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the harm of psychics

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Anti-Vaxxers

TROVE
1919 Flu

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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for the 19th of september 2021 richard

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:34,399

saunders coming to you from

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yo park

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nice big park

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not far from the skeptic's own studio so

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00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:41,680

i thought i'd get out stretch my legs

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:43,680

and have a look since the laws the

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00:00:47,910 --> 00:00:46,320

restrictions have changed recently

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which lets more people come out and

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simply enjoy picnics together

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i think

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the idea is

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that groups of five people can enjoy a

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picnic as long as they're double

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:58,719

vaccinated

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or something like that so lots of people

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00:01:03,670 --> 00:01:02,559

taking advantage of this

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dogs

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00:01:07,109 --> 00:01:06,080

as you can hear it's just nice to see

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00:01:09,270 --> 00:01:07,119

it's a nice

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00:01:10,789 --> 00:01:09,280

spring day here in sydney

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00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:10,799

it's just nice to see people out and

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00:01:13,830 --> 00:01:11,840

about

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00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:13,840

enjoying this weather

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:15,360

there's a coffee shop at the top of the

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00:01:19,350 --> 00:01:17,360

hill here in the park but people are

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00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:19,360

wearing masks to get their coffee so

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00:01:23,830 --> 00:01:22,320

that's all also good to see

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00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:23,840

well

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00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:25,360

apart from that what's coming up on this

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week's episode of the skeptic zone

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00:01:30,870 --> 00:01:28,799

podcast we're going to kick off

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with the discussion i had with my

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friends rob palmer and susan gerbic

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inspired by a talk i gave about the

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00:01:40,870 --> 00:01:39,200

great australian prediction project

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00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:40,880

and a question i was asked about well

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what's the harm in people believing in

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:44,240

psychics and predictions and things like

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00:01:49,990 --> 00:01:45,360

that

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00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:50,000

inspired rob palmer to contact me

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00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:51,600

oh that's a nice car

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00:01:56,230 --> 00:01:54,159

there he goes not many cars these days

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to contact me

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and

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00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:59,759
initiate a discussion about well what is

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:01,119
the harm

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00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:03,600
you know people believing in bad advice

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00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:05,119
or good advice or

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00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:06,880
mystical advice or

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00:02:10,869 --> 00:02:09,280
it's a very interesting issue

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00:02:13,030 --> 00:02:10,879
is it harmful for people to read their

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00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:13,040
horoscopes and get a giggle does it lead

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00:02:16,630 --> 00:02:14,800
to worse things

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:16,640
you might find this discussion

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00:02:19,589 --> 00:02:18,000
interesting

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00:02:22,390 --> 00:02:19,599
also

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00:02:23,750 --> 00:02:22,400

as we chat about that we mention

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the website

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sorry anti-vaxxer.com

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which is a controversial website which

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which lists

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basically dead anti-faxes

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and their

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social media posts railing against

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the flu

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jab

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uh

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covert is a hoax i'm not going to get

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the flu shot masks are a bad idea this

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00:02:50,630 --> 00:02:48,959

sort of thing

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and then it lists their posts as they're

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in hospital and then

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they're obituary

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00:02:58,790 --> 00:02:55,680

it's quite stark

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00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:58,800

i wonder what you think about that

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after that it's another report from our

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00:03:05,670 --> 00:03:03,040

dear late friend shelly stockton and

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shelley way back in 2017 was looking at

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the

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activities of robert de niro

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and robert f kennedy jr

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when it comes to vaccination

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a great classic report from shelly

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stockin

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and we miss you very much shelley

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and to round off the show it's a dive

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back into the trove archives where we

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look at

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the flu the spanish flu epidemic of 1919

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what were people saying what were they

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doing

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what were the reports of the time

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you will be absolutely amazed on how

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similar

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00:03:43,910 --> 00:03:41,599
the attitudes then are to the attitudes

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00:03:46,869 --> 00:03:43,920
now especially when it comes to certain

103
00:03:49,270 --> 00:03:46,879
people not wishing to wear masks and

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00:03:51,509 --> 00:03:49,280
even as i wander around this park away

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00:03:53,750 --> 00:03:51,519
from everybody

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00:03:55,429 --> 00:03:53,760
well it's great to see kids in the

107
00:03:57,990 --> 00:03:55,439
in the playground on the swings i'm

108
00:03:59,509 --> 00:03:58,000
wearing a mask and

109
00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:59,519
it's good to see lots of other people

110
00:04:01,830 --> 00:04:00,480
are too

111
00:04:04,630 --> 00:04:01,840
even though

112
00:04:08,550 --> 00:04:04,640
i think there are family groups and

113
00:04:10,710 --> 00:04:08,560

anyway people out here enjoying the day

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00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:10,720

and what's this oh

115

00:04:15,589 --> 00:04:12,480

there's a family group over there having

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00:04:17,830 --> 00:04:15,599

a nice picnic cheesecake they're eating

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00:04:20,229 --> 00:04:17,840

cheesecake in the park how dare they

118

00:04:21,909 --> 00:04:20,239

where's my invitation

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00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:21,919

i know somebody who loves cheesecake

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00:04:26,070 --> 00:04:23,600

maybe you love cheesecake too i

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00:04:26,950 --> 00:04:26,080

certainly do

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00:04:29,110 --> 00:04:26,960

whoa

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00:04:30,790 --> 00:04:29,120

sorry i'm just being

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00:04:32,950 --> 00:04:30,800

surrounded by these strange birds who

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00:04:34,950 --> 00:04:32,960

are swooping low

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00:04:36,710 --> 00:04:34,960

it's all happening out here in the park

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well while i dream of cheesecake and

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wander around i hope you enjoy

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folks you have no idea how hard it is to

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do a podcast sometimes you line up these

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international

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guests and they just goof off before the

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interview starts it's susan gerbic from

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gorilla skepticism on wikipedia and rob

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palmer the well-known skeptic hello

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people

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00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:25,360

hello hello hello we're all zooming

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together which what

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is uh the world's come to this we all

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zoom together these days we don't meet

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in person we used to we will again one

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day

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now rob you

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you've prompted this little session

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because you saw

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a presentation i did just in the last

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week for the bay area skeptics all about

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the great australian prediction project

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which you've been a part of now for well

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00:05:49,909 --> 00:05:48,400
over a year

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00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:49,919
and you

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00:05:52,950 --> 00:05:51,520
kindly said you enjoyed my talk and

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folks i'll link to that in this week's

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00:05:58,150 --> 00:05:55,120
show notes but you made the point that

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00:06:01,670 --> 00:05:58,160
uh maybe i could have spoken more

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00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:01,680
about the topic and that friend

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00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:03,280
tim farley used to talk about this

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00:06:06,710 --> 00:06:04,960
what's the harm

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00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:06,720
and i was asked that question what's the

161
00:06:11,110 --> 00:06:08,880
harm in psychic predictions and i gave a

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00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:11,120
short answer because there was many uh

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00:06:15,189 --> 00:06:13,120

areas to cover but i understand that

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you've got you've got quite a a take on

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this

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your answer to the q a what's the harm

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was reasonable and you were thinking off

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the cuff and you said well if the

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psychic tells somebody you know to to do

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something with their lives like invest

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in stock or make a life choice and then

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they're just making stuff up

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um you know you're just you could be

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messing yourself up and

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you know that could be the harm but

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because i talk about this sort of thing

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at conferences i talked about it at

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cycon at dragon con i wrote papers on it

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so my take on it goes a little further

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than that

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so it's that having these kind of

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beliefs and

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any any event which which um fosters

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these kind of beliefs that people can do

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these things

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leads people to make awful choices about

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going to a neighborhood psychic

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and

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those people in some cases get their

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lives destroyed hmm

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so yes yes i seem to remember that you

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know when they're asking me that what's

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00:07:18,469 --> 00:07:15,919

the harm in

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in making predictions and my

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my short answer i guess was along the

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lines of well people who just write

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weekly columns for newspapers and then

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they've forgotten about two days later

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you can argue there's little harm in

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that but where the big harm comes is

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00:07:34,390 --> 00:07:32,560
when people rely on these people to give

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them life advice and financial advice

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00:07:38,870 --> 00:07:36,160
and health advice

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right right and and in fact there's

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there's a large segment of the

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population this is a under the radar

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under reported problem that go to a

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neighborhood psychic and the person is a

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total con artist and will take them for

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every dollar they can get from them

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00:07:55,670 --> 00:07:53,440
and we've learned this from a detective

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named bob nagard who tries to get

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victims back their money

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00:08:00,950 --> 00:07:58,960

has a very tough time doing that because

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the law is not on your side because a

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lot of times they want to arrest the

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person if they do they say well you you

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know they didn't have a gun to your head

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why'd you give them any money and people

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00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:08,560

have lost

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literally millions of dollars i mean

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that's the upper extreme but people lose

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their life savings they go bankrupt

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they'll get another mortgage and give

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the money to the psychic and just

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because they have believed in these

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things so you know my under my feeling

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about this is any kind of media outlet

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which promotes these people or makes it

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look like it could be real

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puts that idea in people's heads and

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then they're much more likely to be

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devastated by that

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yeah i think you make a very good point

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i i guess you can say there are degrees

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of it ranging from the outright con

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sharks out there out to get every dollar

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they can all the way down to the

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uh

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the person around the corner who does

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00:08:52,790 --> 00:08:50,160

readings and foretells the future

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in you know with an innocent outlook but

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ultimately yes there's a lot of harm in

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that

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okay so yeah so i hope you put this in

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the show notes i the article that i did

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that started me being interested in this

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topic was written in skeptical inquiry

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you could google my name rob palmer with

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belief in psychics what's the harm

