



**what's
the
harm?**

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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yes it's the skeptic zone episode number

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for the 28th of april 2012 richard

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saunders here with you from sydney

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australia

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today on the show i interview my old

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friend tim farley from atlanta georgia

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now tim is the man behind the famous

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what's the harm.net website what's the

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harm in homeopathy what's that harm in

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iridology well what's the harm in curses

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and so on at the top of the show with

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tim farley

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then after the break it's the think tank

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with the ransom

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dr rachie maynard and myself down at our

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favorite club at the end of the street

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now today's think tank includes dr

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raichi reports where she's going to be

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filling us in on the latest fun and

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games of the australian

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anti-vaccination network and their

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attempts their attempts to get their

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vile message on american airlines did

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they succeed

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well they didn't to to spoil it for you

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right now they didn't but find out why

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in the think tank

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news for maynard

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in fact i think there's a new segment in

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the think tank too it's called

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what's in your bag maynard

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very curious about that i'm going to run

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downstairs grab that lovely big mug of

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00:01:48,950 --> 00:01:47,040

hot coffee

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i'm going to come back upstairs

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and listen to

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00:02:12,550 --> 00:02:10,070

joining me on the line now from gorgeous

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00:02:14,550 --> 00:02:12,560

beautiful atlanta georgia which i wish i

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could visit more often is tim farley

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from what's the harm

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hello tim hi

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how are you doing i'm doing really well

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finally it's so nice to be able to catch

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up with you we only see each other very

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rarely in fact

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uh in atlanta the times i've gone to

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dragon con of course i've seen you there

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and at the amazing meeting and i

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understand we can kick off of this your

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uh appearing at the amazing meeting this

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year

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i am i i will be presenting one of the

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workshops on thursday which is uh

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usually how the amazing meeting kicks

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off with a few uh uh really good

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workshops they're uh

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an extra ticket item but they're usually

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well worth it because we go through

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different uh skeptical techniques and

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:02:59,040
what's going on in skepticism and

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00:03:03,830 --> 00:03:01,040

there's usually one on activism and i

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think there's one on astronomy this year

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and i am doing one that's called the

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future of skepticism online

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crowdsourced activism it's all about

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crowdsourcing what time is that dina

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uh my workshop is at 2 p.m on the

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thursday that starts tam which is uh i

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guess uh july 12th that's good news for

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me because i fly in i get to vegas

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around about 10 40 that morning so i'll

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have plenty of time to get myself to the

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hotel and attend your workshop fantastic

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terrific

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i'll be the one waving at the back

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00:03:42,949 --> 00:03:40,560

you'll notice me there

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00:03:44,949 --> 00:03:42,959

but let's get back to the the

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really what's put you on the skeptical

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landscape the skeptical map so to speak

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is the work you've been doing with the

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wonderful website what's the harm dot

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net

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what inspired you to to do this i mean i

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guess it's pretty obvious what inspired

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you when you think of the name what's

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the harm.net but anybody could have done

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that but they didn't and it was up to

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you

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yeah i was just kind of i went to tam

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five

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in 2007 and i was as anyone will tell

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you amazed by what was going on there

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and i was particularly

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struck by the sunday

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uh presentations which are all done by

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uh uh regular skeptics not celebrities

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just regular people the paper

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presentations right

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and they just issued the call for papers

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for this year's tam too so if anybody

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wants to do one but basically their

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00:04:37,430 --> 00:04:35,919
presentations on what people are working

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00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:37,440
on so someone will talk about how they

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00:04:40,070 --> 00:04:38,800
teach critical thinking in their

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00:04:42,950 --> 00:04:40,080
classroom

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00:04:45,270 --> 00:04:42,960
or how they built their website or uh

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00:04:47,189 --> 00:04:45,280
the year i was there i think uh robert

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00:04:50,070 --> 00:04:47,199
lancaster did a presentation about the

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00:04:52,950 --> 00:04:50,080
stop uh stop caz website which was this

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00:04:55,110 --> 00:04:52,960
project prior to stop sylvia and it and

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00:04:57,430 --> 00:04:55,120

so i saw that and i thought wow i could

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be doing stuff like that those those

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folks are just like me

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00:05:03,830 --> 00:05:02,080

so after tam when i got home i started

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kind of looking around and and one of

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the things that struck me is that

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it might be nice at an event like tam to

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be able to

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say uh you know why are we here what is

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the purpose of skepticism what what good

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are we trying to do so originally my

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idea was not called what's the harm it

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was going to be called the wall of harm

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and the idea was going to be to put up

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some posters up on the wall and have

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stories of people who had been hurt by

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belief in the paranormal belief in

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pseudoscience and whatnot so that when

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we went to tam or another event we could

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look at the wall and say these are the

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these are these people are why we're

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here

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and so i kind of worked on that for a

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while and and started collecting stories

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and when i started looking around

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there's lots and lots of stories

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uh they just hadn't all been collected

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in one place

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uh so

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00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:55,120

um

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naturally when i got done with it i

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thought well it would be a shame to

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gather all this information together and

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then only see it once a year at tam so

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naturally i immediately went to the

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website idea and we never we never

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actually did it as a wall maybe maybe

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someday we'll do it that way

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but uh

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and and and i think at one point i was

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going to call the website the wall of

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farm too

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uh we have a a memorial here in the

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united states for the

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vietnam war

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that is basically this stark black uh

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uh marble wall with names carved into it

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00:06:35,749 --> 00:06:33,919
and it's just this it long continuous uh

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00:06:38,710 --> 00:06:35,759
series of names

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00:06:41,830 --> 00:06:38,720
and it's quite striking if you visit it

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um and i thought to evoke that but

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as we talked about it i got on the uh

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the james randy educational foundation's

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where a lot of people kind of hang out

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talk about skeptical ideas

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and kick the idea around and the wall

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idea although americans kind of got it

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folks who hadn't seen the vietnam

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memorial didn't really get the wall idea

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so we sort of dropped the wall out of

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the name and then somebody said well why

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don't you just call it what's the harm

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that's what people always say

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that's true absolutely because it's one

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of the things that i get regularly from

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uh people i i talk with or who ask me

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questions it

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i i find it a fascinating uh phrase

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because

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when people get to the point in a

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conversation where they bring up the

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phase well what's the harm they're

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almost

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even if they don't realizing it

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admitting that what they're talking

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last-ditch effort to try and give it

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some respectability they'll say

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well it doesn't do any harm does it you

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know let people do what's the harm etc

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etc do you find that too

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yeah yeah i really do and uh and and

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then of course you know when you point

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them to the website

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then start coming the rationalizations

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and uh and whatnot they start nitpicking

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all the cases and saying well this case

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is actually just malpractice and this

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person was hadn't read the right thing

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or whatever so they always find excuses

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for each of each of the cases but uh

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but yeah people really do say that

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particularly with things like homeopathy

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uh it's like well you say it's just

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water so what what's the harm in water

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it's like well water can be very harmful

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if you're taking it in place of the

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chemotherapy that you should be taking

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and i'm just clicking on your website

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now watchthehome.net and right on the

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front page there's a link to homeopathy

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and as i scroll down yeah it's quite a

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long list of cases here

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what's the harm in homeopathy i'll click

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back to the front page again there's so

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many uh items covered there you've got

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lots of things listed under medical like

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acupuncture homeopathy again

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chiropractic illness iridology

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psychic surgery cupping even colon

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cleansing and on it goes then we've got

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the supernatural the paranormal curses

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now that's an interesting one i think

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that's particularly harmful it's true i

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mean what i mean by that of course is

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in this country there are confidence

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tricksters going around telling people

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that they're cursed

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right and for a certain fee they'll

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remove the curse uh we've got religion

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and and a topic that's just come up in

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the news lately which is quite

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interesting is breathe arian or

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breatharianism where people claim they

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can live on sunlight

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that's come up in the news lately

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because someone sadly died and

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prompted me to look online and look

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through my personal files to discover a

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report done by the 60 minutes program

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here in australia in the late 90s where

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they tested one of these people who

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failed miserably

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how do you

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come up with these topics are they

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suggested to you or they're i guess some

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of them would be quite obvious ones yeah

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there are some that were obvious some i

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just kind of started looking for

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knowing that

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you know any alt alternative medicine

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thing typically is is a good target the

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key was finding the stories

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because one of the things i wanted to

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stay away from is

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theoretical stuff because a lot of

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skeptic sites talk about the

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theoreticals of you know if you believe

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this then you might do that i wanted to

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stick with concrete stories of people

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who had actually gotten hurt and always

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stories that i could document with news

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articles or a scientific paper or some

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decent documentation somewhere that i

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could point to and say well this really

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happened and uh and breatharianism came

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up a lot of times what you find is that

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when people write stories about these

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things they'll they'll you know the

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typical pattern for writing a magazine

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story about some problem that we need to

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address is to have a personal story at

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the beginning of the article

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and so but typically each article will

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00:10:56,389 --> 00:10:54,320

