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00:00:20,410 --> 00:00:09,499
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:26,080 --> 00:00:23,020
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:29,230 --> 00:00:26,090
show number 77 for the ninth of april

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00:00:31,870 --> 00:00:29,240
2010 Richard Saunders here from Sydney

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00:00:34,210 --> 00:00:31,880
Australia what a mixed bag we have for

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00:00:36,060 --> 00:00:34,220
you this week on the show we're going to

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00:00:38,650 --> 00:00:36,070
kick off with a speech given by our

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00:00:40,600 --> 00:00:38,660
executive officer in the Australian

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00:00:43,689 --> 00:00:40,610
skeptics and the editor of the skeptic

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00:00:46,060 --> 00:00:43,699
magazine the skeptic Tim mendham now

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00:00:48,790 --> 00:00:46,070
this was recorded at the last Sydney

12
00:00:51,610 --> 00:00:48,800
skeptics in the pub with dr. H II

13
00:00:53,829 --> 00:00:51,620

followed by her answer give and then Tim

14

00:00:56,920 --> 00:00:53,839

mendham a little bit of news and

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00:00:59,530 --> 00:00:56,930

information along with that after that

16

00:01:01,509 --> 00:00:59,540

raid she comes back with dr. ray cheer

17

00:01:04,090 --> 00:01:01,519

apports looking at the latest goings on

18

00:01:06,820 --> 00:01:04,100

with that wacky crazy zany bunch at the

19

00:01:08,890 --> 00:01:06,830

Australian vaccination network and the

20

00:01:12,370 --> 00:01:08,900

equally wacky and zany bunch at

21

00:01:14,109 --> 00:01:12,380

homeopathy Plus after that it's Iran sir

22

00:01:16,750 --> 00:01:14,119

give back again with a grain of salt

23

00:01:19,899 --> 00:01:16,760

he's going to be talking to country

24

00:01:23,680 --> 00:01:19,909

nurse wendy whelan about an amazing

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00:01:26,200 --> 00:01:23,690

success rate in vaccination and then to

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00:01:28,510 --> 00:01:26,210

wrap the show up Kylie Sturgis will

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00:01:30,580 --> 00:01:28,520

interview crispy and Jago now he's the

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00:01:34,389 --> 00:01:30,590

guy he's the guy from the UK who did

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00:01:37,779 --> 00:01:34,399

those fantastic our simpsons cards of

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00:01:40,569 --> 00:01:37,789

famous skeptics well worth a listen so

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00:01:57,790 --> 00:01:40,579

sit back grab that ginger beer and enjoy

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00:02:02,750 --> 00:02:00,620

so I'm going to give you a couple of

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00:02:03,980 --> 00:02:02,760

minutes of the news and events that have

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00:02:05,690 --> 00:02:03,990

been happening in the last month and

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00:02:08,980 --> 00:02:05,700

then I'll introduce our speaker and Tim

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00:02:14,270 --> 00:02:08,990

will speak for about 20 minutes Tim yeah

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00:02:19,070 --> 00:02:14,280

three minutes great and what 17 minutes

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00:02:21,470 --> 00:02:19,080

of questions here ok Iran's Tommy I have

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00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:21,480

to put this on my that better now you

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00:02:25,649 --> 00:02:23,680

can't hear me

41

00:02:28,770 --> 00:02:25,659

can you hear me now can you hear me now

42

00:02:30,509 --> 00:02:28,780

can anyone hear me now can you guys

43

00:02:36,899 --> 00:02:30,519

sitting up the back in the big like

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00:02:40,050 --> 00:02:36,909

chairs pimmy okay alright so those of

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00:02:43,410 --> 00:02:40,060

you who don't know we have a segment on

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00:02:45,059 --> 00:02:43,420

2 GB on Saturday nights it's usually

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00:02:47,009 --> 00:02:45,069

myself and Richard Saunders who's not

48

00:02:48,839 --> 00:02:47,019

here tonight but last week it was with

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00:02:52,530 --> 00:02:48,849

dr. Chrissy Wilson who I introduced

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00:02:53,849 --> 00:02:52,540

earlier 2gb is the hot recently the

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00:02:56,069 --> 00:02:53,859
ratings came out and at the highest

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00:02:59,309 --> 00:02:56,079
rating am station or in fact the highest

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00:03:01,470 --> 00:02:59,319
rating station in Sydney we do a segment

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00:03:02,759 --> 00:03:01,480
usually around ten-thirty on Saturday

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00:03:04,050 --> 00:03:02,769
night so I'm not quite sure how many

56
00:03:06,000 --> 00:03:04,060
people are listening at that time of

57
00:03:07,530 --> 00:03:06,010
night but um if you want to hear the

58
00:03:09,990 --> 00:03:07,540
podcast of that it's up on the website

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00:03:13,890 --> 00:03:10,000
Australian skeptics calm that I you or

60
00:03:15,929 --> 00:03:13,900
scare pics.com to the air and also I

61
00:03:17,309 --> 00:03:15,939
just wanted to update you on Tam

62
00:03:19,199 --> 00:03:17,319
Australia for those of you who don't

63
00:03:22,080 --> 00:03:19,209

know we're hosting town Australia this

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00:03:25,140 --> 00:03:22,090

year November 26 to 28 at the sydney

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00:03:29,009 --> 00:03:25,150

masonic center which is there literally

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00:03:31,439 --> 00:03:29,019

a block away we will have the launch of

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00:03:33,059 --> 00:03:31,449

the website very very soon we've

68

00:03:35,879 --> 00:03:33,069

announced the first round of speakers

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00:03:38,339 --> 00:03:35,889

they are the likes of james randi the

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00:03:41,899 --> 00:03:38,349

entire cast from the skeptics guide to

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00:03:46,670 --> 00:03:41,909

the universe dr. Eugenie Scott from cfi

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00:03:54,059 --> 00:03:46,680

Simon thing is coming who else Iran is

73

00:03:56,520 --> 00:03:54,069

DJ Grothe George Rob so are we Brian

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00:03:58,499 --> 00:03:56,530

downing from skebawn calm this was just

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00:03:59,849 --> 00:03:58,509

the first round of speakers work that

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00:04:02,280 --> 00:03:59,859

we've announced there will be lots and

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00:04:03,990 --> 00:04:02,290

lots more when we launch the website

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00:04:05,879 --> 00:04:04,000

they'll also be information about how

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00:04:08,009 --> 00:04:05,889

you can apply to be a part of town so

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00:04:09,569 --> 00:04:08,019

we're going to make this apart for the

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00:04:11,909 --> 00:04:09,579

whole community to get involved it's not

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00:04:13,589 --> 00:04:11,919

just going to be the big guns but these

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00:04:15,149 --> 00:04:13,599

guys have been announced now because we

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00:04:18,300 --> 00:04:15,159

have to arrange ahead of time to get

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00:04:19,979 --> 00:04:18,310

them here from England or from America

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00:04:22,740 --> 00:04:19,989

but there's going to be lots and lots of

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00:04:24,160 --> 00:04:22,750

lots more speakers panels workshops all

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00:04:26,110 --> 00:04:24,170

kinds of stuff

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00:04:27,610 --> 00:04:26,120
so we'll keep you informed as to when we

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00:04:29,740 --> 00:04:27,620
launched the website when that happens

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00:04:31,720 --> 00:04:29,750
you can then apply to become involved

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00:04:34,150 --> 00:04:31,730
and we're also looking for volunteers

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00:04:36,730 --> 00:04:34,160
and stuff so keep your eye out on

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00:04:38,560 --> 00:04:36,740
skeptics combinar you or twitter if you

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00:04:40,510 --> 00:04:38,570
don't follow me on twitter I'm dr.

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00:04:44,950 --> 00:04:40,520
Richie I'll keep you updated or you can

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00:04:47,770 --> 00:04:44,960
follow up Australian skeptics April the

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00:04:54,370 --> 00:04:47,780
first sorry April the 10th to the 16th

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00:05:00,460 --> 00:04:54,380
is world homeopathy awareness week and

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00:05:02,140 --> 00:05:00,470
now we were doing it works better we

101
00:05:04,720 --> 00:05:02,150
want to make people aware that

102
00:05:09,280 --> 00:05:04,730
homeopathy there's nothing in it or

103
00:05:12,550 --> 00:05:09,290
otherwise known as bollocks I'm already

104
00:05:14,320 --> 00:05:12,560
starting to organize some coverage I've

105
00:05:16,210 --> 00:05:14,330
written a couple of blog posts which are

106
00:05:17,860 --> 00:05:16,220
going to be published on the 16th I'm

107
00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:17,870
getting some churros interested in doing

108
00:05:22,480 --> 00:05:20,240
some stuff thank you sorry on the tenth

109
00:05:25,390 --> 00:05:22,490
of April if you're on twitter the

110
00:05:26,920 --> 00:05:25,400
hashtag is going to be wh aw world

111
00:05:28,660 --> 00:05:26,930
homeopathy awareness week but we're also

112
00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:28,670
going to have a campaign running at the

113
00:05:34,030 --> 00:05:30,800

same time to demonstrate to people that

114

00:05:35,890 --> 00:05:34,040

it's just water so if you want to keep

115

00:05:37,990 --> 00:05:35,900

involved find me on Twitter find me on

116

00:05:40,240 --> 00:05:38,000

Facebook or check our website skeptics

117

00:05:45,310 --> 00:05:40,250

com delay you and before I hand over to

118

00:05:52,000 --> 00:05:47,350

piece of news okay but I haven't

119

00:05:54,580 --> 00:05:52,010

finished it at the moment I don't know

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00:05:59,050 --> 00:05:54,590

what time it is in London James is it

121

00:06:01,780 --> 00:05:59,060

almost nine-thirty quarter past eight in

122

00:06:04,180 --> 00:06:01,790

the morning okay it's early in the

123

00:06:06,040 --> 00:06:04,190

morning on Thursday in London at

124

00:06:07,840 --> 00:06:06,050

nine-thirty a.m. london time this

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00:06:10,570 --> 00:06:07,850

morning Simon Singh will be appearing in

126

00:06:12,430 --> 00:06:10,580

court to receive the fight their

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00:06:15,550 --> 00:06:12,440

findings for whether he is allowed to

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00:06:17,170 --> 00:06:15,560

appeal the decision where the BCA in the

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00:06:19,000 --> 00:06:17,180

British Chiropractic Association sued

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00:06:21,520 --> 00:06:19,010

him for defamation for calling some of

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00:06:23,890 --> 00:06:21,530

their practices bogus that's going to be

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00:06:25,780 --> 00:06:23,900

handed down today there are big

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00:06:28,840 --> 00:06:25,790

implications for the futures of libel

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00:06:31,500 --> 00:06:28,850

laws in the UK the UK is known as a

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00:06:33,760 --> 00:06:31,510

place to what is called libel tourism

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00:06:35,920 --> 00:06:33,770

whereby people come from all over the

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00:06:38,050 --> 00:06:35,930

world to sue people there because it's a

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00:06:40,270 --> 00:06:38,060

very expensive process and it takes a

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00:06:42,100 --> 00:06:40,280

long time and essentially if you get

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00:06:44,560 --> 00:06:42,110

sued for libel in the UK you either hold

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00:06:45,960 --> 00:06:44,570

your hands up and say okay I'm sorry or

142

00:06:48,490 --> 00:06:45,970

it's going to cost you a lot of money

143

00:06:51,220 --> 00:06:48,500

it's already cost Simon seeing a hundred

144

00:06:52,690 --> 00:06:51,230

thousand pounds he thinks it's going to

145

00:06:55,090 --> 00:06:52,700

cost him a million bucks but he's going

146

00:06:58,390 --> 00:06:55,100

to fight it so if you haven't signed the

147

00:07:00,820 --> 00:06:58,400

petition to change libel in the UK

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00:07:02,650 --> 00:07:00,830

please head to sense about science org

149

00:07:05,350 --> 00:07:02,660

or you can just search for on google and

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00:07:07,480 --> 00:07:05,360

we hope that in about an hour and 42

151
00:07:10,150 --> 00:07:07,490
hours will know the decision for whether

152
00:07:11,800 --> 00:07:10,160
he's allowed to appeal so I'm going to

153
00:07:18,300 --> 00:07:11,810
hand over to around forget the president

154
00:07:25,350 --> 00:07:22,170
just a quick piece of very important

155
00:07:28,410 --> 00:07:25,360
news the avian has recently managed to

156
00:07:32,790 --> 00:07:28,420
collect enough money or enough pledges

157
00:07:35,190 --> 00:07:32,800
of money to continue operations emerald

158
00:07:38,130 --> 00:07:35,200
Ori announced that she will resign as

159
00:07:41,760 --> 00:07:38,140
president we're not sure exactly what

160
00:07:45,240 --> 00:07:41,770
was supposed to be advertised but they

161
00:07:48,890 --> 00:07:45,250
decided to advertise in the Sydney's

162
00:07:52,080 --> 00:07:48,900
child magazine and the equivalents in

163
00:07:54,060 --> 00:07:52,090

Canberra no Melbourne and Brisbane

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00:07:56,070 --> 00:07:54,070

Sydney Melbourne and Brisbane it's a

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00:07:57,930 --> 00:07:56,080

Sydney's child Melbourne child and

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00:08:02,280 --> 00:07:57,940

Brisbane child are all magazines that

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00:08:07,170 --> 00:08:02,290

are distributed freely in places like

168

00:08:09,090 --> 00:08:07,180

baby shops and daycare centers and young

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00:08:11,670 --> 00:08:09,100

parents read them a lot so for the avn

170

00:08:15,930 --> 00:08:11,680

to advertise in those magazines ow could

171

00:08:17,580 --> 00:08:15,940

be quite bad so the avn now have a bit

172

00:08:20,010 --> 00:08:17,590

of money they want to advertise and we

173

00:08:26,010 --> 00:08:20,020

are happy to tell you that today they

174

00:08:27,660 --> 00:08:26,020

were knocked back we were we were going

175

00:08:30,450 --> 00:08:27,670

to do something about it but the

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00:08:31,830 --> 00:08:30,460

publisher decided basically of their own

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00:08:33,390 --> 00:08:31,840

accord that they don't want to deal with

178

00:08:41,560 --> 00:08:33,400

the avian and good on them for doing

179

00:08:47,030 --> 00:08:43,940

can people hear me yes thank you that's

180

00:08:49,400 --> 00:08:47,040

a shame okay my name is Tim mendham I'm

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00:08:51,800 --> 00:08:49,410

the executive officer of Australian

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00:08:55,010 --> 00:08:51,810

skeptics and probably with about one

183

00:08:56,690 --> 00:08:55,020

other person in this room I've been

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00:08:59,390 --> 00:08:56,700

involved with a skeptic since it's very

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00:09:01,880 --> 00:08:59,400

start the other person is Ian brush down

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00:09:03,620 --> 00:09:01,890

there actually right now that was

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00:09:07,730 --> 00:09:03,630

actually 30 years ago and I know you're

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00:09:09,020 --> 00:09:07,740

saying oh you look so young how do you

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00:09:13,840 --> 00:09:09,030

say I actually joined the skeptics when

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00:09:16,940 --> 00:09:13,850

I was five years old I wish in 1980

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00:09:18,950 --> 00:09:16,950

which is a farewell ago James Randi came

192

00:09:20,690 --> 00:09:18,960

to Australia at the bequest without the

193

00:09:23,210 --> 00:09:20,700

request sorry at the request of dick

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00:09:25,250 --> 00:09:23,220

smith and I performing some tests on

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00:09:28,040 --> 00:09:25,260

water diviners dowsers that sort of

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00:09:29,900 --> 00:09:28,050

thing and d smith at the time said well

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00:09:31,640 --> 00:09:29,910

you know we'd like to get people

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00:09:33,800 --> 00:09:31,650

together who have this sort of similar

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00:09:36,680 --> 00:09:33,810

approach to pseudoscience the paranormal

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00:09:39,620 --> 00:09:36,690

who are equally skeptical and to be nice

201
00:09:41,240 --> 00:09:39,630
to form an association wouldn't it in

202
00:09:43,820 --> 00:09:41,250
Melbourne a lawyer named Mark Plummer

203
00:09:46,520 --> 00:09:43,830
instantly put his hand up and so we'll

204
00:09:49,400 --> 00:09:46,530
start this organization and we'll call

205
00:09:50,990 --> 00:09:49,410
it Australian skeptics and that is over

206
00:09:54,920 --> 00:09:51,000
though dick smith de comer patron of it

207
00:09:56,630 --> 00:09:54,930
as Phillip Adams at the time and the

208
00:09:58,730 --> 00:09:56,640
Sydney branch started up pretty soon

209
00:10:00,890 --> 00:09:58,740
after Barry Williams who was seen this

210
00:10:02,270 --> 00:10:00,900
same sort of information about Dick

211
00:10:03,890 --> 00:10:02,280
Smith but his hands up and said if he

212
00:10:06,320 --> 00:10:03,900
ever sort of want to start something up

213
00:10:07,700 --> 00:10:06,330

here i'll begin anyone who volunteers

214

00:10:10,550 --> 00:10:07,710

knows what's that like you get become

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00:10:12,380 --> 00:10:10,560

something the main person in it Barry

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00:10:14,660 --> 00:10:12,390

who I know knew at that time because I'm

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00:10:18,350 --> 00:10:14,670

a journalist editor and he was a an

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00:10:20,000 --> 00:10:18,360

exhibitionist asked me if I was

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00:10:21,350 --> 00:10:20,010

interested in joining I said yes so we

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00:10:23,720 --> 00:10:21,360

had a very first committee meeting in

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00:10:25,310 --> 00:10:23,730

the US Department of Commerce and we

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00:10:26,720 --> 00:10:25,320

drink their beer quite a lot which is

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00:10:28,550 --> 00:10:26,730

very nice actually for them to pay for

224

00:10:31,070 --> 00:10:28,560

it so that was in nineteen eighty

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00:10:32,990 --> 00:10:31,080

nineteen eighty-one the Melbourne

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00:10:34,430 --> 00:10:33,000

committee was the the main bunch they

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00:10:36,000 --> 00:10:34,440

were they they were the powerhouse of

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00:10:37,920 --> 00:10:36,010

the skeptics at the time

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00:10:39,840 --> 00:10:37,930

and anyone who knew Mike plumber at the

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00:10:41,010 --> 00:10:39,850

time it's written that he was a closest

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00:10:43,530 --> 00:10:41,020

thing to a perpetual motion machine

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00:10:45,360 --> 00:10:43,540

you've ever seen my plumber had the

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00:10:46,950 --> 00:10:45,370

wonderful habit of phoning up about two

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00:10:49,020 --> 00:10:46,960

o'clock in the morning all the time it's

235

00:10:50,550 --> 00:10:49,030

like I've got an idea and he especially

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00:10:51,900 --> 00:10:50,560

after while he went to America and he

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00:10:53,460 --> 00:10:51,910

still did actually yet to try to explain

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00:10:54,960 --> 00:10:53,470

to him there's a time difference between

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00:10:57,840 --> 00:10:54,970

new york and australia and liver month

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00:10:59,190 --> 00:10:57,850

he never knew they worked in a magazine

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00:11:01,530 --> 00:10:59,200

this is a little bit of potted history

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00:11:03,120 --> 00:11:01,540

of where the skeptics sort of promoted

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00:11:04,740 --> 00:11:03,130

themselves and i'll make some comments

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00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:04,750

later on about how this has developed

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00:11:10,170 --> 00:11:07,120

and how it changes everything very first

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00:11:11,700 --> 00:11:10,180

issue was a tabloid appropriately these

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00:11:13,470 --> 00:11:11,710

as rare as they can't touch it right

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00:11:16,050 --> 00:11:13,480

this is ver honestly there are not many

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copies of this around it's called the

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00:11:20,370 --> 00:11:18,460

skeptic and if anyone who knew at the

251
00:11:22,890 --> 00:11:20,380
time a magazine called The Skeptical

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00:11:24,930 --> 00:11:22,900
Inquirer which was the American

