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00:00:00,590 --> 00:00:09,509
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00:00:06,360 --> 00:00:12,589
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,509 --> 00:00:17,460
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:20,489 --> 00:00:26,879
hello and welcome to the skeptics urn

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00:00:23,309 --> 00:00:29,909
episode number 93 for the 30th of July

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00:00:26,879 --> 00:00:32,789
2010 Richardson is here with you from my

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00:00:29,910 --> 00:00:34,770
little studio in Sydney Australia on

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00:00:32,789 --> 00:00:37,859
this week's show we have an interview

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00:00:34,770 --> 00:00:41,220
from Tam 8 none other than Tim Farley

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00:00:37,859 --> 00:00:42,929
from what's the harm net what's the harm

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00:00:41,219 --> 00:00:45,988
you might say what's the harm

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00:00:42,929 --> 00:00:49,289
find out soon with our interview that's

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00:00:45,988 --> 00:00:51,929
followed by dr. Rachel and myself on our

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00:00:49,289 --> 00:00:55,019
regular spot on radio 2 GB in Sydney and

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00:00:51,929 --> 00:00:57,869
MTR in Melbourne where we speak to our

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00:00:55,020 --> 00:00:59,700
good friend Glen wheeler this time we

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00:00:57,869 --> 00:01:03,689
had a phone call from someone interested

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00:00:59,700 --> 00:01:06,478
in magnetic therapy and reflex ecology

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00:01:03,689 --> 00:01:08,368
and that's followed by dr. Reggie report

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00:01:06,478 --> 00:01:10,379
where she looks at some of the more

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00:01:08,368 --> 00:01:11,368
wacky and zany goings-on with those

23
00:01:10,379 --> 00:01:14,280
crazy Bunch

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00:01:11,368 --> 00:01:18,659
at the Australian anti vaccination

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00:01:14,280 --> 00:01:20,430
Network that's wish it was wacky and I

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00:01:18,659 --> 00:01:23,579
wish it was alien I wish it was crazy

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00:01:20,430 --> 00:01:26,460
it's rather more serious than that

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00:01:23,579 --> 00:01:29,429
but Rachel we'll have a good roundup for

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00:01:26,459 --> 00:01:30,899
us now don't forget all you students out

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00:01:29,430 --> 00:01:33,180
there who have registered for the

31
00:01:30,900 --> 00:01:36,600
amazing meeting Australia in November

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00:01:33,180 --> 00:01:38,909
you have until the end of August to

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00:01:36,599 --> 00:01:41,188
write to the Australian skeptics and put

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00:01:38,909 --> 00:01:46,409
your case for one of our special rebate

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00:01:41,188 --> 00:01:50,609
offers more information at WWF to calm a

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00:01:46,409 --> 00:01:52,950
you we have up to 10 rebates so students

37
00:01:50,609 --> 00:01:55,590
who have registered why not check it out

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00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:57,719
also if you're going to be a Dragon Con

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:02:00,659
in Atlanta this year you can meet myself

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00:01:57,719 --> 00:02:03,179
dr. Rey Chi and our good friend reporter

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00:02:00,659 --> 00:02:05,340
Kylie Sturgis we're all going to be

42
00:02:03,180 --> 00:02:07,590
there working very hard doing a live

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00:02:05,340 --> 00:02:09,629

skeptic zone and other talks you know

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00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:11,819

it's not cheap getting to America folks

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00:02:09,629 --> 00:02:16,019

I've got to level with you if you want

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00:02:11,819 --> 00:02:17,669

to help us so you feel a certain love in

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00:02:16,019 --> 00:02:20,010

your heart for what we do you can always

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00:02:17,669 --> 00:02:22,199

subscribe to the skeptic zone for only

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00:02:20,009 --> 00:02:24,689

\$1 a week or if you're feeling very

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00:02:22,199 --> 00:02:27,268

generous donate it all helps us a great

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00:02:24,689 --> 00:02:28,889

deal keep the show on the air and helps

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00:02:27,269 --> 00:02:31,620

us do things like travel all the way to

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00:02:28,889 --> 00:02:33,219

Atlanta from Sydney and Perth in Kylie's

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00:02:31,620 --> 00:02:36,340

case the drag

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00:02:33,219 --> 00:02:39,759

so well I think that's all I have to say

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00:02:36,340 --> 00:02:42,039

for the moment sit down grab that lovely

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00:02:39,759 --> 00:02:43,629

gin and tonic or a vodka martini I

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00:02:42,039 --> 00:02:46,169
hadn't quad come at Heaney at the

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00:02:43,629 --> 00:02:48,599
amazing meeting it was a special little

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00:02:46,169 --> 00:02:50,859
get-together for some of the speakers oh

61
00:02:48,599 --> 00:02:56,889
all that was nice

62
00:02:50,860 --> 00:02:59,320
oh yeah hmm might have one now hmm I'll

63
00:02:56,889 --> 00:03:15,449
do that and you enjoy the skeptics

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00:02:59,319 --> 00:03:18,579
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00:03:15,449 --> 00:03:20,530
I'm dr. Ricci and this week I bring you

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00:03:18,580 --> 00:03:24,370
another interview from our recent trip

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00:03:20,530 --> 00:03:26,919
to Tam 8 in Las Vegas this week I

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00:03:24,370 --> 00:03:29,950
featured Tim Farley who runs the website

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00:03:26,919 --> 00:03:31,929
called BOTS the harm net where Tim

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00:03:29,949 --> 00:03:34,209
collects stories of how alternative

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00:03:31,930 --> 00:03:37,599
medicines and studio scientific beliefs

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00:03:34,210 --> 00:03:39,129
can actually harm people over the last

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00:03:37,599 --> 00:03:41,289
two and a bit years

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00:03:39,129 --> 00:03:43,840
Tim's website has become an essential

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00:03:41,289 --> 00:03:46,179
source of information for skeptics and

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00:03:43,840 --> 00:03:49,750
media alike reporting on the dangers of

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00:03:46,180 --> 00:03:52,030
pseudo-scientific beliefs which now also

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00:03:49,750 --> 00:03:53,830
features a section on how believing the

79
00:03:52,030 --> 00:03:56,530
moon landings never happened can harm

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00:03:53,830 --> 00:03:59,200
you and if you follow your GPS without

81
00:03:56,530 --> 00:04:01,780
looking at the road you can also come to

82
00:03:59,199 --> 00:04:04,119
harm I'm sure many listeners would have

83
00:04:01,780 --> 00:04:06,250
come across people saying well what's

84
00:04:04,120 --> 00:04:07,599
the harm in homeopathy what's the harm

85
00:04:06,250 --> 00:04:09,520
in believing in ghosts

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00:04:07,599 --> 00:04:11,239
well here's Tim Farley to tell us

87
00:04:09,520 --> 00:04:16,680
exactly what is the harm

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00:04:11,240 --> 00:04:16,680
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00:04:18,110 --> 00:04:22,410
now Here I am

90
00:04:19,649 --> 00:04:24,269
in the green room at Tam 8 at the South

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00:04:22,410 --> 00:04:27,360
Pointe casino in Las Vegas and I'm with

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00:04:24,269 --> 00:04:29,219
Tim Farley hi Tim hi from what's the

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00:04:27,360 --> 00:04:31,530
harm at that's right is that your

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00:04:29,220 --> 00:04:33,750
surname now that people say Tim Farley

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00:04:31,529 --> 00:04:35,250
what's the harm that yeah well people

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00:04:33,750 --> 00:04:36,990
always come up to me and try to make

97
00:04:35,250 --> 00:04:38,970
some sort of a joke about it you know

98
00:04:36,990 --> 00:04:41,250
let's go to lunch what's the harm

99
00:04:38,970 --> 00:04:43,100
oh really it's it's getting a little

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00:04:41,250 --> 00:04:45,540

little

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00:04:43,100 --> 00:04:47,430

people say I should have another beer

102

00:04:45,540 --> 00:04:50,069

what's the harm in that right exactly

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00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:51,930

yeah all that kind of stuff uh you know

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00:04:50,069 --> 00:04:53,879

I'm just happy people actually noticed

105

00:04:51,930 --> 00:04:55,439

the sight so well you had a birthday

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00:04:53,879 --> 00:04:56,639

recently didn't you I know it was a

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00:04:55,439 --> 00:04:58,800

little while ago but wasn't it the

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00:04:56,639 --> 00:05:01,740

second birthday of yeah yeah in February

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00:04:58,800 --> 00:05:03,090

was the second anniversary yeah yeah so

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00:05:01,740 --> 00:05:05,430

it's about two and a half years old now

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00:05:03,089 --> 00:05:07,979

so tell us a little bit about the

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00:05:05,430 --> 00:05:09,300

history of the website so first of all

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00:05:07,980 --> 00:05:11,129

just can you explain to our listeners

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00:05:09,300 --> 00:05:13,770

for those who don't know what is what's

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00:05:11,129 --> 00:05:16,050
the harm dot there yeah it's a it's a

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00:05:13,769 --> 00:05:19,199
collection of stories it's collection of

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00:05:16,050 --> 00:05:20,610
anecdotes basically about people who

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00:05:19,199 --> 00:05:23,579
have been hurt by belief in

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00:05:20,610 --> 00:05:26,460
pseudoscience paranormal all the sorts

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00:05:23,579 --> 00:05:27,990
of things that skeptics focus on and I

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00:05:26,459 --> 00:05:30,329
noticed that there was a trend where

122
00:05:27,990 --> 00:05:31,829
people had typically if you write an

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00:05:30,329 --> 00:05:35,279
article like somebody writes a feature

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00:05:31,829 --> 00:05:36,659
story about acupuncture they would want

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00:05:35,279 --> 00:05:38,668
to tell a story so they would find

126
00:05:36,660 --> 00:05:40,320
somebody that was either hurt or helped

127
00:05:38,668 --> 00:05:42,359
by acupuncture depending on what the

128
00:05:40,319 --> 00:05:44,849
their story is and they would tell that

129
00:05:42,360 --> 00:05:47,040
person's story but each article would

130
00:05:44,850 --> 00:05:48,570
have one person's story and the next

131
00:05:47,040 --> 00:05:49,890
article would have another person story

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00:05:48,569 --> 00:05:51,300
and I thought well it would be really

133
00:05:49,889 --> 00:05:52,680
great if somebody would collect all

134
00:05:51,300 --> 00:05:54,180
these things in one place and then you

135
00:05:52,680 --> 00:05:55,978
could see you know and it's not

136
00:05:54,180 --> 00:05:57,959
scientific and it's and they are just

137
00:05:55,978 --> 00:05:59,668
anecdotes but it kind of gives you an

138
00:05:57,959 --> 00:06:01,709
idea that these aren't just one-off

139
00:05:59,668 --> 00:06:03,389
stories they aren't just the one story

140
00:06:01,709 --> 00:06:05,159
that you read in the magazine that there

141
00:06:03,389 --> 00:06:07,129
literally are hundreds of stories where

142
00:06:05,160 --> 00:06:10,350
people have gotten hurt by homeopathy or

143

00:06:07,129 --> 00:06:13,290
belief in the paranormal or acupuncture

144
00:06:10,350 --> 00:06:15,240
or whatever it is so that once I had

145
00:06:13,290 --> 00:06:17,760
that idea it was pretty straightforward

146
00:06:15,240 --> 00:06:19,290
just to build you know do some basically

147
00:06:17,759 --> 00:06:21,538
it's just googling looking in old

148
00:06:19,290 --> 00:06:23,449
newspapers and things like that to find

149
00:06:21,538 --> 00:06:25,878
the stories and document them

150
00:06:23,449 --> 00:06:27,288
and collect it up on the site mmm so

151
00:06:25,879 --> 00:06:28,819
you've got quite a lot of categories you

152
00:06:27,288 --> 00:06:30,199
mentioned homeopathy you mentioned

153
00:06:28,819 --> 00:06:31,430
paranormal what are some other

154
00:06:30,199 --> 00:06:34,330
categories that you've got on the side

155
00:06:31,430 --> 00:06:37,519
uh yeah I've got a whole ton of altmed

156
00:06:34,329 --> 00:06:40,490
stuff anything that I can find direct

157
00:06:37,519 --> 00:06:42,168

harm for my criteria on the site is that

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00:06:40,490 --> 00:06:47,180

I have to find somebody who's been

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00:06:42,168 --> 00:06:49,490

demonstrably harmed and you in some way

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00:06:47,180 --> 00:06:51,288

admits it you know i-i've tried to avoid

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00:06:49,490 --> 00:06:53,389

those types of stories where oh look

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00:06:51,288 --> 00:06:55,968

this person has spent hundreds of

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00:06:53,389 --> 00:06:57,800

thousands of dollars on homeopathy and

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00:06:55,968 --> 00:06:59,718

they don't realize they've wasted this

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00:06:57,800 --> 00:07:01,908

much money it's like well you know I

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00:06:59,718 --> 00:07:04,218

spent a lot of money on DVDs in my life

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00:07:01,908 --> 00:07:06,560

and some people would probably call that

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00:07:04,218 --> 00:07:08,180

a waste of money too but I'm happy with

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00:07:06,560 --> 00:07:10,338

it so I look for people that have really

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00:07:08,180 --> 00:07:13,490

been hurt and would admit to have being

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00:07:10,338 --> 00:07:15,199

having been hurt and then the stories

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00:07:13,490 --> 00:07:16,968
have to be documented they have to there

173
00:07:15,199 --> 00:07:20,028
has to be a newspaper article or a paper

174
00:07:16,968 --> 00:07:21,498
or something that I can link to so that

175
00:07:20,028 --> 00:07:23,209
it's not just somebody sending me an

176
00:07:21,499 --> 00:07:25,550
email that they're real stories that we

177
00:07:23,209 --> 00:07:28,519
can point to in the paper so you

178
00:07:25,550 --> 00:07:30,348
mentioned paranormal right give us some

179
00:07:28,519 --> 00:07:32,748
of the examples of people being hurt by

180
00:07:30,348 --> 00:07:35,930
paranormal yeah I've got like a belief

181
00:07:32,749 --> 00:07:37,669
in ghosts page there's a couple couple

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00:07:35,930 --> 00:07:40,370
different variations on that one is

183
00:07:37,668 --> 00:07:42,649
people trying to basically emulate the

184
00:07:40,370 --> 00:07:45,050
ghost hunters that they see on TV and

185
00:07:42,649 --> 00:07:46,430
they go out and go into abandoned

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00:07:45,050 --> 00:07:47,749
buildings and either get themselves hurt

187
00:07:46,430 --> 00:07:49,430
because the buildings haven't been

188
00:07:47,749 --> 00:07:52,249
maintained or get arrested for

189
00:07:49,430 --> 00:07:54,769
trespassing yeah there was a girl and I

190
00:07:52,249 --> 00:07:56,180
think Ohio who got shot by a guy who

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00:07:54,769 --> 00:07:57,769
thought he was Treach she was

192
00:07:56,180 --> 00:07:59,930
trespassing on his property

193
00:07:57,769 --> 00:08:02,418
sawed dead yeah I know she was severely

194
00:07:59,930 --> 00:08:03,800
injured when a long time in the hospital

195
00:08:02,418 --> 00:08:05,688
and had to have surgeries and things

196
00:08:03,800 --> 00:08:07,370
like that because she thought it was a

197
00:08:05,689 --> 00:08:09,319
haunted house that nobody lived in and

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00:08:07,370 --> 00:08:11,329
she wanted to explore it and it was