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and who's to blame and then and i laid

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out all of the problems that this can

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cause in people's lives financially and

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you might not want to put this whole

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00:09:20,070 --> 00:09:17,839
thing in but you can edit it i will read

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00:09:21,670 --> 00:09:20,080
the my last two sentences three

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sentences all right

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to summarize despite the persistent lack

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of confirming proof and despite all

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evidence to the contrary this ubiquitous

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psychic powers reported in the media

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collectively reinforces the average

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person's belief that this imaginary

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phenomenon is real this contributes at

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least in part to convincing people that

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a psychic can help solve their problems

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and this needlessly exposes them to the

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possibility of destructive unrecoverable

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financial loss at the hands of con

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artists or masters of psychological

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manipulation it seems apparent that any

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and all media outlets perpetrating the

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public

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psychic powers has substantial blood

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stains all over their hands

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now susan with your work on guerrilla

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skepticism and wikipedia what's your

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take on the harm that some of these

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psychics and fortune tellers might do

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00:10:15,990 --> 00:10:13,120

well in the

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00:10:19,430 --> 00:10:16,000

the australian prediction project these

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00:10:21,430 --> 00:10:19,440

um you know fluffy magazines i think you

284

00:10:23,910 --> 00:10:21,440

know they're writing a prediction about

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00:10:24,870 --> 00:10:23,920

what's happening in nicole kidman's life

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00:10:26,150 --> 00:10:24,880

and

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00:10:28,710 --> 00:10:26,160

there's going to be

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00:10:30,710 --> 00:10:28,720

some sort of uh

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00:10:33,430 --> 00:10:30,720

you know the prices are going to rise in

290

00:10:35,509 --> 00:10:33,440

a different in australia in

291

00:10:36,550 --> 00:10:35,519

real estate or something like that i you

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00:10:38,790 --> 00:10:36,560

know that's

293

00:10:41,990 --> 00:10:38,800

that's just kind of silly fuller kind of

294

00:10:45,110 --> 00:10:42,000

stuff what the problem i see is is more

295

00:10:49,269 --> 00:10:45,120

the media they're really pandering to to

296

00:10:51,350 --> 00:10:49,279

women and this gossipy kind of uh nature

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00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:51,360

and i think it's a bit demeaning

298

00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:52,320

and

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00:10:58,069 --> 00:10:56,320

um i also think that it's

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00:10:59,269 --> 00:10:58,079

it's kind it's wrong that they don't

301
00:11:01,670 --> 00:10:59,279

follow up

302
00:11:03,430 --> 00:11:01,680

and and i think that they should be at

303
00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:03,440

least coming back with an end of the

304
00:11:07,030 --> 00:11:05,360

year review of how they did

305
00:11:08,550 --> 00:11:07,040

i don't like that they're putting these

306
00:11:11,110 --> 00:11:08,560

things out and just like okay and then

307
00:11:13,829 --> 00:11:11,120

next week we have another prediction and

308
00:11:15,269 --> 00:11:13,839

it's just equally silly and none of it's

309
00:11:17,430 --> 00:11:15,279

right i

310
00:11:19,670 --> 00:11:17,440

i feel like it's

311
00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:19,680

just allowing this is filler

312
00:11:24,470 --> 00:11:22,160

in all these newspapers and giving these

313
00:11:25,910 --> 00:11:24,480

these psychics a platform

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00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:25,920

um because of course you know they're

315

00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:27,040

they're getting this platform and

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00:11:31,110 --> 00:11:29,360

they're going on and getting personal uh

317

00:11:33,430 --> 00:11:31,120

readings and they're they're able to

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00:11:36,150 --> 00:11:33,440

sell their website and you know people

319

00:11:39,110 --> 00:11:36,160

are like oh like i read in that magazine

320

00:11:41,670 --> 00:11:39,120

oh yeah they're fabulous i just

321

00:11:43,030 --> 00:11:41,680

it's free advertising to them and i

322

00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:43,040

doubt they're paid for their work in the

323

00:11:46,150 --> 00:11:44,640

magazine maybe they are maybe they

324

00:11:48,550 --> 00:11:46,160

aren't for the predictions but it's just

325

00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:48,560

advertising and it's it's insulting it's

326
00:11:52,389 --> 00:11:50,000
insulting to our intelligence and

327
00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:52,399
especially insulting to

328
00:11:56,790 --> 00:11:55,200
them being what we call women's

329
00:11:58,949 --> 00:11:56,800
magazines i'm

330
00:11:59,829 --> 00:11:58,959
i'm a bit you know kind of disgusted

331
00:12:01,350 --> 00:11:59,839
with the

332
00:12:02,790 --> 00:12:01,360
magazines putting those out and thinking

333
00:12:05,190 --> 00:12:02,800
that women

334
00:12:07,590 --> 00:12:05,200
are so shallow that we

335
00:12:09,190 --> 00:12:07,600
really care about what what these

336
00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:09,200
celebrities are

337
00:12:14,150 --> 00:12:11,519
wearing and who they're dating and

338
00:12:15,670 --> 00:12:14,160

and plucky venus and all that other

339

00:12:16,550 --> 00:12:15,680

nonsense that they put out there it's

340

00:12:18,389 --> 00:12:16,560

just

341

00:12:20,230 --> 00:12:18,399

come on now we

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00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:20,240

let's have a little more intelligence

343

00:12:24,710 --> 00:12:22,720

and maybe a little more respect for your

344

00:12:27,350 --> 00:12:24,720

for your readership yeah yeah well i

345

00:12:30,069 --> 00:12:27,360

mean as we well know the the number one

346

00:12:32,949 --> 00:12:30,079

person listed mentioned predicted about

347

00:12:35,030 --> 00:12:32,959

in the whole project is uh nicole kidman

348

00:12:35,990 --> 00:12:35,040

of course and i'll i will run the stats

349

00:12:38,790 --> 00:12:36,000

later

350

00:12:40,550 --> 00:12:38,800

folks i'm working on the very long paper

351
00:12:42,150 --> 00:12:40,560
which will accompany the publication of

352
00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:42,160
the great australian prediction project

353
00:12:49,590 --> 00:12:46,000
but we have 213 i counted today psychics

354
00:12:50,629 --> 00:12:49,600
and sears in the project 213

355
00:12:52,629 --> 00:12:50,639
and

356
00:12:53,590 --> 00:12:52,639
yeah the number one person predicted

357
00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:53,600
throughout

358
00:12:56,870 --> 00:12:54,959
nicole kidman

359
00:12:58,710 --> 00:12:56,880
richard i really wanted to say too that

360
00:13:00,710 --> 00:12:58,720
i was really impressed with the talk he

361
00:13:02,949 --> 00:13:00,720
gave to the various skeptics

362
00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,959
i've been a part of this for a while a

363
00:13:06,710 --> 00:13:04,079

little over

364

00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:06,720

we've been doing this on zoom since june

365

00:13:12,710 --> 00:13:10,399

of 2020 yeah it's really eye-opening to

366

00:13:14,870 --> 00:13:12,720

to look at the work that the team has

367

00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:14,880

done and the

368

00:13:19,590 --> 00:13:17,120

i mean we really take it seriously well

369

00:13:22,470 --> 00:13:19,600

okay we laugh a lot we laugh a lot we do

370

00:13:24,870 --> 00:13:22,480

take it seriously these these claims and

371

00:13:26,150 --> 00:13:24,880

that are made and we try to really do

372

00:13:28,870 --> 00:13:26,160

our best

373

00:13:30,470 --> 00:13:28,880

work to see if they are accurate or not

374

00:13:33,829 --> 00:13:30,480

but when you did the presentation of the

375

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:33,839

berry skeptics i was really amazed just

376

00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:36,240

amazing how much work you put into this

377

00:13:40,069 --> 00:13:38,399

i i was looking at the spreadsheet

378

00:13:41,829 --> 00:13:40,079

because you know i've got a copy of that

379

00:13:43,750 --> 00:13:41,839

too

380

00:13:45,269 --> 00:13:43,760

whenever we would come up with something

381

00:13:47,990 --> 00:13:45,279

we would say

382

00:13:50,230 --> 00:13:48,000

is that transcribe drive is that is that

383

00:13:52,310 --> 00:13:50,240

correct and you'd say hold on and you

384

00:13:54,150 --> 00:13:52,320

would go back to the original

385

00:13:56,949 --> 00:13:54,160

uh photograph you had taken of that

386

00:13:58,389 --> 00:13:56,959

entry and you had it at your fingertips

387

00:14:00,150 --> 00:13:58,399

and it was just

388

00:14:02,069 --> 00:14:00,160

um looking at the spreadsheet and the

389

00:14:05,750 --> 00:14:02,079

amount of work you have done on this

390

00:14:07,269 --> 00:14:05,760

before it even got to our zoom

391

00:14:10,069 --> 00:14:07,279

prediction project

392

00:14:12,870 --> 00:14:10,079

i i was shocked at

393

00:14:15,590 --> 00:14:12,880

going through page by page each magazine

394

00:14:17,590 --> 00:14:15,600

having to go to libraries and now those

395

00:14:19,430 --> 00:14:17,600

are some incredible libraries i i want

396

00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:19,440

you to know i would love to spend some

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00:14:22,629 --> 00:14:21,360

time in the melbourne state library oh

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00:14:24,150 --> 00:14:22,639

it's amazing

399

00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,160

it's beautiful but i've been there a

400

00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:25,920

couple times it's incredible yeah i

401
00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:27,040
remember back when you were doing the