253
00:11:27,570 --> 00:11:24,940
equivalent I have exactly the same

254
00:11:29,430 --> 00:11:27,580
typeface on the skeptic so some of the

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00:11:30,810 --> 00:11:29,440
pair of scissors just cut that out and

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00:11:32,430 --> 00:11:30,820
stuck it down and that's why the skeptic

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00:11:33,900 --> 00:11:32,440
looked like that actually another common

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00:11:35,100 --> 00:11:33,910
other spelling of skip think I don't

259
00:11:37,020 --> 00:11:35,110
think that was quite the same but

260
00:11:41,160 --> 00:11:37,030
certainly the look of it and this was a

261
00:11:43,590 --> 00:11:41,170
massive four pages not a lot in there

262
00:11:45,120 --> 00:11:43,600
but what was in there is interesting to

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00:11:46,680 --> 00:11:45,130

look back on it as to what was the main

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00:11:49,230 --> 00:11:46,690

concerns at the time right what was

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00:11:51,090 --> 00:11:49,240

really in sort of buggy as the time and

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00:11:52,530 --> 00:11:51,100

in here is skeptics test psychic

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00:11:53,730 --> 00:11:52,540

surgeons and anything when tremendous

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00:11:55,260 --> 00:11:53,740

psychic so just keep used to put the

269

00:11:57,900 --> 00:11:55,270

hands in your guts and pull out chicken

270

00:11:59,610 --> 00:11:57,910

livers right and say look up here with

271

00:12:01,830 --> 00:11:59,620

you have cancer etc a lot of happy used

272

00:12:04,500 --> 00:12:01,840

to happen a lot in the Philippines Doris

273

00:12:06,420 --> 00:12:04,510

Stokes wrong says the police that was a

274

00:12:08,670 --> 00:12:06,430

big story and Perth was going to be

275

00:12:10,650 --> 00:12:08,680

inundated with a a tidal wave according

276
00:12:13,200 --> 00:12:10,660
to a psychic and the skeptics where he

277
00:12:14,610 --> 00:12:13,210
happily pointed out that it wasn't it's

278
00:12:16,980 --> 00:12:14,620
still there and it hasn't been gone ok

279
00:12:19,920 --> 00:12:16,990
this is a plastic bag in that as I say

280
00:12:23,369 --> 00:12:19,930
very red decided not to do the four-page

281
00:12:25,979 --> 00:12:23,379
tabloid after a while and the next issue

282
00:12:28,710 --> 00:12:25,989
was a more modest that of a four is

283
00:12:32,219 --> 00:12:28,720
about to at sixteen pages i think hand

284
00:12:33,929 --> 00:12:32,229
typed stop down on a bit of art board

285
00:12:36,119 --> 00:12:33,939
and then printed up learned she looks

286
00:12:37,829 --> 00:12:36,129
like ass photocopied right a lot of the

287
00:12:41,069 --> 00:12:37,839
information came from the Americans and

288
00:12:43,019 --> 00:12:41,079

that's the way it worked lo and behold

289

00:12:44,099 --> 00:12:43,029

my plumber got the job of working with

290

00:12:47,279 --> 00:12:44,109

the Americans so what was then called

291

00:12:48,809 --> 00:12:47,289

side cop it's now called CSI he was

292

00:12:50,789 --> 00:12:48,819

brought over there is executive director

293

00:12:53,159 --> 00:12:50,799

for a while because they no one had the

294

00:12:55,469 --> 00:12:53,169

energy of that plumber right and so they

295

00:12:56,309 --> 00:12:55,479

won't him there one of the Australian so

296

00:12:58,729 --> 00:12:56,319

he was one of the first of the

297

00:13:00,929 --> 00:12:58,739

Australian sort of invasions of America

298

00:13:02,579 --> 00:13:00,939

no one in Melbourne really wanted to

299

00:13:04,349 --> 00:13:02,589

take over the role so it passed the

300

00:13:07,589 --> 00:13:04,359

National Committee at that time pastor

301
00:13:10,529 --> 00:13:07,599
Sydney and that was buried and myself

302
00:13:12,239 --> 00:13:10,539
and a bunch of others and me because I

303
00:13:13,859 --> 00:13:12,249
was not looking at the time I became

304
00:13:16,979 --> 00:13:13,869
secretary treasurer and editor of the

305
00:13:19,139 --> 00:13:16,989
magazine at the time and I did that for

306
00:13:20,369 --> 00:13:19,149
about five years okay and it's a lot of

307
00:13:22,769 --> 00:13:20,379
work that we actually went out and

308
00:13:23,819 --> 00:13:22,779
bought a computer this was a little

309
00:13:25,379 --> 00:13:23,829
break through this with technology

310
00:13:27,449 --> 00:13:25,389
breakthrough for the skeptics we bought

311
00:13:28,799 --> 00:13:27,459
a mac plus and instead of being hand

312
00:13:31,379 --> 00:13:28,809
typed and stuck down a bits of paper

313
00:13:33,809 --> 00:13:31,389

will I put it on a mac plus and a broke

314

00:13:35,249 --> 00:13:33,819

down every five minutes right we push

315

00:13:36,869 --> 00:13:35,259

the boundaries of Technology and anyone

316

00:13:39,029 --> 00:13:36,879

knows a Mac you had this little bond

317

00:13:40,979 --> 00:13:39,039

that used to come up right just as you

318

00:13:43,619 --> 00:13:40,989

were about to save the information like

319

00:13:44,909 --> 00:13:43,629

16 pages and whammy would go down you've

320

00:13:46,409 --> 00:13:44,919

got to do the whole lot all over again

321

00:13:47,939 --> 00:13:46,419

and made it very popular with us

322

00:13:49,319 --> 00:13:47,949

actually especially the way you couldn't

323

00:13:51,509 --> 00:13:49,329

do a headline across the whole top of a

324

00:13:53,489 --> 00:13:51,519

page get to do it in two halves and try

325

00:13:56,129 --> 00:13:53,499

and make it fit never did these space

326

00:13:58,480 --> 00:13:56,139

between the two okay next major

327

00:14:00,190 --> 00:13:58,490

breakthrough

328

00:14:05,170 --> 00:14:00,200

I'll explain all the significance of

329

00:14:10,990 --> 00:14:05,180

this later on color as in a bit of

330

00:14:12,400 --> 00:14:11,000

colored paper right and picture this

331

00:14:15,220 --> 00:14:12,410

picture for those who can see it was

332

00:14:18,400 --> 00:14:15,230

actually me cobbling together headlines

333

00:14:19,480 --> 00:14:18,410

from newspapers right and then trying to

334

00:14:22,120 --> 00:14:19,490

photocopier there's a lot of

335

00:14:24,220 --> 00:14:22,130

photocopying down in those days just to

336

00:14:26,260 --> 00:14:24,230

go back to the first issues here the

337

00:14:27,880 --> 00:14:26,270

second issue we had here the one that

338

00:14:30,160 --> 00:14:27,890

came into Melbourne the second issue and

339

00:14:34,180 --> 00:14:30,170

main headline here is about levitating

340

00:14:37,000 --> 00:14:34,190

meditators bit this was this was a

341

00:14:39,100 --> 00:14:37,010

short-lived trend most of Transcendental

342

00:14:40,410 --> 00:14:39,110

Meditation people they stood around yeah

343

00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:40,420

the Maharishi said a bunch of

344

00:14:44,920 --> 00:14:42,320

Transcendental Meditation people Rick

345

00:14:46,810 --> 00:14:44,930

and their followers could fly which is

346

00:14:48,010 --> 00:14:46,820

pretty cool right and they river had

347

00:14:51,460 --> 00:14:48,020

these photos of their people in the

348

00:14:52,840 --> 00:14:51,470

inner in a lotus position flying so we

349

00:14:54,340 --> 00:14:52,850

said fine what was waiting for the big

350

00:14:57,760 --> 00:14:54,350

unveiling of this thing and finally we

351
00:14:59,530 --> 00:14:57,770
saw these meditators TM people setting

352
00:15:01,750 --> 00:14:59,540
other on their own cushion and they

353
00:15:03,160 --> 00:15:01,760
flew by flexing their legs and kind of

354
00:15:05,199 --> 00:15:03,170
bounced up from a lotus position I

355
00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:05,209
must've got that high actually right had

356
00:15:08,170 --> 00:15:06,800
a ruined their hips I'm sure their legs

357
00:15:11,220 --> 00:15:08,180
but that was there with what they claim

358
00:15:13,960 --> 00:15:11,230
is flying that was a big story in 1980

359
00:15:16,540 --> 00:15:13,970
when I went to this issue the first

360
00:15:19,360 --> 00:15:16,550
desktop the beach story was hidden rocks

361
00:15:20,800 --> 00:15:19,370
energy polarizer right and technology

362
00:15:22,569 --> 00:15:20,810
thing to make a car run better by

363
00:15:24,850 --> 00:15:22,579

catching more supposedly a battery to

364

00:15:26,680 --> 00:15:24,860

the engine right it didn't work and

365

00:15:29,889 --> 00:15:26,690

actually help to make Peter rock blues

366

00:15:32,560 --> 00:15:29,899

is Holden sponsorship this wonderful

367

00:15:34,780 --> 00:15:32,570

first color issue very impressive I was

368

00:15:37,420 --> 00:15:34,790

also in about nineteen eighty-eight the

369

00:15:39,100 --> 00:15:37,430

big story here was police use of

370

00:15:41,800 --> 00:15:39,110

psychics

371

00:15:43,720 --> 00:15:41,810

the Nullarbor UFO even remembers that a

372

00:15:45,790 --> 00:15:43,730

family was at a kidnapped across the

373

00:15:48,190 --> 00:15:45,800

Nullarbor a woman and her three rather

374

00:15:50,290 --> 00:15:48,200

grotesque sons and they reckon they were

375

00:15:52,120 --> 00:15:50,300

hit by UFO on top that was also to UFO

376

00:15:54,819 --> 00:15:52,130

dust everywhere and the other store is

377

00:15:58,150 --> 00:15:54,829

Carlos hopes they can be able to leave

378

00:15:59,860 --> 00:15:58,160

Carlos remember the karl james randi was

379

00:16:03,069 --> 00:15:59,870

out here visiting and there was a

380

00:16:05,380 --> 00:16:03,079

visiting psychic man Carlos who was a

381

00:16:07,329 --> 00:16:05,390

bit of a semi mystic Mexican mixture of

382

00:16:10,150 --> 00:16:07,339

all sorts of things did you shower the

383

00:16:12,370 --> 00:16:10,160

Opera House 60 minutes to the program on

384

00:16:14,139 --> 00:16:12,380

him turn it to be a total hoax that

385

00:16:15,910 --> 00:16:14,149

James Randi had set up Carlos as a

386

00:16:17,769 --> 00:16:15,920

friend of his pretended to be a psychic

387

00:16:19,210 --> 00:16:17,779

it was basically trying to point out

388

00:16:22,180 --> 00:16:19,220

that the media were a bunch of gullible

389

00:16:23,319 --> 00:16:22,190

fools the media instantly fell for it

390

00:16:27,490 --> 00:16:23,329

and said no and asked him are you a

391

00:16:29,319 --> 00:16:27,500

house they intimate and close ok good it

392

00:16:30,690 --> 00:16:29,329

all George [h__h] was the only one who

393

00:16:32,740 --> 00:16:30,700

did come close he actually also

394

00:16:34,300 --> 00:16:32,750

interviewed a fellow from the skeptics

395

00:16:36,069 --> 00:16:34,310

named Harriet what's who pointed out how

396

00:16:37,720 --> 00:16:36,079

to do is stopping the pulse and that

397

00:16:39,190 --> 00:16:37,730

sort of stuff right but if mostest

398

00:16:41,259 --> 00:16:39,200

gettys didn't there was a hope so it was

399

00:16:43,060 --> 00:16:41,269

a world kept secret I didn't know it was

400

00:16:44,560 --> 00:16:43,070

a house for any few people deal was

401
00:16:46,750 --> 00:16:44,570
revealed to me about 15 minutes before

402
00:16:48,850 --> 00:16:46,760
the show 60 minutes went away their

403
00:16:50,439 --> 00:16:48,860
second show and then basically saying

404
00:16:53,439 --> 00:16:50,449
that media never asked you to the hopes

405
00:16:55,780 --> 00:16:53,449
they took his [h__h] hold line and

406
00:16:57,670 --> 00:16:55,790
sinker and and then I finally revealed

407
00:16:59,860 --> 00:16:57,680
their work was pretty upset so how dare

408
00:17:02,590 --> 00:16:59,870
you feel the media just basically

409
00:17:04,360 --> 00:17:02,600
showing how he is Lydia's so Randy was

410
00:17:06,340 --> 00:17:04,370
out to you initially to comment how

411
00:17:10,770 --> 00:17:06,350
terrible this Carlos was and then to

412
00:17:13,809 --> 00:17:10,780
actually really built is one of us okay

413
00:17:17,350 --> 00:17:13,819

now these publications are a long way

414

00:17:21,669 --> 00:17:17,360

from this which is where we are today in

415

00:17:23,799 --> 00:17:21,679

our 30th year now this is the second

416

00:17:25,240 --> 00:17:23,809

oldest skeptic magazine third eyelid

417

00:17:27,970 --> 00:17:25,250

skeptic magazine second I'll skeptic

418

00:17:29,950 --> 00:17:27,980

magazine in the world 30 years is pretty

419

00:17:32,320 --> 00:17:29,960

damn good we are the third oldest

420

00:17:34,539 --> 00:17:32,330

skeptical organization in the world to

421

00:17:36,010 --> 00:17:34,549

psych up in the Brits I think there are

422

00:17:38,200 --> 00:17:36,020

skipping older sections everywhere

423

00:17:39,760 --> 00:17:38,210

Bernie know we have come a long way we

424

00:17:41,140 --> 00:17:39,770

are still in existence we have a

425

00:17:42,490 --> 00:17:41,150

magazine like this subscriptions

426

00:17:46,659 --> 00:17:42,500

available your hardcopy you're Peter

427

00:17:50,850 --> 00:17:46,669

you've just come see me afterwards to

428

00:17:55,710 --> 00:17:52,860

we put out a couple of books during the

429

00:17:57,630 --> 00:17:55,720

80s our first book was on creationism I

430

00:17:59,970 --> 00:17:57,640

don't know who design the cover but

431

00:18:02,520 --> 00:17:59,980

something with a bad case of vertigo i

432

00:18:03,960 --> 00:18:02,530

think it was creationism an australian

433

00:18:05,430 --> 00:18:03,970

prospective there's a lot of looking at

434

00:18:07,440 --> 00:18:05,440

the arguments of creationists and our

435

00:18:08,970 --> 00:18:07,450

responses to them couldn't buy some of

436

00:18:11,460 --> 00:18:08,980

you might know Martin bridge stock and

437

00:18:13,890 --> 00:18:11,470

Kane Smith and it was that book that

438

00:18:15,450 --> 00:18:13,900

actually allowed them to be the first

439

00:18:17,789 --> 00:18:15,460

life members of Australian skeptics that

440

00:18:19,880 --> 00:18:17,799

we thanked him for doing that book that

441

00:18:22,350 --> 00:18:19,890

became life members the first ones

442

00:18:25,230 --> 00:18:22,360

camera skeptics who are still going as

443

00:18:26,640 --> 00:18:25,240

well collated a number of articles which

444

00:18:29,190 --> 00:18:26,650

they put out a book called skeptical

445

00:18:31,710 --> 00:18:29,200

sorry sold out sold out about 20 years

446

00:18:33,270 --> 00:18:31,720

ago and hasn't been a reprint having a

447

00:18:34,590 --> 00:18:33,280

hollow little articles like a page and a

448

00:18:36,450 --> 00:18:34,600

half similar to this sort of stuff you

449

00:18:38,220 --> 00:18:36,460

get on the website now looking at

450

00:18:40,620 --> 00:18:38,230

different topics the interesting thing

451
00:18:42,120 --> 00:18:40,630
is the range of topics that are here and

452
00:18:44,280 --> 00:18:42,130
the range of topics that were of

453
00:18:45,600 --> 00:18:44,290
interest to the skeptics then and the

454
00:18:47,789 --> 00:18:45,610
range of topics that are interest to the

455
00:18:50,640 --> 00:18:47,799
skeptics now there's two alternative

456
00:18:52,560 --> 00:18:50,650
medicine stories in there don't get this

457
00:18:55,560 --> 00:18:52,570
tell me about 20-odd years ago one of

458
00:18:58,500 --> 00:18:55,570
the stories is on chiropractic and the

459
00:19:01,169 --> 00:18:58,510
other one is on aromatherapy right now

460
00:19:03,720 --> 00:19:01,179
in most of those magazines you go back

461
00:19:06,900 --> 00:19:03,730
and look at them and the number of all

462
00:19:09,180 --> 00:19:06,910
med stuff is very little you get psychic

463
00:19:11,640 --> 00:19:09,190

surgery you get a lot of faith healing

464

00:19:15,060 --> 00:19:11,650

you think all that alternative medicine

465

00:19:17,640 --> 00:19:15,070

he had a few fries things we are not the

466

00:19:19,710 --> 00:19:17,650

coverage and there was not the media

467

00:19:21,250 --> 00:19:19,720

coverage of what we now regard as ought

468

00:19:24,130 --> 00:19:21,260

met

469

00:19:26,470 --> 00:19:24,140

that has developed and me after my stint

470

00:19:29,110 --> 00:19:26,480

as editor treasurer and secretary and I

471

00:19:30,940 --> 00:19:29,120

bet he died doing it I can finally say

472

00:19:32,560 --> 00:19:30,950

actually had to go out and earn a living

473

00:19:34,420 --> 00:19:32,570

as well which tended to take me away be

474

00:19:35,890 --> 00:19:34,430

from the full-time skepticism but I was

475

00:19:38,140 --> 00:19:35,900

always interested always involved in a

476

00:19:39,820 --> 00:19:38,150

bit on the fringes last year I came back

477

00:19:41,980 --> 00:19:39,830

on board and a full-time capacity as

478

00:19:43,480 --> 00:19:41,990

executive officer thank you guys really

479

00:19:45,460 --> 00:19:43,490

loving it right it's absolutely

480

00:19:46,990 --> 00:19:45,470

fantastic but the most important thing

481

00:19:48,700 --> 00:19:47,000

is what I've seen changed now this is

482

00:19:51,760 --> 00:19:48,710

like 30 years and I've got the same

483

00:19:54,160 --> 00:19:51,770

thing is amazing changes when we first

484

00:19:57,340 --> 00:19:54,170

started skepticism was our dirty little

485

00:19:58,690 --> 00:19:57,350

secret in the same way as atheism was a

486

00:20:01,030 --> 00:19:58,700

dirty little secret you didn't want to

487

00:20:02,440 --> 00:20:01,040

raise it at dinner parties you see her

488

00:20:03,880 --> 00:20:02,450

the Tim mentioned you know song about

489

00:20:05,020 --> 00:20:03,890

that it was worse than that right you

490

00:20:07,150 --> 00:20:05,030

did were raised it at all because you

491

00:20:08,650 --> 00:20:07,160

were just scored upon how dare you be a

492

00:20:10,960 --> 00:20:08,660

spoil sport you sort of kind around

493

00:20:13,780 --> 00:20:10,970

Cyprus cryptic I'm scared to grow and

494

00:20:16,120 --> 00:20:13,790

you just didn't want to say it suddenly

495

00:20:17,980 --> 00:20:16,130

in that intervening period in the same

496

00:20:20,890 --> 00:20:17,990

way as atheism has come out of the

497

00:20:23,110 --> 00:20:20,900

closet skepticism has also come out of

498

00:20:24,790 --> 00:20:23,120

the closet the summer you could say we

499

00:20:26,860 --> 00:20:24,800

have meetings like this and the old days

500

00:20:29,020 --> 00:20:26,870

we used to do media interviews are you

501
00:20:30,700 --> 00:20:29,030
regularly I so doing a lot and you

502
00:20:32,950 --> 00:20:30,710
really here the first thing they'd say

503
00:20:34,960 --> 00:20:32,960
to you the radio presenter we gotta have

504
00:20:37,210 --> 00:20:34,970
a bit of fun with it right you think

505
00:20:40,090 --> 00:20:37,220
that [\h__\h] I don't want to be fun this is

506
00:20:41,740 --> 00:20:40,100
serious right but I used to have a ubs

507
00:20:43,240 --> 00:20:41,750
at the end of a radio program might they

508
00:20:45,790 --> 00:20:43,250
have the lost dog story at the end of

509
00:20:48,280 --> 00:20:45,800
the news right and you feel terrible

510
00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:48,290
they always ask you always guaranteed

