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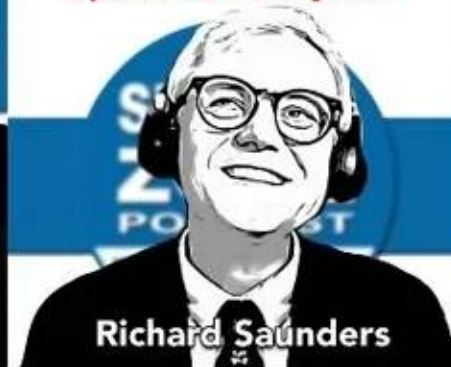
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Richard Saunders

Adrienne Hill with
Susan Gerbic

Australian Skeptics
Newsletter

The Book of Tim
Santa Part #2

TROVE
UFOs



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00:00:09,190 --> 00:00:06,550

[Music]

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,900 --> 00:00:13,930

from australia for science and reason

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00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:16,910

[Applause]

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00:00:29,589 --> 00:00:26,470

yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:31,349 --> 00:00:29,599

episode number 709

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00:00:33,110 --> 00:00:31,359

for the 8th of may

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00:00:34,790 --> 00:00:33,120

2022

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:34,800

richard saunders coming to you from

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00:00:40,389 --> 00:00:37,200

sydney australia what's on this week's

11
00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:40,399

episode of the skeptic zone the question

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00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:42,160

on everybody's mind at the moment we're

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00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:43,600

going to kick off

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00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:45,760

with an interview with susan gerbic our

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00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:47,039

dear friend

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00:00:51,590 --> 00:00:49,520

and frequent visitor to the show this

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00:00:53,990 --> 00:00:51,600

time susan will be interviewed by our

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00:00:55,590 --> 00:00:54,000

reporter adrian hill

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00:00:57,590 --> 00:00:55,600

which is sort of a bit funny in a way

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00:00:59,510 --> 00:00:57,600

because susan does so many things for

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00:01:02,470 --> 00:00:59,520

the skeptic zone anyway

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00:01:04,789 --> 00:01:02,480

but anyway susan and adrian were

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00:01:07,190 --> 00:01:04,799

recently on a big tour of the east coast

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of the united states and as you'll hear

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00:01:11,910 --> 00:01:09,760

in this interview susan places a lot of

26
00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:11,920
importance on visiting local skeptical

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00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:12,799
groups

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00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:14,880
and i heartily agree i think that's a

29
00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,080
great idea

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00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:18,640
and also you'll hear about a new award

31
00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:20,479
susan received

32
00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:22,479
and listen carefully

33
00:01:26,550 --> 00:01:24,080
for the curse

34
00:01:28,149 --> 00:01:26,560
susan mentions a curse

35
00:01:29,590 --> 00:01:28,159
regarding

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:29,600
ufos

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00:01:33,670 --> 00:01:31,680
after that interview it's the australian

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00:01:36,310 --> 00:01:33,680

skeptic's news

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:36,320

read by me this week filling in for

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00:01:41,590 --> 00:01:38,880

adrian hill hmm that's interesting

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00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:41,600

following that it's the book of tim

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the book of tim with part two

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:46,320

of his look at the history of father

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christmas or santa claus and then

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00:01:54,389 --> 00:01:50,720

talking about ufos to round off the show

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00:01:57,990 --> 00:01:54,399

trove dives back into the ufo files to

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00:02:00,709 --> 00:01:58,000

find historical reports of stories

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00:02:02,550 --> 00:02:00,719

regarding unidentified flying objects

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00:02:04,870 --> 00:02:02,560

alien spaceships

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00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:04,880

the enterprise who knows what else in

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00:02:08,949 --> 00:02:07,119

the trove segment today

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00:02:10,949 --> 00:02:08,959

so no matter what you're doing this

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00:02:14,229 --> 00:02:10,959

weekend maybe you've gone away for a

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00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:14,239

little weekend away to pamper yourself

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:16,319

sounds good to me

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,000

oh i wish i was there

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00:02:21,910 --> 00:02:20,239

are you at a retreat have you gone to

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00:02:24,150 --> 00:02:21,920

the mountains maybe you're by a lake or

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00:02:26,309 --> 00:02:24,160

on a cruise no matter what you're doing

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00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:26,319

i hope you're enjoying yourself but now

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00:02:29,350 --> 00:02:28,080

it's time for me to run downstairs and

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00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:29,360

see if i can

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00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:31,599

find a bagel maybe some smoked salmon a

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bit of avocado

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a little bit of pepper on top of that

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sounds good to me

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00:02:48,570 --> 00:02:39,360

while i do that i hope you enjoy the

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[Applause]

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[Music]

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you can count on adrian

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:11,589

hello it's adrian hill from canada but

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00:03:16,869 --> 00:03:14,400

right now i'm actually in raleigh north

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00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:16,879

carolina and i'm staying with skeptical

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00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:19,280

friends romero and faith

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00:03:23,670 --> 00:03:21,280

and i have to say they put me up in a

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00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:23,680

very interesting room because hidden

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00:03:28,949 --> 00:03:26,640

inside the bedroom closet they found a

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spooky message about a year after they

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purchased the house and it says

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00:03:37,509 --> 00:03:34,879

whoever has this house next beware

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00:03:39,670 --> 00:03:37,519

it's haunted and but

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so far i have been very disappointed in

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the lack of spirit activity but joining

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me today is susan gerbic hey susan hi

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00:03:50,390 --> 00:03:48,959

adrian

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00:03:52,949 --> 00:03:50,400

spooky

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00:03:56,309 --> 00:03:52,959

yes and susan twisted my very rubber arm

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to join her as a photographer

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and gsow

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00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:00,799

sticker distributor on a speaking tour

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in the eastern u.s for two weeks and

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00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:07,120

i'm really excited to be here but we

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00:04:11,910 --> 00:04:09,920

started in washington dc last week and

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00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:11,920

something very exciting happened and

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00:04:14,949 --> 00:04:13,360

apparently it was supposed to happen a

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00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:14,959

little while ago and it just didn't

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happen because of something called a

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00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:18,000

pandemic

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00:04:23,909 --> 00:04:20,639

so can you tell us about that right so i

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received the phillip class award which

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is

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awarded from the national capital area

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is skeptics that are in maryland dc area

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00:04:35,350 --> 00:04:33,680
and it's for outstanding contributions

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00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:35,360
in critical thinking and scientific

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00:04:40,550 --> 00:04:37,680
understanding the first award was given

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00:04:43,270 --> 00:04:40,560
in 2006 to michael shermer then to james

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00:04:45,670 --> 00:04:43,280
randy robert park who's a professor of

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00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:45,680
physics then paul kurtz

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00:04:49,510 --> 00:04:47,280
then ray hyman

111
00:04:52,390 --> 00:04:49,520
joel achenbach who's a writer for the

112
00:04:53,749 --> 00:04:52,400
washington post then pinon teller

113
00:04:55,670 --> 00:04:53,759

phil plate

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00:04:58,550 --> 00:04:55,680

stephen salzberg who's a computer

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00:05:01,189 --> 00:04:58,560

scientist and then lastly to john mayer

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who's an astrophysicist and a nobel

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00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:04,080

laureate in physics and now me

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00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:06,000

well that's very exciting yeah it was

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00:05:10,070 --> 00:05:07,840

very exciting to get the award

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00:05:11,909 --> 00:05:10,080

it's a beautiful award too oh my gosh i

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00:05:13,590 --> 00:05:11,919

wish i had it with me it's super heavy i

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00:05:14,870 --> 00:05:13,600

can't travel with it but it is really

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00:05:16,710 --> 00:05:14,880

nice they're going to mail it to my

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00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:16,720

house based on what

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00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:18,800

you just read you are the first woman to

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00:05:22,390 --> 00:05:20,720

ever have received it yeah as far as i

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know i'm the first to receive it that's

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female can you tell us

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about philip j kloss so philip j kloss

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is or was one of the premier ufo

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allergist he was an expert in all things

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ufo and he's been he's been preceded by

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of course robert shaffer and

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00:05:46,230 --> 00:05:44,639

mick west as well as other people but

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00:05:47,670 --> 00:05:46,240

this is really fun i'm gonna i'm gonna

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00:05:49,670 --> 00:05:47,680

read this to you because this is the

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00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:49,680

last will and testament of philip j

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00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:51,840

class of according to

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00:05:56,390 --> 00:05:53,520

what i've been able to see

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so this is really fun to ufologists who

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publicly criticize me or who even think

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unkind thoughts about me in private i do

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00:06:07,189 --> 00:06:05,280

hereby leave and bequeath the ufo curse

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no matter how long you live you will

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00:06:11,430 --> 00:06:09,280

never know any more about ufos than you

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00:06:13,909 --> 00:06:11,440

know today you will never know any more

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00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:13,919

about what ufos really are or where they

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00:06:17,749 --> 00:06:16,080

come from you will never know any more

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00:06:20,550 --> 00:06:17,759

about what the us government really

150

00:06:23,110 --> 00:06:20,560

knows about ufos then you know today as

151
00:06:25,990 --> 00:06:23,120
you lie on your own deathbed you will be

152
00:06:28,629 --> 00:06:26,000
as mystified about ufos as you are today

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00:06:30,230 --> 00:06:28,639
and you will remember this curse so this

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00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:30,240
is supposedly his last will and

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00:06:34,629 --> 00:06:33,120
testament and part of it and he als he

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00:06:36,150 --> 00:06:34,639
died in

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00:06:38,070 --> 00:06:36,160
2005.