199
00:08:09,319 --> 00:08:14,270
someone lived there and it was tired of

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00:08:11,329 --> 00:08:15,800
people coming on his property Wow

201
00:08:14,269 --> 00:08:20,778
a lot of crazy stuff and there's a

202
00:08:15,800 --> 00:08:22,550
famous story in upstate New York about a

203
00:08:20,778 --> 00:08:25,399
woman who was trying to sell her house

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00:08:22,550 --> 00:08:28,370
and it turned out that she'd had kind of

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00:08:25,399 --> 00:08:30,560
not really promoted it but she had

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00:08:28,370 --> 00:08:31,728
publicized the fact that her she thought

207
00:08:30,560 --> 00:08:33,679
her house was haunted

208
00:08:31,728 --> 00:08:35,000
and I don't know if she had tours or

209
00:08:33,679 --> 00:08:35,439
what it was but she made it known that

210
00:08:35,000 --> 00:08:37,059
her

211
00:08:35,440 --> 00:08:38,590
house was haunted and then she was

212
00:08:37,059 --> 00:08:40,149
trying to sell it and she didn't

213
00:08:38,590 --> 00:08:42,038
disclose this fact to the guy who was

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00:08:40,149 --> 00:08:44,350

trying to buy the house and the guy

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00:08:42,038 --> 00:08:46,000

found out and it turned out his wife was

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superstitious and didn't want to buy

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00:08:46,000 --> 00:08:49,570

didn't want to live in a haunted house

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00:08:47,590 --> 00:08:50,860

and so he tried to get out of the

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00:08:49,570 --> 00:08:53,110

contract and there was actually a whole

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00:08:50,860 --> 00:08:55,330

lawsuit and a major court ruling about

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00:08:53,110 --> 00:08:58,960

whether or not you have to disclose to

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00:08:55,330 --> 00:09:01,540

the buyer under US real estate law that

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00:08:58,960 --> 00:09:04,240

your house is haunted and do you have to

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00:09:01,539 --> 00:09:06,490

it seemed to hinge on the fact that she

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00:09:04,240 --> 00:09:10,240

had actually publicized it the ruling

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00:09:06,490 --> 00:09:11,649

because she had publicized it that made

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00:09:10,240 --> 00:09:14,139

it something that she had to disclose

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00:09:11,649 --> 00:09:15,699

but if she just thought it was if as I

229
00:09:14,139 --> 00:09:17,740
read the ruling now I'm not a lawyer so

230
00:09:15,700 --> 00:09:20,230
I may be misinterpreting it but it's

231
00:09:17,740 --> 00:09:21,639
it's a it's a well-known court ruling in

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00:09:20,230 --> 00:09:23,310
US law there been a couple of other

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00:09:21,639 --> 00:09:25,509
cases like that where people were

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00:09:23,309 --> 00:09:28,509
frightened about stuff there was a

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00:09:25,509 --> 00:09:31,389
another case with UFO belief where

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00:09:28,509 --> 00:09:32,919
people went out to it was kind of a sad

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00:09:31,389 --> 00:09:34,840
case because the people were obviously a

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00:09:32,919 --> 00:09:37,149
little bit crazy and they went out and

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00:09:34,840 --> 00:09:39,970
thought they were gonna meet the UFO out

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00:09:37,149 --> 00:09:41,529
in a wilderness area in like the

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00:09:39,970 --> 00:09:43,690
northern United States in the dead of

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00:09:41,529 --> 00:09:45,189
winter and they were sitting in this car

243
00:09:43,690 --> 00:09:47,170
convinced that this UFO was going to

244
00:09:45,190 --> 00:09:49,720
come down and one of them ended up

245
00:09:47,169 --> 00:09:50,679
basically freezing to death what yeah

246
00:09:49,720 --> 00:09:52,269
absolutely

247
00:09:50,679 --> 00:09:54,609
how long did they sit in the car do you

248
00:09:52,269 --> 00:09:56,799
know like hours and hours like like half

249
00:09:54,610 --> 00:09:59,740
a day something like that go yeah

250
00:09:56,799 --> 00:10:02,859
but surely at that at some point before

251
00:09:59,740 --> 00:10:05,980
you face the death you would go maybe I

252
00:10:02,860 --> 00:10:07,419
should go yeah that's why I say it's

253
00:10:05,980 --> 00:10:08,980
pretty clear that there was probably

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00:10:07,419 --> 00:10:10,929
some mental illness involved in that

255
00:10:08,980 --> 00:10:12,190
case which is always always makes it a

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00:10:10,929 --> 00:10:14,829
lot Saturn hmm

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00:10:12,190 --> 00:10:16,390
well homeopathy is a big sort of topical

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00:10:14,830 --> 00:10:18,100
issue at the moment especially because

259
00:10:16,389 --> 00:10:20,069
of what's happening in the UK you know

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00:10:18,100 --> 00:10:21,790
with the National Health Service

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00:10:20,070 --> 00:10:24,339
recommending that there's no more

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00:10:21,789 --> 00:10:26,169
government funding for that how many

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00:10:24,339 --> 00:10:28,930
what's the harms have you got for

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00:10:26,169 --> 00:10:31,189
homeopathy I think I've got like 400 and

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00:10:28,929 --> 00:10:32,279
something 437 or something like that

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00:10:31,190 --> 00:10:35,530
[Music]

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00:10:32,279 --> 00:10:38,049
case is a lot of them from Australia and

268
00:10:35,529 --> 00:10:39,549
from the UK yeah where people have been

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00:10:38,049 --> 00:10:41,949
advised to do something by their

270
00:10:39,549 --> 00:10:43,509
homeopathy that was was not a good idea

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00:10:41,950 --> 00:10:45,009

ended up dying of something that could

272

00:10:43,509 --> 00:10:46,899

have been could have been easily cured

273

00:10:45,009 --> 00:10:48,370

so how much work do you have to do

274

00:10:46,899 --> 00:10:49,870

yourself now these days Tim because I

275

00:10:48,370 --> 00:10:51,669

imagine you get flooded with emails

276

00:10:49,870 --> 00:10:53,500

don't you when something happens yeah

277

00:10:51,669 --> 00:10:55,599

when there's a famous case like the

278

00:10:53,500 --> 00:10:57,580

current case with penny Dingle in

279

00:10:55,600 --> 00:11:00,519

Australia yeah has gotten a lot of

280

00:10:57,580 --> 00:11:04,180

coverage so I like to me emails a week

281

00:11:00,519 --> 00:11:05,980

about that one and but other ones you

282

00:11:04,179 --> 00:11:07,929

know don't necessarily get us much

283

00:11:05,980 --> 00:11:09,310

coverage so maybe I'll get one email on

284

00:11:07,929 --> 00:11:11,259

it but yeah it's gotten where the site

285

00:11:09,309 --> 00:11:13,449

is well-known enough that people see

286
00:11:11,259 --> 00:11:14,919
cases and send them to me yeah so that's

287
00:11:13,450 --> 00:11:17,140
good it saves me a lot of trouble

288
00:11:14,919 --> 00:11:19,449
sometimes and I get some fairly weird

289
00:11:17,139 --> 00:11:20,769
ones from other countries like every

290
00:11:19,450 --> 00:11:22,480
once in a while I'll get one that's not

291
00:11:20,769 --> 00:11:24,669
available in the English language press

292
00:11:22,480 --> 00:11:27,490
at all I've got one sitting ready to go

293
00:11:24,669 --> 00:11:28,870
up on the site now that's from Sweden or

294
00:11:27,490 --> 00:11:30,159
somewhere and there's no way I would

295
00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:31,960
have found it on my own because I don't

296
00:11:30,159 --> 00:11:34,480
read that language but so on in Sweden

297
00:11:31,960 --> 00:11:37,900
who does speak English emailed me the

298
00:11:34,480 --> 00:11:39,550
links to the stories and so now I have

299
00:11:37,899 --> 00:11:45,250
the case do you know what what's that

300
00:11:39,549 --> 00:11:47,319
one about from the site the Google

301
00:11:45,250 --> 00:11:49,870
Translate had the good had the info

302
00:11:47,320 --> 00:11:51,160
correct for it you know I don't you put

303
00:11:49,870 --> 00:11:53,200
me on the spot I don't remember the

304
00:11:51,159 --> 00:11:55,059
exact details yeah but there was another

305
00:11:53,200 --> 00:11:56,320
one that I got from Slovenia was the

306
00:11:55,059 --> 00:11:58,119
same sort of thing where someone in

307
00:11:56,320 --> 00:12:00,040
Slovenia sent it to me and it was

308
00:11:58,120 --> 00:12:02,049
actually the very first time that a

309
00:12:00,039 --> 00:12:05,019
medical doctor had been struck off in

310
00:12:02,049 --> 00:12:08,229
Slovenia under there aren't rules it was

311
00:12:05,019 --> 00:12:09,819
an MD who also practiced homeopathy and

312
00:12:08,230 --> 00:12:11,889
she did the classic thing where she

313
00:12:09,820 --> 00:12:15,010
recommended a guy who was going to

314

00:12:11,889 --> 00:12:17,350
travel to Africa use homeopathic malaria

315
00:12:15,009 --> 00:12:18,759
medicine which was a big deal in England

316
00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:20,560
a couple years ago when they found out

317
00:12:18,759 --> 00:12:22,720
homey paths were advising that this

318
00:12:20,559 --> 00:12:24,579
thing was behind that right then

319
00:12:22,720 --> 00:12:27,670
he was just down there name-dropping and

320
00:12:24,580 --> 00:12:30,520
this was a similar case in Slovenia and

321
00:12:27,669 --> 00:12:32,469
the guy of course caught malaria then he

322
00:12:30,519 --> 00:12:35,919
came back and she tried to tweet treat

323
00:12:32,470 --> 00:12:38,200
him with homeopathy after the fact after

324
00:12:35,919 --> 00:12:38,649
he already had malaria and he ended up

325
00:12:38,200 --> 00:12:41,620
dead

326
00:12:38,649 --> 00:12:43,509
inside yeah she in fact it was even a

327
00:12:41,620 --> 00:12:45,310
point where at one point the ambulance

328
00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:47,110

had been called to come pick him up and

329

00:12:45,309 --> 00:12:49,479

she called the ambulance and told them

330

00:12:47,110 --> 00:12:51,430

to go back right so it was just such a

331

00:12:49,480 --> 00:12:54,500

clear-cut case where she was completely

332

00:12:51,429 --> 00:12:57,379

misguided and yet she was an MD

333

00:12:54,500 --> 00:12:59,120

and she got completely struck off but

334

00:12:57,379 --> 00:13:00,919

yeah there's no way I would have found

335

00:12:59,120 --> 00:13:02,539

that case on my own because it doesn't

336

00:13:00,919 --> 00:13:04,569

appear in the English language press at

337

00:13:02,539 --> 00:13:06,829

all just in the Slovenian press so

338

00:13:04,570 --> 00:13:09,110

fortunately someone in Slovenia noticed

339

00:13:06,830 --> 00:13:10,759

the story and sent me the right links so

340

00:13:09,110 --> 00:13:12,440

are there any particular stories that

341

00:13:10,759 --> 00:13:13,850

stand out to you out of all the ones

342

00:13:12,440 --> 00:13:17,120

you've got that you would think they're

343
00:13:13,850 --> 00:13:20,210
the most crazy or a bizarre or absurd

344
00:13:17,120 --> 00:13:21,889
ways of dying from the UFO one is

345
00:13:20,210 --> 00:13:23,990
probably one of the weirdest ones the

346
00:13:21,889 --> 00:13:26,240
one that always comes up when people ask

347
00:13:23,990 --> 00:13:28,100
me that question is my function why

348
00:13:26,240 --> 00:13:29,990
story from Malaysia have you heard that

349
00:13:28,100 --> 00:13:32,420
one I think the sigh yeah there were two

350
00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:33,980
families in Malaysia that both believed

351
00:13:32,419 --> 00:13:36,639
in Fung Shui and they weren't really

352
00:13:33,980 --> 00:13:39,889
fond of each other and they look across

353
00:13:36,639 --> 00:13:41,809
yeah you can see where this is going and

354
00:13:39,889 --> 00:13:44,299
there's something in function a function

355
00:13:41,809 --> 00:13:46,129
way is the Asian belief that you know

356
00:13:44,299 --> 00:13:47,599
organizing your environment arranging

357
00:13:46,129 --> 00:13:50,629
your furniture painting your house a

358
00:13:47,600 --> 00:13:52,850
different colour etc etc can help you

359
00:13:50,629 --> 00:13:56,029
balance the the chi or whatever in your

360
00:13:52,850 --> 00:13:57,980
life and one of the things that some

361
00:13:56,029 --> 00:13:59,059
believers in it do is they put a mirror

362
00:13:57,980 --> 00:14:00,980
on the outside of their house is

363
00:13:59,059 --> 00:14:02,809
supposed to reflect bad luck away from

364
00:14:00,980 --> 00:14:04,250
their house well one of these families

365
00:14:02,809 --> 00:14:05,899
put the mirror on the outside of their

366
00:14:04,250 --> 00:14:08,149
house except it was pointed at the other

367
00:14:05,899 --> 00:14:10,879
house right so it was reflecting bad

368
00:14:08,149 --> 00:14:12,740
luck in the other people put their

369
00:14:10,879 --> 00:14:14,539
mirror up so the two mirrors were

370
00:14:12,740 --> 00:14:17,750
reflecting bad luck at each other and

371

00:14:14,539 --> 00:14:19,699
that plus the animosity between the two

372
00:14:17,750 --> 00:14:21,769
families escalated it literally became a

373
00:14:19,700 --> 00:14:25,610
brawl in the street but two more two

374
00:14:21,769 --> 00:14:28,490
houses and a guy got stabbed to death in

375
00:14:25,610 --> 00:14:30,889
that bra 26 year old guard guy remember

376
00:14:28,490 --> 00:14:32,750
one of the families Wow ridiculous and

377
00:14:30,889 --> 00:14:34,069
of course sometimes I got complaints

378
00:14:32,750 --> 00:14:35,779
because people say well you know those

379
00:14:34,070 --> 00:14:37,220
two families didn't like each other and

380
00:14:35,779 --> 00:14:39,409
obviously one of them was willing to use

381
00:14:37,220 --> 00:14:41,360
a knife and someone who's willing to use

382
00:14:39,409 --> 00:14:45,049
violence might have done it anyway and I

383
00:14:41,360 --> 00:14:47,060
said yes but the situation got to where

384
00:14:45,049 --> 00:14:49,189
it was because of the belief in Fung

385
00:14:47,059 --> 00:14:50,569

Shui no that's one of the principles of

386

00:14:49,190 --> 00:14:54,830

the site is that you know there has to

387

00:14:50,570 --> 00:14:57,020

it the the belief isn't always the the

388

00:14:54,830 --> 00:14:59,389

full cause yeah you know like you could

389

00:14:57,019 --> 00:15:01,189

say if someone uses homeopathy to treat

390

00:14:59,389 --> 00:15:02,720

their cancer and they die of cancer you

391

00:15:01,190 --> 00:15:04,910

say well homeopathy didn't kill them

392

00:15:02,720 --> 00:15:06,540

cancer has to kill them Yeah right but

393

00:15:04,909 --> 00:15:08,129

of course you know they

394

00:15:06,539 --> 00:15:10,379

could have been cured potentially

395

00:15:08,129 --> 00:15:12,990

depending on what the cancer was and how

396

00:15:10,379 --> 00:15:15,600

far along they were with other medicine

397

00:15:12,990 --> 00:15:18,029

so so I used that kind of in in law I

398

00:15:15,600 --> 00:15:19,590

think it's called proximate cause where

399

00:15:18,029 --> 00:15:21,179

if something makes something a little

400
00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:23,580
bit more likely it's considered a cause