have one personal story

277

00:10:58,870 --> 00:10:56,399

and one of the goals of the site was to

278

00:11:01,590 --> 00:10:58,880

try to kind of gather all those together

279

00:11:03,910 --> 00:11:01,600

in one place but uh yeah that that

280

00:11:05,910 --> 00:11:03,920

recent brenerianism story was really

281

00:11:07,590 --> 00:11:05,920

interesting because i had thought that

282

00:11:09,990 --> 00:11:07,600

that was long

283

00:11:11,990 --> 00:11:10,000

done with that nobody was practicing

284

00:11:14,389 --> 00:11:12,000

that anymore but apparently this woman

285

00:11:16,150 --> 00:11:14,399

it was just it was like a year ago

286

00:11:18,870 --> 00:11:16,160

i think or so or maybe a year and a half

287

00:11:21,110 --> 00:11:18,880

ago it was a coroner's inquest i think

288

00:11:23,030 --> 00:11:21,120

that came out in the news

289

00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:23,040

and and she had died

290

00:11:26,790 --> 00:11:24,079

from

291

00:11:29,430 --> 00:11:26,800

trying to follow the lead

292

00:11:30,870 --> 00:11:29,440

of a indian guru who had posted some

293

00:11:32,389 --> 00:11:30,880

movie

294

00:11:34,710 --> 00:11:32,399

and i believe you can watch at least

295

00:11:36,389 --> 00:11:34,720

part of the movie on youtube and he was

296

00:11:37,990 --> 00:11:36,399

claiming that he was living only on

297

00:11:40,069 --> 00:11:38,000

sunshine and

298

00:11:41,990 --> 00:11:40,079

as you know usually when you dig a

299

00:11:44,710 --> 00:11:42,000

little deeper you find out they're not

300

00:11:46,389 --> 00:11:44,720

just living on sunshine

301
00:11:48,310 --> 00:11:46,399
living on a lot of hot air would sound

302
00:11:49,670 --> 00:11:48,320
sick to me

303
00:11:51,910 --> 00:11:49,680
i think that would be a particularly

304
00:11:54,470 --> 00:11:51,920
horrible discipline to follow because i

305
00:11:56,630 --> 00:11:54,480
as my listeners know i really like a

306
00:11:58,069 --> 00:11:56,640
good norm as we say especially when i go

307
00:12:00,069 --> 00:11:58,079
to the amazing meeting and have those

308
00:12:02,069 --> 00:12:00,079
fabulous crab legs about

309
00:12:04,310 --> 00:12:02,079
the southpointe casino

310
00:12:06,550 --> 00:12:04,320
and speaking about

311
00:12:09,190 --> 00:12:06,560
having good dinners and good lunches and

312
00:12:11,829 --> 00:12:09,200
things uh it reminds me of the fabulous

313
00:12:13,590 --> 00:12:11,839

times i've had uh at dragon con in

314

00:12:16,150 --> 00:12:13,600

atlanta georgia where i always catch up

315

00:12:18,389 --> 00:12:16,160

with you are you doing dragon con this

316

00:12:20,629 --> 00:12:18,399

year yeah i'll be there it's uh you know

317

00:12:22,470 --> 00:12:20,639

right down the street from me so you

318

00:12:24,629 --> 00:12:22,480

pretty much can't keep me away i'm not

319

00:12:27,030 --> 00:12:24,639

sure what i'll be doing in the way of

320

00:12:27,990 --> 00:12:27,040

panels or or whatever but i'll certainly

321

00:12:29,269 --> 00:12:28,000

be there

322

00:12:31,430 --> 00:12:29,279

um

323

00:12:33,670 --> 00:12:31,440

and uh so we'll we'll definitely be

324

00:12:35,829 --> 00:12:33,680

there i usually bring my wireless router

325

00:12:36,829 --> 00:12:35,839

down and provide some wi-fi in the room

326

00:12:38,310 --> 00:12:36,839

at the very

327

00:12:40,150 --> 00:12:38,320

least ah

328

00:12:41,829 --> 00:12:40,160

yes sadly i don't think i'll be able to

329

00:12:44,389 --> 00:12:41,839

make it this year i didn't make it last

330

00:12:45,269 --> 00:12:44,399

year too which is uh too bad but i i

331

00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:45,279

guess

332

00:12:48,310 --> 00:12:46,000

uh

333

00:12:50,310 --> 00:12:48,320

the world being as big as it is it can

334

00:12:51,269 --> 00:12:50,320

be difficult to cover all spaces but i'm

335

00:12:54,790 --> 00:12:51,279

glad

336

00:12:56,550 --> 00:12:54,800

uh there is a good skeptical present now

337

00:12:58,870 --> 00:12:56,560

presents now for some years at dragon

338

00:13:01,509 --> 00:12:58,880

con uh james randy always makes an

339

00:13:03,110 --> 00:13:01,519

appearance there i think dj grophy um

340

00:13:05,750 --> 00:13:03,120

derrick and swoopy are there of course

341

00:13:07,670 --> 00:13:05,760

uh many other good skeptics i think

342

00:13:09,110 --> 00:13:07,680

those sort of things and people ask me

343

00:13:10,790 --> 00:13:09,120

why i go to these things like the

344

00:13:12,550 --> 00:13:10,800

amazing meeting or

345

00:13:14,790 --> 00:13:12,560

dragon con when i can

346

00:13:17,590 --> 00:13:14,800

i think from the

347

00:13:20,230 --> 00:13:17,600

point of view of what you learn yourself

348

00:13:22,710 --> 00:13:20,240

there i think it's well worth it yeah

349

00:13:24,550 --> 00:13:22,720

absolutely and and trying to share

350

00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,560

knowledge with other skeptics you know

351

00:13:29,190 --> 00:13:26,560

what people are doing in their own own

352

00:13:30,790 --> 00:13:29,200

hometown uh one of the neat things about

353

00:13:32,790 --> 00:13:30,800

it's certainly a lot of knowledge

354

00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:32,800

sharing at tam

355

00:13:36,470 --> 00:13:34,720

at dragon con there's an interesting

356

00:13:38,470 --> 00:13:36,480

element because there's definitely an

357

00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:38,480

outreach element because the larger

358

00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:40,560

event that's going on around

359

00:13:45,509 --> 00:13:42,399

uh the skeptic uh

360

00:13:47,030 --> 00:13:45,519

programming is uh non-skeptic it's you

361

00:13:49,190 --> 00:13:47,040

know it's all these comic book and

362

00:13:51,910 --> 00:13:49,200

science fiction and fantasy and

363

00:13:54,629 --> 00:13:51,920

role-playing game and video game fans

364

00:13:56,389 --> 00:13:54,639

all gathered in one place so

365

00:13:58,069 --> 00:13:56,399

quite often you'll get people wondering

366

00:13:59,670 --> 00:13:58,079

and oh what is this skeptic thing and

367

00:14:02,069 --> 00:13:59,680

they'll sit down and listen to joe

368

00:14:04,069 --> 00:14:02,079

nichol or somebody talk and and maybe

369

00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:04,079

learn something about uh

370

00:14:09,670 --> 00:14:06,720

science that they hadn't uh anticipated

371

00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:09,680

and and amazingly enough uh the skeptic

372

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

track at dragoncon has actually become

373

00:14:16,230 --> 00:14:14,240

they have like a whole series of of

374

00:14:19,430 --> 00:14:16,240

custom tracks so there's a star trek

375

00:14:21,269 --> 00:14:19,440

room and a star wars room and a comic

376

00:14:24,069 --> 00:14:21,279

book room and a podcasting room and a

377

00:14:26,550 --> 00:14:24,079

science room and the skeptic track is so

378

00:14:28,629 --> 00:14:26,560

popular that it's expanded to take over

379

00:14:29,910 --> 00:14:28,639

two adjacent rooms it's one of the

380

00:14:31,910 --> 00:14:29,920

largest

381

00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:31,920

individual track rooms

382

00:14:37,829 --> 00:14:34,800

at dragon con it's that popular

383

00:14:39,829 --> 00:14:37,839

i i remember when it did that i think it

384

00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:39,839

did that the last year i

385

00:14:45,670 --> 00:14:42,320

was able to attend but i do remember of

386

00:14:48,870 --> 00:14:45,680

dragon con it's absolutely crazy manic

387

00:14:50,949 --> 00:14:48,880

but the outreach is fantastic um

388

00:14:52,230 --> 00:14:50,959

along with dr rayche i think last time

389

00:14:54,470 --> 00:14:52,240

we were there we did our mystery

390

00:14:55,829 --> 00:14:54,480

investigators show for a

391

00:14:57,189 --> 00:14:55,839

room full of

392

00:14:59,030 --> 00:14:57,199

young children and that was just

393

00:15:01,430 --> 00:14:59,040

delightful delightful to be able to have

394

00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:01,440

that chance to to reach out with our

395

00:15:05,189 --> 00:15:02,720

show um

396

00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:05,199

in another part of the world so

397

00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:07,360

yes i think these these meetings are

398

00:15:10,150 --> 00:15:09,199

absolutely worth it and i seem to

399

00:15:11,509 --> 00:15:10,160

remember

400

00:15:13,590 --> 00:15:11,519

you were running around with a what's

401
00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:13,600
the harm t-shirt because somehow i ended

402
00:15:16,389 --> 00:15:15,040
up with one which i was quite pleased

403
00:15:18,069 --> 00:15:16,399
about

404
00:15:20,550 --> 00:15:18,079
yeah i need to get a few more of those

405
00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:20,560
made uh i made a bunch at one point and

406
00:15:25,269 --> 00:15:22,880
i ended up giving a lot of them away

407
00:15:27,269 --> 00:15:25,279
um ah that's how i ended up with one

408
00:15:29,509 --> 00:15:27,279
right

409
00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:29,519
gotta spread the word but uh

410
00:15:34,470 --> 00:15:32,240
um i've been doing a lot of work lately

411
00:15:36,629 --> 00:15:34,480
on my kind of my follow-on project to

412
00:15:37,990 --> 00:15:36,639
what's the harm which is my blog called

413
00:15:40,069 --> 00:15:38,000

skip tools

414

00:15:42,790 --> 00:15:40,079

and what we've been doing there is

415

00:15:45,350 --> 00:15:42,800

trying to uh basically come up with new

416

00:15:46,150 --> 00:15:45,360

ideas of how skeptics can

417

00:15:48,069 --> 00:15:46,160

um

418

00:15:49,509 --> 00:15:48,079

do things on the internet that will help

419

00:15:51,269 --> 00:15:49,519

improve the

420

00:15:54,069 --> 00:15:51,279

quality of information or help direct

421

00:15:56,310 --> 00:15:54,079

people to better information or steer

422

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:56,320

people towards skeptic websites

423

00:16:00,150 --> 00:15:57,600

and

424

00:16:02,550 --> 00:16:00,160

that's kind of where the workshop that

425

00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:02,560

i'm going to be doing at tam came from

426
00:16:06,069 --> 00:16:03,360
is

427
00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:06,079
looking at some of these things like

428
00:16:10,550 --> 00:16:08,720
foursquare and web of trust and

429
00:16:12,710 --> 00:16:10,560
wikipedia

430
00:16:15,269 --> 00:16:12,720
where people are

431
00:16:17,189 --> 00:16:15,279
cooperating in large groups and there's

432
00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:17,199
interesting ways that you can use these

433
00:16:22,230 --> 00:16:19,680
tools online to

434
00:16:24,870 --> 00:16:22,240
to the ends of skepticism so i'm putting

435
00:16:27,509 --> 00:16:24,880
a whole workshop together on that topic

436
00:16:30,150 --> 00:16:27,519
and what's neat about it is that these

437
00:16:33,829 --> 00:16:30,160
things usually

438
00:16:35,670 --> 00:16:33,839

avail themselves to as little or as much

439

00:16:37,509 --> 00:16:35,680

effort as the person wants to put into

440

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:37,519

it if you want to spend you know 30

441

00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:38,720

seconds

442

00:16:43,749 --> 00:16:41,600

uh clicking a rating on web of trust and

443

00:16:46,550 --> 00:16:43,759

then go on about your business you can

444

00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:46,560

actually make a difference

445

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:48,000

and or

446

00:16:52,470 --> 00:16:50,000

you know fix a typo or fix some

447

00:16:54,710 --> 00:16:52,480

vandalism on wikipedia and that little

448

00:16:56,790 --> 00:16:54,720

bit that little 30 seconds or

449

00:16:58,790 --> 00:16:56,800

or one minute that you spend doing that

450

00:17:00,389 --> 00:16:58,800

before you go to lunch

451
00:17:02,230 --> 00:17:00,399
can actually make a difference in the

452
00:17:04,630 --> 00:17:02,240
quality of science information on the

453
00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:04,640
net and if we get enough skeptics doing

454
00:17:08,949 --> 00:17:06,880
that together it makes a huge huge

455
00:17:10,630 --> 00:17:08,959
difference out there so it's a really

456
00:17:12,949 --> 00:17:10,640
neat way for a skeptic who you know

457
00:17:15,110 --> 00:17:12,959
maybe doesn't have enough time

458
00:17:18,470 --> 00:17:15,120
uh to do a big project

459
00:17:20,390 --> 00:17:18,480
to do little projects every day

460
00:17:22,470 --> 00:17:20,400
so i find it very exciting it's a way

461
00:17:24,630 --> 00:17:22,480
for folks to get involved on a whole new

462
00:17:27,429 --> 00:17:24,640
level with skepticism and they can do it

463
00:17:29,350 --> 00:17:27,439

right from home using their computer

464

00:17:32,150 --> 00:17:29,360

that's the world we live in it's it's

465

00:17:34,070 --> 00:17:32,160

it's it's changing so rapidly i i think

466

00:17:36,390 --> 00:17:34,080

we do our best to keep up i'm glad there

467

00:17:39,510 --> 00:17:36,400

are people like you out there uh

468

00:17:41,110 --> 00:17:39,520

keeping up with the latest changes

469

00:17:42,870 --> 00:17:41,120

and it's a bit paradoxical because when

470

00:17:45,830 --> 00:17:42,880

i look at the the website of what's the

471

00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:45,840

harm at whatsapp.net it's so simple

472

00:17:50,070 --> 00:17:47,919

it's a wonderfully simply laid out

473

00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:50,080

website there's no flashy gimmicks

474

00:17:53,350 --> 00:17:51,760

there's no nothing it's just here's the

475

00:17:55,750 --> 00:17:53,360

here are the topics

476

00:17:59,430 --> 00:17:55,760

here click here and you'll find out more

477

00:18:01,590 --> 00:17:59,440

that was that was pretty deliberate

478

00:18:03,510 --> 00:18:01,600

to try to make it as simple as possible

479

00:18:05,510 --> 00:18:03,520

i wanted i didn't want you to see it and

480

00:18:06,549 --> 00:18:05,520

think oh well somebody spent a lot of

481

00:18:08,630 --> 00:18:06,559

money

482

00:18:10,549 --> 00:18:08,640

setting up this website

483

00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:10,559

and i wanted it to just be very simple

484

00:18:15,270 --> 00:18:12,880

and it would work on anyone's browser

485

00:18:17,510 --> 00:18:15,280

um you don't need anything special or

486

00:18:20,310 --> 00:18:17,520

flashy there's no video or anything like

487

00:18:22,630 --> 00:18:20,320

that it's just a bunch of text and some

488

00:18:25,750 --> 00:18:22,640

links out to some news sites that will

489

00:18:28,390 --> 00:18:25,760

give you the details on each story

490

00:18:30,310 --> 00:18:28,400

it takes a bit of effort and i've got a

491

00:18:31,909 --> 00:18:30,320

project underway to do an update to the

492

00:18:34,230 --> 00:18:31,919

site this year one of the things i would

493

00:18:36,549 --> 00:18:34,240

like to do if i can find the time is to

494

00:18:38,470 --> 00:18:36,559

post longer stories

495

00:18:40,470 --> 00:18:38,480

you know not all of these stories have a

496

00:18:42,630 --> 00:18:40,480

lot of details

497

00:18:44,549 --> 00:18:42,640

but some of them do like the the

498

00:18:46,950 --> 00:18:44,559

penelope dingle story quite a lot of

499

00:18:49,669 --> 00:18:46,960

details have come out about that

500

00:18:51,750 --> 00:18:49,679

and and it's worthy of of writing at

501
00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:51,760
length but in the way the site is set up