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00:06:39,670 --> 00:06:38,080
yeah that's that's a a

159
00:06:42,230 --> 00:06:39,680
wonderful curse and i believe it was

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00:06:44,390 --> 00:06:42,240
ross blatcher that said that yeah ross

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00:06:46,070 --> 00:06:44,400
blatcher reminded me of this this curse

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00:06:48,790 --> 00:06:46,080
and i thought that was great it's on

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00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:48,800

philip kloss's wikipedia page now and so

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00:06:52,230 --> 00:06:50,720

you did a talk there as well and that

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00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:52,240

went very well and you had some

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interesting questions

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and you're talking tonight as well today

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is what is it may 3rd yeah we're talking

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to the triangle skeptics here in the

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north carolina area so that should be a

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lot of fun and then we fly out tomorrow

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to go to the center for inquiry in

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amherst new york yeah and i'm excited

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about that i've never been to actually

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00:07:15,990 --> 00:07:14,080

all these places i've never been to

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00:07:18,070 --> 00:07:16,000
washington dc i've never been to raleigh

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00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:18,080
and i have never been to amherst well

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00:07:21,830 --> 00:07:20,080
this is what it's like living and

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00:07:23,670 --> 00:07:21,840
hanging out with me you know

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00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:23,680
i go all over the place i like to go to

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00:07:28,070 --> 00:07:25,759
the smaller groups i mean it's a lot of

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00:07:30,309 --> 00:07:28,080
fun to visit the big conferences and do

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the do talks there but i mean there's a

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lot of places that are the small little

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00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:34,560
groups that that people haven't had a

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lot of attention by speakers and

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i think they really deserve it so you

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know if you want to have me out for a

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talk please let me know and i'll do my

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best to get there well it's so fun

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because we have dinner and we walk

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around and we do a little bit of touring

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we have met such great people and

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uh had dinner as i say and lunch and

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walked around like scott snell and robin

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blumner that was really exciting and we

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met with jeff gelbach when we arrived in

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raleigh and went up to this beautiful

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restaurant and had a view of the whole

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city it was a really really it's all

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about the people really

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it's very social we're trying the

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mission of the about time project which

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is the nonprofit that i run is not

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necessarily to to bust psychics and to

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write wikipedia pages it's always has

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been and it always will be about the

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people trying to uh grow our movement

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trying to get people to become more

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social and to be more involved in the

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projects because

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we are

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a collective and if we can't get

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um us together all on the same page and

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working towards the same goals of

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scientific skepticism we're going to

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fail yeah exactly yeah and this has been

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a great time to meet these people that i

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have only seen

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on the monsoon and right now sitting

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with us is romero say hi romero

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hello everyone i've been listening to

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the podcast for a while now and so this

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is

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surreal i guess to be in the podcast

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yeah all the way from north north

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carolina exactly and listening to the

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podcast that's great it is awesome

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so i'm going to be leaving amherst but

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susan is continuing her tour can you

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give some times and dates please yes

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absolutely i'm going to be continuing my

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tour i i was willing to go just about

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anywhere but a lot of people are not

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quite ready to meet in person and they

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didn't have um a place to meet at

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because all you know several of the

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groups have kind of stopped doing

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in-person

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um events for the last few years so i'm

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gonna be

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in

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st louis st louis missouri on the 11th

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of may so

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you want to check out the st louis

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skeptics if you want to if you're in

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that area and then on the 13th friday

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the 13th

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i will be in denver colorado giving a

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talk to the denver skeptics and then

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i'll be flying home the next day the

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14th back to california so

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you know it's been a it'll be 19 days on

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on the um

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on the road um another thing is funny

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what romero said he's been a longtime

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fan of the skeptic zone and he's been

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listening and here he is now on the

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podcast um we have a new editor who just

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joined our gsrw project named sarah and

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she's in woodstock georgia which is

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awful long way from australia and she

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found the gshow from the skeptic zone and

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i think it's really fun and give her a

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nice shout out yeah it's awesome it's so

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exciting well anyway this has been a

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real blast susan i am so happy that you

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have invited me on this tour i was very

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00:10:37,110 --> 00:10:36,160

hesitant i think mostly because of covid

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00:10:39,509 --> 00:10:37,120

and

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00:10:42,069 --> 00:10:39,519

this is my first trip

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00:10:43,350 --> 00:10:42,079

that i've made during covid that is

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00:10:46,310 --> 00:10:43,360

substantial

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00:10:48,150 --> 00:10:46,320

and i'm so glad i made the decision to

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00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:48,160

come because

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00:10:52,389 --> 00:10:50,399

it has been wonderful and i'm really

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00:10:53,750 --> 00:10:52,399

hoping i get to do this again yeah thank

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00:10:55,670 --> 00:10:53,760

you so much for coming and hanging out

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00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:55,680

with me it's been more as the

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00:11:00,230 --> 00:10:57,920

photographer is just having a companion

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00:11:02,310 --> 00:11:00,240

to travel with and help and get lost and

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00:11:04,069 --> 00:11:02,320

go to the wrong airports oh my goodness

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00:11:06,630 --> 00:11:04,079

oh yeah those kinds of things you know

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00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:06,640

be late for planes and

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00:11:10,790 --> 00:11:08,720

they got ubers and all that kind of

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00:11:12,630 --> 00:11:10,800

stuff it's been a lot of fun we

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00:11:14,310 --> 00:11:12,640

were also joined on our tour by kelly

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00:11:16,389 --> 00:11:14,320

burke for a couple days that's correct

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00:11:18,470 --> 00:11:16,399

and that was so funny another gsw editor

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00:11:20,310 --> 00:11:18,480

correct we've talked lots of times over

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00:11:22,870 --> 00:11:20,320

zoom but have never met in person so

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00:11:25,990 --> 00:11:22,880

that was really fun and we got to go see

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00:11:28,470 --> 00:11:26,000

a play a musical at the ford theater in

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00:11:31,750 --> 00:11:28,480

washington dc that's where lincoln was

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00:11:34,790 --> 00:11:31,760

assassinated yeah a long time ago and uh

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00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:34,800

yeah so there's a lot to see um you know

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00:11:39,350 --> 00:11:37,200

it's been a blast and i'd really like to

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come out and talk to more groups we will

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be having don't forget in coming up in

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july we're going to be doing a

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uh the bay area skeptics all virtual is

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00:11:52,790 --> 00:11:49,680

going to have a conference over zoom on

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the 15th 16th and 17th of july so

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00:11:56,230 --> 00:11:54,480

everybody's got to come out to see that

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and hey don't forget there's going to be

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00:12:01,670 --> 00:11:58,000

a bunch of conferences coming up there's

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the qed coming up in manchester as um

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00:12:06,949 --> 00:12:04,480

and i think it's october 28th

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00:12:08,870 --> 00:12:06,959

of this year and cycon

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00:12:11,350 --> 00:12:08,880

you can't miss icon if you're anywhere

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00:12:13,350 --> 00:12:11,360

near vegas or you can get to las vegas

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00:12:15,910 --> 00:12:13,360

that's going to be october 20th and

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00:12:17,829 --> 00:12:15,920

onward so if you have any

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00:12:19,990 --> 00:12:17,839

questions about cycon please get in

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00:12:23,590 --> 00:12:20,000

touch i'm happy to

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00:12:25,030 --> 00:12:23,600

give you my wisdom of traveling to vegas

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00:12:27,030 --> 00:12:25,040

as well as hanging out with people and

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00:12:29,190 --> 00:12:27,040

getting to know people and

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00:12:30,790 --> 00:12:29,200

where to eat all that great stuff it's

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00:12:34,069 --> 00:12:30,800

it's going to be a blast so you know

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00:12:36,069 --> 00:12:34,079

2022 is gonna be a great year and um

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00:12:39,030 --> 00:12:36,079

remember the magic numbers are always

323

00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:39,040

five five that's awesome thanks so much

324

00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:42,320

susan and now i think after that it's

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00:12:48,230 --> 00:12:45,120

time to go downstairs and eat my

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00:12:50,230 --> 00:12:48,240

leftover chicken fried steak and fried

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00:12:52,470 --> 00:12:50,240

green tomatoes don't forget those hush

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00:12:53,970 --> 00:12:52,480

puppies until next time this is adrian

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00:13:03,829 --> 00:12:53,980

hill signing off

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00:13:06,310 --> 00:13:03,839

[Music]

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00:13:08,550 --> 00:13:06,320

i'm a psychic my name is psychic carey

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00:13:10,069 --> 00:13:08,560

i'm ross oh what a pleasure to meet you

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00:13:11,829 --> 00:13:10,079

of course i knew your name was ross

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00:13:13,670 --> 00:13:11,839

because i am a psychic but please take a

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00:13:16,470 --> 00:13:13,680

seat well i was hoping we could talk

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00:13:19,509 --> 00:13:16,480

about talk about my podcast podcast yes

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00:13:21,829 --> 00:13:19,519

i know it's called oh no ross and carey

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00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:21,839

yes we investigate from science

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spirituality and claims of the

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00:13:27,430 --> 00:13:25,600

paranormal normal you took the words

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right out of my mouth yes this whole

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podcast it sounds like it's been a real

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00:13:33,670 --> 00:13:31,519

challenge for you lately actually it's a

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00:13:34,550 --> 00:13:33,680

lot of fun yes exactly because it's so

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00:13:37,269 --> 00:13:34,560

fun

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00:13:39,430 --> 00:13:37,279

i don't know how you this will be 75

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okay that seems fair oh no ross and

