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00:00:06,349 --> 00:00:14,119
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,509 --> 00:00:14,120
from Australia for science and reason

3
00:00:20,420 --> 00:00:26,090
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

4
00:00:23,030 --> 00:00:29,240
show number 77 for the ninth of april

5
00:00:26,089 --> 00:00:31,879
2010 Richard Saunders here from Sydney

6
00:00:29,239 --> 00:00:34,219
Australia what a mixed bag we have for

7
00:00:31,879 --> 00:00:36,070
you this week on the show we're going to

8
00:00:34,219 --> 00:00:38,659
kick off with a speech given by our

9
00:00:36,070 --> 00:00:40,609
executive officer in the Australian

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00:00:38,659 --> 00:00:43,698
skeptics and the editor of the skeptic

11
00:00:40,609 --> 00:00:46,070
magazine the skeptic Tim mendham now

12
00:00:43,698 --> 00:00:48,799
this was recorded at the last Sydney

13
00:00:46,070 --> 00:00:51,619
skeptics in the pub with dr. H II

14
00:00:48,799 --> 00:00:53,838
followed by her answer give and then Tim

15
00:00:51,619 --> 00:00:56,929
mendham a little bit of news and

16
00:00:53,838 --> 00:00:59,539
information along with that after that

17
00:00:56,929 --> 00:01:01,518
raid she comes back with dr. ray cheer

18
00:00:59,539 --> 00:01:04,099
apports looking at the latest goings on

19
00:01:01,518 --> 00:01:06,829
with that wacky crazy zany bunch at the

20
00:01:04,099 --> 00:01:08,899
Australian vaccination network and the

21
00:01:06,829 --> 00:01:12,379
equally wacky and zany bunch at

22
00:01:08,900 --> 00:01:14,118
homeopathy Plus after that it's Iran sir

23
00:01:12,379 --> 00:01:16,759
give back again with a grain of salt

24
00:01:14,118 --> 00:01:19,909
he's going to be talking to country

25
00:01:16,760 --> 00:01:23,689
nurse wendy whelan about an amazing

26
00:01:19,909 --> 00:01:26,210
success rate in vaccination and then to

27
00:01:23,689 --> 00:01:28,519
wrap the show up Kylie Sturgis will

28
00:01:26,209 --> 00:01:30,589
interview crispy and Jago now he's the

29

00:01:28,519 --> 00:01:34,399
guy he's the guy from the UK who did

30
00:01:30,590 --> 00:01:37,789
those fantastic our simpsons cards of

31
00:01:34,399 --> 00:01:40,579
famous skeptics well worth a listen so

32
00:01:37,789 --> 00:01:43,929
sit back grab that ginger beer and enjoy

33
00:01:40,578 --> 00:01:43,928
the skeptic zone

34
00:01:57,799 --> 00:02:02,759
so I'm going to give you a couple of

35
00:02:00,629 --> 00:02:03,989
minutes of the news and events that have

36
00:02:02,760 --> 00:02:05,700
been happening in the last month and

37
00:02:03,989 --> 00:02:08,990
then I'll introduce our speaker and Tim

38
00:02:05,700 --> 00:02:14,280
will speak for about 20 minutes Tim yeah

39
00:02:08,990 --> 00:02:19,080
three minutes great and what 17 minutes

40
00:02:14,280 --> 00:02:21,479
of questions here ok Iran's Tommy I have

41
00:02:19,080 --> 00:02:23,680
to put this on my that better now you

42
00:02:21,479 --> 00:02:25,658
can't hear me

43
00:02:23,680 --> 00:02:28,780

can you hear me now can you hear me now

44

00:02:25,658 --> 00:02:30,519

can anyone hear me now can you guys

45

00:02:28,780 --> 00:02:36,908

sitting up the back in the big like

46

00:02:30,519 --> 00:02:40,060

chairs pimmy okay alright so those of

47

00:02:36,908 --> 00:02:43,419

you who don't know we have a segment on

48

00:02:40,060 --> 00:02:45,069

2 GB on Saturday nights it's usually

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00:02:43,419 --> 00:02:47,018

myself and Richard Saunders who's not

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00:02:45,068 --> 00:02:48,848

here tonight but last week it was with

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00:02:47,019 --> 00:02:52,539

dr. Chrissy Wilson who I introduced

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00:02:48,848 --> 00:02:53,858

earlier 2gb is the hot recently the

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00:02:52,539 --> 00:02:56,078

ratings came out and at the highest

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00:02:53,859 --> 00:02:59,319

rating am station or in fact the highest

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00:02:56,079 --> 00:03:01,480

rating station in Sydney we do a segment

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00:02:59,318 --> 00:03:02,768

usually around ten-thirty on Saturday

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00:03:01,479 --> 00:03:04,060

night so I'm not quite sure how many

58
00:03:02,769 --> 00:03:06,010
people are listening at that time of

59
00:03:04,060 --> 00:03:07,539
night but um if you want to hear the

60
00:03:06,009 --> 00:03:10,000
podcast of that it's up on the website

61
00:03:07,539 --> 00:03:13,900
Australian skeptics calm that I you or

62
00:03:10,000 --> 00:03:15,938
scare pics.com to the air and also I

63
00:03:13,900 --> 00:03:17,319
just wanted to update you on Tam

64
00:03:15,938 --> 00:03:19,209
Australia for those of you who don't

65
00:03:17,318 --> 00:03:22,089
know we're hosting town Australia this

66
00:03:19,209 --> 00:03:25,150
year November 26 to 28 at the sydney

67
00:03:22,090 --> 00:03:29,019
masonic center which is there literally

68
00:03:25,150 --> 00:03:31,449
a block away we will have the launch of

69
00:03:29,019 --> 00:03:33,069
the website very very soon we've

70
00:03:31,449 --> 00:03:35,889
announced the first round of speakers

71
00:03:33,068 --> 00:03:38,348
they are the likes of james randi the

72
00:03:35,889 --> 00:03:41,909
entire cast from the skeptics guide to

73
00:03:38,348 --> 00:03:46,679
the universe dr. Eugenie Scott from cfi

74
00:03:41,908 --> 00:03:54,068
Simon thing is coming who else Iran is

75
00:03:46,680 --> 00:03:56,530
DJ Grothe George Rob so are we Brian

76
00:03:54,068 --> 00:03:58,508
downing from skebawn calm this was just

77
00:03:56,530 --> 00:03:59,859
the first round of speakers work that

78
00:03:58,508 --> 00:04:02,289
we've announced there will be lots and

79
00:03:59,859 --> 00:04:04,000
lots more when we launch the website

80
00:04:02,289 --> 00:04:05,888
they'll also be information about how

81
00:04:04,000 --> 00:04:08,019
you can apply to be a part of town so

82
00:04:05,889 --> 00:04:09,579
we're going to make this apart for the

83
00:04:08,019 --> 00:04:11,919
whole community to get involved it's not

84
00:04:09,579 --> 00:04:13,599
just going to be the big guns but these

85
00:04:11,919 --> 00:04:15,159
guys have been announced now because we

86

00:04:13,598 --> 00:04:18,310
have to arrange ahead of time to get

87
00:04:15,158 --> 00:04:19,988
them here from England or from America

88
00:04:18,310 --> 00:04:22,750
but there's going to be lots and lots of

89
00:04:19,988 --> 00:04:24,169
lots more speakers panels workshops all

90
00:04:22,750 --> 00:04:26,120
kinds of stuff

91
00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:27,620
so we'll keep you informed as to when we

92
00:04:26,120 --> 00:04:29,750
launched the website when that happens

93
00:04:27,620 --> 00:04:31,730
you can then apply to become involved

94
00:04:29,750 --> 00:04:34,160
and we're also looking for volunteers

95
00:04:31,730 --> 00:04:36,740
and stuff so keep your eye out on

96
00:04:34,160 --> 00:04:38,570
skeptics combinar you or twitter if you

97
00:04:36,740 --> 00:04:40,519
don't follow me on twitter I'm dr.

98
00:04:38,569 --> 00:04:44,959
Richie I'll keep you updated or you can

99
00:04:40,519 --> 00:04:47,779
follow up Australian skeptics April the

100
00:04:44,959 --> 00:04:54,379

first sorry April the 10th to the 16th

101

00:04:47,779 --> 00:05:00,469

is world homeopathy awareness week and

102

00:04:54,379 --> 00:05:02,149

now we were doing it works better we

103

00:05:00,470 --> 00:05:04,730

want to make people aware that

104

00:05:02,149 --> 00:05:09,289

homeopathy there's nothing in it or

105

00:05:04,730 --> 00:05:12,560

otherwise known as bollocks I'm already

106

00:05:09,290 --> 00:05:14,330

starting to organize some coverage I've

107

00:05:12,560 --> 00:05:16,220

written a couple of blog posts which are

108

00:05:14,329 --> 00:05:17,870

going to be published on the 16th I'm

109

00:05:16,220 --> 00:05:20,240

getting some churros interested in doing

110

00:05:17,870 --> 00:05:22,490

some stuff thank you sorry on the tenth

111

00:05:20,240 --> 00:05:25,400

of April if you're on twitter the

112

00:05:22,490 --> 00:05:26,930

hashtag is going to be wh aw world

113

00:05:25,399 --> 00:05:28,669

homeopathy awareness week but we're also

114

00:05:26,930 --> 00:05:30,800

going to have a campaign running at the

115
00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:34,040
same time to demonstrate to people that

116
00:05:30,800 --> 00:05:35,900
it's just water so if you want to keep

117
00:05:34,040 --> 00:05:38,000
involved find me on Twitter find me on

118
00:05:35,899 --> 00:05:40,250
Facebook or check our website skeptics

119
00:05:38,000 --> 00:05:42,850
com delay you and before I hand over to

120
00:05:40,250 --> 00:05:42,850
Tim

121
00:05:45,319 --> 00:05:52,009
piece of news okay but I haven't

122
00:05:47,360 --> 00:05:54,590
finished it at the moment I don't know

123
00:05:52,009 --> 00:05:59,060
what time it is in London James is it

124
00:05:54,589 --> 00:06:01,789
almost nine-thirty quarter past eight in

125
00:05:59,060 --> 00:06:04,189
the morning okay it's early in the

126
00:06:01,790 --> 00:06:06,050
morning on Thursday in London at

127
00:06:04,189 --> 00:06:07,850
nine-thirty a.m. london time this

128
00:06:06,050 --> 00:06:10,579
morning Simon Singh will be appearing in

129
00:06:07,850 --> 00:06:12,439
court to receive the fight their

130
00:06:10,579 --> 00:06:15,560
findings for whether he is allowed to

131
00:06:12,439 --> 00:06:17,180
appeal the decision where the BCA in the

132
00:06:15,560 --> 00:06:19,009
British Chiropractic Association sued

133
00:06:17,180 --> 00:06:21,530
him for defamation for calling some of

134
00:06:19,009 --> 00:06:23,899
their practices bogus that's going to be

135
00:06:21,529 --> 00:06:25,789
handed down today there are big

136
00:06:23,899 --> 00:06:28,849
implications for the futures of libel

137
00:06:25,790 --> 00:06:31,510
laws in the UK the UK is known as a

138
00:06:28,850 --> 00:06:33,770
place to what is called libel tourism

139
00:06:31,509 --> 00:06:35,930
whereby people come from all over the

140
00:06:33,769 --> 00:06:38,060
world to sue people there because it's a

141
00:06:35,930 --> 00:06:40,280
very expensive process and it takes a

142
00:06:38,060 --> 00:06:42,110
long time and essentially if you get

143

00:06:40,279 --> 00:06:44,569
sued for libel in the UK you either hold

144
00:06:42,110 --> 00:06:45,970
your hands up and say okay I'm sorry or

145
00:06:44,569 --> 00:06:48,500
it's going to cost you a lot of money

146
00:06:45,970 --> 00:06:51,230
it's already cost Simon seeing a hundred

147
00:06:48,500 --> 00:06:52,699
thousand pounds he thinks it's going to

148
00:06:51,230 --> 00:06:55,100
cost him a million bucks but he's going

149
00:06:52,699 --> 00:06:58,399
to fight it so if you haven't signed the

150
00:06:55,100 --> 00:07:00,830
petition to change libel in the UK

151
00:06:58,399 --> 00:07:02,659
please head to sense about science org

152
00:07:00,829 --> 00:07:05,359
or you can just search for on google and

153
00:07:02,660 --> 00:07:07,490
we hope that in about an hour and 42

154
00:07:05,360 --> 00:07:10,160
hours will know the decision for whether

155
00:07:07,490 --> 00:07:11,810
he's allowed to appeal so I'm going to

156
00:07:10,160 --> 00:07:15,580
hand over to around forget the president

157
00:07:11,810 --> 00:07:15,579

of Australian skeptics thanks very much

158

00:07:18,310 --> 00:07:25,360

just a quick piece of very important

159

00:07:22,180 --> 00:07:28,420

news the avian has recently managed to

160

00:07:25,360 --> 00:07:32,800

collect enough money or enough pledges

161

00:07:28,420 --> 00:07:35,199

of money to continue operations emerald

162

00:07:32,800 --> 00:07:38,139

Ori announced that she will resign as

163

00:07:35,199 --> 00:07:41,769

president we're not sure exactly what

164

00:07:38,139 --> 00:07:45,250

was supposed to be advertised but they

165

00:07:41,769 --> 00:07:48,899

decided to advertise in the Sydney's

166

00:07:45,250 --> 00:07:52,089

child magazine and the equivalents in

167

00:07:48,899 --> 00:07:54,069

Canberra no Melbourne and Brisbane

168

00:07:52,089 --> 00:07:56,079

Sydney Melbourne and Brisbane it's a

169

00:07:54,069 --> 00:07:57,939

Sydney's child Melbourne child and

170

00:07:56,079 --> 00:08:02,289

Brisbane child are all magazines that

171

00:07:57,939 --> 00:08:07,180

are distributed freely in places like

172
00:08:02,290 --> 00:08:09,100
baby shops and daycare centers and young

173
00:08:07,180 --> 00:08:11,680
parents read them a lot so for the avn

174
00:08:09,100 --> 00:08:15,939
to advertise in those magazines ow could

175
00:08:11,680 --> 00:08:17,590
be quite bad so the avn now have a bit

176
00:08:15,939 --> 00:08:20,019
of money they want to advertise and we

177
00:08:17,589 --> 00:08:26,019
are happy to tell you that today they

178
00:08:20,019 --> 00:08:27,669
were knocked back we were we were going

179
00:08:26,019 --> 00:08:30,459
to do something about it but the

180
00:08:27,670 --> 00:08:31,840
publisher decided basically of their own

181
00:08:30,459 --> 00:08:33,399
accord that they don't want to deal with

182
00:08:31,839 --> 00:08:38,069
the avian and good on them for doing

183
00:08:33,399 --> 00:08:38,069
that and now will hand over to Tim

184
00:08:41,570 --> 00:08:47,040
can people hear me yes thank you that's

185
00:08:43,950 --> 00:08:49,410
a shame okay my name is Tim mendham I'm

186
00:08:47,039 --> 00:08:51,809
the executive officer of Australian

187
00:08:49,409 --> 00:08:55,019
skeptics and probably with about one

188
00:08:51,809 --> 00:08:56,699
other person in this room I've been

189
00:08:55,019 --> 00:08:59,399
involved with a skeptic since it's very

190
00:08:56,700 --> 00:09:01,890
start the other person is Ian brush down

191
00:08:59,399 --> 00:09:03,629
there actually right now that was

192
00:09:01,889 --> 00:09:07,740
actually 30 years ago and I know you're

193
00:09:03,629 --> 00:09:09,029
saying oh you look so young how do you

194
00:09:07,740 --> 00:09:13,850
say I actually joined the skeptics when

195
00:09:09,029 --> 00:09:16,949
I was five years old I wish in 1980

196
00:09:13,850 --> 00:09:18,960
which is a farewell ago James Randi came

197
00:09:16,950 --> 00:09:20,700
to Australia at the bequest without the

198
00:09:18,960 --> 00:09:23,220
request sorry at the request of dick

199
00:09:20,700 --> 00:09:25,259
smith and I performing some tests on

200

00:09:23,220 --> 00:09:28,050
water diviners dowsers that sort of

201
00:09:25,259 --> 00:09:29,909
thing and d smith at the time said well

202
00:09:28,049 --> 00:09:31,649
you know we'd like to get people

203
00:09:29,909 --> 00:09:33,809
together who have this sort of similar

204
00:09:31,649 --> 00:09:36,689
approach to pseudoscience the paranormal

205
00:09:33,809 --> 00:09:39,629
who are equally skeptical and to be nice

206
00:09:36,690 --> 00:09:41,250
to form an association wouldn't it in

207
00:09:39,629 --> 00:09:43,830
Melbourne a lawyer named Mark Plummer

208
00:09:41,250 --> 00:09:46,529
instantly put his hand up and so we'll

209
00:09:43,830 --> 00:09:49,410
start this organization and we'll call

210
00:09:46,529 --> 00:09:51,000
it Australian skeptics and that is over

211
00:09:49,409 --> 00:09:54,929
though dick smith de comer patron of it

212
00:09:51,000 --> 00:09:56,639
as Phillip Adams at the time and the

213
00:09:54,929 --> 00:09:58,739
Sydney branch started up pretty soon

214
00:09:56,639 --> 00:10:00,899

after Barry Williams who was seen this

215

00:09:58,740 --> 00:10:02,279

same sort of information about Dick

216

00:10:00,899 --> 00:10:03,899

Smith but his hands up and said if he

217

00:10:02,279 --> 00:10:06,329

ever sort of want to start something up

218

00:10:03,899 --> 00:10:07,709

here i'll begin anyone who volunteers

219

00:10:06,330 --> 00:10:10,560

knows what's that like you get become

220

00:10:07,710 --> 00:10:12,389

something the main person in it Barry

221

00:10:10,559 --> 00:10:14,669

who I know knew at that time because I'm

222

00:10:12,389 --> 00:10:18,360

a journalist editor and he was a an

223

00:10:14,669 --> 00:10:20,009

exhibitionist asked me if I was

224

00:10:18,360 --> 00:10:21,360

interested in joining I said yes so we

225

00:10:20,009 --> 00:10:23,730

had a very first committee meeting in

226

00:10:21,360 --> 00:10:25,320

the US Department of Commerce and we

227

00:10:23,730 --> 00:10:26,730

drink their beer quite a lot which is

228

00:10:25,320 --> 00:10:28,560

very nice actually for them to pay for

229
00:10:26,730 --> 00:10:31,080
it so that was in nineteen eighty

230
00:10:28,559 --> 00:10:33,000
nineteen eighty-one the Melbourne

231
00:10:31,080 --> 00:10:34,440
committee was the the main bunch they

232
00:10:33,000 --> 00:10:36,009
were they they were the powerhouse of

233
00:10:34,440 --> 00:10:37,930
the skeptics at the time

234
00:10:36,009 --> 00:10:39,850
and anyone who knew Mike plumber at the

235
00:10:37,929 --> 00:10:41,019
time it's written that he was a closest

236
00:10:39,850 --> 00:10:43,540
thing to a perpetual motion machine

237
00:10:41,019 --> 00:10:45,370
you've ever seen my plumber had the

238
00:10:43,539 --> 00:10:46,959
wonderful habit of phoning up about two

239
00:10:45,370 --> 00:10:49,029
o'clock in the morning all the time it's

240
00:10:46,960 --> 00:10:50,560
like I've got an idea and he especially

241
00:10:49,029 --> 00:10:51,909
after while he went to America and he

242
00:10:50,559 --> 00:10:53,469
still did actually yet to try to explain

243
00:10:51,909 --> 00:10:54,969
to him there's a time difference between

244
00:10:53,470 --> 00:10:57,850
new york and australia and liver month

245
00:10:54,970 --> 00:10:59,200
he never knew they worked in a magazine

246
00:10:57,850 --> 00:11:01,540
this is a little bit of potted history

247
00:10:59,200 --> 00:11:03,129
of where the skeptics sort of promoted

248
00:11:01,539 --> 00:11:04,750
themselves and i'll make some comments

249
00:11:03,129 --> 00:11:07,120
later on about how this has developed

250
00:11:04,750 --> 00:11:10,179
and how it changes everything very first

251
00:11:07,120 --> 00:11:11,710
issue was a tabloid appropriately these

252
00:11:10,179 --> 00:11:13,479
as rare as they can't touch it right

253
00:11:11,710 --> 00:11:16,060
this is ver honestly there are not many

254
00:11:13,480 --> 00:11:18,460
copies of this around it's called the

255
00:11:16,059 --> 00:11:20,379
skeptic and if anyone who knew at the

256
00:11:18,460 --> 00:11:22,900
time a magazine called The Skeptical

257

00:11:20,379 --> 00:11:24,939
Inquirer which was the American

258
00:11:22,899 --> 00:11:27,579
equivalent I have exactly the same

259
00:11:24,940 --> 00:11:29,440
typeface on the skeptic so some of the

260
00:11:27,580 --> 00:11:30,820
pair of scissors just cut that out and

261
00:11:29,440 --> 00:11:32,440
stuck it down and that's why the skeptic

262
00:11:30,820 --> 00:11:33,910
looked like that actually another common

263
00:11:32,440 --> 00:11:35,110
other spelling of skip think I don't

264
00:11:33,909 --> 00:11:37,029
think that was quite the same but

265
00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:41,169
certainly the look of it and this was a