502
00:18:55,990 --> 00:18:53,440
now I don't really have a format that

503
00:18:58,070 --> 00:18:56,000
allows me to write it like so I may be

504
00:19:00,549 --> 00:18:58,080
converting it more

505
00:19:03,029 --> 00:19:00,559
to almost a blog like format it'll still

506
00:19:04,789 --> 00:19:03,039
have the category pages and whatnot but

507
00:19:07,590 --> 00:19:04,799
there will probably be some longer

508
00:19:10,390 --> 00:19:07,600
features on the site at some point

509
00:19:13,110 --> 00:19:10,400
so uh but uh I've got so many projects

510
00:19:15,669 --> 00:19:13,120
between the skeptools blog and uh I

511
00:19:19,270 --> 00:19:15,679
occasionally blog at randy.org

512
00:19:21,990 --> 00:19:19,280
and I do some podcasting stuff and um

513
00:19:23,350 --> 00:19:22,000

and uh it's sometimes hard to keep it

514

00:19:24,950 --> 00:19:23,360

all juggling

515

00:19:26,390 --> 00:19:24,960

oh it's going to get even harder for you

516

00:19:28,710 --> 00:19:26,400

because i'd love you to do a

517

00:19:30,870 --> 00:19:28,720

semi-regular segment on the po on the

518

00:19:32,870 --> 00:19:30,880

the skeptic zone where it's

519

00:19:34,950 --> 00:19:32,880

here's the latest oh tim yes what's the

520

00:19:36,150 --> 00:19:34,960

harm in the homeopathy well

521

00:19:37,990 --> 00:19:36,160

you should ask

522

00:19:40,070 --> 00:19:38,000

let's see if we can work something out

523

00:19:42,230 --> 00:19:40,080

like that but i also just noticing on on

524

00:19:45,270 --> 00:19:42,240

your website here we have a section

525

00:19:46,230 --> 00:19:45,280

under gps navigation systems so yeah

526
00:19:48,070 --> 00:19:46,240
yeah

527
00:19:49,990 --> 00:19:48,080
people always ask me about that and i

528
00:19:51,510 --> 00:19:50,000
kind of put that in there somewhat well

529
00:19:52,950 --> 00:19:51,520
i found a few of the stories and i

530
00:19:55,350 --> 00:19:52,960
thought you know this will be a good

531
00:19:57,350 --> 00:19:55,360
category to put up that isn't completely

532
00:19:59,110 --> 00:19:57,360
depressing yes

533
00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:59,120
so many of the other categories have

534
00:20:04,070 --> 00:20:01,200
people who have died just

535
00:20:06,390 --> 00:20:04,080
needlessly but nobody died on the gps

536
00:20:09,430 --> 00:20:06,400
page they just maybe had their car

537
00:20:10,950 --> 00:20:09,440
ruined or in a lake or something

538
00:20:12,549 --> 00:20:10,960

all right we can afford to have a

539

00:20:14,310 --> 00:20:12,559

chocolate some of those i guess but

540

00:20:16,710 --> 00:20:14,320

certainly the pages

541

00:20:18,470 --> 00:20:16,720

the website is a wealth of information

542

00:20:20,150 --> 00:20:18,480

for when somebody asks you in

543

00:20:21,029 --> 00:20:20,160

conversation

544

00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:21,039

well

545

00:20:25,029 --> 00:20:23,200

what's the harm you can run to this

546

00:20:27,750 --> 00:20:25,039

website and see

547

00:20:29,909 --> 00:20:27,760

for yourself what the harm really is and

548

00:20:32,230 --> 00:20:29,919

things like ear candling i see there for

549

00:20:34,390 --> 00:20:32,240

example or folk remedies voodoo

550

00:20:35,270 --> 00:20:34,400

witchcraft ghosts magic

551

00:20:38,149 --> 00:20:35,280

uh

552

00:20:40,710 --> 00:20:38,159

so many topics and all with references

553

00:20:42,230 --> 00:20:40,720

about the real harm being done through

554

00:20:44,070 --> 00:20:42,240

lack of critical thinking i guess we

555

00:20:46,470 --> 00:20:44,080

could say and if they want to take uh

556

00:20:48,230 --> 00:20:46,480

take it further or find out about

557

00:20:51,630 --> 00:20:48,240

the other projects i'm working on just

558

00:20:56,789 --> 00:20:54,630

s-k-e-p-t-o-o-l-s dot com and uh that's

559

00:20:58,789 --> 00:20:56,799

a blog and i talk about all sorts of

560

00:21:01,029 --> 00:20:58,799

different ways that you can do

561

00:21:02,270 --> 00:21:01,039

skeptical things on the internet tim

562

00:21:04,230 --> 00:21:02,280

farley from

563

00:21:06,070 --> 00:21:04,240

whatstheharm.net thank you for all your

564

00:21:09,190 --> 00:21:06,080

hard work thank you for putting up those

565

00:21:10,710 --> 00:21:09,200

websites and i look forward very much to

566

00:21:13,029 --> 00:21:10,720

catching up with you in a few short

567

00:21:15,350 --> 00:21:13,039

months time at the amazing meeting in

568

00:21:16,390 --> 00:21:15,360

las vegas i'm looking forward to it

569

00:21:26,630 --> 00:21:16,400

myself

570

00:21:34,310 --> 00:21:29,669

in a world where the truth is a matter

571

00:21:42,230 --> 00:21:37,029

where messages are received from beyond

572

00:21:48,070 --> 00:21:45,190

and reason is sidelined for magical

573

00:21:54,230 --> 00:21:51,270

only three men stand between the truth

574

00:21:56,630 --> 00:21:54,240

and a post-modernist abyss

575

00:21:58,549 --> 00:21:56,640

what date is it seven eighth seventh

576
00:21:59,669 --> 00:21:58,559
eighth

577
00:22:02,549 --> 00:21:59,679
impressions they're not they're

578
00:22:04,230 --> 00:22:02,559
photographs of chinese lanterns

579
00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:04,240
we are not well researched yeah because

580
00:22:07,669 --> 00:22:05,760
good god we're full we don't discuss

581
00:22:09,190 --> 00:22:07,679
cryptozoology on this show very often

582
00:22:10,390 --> 00:22:09,200
because we don't know anything about it

583
00:22:12,230 --> 00:22:10,400
that's true

584
00:22:13,909 --> 00:22:12,240
the price gets lower and lower and lower

585
00:22:17,590 --> 00:22:13,919
and then he hits the ceiling it's a

586
00:22:22,149 --> 00:22:19,110
skeptics for the k for the merseyside

587
00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:22,159
skeptic society find us on itunes or you

588
00:22:35,110 --> 00:22:29,750

join us now for drinking skeptically in

589

00:22:38,710 --> 00:22:37,190

no way

590

00:22:40,390 --> 00:22:38,720

i've only been there three times i

591

00:22:42,390 --> 00:22:40,400

didn't notice that

592

00:22:44,310 --> 00:22:42,400

are you suggesting that las vegas is

593

00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:44,320

over the top dr rachie iran was

594

00:22:47,430 --> 00:22:46,159

suggesting that that might be the case

595

00:22:49,350 --> 00:22:47,440

and i just can't believe it i'm

596

00:22:50,950 --> 00:22:49,360

flabbergasted i'm shocked do you notice

597

00:22:52,230 --> 00:22:50,960

it after you visit a few times you've

598

00:22:53,830 --> 00:22:52,240

noticed that it's a little bit over the

599

00:22:55,590 --> 00:22:53,840

top yeah the first time it's just pretty

600

00:22:56,549 --> 00:22:55,600

like going to the supermarket isn't it

601
00:22:58,390 --> 00:22:56,559
really

602
00:23:01,990 --> 00:22:58,400
i've done things things in las vegas

603
00:23:03,669 --> 00:23:02,000
that are only illegal in las vegas

604
00:23:05,669 --> 00:23:03,679
i think we've just introduced everybody

605
00:23:14,230 --> 00:23:05,679
yes joining me tonight in the think tank

606
00:23:17,990 --> 00:23:15,990
joining me tonight in the think tank and

607
00:23:19,750 --> 00:23:18,000
we have a couple of reasons uh reasons

608
00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:19,760
to celebrate i've been celebrating

609
00:23:22,710 --> 00:23:20,799
already

610
00:23:23,909 --> 00:23:22,720
with real champagne tonight

611
00:23:24,950 --> 00:23:23,919
first of all

612
00:23:26,710 --> 00:23:24,960
which uh

613
00:23:28,149 --> 00:23:26,720

we it's it's it's an odd thing tankers

614

00:23:30,230 --> 00:23:28,159

we're going to kick off with a doctor

615

00:23:31,029 --> 00:23:30,240

rayche reports in a moment

616

00:23:33,110 --> 00:23:31,039

uh

617

00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:33,120

we have reason to be happy with the

618

00:23:39,669 --> 00:23:36,480

doctor he reports and also it's now dead

619

00:23:45,270 --> 00:23:39,679

set certain definite tickets bought

620

00:23:48,390 --> 00:23:47,350

it's such an exciting thing and look i'm

621

00:23:50,470 --> 00:23:48,400

even going to take the challenge and

622

00:23:52,310 --> 00:23:50,480

people said i should look up mrs sinatra

623

00:23:53,830 --> 00:23:52,320

of course mrs sinatra i used to be on my

624

00:23:55,750 --> 00:23:53,840

breakfast show and she's from las vegas

625

00:23:58,630 --> 00:23:55,760

but we must remember that five years ago

626

00:24:01,110 --> 00:23:58,640

mrs sinatra was 85. so if she's still

627

00:24:03,190 --> 00:24:01,120

with us she's 90. so if anyone knows if

628

00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:03,200

mrs fred sinatra is still available in

629

00:24:06,310 --> 00:24:04,720

las vegas she might not be at a house

630

00:24:07,830 --> 00:24:06,320

anymore i should pay her a visit if

631

00:24:08,789 --> 00:24:07,840

anyone knows that's going to be the hard

632

00:24:10,310 --> 00:24:08,799

bit

633

00:24:12,390 --> 00:24:10,320

that should be interesting but it's a

634

00:24:14,230 --> 00:24:12,400

big a big thank you to all the listeners

635

00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:14,240

who did help along the way yeah look

636

00:24:17,590 --> 00:24:16,080

i've got to thank you all for being part

637

00:24:20,710 --> 00:24:17,600

of this it's the first time i've won

638

00:24:24,789 --> 00:24:22,950

well maynard you didn't you worked hard

639

00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:24,799

for this you you've been filing reports

640

00:24:29,110 --> 00:24:27,120

for a long time now for the show and

641

00:24:31,110 --> 00:24:29,120

it's the least we could do to say

642

00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:31,120

we appreciate what you do we love your

643

00:24:35,510 --> 00:24:33,120

interviews and we can't wait to see what

644

00:24:36,710 --> 00:24:35,520

you dig out of las vegas look i i

645

00:24:38,390 --> 00:24:36,720

challenge anyone to go back and have a

646

00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:38,400

listen to the tam australia interviews

647

00:24:41,430 --> 00:24:39,600

and think they're good but i think

648

00:24:42,710 --> 00:24:41,440

that's i think that's because everyone's

649

00:24:44,390 --> 00:24:42,720

forgotten what they were like that they

650

00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:44,400

put the money in but you'll get you'll

651
00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:46,000
get more of the same just las vegas

