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00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:03,520

all right

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00:24:06,310 --> 00:24:04,640

well

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thanks for coming

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00:24:08,870 --> 00:24:07,440

then

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maynard

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are you interested in becoming a

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skeptical fairy godmother angel from the

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internet for a few days oh yeah baby you

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should see how much maple syrup i've got

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00:24:26,470 --> 00:24:22,960

at home i've dreamt of this day yeah

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00:24:29,269 --> 00:24:26,480

maple syrup hallelujah hallelujah maple

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00:24:30,950 --> 00:24:29,279

syrup will i get to meet maple i love

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00:24:35,640 --> 00:24:30,960

canada i can remember when they won the

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00:24:48,149 --> 00:24:46,789

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00:24:50,280 --> 00:24:48,159

and now

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00:24:53,029 --> 00:24:50,290

a reading from the book of tim

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00:24:55,810 --> 00:24:53,039

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00:25:01,510 --> 00:24:55,820

with tim menden

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00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:03,269

hi my name is tim menden and i'm the

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00:25:06,630 --> 00:25:05,200

editor of australian skeptics journal

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00:25:08,310 --> 00:25:06,640

the skeptic

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00:25:09,990 --> 00:25:08,320

and i'm also executive officer of

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00:25:12,149 --> 00:25:10,000

australian skeptics

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00:25:13,669 --> 00:25:12,159

and today i'll be reading an article

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00:25:15,480 --> 00:25:13,679

from a regular feature of the skeptic

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00:25:16,630 --> 00:25:15,490

magazine called what goes around

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00:25:19,269 --> 00:25:16,640

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00:25:20,710 --> 00:25:19,279

and this is from the skeptic from march

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00:25:25,110 --> 00:25:20,720

2020

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00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:25,120

or volume 40 number one what goes around

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00:25:29,190 --> 00:25:26,320

is based on the concept that you can

601  
00:25:30,710 --> 00:25:29,200  
start off with one particular subject or

602  
00:25:32,549 --> 00:25:30,720  
fact and work your way through

603  
00:25:35,029 --> 00:25:32,559  
associations all the way around to come

604  
00:25:36,230 --> 00:25:35,039  
back where you started from

605  
00:25:37,750 --> 00:25:36,240  
and this

606  
00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:37,760  
issue of the magazine looked at

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00:25:43,029 --> 00:25:40,320  
resistantialism

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00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:43,039  
it's in resistance angel

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00:25:46,789 --> 00:25:44,320  
ism

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00:25:49,750 --> 00:25:46,799  
which is a jocular theory to describe

611  
00:25:51,750 --> 00:25:49,760  
seemingly spiteful behavior manifested

612  
00:25:54,230 --> 00:25:51,760  
by inanimate objects

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00:25:57,430 --> 00:25:54,240

where objects that cause problems like

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00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:57,440

lost keys or a runaway bouncy ball

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00:26:01,350 --> 00:25:59,039

are said to exhibit a high degree of

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00:26:03,269 --> 00:26:01,360

malice towards human

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00:26:06,149 --> 00:26:03,279

the theory deposits a war being fought

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00:26:07,669 --> 00:26:06,159

between humans and inanimate objects

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00:26:09,750 --> 00:26:07,679

and all the little annoyances that

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00:26:11,909 --> 00:26:09,760

objects cause throughout the day are

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00:26:14,470 --> 00:26:11,919

battles between the two

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00:26:16,710 --> 00:26:14,480

humorist paul jennings coined the term

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in a piece titled report on

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00:26:21,430 --> 00:26:18,720

resistantialism published in the

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00:26:23,590 --> 00:26:21,440

spectator in 1948

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00:26:25,190 --> 00:26:23,600

the movement is a spoof of

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00:26:27,909 --> 00:26:25,200

existentialism

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in general and author jean-paul sartre

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00:26:33,830 --> 00:26:30,039

in particular the slogan of

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resistantialism is le chose son contra

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new

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things are against us

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now like murphy's law finagle's law and

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00:26:43,909 --> 00:26:41,679

sod's law the perceived perversity of

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00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:43,919

the universe has long been a subject of

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00:26:48,470 --> 00:26:46,640

comment and the concept may be as old as

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00:26:51,269 --> 00:26:48,480

humanity

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in the 1920s theodore m bernstein

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formulated bernstein's first law which

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is that small dropped objects such as

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cufflinks will be found only in the

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00:27:03,430 --> 00:27:01,279

place most inaccessible to retrieval

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the concept appears in the discworld

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novels of english author terry pratchett

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where it is referred to as malignity or

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00:27:13,590 --> 00:27:11,039

malignant

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00:27:15,750 --> 00:27:13,600

one practical example the author gives

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00:27:17,350 --> 00:27:15,760

is the tendency of garden hoses no

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matter how carefully one coils and

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00:27:20,789 --> 00:27:19,360

stores them to unloop themselves

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overnight

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and tie a bicycle to a lawnmower

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00:27:29,190 --> 00:27:26,080

it's associated with practice orders of

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00:27:31,190 --> 00:27:29,200

reality and possibly also with anoya

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00:27:34,149 --> 00:27:31,200

whom he describes as a goddess of things

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00:27:37,750 --> 00:27:34,159

that stick in draws

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00:27:40,710 --> 00:27:37,760

so terence david john pratchett 1948 to

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00:27:43,269 --> 00:27:40,720

2015 was an english humorist satirist

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00:27:44,549 --> 00:27:43,279

and author of fantasy novels especially

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00:27:46,470 --> 00:27:44,559

comical works

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00:27:49,669 --> 00:27:46,480

the first disc world novel the color of

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00:27:51,269 --> 00:27:49,679

magic was published in 1983

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00:27:53,110 --> 00:27:51,279

after which pratchett wrote an average

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00:27:56,549 --> 00:27:53,120

of two books a year

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00:27:59,029 --> 00:27:56,559

his 2011 discworld novel

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00:28:01,190 --> 00:27:59,039

snuff became the third fastest selling

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00:28:03,110 --> 00:28:01,200

hardback adult readership novel since

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00:28:05,430 --> 00:28:03,120

records began in the uk

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00:28:06,870 --> 00:28:05,440

selling 55 000 copies in the first three

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00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:06,880

days

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00:28:12,070 --> 00:28:08,960

with more than 85 million books sold

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00:28:16,070 --> 00:28:12,080

worldwide in 37 languages he was the

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00:28:17,830 --> 00:28:16,080

uk's best-selling author of the 1990s

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00:28:19,750 --> 00:28:17,840

that's the same time as jk rowling was

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00:28:22,230 --> 00:28:19,760

writing harry potter

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00:28:24,149 --> 00:28:22,240

in 2007 pratchett announced that he had

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00:28:25,830 --> 00:28:24,159

been diagnosed with early onset

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00:28:28,870 --> 00:28:25,840

alzheimer's disease

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00:28:31,190 --> 00:28:28,880

and filmed a bbc tv program chronicling

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00:28:36,389 --> 00:28:31,200

his experience with the condition

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00:28:37,990 --> 00:28:36,399

he died in march 2015 age 66.