266
00:11:37,029 --> 00:11:43,600
massive four pages not a lot in there

267
00:11:41,169 --> 00:11:45,129
but what was in there is interesting to

268
00:11:43,600 --> 00:11:46,690
look back on it as to what was the main

269
00:11:45,129 --> 00:11:49,240
concerns at the time right what was

270
00:11:46,690 --> 00:11:51,100
really in sort of buggy as the time and

271
00:11:49,240 --> 00:11:52,539

in here is skeptics test psychic

272

00:11:51,100 --> 00:11:53,740

surgeons and anything when tremendous

273

00:11:52,539 --> 00:11:55,269

psychic so just keep used to put the

274

00:11:53,740 --> 00:11:57,909

hands in your guts and pull out chicken

275

00:11:55,269 --> 00:11:59,620

livers right and say look up here with

276

00:11:57,909 --> 00:12:01,839

you have cancer etc a lot of happy used

277

00:11:59,620 --> 00:12:04,509

to happen a lot in the Philippines Doris

278

00:12:01,840 --> 00:12:06,430

Stokes wrong says the police that was a

279

00:12:04,509 --> 00:12:08,679

big story and Perth was going to be

280

00:12:06,429 --> 00:12:10,659

inundated with a a tidal wave according

281

00:12:08,679 --> 00:12:13,209

to a psychic and the skeptics where he

282

00:12:10,659 --> 00:12:14,620

happily pointed out that it wasn't it's

283

00:12:13,210 --> 00:12:16,990

still there and it hasn't been gone ok

284

00:12:14,620 --> 00:12:19,929

this is a plastic bag in that as I say

285

00:12:16,990 --> 00:12:23,379

very red decided not to do the four-page

286
00:12:19,929 --> 00:12:25,988
tabloid after a while and the next issue

287
00:12:23,379 --> 00:12:28,720
was a more modest that of a four is

288
00:12:25,989 --> 00:12:32,229
about to at sixteen pages i think hand

289
00:12:28,720 --> 00:12:33,939
typed stop down on a bit of art board

290
00:12:32,229 --> 00:12:36,129
and then printed up learned she looks

291
00:12:33,938 --> 00:12:37,838
like ass photocopied right a lot of the

292
00:12:36,129 --> 00:12:41,079
information came from the Americans and

293
00:12:37,839 --> 00:12:43,029
that's the way it worked lo and behold

294
00:12:41,078 --> 00:12:44,108
my plumber got the job of working with

295
00:12:43,028 --> 00:12:47,288
the Americans so what was then called

296
00:12:44,109 --> 00:12:48,819
side cop it's now called CSI he was

297
00:12:47,288 --> 00:12:50,798
brought over there is executive director

298
00:12:48,818 --> 00:12:53,168
for a while because they no one had the

299
00:12:50,798 --> 00:12:55,478
energy of that plumber right and so they

300
00:12:53,168 --> 00:12:56,318
won't him there one of the Australian so

301
00:12:55,479 --> 00:12:58,739
he was one of the first of the

302
00:12:56,318 --> 00:13:00,938
Australian sort of invasions of America

303
00:12:58,739 --> 00:13:02,589
no one in Melbourne really wanted to

304
00:13:00,938 --> 00:13:04,358
take over the role so it passed the

305
00:13:02,589 --> 00:13:07,599
National Committee at that time pastor

306
00:13:04,359 --> 00:13:10,538
Sydney and that was buried and myself

307
00:13:07,599 --> 00:13:12,249
and a bunch of others and me because I

308
00:13:10,538 --> 00:13:13,869
was not looking at the time I became

309
00:13:12,249 --> 00:13:16,989
secretary treasurer and editor of the

310
00:13:13,869 --> 00:13:19,149
magazine at the time and I did that for

311
00:13:16,989 --> 00:13:20,379
about five years okay and it's a lot of

312
00:13:19,149 --> 00:13:22,778
work that we actually went out and

313
00:13:20,379 --> 00:13:23,829
bought a computer this was a little

314

00:13:22,778 --> 00:13:25,389
break through this with technology

315
00:13:23,828 --> 00:13:27,458
breakthrough for the skeptics we bought

316
00:13:25,389 --> 00:13:28,808
a mac plus and instead of being hand

317
00:13:27,458 --> 00:13:31,388
typed and stuck down a bits of paper

318
00:13:28,808 --> 00:13:33,818
will I put it on a mac plus and a broke

319
00:13:31,389 --> 00:13:35,259
down every five minutes right we push

320
00:13:33,818 --> 00:13:36,878
the boundaries of Technology and anyone

321
00:13:35,259 --> 00:13:39,038
knows a Mac you had this little bond

322
00:13:36,879 --> 00:13:40,989
that used to come up right just as you

323
00:13:39,038 --> 00:13:43,629
were about to save the information like

324
00:13:40,989 --> 00:13:44,918
16 pages and whammy would go down you've

325
00:13:43,629 --> 00:13:46,418
got to do the whole lot all over again

326
00:13:44,918 --> 00:13:47,948
and made it very popular with us

327
00:13:46,418 --> 00:13:49,328
actually especially the way you couldn't

328
00:13:47,948 --> 00:13:51,519

do a headline across the whole top of a

329

00:13:49,328 --> 00:13:53,498

page get to do it in two halves and try

330

00:13:51,519 --> 00:13:56,139

and make it fit never did these space

331

00:13:53,499 --> 00:13:58,490

between the two okay next major

332

00:13:56,139 --> 00:14:00,200

breakthrough

333

00:13:58,490 --> 00:14:05,180

I'll explain all the significance of

334

00:14:00,200 --> 00:14:11,000

this later on color as in a bit of

335

00:14:05,179 --> 00:14:12,409

colored paper right and picture this

336

00:14:11,000 --> 00:14:15,230

picture for those who can see it was

337

00:14:12,409 --> 00:14:18,409

actually me cobbling together headlines

338

00:14:15,230 --> 00:14:19,490

from newspapers right and then trying to

339

00:14:18,409 --> 00:14:22,129

photocopier there's a lot of

340

00:14:19,490 --> 00:14:24,230

photocopying down in those days just to

341

00:14:22,129 --> 00:14:26,269

go back to the first issues here the

342

00:14:24,230 --> 00:14:27,889

second issue we had here the one that

343
00:14:26,269 --> 00:14:30,169
came into Melbourne the second issue and

344
00:14:27,889 --> 00:14:34,189
main headline here is about levitating

345
00:14:30,169 --> 00:14:37,009
meditators bit this was this was a

346
00:14:34,190 --> 00:14:39,110
short-lived trend most of Transcendental

347
00:14:37,009 --> 00:14:40,419
Meditation people they stood around yeah

348
00:14:39,110 --> 00:14:42,320
the Maharishi said a bunch of

349
00:14:40,419 --> 00:14:44,929
Transcendental Meditation people Rick

350
00:14:42,320 --> 00:14:46,820
and their followers could fly which is

351
00:14:44,929 --> 00:14:48,019
pretty cool right and they river had

352
00:14:46,820 --> 00:14:51,470
these photos of their people in the

353
00:14:48,019 --> 00:14:52,850
inner in a lotus position flying so we

354
00:14:51,470 --> 00:14:54,350
said fine what was waiting for the big

355
00:14:52,850 --> 00:14:57,769
unveiling of this thing and finally we

356
00:14:54,350 --> 00:14:59,540
saw these meditators TM people setting

357
00:14:57,769 --> 00:15:01,759
other on their own cushion and they

358
00:14:59,539 --> 00:15:03,169
flew by flexing their legs and kind of

359
00:15:01,759 --> 00:15:05,208
bounced up from a lotus position I

360
00:15:03,169 --> 00:15:06,799
must've got that high actually right had

361
00:15:05,208 --> 00:15:08,179
a ruined their hips I'm sure their legs

362
00:15:06,799 --> 00:15:11,229
but that was there with what they claim

363
00:15:08,179 --> 00:15:13,969
is flying that was a big story in 1980

364
00:15:11,230 --> 00:15:16,550
when I went to this issue the first

365
00:15:13,970 --> 00:15:19,370
desktop the beach story was hidden rocks

366
00:15:16,549 --> 00:15:20,809
energy polarizer right and technology

367
00:15:19,370 --> 00:15:22,578
thing to make a car run better by

368
00:15:20,809 --> 00:15:24,859
catching more supposedly a battery to

369
00:15:22,578 --> 00:15:26,689
the engine right it didn't work and

370
00:15:24,860 --> 00:15:29,899
actually help to make Peter rock blues

371

00:15:26,690 --> 00:15:32,570
is Holden sponsorship this wonderful

372
00:15:29,899 --> 00:15:34,789
first color issue very impressive I was

373
00:15:32,570 --> 00:15:37,430
also in about nineteen eighty-eight the

374
00:15:34,789 --> 00:15:39,110
big story here was police use of

375
00:15:37,429 --> 00:15:41,809
psychics

376
00:15:39,110 --> 00:15:43,730
the Nullarbor UFO even remembers that a

377
00:15:41,809 --> 00:15:45,799
family was at a kidnapped across the

378
00:15:43,730 --> 00:15:48,200
Nullarbor a woman and her three rather

379
00:15:45,799 --> 00:15:50,299
grotesque sons and they reckon they were

380
00:15:48,200 --> 00:15:52,129
hit by UFO on top that was also to UFO

381
00:15:50,299 --> 00:15:54,828
dust everywhere and the other store is

382
00:15:52,129 --> 00:15:58,159
Carlos hopes they can be able to leave

383
00:15:54,828 --> 00:15:59,870
Carlos remember the karl james randi was

384
00:15:58,159 --> 00:16:03,078
out here visiting and there was a

385
00:15:59,870 --> 00:16:05,389

visiting psychic man Carlos who was a

386

00:16:03,078 --> 00:16:07,338

bit of a semi mystic Mexican mixture of

387

00:16:05,389 --> 00:16:10,159

all sorts of things did you shower the

388

00:16:07,339 --> 00:16:12,380

Opera House 60 minutes to the program on

389

00:16:10,159 --> 00:16:14,149

him turn it to be a total hoax that

390

00:16:12,379 --> 00:16:15,919

James Randi had set up Carlos as a

391

00:16:14,149 --> 00:16:17,778

friend of his pretended to be a psychic

392

00:16:15,919 --> 00:16:19,219

it was basically trying to point out

393

00:16:17,778 --> 00:16:22,189

that the media were a bunch of gullible

394

00:16:19,220 --> 00:16:23,329

fools the media instantly fell for it

395

00:16:22,190 --> 00:16:27,500

and said no and asked him are you a

396

00:16:23,328 --> 00:16:29,328

house they intimate and close ok good it

397

00:16:27,500 --> 00:16:30,700

all George niggas was the only one who

398

00:16:29,328 --> 00:16:32,750

did come close he actually also

399

00:16:30,700 --> 00:16:34,310

interviewed a fellow from the skeptics

400
00:16:32,750 --> 00:16:36,078
named Harriet what's who pointed out how

401
00:16:34,309 --> 00:16:37,729
to do is stopping the pulse and that

402
00:16:36,078 --> 00:16:39,199
sort of stuff right but if mostest

403
00:16:37,730 --> 00:16:41,269
gettys didn't there was a hope so it was

404
00:16:39,200 --> 00:16:43,070
a world kept secret I didn't know it was

405
00:16:41,269 --> 00:16:44,570
a house for any few people deal was

406
00:16:43,070 --> 00:16:46,760
revealed to me about 15 minutes before

407
00:16:44,570 --> 00:16:48,860
the show 60 minutes went away their

408
00:16:46,759 --> 00:16:50,448
second show and then basically saying

409
00:16:48,860 --> 00:16:53,449
that media never asked you to the hopes

410
00:16:50,448 --> 00:16:55,789
they took his hold line and

411
00:16:53,448 --> 00:16:57,679
sinker and and then I finally revealed

412
00:16:55,789 --> 00:16:59,870
their work was pretty upset so how dare

413
00:16:57,679 --> 00:17:02,599
you feel the media just basically

414
00:16:59,870 --> 00:17:04,369
showing how he is lydia's so Randy was

415
00:17:02,600 --> 00:17:06,349
out to you initially to comment how

416
00:17:04,369 --> 00:17:10,779
terrible this Carlos was and then to

417
00:17:06,349 --> 00:17:13,818
actually really built is one of us okay

418
00:17:10,779 --> 00:17:17,359
now these publications are a long way

419
00:17:13,818 --> 00:17:21,678
from this which is where we are today in

420
00:17:17,359 --> 00:17:23,808
our 30th year now this is the second

421
00:17:21,679 --> 00:17:25,250
oldest skeptic magazine third eyelid

422
00:17:23,808 --> 00:17:27,980
skeptic magazine second I'll skeptic

423
00:17:25,250 --> 00:17:29,960
magazine in the world 30 years is pretty

424
00:17:27,980 --> 00:17:32,329
damn good we are the third oldest

425
00:17:29,960 --> 00:17:34,548
skeptical organization in the world to

426
00:17:32,329 --> 00:17:36,019
psych up in the Brits I think there are

427
00:17:34,548 --> 00:17:38,210
skipping older sections everywhere

428

00:17:36,019 --> 00:17:39,769
Bernie know we have come a long way we

429
00:17:38,210 --> 00:17:41,150
are still in existence we have a

430
00:17:39,769 --> 00:17:42,500
magazine like this subscriptions

431
00:17:41,150 --> 00:17:46,669
available your hardcopy you're Peter

432
00:17:42,500 --> 00:17:49,690
you've just come see me afterwards to

433
00:17:46,669 --> 00:17:49,690
other things I'd like to point out

434
00:17:50,859 --> 00:17:55,719
we put out a couple of books during the

435
00:17:52,869 --> 00:17:57,639
80s our first book was on creationism I

436
00:17:55,720 --> 00:17:59,980
don't know who design the cover but

437
00:17:57,640 --> 00:18:02,530
something with a bad case of vertigo i

438
00:17:59,980 --> 00:18:03,970
think it was creationism an australian

439
00:18:02,529 --> 00:18:05,440
prospective there's a lot of looking at

440
00:18:03,970 --> 00:18:07,450
the arguments of creationists and our

441
00:18:05,440 --> 00:18:08,980
responses to them couldn't buy some of

442
00:18:07,450 --> 00:18:11,470

you might know Martin bridge stock and

443

00:18:08,980 --> 00:18:13,900

Kane Smith and it was that book that

444

00:18:11,470 --> 00:18:15,460

actually allowed them to be the first

445

00:18:13,900 --> 00:18:17,798

life members of Australian skeptics that

446

00:18:15,460 --> 00:18:19,890

we thanked him for doing that book that

447

00:18:17,798 --> 00:18:22,359

became life members the first ones

448

00:18:19,890 --> 00:18:25,240

camera skeptics who are still going as

449

00:18:22,359 --> 00:18:26,649

well collated a number of articles which

450

00:18:25,240 --> 00:18:29,200

they put out a book called skeptical

451

00:18:26,650 --> 00:18:31,720

sorry sold out sold out about 20 years

452

00:18:29,200 --> 00:18:33,279

ago and hasn't been a reprint having a

453

00:18:31,720 --> 00:18:34,600

hollow little articles like a page and a

454

00:18:33,279 --> 00:18:36,460

half similar to this sort of stuff you

455

00:18:34,599 --> 00:18:38,230

get on the website now looking at

456

00:18:36,460 --> 00:18:40,630

different topics the interesting thing

457
00:18:38,230 --> 00:18:42,130
is the range of topics that are here and

458
00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:44,290
the range of topics that were of

459
00:18:42,130 --> 00:18:45,610
interest to the skeptics then and the

460
00:18:44,289 --> 00:18:47,798
range of topics that are interest to the

461
00:18:45,609 --> 00:18:50,649
skeptics now there's two alternative

462
00:18:47,798 --> 00:18:52,569
medicine stories in there don't get this

463
00:18:50,650 --> 00:18:55,570
tell me about 20-odd years ago one of

464
00:18:52,569 --> 00:18:58,509
the stories is on chiropractic and the

465
00:18:55,569 --> 00:19:01,178
other one is on aromatherapy right now

466
00:18:58,509 --> 00:19:03,730
in most of those magazines you go back

467
00:19:01,179 --> 00:19:06,910
and look at them and the number of all

468
00:19:03,730 --> 00:19:09,190
med stuff is very little you get psychic

469
00:19:06,910 --> 00:19:11,650
surgery you get a lot of faith healing

470
00:19:09,190 --> 00:19:15,070
you think all that alternative medicine

471
00:19:11,650 --> 00:19:17,650
he had a few fries things we are not the

472
00:19:15,069 --> 00:19:19,720
coverage and there was not the media

473
00:19:17,650 --> 00:19:21,259
coverage of what we now regard as ought

474
00:19:19,720 --> 00:19:24,140
met

475
00:19:21,259 --> 00:19:26,480
that has developed and me after my stint

476
00:19:24,140 --> 00:19:29,120
as editor treasurer and secretary and I

477
00:19:26,480 --> 00:19:30,950
bet he died doing it I can finally say

478
00:19:29,119 --> 00:19:32,569
actually had to go out and earn a living

479
00:19:30,950 --> 00:19:34,430
as well which tended to take me away be

480
00:19:32,569 --> 00:19:35,899
from the full-time skepticism but I was

481
00:19:34,430 --> 00:19:38,150
always interested always involved in a

482
00:19:35,900 --> 00:19:39,830
bit on the fringes last year I came back

483
00:19:38,150 --> 00:19:41,990
on board and a full-time capacity as

484
00:19:39,829 --> 00:19:43,490
executive officer thank you guys really

485

00:19:41,990 --> 00:19:45,470
loving it right it's absolutely

486
00:19:43,490 --> 00:19:47,000
fantastic but the most important thing

487
00:19:45,470 --> 00:19:48,710
is what I've seen changed now this is

488
00:19:47,000 --> 00:19:51,769
like 30 years and I've got the same

489
00:19:48,710 --> 00:19:54,170
thing is amazing changes when we first

490
00:19:51,769 --> 00:19:57,349
started skepticism was our dirty little

491
00:19:54,170 --> 00:19:58,700
secret in the same way as atheism was a

492
00:19:57,349 --> 00:20:01,039
dirty little secret you didn't want to

493
00:19:58,700 --> 00:20:02,450
raise it at dinner parties you see her

494
00:20:01,039 --> 00:20:03,889
the Tim mentioned you know song about

495
00:20:02,450 --> 00:20:05,029
that it was worse than that right you

496
00:20:03,890 --> 00:20:07,160
did were raised it at all because you

497
00:20:05,029 --> 00:20:08,660
were just scored upon how dare you be a

498
00:20:07,160 --> 00:20:10,970
spoil sport you sort of kind around

499
00:20:08,660 --> 00:20:13,790

Cyprus cryptic I'm scared to grow and

500

00:20:10,970 --> 00:20:16,130

you just didn't want to say it suddenly

501

00:20:13,789 --> 00:20:17,990

in that intervening period in the same

502

00:20:16,130 --> 00:20:20,900

way as atheism has come out of the

503

00:20:17,990 --> 00:20:23,120

closet skepticism has also come out of

504

00:20:20,900 --> 00:20:24,800

the closet the summer you could say we

505

00:20:23,119 --> 00:20:26,869

have meetings like this and the old days

506

00:20:24,799 --> 00:20:29,029

we used to do media interviews are you

507

00:20:26,869 --> 00:20:30,709

regularly I so doing a lot and you

508

00:20:29,029 --> 00:20:32,960

really here the first thing they'd say

509

00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:34,970

to you the radio presenter we gotta have

510

00:20:32,960 --> 00:20:37,220

a bit of fun with it right you think

511

00:20:34,970 --> 00:20:40,100

that I don't want to be fun this is

512

00:20:37,220 --> 00:20:41,750

serious right but I used to have a ubs

513

00:20:40,099 --> 00:20:43,250

at the end of a radio program might they

514
00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:45,799
have the lost dog story at the end of