652
00:24:49,750 --> 00:24:47,840
style this time round i promise

653
00:24:51,750 --> 00:24:49,760
all right fantastic news indeed now

654
00:24:56,630 --> 00:24:51,760
let's start and i'll play your theme

655
00:25:04,549 --> 00:24:59,590
now it's time for dr raichi reports with

656
00:25:08,710 --> 00:25:07,029
the crowd here love it i mean we haven't

657
00:25:10,950 --> 00:25:08,720
had an audience with think tank before

658
00:25:13,190 --> 00:25:10,960
thousands of people here dr rachie let's

659
00:25:15,590 --> 00:25:13,200
have your report this week and i think

660
00:25:17,269 --> 00:25:15,600
we it's about uh merrill dorey in the

661
00:25:18,789 --> 00:25:17,279
australian vaccine it is about the

662
00:25:21,510 --> 00:25:18,799
australian vaccination network because

663
00:25:23,510 --> 00:25:21,520

um we haven't actually done an update on

664

00:25:25,830 --> 00:25:23,520

this for a while did we discuss it in

665

00:25:28,149 --> 00:25:25,840

the last think tank we would have um

666

00:25:29,909 --> 00:25:28,159

talked probably in passing but the whole

667

00:25:32,390 --> 00:25:29,919

thing about american airlines wasn't a

668

00:25:33,909 --> 00:25:32,400

news story two weeks ago no but i'm just

669

00:25:35,990 --> 00:25:33,919

thinking about whether we discuss the

670

00:25:38,149 --> 00:25:36,000

court case and

671

00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:38,159

the because but so let me just give a

672

00:25:41,430 --> 00:25:39,840

quick summary in case listeners aren't

673

00:25:43,269 --> 00:25:41,440

up to speed so

674

00:25:46,230 --> 00:25:43,279

um people that are regular listeners

675

00:25:49,669 --> 00:25:46,240

would be aware that the avian lost their

676

00:25:51,350 --> 00:25:49,679

charity license in 2010

677

00:25:52,390 --> 00:25:51,360

um and that followed from a public

678

00:25:54,390 --> 00:25:52,400

warning that was issued by the

679

00:25:56,789 --> 00:25:54,400

healthcare complaints commission in new

680

00:25:59,190 --> 00:25:56,799

south wales uh and

681

00:26:00,470 --> 00:25:59,200

the avn challenged that decision by the

682

00:26:02,310 --> 00:26:00,480

healthcare complaints commission in the

683

00:26:03,590 --> 00:26:02,320

supreme court in new south wales last

684

00:26:06,710 --> 00:26:03,600

month or the month before and they

685

00:26:08,870 --> 00:26:06,720

actually won that case on a technicality

686

00:26:11,350 --> 00:26:08,880

it doesn't matter they still want it

687

00:26:12,230 --> 00:26:11,360

and as a result of that in the last few

688

00:26:14,950 --> 00:26:12,240

weeks

689

00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:14,960

their charity license was reinstated now

690

00:26:19,909 --> 00:26:18,080

this was despite the fact that the

691

00:26:21,190 --> 00:26:19,919

charity watchdog i suppose you'd call

692

00:26:25,110 --> 00:26:21,200

them here

693

00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:25,120

found 25 breaches of the charities act

694

00:26:29,190 --> 00:26:26,640

according to when they didn't audit on

695

00:26:30,149 --> 00:26:29,200

their books and these attracted fines up

696

00:26:31,430 --> 00:26:30,159

to

697

00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:31,440

hundreds of thousands of dollars and

698

00:26:35,430 --> 00:26:33,760

potentially two years in jail

699

00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:35,440

now this is because they

700

00:26:39,510 --> 00:26:37,760

had collected funds for charitable

701
00:26:42,149 --> 00:26:39,520
purposes and then used them on something

702
00:26:44,070 --> 00:26:42,159
else like spent them on other things

703
00:26:46,789 --> 00:26:44,080
and in some cases they just

704
00:26:48,950 --> 00:26:46,799
funds went missing and as a charity

705
00:26:50,390 --> 00:26:48,960
you generally can't do that you know you

706
00:26:51,750 --> 00:26:50,400
can collect funds and you have to spend

707
00:26:52,390 --> 00:26:51,760
it on the course for which he collected

708
00:26:54,630 --> 00:26:52,400
it

709
00:26:56,950 --> 00:26:54,640
anyway so we were very surprised to and

710
00:26:58,149 --> 00:26:56,960
very disappointed obviously

711
00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:58,159
that their charity license was

712
00:27:03,110 --> 00:26:59,919
reinstated recently

713
00:27:05,350 --> 00:27:03,120

however the fight continues uh and

714

00:27:07,350 --> 00:27:05,360

just a couple of days ago we had a win

715

00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:07,360

which was nice because for the past few

716

00:27:14,470 --> 00:27:10,880

weeks we've had a couple of big losses

717

00:27:19,669 --> 00:27:16,470

an advertising campaign that the avn had

718

00:27:20,789 --> 00:27:19,679

planned to put on american airlines

719

00:27:22,710 --> 00:27:20,799

now

720

00:27:24,630 --> 00:27:22,720

last year

721

00:27:26,950 --> 00:27:24,640

the national vaccine information service

722

00:27:28,230 --> 00:27:26,960

which is run by barbara lo fischer

723

00:27:29,830 --> 00:27:28,240

they had

724

00:27:32,310 --> 00:27:29,840

public service announcements running on

725

00:27:33,430 --> 00:27:32,320

delta airlines across across the states

726
00:27:35,909 --> 00:27:33,440
where

727
00:27:37,909 --> 00:27:35,919
it was just leading up to flu vaccine

728
00:27:39,990 --> 00:27:37,919
month in america

729
00:27:41,350 --> 00:27:40,000
and they were running um public service

730
00:27:42,789 --> 00:27:41,360
announcements saying how bad the flu

731
00:27:44,950 --> 00:27:42,799
vaccine was and you didn't need it and

732
00:27:46,549 --> 00:27:44,960
all this antibac stuff on delta now

733
00:27:48,390 --> 00:27:46,559
actually i happened to be flying delta

734
00:27:49,750 --> 00:27:48,400
during that period and i flew across the

735
00:27:51,909 --> 00:27:49,760
country twice

736
00:27:53,830 --> 00:27:51,919
from la to

737
00:27:55,750 --> 00:27:53,840
miami and back and i didn't see the ads

738
00:27:57,750 --> 00:27:55,760

at all so apparently they were on delta

739

00:27:59,830 --> 00:27:57,760

bridge and see them but in this case

740

00:28:02,710 --> 00:27:59,840

american airlines had apparently offered

741

00:28:04,549 --> 00:28:02,720

the avn three minutes of video

742

00:28:06,710 --> 00:28:04,559

in addition to a section in there

743

00:28:07,510 --> 00:28:06,720

american way magazine

744

00:28:09,350 --> 00:28:07,520

now

745

00:28:11,029 --> 00:28:09,360

as soon as we heard about this and the

746

00:28:13,029 --> 00:28:11,039

way that we heard about it in fact was

747

00:28:15,990 --> 00:28:13,039

meryl was bragging about it on her blog

748

00:28:17,909 --> 00:28:16,000

she was on on the avian's website yeah

749

00:28:18,710 --> 00:28:17,919

and she sent out a press release about

750

00:28:21,190 --> 00:28:18,720

it

751
00:28:22,870 --> 00:28:21,200
um and so a few of us received that and

752
00:28:23,909 --> 00:28:22,880
it was forwarded to us by some other

753
00:28:26,149 --> 00:28:23,919
people

754
00:28:28,549 --> 00:28:26,159
and so we were a little bit

755
00:28:30,149 --> 00:28:28,559
concerned about this because we actually

756
00:28:31,830 --> 00:28:30,159
got access to the interview that would

757
00:28:33,350 --> 00:28:31,840
be part of it would be airing on

758
00:28:36,310 --> 00:28:33,360
american airlines and it turned out that

759
00:28:38,870 --> 00:28:36,320
it's her same sort of canards and

760
00:28:40,710 --> 00:28:38,880
tomes that she rolls out every time

761
00:28:42,389 --> 00:28:40,720
autism etc

762
00:28:43,590 --> 00:28:42,399
well exactly i mean she was still in

763
00:28:45,590 --> 00:28:43,600

that interview she's claiming that

764

00:28:47,909 --> 00:28:45,600

vaccines have a link to autism as if she

765

00:28:50,549 --> 00:28:47,919

hasn't you know beaten that horse enough

766

00:28:52,630 --> 00:28:50,559

yes um and i've got to say look i mean

767

00:28:55,190 --> 00:28:52,640

she's been told so many times and she

768

00:28:56,789 --> 00:28:55,200

must be aware that that is false that

769

00:28:57,990 --> 00:28:56,799

she's just

770

00:28:59,190 --> 00:28:58,000

it's like she's being deliberately

771

00:29:01,269 --> 00:28:59,200

dishonest

772

00:29:02,789 --> 00:29:01,279

allegedly

773

00:29:04,789 --> 00:29:02,799

so um

774

00:29:05,990 --> 00:29:04,799

anyway one could get that impression one

775

00:29:08,470 --> 00:29:06,000

could get the impression that she's

776
00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:08,480
being deliberately dishonest so anyway a

777
00:29:11,909 --> 00:29:10,320
few people got together and

778
00:29:14,710 --> 00:29:11,919
first of all started tweeting american

779
00:29:15,990 --> 00:29:14,720
airlines um some emails went around in

780
00:29:18,149 --> 00:29:16,000
the background

781
00:29:20,549 --> 00:29:18,159
phil plate um picked up the story he

782
00:29:22,389 --> 00:29:20,559
blogged on discovery which of course is

783
00:29:24,710 --> 00:29:22,399
one of the highest read and most popular

784
00:29:26,389 --> 00:29:24,720
science blogs in the world

785
00:29:29,430 --> 00:29:26,399
um people wrote letters to american

786
00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:29,440
airlines and within 48 hours

787
00:29:33,350 --> 00:29:30,640
i woke up

788
00:29:36,070 --> 00:29:33,360

um on tuesday morning i think it was at

789

00:29:37,830 --> 00:29:36,080

7am yes that's right it was pulled yes i

790

00:29:39,669 --> 00:29:37,840

i woke up too and i checked my twitter

791

00:29:41,590 --> 00:29:39,679

stream yeah yeah yeah but by seven

792

00:29:44,070 --> 00:29:41,600

o'clock in the morning on tuesday it was

793

00:29:45,190 --> 00:29:44,080

gone so it was about 48 hours of people

794

00:29:46,789 --> 00:29:45,200

riding and

795

00:29:49,350 --> 00:29:46,799

i mean we hadn't even actually started

796

00:29:51,269 --> 00:29:49,360

the campaign really

797

00:29:52,710 --> 00:29:51,279

i'd already i mean i had some people in

798

00:29:54,070 --> 00:29:52,720

the background that were doing some work

799

00:29:55,430 --> 00:29:54,080

and a lot of other people had other

800

00:29:57,990 --> 00:29:55,440

people doing some work which were all

801
00:30:00,310 --> 00:29:58,000
sort of getting together to start to do

802
00:30:02,310 --> 00:30:00,320
a big campaign to go to american

803
00:30:04,789 --> 00:30:02,320
airlines and before we knew it they'd

804
00:30:06,549 --> 00:30:04,799
said no we're not having a bar but it's

805
00:30:09,669 --> 00:30:06,559
but what's interesting about it is that

806
00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:09,679
they tweeted and this was also received

807
00:30:14,230 --> 00:30:11,520
in email from their media relations

808
00:30:16,149 --> 00:30:14,240
department to people that i know

809
00:30:18,710 --> 00:30:16,159
they said they never actually received

810
00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:18,720
the interview i saw that they hadn't yet

811
00:30:22,710 --> 00:30:20,320
received the interview so they hadn't

812
00:30:24,149 --> 00:30:22,720
actually approved it anyway

813
00:30:25,909 --> 00:30:24,159

now we looked into this a little bit

814

00:30:28,149 --> 00:30:25,919

further and what it turns out is that

815

00:30:29,590 --> 00:30:28,159

american airlines have their all their

816

00:30:31,669 --> 00:30:29,600

material produced by a production

817

00:30:33,430 --> 00:30:31,679

company obviously they don't do it

818

00:30:34,950 --> 00:30:33,440

themselves in-house

819

00:30:37,430 --> 00:30:34,960

so one of their pilots doing the

820

00:30:39,830 --> 00:30:37,440

interviews now oh well they are in

821

00:30:41,510 --> 00:30:39,840

financial strikes so maybe it is they're

822

00:30:42,950 --> 00:30:41,520

doubling up

823

00:30:44,470 --> 00:30:42,960

no they do have a production company

824

00:30:45,590 --> 00:30:44,480

that we're going to be dealing with fair

825

00:30:46,710 --> 00:30:45,600

enough that's what large cap yeah

826
00:30:48,310 --> 00:30:46,720
exactly

827
00:30:49,750 --> 00:30:48,320
so their official twitter account said

828
00:30:51,830 --> 00:30:49,760
look actually we didn't approve this and

829
00:30:53,350 --> 00:30:51,840
we didn't and even if we had received it

830
00:30:55,190 --> 00:30:53,360
we wouldn't air it

831
00:30:57,430 --> 00:30:55,200
um it's interesting that meryl had

832
00:30:59,909 --> 00:30:57,440
written this press release and blog post

833
00:31:01,830 --> 00:30:59,919
because even american airlines wrote to

834
00:31:03,190 --> 00:31:01,840
a journalist friend of mine and said

835
00:31:04,950 --> 00:31:03,200
despite what you've seen in press

836
00:31:06,389 --> 00:31:04,960
releases we have not approved this

837
00:31:07,990 --> 00:31:06,399
happening

838
00:31:10,630 --> 00:31:08,000

now i think we've discussed this before

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00:31:13,669 --> 00:31:10,640

in the think tank maybe

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00:31:18,070 --> 00:31:13,679

but sometimes i think meryl is her own

841

00:31:19,909 --> 00:31:18,080

worst enemy sometimes sometimes because

842

00:31:22,310 --> 00:31:19,919

we would never have known about this if

843

00:31:23,990 --> 00:31:22,320

she hadn't told us and if she hadn't

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00:31:25,430 --> 00:31:24,000

seen a press release to all our friends

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00:31:27,430 --> 00:31:25,440

who were journalists

846

00:31:28,870 --> 00:31:27,440

and then we would never have known to

847

00:31:30,149 --> 00:31:28,880

alert american airlines now there's a

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00:31:33,190 --> 00:31:30,159