511
00:20:52,900 --> 00:20:50,000
but do the skeptics believe you

512
00:20:54,100 --> 00:20:52,910
themselves and you say congratulations

513
00:20:56,320 --> 00:20:54,110

you're the one meanest person to ask

514

00:20:57,940 --> 00:20:56,330

that question right you try to encourage

515

00:20:59,420 --> 00:20:57,950

the media but the media we're a pain in

516

00:21:03,440 --> 00:20:59,430

the backside

517

00:21:05,510 --> 00:21:03,450

it has changed some media still regard

518

00:21:07,130 --> 00:21:05,520

you as a bit of a bit of a joke a bit of

519

00:21:08,270 --> 00:21:07,140

the funny side of things they still ask

520

00:21:10,340 --> 00:21:08,280

you accounting to the skeptics believe

521

00:21:12,380 --> 00:21:10,350

in themselves at the same time they stop

522

00:21:15,110 --> 00:21:12,390

and ask you serious questions I didn't

523

00:21:17,270 --> 00:21:15,120

he Bo just the other day with 2gb before

524

00:21:19,850 --> 00:21:17,280

a pre-recorded for a program going out

525

00:21:20,930 --> 00:21:19,860

of two o'clock in the morning and the

526

00:21:22,730 --> 00:21:20,940

two things I want to talk about with

527

00:21:25,610 --> 00:21:22,740

ufos-- which cropped up a lot 30 years

528

00:21:27,620 --> 00:21:25,620

ago and vaccination which didn't crop up

529

00:21:29,390 --> 00:21:27,630

a lot 30 years ago and that's one of the

530

00:21:31,910 --> 00:21:29,400

big differences that the topics that are

531

00:21:33,890 --> 00:21:31,920

covered now are very different and some

532

00:21:35,960 --> 00:21:33,900

of them are a lot more serious than they

533

00:21:37,940 --> 00:21:35,970

used to be in the old days to a set of

534

00:21:39,590 --> 00:21:37,950

said that the skeptics used to be

535

00:21:41,780 --> 00:21:39,600

investigated the paranoia and

536

00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:41,790

pseudoscience probably as much now it's

537

00:21:48,320 --> 00:21:44,460

pseudoscience and paranormal is the

538

00:21:50,570 --> 00:21:48,330

emphasis what i have seen change is not

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00:21:52,280 --> 00:21:50,580

just the topics and not just the fact

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00:21:56,150 --> 00:21:52,290

that skeptics are out and quite happily

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00:21:58,040 --> 00:21:56,160

in most cases feel as in saying they are

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00:22:00,770 --> 00:21:58,050

skeptics but in the fact that the

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00:22:02,360 --> 00:22:00,780

community has changed when he first did

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00:22:04,100 --> 00:22:02,370

the magazine it was that little

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00:22:06,140 --> 00:22:04,110

committee it was a small bunch of

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00:22:08,510 --> 00:22:06,150

support her subscribers and it was the

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00:22:10,790 --> 00:22:08,520

magazine and that was it that was the

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00:22:12,340 --> 00:22:10,800

entire media outlet for the skeptics we

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00:22:14,840 --> 00:22:12,350

used to push ourselves to the to the

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00:22:16,790 --> 00:22:14,850

popular media but as far as the

551
00:22:19,190 --> 00:22:16,800
outputting of the view it was that

552
00:22:22,100 --> 00:22:19,200
little magazine 16 pages of hand typed

553
00:22:24,020 --> 00:22:22,110
information when I come back in there

554
00:22:25,970 --> 00:22:24,030
it's totally changed the magazine is

555
00:22:28,220 --> 00:22:25,980
just one aspect or how the message is

556
00:22:30,170 --> 00:22:28,230
being put out it's a good aspects

557
00:22:31,520 --> 00:22:30,180
subscriptions available hardcopy PDF see

558
00:22:33,110 --> 00:22:31,530
any articles

559
00:22:35,750 --> 00:22:33,120
but there are other things there's the

560
00:22:38,030 --> 00:22:35,760
bloggers the Facebook people the twitter

561
00:22:40,100 --> 00:22:38,040
is a new name and suddenly there are

562
00:22:42,920 --> 00:22:40,110
people beyond that basic magazine

563
00:22:44,540 --> 00:22:42,930

subscription level in all areas we

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00:22:45,860 --> 00:22:44,550

obviously didn't have podcasts we

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00:22:48,740 --> 00:22:45,870

obviously didn't have sort of online

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00:22:51,560 --> 00:22:48,750

services of any sort in the old days we

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00:22:55,010 --> 00:22:51,570

didn't even have computers to do it but

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00:22:58,400 --> 00:22:55,020

the approach now is fresh and as a vital

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00:23:01,070 --> 00:22:58,410

and it's here as what you see here is a

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00:23:04,300 --> 00:23:01,080

lot of younger people not many beads and

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00:23:06,680 --> 00:23:04,310

the token be a person I'm 85 years old

572

00:23:09,170 --> 00:23:06,690

it's just it's fresh and it's where I

573

00:23:11,110 --> 00:23:09,180

come as I'm stunned it's where it's

574

00:23:14,210 --> 00:23:11,120

moving it's it's active it's

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00:23:16,490 --> 00:23:14,220

enthusiastic it's taking every advantage

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00:23:17,780 --> 00:23:16,500

of every bit of technology you can to

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00:23:20,000 --> 00:23:17,790

spread the message and it's doing it

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00:23:23,060 --> 00:23:20,010

very very well compared to the old days

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00:23:24,410 --> 00:23:23,070

which was tentative and hesitant and a

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00:23:26,270 --> 00:23:24,420

little bit embarrassed and now it's

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00:23:28,160 --> 00:23:26,280

quite the opposite so I congratulate

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00:23:30,050 --> 00:23:28,170

everybody here I congratulate the

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00:23:31,940 --> 00:23:30,060

skeptics movement I some congratulate

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00:23:34,190 --> 00:23:31,950

all the podcasters and facebookers and

585

00:23:36,710 --> 00:23:34,200

Twitter's and meetups and everybody like

586

00:23:39,140 --> 00:23:36,720

that because it is a new world in the

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00:23:48,380 --> 00:23:39,150

scepticism these days and it's very

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00:23:57,390 --> 00:23:54,290

are there any questions they Tim

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00:23:59,550 --> 00:23:57,400

triathlons population how things change

590

00:24:02,100 --> 00:23:59,560

to the advent of the Internet of the

591

00:24:03,270 --> 00:24:02,110

online step from networking well yeah

592

00:24:05,940 --> 00:24:03,280

well I first started it was no such

593

00:24:07,800 --> 00:24:05,950

thing I didn't exist right I mean what

594

00:24:09,330 --> 00:24:07,810

I'm saying now is that the the messages

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00:24:11,460 --> 00:24:09,340

spring spread so much more quickly

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00:24:13,440 --> 00:24:11,470

before is a quarterly magazine and that

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00:24:14,490 --> 00:24:13,450

was it and now the message can get out

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00:24:16,470 --> 00:24:14,500

there within seconds there's better

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00:24:18,540 --> 00:24:16,480

organization there's better sort of

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00:24:19,920 --> 00:24:18,550

spread of information one of the things

601
00:24:22,050 --> 00:24:19,930
I've been doing this a lot of stuff on

602
00:24:24,150 --> 00:24:22,060
the AVM and once upon a time I would

603
00:24:25,860 --> 00:24:24,160
have had to go solo to do research now I

604
00:24:28,200 --> 00:24:25,870
just get in touch with Ken MacLeod

605
00:24:30,360 --> 00:24:28,210
Daniel Raphael the whole bunch like that

606
00:24:32,070 --> 00:24:30,370
and I get information like that so if

607
00:24:33,630 --> 00:24:32,080
we're talking about a media response for

608
00:24:35,250 --> 00:24:33,640
instance we're trying to get a story in

609
00:24:37,260 --> 00:24:35,260
we can get information straight out

610
00:24:39,930 --> 00:24:37,270
right once more time you have to write a

611
00:24:41,880 --> 00:24:39,940
letter to get a press release out now we

612
00:24:44,040 --> 00:24:41,890
don't have to I mean is that what you're

613
00:24:45,480 --> 00:24:44,050

talking about the internet it's the

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00:24:48,690 --> 00:24:45,490

podcasting which is the most interesting

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00:24:50,160 --> 00:24:48,700

thing it's just kind of hold up from you

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00:24:52,140 --> 00:24:50,170

know from way back when it's just that

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00:24:54,120 --> 00:24:52,150

it's fresh and it's enthusiastic as

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00:24:56,910 --> 00:24:54,130

humorous and I say we think so it's

619

00:24:58,410 --> 00:24:56,920

really good whole city dam is the reason

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00:25:01,650 --> 00:24:58,420

it isn't incident as well you think

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00:25:04,530 --> 00:25:01,660

we're winning frankly we're never gonna

622

00:25:06,360 --> 00:25:04,540

win we will have little victories

623

00:25:07,560 --> 00:25:06,370

everywhere like with the avian we've had

624

00:25:10,040 --> 00:25:07,570

a lot of victories with the a at the end

625

00:25:12,540 --> 00:25:10,050

I think metal door is going up and up

626

00:25:13,830 --> 00:25:12,550

with this now she's saying some very

627

00:25:15,570 --> 00:25:13,840

strange things now she's always said

628

00:25:17,670 --> 00:25:15,580

some strange things things things that

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00:25:21,090 --> 00:25:17,680

are so easily picked up and and just

630

00:25:22,920 --> 00:25:21,100

proved now she's lost her sense of

631

00:25:24,480 --> 00:25:22,930

perspective I think the fact that these

632

00:25:25,800 --> 00:25:24,490

ads were not back from Sydney's child

633

00:25:29,640 --> 00:25:25,810

it's going to give her the [ʌ__ʌ] so much

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00:25:33,870 --> 00:25:29,650

as fabulous because she knows she's

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00:25:40,230 --> 00:25:33,880

always been claiming paranoia now she's

636

00:25:41,970 --> 00:25:40,240

right but I mean there were they were

637

00:25:43,910 --> 00:25:41,980

always think if you notice here the

638

00:25:46,200 --> 00:25:43,920

different interests that come and go

639

00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:46,210

ufos have come and go in cycles right

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00:25:49,440 --> 00:25:48,010

you your face a silly sort of fun things

641

00:25:52,110 --> 00:25:49,450

and they're not really that harmful

642

00:25:53,370 --> 00:25:52,120

except unless you become a web with the

643

00:25:54,930 --> 00:25:53,380

array lians were who are the ones who

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00:25:56,790 --> 00:25:54,940

there are the cold people in San

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00:25:59,400 --> 00:25:56,800

Francisco who killed themselves aralia

646

00:26:00,630 --> 00:25:59,410

yeah that's what I starts getting

647

00:26:02,070 --> 00:26:00,640

worrying but then he get the Jim Jones

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00:26:03,360 --> 00:26:02,080

who did the same thing with Jim Jones

649

00:26:05,940 --> 00:26:03,370

used to raise people from the dead and

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00:26:07,980 --> 00:26:05,950

bend spoons he took my other people to

651
00:26:09,450 --> 00:26:07,990
their death right I mean I spoon bending

652
00:26:11,850 --> 00:26:09,460
is fun unless you actually kill people

653
00:26:14,160 --> 00:26:11,860
so these things go up and down UFOs are

654
00:26:16,110 --> 00:26:14,170
back in the news recently cuz I'll go

655
00:26:17,610 --> 00:26:16,120
down again psychic surgeons haven't

656
00:26:18,990 --> 00:26:17,620
heard from a while crystals that go up

657
00:26:20,250 --> 00:26:19,000
and down crystals used to be a lot

658
00:26:23,700 --> 00:26:20,260
bigger than they are now you speak mess

659
00:26:26,490 --> 00:26:23,710
courage all mate is the big area and all

660
00:26:28,140 --> 00:26:26,500
that is top news time yes we'll win

661
00:26:30,330 --> 00:26:28,150
victories here we will lose victories

662
00:26:33,990 --> 00:26:30,340
there but the big thing is that we are

663
00:26:39,290 --> 00:26:34,000

better known and brought up

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00:26:42,390 --> 00:26:39,300

ah easy decision sorry again oh yeah

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00:26:58,200 --> 00:26:42,400

evangel this thing about fantasy wasn't

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00:27:01,890 --> 00:26:58,210

a nice evening 71 brigands get this

667

00:27:03,480 --> 00:27:01,900

isn't true we should be eventually speak

668

00:27:06,330 --> 00:27:03,490

about I don't know if there's another

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00:27:08,780 --> 00:27:06,340

word to proselytize the people what is

670

00:27:11,280 --> 00:27:08,790

that badly but it would be so easy

671

00:27:14,700 --> 00:27:11,290

impossible food thanks very possible

672

00:27:16,020 --> 00:27:14,710

read it around by default be whatever

673

00:27:16,920 --> 00:27:16,030

you have to be careful of your methods I

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00:27:18,420 --> 00:27:16,930

mean they used to be what I used to

675

00:27:20,370 --> 00:27:18,430

balls called the provo wing of the

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00:27:22,140 --> 00:27:20,380

skeptics right it always go for the

677

00:27:26,010 --> 00:27:22,150

throat all right and they basically

678

00:27:27,510 --> 00:27:26,020

become as naughty as a lot of the people

679

00:27:29,430 --> 00:27:27,520

that are criticizing and that's the

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00:27:30,750 --> 00:27:29,440

problem I think we have to be we have

681

00:27:32,820 --> 00:27:30,760

one we have to keep stressing the

682

00:27:35,610 --> 00:27:32,830

scientific basis of what we do you can't

683

00:27:37,440 --> 00:27:35,620

just say I'm a skeptic fun I'm better

684

00:27:39,090 --> 00:27:37,450

than you up again you can't do it

685

00:27:40,680 --> 00:27:39,100

doesn't work I mean you put people off

686

00:27:42,720 --> 00:27:40,690

its hard that any way to say you're a

687

00:27:44,730 --> 00:27:42,730

skeptic quite frankly it would just say

688

00:27:47,130 --> 00:27:44,740

you're a spoilsport right and then to

689

00:27:49,050 --> 00:27:47,140

say I'm a skeptic and i hate you all

690

00:27:51,120 --> 00:27:49,060

right it's not going to work you have to

691

00:27:53,370 --> 00:27:51,130

explain what you do some cases it's

692

00:27:54,780 --> 00:27:53,380

impossible you just there are people who

693

00:27:57,420 --> 00:27:54,790

you come against a brick wall who will

694

00:28:02,070 --> 00:27:57,430

tim minchin the song you just can't give

695

00:28:04,770 --> 00:28:02,080

up even worth the bother yes it's always

696

00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:04,780

worth it I mean the fact is you argue

697

00:28:10,350 --> 00:28:06,010

with a thousand people with one person

698

00:28:11,910 --> 00:28:10,360

you turn is worth it I was a teacher at

699

00:28:13,140 --> 00:28:11,920

once they don't you that you reach one

700

00:28:14,670 --> 00:28:13,150

kid in the class you think it's worth

701

00:28:25,560 --> 00:28:14,680

well

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00:28:27,870 --> 00:28:25,570

Dave again give another question about

703

00:28:31,230 --> 00:28:27,880

radical technology and sort of skeptics

704

00:28:36,420 --> 00:28:31,240

and media which talks about a media

705

00:28:39,240 --> 00:28:36,430

story about some immediate group of lost

706

00:28:44,250 --> 00:28:39,250

people committing it says here we

707

00:28:50,130 --> 00:28:44,260

immediately set story beer bellies and I

708

00:28:51,630 --> 00:28:50,140

probably behind by Emma I know that's

709

00:28:53,400 --> 00:28:51,640

the problem we're often too late you

710

00:28:56,460 --> 00:28:53,410

know in getting a story out instead of

711

00:29:00,030 --> 00:28:56,470

like sorry I have a question oh what's

712

00:29:01,770 --> 00:29:00,040

the email that I don't think any in our

713

00:29:03,720 --> 00:29:01,780

subscription formal once one time I'll

714

00:29:05,880 --> 00:29:03,730

do a belly recently help options of C

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00:29:07,800 --> 00:29:05,890

mail and email three see my health

716

00:29:09,840 --> 00:29:07,810

existed for about 3 million years he

717

00:29:10,980 --> 00:29:09,850

just doesn't happen but I mean I know

718

00:29:13,080 --> 00:29:10,990

and that's what that was a thing will

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00:29:14,970 --> 00:29:13,090

spill there so surprising we actually

720

00:29:16,320 --> 00:29:14,980

did so well considering all the

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00:29:17,910 --> 00:29:16,330

limitations we had but then there were

722

00:29:20,700 --> 00:29:17,920

limitations of that days that was where

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00:29:22,380 --> 00:29:20,710

the way it worked one that was fun other

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00:29:23,700 --> 00:29:22,390

you're silly is fun I think it's

725

00:29:25,140 --> 00:29:23,710

actually more fun now than it ever has

726

00:29:28,350 --> 00:29:25,150

been because there's so many options

727

00:29:31,170 --> 00:29:28,360

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

728

00:29:33,960 --> 00:29:31,180

still a battle but hey there are more

729

00:29:35,910 --> 00:29:33,970

people here tonight then most of our

730

00:29:40,760 --> 00:29:35,920

early meetings over there

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00:29:43,410 --> 00:29:40,770

and this is not a big meeting on the

732

00:29:45,510 --> 00:29:43,420

seventeenth of April that a seventeenth

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00:29:48,110 --> 00:29:45,520

of April we have dinner meeting and it's

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00:29:51,030 --> 00:29:48,120

sold out it's three weeks in advance so

735

00:29:57,830 --> 00:29:51,040

i'll show you hundred fifty people any

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00:30:02,790 --> 00:29:57,840

more questions keep in the kitchen

737

00:30:05,160 --> 00:30:02,800

princes of an idea yes I do I think I

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00:30:06,840 --> 00:30:05,170

think it often creep seem and a lot of

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00:30:08,820 --> 00:30:06,850

skeptics are atheists obviously right

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00:30:11,400 --> 00:30:08,830

but one of the big arguments use do the

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00:30:15,780 --> 00:30:11,410

skeptics investigate God from my point

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00:30:19,290 --> 00:30:15,790

of view no not God per se what God does

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00:30:21,240 --> 00:30:19,300

what she does we do investigate

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00:30:22,410 --> 00:30:21,250

obviously any manifestation of God is

745

00:30:24,060 --> 00:30:22,420

fair game because then you can actually

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00:30:26,370 --> 00:30:24,070

put to the test a shraddha cheery and a

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00:30:29,180 --> 00:30:26,380

miracle a changing of water to wine or

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00:30:31,050 --> 00:30:29,190

wine to water which I do all the time

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00:30:32,220 --> 00:30:31,060

anything like that anything like the

750

00:30:34,110 --> 00:30:32,230

effect you can actually sort of put to

751
00:30:36,980 --> 00:30:34,120
the test absolutely and actually covers

752
00:30:40,050 --> 00:30:36,990
a lot it's just that mystical mythical

753
00:30:42,600 --> 00:30:40,060
figure out there like lightning actually

754
00:30:43,860 --> 00:30:42,610
just lightning to write that human test

755
00:30:46,440 --> 00:30:43,870
the power of prayer which has been done

756
00:30:48,180 --> 00:30:46,450
right yes everything Charlie disprove

757
00:30:49,530 --> 00:30:48,190
God is ridiculous you know you got

758
00:30:51,930 --> 00:30:49,540
logically argument that's what the

759
00:30:54,450 --> 00:30:51,940
atheists do for the rationalist two of

760
00:30:55,620 --> 00:30:54,460
the humanists do but we have to make

761
00:30:58,620 --> 00:30:55,630
sure that as far as God is concerned

762
00:31:00,870 --> 00:30:58,630
we're not pure cynics personally I don't

763
00:31:02,520 --> 00:31:00,880

believe in God I have no need to believe

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00:31:05,310 --> 00:31:02,530

in God I have no reason to believe in

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00:31:06,540 --> 00:31:05,320