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00:13:45,210 --> 00:13:41,959

carrie at

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00:14:02,550 --> 00:13:45,220

maximumfun.org.org i have a gift

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00:14:04,629 --> 00:14:02,560

[Music]

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00:14:06,790 --> 00:14:04,639

hello this is richard saunders filling

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00:14:08,870 --> 00:14:06,800

in filling in for adrian hill from

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00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:08,880

canada who normally brings you the

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00:14:12,790 --> 00:14:10,880

australian skeptics newsletter written

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by tim mendenham of course

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well adrian as you just heard is on tour

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so i'm filling in

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yes adrian i'll simply always be an

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understudy for you

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australian skeptics newsletter number

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and this arrived in my inbox on the 2nd

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00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:32,480

of may hi all it says

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00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:35,279

with a federal election only weeks away

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it is important to keep an eye on those

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00:14:43,829 --> 00:14:41,040

minor parties and their conspiratorial

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00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:43,839

anti-science policies often hidden

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00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:47,279

behind benign party names some have been

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with us for a while

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00:14:54,949 --> 00:14:51,920

in one name or another

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00:14:58,230 --> 00:14:54,959

and some have grown out of the quote

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00:15:01,269 --> 00:14:58,240

sovereign citizen end quote and

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anti-lockdown movements vote how you

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like

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00:15:06,629 --> 00:15:04,240

but make sure you

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do your own research

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read on

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00:15:11,880 --> 00:15:09,279

tim

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00:15:16,230 --> 00:15:11,890

morrocate him that's what we'll do

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australian skeptics news concerns over

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00:15:23,829 --> 00:15:20,680

anti-vaxxer's

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00:15:26,389 --> 00:15:23,839

280 thousand dollars raised

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for flood support

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there have been problems in the past

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about anti-vaxxers raising funds for

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their campaigns and how the money is

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00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:33,920

spent

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this story concerns a group with known

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anti-backs and

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leanings raising money for flood victims

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note this is a crikey article and most

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articles there are behind paywalls

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hopefully this one is accessible

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generally and of course that reminds me

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to remind you that all the stories you

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get when you get the australian skeptics

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newsletter delivered

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come with links to the stories mentioned

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anti-vaxxers running in federal election

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interesting look at anti-vaxxers and

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conspiracy theorists

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00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:14,240
either as individuals or whole parties

404
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running in the coming election this item

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00:16:21,430 --> 00:16:18,959
links to a twitter account and while we

406
00:16:23,670 --> 00:16:21,440
don't know who the author

407
00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:23,680
celery sorbet is

408
00:16:29,450 --> 00:16:26,639
the account has interesting info on some

409
00:16:30,629 --> 00:16:29,460
of the lesser lights of politics

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00:16:32,629 --> 00:16:30,639
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411
00:16:33,749 --> 00:16:32,639
what britons really think about the

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00:16:35,590 --> 00:16:33,759
afterlife

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sponsored by a company that makes ghost

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hunting gear so there may be a vested

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interest there

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a survey of more than one thousand

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people in the uk

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found that fifty percent believe in an

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afterlife and of those who do

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sixty believe we will all experience the

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same thing after death

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00:16:56,310 --> 00:16:54,959

of those who believe in heaven or hell

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00:17:02,389 --> 00:16:58,880

believe they'll go to heaven

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but 58 still worry about going to hell

426
00:17:06,309 --> 00:17:04,559
and yes assuming you don't have

427
00:17:09,350 --> 00:17:06,319
conflicted people knowing they'll go to

428
00:17:12,870 --> 00:17:09,360
heaven but are not really sure

429
00:17:15,350 --> 00:17:12,880
that does make 113

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00:17:16,390 --> 00:17:15,360
in any case 40 believe they've seen a

431
00:17:19,669 --> 00:17:16,400
ghost

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00:17:21,750 --> 00:17:19,679
and 33 have actively attempted to

433
00:17:23,029 --> 00:17:21,760
contact the dead

434
00:17:23,909 --> 00:17:23,039
comfortingly

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00:17:27,270 --> 00:17:23,919
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436
00:17:28,390 --> 00:17:27,280
believe they'll be reunited with their

437
00:17:34,310 --> 00:17:28,400
pet

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00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:36,710

believe in science you should be more

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skeptical of science and scientists a

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00:17:45,029 --> 00:17:42,080

somewhat exaggerated headline for an

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article that is not skeptical of science

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but warns about the results that are

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sometimes reported

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quote the problem today is not that we

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have too few data

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but we have too much data which seduces

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researchers into ransacking it for

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00:18:07,029 --> 00:18:03,840

patterns that are easy to find

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likely to be coincidental and unlikely to

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00:18:11,190 --> 00:18:08,880

be useful

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nigerian critical thinking group

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noted nigerian skeptic leo iguay and his

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colleagues have started a facebook group

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00:18:20,789 --> 00:18:18,559

for their critical thinking society

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empowerment foundation

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they are looking for people to join and

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follow their activities

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they run critical thinking workshops for

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teachers and students they are asking

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for donations to help keep the program

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going in schools and across the regions

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the newsletter goes on to mention the

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current issue of the skeptic the journal

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from australian skeptics with a link to

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a sample article you can download but

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simply go to

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skeptics.com.edu to subscribe and find

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out more

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don't forget you can read most of back

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issues

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at that website completely free

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00:18:58,230 --> 00:18:55,679

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and we have some items of interest

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things you should know before visiting a

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psychic reader

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00:19:08,150 --> 00:19:05,360

quite reasonable advice from

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a catholic site in brazil though some

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articles read like they were translated

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00:19:15,110 --> 00:19:12,880

by google

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one concern about this article is that

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there is no mention of

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00:19:20,950 --> 00:19:18,480

psychics

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00:19:23,029 --> 00:19:20,960

researching the customer on social media

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00:19:24,950 --> 00:19:23,039

before a meeting

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which is a major scam among

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practitioners the article does suggest

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quote

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use a reputable psychic reader and make

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sure

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they are licensed end quote which

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indicates that the industry might be

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more regulated in brazil

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one million dollar challenge to support

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the turin shroud

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expert on quote

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revered relic

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has called on the british museum to back

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up the results of its

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disputed

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carbon dating tests quote if it is a

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forgery show how it was done

503
00:20:08,070 --> 00:20:05,360
end quote

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we thought that there were already

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00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:10,559
enough suggestions on this to counter

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00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:12,880
and debunk the quote

507
00:20:19,110 --> 00:20:15,520
burst of radiation in quote supernatural

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00:20:20,630 --> 00:20:19,120
explanations but a million bucks

509
00:20:23,830 --> 00:20:20,640
and finally

510
00:20:27,190 --> 00:20:23,840
silly story of the week

511
00:20:29,190 --> 00:20:27,200
i can hear adrian giggling already

512
00:20:32,630 --> 00:20:29,200
a woman claims her haunted doll

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00:20:33,909 --> 00:20:32,640

collection is scaring off her neighbors

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a woman

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explained that shortly after she began

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collecting the

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haunted dolls

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neighbors began to move out of the

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apartment building

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00:20:49,190 --> 00:20:46,159

no suggestion that her obsession with

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00:20:51,190 --> 00:20:49,200

haunted dolls might have contributed to

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00:20:54,789 --> 00:20:51,200

their decision to leave

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and no proof that the story is true

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00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,039

apart from a paranormal investigator who

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says it's unlikely dolls can be

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possessed the story is based on a

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twitter

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00:21:06,310 --> 00:21:05,039
and tick tock users

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00:21:09,190 --> 00:21:06,320
comments

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00:21:10,630 --> 00:21:09,200
impossible to verify

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00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:10,640
and that was the highlights from the

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australian skeptics newsletter number

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00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:16,080
and don't forget you can get this

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00:21:20,390 --> 00:21:18,000
newsletter delivered to your inbox every

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other week simply by signing up at

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00:21:25,029 --> 00:21:23,120
skeptics.com.edu

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00:21:27,830 --> 00:21:25,039

we're thanks again for tim menden for

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putting this all together and thanks to

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adrian hill for letting me letting me

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be her understudy for this week

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be reasonable is the interview show from

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the merseyside skeptic society where

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each month i speak to someone about

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their fringe beliefs over the years i've

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spoken to psychics ufo believers moon

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landing deniers flat earthers hollow

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earthers and all manner of unusual

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conspiracy theorists but i've also

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talked to aids denialists white

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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 use 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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that sounds like something you'd be

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interested in look for be reasonable on

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apple podcasts and everywhere else the

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and now

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a reading from the book of tim

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with tim mendem

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hi i'm tim menden i'm the executive

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officer of australian skeptics inc and

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i'm the editor of our quarterly magazine

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and today i'm reading part two of an

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article on santa claus and christmas and

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about all the aspects and the

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pertinences associated with it

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this was written by anthony wheeler and

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was published in the skeptic magazine

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december

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2015

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which is volume 35 number four

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and let's move on from a look at the

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history of santa claus

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santa claus or saint nicholas

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and look at getting into the idea of

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christmas and you know there's a lot of

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religious things about christmas so be

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there are no explicit clues in the bible

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as to christ's birthday

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the early eastern christian church

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celebrated the birth of christ in

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conjunction with the epiphany honoring

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christ's baptism on the 6th of january

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and later in the west commemorated the

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manifestation of christ to the gentiles

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as exemplified by the three magi the

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wise men

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meanwhile other early christians

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celebrated christ's birthday on the 20th

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of may

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to settle disputes between the eastern

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and western christian churches in about

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350 ce pope julian set the date of