401
00:15:21,179 --> 00:15:25,379
of the crime or whatever it is so so

402
00:15:23,580 --> 00:15:27,690
that's that's kind of the standard that

403
00:15:25,379 --> 00:15:29,429
I use I don't know if I'm adhering to it

404
00:15:27,690 --> 00:15:31,770
at the way a court would but at least

405
00:15:29,429 --> 00:15:34,739
it's the rule of thumb that I use so do

406
00:15:31,769 --> 00:15:36,689
you get angry emails from people about I

407
00:15:34,740 --> 00:15:38,190
do sometimes what are the what other

408
00:15:36,690 --> 00:15:40,140
stuff do they complain about about

409
00:15:38,190 --> 00:15:42,900
what's them the most common one I get

410
00:15:40,139 --> 00:15:45,870
now is the the standard alternative

411
00:15:42,899 --> 00:15:49,049
medicine canard about well conventional

412
00:15:45,870 --> 00:15:50,970
medicine kills 40,000 people our study

413
00:15:49,049 --> 00:15:54,240
by UPS killed these many people yeah

414
00:15:50,970 --> 00:15:56,580
right so you get all those and I and I

415
00:15:54,240 --> 00:15:58,799
always have to reply with the standard

416
00:15:56,580 --> 00:16:01,820
answer which is risk versus benefit

417
00:15:58,799 --> 00:16:04,649
right there's an obvious demonstrable

418
00:16:01,820 --> 00:16:06,330
scientifically demonstrated benefit to

419
00:16:04,649 --> 00:16:09,329
conventional medicine if I break my leg

420
00:16:06,330 --> 00:16:14,009
I can go to a hospital and they can fix

421
00:16:09,330 --> 00:16:15,750
it you know with a 99.9999% probability

422
00:16:14,009 --> 00:16:18,870
that I'll be fine after a few months

423
00:16:15,750 --> 00:16:20,610
yeah you know alternative medicine

424
00:16:18,870 --> 00:16:23,580
doesn't have any of that right and you

425
00:16:20,610 --> 00:16:26,490
know there's no demonstrable benefit so

426
00:16:23,580 --> 00:16:29,370
why take the risk so how has the site

427
00:16:26,490 --> 00:16:31,470
grown in the in the tuna bees Tim it's

428

00:16:29,370 --> 00:16:33,539
grown a lot I've added I think I started

429
00:16:31,470 --> 00:16:35,340
with probably I don't know 30 or 40

430
00:16:33,539 --> 00:16:38,189
categories and there's I think 78

431
00:16:35,340 --> 00:16:40,500
categories now 78 yeah Wow

432
00:16:38,190 --> 00:16:42,150
some of them are admittedly weaker than

433
00:16:40,500 --> 00:16:44,279
others I have a couple that are on there

434
00:16:42,149 --> 00:16:48,000
kind of for comedic value like I have a

435
00:16:44,279 --> 00:16:49,649
moon hoax believers category mostly so

436
00:16:48,000 --> 00:16:59,370
that I can link to that famous video

437
00:16:49,649 --> 00:17:01,709
where Buzz Aldrin punches the guy yeah

438
00:16:59,370 --> 00:17:03,509
you know just on that but I'm glad you

439
00:17:01,710 --> 00:17:05,370
brought that up perfect we are at 10

440
00:17:03,509 --> 00:17:07,799
that's right I gave a great talk today

441
00:17:05,369 --> 00:17:09,419
but there is a moon hoax Yeah right he

442
00:17:07,799 --> 00:17:11,039

was just out in the hallway just before

443

00:17:09,420 --> 00:17:13,529

we came in here yeah yeah and he's been

444

00:17:11,039 --> 00:17:15,149

harassing film all day so maybe if he

445

00:17:13,529 --> 00:17:16,709

keeps pushing it a bit further he'll get

446

00:17:15,150 --> 00:17:18,659

smacked out too yeah

447

00:17:16,709 --> 00:17:20,250

to the side I think Phil said something

448

00:17:18,659 --> 00:17:21,720

about that on Twitter today that people

449

00:17:20,250 --> 00:17:25,980

were telling him that he should pull a

450

00:17:21,720 --> 00:17:27,600

buzz on me but yeah it was interesting

451

00:17:25,980 --> 00:17:29,548

to see someone who was actually a

452

00:17:27,599 --> 00:17:30,778

believer showing up at a mime I'm not

453

00:17:29,548 --> 00:17:32,429

aware of an instance where that's

454

00:17:30,778 --> 00:17:33,720

happened before yeah unless they're

455

00:17:32,429 --> 00:17:35,580

going for the million dollar challenge I

456

00:17:33,720 --> 00:17:37,679

suppose well yeah yeah that's the one

457
00:17:35,579 --> 00:17:39,658
exception we do get that sometimes at

458
00:17:37,679 --> 00:17:41,909
DragonCon because that obviously that

459
00:17:39,659 --> 00:17:43,919
convention is a little bit wider focus

460
00:17:41,909 --> 00:17:45,750
it's not just a skeptic convention so

461
00:17:43,919 --> 00:17:47,610
we've had many instances at DragonCon

462
00:17:45,750 --> 00:17:49,950
where we have the skeptic programming

463
00:17:47,609 --> 00:17:52,558
and some ghost believer will come in and

464
00:17:49,950 --> 00:17:54,538
last year we had yeah where the guy who

465
00:17:52,558 --> 00:17:57,210
started yelling at Joe Nickell yeah it

466
00:17:54,538 --> 00:17:58,440
was Tom yeah yeah yeah so is there

467
00:17:57,210 --> 00:18:00,690
another comedic one you were gonna

468
00:17:58,440 --> 00:18:02,669
mention or no the other one is GPS I

469
00:18:00,690 --> 00:18:05,580
have a whole bunch of story people

470
00:18:02,669 --> 00:18:07,528
trusting what the GPS says right laughs

471
00:18:05,579 --> 00:18:10,019
20 it says turn left now and they turn

472
00:18:07,528 --> 00:18:12,089
left and end up in the creek and so

473
00:18:10,019 --> 00:18:13,679
nobody gets killed on that because you

474
00:18:12,089 --> 00:18:15,269
know the site admittedly you know

475
00:18:13,679 --> 00:18:17,850
especially on certain pages on my site

476
00:18:15,269 --> 00:18:19,859
it's just an endless series of dead

477
00:18:17,849 --> 00:18:22,259
children you know and dead people right

478
00:18:19,859 --> 00:18:24,209
that didn't need to die so I think kind

479
00:18:22,259 --> 00:18:25,408
of like the faith healing page or

480
00:18:24,210 --> 00:18:27,390
something like that so I kind of felt

481
00:18:25,409 --> 00:18:29,220
like it needed a little comedic bang but

482
00:18:27,390 --> 00:18:30,600
people sometimes email me about the GPS

483
00:18:29,220 --> 00:18:32,159
page and they say well those people

484
00:18:30,599 --> 00:18:34,490
shouldn't be paying attention you know

485

00:18:32,159 --> 00:18:38,789
that's just stupidity that's not

486
00:18:34,490 --> 00:18:40,349
pseudoscience I say yeah well okay so I

487
00:18:38,788 --> 00:18:42,720
assume you've got the woman there that's

488
00:18:40,349 --> 00:18:46,889
doing at the moment Google because she

489
00:18:42,720 --> 00:18:49,589
followed good okay and her I also I have

490
00:18:46,890 --> 00:18:51,929
a kind of a closely related page that's

491
00:18:49,589 --> 00:18:53,819
called Internet misinformation oh yeah

492
00:18:51,929 --> 00:18:55,559
basically relying on something that you

493
00:18:53,819 --> 00:18:59,308
you put on the internet and I think she

494
00:18:55,558 --> 00:19:01,200
would probably qualify to be located and

495
00:18:59,308 --> 00:19:03,418
the Internet I died some of the cases

496
00:19:01,200 --> 00:19:04,950
are marked that way where you'll see

497
00:19:03,419 --> 00:19:06,809
them in multiple categories right

498
00:19:04,950 --> 00:19:09,269
because as you know believers in this

499
00:19:06,808 --> 00:19:11,369

stuff will often go you know once they

500

00:19:09,269 --> 00:19:13,319

believe in one thing they'll go to six

501

00:19:11,369 --> 00:19:15,778

other things you get somebody who's

502

00:19:13,319 --> 00:19:16,200

using homeopathy who also consulted a

503

00:19:15,778 --> 00:19:18,898

psychic

504

00:19:16,200 --> 00:19:20,308

yeah or something like that and then to

505

00:19:18,898 --> 00:19:21,689

get to the psychics house they went to

506

00:19:20,308 --> 00:19:23,538

Google Maps and they got run over on the

507

00:19:21,690 --> 00:19:25,639

way

508

00:19:23,538 --> 00:19:27,288

yeah you know what you should have it

509

00:19:25,638 --> 00:19:29,988

you should have an annual pride so like

510

00:19:27,288 --> 00:19:32,028

the biggest the biggest doozy of the

511

00:19:29,989 --> 00:19:33,079

year or something yeah that's one of the

512

00:19:32,028 --> 00:19:35,628

things I've been thinking about doing

513

00:19:33,079 --> 00:19:37,608

the site's overdue for as we record this

514
00:19:35,628 --> 00:19:38,839
the site's overdue for an update and one

515
00:19:37,608 --> 00:19:41,778
of the things I'm thinking about doing

516
00:19:38,839 --> 00:19:43,368
is kind of adding more types of content

517
00:19:41,778 --> 00:19:45,378
because though right now the site is all

518
00:19:43,368 --> 00:19:47,808
just very simple write-ups of the cases

519
00:19:45,378 --> 00:19:50,178
and mostly links to news stories but I

520
00:19:47,808 --> 00:19:52,460
don't get into any real details just a

521
00:19:50,179 --> 00:19:54,320
very short matter-of-fact which is good

522
00:19:52,460 --> 00:19:56,749
it keeps it simple and there's no

523
00:19:54,319 --> 00:19:58,908
emotion to it or you know not a lot of

524
00:19:56,749 --> 00:20:01,339
emotion - it's just the facts but I'd

525
00:19:58,909 --> 00:20:02,720
like to do more where you know more

526
00:20:01,339 --> 00:20:06,128
substantial post because some of the

527
00:20:02,720 --> 00:20:09,470
stories are quite involved like the the

528
00:20:06,128 --> 00:20:11,148
Gloria Sam story from Australia from a

529
00:20:09,470 --> 00:20:14,690
couple years ago this is just a whole

530
00:20:11,148 --> 00:20:16,219
long story to that that deserves to be

531
00:20:14,690 --> 00:20:18,229
told including the fact that her mother

532
00:20:16,220 --> 00:20:20,179
saw what conventional medicine right

533
00:20:18,229 --> 00:20:22,340
yeah right when they were in India when

534
00:20:20,179 --> 00:20:26,149
her daughter was suffering from eczema

535
00:20:22,339 --> 00:20:27,378
yeah yeah yep yeah yeah so that that's

536
00:20:26,148 --> 00:20:28,278
so that is that something you're

537
00:20:27,378 --> 00:20:30,168
planning on doing

538
00:20:28,278 --> 00:20:33,470
maybe he's expanding on the stories yeah

539
00:20:30,169 --> 00:20:36,259
yeah expand maybe pull certain stories

540
00:20:33,470 --> 00:20:38,058
out and do more more detailed posts on

541
00:20:36,259 --> 00:20:39,858
us because some of the stories you don't

542

00:20:38,058 --> 00:20:41,628
have a lot of details to work with so

543
00:20:39,858 --> 00:20:43,898
some of them wouldn't support it but

544
00:20:41,628 --> 00:20:46,248
some of them like that the Sam story

545
00:20:43,898 --> 00:20:48,768
certainly would there's lots and lots of

546
00:20:46,249 --> 00:20:50,720
documentation about what well also on

547
00:20:48,769 --> 00:20:52,368
just on that the Penelope Dingle story

548
00:20:50,720 --> 00:20:55,278
you know and that's still ongoing and I

549
00:20:52,368 --> 00:20:56,658
mean I don't know if you know about this

550
00:20:55,278 --> 00:21:00,079
but did you know that I've been

551
00:20:56,659 --> 00:21:01,789
following it a little bit yeah yeah but

552
00:21:00,079 --> 00:21:04,548
did you know that he wrote a blog post

553
00:21:01,788 --> 00:21:07,669
about it or recently for the inquest was

554
00:21:04,548 --> 00:21:10,069
finished which has subsequently been

555
00:21:07,669 --> 00:21:11,929
pulled because I think his lawyers got

556
00:21:10,069 --> 00:21:14,058

into his ear and said hum contempt a

557

00:21:11,929 --> 00:21:16,340

court right but he wrote a very long

558

00:21:14,058 --> 00:21:18,700

blog post which I think a few people

559

00:21:16,339 --> 00:21:20,959

have saved right screen captured rather

560

00:21:18,700 --> 00:21:22,548

where he was trying to exonerate himself

561

00:21:20,960 --> 00:21:24,528

and saying I had nothing to do with it

562

00:21:22,548 --> 00:21:26,269

it was the homeopath fault Wow

563

00:21:24,528 --> 00:21:27,739

so we'll keep you posted about that if

564

00:21:26,269 --> 00:21:29,960

you're interested yeah absolutely I'm

565

00:21:27,739 --> 00:21:31,009

always interested in updates that's one

566

00:21:29,960 --> 00:21:34,129

of the things that's kind of frustrating

567

00:21:31,009 --> 00:21:36,019

with some of these cases is you'll find

568

00:21:34,128 --> 00:21:37,189

the original story and a court

569

00:21:36,019 --> 00:21:38,839

proceeding will start

570

00:21:37,190 --> 00:21:40,670

and then sometimes it's hard because the

571
00:21:38,839 --> 00:21:42,379