God and yeah I'm not gonna argue with

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00:31:08,460 --> 00:31:06,550

someone thank God doesn't exist because

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00:31:10,320 --> 00:31:08,470

I don't believe it will I don't want to

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00:31:13,440 --> 00:31:10,330

believe it but everything else that

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00:31:16,860 --> 00:31:13,450

happens but they don't disprove God try

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00:31:19,260 --> 00:31:16,870

to chew into fake miracles of a wedding

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00:31:21,840 --> 00:31:19,270

walls and moldy seal feelings at this

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00:31:23,010 --> 00:31:21,850

time of stuff of fakes but yeah people

773

00:31:24,120 --> 00:31:23,020

people have their faith and they have

774

00:31:25,810 --> 00:31:24,130

the faith of astrology and have their

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00:31:27,010 --> 00:31:25,820

face on this down the other

776

00:31:28,870 --> 00:31:27,020

but I think I think they should be

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00:31:33,280 --> 00:31:28,880

separate although we share the same

778

00:31:36,600 --> 00:31:33,290

beliefs have you seen the faith of the

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00:31:42,150 --> 00:31:39,390

astrology being different to just really

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00:31:45,299 --> 00:31:42,160

comparable you said you can see them has

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00:31:46,500 --> 00:31:45,309

been parable astrology yeah so that

782

00:31:48,570 --> 00:31:46,510

somebody believes in astrology you're

783

00:31:49,710 --> 00:31:48,580

saying carefully oh my god his hacker

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00:31:53,160 --> 00:31:49,720

beliefs doubt it but that's totally

785

00:31:55,710 --> 00:31:53,170

testable it's different for the god bit

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00:31:56,669 --> 00:31:55,720

of God yeah I think so because I mean

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00:31:57,900 --> 00:31:56,679

then they're talking about planetary

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00:31:59,190 --> 00:31:57,910

influences and you can test the

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00:32:00,780 --> 00:31:59,200

planetary influences you can talk about

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00:32:02,460 --> 00:32:00,790

gravity you talk about science

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00:32:03,720 --> 00:32:02,470

throughout astrology right and you can

792

00:32:05,820 --> 00:32:03,730

test the results and it's been done many

793

00:32:07,410 --> 00:32:05,830

times to see if you're born in a certain

794

00:32:09,600 --> 00:32:07,420

star sign blah blah blah you know

795

00:32:11,940 --> 00:32:09,610

raising a sendin descendant whatever

796

00:32:14,100 --> 00:32:11,950

triads and United all that you can

797

00:32:15,299 --> 00:32:14,110

actually test the effectiveness pretty

798

00:32:17,940 --> 00:32:15,309

little too blind test and see what

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00:32:20,310 --> 00:32:17,950

starsign am i right classic you got one

800

00:32:21,870 --> 00:32:20,320

chance in 12 one chance in 13 I'm

801
00:32:26,280 --> 00:32:21,880
knowing what star sign you up right and

802
00:32:29,880 --> 00:32:26,290
I've had people say well neither guess I

803
00:32:31,620 --> 00:32:29,890
say I got it see told you very good very

804
00:32:33,750 --> 00:32:31,630
impressed but I mean as far as you can

805
00:32:35,880 --> 00:32:33,760
be tested most manifestations of

806
00:32:38,850 --> 00:32:35,890
religion can be tested the one about the

807
00:32:40,799 --> 00:32:38,860
ultimate you know she being up there is

808
00:32:42,870 --> 00:32:40,809
just York artist and you can't do their

809
00:32:46,230 --> 00:32:42,880
ballots believe the people who have

810
00:32:49,320 --> 00:32:46,240
faith in astrology right and faith in

811
00:32:51,840 --> 00:32:49,330
psychic surgery and faith in UFOs and

812
00:32:54,750 --> 00:32:51,850
faith in God knows whatever so whoever

813
00:32:56,970 --> 00:32:54,760

knows whatever right but I mean and

814

00:32:59,039 --> 00:32:56,980

those people you can argue to you blue

815

00:33:00,180 --> 00:32:59,049

in the face with a question about you

816

00:33:02,850 --> 00:33:00,190

know I thought of how much you need to

817

00:33:04,530 --> 00:33:02,860

sort of proselytize etc and some people

818

00:33:06,810 --> 00:33:04,540

us i yes i agree with you some people

819

00:33:09,390 --> 00:33:06,820

agree with you get to shut you up right

820

00:33:11,130 --> 00:33:09,400

and that's a pie others will say yep and

821

00:33:12,810 --> 00:33:11,140

think about it you have to encourage the

822

00:33:14,880 --> 00:33:12,820

idea that skepticism is a universal

823

00:33:16,890 --> 00:33:14,890

attitude not just for pseudoscience and

824

00:33:18,690 --> 00:33:16,900

paranormal we are skeptical about used

825

00:33:20,010 --> 00:33:18,700

car salesman we are skeptical about real

826

00:33:22,080 --> 00:33:20,020

estate people we are skeptical about

827

00:33:23,610 --> 00:33:22,090

journalists we are skeptical and so many

828

00:33:25,650 --> 00:33:23,620

areas someone comes along the users i

829

00:33:27,390 --> 00:33:25,660

can fly the first thing you say you

830

00:33:29,010 --> 00:33:27,400

don't say is oh well fantastic i'll go

831

00:33:30,630 --> 00:33:29,020

to my friends the first thing you say

832

00:33:32,790 --> 00:33:30,640

show me

833

00:33:34,920 --> 00:33:32,800

and there is skepticism simple thing to

834

00:33:37,080 --> 00:33:34,930

show me what people say that's right I

835

00:33:39,660 --> 00:33:37,090

understand what skepticism it and you

836

00:33:41,010 --> 00:33:39,670

say show me an astrology show me in this

837

00:33:45,630 --> 00:33:41,020

sharing everything else and that works

838

00:33:52,770 --> 00:33:45,640

that really does work what is the first

839

00:33:57,540 --> 00:33:52,780

you must on design from a technical

840

00:33:58,830 --> 00:33:57,550

point of view it's crap creationism do

841

00:34:01,620 --> 00:33:58,840

you are devoting it what ellington

842

00:34:05,970 --> 00:34:01,630

design is like you know sort of changing

843

00:34:08,760 --> 00:34:05,980

his name to protect the guilty it's it's

844

00:34:09,840 --> 00:34:08,770

it's annoying it's dangerous I certainly

845

00:34:11,970 --> 00:34:09,850

was in the early days because it was

846

00:34:13,350 --> 00:34:11,980

infiltrating the science classes the

847

00:34:15,540 --> 00:34:13,360

curriculum in Queensland and it

848

00:34:18,240 --> 00:34:15,550

certainly and moving down into here also

849

00:34:20,550 --> 00:34:18,250

that stopped it to a certain extent

850

00:34:23,250 --> 00:34:20,560

being taught in those classes but I mean

851
00:34:24,930 --> 00:34:23,260
it's I don't think we have any problem

852
00:34:29,840 --> 00:34:24,940
at all we're saying it's absolute

853
00:34:32,970 --> 00:34:29,850
rubbish every aspect of it nothing in it

854
00:34:35,880 --> 00:34:32,980
better I mean most serious it's a little

855
00:34:38,490 --> 00:34:35,890
you know yes but no but how many of

856
00:34:41,159 --> 00:34:38,500
these is absolutely no no no all right

857
00:34:42,720 --> 00:34:41,169
and then creationist was the same thing

858
00:34:44,820 --> 00:34:42,730
intelligent design a say you got your

859
00:34:47,220 --> 00:34:44,830
religious belief do not claim it as

860
00:34:48,630 --> 00:34:47,230
science please because it's not true and

861
00:34:50,490 --> 00:34:48,640
you can go through and bam bam bam bam

862
00:34:51,720 --> 00:34:50,500
bam and pull everyone apart they've got

863
00:34:53,460 --> 00:34:51,730

they'll come back with arguments to

864

00:34:55,080 --> 00:34:53,470

those who are well organized there was

865

00:34:58,329 --> 00:34:55,090

will put the homeopaths do the same

866

00:35:01,930 --> 00:35:00,190

before before there are any more

867

00:35:06,549 --> 00:35:01,940

questions let me lean towards you i'm

868

00:35:08,950 --> 00:35:06,559

just a tweet from Simon Singh here this

869

00:35:11,229 --> 00:35:08,960

is obviously a quote from the from the

870

00:35:16,299 --> 00:35:11,239

judges first of all that the judgment

871

00:35:18,400 --> 00:35:16,309

was 32 none so all three judges agreed

872

00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:18,410

with the decision and that they said

873

00:35:23,680 --> 00:35:21,200

that not a jot of evidence which is the

874

00:35:27,269 --> 00:35:23,690

statement that was deemed libelous is a

875

00:35:33,039 --> 00:35:27,279

statement of opinion and one backed by

876

00:35:38,709 --> 00:35:33,049

evidence just twist off as was going

877

00:35:40,269 --> 00:35:38,719

across right and one is so not a jot of

878

00:35:42,700 --> 00:35:40,279

evidence is a statement backed by

879

00:35:45,009 --> 00:35:42,710

opinion so is a statement of opinion and

880

00:35:47,079 --> 00:35:45,019

one back by reasons so it's looking very

881

00:35:49,749 --> 00:35:47,089

good for something that's excellent can

882

00:35:52,539 --> 00:35:49,759

you claim damages no but they'll have to

883

00:35:54,459 --> 00:35:52,549

pay these costs if they lose okay it's

884

00:35:57,039 --> 00:35:54,469

not it's not a final wing it what did

885

00:36:00,069 --> 00:35:57,049

what it means is that he now will have

886

00:36:04,029 --> 00:36:00,079

to argue this case based on the fact

887

00:36:07,269 --> 00:36:04,039

that it's but it's an opinion and not as

888

00:36:08,589 --> 00:36:07,279

ruled previously by by the judge that's

889

00:36:10,299 --> 00:36:08,599

one of the things skepticism is not with

890

00:36:12,670 --> 00:36:10,309

that cost yeah right sometimes its

891

00:36:14,529 --> 00:36:12,680

financial costs and personal cost I have

892

00:36:17,559 --> 00:36:14,539

major fights with a brother-in-law who's

893

00:36:19,450 --> 00:36:17,569

you name it is into it every conspiracy

894

00:36:21,549 --> 00:36:19,460

theory he sells all this other stuff as

895

00:36:24,339 --> 00:36:21,559

well actually sells retails all these

896

00:36:26,769 --> 00:36:24,349

things and we have come to blows I mean

897

00:36:27,759 --> 00:36:26,779

I mean we have come to blows and there

898

00:36:29,650 --> 00:36:27,769

for you think well this is great for

899

00:36:31,089 --> 00:36:29,660

family relationships you have a nice

900

00:36:33,309 --> 00:36:31,099

family dinner and then you sort of tie

901
00:36:34,690 --> 00:36:33,319
together the dinner thing it's you learn

902
00:36:37,420 --> 00:36:34,700
to shut up after a while you feel like

903
00:36:41,670 --> 00:36:37,430
yeah he doesn't

904
00:36:59,829 --> 00:36:45,460
questions thank you very much do you

905
00:37:02,589 --> 00:36:59,839
thank you this is brian dunning from the

906
00:37:06,180 --> 00:37:02,599
sceptile cast been enjoying your

907
00:37:09,280 --> 00:37:06,190
critical thinking shows in audio only

908
00:37:13,109 --> 00:37:09,290
you've been missing half the fun check

909
00:37:17,760 --> 00:37:13,119
out my new video podcast in fact on

910
00:37:21,250 --> 00:37:17,770
itunes or click it on skep tied com3

911
00:37:23,440 --> 00:37:21,260
pilot episodes of in fact are available

912
00:37:25,299 --> 00:37:23,450
now for immediate viewing I'm looking

913
00:37:27,549 --> 00:37:25,309

for sponsorship to produce an entire

914

00:37:30,130 --> 00:37:27,559

first season of 13 episodes and

915

00:37:32,770 --> 00:37:30,140

hopefully many more seasons to follow

916

00:37:34,569 --> 00:37:32,780

you can see the whole lineup and get all

917

00:37:38,309 --> 00:37:34,579

the other nuts and bolts if you go to

918

00:37:41,140 --> 00:37:38,319

sceptile calm and click on in fact and

919

00:37:44,410 --> 00:37:41,150

don't forget to come back to the skeptic

920

00:37:47,770 --> 00:37:44,420

zone when you're done watching I I think

921

00:37:50,260 --> 00:37:47,780

it's audio only but that's okay I still

922

00:37:55,660 --> 00:37:50,270

like it this is brian dunning from

923

00:38:03,609 --> 00:37:58,660

now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

924

00:38:06,700 --> 00:38:03,619

with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

925

00:38:09,250 --> 00:38:06,710

and welcome to dr. Reggie reports wow

926

00:38:11,740 --> 00:38:09,260

what a few very busy days it's been in

927

00:38:13,059 --> 00:38:11,750

the skeptical world this week I'm going

928

00:38:15,910 --> 00:38:13,069

to tell you about a couple of things

929

00:38:17,980 --> 00:38:15,920

this week on dr. Richie reports but

930

00:38:20,109 --> 00:38:17,990

first up I'm going to cover the latest

931

00:38:22,930 --> 00:38:20,119

tantrum from the Australian vaccination

932

00:38:24,880 --> 00:38:22,940

network last week I blogged on skeptics

933

00:38:26,589 --> 00:38:24,890

book about information I had received

934

00:38:28,599 --> 00:38:26,599

which described the Australian

935

00:38:31,030 --> 00:38:28,609

vaccination network being refused paid

936

00:38:34,089 --> 00:38:31,040

advertising inner mothers and babies

937

00:38:36,430 --> 00:38:34,099

newspaper the child group of magazines

938

00:38:39,039 --> 00:38:36,440

publishes a series of free monthly

939

00:38:41,289 --> 00:38:39,049

magazines across Australia which are

940

00:38:43,750 --> 00:38:41,299

personalized to each location such as

941

00:38:46,780 --> 00:38:43,760

Sydney's child Melvin's child Brisbane

942

00:38:48,849 --> 00:38:46,790

child etc the publications are

943

00:38:51,069 --> 00:38:48,859

distributed via child care centers and

944

00:38:54,370 --> 00:38:51,079

baby shops and are therefore highly

945

00:38:56,470 --> 00:38:54,380

targeted to Australian parents as such

946

00:38:58,420 --> 00:38:56,480

they're the perfect place for the adv to

947

00:39:01,030 --> 00:38:58,430

spread their misinformation and possibly

948

00:39:03,880 --> 00:39:01,040

scare a whole new bunch of parents into

949

00:39:06,670 --> 00:39:03,890

not vaccinating but in a surprising and

950

00:39:09,099 --> 00:39:06,680

pleasing move the publishers Copeland

951
00:39:11,559 --> 00:39:09,109
press decided against taking the

952
00:39:15,250 --> 00:39:11,569
anti-vaxxers money and denied the avians

953
00:39:17,440 --> 00:39:15,260
request to advertise now this comes

954
00:39:19,870 --> 00:39:17,450
after the avn had originally planned to

955
00:39:23,430 --> 00:39:19,880
place advertising in all of the child

956
00:39:27,250 --> 00:39:23,440
publications across Australia in 2009 or

957
00:39:28,690 --> 00:39:27,260
was it the Australian newspaper don't

958
00:39:31,420 --> 00:39:28,700
worry it will all become clear in a

959
00:39:35,049 --> 00:39:31,430
moment the reason this sounds confusing

960
00:39:37,630 --> 00:39:35,059
is because from march to june 2009 morel

961
00:39:39,700 --> 00:39:37,640
dory promoted a fundraising drive with a

962
00:39:42,609 --> 00:39:39,710
promise of financial assistance from

963
00:39:45,880 --> 00:39:42,619

Jenny McCarthy's Generation Rescue to

964

00:39:48,039 --> 00:39:45,890

pay for an autism advertisement the cost

965

00:39:50,440 --> 00:39:48,049

was going to be fifty three thousand

966

00:39:52,059 --> 00:39:50,450

dollars and it was to fund a full-page

967

00:39:54,220 --> 00:39:52,069

advertisement in The Australian

968

00:39:57,099 --> 00:39:54,230

newspaper which is a national newspaper

969

00:39:59,530 --> 00:39:57,109

and Generation Rescue would pay one

970

00:40:02,980 --> 00:39:59,540

third of the cost if the avn could raise

971

00:40:06,250 --> 00:40:02,990

the rest now Meryl set a deadline of

972

00:40:08,319 --> 00:40:06,260

monday march the 9th 2009 to raise the

973

00:40:09,390 --> 00:40:08,329

required approximately thirty five

974

00:40:11,859 --> 00:40:09,400

thousand dollars

975

00:40:14,549 --> 00:40:11,869

but after they've raised only seven

976
00:40:17,829 --> 00:40:14,559
thousand dollars merrell changed tact

977
00:40:20,440 --> 00:40:17,839
she said in the interests of actually

978
00:40:22,479 --> 00:40:20,450
bringing this to pass and also due to

979
00:40:25,539 --> 00:40:22,489
rethinking how our target audience will

980
00:40:27,430 --> 00:40:25,549
be we have decided to go for a full-page

981
00:40:30,430 --> 00:40:27,440
ad in every edition of copeland

982
00:40:32,380 --> 00:40:30,440
Publishing's child magazines of which

983
00:40:35,079 --> 00:40:32,390
there are six published every month for

984
00:40:37,059 --> 00:40:35,089
every capital city in australia too bad

985
00:40:38,380 --> 00:40:37,069
if you'd already donated money thinking

986
00:40:41,319 --> 00:40:38,390
it was going towards an ad in The

987
00:40:43,690 --> 00:40:41,329
Australian I guess but nevertheless the

988
00:40:45,660 --> 00:40:43,700

ads never appeared and what happened to

989

00:40:47,950 --> 00:40:45,670

the money well I certainly don't know

990

00:40:49,630 --> 00:40:47,960

however the fact that the ads never

991

00:40:52,120 --> 00:40:49,640

appeared either in the Australian

992

00:40:53,680 --> 00:40:52,130

newspaper or Copeland press may have

993

00:40:55,749 --> 00:40:53,690

something to do with a competing

994

00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:55,759

advertisement which was published by

995

00:41:02,289 --> 00:40:57,920

Australian skeptics in the Australian

996

00:41:04,420 --> 00:41:02,299

newspaper on august sixth 2009 now this

997

00:41:06,880 --> 00:41:04,430

effectively gazumped the avn to the

998

00:41:08,920 --> 00:41:06,890

punch our ad was a quarter page in the

999

00:41:11,589 --> 00:41:08,930

australian and was famously funded by

1000

00:41:13,359 --> 00:41:11,599

dick smith and it warned parents of the

1001
00:41:15,609 --> 00:41:13,369
misinformation and scare mongering of

1002
00:41:17,440 --> 00:41:15,619
the avian and advised them to seek

1003
00:41:20,049 --> 00:41:17,450
health information and vaccination

1004
00:41:23,769 --> 00:41:20,059
advice from qualified professionals like

1005
00:41:26,289 --> 00:41:23,779
doctors so now if we fast-forward to

1006
00:41:28,059 --> 00:41:26,299
April 2010 and we find out that the

1007
00:41:31,630 --> 00:41:28,069
avian are once again attempting to

1008
00:41:34,719 --> 00:41:31,640
spread their information this time in

1009
00:41:36,849 --> 00:41:34,729
the Copeland press again we hear that

1010
00:41:39,130 --> 00:41:36,859
they have purchased one third page ads

1011
00:41:41,739 --> 00:41:39,140
in Sydney's child Melbourne a child and

1012
00:41:43,779 --> 00:41:41,749
Brisbane child at a total estimated cost

1013
00:41:46,870 --> 00:41:43,789

of eight thousand dollars and this

1014

00:41:48,579 --> 00:41:46,880

request as i said was denied i blogged

1015

00:41:50,979 --> 00:41:48,589

about this on april the second on

1016

00:41:52,839 --> 00:41:50,989

skeptics book and it was also blogged on

1017

00:41:55,989 --> 00:41:52,849

the australian skeptics website on the

1018

00:42:00,219 --> 00:41:55,999

same date on april the fifth i received

1019

00:42:04,390 --> 00:42:00,229

an email entitled re ad which simply

1020

00:42:07,989 --> 00:42:04,400

contains the text you are liars but as

1021

00:42:11,620 --> 00:42:07,999

it turns out we however we are weren't

1022

00:42:14,349 --> 00:42:11,630

lying on april the 6th four days after

1023

00:42:16,509 --> 00:42:14,359

my post on skeptics book merrell diary

1024

00:42:18,609 --> 00:42:16,519

sent an e-newsletter explaining what had

1025

00:42:22,390 --> 00:42:18,619

happened and saying she was only doing

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00:42:22,730 --> 00:42:22,400