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christ's birthday as the 25th of

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december

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there are two main reasons for choosing

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this date one was that christ's birth

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marked a new beginning in man's

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relationship with god and the winter

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solstice about 21st december the

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shortest day of the year from when the

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days start dawning earlier and ending

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later again mark the new beginning of

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the coming year

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perhaps the australian christmas should

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be celebrated on the 20th of june

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this would fit the winter solstice in

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the southern hemisphere but i doubt it

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would be popular

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a second reason is that many pagan

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festivals celebrated the solstice at the

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end of the harsh winter as a poor tent

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of better times to come for many warmer

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spring weather and the crops growing

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again

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the most quoted is the roman festival of

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saturnalia god of agriculture celebrated

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on the 17th of december

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rather than risking unpopularity by

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suppressing these pagan festivals the

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christian church instead took them over

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changing the focus of the celebration

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from the movement of the sun to the

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birth of god's child on earth

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we have five main sources for the

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trappings about christmas the roman

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celebration of saturnalia which is

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presence and merrymaking the winter

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solstice celebrations holly saint

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nicholas stockings the symbolism of the

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christian church holly and minced pies

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plus some modern innovations such as

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cards and candles

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the roman celebration of saturnalia and

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similar festivals included wild revelry

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00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:57,440
without restraint

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with even the slaves enjoying a

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00:26:03,110 --> 00:26:00,720
temporary liberty

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this is the origin of the memory making

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though rather more restricted now

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that became associated with the

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celebration of christ's birth

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the exchanging of presence also dates

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back to saturnalia

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holly as an evergreen represents

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continuing life and hope through the

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long dim cold winter in the same way as

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the evergreen conifers

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the red berries represented to some that

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drops of blood shed by christ from

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mankind and the prickly leaves christ's

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crown of thorns given by his captors

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however these two events are associated

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with christ's death at easter time

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00:26:38,549 --> 00:26:36,480

rather than his birth at christmas

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evergreen trees bright lights and red

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color were typical of the bringing back

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the sun winter solstice celebrations the

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evergreen tree was an early pagan symbol

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of the winter solstice and the

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maintenance of life throughout the

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depths of winter it first appeared in

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germany in medieval 16th century times

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as a christmas tradition

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when saint nicholas gave his gift of

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gold to the three poor girls as we

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covered in part one of this presentation

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he may have surreptitiously dropped the

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coins through smoke holes in their roofs

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from where the coins fell into their

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stockings hung before the fire to dry

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not surprisingly once the word spread

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others hung stockings before their fires

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in the hope of receiving similar

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surprises alternatively stockings have

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long been the traditional safe place for

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keeping one's savings

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either way clement moore's description

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of the habit in the visit of saint

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nicholas made the stocking custom

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popular the biblical story of creation

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states that and there was evening and

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there was morning one day which is

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genesis chapter 1 verse 5.

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hence the day starts the preceding

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evening

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and to the celebration of christ's

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birthday properly starts on the evening

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00:27:51,909 --> 00:27:48,320
of the 24th which is christmas eve the

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26th of december is since stephen's day

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in britain this is known as boxing day

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00:27:56,950 --> 00:27:55,919
after the custom of giving presents in a

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00:27:58,630 --> 00:27:56,960
box

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hence the descriptions of a christmas

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box being a collection of gifts to

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people out a debt of gratitude

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though these days the actual box is no

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longer used and the gifts are more

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usually money

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the church reinterpreted saturnalia's

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giving of presence as commemorating

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god's gift his son to mankind the

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christmas box itself remains as the

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collecting box used in churches to

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collect gifts for distribution to the

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needy

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a tiny oblong pie with a pastry doll

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lying inside represented christ's cradle

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the pie was filled with minced meat

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often lamb's tongue or mutton hence it

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was called a mince meat pie or mince pie

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the returning crusaders introduced

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spices to replace the meat the oblong

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cradle became round but the name and the

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association with christmas stuck

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the first letter of christ in greek

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christos is chai

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written like a capital x with a wavy

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diagonal line

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because of the similarity to our x the

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abbreviation of christ's mass to x mass

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was inevitable in the days when all

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writing was by hand for others the x

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represents saint andrew's cross or

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perhaps the cross of other saints or the

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cross of the crucifixion

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so henry cole from 1808 to 1882 was an

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english civil servant and inventor he

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wanted to improve the public's

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appreciation of arts and culture to this

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end he devised the postal service

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constructed the albert hall inspired the

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1851 great exhibition inaugurated the

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victorian album museum and invented the

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christmas card

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established valentine's day card

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incorporating the french fashion of

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conveying christmas wishes in verse and

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a set piece of seasonal schoolwork where

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pupils wrote copperplate christmas

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wishes to their parents on a decorated

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sheet

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together with an item of commissioned

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artwork painted on the front the card

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was highly symbolic and morally

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uplifting

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so henry cole and the

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nursery rhyme old king cole been no

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relation though in an early 18th century

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depiction alkinocol looked surprisingly

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like our image of santa claus

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the candles on the tree have been

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ascribed to the german protestant martin

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luther wanting a symbol of the beauty of

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the clear night sky sparkling with stars

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on christmas eve

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the candles on the tree were luther's

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analogy of those stars to represent

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god's glory

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the tinsel may have had the same purpose

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possibly inspired by glistening spiders

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whips the candles have fortunately been

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replaced now by much safer electric

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lights

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the christmas tree with its candles was

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not initially popular with the british

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the first recorded use was at a

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christmas party given by princess

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caroline in 1821

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dickens disparaged the innovation as

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the new german toy attitudes changed

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quickly when albert the prince consort

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had a christmas tree erected at windsor

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castle and from then the custom was

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popular the tree was usually the

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norwegian spruce

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though any evergreen preferably a

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conifer will serve

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and so from the myths of dutch settlers

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the ancient roman celebration of

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saturnalia the celebration of the winter

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solstice as the portent of better times

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to come the example of the good saint

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nicholas the symbolism of the christian

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church and some modern innovations we

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have our modern father christmas and all

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the trappings of our annual celebration

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and that's father figure by anthony

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data is changing our world topics like

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ai and all this craziness with facebook

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in a way that people can understand

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we try and do i interview advanced

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professionals in the field who do this

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sort of research and then i get into

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830

00:33:10,549 --> 00:33:07,750

now it's time once again to head back to

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00:33:13,110 --> 00:33:10,559

those trove archives at trove.nla.gov

832

00:33:15,190 --> 00:33:13,120

that are you the treasure trove

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00:33:17,669 --> 00:33:15,200

the trove of goodies digital goodies

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00:33:20,549 --> 00:33:17,679

waiting for you to explore digitized

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00:33:22,630 --> 00:33:20,559

newspapers magazines gazettes and all

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00:33:24,630 --> 00:33:22,640

sorts of things going back many many

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00:33:26,149 --> 00:33:24,640

years generations

838

00:33:27,750 --> 00:33:26,159

you might say

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00:33:29,750 --> 00:33:27,760

and this week we're going to explore

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00:33:31,830 --> 00:33:29,760

another topic we've covered before but

841

00:33:34,389 --> 00:33:31,840

why not it's an evergreen

842

00:33:36,870 --> 00:33:34,399

and it's dear to my heart

843

00:33:39,750 --> 00:33:36,880

ufos oh

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00:33:42,549 --> 00:33:39,760

ufos the gift that just keeps on giving

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00:33:48,389 --> 00:33:42,559

decade after decade after decade

846

00:33:55,110 --> 00:33:51,190

and we'll begin our trip this week on a

847

00:33:56,230 --> 00:33:55,120

ufo and ufo a ufo

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00:33:59,430 --> 00:33:56,240

from

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00:34:00,789 --> 00:33:59,440

the student publication thranka

850

00:34:04,710 --> 00:34:00,799

srunka

851
00:34:06,950 --> 00:34:04,720
volume 37 issue 14 october the 22nd

852
00:34:09,909 --> 00:34:06,960
1991

853
00:34:12,069 --> 00:34:09,919
and on page seven what do we find ufo

854
00:34:13,750 --> 00:34:12,079
feature is it a bird

855
00:34:16,950 --> 00:34:13,760
is it a plane

856
00:34:19,669 --> 00:34:16,960
no it's an unidentified flying object

857
00:34:21,430 --> 00:34:19,679
you idiot and welcome to the first ever

858
00:34:24,869 --> 00:34:21,440
international ufo conference in

859
00:34:26,950 --> 00:34:24,879
australia entitled the ufo mystery the

860
00:34:29,669 --> 00:34:26,960
conference held in september features

861
00:34:33,430 --> 00:34:29,679
seven speakers three from overseas each

862
00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:33,440
of whom discussed his or her speciality