press is really bad at following up on

572
00:21:40,670 --> 00:21:43,970
things things will get settled at a

573
00:21:42,380 --> 00:21:45,770
court or whatever and the press doesn't

574
00:21:43,970 --> 00:21:47,120
consider it a story at that point yeah

575
00:21:45,769 --> 00:21:48,980
so you never really find you know I

576
00:21:47,119 --> 00:21:50,539
don't have a lot of resources to go

577
00:21:48,980 --> 00:21:51,349
digging through court records and things

578
00:21:50,539 --> 00:21:53,000
like that

579
00:21:51,349 --> 00:21:54,709
to chase each one of these stories down

580
00:21:53,000 --> 00:21:57,079
so I have to kind of rely on what I can

581
00:21:54,710 --> 00:21:58,700
find in the press and sometimes it's

582
00:21:57,079 --> 00:22:01,220
quite frustrating because I know someone

583
00:21:58,700 --> 00:22:03,620
got sued but I know I don't know what

584
00:22:01,220 --> 00:22:04,910
the eventual resolution was yeah well

585
00:22:03,619 --> 00:22:07,159
that's where the listeners can help out

586
00:22:04,910 --> 00:22:09,920
- yeah yeah I can email you stuff yeah

587
00:22:07,160 --> 00:22:14,029
yeah yeah well give the website address

588
00:22:09,920 --> 00:22:15,350
again it's what's the harm net and you

589
00:22:14,029 --> 00:22:17,539
know it's just very straightforward

590
00:22:15,349 --> 00:22:21,049
simple website and it's kind of

591
00:22:17,539 --> 00:22:23,089
categories on the front page I also do

592
00:22:21,049 --> 00:22:25,119
some stuff where I do one of my other

593
00:22:23,089 --> 00:22:27,980
projects is doing a skeptic history

594
00:22:25,119 --> 00:22:29,839
that's right on Twitter yeah I do it on

595
00:22:27,980 --> 00:22:31,910
Twitter and some of the other services

596
00:22:29,839 --> 00:22:33,879
like Facebook and French feed I have it

597
00:22:31,910 --> 00:22:36,620
all echoed in but basically every day

598
00:22:33,880 --> 00:22:38,030
early in the morning us time it's

599

00:22:36,619 --> 00:22:42,439
probably in the middle of the day your

600
00:22:38,029 --> 00:22:44,029
time I post a historical item so that

601
00:22:42,440 --> 00:22:45,740
relates to skepticism somebody's

602
00:22:44,029 --> 00:22:47,299
birthday or some famous event like

603
00:22:45,740 --> 00:22:50,120
yesterday as we're recording this

604
00:22:47,299 --> 00:22:52,339
yesterday was July 8th and that was the

605
00:22:50,119 --> 00:22:54,759
anniversary of the famous raid when the

606
00:22:52,339 --> 00:22:58,099
FBI in the United States raided

607
00:22:54,759 --> 00:22:59,900
Scientology because Scientologists were

608
00:22:58,099 --> 00:23:02,990
infiltrating to infiltrate the US

609
00:22:59,900 --> 00:23:04,670
government to find out things and to

610
00:23:02,990 --> 00:23:06,259
influence the decision about whether or

611
00:23:04,670 --> 00:23:08,240
not they would maintain their tax-free

612
00:23:06,259 --> 00:23:09,859
status and other stuff and they

613
00:23:08,240 --> 00:23:12,109

basically charged a bunch of famous

614

00:23:09,859 --> 00:23:14,899

Scientologists including Iron Hubbard's

615

00:23:12,109 --> 00:23:17,899

wife with conspiracy when did this

616

00:23:14,900 --> 00:23:19,430

happen in 1977 right so it's 33 years

617

00:23:17,900 --> 00:23:21,140

ago but it's important to remember these

618

00:23:19,430 --> 00:23:23,390

things because we you think you know a

619

00:23:21,140 --> 00:23:25,280

lot of folks are new to skepticism and

620

00:23:23,390 --> 00:23:27,230

maybe haven't read a lot of the older

621

00:23:25,279 --> 00:23:28,730

books and aren't aware that there's this

622

00:23:27,230 --> 00:23:32,000

whole history of stuff that's gone on

623

00:23:28,730 --> 00:23:33,650

and in some respects you see the same

624

00:23:32,000 --> 00:23:35,630

things repeating but sometimes it's

625

00:23:33,650 --> 00:23:37,430

different so it's important to know what

626

00:23:35,630 --> 00:23:38,240

went before so I do that thing every day

627

00:23:37,430 --> 00:23:40,340

on Twitter

628
00:23:38,240 --> 00:23:43,539
let's get Twitter name my twitter name

629
00:23:40,339 --> 00:23:46,789
is Krell Nick k Arielle and I K yep and

630
00:23:43,539 --> 00:23:48,428
and I also do a skeptic history thing on

631
00:23:46,789 --> 00:23:50,829
the skepticism right

632
00:23:48,429 --> 00:23:52,419
Podcast where I take the skeptic

633
00:23:50,829 --> 00:23:54,699
histories and I expand it out a little

634
00:23:52,419 --> 00:23:57,159
bit little yeah it's a little

635
00:23:54,700 --> 00:23:59,650
three-minute segment yeah in the podcast

636
00:23:57,159 --> 00:24:01,179
and so like whatever like if it come if

637
00:23:59,650 --> 00:24:02,890
the podcast comes out on a Tuesday

638
00:24:01,179 --> 00:24:04,900
there'll be a couple of dates that are

639
00:24:02,890 --> 00:24:07,360
in the next week or so yeah coming up

640
00:24:04,900 --> 00:24:09,190
and I try to expand on it more because

641
00:24:07,359 --> 00:24:12,278
obviously with Twitter you can only just

642
00:24:09,190 --> 00:24:14,380
yeah you say something very quick yeah

643
00:24:12,278 --> 00:24:16,750
that's on skepticism that's one

644
00:24:14,380 --> 00:24:20,080
skeptic County yeah which is actually

645
00:24:16,750 --> 00:24:23,759
the first skeptical podcast isn't it

646
00:24:20,079 --> 00:24:26,589
yeah I think yeah basically the April of

647
00:24:23,759 --> 00:24:29,019
2005 right yeah that when they would

648
00:24:26,589 --> 00:24:30,699
skepticity and a skeptics guide in the

649
00:24:29,019 --> 00:24:32,168
universe I think started within a week

650
00:24:30,700 --> 00:24:34,028
or two of each other

651
00:24:32,169 --> 00:24:36,278
and hasn't the movement grown since then

652
00:24:34,028 --> 00:24:38,558
yeah it's amazing in that yeah it's hard

653
00:24:36,278 --> 00:24:41,319
to keep up there's so many podcasts I'd

654
00:24:38,558 --> 00:24:43,389
always done well I mean there's thirteen

655
00:24:41,319 --> 00:24:45,490
hundred people here two at Tennessee and

656

00:24:43,390 --> 00:24:46,778
I know Randy was doing a talk earlier on

657
00:24:45,490 --> 00:24:49,450
saying that next year they're hoping for

658
00:24:46,778 --> 00:24:50,829
twice that many so we'll be taking over

659
00:24:49,450 --> 00:24:53,649
the whole casino and we'll need a bigger

660
00:24:50,829 --> 00:24:55,148
hotel I'm gonna be a hotel all right Tim

661
00:24:53,648 --> 00:24:56,229
well thanks very much for joining us is

662
00:24:55,148 --> 00:24:59,379
there anything else you wanted to plug

663
00:24:56,230 --> 00:25:00,788
no no pretty much excellent thank you so

664
00:24:59,380 --> 00:25:02,919
listeners please head to what's the hunt

665
00:25:00,788 --> 00:25:06,220
net yeah and if you have any teapots

666
00:25:02,919 --> 00:25:12,870
please email - yeah - abuse him if your

667
00:25:06,220 --> 00:25:12,870
life is well thanks Tim Farley thank you

668
00:25:13,410 --> 00:25:18,060
and as you heard in that report from Tim

669
00:25:16,200 --> 00:25:20,220
Farley he was talking about the case of

670
00:25:18,059 --> 00:25:23,609

Penelope Dingle who died from colorectal

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00:25:20,220 --> 00:25:26,309
cancer in 2005 in Perth Western

672

00:25:23,609 --> 00:25:28,289
Australia the findings of the coroner

673

00:25:26,309 --> 00:25:30,419
were passed down today and I just want

674

00:25:28,289 --> 00:25:33,269
to read you a short excerpt from a news

675

00:25:30,420 --> 00:25:35,850
article about this case it's headlined

676

00:25:33,269 --> 00:25:38,150
poor decision-making poor advice led to

677

00:25:35,849 --> 00:25:40,679
death and it's from the West Australian

678

00:25:38,150 --> 00:25:42,420
homeopath franciene screen has come

679

00:25:40,680 --> 00:25:44,549
under heavy criticism today over the

680

00:25:42,420 --> 00:25:46,680
death of cancer victim Penelope Dingle

681

00:25:44,549 --> 00:25:48,180
with the state coroner finding she

682

00:25:46,680 --> 00:25:50,820
convinced the ailing woman she could

683

00:25:48,180 --> 00:25:52,590
cure her cancer handing down his

684

00:25:50,819 --> 00:25:54,779
findings into the death of Mrs. Dingle

685
00:25:52,589 --> 00:25:57,299
wife of prominent Perth toxicologist

686
00:25:54,779 --> 00:25:59,819
Peter Dingle the coroner said mrs.

687
00:25:57,299 --> 00:26:03,389
Graham's claim was an outrageous thing

688
00:25:59,819 --> 00:26:05,250
to do he said the homeopath was giving

689
00:26:03,390 --> 00:26:08,610
dangerous advice in which he had no

690
00:26:05,250 --> 00:26:10,500
expertise specialists had urged mrs.

691
00:26:08,609 --> 00:26:13,379
Dingle to undergo surgery chemotherapy

692
00:26:10,500 --> 00:26:15,059
and radiotherapy but she opted for

693
00:26:13,380 --> 00:26:17,850
alternative treatments including

694
00:26:15,059 --> 00:26:20,159
homeopathy the alternative remedies

695
00:26:17,849 --> 00:26:22,709
included a diet with no meat or fatty

696
00:26:20,160 --> 00:26:25,350
foods and no animal or dairy products

697
00:26:22,710 --> 00:26:27,390
he said that whilst miss gran and dr.

698
00:26:25,349 --> 00:26:30,029
Singhal had contributed to mrs. Dingles

699
00:26:27,390 --> 00:26:31,530
decision-making ultimately the decisions

700
00:26:30,029 --> 00:26:33,599
were those of the deceased and the

701
00:26:31,529 --> 00:26:36,240
deceased paid a terrible price for poor

702
00:26:33,599 --> 00:26:40,149
decision-making once again another sad

703
00:26:36,240 --> 00:26:51,380
example of what's the harm in homeopathy

704
00:26:40,150 --> 00:26:51,380
[Music]

705
00:26:54,750 --> 00:27:01,450
hi I'm dr. ginger Campbell I started the

706
00:26:58,390 --> 00:27:04,240
brain science podcast in December 2006

707
00:27:01,450 --> 00:27:06,490
with the tagline the show for everyone

708
00:27:04,240 --> 00:27:10,529
who has a brain because you don't need a

709
00:27:06,490 --> 00:27:13,720
PhD to enjoy my podcast all you need is

710
00:27:10,529 --> 00:27:16,599
curiosity about how our brains make us

711
00:27:13,720 --> 00:27:19,539
who we are the brain science podcast is

712
00:27:16,599 --> 00:27:22,000
not a self-help show but understanding

713

00:27:19,539 --> 00:27:25,089
how the brain works will give you useful

714
00:27:22,000 --> 00:27:28,180
insights into your own behavior and the

715
00:27:25,089 --> 00:27:29,859
behavior of others on the show I talk

716
00:27:28,180 --> 00:27:33,519
about the latest books about the brain

717
00:27:29,859 --> 00:27:35,259
and I interview leading scientists of

718
00:27:33,519 --> 00:27:38,079
course I would love to be discovered by

719
00:27:35,259 --> 00:27:41,230
NPR but until then you can find the

720
00:27:38,079 --> 00:27:44,689
brain science podcast in iTunes and at

721
00:27:41,230 --> 00:27:53,920
brain science podcast calm

722
00:27:44,690 --> 00:27:56,539
[Music]

723
00:27:53,920 --> 00:27:58,340
product is shown to be wanting a COBOL

724
00:27:56,539 --> 00:28:00,099
Jax on the phone Jack wants to sing the

725
00:27:58,339 --> 00:28:02,839
praises of magnetic products hello jack

726
00:28:00,099 --> 00:28:05,149
hello can I go for how are you very good

727
00:28:02,839 --> 00:28:08,509

thanks thanks for the call yes thank you

728

00:28:05,150 --> 00:28:10,640

thanks regular call look um I've known

729

00:28:08,509 --> 00:28:13,759

about many products for over 30 years

730

00:28:10,640 --> 00:28:16,070

and I've done a lot of reading on it and

731

00:28:13,759 --> 00:28:19,819

and I can personally testify myself I

732

00:28:16,069 --> 00:28:21,470

had a very bad knee and I didn't know

733

00:28:19,819 --> 00:28:23,480

whether this magnetic strip was going to

734

00:28:21,470 --> 00:28:25,670

work so it's not like I was sort of

735

00:28:23,480 --> 00:28:29,450

convincing myself mind over matter that

736

00:28:25,670 --> 00:28:31,789

will work and I put on my knee I reckon

737

00:28:29,450 --> 00:28:34,700

it took about a week and it my pain

738

00:28:31,789 --> 00:28:37,759

completely went I didn't take any any

739

00:28:34,700 --> 00:28:39,319

other tablets medication I did a lot of

740

00:28:37,759 --> 00:28:41,779

reading on that any products and

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00:28:39,319 --> 00:28:45,319