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00:28:40,149 --> 00:28:38,000

before his writing career took off

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00:28:42,630 --> 00:28:40,159

pratchett had various positions in

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00:28:45,269 --> 00:28:42,640

journalism he was an avid user of

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00:28:47,510 --> 00:28:45,279

personal computers from the 1980s and an

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00:28:49,750 --> 00:28:47,520

early user of the internet

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00:28:52,710 --> 00:28:49,760

in the mid 1990s pratchett raised

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00:28:55,430 --> 00:28:52,720

concerns about the potential for harm

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00:28:58,310 --> 00:28:55,440

from fake news online

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00:29:00,789 --> 00:28:58,320

in 1980 he left journalism and became

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press officer for the uk central

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00:29:04,549 --> 00:29:02,880

electricity generating board

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00:29:06,549 --> 00:29:04,559

cegb

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00:29:08,389 --> 00:29:06,559

in an area that covered four nuclear

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00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:08,399

power stations

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00:29:13,190 --> 00:29:10,320

he later joked that he had demonstrated

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00:29:15,750 --> 00:29:13,200

impeccable timing by making this career

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00:29:18,549 --> 00:29:15,760

change so soon after the three mile

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island nuclear accident in pennsylvania

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00:29:21,190 --> 00:29:19,679

us

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00:29:23,029 --> 00:29:21,200  
and said he would write a book about my

702  
00:29:24,470 --> 00:29:23,039  
experiences if i thought anyone would

703  
00:29:26,310 --> 00:29:24,480  
believe it

704  
00:29:29,190 --> 00:29:26,320  
the three-mile island accident was a

705  
00:29:31,350 --> 00:29:29,200  
partial meltdown of reactor number two

706  
00:29:33,750 --> 00:29:31,360  
of three mile island nuclear generating

707  
00:29:35,350 --> 00:29:33,760  
station near harrisburg pennsylvania and

708  
00:29:37,310 --> 00:29:35,360  
the subsequent radiation leak that

709  
00:29:38,950 --> 00:29:37,320  
occurred on march 28

710  
00:29:40,950 --> 00:29:38,960  
1979.

711  
00:29:43,190 --> 00:29:40,960  
it was the most significant accident in

712  
00:29:44,630 --> 00:29:43,200  
u.s commercial nuclear power plant

713  
00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:44,640

history

714

00:29:48,470 --> 00:29:47,039

on the seven-point international nuclear

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00:29:50,950 --> 00:29:48,480

event scale

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00:29:54,389 --> 00:29:50,960

the accident was rated a five as an

717

00:29:56,470 --> 00:29:54,399

accident with wider consequences the

718

00:29:58,630 --> 00:29:56,480

accident crystallized anti-nuclear

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00:30:01,029 --> 00:29:58,640

safety concerns resulting in new

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00:30:03,269 --> 00:30:01,039

regulations for the nuclear industry and

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00:30:06,549 --> 00:30:03,279

probably contributed to the decline of

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00:30:10,230 --> 00:30:06,559

new nuclear reactor construction

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a cleanup started in august 1979

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and officially ended in december 1993

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00:30:17,990 --> 00:30:16,480

with a total cost of about 1 billion

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00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:18,000

dollars

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00:30:23,750 --> 00:30:20,320

12 days before the 3 mile island

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accident the movie the china syndrome

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00:30:28,470 --> 00:30:25,600

which featured an accident at a nuclear

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00:30:30,549 --> 00:30:28,480

power plant premiered it was initially

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00:30:33,590 --> 00:30:30,559

met with backlash from the nuclear power

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00:30:35,590 --> 00:30:33,600

industry claiming it to be sheer fiction

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00:30:38,310 --> 00:30:35,600

and a character assassination of an

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00:30:40,149 --> 00:30:38,320

entire industry

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00:30:41,830 --> 00:30:40,159

this was just 12 days before the actual

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00:30:43,590 --> 00:30:41,840

accident happened in the film the

737

00:30:45,669 --> 00:30:43,600

plant's operating crew noticed a high

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00:30:48,070 --> 00:30:45,679

pressure measurement on a gauge

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00:30:49,750 --> 00:30:48,080

and began to reduce coolant flow to

740

00:30:51,750 --> 00:30:49,760

lower the pressure

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00:30:53,909 --> 00:30:51,760

this does not appear to work and they

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00:30:56,470 --> 00:30:53,919

continue reducing the flow until an

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00:30:58,789 --> 00:30:56,480

emergency indicator lamp warns of

744

00:31:01,269 --> 00:30:58,799

extremely low pressure

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00:31:04,389 --> 00:31:01,279

confused by the conflicting indications

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00:31:06,710 --> 00:31:04,399

an operator taps the gauge at which

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00:31:09,190 --> 00:31:06,720

point the needle becomes unstuck and

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00:31:10,549 --> 00:31:09,200

swings over to indicate extremely low

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00:31:13,350 --> 00:31:10,559

pressure

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00:31:16,149 --> 00:31:13,360

this could be seen as a serious and less

751  
00:31:18,149 --> 00:31:16,159  
light-hearted instance of malignancy or

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00:31:21,190 --> 00:31:18,159  
resistantialism

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00:31:26,230 --> 00:31:21,200  
which brings us back to where we started

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00:31:33,190 --> 00:31:28,870  
and that's what goes around from march

755  
00:31:35,909 --> 00:31:33,200  
2020 in the sceptic magazine volume 40

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00:31:37,110 --> 00:31:35,919  
number one you can download this issue

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00:31:39,350 --> 00:31:37,120  
of the magazine

758  
00:31:41,870 --> 00:31:39,360  
and most issues of the sceptic magazine

759  
00:31:44,830 --> 00:31:41,880  
from our website

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skeptics.com.iu and it won't cost you a

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00:31:49,669 --> 00:31:47,279  
penny and while you're there why not

762  
00:31:51,350 --> 00:31:49,679  
subscribe to the skeptic magazine

763  
00:31:52,790 --> 00:31:51,360

it's well worth reading and will make me

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00:32:11,350 --> 00:31:52,800

very happy

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00:32:14,710 --> 00:32:13,350

g'day this is dr karl karl kruschki

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00:32:17,110 --> 00:32:14,720

proud to be a skeptic and you can find

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out more about me at [drkarl.com](http://drkarl.com) and get

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[Music]

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hello again this is adrian hill from

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canada here to read the australian

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skeptics newsletter i'm back from my

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maple syrup and waffle tour of canada

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00:32:59,430 --> 00:32:57,279

and the us

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00:33:01,909 --> 00:32:59,440

and i want to say a huge thank you to

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michelle bickersma who did an amazing

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job filling in for me the other week i

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00:33:07,590 --> 00:33:06,559

love her voice

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now

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00:33:11,750 --> 00:33:10,080

let's see what tim endum has in store

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00:33:17,269 --> 00:33:11,760

for us today

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hi all it says

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some recent sad news was the death of

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martin hadley former president and

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00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:25,840

treasurer of australian skeptics inc

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00:33:29,909 --> 00:33:27,519

martin was a prominent figure in the

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skeptical community not least as many