402
00:14:30,150 --> 00:14:28,560
reports from from those and you were

403
00:14:31,670 --> 00:14:30,160
talking about doing that you know

404
00:14:33,350 --> 00:14:31,680
gathering that information

405
00:14:34,389 --> 00:14:33,360
i know little did i know we could

406
00:14:35,189 --> 00:14:34,399
actually

407
00:14:36,870 --> 00:14:35,199
it was

408
00:14:38,710 --> 00:14:36,880
it's an incredible amount of work and

409
00:14:40,150 --> 00:14:38,720
anybody who

410
00:14:42,470 --> 00:14:40,160
um

411
00:14:45,110 --> 00:14:42,480
i don't know thinks this is a frivolous

412
00:14:47,990 --> 00:14:45,120
kind of thing to do this is what we

413
00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:48,000

do this is what skeptics should do

414

00:14:54,629 --> 00:14:52,000

is to follow up and do the work

415

00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:54,639

tedious as it is tedious as it is well

416

00:14:59,590 --> 00:14:55,760

and see

417

00:15:01,350 --> 00:14:59,600

how to work out let's check it out i

418

00:15:02,629 --> 00:15:01,360

mean it could have been accurate it

419

00:15:06,389 --> 00:15:02,639

could have been

420

00:15:10,310 --> 00:15:06,399

60 percent correct yeah yeah well no

421

00:15:13,670 --> 00:15:10,320

well in all honesty we weren't expecting

422

00:15:15,829 --> 00:15:13,680

it to be thus as you say but we were

423

00:15:17,990 --> 00:15:15,839

interested to see what it really was and

424

00:15:20,069 --> 00:15:18,000

yes it's a lot of it it certainly is a

425

00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:20,079

lot of tedious work now before we wrap

426

00:15:24,310 --> 00:15:21,920

this up i just want to get your opinion

427

00:15:26,550 --> 00:15:24,320

and a slightly different topic now

428

00:15:28,710 --> 00:15:26,560

a website came to my attention a couple

429

00:15:31,870 --> 00:15:28,720

of weeks ago which is called sorry

430

00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:31,880

anti-vaxxer which is with two x's sorry

431

00:15:34,230 --> 00:15:33,440

anti-vaxxer.com

432

00:15:36,870 --> 00:15:34,240

which

433

00:15:38,949 --> 00:15:36,880

is getting mixed reactions because

434

00:15:40,710 --> 00:15:38,959

it lists and gives you pictures

435

00:15:43,430 --> 00:15:40,720

photographs of

436

00:15:46,310 --> 00:15:43,440

anti-vaxxers on facebook tick tock

437

00:15:48,150 --> 00:15:46,320

instagram whatever who are dead

438

00:15:50,470 --> 00:15:48,160

from covered

439

00:15:52,629 --> 00:15:50,480

and in many cases you can click on the

440

00:15:54,470 --> 00:15:52,639

picture of the the poor deceased person

441

00:15:55,269 --> 00:15:54,480

and we do have sympathy

442

00:15:57,189 --> 00:15:55,279

and

443

00:15:58,069 --> 00:15:57,199

read their

444

00:16:01,269 --> 00:15:58,079

um

445

00:16:04,310 --> 00:16:01,279

screenshots of their anti-vaxx

446

00:16:05,430 --> 00:16:04,320

covert as a hoax conspiracy theory

447

00:16:07,509 --> 00:16:05,440

postings

448

00:16:09,350 --> 00:16:07,519

and you just got to scroll through page

449

00:16:11,829 --> 00:16:09,360

after page after page and there's their

450

00:16:14,470 --> 00:16:11,839

life stories and it's

451
00:16:15,910 --> 00:16:14,480
it's absorbing and heartbreaking and i

452
00:16:18,069 --> 00:16:15,920
just don't know what to think what do

453
00:16:20,069 --> 00:16:18,079
you think of this susan

454
00:16:22,790 --> 00:16:20,079
i know exactly what you mean

455
00:16:25,350 --> 00:16:22,800
um it's it's like a train wreck i guess

456
00:16:28,069 --> 00:16:25,360
you just can't not look and

457
00:16:28,949 --> 00:16:28,079
uh i think we're all fatigued it's been

458
00:16:31,030 --> 00:16:28,959
you know

459
00:16:32,790 --> 00:16:31,040
australia and new zealand are just kind

460
00:16:35,189 --> 00:16:32,800
of experiencing what america has been

461
00:16:37,350 --> 00:16:35,199
experiencing for the last 18 months

462
00:16:39,829 --> 00:16:37,360
and you know i

463
00:16:40,790 --> 00:16:39,839

i'm an empathetic person i pride myself

464

00:16:43,189 --> 00:16:40,800

on being

465

00:16:45,749 --> 00:16:43,199

sympathetic to people but at some point

466

00:16:47,189 --> 00:16:45,759

you're just sick and tired of it

467

00:16:49,430 --> 00:16:47,199

especially since these people did not

468

00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:49,440

have to die yeah and i found that

469

00:16:53,110 --> 00:16:51,440

website when i see a tweet come up

470

00:16:55,350 --> 00:16:53,120

because you know i get a notification

471

00:16:57,910 --> 00:16:55,360

there's a tweet new tweet and i i

472

00:16:59,430 --> 00:16:57,920

quickly click on it because i'm curious

473

00:17:00,870 --> 00:16:59,440

and

474

00:17:04,630 --> 00:17:00,880

i don't know what to think some of the

475

00:17:07,029 --> 00:17:04,640

comments are rivenda's and they're cruel

476

00:17:09,029 --> 00:17:07,039

and they're

477

00:17:11,669 --> 00:17:09,039

it's it's horrible

478

00:17:13,590 --> 00:17:11,679

but i also kind of think they're venting

479

00:17:17,270 --> 00:17:13,600

because they're just sick and tired of

480

00:17:19,429 --> 00:17:17,280

it as well and it's such a frustrating

481

00:17:21,270 --> 00:17:19,439

thing to see that these people

482

00:17:23,029 --> 00:17:21,280

how they fell into this

483

00:17:25,110 --> 00:17:23,039

these beliefs because you can follow

484

00:17:27,110 --> 00:17:25,120

them i mean it shows you the comments

485

00:17:30,070 --> 00:17:27,120

and the posts they made yeah and this

486

00:17:31,430 --> 00:17:30,080

anti-vax site also has come to a

487

00:17:33,110 --> 00:17:31,440

conclusion

488

00:17:35,190 --> 00:17:33,120

after doing this for a couple months

489

00:17:36,870 --> 00:17:35,200

they've been doing it is that these are

490

00:17:38,950 --> 00:17:36,880

sharing they're sharing the same memes

491

00:17:40,390 --> 00:17:38,960

over and over and there's no it's just

492

00:17:42,630 --> 00:17:40,400

memes there's they're sharing on their

493

00:17:43,830 --> 00:17:42,640

facebook pages and they see them over

494

00:17:45,190 --> 00:17:43,840

and over and i think that's an

495

00:17:47,669 --> 00:17:45,200

interesting

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00:17:50,310 --> 00:17:47,679

um look into how

497

00:17:51,350 --> 00:17:50,320

social media is fueling

498

00:17:53,190 --> 00:17:51,360

um

499

00:17:55,350 --> 00:17:53,200

owning the libs or whatever they're

500

00:17:57,430 --> 00:17:55,360

whatever they're trying to do it's it's

501
00:17:58,950 --> 00:17:57,440
sad as heck

502
00:18:00,870 --> 00:17:58,960
but

503
00:18:02,630 --> 00:18:00,880
i i don't know what to think of it i i

504
00:18:04,470 --> 00:18:02,640
don't comment but i have been reading it

505
00:18:07,270 --> 00:18:04,480
it is yeah a really interesting look

506
00:18:09,909 --> 00:18:07,280
into these people's lives it it is

507
00:18:12,390 --> 00:18:09,919
what's your take on that rub

508
00:18:14,870 --> 00:18:12,400
well uh it is depressing looking at it

509
00:18:16,710 --> 00:18:14,880
uh i understand the venting because you

510
00:18:18,390 --> 00:18:16,720
know a lot of us realize this is going

511
00:18:20,470 --> 00:18:18,400
on and on because of these people and

512
00:18:22,470 --> 00:18:20,480
people like them right if everyone was

513
00:18:23,990 --> 00:18:22,480

getting vaccinated when it was available

514

00:18:24,789 --> 00:18:24,000

we would not be in the situation we're

515

00:18:26,470 --> 00:18:24,799

in

516

00:18:28,070 --> 00:18:26,480

so i do understand that by the way on

517

00:18:30,470 --> 00:18:28,080

the page not everyone has died i just

518

00:18:32,390 --> 00:18:30,480

scanned this yes not everyone yes yes

519

00:18:34,870 --> 00:18:32,400

many of them have and a lot of them are

520

00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:34,880

listed as being very ill or gravely ill

521

00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:37,200

yes currently in icu or having recovered

522

00:18:39,990 --> 00:18:38,640

again it's interesting to look at what's

523

00:18:43,029 --> 00:18:40,000

on their you know the current

524

00:18:45,830 --> 00:18:43,039

information having recovered um you know

525

00:18:47,590 --> 00:18:45,840

i i feel um less sorry for the the

526

00:18:50,390 --> 00:18:47,600

people who every once in a while you've

527

00:18:52,789 --> 00:18:50,400

come across who was a public figure who

528

00:18:54,549 --> 00:18:52,799

was promoting the anti-vaccine radio

529

00:18:55,669 --> 00:18:54,559

hosts and things like that yep yeah

530

00:18:57,669 --> 00:18:55,679

there's certainly a lot of them

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00:18:58,950 --> 00:18:57,679