fulfillment I understand the simple

742
00:28:41,779 --> 00:28:49,279
concept of it is your blood has negative

743
00:28:45,319 --> 00:28:52,339
and positive ions i RNs and when you

744
00:28:49,279 --> 00:28:54,259
apply a magnet to that it attracts those

745
00:28:52,339 --> 00:28:56,750
negatives and positives of positive ions

746
00:28:54,259 --> 00:28:58,250
and it increases your circulation

747
00:28:56,750 --> 00:29:02,589
you've been reading their website

748
00:28:58,250 --> 00:29:05,000
haven't you Jack nothing and basically

749
00:29:02,589 --> 00:29:08,179
everyone knows that when you have an

750
00:29:05,000 --> 00:29:10,519
increased circulation B through exercise

751
00:29:08,180 --> 00:29:11,269
or whatever when you increase your

752
00:29:10,519 --> 00:29:14,389
circulation

753
00:29:11,269 --> 00:29:16,210
that's what does the fixing up Jack what

754
00:29:14,390 --> 00:29:19,250
do you mean by increase your circulation

755
00:29:16,210 --> 00:29:21,710
well you just like when you exercise

756
00:29:19,250 --> 00:29:25,009
your circulation your blood circulation

757
00:29:21,710 --> 00:29:27,350
increases because your body I you've

758
00:29:25,009 --> 00:29:31,009
lost me a blood moons bathroom is faster

759
00:29:27,349 --> 00:29:33,980
it blood moves faster it's what your

760
00:29:31,009 --> 00:29:35,990
blood just circles you system is like if

761
00:29:33,980 --> 00:29:38,420
you don't exercise it becomes like Stagg

762
00:29:35,990 --> 00:29:40,069
stagnate water what's this got to do

763
00:29:38,420 --> 00:29:42,170
with pain relief you've sort of gone off

764
00:29:40,069 --> 00:29:43,970
track a little bit here we're pain

765
00:29:42,170 --> 00:29:46,279
relief if you if you increase the

766
00:29:43,970 --> 00:29:47,900
circulation in your body right pain

767
00:29:46,279 --> 00:29:50,119
relief like just say for instance with

768
00:29:47,900 --> 00:29:53,150
joint Irving is usually caused through

769
00:29:50,119 --> 00:29:54,709
inflammation that's right if you get

770

00:29:53,150 --> 00:29:57,560
information a certain part of the body

771
00:29:54,710 --> 00:29:59,360
the signs it gives you is pain

772
00:29:57,559 --> 00:30:00,629
yes but Chuck do you understand how the

773
00:29:59,359 --> 00:30:02,969
inflammation process

774
00:30:00,630 --> 00:30:06,420
you can't flush it away if you increase

775
00:30:02,970 --> 00:30:08,370
your blood flow because specific types

776
00:30:06,420 --> 00:30:10,740
of cells are actually recruited to the

777
00:30:08,369 --> 00:30:12,599
site of inflammation as long as that

778
00:30:10,740 --> 00:30:14,609
inflammation remains and you can't kind

779
00:30:12,599 --> 00:30:16,079
of wash that out like you would I wash

780
00:30:14,609 --> 00:30:18,629
dishes or something it doesn't work like

781
00:30:16,079 --> 00:30:21,539
that right okay but but have you heard

782
00:30:18,630 --> 00:30:28,080
of reflexology yes yes it doesn't work

783
00:30:21,539 --> 00:30:29,700
either for reflexologist oh okay Jack

784
00:30:28,079 --> 00:30:31,169

you're just the man we're looking for

785

00:30:29,700 --> 00:30:33,720

you can apply for the Australian

786

00:30:31,170 --> 00:30:36,180

skeptics \$100,000 challenge if you can

787

00:30:33,720 --> 00:30:38,910

prove that reflexology work I can prove

788

00:30:36,180 --> 00:30:45,180

it was my wife's did I married my wife

789

00:30:38,910 --> 00:30:46,980

through reflexology what that doesn't

790

00:30:45,180 --> 00:30:47,400

prove it where did you read her face or

791

00:30:46,980 --> 00:30:50,069

something

792

00:30:47,400 --> 00:30:52,560

how did you do that happened about 12

793

00:30:50,069 --> 00:30:56,039

years ago we're all going to go out one

794

00:30:52,559 --> 00:30:57,839

night and I was with those four of us

795

00:30:56,039 --> 00:31:00,960

and she was she was there with a

796

00:30:57,839 --> 00:31:03,029

girlfriend and when we turned up to pick

797

00:31:00,960 --> 00:31:05,640

everyone up she was that she had a she

798

00:31:03,029 --> 00:31:08,309

had shock it's shocking scientists right

799
00:31:05,640 --> 00:31:10,200
and and one of the best results that I

800
00:31:08,309 --> 00:31:12,720
get with reflexology it was sinus

801
00:31:10,200 --> 00:31:14,039
problems all right and she it was that

802
00:31:12,720 --> 00:31:16,589
bad she wasn't going to go out and I

803
00:31:14,039 --> 00:31:18,779
said look this and this might sound a

804
00:31:16,589 --> 00:31:21,449
bit weird but I can do some points

805
00:31:18,779 --> 00:31:23,730
around your your toes all right your

806
00:31:21,450 --> 00:31:25,470
sinus points are in your toes and I'll

807
00:31:23,730 --> 00:31:27,390
be just about guarantee you'll

808
00:31:25,470 --> 00:31:29,009
definitely get relief Jack why didn't

809
00:31:27,390 --> 00:31:30,390
you get her to go for a run and increase

810
00:31:29,009 --> 00:31:32,670
her circulation that would have worked

811
00:31:30,390 --> 00:31:35,220
too right that's what you just told us

812
00:31:32,670 --> 00:31:37,800
no no no because with reflexology it

813
00:31:35,220 --> 00:31:41,009
works on your endings right and those

814
00:31:37,799 --> 00:31:43,500
nerve endings over the years they they

815
00:31:41,009 --> 00:31:51,029
get deposits of crystallization of

816
00:31:43,500 --> 00:31:53,369
toxins no they don't time out both sides

817
00:31:51,029 --> 00:31:55,559
I'm gonna step in here as adjudicator

818
00:31:53,369 --> 00:31:56,879
I'm sorry jack I can prove it okay jack

819
00:31:55,559 --> 00:31:59,759
that's exactly what I want you to do

820
00:31:56,880 --> 00:32:02,760
because these guys have a standing

821
00:31:59,759 --> 00:32:04,920
\$100,000 bounty on anybody that can

822
00:32:02,759 --> 00:32:07,109
prove things that they reckon don't work

823
00:32:04,920 --> 00:32:09,900
really work now you're saying that you

824
00:32:07,109 --> 00:32:10,709
can prove reflux reflux reflux ology

825
00:32:09,900 --> 00:32:13,710
actually works

826
00:32:10,710 --> 00:32:14,850
the Australian skeptics have a \$100,000

827

00:32:13,710 --> 00:32:17,100
to anybody who can demonstrate

828
00:32:14,849 --> 00:32:19,288
paranormal or supernatural powers under

829
00:32:17,099 --> 00:32:21,628
mutually agreed test conditions okay

830
00:32:19,288 --> 00:32:23,128
yeah here's your opportunity Jack I want

831
00:32:21,628 --> 00:32:25,109
to see you take the money Jack I'm on

832
00:32:23,128 --> 00:32:26,788
your side right I want to see you take

833
00:32:25,109 --> 00:32:28,528
the money so I want you to go to their

834
00:32:26,788 --> 00:32:33,750
website skeptics

835
00:32:28,528 --> 00:32:35,548
SK EPT icis.com do you write and check

836
00:32:33,750 --> 00:32:38,069
out their website you'll find this this

837
00:32:35,548 --> 00:32:40,168
\$100,000 prize offer on there get in

838
00:32:38,069 --> 00:32:41,398
touch with the skeptics tell Richard get

839
00:32:40,169 --> 00:32:42,509
to send him an email and tell him that

840
00:32:41,398 --> 00:32:43,949
you want to find out all about it

841
00:32:42,509 --> 00:32:46,620

because you want to be \$100,000 richer

842

00:32:43,950 --> 00:32:47,879

and Jack I just say good luck to you

843

00:32:46,619 --> 00:32:49,798

because if you believe in what you're

844

00:32:47,878 --> 00:32:52,019

talking about with reflexology and you

845

00:32:49,798 --> 00:32:54,089

reckon you can prove that it works the

846

00:32:52,019 --> 00:32:56,038

money is your money take it taking it

847

00:32:54,089 --> 00:32:58,408

for sure that guaranteed you can get 10

848

00:32:56,038 --> 00:33:00,388

people 15 people that's got problem

849

00:32:58,409 --> 00:33:02,970

sighs I think problem knee problems Jack

850

00:33:00,388 --> 00:33:04,648

- Jack go to the website and let us know

851

00:33:02,970 --> 00:33:06,419

how you go all right thank you you're on

852

00:33:04,648 --> 00:33:08,548

your boat there we go you're good could

853

00:33:06,419 --> 00:33:10,200

be \$100,000 better off absolutely there

854

00:33:08,548 --> 00:33:21,869

again he may not be as well 10 minutes

855

00:33:10,200 --> 00:33:24,990

to 11 got a quick break now it's time

856
00:33:21,869 --> 00:33:26,469
for dr. Ratey reports with dr. Rachael

857
00:33:24,990 --> 00:33:28,449
Dunlop

858
00:33:26,470 --> 00:33:31,219
[Music]

859
00:33:28,449 --> 00:33:34,429
hello listeners and welcome to dr. Ratey

860
00:33:31,219 --> 00:33:36,440
reports at the risk of sounding like a

861
00:33:34,429 --> 00:33:38,028
broken record and I apologize for this

862
00:33:36,440 --> 00:33:40,489
but we're a little bit pleased in

863
00:33:38,028 --> 00:33:42,499
Australia at the moment I'm going to

864
00:33:40,489 --> 00:33:44,209
talk about some of the extensive media

865
00:33:42,499 --> 00:33:46,489
coverage that the anti-vaccination

866
00:33:44,209 --> 00:33:49,070
network have been getting in the past

867
00:33:46,489 --> 00:33:51,199
week since the H Triple C public

868
00:33:49,069 --> 00:33:52,968
statement was released now those of you

869
00:33:51,199 --> 00:33:55,129
who follow my blog would have seen a

870
00:33:52,969 --> 00:33:58,969
post I wrote last week about how the

871
00:33:55,128 --> 00:34:00,948
media tide has turned on the AVN and now

872
00:33:58,969 --> 00:34:04,369
they're being referred to routinely as

873
00:34:00,949 --> 00:34:06,798
anti-vaccination but why believe me I'm

874
00:34:04,368 --> 00:34:08,480
a skeptic I seek the evidence so this

875
00:34:06,798 --> 00:34:10,038
week I'm presenting you with some of

876
00:34:08,480 --> 00:34:13,068
that evidence that I've collected from

877
00:34:10,039 --> 00:34:15,649
across the media in Australia so you can

878
00:34:13,068 --> 00:34:18,139
see for yourself how things have changed

879
00:34:15,648 --> 00:34:21,108
for Merrill so first up is steve

880
00:34:18,139 --> 00:34:23,599
lieberman from radio to ue responding to

881
00:34:21,108 --> 00:34:26,000
a front-page article on The Sydney

882
00:34:23,599 --> 00:34:28,460
Morning Herald about the avian harassing

883
00:34:26,000 --> 00:34:30,440
the McCaffrey family takes takes a lot

884

00:34:28,460 --> 00:34:33,318
to get me angry but let me tell you this

885
00:34:30,440 --> 00:34:35,108
morning I'm angry I cannot believe this

886
00:34:33,318 --> 00:34:37,608
story in today's Sydney Morning Herald

887
00:34:35,108 --> 00:34:40,398
about this group calling itself the

888
00:34:37,608 --> 00:34:41,509
Australian vaccination Network who do

889
00:34:40,398 --> 00:34:44,000
they think they are

890
00:34:41,509 --> 00:34:46,878
The Herald tells us that this group of

891
00:34:44,000 --> 00:34:49,699
North Coast wackos last year waged a

892
00:34:46,878 --> 00:34:52,098
campaign of harassment and abuse against

893
00:34:49,699 --> 00:34:54,378
a lennox head family whose four week old

894
00:34:52,099 --> 00:34:56,000
daughter died from whooping cough the

895
00:34:54,378 --> 00:34:58,038
little girl incidentally hadn't been

896
00:34:56,000 --> 00:35:00,139
vaccinated when she died because she was

897
00:34:58,039 --> 00:35:01,880
too young now look you can argue the

898
00:35:00,139 --> 00:35:03,949

case for and against vaccinations I

899

00:35:01,880 --> 00:35:06,470

happen to believe in it but that's not

900

00:35:03,949 --> 00:35:09,409

the point the point is this group the

901

00:35:06,469 --> 00:35:12,108

avian it calls itself accused Tony and

902

00:35:09,409 --> 00:35:14,239

David McCaffrey of lying about the cause

903

00:35:12,108 --> 00:35:15,920

of their daughter's death this is the

904

00:35:14,239 --> 00:35:17,750

group that tried to get the baby's

905

00:35:15,920 --> 00:35:19,789

medical records without permission

906

00:35:17,750 --> 00:35:22,099

this is the group that says whooping

907

00:35:19,789 --> 00:35:23,990

cough is not fatal and vaccinations are

908

00:35:22,099 --> 00:35:26,240

not needed that claims the meningococcal

909

00:35:23,989 --> 00:35:29,028

disease is harmless and hardly kills

910

00:35:26,239 --> 00:35:30,679

anyone that vaccination vaccination is

911

00:35:29,028 --> 00:35:33,619

spreading aids in third world countries

912

00:35:30,679 --> 00:35:36,169

and that vaccines listen to this one

913
00:35:33,619 --> 00:35:39,820
vaccines are part of a global conspiracy

914
00:35:36,170 --> 00:35:42,700
to implant mind-control chips

915
00:35:39,820 --> 00:35:45,309
to every man woman and child but

916
00:35:42,699 --> 00:35:47,379
overriding all of this is the fact that

917
00:35:45,309 --> 00:35:50,559
this group thinks that they can harass

918
00:35:47,380 --> 00:35:52,420
abuse and threaten people who take an

919
00:35:50,559 --> 00:35:53,769
opposing view to theirs now I don't know

920
00:35:52,420 --> 00:35:55,420
whether you've ever heard of this group

921
00:35:53,769 --> 00:35:57,789
whether you've been in a similar

922
00:35:55,420 --> 00:35:59,740
situation to the McCaffrey's if you have

923
00:35:57,789 --> 00:36:02,529
I'd like to hear from you this morning

924
00:35:59,739 --> 00:36:03,279
on thirteen thirteen thirty-two these

925
00:36:02,530 --> 00:36:05,200
people

926
00:36:03,280 --> 00:36:07,840
the Australian vaccination Network

927
00:36:05,199 --> 00:36:10,029
they're an organization that should

928
00:36:07,840 --> 00:36:12,579
because it they are a threat to public

929
00:36:10,030 --> 00:36:15,640
health and safety they should be closed

930
00:36:12,579 --> 00:36:17,349
down now on the line is Ken MacLeod he

931
00:36:15,639 --> 00:36:19,900
is a member of a group that wants

932
00:36:17,349 --> 00:36:22,480
precisely that he's calling his

933
00:36:19,900 --> 00:36:24,490
organization the stop the Australian

934
00:36:22,480 --> 00:36:28,539
vaccination Network Ken MacLeod good

935
00:36:24,489 --> 00:36:30,399
morning to you watch what's your

936
00:36:28,539 --> 00:36:33,940
interest in shutting this group down

937
00:36:30,400 --> 00:36:36,460
specifically my interest is that that

938
00:36:33,940 --> 00:36:39,550
the avian and as president meant

939
00:36:36,460 --> 00:36:41,980
officially a danger to public health and

940
00:36:39,550 --> 00:36:44,769
it is incumbent upon government to

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00:36:41,980 --> 00:36:47,050
counter any danger to public health and

942
00:36:44,769 --> 00:36:49,690
perhaps this is something government

943
00:36:47,050 --> 00:36:51,820
should be doing okay now we'll come to

944
00:36:49,690 --> 00:36:54,039
what government can or can't will or

945
00:36:51,820 --> 00:36:56,680
won't do in a moment but the reality is

946
00:36:54,039 --> 00:36:58,630
can you shut the ABN down given that

947
00:36:56,679 --> 00:37:01,239
these days it can still spread it's

948
00:36:58,630 --> 00:37:03,309
misinformation via the Internet that's

949
00:37:01,239 --> 00:37:05,919
right it isn't it is an issue of

950
00:37:03,309 --> 00:37:10,090
practicality and it is an issue of free

951
00:37:05,920 --> 00:37:13,630
speech I did ask the H Triple C to

952
00:37:10,090 --> 00:37:15,820
consider that but the legislation does

953
00:37:13,630 --> 00:37:18,490
not exist for the healthcare Complaints

954
00:37:15,820 --> 00:37:20,470
Commission to do that the most of health

955
00:37:18,489 --> 00:37:23,709

healthcare Complaints Commission can do

956

00:37:20,469 --> 00:37:26,500

is issue a public warning I'm also

957

00:37:23,710 --> 00:37:28,809

suggesting that the H Triple C consider

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00:37:26,500 --> 00:37:31,179

taking out an injunction where they

959

00:37:28,809 --> 00:37:33,940

would where the court would compel the

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00:37:31,179 --> 00:37:35,469