so because her hand had been forced she

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00:42:25,070 --> 00:42:22,740

can

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00:42:28,010 --> 00:42:25,080

firmed that the avian had booked three

1029

00:42:30,740 --> 00:42:28,020

times quarter page ads I said one third

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00:42:33,200 --> 00:42:30,750

so I got this wrong but on March the

1031

00:42:37,130 --> 00:42:33,210

31st she had received an email advising

1032

00:42:39,770 --> 00:42:37,140

her that quote the publisher and editor

1033

00:42:41,210 --> 00:42:39,780

of the child magazines have decided that

1034

00:42:43,690 --> 00:42:41,220

they are unable to publish our

1035

00:42:46,400 --> 00:42:43,700

advertisement in the upcoming issue as

1036

00:42:50,060 --> 00:42:46,410

independent publishers all material

1037

00:42:52,090 --> 00:42:50,070

placed is at our discretion so it turns

1038

00:42:54,710 --> 00:42:52,100

out that I was not a liar after all

1039

00:42:57,530 --> 00:42:54,720

strange isn't it false accusations from

1040

00:42:59,570 --> 00:42:57,540

the anti-vaxxers who'd of think it but

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00:43:01,430 --> 00:42:59,580

what made Dory particularly angry and

1042

00:43:03,680 --> 00:43:01,440

also explains why she had to send his

1043

00:43:06,350 --> 00:43:03,690

post at all was that those meddling

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00:43:09,380 --> 00:43:06,360

skeptics had known about this she said

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00:43:10,880 --> 00:43:09,390

our committee was of two minds about how

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00:43:14,240 --> 00:43:10,890

and when to tell you about this

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00:43:16,490 --> 00:43:14,250

situation in consultation together

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00:43:18,350 --> 00:43:16,500

however we have decided that the release

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00:43:20,720 --> 00:43:18,360

of these details on the internet by

1050

00:43:23,359 --> 00:43:20,730

others has taken the decision out of our

1051
00:43:26,810 --> 00:43:23,369
hands she even copied and pasted my

1052
00:43:30,080 --> 00:43:26,820
entire blog post into the rant even the

1053
00:43:32,090 --> 00:43:30,090
part where I say if she was not already

1054
00:43:34,099 --> 00:43:32,100
convinced there is a conspiracy to see

1055
00:43:37,430 --> 00:43:34,109
her silenced than she ought to be well

1056
00:43:40,550 --> 00:43:37,440
and truly by now paranoid much or maybe

1057
00:43:42,680 --> 00:43:40,560
you should be Meryl however it is clear

1058
00:43:45,320 --> 00:43:42,690
Meryl was pretty rattled when she wrote

1059
00:43:48,560 --> 00:43:45,330
this which likely explains the following

1060
00:43:50,960 --> 00:43:48,570
errors in her post quote because the

1061
00:43:53,000 --> 00:43:50,970
head honcho of the skeptics had blogged

1062
00:43:55,430 --> 00:43:53,010
about this very issue only a few days

1063
00:43:58,099 --> 00:43:55,440

earlier and had indicated that he would

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00:43:59,870 --> 00:43:58,109

be contacting parenting publications to

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00:44:02,930 --> 00:43:59,880

ensure that they do not take any

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00:44:05,780 --> 00:44:02,940

advertising from us so I wish to state

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00:44:08,330 --> 00:44:05,790

here and now that I am neither a the

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00:44:11,900 --> 00:44:08,340

head honcho of Australian skeptics or be

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00:44:14,330 --> 00:44:11,910

a he and on top of this nowhere in my

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00:44:16,820 --> 00:44:14,340

post did I state I would be contacting

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00:44:19,280 --> 00:44:16,830

other parenting publications and I can

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00:44:22,340 --> 00:44:19,290

unequivocally state I did not contact

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00:44:25,940 --> 00:44:22,350

Copeland press but in another example of

1074

00:44:28,730 --> 00:44:25,950

strays anding Meryl pasted my url within

1075

00:44:31,520 --> 00:44:28,740

hurry newsletter and this resulted in an

1076
00:44:34,040 --> 00:44:31,530
eight hundred percent peak in page loads

1077
00:44:36,600 --> 00:44:34,050
and a four hundred percent increase in

1078
00:44:39,450 --> 00:44:36,610
unique visitors to skeptics book

1079
00:44:41,280 --> 00:44:39,460
thanks Merrill of course I got the usual

1080
00:44:44,580 --> 00:44:41,290
stuff some of which I'll share with you

1081
00:44:45,840 --> 00:44:44,590
now dear listeners so here are some of

1082
00:44:49,410 --> 00:44:45,850
the comments I've received in the last

1083
00:44:51,450 --> 00:44:49,420
few days you should get of your hate

1084
00:44:54,000 --> 00:44:51,460
wagon because that is all it sounds like

1085
00:44:57,750 --> 00:44:54,010
to me this one comes from someone

1086
00:44:59,670 --> 00:44:57,760
calling themselves you dogs this is the

1087
00:45:01,580 --> 00:44:59,680
most disgusting and hate-filled group of

1088
00:45:04,530 --> 00:45:01,590

people I've stumbled across on the web

1089

00:45:07,350 --> 00:45:04,540

seriously are you for real it's all cash

1090

00:45:10,110 --> 00:45:07,360

for comments though isn't it or are you

1091

00:45:13,920 --> 00:45:10,120

all useful annoyed I think that's meant

1092

00:45:15,870 --> 00:45:13,930

to the idiots haha yet I wonder anyway

1093

00:45:17,970 --> 00:45:15,880

when people in your family start to get

1094

00:45:20,670 --> 00:45:17,980

sick don't worry at all your hate will

1095

00:45:23,010 --> 00:45:20,680

fill you and we'll all that's needed to

1096

00:45:25,730 --> 00:45:23,020

see you through oh that's right you have

1097

00:45:28,410 --> 00:45:25,740

all you need in science don't you

1098

00:45:33,000 --> 00:45:28,420

hahahahaha enjoy and of course

1099

00:45:34,920 --> 00:45:33,010

everyone's favorite Godwin's law wow you

1100

00:45:37,280 --> 00:45:34,930

are a modern version of the Nazi brown

1101
00:45:39,660 --> 00:45:37,290
shirts were you bullied at school dude

1102
00:45:41,250 --> 00:45:39,670
but what is interesting about this is

1103
00:45:43,140 --> 00:45:41,260
Merrill's barring that this is

1104
00:45:46,410 --> 00:45:43,150
tantamount to censorship and her free

1105
00:45:48,720 --> 00:45:46,420
speech is being taken away but the child

1106
00:45:50,460 --> 00:45:48,730
has every right to refuse material they

1107
00:45:54,030 --> 00:45:50,470
fear may reflect badly on them or

1108
00:45:55,920 --> 00:45:54,040
tarnish the reputation and of course the

1109
00:45:58,350 --> 00:45:55,930
irony is that Meryl is only too willing

1110
00:46:00,300 --> 00:45:58,360
to censor any shred of information that

1111
00:46:02,070 --> 00:46:00,310
does not align with her fear mongering

1112
00:46:05,250 --> 00:46:02,080
conspiracy littered ideas about

1113
00:46:07,680 --> 00:46:05,260

vaccinations as one commenter on my blog

1114

00:46:09,930 --> 00:46:07,690

said the avians email list is

1115

00:46:11,790 --> 00:46:09,940

aggressively cold of dissent the

1116

00:46:13,080 --> 00:46:11,800

facebook page is locked down to the

1117

00:46:15,450 --> 00:46:13,090

point where you need to beg for

1118

00:46:17,900 --> 00:46:15,460

admission and their very own magazine

1119

00:46:20,610 --> 00:46:17,910

has a restrictive advertising policy I'm

1120

00:46:23,310 --> 00:46:20,620

willing to lay odds the avian will turn

1121

00:46:26,640 --> 00:46:23,320

down any ad submitted by say Australian

1122

00:46:28,500 --> 00:46:26,650

skeptics well this is a good point but

1123

00:46:30,870 --> 00:46:28,510

Meryl is so angry about this incident

1124

00:46:32,790 --> 00:46:30,880

that she wrote another blog post saying

1125

00:46:34,950 --> 00:46:32,800

that members of the stop the Australian

1126
00:46:37,040 --> 00:46:34,960
vaccination network group are immature

1127
00:46:40,290 --> 00:46:37,050
and childish and need to grow up

1128
00:46:43,260 --> 00:46:40,300
entitled the immaturity of those who

1129
00:46:46,320 --> 00:46:43,270
oppose free choice then in a purely

1130
00:46:48,180 --> 00:46:46,330
Barbara low Fisher moment she called for

1131
00:46:50,450 --> 00:46:48,190
open discussion and debate about the

1132
00:46:54,589 --> 00:46:50,460
issue of vaccine safety

1133
00:46:56,630 --> 00:46:54,599
she said so stop avn grow up debate

1134
00:46:59,089 --> 00:46:56,640
respectfully and show us your evidence

1135
00:47:02,300 --> 00:46:59,099
it's time to stop sniping and start

1136
00:47:05,000 --> 00:47:02,310
communicating oh they already me two

1137
00:47:06,890 --> 00:47:05,010
dots explode again and my desk has a

1138
00:47:09,109 --> 00:47:06,900

perfect imprint of my head in it right

1139

00:47:10,790 --> 00:47:09,119

now so Merrill has started a

1140

00:47:13,040 --> 00:47:10,800

letter-writing campaign to get all her

1141

00:47:14,990 --> 00:47:13,050

members to tell crumble impress the

1142

00:47:16,730 --> 00:47:15,000

publishers of the child magazines that

1143

00:47:19,490 --> 00:47:16,740

they are very naughty and have done a

1144

00:47:20,780 --> 00:47:19,500

very bad thing we have also written to

1145

00:47:23,359 --> 00:47:20,790

them to congratulate them on a

1146

00:47:24,980 --> 00:47:23,369

responsible and ethical decision perhaps

1147

00:47:28,339 --> 00:47:24,990

you would care to send your thoughts to

1148

00:47:30,829 --> 00:47:28,349

you can email marian at merion at

1149

00:47:34,730 --> 00:47:30,839

sydney's child calm today you and that

1150

00:47:36,260 --> 00:47:34,740

spelled ma r i o n also this week marks

1151

00:47:38,960 --> 00:47:36,270

the beginning of World homeopathy

1152

00:47:41,990 --> 00:47:38,970

Awareness Week and to celebrate late

1153

00:47:43,579 --> 00:47:42,000

line on ABC television ran a story by

1154

00:47:46,880 --> 00:47:43,589

the wonderful Walkley award winning

1155

00:47:49,310 --> 00:47:46,890

journalist Steve Canaan the focus was

1156

00:47:50,839 --> 00:47:49,320

the lack of power of our drug regulator

1157

00:47:54,140 --> 00:47:50,849

known as the Therapeutic Goods

1158

00:47:56,930 --> 00:47:54,150

Administration or the TGA to shut down

1159

00:47:59,180 --> 00:47:56,940

pseudo scientific claims and the example

1160

00:48:01,880 --> 00:47:59,190

used was Merrill's mate Franz Sheffield

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00:48:04,190 --> 00:48:01,890

who runs the woo infested website called

1162

00:48:06,320 --> 00:48:04,200

homeopathy plus these are the guys who

1163

00:48:08,150 --> 00:48:06,330

recently sent an email alert about the

1164

00:48:10,790 --> 00:48:08,160

very dodgy homeopathy for breast cancer

1165

00:48:12,710 --> 00:48:10,800

study with the headline homeopathy

1166

00:48:16,339 --> 00:48:12,720

effective for breast cancer and

1167

00:48:19,010 --> 00:48:16,349

non-toxic i took this paper apart on

1168

00:48:21,859 --> 00:48:19,020

skeptics book calm so for more info head

1169

00:48:23,780 --> 00:48:21,869

over to the blog the TGA received a

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00:48:26,690 --> 00:48:23,790

complaint about information on Fran's

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00:48:28,310 --> 00:48:26,700

website particularly pertaining to

1172

00:48:31,730 --> 00:48:28,320

claims about the effectiveness of

1173

00:48:33,770 --> 00:48:31,740

homeopathic immunization they asked Fran

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00:48:36,800 --> 00:48:33,780

to remove this information but she

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00:48:38,900 --> 00:48:36,810

simply ignored the ruling so Steve

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00:48:41,000 --> 00:48:38,910

Canaan asked Fran Sheffield why she had

1177

00:48:42,650 --> 00:48:41,010

not complied and she simply stated that

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00:48:45,140 --> 00:48:42,660

she didn't agree with their findings

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00:48:47,089 --> 00:48:45,150

this was apparently the case for more

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00:48:51,170 --> 00:48:47,099

than thirty percent of those reprimanded

1181

00:48:53,120 --> 00:48:51,180

by the TGA in 2009 the story of by Steve

1182

00:48:55,160 --> 00:48:53,130

Canaan was a great expose of the

1183

00:48:58,520 --> 00:48:55,170

failings of our drug and medicine

1184

00:49:00,740 --> 00:48:58,530

regulator the TGA but in developments

1185

00:49:03,410 --> 00:49:00,750

today Fran Sheffield has jumped the

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00:49:04,220 --> 00:49:03,420

shark big time on her website she

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00:49:05,870 --> 00:49:04,230

published

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00:49:07,790 --> 00:49:05,880

a response to the Lateline piece

1189

00:49:10,070 --> 00:49:07,800

addressing Steve's claims that her

1190

00:49:12,980 --> 00:49:10,080

evidence is dodgy the response was

1191

00:49:15,650 --> 00:49:12,990

entitled can homeopathy immunize against

1192

00:49:17,990 --> 00:49:15,660

epidemic and infectious diseases can

1193

00:49:21,980 --> 00:49:18,000

homeopathy address serious diseases such

1194

00:49:26,150 --> 00:49:21,990

as aids and cancer no she didn't yes she

1195

00:49:28,250 --> 00:49:26,160

did about AIDS she says homeopathy has

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00:49:31,400 --> 00:49:28,260

been shown in the following trials and

1197

00:49:34,460 --> 00:49:31,410

studies to safely treat AIDS without

1198

00:49:36,380 --> 00:49:34,470

toxic side effects she then followed

1199

00:49:39,859 --> 00:49:36,390

this up with a copy paste of 12

1200

00:49:41,450 --> 00:49:39,869

references Gish gallop away Fran some of

1201

00:49:43,790 --> 00:49:41,460

which are abstracts from conference

1202

00:49:46,250 --> 00:49:43,800

presentations some of which are from ult

1203

00:49:50,570 --> 00:49:46,260

meant journals and some from everybody's

1204

00:49:53,930 --> 00:49:50,580

favorite homeopath Dana Ullman on cancer

1205

00:49:55,730 --> 00:49:53,940

Frances homeopathy has been shown in the

1206

00:49:57,920 --> 00:49:55,740

following trials and studies to be

1207

00:50:00,290 --> 00:49:57,930

effective for cancer and without toxic

1208

00:50:02,240 --> 00:50:00,300

side effects and this was followed by

1209

00:50:04,880 --> 00:50:02,250

the sound Gish Gallup of copying and

1210

00:50:07,130 --> 00:50:04,890

pasting of references you see it is

1211

00:50:09,590 --> 00:50:07,140

illegal in New South Wales to claim you

1212

00:50:12,290 --> 00:50:09,600

can cure incurable diseases and this of

1213

00:50:14,660 --> 00:50:12,300

course includes cancer and AIDS this

1214

00:50:16,060 --> 00:50:14,670

comes under the Public Health Act the

1215

00:50:18,530 --> 00:50:16,070

code of conduct for unregistered

1216

00:50:22,250 --> 00:50:18,540

practitioners which was introduced in

1217

00:50:24,440 --> 00:50:22,260

August 2008 and I'm also pretty sure the

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00:50:26,450 --> 00:50:24,450

Australian homeopathic Association would

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00:50:29,390 --> 00:50:26,460

not be too impressed to hear one of

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00:50:31,910 --> 00:50:29,400

their own making such claims and even if

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00:50:33,830 --> 00:50:31,920

Fran is not a member of the aaha she

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00:50:35,660 --> 00:50:33,840

surely falls under the jurisdiction of

1223

00:50:37,940 --> 00:50:35,670

the healthcare Complaints Commission and

1224

00:50:40,880 --> 00:50:37,950

this means her claims about cancer and

1225

00:50:44,120 --> 00:50:40,890

aids are unlawful and meanwhile the TGA

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00:50:46,099 --> 00:50:44,130

is sitting on its hands so to celebrate

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00:50:47,960 --> 00:50:46,109

world homeopathy Awareness Week I'm

1228

00:50:50,180 --> 00:50:47,970

going to send a complaint to the H

1229

00:50:52,940 --> 00:50:50,190

Triple C or the Australian homeopathic

1230

00:50:54,980 --> 00:50:52,950

Association so that's just some of the

1231

00:50:57,620 --> 00:50:54,990

happenings from a very busy week which

1232

00:51:00,620 --> 00:50:57,630

included Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy's

1233

00:51:09,740 --> 00:51:00,630

splitting up and until next time this

1234

00:51:24,530 --> 00:51:18,420

great great great let's all take this

1235

00:51:30,570 --> 00:51:28,860

I have with me today on the phone wendy

1236

00:51:33,090 --> 00:51:30,580

whelan Wendy thank you very much for

1237

00:51:34,860 --> 00:51:33,100

being with me on the skeptic zone thank

1238

00:51:37,920 --> 00:51:34,870

you very much for inviting me now

1239

00:51:39,480 --> 00:51:37,930

whether you're a you're a GP nurse plus

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00:51:42,570 --> 00:51:39,490

a lot of other things is that correct

1241

00:51:45,090 --> 00:51:42,580

that is correct yes in general practice

1242

00:51:49,080 --> 00:51:45,100

in a little country town you you can to

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00:51:50,760 --> 00:51:49,090

multitask and one of my principal jobs

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00:51:53,880 --> 00:51:50,770

into practice nurse but also the

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00:51:55,350 --> 00:51:53,890

practice manager and we searched and do

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00:51:57,600 --> 00:51:55,360

you care when you care to tell us what

1247

00:51:59,550 --> 00:51:57,610

the country town is yeah here still

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00:52:01,950 --> 00:51:59,560

gained a new south wales the Hubbard the

1249

00:52:05,400 --> 00:52:01,960

central west the hub of the central west

1250

00:52:08,040 --> 00:52:05,410

okay so how big is the gander it's got a

1251
00:52:11,280 --> 00:52:08,050
population of about 2,000 but then if

1252
00:52:12,930 --> 00:52:11,290
you take in the Shire as well I would

1253
00:52:15,150 --> 00:52:12,940
imagine it would be three or four

1254
00:52:17,490 --> 00:52:15,160
thousand it sort of is the junction of

1255
00:52:19,830 --> 00:52:17,500
three highways so it does tend to get

1256
00:52:22,650 --> 00:52:19,840
fairly busy and it has a few small

1257
00:52:26,490 --> 00:52:22,660
outline terms that have got limited

1258
00:52:30,230 --> 00:52:26,500
medical resources and how how far is or

1259
00:52:32,910 --> 00:52:30,240
how close is the nearest big town

1260
00:52:34,860 --> 00:52:32,920
three-quarters of an hour away 70

1261
00:52:38,850 --> 00:52:34,870
kilometres and that's to dubbo is that

1262
00:52:42,060 --> 00:52:38,860
right that's correct yes okay and how

1263
00:52:43,890 --> 00:52:42,070

many gb's are there in gilgandra we've

1264

00:52:46,410 --> 00:52:43,900

had a bit of an explosion whether we've

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00:52:48,630 --> 00:52:46,420

gone through one GP which was dr.