515
00:20:43,250 --> 00:20:48,289
the news right and you feel terrible

516
00:20:45,799 --> 00:20:50,000
they always ask you always guaranteed

517
00:20:48,289 --> 00:20:52,909
but do the skeptics believe you

518
00:20:50,000 --> 00:20:54,109
themselves and you say congratulations

519
00:20:52,910 --> 00:20:56,330
you're the one meanest person to ask

520
00:20:54,109 --> 00:20:57,949
that question right you try to encourage

521
00:20:56,329 --> 00:20:59,429
the media but the media we're a pain in

522
00:20:57,950 --> 00:21:03,450
the backside

523
00:20:59,430 --> 00:21:05,519
it has changed some media still regard

524
00:21:03,450 --> 00:21:07,140
you as a bit of a bit of a joke a bit of

525
00:21:05,519 --> 00:21:08,279
the funny side of things they still ask

526
00:21:07,140 --> 00:21:10,350
you accounting to the skeptics believe

527
00:21:08,279 --> 00:21:12,389
in themselves at the same time they stop

528
00:21:10,349 --> 00:21:15,119
and ask you serious questions I didn't

529
00:21:12,390 --> 00:21:17,280
he Bo just the other day with 2gb before

530
00:21:15,119 --> 00:21:19,859
a pre-recorded for a program going out

531
00:21:17,279 --> 00:21:20,940
of two o'clock in the morning and the

532
00:21:19,859 --> 00:21:22,740
two things I want to talk about with

533
00:21:20,940 --> 00:21:25,620
ufos-- which cropped up a lot 30 years

534
00:21:22,740 --> 00:21:27,630
ago and vaccination which didn't crop up

535
00:21:25,619 --> 00:21:29,399
a lot 30 years ago and that's one of the

536
00:21:27,630 --> 00:21:31,920
big differences that the topics that are

537
00:21:29,400 --> 00:21:33,900
covered now are very different and some

538
00:21:31,920 --> 00:21:35,970
of them are a lot more serious than they

539
00:21:33,900 --> 00:21:37,950
used to be in the old days to a set of

540
00:21:35,970 --> 00:21:39,600
said that the skeptics used to be

541
00:21:37,950 --> 00:21:41,789
investigated the paranoia and

542

00:21:39,599 --> 00:21:44,459
pseudoscience probably as much now it's

543
00:21:41,789 --> 00:21:48,329
pseudoscience and paranormal is the

544
00:21:44,460 --> 00:21:50,579
emphasis what i have seen change is not

545
00:21:48,329 --> 00:21:52,289
just the topics and not just the fact

546
00:21:50,579 --> 00:21:56,159
that skeptics are out and quite happily

547
00:21:52,289 --> 00:21:58,049
in most cases feel as in saying they are

548
00:21:56,160 --> 00:22:00,779
skeptics but in the fact that the

549
00:21:58,049 --> 00:22:02,369
community has changed when he first did

550
00:22:00,779 --> 00:22:04,109
the magazine it was that little

551
00:22:02,369 --> 00:22:06,149
committee it was a small bunch of

552
00:22:04,109 --> 00:22:08,519
support her subscribers and it was the

553
00:22:06,150 --> 00:22:10,800
magazine and that was it that was the

554
00:22:08,519 --> 00:22:12,349
entire media outlet for the skeptics we

555
00:22:10,799 --> 00:22:14,849
used to push ourselves to the to the

556
00:22:12,349 --> 00:22:16,799

popular media but as far as the

557

00:22:14,849 --> 00:22:19,199
outputting of the view it was that

558

00:22:16,799 --> 00:22:22,109
little magazine 16 pages of hand typed

559

00:22:19,200 --> 00:22:24,029
information when I come back in there

560

00:22:22,109 --> 00:22:25,979
it's totally changed the magazine is

561

00:22:24,029 --> 00:22:28,230
just one aspect or how the message is

562

00:22:25,980 --> 00:22:30,180
being put out it's a good aspects

563

00:22:28,230 --> 00:22:31,529
subscriptions available hardcopy PDF see

564

00:22:30,180 --> 00:22:33,120
any articles

565

00:22:31,529 --> 00:22:35,759
but there are other things there's the

566

00:22:33,119 --> 00:22:38,039
bloggers the Facebook people the twitter

567

00:22:35,759 --> 00:22:40,109
is a new name and suddenly there are

568

00:22:38,039 --> 00:22:42,930
people beyond that basic magazine

569

00:22:40,109 --> 00:22:44,549
subscription level in all areas we

570

00:22:42,930 --> 00:22:45,870
obviously didn't have podcasts we

571
00:22:44,549 --> 00:22:48,750
obviously didn't have sort of online

572
00:22:45,869 --> 00:22:51,569
services of any sort in the old days we

573
00:22:48,750 --> 00:22:55,019
didn't even have computers to do it but

574
00:22:51,569 --> 00:22:58,409
the approach now is fresh and as a vital

575
00:22:55,019 --> 00:23:01,079
and it's here as what you see here is a

576
00:22:58,410 --> 00:23:04,310
lot of younger people not many beads and

577
00:23:01,079 --> 00:23:06,689
the token be a person I'm 85 years old

578
00:23:04,309 --> 00:23:09,179
it's just it's fresh and it's where I

579
00:23:06,690 --> 00:23:11,120
come as I'm stunned it's where it's

580
00:23:09,180 --> 00:23:14,220
moving it's it's active it's

581
00:23:11,119 --> 00:23:16,500
enthusiastic it's taking every advantage

582
00:23:14,220 --> 00:23:17,789
of every bit of technology you can to

583
00:23:16,500 --> 00:23:20,009
spread the message and it's doing it

584
00:23:17,789 --> 00:23:23,069
very very well compared to the old days

585
00:23:20,009 --> 00:23:24,420
which was tentative and hesitant and a

586
00:23:23,069 --> 00:23:26,279
little bit embarrassed and now it's

587
00:23:24,420 --> 00:23:28,170
quite the opposite so I congratulate

588
00:23:26,279 --> 00:23:30,059
everybody here I congratulate the

589
00:23:28,170 --> 00:23:31,950
skeptics movement I some congratulate

590
00:23:30,059 --> 00:23:34,200
all the podcasters and facebookers and

591
00:23:31,950 --> 00:23:36,720
Twitter's and meetups and everybody like

592
00:23:34,200 --> 00:23:39,150
that because it is a new world in the

593
00:23:36,720 --> 00:23:42,920
scepticism these days and it's very

594
00:23:39,150 --> 00:23:42,920
exciting so thank you very much

595
00:23:48,390 --> 00:23:57,400
are there any questions they Tim

596
00:23:54,299 --> 00:23:59,559
triathlons population how things change

597
00:23:57,400 --> 00:24:02,110
to the advent of the Internet of the

598
00:23:59,559 --> 00:24:03,279
online step from networking well yeah

599

00:24:02,109 --> 00:24:05,949
well I first started it was no such

600
00:24:03,279 --> 00:24:07,809
thing I didn't exist right I mean what

601
00:24:05,950 --> 00:24:09,340
I'm saying now is that the the messages

602
00:24:07,809 --> 00:24:11,470
spring spread so much more quickly

603
00:24:09,339 --> 00:24:13,449
before is a quarterly magazine and that

604
00:24:11,470 --> 00:24:14,500
was it and now the message can get out

605
00:24:13,450 --> 00:24:16,480
there within seconds there's better

606
00:24:14,500 --> 00:24:18,549
organization there's better sort of

607
00:24:16,480 --> 00:24:19,930
spread of information one of the things

608
00:24:18,549 --> 00:24:22,059
I've been doing this a lot of stuff on

609
00:24:19,930 --> 00:24:24,160
the AVM and once upon a time I would

610
00:24:22,059 --> 00:24:25,869
have had to go solo to do research now I

611
00:24:24,160 --> 00:24:28,210
just get in touch with Ken MacLeod

612
00:24:25,869 --> 00:24:30,369
Daniel Raphael the whole bunch like that

613
00:24:28,210 --> 00:24:32,079

and I get information like that so if

614

00:24:30,369 --> 00:24:33,639

we're talking about a media response for

615

00:24:32,079 --> 00:24:35,259

instance we're trying to get a story in

616

00:24:33,640 --> 00:24:37,270

we can get information straight out

617

00:24:35,259 --> 00:24:39,940

right once more time you have to write a

618

00:24:37,269 --> 00:24:41,889

letter to get a press release out now we

619

00:24:39,940 --> 00:24:44,049

don't have to I mean is that what you're

620

00:24:41,890 --> 00:24:45,490

talking about the internet it's the

621

00:24:44,049 --> 00:24:48,700

podcasting which is the most interesting

622

00:24:45,490 --> 00:24:50,170

thing it's just kind of hold up from you

623

00:24:48,700 --> 00:24:52,150

know from way back when it's just that

624

00:24:50,170 --> 00:24:54,130

it's fresh and it's enthusiastic as

625

00:24:52,150 --> 00:24:56,920

humorous and I say we think so it's

626

00:24:54,130 --> 00:24:58,420

really good whole city dam is the reason

627

00:24:56,920 --> 00:25:01,660

it isn't incident as well you think

628
00:24:58,420 --> 00:25:04,539
we're winning frankly we're never gonna

629
00:25:01,660 --> 00:25:06,370
win we will have little victories

630
00:25:04,539 --> 00:25:07,569
everywhere like with the avian we've had

631
00:25:06,369 --> 00:25:10,049
a lot of victories with the a at the end

632
00:25:07,569 --> 00:25:12,549
I think metal door is going up and up

633
00:25:10,049 --> 00:25:13,839
with this now she's saying some very

634
00:25:12,549 --> 00:25:15,579
strange things now she's always said

635
00:25:13,839 --> 00:25:17,679
some strange things things things that

636
00:25:15,579 --> 00:25:21,099
are so easily picked up and and just

637
00:25:17,680 --> 00:25:22,930
proved now she's lost her sense of

638
00:25:21,099 --> 00:25:24,490
perspective I think the fact that these

639
00:25:22,930 --> 00:25:25,810
ads were not back from Sydney's child

640
00:25:24,490 --> 00:25:29,650
it's going to give her the so much

641
00:25:25,809 --> 00:25:33,879
as fabulous because she knows she's

642
00:25:29,650 --> 00:25:40,240
always been claiming paranoia now she's

643
00:25:33,880 --> 00:25:41,980
right but I mean there were they were

644
00:25:40,240 --> 00:25:43,920
always think if you notice here the

645
00:25:41,980 --> 00:25:46,210
different interests that come and go

646
00:25:43,920 --> 00:25:48,009
ufos have come and go in cycles right

647
00:25:46,210 --> 00:25:49,450
you your face a silly sort of fun things

648
00:25:48,009 --> 00:25:52,119
and they're not really that harmful

649
00:25:49,450 --> 00:25:53,380
except unless you become a web with the

650
00:25:52,119 --> 00:25:54,939
array lians were who are the ones who

651
00:25:53,380 --> 00:25:56,800
there are the cold people in San

652
00:25:54,940 --> 00:25:59,410
Francisco who killed themselves aralia

653
00:25:56,799 --> 00:26:00,639
yeah that's what I starts getting

654
00:25:59,410 --> 00:26:02,080
worrying but then he get the Jim Jones

655
00:26:00,640 --> 00:26:03,370
who did the same thing with Jim Jones

656

00:26:02,079 --> 00:26:05,949
used to raise people from the dead and

657
00:26:03,369 --> 00:26:07,989
bend spoons he took my other people to

658
00:26:05,950 --> 00:26:09,460
their death right I mean I spoon bending

659
00:26:07,990 --> 00:26:11,859
is fun unless you actually kill people

660
00:26:09,460 --> 00:26:14,170
so these things go up and down UFOs are

661
00:26:11,859 --> 00:26:16,119
back in the news recently cuz I'll go

662
00:26:14,170 --> 00:26:17,620
down again psychic surgeons haven't

663
00:26:16,119 --> 00:26:19,000
heard from a while crystals that go up

664
00:26:17,619 --> 00:26:20,259
and down crystals used to be a lot

665
00:26:19,000 --> 00:26:23,710
bigger than they are now you speak mess

666
00:26:20,259 --> 00:26:26,500
courage all mate is the big area and all

667
00:26:23,710 --> 00:26:28,150
that is top news time yes we'll win

668
00:26:26,500 --> 00:26:30,339
victories here we will lose victories

669
00:26:28,150 --> 00:26:34,000
there but the big thing is that we are

670
00:26:30,339 --> 00:26:39,299

better known and brought up

671

00:26:34,000 --> 00:26:42,400

ah easy decision sorry again oh yeah

672

00:26:39,299 --> 00:26:58,210

evangel this thing about fantasy wasn't

673

00:26:42,400 --> 00:27:01,900

a nice evening 71 brigands get this

674

00:26:58,210 --> 00:27:03,490

isn't true we should be eventually speak

675

00:27:01,900 --> 00:27:06,340

about I don't know if there's another

676

00:27:03,490 --> 00:27:08,789

word to proselytize the people what is

677

00:27:06,339 --> 00:27:11,289

that badly but it would be so easy

678

00:27:08,789 --> 00:27:14,710

impossible food thanks very possible

679

00:27:11,289 --> 00:27:16,029

read it around by default be whatever

680

00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:16,930

you have to be careful of your methods I

681

00:27:16,029 --> 00:27:18,430

mean they used to be what I used to

682

00:27:16,930 --> 00:27:20,380

balls called the provo wing of the

683

00:27:18,430 --> 00:27:22,150

skeptics right it always go for the

684

00:27:20,380 --> 00:27:26,020

throat all right and they basically

685
00:27:22,150 --> 00:27:27,519
become as naughty as a lot of the people

686
00:27:26,019 --> 00:27:29,440
that are criticizing and that's the

687
00:27:27,519 --> 00:27:30,759
problem I think we have to be we have

688
00:27:29,440 --> 00:27:32,830
one we have to keep stressing the

689
00:27:30,759 --> 00:27:35,619
scientific basis of what we do you can't

690
00:27:32,829 --> 00:27:37,449
just say I'm a skeptic fun I'm better

691
00:27:35,619 --> 00:27:39,099
than you up again you can't do it

692
00:27:37,450 --> 00:27:40,690
doesn't work I mean you put people off

693
00:27:39,099 --> 00:27:42,730
its hard that any way to say you're a

694
00:27:40,690 --> 00:27:44,740
skeptic quite frankly it would just say

695
00:27:42,730 --> 00:27:47,140
you're a spoilsport right and then to

696
00:27:44,740 --> 00:27:49,059
say I'm a skeptic and i hate you all

697
00:27:47,140 --> 00:27:51,130
right it's not going to work you have to

698
00:27:49,059 --> 00:27:53,379
explain what you do some cases it's

699
00:27:51,130 --> 00:27:54,790
impossible you just there are people who

700
00:27:53,380 --> 00:27:57,430
you come against a brick wall who will

701
00:27:54,789 --> 00:28:02,079
tim minchin the song you just can't give

702
00:27:57,430 --> 00:28:04,779
up even worth the bother yes it's always

703
00:28:02,079 --> 00:28:06,009
worth it I mean the fact is you argue

704
00:28:04,779 --> 00:28:10,359
with a thousand people with one person

705
00:28:06,009 --> 00:28:11,920
you turn is worth it I was a teacher at

706
00:28:10,359 --> 00:28:13,149
once they don't you that you reach one

707
00:28:11,920 --> 00:28:14,680
kid in the class you think it's worth

708
00:28:13,150 --> 00:28:25,570
well

709
00:28:14,680 --> 00:28:27,880
Dave again give another question about

710
00:28:25,569 --> 00:28:31,240
radical technology and sort of skeptics

711
00:28:27,880 --> 00:28:36,430
and media which talks about a media

712
00:28:31,240 --> 00:28:39,250
story about some immediate group of lost

713

00:28:36,430 --> 00:28:44,259
people committing it says here we

714
00:28:39,250 --> 00:28:50,140
immediately set story beer bellies and I

715
00:28:44,259 --> 00:28:51,640
probably behind by Emma I know that's

716
00:28:50,140 --> 00:28:53,410
the problem we're often too late you

717
00:28:51,640 --> 00:28:56,470
know in getting a story out instead of

718
00:28:53,410 --> 00:29:00,040
like sorry I have a question oh what's

719
00:28:56,470 --> 00:29:01,779
the email that I don't think any in our

720
00:29:00,039 --> 00:29:03,730
subscription formal once one time I'll

721
00:29:01,779 --> 00:29:05,889
do a belly recently help options of C

722
00:29:03,730 --> 00:29:07,809
mail and email three see my health

723
00:29:05,890 --> 00:29:09,850
existed for about 3 million years he

724
00:29:07,809 --> 00:29:10,990
just doesn't happen but I mean I know

725
00:29:09,849 --> 00:29:13,089
and that's what that was a thing will

726
00:29:10,990 --> 00:29:14,980
spill there so surprising we actually

727
00:29:13,089 --> 00:29:16,329

did so well considering all the

728

00:29:14,980 --> 00:29:17,920

limitations we had but then there were

729

00:29:16,329 --> 00:29:20,710

limitations of that days that was where

730

00:29:17,920 --> 00:29:22,390

the way it worked one that was fun other

731

00:29:20,710 --> 00:29:23,710

you're silly is fun I think it's

732

00:29:22,390 --> 00:29:25,150

actually more fun now than it ever has

733

00:29:23,710 --> 00:29:28,360

been because there's so many options

734

00:29:25,150 --> 00:29:31,180

open to you there we go but I mean it's

735

00:29:28,359 --> 00:29:33,969

still a battle but hey there are more

736

00:29:31,180 --> 00:29:35,920

people here tonight then most of our

737

00:29:33,970 --> 00:29:40,769

early meetings over there

738

00:29:35,920 --> 00:29:43,420

and this is not a big meeting on the

739

00:29:40,769 --> 00:29:45,519

seventeenth of April that a seventeenth

740

00:29:43,420 --> 00:29:48,120

of April we have dinner meeting and it's

741

00:29:45,519 --> 00:29:51,039

sold out it's three weeks in advance so

742
00:29:48,119 --> 00:29:57,839
i'll show you hundred fifty people any

743
00:29:51,039 --> 00:30:02,799
more questions keep in the kitchen

744
00:29:57,839 --> 00:30:05,169
princes of an idea yes I do I think I

745
00:30:02,799 --> 00:30:06,849
think it often creep seem and a lot of

746
00:30:05,170 --> 00:30:08,830
skeptics are atheists obviously right

747
00:30:06,849 --> 00:30:11,409
but one of the big arguments use do the

748
00:30:08,829 --> 00:30:15,789
skeptics investigate God from my point

749
00:30:11,410 --> 00:30:19,300
of view no not God per se what God does

750
00:30:15,789 --> 00:30:21,250
what she does we do investigate

751
00:30:19,299 --> 00:30:22,419
obviously any manifestation of God is

752
00:30:21,250 --> 00:30:24,069
fair game because then you can actually

753
00:30:22,420 --> 00:30:26,380
put to the test a shraddha cheery and a

754
00:30:24,069 --> 00:30:29,189
miracle a changing of water to wine or

755
00:30:26,380 --> 00:30:31,060
wine to water which I do all the time

756
00:30:29,190 --> 00:30:32,230
anything like that anything like the

757
00:30:31,059 --> 00:30:34,119
effect you can actually sort of put to

758
00:30:32,230 --> 00:30:36,990
the test absolutely and actually covers

759
00:30:34,119 --> 00:30:40,059
a lot it's just that mystical mythical

760
00:30:36,990 --> 00:30:42,609
figure out there like lightning actually

761
00:30:40,059 --> 00:30:43,869
just lightning to write that human test

762
00:30:42,609 --> 00:30:46,449
the power of prayer which has been done

763
00:30:43,869 --> 00:30:48,189
right yes everything Charlie disprove

764
00:30:46,450 --> 00:30:49,539
God is ridiculous you know you got

765
00:30:48,190 --> 00:30:51,940
logically argument that's what the

766
00:30:49,539 --> 00:30:54,460
atheists do for the rationalist two of

767
00:30:51,940 --> 00:30:55,630
the humanists do but we have to make

768
00:30:54,460 --> 00:30:58,630
sure that as far as God is concerned

769
00:30:55,630 --> 00:31:00,880
we're not pure cynics personally I don't

770

00:30:58,630 --> 00:31:02,530
believe in God I have no need to believe

771
00:31:00,880 --> 00:31:05,320
in God I have no reason to believe in

772
00:31:02,529 --> 00:31:06,549
God and yeah I'm not gonna argue with

773
00:31:05,319 --> 00:31:08,470
someone thank God doesn't exist because

774
00:31:06,549 --> 00:31:10,329
I don't believe it will I don't want to

775
00:31:08,470 --> 00:31:13,450
believe it but everything else that

776
00:31:10,329 --> 00:31:16,869
happens but they don't disprove God try

777
00:31:13,450 --> 00:31:19,269
to chew into fake miracles of a weeding

778
00:31:16,869 --> 00:31:21,849
walls and moldy seal feelings at this

779
00:31:19,269 --> 00:31:23,019
time of stuff of fakes but yeah people

780
00:31:21,849 --> 00:31:24,129
people have their faith and they have

781
00:31:23,019 --> 00:31:25,819
the faith of astrology and have their

782
00:31:24,130 --> 00:31:27,020
face on this down the other

783
00:31:25,819 --> 00:31:28,879
but I think I think they should be

784
00:31:27,019 --> 00:31:33,289

separate although we share the same

785

00:31:28,880 --> 00:31:36,520

beliefs have you seen the faith of the

786

00:31:33,289 --> 00:31:36,519

astral TV

787

00:31:36,609 --> 00:31:42,159

astrology being different to just really

788

00:31:39,400 --> 00:31:45,309

comparable you said you can see them has

789

00:31:42,160 --> 00:31:46,509

been parable astrology yeah so that

790

00:31:45,308 --> 00:31:48,579

somebody believes in astrology you're

791

00:31:46,509 --> 00:31:49,720

saying carefully oh my god his hacker

792

00:31:48,579 --> 00:31:53,169

beliefs doubt it but that's totally

793

00:31:49,720 --> 00:31:55,720

testable it's different for the god bit

794

00:31:53,170 --> 00:31:56,679

of God yeah I think so because I mean

795

00:31:55,720 --> 00:31:57,910

then they're talking about planetary

796

00:31:56,679 --> 00:31:59,200

influences and you can test the

797

00:31:57,910 --> 00:32:00,790

planetary influences you can talk about

798

00:31:59,200 --> 00:32:02,470

gravity you talk about science

799
00:32:00,789 --> 00:32:03,730
throughout astrology right and you can

800
00:32:02,470 --> 00:32:05,829
test the results and it's been done many

801
00:32:03,730 --> 00:32:07,420
times to see if you're born in a certain

802
00:32:05,829 --> 00:32:09,609
star sign blah blah blah you know

803
00:32:07,420 --> 00:32:11,950
raising a sendin descendant whatever

804
00:32:09,609 --> 00:32:14,109
triads and United all that you can

805
00:32:11,950 --> 00:32:15,308
actually test the effectiveness pretty

806
00:32:14,109 --> 00:32:17,949
little too blind test and see what

807
00:32:15,308 --> 00:32:20,319
starsign am i right classic you got one

808
00:32:17,950 --> 00:32:21,880
chance in 12 one chance in 13 I'm

809
00:32:20,319 --> 00:32:26,289
knowing what star sign you up right and

810
00:32:21,880 --> 00:32:29,890
I've had people say well neither guess I

811
00:32:26,289 --> 00:32:31,629
say I got it see told you very good very

812
00:32:29,890 --> 00:32:33,759
impressed but I mean as far as you can

813
00:32:31,630 --> 00:32:35,890
be tested most manifestations of

814
00:32:33,759 --> 00:32:38,859
religion can be tested the one about the

815
00:32:35,890 --> 00:32:40,809
ultimate you know she being up there is

816
00:32:38,859 --> 00:32:42,879
just York artist and you can't do their

817
00:32:40,808 --> 00:32:46,240
ballots believe the people who have

818
00:32:42,880 --> 00:32:49,330
faith in astrology right and faith in

819
00:32:46,240 --> 00:32:51,849
psychic surgery and faith in UFOs and

820
00:32:49,329 --> 00:32:54,759
faith in God knows whatever so whoever

821
00:32:51,849 --> 00:32:56,980
knows whatever right but I mean and

822
00:32:54,759 --> 00:32:59,048
those people you can argue to you blue

823
00:32:56,980 --> 00:33:00,190
in the face with a question about you

824
00:32:59,048 --> 00:33:02,859
know I thought of how much you need to

825
00:33:00,190 --> 00:33:04,539
sort of proselytize etc and some people

826
00:33:02,859 --> 00:33:06,819
us i yes i agree with you some people

827

00:33:04,539 --> 00:33:09,399
agree with you get to shut you up right

828
00:33:06,819 --> 00:33:11,139
and that's a pie others will say yep and

829
00:33:09,400 --> 00:33:12,820
think about it you have to encourage the

830
00:33:11,140 --> 00:33:14,890
idea that skepticism is a universal

831
00:33:12,819 --> 00:33:16,899
attitude not just for pseudoscience and

832
00:33:14,890 --> 00:33:18,700
paranormal we are skeptical about used

833
00:33:16,900 --> 00:33:20,019
car salesman we are skeptical about real

834
00:33:18,700 --> 00:33:22,090
estate people we are skeptical about

835
00:33:20,019 --> 00:33:23,619
journalists we are skeptical and so many

836
00:33:22,089 --> 00:33:25,659
areas someone comes along the users i

837
00:33:23,619 --> 00:33:27,399
can fly the first thing you say you

838
00:33:25,660 --> 00:33:29,019
don't say is oh well fantastic i'll go

839
00:33:27,400 --> 00:33:30,640
to my friends the first thing you say

840
00:33:29,019 --> 00:33:32,799
show me

841
00:33:30,640 --> 00:33:34,930

and there is skepticism simple thing to

842

00:33:32,799 --> 00:33:37,089

show me what people say that's right I

843

00:33:34,930 --> 00:33:39,670

understand what skepticism it and you

844

00:33:37,089 --> 00:33:41,019

say show me an astrology show me in this

845

00:33:39,670 --> 00:33:45,640

sharing everything else and that works

846

00:33:41,019 --> 00:33:52,779

that really does work what is the first

847

00:33:45,640 --> 00:33:57,550

you must on design from a technical

848

00:33:52,779 --> 00:33:58,839

point of view it's crap creationism do

849

00:33:57,549 --> 00:34:01,629

you are devoting it what ellington

850

00:33:58,839 --> 00:34:05,980

design is like you know sort of changing

851

00:34:01,630 --> 00:34:08,769

his name to protect the guilty it's it's

852

00:34:05,980 --> 00:34:09,849

it's annoying it's dangerous I certainly

853

00:34:08,769 --> 00:34:11,980

was in the early days because it was

854

00:34:09,849 --> 00:34:13,360

infiltrating the science classes the

855

00:34:11,980 --> 00:34:15,550

curriculum in Queensland and it

856
00:34:13,360 --> 00:34:18,250
certainly and moving down into here also

857
00:34:15,550 --> 00:34:20,560
that stopped it to a certain extent

858
00:34:18,250 --> 00:34:23,260
being taught in those classes but I mean

859
00:34:20,559 --> 00:34:24,940
it's I don't think we have any problem

860
00:34:23,260 --> 00:34:29,850
at all we're saying it's absolute

861
00:34:24,940 --> 00:34:32,980
rubbish every aspect of it nothing in it

862
00:34:29,849 --> 00:34:35,889
better I mean most serious it's a little

863
00:34:32,980 --> 00:34:38,500
you know yes but no but how many of

864
00:34:35,889 --> 00:34:41,168
these is absolutely no no no all right

865
00:34:38,500 --> 00:34:42,730
and then creationist was the same thing

866
00:34:41,168 --> 00:34:44,829
intelligent design a say you got your

867
00:34:42,730 --> 00:34:47,230
religious belief do not claim it as

868
00:34:44,829 --> 00:34:48,639
science please because it's not true and

869
00:34:47,230 --> 00:34:50,500
you can go through and bam bam bam bam

870
00:34:48,639 --> 00:34:51,730
bam and pull everyone apart they've got

871
00:34:50,500 --> 00:34:53,469
they'll come back with arguments to

872
00:34:51,730 --> 00:34:55,090
those who are well organized there was

873
00:34:53,469 --> 00:34:57,299
will put the homeopaths do the same

874
00:34:55,090 --> 00:34:57,300
thing

875
00:34:58,338 --> 00:35:01,940
before before there are any more

876
00:35:00,199 --> 00:35:06,558
questions let me lean towards you i'm

877
00:35:01,940 --> 00:35:08,960
just a tweet from Simon Singh here this

878
00:35:06,559 --> 00:35:11,239
is obviously a quote from the from the

879
00:35:08,960 --> 00:35:16,309
judges first of all that the judgment

880
00:35:11,239 --> 00:35:18,409
was 32 none so all three judges agreed

881
00:35:16,309 --> 00:35:21,200
with the decision and that they said

882
00:35:18,409 --> 00:35:23,690
that not a jot of evidence which is the

883
00:35:21,199 --> 00:35:27,278
statement that was deemed libelous is a

884

00:35:23,690 --> 00:35:33,048
statement of opinion and one backed by

885
00:35:27,278 --> 00:35:38,719
evidence just twist off as was going

886
00:35:33,048 --> 00:35:40,278
across right and one is so not a jot of

887
00:35:38,719 --> 00:35:42,710
evidence is a statement backed by

888
00:35:40,278 --> 00:35:45,018
opinion so is a statement of opinion and

889
00:35:42,710 --> 00:35:47,088
one back by reasons so it's looking very

890
00:35:45,018 --> 00:35:49,758
good for something that's excellent can

891
00:35:47,088 --> 00:35:52,548
you claim damages no but they'll have to

892
00:35:49,759 --> 00:35:54,469
pay these costs if they lose okay it's

893
00:35:52,548 --> 00:35:57,048
not it's not a final wing it what did

894
00:35:54,469 --> 00:36:00,079
what it means is that he now will have

895
00:35:57,048 --> 00:36:04,038
to argue this case based on the fact

896
00:36:00,079 --> 00:36:07,278
that it's but it's an opinion and not as

897
00:36:04,039 --> 00:36:08,599
ruled previously by by the judge that's

898
00:36:07,278 --> 00:36:10,309

one of the things skepticism is not with

899

00:36:08,599 --> 00:36:12,680

that cost yeah right sometimes its

900

00:36:10,309 --> 00:36:14,539

financial costs and personal cost I have

901

00:36:12,679 --> 00:36:17,568

major fights with a brother-in-law who's

902

00:36:14,539 --> 00:36:19,460

you name it is into it every conspiracy

903

00:36:17,568 --> 00:36:21,558

theory he sells all this other stuff as

904

00:36:19,460 --> 00:36:24,349

well actually sells retails all these

905

00:36:21,559 --> 00:36:26,778

things and we have come to blows I mean

906

00:36:24,349 --> 00:36:27,769

I mean we have come to blows and there

907

00:36:26,778 --> 00:36:29,659

for you think well this is great for

908

00:36:27,768 --> 00:36:31,098

family relationships you have a nice

909

00:36:29,659 --> 00:36:33,318

family dinner and then you sort of tie

910

00:36:31,099 --> 00:36:34,700

together the dinner thing it's you learn

911

00:36:33,318 --> 00:36:37,429

to shut up after a while you feel like

912

00:36:34,699 --> 00:36:41,588

yeah he doesn't

913
00:36:37,429 --> 00:36:41,588
but I do because I'm better than him

914
00:36:41,679 --> 00:36:59,838
questions thank you very much do you

915
00:36:45,469 --> 00:37:02,598
thank you this is brian dunning from the

916
00:36:59,838 --> 00:37:06,190
sceptile cast been enjoying your

917
00:37:02,599 --> 00:37:09,289
critical thinking shows in audio only

918
00:37:06,190 --> 00:37:13,119
you've been missing half the fun check

919
00:37:09,289 --> 00:37:17,769
out my new video podcast in fact on

920
00:37:13,119 --> 00:37:21,260
itunes or click it on skept tied com3

921
00:37:17,769 --> 00:37:23,449
pilot episodes of in fact are available

922
00:37:21,260 --> 00:37:25,309
now for immediate viewing I'm looking

923
00:37:23,449 --> 00:37:27,558
for sponsorship to produce an entire

924
00:37:25,309 --> 00:37:30,140
first season of 13 episodes and

925
00:37:27,559 --> 00:37:32,780
hopefully many more seasons to follow

926
00:37:30,139 --> 00:37:34,578
you can see the whole lineup and get all

927
00:37:32,780 --> 00:37:38,319
the other nuts and bolts if you go to

928
00:37:34,579 --> 00:37:41,150
sceptile calm and click on in fact and

929
00:37:38,318 --> 00:37:44,420
don't forget to come back to the skeptic

930
00:37:41,150 --> 00:37:47,780
zone when you're done watching I I think

931
00:37:44,420 --> 00:37:50,269
it's audio only but that's okay I still

932
00:37:47,780 --> 00:37:53,500
like it this is brian dunning from

933
00:37:50,269 --> 00:37:53,500
sceptile calm

934
00:37:55,670 --> 00:38:03,619
now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

935
00:37:58,670 --> 00:38:06,710
with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