ABN to put disclaimers prominently on

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00:37:33,940 --> 00:37:38,289

their website to say that their

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00:37:35,469 --> 00:37:41,109

information is misleading so Ken who is

963

00:37:38,289 --> 00:37:43,269

this Merrill Dorie or Dorie or whatever

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00:37:41,110 --> 00:37:45,490

who runs this network out of Bangalow

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00:37:43,269 --> 00:37:47,980

well I've never met her personally and

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00:37:45,489 --> 00:37:51,209

but I've seen a lot of her writings and

967

00:37:47,980 --> 00:37:52,740

appearances on television and radio

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00:37:51,210 --> 00:37:55,800

american-born sit

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00:37:52,739 --> 00:37:58,519

that for some reason has taken upon

970
00:37:55,800 --> 00:38:01,920
herself to combat vaccinations as a

971
00:37:58,519 --> 00:38:05,940
principal everywhere she goes through

972
00:38:01,920 --> 00:38:08,670
magazines seminars lobbying politicians

973
00:38:05,940 --> 00:38:11,579
and so on to me it's all quite bizarre

974
00:38:08,670 --> 00:38:13,680
that anyone would question vaccination

975
00:38:11,579 --> 00:38:15,900
in this day and age but there you are

976
00:38:13,679 --> 00:38:18,299
well in the as I said in introducing you

977
00:38:15,900 --> 00:38:20,490
I mean in one sense you put the

978
00:38:18,300 --> 00:38:23,430
vaccination debate to one side the thing

979
00:38:20,489 --> 00:38:26,969
that really irks me is that they would

980
00:38:23,429 --> 00:38:29,699
dare harass this family under the the

981
00:38:26,969 --> 00:38:31,739
McCaffrey's at Lenox head that they

982
00:38:29,699 --> 00:38:33,989
would dare harass them in the manner in

983
00:38:31,739 --> 00:38:37,469
which they have in the circumstances

984
00:38:33,989 --> 00:38:39,419
yeah that was probably what prompted me

985
00:38:37,469 --> 00:38:40,949
most to put in my complaint to the

986
00:38:39,420 --> 00:38:44,369
healthcare Complaints Commission I

987
00:38:40,949 --> 00:38:47,368
thought that the adn had gone one step

988
00:38:44,369 --> 00:38:50,039
too far I mean it's all very well to to

989
00:38:47,369 --> 00:38:52,380
question the science and to raise

990
00:38:50,039 --> 00:38:54,719
concerns and so on as long as you do it

991
00:38:52,380 --> 00:38:56,760
honestly but to harass a family in that

992
00:38:54,719 --> 00:38:58,469
way as I saw on television it's

993
00:38:56,760 --> 00:39:00,869
appalling behavior anecdotally

994
00:38:58,469 --> 00:39:04,108
unacceptable totally despicable and I

995
00:39:00,869 --> 00:39:06,630
thought something had to be done in this

996
00:39:04,108 --> 00:39:08,909
report from ABC's world today program

997
00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:11,070
Meryl claims she's not going to place

998

00:39:08,909 --> 00:39:13,980
the H Triple C disclaimer on her website

999
00:39:11,070 --> 00:39:18,380
because she is quote not anti

1000
00:39:13,980 --> 00:39:18,380
vaccination but pro-choice and Pro

1001
00:39:18,739 --> 00:39:24,479
me she then goes on to say that she's a

1002
00:39:22,380 --> 00:39:26,490
health watchdog well if you're a health

1003
00:39:24,480 --> 00:39:28,079
watchdog Meryl I think you come under

1004
00:39:26,489 --> 00:39:29,819
the jurisdiction of the healthcare

1005
00:39:28,079 --> 00:39:31,889
Complaints Commission the New South

1006
00:39:29,820 --> 00:39:34,289
Wales healthcare Complaints Commission

1007
00:39:31,889 --> 00:39:36,659
has taken the unusual step of issuing a

1008
00:39:34,289 --> 00:39:39,179
safety warning against a group of anti

1009
00:39:36,659 --> 00:39:40,829
vaccination campaigners the Commission

1010
00:39:39,179 --> 00:39:43,230
says the group known as the Australian

1011
00:39:40,829 --> 00:39:45,150
vaccination Network has refused to

1012
00:39:43,230 --> 00:39:47,159

include a prominent disclaimer on its

1013

00:39:45,150 --> 00:39:50,039

website stating the information should

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00:39:47,159 --> 00:39:52,349

not be taken as medical advice brahmand

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00:39:50,039 --> 00:39:54,840

herbert reports australia faced a

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00:39:52,349 --> 00:39:57,239

whooping cough epidemic last year more

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00:39:54,840 --> 00:39:59,880

than 19,000 cases were reported and

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00:39:57,239 --> 00:40:02,009

three babies died including four week

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00:39:59,880 --> 00:40:04,440

old Dana McCaffrey from the New South

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00:40:02,010 --> 00:40:06,570

Wales North Coast pediatrician Chris

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00:40:04,440 --> 00:40:09,179

Engle treated the sick baby and

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00:40:06,570 --> 00:40:12,090

since the Australian vaccination network

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00:40:09,179 --> 00:40:14,279

became active in the region immunization

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00:40:12,090 --> 00:40:17,700

rates have fallen dramatically they

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00:40:14,280 --> 00:40:21,210

spook many young families into believing

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00:40:17,699 --> 00:40:23,339

them that vaccinations are bad that the

1027
00:40:21,210 --> 00:40:24,360
risk outweighs the benefit which is

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00:40:23,340 --> 00:40:29,070
quite wrong

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00:40:24,360 --> 00:40:31,800
ever since the AVN became active up here

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00:40:29,070 --> 00:40:33,800
the immunization rates of fall and we're

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00:40:31,800 --> 00:40:38,039
the lowest in the state we have pockets

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00:40:33,800 --> 00:40:40,380
below 50% vaccination it does of the

1033
00:40:38,039 --> 00:40:43,079
pockets where the pertussis outbreaks

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00:40:40,380 --> 00:40:45,329
are seeded unfortunately it rolls out to

1035
00:40:43,079 --> 00:40:48,659
the entire community so everyone gets

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00:40:45,329 --> 00:40:51,329
affected and we've seen that in ways

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00:40:48,659 --> 00:40:53,879
over the last two or three years in poor

1038
00:40:51,329 --> 00:40:55,769
little Dana McAfee was caught up hanging

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00:40:53,880 --> 00:40:57,210
one of those ways the healthcare

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00:40:55,769 --> 00:40:59,280
Complaints Commission has been

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00:40:57,210 --> 00:41:01,829
investigating the network it's now

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00:40:59,280 --> 00:41:03,450
issued a new public warning the

1043
00:41:01,829 --> 00:41:05,219
Commission recognizes that it is

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00:41:03,449 --> 00:41:07,829
important for there to be debate on the

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00:41:05,219 --> 00:41:09,779
issue of vaccination however the AVN

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00:41:07,829 --> 00:41:12,869
provides information that is inaccurate

1047
00:41:09,780 --> 00:41:14,700
and misleading the avians failure to

1048
00:41:12,869 --> 00:41:16,859
include a notice on its website of the

1049
00:41:14,699 --> 00:41:18,779
nature recommended by the Commission may

1050
00:41:16,860 --> 00:41:20,970
result in members of the public making

1051
00:41:18,780 --> 00:41:22,740
improperly informed decisions about

1052
00:41:20,969 --> 00:41:25,469
whether or not to vaccinate and

1053
00:41:22,739 --> 00:41:26,579
therefore poses a risk to public health

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00:41:25,469 --> 00:41:28,289
and safety

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00:41:26,579 --> 00:41:30,989
the Australian vaccination Network

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00:41:28,289 --> 00:41:33,449
spokeswoman is Meryl Dorie we already

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00:41:30,989 --> 00:41:35,129
had two of the three items that the

1058
00:41:33,449 --> 00:41:37,019
healthcare Complaints Commission asked

1059
00:41:35,130 --> 00:41:39,599
us to put up on the website and we'd had

1060
00:41:37,019 --> 00:41:42,420
these things up there for years the only

1061
00:41:39,599 --> 00:41:44,219
thing that the AVN refuses to put up on

1062
00:41:42,420 --> 00:41:47,880
the website and we do refuse to put it

1063
00:41:44,219 --> 00:41:50,129
up and surely this is censorship and

1064
00:41:47,880 --> 00:41:52,320
it's at its highest level to insist that

1065
00:41:50,130 --> 00:41:54,059
we put this up the healthcare complains

1066
00:41:52,320 --> 00:41:56,700
Commission wants us to state that we are

1067
00:41:54,059 --> 00:41:59,400
anti vaccination and we are not never

1068
00:41:56,699 --> 00:42:01,529
have been anti vaccination we are pro

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00:41:59,400 --> 00:42:04,800

information pro-choice and a health

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00:42:01,530 --> 00:42:07,380

safety watchdog so you do advocate that

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00:42:04,800 --> 00:42:09,420

vaccinations should be taken when it is

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00:42:07,380 --> 00:42:11,760

appropriate you know we advocate that

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00:42:09,420 --> 00:42:13,980

people make informed decisions when it

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00:42:11,760 --> 00:42:15,840

comes to all medical issues including

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00:42:13,980 --> 00:42:18,360

vaccination and that's all we say

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00:42:15,840 --> 00:42:18,530

Merrill Dorie says since the AVN is in

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00:42:18,360 --> 00:42:21,050

the

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00:42:18,530 --> 00:42:22,910

the healthcare practitioner or educator

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00:42:21,050 --> 00:42:25,340

it's a breach of the health care

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00:42:22,909 --> 00:42:28,909

Commission's jurisdiction to investigate

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00:42:25,340 --> 00:42:31,010

the group Raman Herbert so Meryl Dory

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00:42:28,909 --> 00:42:33,619

says that neither herself nor the AVN

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00:42:31,010 --> 00:42:35,830