863
00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:35,520

speakers explored the nature of such

864

00:34:41,430 --> 00:34:39,119

diverse topics as time and space crop

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00:34:42,550 --> 00:34:41,440

circles abductions and various other ufo

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00:34:46,030 --> 00:34:42,560

phenomena

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00:34:48,950 --> 00:34:46,040

with even a few ets

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00:34:50,389 --> 00:34:48,960

extraterrestrials for those of you not a

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00:34:52,470 --> 00:34:50,399

faye with the lingo

870

00:34:54,950 --> 00:34:52,480

thrown in for good measure

871

00:34:57,190 --> 00:34:54,960

before i continue i'd like you all to be

872

00:34:59,109 --> 00:34:57,200

aware of the immense courage required in

873

00:35:00,069 --> 00:34:59,119

actually attending a conference of this

874

00:35:01,190 --> 00:35:00,079

nature

875

00:35:02,630 --> 00:35:01,200

friends

876

00:35:05,510 --> 00:35:02,640

so called

877

00:35:09,109 --> 00:35:05,520

snigger behind one's back dinner parties

878

00:35:11,990 --> 00:35:09,119

fall silent as if one just revealed a

879

00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:12,000

propensity for axing one's grandmother

880

00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:14,240

and presenting said person stuffed with

881

00:35:18,630 --> 00:35:17,040

sage and onion for dinner i may as well

882

00:35:21,030 --> 00:35:18,640

have

883

00:35:24,310 --> 00:35:21,040

hoary academics shook their heads

884

00:35:28,710 --> 00:35:24,320

gravely i had crossed the floor become a

885

00:35:31,190 --> 00:35:28,720

lost cause a shingle short had i become

886

00:35:35,190 --> 00:35:31,200

a sensitive new age over-the-top

887

00:35:36,310 --> 00:35:35,200

post-80s lollipop what can i say i did

888

00:35:38,310 --> 00:35:36,320

it because

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00:35:41,270 --> 00:35:38,320

it was there

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00:35:43,349 --> 00:35:41,280

so were lots of others

891

00:35:44,630 --> 00:35:43,359

the siebel townhouse function room was

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00:35:45,829 --> 00:35:44,640

packed with

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00:35:48,069 --> 00:35:45,839

well

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00:35:50,790 --> 00:35:48,079

people i think

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00:35:53,349 --> 00:35:50,800

dressed carefully for the first day's

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00:35:54,470 --> 00:35:53,359

lectures i thought darlinghurst black

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00:35:56,310 --> 00:35:54,480

appropriate

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00:35:58,950 --> 00:35:56,320

i didn't want to draw any attention to

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00:36:00,870 --> 00:35:58,960

myself or attract whatever unearthly

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00:36:02,470 --> 00:36:00,880

types i was sure

901
00:36:05,349 --> 00:36:02,480
would be present

902
00:36:08,390 --> 00:36:05,359
i didn't have to worry however as

903
00:36:12,230 --> 00:36:08,400
everyone appeared grossly conventional

904
00:36:13,750 --> 00:36:12,240
to the point of innocuous however i

905
00:36:15,589 --> 00:36:13,760
wasn't convinced

906
00:36:17,430 --> 00:36:15,599
i was sure there were some disguised

907
00:36:20,470 --> 00:36:17,440
aliens checking me out

908
00:36:23,030 --> 00:36:20,480
no doubt partial to lean feral black

909
00:36:25,750 --> 00:36:23,040
attired humanoids to add to their outer

910
00:36:26,790 --> 00:36:25,760
space collection my eyes scoured the

911
00:36:31,190 --> 00:36:26,800
rose

912
00:36:33,270 --> 00:36:31,200
only to meet 600 pairs of other eyes

913
00:36:35,109 --> 00:36:33,280

we were all playing the same game

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00:36:38,390 --> 00:36:35,119

pick the alien

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00:36:41,750 --> 00:36:38,400

australian bill chalker author of the

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00:36:44,710 --> 00:36:41,760

australian ufo experience discussed

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00:36:47,190 --> 00:36:44,720

ground marks and other physical evidence

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00:36:50,790 --> 00:36:47,200

one of the main problems he outlined

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00:36:53,349 --> 00:36:50,800

in exploring ufo phenomena was that many

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00:36:56,230 --> 00:36:53,359

sightings consisted of only verbal

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00:36:57,750 --> 00:36:56,240

evidence when physical evidence was what

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00:37:00,069 --> 00:36:57,760

was needed

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00:37:01,670 --> 00:37:00,079

more so when verbal testimony was

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00:37:03,510 --> 00:37:01,680

generally overlooked

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00:37:05,430 --> 00:37:03,520

or denied

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00:37:07,589 --> 00:37:05,440
some cases lend themselves more easily

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00:37:09,990 --> 00:37:07,599
to physical evidence a detailed

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00:37:14,470 --> 00:37:10,000
investigation was conducted in provence

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00:37:17,349 --> 00:37:14,480
france in 1981 which confirmed sightings

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00:37:21,270 --> 00:37:17,359
of a structured object landing from

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00:37:24,430 --> 00:37:21,280
landmarks and vegetation exposed to

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00:37:26,630 --> 00:37:24,440
considerable gamma radiation and

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00:37:28,870 --> 00:37:26,640
electromagnetic fields

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00:37:31,270 --> 00:37:28,880
french intelligence has since become

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00:37:35,190 --> 00:37:31,280
involved in the intrigue

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00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:35,200
and is carrying out tests and simulating

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00:37:41,030 --> 00:37:38,880
experiments the australian experience is

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00:37:43,430 --> 00:37:41,040

less encouraging in its official

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00:37:45,670 --> 00:37:43,440

investigation efforts bill chalker is

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00:37:47,750 --> 00:37:45,680

the first civilian researcher to gain

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00:37:50,390 --> 00:37:47,760

direct access to the files of the royal

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00:37:54,390 --> 00:37:50,400

australian air force which he discovered

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00:37:56,230 --> 00:37:54,400

are not especially illuminating the rwaf

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00:37:59,670 --> 00:37:56,240

running a poor second to the

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00:38:02,870 --> 00:37:59,680

investigative talents of the cia

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00:38:06,069 --> 00:38:02,880

which does not stand for the catering

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00:38:08,230 --> 00:38:06,079

institute of australia as someone in the

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00:38:11,430 --> 00:38:08,240

audience proclaimed

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00:38:13,670 --> 00:38:11,440

chalker has been re-examining several

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well-known australian cases including

951
00:38:22,310 --> 00:38:17,280
the tully saucer nests

952
00:38:24,470 --> 00:38:22,320
in 1966 the deadington melted road tower

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00:38:27,430 --> 00:38:24,480
tasmania in 1987

954
00:38:29,430 --> 00:38:27,440
the dingle beach truck driver and

955
00:38:32,470 --> 00:38:29,440
disappearing witness

956
00:38:34,230 --> 00:38:32,480
i.e they absconded without leaving a

957
00:38:37,750 --> 00:38:34,240
forwarding address

958
00:38:40,550 --> 00:38:37,760
and the 1988 mundra biller black dust in

959
00:38:42,550 --> 00:38:40,560
the car case more commonly known

960
00:38:43,750 --> 00:38:42,560
as the famous

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00:38:47,589 --> 00:38:43,760
nullarbor

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00:38:50,150 --> 00:38:47,599
incident and incidentally nullibor is

963
00:38:52,150 --> 00:38:50,160

a desert area in australia

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00:38:55,430 --> 00:38:52,160

australian anthony drew has been

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00:38:58,069 --> 00:38:55,440

researching ufos for the past 15 years

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00:38:59,589 --> 00:38:58,079

investigating world grid patterns and

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00:39:02,069 --> 00:38:59,599

ufo activity

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geometrically linked locations such as

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the bermuda triangle of florida and the

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00:39:10,790 --> 00:39:08,160

devils sea south of japan which are

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00:39:14,790 --> 00:39:10,800

noted for mysterious disappearances may

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00:39:17,430 --> 00:39:14,800

be located along ley lines or meridians

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00:39:18,630 --> 00:39:17,440

that act as acupuncture points for the

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00:39:21,589 --> 00:39:18,640

world

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00:39:24,069 --> 00:39:21,599

positions of these ley lines were given

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00:39:26,870 --> 00:39:24,079

different names by different cultures

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00:39:31,270 --> 00:39:26,880

but a common belief was shaped of their

978

00:39:34,310 --> 00:39:31,280

being link up points of creativity and

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00:39:37,990 --> 00:39:34,320

energy amazonian folklore tells of its

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hypothetical center of amazonian women

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likewise egypt's beginnings near the

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pyramids goes back to a cultural basis

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00:39:48,470 --> 00:39:46,480

australian locations on gridlines where

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00:39:51,589 --> 00:39:48,480

unexplained phenomena

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00:39:53,430 --> 00:39:51,599

have occurred include military posts

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that appear to have a

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natural power environmentally such as

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00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:57,920

pine gap

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i'm not sure if that last sentence

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00:40:02,470 --> 00:40:01,359

actually scans very well but

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nevertheless

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00:40:07,030 --> 00:40:04,800

alice springs warmer

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00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:07,040

bass straight and certain aboriginal

994

00:40:11,750 --> 00:40:08,400

sacred sites

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00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:11,760

also link up to ley lines and planetary

996

00:40:16,470 --> 00:40:14,160

grid patterns

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00:40:20,390 --> 00:40:16,480

jerome clark editor of the american

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00:40:23,510 --> 00:40:20,400

magazine international ufo report

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00:40:25,589 --> 00:40:23,520

discussed officialdom and ufos

1000

00:40:28,069 --> 00:40:25,599

questioning government activity and

1001
00:40:30,309 --> 00:40:28,079
practicing disinformation and cover-up

1002
00:40:33,349 --> 00:40:30,319
much of clark's theme was anecdotal

1003
00:40:36,390 --> 00:40:33,359
possibly from necessity however there is

1004
00:40:37,829 --> 00:40:36,400
only so much rumor in here say a person

1005
00:40:40,390 --> 00:40:37,839
can take

1006
00:40:42,309 --> 00:40:40,400
some of the air force stories were

1007
00:40:45,190 --> 00:40:42,319
more than interesting although the

1008
00:40:48,069 --> 00:40:45,200
audience became confused by the

1009
00:40:50,230 --> 00:40:48,079
inclusion of both american comedian

1010
00:40:52,630 --> 00:40:50,240
jackie gleason and

1011
00:40:55,349 --> 00:40:52,640
nixon apparently working together in

1012
00:40:57,589 --> 00:40:55,359
various top secret projects

1013
00:40:59,589 --> 00:40:57,599

urban myth or reality

1014

00:41:00,870 --> 00:40:59,599

at this point

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00:41:02,950 --> 00:41:00,880

i don't care

1016

00:41:05,109 --> 00:41:02,960

if extraterrestrials get their kicks by

1017

00:41:06,550 --> 00:41:05,119

playing hide and seek and frightening

1018

00:41:08,069 --> 00:41:06,560

the living daylights out of little

1019

00:41:09,510 --> 00:41:08,079

earthlings

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00:41:13,109 --> 00:41:09,520

so be it

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what i want to know is do they suffer