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condolences pointed out for his helpful

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00:33:39,430 --> 00:33:36,720

advice on legal issues he'll be missed

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meanwhile we've just passed halloween so

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there are lots of seasonally appropriate

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ghost stories around some serious and of

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course some silly and while that

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particular festivity may have passed

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we're getting that much closer to

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skepticon 2021 it's just three weeks

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00:33:57,590 --> 00:33:55,519

away so if you haven't booked your

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00:33:58,950 --> 00:33:57,600

ticket yet you should do so straight

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00:34:00,310 --> 00:33:58,960

away

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read on

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tim

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00:34:06,630 --> 00:34:05,120  
skepticon 2021 an online event

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tickets are available for this year's

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00:34:11,270 --> 00:34:09,040  
skepticon the joint australian and new

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00:34:13,909 --> 00:34:11,280  
zealand skeptic's annual convention to

805  
00:34:16,790 --> 00:34:13,919  
run on november 20th to 21st

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00:34:17,829 --> 00:34:16,800  
this will be an online only event thanks

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00:34:19,669 --> 00:34:17,839  
covid

808  
00:34:25,030 --> 00:34:19,679  
tickets are now available from the

809  
00:34:30,869 --> 00:34:28,230  
the bent spoon nominees announced

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mp craig kelly and former mp clive

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palmer are leading contenders for the

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2021 bent spoon

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others include abc tv for its coverage

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of biodynamic agriculture and an overly

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active naturopath in queensland

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halloween ghosts number one

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00:34:53,669 --> 00:34:51,119

ghost hunters who use science it's an

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article on kenny biddle a noted u.s

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00:34:59,910 --> 00:34:57,040

skeptic and ghost hunter or mora hunter

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00:35:01,430 --> 00:34:59,920

of ghost hunters and remember that all

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the items mentioned here come with a

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link when you subscribe to the

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newsletter

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00:35:09,670 --> 00:35:07,680

halloween ghost number two the science

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00:35:12,069 --> 00:35:09,680

behind ghost hunting

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00:35:15,270 --> 00:35:12,079

the more science the fewer ghosts except

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00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:15,280

that in ghost hunting a sad irony is how

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00:35:20,069 --> 00:35:17,040

science is providing tools for people

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00:35:24,069 --> 00:35:20,079

who knowingly or otherwise are using

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00:35:27,190 --> 00:35:24,079

them in unscientific ways

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00:35:29,990 --> 00:35:27,200

vaccine skeptics on colin powell's death

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00:35:31,829 --> 00:35:30,000

quote in a political moment where every

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00:35:34,150 --> 00:35:31,839

public health strategy to mitigate the

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00:35:36,630 --> 00:35:34,160

virus has been politicized public health

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00:35:39,270 --> 00:35:36,640

experts said they expect powell's death

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00:35:42,069 --> 00:35:39,280

to be misconstrued to feed a narrative

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00:35:45,030 --> 00:35:42,079

that the vaccinations do not work end

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00:35:46,140 --> 00:35:45,040

quote and that's unfortunately exactly

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00:35:47,430 --> 00:35:46,150

what's happened

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u.s deaths tied to aromatherapy spray

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00:35:55,589 --> 00:35:53,520

u.s federal authorities have warned that

843

00:35:57,750 --> 00:35:55,599

a rare bacterial infection that killed

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00:36:02,710 --> 00:35:57,760

two people has been tied to an

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00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:05,430

why neil degrasse tyson thinks science

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00:36:08,470 --> 00:36:06,640

is true

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00:36:10,630 --> 00:36:08,480

political views are constantly getting

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00:36:12,470 --> 00:36:10,640

mixed up with scientific opinions and

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00:36:14,390 --> 00:36:12,480

there is so much pseudoscience that ends

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up looking like the real thing an

851  
00:36:19,430 --> 00:36:17,680  
interview on astronomy ufos science and

852  
00:36:23,829 --> 00:36:19,440  
truth

853  
00:36:25,750 --> 00:36:23,839  
who's winning the ufo credibility wars

854  
00:36:27,910 --> 00:36:25,760  
author says he's been watching the

855  
00:36:30,710 --> 00:36:27,920  
arguments and non-arguments about ufos

856  
00:36:33,270 --> 00:36:30,720  
for decades quote what's changed and

857  
00:36:36,069 --> 00:36:33,280  
changed enormously is the move to a much

858  
00:36:38,870 --> 00:36:36,079  
less maniacal culture the hysteria isn't

859  
00:36:41,829 --> 00:36:38,880  
there anymore the us or them thing has

860  
00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:41,839  
been weeded out at long last end quote

861  
00:36:47,670 --> 00:36:44,160  
not sure exactly where the author stands

862  
00:36:50,390 --> 00:36:47,680  
on ufos but he suggests the bad old good

863  
00:36:53,270 --> 00:36:50,400

old days of movie-like overwrought

864

00:36:56,550 --> 00:36:53,280

evidence are gone

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00:36:58,870 --> 00:36:56,560

halloween ghosts number three

866

00:37:01,990 --> 00:36:58,880

fifty percent have felt the presence of

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00:37:04,950 --> 00:37:02,000

a ghost according to a survey by a wine

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00:37:07,990 --> 00:37:04,960

company the appropriately named phantom

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00:37:13,030 --> 00:37:08,000

wines which i think i need to check out

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00:37:16,710 --> 00:37:14,790

plus a lot of other stats and some

871

00:37:18,790 --> 00:37:16,720

interesting facts about what drinks go

872

00:37:20,710 --> 00:37:18,800

best with halloween treats so if you

873

00:37:21,670 --> 00:37:20,720

think there's an ulterior motive in the

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00:37:24,069 --> 00:37:21,680

survey

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00:37:27,030 --> 00:37:24,079

you'd be right

876  
00:37:29,510 --> 00:37:27,040  
halloween ghosts number four house isn't

877  
00:37:31,750 --> 00:37:29,520  
selling blame the ghosts

878  
00:37:34,390 --> 00:37:31,760  
decent article about the implications

879  
00:37:38,150 --> 00:37:34,400  
marketability legal responsibility and

880  
00:37:40,710 --> 00:37:38,160  
otherwise of selling a haunted home

881  
00:37:43,589 --> 00:37:40,720  
halloween ghosts number five

882  
00:37:44,710 --> 00:37:43,599  
world's oldest ghost drawing sounds so

883  
00:37:47,990 --> 00:37:44,720  
interesting

884  
00:37:49,990 --> 00:37:48,000  
a babylonian tablet from 1500 bce

885  
00:37:52,230 --> 00:37:50,000  
inscribed with instructions on how to

886  
00:37:54,390 --> 00:37:52,240  
perform an exorcism is fodder for an

887  
00:37:56,550 --> 00:37:54,400  
investigation into ancient paranormal

888  
00:38:02,470 --> 00:37:56,560

beliefs by a curator at the british

889

00:38:07,670 --> 00:38:05,190

to subscribe to the skeptic the magazine

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00:38:09,829 --> 00:38:07,680

from australian skeptics go to our shop

891

00:38:12,790 --> 00:38:09,839

to sign up for a hard copy or digital

892

00:38:14,630 --> 00:38:12,800

edition or both since the digital is

893

00:38:16,310 --> 00:38:14,640

offered free to those who take up the

894

00:38:18,150 --> 00:38:16,320

hard copy version

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00:38:21,190 --> 00:38:18,160

learn more about our magazine and

896

00:38:26,150 --> 00:38:23,910

silliest story of the week and i do like

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00:38:27,829 --> 00:38:26,160

myself a silly story and this one's

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00:38:31,430 --> 00:38:27,839

pretty crazy

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psychic analyzes biscuit crumbs