couple of it's a little bit more

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00:31:34,789 --> 00:31:33,200

complicated than that anyway because

850

00:31:37,350 --> 00:31:34,799

it turns out american airlines are about

851
00:31:38,710 --> 00:31:37,360
to merge with u.s airways

852
00:31:40,789 --> 00:31:38,720
they're in a lot of

853
00:31:43,269 --> 00:31:40,799
financial strife at the moment

854
00:31:44,630 --> 00:31:43,279
so even perhaps even just that small

855
00:31:46,389 --> 00:31:44,640
number of people writing to them and

856
00:31:49,110 --> 00:31:46,399
saying this is bad for the health of

857
00:31:51,110 --> 00:31:49,120
children for the health of the country

858
00:31:53,029 --> 00:31:51,120
may have been enough to encourage them

859
00:31:55,509 --> 00:31:53,039
to say we don't even want any whiff of

860
00:31:57,669 --> 00:31:55,519
controversy right now our share prices

861
00:31:58,950 --> 00:31:57,679
are bad enough as it is we've got to

862
00:32:00,950 --> 00:31:58,960
have this takeover happening we don't

863
00:32:02,630 --> 00:32:00,960

want any controversy

864

00:32:04,470 --> 00:32:02,640

another issue there's another issue

865

00:32:06,789 --> 00:32:04,480

actually sorry excuse me

866

00:32:08,230 --> 00:32:06,799

related specifically to them and that is

867

00:32:10,950 --> 00:32:08,240

that they were

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00:32:12,549 --> 00:32:10,960

implicated in the spread of measles to

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00:32:15,750 --> 00:32:12,559

california

870

00:32:18,630 --> 00:32:15,760

i don't remember

871

00:32:21,669 --> 00:32:18,640

but the basic basically there was a a um

872

00:32:23,190 --> 00:32:21,679

a girl i think who was on a flight

873

00:32:24,630 --> 00:32:23,200

on an american

874

00:32:25,830 --> 00:32:24,640

airlines uh

875

00:32:26,830 --> 00:32:25,840

flight

876

00:32:29,909 --> 00:32:26,840

that

877

00:32:33,029 --> 00:32:29,919

um just just by her being on the flight

878

00:32:36,149 --> 00:32:33,039

uh something like 12 people got

879

00:32:38,870 --> 00:32:36,159

yes she had been to nigeria details but

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00:32:40,950 --> 00:32:38,880

yeah she'd been to nigeria on holidays

881

00:32:42,870 --> 00:32:40,960

and came back to the states infected

882

00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:42,880

with measles and infected i think 18

883

00:32:46,389 --> 00:32:45,120

people in minnesota that was only two

884

00:32:47,990 --> 00:32:46,399

years ago

885

00:32:49,830 --> 00:32:48,000

and american airlines had to be involved

886

00:32:51,830 --> 00:32:49,840

in that investigation because the child

887

00:32:53,350 --> 00:32:51,840

was on their flight yeah yeah so they've

888

00:32:54,470 --> 00:32:53,360

been burnt before

889

00:32:57,029 --> 00:32:54,480

yeah

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00:32:58,630 --> 00:32:57,039

so and and also on top of that oh sorry

891

00:33:00,549 --> 00:32:58,640

i think they know just that i think my

892

00:33:02,310 --> 00:33:00,559

recollection is that they were kind of a

893

00:33:04,310 --> 00:33:02,320

little bit blamed for it because they

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00:33:06,149 --> 00:33:04,320

she was the girl was clearly unwell and

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00:33:08,310 --> 00:33:06,159

they still let her on the flight and

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00:33:10,070 --> 00:33:08,320

which they're not supposed to do and

897

00:33:11,909 --> 00:33:10,080

so i think they're being very cautious

898

00:33:13,269 --> 00:33:11,919

about these things now

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00:33:15,909 --> 00:33:13,279

well i thought it was interesting

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00:33:18,630 --> 00:33:15,919

because the first notifications that i

901
00:33:20,149 --> 00:33:18,640
saw was from their twitter account

902
00:33:22,310 --> 00:33:20,159
and actually the way it played out was

903
00:33:24,070 --> 00:33:22,320
quite interesting because initially

904
00:33:25,990 --> 00:33:24,080
you know generally these days with web

905
00:33:27,590 --> 00:33:26,000
2.0 and social media as soon as there's

906
00:33:29,269 --> 00:33:27,600
an issue people get onto the tweets and

907
00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:29,279
go to the tweets

908
00:33:33,990 --> 00:33:31,279
and their first reaction was

909
00:33:35,830 --> 00:33:34,000
it's optional to listen i love that they

910
00:33:37,430 --> 00:33:35,840
were really dismissive on twitter on the

911
00:33:39,990 --> 00:33:37,440
official twitter you don't have to

912
00:33:41,430 --> 00:33:40,000
listen to it so you know just go away

913
00:33:42,789 --> 00:33:41,440

and so of course people's response to

914

00:33:43,830 --> 00:33:42,799

that was well we don't have to fly with

915

00:33:46,389 --> 00:33:43,840

you and they were like well we don't

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00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:46,399

care because i mean meryl was saying in

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00:33:48,990 --> 00:33:47,519

her press release that it was

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00:33:51,909 --> 00:33:49,000

potentially going to reach

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00:33:53,990 --> 00:33:51,919

85 million people or like huge amounts

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00:33:56,950 --> 00:33:54,000

of people that would be on these flights

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00:33:58,710 --> 00:33:56,960

the reach for this was potentially huge

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00:34:00,149 --> 00:33:58,720

now the other issue is and you've

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00:34:01,750 --> 00:34:00,159

alluded to this a little bit is that

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00:34:05,430 --> 00:34:01,760

last year in the states was the worst

925

00:34:07,590 --> 00:34:05,440

year for measles since i think 1995.

926
00:34:09,990 --> 00:34:07,600
they had something like 220 cases of

927
00:34:11,909 --> 00:34:10,000
measles last year and every single one

928
00:34:13,750 --> 00:34:11,919
of those cases was imported to the

929
00:34:15,990 --> 00:34:13,760
states

930
00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:16,000
so oh no actually maybe not every single

931
00:34:19,750 --> 00:34:17,760
one no no no that's not right it's

932
00:34:21,990 --> 00:34:19,760
something like 70 of them were imported

933
00:34:24,310 --> 00:34:22,000
to the states quite a lot quite like the

934
00:34:26,869 --> 00:34:24,320
majority were imported so they're coming

935
00:34:28,629 --> 00:34:26,879
in through travel

936
00:34:31,430 --> 00:34:28,639
in addition to that the olympics is

937
00:34:33,589 --> 00:34:31,440
coming up and the cdc and the who have

938
00:34:35,669 --> 00:34:33,599

warned all travelers to please make sure

939

00:34:37,589 --> 00:34:35,679

the immunisations are up to date

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00:34:39,190 --> 00:34:37,599

and to wash their hands actually i saw

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00:34:40,550 --> 00:34:39,200

that yeah well particularly because

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00:34:42,790 --> 00:34:40,560

there's going to be a heap of people

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00:34:44,629 --> 00:34:42,800

moving across the globe yes you know in

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00:34:46,950 --> 00:34:44,639

the middle of this year

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00:34:50,389 --> 00:34:46,960

and potentially taking um infectious

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00:34:52,790 --> 00:34:50,399

diseases you know in aeroplanes so

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00:34:54,710 --> 00:34:52,800

i don't know

948

00:34:56,310 --> 00:34:54,720

how american airlines went from you

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00:34:57,510 --> 00:34:56,320

don't have to listen to all of a sudden

950

00:34:58,870 --> 00:34:57,520

that's it

951
00:35:01,030 --> 00:34:58,880
there must have been some discussion

952
00:35:02,390 --> 00:35:01,040
somewhere but i mean i've got to

953
00:35:04,069 --> 00:35:02,400
congratulate them and thank them for

954
00:35:05,510 --> 00:35:04,079
that decision i mean apart from the fact

955
00:35:07,510 --> 00:35:05,520
that it would have potentially been a

956
00:35:09,109 --> 00:35:07,520
huge public health problem

957
00:35:10,390 --> 00:35:09,119
and you can imagine

958
00:35:11,750 --> 00:35:10,400
i mean

959
00:35:13,109 --> 00:35:11,760
they're going through this measure and

960
00:35:15,589 --> 00:35:13,119
can you imagine if they brought in like

961
00:35:17,190 --> 00:35:15,599
six cases of measles or

962
00:35:18,630 --> 00:35:17,200
you know they've been outbreaks all over

963
00:35:20,870 --> 00:35:18,640

the country and everyone's pointing the

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00:35:23,109 --> 00:35:20,880

finger at american airlines they just

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00:35:24,550 --> 00:35:23,119

don't want any other now uh the reaction

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00:35:26,630 --> 00:35:24,560

from meryl dory in the australian

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00:35:29,990 --> 00:35:26,640

vaccination network is things we've all

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00:35:32,550 --> 00:35:30,000

seen before crying victim crying oh this

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00:35:34,310 --> 00:35:32,560

is uh censorship this is a

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00:35:36,150 --> 00:35:34,320

invoking the founding fathers of the

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00:35:37,990 --> 00:35:36,160

united states did you see that yeah

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00:35:40,230 --> 00:35:38,000

she's written this well so basically

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00:35:41,430 --> 00:35:40,240

what happened was um it's it's done and

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00:35:47,670 --> 00:35:41,440

so

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00:35:48,870 --> 00:35:47,680

coverage in this country

976
00:35:50,630 --> 00:35:48,880
we've had

977
00:35:52,390 --> 00:35:50,640
the murdoch press cover which is

978
00:35:53,910 --> 00:35:52,400
australia-wide

979
00:35:55,990 --> 00:35:53,920
we've had a whole lot of medical

980
00:35:58,150 --> 00:35:56,000
journals cover it

981
00:36:00,910 --> 00:35:58,160
it was on the front page of merrell's

982
00:36:03,990 --> 00:36:00,920
local paper yesterday under the banner

983
00:36:06,790 --> 00:36:04,000
anti-vaccination avian grounders

984
00:36:09,829 --> 00:36:06,800
anti-vaccination group hits a snag

985
00:36:11,589 --> 00:36:09,839
front page of the paper

986
00:36:12,870 --> 00:36:11,599
which i gotta say is a turn up for the

987
00:36:14,470 --> 00:36:12,880
books because

988
00:36:16,230 --> 00:36:14,480

until a few years ago that paper

989

00:36:17,829 --> 00:36:16,240

absolutely pandered to her yeah they

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00:36:20,630 --> 00:36:17,839

were very sympathetic to what she was

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00:36:22,630 --> 00:36:20,640

doing there um it's her local paper um

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00:36:24,630 --> 00:36:22,640

they've changed their tune dramatically

993

00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:24,640

they're now using anti-vaccination group

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00:36:29,030 --> 00:36:27,359

as opposed to vaccination pro-choice you

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00:36:30,630 --> 00:36:29,040

know which is what it used to be so

996

00:36:31,670 --> 00:36:30,640

there's been a huge amount of coverage

997

00:36:33,670 --> 00:36:31,680

um

998

00:36:36,390 --> 00:36:33,680

meryl set up i've got to say that paul

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00:36:38,310 --> 00:36:36,400

gallagher um he was one of those the

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00:36:40,390 --> 00:36:38,320

guys that spearheaded the campaign and

1001
00:36:42,310 --> 00:36:40,400
he set up a petition

1002
00:36:43,349 --> 00:36:42,320
which overnight had something like two

1003
00:36:46,069 --> 00:36:43,359
and a half

1004
00:36:48,069 --> 00:36:46,079
almost 3 000 um signatures including

1005
00:36:49,589 --> 00:36:48,079
mine yeah and he also wrote the very

1006
00:36:51,910 --> 00:36:49,599
first blog post about this so he's got

1007
00:36:54,069 --> 00:36:51,920
to get credit for this too um but meryl

1008
00:36:55,030 --> 00:36:54,079
has set up her own petition

1009
00:36:56,710 --> 00:36:55,040
um

1010
00:36:58,870 --> 00:36:56,720
now i checked it this afternoon it just

1011
00:37:01,990 --> 00:36:58,880
smirks all around the table

1012
00:37:03,670 --> 00:37:02,000
this is a serious issue

1013
00:37:06,790 --> 00:37:03,680

i checked it this afternoon and she had

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00:37:08,310 --> 00:37:06,800

145 signatures she was hoping for 3 000.