are health educators but according to

1084
00:42:33,619 --> 00:42:39,469
the final report from the H Triple C

1085
00:42:35,829 --> 00:42:41,929
quote miss dory speaks on the subject of

1086
00:42:39,469 --> 00:42:44,599
vaccinations on local radio and at a

1087
00:42:41,929 --> 00:42:46,730
number of different forums including The

1088
00:42:44,599 --> 00:42:49,219
Bachelor of naturopathy course conducted

1089
00:42:46,730 --> 00:42:51,530
by Southern Cross University pregnancy

1090
00:42:49,219 --> 00:42:55,129
discussion groups and the Woodford Folk

1091
00:42:51,530 --> 00:42:56,930
Festival unquote and it was at the

1092
00:42:55,130 --> 00:42:58,700
Woodford Folk Festival where she was

1093
00:42:56,929 --> 00:43:02,750
referred to as Australia's leading

1094
00:42:58,699 --> 00:43:05,169
expert on vaccinations next up is John

1095
00:43:02,750 --> 00:43:07,460
and sandy from - you eat breakfast radio

1096
00:43:05,170 --> 00:43:08,990
now we as a country we have a pretty

1097
00:43:07,460 --> 00:43:10,610
impressive record when it comes to

1098
00:43:08,989 --> 00:43:12,769
childhood vaccinations I think around

1099
00:43:10,610 --> 00:43:14,180
90% of kids in this country are

1100
00:43:12,769 --> 00:43:16,280
vaccinated but there are still some

1101
00:43:14,179 --> 00:43:18,500
people out there who are vehemently

1102
00:43:16,280 --> 00:43:20,120
opposed to vaccinating children and

1103
00:43:18,500 --> 00:43:21,889
they're usually headed up by a body

1104
00:43:20,119 --> 00:43:24,559
called the Australian vaccination

1105
00:43:21,889 --> 00:43:27,109
Network and it's been long conducting a

1106
00:43:24,559 --> 00:43:29,179
long-running campaign trying to dissuade

1107
00:43:27,110 --> 00:43:30,349
parents from having their kids immunized

1108
00:43:29,179 --> 00:43:32,059
so it's a it's a controversial

1109
00:43:30,349 --> 00:43:34,339
organization it's long been criticized

1110
00:43:32,059 --> 00:43:36,829
for circulating misinformation about the

1111
00:43:34,340 --> 00:43:38,840
risks of vaccination vaccination is a is

1112

00:43:36,829 --> 00:43:40,549
a personal thing a lot of people feel

1113
00:43:38,840 --> 00:43:42,410
very very strongly about it either one

1114
00:43:40,550 --> 00:43:45,350
way or the other but the Australian

1115
00:43:42,409 --> 00:43:47,480
vaccination Network is not afraid to put

1116
00:43:45,349 --> 00:43:49,519
its views out there in indeed there's a

1117
00:43:47,480 --> 00:43:54,740
story today and it's one that would make

1118
00:43:49,519 --> 00:43:57,380
you just weep a four week old baby Donna

1119
00:43:54,739 --> 00:43:59,839
died from whooping cough Tony and David

1120
00:43:57,380 --> 00:44:02,480
McCaffrey the parents in the aftermath

1121
00:43:59,840 --> 00:44:04,880
of losing a four week old who had

1122
00:44:02,480 --> 00:44:07,190
whooping cough were we're trying to come

1123
00:44:04,880 --> 00:44:09,470
to terms with it all and suddenly found

1124
00:44:07,190 --> 00:44:12,590
themselves with with with contacts

1125
00:44:09,469 --> 00:44:14,419
emails nasty stuff coming to them from

1126
00:44:12,590 --> 00:44:16,160

Miss Australian vaccinations Network I

1127

00:44:14,420 --> 00:44:18,079

can't believe it this is harassment the

1128

00:44:16,159 --> 00:44:20,210

network going to harass a couple who've

1129

00:44:18,079 --> 00:44:22,219

lost a full week old baby the mother of

1130

00:44:20,210 --> 00:44:24,309

the baby is Tony McCaffrey and she joins

1131

00:44:22,219 --> 00:44:26,959

us on the line now good morning to you I

1132

00:44:24,309 --> 00:44:29,210

suppose for for anyone the thought of

1133

00:44:26,960 --> 00:44:31,280

losing a baby at four weeks is is just

1134

00:44:29,210 --> 00:44:31,970

so tragic you can't even think about it

1135

00:44:31,280 --> 00:44:33,980

but then

1136

00:44:31,969 --> 00:44:36,108

they have a campaign such as we've

1137

00:44:33,980 --> 00:44:38,960

touched on it must have been shattering

1138

00:44:36,108 --> 00:44:42,769

for you look we were just in absolute

1139

00:44:38,960 --> 00:44:44,329

shock when Dana died the greatest

1140

00:44:42,769 --> 00:44:46,460

heartbreak is that no one warned us

1141
00:44:44,329 --> 00:44:48,440
about whooping cough there was no

1142
00:44:46,460 --> 00:44:51,920
warning sticker on her health records

1143
00:44:48,440 --> 00:44:54,260
and Dana was the third baby airlifted

1144
00:44:51,920 --> 00:44:55,369
from this area to intensive care and to

1145
00:44:54,260 --> 00:44:56,780
the week after

1146
00:44:55,369 --> 00:45:00,410
there was a very dangerous environment

1147
00:44:56,780 --> 00:45:03,200
so that's why we went public but we was

1148
00:45:00,409 --> 00:45:04,848
even more shocked within three weeks and

1149
00:45:03,199 --> 00:45:08,750
we started getting anonymous letters to

1150
00:45:04,849 --> 00:45:11,869
our home started getting emails and just

1151
00:45:08,750 --> 00:45:14,320
think that thing the I guess the vitriol

1152
00:45:11,869 --> 00:45:16,880
and lunacy that surrounds this issue

1153
00:45:14,320 --> 00:45:17,990
she was she was too young to be

1154
00:45:16,880 --> 00:45:19,670
immunized wasn't she

1155
00:45:17,989 --> 00:45:21,858
that's right there's only four weeks old

1156
00:45:19,670 --> 00:45:23,869
so when Dana started exhibiting any

1157
00:45:21,858 --> 00:45:25,579
symptoms and what I mean by symptom is

1158
00:45:23,869 --> 00:45:27,829
she had a blocked nose and she was

1159
00:45:25,579 --> 00:45:29,929
snuffly and a bit unsettled at night

1160
00:45:27,829 --> 00:45:32,779
which most newborns are that was bit

1161
00:45:29,929 --> 00:45:35,690
about two weeks of ages she didn't have

1162
00:45:32,780 --> 00:45:37,220
the first coughs until about the day

1163
00:45:35,690 --> 00:45:39,159
before we went in the hospital it was

1164
00:45:37,219 --> 00:45:41,959
just as like a clearing of the throat

1165
00:45:39,159 --> 00:45:44,239
hey Dana didn't have what they call her

1166
00:45:41,960 --> 00:45:46,220
coughing paroxysm until 10 minutes after

1167
00:45:44,239 --> 00:45:47,679
we arrived at hospital so we walked in

1168
00:45:46,219 --> 00:45:49,669
the door said here's our daughter we

1169

00:45:47,679 --> 00:45:52,309
she's just been diagnosed with whooping

1170
00:45:49,670 --> 00:45:55,010
cough at which point she coughed for

1171
00:45:52,309 --> 00:45:56,630
about an eternity it felt like went blue

1172
00:45:55,010 --> 00:45:58,430
and passed out had to be put on oxygen

1173
00:45:56,630 --> 00:46:01,608
and that's how we learned about whooping

1174
00:45:58,429 --> 00:46:03,440
cough yeah and your concern from what I

1175
00:46:01,608 --> 00:46:05,509
gather is that you were concerned about

1176
00:46:03,440 --> 00:46:08,300
the care that was given how much

1177
00:46:05,510 --> 00:46:10,099
information you were given and what the

1178
00:46:08,300 --> 00:46:12,830
duty of care from the health system was

1179
00:46:10,099 --> 00:46:14,720
you then talked about it and found this

1180
00:46:12,829 --> 00:46:17,019
other stuff coming to you from people

1181
00:46:14,719 --> 00:46:18,879
who were saying that whooping cough

1182
00:46:17,019 --> 00:46:22,219
shouldn't be fatal

1183
00:46:18,880 --> 00:46:25,070

absolutely the whole reason we went

1184

00:46:22,219 --> 00:46:26,659
public it's because the week that Dana

1185

00:46:25,070 --> 00:46:28,700
died the day after she died you said

1186

00:46:26,659 --> 00:46:30,529
well tell us if they could confirm her

1187

00:46:28,699 --> 00:46:33,439
death in a media release and we allowed

1188

00:46:30,530 --> 00:46:35,869
that to happen anonymously because at

1189

00:46:33,440 --> 00:46:37,280
the same time they were releasing free

1190

00:46:35,869 --> 00:46:38,750
boosters when your parents and

1191

00:46:37,280 --> 00:46:41,810
grandparents and that meant so much to

1192

00:46:38,750 --> 00:46:44,210
us because no one had told us I mean if

1193

00:46:41,809 --> 00:46:45,969
I had have had someone had warned me

1194

00:46:44,210 --> 00:46:48,070
that the rates of infection up here

1195

00:46:45,969 --> 00:46:51,189
five times but they really you before

1196

00:46:48,070 --> 00:46:54,910
yet not one health professional told us

1197

00:46:51,190 --> 00:46:58,829
that's why we went public but then to

1198
00:46:54,909 --> 00:47:01,118
see all this other stuff coming out and

1199
00:46:58,829 --> 00:47:06,130
contentions that Dana didn't even die of

1200
00:47:01,119 --> 00:47:08,858
pertussis it was her medical care or the

1201
00:47:06,130 --> 00:47:11,440
fact that I saw rumors circulating that

1202
00:47:08,858 --> 00:47:12,909
she was weak from birth I was sensitive

1203
00:47:11,440 --> 00:47:14,079
so so they were they were sending you

1204
00:47:12,909 --> 00:47:15,549
stuff saying it was all a conspiracy

1205
00:47:14,079 --> 00:47:16,840
though using whooping cough as a

1206
00:47:15,550 --> 00:47:19,300
cover-up because it suited their

1207
00:47:16,840 --> 00:47:21,640
argument against vaccination it even

1208
00:47:19,300 --> 00:47:23,500
went so far as Meryl Dory ringing um

1209
00:47:21,639 --> 00:47:24,009
this is the head of his network that's

1210
00:47:23,500 --> 00:47:26,170
correct

1211
00:47:24,010 --> 00:47:27,760
ringing Paul Corbin the Director of

1212
00:47:26,170 --> 00:47:29,559
Public Health the day before Dana's

1213
00:47:27,760 --> 00:47:32,470
funeral the twelve marks

1214
00:47:29,559 --> 00:47:35,289
speaking of her medical records wanting

1215
00:47:32,469 --> 00:47:39,309
to know how the test was may contending

1216
00:47:35,289 --> 00:47:41,829
that it's that there was no I guess

1217
00:47:39,309 --> 00:47:44,769
confirmation of that test and that the

1218
00:47:41,829 --> 00:47:47,170
government was misleading the public in

1219
00:47:44,769 --> 00:47:49,300
attributing for this to pertussis and

1220
00:47:47,170 --> 00:47:50,950
therefore tricking people into exercise

1221
00:47:49,300 --> 00:47:53,980
but no right to ask for your daughter's

1222
00:47:50,949 --> 00:47:56,169
records absolutely not yet she'll say

1223
00:47:53,980 --> 00:47:59,380
now that we have no right to know that

1224
00:47:56,170 --> 00:48:01,659
she called up be keynotes record mmm

1225
00:47:59,380 --> 00:48:03,039
so did they start by was it message to

1226

00:48:01,659 --> 00:48:04,809
your home is that how the campaign

1227
00:48:03,039 --> 00:48:06,099
started that's correct so when you've

1228
00:48:04,809 --> 00:48:08,349
opened the first letter you must have

1229
00:48:06,099 --> 00:48:10,088
just been a ghastr well my husband was

1230
00:48:08,349 --> 00:48:12,430
the one that got it and it was an

1231
00:48:10,088 --> 00:48:15,279
anonymous type letter and he ripped it

1232
00:48:12,429 --> 00:48:17,259
up to two trillion bits and I tried to

1233
00:48:15,280 --> 00:48:19,089
piece it back together so just throw it

1234
00:48:17,260 --> 00:48:21,190
away we don't need to see that sort of

1235
00:48:19,088 --> 00:48:23,079
stuff I mean we had had other letters we

1236
00:48:21,190 --> 00:48:24,429
received one letter to our home that was

1237
00:48:23,079 --> 00:48:26,469
addressed to the parents of the baby

1238
00:48:24,429 --> 00:48:29,230
that had died of whooping cough and it

1239
00:48:26,469 --> 00:48:32,439
got to it within about another two weeks

1240
00:48:29,230 --> 00:48:35,679

afterwards we received another anonymous

1241
00:48:32,440 --> 00:48:37,750
letter to our home st. and writing with

1242
00:48:35,679 --> 00:48:39,730
an avian brochure and then we got

1243
00:48:37,750 --> 00:48:41,889
another one a month afterwards it it

1244
00:48:39,730 --> 00:48:43,869
petered out in about June last year

1245
00:48:41,889 --> 00:48:46,779
because we had been on that channel

1246
00:48:43,869 --> 00:48:49,180
seven show Sunday night and I guess

1247
00:48:46,780 --> 00:48:52,060
they've been outed and the emails are

1248
00:48:49,179 --> 00:48:54,940
coming as well but the nature of the

1249
00:48:52,059 --> 00:48:58,480
email as well were quite quite bizarre

1250
00:48:54,940 --> 00:48:59,349
stuff to the point of some very extreme

1251
00:48:58,480 --> 00:49:01,269
and

1252
00:48:59,349 --> 00:49:03,219
others are seeing a lot of questions you

1253
00:49:01,269 --> 00:49:05,619
know where we saw that that's what it

1254
00:49:03,219 --> 00:49:07,959
called Dana's death and warning us not

1255
00:49:05,619 --> 00:49:09,909
to speak up in other words because they

1256
00:49:07,960 --> 00:49:11,740
thought we would harm more babies by

1257
00:49:09,909 --> 00:49:14,679
speaking up for promoting vaccinations

1258
00:49:11,739 --> 00:49:16,059
and morning pinky I mean the health care

1259
00:49:14,679 --> 00:49:17,559
compliance Commission's described this

1260
00:49:16,059 --> 00:49:19,719
outfit as a serious threat to public

1261
00:49:17,559 --> 00:49:20,769
health you're probably like me I can't

1262
00:49:19,719 --> 00:49:23,199
understand why they haven't just shut it

1263
00:49:20,769 --> 00:49:26,079
down I I don't have to stand a lot of

1264
00:49:23,199 --> 00:49:28,509
things in the last year I um I don't

1265
00:49:26,079 --> 00:49:31,989
understand how people can treat another

1266
00:49:28,510 --> 00:49:34,960
person this way and I I'm also advocacy

1267
00:49:31,989 --> 00:49:37,000
for all these and also choice and I

1268
00:49:34,960 --> 00:49:38,500
think the fact is there's a lot of

1269
00:49:37,000 --> 00:49:41,349
parents out there who are concerned

1270
00:49:38,500 --> 00:49:43,510
about vaccinations and they want factual

1271
00:49:41,349 --> 00:49:45,389
information on what the risks and

1272
00:49:43,510 --> 00:49:47,470
benefits are and I fully support that

1273
00:49:45,389 --> 00:49:49,299
and the whole reason we made the

1274
00:49:47,469 --> 00:49:51,579
complaint was yes all this harassment

1275
00:49:49,300 --> 00:49:54,160
hurt we knew the hey Triple C had no

1276
00:49:51,579 --> 00:49:57,369
jurisdiction over its what concerned us

1277
00:49:54,159 --> 00:49:58,719
nor was that by contending that Dana did

1278
00:49:57,369 --> 00:50:00,250
dive do you think off that it may

1279
00:49:58,719 --> 00:50:02,709
mislead a parent to think it's not

1280
00:50:00,250 --> 00:50:05,230
dangerous and it is one in 200 babies

1281
00:50:02,710 --> 00:50:06,639
that catches disease will die you know

1282
00:50:05,230 --> 00:50:09,010
it's one of the top 10 killers in the

1283

00:50:06,639 --> 00:50:12,190
world and for those babies that survive

1284
00:50:09,010 --> 00:50:14,740
their poor parents put up you know would

1285
00:50:12,190 --> 00:50:17,079
have three months of hell at home with

1286
00:50:14,739 --> 00:50:19,029
oxygen missing any night if the baby has

1287
00:50:17,079 --> 00:50:20,529
an attack you know mrs. McAfee I think

1288
00:50:19,030 --> 00:50:23,080
you're so courageous to have done that

1289
00:50:20,530 --> 00:50:24,910
publicly and I mean it's nothing I can

1290
00:50:23,079 --> 00:50:26,199
do about it but I'm so sorry you had to

1291
00:50:24,909 --> 00:50:27,399
go through what you went through after

1292
00:50:26,199 --> 00:50:31,809
your daughter died and I just think you

1293
00:50:27,400 --> 00:50:34,530
you you're just terrific I think I guess

1294
00:50:31,809 --> 00:50:37,210
the main thing of all of it de-stresses

1295
00:50:34,530 --> 00:50:40,450
paris-nice exterminated information you

1296
00:50:37,210 --> 00:50:41,949
and all we'd like to say we had three

1297
00:50:40,449 --> 00:50:44,049

consecutive years ever of Health

1298

00:50:41,949 --> 00:50:45,909

Minister and Nicola Roxon last year say

1299

00:50:44,050 --> 00:50:48,310

they would put out a campaign in

1300

00:50:45,909 --> 00:50:50,019

December last year it still hasn't

1301

00:50:48,309 --> 00:50:50,650

happened you stuff ourselves are ready

1302

00:50:50,019 --> 00:50:53,380

to go

1303

00:50:50,650 --> 00:50:55,300

the feds told them to wait and I just

1304

00:50:53,380 --> 00:50:57,460

think it's just so sad that we have to

1305

00:50:55,300 --> 00:50:59,650

keep putting ourselves out there to

1306

00:50:57,460 --> 00:51:00,940

raise awareness of this issue and that

1307

00:50:59,650 --> 00:51:03,250

if everyone was a little bit more

1308

00:51:00,940 --> 00:51:04,630

proactive we might have to clarify this

1309

00:51:03,250 --> 00:51:07,480

is the camp right on whooping cough is

1310

00:51:04,630 --> 00:51:09,849

that right they agreed that all the

1311

00:51:07,480 --> 00:51:12,030

ministers got together at a national

1312
00:51:09,849 --> 00:51:15,000
conference twice last year

1313
00:51:12,030 --> 00:51:16,320
they launched a big review to education

1314
00:51:15,000 --> 00:51:18,469
and Prevention and now going to launch

1315
00:51:16,320 --> 00:51:21,570
the national immunization strategy

1316
00:51:18,469 --> 00:51:23,009
velocities so giving parents more

1317
00:51:21,570 --> 00:51:26,870
information and to fight the

1318
00:51:23,010 --> 00:51:29,610
misinformation it was ready to go and

1319
00:51:26,869 --> 00:51:33,329
the federal Department of Health amazing

1320
00:51:29,610 --> 00:51:34,710
I try every way Ron thank you for

1321
00:51:33,329 --> 00:51:35,880
joining us this morning and you said

1322
00:51:34,710 --> 00:51:37,170
putting yourself out there you have

1323
00:51:35,880 --> 00:51:39,119
again today and we thank you for that

1324
00:51:37,170 --> 00:51:42,510
okay I'd better go back and make those

1325
00:51:39,119 --> 00:51:45,000
very good school morning of course

1326
00:51:42,510 --> 00:51:46,980
that's Tony McCaffrey there she lost her

1327
00:51:45,000 --> 00:51:49,079
daughter of Dana last year and the

1328
00:51:46,980 --> 00:51:50,460
health care and complaints Commission's

1329
00:51:49,079 --> 00:51:52,440
actually issued a public warning about

1330
00:51:50,460 --> 00:51:54,329
this outfit this Australian vaccination

1331
00:51:52,440 --> 00:51:56,250
Network and the person who runs the

1332
00:51:54,329 --> 00:51:57,779
network someone called Meryl Dory says

1333
00:51:56,250 --> 00:51:59,130
it's laughable she's seeking legal

1334
00:51:57,780 --> 00:52:01,080
advice I don't think she sounds like

1335
00:51:59,130 --> 00:52:02,640
she's laughable yep that's right and the

1336
00:52:01,079 --> 00:52:04,230
fact they hadn't started this education

1337
00:52:02,639 --> 00:52:05,639
campaign which would mean that there'd

1338
00:52:04,230 --> 00:52:07,260
be information for parents who haven't

1339
00:52:05,639 --> 00:52:09,719
got it and then turn to websites and get

1340

00:52:07,260 --> 00:52:11,520
that that's scandalous as well so in

1341
00:52:09,719 --> 00:52:13,529
that interview you heard Tony McCaffrey

1342
00:52:11,519 --> 00:52:15,480
describing abusive correspondence that

1343
00:52:13,530 --> 00:52:18,750
her family had received from people

1344
00:52:15,480 --> 00:52:21,030
associated with the AVN in true meryl

1345
00:52:18,750 --> 00:52:23,250
dory style instead of keeping quiet and

1346
00:52:21,030 --> 00:52:26,310
retreating to the corner she has written

1347
00:52:23,250 --> 00:52:29,460
a blog post today entitled a grieving

1348
00:52:26,309 --> 00:52:31,440
family and baseless accusations Dorie

1349
00:52:29,460 --> 00:52:33,720
claims there is no evidence for the AVN

1350
00:52:31,440 --> 00:52:35,700
harassing the McCaffrey's and suggests

1351
00:52:33,719 --> 00:52:38,239
if they did indeed receive harassment it

1352
00:52:35,699 --> 00:52:40,649
might have come from the other side if

1353
00:52:38,239 --> 00:52:42,569
like me you think now would be a good

1354
00:52:40,650 --> 00:52:44,309

time to keep quiet and let the dust

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00:52:42,570 --> 00:52:44,789

settle then you wouldn't be Merrill

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00:52:44,309 --> 00:52:47,610