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00:38:38,069 --> 00:38:35,040  
reading tea leaves is one thing but

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bicky crumbs the uk digestives company

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00:38:43,349 --> 00:38:41,119  
mcvities cottons on to a marketing ploy

904  
00:38:45,109 --> 00:38:43,359  
read your future by the bits that

905  
00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:45,119  
dropped onto your plate

906  
00:38:50,950 --> 00:38:48,000  
the company enlisted a quote psychic to

907  
00:38:54,870 --> 00:38:50,960  
the stars end quote to offer guidance in

908  
00:38:57,109 --> 00:38:54,880  
the science of chromology i think i kind

909  
00:38:59,270 --> 00:38:57,119  
of wish i'd taken that university some

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00:39:01,109 --> 00:38:59,280  
of the shapes analyzed seem a bit

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00:39:03,829 --> 00:39:01,119  
far-fetched

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00:39:05,910 --> 00:39:03,839  
no kidding the one showing birds seems

913  
00:39:08,550 --> 00:39:05,920

to look more like a map of australia but

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00:39:10,790 --> 00:39:08,560

hey if you can see a virgin in the stars

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00:39:12,950 --> 00:39:10,800

then you can find anything

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00:39:15,030 --> 00:39:12,960

in the crumbs

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that's all for this newsletter this is

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adrian hill

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running upstairs to the kitchen to cook

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00:39:24,230 --> 00:39:21,760

up more waffles and maybe try to read

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the future from the crumbs

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bye for now

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be reasonable is the interview show from

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the merseyside skeptic society where

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00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:41,599  
each month i speak to someone about

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00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:43,680  
their fringe beliefs over the years i've

928  
00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:46,160  
spoken to psychics ufo believers moon

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00:39:49,910 --> 00:39:48,240  
landing and eyes flat earthers hollow

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00:39:51,910 --> 00:39:49,920  
earthers and all manner of unusual

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00:39:53,589 --> 00:39:51,920  
conspiracy theorists but i've also

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00:39:56,230 --> 00:39:53,599  
talked to aids denialists white

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00:39:57,829 --> 00:39:56,240  
supremacists gay conversion therapists i

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even interviewed jim humble the inventor

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of miracle mineral supplement a form of

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industrial beliefs that he and his

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followers used to treat cancer and hiv

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this isn't a debate sure my aim isn't to

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win an argument but when we listen to

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how people promote and justify the ideas

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that we disagree with even the dangerous

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ones i think we become much more

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effective at countering those ideas if

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00:40:19,670 --> 00:40:17,599

that sounds like something you'd be

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00:40:21,589 --> 00:40:19,680

interested in look for be reasonable on

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apple podcasts and everywhere else the

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now it's time once again to dive into

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those digital

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delights at trove

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00:40:51,589 --> 00:40:50,319  
trove.nla.gov.iu the online resource

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from the australian government in the

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00:40:56,309 --> 00:40:53,800  
national library of australia of

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00:40:58,230 --> 00:40:56,319  
digitised newspapers gazettes

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00:41:01,190 --> 00:40:58,240  
periodicals and so on

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00:41:03,190 --> 00:41:01,200  
dating back centuries

957  
00:41:05,030 --> 00:41:03,200  
and what a valuable resource it is just

958  
00:41:06,550 --> 00:41:05,040  
go there type in your

959  
00:41:09,109 --> 00:41:06,560  
search criteria

960  
00:41:11,990 --> 00:41:09,119  
and you'll never know what you'll find

961  
00:41:14,390 --> 00:41:12,000  
now a couple of weeks ago we did a

962  
00:41:17,190 --> 00:41:14,400  
session on ufos which proved quite

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popular so i'll continue that this week

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and i think this is probably about the

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third time we've looked into

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ufos

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and modern skepticism owes a little bit

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to ufos i must say it's one of the

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reasons i got into that the whole area

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was my interest when i was younger in

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00:41:44,710 --> 00:41:41,760

ufos which i thought were

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obviously real and would be proved real

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00:41:49,910 --> 00:41:47,680

any day now in the 1970s

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so we start our

976  
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look into the archives in fact

977  
00:41:59,750 --> 00:41:57,359  
from the 6th of january 1989

978  
00:42:01,430 --> 00:41:59,760  
from the canberra times

979  
00:42:02,470 --> 00:42:01,440  
the lucky country

980  
00:42:07,589 --> 00:42:02,480  
not so

981  
00:42:12,870 --> 00:42:10,550  
adelaide a group of adelaide researchers

982  
00:42:15,589 --> 00:42:12,880  
wants to hear from anyone

983  
00:42:17,030 --> 00:42:15,599  
who has been abducted by aliens from

984  
00:42:19,430 --> 00:42:17,040  
another planet

985  
00:42:21,990 --> 00:42:19,440  
puzzled as to why fewer australians are

986  
00:42:24,950 --> 00:42:22,000  
kidnapped by extraterrestrials than

987  
00:42:28,309 --> 00:42:24,960  
people in the united states and europe

988  
00:42:30,790 --> 00:42:28,319

ufo research australia is trying to find

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00:42:32,390 --> 00:42:30,800

out why australia is lagging behind the

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00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:32,400

rest of the world

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00:42:37,670 --> 00:42:34,560

it might sound crazy but the group's

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00:42:40,870 --> 00:42:37,680

quest is quite serious ufo and chief

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researcher keith basterfield said

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ufo research australia is a private

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group which neither believes

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00:42:50,790 --> 00:42:48,079

nor disbelieves the theory that aliens

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00:42:52,230 --> 00:42:50,800

from space are responsible for the ufo

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00:42:55,510 --> 00:42:52,240

phenomenon

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mr basterfield said a number of books

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had been published in the us and britain

1001  
00:43:02,390 --> 00:42:59,760  
documenting accounts of people who have

1002  
00:43:05,670 --> 00:43:02,400  
claimed to have been abducted by

1003  
00:43:08,230 --> 00:43:05,680  
extraterrestrials but few such stories

1004  
00:43:09,829 --> 00:43:08,240  
have come from australia even though ufo

1005  
00:43:11,430 --> 00:43:09,839  
sightings here were

1006  
00:43:14,309 --> 00:43:11,440  
not uncommon

1007  
00:43:16,670 --> 00:43:14,319  
among cases recorded are that of a

1008  
00:43:19,430 --> 00:43:16,680  
melbourne woman who claimed in

1009  
00:43:21,030 --> 00:43:19,440  
1966 she was raped by an

1010  
00:43:23,030 --> 00:43:21,040  
extraterrestrial

1011  
00:43:25,910 --> 00:43:23,040  
and the disappearance of a 20 year old

1012  
00:43:28,550 --> 00:43:25,920  
pilot and his cessna aircraft over bass

1013  
00:43:30,870 --> 00:43:28,560

strait in 1978.