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00:37:10,150 --> 00:37:08,320

but you mentioned her invoking the

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00:37:12,069 --> 00:37:10,160

founding fathers and all that so she's

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00:37:14,069 --> 00:37:12,079

got this very long blurb about how this

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00:37:16,950 --> 00:37:14,079

is censorship and freedom of speech and

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00:37:19,270 --> 00:37:16,960

democracy and da da which just makes me

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00:37:21,190 --> 00:37:19,280

lol because

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00:37:23,349 --> 00:37:21,200

it's only she's only interested in

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00:37:25,670 --> 00:37:23,359

freedom of speech if it's hers or she

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00:37:27,670 --> 00:37:25,680

agrees with it yes never mind the fact

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00:37:29,510 --> 00:37:27,680

that american airlines

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00:37:31,349 --> 00:37:29,520

exercised their free speech and their

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00:37:32,630 --> 00:37:31,359
democracy to say we're not taking your

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00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:32,640
advertising

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00:37:37,030 --> 00:37:34,800
never mind that the thing is as an

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00:37:40,950 --> 00:37:37,040
american and i apologize to the

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00:37:42,790 --> 00:37:40,960
americans uh for mentioning that but um

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00:37:44,069 --> 00:37:42,800
she should know what freedom of speech

1032
00:37:46,310 --> 00:37:44,079
actually means you know in australia we

1033
00:37:48,069 --> 00:37:46,320
do not have freedom of speech in our

1034
00:37:49,589 --> 00:37:48,079
constitution

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00:37:50,790 --> 00:37:49,599
but freedom of speech in america does

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00:37:52,310 --> 00:37:50,800
not mean that you can say whatever you

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00:37:54,390 --> 00:37:52,320
want wherever you want what it means is

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00:37:56,069 --> 00:37:54,400

you can it's much more difficult to sue

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00:37:57,589 --> 00:37:56,079

you for whatever you say and the

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00:38:00,069 --> 00:37:57,599

government cannot restrict you it does

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00:38:01,670 --> 00:38:00,079

not mean that a club or an airline or

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00:38:03,349 --> 00:38:01,680

whatever have to give you a platform

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00:38:04,550 --> 00:38:03,359

that is that's not what freedom of

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00:38:06,150 --> 00:38:04,560

speech means

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00:38:08,230 --> 00:38:06,160

she can write whatever she wants on her

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00:38:09,670 --> 00:38:08,240

blog nobody will sue her for her blog or

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00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:09,680

website or whatever

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00:38:11,829 --> 00:38:10,880

um

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00:38:14,230 --> 00:38:11,839

but

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00:38:15,910 --> 00:38:14,240

she thinks that every time people just

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00:38:18,150 --> 00:38:15,920

don't want to hear what she says or

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00:38:19,910 --> 00:38:18,160

people do not give her a platform that's

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00:38:21,910 --> 00:38:19,920

censorship somehow or somehow somehow

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00:38:23,349 --> 00:38:21,920

against freedom of sweet rubbish it's

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00:38:24,790 --> 00:38:23,359

nothing of the sort she just doesn't

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00:38:26,150 --> 00:38:24,800

understand that but the funny thing

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00:38:27,430 --> 00:38:26,160

about she kind of kind of figures

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00:38:28,950 --> 00:38:27,440

because she doesn't understand a lot of

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00:38:30,230 --> 00:38:28,960

things i'm sure i'm sure if benjamin

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00:38:31,829 --> 00:38:30,240

franklin was here too he'd be very

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00:38:34,710 --> 00:38:31,839

confused about being in an rsl in new

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00:38:36,550 --> 00:38:34,720

south wales but also

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00:38:38,230 --> 00:38:36,560

he's probably also uh as a bit of a man

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00:38:40,230 --> 00:38:38,240

of science i think he'd he'd give

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00:38:41,910 --> 00:38:40,240

vaccination the evidence-based uh

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00:38:43,109 --> 00:38:41,920

results it deserves

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00:38:45,750 --> 00:38:43,119

i'm sure you're right you know what

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00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:45,760

benjamin franklin his pseudonym was what

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00:38:50,150 --> 00:38:48,000

the funny guy in no pants he wrote under

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00:38:52,950 --> 00:38:50,160

the pseudonym of richard saunders get

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00:38:55,030 --> 00:38:52,960

out he did that's right he did

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00:38:57,030 --> 00:38:55,040

getting back to dr richie she's going

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00:38:58,870 --> 00:38:57,040

onto her facebook page onto her blog

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00:39:01,349 --> 00:38:58,880

onto her twitter account and going i'm

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00:39:02,790 --> 00:39:01,359

being censored well no you're not

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00:39:05,109 --> 00:39:02,800

because you've still got plenty of

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00:39:06,870 --> 00:39:05,119

platforms to spout your nonsense

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00:39:08,950 --> 00:39:06,880

and it's the same as her saying that

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00:39:10,710 --> 00:39:08,960

we're censoring her we have just as much

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00:39:12,790 --> 00:39:10,720

right in our freedom of speech and our

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00:39:14,550 --> 00:39:12,800

democracy to say we don't think you

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00:39:16,870 --> 00:39:14,560

should be given a platform for that and

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00:39:19,990 --> 00:39:16,880

here are the reasons why yeah yeah

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00:39:22,630 --> 00:39:20,000

so anyway um she's really really angry

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00:39:24,069 --> 00:39:22,640

about this um she mentioned

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00:39:25,670 --> 00:39:24,079

at some point the last couple of days

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00:39:27,910 --> 00:39:25,680

that she was given three and a half

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00:39:29,510 --> 00:39:27,920

minutes by american airlines now my

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00:39:31,589 --> 00:39:29,520

suspicion and i don't know if this is

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00:39:34,390 --> 00:39:31,599

true is that she was probably given um a

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00:39:35,910 --> 00:39:34,400

community service announcement or a psa

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00:39:37,270 --> 00:39:35,920

which indicates she wouldn't have paid

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00:39:38,710 --> 00:39:37,280

for that time

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00:39:42,069 --> 00:39:38,720

we've actually seen the cost of

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00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:42,079

advertising on the american airways um

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00:39:50,710 --> 00:39:48,230

i suspect she may have got this for free

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00:39:53,030 --> 00:39:50,720

maybe through the nvic

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00:39:55,109 --> 00:39:53,040

national vaccine information

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00:39:57,670 --> 00:39:55,119

anyway barbara fisher's

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00:39:59,910 --> 00:39:57,680

people so she's really very angry and

1101

00:40:01,190 --> 00:39:59,920

she's lashing out at ken mcLeod in in

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00:40:02,950 --> 00:40:01,200

the press she's lashing out at

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00:40:04,790 --> 00:40:02,960

australian skeptics in the press yes

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00:40:06,550 --> 00:40:04,800

she's blaming us for everything even

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00:40:08,069 --> 00:40:06,560

though i don't know what we had really

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00:40:09,670 --> 00:40:08,079

that much to do with it

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00:40:11,589 --> 00:40:09,680

well the australian skeptics had nothing

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00:40:13,750 --> 00:40:11,599

to do with uh individually as an

1109

00:40:15,589 --> 00:40:13,760

organization individuals individuals we

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00:40:18,150 --> 00:40:15,599

were definitely trying to be involved i

1111

00:40:19,910 --> 00:40:18,160

mean um we sent we sent it as soon as we

1112

00:40:23,349 --> 00:40:19,920

found out we alerted our american

1113

00:40:25,430 --> 00:40:23,359

friends yes i i i noticed i was hardly

1114

00:40:27,589 --> 00:40:25,440

any time for for much actually it was

1115

00:40:29,270 --> 00:40:27,599

all over yeah and a few i think the

1116

00:40:32,069 --> 00:40:29,280

individuals that probably did have the

1117

00:40:33,190 --> 00:40:32,079

most effect are probably not us

1118

00:40:35,030 --> 00:40:33,200

but but

1119

00:40:37,270 --> 00:40:35,040

there would be nothing wrong if it was

1120

00:40:39,030 --> 00:40:37,280

yes but um i think it's the kind of

1121

00:40:40,310 --> 00:40:39,040

thing that's public advocacy that's what

1122

00:40:41,990 --> 00:40:40,320

that's what we do

1123

00:40:43,829 --> 00:40:42,000

and it's something that we would happily

1124

00:40:45,430 --> 00:40:43,839

do again and if we could assist with

1125

00:40:46,870 --> 00:40:45,440

this kind of activity we we most

1126

00:40:48,630 --> 00:40:46,880

certainly would and did you say that uh

1127

00:40:50,710 --> 00:40:48,640

you think she's very angry at the moment

1128

00:40:52,069 --> 00:40:50,720

oh she's livid i'll be sleeping sleeping

1129

00:40:54,310 --> 00:40:52,079

much better tonight

1130

00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:54,320

she's livid

1131

00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:56,400

now i've been looking at the the website

1132

00:40:59,510 --> 00:40:57,920

for the australian vaccination network

1133

00:41:00,870 --> 00:40:59,520

over the last few days and that story's

1134

00:41:02,790 --> 00:41:00,880

disappeared

1135

00:41:05,349 --> 00:41:02,800

how's it really it's gone

1136

00:41:08,470 --> 00:41:05,359

what's replaced it is

1137

00:41:11,349 --> 00:41:08,480

a story they put up a video by somebody

1138

00:41:14,230 --> 00:41:11,359

called michael belkin and who has a band

1139

00:41:17,190 --> 00:41:14,240

called the refuses right now michael's

1140

00:41:19,829 --> 00:41:17,200

story is and from what i could briefly

1141

00:41:21,829 --> 00:41:19,839

research his daughter sadly died when

1142

00:41:23,829 --> 00:41:21,839

his daughter was a five weeks old in

1143

00:41:26,950 --> 00:41:23,839

1998

1144

00:41:29,030 --> 00:41:26,960

and in his testimony to congress he says

1145

00:41:33,109 --> 00:41:29,040

that had happened 15 hours after her

1146

00:41:35,750 --> 00:41:33,119

second booster for hepatitis b

1147

00:41:37,990 --> 00:41:35,760

be that as it may that seems to be the

1148

00:41:40,630 --> 00:41:38,000

catalyst for his uh activism so he's

1149

00:41:42,150 --> 00:41:40,640

written this song called first do no

1150

00:41:43,589 --> 00:41:42,160

harm right

1151
00:41:44,790 --> 00:41:43,599
and i just

1152
00:41:48,950 --> 00:41:44,800
like to

1153
00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:48,960
play a little bit of that now