936
00:38:03,619 --> 00:38:09,260
and welcome to dr. Reggie reports wow

937
00:38:06,710 --> 00:38:11,750
what a few very busy days it's been in

938
00:38:09,260 --> 00:38:13,069
the skeptical world this week I'm going

939
00:38:11,750 --> 00:38:15,920
to tell you about a couple of things

940
00:38:13,068 --> 00:38:17,989
this week on dr. Richie reports but

941

00:38:15,920 --> 00:38:20,119
first up I'm going to cover the latest

942
00:38:17,989 --> 00:38:22,939
tantrum from the Australian vaccination

943
00:38:20,119 --> 00:38:24,890
network last week I blogged on skeptics

944
00:38:22,940 --> 00:38:26,599
book about information I had received

945
00:38:24,889 --> 00:38:28,608
which described the Australian

946
00:38:26,599 --> 00:38:31,039
vaccination network being refused paid

947
00:38:28,608 --> 00:38:34,098
advertising inner mothers and babies

948
00:38:31,039 --> 00:38:36,440
newspaper the child group of magazines

949
00:38:34,099 --> 00:38:39,048
publishes a series of free monthly

950
00:38:36,440 --> 00:38:41,298
magazines across Australia which are

951
00:38:39,048 --> 00:38:43,759
personalized to each location such as

952
00:38:41,298 --> 00:38:46,789
Sydney's child Melvin's child Brisbane

953
00:38:43,760 --> 00:38:48,859
child etc the publications are

954
00:38:46,789 --> 00:38:51,079
distributed via child care centers and

955
00:38:48,858 --> 00:38:54,380

baby shops and are therefore highly

956

00:38:51,079 --> 00:38:56,480

targeted to Australian parents as such

957

00:38:54,380 --> 00:38:58,430

they're the perfect place for the avn to

958

00:38:56,480 --> 00:39:01,039

spread their misinformation and possibly

959

00:38:58,429 --> 00:39:03,889

scare a whole new bunch of parents into

960

00:39:01,039 --> 00:39:06,679

not vaccinating but in a surprising and

961

00:39:03,889 --> 00:39:09,108

pleasing move the publishers Copeland

962

00:39:06,679 --> 00:39:11,568

press decided against taking the

963

00:39:09,108 --> 00:39:15,259

anti-vaxxers money and denied the avians

964

00:39:11,568 --> 00:39:17,449

request to advertise now this comes

965

00:39:15,260 --> 00:39:19,880

after the avn had originally planned to

966

00:39:17,449 --> 00:39:23,439

place advertising in all of the child

967

00:39:19,880 --> 00:39:27,260

publications across Australia in 2009 or

968

00:39:23,440 --> 00:39:28,700

was it the Australian newspaper don't

969

00:39:27,260 --> 00:39:31,430

worry it will all become clear in a

970
00:39:28,699 --> 00:39:35,058
moment the reason this sounds confusing

971
00:39:31,429 --> 00:39:37,639
is because from march to june 2009 morel

972
00:39:35,059 --> 00:39:39,710
dory promoted a fundraising drive with a

973
00:39:37,639 --> 00:39:42,618
promise of financial assistance from

974
00:39:39,710 --> 00:39:45,889
Jenny McCarthy's Generation Rescue to

975
00:39:42,619 --> 00:39:48,048
pay for an autism advertisement the cost

976
00:39:45,889 --> 00:39:50,449
was going to be fifty three thousand

977
00:39:48,048 --> 00:39:52,068
dollars and it was to fund a full-page

978
00:39:50,449 --> 00:39:54,230
advertisement in The Australian

979
00:39:52,068 --> 00:39:57,108
newspaper which is a national newspaper

980
00:39:54,230 --> 00:39:59,539
and Generation Rescue would pay one

981
00:39:57,108 --> 00:40:02,989
third of the cost if the avn could raise

982
00:39:59,539 --> 00:40:06,259
the rest now Meryl set a deadline of

983
00:40:02,989 --> 00:40:08,328
monday march the 9th 2009 to raise the

984
00:40:06,260 --> 00:40:09,400
required approximately thirty five

985
00:40:08,329 --> 00:40:11,869
thousand dollars

986
00:40:09,400 --> 00:40:14,559
but after they've raised only seven

987
00:40:11,869 --> 00:40:17,838
thousand dollars merrell changed tact

988
00:40:14,559 --> 00:40:20,450
she said in the interests of actually

989
00:40:17,838 --> 00:40:22,489
bringing this to pass and also due to

990
00:40:20,449 --> 00:40:25,548
rethinking how our target audience will

991
00:40:22,489 --> 00:40:27,440
be we have decided to go for a full-page

992
00:40:25,548 --> 00:40:30,440
ad in every edition of copeland

993
00:40:27,440 --> 00:40:32,389
Publishing's child magazines of which

994
00:40:30,440 --> 00:40:35,088
there are six published every month for

995
00:40:32,389 --> 00:40:37,068
every capital city in australia too bad

996
00:40:35,088 --> 00:40:38,389
if you'd already donated money thinking

997
00:40:37,068 --> 00:40:41,329
it was going towards an ad in The

998

00:40:38,389 --> 00:40:43,699
Australian I guess but nevertheless the

999
00:40:41,329 --> 00:40:45,670
ads never appeared and what happened to

1000
00:40:43,699 --> 00:40:47,960
the money well I certainly don't know

1001
00:40:45,670 --> 00:40:49,639
however the fact that the ads never

1002
00:40:47,960 --> 00:40:52,130
appeared either in the Australian

1003
00:40:49,639 --> 00:40:53,690
newspaper or Copeland press may have

1004
00:40:52,130 --> 00:40:55,759
something to do with a competing

1005
00:40:53,690 --> 00:40:57,920
advertisement which was published by

1006
00:40:55,759 --> 00:41:02,298
Australian skeptics in the Australian

1007
00:40:57,920 --> 00:41:04,430
newspaper on august sixth 2009 now this

1008
00:41:02,298 --> 00:41:06,889
effectively gazumped the avn to the

1009
00:41:04,429 --> 00:41:08,929
punch our ad was a quarter page in the

1010
00:41:06,889 --> 00:41:11,598
australian and was famously funded by

1011
00:41:08,929 --> 00:41:13,368
dick smith and it warned parents of the

1012
00:41:11,599 --> 00:41:15,619

misinformation and scare mongering of

1013

00:41:13,369 --> 00:41:17,450

the avian and advised them to seek

1014

00:41:15,619 --> 00:41:20,059

health information and vaccination

1015

00:41:17,449 --> 00:41:23,778

advice from qualified professionals like

1016

00:41:20,059 --> 00:41:26,298

doctors so now if we fast-forward to

1017

00:41:23,778 --> 00:41:28,068

April 2010 and we find out that the

1018

00:41:26,298 --> 00:41:31,639

avian are once again attempting to

1019

00:41:28,068 --> 00:41:34,728

spread their information this time in

1020

00:41:31,639 --> 00:41:36,858

the Copeland press again we hear that

1021

00:41:34,728 --> 00:41:39,139

they have purchased one third page ads

1022

00:41:36,858 --> 00:41:41,748

in Sydney's child Melbourne a child and

1023

00:41:39,139 --> 00:41:43,788

Brisbane child at a total estimated cost

1024

00:41:41,748 --> 00:41:46,879

of eight thousand dollars and this

1025

00:41:43,789 --> 00:41:48,589

request as i said was denied i blogged

1026

00:41:46,880 --> 00:41:50,989

about this on april the second on

1027
00:41:48,588 --> 00:41:52,849
skeptics book and it was also blogged on

1028
00:41:50,989 --> 00:41:55,999
the australian skeptics website on the

1029
00:41:52,849 --> 00:42:00,229
same date on april the fifth i received

1030
00:41:55,998 --> 00:42:04,399
an email entitled re ad which simply

1031
00:42:00,228 --> 00:42:07,998
contains the text you are liars but as

1032
00:42:04,400 --> 00:42:11,630
it turns out we however we are weren't

1033
00:42:07,998 --> 00:42:14,358
lying on april the 6th four days after

1034
00:42:11,630 --> 00:42:16,519
my post on skeptics book merrell diary

1035
00:42:14,358 --> 00:42:18,619
sent an e-newsletter explaining what had

1036
00:42:16,518 --> 00:42:22,399
happened and saying she was only doing

1037
00:42:18,619 --> 00:42:22,740
so because her hand had been forced she

1038
00:42:22,400 --> 00:42:25,079
can

1039
00:42:22,739 --> 00:42:28,019
firmed that the avian had booked three

1040
00:42:25,079 --> 00:42:30,750
times quarter page ads I said one third

1041
00:42:28,019 --> 00:42:33,210
so I got this wrong but on March the

1042
00:42:30,750 --> 00:42:37,139
31st she had received an email advising

1043
00:42:33,210 --> 00:42:39,780
her that quote the publisher and editor

1044
00:42:37,139 --> 00:42:41,219
of the child magazines have decided that

1045
00:42:39,780 --> 00:42:43,700
they are unable to publish our

1046
00:42:41,219 --> 00:42:46,409
advertisement in the upcoming issue as

1047
00:42:43,699 --> 00:42:50,069
independent publishers all material

1048
00:42:46,409 --> 00:42:52,099
placed is at our discretion so it turns

1049
00:42:50,070 --> 00:42:54,720
out that I was not a liar after all

1050
00:42:52,099 --> 00:42:57,539
strange isn't it false accusations from

1051
00:42:54,719 --> 00:42:59,579
the anti-vaxxers who'd of think it but

1052
00:42:57,539 --> 00:43:01,440
what made Dory particularly angry and

1053
00:42:59,579 --> 00:43:03,690
also explains why she had to send his

1054
00:43:01,440 --> 00:43:06,360
post at all was that those meddling

1055

00:43:03,690 --> 00:43:09,389
skeptics had known about this she said

1056
00:43:06,360 --> 00:43:10,890
our committee was of two minds about how

1057
00:43:09,389 --> 00:43:14,250
and when to tell you about this

1058
00:43:10,889 --> 00:43:16,500
situation in consultation together

1059
00:43:14,250 --> 00:43:18,360
however we have decided that the release

1060
00:43:16,500 --> 00:43:20,730
of these details on the internet by

1061
00:43:18,360 --> 00:43:23,369
others has taken the decision out of our

1062
00:43:20,730 --> 00:43:26,820
hands she even copied and pasted my

1063
00:43:23,369 --> 00:43:30,090
entire blog post into the rant even the

1064
00:43:26,820 --> 00:43:32,100
part where I say if she was not already

1065
00:43:30,090 --> 00:43:34,108
convinced there is a conspiracy to see

1066
00:43:32,099 --> 00:43:37,440
her silenced than she ought to be well

1067
00:43:34,108 --> 00:43:40,559
and truly by now paranoid much or maybe

1068
00:43:37,440 --> 00:43:42,690
you should be Meryl however it is clear

1069
00:43:40,559 --> 00:43:45,329

Meryl was pretty rattled when she wrote

1070

00:43:42,690 --> 00:43:48,570

this which likely explains the following

1071

00:43:45,329 --> 00:43:50,969

errors in her post quote because the

1072

00:43:48,570 --> 00:43:53,010

head honcho of the skeptics had blogged

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00:43:50,969 --> 00:43:55,439

about this very issue only a few days

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00:43:53,010 --> 00:43:58,109

earlier and had indicated that he would

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00:43:55,440 --> 00:43:59,880

be contacting parenting publications to

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00:43:58,108 --> 00:44:02,940

ensure that they do not take any

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00:43:59,880 --> 00:44:05,789

advertising from us so I wish to state

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00:44:02,940 --> 00:44:08,340

here and now that I am neither a the

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00:44:05,789 --> 00:44:11,909

head honcho of Australian skeptics or be

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00:44:08,340 --> 00:44:14,340

a he and on top of this nowhere in my

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00:44:11,909 --> 00:44:16,829

post did I state I would be contacting

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00:44:14,340 --> 00:44:19,289

other parenting publications and I can

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00:44:16,829 --> 00:44:22,349

unequivocally state I did not contact

1084
00:44:19,289 --> 00:44:25,949
Copeland press but in another example of

1085
00:44:22,349 --> 00:44:28,739
strays anding Meryl pasted my url within

1086
00:44:25,949 --> 00:44:31,529
hurry newsletter and this resulted in an

1087
00:44:28,739 --> 00:44:34,049
eight hundred percent peak in page loads

1088
00:44:31,530 --> 00:44:36,610
and a four hundred percent increase in

1089
00:44:34,050 --> 00:44:39,460
unique visitors to skeptics book

1090
00:44:36,610 --> 00:44:41,289
thanks Merrill of course I got the usual

1091
00:44:39,460 --> 00:44:44,590
stuff some of which I'll share with you

1092
00:44:41,289 --> 00:44:45,849
now dear listeners so here are some of

1093
00:44:44,590 --> 00:44:49,420
the comments I've received in the last

1094
00:44:45,849 --> 00:44:51,460
few days you should get of your hate

1095
00:44:49,420 --> 00:44:54,010
wagon because that is all it sounds like

1096
00:44:51,460 --> 00:44:57,760
to me this one comes from someone

1097
00:44:54,010 --> 00:44:59,680
calling themselves you dogs this is the

1098
00:44:57,760 --> 00:45:01,590
most disgusting and hate-filled group of

1099
00:44:59,679 --> 00:45:04,539
people I've stumbled across on the web

1100
00:45:01,590 --> 00:45:07,360
seriously are you for real it's all cash

1101
00:45:04,539 --> 00:45:10,119
for comments though isn't it or are you

1102
00:45:07,360 --> 00:45:13,930
all useful annoyed I think that's meant

1103
00:45:10,119 --> 00:45:15,880
to the idiots haha yet I wonder anyway

1104
00:45:13,929 --> 00:45:17,980
when people in your family start to get

1105
00:45:15,880 --> 00:45:20,680
sick don't worry at all your hate will

1106
00:45:17,980 --> 00:45:23,019
fill you and we'll all that's needed to

1107
00:45:20,679 --> 00:45:25,739
see you through oh that's right you have

1108
00:45:23,019 --> 00:45:28,420
all you need in science don't you

1109
00:45:25,739 --> 00:45:33,009
hahahahaha enjoy and of course

1110
00:45:28,420 --> 00:45:34,930
everyone's favorite Godwin's law wow you

1111
00:45:33,010 --> 00:45:37,290
are a modern version of the Nazi brown

1112

00:45:34,929 --> 00:45:39,669
shirts were you bullied at school dude

1113
00:45:37,289 --> 00:45:41,259
but what is interesting about this is

1114
00:45:39,670 --> 00:45:43,150
Merrill's barring that this is

1115
00:45:41,260 --> 00:45:46,420
tantamount to censorship and her free

1116
00:45:43,150 --> 00:45:48,730
speech is being taken away but the child

1117
00:45:46,420 --> 00:45:50,470
has every right to refuse material they

1118
00:45:48,730 --> 00:45:54,039
fear may reflect badly on them or

1119
00:45:50,469 --> 00:45:55,929
tarnish the reputation and of course the

1120
00:45:54,039 --> 00:45:58,360
irony is that Meryl is only too willing

1121
00:45:55,929 --> 00:46:00,309
to censor any shred of information that

1122
00:45:58,360 --> 00:46:02,079
does not align with her fear mongering

1123
00:46:00,309 --> 00:46:05,259
conspiracy littered ideas about

1124
00:46:02,079 --> 00:46:07,690
vaccinations as one commenter on my blog

1125
00:46:05,260 --> 00:46:09,940
said the avians email list is

1126
00:46:07,690 --> 00:46:11,800

aggressively cold of dissent the

1127

00:46:09,940 --> 00:46:13,090

facebook page is locked down to the

1128

00:46:11,800 --> 00:46:15,460

point where you need to beg for

1129

00:46:13,090 --> 00:46:17,910

admission and their very own magazine

1130

00:46:15,460 --> 00:46:20,619

has a restrictive advertising policy I'm

1131

00:46:17,909 --> 00:46:23,319

willing to lay odds the avian will turn

1132

00:46:20,619 --> 00:46:26,650

down any ad submitted by say Australian

1133

00:46:23,320 --> 00:46:28,510

skeptics well this is a good point but

1134

00:46:26,650 --> 00:46:30,880

Meryl is so angry about this incident

1135

00:46:28,510 --> 00:46:32,800

that she wrote another blog post saying

1136

00:46:30,880 --> 00:46:34,960

that members of the stop the Australian

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00:46:32,800 --> 00:46:37,050

vaccination network group are immature

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00:46:34,960 --> 00:46:40,300

and childish and need to grow up

1139

00:46:37,050 --> 00:46:43,269

entitled the immaturity of those who

1140

00:46:40,300 --> 00:46:46,330

oppose free choice then in a purely

1141
00:46:43,269 --> 00:46:48,190
Barbara low Fisher moment she called for

1142
00:46:46,329 --> 00:46:50,460
open discussion and debate about the

1143
00:46:48,190 --> 00:46:54,599
issue of vaccine safety

1144
00:46:50,460 --> 00:46:56,639
she said so stop avn grow up debate

1145
00:46:54,599 --> 00:46:59,099
respectfully and show us your evidence

1146
00:46:56,639 --> 00:47:02,309
it's time to stop sniping and start

1147
00:46:59,099 --> 00:47:05,010
communicating oh they already me two

1148
00:47:02,309 --> 00:47:06,900
dots explode again and my desk has a

1149
00:47:05,010 --> 00:47:09,119
perfect imprint of my head in it right

1150
00:47:06,900 --> 00:47:10,800
now so Merrill has started a

1151
00:47:09,119 --> 00:47:13,050
letter-writing campaign to get all her

1152
00:47:10,800 --> 00:47:15,000
members to tell crumble impress the

1153
00:47:13,050 --> 00:47:16,740
publishers of the child magazines that

1154
00:47:15,000 --> 00:47:19,500
they are very naughty and have done a

1155
00:47:16,739 --> 00:47:20,789
very bad thing we have also written to

1156
00:47:19,500 --> 00:47:23,369
them to congratulate them on a

1157
00:47:20,789 --> 00:47:24,989
responsible and ethical decision perhaps

1158
00:47:23,369 --> 00:47:28,349
you would care to send your thoughts to

1159
00:47:24,989 --> 00:47:30,838
you can email marian at merion at

1160
00:47:28,349 --> 00:47:34,740
sydney's child calm today you and that

1161
00:47:30,838 --> 00:47:36,269
spelled ma r i o n also this week marks

1162
00:47:34,739 --> 00:47:38,969
the beginning of World homeopathy

1163
00:47:36,269 --> 00:47:42,000
Awareness Week and to celebrate late

1164
00:47:38,969 --> 00:47:43,588
line on ABC television ran a story by

1165
00:47:42,000 --> 00:47:46,889
the wonderful Walkley award winning

1166
00:47:43,588 --> 00:47:49,320
journalist Steve Canaan the focus was

1167
00:47:46,889 --> 00:47:50,848
the lack of power of our drug regulator

1168
00:47:49,320 --> 00:47:54,150
known as the Therapeutic Goods

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00:47:50,849 --> 00:47:56,940
Administration or the TGA to shut down

1170
00:47:54,150 --> 00:47:59,190
pseudo scientific claims and the example

1171
00:47:56,940 --> 00:48:01,889
used was Merrill's mate Franz Sheffield

1172
00:47:59,190 --> 00:48:04,200
who runs the woo infested website called

1173
00:48:01,889 --> 00:48:06,329
homeopathy plus these are the guys who

1174
00:48:04,199 --> 00:48:08,159
recently sent an email alert about the

1175
00:48:06,329 --> 00:48:10,799
very dodgy homeopathy for breast cancer

1176
00:48:08,159 --> 00:48:12,719
study with the headline homeopathy

1177
00:48:10,800 --> 00:48:16,349
effective for breast cancer and

1178
00:48:12,719 --> 00:48:19,019
non-toxic i took this paper apart on

1179
00:48:16,349 --> 00:48:21,869
skeptics book calm so for more info head

1180
00:48:19,019 --> 00:48:23,789
over to the blog the TGA received a

1181
00:48:21,869 --> 00:48:26,700
complaint about information on Fran's

1182
00:48:23,789 --> 00:48:28,320
website particularly pertaining to

1183
00:48:26,699 --> 00:48:31,739

claims about the effectiveness of

1184

00:48:28,320 --> 00:48:33,780

homeopathic immunization they asked Fran

1185

00:48:31,739 --> 00:48:36,809

to remove this information but she

1186

00:48:33,780 --> 00:48:38,910

simply ignored the ruling so Steve

1187

00:48:36,809 --> 00:48:41,009

Canaan asked Fran Sheffield why she had

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00:48:38,909 --> 00:48:42,659

not complied and she simply stated that

1189

00:48:41,010 --> 00:48:45,150

she didn't agree with their findings

1190

00:48:42,659 --> 00:48:47,098

this was apparently the case for more

1191

00:48:45,150 --> 00:48:51,180

than thirty percent of those reprimanded

1192

00:48:47,099 --> 00:48:53,130

by the TGA in 2009 the story of by Steve

1193

00:48:51,179 --> 00:48:55,169

Canaan was a great expose of the

1194

00:48:53,130 --> 00:48:58,530

failings of our drug and medicine

1195

00:48:55,170 --> 00:49:00,750

regulator the TGA but in developments

1196

00:48:58,530 --> 00:49:03,420

today Fran Sheffield has jumped the

1197

00:49:00,750 --> 00:49:04,230

shark big time on her website she

1198
00:49:03,420 --> 00:49:05,880
published

1199
00:49:04,230 --> 00:49:07,800
a response to the Lateline piece

1200
00:49:05,880 --> 00:49:10,079
addressing Steve's claims that her

1201
00:49:07,800 --> 00:49:12,990
evidence is dodgy the response was

1202
00:49:10,079 --> 00:49:15,659
entitled can homeopathy immunize against

1203
00:49:12,989 --> 00:49:18,000
epidemic and infectious diseases can

1204
00:49:15,659 --> 00:49:21,989
homeopathy address serious diseases such

1205
00:49:18,000 --> 00:49:26,159
as aids and cancer no she didn't yes she

1206
00:49:21,989 --> 00:49:28,259
did about AIDS she says homeopathy has

1207
00:49:26,159 --> 00:49:31,409
been shown in the following trials and

1208
00:49:28,260 --> 00:49:34,470
studies to safely treat AIDS without

1209
00:49:31,409 --> 00:49:36,389
toxic side effects she then followed

1210
00:49:34,469 --> 00:49:39,868
this up with a copy paste of 12

1211
00:49:36,389 --> 00:49:41,460
references Gish gallop away Fran some of

1212
00:49:39,869 --> 00:49:43,800
which are abstracts from conference

1213
00:49:41,460 --> 00:49:46,260
presentations some of which are from ult

1214
00:49:43,800 --> 00:49:50,580
meant journals and some from everybody's

1215
00:49:46,260 --> 00:49:53,940
favorite homeopath Dana Ullman on cancer

1216
00:49:50,579 --> 00:49:55,739
Frances homeopathy has been shown in the

1217
00:49:53,940 --> 00:49:57,929
following trials and studies to be

1218
00:49:55,739 --> 00:50:00,299
effective for cancer and without toxic

1219
00:49:57,929 --> 00:50:02,250
side effects and this was followed by

1220
00:50:00,300 --> 00:50:04,890
the sound Gish Gallup of copying and

1221
00:50:02,250 --> 00:50:07,139
pasting of references you see it is

1222
00:50:04,889 --> 00:50:09,599
illegal in New South Wales to claim you

1223
00:50:07,139 --> 00:50:12,299
can cure incurable diseases and this of

1224
00:50:09,599 --> 00:50:14,670
course includes cancer and AIDS this

1225
00:50:12,300 --> 00:50:16,070
comes under the Public Health Act the

1226

00:50:14,670 --> 00:50:18,539
code of conduct for unregistered

1227
00:50:16,070 --> 00:50:22,260
practitioners which was introduced in

1228
00:50:18,539 --> 00:50:24,449
August 2008 and I'm also pretty sure the

1229
00:50:22,260 --> 00:50:26,460
Australian homeopathic Association would

1230
00:50:24,449 --> 00:50:29,399
not be too impressed to hear one of

1231
00:50:26,460 --> 00:50:31,920
their own making such claims and even if

1232
00:50:29,400 --> 00:50:33,840
Fran is not a member of the aaha she

1233
00:50:31,920 --> 00:50:35,670
surely falls under the jurisdiction of

1234
00:50:33,840 --> 00:50:37,950
the healthcare Complaints Commission and

1235
00:50:35,670 --> 00:50:40,889
this means her claims about cancer and

1236
00:50:37,949 --> 00:50:44,129
aids are unlawful and meanwhile the TGA

1237
00:50:40,889 --> 00:50:46,108
is sitting on its hands so to celebrate

1238
00:50:44,130 --> 00:50:47,970
world homeopathy Awareness Week I'm

1239
00:50:46,108 --> 00:50:50,190
going to send a complaint to the H

1240
00:50:47,969 --> 00:50:52,949

Triple C or the Australian homeopathic

1241

00:50:50,190 --> 00:50:54,990

Association so that's just some of the

1242

00:50:52,949 --> 00:50:57,629

happenings from a very busy week which

1243

00:50:54,989 --> 00:51:00,629

included Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy's

1244

00:50:57,630 --> 00:51:04,340

splitting up and until next time this

1245

00:51:00,630 --> 00:51:04,340

has been dr. Reggie reports

1246

00:51:09,750 --> 00:51:23,550

great great great let's all take this

1247

00:51:18,429 --> 00:51:23,549

with a grain of salt he's around ticket

1248

00:51:24,539 --> 00:51:30,579

I have with me today on the phone wendy

1249

00:51:28,869 --> 00:51:33,099

whelan Wendy thank you very much for

1250

00:51:30,579 --> 00:51:34,869

being with me on the skeptic zone thank

1251

00:51:33,099 --> 00:51:37,929

you very much for inviting me now

1252

00:51:34,869 --> 00:51:39,489

whether you're a you're a GP nurse plus

1253

00:51:37,929 --> 00:51:42,579

a lot of other things is that correct

1254

00:51:39,489 --> 00:51:45,099

that is correct yes in general practice

1255
00:51:42,579 --> 00:51:49,090
in a little country town you you can to

1256
00:51:45,099 --> 00:51:50,769
multitask and one of my principal jobs

1257
00:51:49,090 --> 00:51:53,890
into practice nurse but also the

1258
00:51:50,769 --> 00:51:55,360
practice manager and we searched and do

1259
00:51:53,889 --> 00:51:57,609
you care when you care to tell us what

1260
00:51:55,360 --> 00:51:59,559
the country town is yeah here still

1261
00:51:57,610 --> 00:52:01,960
gained a new south wales the Hubbard the

1262
00:51:59,559 --> 00:52:05,409
central west the hub of the central west

1263
00:52:01,960 --> 00:52:08,050
okay so how big is the gander it's got a

1264
00:52:05,409 --> 00:52:11,289
population of about 2,000 but then if

1265
00:52:08,050 --> 00:52:12,940
you take in the Shire as well I would

1266
00:52:11,289 --> 00:52:15,159
imagine it would be three or four

1267
00:52:12,940 --> 00:52:17,500
thousand it sort of is the junction of

1268
00:52:15,159 --> 00:52:19,839
three highways so it does tend to get

1269
00:52:17,500 --> 00:52:22,659
fairly busy and it has a few small

1270
00:52:19,840 --> 00:52:26,500
outline terms that have got limited

1271
00:52:22,659 --> 00:52:30,239
medical resources and how how far is or

1272
00:52:26,500 --> 00:52:32,920
how close is the nearest big town

1273
00:52:30,239 --> 00:52:34,869
three-quarters of an hour away 70

1274
00:52:32,920 --> 00:52:38,860
kilometres and that's to dubbo is that

1275
00:52:34,869 --> 00:52:42,069
right that's correct yes okay and how

1276
00:52:38,860 --> 00:52:43,900
many gb's are there in gilgandra we've

1277
00:52:42,070 --> 00:52:46,420
had a bit of an explosion whether we've

1278
00:52:43,900 --> 00:52:48,639
gone through one GP which was dr.