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00:41:17,829 --> 00:41:15,040

from pmt

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00:41:18,710 --> 00:41:17,839

if so they may well as stay where they

1024

00:41:24,630 --> 00:41:18,720

are

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00:41:28,470 --> 00:41:24,640

how is the search for extraterrestrial

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intelligence going asks brian o'leary

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ex-nasa astronaut and apollo team 1967

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1968. o'leary comes well documented he

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is the author of the books space 1999

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and exploring inner and outer space and

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was a professor of space sciences and

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physics at princeton he has served on

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00:41:51,750 --> 00:41:49,599

the congressional staff

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00:41:54,390 --> 00:41:51,760

and as adviser to presidential

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00:41:56,870 --> 00:41:54,400

candidates in 1989 he addressed the

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00:41:59,829 --> 00:41:56,880

japanese parliament calling for a joint

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00:42:02,470 --> 00:41:59,839

u.s soviet japanese mission to mars

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however an intelligence source has just

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00:42:08,069 --> 00:42:04,720

recently revealed that the apollo team

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00:42:10,950 --> 00:42:08,079

didn't actually go anywhere at all but

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just pretended to apparently it was all

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done with

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mirrors

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one waits for o'leary's lecture with

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00:42:18,790 --> 00:42:16,480

some trepidation

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expecting it to be confounded by the

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00:42:23,750 --> 00:42:21,359

man's brilliance on quantum physics

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00:42:26,950 --> 00:42:23,760

however his powers of communication more

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00:42:29,829 --> 00:42:26,960

than equal his qualifications he is

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00:42:33,109 --> 00:42:29,839

neither patronizing nor excessively

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00:42:35,910 --> 00:42:33,119
facile he sees science knowledge reduced

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00:42:38,230 --> 00:42:35,920
to a system a box left-brained

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00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:38,240
engineered materialistic

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00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:39,599
deterministic

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00:42:45,109 --> 00:42:42,160
transcendental sciences have no place in

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00:42:46,390 --> 00:42:45,119
this box and by virtue no place in

1057
00:42:49,109 --> 00:42:46,400
society

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00:42:52,710 --> 00:42:49,119
the paradigm needs to be expanded to a

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00:42:56,630 --> 00:42:52,720
whole new science a new science which

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00:42:58,550 --> 00:42:56,640
embraces the new reality to include the

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00:43:00,390 --> 00:42:58,560
transcendental experience

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00:43:02,630 --> 00:43:00,400
the paranormal

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00:43:03,829 --> 00:43:02,640

o'leary showed slides of nasa satellite

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00:43:07,270 --> 00:43:03,839

photographs

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00:43:08,550 --> 00:43:07,280

revealing mysterious shapes on mars

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00:43:11,270 --> 00:43:08,560

one called

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00:43:13,829 --> 00:43:11,280

the face on mars was described as a

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00:43:16,390 --> 00:43:13,839

possible artifact of extraterrestrials

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00:43:19,109 --> 00:43:16,400

in the press release however o'leary

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00:43:21,430 --> 00:43:19,119

left me with an impression of grand only

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00:43:24,309 --> 00:43:21,440

on this topic an appetite jaded by

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overzealous et bounty hunters he did

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mention that photos from viking 10 years

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later rendered the face in all three

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dimensions

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and in 1992 a trip to mars is planned

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with a new high-resolution camera which

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will reveal more information

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it was possible

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he added flatly

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it was a monument o'leary is obviously

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00:43:48,230 --> 00:43:46,960

happier discussing the meaning of

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00:43:50,710 --> 00:43:48,240

consciousness

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00:43:53,270 --> 00:43:50,720

and the relationship between length time

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and mass and its distortion the closer

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00:43:57,750 --> 00:43:55,319

to light it gets

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00:44:00,309 --> 00:43:57,760

transcending reality

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00:44:03,589 --> 00:44:00,319

the seminar was worth attending just to

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00:44:05,349 --> 00:44:03,599

hear larry speak as he is a natural

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00:44:08,710 --> 00:44:05,359

communicator

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jenny randles author of 14 ufo books has

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00:44:13,349 --> 00:44:11,119

had the dubious honor of lecturing to

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00:44:16,069 --> 00:44:13,359

the british parliament on ufos

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00:44:18,470 --> 00:44:16,079

which might have woken it up

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00:44:20,230 --> 00:44:18,480

unfortunately jenny randall's crop

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00:44:23,190 --> 00:44:20,240

circle theory

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00:44:26,390 --> 00:44:23,200

came a cropper and it says here in uh

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00:44:29,109 --> 00:44:26,400

brackets sorry for the bad joke

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shortly after her visit there when two

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rather geriatric ex-arts students

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00:44:36,390 --> 00:44:33,760
gleefully admitted on british television

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00:44:38,710 --> 00:44:36,400
to the debauched hobby of creating these