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the postal address for the ufo research

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australia is po box 229 prospect south

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australia 508

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the pilot the 20 year old pilot and his

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frederick

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00:43:51,349 --> 00:43:48,880

valentich

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and that has been covered

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quite widely

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00:43:57,670 --> 00:43:54,880

and there's a good account of that over

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00:43:59,990 --> 00:43:57,680  
at skeptoid with brian dunning i know

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00:44:01,829 --> 00:44:00,000  
brian regularly listens to the skeptic

1028  
00:44:04,309 --> 00:44:01,839  
zone here's the next one

1029  
00:44:07,030 --> 00:44:04,319  
and it comes to us from

1030  
00:44:11,190 --> 00:44:07,040  
papua new guinea post courier

1031  
00:44:12,150 --> 00:44:11,200  
dated the 8th of february 1978

1032  
00:44:16,870 --> 00:44:12,160  
so

1033  
00:44:20,390 --> 00:44:16,880  
late 70s still well in the ufo era

1034  
00:44:22,309 --> 00:44:20,400  
destroyed town gets ufo award

1035  
00:44:24,470 --> 00:44:22,319  
illinois united states tuesday

1036  
00:44:26,790 --> 00:44:24,480  
australian associated press

1037  
00:44:28,550 --> 00:44:26,800  
nobody could remember just when the

1038  
00:44:32,550 --> 00:44:28,560

alien creatures in

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00:44:35,589 --> 00:44:32,560

10 or 20 flying sources reportedly

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00:44:37,430 --> 00:44:35,599

strafed the town of chester and left it

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00:44:41,750 --> 00:44:37,440

in a pile of rubble

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but just the same townsfolk accept an

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00:44:48,550 --> 00:44:45,920

award from quote official ufo and quote

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00:44:49,430 --> 00:44:48,560

the magazine that swears it really

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00:44:52,069 --> 00:44:49,440

happened

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00:44:55,109 --> 00:44:52,079

the associated press reported

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00:44:56,150 --> 00:44:55,119

about 75 of chester's

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00:44:57,190 --> 00:44:56,160

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citizens turned out on saturday at city

1051  
00:45:04,950 --> 00:45:02,720  
hall to receive the magazine's quote

1052  
00:45:07,270 --> 00:45:04,960  
letter of appreciation end quote for

1053  
00:45:08,470 --> 00:45:07,280  
their cooperation in the investigation

1054  
00:45:09,829 --> 00:45:08,480  
of the

1055  
00:45:11,109 --> 00:45:09,839  
villagers

1056  
00:45:12,390 --> 00:45:11,119  
destruction

1057  
00:45:15,829 --> 00:45:12,400  
last year

1058  
00:45:18,630 --> 00:45:15,839  
official ufo had promised quote an

1059  
00:45:20,470 --> 00:45:18,640  
immense crowd numbering twenty thousand

1060  
00:45:21,430 --> 00:45:20,480  
to thirty thousand people in quote to

1061  
00:45:25,030 --> 00:45:21,440  
greet

1062  
00:45:28,790 --> 00:45:25,040  
famed war hero ed farrar and his team of

1063  
00:45:30,309 --> 00:45:28,800

ufo investigators mr farah said he was a

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00:45:33,030 --> 00:45:30,319

world war ii

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00:45:35,190 --> 00:45:33,040

flying ace in europe and now a tennis

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00:45:37,510 --> 00:45:35,200

professional in new york after his

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speech mr farah collapsed

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having succumbed he said to forces from

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outer space i have an idea they the

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00:45:48,630 --> 00:45:47,040

forces didn't want any more said he

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commented

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police chief harold howie was on hand to

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00:45:56,230 --> 00:45:53,920

receive a sealed envelope that the

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00:45:58,790 --> 00:45:56,240

magazine based in new york said

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00:46:01,829 --> 00:45:58,800

contained the names of 50 people who

1076  
00:46:02,550 --> 00:46:01,839  
witnessed the reported attack on august

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00:46:05,829 --> 00:46:02,560  
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00:46:08,790 --> 00:46:05,839  
1977. mayor stanley makisky did not

1079  
00:46:10,950 --> 00:46:08,800  
attend but was said to have grave doubts

1080  
00:46:13,430 --> 00:46:10,960  
about the reported incident

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00:46:15,270 --> 00:46:13,440  
on that day in august the magazine said

1082  
00:46:18,069 --> 00:46:15,280  
in its january issue

1083  
00:46:20,710 --> 00:46:18,079  
sources swooped down on the town on the

1084  
00:46:23,109 --> 00:46:20,720  
banks of the mississippi river and

1085  
00:46:25,589 --> 00:46:23,119  
burned it to the ground

1086  
00:46:27,670 --> 00:46:25,599  
disrupting normal communications and

1087  
00:46:30,790 --> 00:46:27,680  
causing mass panic

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00:46:33,670 --> 00:46:30,800

however a statue of popeye the sailor

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00:46:35,829 --> 00:46:33,680

man erected in honour of elsie zeiger

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00:46:38,309 --> 00:46:35,839

the cartoon strips creator and native

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00:46:41,750 --> 00:46:38,319

son of chester either

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00:46:42,950 --> 00:46:41,760

escaped the destruction or was rebuilt

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00:46:45,990 --> 00:46:42,960

in a park

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00:46:48,390 --> 00:46:46,000

the key ingredient in the official ufo's

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case was a series of pictures in the

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magazine purporting to show the saucer

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attack

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those said to show evidence of the

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extraterrestrial phenomena

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00:47:01,190 --> 00:46:59,040

were blurred

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00:47:03,829 --> 00:47:01,200  
no one thumbing through the magazine