1279
00:52:46,420 --> 00:52:53,619
giltrap that I originally started

1280
00:52:48,639 --> 00:52:59,199
working 24 to now having one two three a

1281
00:52:53,619 --> 00:53:00,849
five I think firing out yes ok we had 51

1282
00:52:59,199 --> 00:53:03,969
down the Main Street one of the hustle

1283

00:53:00,849 --> 00:53:07,119
yes five that's great 5g piece which is

1284
00:53:03,969 --> 00:53:10,179
amazing I don't think any than a leg

1285
00:53:07,119 --> 00:53:12,579
machine to work ivan i might add so and

1286
00:53:10,179 --> 00:53:15,669
it just goes to show the amount of work

1287
00:53:12,579 --> 00:53:19,190
that divisions a little tool okay now i

1288
00:53:15,670 --> 00:53:21,019
want to explain why i actually wanted to

1289
00:53:19,190 --> 00:53:24,019
the reason I wanted to interview is

1290
00:53:21,019 --> 00:53:27,250
because I've heard through reliable

1291
00:53:24,019 --> 00:53:29,929
sources that you have this year reached

1292
00:53:27,250 --> 00:53:32,539
100 percent vaccination rates is that

1293
00:53:29,929 --> 00:53:34,969
correct that is correct however on our

1294
00:53:32,539 --> 00:53:37,219
last one so we must notice at the

1295
00:53:34,969 --> 00:53:39,199
beginning it and on our last one there

1296
00:53:37,219 --> 00:53:42,078
was one child that went through and so

1297
00:53:39,199 --> 00:53:43,818

now I didn't 98.9 we're not actually a

1298

00:53:42,079 --> 00:53:45,710

hundred percent you know rather

1299

00:53:43,818 --> 00:53:48,289

devastated by that because I was very

1300

00:53:45,710 --> 00:53:50,960

proud of our one hundred percent right

1301

00:53:48,289 --> 00:53:54,050

but having said that 98.8 not too bad

1302

00:53:50,960 --> 00:53:57,710

either no it isn't no and this is this

1303

00:53:54,050 --> 00:54:02,450

is for a specific gb practice or is it

1304

00:53:57,710 --> 00:54:05,030

um yes yes it is that out that's our one

1305

00:54:02,449 --> 00:54:08,210

for our practice but having said that

1306

00:54:05,030 --> 00:54:10,280

because it is a little country town we

1307

00:54:08,210 --> 00:54:12,550

tend to all work together so not so

1308

00:54:10,280 --> 00:54:15,619

other than so much about as in extra

1309

00:54:12,550 --> 00:54:19,690

doctors not so much extra doctors but

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00:54:15,619 --> 00:54:22,309