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00:52:53,610 --> 00:52:48,640

giltrap that I originally started

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00:52:59,190 --> 00:52:53,620

working 24 to now having one two three a

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00:53:00,840 --> 00:52:59,200

five I think firing out yes ok we had 51

1269

00:53:03,960 --> 00:53:00,850

down the Main Street one of the hustle

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00:53:07,110 --> 00:53:03,970

yes five that's great 5g piece which is

1271

00:53:10,170 --> 00:53:07,120

amazing I don't think any than a leg

1272

00:53:12,570 --> 00:53:10,180

machine to work ivan i might add so and

1273

00:53:15,660 --> 00:53:12,580

it just goes to show the amount of work

1274

00:53:19,180 --> 00:53:15,670

that divisions a little tool okay now i

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00:53:21,010 --> 00:53:19,190

want to explain why i actually wanted to

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00:53:24,010 --> 00:53:21,020

the reason I wanted to interview is

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00:53:27,240 --> 00:53:24,020

because I've heard through reliable

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00:53:29,920 --> 00:53:27,250

sources that you have this year reached

1279

00:53:32,530 --> 00:53:29,930

100 percent vaccination rates is that

1280

00:53:34,960 --> 00:53:32,540

correct that is correct however on our

1281

00:53:37,210 --> 00:53:34,970

last one so we must notice at the

1282

00:53:39,190 --> 00:53:37,220

beginning it and on our last one there

1283

00:53:42,069 --> 00:53:39,200

was one child that went through and so

1284

00:53:43,809 --> 00:53:42,079

now I didn't 98.9 we're not actually a

1285

00:53:45,700 --> 00:53:43,819

hundred percent you know rather

1286

00:53:48,280 --> 00:53:45,710

devastated by that because I was very

1287

00:53:50,950 --> 00:53:48,290

proud of our one hundred percent right

1288

00:53:54,040 --> 00:53:50,960

but having said that 98.8 not too bad

1289

00:53:57,700 --> 00:53:54,050

either no it isn't no and this is this

1290

00:54:02,440 --> 00:53:57,710

is for a specific gb practice or is it

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00:54:05,020 --> 00:54:02,450

um yes yes it is that out that's our one

1292

00:54:08,200 --> 00:54:05,030

for our practice but having said that

1293

00:54:10,270 --> 00:54:08,210

because it is a little country town we

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00:54:12,540 --> 00:54:10,280

tend to all work together so not so

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00:54:15,609 --> 00:54:12,550

other than so much about as in extra

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00:54:19,680 --> 00:54:15,619

doctors not so much extra doctors but

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00:54:22,300 --> 00:54:19,690

certainly the early childhood worse and

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00:54:24,550 --> 00:54:22,310

motherhood nurse we would tend to work

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00:54:26,530 --> 00:54:24,560

in together so if they felt that there

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00:54:28,960 --> 00:54:26,540

was a child in need and one of them

1301

00:54:31,300 --> 00:54:28,970

wasn't he and then they would come and

1302

00:54:34,750 --> 00:54:31,310

see me and I guess if I wasn't in the

1303

00:54:36,579 --> 00:54:34,760

situation to do vice versa so we change

1304

00:54:38,740 --> 00:54:36,589

do came to work together but those

1305

00:54:40,900 --> 00:54:38,750

statistics are pharrell surgery alone

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00:54:43,180 --> 00:54:40,910

and do you have any idea what the

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00:54:46,059 --> 00:54:43,190

statistics are for the other surgeries

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00:54:50,290 --> 00:54:46,069

no I don't actually not not at all but i

1309

00:54:51,970 --> 00:54:50,300

am just sort of reading I don't know

1310

00:54:54,250 --> 00:54:51,980

what I was an actor or one of those sort

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00:54:56,829 --> 00:54:54,260

of see Megan it may think they weren't

1312

00:55:01,030 --> 00:54:56,839

saying that then the immunization rates

1313

00:55:02,800 --> 00:55:01,040

were down throughout me so well now

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00:55:05,559 --> 00:55:02,810

whether or not that applies to do gange

1315

00:55:08,710 --> 00:55:05,569

i don't know i would be surprised

1316

00:55:12,970 --> 00:55:08,720

because we're pretty diligent as a town

1317

00:55:15,280 --> 00:55:12,980

are trying to get vaccinations up to

1318

00:55:17,109 --> 00:55:15,290

date and keep them that way can you tell

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00:55:21,309 --> 00:55:17,119

me a little bit about the population the

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00:55:23,829 --> 00:55:21,319

socioeconomic status there and and the

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00:55:26,079 --> 00:55:23,839

kind of problems that the population

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00:55:27,250 --> 00:55:26,089

might tend to have medical problems that

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00:55:29,740 --> 00:55:27,260

the population might tend to have

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00:55:31,990 --> 00:55:29,750

inbuilt andhra yes it's an interesting

1325

00:55:32,820 --> 00:55:32,000

wouldn't and actually they quite a

1326
00:55:35,350 --> 00:55:32,830
significant

1327
00:55:38,500 --> 00:55:35,360
aboriginal population and there's also a

1328
00:55:40,450 --> 00:55:38,510
significant age population in addition

1329
00:55:43,840 --> 00:55:40,460
to that in the 20 years that I've worked

1330
00:55:45,670 --> 00:55:43,850
there I've had the pleasure I'm having

1331
00:55:47,440 --> 00:55:45,680
the grandparents bring the children and

1332
00:55:49,830 --> 00:55:47,450
then now those children have had

1333
00:55:52,060 --> 00:55:49,840
children so a lot of cases has three

1334
00:55:54,790 --> 00:55:52,070
generations of family that are coming

1335
00:55:58,420 --> 00:55:54,800
through the surgery and occasionally for

1336
00:56:01,330 --> 00:55:58,430
an interesting thing about that is that

1337
00:56:04,180 --> 00:56:01,340
the natural tendency patterns in health

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00:56:08,170 --> 00:56:04,190

problems there's a large amount of

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00:56:10,450 --> 00:56:08,180

diabetes in a town that tends to run in

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00:56:13,960 --> 00:56:10,460

certain families and the derivatives of

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00:56:16,330 --> 00:56:13,970

it absolutely is a big problem it was

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00:56:19,600 --> 00:56:16,340

when I first came to determine that end

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00:56:21,790 --> 00:56:19,610

states are the real and cardiac problems

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00:56:24,850 --> 00:56:21,800

and agitations and the complications of

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00:56:27,130 --> 00:56:24,860

diabetes were very random I would think

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00:56:29,890 --> 00:56:27,140

that that's diminished in certain the

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00:56:32,320 --> 00:56:29,900

healthcare for a variety of reasons has

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00:56:35,610 --> 00:56:32,330

improved and perhaps that's also the

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00:56:39,160 --> 00:56:35,620

reporting at all there's a fairly large

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00:56:41,440 --> 00:56:39,170

unemployed segments in their town but

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00:56:43,300 --> 00:56:41,450

it's also not an apathetic town or to

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00:56:45,150 --> 00:56:43,310

tell where people have a goal of trying

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00:56:48,400 --> 00:56:45,160

to sort of get out and do things it's

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00:56:51,250 --> 00:56:48,410

largely a farming community that

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00:56:52,900 --> 00:56:51,260

suffered largely from the brow and

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00:56:54,700 --> 00:56:52,910

that's caused a lot of problems it's

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00:56:57,190 --> 00:56:54,710

caused various mental health problems

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00:56:59,520 --> 00:56:57,200

and various other stress problems that

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00:57:03,070 --> 00:56:59,530

tend to go with those sorts of things

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00:57:04,870 --> 00:57:03,080

also being a rural area and prone to

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00:57:09,400 --> 00:57:04,880

drought and flooding whatever we've got

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00:57:12,610 --> 00:57:09,410

a large influx seasonally of both mas

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00:57:16,330 --> 00:57:12,620

river to fever glandular fever and those

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00:57:18,670 --> 00:57:16,340

sorts of things as well so it's that you

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00:57:20,980 --> 00:57:18,680

know part of the normal sort of aging

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00:57:22,780 --> 00:57:20,990

illnesses that would come within our own

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00:57:25,050 --> 00:57:22,790

community so you tend to head the two

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00:57:28,240 --> 00:57:25,060

extremes of the childhood illnesses

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00:57:31,150 --> 00:57:28,250

maybe tantalizes wheelies and all of

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00:57:35,290 --> 00:57:31,160

those sorts of things and also your age

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00:57:37,900 --> 00:57:35,300

once as well as a prisoner and alias and

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00:57:40,030 --> 00:57:37,910

critics syncretic to the average was

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00:57:42,420 --> 00:57:40,040

from your description of the population

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00:57:45,070 --> 00:57:42,430

in goog andhra it sounds to me like the

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00:57:46,630 --> 00:57:45,080

population could be at high risk should

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00:57:49,240 --> 00:57:46,640

there be an outbreak of community

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00:57:50,680 --> 00:57:49,250

a communicable disease such as pertussis

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00:57:52,539 --> 00:57:50,690

or some other vaccine-preventable

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00:57:55,079 --> 00:57:52,549

disease and I'm just wondering whether

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00:57:59,799 --> 00:57:55,089

you had any such outbreaks in the past

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00:58:01,750 --> 00:57:59,809

yes yes we did we have had tuchis

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00:58:04,799 --> 00:58:01,760

outbreaks certainly in the last couple

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00:58:09,910 --> 00:58:04,809

of years that seems to have happen in

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00:58:12,880 --> 00:58:09,920

adults and some children either children

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00:58:16,240 --> 00:58:12,890

that are too young to be vaccinated yes

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00:58:18,160 --> 00:58:16,250

or occasionally in some primary aged

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00:58:20,079 --> 00:58:18,170

children not sure why that end has

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00:58:22,329 --> 00:58:20,089

happened if they have been children been

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00:58:24,039 --> 00:58:22,339

fully vaccinated but certainly in the

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00:58:27,099 --> 00:58:24,049

adults that people wear their immunity

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00:58:29,160 --> 00:58:27,109

has dropped off we presume and so of

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00:58:32,349 --> 00:58:29,170

course now that the district's is

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00:58:34,059 --> 00:58:32,359

available to grandparents and then this

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00:58:36,880 --> 00:58:34,069

year to sort of healthcare workers

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00:58:40,960 --> 00:58:36,890

hopefully that will help that problem as

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00:58:43,680 --> 00:58:40,970

far as the others now we haven't very

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00:58:47,529 --> 00:58:43,690

very little and sort of the

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00:58:49,509 --> 00:58:47,539

meningococcal or the techni sore the

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00:58:52,749 --> 00:58:49,519

rebbe Ella and I think only one or two

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00:58:55,059 --> 00:58:52,759

measles in the last multiple years so

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00:58:57,519 --> 00:58:55,069

it's pretty good really okay certainly

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00:58:59,980 --> 00:58:57,529

if that did did break loose that'd be a

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00:59:02,259 --> 00:58:59,990

you know it would spread like wildfire

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00:59:05,230 --> 00:59:02,269

in a little town like this okay so

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00:59:06,819 --> 00:59:05,240

obviously you consider vaccines to be

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00:59:11,259 --> 00:59:06,829

quite an important public health measure

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00:59:13,539 --> 00:59:11,269

I i think it is vital I know not only

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00:59:15,130 --> 00:59:13,549

considered that it's vital to the

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00:59:16,809 --> 00:59:15,140

immediate health but I consider that

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00:59:20,279 --> 00:59:16,819

it's vital for the ongoing health

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00:59:22,779 --> 00:59:20,289

because of the risk of spreading it to

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00:59:24,999 --> 00:59:22,789

compromise members of the community such

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00:59:28,690 --> 00:59:25,009

as the age such as the babies or people

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00:59:31,120 --> 00:59:28,700

with reduced immunity and if you can get

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00:59:34,509 --> 00:59:31,130

people to not be afraid of them and to

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00:59:36,640 --> 00:59:34,519

see there's a you know just another part

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00:59:38,559 --> 00:59:36,650

of their preventive health care and that

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00:59:41,349 --> 00:59:38,569

in fact preventive health care is

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00:59:44,890 --> 00:59:41,359

worthwhile doing then I think I think

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00:59:46,720 --> 00:59:44,900

it's better you know I think really so

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00:59:49,089 --> 00:59:46,730

do you feel do you feel that there's any

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00:59:50,499 --> 00:59:49,099

fear in the community about that scenes

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00:59:54,190 --> 00:59:50,509

you said they have to get over their

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00:59:56,380 --> 00:59:54,200

fear definitely yes definitely I say

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00:59:58,749 --> 00:59:56,390

it's got better over the years but

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01:00:00,010 --> 00:59:58,759

certainly from the point of view of

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01:00:02,170 --> 01:00:00,020

unionization

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01:00:05,500 --> 01:00:02,180

and flu vaccines and of course the swine

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01:00:08,320 --> 01:00:05,510

flu when it came in us GD there was a

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01:00:11,140 --> 01:00:08,330

lot of fear initially because it was the

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01:00:12,820 --> 01:00:11,150

unknown it was a vaccine that hadn't

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01:00:14,680 --> 01:00:12,830

been tested for long and a lot of people

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01:00:19,210 --> 01:00:14,690

felt that it was a reaction or a

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01:00:21,640 --> 01:00:19,220

response to hysteria slightly so they

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01:00:24,480 --> 01:00:21,650

were very ain t having it done there now

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01:00:28,840 --> 01:00:24,490

much better with that but for ongoing

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01:00:31,240 --> 01:00:28,850

number of years the main community that

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01:00:33,070 --> 01:00:31,250

I want to target so preventive health is

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01:00:35,830 --> 01:00:33,080

the aboriginal population particularly

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01:00:37,930 --> 01:00:35,840

for their flu needles and the numa faxes

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01:00:40,920 --> 01:00:37,940

now there are always my lowest group

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01:00:42,970 --> 01:00:40,930

they have seemed to have this and I

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01:00:46,060 --> 01:00:42,980

don't know what you would call it just

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01:00:48,340 --> 01:00:46,070

like a innate sort of fear of needles as

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01:00:51,100 --> 01:00:48,350

much as anything not so much the actual

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01:00:52,990 --> 01:00:51,110

vaccine and the childhood vaccines they

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01:00:55,450 --> 01:00:53,000

fine with but it's the older people

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01:00:58,150 --> 01:00:55,460

there they don't respond nearly as well

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01:00:59,980 --> 01:00:58,160

as I would like them to do and you know

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01:01:01,270 --> 01:00:59,990

they'll say yes they'll come but then

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01:01:03,250 --> 01:01:01,280

they won't come back and have their

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01:01:06,040 --> 01:01:03,260

needles done so you've got to be really

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01:01:08,500 --> 01:01:06,050

opportunistic and almost a little pushy

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01:01:11,110 --> 01:01:08,510

at times to get some of your older

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01:01:14,430 --> 01:01:11,120

population and that's a shame because I

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01:01:17,650 --> 01:01:14,440

think they you know they're in need and

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01:01:19,330 --> 01:01:17,660

I think they're at high risk you know

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01:01:21,400 --> 01:01:19,340

particularly bearing in mind that the

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01:01:23,560 --> 01:01:21,410

aboriginal mortality rate is about 20

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01:01:27,670 --> 01:01:23,570

years you know shorter than the average

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01:01:30,040 --> 01:01:27,680

white Caucasian an off times I think

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01:01:31,480 --> 01:01:30,050

preventively and I think we've got a

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01:01:33,400 --> 01:01:31,490

really good rapport with Aboriginal

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01:01:36,580 --> 01:01:33,410

people here it's something that I'd like

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01:01:38,230 --> 01:01:36,590

to be able to improve if I could and

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01:01:39,700 --> 01:01:38,240

what have you done this year in order to

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01:01:41,130 --> 01:01:39,710

get to one hundred percent immunization

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01:01:43,510 --> 01:01:41,140

I don't think there's anything

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01:01:45,900 --> 01:01:43,520

spectacularly different in this year I

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01:01:50,740 --> 01:01:45,910

think you could just best sum it up by

1471

01:01:52,660 --> 01:01:50,750

being ongoing consistent in as much as

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01:01:55,330 --> 01:01:52,670

they know that they are able to get

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01:01:57,760 --> 01:01:55,340

their needles here that were always be

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01:02:01,810 --> 01:01:57,770

available pretty opportunistic so the

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01:02:03,880 --> 01:02:01,820

situation arises where people can be

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01:02:06,340 --> 01:02:03,890

vaccinated than we do we've always got

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01:02:08,410 --> 01:02:06,350

supplies on hand and I personally make

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01:02:10,120 --> 01:02:08,420

sure that I'm always available whether

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01:02:12,940 --> 01:02:10,130

it's convenient or not but I think

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01:02:13,870 --> 01:02:12,950

probably the biggest success story is

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01:02:16,330 --> 01:02:13,880

the fact

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01:02:18,010 --> 01:02:16,340

that we've got a really good rapport

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01:02:19,780 --> 01:02:18,020

with the other allied health workers

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01:02:23,140 --> 01:02:19,790

whether it be the community nurses the

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01:02:24,850 --> 01:02:23,150

childhood nurses the speeches or the

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01:02:26,920 --> 01:02:24,860

women's shelter doesn't matter we're

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01:02:29,320 --> 01:02:26,930

really lucky to have a good rapport in

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01:02:31,960 --> 01:02:29,330

the community and and I've got excellent

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01:02:33,970 --> 01:02:31,970

doctors that I work for so that all

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01:02:36,370 --> 01:02:33,980

works together you know for the best for

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01:02:38,980 --> 01:02:36,380

the patient i believe so it's certainly

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01:02:40,990 --> 01:02:38,990

not a wendy whelan loan effort I can

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01:02:44,140 --> 01:02:41,000

assure you is that it's i would think

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01:02:45,850 --> 01:02:44,150

that while it's our surgery I think

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01:02:48,040 --> 01:02:45,860

there's lots of people feeding to make

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01:02:50,680 --> 01:02:48,050

things a successful not normally just

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01:02:53,550 --> 01:02:50,690

one person have you been working with

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01:02:55,750 --> 01:02:53,560

the other surgeries in order to promote

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01:02:58,210 --> 01:02:55,760

vaccinations as a public health measure

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01:02:59,800 --> 01:02:58,220

to the community at large rather than

1501

01:03:04,660 --> 01:02:59,810

just the community the part of the

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01:03:07,660 --> 01:03:04,670

community that attends your surgery I if

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01:03:09,400 --> 01:03:07,670

ever they look that particularly there

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01:03:11,770 --> 01:03:09,410

is a surgery at the hospital it's a new

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01:03:14,730 --> 01:03:11,780

surgery I've certainly promoted it to

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01:03:17,470 --> 01:03:14,740

them we would probably be the most

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01:03:19,060 --> 01:03:17,480

senior surgery in as much as that I just

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01:03:22,360 --> 01:03:19,070

mean that we've been there the longest

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01:03:25,270 --> 01:03:22,370

and probably know the ropes easier so I

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01:03:27,340 --> 01:03:25,280

guess from a consulting point of view on

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01:03:29,560 --> 01:03:27,350

there and I'm available in that village

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01:03:31,360 --> 01:03:29,570

it's quite often use me that they will

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01:03:33,130 --> 01:03:31,370

be if there's any problems and often

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01:03:34,900 --> 01:03:33,140

even our chemists because we've only got

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01:03:37,390 --> 01:03:34,910

one chemist in town and although she's

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01:03:39,940 --> 01:03:37,400

great she'll often ring me up and to say

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01:03:41,560 --> 01:03:39,950

you know you know I've got this problem

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01:03:43,210 --> 01:03:41,570

what do you think and i guess would

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01:03:44,980 --> 01:03:43,220

would be two colleagues together rather

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01:03:49,960 --> 01:03:44,990

than one person being better than the

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01:03:51,580 --> 01:03:49,970

other so here so I any active chance

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01:03:53,230 --> 01:03:51,590

that I would get it i would promote it

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01:03:56,500 --> 01:03:53,240

but we also have an immunization

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01:03:58,210 --> 01:03:56,510

conference in Dubbo each year for all

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01:04:00,910 --> 01:03:58,220

the little towns and all the surgeries

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01:04:02,590 --> 01:04:00,920
so they would promote it as well there