unfortunately also i tell you what

532

00:19:00,950 --> 00:18:58,960

really gets me

533

00:19:02,710 --> 00:19:00,960

i'm just looking at a section here on

534

00:19:05,909 --> 00:19:02,720

the front page and we've got somebody by

535

00:19:08,549 --> 00:19:05,919

the name of josh g britt who was only 36

536

00:19:11,270 --> 00:19:08,559

of greenville uh tennessee and he

537

00:19:13,430 --> 00:19:11,280

vaccident of covid okay

538

00:19:15,590 --> 00:19:13,440

but when i then read

539

00:19:16,310 --> 00:19:15,600

the next entry on this page happens to

540

00:19:19,909 --> 00:19:16,320

be

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00:19:22,630 --> 00:19:19,919

a nurse by the name of jane holston

542

00:19:24,950 --> 00:19:22,640

who was my age

543

00:19:27,430 --> 00:19:24,960

anti-vaxxer dead of covert and that

544

00:19:29,750 --> 00:19:27,440

strikes home more than the 36 i mean

545

00:19:32,070 --> 00:19:29,760

sympathy's for the 36 that's so young

546

00:19:34,150 --> 00:19:32,080

but when you read of somebody

547

00:19:36,630 --> 00:19:34,160

your own age somebody who's been on the

548

00:19:38,710 --> 00:19:36,640

same journey as you on the planet you

549

00:19:40,549 --> 00:19:38,720

know has the same memories of the 70s

550

00:19:42,950 --> 00:19:40,559

and the 80s and everything

551

00:19:45,029 --> 00:19:42,960

otherwise probably healthy

552

00:19:46,630 --> 00:19:45,039

dies of covert because she was an

553

00:19:47,909 --> 00:19:46,640

anti-vaxxer and

554

00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:47,919

i'm just scrolling through it someone's

555

00:19:53,110 --> 00:19:51,360

30 years old someone 40 years old 41. 38

556

00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:53,120

yeah it's heartbreaking it is

557

00:19:56,870 --> 00:19:54,640

heartbreaking

558

00:20:00,630 --> 00:19:56,880

you know this isn't our site we didn't

559

00:20:03,430 --> 00:20:00,640

come up with this no no it's out there

560

00:20:06,470 --> 00:20:03,440

it does feel like okay i'm i want to

561

00:20:07,990 --> 00:20:06,480

look at it i

562

00:20:11,110 --> 00:20:08,000

i don't know why

563

00:20:14,630 --> 00:20:11,120

yeah it is i'm i'm a social historian

564

00:20:16,310 --> 00:20:14,640

i'm very interested in people and why

565

00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:16,320

they think the way they think and what

566

00:20:20,549 --> 00:20:18,080

they do and

567

00:20:22,470 --> 00:20:20,559

there's a lot of sympathy and sometimes

568

00:20:24,549 --> 00:20:22,480

there's a lot of just downright

569

00:20:26,230 --> 00:20:24,559

frustration and i wish i could have just

570

00:20:29,029 --> 00:20:26,240

grabbed him by the shoulders and shook

571

00:20:30,789 --> 00:20:29,039

him with before this could happen

572

00:20:32,950 --> 00:20:30,799

i have a couple friends who refuse to be

573

00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:32,960

vaccinated and i am

574

00:20:35,669 --> 00:20:34,640

i i don't even know them anymore they

575

00:20:37,590 --> 00:20:35,679

don't

576
00:20:40,070 --> 00:20:37,600
the people i knew

577
00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:40,080
uh aren't they're not them and they're

578
00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:40,880
not

579
00:20:43,590 --> 00:20:41,760
um

580
00:20:45,830 --> 00:20:43,600
on the right they're on the left they're

581
00:20:48,149 --> 00:20:45,840
on the extreme left and they just have

582
00:20:50,230 --> 00:20:48,159
bought into it it's

583
00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:50,240
it really is strange i know the feeling

584
00:20:53,350 --> 00:20:51,520
there are people

585
00:20:55,510 --> 00:20:53,360
i've known for years who have written to

586
00:20:58,070 --> 00:20:55,520
me with conspiracy videos saying you

587
00:20:59,830 --> 00:20:58,080
know that the vaccine is the hoax and

588
00:21:01,750 --> 00:20:59,840

all the governments are huge it's very

589

00:21:03,510 --> 00:21:01,760

it's very it's very depressing in a

590

00:21:05,029 --> 00:21:03,520

sense folks look i'll link to that

591

00:21:07,669 --> 00:21:05,039

website in the show notes it's called

592

00:21:08,710 --> 00:21:07,679

sorry anti-vaxxer.com and i would be

593

00:21:11,110 --> 00:21:08,720

interested

594

00:21:12,950 --> 00:21:11,120

in your opinion my listening audience if

595

00:21:15,350 --> 00:21:12,960

you have an opinion on this site please

596

00:21:16,950 --> 00:21:15,360

leave a comment on our facebook page

597

00:21:19,270 --> 00:21:16,960

that's the skeptic's own facebook page

598

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

you can leave a comment under the uh

599

00:21:24,630 --> 00:21:21,280

the listing for this episode and the

600

00:21:27,029 --> 00:21:24,640

link to that page is on skepticzone.tv

601
00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:27,039
i think i'm going to go head to kittens

602
00:21:32,390 --> 00:21:30,480
we're going to play trivia shortly yes

603
00:21:33,990 --> 00:21:32,400
to play trivia but let me end this

604
00:21:36,710 --> 00:21:34,000
segment on something i posted to my own

605
00:21:39,430 --> 00:21:36,720
facebook page just yesterday i wrote the

606
00:21:41,029 --> 00:21:39,440
following we live in interesting times

607
00:21:42,710 --> 00:21:41,039
which is more than i can say for the

608
00:21:45,350 --> 00:21:42,720
thousands of vaccine deniers and

609
00:21:47,669 --> 00:21:45,360
conspiracy theorists who are not living

610
00:21:49,350 --> 00:21:47,679
they are dead from covert 19. the

611
00:21:51,750 --> 00:21:49,360
thought occurs to me that some of them

612
00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:51,760
many of them are making pleas from their

613
00:21:57,669 --> 00:21:55,360

deathbed as they gasp for air for others

614

00:22:00,310 --> 00:21:57,679

not to make the same mistake and begging

615

00:22:02,549 --> 00:22:00,320

them to get vaccinated yet they

616

00:22:04,870 --> 00:22:02,559

themselves did not listen to those

617

00:22:06,789 --> 00:22:04,880

before them who are now dead

618

00:22:09,190 --> 00:22:06,799

when they made the same plea

619

00:22:11,669 --> 00:22:09,200

maybe some people will get the message

620

00:22:13,750 --> 00:22:11,679

it is also a sad reflection of our times

621

00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:13,760

that vaccine deniers and conspiracy

622

00:22:18,710 --> 00:22:16,080

theorists will turn on their dying

623

00:22:21,350 --> 00:22:18,720

comrades in an instant labeling them as

624

00:22:24,230 --> 00:22:21,360

shills or crisis actors for big pharma

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00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:24,240

or the one world government or whatever

626

00:22:29,430 --> 00:22:26,720

then it comes full circle when they

627

00:22:31,669 --> 00:22:29,440

themselves end up gasping for air and

628

00:22:34,149 --> 00:22:31,679

being labeled shills

629

00:22:35,909 --> 00:22:34,159

may be a class action i am looking at

630

00:22:37,750 --> 00:22:35,919

you usa

631

00:22:39,830 --> 00:22:37,760

against those who push curve at 19

632

00:22:42,149 --> 00:22:39,840

conspiracy theories if they are still

633

00:22:44,149 --> 00:22:42,159

alive should be launched by the people

634

00:22:47,430 --> 00:22:44,159

who have suffered all the families of

635

00:22:49,830 --> 00:22:48,230

wow

636

00:22:51,510 --> 00:22:49,840

and on that happy note

637

00:23:06,549 --> 00:22:51,520

thank you very much

638

00:23:11,320 --> 00:23:06,559

gobick and rob palmer

639

00:23:11,330 --> 00:23:20,149

[Music]

640

00:23:25,669 --> 00:23:21,190

hi

641

00:23:28,149 --> 00:23:25,679

northern rivers vaccination supporters

642

00:23:30,310 --> 00:23:28,159

we are a group of concerned citizens

643

00:23:32,950 --> 00:23:30,320

dedicated to promoting good science and

644

00:23:35,270 --> 00:23:32,960

common sense in our region the far north

645

00:23:37,750 --> 00:23:35,280

coast of new south wales

646

00:23:39,669 --> 00:23:37,760

this area famous for its natural beauty

647

00:23:42,230 --> 00:23:39,679

and relaxed lifestyle

648

00:23:44,070 --> 00:23:42,240

also has the lowest rates of vaccination

649

00:23:46,390 --> 00:23:44,080

in australia

650

00:23:49,029 --> 00:23:46,400

we are out to change that by challenging

651
00:23:50,870 --> 00:23:49,039
the myths and misinformation and by

652
00:23:53,430 --> 00:23:50,880
providing good evidence-based

653
00:23:55,430 --> 00:23:53,440
information to the community

654
00:23:58,470 --> 00:23:55,440
we'd love for you no matter where you

655
00:24:00,710 --> 00:23:58,480
are in the world to join our fight

656
00:24:02,420 --> 00:24:00,720
please visit our webpage

657
00:24:06,230 --> 00:24:02,430
at www.nrv

658
00:24:09,510 --> 00:24:07,909
we also have a link there to our

659
00:24:11,149 --> 00:24:09,520
facebook page

660
00:24:14,470 --> 00:24:11,159
tweet us at

661
00:24:16,470 --> 00:24:14,480
nrva supporters that's va

662
00:24:18,630 --> 00:24:16,480
and check us out on wikipedia by

663
00:24:20,710 --> 00:24:18,640

searching for northern rivers

664

00:24:22,760 --> 00:24:20,720

vaccination supporters

665

00:24:32,710 --> 00:24:22,770

thank you

666

00:24:37,590 --> 00:24:35,350

[Music]