certainly the early childhood worse and

1311

00:54:19,690 --> 00:54:24,559

motherhood nurse we would tend to work

1312
00:54:22,309 --> 00:54:26,539
in together so if they felt that there

1313
00:54:24,559 --> 00:54:28,969
was a child in need and one of them

1314
00:54:26,539 --> 00:54:31,309
wasn't he and then they would come and

1315
00:54:28,969 --> 00:54:34,759
see me and I guess if I wasn't in the

1316
00:54:31,309 --> 00:54:36,588
situation to do vice versa so we change

1317
00:54:34,760 --> 00:54:38,750
do came to work together but those

1318
00:54:36,588 --> 00:54:40,909
statistics are pharrell surgery alone

1319
00:54:38,750 --> 00:54:43,190
and do you have any idea what the

1320
00:54:40,909 --> 00:54:46,068
statistics are for the other surgeries

1321
00:54:43,190 --> 00:54:50,300
no I don't actually not not at all but i

1322
00:54:46,068 --> 00:54:51,980
am just sort of reading I don't know

1323
00:54:50,300 --> 00:54:54,260
what I was an actor or one of those sort

1324
00:54:51,980 --> 00:54:56,838
of see Megan it may think they weren't

1325
00:54:54,260 --> 00:55:01,040
saying that then the immunization rates

1326
00:54:56,838 --> 00:55:02,809
were down throughout me so well now

1327
00:55:01,039 --> 00:55:05,568
whether or not that applies to do gange

1328
00:55:02,809 --> 00:55:08,719
i don't know i would be surprised

1329
00:55:05,568 --> 00:55:12,980
because we're pretty diligent as a town

1330
00:55:08,719 --> 00:55:15,289
are trying to get vaccinations up to

1331
00:55:12,980 --> 00:55:17,119
date and keep them that way can you tell

1332
00:55:15,289 --> 00:55:21,318
me a little bit about the population the

1333
00:55:17,119 --> 00:55:23,838
socioeconomic status there and and the

1334
00:55:21,318 --> 00:55:26,088
kind of problems that the population

1335
00:55:23,838 --> 00:55:27,259
might tend to have medical problems that

1336
00:55:26,088 --> 00:55:29,750
the population might tend to have

1337
00:55:27,260 --> 00:55:32,000
inbuilt andhra yes it's an interesting

1338
00:55:29,750 --> 00:55:32,829
wouldn't and actually they quite a

1339
00:55:32,000 --> 00:55:35,360
significant

1340

00:55:32,829 --> 00:55:38,509
aboriginal population and there's also a

1341
00:55:35,360 --> 00:55:40,460
significant age population in addition

1342
00:55:38,510 --> 00:55:43,850
to that in the 20 years that I've worked

1343
00:55:40,460 --> 00:55:45,679
there I've had the pleasure I'm having

1344
00:55:43,849 --> 00:55:47,449
the grandparents bring the children and

1345
00:55:45,679 --> 00:55:49,839
then now those children have had

1346
00:55:47,449 --> 00:55:52,069
children so a lot of cases has three

1347
00:55:49,840 --> 00:55:54,800
generations of family that are coming

1348
00:55:52,070 --> 00:55:58,430
through the surgery and occasionally for

1349
00:55:54,800 --> 00:56:01,340
an interesting thing about that is that

1350
00:55:58,429 --> 00:56:04,190
the natural tendency patterns in health

1351
00:56:01,340 --> 00:56:08,180
problems there's a large amount of

1352
00:56:04,190 --> 00:56:10,460
diabetes in a town that tends to run in

1353
00:56:08,179 --> 00:56:13,969
certain families and the derivatives of

1354
00:56:10,460 --> 00:56:16,340

it absolutely is a big problem it was

1355

00:56:13,969 --> 00:56:19,609

when I first came to determine that end

1356

00:56:16,340 --> 00:56:21,800

states are the real and cardiac problems

1357

00:56:19,610 --> 00:56:24,860

and agitations and the complications of

1358

00:56:21,800 --> 00:56:27,140

diabetes were very random I would think

1359

00:56:24,860 --> 00:56:29,900

that that's diminished in certain the

1360

00:56:27,139 --> 00:56:32,329

healthcare for a variety of reasons has

1361

00:56:29,900 --> 00:56:35,619

improved and perhaps that's also the

1362

00:56:32,329 --> 00:56:39,170

reporting at all there's a fairly large

1363

00:56:35,619 --> 00:56:41,449

unemployed segments in their town but

1364

00:56:39,170 --> 00:56:43,309

it's also not an apathetic town or to

1365

00:56:41,449 --> 00:56:45,159

tell where people have a goal of trying

1366

00:56:43,309 --> 00:56:48,409

to sort of get out and do things it's

1367

00:56:45,159 --> 00:56:51,259

largely a farming community that

1368

00:56:48,409 --> 00:56:52,909

suffered largely from the brow and

1369
00:56:51,260 --> 00:56:54,710
that's caused a lot of problems it's

1370
00:56:52,909 --> 00:56:57,199
caused various mental health problems

1371
00:56:54,710 --> 00:56:59,530
and various other stress problems that

1372
00:56:57,199 --> 00:57:03,079
tend to go with those sorts of things

1373
00:56:59,530 --> 00:57:04,880
also being a rural area and prone to

1374
00:57:03,079 --> 00:57:09,409
drought and flooding whatever we've got

1375
00:57:04,880 --> 00:57:12,619
a large influx seasonally of both mas

1376
00:57:09,409 --> 00:57:16,339
river to fever glandular fever and those

1377
00:57:12,619 --> 00:57:18,679
sorts of things as well so it's that you

1378
00:57:16,340 --> 00:57:20,990
know part of the normal sort of aging

1379
00:57:18,679 --> 00:57:22,789
illnesses that would come within our own

1380
00:57:20,989 --> 00:57:25,059
community so you tend to head the two

1381
00:57:22,789 --> 00:57:28,250
extremes of the childhood illnesses

1382
00:57:25,059 --> 00:57:31,159
maybe tantalizes wheelies and all of

1383
00:57:28,250 --> 00:57:35,300
those sorts of things and also your age

1384
00:57:31,159 --> 00:57:37,909
once as well as a prisoner and alias and

1385
00:57:35,300 --> 00:57:40,039
critics syncretic to the average was

1386
00:57:37,909 --> 00:57:42,429
from your description of the population

1387
00:57:40,039 --> 00:57:45,079
in goog andhra it sounds to me like the

1388
00:57:42,429 --> 00:57:46,639
population could be at high risk should

1389
00:57:45,079 --> 00:57:49,250
there be an outbreak of community

1390
00:57:46,639 --> 00:57:50,690
a communicable disease such as pertussis

1391
00:57:49,250 --> 00:57:52,548
or some other vaccine-preventable

1392
00:57:50,690 --> 00:57:55,088
disease and I'm just wondering whether

1393
00:57:52,548 --> 00:57:59,809
you had any such outbreaks in the past

1394
00:57:55,088 --> 00:58:01,759
yes yes we did we have had tuchis

1395
00:57:59,809 --> 00:58:04,809
outbreaks certainly in the last couple

1396
00:58:01,760 --> 00:58:09,920
of years that seems to have happen in

1397

00:58:04,809 --> 00:58:12,890
adults and some children either children

1398
00:58:09,920 --> 00:58:16,250
that are too young to be vaccinated yes

1399
00:58:12,889 --> 00:58:18,170
or occasionally in some primary aged

1400
00:58:16,250 --> 00:58:20,088
children not sure why that end has

1401
00:58:18,170 --> 00:58:22,338
happened if they have been children been

1402
00:58:20,088 --> 00:58:24,048
fully vaccinated but certainly in the

1403
00:58:22,338 --> 00:58:27,108
adults that people wear their immunity

1404
00:58:24,048 --> 00:58:29,170
has dropped off we presume and so of

1405
00:58:27,108 --> 00:58:32,358
course now that the district's is

1406
00:58:29,170 --> 00:58:34,068
available to grandparents and then this

1407
00:58:32,358 --> 00:58:36,889
year to sort of healthcare workers

1408
00:58:34,068 --> 00:58:40,969
hopefully that will help that problem as

1409
00:58:36,889 --> 00:58:43,690
far as the others now we haven't very

1410
00:58:40,969 --> 00:58:47,538
very little and sort of the

1411
00:58:43,690 --> 00:58:49,519

meningococcal or the techni sore the

1412

00:58:47,539 --> 00:58:52,759

rebbe Ella and I think only one or two

1413

00:58:49,518 --> 00:58:55,068

measles in the last multiple years so

1414

00:58:52,759 --> 00:58:57,528

it's pretty good really okay certainly

1415

00:58:55,068 --> 00:58:59,989

if that did did break loose that'd be a

1416

00:58:57,528 --> 00:59:02,268

you know it would spread like wildfire

1417

00:58:59,989 --> 00:59:05,239

in a little town like this okay so

1418

00:59:02,268 --> 00:59:06,828

obviously you consider vaccines to be

1419

00:59:05,239 --> 00:59:11,268

quite an important public health measure

1420

00:59:06,829 --> 00:59:13,548

I i think it is vital I know not only

1421

00:59:11,268 --> 00:59:15,139

considered that it's vital to the

1422

00:59:13,548 --> 00:59:16,818

immediate health but I consider that

1423

00:59:15,139 --> 00:59:20,288

it's vital for the ongoing health

1424

00:59:16,818 --> 00:59:22,788

because of the risk of spreading it to

1425

00:59:20,289 --> 00:59:25,009

compromise members of the community such

1426
00:59:22,789 --> 00:59:28,700
as the age such as the babies or people

1427
00:59:25,009 --> 00:59:31,130
with reduced immunity and if you can get

1428
00:59:28,699 --> 00:59:34,518
people to not be afraid of them and to

1429
00:59:31,130 --> 00:59:36,650
see there's a you know just another part

1430
00:59:34,518 --> 00:59:38,568
of their preventive health care and that

1431
00:59:36,650 --> 00:59:41,358
in fact preventive health care is

1432
00:59:38,568 --> 00:59:44,900
worthwhile doing then I think I think

1433
00:59:41,358 --> 00:59:46,730
it's better you know I think really so

1434
00:59:44,900 --> 00:59:49,099
do you feel do you feel that there's any

1435
00:59:46,730 --> 00:59:50,509
fear in the community about that scenes

1436
00:59:49,099 --> 00:59:54,200
you said they have to get over their

1437
00:59:50,509 --> 00:59:56,389
fear definitely yes definitely I say

1438
00:59:54,199 --> 00:59:58,759
it's got better over the years but

1439
00:59:56,389 --> 01:00:00,019
certainly from the point of view of

1440
00:59:58,759 --> 01:00:02,179
unionization

1441
01:00:00,019 --> 01:00:05,509
and flu vaccines and of course the swine

1442
01:00:02,179 --> 01:00:08,329
flu when it came in us GD there was a

1443
01:00:05,510 --> 01:00:11,150
lot of fear initially because it was the

1444
01:00:08,329 --> 01:00:12,829
unknown it was a vaccine that hadn't

1445
01:00:11,150 --> 01:00:14,690
been tested for long and a lot of people

1446
01:00:12,829 --> 01:00:19,219
felt that it was a reaction or a

1447
01:00:14,690 --> 01:00:21,650
response to hysteria slightly so they

1448
01:00:19,219 --> 01:00:24,489
were very ain t having it done there now

1449
01:00:21,650 --> 01:00:28,849
much better with that but for ongoing

1450
01:00:24,489 --> 01:00:31,250
number of years the main community that

1451
01:00:28,849 --> 01:00:33,079
I want to target so preventive health is

1452
01:00:31,250 --> 01:00:35,840
the aboriginal population particularly

1453
01:00:33,079 --> 01:00:37,940
for their flu needles and the numa faxes

1454

01:00:35,840 --> 01:00:40,930
now there are always my lowest group

1455
01:00:37,940 --> 01:00:42,980
they have seemed to have this and I

1456
01:00:40,929 --> 01:00:46,069
don't know what you would call it just

1457
01:00:42,980 --> 01:00:48,349
like a innate sort of fear of needles as

1458
01:00:46,070 --> 01:00:51,110
much as anything not so much the actual

1459
01:00:48,349 --> 01:00:53,000
vaccine and the childhood vaccines they

1460
01:00:51,110 --> 01:00:55,460
fine with but it's the older people

1461
01:00:53,000 --> 01:00:58,159
there they don't respond nearly as well

1462
01:00:55,460 --> 01:00:59,990
as I would like them to do and you know

1463
01:00:58,159 --> 01:01:01,279
they'll say yes they'll come but then

1464
01:00:59,989 --> 01:01:03,259
they won't come back and have their

1465
01:01:01,280 --> 01:01:06,050
needles done so you've got to be really

1466
01:01:03,260 --> 01:01:08,510
opportunistic and almost a little pushy

1467
01:01:06,050 --> 01:01:11,120
at times to get some of your older

1468
01:01:08,510 --> 01:01:14,440

population and that's a shame because I

1469

01:01:11,119 --> 01:01:17,659

think they you know they're in need and

1470

01:01:14,440 --> 01:01:19,340

I think they're at high risk you know

1471

01:01:17,659 --> 01:01:21,409

particularly bearing in mind that the

1472

01:01:19,340 --> 01:01:23,570

aboriginal mortality rate is about 20

1473

01:01:21,409 --> 01:01:27,679

years you know shorter than the average

1474

01:01:23,570 --> 01:01:30,050

white Caucasian an off times I think

1475

01:01:27,679 --> 01:01:31,489

preventively and I think we've got a

1476

01:01:30,050 --> 01:01:33,410

really good rapport with Aboriginal

1477

01:01:31,489 --> 01:01:36,589

people here it's something that I'd like

1478

01:01:33,409 --> 01:01:38,239

to be able to improve if I could and

1479

01:01:36,590 --> 01:01:39,710

what have you done this year in order to

1480

01:01:38,239 --> 01:01:41,139

get to one hundred percent immunization

1481

01:01:39,710 --> 01:01:43,519

I don't think there's anything

1482

01:01:41,139 --> 01:01:45,909

spectacularly different in this year I

1483
01:01:43,519 --> 01:01:50,750
think you could just best sum it up by

1484
01:01:45,909 --> 01:01:52,670
being ongoing consistent in as much as

1485
01:01:50,750 --> 01:01:55,340
they know that they are able to get

1486
01:01:52,670 --> 01:01:57,769
their needles here that were always be

1487
01:01:55,340 --> 01:02:01,820
available pretty opportunistic so the

1488
01:01:57,769 --> 01:02:03,889
situation arises where people can be

1489
01:02:01,820 --> 01:02:06,350
vaccinated than we do we've always got

1490
01:02:03,889 --> 01:02:08,420
supplies on hand and I personally make

1491
01:02:06,349 --> 01:02:10,130
sure that I'm always available whether

1492
01:02:08,420 --> 01:02:12,950
it's convenient or not but I think

1493
01:02:10,130 --> 01:02:13,880
probably the biggest success story is

1494
01:02:12,949 --> 01:02:16,339
the fact

1495
01:02:13,880 --> 01:02:18,019
that we've got a really good rapport

1496
01:02:16,340 --> 01:02:19,789
with the other allied health workers

1497
01:02:18,019 --> 01:02:23,150
whether it be the community nurses the

1498
01:02:19,789 --> 01:02:24,860
childhood nurses the speeches or the

1499
01:02:23,150 --> 01:02:26,930
women's shelter doesn't matter we're

1500
01:02:24,860 --> 01:02:29,329
really lucky to have a good rapport in

1501
01:02:26,929 --> 01:02:31,969
the community and and I've got excellent

1502
01:02:29,329 --> 01:02:33,980
doctors that I work for so that all

1503
01:02:31,969 --> 01:02:36,379
works together you know for the best for

1504
01:02:33,980 --> 01:02:38,990
the patient i believe so it's certainly

1505
01:02:36,380 --> 01:02:41,000
not a wendy whelan loan effort I can

1506
01:02:38,989 --> 01:02:44,149
assure you is that it's i would think

1507
01:02:41,000 --> 01:02:45,860
that while it's our surgery I think

1508
01:02:44,150 --> 01:02:48,050
there's lots of people feeding to make

1509
01:02:45,860 --> 01:02:50,690
things a successful not normally just

1510
01:02:48,050 --> 01:02:53,560
one person have you been working with

1511

01:02:50,690 --> 01:02:55,760
the other surgeries in order to promote

1512
01:02:53,559 --> 01:02:58,219
vaccinations as a public health measure

1513
01:02:55,760 --> 01:02:59,810
to the community at large rather than

1514
01:02:58,219 --> 01:03:04,669
just the community the part of the

1515
01:02:59,809 --> 01:03:07,670
community that attends your surgery I if

1516
01:03:04,670 --> 01:03:09,409
ever they look that particularly there

1517
01:03:07,670 --> 01:03:11,780
is a surgery at the hospital it's a new

1518
01:03:09,409 --> 01:03:14,739
surgery I've certainly promoted it to

1519
01:03:11,780 --> 01:03:17,480
them we would probably be the most

1520
01:03:14,739 --> 01:03:19,069
senior surgery in as much as that I just

1521
01:03:17,480 --> 01:03:22,369
mean that we've been there the longest

1522
01:03:19,070 --> 01:03:25,280
and probably know the ropes easier so I

1523
01:03:22,369 --> 01:03:27,349
guess from a consulting point of view on

1524
01:03:25,280 --> 01:03:29,570
there and I'm available in that village

1525
01:03:27,349 --> 01:03:31,369

it's quite often use me that they will

1526

01:03:29,570 --> 01:03:33,140

be if there's any problems and often

1527

01:03:31,369 --> 01:03:34,909

even our chemists because we've only got

1528

01:03:33,139 --> 01:03:37,400

one chemist in town and although she's

1529

01:03:34,909 --> 01:03:39,949

great she'll often ring me up and to say

1530

01:03:37,400 --> 01:03:41,570

you know you know I've got this problem

1531

01:03:39,949 --> 01:03:43,219

what do you think and i guess would

1532

01:03:41,570 --> 01:03:44,990

would be two colleagues together rather

1533

01:03:43,219 --> 01:03:49,969

than one person being better than the

1534

01:03:44,989 --> 01:03:51,589

other so here so I any active chance

1535

01:03:49,969 --> 01:03:53,239

that I would get it i would promote it

1536

01:03:51,590 --> 01:03:56,510

but we also have an immunization

1537

01:03:53,239 --> 01:03:58,219

conference in Dubbo each year for all

1538

01:03:56,510 --> 01:04:00,920

the little towns and all the surgeries

1539

01:03:58,219 --> 01:04:02,599

so they would promote it as well there

1540
01:04:00,920 --> 01:04:05,750
are organizations and the organizations

1541
01:04:02,599 --> 01:04:07,509
that we fight with quite a loss that try

1542
01:04:05,750 --> 01:04:11,210