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01:04:05,740 --> 01:04:02,600
are organizations and the organizations

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01:04:07,500 --> 01:04:05,750
that we fight with quite a loss that try

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01:04:11,200 --> 01:04:07,510
to promote all kinds of fear and

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01:04:12,700 --> 01:04:11,210
misinformation about vaccines do you

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01:04:15,160 --> 01:04:12,710
feel that they're having some kind of

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01:04:17,230 --> 01:04:15,170
effect in your environment that's an

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01:04:20,530 --> 01:04:17,240
interesting question actually oh if it

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01:04:22,360 --> 01:04:20,540
had it been prior to Medicare giving

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01:04:25,720 --> 01:04:22,370
their incentive payments they're having

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01:04:27,350 --> 01:04:25,730
completed vaccines and I think people

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01:04:29,570 --> 01:04:27,360
would have tended to use

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01:04:34,070 --> 01:04:29,580

that more especially for the children

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01:04:36,650 --> 01:04:34,080

but certainly not now if that's the

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01:04:40,490 --> 01:04:36,660

swine flu and it's now been integrated

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01:04:42,320 --> 01:04:40,500

more as well but certainly in the old a

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01:04:45,410 --> 01:04:42,330

lot there's a lot of people that say

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01:04:48,620 --> 01:04:45,420

they don't need it that they're seen

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01:04:51,740 --> 01:04:48,630

other people have bad reactions etc etc

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01:04:53,300 --> 01:04:51,750

and that is a much harder group to get

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01:04:56,270 --> 01:04:53,310

done people seem to be happy enough to

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01:04:58,130 --> 01:04:56,280

do the children but not themselves they

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01:05:01,160 --> 01:04:58,140

don't realize that they're the extended

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01:05:04,400 --> 01:05:01,170

arm but you know can infect their

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01:05:05,960 --> 01:05:04,410

families as much as anything else so I

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01:05:08,180 --> 01:05:05,970

guess rather than a specific

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01:05:11,990 --> 01:05:08,190

organization that just seems to be this

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01:05:15,680 --> 01:05:12,000

general slight nerdiness if you would

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01:05:17,720 --> 01:05:15,690

like amongst particularly the aboriginal

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01:05:20,540 --> 01:05:17,730

community or the lower socioeconomic

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01:05:23,750 --> 01:05:20,550

groups where they perhaps not as well

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01:05:26,240 --> 01:05:23,760

informed but i believe continued

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01:05:29,390 --> 01:05:26,250

education and consistent education is

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01:05:30,680 --> 01:05:29,400

back the answer to that now Wendy let me

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01:05:33,200 --> 01:05:30,690

ask you this I know you have

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01:05:34,820 --> 01:05:33,210

grandchildren so I think it would be

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01:05:36,980 --> 01:05:34,830

fair to assume that you've been a nurse

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01:05:40,550 --> 01:05:36,990

for quite a while since when have you

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01:05:42,710 --> 01:05:40,560

been a nurse Oh since when I started in

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01:05:47,720 --> 01:05:42,720

nineteen seventy-four I started nursing

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01:05:49,430 --> 01:05:47,730

and I did nothing and also started

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01:05:51,830 --> 01:05:49,440

speech therapy but I also did my only

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01:05:55,040 --> 01:05:51,840

childhood teaching sir got a few

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01:05:58,870 --> 01:05:55,050

different caps but nursing's my passion

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01:06:03,950 --> 01:05:58,880

I love my nursing and you so in 1974

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01:06:09,020 --> 01:06:03,960

that was maybe 13 14 years out from the

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01:06:12,920 --> 01:06:09,030

last cases of polio so so people would

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01:06:15,110 --> 01:06:12,930

have would have been the effect of these

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01:06:19,490 --> 01:06:15,120

diseases that are now that since then

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01:06:23,060 --> 01:06:19,500

have been prevented by by vaccines have

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01:06:25,690 --> 01:06:23,070

you seen over time as people no less and

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01:06:28,670 --> 01:06:25,700

less of people who have suffered from

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01:06:30,980 --> 01:06:28,680

vaccine-preventable diseases that the

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01:06:34,550 --> 01:06:30,990

tendency to immunize it affects its

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01:06:37,130 --> 01:06:34,560

tendency to complete the vaccination

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01:06:39,660 --> 01:06:37,140

regime has deteriorated or what kind of

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01:06:42,960 --> 01:06:39,670

effect have you seen over time

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01:06:45,180 --> 01:06:42,970

as regards specifically polio inside

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01:06:48,450 --> 01:06:45,190

diphtheria or those sorts of ones you're

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01:06:50,130 --> 01:06:48,460

talking about well I would assume again

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01:06:51,599 --> 01:06:50,140

I'm making a bit of an assumption here

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01:06:54,569 --> 01:06:51,609

so I'm interested to know your opinion

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01:06:56,750 --> 01:06:54,579

my assumption is that vaccines are in a

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01:06:59,250 --> 01:06:56,760

sense their own worst enemies because

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01:07:01,500 --> 01:06:59,260

those terrible diseases that are now

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01:07:03,210 --> 01:07:01,510

preventable by vaccines are gone they're

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01:07:05,670 --> 01:07:03,220

basically not there anymore so people do

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01:07:09,690 --> 01:07:05,680

not tend to see them nobody bring her

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01:07:12,180 --> 01:07:09,700

nobody who is less than about 35 knows

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01:07:13,859 --> 01:07:12,190

many people who knows many if any people

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01:07:19,049 --> 01:07:13,869

with polio for example her suffered from

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01:07:21,299 --> 01:07:19,059

polio I think probably and I would agree

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01:07:23,910 --> 01:07:21,309

with you except for one thing you've got

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01:07:26,130 --> 01:07:23,920

to remember that now many people are

1600

01:07:29,609 --> 01:07:26,140

traveling and I think travel medicine

1601

01:07:32,039 --> 01:07:29,619

has probably re enlightened or

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01:07:33,420 --> 01:07:32,049