667

00:24:39,269 --> 00:24:37,600

interesting claims

668

00:24:40,789 --> 00:24:39,279

questioning

669

00:24:44,080 --> 00:24:40,799

take stock

670

00:24:49,590 --> 00:24:44,090

with shelly stocking

671

00:24:52,630 --> 00:24:49,600

[Music]

672

00:24:56,549 --> 00:24:52,640

hi i'm shelly stockin and today i'm

673

00:24:58,310 --> 00:24:56,559

talking about anti-vaccine actors

674

00:25:00,070 --> 00:24:58,320

by now you've probably heard about the

675

00:25:02,070 --> 00:25:00,080

press conference held last week by

676
00:25:03,669 --> 00:25:02,080
robert f kennedy jr and his world

677
00:25:06,870 --> 00:25:03,679
mercury project

678
00:25:08,789 --> 00:25:06,880
which launched a challenge to find quote

679
00:25:11,350 --> 00:25:08,799
a peer-reviewed scientific study

680
00:25:12,950 --> 00:25:11,360
demonstrating that thimerosal is safe in

681
00:25:14,789 --> 00:25:12,960
the amounts contained in vaccines

682
00:25:17,190 --> 00:25:14,799
currently being administered to american

683
00:25:18,630 --> 00:25:17,200
children and pregnant women end quote

684
00:25:20,390 --> 00:25:18,640
[Music]

685
00:25:22,630 --> 00:25:20,400
prominently featured in the promotion of

686
00:25:25,029 --> 00:25:22,640
this challenge and present at the media

687
00:25:26,950 --> 00:25:25,039
conference was robert de niro

688
00:25:29,029 --> 00:25:26,960

who most recently dipped his toe in the

689

00:25:31,269 --> 00:25:29,039

cauldron of vaccine denial when he

690

00:25:33,430 --> 00:25:31,279

included then cancelled

691

00:25:36,789 --> 00:25:33,440

a showing of andrew wakefield's vaxxed

692

00:25:38,950 --> 00:25:36,799

documentary at his 2016 tribeca film

693

00:25:41,269 --> 00:25:38,960

festival

694

00:25:42,870 --> 00:25:41,279

i like many others watching on have been

695

00:25:44,870 --> 00:25:42,880

asking myself

696

00:25:48,870 --> 00:25:44,880

what has de niro got to do with vaccine

697

00:25:51,350 --> 00:25:48,880

safety he's an actor for crying out loud

698

00:25:54,230 --> 00:25:51,360

if like me you've ever applauded a

699

00:25:57,110 --> 00:25:54,240

performance by de niro in a feature film

700

00:25:59,269 --> 00:25:57,120

the sight of him sitting mostly mute at

701
00:26:01,430 --> 00:25:59,279
this outpouring of well-worn debunked

702
00:26:02,549 --> 00:26:01,440
anti-vaccine tropes parading as a press

703
00:26:05,669 --> 00:26:02,559
conference

704
00:26:07,669 --> 00:26:05,679
is both sad and baffling

705
00:26:10,549 --> 00:26:07,679
sad because it's hard to accept that de

706
00:26:12,870 --> 00:26:10,559
niro who has an autistic son has been

707
00:26:15,190 --> 00:26:12,880
tempted by the poisoned apple of vaccine

708
00:26:17,590 --> 00:26:15,200
denialism

709
00:26:20,390 --> 00:26:17,600
baffling because even if de niro had a

710
00:26:22,390 --> 00:26:20,400
strong evidence-based message to share

711
00:26:24,149 --> 00:26:22,400
concerning vaccine safety

712
00:26:26,230 --> 00:26:24,159
sitting on a stool in a press club with

713
00:26:28,470 --> 00:26:26,240

his mouth shut isn't a very good way to

714

00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:28,480

share it

715

00:26:31,990 --> 00:26:30,320

de niro's an actor

716

00:26:34,230 --> 00:26:32,000

his most effective medium of

717

00:26:36,470 --> 00:26:34,240

communication is film

718

00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:36,480

so i thought why don't i pitch him a

719

00:26:41,750 --> 00:26:39,360

screenplay so he can really get his or

720

00:26:43,510 --> 00:26:41,760

rather kennedy's message across to his

721

00:26:46,149 --> 00:26:43,520

usual audience

722

00:26:48,230 --> 00:26:46,159

so here it is my pitch

723

00:26:49,990 --> 00:26:48,240

i hope you're listening mr de niro as i

724

00:26:52,470 --> 00:26:50,000

present to you

725

00:26:53,830 --> 00:26:52,480

finding mercury

726
00:26:56,630 --> 00:26:53,840
a film

727
00:27:00,789 --> 00:26:58,789
the opening credits fade as we begin the

728
00:27:04,830 --> 00:27:00,799
first scene

729
00:27:08,149 --> 00:27:04,840
interior police chief kennedy's office

730
00:27:11,269 --> 00:27:08,159
day detective de niro enters

731
00:27:13,590 --> 00:27:11,279
de niro you wanted to see me sir

732
00:27:15,510 --> 00:27:13,600
kennedy close the door

733
00:27:17,510 --> 00:27:15,520
de niro closes the door behind him

734
00:27:18,789 --> 00:27:17,520
looking interested

735
00:27:20,470 --> 00:27:18,799
kennedy

736
00:27:22,230 --> 00:27:20,480
i got something for you

737
00:27:23,430 --> 00:27:22,240
something big

738
00:27:25,990 --> 00:27:23,440

de niro

739

00:27:27,190 --> 00:27:26,000

what kind of thing

740

00:27:29,269 --> 00:27:27,200

kennedy

741

00:27:31,990 --> 00:27:29,279

it's kind of a

742

00:27:34,789 --> 00:27:32,000

missing person's case

743

00:27:37,430 --> 00:27:34,799

de niro whoa whoa whoa you know that's

744

00:27:39,990 --> 00:27:37,440

not my style i do funny grandpas

745

00:27:42,230 --> 00:27:40,000

mobsters stuff like that

746

00:27:44,310 --> 00:27:42,240

kennedy don't give me any stick over

747

00:27:45,590 --> 00:27:44,320

this you're all we have

748

00:27:48,149 --> 00:27:45,600

de niro

749

00:27:50,310 --> 00:27:48,159

what about wakefield big tree one of

750

00:27:51,510 --> 00:27:50,320

those guys

751
00:27:53,669 --> 00:27:51,520
kennedy

752
00:27:55,750 --> 00:27:53,679
they ain't doing so well at the box

753
00:27:58,310 --> 00:27:55,760
office if you know what i mean

754
00:27:59,510 --> 00:27:58,320
de niro

755
00:28:03,430 --> 00:27:59,520
okay

756
00:28:06,549 --> 00:28:03,440
what exactly am i looking for kennedy

757
00:28:07,909 --> 00:28:06,559
we want you to find safe vaccines

758
00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:07,919
de niro

759
00:28:14,070 --> 00:28:08,960
safe

760
00:28:14,950 --> 00:28:14,080
kennedy

761
00:28:17,750 --> 00:28:14,960
well

762
00:28:20,950 --> 00:28:17,760
you know vaccines without samara

763
00:28:22,470 --> 00:28:20,960

thymus or mercury in them

764

00:28:24,630 --> 00:28:22,480

de niro

765

00:28:26,230 --> 00:28:24,640

wasn't mercury removed from all vaccines

766

00:28:27,590 --> 00:28:26,240

in the childhood schedule back in the

767

00:28:29,430 --> 00:28:27,600

90s

768

00:28:31,909 --> 00:28:29,440

kennedy god damn it you'll have to go

769

00:28:33,669 --> 00:28:31,919

deeper than that de niro get out and

770

00:28:35,590 --> 00:28:33,679

don't come back until you find me a safe

771

00:28:37,350 --> 00:28:35,600

vaccine according to my very specific

772

00:28:40,470 --> 00:28:37,360

definition of safe which could change at

773

00:28:40,480 --> 00:28:43,750

time passes

774

00:28:47,430 --> 00:28:46,149

exterior a park bench in a city

775

00:28:49,350 --> 00:28:47,440

somewhere

776

00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:49,360

day

777

00:28:55,190 --> 00:28:51,360

police chief kennedy sits on a bench in

778

00:28:57,669 --> 00:28:55,200

civilian clothes feeding pigeons

779

00:28:58,389 --> 00:28:57,679

as detective de niro approaches he looks

780

00:29:01,269 --> 00:28:58,399

up

781

00:29:03,990 --> 00:29:01,279

giving a slight nod hello

782

00:29:05,350 --> 00:29:04,000

de niro chief

783

00:29:07,510 --> 00:29:05,360

kennedy

784

00:29:09,510 --> 00:29:07,520

it's a good day for good news bob you

785

00:29:11,750 --> 00:29:09,520

got any

786

00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:11,760

de niro sits down slowly next to kennedy

787

00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:12,960

on the bench

788

00:29:17,590 --> 00:29:16,080

they both look out into the distance

789

00:29:19,350 --> 00:29:17,600

de niro

790

00:29:21,350 --> 00:29:19,360

thing is chief

791

00:29:24,950 --> 00:29:21,360

i asked around

792

00:29:26,789 --> 00:29:24,960

i spoke to doctors nurses scientists

793

00:29:29,590 --> 00:29:26,799

busy moms

794

00:29:31,110 --> 00:29:29,600

and they all pointed to the kids

795

00:29:33,510 --> 00:29:31,120

kids chief

796

00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:33,520

thousands of them running around

797

00:29:39,029 --> 00:29:37,200

in playgrounds schools malls everywhere

798

00:29:42,149 --> 00:29:39,039

it was as if they'd never even heard of

799

00:29:44,149 --> 00:29:42,159

polio or mumps or sub-acute sclerosing

800

00:29:45,909 --> 00:29:44,159

pan-encephalitis

801
00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:45,919
and you know what