1102  
00:47:06,470 --> 00:47:03,839  
distributed free to townspeople

1103  
00:47:10,390 --> 00:47:06,480  
could recall the incident

1104  
00:47:12,870 --> 00:47:10,400  
but said quote official ufo end quote

1105  
00:47:14,670 --> 00:47:12,880  
that was because after the disaster

1106  
00:47:18,150 --> 00:47:14,680  
chester was quote

1107  
00:47:20,790 --> 00:47:18,160  
mysteriously frightenly somehow

1108  
00:47:24,309 --> 00:47:20,800  
resurrected and the memory of the event

1109  
00:47:26,950 --> 00:47:24,319  
erased from all but a select group of

1110  
00:47:30,549 --> 00:47:26,960  
minds men quote

1111  
00:47:32,309 --> 00:47:30,559  
sounds like a fun day in chester

1112  
00:47:34,589 --> 00:47:32,319  
and now we come to the canberra times

1113  
00:47:40,150 --> 00:47:34,599

dated monday the 10th of november

1114

00:47:41,670 --> 00:47:40,160

1969 a bit earlier on in the ufo story

1115

00:47:43,190 --> 00:47:41,680

ufo

1116

00:47:46,150 --> 00:47:43,200

was a balloon

1117

00:47:47,910 --> 00:47:46,160

melbourne sunday a practical joker

1118

00:47:49,510 --> 00:47:47,920

alarmed hundreds of residents in

1119

00:47:52,630 --> 00:47:49,520

melbourne suburbs

1120

00:47:54,470 --> 00:47:52,640

on saturday night with a fake ufo

1121

00:47:56,630 --> 00:47:54,480

callers jammed the switchboards of

1122

00:47:58,950 --> 00:47:56,640

newspapers and tv stations to report a

1123

00:48:02,069 --> 00:47:58,960

strange object and lights in the sky

1124

00:48:04,710 --> 00:48:02,079

during the hour in which it remained

1125

00:48:08,069 --> 00:48:04,720

stationary over the northern suburb of

1126

00:48:11,030 --> 00:48:08,079

preston air traffic control offices

1127

00:48:13,349 --> 00:48:11,040

at esserton airport were unable to offer

1128

00:48:16,309 --> 00:48:13,359

any help except to say it was not an

1129

00:48:18,309 --> 00:48:16,319

aircraft or helicopter however police

1130

00:48:21,270 --> 00:48:18,319

solved the problem when they went to the

1131

00:48:23,910 --> 00:48:21,280

area in answer to numerous calls their

1132

00:48:26,710 --> 00:48:23,920

powerful spotlight revealed

1133

00:48:29,190 --> 00:48:26,720

a balloon moored about 60 feet in the

1134

00:48:31,750 --> 00:48:29,200

air it was about four feet long with a

1135

00:48:33,750 --> 00:48:31,760

silver tail and four red lights

1136

00:48:36,069 --> 00:48:33,760

suspended beneath it

1137

00:48:37,510 --> 00:48:36,079

but the practical joker wound the

1138

00:48:39,349 --> 00:48:37,520

balloon in

1139

00:48:41,510 --> 00:48:39,359

he was too quick for the police trying

1140

00:48:43,109 --> 00:48:41,520

to follow the balloon's descent and a

1141

00:48:45,829 --> 00:48:43,119

later search of the area revealed

1142

00:48:48,390 --> 00:48:45,839

neither the balloon nor its owner you

1143

00:48:51,190 --> 00:48:48,400

couldn't tell what it was until we put

1144

00:48:53,589 --> 00:48:51,200

the spotlight on it a policeman said

1145

00:48:55,349 --> 00:48:53,599

all you could see were four red lights

1146

00:48:57,109 --> 00:48:55,359

and a vague shape

1147

00:48:59,190 --> 00:48:57,119

sounds like a lot of fun in melbourne

1148

00:49:04,230 --> 00:48:59,200

now we turn to the canberra times once

1149

00:49:06,630 --> 00:49:04,240

again on the 1st of december 1980

1150

00:49:08,390 --> 00:49:06,640

some ufo photographers

1151

00:49:13,750 --> 00:49:08,400

peculiar

1152

00:49:16,349 --> 00:49:13,760

people mr frank gillespie one of the

1153

00:49:19,910 --> 00:49:16,359

delegates at the ufo conference at the

1154

00:49:21,910 --> 00:49:19,920

belconnenway hotel said yesterday many

1155

00:49:24,710 --> 00:49:21,920

people collected photographs and when

1156

00:49:27,430 --> 00:49:24,720

they found abnormalities in prince

1157

00:49:29,990 --> 00:49:27,440

concocted a story to go with them many a

1158

00:49:32,790 --> 00:49:30,000

good story has been built around the

1159

00:49:35,829 --> 00:49:32,800

white spots on a print caused by dust

1160

00:49:37,670 --> 00:49:35,839

and fibers on the negative he said

1161

00:49:40,710 --> 00:49:37,680

then there are those people who

1162

00:49:42,309 --> 00:49:40,720

deliberately set out to deceive there

1163

00:49:44,630 --> 00:49:42,319

are usually glaring flaws in their

1164

00:49:46,710 --> 00:49:44,640

pictures and it must take a lot of nerve

1165

00:49:47,910 --> 00:49:46,720

to proceed with their attempted

1166

00:49:50,150 --> 00:49:47,920

deception

1167

00:49:53,109 --> 00:49:50,160

some of the methods used to fake

1168

00:49:55,829 --> 00:49:53,119

photographs include saucepan lids time

1169

00:49:58,390 --> 00:49:55,839

exposure of lights with a moving camera

1170

00:50:00,549 --> 00:49:58,400

and car hubcaps

1171

00:50:02,549 --> 00:50:00,559

one case which stood out from the others

1172

00:50:05,829 --> 00:50:02,559

was a man who attempted to photograph a

1173

00:50:08,150 --> 00:50:05,839

fast-moving object with an instamatic

1174

00:50:11,030 --> 00:50:08,160

camera when there was no trace of the

1175

00:50:13,510 --> 00:50:11,040

object in the print he pointed to

1176

00:50:15,990 --> 00:50:13,520

a printing defect in the previous

1177

00:50:18,230 --> 00:50:16,000

picture as is ufo

1178

00:50:20,150 --> 00:50:18,240

the conference was also told yesterday

1179

00:50:23,670 --> 00:50:20,160

of the results of a survey of

1180

00:50:27,270 --> 00:50:23,680

psychological reactions to ufo events by

1181

00:50:28,710 --> 00:50:27,280

mr mark moravac the most common reaction

1182

00:50:31,750 --> 00:50:28,720

was fear

1183

00:50:34,710 --> 00:50:31,760

followed by curiosity and amazement

1184

00:50:37,270 --> 00:50:34,720

in a number of cases there were also

1185

00:50:39,750 --> 00:50:37,280

physiological reactions

1186

00:50:42,309 --> 00:50:39,760

and the most common were insomnia

1187

00:50:44,870 --> 00:50:42,319

sensitive eyes and headaches

1188

00:50:47,030 --> 00:50:44,880

in his conclusion he said the fact that

1189

00:50:49,750 --> 00:50:47,040

many people feared something which

1190

00:50:53,349 --> 00:50:49,760

officially did not exist was a powerful

1191

00:50:54,549 --> 00:50:53,359

reason for an urgent and serious study

1192