1154
00:41:55,750 --> 00:41:52,240
watch out families

1155
00:41:59,270 --> 00:41:55,760
your baby's a target

1156
00:42:02,790 --> 00:41:59,280
for medical silences

1157
00:42:09,589 --> 00:42:06,390
they make kids autistic

1158
00:42:13,270 --> 00:42:09,599
and then they deny it

1159
00:42:24,950 --> 00:42:13,280
don't trust their propaganda

1160
00:42:36,390 --> 00:42:28,150
modern medicine has

1161
00:42:39,510 --> 00:42:38,069
so that's a little clip from that song

1162
00:42:42,630 --> 00:42:39,520
but on the website of the australian

1163
00:42:44,630 --> 00:42:42,640

vaccination network what it says

1164

00:42:47,270 --> 00:42:44,640

about the whole thing is um

1165

00:42:49,190 --> 00:42:47,280

michael belkin's band refuses has been

1166

00:42:51,109 --> 00:42:49,200

producing music about vaccination and

1167

00:42:53,430 --> 00:42:51,119

health for many years now

1168

00:42:55,510 --> 00:42:53,440

his perfectly healthy daughter

1169

00:42:58,309 --> 00:42:55,520

lila rose died

1170

00:43:00,950 --> 00:42:58,319

after receiving her hep b vaccine at

1171

00:43:02,950 --> 00:43:00,960

five weeks of age this tragic experience

1172

00:43:05,910 --> 00:43:02,960

sent him and his family on a journey to

1173

00:43:07,670 --> 00:43:05,920

find out how vaccines can kill and maim

1174

00:43:09,750 --> 00:43:07,680

children and why governments allow

1175

00:43:12,790 --> 00:43:09,760

pharmaceutical companies to get in the

1176

00:43:15,589 --> 00:43:12,800

way of putting on

1177

00:43:17,510 --> 00:43:15,599

unsafe ingredients into shots for that

1178

00:43:18,309 --> 00:43:17,520

every man woman and child is supposed to

1179

00:43:20,390 --> 00:43:18,319

take

1180

00:43:23,030 --> 00:43:20,400

for their health this is a site that

1181

00:43:25,750 --> 00:43:23,040

trumpets itself as being pro-choice and

1182

00:43:27,750 --> 00:43:25,760

information you can't get much more

1183

00:43:29,910 --> 00:43:27,760

rabid anti-vaccination than that sorry i

1184

00:43:31,829 --> 00:43:29,920

wasn't listening

1185

00:43:33,589 --> 00:43:31,839

i don't blame you

1186

00:43:35,349 --> 00:43:33,599

that stuff just goes over my head these

1187

00:43:36,870 --> 00:43:35,359

days when he just goes

1188

00:43:39,349 --> 00:43:36,880

like noise

1189

00:43:41,349 --> 00:43:39,359

if listeners care to look you can go to

1190

00:43:43,430 --> 00:43:41,359

the just google australian vaccination

1191

00:43:44,870 --> 00:43:43,440

network and you can

1192

00:43:46,390 --> 00:43:44,880

see the clip

1193

00:43:48,390 --> 00:43:46,400

well i got a flip vaccine because my dad

1194

00:43:50,470 --> 00:43:48,400

always hassles me about it every year

1195

00:43:54,630 --> 00:43:50,480

but maynard did you get it in your bum

1196

00:43:58,870 --> 00:43:55,910

and i won't live in a country where you

1197

00:44:02,870 --> 00:44:01,270

thank you maynard very much

1198

00:44:04,870 --> 00:44:02,880

i just want to know if you're going to

1199

00:44:06,230 --> 00:44:04,880

cancel that and limit uh maynard's

1200

00:44:08,069 --> 00:44:06,240

freedom of speech

1201

00:44:09,190 --> 00:44:08,079

no i think it's freedom of comedy that

1202

00:44:11,510 --> 00:44:09,200

that should

1203

00:44:13,109 --> 00:44:11,520

it should be censored now the question

1204

00:44:15,990 --> 00:44:13,119

the burning question our listeners want

1205

00:44:17,990 --> 00:44:16,000

to know maynard they want to know what's

1206

00:44:19,109 --> 00:44:18,000

in your bag oh look now look actually

1207

00:44:20,309 --> 00:44:19,119

look i've got a whole stack of stuff

1208

00:44:21,910 --> 00:44:20,319

that people have been mentioning on the

1209

00:44:23,990 --> 00:44:21,920

internets and the tweets and because

1210

00:44:26,150 --> 00:44:24,000

we've had an avn flavored think tank we

1211

00:44:27,349 --> 00:44:26,160

probably won't get to any of them but uh

1212

00:44:28,950 --> 00:44:27,359

if you write to me personally i'll be

1213

00:44:31,430 --> 00:44:28,960

happy to talk to you but it's time to

1214

00:44:33,430 --> 00:44:31,440

play a round of a game we've never done

1215

00:44:35,829 --> 00:44:33,440

here before called what's in your bag

1216

00:44:38,069 --> 00:44:35,839

maynard

1217

00:44:39,829 --> 00:44:38,079

it's just three items randomly chosen

1218

00:44:41,589 --> 00:44:39,839

from my house because i rang up richard

1219

00:44:42,950 --> 00:44:41,599

i said look i've got some things from

1220

00:44:44,390 --> 00:44:42,960

the internet and i or i could just

1221

00:44:46,069 --> 00:44:44,400

choose some things from my house and you

1222

00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:46,079

said maya grab some things from your

1223

00:44:51,190 --> 00:44:47,760

house and bring them in so we'll start

1224

00:44:53,750 --> 00:44:51,200

with a book here first

1225

00:44:59,109 --> 00:44:56,390

why nations fail the origins of power

1226

00:45:00,630 --> 00:44:59,119

prosperity and poverty by a guy's name

1227

00:45:03,190 --> 00:45:00,640

who i can't pronounce and james a

1228

00:45:05,670 --> 00:45:03,200

robinson his friend who i can

1229

00:45:08,630 --> 00:45:05,680

and look it's got over it's very steep

1230

00:45:09,910 --> 00:45:08,640

500 pages of it and i got to page 15 and

1231

00:45:12,390 --> 00:45:09,920

had to stop because there were some big

1232

00:45:16,230 --> 00:45:12,400

words can anyone tell me what a uh

1233

00:45:19,190 --> 00:45:16,240

uh income extraction is organization the

1234

00:45:20,870 --> 00:45:19,200

tax department oh okay well well okay i

1235

00:45:22,230 --> 00:45:20,880

continue on to page 16. now that's okay

1236

00:45:24,230 --> 00:45:22,240

i was just wondering so that's in my i

1237

00:45:25,990 --> 00:45:24,240

don't know okay can i ask a question why

1238

00:45:28,790 --> 00:45:26,000

are you reading that book of course it's

1239

00:45:30,710 --> 00:45:28,800

a new book from uh ellen and unwin and

1240

00:45:33,829 --> 00:45:30,720

they offer spring

1241

00:45:36,150 --> 00:45:33,839

and they shh and they often and yeah and

1242

00:45:38,069 --> 00:45:36,160

they often send me books and um i went

1243

00:45:39,670 --> 00:45:38,079

no i'll read this i'll give it a go and

1244

00:45:42,550 --> 00:45:39,680

it had the or stephen levitt from

1245

00:45:43,910 --> 00:45:42,560

freakonomics on the top giving it a uh a

1246

00:45:46,630 --> 00:45:43,920

heads up so looking i've got a bit of

1247

00:45:47,829 --> 00:45:46,640

reading to do and also with you know

1248

00:45:49,349 --> 00:45:47,839

maynard's been having all kinds of

1249

00:45:51,349 --> 00:45:49,359

trouble he's been having a hard time

1250

00:45:54,150 --> 00:45:51,359

falling asleep and and this book helps

1251
00:45:55,270 --> 00:45:54,160
tremendously look so can we expect

1252
00:45:57,030 --> 00:45:55,280
living in a country where we could

1253
00:45:58,550 --> 00:45:57,040
expect an election before december i

1254
00:46:04,550 --> 00:45:58,560
wouldn't be so fast with that kind of

1255
00:46:07,670 --> 00:46:06,150
so that's number one so i thought i'd

1256
00:46:09,910 --> 00:46:07,680
start with intellectual stuff and then

1257
00:46:11,990 --> 00:46:09,920
we go straight to i mean

1258
00:46:13,750 --> 00:46:12,000
we can chant again can't we

1259
00:46:15,270 --> 00:46:13,760
when there's somebody somebody named

1260
00:46:16,870 --> 00:46:15,280
somebody's name appears at the top

1261
00:46:18,710 --> 00:46:16,880
doesn't that does not mean they're a top

1262
00:46:20,710 --> 00:46:18,720
guy okay

1263
00:46:22,470 --> 00:46:20,720

okay so it means that he may be told his

1264

00:46:24,069 --> 00:46:22,480

conversation about why nations failed to

1265

00:46:29,190 --> 00:46:24,079

james a robinson

1266

00:46:33,990 --> 00:46:32,150

it's a cd of a classic australian album

1267

00:46:35,589 --> 00:46:34,000

which uh you might not all have the cd

1268

00:46:37,910 --> 00:46:35,599

on but you may have this on vinyl at

1269

00:46:40,069 --> 00:46:37,920

home quasimodo's dream by the reels this

1270

00:46:42,230 --> 00:46:40,079

came out earlier this year to not a lot

1271

00:46:44,550 --> 00:46:42,240

of fanfare and it's the only time it's

1272

00:46:47,030 --> 00:46:44,560

been on cd it's never been on cd till

1273

00:46:48,950 --> 00:46:47,040

now and of course it has the hits on it

1274

00:46:51,750 --> 00:46:48,960

in australia quasimodo's dream which is

1275

00:46:54,630 --> 00:46:51,760

a legendary track a shout and deliver

1276

00:46:55,829 --> 00:46:54,640

after the news according to my heart i

1277

00:46:57,670 --> 00:46:55,839

think they're all a big hits and that's

1278

00:47:02,230 --> 00:46:57,680

not that's not bad for one album and the

1279

00:47:07,510 --> 00:47:04,309

a dvd

1280

00:47:09,829 --> 00:47:07,520

peewee's playhouse volume two

1281

00:47:12,390 --> 00:47:09,839

i don't go there that volume one crap i

1282

00:47:13,190 --> 00:47:12,400

go straight to volume two and this has

1283

00:47:14,950 --> 00:47:13,200

uh

1284

00:47:17,349 --> 00:47:14,960

half of the episodes from peewee's

1285

00:47:19,430 --> 00:47:17,359

playhouse and look if you're ever is it

1286

00:47:20,710 --> 00:47:19,440

still in the shrink wrap it is yeah so

1287

00:47:22,870 --> 00:47:20,720

if you're ever coming down on asset

1288

00:47:24,309 --> 00:47:22,880

after a dance party this is the dvd for

1289

00:47:26,710 --> 00:47:24,319

you not that that's ever happened to me

1290

00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:26,720

now i want to know whether this is um a

1291

00:47:31,190 --> 00:47:29,440

dvd that pee-wee herman appears in or

1292

00:47:32,870 --> 00:47:31,200

the type of dvd that pee-wee herman

1293

00:47:34,630 --> 00:47:32,880

would watch well they're both different

1294

00:47:35,910 --> 00:47:34,640

ones for children and one's not but by

1295

00:47:37,829 --> 00:47:35,920

the way he was clear of that charge on

1296

00:47:40,150 --> 00:47:37,839

appeal by the way anybody in your

1297

00:47:41,510 --> 00:47:40,160

history because he was and it was like a

1298

00:47:42,870 --> 00:47:41,520

lot of a lot of famous cases you only

1299

00:47:44,790 --> 00:47:42,880

know the original charge you don't know

1300

00:47:46,390 --> 00:47:44,800

what the appeal was

1301
00:47:48,390 --> 00:47:46,400
uh yeah that's another one he got the

1302
00:47:50,950 --> 00:47:48,400
appeal too that's still controversial to

1303
00:47:52,470 --> 00:47:50,960
this day now um this is basically it's

1304
00:47:53,589 --> 00:47:52,480
really it's got all the big characters

1305
00:47:54,630 --> 00:47:53,599
on there and

1306
00:47:56,470 --> 00:47:54,640
the word of the day is great you have a

1307
00:47:58,069 --> 00:47:56,480
word of the day on the think tank

1308
00:47:59,510 --> 00:47:58,079
sometime what's the word of the day i

1309
00:48:00,630 --> 00:47:59,520
don't know it's a bit early since it's

1310
00:48:01,750 --> 00:48:00,640
the end of it

1311
00:48:03,270 --> 00:48:01,760
normally you say it at the beginning as

1312
00:48:05,109 --> 00:48:03,280
soon as someone says the word we've

1313
00:48:06,710 --> 00:48:05,119

still got a bit of time may not what are

1314

00:48:08,630 --> 00:48:06,720

some of the questions our listeners have

1315

00:48:09,990 --> 00:48:08,640

been okay right flatting you with well

1316

00:48:11,430 --> 00:48:10,000

there's a couple of them look a couple i

1317

00:48:13,190 --> 00:48:11,440

just said i just got on twitter and i

1318

00:48:14,870 --> 00:48:13,200

said i'm going to record this uh think

1319

00:48:16,950 --> 00:48:14,880

tank tonight what do you reckon look

1320

00:48:18,230 --> 00:48:16,960

actually jessica adams actually replied

1321

00:48:20,470 --> 00:48:18,240

and it's got nothing to do with

1322

00:48:22,549 --> 00:48:20,480

astrology whatsoever and she was

1323

00:48:23,750 --> 00:48:22,559

wondering um what does she she reckons

1324

00:48:25,349 --> 00:48:23,760

this isn't a prediction here this is

1325

00:48:27,190 --> 00:48:25,359

actually she's asking what do you think

1326
00:48:29,270 --> 00:48:27,200
of the event's going to be like when the

1327
00:48:31,030 --> 00:48:29,280
governments or hackers can potentially

1328
00:48:32,710 --> 00:48:31,040
shut the internet down within 10 to 20

1329
00:48:34,230 --> 00:48:32,720
years and i actually replied to her

1330
00:48:35,910 --> 00:48:34,240
saying that i think we are currently

1331
00:48:37,589 --> 00:48:35,920
living in a golden age of the internet

1332
00:48:38,870 --> 00:48:37,599
and in five years time everyone's idea

1333
00:48:40,230 --> 00:48:38,880
will be so obvious that you aren't able

1334
00:48:41,829 --> 00:48:40,240
to do anything anonymously and that'll

1335
00:48:44,710 --> 00:48:41,839
change the form of the internet

1336
00:48:46,630 --> 00:48:44,720
completely we can only speculate yeah no

1337
00:48:48,790 --> 00:48:46,640
no you can only speculate jessica adams

1338
00:48:49,589 --> 00:48:48,800

should actually know well well i don't

1339

00:48:53,510 --> 00:48:49,599

well

1340

00:48:54,710 --> 00:48:53,520

of a prediction but uh but she was going

1341

00:48:55,750 --> 00:48:54,720

back to the time when she got onto the

1342

00:48:56,870 --> 00:48:55,760

internet originally and this would have

1343

00:48:57,829 --> 00:48:56,880

been when you got under the internet too

1344

00:48:59,030 --> 00:48:57,839

richard

1345

00:49:00,870 --> 00:48:59,040

she misses the internet but it was

1346

00:49:02,470 --> 00:49:00,880

basically pumpkin soup recipes without

1347

00:49:04,390 --> 00:49:02,480

pictures and science students in

1348

00:49:07,109 --> 00:49:04,400

scotland typing which it was at one

1349

00:49:09,030 --> 00:49:07,119

stage there and i happen to mention that

1350

00:49:11,670 --> 00:49:09,040

one of the most reoccurring things on

1351

00:49:14,150 --> 00:49:11,680

the abc online website to this very day

1352

00:49:15,910 --> 00:49:14,160

is called flo's pumpkin scone recipe

1353

00:49:18,549 --> 00:49:15,920

every once in a while that'll pop up to

1354

00:49:20,470 --> 00:49:18,559

the number 10 site nationally i've i've

1355

00:49:22,790 --> 00:49:20,480

had that recipe they're great now now is

1356

00:49:24,390 --> 00:49:22,800

that flo by jockey peterson yeah it's

1357

00:49:26,870 --> 00:49:24,400

the wife of the former premier of

1358

00:49:29,030 --> 00:49:26,880

queensland and pumpkin scott was he

1359

00:49:30,549 --> 00:49:29,040

actually a farmer that would have had

1360

00:49:32,309 --> 00:49:30,559

pumpkins on there i'm sure he would have

1361

00:49:33,990 --> 00:49:32,319

oh sure yeah himself yeah so they're

1362

00:49:35,270 --> 00:49:34,000

actually knockout recipes oh they're

1363

00:49:36,630 --> 00:49:35,280

great

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00:49:37,910 --> 00:49:36,640