Dorie

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00:52:44,789 --> 00:52:50,550

here she is responding to an interview

1358

00:52:47,610 --> 00:52:53,849

with Tony McCaffrey on six one two Radio

1359

00:52:50,550 --> 00:52:55,800

ABC Brisbane because I have Merrill Dori

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00:52:53,849 --> 00:52:58,409

from the Australian vaccination Network

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00:52:55,800 --> 00:53:00,720

with me to Merrill good morning good

1362

00:52:58,409 --> 00:53:03,359

morning what do you think Donna died off

1363

00:53:00,719 --> 00:53:05,039

I really don't know what Xena died of

1364

00:53:03,360 --> 00:53:07,110

today and do you have any right to be

1365

00:53:05,039 --> 00:53:09,509

requesting her medical certificates from

1366

00:53:07,110 --> 00:53:09,990

a health department the for parents bury

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00:53:09,510 --> 00:53:12,360

her

1368

00:53:09,989 --> 00:53:14,039

I never requested her medical records so

1369
00:53:12,360 --> 00:53:17,789
unfortunately mrs. McCaffrey is

1370
00:53:14,039 --> 00:53:20,579
incorrect there's what I did was when

1371
00:53:17,789 --> 00:53:22,769
mrs. McCaffrey agreed to go public in

1372
00:53:20,579 --> 00:53:24,460
our local newspaper the Northern Star

1373
00:53:22,769 --> 00:53:26,619
there was an article basic

1374
00:53:24,460 --> 00:53:29,289
accusing people who had unvaccinated

1375
00:53:26,619 --> 00:53:31,389
children of killing Dana McCaffrey and

1376
00:53:29,289 --> 00:53:33,670
they said that Dana had been admitted to

1377
00:53:31,389 --> 00:53:35,409
hospital the previous week and was

1378
00:53:33,670 --> 00:53:38,289
diagnosed with whooping cough almost

1379
00:53:35,409 --> 00:53:40,480
immediately and was treated for that now

1380
00:53:38,289 --> 00:53:43,389
I knew at that point of time and know

1381
00:53:40,480 --> 00:53:45,579
now that the most effective test for

1382
00:53:43,389 --> 00:53:48,129
whooping cough is called a blood culture

1383
00:53:45,579 --> 00:53:50,769
and that takes ten to fourteen days to

1384
00:53:48,130 --> 00:53:53,050
get a result so my simple question was

1385
00:53:50,769 --> 00:53:54,699
while parents who have made an informed

1386
00:53:53,050 --> 00:53:57,010
decision not to vaccinate their children

1387
00:53:54,699 --> 00:54:00,939
were being accused of murdering a little

1388
00:53:57,010 --> 00:54:02,890
baby it was up to our organization as a

1389
00:54:00,940 --> 00:54:05,050
representative of these families to find

1390
00:54:02,889 --> 00:54:07,690
out how the test was done I did not

1391
00:54:05,050 --> 00:54:09,700
request medical records and I did not

1392
00:54:07,690 --> 00:54:11,110
contact the hospital is mrs. McCaffrey

1393
00:54:09,699 --> 00:54:13,059
displayed well the health care

1394
00:54:11,110 --> 00:54:16,120
Complaints Commission has brought down a

1395
00:54:13,059 --> 00:54:18,579
finding and it finds that your website

1396
00:54:16,119 --> 00:54:20,920
your group provides information that is

1397

00:54:18,579 --> 00:54:22,960
solely anti vaccination that's not

1398
00:54:20,920 --> 00:54:24,700
factual information then is it if it

1399
00:54:22,960 --> 00:54:26,470
only provides one sign healthcare

1400
00:54:24,699 --> 00:54:28,419
complaints condition first of all does

1401
00:54:26,469 --> 00:54:30,609
not have jurisdiction to investigate us

1402
00:54:28,420 --> 00:54:32,710
second of all we are an organization

1403
00:54:30,610 --> 00:54:34,599
that has been operating for 17 years are

1404
00:54:32,710 --> 00:54:36,039
you disputing their findings just please

1405
00:54:34,599 --> 00:54:38,650
do me the courtesy of letting me finish

1406
00:54:36,039 --> 00:54:40,900
the sentence the healthcare Complaints

1407
00:54:38,650 --> 00:54:43,960
Commission investigated one page of our

1408
00:54:40,900 --> 00:54:46,539
website I provided them with a 66 page

1409
00:54:43,960 --> 00:54:49,000
response which they completely ignored I

1410
00:54:46,539 --> 00:54:51,009
also provided them with information from

1411
00:54:49,000 --> 00:54:52,210

both the solicitor and a barrister to

1412

00:54:51,010 --> 00:54:54,640

say that they did not have jurisdiction

1413

00:54:52,210 --> 00:54:57,250

to investigate us the healthcare

1414

00:54:54,639 --> 00:54:59,199

Complaints Commission investigators said

1415

00:54:57,250 --> 00:55:00,159

to me that the health I needed to

1416

00:54:59,199 --> 00:55:01,779

understand that the healthcare

1417

00:55:00,159 --> 00:55:04,659

Complaints Commission was a government

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00:55:01,780 --> 00:55:06,970

department and as such they must support

1419

00:55:04,659 --> 00:55:08,769

government policy which is probe axis so

1420

00:55:06,969 --> 00:55:11,919

you're going to change your website the

1421

00:55:08,769 --> 00:55:14,829

Commission says that you should do that

1422

00:55:11,920 --> 00:55:16,599

it's recommended it says that your

1423

00:55:14,829 --> 00:55:18,789

information is both inaccurate and

1424

00:55:16,599 --> 00:55:21,130

misleading are you going to change it in

1425

00:55:18,789 --> 00:55:23,559

any way we showed first of all we have

1426
00:55:21,130 --> 00:55:25,690
two disclaimers on the website and we

1427
00:55:23,559 --> 00:55:26,920
have them free and we've shown that to

1428
00:55:25,690 --> 00:55:28,809
the Health Service but they've still

1429
00:55:26,920 --> 00:55:31,000
made this finding are you going to

1430
00:55:28,809 --> 00:55:34,029
change it in any way we are right now

1431
00:55:31,000 --> 00:55:35,739
seeking legal advice we do not feel that

1432
00:55:34,030 --> 00:55:37,100
any government department has the right

1433
00:55:35,739 --> 00:55:39,079
to censor no

1434
00:55:37,099 --> 00:55:42,789
a woman lost her child a families lost

1435
00:55:39,079 --> 00:55:45,829
their 4 week old baby to whooping cough

1436
00:55:42,789 --> 00:55:48,409
do you have anything to say to that mum

1437
00:55:45,829 --> 00:55:50,569
who's listening well I said at the very

1438
00:55:48,409 --> 00:55:52,429
beginning that it was a tragic loss and

1439
00:55:50,570 --> 00:55:53,960
the death of any child is tragic but the

1440
00:55:52,429 --> 00:55:56,989
check the death of a child from a

1441
00:55:53,960 --> 00:55:59,300
vaccine reaction is also tragic why

1442
00:55:56,989 --> 00:56:01,309
aren't these families getting the media

1443
00:55:59,300 --> 00:56:03,410
coverage and the sympathy that the

1444
00:56:01,309 --> 00:56:05,269
McCaffrey's are getting all children are

1445
00:56:03,409 --> 00:56:07,339
important all deaths are important I

1446
00:56:05,269 --> 00:56:09,320
have never contacted the McCaffrey's I

1447
00:56:07,340 --> 00:56:11,000
never will contact them all right Meryl

1448
00:56:09,320 --> 00:56:13,430
Dorie Thank You Meryl Dory's from the

1449
00:56:11,000 --> 00:56:15,079
Estonian vaccination Network Meryl goes

1450
00:56:13,429 --> 00:56:16,789
into more detail about the claims in

1451
00:56:15,079 --> 00:56:20,329
this interview in her blog post from

1452
00:56:16,789 --> 00:56:23,000
today you can find it at ABN or GU and

1453
00:56:20,329 --> 00:56:24,980
look for the blog link the McCaffrey's

1454

00:56:23,000 --> 00:56:27,170
have since responded to her claims that

1455
00:56:24,980 --> 00:56:28,789
she did not harass them in a post which

1456
00:56:27,170 --> 00:56:31,659
has been published on the Facebook page

1457
00:56:28,789 --> 00:56:34,429
stop the Australian vaccination Network

1458
00:56:31,659 --> 00:56:36,379
when Tony McCaffrey refers to Meryl

1459
00:56:34,429 --> 00:56:38,809
saying Dana supposedly died of whooping

1460
00:56:36,380 --> 00:56:40,579
cough well it seems Meryl doesn't think

1461
00:56:38,809 --> 00:56:43,460
whooping coughs really that bad anyway

1462
00:56:40,579 --> 00:56:47,179
as she says so on channel 7 Sunday night

1463
00:56:43,460 --> 00:56:48,409
program in 2009 my mother used to put me

1464
00:56:47,179 --> 00:56:50,149
with all the neighborhood kids when they

1465
00:56:48,409 --> 00:56:51,920
got these diseases so I'd get them and

1466
00:56:50,150 --> 00:56:54,530
get them over with and be immune and

1467
00:56:51,920 --> 00:56:56,030
there was no fear there was no worry

1468
00:56:54,530 --> 00:56:58,400

about it we just got them we were

1469

00:56:56,030 --> 00:57:01,310

supposed to get them and we did and we

1470

00:56:58,400 --> 00:57:03,050

were healthier for them now we have a

1471

00:57:01,309 --> 00:57:04,549

medical community that's saying if you

1472

00:57:03,050 --> 00:57:05,870

get measles if you get whooping cough

1473

00:57:04,550 --> 00:57:07,970

you're gonna die from it well where is

1474

00:57:05,869 --> 00:57:09,529

the information from that you didn't die

1475

00:57:07,969 --> 00:57:12,439

from it 30 years ago and you're not

1476

00:57:09,530 --> 00:57:14,510

gonna die from it today and finally

1477

00:57:12,440 --> 00:57:16,309

here's an excerpt from the Steve Canaan

1478

00:57:14,510 --> 00:57:18,440

Lateline interview which kicked off the

1479

00:57:16,309 --> 00:57:21,019

media coverage of the H Triple C report

1480

00:57:18,440 --> 00:57:22,550

where he catches Merrill Dory out for

1481

00:57:21,019 --> 00:57:25,340

saying something she didn't think she

1482

00:57:22,550 --> 00:57:27,980

said and until next time this has been

1483
00:57:25,340 --> 00:57:29,480
dr. Rachel reports okay there is a post

1484
00:57:27,980 --> 00:57:31,460
that you made in reference to the

1485
00:57:29,480 --> 00:57:33,710
skeptics which said isn't it incredible

1486
00:57:31,460 --> 00:57:35,420
how they have made Dana into a martyr

1487
00:57:33,710 --> 00:57:38,179
because she supposedly died from

1488
00:57:35,420 --> 00:57:42,579
whooping cough did I say that yeah I

1489
00:57:38,179 --> 00:57:42,579
don't believe I did honesty

1490
00:57:47,550 --> 00:57:52,440
but ignore all of the children and

1491
00:57:50,440 --> 00:57:55,450
adults who have died after vaccination

1492
00:57:52,440 --> 00:57:58,990
said that III did say that and I still

1493
00:57:55,449 --> 00:58:01,089
think that I could you imagine rating

1494
00:57:58,989 --> 00:58:02,829
that if your daughter had died of who'd

1495
00:58:01,090 --> 00:58:05,410
be helpful how would that make you feel

1496
00:58:02,829 --> 00:58:10,329
can you imagine reading they stopped the

1497
00:58:05,409 --> 00:58:11,889
AVN site for the same that's fine that's

1498
00:58:10,329 --> 00:58:13,869
fine and you imagine reading those

1499
00:58:11,889 --> 00:58:15,909
comments I can imagine and it would

1500
00:58:13,869 --> 00:58:20,329
probably be hurtful and I would be sorry

1501
00:58:15,909 --> 00:58:39,379
if she felt hurt from what I had said

1502
00:58:20,329 --> 00:58:39,380
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1503
00:58:39,519 --> 00:58:44,929
thank you for listening to the skeptics

1504
00:58:42,230 --> 00:58:46,278
are now next week now let me see I've

1505
00:58:44,929 --> 00:58:49,009
got quite a selection of interviews to

1506
00:58:46,278 --> 00:58:51,679
bring to you I might very well bring you

1507
00:58:49,010 --> 00:58:55,069
the interview I did with maybe Phil

1508
00:58:51,679 --> 00:58:57,889
Plait the bad astronomer maybe we'll see

1509
00:58:55,068 --> 00:59:00,440
we'll see it's a good interview actually

1510
00:58:57,889 --> 00:59:03,199
it's a rate you like interviewing Phil

1511

00:59:00,440 --> 00:59:07,130
Plait hmm I think that might be well

1512
00:59:03,199 --> 00:59:09,108
worth it until then thank you once again

1513
00:59:07,130 --> 00:59:12,019
this is Richard Saunders signing off

1514
00:59:09,108 --> 00:59:14,778
that martini was nice can I have

1515
00:59:12,019 --> 00:59:16,639
another one yeah this is Richard

1516
00:59:14,778 --> 00:59:21,858
Saunders signing off from Sydney

1517
00:59:16,639 --> 00:59:24,940
Australia you've been listening to the

1518
00:59:21,858 --> 00:59:27,940
skeptic zone visit our web site at

1519
00:59:24,940 --> 00:59:27,940
www.imtcva.org

1520
00:59:31,170 --> 00:59:34,229
[Music]

1521
00:59:37,809 --> 00:59:44,349
[Music]

1522
00:59:46,929 --> 00:59:55,669
[Music]