802
00:29:48,710 --> 00:29:47,039
kennedy

803
00:29:50,389 --> 00:29:48,720
tell me

804
00:29:52,470 --> 00:29:50,399
de niro

805
00:29:54,470 --> 00:29:52,480
not one of those kids could tell me

806
00:29:55,909 --> 00:29:54,480
where the safe vaccines were

807
00:29:58,870 --> 00:29:55,919
not one

808
00:30:02,149 --> 00:29:58,880
i got nothing for you chief

809
00:30:04,230 --> 00:30:02,159
kennedy looks down at his feet

810
00:30:05,430 --> 00:30:04,240
i knew it

811
00:30:09,350 --> 00:30:05,440
there are

812
00:30:43,980 --> 00:30:10,920
fade out

813
00:31:22,070 --> 00:30:50,880

[Music]

814

00:31:22,080 --> 00:31:30,100

uh

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00:31:30,110 --> 00:31:43,029

[Music]

816

00:31:47,269 --> 00:31:45,430

now it's time once again to tiptoe not

817

00:31:49,509 --> 00:31:47,279

through the tulips but to tiptoe into

818

00:31:51,789 --> 00:31:49,519

those digital archives

819

00:31:53,750 --> 00:31:51,799

at trove

820

00:31:55,350 --> 00:31:53,760

trove.nla.gov.au the online resource

821

00:31:57,590 --> 00:31:55,360

from the australian government and the

822

00:32:00,070 --> 00:31:57,600

national library of australia digitized

823

00:32:02,070 --> 00:32:00,080

newspapers gazettes magazines journals

824

00:32:04,870 --> 00:32:02,080

periodicals

825

00:32:06,310 --> 00:32:04,880

diaries and so on

826

00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:06,320

and this week i thought we'd make a

827

00:32:11,750 --> 00:32:09,440

slight variation a slight deviation from

828

00:32:13,190 --> 00:32:11,760

our normal theme of the supernatural the

829

00:32:16,230 --> 00:32:13,200

paranormal

830

00:32:18,070 --> 00:32:16,240

and look at something that happened

831

00:32:20,470 --> 00:32:18,080

more than a century ago

832

00:32:22,230 --> 00:32:20,480

the 1919

833

00:32:24,149 --> 00:32:22,240

spanish flu

834

00:32:26,230 --> 00:32:24,159

and i thought this would

835

00:32:28,789 --> 00:32:26,240

be of particular

836

00:32:30,230 --> 00:32:28,799

relevance today during our current

837

00:32:31,990 --> 00:32:30,240

pandemic

838

00:32:33,590 --> 00:32:32,000

what lessons can we learn what

839

00:32:37,870 --> 00:32:33,600

similarities

840

00:32:41,190 --> 00:32:39,669

[Music]

841

00:32:44,230 --> 00:32:41,200

and our first entry comes from the

842

00:32:45,669 --> 00:32:44,240

sydney morning herald dated the 25th of

843

00:32:47,990 --> 00:32:45,679

february

844

00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:48,000

1919

845

00:32:51,830 --> 00:32:49,200

mask

846

00:32:53,990 --> 00:32:51,840

prosecutions

847

00:32:57,269 --> 00:32:54,000

pleading guilty yesterday at the central

848

00:33:00,230 --> 00:32:57,279

police court to the charge of being in

849

00:33:03,750 --> 00:33:00,240

an oxford street tram

850

00:33:07,350 --> 00:33:03,760

without wearing a mask elaine lee 19 was

851
00:33:09,669 --> 00:33:07,360
fined 20 shillings in default seven days

852
00:33:12,549 --> 00:33:09,679
imprisonment defendants said that she

853
00:33:15,350 --> 00:33:12,559
had her mask under her chin

854
00:33:17,269 --> 00:33:15,360
as she was suffering from qatar

855
00:33:18,549 --> 00:33:17,279
and incidentally and i didn't know this

856
00:33:21,430 --> 00:33:18,559
guitar

857
00:33:23,830 --> 00:33:21,440
according to a search excessive

858
00:33:25,750 --> 00:33:23,840
discharge or buildup of mucus in the

859
00:33:28,950 --> 00:33:25,760
nose or throat

860
00:33:30,950 --> 00:33:28,960
associated with inflammation of the

861
00:33:32,310 --> 00:33:30,960
mucous membrane

862
00:33:34,070 --> 00:33:32,320
we read on

863
00:33:38,230 --> 00:33:34,080

for being in oxford street without a

864

00:33:41,269 --> 00:33:38,240

mask sydney vincent jones 18 laborer was

865

00:33:42,470 --> 00:33:41,279

finned 30 shillings in default 10 days

866

00:33:44,789 --> 00:33:42,480

imprisonment

867

00:33:48,389 --> 00:33:44,799

the prosecuting constable said that the

868

00:33:52,549 --> 00:33:48,399

defendant gave a wrong address

869

00:33:55,110 --> 00:33:52,559

frank edward roberts 37 wolf laborer was

870

00:33:57,430 --> 00:33:55,120

finned 20 shillings in default seven days

871

00:33:59,110 --> 00:33:57,440

imprisonment for being in elizabeth

872

00:34:01,990 --> 00:33:59,120

street without a mask

873

00:34:05,110 --> 00:34:02,000

for a similar offence in belvoir street

874

00:34:08,149 --> 00:34:05,120

james clark 28 barman

875

00:34:10,710 --> 00:34:08,159

was also fined 20 shillings clark said

876

00:34:14,550 --> 00:34:10,720

he understood that persons were not

877

00:34:16,550 --> 00:34:14,560

required to wear masks in unfrequented

878

00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:16,560

streets

879

00:34:20,389 --> 00:34:18,960

and that newspaper clipping could have

880

00:34:21,669 --> 00:34:20,399

come from

881

00:34:23,270 --> 00:34:21,679

yesterday

882

00:34:25,669 --> 00:34:23,280

with the fines

883

00:34:26,629 --> 00:34:25,679

and punishments of course being

884

00:34:29,430 --> 00:34:26,639

different

885

00:34:31,030 --> 00:34:29,440

and incidentally one of the fines here

886

00:34:33,270 --> 00:34:31,040

in sydney at the moment if you're out of

887

00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:33,280

your

888

00:34:37,510 --> 00:34:35,520

restricted area or you've gone into

889

00:34:38,470 --> 00:34:37,520

another area so to speak is a thousand

890

00:34:40,550 --> 00:34:38,480

dollars

891

00:34:43,589 --> 00:34:40,560

and the fine for not wearing a mask when

892

00:34:47,190 --> 00:34:43,599

required is 500

893

00:34:50,629 --> 00:34:47,200

the next clipping we find comes from

894

00:34:53,270 --> 00:34:50,639

sometime later in fact 1948

895

00:34:55,109 --> 00:34:53,280

on the 26th of may in the sun from

896

00:34:57,910 --> 00:34:55,119

sydney australia

897

00:34:59,270 --> 00:34:57,920

sun readers say

898

00:35:00,710 --> 00:34:59,280

nose bags

899

00:35:02,470 --> 00:35:00,720

for flu

900

00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:02,480

and this appears to be a letter to the

901
00:35:07,349 --> 00:35:03,760
editor

902
00:35:09,990 --> 00:35:07,359
if you hit a fellow citizen on the skull

903
00:35:12,470 --> 00:35:10,000
with a piece of two by one

904
00:35:14,390 --> 00:35:12,480
and put him into hospital for a week you

905
00:35:17,990 --> 00:35:14,400
will very properly

906
00:35:20,310 --> 00:35:18,000
be sent to jail but if you send a fellow

907
00:35:23,510 --> 00:35:20,320
citizen to bed for a week in persistent

908
00:35:25,030 --> 00:35:23,520
pain and distress by sneezing influenza

909
00:35:28,550 --> 00:35:25,040
germs over him

910
00:35:31,190 --> 00:35:28,560
you remain as free as the birds and the

911
00:35:33,270 --> 00:35:31,200
germs of the air

912
00:35:35,750 --> 00:35:33,280
until disease carriers are taught that

913
00:35:38,790 --> 00:35:35,760

it is wantonly antisocial to distribute

914

00:35:42,150 --> 00:35:38,800

their germs far and wide in our compact

915

00:35:43,430 --> 00:35:42,160

communities they can be neither sincere

916

00:35:45,910 --> 00:35:43,440

citizenship

917

00:35:46,870 --> 00:35:45,920

or sustained health in our crowded

918

00:35:49,829 --> 00:35:46,880

cities

919

00:35:52,950 --> 00:35:49,839

perhaps we could force some kind of

920

00:35:55,589 --> 00:35:52,960

responsibility on casual flu spreaders

921

00:35:57,030 --> 00:35:55,599

by obliging them to

922

00:35:59,990 --> 00:35:57,040

wear a mask

923

00:36:01,430 --> 00:36:00,000

we did it once before in the spanish flu

924

00:36:04,470 --> 00:36:01,440

epidemic

925

00:36:05,430 --> 00:36:04,480

why not make it a regular safeguard

926
00:36:07,109 --> 00:36:05,440

l

927
00:36:08,470 --> 00:36:07,119

s b

928
00:36:12,870 --> 00:36:08,480
erskineville

929
00:36:15,270 --> 00:36:12,880
of sydney

930
00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:15,280
sounds like good advice to me