re-educated people because as you would

1603

01:07:37,099 --> 01:07:33,430

know that if you go to somewhere like

1604

01:07:39,089 --> 01:07:37,109

the middle of Africa polio is still

1605

01:07:40,620 --> 01:07:39,099

occurring there and therefore that's

1606

01:07:42,569 --> 01:07:40,630

where you would have your I poll

1607

01:07:46,670 --> 01:07:42,579

vaccination there is only a couple of

1608

01:07:49,470 --> 01:07:46,680

places in the world where polio is still

1609

01:07:51,329 --> 01:07:49,480

required to go and you know it's a

1610

01:07:53,819 --> 01:07:51,339

prerequisite when you're traveling but

1611

01:07:56,150 --> 01:07:53,829

because people are tending to go more

1612

01:07:58,770 --> 01:07:56,160

and more to those sorts of places now

1613

01:08:00,599 --> 01:07:58,780

we're finding that they're a little bit

1614

01:08:03,720 --> 01:08:00,609

more aware I used to find that there are

1615

01:08:08,819 --> 01:08:03,730

a bit ho-hum but not so much so now they

1616

01:08:10,650 --> 01:08:08,829

they tend to be more aware the biggest

1617

01:08:12,780 --> 01:08:10,660

thing I find is not so much that they

1618

01:08:14,520 --> 01:08:12,790

won't have the vaccinations done but

1619

01:08:18,390 --> 01:08:14,530

that they don't have now enough time to

1620

01:08:21,150 --> 01:08:18,400

have the vaccination completed fully and

1621

01:08:23,280 --> 01:08:21,160

that that bothers me for instance you

1622

01:08:25,050 --> 01:08:23,290

know for the hepatitis I you know like

1623

01:08:27,870 --> 01:08:25,060

hepatitis was around a lot when I was a

1624

01:08:30,150 --> 01:08:27,880

child not so much now as an arrow in

1625

01:08:32,180 --> 01:08:30,160

fact very rarely as an adult people

1626
01:08:35,370 --> 01:08:32,190
don't realize that you need two vaccines

1627
01:08:37,740 --> 01:08:35,380
16 months related to complete the

1628
01:08:39,930 --> 01:08:37,750
vaccination and that's the problem that

1629
01:08:43,349 --> 01:08:39,940
I'm tending to see more of that people

1630
01:08:45,900 --> 01:08:43,359
don't come and willingly follow up for

1631
01:08:48,059 --> 01:08:45,910
the second one they intend to they just

1632
01:08:49,590 --> 01:08:48,069
don't get around to it or they don't see

1633
01:08:50,999 --> 01:08:49,600
the value of it do you think that's

1634
01:08:52,829 --> 01:08:51,009
probably because they're not worried

1635
01:08:58,559 --> 01:08:52,839
enough about those view those

1636
01:09:00,059 --> 01:08:58,569
I think they not so much that they're

1637
01:09:02,220 --> 01:09:00,069
not worried about it i think that's a

1638
01:09:05,519 --> 01:09:02,230

combination of things i think they we

1639

01:09:07,229 --> 01:09:05,529

live in a society where 11 fix fixes

1640

01:09:09,329 --> 01:09:07,239

everything so people tend to think that

1641

01:09:12,059 --> 01:09:09,339

if you have one vaccine its kind of fix

1642

01:09:14,280 --> 01:09:12,069

the whole one and anything that in our

1643

01:09:19,079 --> 01:09:14,290

health system i found that requires an

1644

01:09:21,390 --> 01:09:19,089

ongoing process tends to run the risk of

1645

01:09:23,579 --> 01:09:21,400

not being fully compliant and i think

1646

01:09:27,419 --> 01:09:23,589

that's the biggest thing whether whether

1647

01:09:29,609 --> 01:09:27,429

it be immunization or your ongoing

1648

01:09:31,169 --> 01:09:29,619

enhanced primary care for the chronic

1649

01:09:33,209 --> 01:09:31,179

diseases any of those sorts of things

1650

01:09:37,249 --> 01:09:33,219

that require requires an ongoing

1651
01:09:39,749 --> 01:09:37,259
commitment need extra diligence on our

1652
01:09:43,320 --> 01:09:39,759
part and record keeping because they're

1653
01:09:45,570 --> 01:09:43,330
the ones that people tend to fall ban on

1654
01:09:47,010 --> 01:09:45,580
i guess i guess people just too busy as

1655
01:09:50,430 --> 01:09:47,020
much as anything i don't think it's

1656
01:09:53,070 --> 01:09:50,440
necessarily not wanting to do it they

1657
01:09:57,000 --> 01:09:53,080
just don't get me Wendy thank you very

1658
01:09:58,859 --> 01:09:57,010
much for giving me of your time and it's

1659
01:10:00,240 --> 01:09:58,869
been great speaking to and well done on

1660
01:10:02,160 --> 01:10:00,250
the achievement of getting one hundred

1661
01:10:05,000 --> 01:10:02,170
percent vaccination even if it has now

1662
01:10:09,270 --> 01:10:05,010
dropped to what ninety-eight point I

1663
01:10:14,220 --> 01:10:09,280

know she and I believe okay thank you

1664

01:10:15,990 --> 01:10:14,230

very much yeah aight guys i was talking

1665

01:10:18,359 --> 01:10:16,000

to Richard Saunders isn't it all right

1666

01:10:20,790 --> 01:10:18,369

he said if we record a trailer for our

1667

01:10:22,500 --> 01:10:20,800

podcast skeptics with a que he declared

1668

01:10:23,970 --> 01:10:22,510

on their on their show that's nice of

1669

01:10:24,870 --> 01:10:23,980

him that's very generous it's pretty

1670

01:10:26,850 --> 01:10:24,880

good i'm not sure what we could do

1671

01:10:28,589 --> 01:10:26,860

though I mean well suppose you tell

1672

01:10:31,439 --> 01:10:28,599

people shows about but it's basic is

1673

01:10:33,060 --> 01:10:31,449

this yeah like yeah but you know we talk

1674

01:10:34,500 --> 01:10:33,070

about science and skepticism and things

1675

01:10:35,609 --> 01:10:34,510

that's that's true i suppose en you

1676

01:10:38,129 --> 01:10:35,619

mentioned the website address what

1677

01:10:39,870 --> 01:10:38,139

merseyside skeptics todo UK yeah yeah

1678

01:10:41,129 --> 01:10:39,880

just like searches night UN's oh and

1679

01:10:44,850 --> 01:10:41,139

then we could end with like a big song

1680

01:10:53,910 --> 01:10:44,860

like the skeptics with okay god no no no

1681

01:11:00,970 --> 01:10:57,400

I'm Carly Sturgis and today I'm talking

1682

01:11:03,190 --> 01:11:00,980

to crispy and Jago Crispian works in

1683

01:11:05,229 --> 01:11:03,200

information technology and lives in

1684

01:11:08,530 --> 01:11:05,239

Hampshire England where he keeps a very

1685

01:11:10,660 --> 01:11:08,540

beautiful garden online he says he's

1686

01:11:12,790 --> 01:11:10,670

well known for pointing a satirical and

1687

01:11:15,030 --> 01:11:12,800

bogi stained finger at those who

1688

01:11:18,550 --> 01:11:15,040

preferred dogma and irrational beliefs

1689

01:11:20,860 --> 01:11:18,560

his side science reason and critical

1690

01:11:23,620 --> 01:11:20,870

thinking features rave reviews by the

1691

01:11:26,200 --> 01:11:23,630

likes of Adam Savage Phil Plait and Ben

1692

01:11:29,020 --> 01:11:26,210

Goldacre for his creative depiction of

1693

01:11:32,260 --> 01:11:29,030

skeptics using playing cards and parody

1694

01:11:38,470 --> 01:11:32,270

he also features album reviews on his

1695

01:11:41,140 --> 01:11:38,480

side wwwspa- hello Crispian and thanks

1696

01:11:43,240 --> 01:11:41,150

for the opportunity for an interview hi

1697

01:11:45,729 --> 01:11:43,250

Carly many thanks for having me on you

1698

01:11:48,610 --> 01:11:45,739

describe yourself on your site as an IT

1699

01:11:50,920 --> 01:11:48,620

consultant specializing in software test

1700

01:11:53,470 --> 01:11:50,930

management and consultancy with a

1701

01:11:55,479 --> 01:11:53,480

passion for music and science so do you

1702

01:11:57,640 --> 01:11:55,489

also call yourself a skeptic and why

1703

01:11:59,770 --> 01:11:57,650

yeah I would absolutely describe myself

1704

01:12:01,180 --> 01:11:59,780

as a skeptic and thanks for pointing out

1705

01:12:03,160 --> 01:12:01,190

that I obviously forgot to include that

1706

01:12:05,920 --> 01:12:03,170

word on my blog profile probably need to

1707

01:12:08,170 --> 01:12:05,930

update that but IT consultancy is my day

1708

01:12:09,250 --> 01:12:08,180

job and I have my own company i

1709

01:12:12,580 --> 01:12:09,260

specialize in software testing

1710

01:12:14,470 --> 01:12:12,590

strategies and test processes but as

1711

01:12:16,720 --> 01:12:14,480

much as I enjoy that my passion is

1712

01:12:19,240 --> 01:12:16,730

indeed for science and music and I guess

1713

01:12:20,890 --> 01:12:19,250

despite a temporary religious blind spot

1714

01:12:23,229 --> 01:12:20,900

during my late teenage years I've always

1715

01:12:24,940 --> 01:12:23,239

been skeptical I just didn't really

1716

01:12:26,950 --> 01:12:24,950

recognize myself as a skeptic until

1717

01:12:28,930 --> 01:12:26,960

probably a couple of years ago when I

1718

01:12:30,940 --> 01:12:28,940

started attending skeptics in the pub in

1719

01:12:32,770 --> 01:12:30,950

London and it became immediately obvious

1720

01:12:36,220 --> 01:12:32,780

to me that these are my people and

1721

01:12:38,200 --> 01:12:36,230

that's what I was so since then i worked

1722

01:12:39,850 --> 01:12:38,210

with my local skeptical compadre dave

1723

01:12:41,979 --> 01:12:39,860

hughes and we've set up the Hampshire

1724

01:12:43,959 --> 01:12:41,989

skeptics society let me know run another

1725

01:12:46,300 --> 01:12:43,969

skeptics in the pub in Winchester and

1726
01:12:48,610 --> 01:12:46,310
Hampshire and that's all going very well

1727
01:12:50,590 --> 01:12:48,620
there seems to be a great deal of desire

1728
01:12:53,410 --> 01:12:50,600
for skeptical events and critical

1729
01:12:55,420 --> 01:12:53,420
thinking so it's all good you think that

1730
01:12:57,910 --> 01:12:55,430
there's more skeptically minded people

1731
01:12:59,470 --> 01:12:57,920
involved in it or is the profession

1732
01:13:01,390 --> 01:12:59,480
like any other well I guess there's a

1733
01:13:02,920 --> 01:13:01,400
lot of people in IT so it's hardly

1734
01:13:04,100 --> 01:13:02,930
surprising that found number them

1735
01:13:07,720 --> 01:13:04,110
revolved in the

1736
01:13:10,580 --> 01:13:07,730
sketchup community but i suspect that

1737
01:13:13,220 --> 01:13:10,590
both critical thinking and woowoo exists

1738
01:13:16,490 --> 01:13:13,230

within all professions perhaps I T

1739

01:13:19,370 --> 01:13:16,500

attracts more geeky nerdy sciency sort

1740

01:13:21,350 --> 01:13:19,380

of people who were maybes predisposed to

1741

01:13:24,530 --> 01:13:21,360

more science and reason and critical

1742

01:13:26,270 --> 01:13:24,540

thinking rather than fairies and

1743

01:13:28,370 --> 01:13:26,280

pseudoscience and irrational nonsense

1744

01:13:31,010 --> 01:13:28,380

you're the creator of a very popular

1745

01:13:32,899 --> 01:13:31,020

blog called science reason and critical

1746

01:13:35,540 --> 01:13:32,909

thinking which involves parodies of

1747

01:13:37,879 --> 01:13:35,550

ladybird books tarot cards and even

1748

01:13:39,910 --> 01:13:37,889

interviews what first inspired you to

1749

01:13:42,410 --> 01:13:39,920

start creating that kind of site I

1750

01:13:44,510 --> 01:13:42,420

started writing my science reason and

1751

01:13:46,490 --> 01:13:44,520

critical thinking blog and just over 18

1752

01:13:48,470 --> 01:13:46,500

months ago and the main reason was that

1753

01:13:50,359 --> 01:13:48,480

every time I went to skeptics in the pub

1754

01:13:53,000 --> 01:13:50,369

someone would invariably ask me do you

1755

01:13:55,250 --> 01:13:53,010

blog or what's the name of your blog so

1756

01:13:56,990 --> 01:13:55,260

one lunchtime when I couldn't be asked

1757

01:14:00,200 --> 01:13:57,000

to leave my desk I logged on to blogger

1758

01:14:01,570 --> 01:14:00,210

and i set up my blog i hadn't planned on

1759

01:14:03,859 --> 01:14:01,580

doing it i hadn't given it any thought

1760

01:14:05,510 --> 01:14:03,869

so when I was prompted with a flashing

1761

01:14:06,890 --> 01:14:05,520

cursor following the question blog name

1762

01:14:08,300 --> 01:14:06,900

i just typed in the first thing that

1763

01:14:10,540 --> 01:14:08,310

came into my head which just happened to

1764

01:14:12,709 --> 01:14:10,550

be science reason in critical thinking

1765

01:14:14,120 --> 01:14:12,719

perhaps with hindsight i could have

1766

01:14:16,669 --> 01:14:14,130

thought of something a bit more witty

1767

01:14:20,899 --> 01:14:16,679

your pithy that there you go I'm not

1768

01:14:22,850 --> 01:14:20,909

changing it there so first I tried to

1769

01:14:25,070 --> 01:14:22,860

write serious posts about skeptical

1770

01:14:27,129 --> 01:14:25,080

issues but I think I just ended up sort

1771

01:14:29,930 --> 01:14:27,139

of echoing thoughts and ideas that I've

1772

01:14:32,510 --> 01:14:29,940

heard express much more eloquently by

1773

01:14:35,899 --> 01:14:32,520

other writers and podcasters and

1774

01:14:37,459 --> 01:14:35,909

bloggers and then about a year ago it's

1775

01:14:40,129 --> 01:14:37,469

just before the initial Simon Singh

1776

01:14:41,720 --> 01:14:40,139

hearing at the course of justice I was

1777

01:14:44,180 --> 01:14:41,730

listening to a description of the case I

1778

01:14:45,950 --> 01:14:44,190

think it's on the on the SGU podcast I

1779

01:14:48,590 --> 01:14:45,960

realized for the first time that the

1780

01:14:50,479 --> 01:14:48,600

whole purpose of the sing b/ci trial was

1781

01:14:53,060 --> 01:14:50,489

not to review the empirical evidence on

1782

01:14:55,640 --> 01:14:53,070

the truth of the bch claims but it was

1783

01:14:57,080 --> 01:14:55,650

to bicker about semantics and in an

1784

01:14:59,149 --> 01:14:57,090

attempt to sort of silence valid

1785

01:15:00,950 --> 01:14:59,159

criticism and the moment that dawned on

1786

01:15:02,390 --> 01:15:00,960

me I immediately thought of the woods

1787

01:15:05,450 --> 01:15:02,400

trough and Monty Python and the Holy

1788

01:15:07,310 --> 01:15:05,460

Grail so I rewrote the witch sketch to

1789

01:15:09,590 --> 01:15:07,320

the tune of we have found a scientists

1790

01:15:11,419 --> 01:15:09,600

may be sue him when I posted on my blog

1791

01:15:15,320 --> 01:15:11,429

later that day in to my surprise it was

1792

01:15:17,780 --> 01:15:15,330

retweeted and linked and I thought wow

1793

01:15:20,180 --> 01:15:17,790

this is rather easy just writing and

1794

01:15:21,950 --> 01:15:20,190

satirical skeptical blogs rehashing

1795

01:15:24,170 --> 01:15:21,960

Monty Python sketch uses a lot easier

1796

01:15:27,230 --> 01:15:24,180

than them thinking of your own original

1797

01:15:30,200 --> 01:15:27,240

stuff so pretty much since then rather

1798

01:15:32,180 --> 01:15:30,210

than writing insightful original reviews

1799

01:15:34,940 --> 01:15:32,190

of important issues I find it easier

1800

01:15:38,300 --> 01:15:34,950

just to wave the shitty stick it

1801

01:15:40,400 --> 01:15:38,310

irrational nonsense works for me people

1802

01:15:43,130 --> 01:15:40,410

may best know you as the creator of the

1803

01:15:45,340 --> 01:15:43,140

skeptic trump cards how did they come to

1804

01:15:48,950 --> 01:15:45,350

be and what's been the overall reaction

1805

01:15:50,690 --> 01:15:48,960

well more plagiarism really christina

1806

01:15:52,880 --> 01:15:50,700

martin put together a great pack of God

1807

01:15:54,560 --> 01:15:52,890

Trump's in the new humanist magazine a

1808

01:15:57,590 --> 01:15:54,570

while ago so I thought I'd basically

1809

01:15:59,720 --> 01:15:57,600

just pinch that idea I initially wrote

1810

01:16:02,150 --> 01:15:59,730

some tarot cards featuring various wound

1811

01:16:04,220 --> 01:16:02,160

merchants then I wrote some quack

1812

01:16:06,800 --> 01:16:04,230

Trump's featuring various advocates of

1813

01:16:09,560 --> 01:16:06,810

different alternative medical tripe and

1814

01:16:11,210 --> 01:16:09,570

I got an email from jakab Kent and he

1815

01:16:15,050 --> 01:16:11,220

suggested I create another set of cards

1816

01:16:16,870 --> 01:16:15,060

the well-known skeptics so I worked out

1817

01:16:19,460 --> 01:16:16,880

various categories like special power

1818

01:16:21,380 --> 01:16:19,470

weapon of choice and arch nemesis and I

1819

01:16:23,420 --> 01:16:21,390

wrote a short bit about a whole bunch of

1820

01:16:25,940 --> 01:16:23,430

well-known skeptics then I started

1821

01:16:28,370 --> 01:16:25,950

trying to mock up some some top trump

1822

01:16:30,200 --> 01:16:28,380

cards I originally just used some photos

1823

01:16:32,870 --> 01:16:30,210

of famous skeptics that I just done

1824

01:16:33,950 --> 01:16:32,880

harvested from a google image search but

1825

01:16:35,930 --> 01:16:33,960

when I put the cards together they

1826

01:16:37,570 --> 01:16:35,940

didn't seem to look quite right so I

1827

01:16:40,100 --> 01:16:37,580

thought I trying to create some sort of

1828

01:16:41,780 --> 01:16:40,110

unique avatar for each character and I

1829

01:16:43,970 --> 01:16:41,790

was again looking around on the web for

1830

01:16:47,320 --> 01:16:43,980

a way of doing that when I stumbled upon

1831

01:16:49,550 --> 01:16:47,330

the Simpson lser which is basically a

1832

01:16:50,810 --> 01:16:49,560

website that's to promote the simpsons

1833

01:16:53,870 --> 01:16:50,820

movie where you can create your own

1834

01:16:57,620 --> 01:16:53,880

Simpsons based avatar it actually

1835

01:16:59,360 --> 01:16:57,630

produced a very sort of fairly generic

1836

01:17:00,890 --> 01:16:59,370

sort of character slight to fart about

1837

01:17:02,870 --> 01:17:00,900

in Photoshop for quite a bit just to

1838

01:17:05,000 --> 01:17:02,880

make the countries to go to it more

1839

01:17:08,060 --> 01:17:05,010

recognizable but I thought they came out

1840

01:17:10,640 --> 01:17:08,070

pretty good so i created the cards and I

1841

01:17:12,530 --> 01:17:10,650

loaded them to my blog and once again I

1842

01:17:15,320 --> 01:17:12,540

was rather surprised by the by the

1843

01:17:17,840 --> 01:17:15,330

response that I've got people like Adam

1844

01:17:20,180 --> 01:17:17,850

Savage Phil Plait and penn & teller and

1845

01:17:21,530 --> 01:17:20,190

darren brown all seem to rather light

1846

01:17:24,490 --> 01:17:21,540

note cards and again they started

1847

01:17:28,400 --> 01:17:24,500

tweeting them and sending out the links

1848

01:17:30,230 --> 01:17:28,410

so it all worked out quite well i was

1849

01:17:31,490 --> 01:17:30,240

thinking of producing physical copies of

1850

01:17:33,620 --> 01:17:31,500

the cards i did get quite

1851
01:17:36,710 --> 01:17:33,630
few requests to actually produce some

1852
01:17:38,240 --> 01:17:36,720
physical cards but I figured the Fox

1853
01:17:41,120 --> 01:17:38,250
corporation might become a little bit

1854
01:17:43,010 --> 01:17:41,130
protective of their Simpsons copyright I

1855
01:17:45,080 --> 01:17:43,020
didn't really want to push it too far to

1856
01:17:47,690 --> 01:17:45,090
see what I can get away with so I lifted

1857
01:17:50,840 --> 01:17:47,700
it up and then a couple of months ago I

1858
01:17:53,300 --> 01:17:50,850
wrote a parody on it on the dr. Seuss

1859
01:17:55,340 --> 01:17:53,310
ease Cat in the Hat about the planned

1860
01:17:58,730 --> 01:17:55,350
papal visit to the UK which I entitled

1861
01:18:01,280 --> 01:17:58,740
the [h__\h] in the Hat and I attempted to

1862
01:18:05,000 --> 01:18:01,290
illustrate it myself using my own crude

1863
01:18:07,220 --> 01:18:05,010

artistic ability and then after I posted

1864

01:18:09,620 --> 01:18:07,230

that I've got a message on Twitter from

1865

01:18:11,750 --> 01:18:09,630

a professional caricature artist a guy

1866

01:18:13,520 --> 01:18:11,760

called Neil Davis who had read that [h__h]

1867

01:18:16,220 --> 01:18:13,530

in the Hat and he offered me his

1868

01:18:18,020 --> 01:18:16,230

services for any future blogs and he

1869

01:18:20,740 --> 01:18:18,030

sent me some samples of his of his work

1870

01:18:23,030 --> 01:18:20,750

which was absolutely excellent so I

1871

01:18:25,040 --> 01:18:23,040

emailed him straight back and said well

1872

01:18:26,930 --> 01:18:25,050

how about redoing the old top trump

1873

01:18:29,660 --> 01:18:26,940

cards with them some nice original

1874

01:18:31,790 --> 01:18:29,670

caricature joins and he was up for that

1875

01:18:33,440 --> 01:18:31,800

so the skeptic trunk cards now have a

1876

01:18:35,210 --> 01:18:33,450

new format I've rewritten the

1877

01:18:37,310 --> 01:18:35,220

descriptions I've got some excellent new

1878

01:18:38,990 --> 01:18:37,320

original artwork and I've started

1879

01:18:41,060 --> 01:18:39,000

publishing a whole new set of cards

1880

01:18:43,190 --> 01:18:41,070

which I've been uploading daily on to my

1881

01:18:45,290 --> 01:18:43,200

science reasoning critical thinking blog

1882

01:18:48,640 --> 01:18:45,300

so I hopefully will keep going until

1883

01:18:51,620 --> 01:18:48,650

we've got the whole set of 50 to 60

1884

01:18:53,690 --> 01:18:51,630

skeptic cards loaded up and hopefully

1885

01:18:56,450 --> 01:18:53,700

this time we won't have any copyright

1886

01:18:58,970 --> 01:18:56,460

issues so there's a desire to actually

1887

01:19:00,800 --> 01:18:58,980

produce a physical copy of the cards we

1888

01:19:02,870 --> 01:19:00,810

might be able to do something about it

1889

01:19:04,820 --> 01:19:02,880

this time and I should really put a plug

1890

01:19:07,160 --> 01:19:04,830

in for Neil who is the guy who's doing

1891

01:19:10,120 --> 01:19:07,170

the the illustrations for me so please

1892

01:19:14,270 --> 01:19:10,130

do take a look at this website it's ww

1893

01:19:15,980 --> 01:19:14,280

caricature club co uk and if you do like

1894

01:19:18,890 --> 01:19:15,990

these illustrations you can Commission

1895

01:19:20,180 --> 01:19:18,900

your own personalized caricature unless

1896

01:19:22,010 --> 01:19:20,190

you're a well-known skeptic in which

1897

01:19:25,790 --> 01:19:22,020

case he's probably done you already in

1898

01:19:28,820 --> 01:19:25,800

your in my pending file of cards to

1899

01:19:30,620 --> 01:19:28,830

publish on your music review blog which

1900

01:19:32,750 --> 01:19:30,630

is just as detailed as your science

1901

01:19:34,760 --> 01:19:32,760

reason and critical thinking blog you've

1902

01:19:37,100 --> 01:19:34,770

written that music should not be

1903

01:19:39,350 --> 01:19:37,110

wallpaper it should be art if it's done

1904

01:19:42,200 --> 01:19:39,360

properly like a good book film painting

1905

01:19:44,000 --> 01:19:42,210

or sculpture it should rouse us do you

1906

01:19:45,360 --> 01:19:44,010

think that there should be more artists

1907

01:19:47,490 --> 01:19:45,370

involved in

1908

01:19:49,620 --> 01:19:47,500

and how could that be encouraged ah

1909

01:19:51,180 --> 01:19:49,630

bless you for mentioning my music blog

1910

01:19:52,500 --> 01:19:51,190

not not many people actually read that

1911

01:19:54,720 --> 01:19:52,510

when I get quite a bit of traffic from

1912

01:19:56,130 --> 01:19:54,730

my my science reasoning critical

1913

01:19:58,800 --> 01:19:56,140

thinking blog but no one really reads my

1914

01:20:01,320 --> 01:19:58,810

music blog which is a bit disheartening

1915

01:20:04,170 --> 01:20:01,330

for there you go but yeah I I feel very

1916

01:20:06,840 --> 01:20:04,180

passionate about about about music music

1917

01:20:09,750 --> 01:20:06,850

has the power to stir up sort of

1918

01:20:11,850 --> 01:20:09,760

something deep within in fact I suspect

1919

01:20:14,430 --> 01:20:11,860

that that sort of intense religious

1920

01:20:16,290 --> 01:20:14,440

euphoria that is experienced by some

1921

01:20:19,640 --> 01:20:16,300

sort of believers as a result of the

1922

01:20:22,290 --> 01:20:19,650

same sort of complex brain activity that

1923

01:20:23,580 --> 01:20:22,300

well it didn't fire for me when I want

1924

01:20:26,100 --> 01:20:23,590

to see Billy Graham and constant but

1925

01:20:28,470 --> 01:20:26,110

when I went to my first Pink Floyd gig

1926

01:20:31,440 --> 01:20:28,480

it completely blew me away I suspect

1927

01:20:33,660 --> 01:20:31,450

it's the same sort of a neurological

1928

01:20:35,790 --> 01:20:33,670

processes going on there and of course

1929

01:20:39,270 --> 01:20:35,800

if you can combine music and skepticism

1930

01:20:41,430 --> 01:20:39,280

with half the time to mr. Tim Minchin

1931

01:20:45,450 --> 01:20:41,440

then that would be completely awesome

1932

01:20:48,750 --> 01:20:45,460

but my main concern is with the sort of

1933

01:20:51,990 --> 01:20:48,760

musical commercial pop dirge churned out

1934

01:20:53,520 --> 01:20:52,000

by Saturday night TV talent shows seems

1935

01:20:56,700 --> 01:20:53,530

to be the sort of musical equivalent of

1936

01:20:58,500 --> 01:20:56,710

fast food you may well dominate the

1937

01:21:01,200 --> 01:20:58,510

market place with its sort of bland and

1938

01:21:03,900 --> 01:21:01,210

easily digestible solace that commercial

1939

01:21:05,670 --> 01:21:03,910

successful formula but I'm rather

1940

01:21:08,280 --> 01:21:05,680

concerned the rear and our kids on this

1941

01:21:10,830 --> 01:21:08,290

junk values won't be able to develop the

1942

01:21:13,530 --> 01:21:10,840

the musical palette that has bought me

1943

01:21:16,170 --> 01:21:13,540

so much pleasure so what's next you have

1944

01:21:18,330 --> 01:21:16,180

future plans for either your artwork or

1945

01:21:20,610 --> 01:21:18,340

your blog well I must admit I do get

1946

01:21:22,140 --> 01:21:20,620

quite a buzz from writing my blog and

1947

01:21:24,960 --> 01:21:22,150

especially the cider is in critical

1948

01:21:27,420 --> 01:21:24,970

thinking blog so I just hope that I

1949

01:21:30,000 --> 01:21:27,430

continue to get some more hopefully

1950

01:21:32,160 --> 01:21:30,010

mildly amusing ideas that I can use to

1951

01:21:35,160 --> 01:21:32,170

emphasize the absurdity of things like

1952

01:21:37,560 --> 01:21:35,170

homeopathy and weird religious dogmas

1953

01:21:40,800 --> 01:21:37,570

and New Age mumbo jumbo and

1954

01:21:42,690 --> 01:21:40,810

pseudoscience and rest assured as soon

1955

01:21:44,850 --> 01:21:42,700

as I can think of a suitable way of

1956

01:21:46,980 --> 01:21:44,860

taking the piss out of them I shall be

1957

01:21:48,480 --> 01:21:46,990

posted on my blog thank you again

1958

01:21:50,340 --> 01:21:48,490

Christian for joining us it's been

1959

01:21:51,690 --> 01:21:50,350

wonderful to hear from you many thanks

1960

01:21:53,490 --> 01:21:51,700

just been a pleasure talking with you

1961

01:21:56,250 --> 01:21:53,500

don't forget to check out his ongoing

1962

01:21:59,160 --> 01:21:56,260

projects you can head to the Crispian

1963

01:22:01,860 --> 01:21:59,170

hyphen Jago dot blogspot

1964

01:22:03,990 --> 01:22:01,870

com site which is called science reason

1965

01:22:06,209 --> 01:22:04,000

and critical thinking to find out more

1966

01:22:08,729 --> 01:22:06,219

about his projects and of course his

1967

01:22:26,310 --> 01:22:08,739

album reviews and much more feature at

1968

01:22:30,240 --> 01:22:28,560

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1969

01:22:32,310 --> 01:22:30,250

zone and thank you once again to all

1970

01:22:34,500 --> 01:22:32,320

those people who write in and tell me

1971

01:22:36,959 --> 01:22:34,510

what they do while they're listening to

1972

01:22:39,180 --> 01:22:36,969

the skeptic zone the team and I are

1973

01:22:40,830 --> 01:22:39,190

getting a great deal of enjoyment out of

1974

01:22:42,750 --> 01:22:40,840

all the stories we're hearing about what

1975

01:22:45,089 --> 01:22:42,760

people are up to walking the dog walking

1976

01:22:46,770 --> 01:22:45,099

the cat it's really nice to know what

1977

01:22:48,810 --> 01:22:46,780

you're doing while you're listening to

1978

01:22:51,120 --> 01:22:48,820

the skeptic zone especially those people

1979

01:22:53,640 --> 01:22:51,130

who listen to us when they're working

1980

01:22:56,220 --> 01:22:53,650

late into the night shift workers and so

1981

01:22:58,919 --> 01:22:56,230

on I'm really glad that we're keeping

1982

01:23:00,870 --> 01:22:58,929

you company so until the next episode

1983

01:23:06,990 --> 01:23:00,880

this is Richard Saunders signing off

1984

01:23:09,390 --> 01:23:07,000

once again from Sydney Australia you've

1985

01:23:13,979 --> 01:23:09,400

been listening to the skeptic zone visit

1986

01:23:16,470 --> 01:23:13,989

our website at www.skeptics.com on TV for

1987

01:23:18,899 --> 01:23:16,480

comments contacts and extra video

1988

01:23:21,720 --> 01:23:18,909

reports

1989

01:23:30,340 --> 01:23:21,730

the skin