1103
00:44:41,109 --> 00:44:38,720
curious circles in their spare time

1104
00:44:43,829 --> 00:44:41,119
apparently they have been trudging the

1105
00:44:46,390 --> 00:44:43,839
length and breadth of england for years

1106
00:44:48,710 --> 00:44:46,400
in weather fair and fowl drawing perfect

1107
00:44:51,910 --> 00:44:48,720
circles whenever they could find a spot

1108
00:44:54,069 --> 00:44:51,920
i suppose these two old codgers managed

1109
00:44:56,390 --> 00:44:54,079
a quick migration to australia in the

1110
00:44:58,230 --> 00:44:56,400
off season to put their authentic stamp

1111
00:45:00,550 --> 00:44:58,240
on our paddocks

1112
00:45:02,630 --> 00:45:00,560
frankly i'm putting my money on little

1113
00:45:03,829 --> 00:45:02,640

green men a far more credible

1114

00:45:06,950 --> 00:45:03,839

proposition

1115

00:45:09,349 --> 00:45:06,960

a bizarre but well-organized seminar

1116

00:45:12,550 --> 00:45:09,359

although i was disappointed that no

1117

00:45:16,390 --> 00:45:12,560

holographic ufos were darting around the

1118

00:45:19,589 --> 00:45:16,400

foyer as promised and the robotic alien

1119

00:45:22,309 --> 00:45:19,599

was suffering from a touch of rheumatism

1120

00:45:24,870 --> 00:45:22,319

by the look of it i only wish i could

1121

00:45:27,829 --> 00:45:24,880

show you the photo of the alleged

1122

00:45:30,150 --> 00:45:27,839

alien snapped by a british policeman but

1123

00:45:33,430 --> 00:45:30,160

i am unable to reproduce it due to

1124

00:45:36,550 --> 00:45:33,440

copyright laws suffice it to say that it

1125

00:45:39,510 --> 00:45:36,560

lost something in the translation

1126
00:45:40,470 --> 00:45:39,520
well space cases if that wasn't enough

1127
00:45:42,870 --> 00:45:40,480
for you

1128
00:45:46,230 --> 00:45:42,880
why not join the first international

1129
00:45:49,510 --> 00:45:46,240
crop circle tour leaving soon by

1130
00:45:51,750 --> 00:45:49,520
contacting zero two nine seven seven

1131
00:45:54,390 --> 00:45:51,760
one six five four

1132
00:45:56,950 --> 00:45:54,400
that's all i have to say so fly me to

1133
00:45:59,430 --> 00:45:56,960
the moon and let me swing upon a star

1134
00:46:00,950 --> 00:45:59,440
and ride upon a moon beam

1135
00:46:02,309 --> 00:46:00,960
from jupiter

1136
00:46:06,550 --> 00:46:02,319
to mars

1137
00:46:11,270 --> 00:46:08,950
and that was a great report wow what a

1138
00:46:15,030 --> 00:46:11,280

fun report that was from all the way

1139

00:46:16,630 --> 00:46:15,040

back in 1991

1140

00:46:21,510 --> 00:46:16,640

and

1141

00:46:23,829 --> 00:46:21,520

it mirrors it resembles the ufo

1142

00:46:25,270 --> 00:46:23,839

paranormal conferences i've gone to over

1143

00:46:28,309 --> 00:46:25,280

the years

1144

00:46:29,829 --> 00:46:28,319

it really does that's fascinating and

1145

00:46:31,589 --> 00:46:29,839

again that comes from the pages of

1146

00:46:32,630 --> 00:46:31,599

thrunka

1147

00:46:35,270 --> 00:46:32,640

and i

1148

00:46:37,109 --> 00:46:35,280

am keen to see who wrote that but i

1149

00:46:40,950 --> 00:46:37,119

i can't see

1150

00:46:43,109 --> 00:46:40,960

but it may interest you to know later on

1151
00:46:46,230 --> 00:46:43,119
in the magazine it talks about

1152
00:46:49,109 --> 00:46:46,240
clubs and societies on campus

1153
00:46:52,390 --> 00:46:49,119
baking and finance club

1154
00:46:53,990 --> 00:46:52,400
we have we have the chocoholics frenzy

1155
00:46:56,710 --> 00:46:54,000
that sounds good

1156
00:46:59,270 --> 00:46:56,720
uh geography society hang gliding club

1157
00:47:01,190 --> 00:46:59,280
political science society

1158
00:47:03,109 --> 00:47:01,200
underwater club

1159
00:47:05,430 --> 00:47:03,119
that sounds interesting

1160
00:47:07,670 --> 00:47:05,440
university of new south wales orchestra

1161
00:47:10,790 --> 00:47:07,680
and symphonic

1162
00:47:13,430 --> 00:47:10,800
wind ensemble concert

1163
00:47:14,870 --> 00:47:13,440

uh industrial design society game

1164

00:47:16,550 --> 00:47:14,880

players hmm

1165

00:47:19,190 --> 00:47:16,560

lots of things

1166

00:47:21,829 --> 00:47:19,200

and now the next item we find

1167

00:47:24,390 --> 00:47:21,839

is a very short item indeed

1168

00:47:25,990 --> 00:47:24,400

and one line is sort of obliterated

1169

00:47:27,910 --> 00:47:26,000

due to the

1170

00:47:29,990 --> 00:47:27,920

uh reproduction here

1171

00:47:34,630 --> 00:47:30,000

anyway it's from the canberra times

1172

00:47:35,990 --> 00:47:34,640

uh dated the 10th of june 1968

1173

00:47:38,790 --> 00:47:36,000

it says

1174

00:47:41,549 --> 00:47:38,800

50 attend ufo talks

1175

00:47:45,349 --> 00:47:41,559

the commonwealth aerial phenomenon

1176

00:47:47,750 --> 00:47:45,359

investigations organization held its

1177

00:47:50,549 --> 00:47:47,760

now this is the line that's obliterated

1178

00:47:53,109 --> 00:47:50,559

i think it says national

1179

00:47:55,430 --> 00:47:53,119

uh something

1180

00:47:56,430 --> 00:47:55,440

it's it's very hard to say the next line

1181

00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:56,440

says

1182

00:48:00,950 --> 00:47:59,119

unidentified flying objects in canberra

1183

00:48:02,790 --> 00:48:00,960

at the weekend

1184

00:48:05,349 --> 00:48:02,800

about 50 people attended the three

1185

00:48:07,589 --> 00:48:05,359

sessions on saturday when the convention

1186

00:48:09,670 --> 00:48:07,599

papers were given and yesterday's

1187

00:48:12,630 --> 00:48:09,680

delegates from the societies in four

1188

00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:12,640

states reported their activities so

1189

00:48:17,190 --> 00:48:15,119

there we go there was a ufo

1190

00:48:18,390 --> 00:48:17,200

meeting at least of some description way

1191

00:48:20,710 --> 00:48:18,400

back

1192

00:48:22,790 --> 00:48:20,720

in 1968

1193

00:48:25,430 --> 00:48:22,800

and further to that we have another

1194

00:48:27,430 --> 00:48:25,440

report here from the 6th of june 1968 in

1195

00:48:30,230 --> 00:48:27,440

the canberra times again

1196

00:48:32,549 --> 00:48:30,240

ufo body meets in canberra about 40

1197

00:48:34,470 --> 00:48:32,559

people including scientists businessmen

1198

00:48:36,230 --> 00:48:34,480

public servants and housewives

1199

00:48:38,230 --> 00:48:36,240

will gather in canberra at the weekend

1200

00:48:40,870 --> 00:48:38,240

to talk about unidentified flying

1201
00:48:43,589 --> 00:48:40,880
objects representatives of the ufo

1202
00:48:46,230 --> 00:48:43,599
societies and four states in the act

1203
00:48:48,069 --> 00:48:46,240
will discuss papers on topics such as

1204
00:48:50,950 --> 00:48:48,079
the problems of contacts with

1205
00:48:53,750 --> 00:48:50,960
extraterrestrials and the implications

1206
00:48:56,790 --> 00:48:53,760
of scientific research on ufos the

1207
00:48:58,549 --> 00:48:56,800
occasion is the third national ufo

1208
00:49:00,829 --> 00:48:58,559
conference arranged by

1209
00:49:03,430 --> 00:49:00,839
capio

1210
00:49:05,990 --> 00:49:03,440
c-a-p-i-o the commonwealth aerial

1211
00:49:07,829 --> 00:49:06,000
phenomena investigations organization

1212
00:49:11,030 --> 00:49:07,839
the federal body of

1213
00:49:13,109 --> 00:49:11,040

australia's ufo societies

1214

00:49:16,549 --> 00:49:13,119

the president of the canberra ufo

1215

00:49:18,549 --> 00:49:16,559

research society mr h zwank houston that

1216

00:49:21,510 --> 00:49:18,559

thing it's pronounced said yesterday the

1217

00:49:24,150 --> 00:49:21,520

major recent development in ufo study

1218

00:49:26,069 --> 00:49:24,160

was a change in public attitudes only

1219

00:49:28,470 --> 00:49:26,079

five or six years ago most people

1220

00:49:30,630 --> 00:49:28,480

laughed at the idea of ufos now they

1221

00:49:32,549 --> 00:49:30,640

accept that there are such things they

1222

00:49:35,670 --> 00:49:32,559

don't ridicule them as much as they used

1223

00:49:38,390 --> 00:49:35,680

to he said only about 10 of members of

1224

00:49:40,230 --> 00:49:38,400

ufo societies claimed sightings

1225

00:49:45,829 --> 00:49:40,240

the conference will open at the academy

1226
00:49:47,589 --> 00:49:45,839
of science at 8 30 p.m on saturday 1968

1227
00:49:50,549 --> 00:49:47,599
1968

1228
00:49:53,510 --> 00:49:50,559
almost a full 10 years before the movie

1229
00:49:55,990 --> 00:49:53,520
close encounters of the third kind

1230
00:50:00,549 --> 00:49:56,000
and i remember at that time there was a

1231
00:50:03,190 --> 00:50:00,559
huge a huge uh upsurge of interest in

1232
00:50:04,790 --> 00:50:03,200
ufos it was quite something and we seem

1233
00:50:07,510 --> 00:50:04,800
to be chasing this story through the

1234
00:50:09,589 --> 00:50:07,520
pages of the canberra times and this one

1235
00:50:11,670 --> 00:50:09,599
is the canberra times on the 12th of

1236
00:50:13,910 --> 00:50:11,680
july 1971.