931
00:36:22,150 --> 00:36:18,480
and now we go back to 1919

932
00:36:24,870 --> 00:36:22,160
written on the 10th of february

933
00:36:28,069 --> 00:36:24,880
and published in the grafton argus and

934
00:36:31,750 --> 00:36:28,079
clarence river general advertiser

935
00:36:35,190 --> 00:36:31,760
influenza the disease more deadly

936
00:36:36,710 --> 00:36:35,200
melbourne's terrible experience

937
00:36:38,150 --> 00:36:36,720
racing throughout new south wales

938
00:36:40,310 --> 00:36:38,160

prohibited

939

00:36:42,230 --> 00:36:40,320

there we are even in 1919 they've got

940

00:36:44,069 --> 00:36:42,240

their priorities correct

941

00:36:45,510 --> 00:36:44,079

and putting up racing at the top of the

942

00:36:47,829 --> 00:36:45,520

article

943

00:36:50,310 --> 00:36:47,839

sydney friday night the state cabinet

944

00:36:52,230 --> 00:36:50,320

today decided to prohibit all racing

945

00:36:54,550 --> 00:36:52,240

throughout new south wales until further

946

00:36:57,109 --> 00:36:54,560

notice this means the cancellation of

947

00:36:58,310 --> 00:36:57,119

the casino and armadale meetings of

948

00:37:01,349 --> 00:36:58,320

course

949

00:37:02,710 --> 00:37:01,359

altogether there were nine new cases in

950

00:37:05,829 --> 00:37:02,720

sydney today

951
00:37:09,190 --> 00:37:05,839
four of them on the two infected ships

952
00:37:12,870 --> 00:37:11,030
at the quarantine

953
00:37:16,390 --> 00:37:12,880
station north head

954
00:37:19,190 --> 00:37:16,400
dr mcmikken of melbourne hospital says

955
00:37:21,510 --> 00:37:19,200
the infectivity of the disease there is

956
00:37:24,470 --> 00:37:21,520
increasing all the cases now being

957
00:37:26,790 --> 00:37:24,480
admitted being of the pneumonic type

958
00:37:30,069 --> 00:37:26,800
queensland is still free of the epidemic

959
00:37:31,829 --> 00:37:30,079
so is tasmania and west australia

960
00:37:33,510 --> 00:37:31,839
and i'll just stop there to say this is

961
00:37:35,030 --> 00:37:33,520
really history repeating itself it's

962
00:37:37,030 --> 00:37:35,040
amazing this is

963
00:37:38,390 --> 00:37:37,040

very similar to the situation now in

964

00:37:41,030 --> 00:37:38,400

2021

965

00:37:44,069 --> 00:37:41,040

we read on the government is preparing a

966

00:37:47,109 --> 00:37:44,079

scheme for the moratorium which it has

967

00:37:50,310 --> 00:37:47,119

decided on to apply to all persons

968

00:37:54,310 --> 00:37:50,320

affected by governmental proclamations a

969

00:37:57,030 --> 00:37:54,320

preliminary vote of 10 000 pounds for

970

00:37:59,670 --> 00:37:57,040

relief of distress is to be made

971

00:38:02,390 --> 00:37:59,680

available by the state treasury the

972

00:38:05,430 --> 00:38:02,400

director general of health denies the

973

00:38:06,630 --> 00:38:05,440

prevalent assertion that masks are

974

00:38:08,950 --> 00:38:06,640

unhealthy

975

00:38:09,910 --> 00:38:08,960

he says that if they are kept properly

976
00:38:12,630 --> 00:38:09,920
clean

977
00:38:15,829 --> 00:38:12,640
the wearer doesn't re-breathe the same

978
00:38:18,470 --> 00:38:15,839
air dr george fox of balmain today

979
00:38:21,030 --> 00:38:18,480
elected to go to jail

980
00:38:23,829 --> 00:38:21,040
instead of finding bail

981
00:38:27,109 --> 00:38:23,839
for refusing to wear a mask the doctor

982
00:38:28,310 --> 00:38:27,119
said he considered masks unhealthy

983
00:38:31,510 --> 00:38:28,320
and gave

984
00:38:33,910 --> 00:38:31,520
reason also why he considered the

985
00:38:35,589 --> 00:38:33,920
proclamation illegal

986
00:38:38,630 --> 00:38:35,599
the new south wales government has

987
00:38:42,069 --> 00:38:38,640
decided to ensure for 500 pounds the

988
00:38:45,670 --> 00:38:42,079

lives of all hospital employees who are

989

00:38:48,710 --> 00:38:45,680

told off to attend influenza parties

990

00:38:51,510 --> 00:38:48,720

private angus mckenzie an inmate of the

991

00:38:53,190 --> 00:38:51,520

influenza isolation ward at randwick

992

00:38:54,230 --> 00:38:53,200

military hospital

993

00:38:55,589 --> 00:38:54,240

has

994

00:38:57,910 --> 00:38:55,599

escaped

995

00:39:00,630 --> 00:38:57,920

the military authorities regard the

996

00:39:02,630 --> 00:39:00,640

matter as serious and published a

997

00:39:04,950 --> 00:39:02,640

description of him in view of the

998

00:39:06,150 --> 00:39:04,960

possibility of mackenzie spreading the

999

00:39:08,710 --> 00:39:06,160

disease

1000

00:39:10,310 --> 00:39:08,720

the military are particularly anxious to

1001

00:39:12,470 --> 00:39:10,320

apprehend him

1002

00:39:15,030 --> 00:39:12,480

it is believed he went to the south

1003

00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:15,040

coast mackenzie's record is that he

1004

00:39:19,829 --> 00:39:17,359

joined the forces twice he was still

1005

00:39:22,470 --> 00:39:19,839

-serving a sentence for desertion

1006

00:39:25,589 --> 00:39:22,480

when he left for england apparently he

1007

00:39:28,710 --> 00:39:25,599

arrived in england only to desert again

1008

00:39:31,510 --> 00:39:28,720

how he returned to sydney he refuses to

1009

00:39:33,670 --> 00:39:31,520

divulge mr hunter acting premier of

1010

00:39:35,430 --> 00:39:33,680

queensland said today the federal

1011

00:39:37,910 --> 00:39:35,440

authorities are showing a callous

1012

00:39:40,710 --> 00:39:37,920

disregard for their responsibility

1013

00:39:42,710 --> 00:39:40,720

and unless the states make a determined

1014

00:39:44,950 --> 00:39:42,720

stand to protect the people from

1015

00:39:47,589 --> 00:39:44,960

infection from overseas

1016

00:39:49,589 --> 00:39:47,599

the graves results may ensue

1017

00:39:51,990 --> 00:39:49,599

the secretary of the shop assistance

1018

00:39:54,470 --> 00:39:52,000

union said today the shops had a good

1019

00:39:56,790 --> 00:39:54,480

time during the war and it is up to them

1020

00:39:59,430 --> 00:39:56,800

to be generous to their employees

1021

00:40:00,870 --> 00:39:59,440

none have actively closed yet but hands

1022

00:40:02,390 --> 00:40:00,880

have been reduced

1023

00:40:06,069 --> 00:40:02,400

the board of health have received a

1024

00:40:09,270 --> 00:40:06,079

report concerning the death at tyrol

1025

00:40:11,990 --> 00:40:09,280

allegedly due to mnemonic influenza the

1026

00:40:14,470 --> 00:40:12,000

report says that this is incorrect the

1027

00:40:17,030 --> 00:40:14,480

patient died from ordinary pneumonia

1028

00:40:19,910 --> 00:40:17,040

which had become septic the reported

1029

00:40:23,750 --> 00:40:19,920

case that adlethin is also shown not to

1030

00:40:25,589 --> 00:40:23,760

have been one of mnemonic influenza

1031

00:40:28,230 --> 00:40:25,599

according to the melbourne newspaper

1032

00:40:31,670 --> 00:40:28,240

reports the disease is now

1033

00:40:33,430 --> 00:40:31,680

evidently distributed all over victoria

1034

00:40:36,710 --> 00:40:33,440

yet many towns are still complaining

1035

00:40:39,190 --> 00:40:36,720

that they cannot get vaccine

1036

00:40:41,030 --> 00:40:39,200

good grief sorry i have to stop again

1037

00:40:42,790 --> 00:40:41,040

this isn't this is amazing this is

1038

00:40:44,150 --> 00:40:42,800

really history repeating itself it's

1039

00:40:45,510 --> 00:40:44,160

just astonishing

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00:40:47,349 --> 00:40:45,520