00:50:55,829 --> 00:50:54,559

of ufo

1193

00:50:57,750 --> 00:50:55,839

phenomena

1194

00:50:59,750 --> 00:50:57,760

and lastly we come

1195

00:51:02,069 --> 00:50:59,760

once again from the canberra times it

1196

00:51:03,990 --> 00:51:02,079

gets a lot of mentions in the canberra

1197

00:51:05,510 --> 00:51:04,000

times i think that uh

1198

00:51:10,549 --> 00:51:05,520

many of their issues if not all are

1199

00:51:13,109 --> 00:51:10,559

digitized from the 26th of february 1968

1200

00:51:16,470 --> 00:51:13,119

back in time a little bit

1201  
00:51:17,990 --> 00:51:16,480  
farmer tells of trip in martian craft

1202  
00:51:21,030 --> 00:51:18,000  
ufo

1203  
00:51:24,549 --> 00:51:21,040  
loco texas sunday australian associated

1204  
00:51:27,109 --> 00:51:24,559  
press this tiny west texas farming

1205  
00:51:29,910 --> 00:51:27,119  
community bears a name which may not

1206  
00:51:33,030 --> 00:51:29,920  
help close the flying saucer credibility

1207  
00:51:36,150 --> 00:51:33,040  
gap nevertheless mr carroll watts a

1208  
00:51:39,109 --> 00:51:36,160  
sober-minded 29 year old farmer known to

1209  
00:51:41,910 --> 00:51:39,119  
his neighbours as a man quote

1210  
00:51:44,230 --> 00:51:41,920  
of reliable character end quote was

1211  
00:51:47,030 --> 00:51:44,240  
yesterday seeking a congressional

1212  
00:51:50,150 --> 00:51:47,040  
investigation into his report that he

1213  
00:51:52,470 --> 00:51:50,160

saw a spacecraft from mars

1214

00:51:57,750 --> 00:51:52,480

several times last year photographed it

1215

00:52:00,309 --> 00:51:57,760

and rode inside it for two hours

1216

00:52:02,549 --> 00:52:00,319

mr watts said the 100 foot long metallic

1217

00:52:06,309 --> 00:52:02,559

craft hovered about three feet off the

1218

00:52:09,510 --> 00:52:06,319

ground near his home last april 11 and

1219

00:52:11,829 --> 00:52:09,520

six miniature men aboard

1220

00:52:15,030 --> 00:52:11,839

asked him to ride with them

1221

00:52:17,670 --> 00:52:15,040

they were all about four feet high with

1222

00:52:21,430 --> 00:52:17,680

white or gray skin

1223

00:52:23,910 --> 00:52:21,440

broad flat noses and thin line mouth no

1224

00:52:26,470 --> 00:52:23,920

hair and eye sockets that ran back

1225

00:52:29,109 --> 00:52:26,480

nearly to their cars he said

1226

00:52:31,910 --> 00:52:29,119

mr j ellen heineck an astronomer

1227

00:52:34,150 --> 00:52:31,920

professor at northern western university

1228

00:52:36,710 --> 00:52:34,160

and special consultant to the air force

1229

00:52:39,030 --> 00:52:36,720

on unidentified flying objects said

1230

00:52:41,990 --> 00:52:39,040

pictures mr watts forwarded to him were

1231

00:52:42,790 --> 00:52:42,000

quite clear and everyone i've talked to

1232

00:52:45,670 --> 00:52:42,800

there

1233

00:52:49,829 --> 00:52:45,680

with him gave him a clear bill of health

1234

00:52:50,710 --> 00:52:49,839

as far as he is not being a fake

1235

00:52:52,309 --> 00:52:50,720

well

1236

00:52:54,309 --> 00:52:52,319

i think

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00:52:58,069 --> 00:52:54,319

we can rule out

1238

00:53:02,270 --> 00:52:58,079

that uh this man in texas rode in a

1239

00:53:02,280 --> 00:53:05,670

[Music]

1240

00:53:09,430 --> 00:53:07,430

yes it's always good to revisit the

1241

00:53:13,589 --> 00:53:09,440

classics of skepticism

1242

00:53:15,829 --> 00:53:13,599

and ufos are amongst the best

1243

00:53:17,990 --> 00:53:15,839

and you too can visit the classics of

1244

00:53:19,750 --> 00:53:18,000

skepticism or revisit or have a look

1245

00:53:21,790 --> 00:53:19,760

again or whatever you want to do

1246

00:53:24,309 --> 00:53:21,800

by going to trove

1247

00:53:27,190 --> 00:53:24,319

trove.nla.gov dot a u

1248

00:53:29,750 --> 00:53:27,200

typing in your search criteria

1249

00:53:33,540 --> 00:53:29,760

and you never know what ufos you might

1250

00:53:33,550 --> 00:53:49,910

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1251

00:53:53,829 --> 00:53:51,430

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1252

00:53:57,109 --> 00:53:53,839

zone and it's not long now until

1253

00:53:59,270 --> 00:53:57,119

skepticon the australian and new zealand

1254

00:54:01,190 --> 00:53:59,280

annual skeptical convention held

1255

00:54:03,910 --> 00:54:01,200

together for the first time

1256

00:54:05,910 --> 00:54:03,920

20th and the 21st of november and as the

1257

00:54:07,589 --> 00:54:05,920

skeptical fairy and maynard and all the

1258

00:54:11,349 --> 00:54:07,599

others reminded us you can get your

1259

00:54:13,270 --> 00:54:11,359

tickets at skepticon

1260

00:54:15,270 --> 00:54:13,280

for the low price of 40 australian

1261

00:54:16,549 --> 00:54:15,280

dollars which is less

1262

00:54:17,910 --> 00:54:16,559

than 30

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00:54:19,589 --> 00:54:17,920

u.s

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00:54:21,589 --> 00:54:19,599

adrian hill i don't know what that is in

1265

00:54:23,430 --> 00:54:21,599

canadian dollars but it's pretty cheap

1266

00:54:25,030 --> 00:54:23,440

whatever it is thank you to those

1267

00:54:27,109 --> 00:54:25,040

supporters who keep supporting the show

1268

00:54:30,309 --> 00:54:27,119

at skepticzone.tv

1269

00:54:31,829 --> 00:54:30,319

with your paypal contributions or your

1270

00:54:36,630 --> 00:54:31,839

patreon

1271

00:54:39,270 --> 00:54:36,640

and

1272

00:54:42,710 --> 00:54:39,280

that means of course as you well know

1273

00:54:45,990 --> 00:54:42,720

the show keeps going so i rely on you

1274

00:54:47,270 --> 00:54:46,000

and i appreciate your contributions very

1275

00:54:49,190 --> 00:54:47,280

much

1276

00:54:51,270 --> 00:54:49,200

but for this week this is richard

1277

00:54:56,789 --> 00:54:51,280

saunders signing off from sydney

1278

00:55:00,069 --> 00:54:58,630

you've been listening to the skeptic

1279

00:55:01,430 --> 00:55:00,079

zone podcast

1280

00:55:04,630 --> 00:55:01,440

please visit our website at

1281

00:55:10,230 --> 00:55:07,750

for show notes contacts and to access

1282

00:55:12,470 --> 00:55:10,240

the back catalog of episodes going back

1283

00:55:14,390 --> 00:55:12,480

to 2008.