1237
00:50:16,710 --> 00:50:13,920
so three years after the last meeting

1238
00:50:18,790 --> 00:50:16,720

the story says ufo society means the

1239

00:50:22,069 --> 00:50:18,800

president of the unidentified flying

1240

00:50:24,309 --> 00:50:22,079

objects investigations center mr f

1241

00:50:26,549 --> 00:50:24,319

phillips addressed a meeting of the

1242

00:50:29,430 --> 00:50:26,559

canberra unidentified flying objects

1243

00:50:31,750 --> 00:50:29,440

researched society on saturday night mr

1244

00:50:34,150 --> 00:50:31,760

phillips spoke of the difficulties in

1245

00:50:35,589 --> 00:50:34,160

obtaining information about unidentified

1246

00:50:38,069 --> 00:50:35,599

flying objects

1247

00:50:39,829 --> 00:50:38,079

and outlined the theories of the sources

1248

00:50:41,990 --> 00:50:39,839

of these objects

1249

00:50:44,470 --> 00:50:42,000

last week there were a large number of

1250

00:50:46,230 --> 00:50:44,480

reports of unidentified flying objects

1251
00:50:47,349 --> 00:50:46,240
in the act

1252
00:50:48,790 --> 00:50:47,359
and

1253
00:50:50,630 --> 00:50:48,800
the act

1254
00:50:52,829 --> 00:50:50,640
stands for the australian capital

1255
00:50:56,710 --> 00:50:52,839
territory where the city of canberra is

1256
00:50:58,790 --> 00:50:56,720
located the most important of these was

1257
00:51:01,910 --> 00:50:58,800
cited on wednesday night

1258
00:51:03,990 --> 00:51:01,920
it was registered by a detector which

1259
00:51:05,510 --> 00:51:04,000
traced it for 20 minutes

1260
00:51:08,390 --> 00:51:05,520
observers said that they were able to

1261
00:51:11,030 --> 00:51:08,400
see the object above mount madura from

1262
00:51:12,470 --> 00:51:11,040
two miles away with binoculars the

1263
00:51:16,549 --> 00:51:12,480

object was not

1264

00:51:20,870 --> 00:51:18,710

and just like we had a time machine

1265

00:51:24,630 --> 00:51:20,880

we're flipping around the years here

1266

00:51:26,390 --> 00:51:24,640

let's go back a few more years to 1966

1267

00:51:29,030 --> 00:51:26,400

once again in the canberra times on the

1268

00:51:30,870 --> 00:51:29,040

10th of october

1269

00:51:32,069 --> 00:51:30,880

ufo body meets

1270

00:51:33,190 --> 00:51:32,079

adelaide

1271

00:51:35,349 --> 00:51:33,200

sunday

1272

00:51:38,230 --> 00:51:35,359

the royal australian air force should be

1273

00:51:40,470 --> 00:51:38,240

relieved of the duty of investigating

1274

00:51:43,030 --> 00:51:40,480

unidentified flying objects and the

1275

00:51:46,430 --> 00:51:43,040

investigation should be widened

1276

00:51:51,069 --> 00:51:46,440

to include scientific organizations the

1277

00:51:53,910 --> 00:51:51,079

csiro for example the president of capio

1278

00:51:56,630 --> 00:51:53,920

capio mr p e

1279

00:51:59,190 --> 00:51:56,640

norris said at the weekend

1280

00:52:01,670 --> 00:51:59,200

capio the commonwealth aerial phenomena

1281

00:52:03,670 --> 00:52:01,680

investigation organization held its

1282

00:52:05,190 --> 00:52:03,680

annual conference in adelaide this

1283

00:52:07,910 --> 00:52:05,200

weekend

1284

00:52:10,630 --> 00:52:07,920

and finally we skip forward to the year

1285

00:52:14,309 --> 00:52:10,640

1988

1286

00:52:16,829 --> 00:52:14,319

on the 28th of january and once again

1287

00:52:21,190 --> 00:52:16,839

in the canberra times

1288

00:52:22,470 --> 00:52:21,200

ustv firm interested in ufo report

1289

00:52:24,069 --> 00:52:22,480

perth

1290

00:52:25,349 --> 00:52:24,079

you've seen close encounters of the

1291

00:52:27,349 --> 00:52:25,359

third kind

1292

00:52:30,549 --> 00:52:27,359

now brace yourself for

1293

00:52:32,390 --> 00:52:30,559

invasion of the car snatchers

1294

00:52:34,710 --> 00:52:32,400

this could be the scenario

1295

00:52:36,790 --> 00:52:34,720

if the story of the knolls family

1296

00:52:39,910 --> 00:52:36,800

encounter with an alleged ufo on the

1297

00:52:43,270 --> 00:52:39,920

nullarbor hits the television screen

1298

00:52:45,270 --> 00:52:43,280

a us television production company aaron

1299

00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:45,280

spelling productions best known for its

1300

00:52:50,549 --> 00:52:48,480

glossy soaps dynasty and hotel

1301
00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:50,559
was negotiating with adelaide's channel

1302
00:52:56,710 --> 00:52:53,920
7 for the rights to the story a channel

1303
00:52:58,630 --> 00:52:56,720
7 spokesman said yesterday the spokesman

1304
00:53:00,549 --> 00:52:58,640
said the negotiations were in the

1305
00:53:02,470 --> 00:53:00,559
preliminary stages and the station's

1306
00:53:04,790 --> 00:53:02,480
executives were meeting yesterday to

1307
00:53:07,990 --> 00:53:04,800
discuss the situation

1308
00:53:09,829 --> 00:53:08,000
no firm offer had been made

1309
00:53:12,630 --> 00:53:09,839
and just briefly the knolls

1310
00:53:16,069 --> 00:53:12,640
ufo story is a is a famous one in the

1311
00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:16,079
annals of australian ufo history was a

1312
00:53:21,349 --> 00:53:18,319
family traveling across the desert and

1313
00:53:23,190 --> 00:53:21,359

they claimed a ufo

1314

00:53:24,470 --> 00:53:23,200

i think picked up their car

1315

00:53:27,109 --> 00:53:24,480

at one stage

1316

00:53:29,829 --> 00:53:27,119

in an exclusive interview on channel 7

1317

00:53:32,150 --> 00:53:29,839

in adelaide they described how a bright

1318

00:53:34,630 --> 00:53:32,160

light hovered above their car

1319

00:53:36,549 --> 00:53:34,640

here we go then lifted it off the road

1320

00:53:37,750 --> 00:53:36,559

before slamming it

1321

00:53:39,430 --> 00:53:37,760

back down

1322

00:53:41,270 --> 00:53:39,440

bruising a tire

1323

00:53:43,030 --> 00:53:41,280

the car filled with smoke and there was

1324

00:53:45,190 --> 00:53:43,040

a foul smell

1325

00:53:47,109 --> 00:53:45,200

the knoll story was given wide news

1326

00:53:48,710 --> 00:53:47,119

coverage in the united states and did

1327

00:53:49,910 --> 00:53:48,720

not escape the attention of aaron

1328

00:53:53,030 --> 00:53:49,920

spelling's

1329

00:53:54,470 --> 00:53:53,040

story scouts ever on the lookout for new

1330

00:53:55,990 --> 00:53:54,480

story lines

1331

00:53:58,710 --> 00:53:56,000

a spokesman for aaron spelling

1332

00:54:01,430 --> 00:53:58,720

productions in los angeles mr howard

1333

00:54:03,510 --> 00:54:01,440

golden said yesterday he had been unable

1334

00:54:06,230 --> 00:54:03,520

to contact the knolls because they were

1335

00:54:08,069 --> 00:54:06,240

holidaying in melbourne he stressed he

1336

00:54:11,030 --> 00:54:08,079

was only interested in making a

1337

00:54:16,870 --> 00:54:11,040

preliminary check but would not explain

1338

00:54:21,589 --> 00:54:19,030

ah yes ufos

1339

00:54:24,390 --> 00:54:21,599

will they ever go away no they will

1340

00:54:26,630 --> 00:54:24,400

never go away and is that a bad thing i

1341

00:54:29,030 --> 00:54:26,640

don't know i don't know there will

1342

00:54:30,790 --> 00:54:29,040

always be reports of unidentified flying

1343

00:54:33,370 --> 00:54:30,800

objects in the sky

1344

00:54:36,829 --> 00:54:33,380

where else would they be under water

1345

00:54:42,069 --> 00:54:39,750

maybe and you too can look for things in

1346

00:54:43,510 --> 00:54:42,079

the sky under the water on the land or

1347

00:54:45,270 --> 00:54:43,520

anywhere else

1348

00:54:48,430 --> 00:54:45,280

by having a

1349

00:54:50,470 --> 00:54:48,440

search in the trove archives at

1350

00:54:52,069 --> 00:54:50,480

trove.nla.gov today you have a look

1351

00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:52,079

today

1352

00:54:56,789 --> 00:54:54,960

and you never know oh boy you'll never

1353

00:54:58,360 --> 00:54:56,799

know what ufos

1354

00:55:20,309 --> 00:54:58,370

you might find

1355

00:55:23,430 --> 00:55:21,829

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1356

00:55:25,430 --> 00:55:23,440

zone and as ever thank you to my

1357

00:55:27,109 --> 00:55:25,440

patreons and paypal

1358

00:55:28,870 --> 00:55:27,119

supporters

1359

00:55:30,470 --> 00:55:28,880

without you

1360

00:55:33,109 --> 00:55:30,480

there would be no skeptic zone for

1361

00:55:35,190 --> 00:55:33,119

everybody else to enjoy

1362

00:55:36,150 --> 00:55:35,200

because uh well i gotta pay the bills

1363

00:55:37,670 --> 00:55:36,160

somehow

1364

00:55:39,349 --> 00:55:37,680

and if you'd like to chip into the

1365

00:55:41,349 --> 00:55:39,359

skeptic zone it can be very little it

1366

00:55:43,349 --> 00:55:41,359

can be five dollars a month if you wish

1367

00:55:44,789 --> 00:55:43,359

or something like that some people chip

1368

00:55:47,349 --> 00:55:44,799

in a bit more just head to

1369

00:55:49,750 --> 00:55:47,359

skepticzone.tv

1370

00:55:51,270 --> 00:55:49,760

and click the subscription link

1371

00:55:53,109 --> 00:55:51,280

check out the australian skeptics

1372

00:55:54,630 --> 00:55:53,119

skeptics in the pub here in sydney this

1373

00:55:57,510 --> 00:55:54,640

week we're having a

1374

00:56:00,309 --> 00:55:57,520

a new skeptics in the pub online

1375

00:56:03,430 --> 00:56:00,319

head to skeptics.com.edu or go to meetup

1376

00:56:06,069 --> 00:56:03,440

and look for aust skeptics and join in

1377

00:56:07,270 --> 00:56:06,079

that'll be this thursday night here in

1378

00:56:09,349 --> 00:56:07,280

australia

1379

00:56:11,750 --> 00:56:09,359

and finally you can do me a favor if

1380

00:56:14,710 --> 00:56:11,760

you're a subscriber or not if you're on

1381

00:56:18,069 --> 00:56:14,720

twitter you can follow at skepticzone

1382

00:56:20,549 --> 00:56:18,079

and uh when you see a new episode i'll i

1383

00:56:22,230 --> 00:56:20,559

uh try to tweet about it anyway

1384

00:56:23,510 --> 00:56:22,240

i'd love it if you could give that tweet

1385

00:56:24,789 --> 00:56:23,520

a retweet

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thank you but for this week this is

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hello to the people who listen after the

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show for the easter egg the dice game

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something different this week something

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very different

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this is where i normally would roll a

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die and you guess what number comes up

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lots of fun i thought i'd try something

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completely different i've got a deck of

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uh

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here we go

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remove the jokers

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and

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give them a shuffle

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i'm going to stop shuffling in a moment

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and just look at the top card

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and i wonder if you

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using your psychic predicting power

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can predict either

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the color of the card the suit of the

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card

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number that's lots of possibilities

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there

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so we'll do it three times see how you

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go are you thinking of a card are you

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five

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of clubs

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so it's a five it's a black card and

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it's a clubs

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i'm going to put that back into the deck

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back into the deck so it's still a full

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deck

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doesn't happen often

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and here comes the next one i'll stop

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queen of spades

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queen

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black card spades

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here we go

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stop

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turn it over

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three of hearts a three a red card and