so you know i actually i probably

1365

00:49:39,670 --> 00:49:37,920

wouldn't mind going back to an internet

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00:49:41,349 --> 00:49:39,680

that's got pumpkin sponge recipes as

1367

00:49:43,910 --> 00:49:41,359

long as there's photos i could listeners

1368

00:49:45,750 --> 00:49:43,920

if you cook google pumpkin scone recipe

1369

00:49:46,870 --> 00:49:45,760

go for it there it is it flows pumpkins

1370

00:49:48,390 --> 00:49:46,880

gone apparently they're pretty good they

1371

00:49:50,230 --> 00:49:48,400

keep coming up i've got one last item

1372

00:49:52,230 --> 00:49:50,240

one last question and then that should

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00:49:54,470 --> 00:49:52,240

work okay right now look um uh during

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00:49:56,069 --> 00:49:54,480

during this week uh wired side

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00:49:58,309 --> 00:49:56,079

wired science reported that there was

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00:50:01,109 --> 00:49:58,319

some holes in the outer ring of saturn

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00:50:03,109 --> 00:50:01,119

caused by an object and i i i postulated

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00:50:04,390 --> 00:50:03,119

that perhaps this was um the ring makers

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00:50:07,270 --> 00:50:04,400

because we all know that aliens make the

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00:50:09,829 --> 00:50:07,280

rings of saturn oh yes yes or maybe it's

1381

00:50:11,670 --> 00:50:09,839

just me so i just put that up and cosmic

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00:50:13,829 --> 00:50:11,680

ray actually actually said to me well it

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00:50:15,910 --> 00:50:13,839

could be travelers in o'neill cylinders

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00:50:18,230 --> 00:50:15,920

replenishing their water supply

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00:50:19,910 --> 00:50:18,240

i thought hang on what is this slang for

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00:50:21,910 --> 00:50:19,920

so i went and had a look

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00:50:23,430 --> 00:50:21,920

and an o'neill cylinder is actually one

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00:50:25,589 --> 00:50:23,440

of the designs that could be possibly

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00:50:28,150 --> 00:50:25,599

used for traveling in interstellar space

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00:50:30,309 --> 00:50:28,160

their cylinders about 30 kilometers long

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00:50:31,670 --> 00:50:30,319

three kilometers wide and by having two

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00:50:33,349 --> 00:50:31,680

of them next to each other it cancels

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00:50:35,349 --> 00:50:33,359

out the torque of them revolving to

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00:50:37,190 --> 00:50:35,359

create their own gravity and you could

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00:50:40,630 --> 00:50:37,200

fit probably a million people in them if

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00:50:42,150 --> 00:50:40,640

you stack them incorrectly and and and

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00:50:44,069 --> 00:50:42,160

and they can really work out the surface

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00:50:45,510 --> 00:50:44,079

area it's pretty good and so you could

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00:50:47,349 --> 00:50:45,520

yeah because it's yeah because you could

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00:50:49,270 --> 00:50:47,359

build up all the way around the cylinder

1401
00:50:50,470 --> 00:50:49,280
yeah and by having mirrors in there you

1402
00:50:52,549 --> 00:50:50,480
can

1403
00:50:54,390 --> 00:50:52,559
mimic daylight and all sorts of things

1404
00:50:56,309 --> 00:50:54,400
and you know this is cosmic ray of glebe

1405
00:50:57,670 --> 00:50:56,319
i believe in sydney just suspecting that

1406
00:50:59,270 --> 00:50:57,680
maybe if they were leaving the solar

1407
00:51:01,030 --> 00:50:59,280
system they're taking a quick visit to

1408
00:51:02,309 --> 00:51:01,040
the rings of saturn to pick up some ice

1409
00:51:03,750 --> 00:51:02,319
which would probably be there because of

1410
00:51:05,270 --> 00:51:03,760
frozen water what they're made from

1411
00:51:06,790 --> 00:51:05,280
right they're made from frozen water

1412
00:51:08,630 --> 00:51:06,800
yeah so they might go through there to

1413
00:51:10,069 --> 00:51:08,640

pick up the bit of h2o on the way

1414

00:51:11,589 --> 00:51:10,079

through because let's face it if you had

1415

00:51:13,990 --> 00:51:11,599

to leave the earth with all that water

1416

00:51:15,990 --> 00:51:14,000

it's pretty heavy so you know i think

1417

00:51:17,430 --> 00:51:16,000

not a bad crackpot theory there

1418

00:51:19,589 --> 00:51:17,440

how many light years to the rings of

1419

00:51:20,630 --> 00:51:19,599

saturn no it's not like uh it's like

1420

00:51:24,870 --> 00:51:20,640

minutes

1421

00:51:27,270 --> 00:51:24,880

think it's uh saturn is well mars is ten

1422

00:51:28,710 --> 00:51:27,280

minutes six six uh astronomical units

1423

00:51:30,470 --> 00:51:28,720

from earth so

1424

00:51:34,950 --> 00:51:30,480

it's less than an hour

1425

00:51:38,069 --> 00:51:36,470

last one and the yeah last question

1426

00:51:39,349 --> 00:51:38,079

sorry it comes from aberdasherly once

1427

00:51:41,990 --> 00:51:39,359

again now

1428

00:51:44,230 --> 00:51:42,000

now on the dirty disbelievers we we

1429

00:51:46,710 --> 00:51:44,240

brought up and sold the question of is

1430

00:51:49,190 --> 00:51:46,720

pavlova cake and he wanted to know is

1431

00:51:50,710 --> 00:51:49,200

the great pavlova cake hypothesis been

1432

00:51:52,470 --> 00:51:50,720

proven the world is waiting well after

1433

00:51:54,549 --> 00:51:52,480

that once and for all let me say this

1434

00:51:57,589 --> 00:51:54,559

has been proven as a chemist would tell

1435

00:52:00,150 --> 00:51:57,599

you uh basically pavlova exists as a duo

1436

00:52:03,109 --> 00:52:00,160

point state just as water can be in a

1437

00:52:05,349 --> 00:52:03,119

tri-state being solid steam and water if

1438

00:52:07,910 --> 00:52:05,359

you've got in a fry pan a pavlova and

1439

00:52:10,950 --> 00:52:07,920

cake is duo point it exists as a cake

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00:52:13,190 --> 00:52:10,960

and dessert at the same time case closed

1441

00:52:15,589 --> 00:52:13,200

and that's why listener dear listener

1442

00:52:18,790 --> 00:52:15,599

you tune into the think tank

1443

00:52:21,270 --> 00:52:18,800

to listen to maynard talk about pavlova

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00:52:23,109 --> 00:52:21,280

points okay it's there on the periodic

1445

00:52:25,270 --> 00:52:23,119

table just next to a miraconium i'm sure

1446

00:52:28,390 --> 00:52:25,280

you'll find it pavlovium

1447

00:52:32,069 --> 00:52:30,630

listeners i wish you could join us here

1448

00:52:36,870 --> 00:52:32,079

in the think tank i know you don't have

1449

00:52:41,109 --> 00:52:39,510

it's been a pleasure as always to be

1450

00:52:42,630 --> 00:52:41,119

back in our favorite club down the end

1451
00:52:44,470 --> 00:52:42,640
of the street with thousands of people

1452
00:52:46,790 --> 00:52:44,480
oh they're all gone i'd like to thank

1453
00:52:48,549 --> 00:52:46,800
maynard for uh coming along tonight to

1454
00:52:50,230 --> 00:52:48,559
the think tank can't wait to see you in

1455
00:52:51,910 --> 00:52:50,240
vegas yes and remember people if you've

1456
00:52:54,069 --> 00:52:51,920
got any questions specifically for

1457
00:52:55,829 --> 00:52:54,079
anybody at or about the tam let me know

1458
00:52:57,750 --> 00:52:55,839
and i'll try and put it to those people

1459
00:52:59,589 --> 00:52:57,760
and uh iran together you'll be in las

1460
00:53:01,750 --> 00:52:59,599
vegas too i will be in las vegas and

1461
00:53:03,510 --> 00:53:01,760
saturn's distance from the sun is 1.4

1462
00:53:06,549 --> 00:53:03,520
billion kilometers which is just under

1463
00:53:07,910 --> 00:53:06,559

10 astronomical units

1464

00:53:09,670 --> 00:53:07,920

if you're in charge of the

1465

00:53:11,910 --> 00:53:09,680

voyager project that'd be nothing that

1466

00:53:13,750 --> 00:53:11,920

they'd go don't talk to us we're 16

1467

00:53:16,390 --> 00:53:13,760

light hours away from earth they'd tell

1468

00:53:18,710 --> 00:53:16,400

you absolutely

1469

00:53:20,549 --> 00:53:18,720

doctor thank you for your doctor reggie

1470

00:53:22,870 --> 00:53:20,559

reports thank you

1471

00:53:25,510 --> 00:53:22,880

and until our next think tank which i

1472

00:53:32,150 --> 00:53:25,520

hope won't be too far away once again

1473

00:53:45,510 --> 00:53:33,670

yeah it was a very good interview with

1474

00:53:51,430 --> 00:53:48,950

hi this is surly amy from skeptchick.org

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00:53:53,430 --> 00:53:51,440

i make ceramic jewelry it's hand formed

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00:53:55,990 --> 00:53:53,440

and hand-painted it's inspired by

1477

00:53:56,670 --> 00:53:56,000

science and skepticism you can find it

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00:54:01,349 --> 00:53:56,680

at

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00:54:15,589 --> 00:54:02,390

dot com

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00:54:19,670 --> 00:54:17,349

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1481

00:54:21,750 --> 00:54:19,680

zone and thank you for everybody who

1482

00:54:24,870 --> 00:54:21,760

pitched in and donated and bid on things

1483

00:54:28,069 --> 00:54:24,880

on ebay to help get maynard that ticket

1484

00:54:30,230 --> 00:54:28,079

to tam 10 in las vegas we're only about

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00:54:33,030 --> 00:54:30,240

oh i don't know 400 less than that

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00:54:35,910 --> 00:54:33,040

probably of covering all maynard's costs

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00:54:37,589 --> 00:54:35,920

for that ticket so keep chipping in uh

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00:54:39,270 --> 00:54:37,599

keep bidding on ebay and if you wish to

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00:54:41,190 --> 00:54:39,280

donate that would be really fabulous and

1490

00:54:43,589 --> 00:54:41,200

don't forget you can subscribe to the

1491

00:54:48,710 --> 00:54:43,599

skeptic zone for less than a dollar a

1492

00:54:54,069 --> 00:54:52,470

but getting maynard to tam 10 is as a

1493

00:54:56,150 --> 00:54:54,079

wonderful thing and it just shows the

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00:54:57,430 --> 00:54:56,160

power that everybody has all the

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00:54:59,430 --> 00:54:57,440

listeners have

1496

00:55:01,030 --> 00:54:59,440

to uh to do something like that and

1497

00:55:03,829 --> 00:55:01,040

we're very grateful

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00:55:06,230 --> 00:55:03,839

anyway for this week this is richard

1499

00:55:11,109 --> 00:55:06,240

saunders signing off from sydney

1500

00:55:14,309 --> 00:55:12,790

you've been listening to the skeptic

1501

00:55:19,109 --> 00:55:14,319

zone