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00:55:17,109 --> 00:55:14,400

you can follow the skeptic zone podcast

1285

00:55:19,270 --> 00:55:17,119

on twitter at skepticzone

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00:55:21,589 --> 00:55:19,280

visit our facebook page or leave a

1287

00:55:23,670 --> 00:55:21,599

review on itunes

1288

00:55:26,870 --> 00:55:23,680

you can also support the skeptic zone

1289

00:55:30,230 --> 00:55:26,880

via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

1290

00:55:31,829 --> 00:55:30,240

podcast is an independent production the

1291

00:55:34,150 --> 00:55:31,839

views and opinions expressed on the

1292

00:55:36,710 --> 00:55:34,160

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

1293

00:55:49,109 --> 00:55:36,720

of australian skeptics or any other

1294

00:55:53,430 --> 00:55:51,750

so we're all seated in our virtual um

1295

00:55:55,430 --> 00:55:53,440

lecture theater as far as i can tell

1296

00:55:58,630 --> 00:55:55,440

it's the prediction team

1297

00:56:01,109 --> 00:55:58,640

folks we are what two data points away

1298

00:56:03,990 --> 00:56:01,119

from completing the entire

1299

00:56:05,670 --> 00:56:04,000

prediction project after over a year of

1300

00:56:09,430 --> 00:56:05,680

meeting and

1301  
00:56:12,549 --> 00:56:09,440  
um 12 years or so of the database being

1302  
00:56:14,549 --> 00:56:12,559  
worked on we are two data points away

1303  
00:56:16,630 --> 00:56:14,559  
today we were working on

1304  
00:56:19,990 --> 00:56:16,640  
great events over the last 20 years that

1305  
00:56:22,230 --> 00:56:20,000  
psychics didn't see coming like various

1306  
00:56:24,710 --> 00:56:22,240  
important earthquakes or

1307  
00:56:26,710 --> 00:56:24,720  
uh political assassinations or various

1308  
00:56:28,710 --> 00:56:26,720  
terrorist attacks and things like that

1309  
00:56:30,789 --> 00:56:28,720  
and we have so far

1310  
00:56:33,270 --> 00:56:30,799  
200 208

1311  
00:56:35,910 --> 00:56:33,280  
major pred major events that psychics

1312  
00:56:37,990 --> 00:56:35,920  
did not see coming we've got two to find

1313  
00:56:39,829 --> 00:56:38,000

and it can be difficult we've discovered

1314

00:56:42,069 --> 00:56:39,839

it's difficult to

1315

00:56:44,630 --> 00:56:42,079

you know to nail these down sometime

1316

00:56:46,230 --> 00:56:44,640

anyway i'm with part of the team here

1317

00:56:49,750 --> 00:56:46,240

we've got rob we've got leonard we've

1318

00:56:51,910 --> 00:56:49,760

got uh adrian and kelly hello everybody

1319

00:56:53,589 --> 00:56:51,920

hello richard hello the readings from

1320

00:56:55,750 --> 00:56:53,599

the us some of the other people and

1321

00:56:57,030 --> 00:56:55,760

canada and canada some of the other

1322

00:56:59,670 --> 00:56:57,040

people couldn't be here today but here

1323

00:57:03,270 --> 00:56:59,680

it is folks

1324

00:57:05,510 --> 00:57:03,280

it's a d8 today

1325

00:57:09,589 --> 00:57:05,520

an eight-sided die

1326  
00:57:14,870 --> 00:57:11,510  
skeptic's own pen and skeptic's own

1327  
00:57:17,270 --> 00:57:14,880  
notepad i'm just showing everybody

1328  
00:57:20,789 --> 00:57:17,280  
otherwise known as a pen in a notepad

1329  
00:57:22,549 --> 00:57:20,799  
here we go the first roll what do i hear

1330  
00:57:24,549 --> 00:57:22,559  
lucky seven

1331  
00:57:27,510 --> 00:57:24,559  
six

1332  
00:57:28,870 --> 00:57:27,520  
and here it comes

1333  
00:57:30,470 --> 00:57:28,880  
seven

1334  
00:57:32,789 --> 00:57:30,480  
oh

1335  
00:57:34,789 --> 00:57:32,799  
adrian

1336  
00:57:36,870 --> 00:57:34,799  
first roll was seven next roll coming up

1337  
00:57:37,990 --> 00:57:36,880  
what do i hear

1338  
00:57:40,470 --> 00:57:38,000

five

1339

00:57:41,349 --> 00:57:40,480

two

1340

00:57:45,670 --> 00:57:41,359

three

1341

00:57:47,750 --> 00:57:45,680

kelly wait i heard otherwise your

1342

00:57:50,480 --> 00:57:47,760

seventh come in threes

1343

00:57:52,829 --> 00:57:50,490

we'll find out here it comes the next is

1344

00:57:59,030 --> 00:57:52,839

[Music]

1345

00:58:01,829 --> 00:58:00,390

okay

1346

00:58:03,589 --> 00:58:01,839

last roll

1347

00:58:05,990 --> 00:58:03,599

that sounds a bit ominous doesn't it the

1348

00:58:09,430 --> 00:58:06,000

last roll of the die here it comes what

1349

00:58:10,390 --> 00:58:09,440

do i hear five for susan five five six

1350

00:58:14,470 --> 00:58:10,400

four

1351  
00:58:20,549 --> 00:58:17,660  
poetic justice it's a five

1352  
00:58:24,069 --> 00:58:20,559  
[Laughter]

1353  
00:58:26,390 --> 00:58:24,079  
so today's d8 is the equivalent of a

1354  
00:58:29,190 --> 00:58:26,400  
five a seven

1355  
00:58:30,630 --> 00:58:29,200  
uh we can talk about that later today's

1356  
00:58:31,829 --> 00:58:30,640  
winning numbers

1357  
00:58:32,630 --> 00:58:31,839  
are seven

1358  
00:58:35,430 --> 00:58:32,640  
seven

1359  
00:58:37,990 --> 00:58:35,440  
and five thank you everybody

1360  
00:58:39,829 --> 00:58:38,000  
adrian you got two out of three you are

1361  
00:58:41,750 --> 00:58:39,839  
66.

1362  
00:58:43,910 --> 00:58:41,760  
feeding percent psychic

1363  
00:58:45,510 --> 00:58:43,920

i am

1364

00:58:48,230 --> 00:58:45,520

much higher percentage than any of the

1365

00:58:49,589 --> 00:58:48,240

psychics we actually evaluated probably

1366

00:58:53,750 --> 00:58:49,599

i don't think that's ever happened in

1367

00:58:55,510 --> 00:58:53,760

this uh fun dice game all right one more

1368

00:58:57,750 --> 00:58:55,520

you've talked me into it so using your

1369

00:59:00,309 --> 00:58:57,760

predictions your psychic power one more

1370

00:59:01,990 --> 00:59:00,319

one more quick quick let me just see

1371

00:59:03,510 --> 00:59:02,000

i think

1372

00:59:05,030 --> 00:59:03,520

yes i'm going back to

1373

00:59:06,870 --> 00:59:05,040

eight eight

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00:59:07,829 --> 00:59:06,880

four four

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00:59:11,190 --> 00:59:07,839

one

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00:59:13,190 --> 00:59:11,200

what is that siri talking to you

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00:59:17,109 --> 00:59:13,200

that's my watch

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00:59:22,870 --> 00:59:19,750

here it comes

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00:59:25,910 --> 00:59:24,230

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