to promote all kinds of fear and

1543
01:04:07,510 --> 01:04:12,710
misinformation about vaccines do you

1544
01:04:11,210 --> 01:04:15,170
feel that they're having some kind of

1545
01:04:12,710 --> 01:04:17,240
effect in your environment that's an

1546
01:04:15,170 --> 01:04:20,539
interesting question actually oh if it

1547
01:04:17,239 --> 01:04:22,369
had it been prior to Medicare giving

1548
01:04:20,539 --> 01:04:25,730
their incentive payments they're having

1549
01:04:22,369 --> 01:04:27,359
completed vaccines and I think people

1550
01:04:25,730 --> 01:04:29,579
would have tended to use

1551
01:04:27,360 --> 01:04:34,079
that more especially for the children

1552
01:04:29,579 --> 01:04:36,659
but certainly not now if that's the

1553
01:04:34,079 --> 01:04:40,500
swine flu and it's now been integrated

1554
01:04:36,659 --> 01:04:42,329
more as well but certainly in the old a

1555
01:04:40,500 --> 01:04:45,420
lot there's a lot of people that say

1556
01:04:42,329 --> 01:04:48,630
they don't need it that they're seen

1557
01:04:45,420 --> 01:04:51,750
other people have bad reactions etc etc

1558
01:04:48,630 --> 01:04:53,309
and that is a much harder group to get

1559
01:04:51,750 --> 01:04:56,280
done people seem to be happy enough to

1560
01:04:53,309 --> 01:04:58,139
do the children but not themselves they

1561
01:04:56,280 --> 01:05:01,170
don't realize that they're the extended

1562
01:04:58,139 --> 01:05:04,409
arm but you know can infect their

1563
01:05:01,170 --> 01:05:05,970
families as much as anything else so I

1564
01:05:04,409 --> 01:05:08,190
guess rather than a specific

1565
01:05:05,969 --> 01:05:12,000
organization that just seems to be this

1566
01:05:08,190 --> 01:05:15,690
general slight nerdiness if you would

1567
01:05:12,000 --> 01:05:17,730
like amongst particularly the aboriginal

1568

01:05:15,690 --> 01:05:20,550
community or the lower socioeconomic

1569
01:05:17,730 --> 01:05:23,760
groups where they perhaps not as well

1570
01:05:20,550 --> 01:05:26,250
informed but i believe continued

1571
01:05:23,760 --> 01:05:29,400
education and consistent education is

1572
01:05:26,250 --> 01:05:30,690
back the answer to that now Wendy let me

1573
01:05:29,400 --> 01:05:33,210
ask you this I know you have

1574
01:05:30,690 --> 01:05:34,829
grandchildren so I think it would be

1575
01:05:33,210 --> 01:05:36,990
fair to assume that you've been a nurse

1576
01:05:34,829 --> 01:05:40,559
for quite a while since when have you

1577
01:05:36,989 --> 01:05:42,719
been a nurse Oh since when I started in

1578
01:05:40,559 --> 01:05:47,730
nineteen seventy-four I started nursing

1579
01:05:42,719 --> 01:05:49,439
and I did nothing and also started

1580
01:05:47,730 --> 01:05:51,840
speech therapy but I also did my only

1581
01:05:49,440 --> 01:05:55,050
childhood teaching sir got a few

1582
01:05:51,840 --> 01:05:58,880

different caps but nursing's my passion

1583

01:05:55,050 --> 01:06:03,960

I love my nursing and you so in 1974

1584

01:05:58,880 --> 01:06:09,030

that was maybe 13 14 years out from the

1585

01:06:03,960 --> 01:06:12,929

last cases of polio so so people would

1586

01:06:09,030 --> 01:06:15,120

have would have been the effect of these

1587

01:06:12,929 --> 01:06:19,500

diseases that are now that since then

1588

01:06:15,119 --> 01:06:23,069

have been prevented by by vaccines have

1589

01:06:19,500 --> 01:06:25,699

you seen over time as people no less and

1590

01:06:23,070 --> 01:06:28,680

less of people who have suffered from

1591

01:06:25,699 --> 01:06:30,989

vaccine-preventable diseases that the

1592

01:06:28,679 --> 01:06:34,559

tendency to immunize it affects its

1593

01:06:30,989 --> 01:06:37,139

tendency to complete the vaccination

1594

01:06:34,559 --> 01:06:39,670

regime has deteriorated or what kind of

1595

01:06:37,139 --> 01:06:42,969

effect have you seen over time

1596

01:06:39,670 --> 01:06:45,190

as regards specifically polio inside

1597
01:06:42,969 --> 01:06:48,459
diphtheria or those sorts of ones you're

1598
01:06:45,190 --> 01:06:50,139
talking about well I would assume again

1599
01:06:48,460 --> 01:06:51,608
I'm making a bit of an assumption here

1600
01:06:50,139 --> 01:06:54,578
so I'm interested to know your opinion

1601
01:06:51,608 --> 01:06:56,759
my assumption is that vaccines are in a

1602
01:06:54,579 --> 01:06:59,260
sense their own worst enemies because

1603
01:06:56,760 --> 01:07:01,510
those terrible diseases that are now

1604
01:06:59,260 --> 01:07:03,220
preventable by vaccines are gone they're

1605
01:07:01,510 --> 01:07:05,680
basically not there anymore so people do

1606
01:07:03,219 --> 01:07:09,699
not tend to see them nobody bring her

1607
01:07:05,679 --> 01:07:12,190
nobody who is less than about 35 knows

1608
01:07:09,699 --> 01:07:13,868
many people who knows many if any people

1609
01:07:12,190 --> 01:07:19,059
with polio for example her suffered from

1610
01:07:13,869 --> 01:07:21,309
polio I think probably and I would agree

1611
01:07:19,059 --> 01:07:23,920
with you except for one thing you've got

1612
01:07:21,309 --> 01:07:26,140
to remember that now many people are

1613
01:07:23,920 --> 01:07:29,619
traveling and I think travel medicine

1614
01:07:26,139 --> 01:07:32,048
has probably re enlightened or

1615
01:07:29,619 --> 01:07:33,430
re-educated people because as you would

1616
01:07:32,048 --> 01:07:37,108
know that if you go to somewhere like

1617
01:07:33,429 --> 01:07:39,098
the middle of Africa polio is still

1618
01:07:37,108 --> 01:07:40,630
occurring there and therefore that's

1619
01:07:39,099 --> 01:07:42,579
where you would have your I poll

1620
01:07:40,630 --> 01:07:46,680
vaccination there is only a couple of

1621
01:07:42,579 --> 01:07:49,480
places in the world where polio is still

1622
01:07:46,679 --> 01:07:51,338
required to go and you know it's a

1623
01:07:49,480 --> 01:07:53,829
prerequisite when you're traveling but

1624
01:07:51,338 --> 01:07:56,159
because people are tending to go more

1625

01:07:53,829 --> 01:07:58,780
and more to those sorts of places now

1626
01:07:56,159 --> 01:08:00,608
we're finding that they're a little bit

1627
01:07:58,780 --> 01:08:03,730
more aware I used to find that there are

1628
01:08:00,608 --> 01:08:08,828
a bit ho-hum but not so much so now they

1629
01:08:03,730 --> 01:08:10,659
they tend to be more aware the biggest

1630
01:08:08,829 --> 01:08:12,789
thing I find is not so much that they

1631
01:08:10,659 --> 01:08:14,529
won't have the vaccinations done but

1632
01:08:12,789 --> 01:08:18,399
that they don't have now enough time to

1633
01:08:14,530 --> 01:08:21,159
have the vaccination completed fully and

1634
01:08:18,399 --> 01:08:23,289
that that bothers me for instance you

1635
01:08:21,159 --> 01:08:25,059
know for the hepatitis I you know like

1636
01:08:23,289 --> 01:08:27,880
hepatitis was around a lot when I was a

1637
01:08:25,060 --> 01:08:30,160
child not so much now as an arrow in

1638
01:08:27,880 --> 01:08:32,190
fact very rarely as an adult people

1639
01:08:30,159 --> 01:08:35,380

don't realize that you need two vaccines

1640

01:08:32,189 --> 01:08:37,750

16 months related to complete the

1641

01:08:35,380 --> 01:08:39,940

vaccination and that's the problem that

1642

01:08:37,750 --> 01:08:43,359

I'm tending to see more of that people

1643

01:08:39,939 --> 01:08:45,909

don't come and willingly follow up for

1644

01:08:43,359 --> 01:08:48,069

the second one they intend to they just

1645

01:08:45,909 --> 01:08:49,599

don't get around to it or they don't see

1646

01:08:48,069 --> 01:08:51,009

the value of it do you think that's

1647

01:08:49,600 --> 01:08:52,838

probably because they're not worried

1648

01:08:51,009 --> 01:08:58,569

enough about those view those

1649

01:08:52,838 --> 01:09:00,068

I think they not so much that they're

1650

01:08:58,569 --> 01:09:02,230

not worried about it i think that's a

1651

01:09:00,069 --> 01:09:05,529

combination of things i think they we

1652

01:09:02,229 --> 01:09:07,238

live in a society where 11 fix fixes

1653

01:09:05,529 --> 01:09:09,339

everything so people tend to think that

1654
01:09:07,238 --> 01:09:12,068
if you have one vaccine its kind of fix

1655
01:09:09,338 --> 01:09:14,289
the whole one and anything that in our

1656
01:09:12,069 --> 01:09:19,089
health system i found that requires an

1657
01:09:14,289 --> 01:09:21,399
ongoing process tends to run the risk of

1658
01:09:19,088 --> 01:09:23,588
not being fully compliant and i think

1659
01:09:21,399 --> 01:09:27,429
that's the biggest thing whether whether

1660
01:09:23,588 --> 01:09:29,618
it be immunization or your ongoing

1661
01:09:27,429 --> 01:09:31,179
enhanced primary care for the chronic

1662
01:09:29,618 --> 01:09:33,219
diseases any of those sorts of things

1663
01:09:31,179 --> 01:09:37,259
that require requires an ongoing

1664
01:09:33,219 --> 01:09:39,759
commitment need extra diligence on our

1665
01:09:37,259 --> 01:09:43,329
part and record keeping because they're

1666
01:09:39,759 --> 01:09:45,579
the ones that people tend to fall ban on

1667
01:09:43,329 --> 01:09:47,019
i guess i guess people just too busy as

1668
01:09:45,579 --> 01:09:50,439
much as anything i don't think it's

1669
01:09:47,020 --> 01:09:53,080
necessarily not wanting to do it they

1670
01:09:50,439 --> 01:09:57,009
just don't get me Wendy thank you very

1671
01:09:53,079 --> 01:09:58,868
much for giving me of your time and it's

1672
01:09:57,010 --> 01:10:00,250
been great speaking to and well done on

1673
01:09:58,868 --> 01:10:02,170
the achievement of getting one hundred

1674
01:10:00,250 --> 01:10:05,010
percent vaccination even if it has now

1675
01:10:02,170 --> 01:10:09,279
dropped to what ninety-eight point I

1676
01:10:05,010 --> 01:10:14,230
know she and I believe okay thank you

1677
01:10:09,279 --> 01:10:16,000
very much yeah aight guys i was talking

1678
01:10:14,229 --> 01:10:18,368
to Richard Saunders isn't it all right

1679
01:10:16,000 --> 01:10:20,800
he said if we record a trailer for our

1680
01:10:18,368 --> 01:10:22,509
podcast skeptics with a que he declared

1681
01:10:20,800 --> 01:10:23,980
on their on their show that's nice of

1682

01:10:22,510 --> 01:10:24,880
him that's very generous it's pretty

1683
01:10:23,979 --> 01:10:26,859
good i'm not sure what we could do

1684
01:10:24,880 --> 01:10:28,599
though I mean well suppose you tell

1685
01:10:26,859 --> 01:10:31,448
people shows about but it's basic is

1686
01:10:28,599 --> 01:10:33,069
this yeah like yeah but you know we talk

1687
01:10:31,448 --> 01:10:34,509
about science and skepticism and things

1688
01:10:33,069 --> 01:10:35,618
that's that's true i suppose en you

1689
01:10:34,510 --> 01:10:38,139
mentioned the website address what

1690
01:10:35,618 --> 01:10:39,880
merseyside skeptics todo UK yeah yeah

1691
01:10:38,139 --> 01:10:41,139
just like searches night UN's oh and

1692
01:10:39,880 --> 01:10:44,859
then we could end with like a big song

1693
01:10:41,139 --> 01:10:48,270
like the skeptics with okay god no no no

1694
01:10:44,859 --> 01:10:48,269
no don't don't do that

1695
01:10:53,920 --> 01:11:00,980
I'm Carly Sturgis and today I'm talking

1696
01:10:57,409 --> 01:11:03,199

to crispy and Jago Crispian works in

1697

01:11:00,979 --> 01:11:05,238

information technology and lives in

1698

01:11:03,199 --> 01:11:08,539

Hampshire England where he keeps a very

1699

01:11:05,238 --> 01:11:10,669

beautiful garden online he says he's

1700

01:11:08,539 --> 01:11:12,800

well known for pointing a satirical and

1701

01:11:10,670 --> 01:11:15,039

bogi stained finger at those who

1702

01:11:12,800 --> 01:11:18,560

preferred dogma and irrational beliefs

1703

01:11:15,039 --> 01:11:20,869

his side science reason and critical

1704

01:11:18,560 --> 01:11:23,630

thinking features rave reviews by the

1705

01:11:20,869 --> 01:11:26,210

likes of Adam Savage Phil Plait and Ben

1706

01:11:23,630 --> 01:11:29,029

Goldacre for his creative depiction of

1707

01:11:26,210 --> 01:11:32,270

skeptics using playing cards and parody

1708

01:11:29,029 --> 01:11:38,479

he also features album reviews on his

1709

01:11:32,270 --> 01:11:41,150

side wwwspa- hello Crispian and thanks

1710

01:11:38,479 --> 01:11:43,250

for the opportunity for an interview hi

1711
01:11:41,149 --> 01:11:45,738
Carly many thanks for having me on you

1712
01:11:43,250 --> 01:11:48,619
describe yourself on your site as an IT

1713
01:11:45,738 --> 01:11:50,929
consultant specializing in software test

1714
01:11:48,619 --> 01:11:53,479
management and consultancy with a

1715
01:11:50,930 --> 01:11:55,489
passion for music and science so do you

1716
01:11:53,479 --> 01:11:57,649
also call yourself a skeptic and why

1717
01:11:55,488 --> 01:11:59,779
yeah I would absolutely describe myself

1718
01:11:57,649 --> 01:12:01,189
as a skeptic and thanks for pointing out

1719
01:11:59,779 --> 01:12:03,170
that I obviously forgot to include that

1720
01:12:01,189 --> 01:12:05,929
word on my blog profile probably need to

1721
01:12:03,170 --> 01:12:08,180
update that but IT consultancy is my day

1722
01:12:05,930 --> 01:12:09,260
job and I have my own company i

1723
01:12:08,180 --> 01:12:12,590
specialize in software testing

1724
01:12:09,260 --> 01:12:14,480
strategies and test processes but as

1725
01:12:12,590 --> 01:12:16,730
much as I enjoy that my passion is

1726
01:12:14,479 --> 01:12:19,250
indeed for science and music and I guess

1727
01:12:16,729 --> 01:12:20,899
despite a temporary religious blind spot

1728
01:12:19,250 --> 01:12:23,238
during my late teenage years I've always

1729
01:12:20,899 --> 01:12:24,949
been skeptical I just didn't really

1730
01:12:23,238 --> 01:12:26,959
recognize myself as a skeptic until

1731
01:12:24,949 --> 01:12:28,939
probably a couple of years ago when I

1732
01:12:26,960 --> 01:12:30,949
started attending skeptics in the pub in

1733
01:12:28,939 --> 01:12:32,779
London and it became immediately obvious

1734
01:12:30,949 --> 01:12:36,229
to me that these are my people and

1735
01:12:32,779 --> 01:12:38,210
that's what I was so since then i worked

1736
01:12:36,229 --> 01:12:39,859
with my local skeptical compadre dave

1737
01:12:38,210 --> 01:12:41,989
hughes and we've set up the Hampshire

1738
01:12:39,859 --> 01:12:43,969
skeptics society let me know run another

1739

01:12:41,988 --> 01:12:46,309
skeptics in the pub in Winchester and

1740
01:12:43,969 --> 01:12:48,619
Hampshire and that's all going very well

1741
01:12:46,310 --> 01:12:50,600
there seems to be a great deal of desire

1742
01:12:48,619 --> 01:12:53,420
for skeptical events and critical

1743
01:12:50,600 --> 01:12:55,430
thinking so it's all good you think that

1744
01:12:53,420 --> 01:12:57,920
there's more skeptically minded people

1745
01:12:55,430 --> 01:12:59,480
involved in it or is the profession

1746
01:12:57,920 --> 01:13:01,399
like any other well I guess there's a

1747
01:12:59,479 --> 01:13:02,929
lot of people in IT so it's hardly

1748
01:13:01,399 --> 01:13:04,109
surprising that found number them

1749
01:13:02,930 --> 01:13:07,730
revolved in the

1750
01:13:04,109 --> 01:13:10,589
sketchup community but i suspect that

1751
01:13:07,729 --> 01:13:13,229
both critical thinking and woowoo exists

1752
01:13:10,590 --> 01:13:16,500
within all professions perhaps I T

1753
01:13:13,229 --> 01:13:19,379

attracts more geeky nerdy sciency sort

1754

01:13:16,500 --> 01:13:21,359
of people who were maybes predisposed to

1755

01:13:19,380 --> 01:13:24,539
more science and reason and critical

1756

01:13:21,359 --> 01:13:26,279
thinking rather than fairies and

1757

01:13:24,539 --> 01:13:28,380
pseudoscience and irrational nonsense

1758

01:13:26,279 --> 01:13:31,019
you're the creator of a very popular

1759

01:13:28,380 --> 01:13:32,909
blog called science reason and critical

1760

01:13:31,020 --> 01:13:35,550
thinking which involves parodies of

1761

01:13:32,908 --> 01:13:37,888
ladybird books tarot cards and even

1762

01:13:35,550 --> 01:13:39,920
interviews what first inspired you to

1763

01:13:37,889 --> 01:13:42,420
start creating that kind of site I

1764

01:13:39,920 --> 01:13:44,520
started writing my science reason and

1765

01:13:42,420 --> 01:13:46,500
critical thinking blog and just over 18

1766

01:13:44,520 --> 01:13:48,480
months ago and the main reason was that

1767

01:13:46,500 --> 01:13:50,368
every time I went to skeptics in the pub

1768
01:13:48,479 --> 01:13:53,009
someone would invariably ask me do you

1769
01:13:50,368 --> 01:13:55,259
blog or what's the name of your blog so

1770
01:13:53,010 --> 01:13:57,000
one lunchtime when I couldn't be asked

1771
01:13:55,260 --> 01:14:00,210
to leave my desk I logged on to blogger

1772
01:13:57,000 --> 01:14:01,579
and i set up my blog i hadn't planned on

1773
01:14:00,210 --> 01:14:03,868
doing it i hadn't given it any thought

1774
01:14:01,579 --> 01:14:05,519
so when I was prompted with a flashing

1775
01:14:03,868 --> 01:14:06,899
cursor following the question blog name

1776
01:14:05,520 --> 01:14:08,310
i just typed in the first thing that

1777
01:14:06,899 --> 01:14:10,549
came into my head which just happened to

1778
01:14:08,310 --> 01:14:12,719
be science reason in critical thinking

1779
01:14:10,550 --> 01:14:14,130
perhaps with hindsight i could have

1780
01:14:12,719 --> 01:14:16,679
thought of something a bit more witty

1781
01:14:14,130 --> 01:14:20,909
your pithy that there you go I'm not

1782
01:14:16,679 --> 01:14:22,859
changing it there so first I tried to

1783
01:14:20,908 --> 01:14:25,079
write serious posts about skeptical

1784
01:14:22,859 --> 01:14:27,139
issues but I think I just ended up sort

1785
01:14:25,079 --> 01:14:29,939
of echoing thoughts and ideas that I've

1786
01:14:27,139 --> 01:14:32,520
heard express much more eloquently by

1787
01:14:29,939 --> 01:14:35,908
other writers and podcasters and

1788
01:14:32,520 --> 01:14:37,469
bloggers and then about a year ago it's

1789
01:14:35,908 --> 01:14:40,138
just before the initial Simon Singh

1790
01:14:37,469 --> 01:14:41,730
hearing at the course of justice I was

1791
01:14:40,139 --> 01:14:44,190
listening to a description of the case I

1792
01:14:41,729 --> 01:14:45,959
think it's on the on the SGU podcast I

1793
01:14:44,189 --> 01:14:48,599
realized for the first time that the

1794
01:14:45,960 --> 01:14:50,489
whole purpose of the sing b/ci trial was

1795
01:14:48,600 --> 01:14:53,070
not to review the empirical evidence on

1796

01:14:50,488 --> 01:14:55,649
the truth of the bch claims but it was

1797
01:14:53,069 --> 01:14:57,090
to bicker about semantics and in an

1798
01:14:55,649 --> 01:14:59,158
attempt to sort of silence valid

1799
01:14:57,090 --> 01:15:00,960
criticism and the moment that dawned on

1800
01:14:59,158 --> 01:15:02,399
me I immediately thought of the woods

1801
01:15:00,960 --> 01:15:05,460
trough and Monty Python and the Holy

1802
01:15:02,399 --> 01:15:07,319
Grail so I rewrote the witch sketch to

1803
01:15:05,460 --> 01:15:09,600
the tune of we have found a scientists

1804
01:15:07,319 --> 01:15:11,429
may be sue him when I posted on my blog

1805
01:15:09,600 --> 01:15:15,329
later that day in to my surprise it was

1806
01:15:11,429 --> 01:15:17,789
retweeted and linked and I thought wow

1807
01:15:15,329 --> 01:15:20,189
this is rather easy just writing and

1808
01:15:17,789 --> 01:15:21,960
satirical skeptical blogs rehashing

1809
01:15:20,189 --> 01:15:24,179
Monty Python sketch uses a lot easier

1810
01:15:21,960 --> 01:15:27,239

than them thinking of your own original

1811

01:15:24,180 --> 01:15:30,210

stuff so pretty much since then rather

1812

01:15:27,239 --> 01:15:32,189

than writing insightful original reviews

1813

01:15:30,210 --> 01:15:34,949

of important issues I find it easier

1814

01:15:32,189 --> 01:15:38,309

just to wave the shitty stick it

1815

01:15:34,949 --> 01:15:40,409

irrational nonsense works for me people

1816

01:15:38,310 --> 01:15:43,140

may best know you as the creator of the

1817

01:15:40,409 --> 01:15:45,349

skeptic trump cards how did they come to

1818

01:15:43,140 --> 01:15:48,960

be and what's been the overall reaction

1819

01:15:45,350 --> 01:15:50,700

well more plagiarism really christina

1820

01:15:48,960 --> 01:15:52,890

martin put together a great pack of God

1821

01:15:50,699 --> 01:15:54,569

Trump's in the new humanist magazine a

1822

01:15:52,890 --> 01:15:57,600

while ago so I thought I'd basically

1823

01:15:54,569 --> 01:15:59,729

just pinch that idea I initially wrote

1824

01:15:57,600 --> 01:16:02,160

some tarot cards featuring various wound

1825
01:15:59,729 --> 01:16:04,229
merchants then I wrote some quack

1826
01:16:02,159 --> 01:16:06,809
Trump's featuring various advocates of

1827
01:16:04,229 --> 01:16:09,569
different alternative medical tripe and

1828
01:16:06,810 --> 01:16:11,220
I got an email from jakab Kent and he

1829
01:16:09,569 --> 01:16:15,059
suggested I create another set of cards

1830
01:16:11,220 --> 01:16:16,880
the well-known skeptics so I worked out

1831
01:16:15,060 --> 01:16:19,470
various categories like special power

1832
01:16:16,880 --> 01:16:21,390
weapon of choice and arch nemesis and I

1833
01:16:19,470 --> 01:16:23,430
wrote a short bit about a whole bunch of

1834
01:16:21,390 --> 01:16:25,950
well-known skeptics then I started

1835
01:16:23,430 --> 01:16:28,380
trying to mock up some some top trump

1836
01:16:25,949 --> 01:16:30,210
cards I originally just used some photos

1837
01:16:28,380 --> 01:16:32,880
of famous skeptics that I just done

1838
01:16:30,210 --> 01:16:33,960
harvested from a google image search but

1839
01:16:32,880 --> 01:16:35,940
when I put the cards together they

1840
01:16:33,960 --> 01:16:37,579
didn't seem to look quite right so I

1841
01:16:35,939 --> 01:16:40,109
thought I trying to create some sort of

1842
01:16:37,579 --> 01:16:41,789
unique avatar for each character and I

1843
01:16:40,109 --> 01:16:43,979
was again looking around on the web for

1844
01:16:41,789 --> 01:16:47,329
a way of doing that when I stumbled upon

1845
01:16:43,979 --> 01:16:49,559
the Simpson Iser which is basically a

1846
01:16:47,329 --> 01:16:50,819
website that's to promote the simpsons

1847
01:16:49,560 --> 01:16:53,880
movie where you can create your own

1848
01:16:50,819 --> 01:16:57,630
Simpsons based avatar it actually

1849
01:16:53,880 --> 01:16:59,369
produced a very sort of fairly generic

1850
01:16:57,630 --> 01:17:00,900
sort of character slight to fart about

1851
01:16:59,369 --> 01:17:02,880
in Photoshop for quite a bit just to

1852
01:17:00,899 --> 01:17:05,009
make the countries to go to it more

1853

01:17:02,880 --> 01:17:08,069
recognizable but I thought they came out

1854
01:17:05,010 --> 01:17:10,650
pretty good so i created the cards and I

1855
01:17:08,069 --> 01:17:12,539
loaded them to my blog and once again I

1856
01:17:10,649 --> 01:17:15,329
was rather surprised by the by the

1857
01:17:12,539 --> 01:17:17,850
response that I've got people like Adam

1858
01:17:15,329 --> 01:17:20,189
Savage Phil Plait and penn & teller and

1859
01:17:17,850 --> 01:17:21,539
darren brown all seem to rather light

1860
01:17:20,189 --> 01:17:24,500
note cards and again they started

1861
01:17:21,539 --> 01:17:28,409
tweeting them and sending out the links

1862
01:17:24,500 --> 01:17:30,239
so it all worked out quite well i was

1863
01:17:28,409 --> 01:17:31,500
thinking of producing physical copies of

1864
01:17:30,239 --> 01:17:33,630
the cards i did get quite

1865
01:17:31,500 --> 01:17:36,720
few requests to actually produce some

1866
01:17:33,630 --> 01:17:38,250
physical cards but I figured the Fox

1867
01:17:36,720 --> 01:17:41,130

corporation might become a little bit

1868

01:17:38,250 --> 01:17:43,020

protective of their Simpsons copyright I

1869

01:17:41,130 --> 01:17:45,090

didn't really want to push it too far to

1870

01:17:43,020 --> 01:17:47,700

see what I can get away with so I lifted

1871

01:17:45,090 --> 01:17:50,850

it up and then a couple of months ago I

1872

01:17:47,699 --> 01:17:53,309

wrote a parody on it on the dr. Seuss

1873

01:17:50,850 --> 01:17:55,350

ease Cat in the Hat about the planned

1874

01:17:53,310 --> 01:17:58,740

papal visit to the UK which I entitled

1875

01:17:55,350 --> 01:18:01,289

the twat in the Hat and I attempted to

1876

01:17:58,739 --> 01:18:05,010

illustrate it myself using my own crude

1877

01:18:01,289 --> 01:18:07,229

artistic ability and then after I posted

1878

01:18:05,010 --> 01:18:09,630

that I've got a message on Twitter from

1879

01:18:07,229 --> 01:18:11,759

a professional caricature artist a guy

1880

01:18:09,630 --> 01:18:13,529

called Neil Davis who had read that twat

1881

01:18:11,760 --> 01:18:16,230

in the Hat and he offered me his

1882
01:18:13,529 --> 01:18:18,029
services for any future blogs and he

1883
01:18:16,229 --> 01:18:20,750
sent me some samples of his of his work

1884
01:18:18,029 --> 01:18:23,039
which was absolutely excellent so I

1885
01:18:20,750 --> 01:18:25,050
emailed him straight back and said well

1886
01:18:23,039 --> 01:18:26,939
how about redoing the old top trump

1887
01:18:25,050 --> 01:18:29,670
cards with them some nice original

1888
01:18:26,939 --> 01:18:31,799
caricature joins and he was up for that

1889
01:18:29,670 --> 01:18:33,449
so the skeptic trunk cards now have a

1890
01:18:31,800 --> 01:18:35,220
new format I've rewritten the

1891
01:18:33,449 --> 01:18:37,319
descriptions I've got some excellent new

1892
01:18:35,220 --> 01:18:39,000
original artwork and I've started

1893
01:18:37,319 --> 01:18:41,069
publishing a whole new set of cards

1894
01:18:39,000 --> 01:18:43,199
which I've been uploading daily on to my

1895
01:18:41,069 --> 01:18:45,299
science reasoning critical thinking blog

1896
01:18:43,199 --> 01:18:48,649
so I hopefully will keep going until

1897
01:18:45,300 --> 01:18:51,630
we've got the whole set of 50 to 60

1898
01:18:48,649 --> 01:18:53,699
skeptical cards loaded up and hopefully

1899
01:18:51,630 --> 01:18:56,460
this time we won't have any copyright

1900
01:18:53,699 --> 01:18:58,979
issues so there's a desire to actually

1901
01:18:56,460 --> 01:19:00,810
produce a physical copy of the cards we

1902
01:18:58,979 --> 01:19:02,879
might be able to do something about it

1903
01:19:00,810 --> 01:19:04,830
this time and I should really put a plug

1904
01:19:02,880 --> 01:19:07,170
in for Neil who is the guy who's doing

1905
01:19:04,829 --> 01:19:10,130
the the illustrations for me so please

1906
01:19:07,170 --> 01:19:14,279
do take a look at this website it's ww

1907
01:19:10,130 --> 01:19:15,989
caricature club co uk and if you do like

1908
01:19:14,279 --> 01:19:18,899
these illustrations you can Commission

1909
01:19:15,989 --> 01:19:20,189
your own personalized caricature unless

1910

01:19:18,899 --> 01:19:22,019
you're a well-known skeptic in which

1911
01:19:20,189 --> 01:19:25,799
case he's probably done you already in

1912
01:19:22,020 --> 01:19:28,830
your in my pending file of cards to

1913
01:19:25,800 --> 01:19:30,630
publish on your music review blog which

1914
01:19:28,829 --> 01:19:32,760
is just as detailed as your science

1915
01:19:30,630 --> 01:19:34,770
reason and critical thinking blog you've

1916
01:19:32,760 --> 01:19:37,110
written that music should not be

1917
01:19:34,770 --> 01:19:39,360
wallpaper it should be art if it's done

1918
01:19:37,109 --> 01:19:42,210
properly like a good book film painting

1919
01:19:39,359 --> 01:19:44,009
or sculpture it should rouse us do you

1920
01:19:42,210 --> 01:19:45,369
think that there should be more artists

1921
01:19:44,010 --> 01:19:47,500
involved in

1922
01:19:45,369 --> 01:19:49,630
and how could that be encouraged ah

1923
01:19:47,500 --> 01:19:51,189
bless you for mentioning my music blog

1924
01:19:49,630 --> 01:19:52,510

not not many people actually read that

1925

01:19:51,189 --> 01:19:54,729

when I get quite a bit of traffic from

1926

01:19:52,510 --> 01:19:56,140

my my science reasoning critical

1927

01:19:54,729 --> 01:19:58,809

thinking blog but no one really reads my

1928

01:19:56,140 --> 01:20:01,329

music blog which is a bit disheartening

1929

01:19:58,810 --> 01:20:04,180

for there you go but yeah I I feel very

1930

01:20:01,329 --> 01:20:06,850

passionate about about about music music

1931

01:20:04,180 --> 01:20:09,760

has the power to stir up sort of

1932

01:20:06,850 --> 01:20:11,860

something deep within in fact I suspect

1933

01:20:09,760 --> 01:20:14,440

that that sort of intense religious

1934

01:20:11,859 --> 01:20:16,299

euphoria that is experienced by some

1935

01:20:14,439 --> 01:20:19,649

sort of believers as a result of the

1936

01:20:16,300 --> 01:20:22,300

same sort of complex brain activity that

1937

01:20:19,649 --> 01:20:23,589

well it didn't fire for me when I want

1938

01:20:22,300 --> 01:20:26,110

to see Billy Graham and constant but

1939
01:20:23,590 --> 01:20:28,480
when I went to my first Pink Floyd gig

1940
01:20:26,109 --> 01:20:31,449
it completely blew me away I suspect

1941
01:20:28,479 --> 01:20:33,669
it's the same sort of a neurological

1942
01:20:31,449 --> 01:20:35,800
processes going on there and of course

1943
01:20:33,670 --> 01:20:39,279
if you can combine music and skepticism

1944
01:20:35,800 --> 01:20:41,440
with half the time to mr. Tim Minchin

1945
01:20:39,279 --> 01:20:45,460
then that would be completely awesome

1946
01:20:41,439 --> 01:20:48,759
but my main concern is with the sort of

1947
01:20:45,460 --> 01:20:52,000
musical commercial pop dirge churned out

1948
01:20:48,760 --> 01:20:53,530
by Saturday night TV talent shows seems

1949
01:20:52,000 --> 01:20:56,710
to be the sort of musical equivalent of

1950
01:20:53,529 --> 01:20:58,509
fast food you may well dominate the

1951
01:20:56,710 --> 01:21:01,210
market place with its sort of bland and

1952
01:20:58,510 --> 01:21:03,909
easily digestible solace that commercial

1953
01:21:01,210 --> 01:21:05,680
successful formula but I'm rather

1954
01:21:03,909 --> 01:21:08,289
concerned the rear and our kids on this

1955
01:21:05,680 --> 01:21:10,840
junk values won't be able to develop the

1956
01:21:08,289 --> 01:21:13,539
the musical palette that has bought me

1957
01:21:10,840 --> 01:21:16,180
so much pleasure so what's next you have

1958
01:21:13,539 --> 01:21:18,340
future plans for either your artwork or

1959
01:21:16,180 --> 01:21:20,619
your blog well I must admit I do get

1960
01:21:18,340 --> 01:21:22,150
quite a buzz from writing my blog and

1961
01:21:20,619 --> 01:21:24,970
especially the cider is in critical

1962
01:21:22,149 --> 01:21:27,429
thinking blog so I just hope that I

1963
01:21:24,970 --> 01:21:30,010
continue to get some more hopefully

1964
01:21:27,430 --> 01:21:32,170
mildly amusing ideas that I can use to

1965
01:21:30,010 --> 01:21:35,170
emphasize the absurdity of things like

1966
01:21:32,170 --> 01:21:37,569
homeopathy and weird religious dogmas

1967

01:21:35,170 --> 01:21:40,810
and New Age mumbo jumbo and

1968
01:21:37,569 --> 01:21:42,699
pseudoscience and rest assured as soon

1969
01:21:40,810 --> 01:21:44,860
as I can think of a suitable way of

1970
01:21:42,699 --> 01:21:46,989
taking the piss out of them I shall be

1971
01:21:44,859 --> 01:21:48,489
posted on my blog thank you again

1972
01:21:46,989 --> 01:21:50,349
Christian for joining us it's been

1973
01:21:48,489 --> 01:21:51,699
wonderful to hear from you many thanks

1974
01:21:50,350 --> 01:21:53,500
just been a pleasure talking with you

1975
01:21:51,699 --> 01:21:56,260
don't forget to check out his ongoing

1976
01:21:53,500 --> 01:21:59,170
projects you can head to the Crispian

1977
01:21:56,260 --> 01:22:01,869
hyphen Jago dot blogspot

1978
01:21:59,170 --> 01:22:04,000
com site which is called science reason

1979
01:22:01,869 --> 01:22:06,219
and critical thinking to find out more

1980
01:22:04,000 --> 01:22:08,738
about his projects and of course his

1981
01:22:06,219 --> 01:22:13,859

album reviews and much more feature at

1982

01:22:08,738 --> 01:22:13,859

ww RSP Annette

1983

01:22:26,319 --> 01:22:30,250

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1984

01:22:28,569 --> 01:22:32,319

zone and thank you once again to all

1985

01:22:30,250 --> 01:22:34,510

those people who write in and tell me

1986

01:22:32,319 --> 01:22:36,969

what they do while they're listening to

1987

01:22:34,510 --> 01:22:39,190

the skeptic zone the team and I are

1988

01:22:36,969 --> 01:22:40,840

getting a great deal of enjoyment out of

1989

01:22:39,189 --> 01:22:42,759

all the stories we're hearing about what

1990

01:22:40,840 --> 01:22:45,099

people are up to walking the dog walking

1991

01:22:42,760 --> 01:22:46,780

the cat it's really nice to know what

1992

01:22:45,099 --> 01:22:48,819

you're doing while you're listening to

1993

01:22:46,779 --> 01:22:51,130

the skeptic zone especially those people

1994

01:22:48,819 --> 01:22:53,649

who listen to us when they're working

1995

01:22:51,130 --> 01:22:56,230

late into the night shift workers and so

1996
01:22:53,649 --> 01:22:58,929
on I'm really glad that we're keeping

1997
01:22:56,229 --> 01:23:00,879
you company so until the next episode

1998
01:22:58,929 --> 01:23:07,000
this is Richard Saunders signing off

1999
01:23:00,880 --> 01:23:09,400
once again from Sydney Australia you've

2000
01:23:07,000 --> 01:23:13,988
been listening to the skeptic zone visit

2001
01:23:09,399 --> 01:23:16,479
our website at [www.skeptics on TV](http://www.skepticsontv.com) for

2002
01:23:13,988 --> 01:23:18,908
comments contacts and extra video

2003
01:23:16,479 --> 01:23:21,729
reports

2004
01:23:18,908 --> 01:23:24,569
the skin

2005
01:23:21,729 --> 01:23:24,569
me

2006
01:23:30,350 --> 01:23:32,380
Oh

2007
01:23:37,469 --> 01:23:39,529
you