we read on

1041

00:40:49,430 --> 00:40:47,359

providing the different states are

1042

00:40:51,750 --> 00:40:49,440

agreeable the federal government

1043

00:40:53,990 --> 00:40:51,760

expresses willingness to institute the

1044

00:40:55,750 --> 00:40:54,000

passport system for interstate

1045

00:40:57,750 --> 00:40:55,760

passengers

1046

00:41:01,109 --> 00:40:57,760

i'm sorry when was this written this is

1047

00:41:03,750 --> 00:41:01,119

getting this is the twilight zone

1048

00:41:06,069 --> 00:41:03,760

this is really spooky

1049

00:41:08,309 --> 00:41:06,079

the board of health announces that 10

1050

00:41:10,309 --> 00:41:08,319

deaths occurred at melbourne hospital

1051
00:41:12,790 --> 00:41:10,319
since midnight this makes the total

1052
00:41:15,430 --> 00:41:12,800
number of deaths 115

1053
00:41:17,910 --> 00:41:15,440
25 new cases were admitted to the

1054
00:41:20,470 --> 00:41:17,920
hospitals and 10 cases at the children's

1055
00:41:21,910 --> 00:41:20,480
hospital who were suspiciously in for a

1056
00:41:24,069 --> 00:41:21,920
couple of days

1057
00:41:26,390 --> 00:41:24,079
are now declared to be suffering from

1058
00:41:27,630 --> 00:41:26,400
the disease since the outbreak was

1059
00:41:30,390 --> 00:41:27,640
reported

1060
00:41:32,390 --> 00:41:30,400
1927 cases have been admitted to the

1061
00:41:35,589 --> 00:41:32,400
metropolitan hospitals

1062
00:41:37,510 --> 00:41:35,599
at the present time 55 are dangerously

1063
00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:37,520

ill according to the figures of the

1064

00:41:41,190 --> 00:41:39,200

health department there has been a

1065

00:41:43,750 --> 00:41:41,200

steady daily increase in the number of

1066

00:41:47,030 --> 00:41:43,760

cases of influenza developing in the

1067

00:41:48,790 --> 00:41:47,040

state since the end of january it is now

1068

00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:48,800

reported that there is a serious

1069

00:41:55,670 --> 00:41:52,240

shortage of trained nurses in victoria

1070

00:41:57,990 --> 00:41:55,680

many being infected and many overworked

1071

00:41:59,270 --> 00:41:58,000

it's like somebody wrote this yesterday

1072

00:42:01,750 --> 00:41:59,280

let's read on

1073

00:42:05,430 --> 00:42:01,760

the department of health has telegraphed

1074

00:42:08,069 --> 00:42:05,440

to new zealand for 50 nurses immediately

1075

00:42:11,190 --> 00:42:08,079

the federal authorities in future will

1076
00:42:13,270 --> 00:42:11,200
order the quarantining and examination

1077
00:42:15,589 --> 00:42:13,280
of every overseas ship

1078
00:42:17,589 --> 00:42:15,599
whether she has visited an infected

1079
00:42:20,550 --> 00:42:17,599
australian port or not

1080
00:42:23,510 --> 00:42:20,560
although the influenza figures are

1081
00:42:25,750 --> 00:42:23,520
getting far more serious the victorian

1082
00:42:29,190 --> 00:42:25,760
health authorities seem to be

1083
00:42:31,510 --> 00:42:29,200
plodding quietly along as usual no

1084
00:42:33,349 --> 00:42:31,520
action has been taken on the advisory

1085
00:42:35,270 --> 00:42:33,359
board's recommendations

1086
00:42:36,790 --> 00:42:35,280
and none of the regulations made are

1087
00:42:38,950 --> 00:42:36,800
being observed

1088
00:42:41,510 --> 00:42:38,960

in official and political circles the

1089

00:42:44,950 --> 00:42:41,520

opinion is that melbourne hotels will be

1090

00:42:46,390 --> 00:42:44,960

closed next week during the epidemic

1091

00:42:47,829 --> 00:42:46,400

liquor ordered

1092

00:42:49,349 --> 00:42:47,839

will still be

1093

00:42:50,950 --> 00:42:49,359

delivered

1094

00:42:53,349 --> 00:42:50,960

and what a note to win that

1095

00:42:56,390 --> 00:42:53,359

extraordinary report

1096

00:42:59,109 --> 00:42:56,400

that is just amazing

1097

00:43:01,589 --> 00:42:59,119

let me have another look to see when

1098

00:43:03,910 --> 00:43:01,599

this was written

1099

00:43:06,950 --> 00:43:03,920

on the 10th of february

1100

00:43:10,470 --> 00:43:08,790

can it get any more spooky than that

1101

00:43:12,630 --> 00:43:10,480

well let's look at the

1102

00:43:13,670 --> 00:43:12,640

newcastle morning herald and miners

1103

00:43:17,829 --> 00:43:13,680

advocate

1104

00:43:21,349 --> 00:43:17,839

dated the 16th of january 1951

1105

00:43:23,190 --> 00:43:21,359

when flu raged in australia

1106

00:43:25,670 --> 00:43:23,200

interstate trade and travel were

1107

00:43:27,270 --> 00:43:25,680

practically brought to a standstill by

1108

00:43:28,630 --> 00:43:27,280

commonwealth and state government

1109

00:43:31,430 --> 00:43:28,640

restrictions

1110

00:43:32,870 --> 00:43:31,440

in the pneumonic influenza epidemic of

1111

00:43:34,470 --> 00:43:32,880

1918

1112

00:43:37,030 --> 00:43:34,480

1919

1113

00:43:37,910 --> 00:43:37,040

the epidemic swept through europe and

1114

00:43:41,190 --> 00:43:37,920

asia

1115

00:43:44,309 --> 00:43:41,200

at the end of world war one in australia

1116

00:43:47,670 --> 00:43:44,319

state borders were closed and interstate

1117

00:43:50,230 --> 00:43:47,680

and coastal ships met rigid restrictions

1118

00:43:52,230 --> 00:43:50,240

at quarantine stations the epidemic

1119

00:43:54,950 --> 00:43:52,240

raged in victoria then spread to new

1120

00:43:57,030 --> 00:43:54,960

south wales while scores of patients

1121

00:44:00,069 --> 00:43:57,040

were being admitted to hospital each day

1122

00:44:01,910 --> 00:44:00,079

in sydney a rigid check was kept on

1123

00:44:03,829 --> 00:44:01,920

people leaving

1124

00:44:06,870 --> 00:44:03,839

the city

1125

00:44:08,470 --> 00:44:06,880

all right this is getting even spookier

1126
00:44:10,630 --> 00:44:08,480
this is exactly what's happening at the

1127
00:44:13,190 --> 00:44:10,640
moment

1128
00:44:15,829 --> 00:44:13,200
all who left by train had to sign a

1129
00:44:16,790 --> 00:44:15,839
declaration that they had

1130
00:44:18,870 --> 00:44:16,800
won

1131
00:44:20,710 --> 00:44:18,880
not been in contact with an influenza

1132
00:44:24,230 --> 00:44:20,720
patient for three days

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00:44:26,790 --> 00:44:24,240
two passed through an inhalation chamber

1134
00:44:27,750 --> 00:44:26,800
in the 24 hours before traveling

1135
00:44:34,230 --> 00:44:27,760
three

1136
00:44:36,630 --> 00:44:34,240
in addition to these requirements they

1137
00:44:38,069 --> 00:44:36,640
needed a medical certificate stating

1138
00:44:40,470 --> 00:44:38,079

they had no

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00:44:42,870 --> 00:44:40,480

symptoms of influenza

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00:44:45,349 --> 00:44:42,880

interstate travel on ships was

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00:44:47,190 --> 00:44:45,359

similarly restricted the quarantine

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00:44:49,349 --> 00:44:47,200

station at northhead worked overtime

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00:44:52,470 --> 00:44:49,359

since all ships coming and leaving had

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00:44:54,470 --> 00:44:52,480

to be held at quarantine for four days

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00:44:56,870 --> 00:44:54,480

at the government's request a medical

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00:44:59,030 --> 00:44:56,880

consultative council was formed the

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00:45:01,109 --> 00:44:59,040

council mainly of doctors advised the

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00:45:03,990 --> 00:45:01,119

health department and municipal

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00:45:06,309 --> 00:45:04,000

authorities throughout the epidemic they

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00:45:08,550 --> 00:45:06,319

recommended the use of masks

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00:45:11,430 --> 00:45:08,560

border restrictions compulsory

1152

00:45:14,309 --> 00:45:11,440

notification of patients and their early

1153

00:45:15,750 --> 00:45:14,319

removal to hospital as well as strict

1154

00:45:17,910 --> 00:45:15,760

quarantine

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00:45:21,109 --> 00:45:17,920

the council advised people to avoid

1156

00:45:25,270 --> 00:45:21,119

crowds observe personal cleanliness keep

1157

00:45:27,910 --> 00:45:25,280

in the sunshine and prevent spitting and

1158

00:45:30,069 --> 00:45:27,920

dirty habits most doctors said over

1159

00:45:32,470 --> 00:45:30,079

indulgence of alcohol was dangerous

1160

00:45:33,990 --> 00:45:32,480

because it lowered resistance to

1161

00:45:35,990 --> 00:45:34,000

infection

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00:45:38,069 --> 00:45:36,000

in sydney where the incidence was the

1163

00:45:40,470 --> 00:45:38,079

highest in the state health authorities

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00:45:43,510 --> 00:45:40,480

closed theaters picture shows and

1165

00:45:45,910 --> 00:45:43,520

schools in the metropolitan area because

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00:45:49,349 --> 00:45:45,920

of the risk of infection church services

1167

00:45:52,470 --> 00:45:49,359

auction sales and race meetings were

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00:45:55,589 --> 00:45:52,480

banned a bylaw was passed forcing men

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00:45:57,910 --> 00:45:55,599

and women to wear air filter masks

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00:46:00,309 --> 00:45:57,920

police who patrolled the streets warned

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00:46:03,589 --> 00:46:00,319

of the possibility of a rest of

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00:46:07,349 --> 00:46:03,599

pedestrians continuing to walk with the

1173

00:46:09,510 --> 00:46:07,359

masks slung about their necks

1174

00:46:12,550 --> 00:46:09,520

in the central court those caught not

1175

00:46:16,230 --> 00:46:12,560

wearing the filters in trains were fined

1176

00:46:18,390 --> 00:46:16,240

two pounds a judge in banco court was

1177

00:46:19,430 --> 00:46:18,400

reprimanded for having appeared on the

1178

00:46:20,870 --> 00:46:19,440

bench

1179

00:46:23,109 --> 00:46:20,880

unmasked

1180

00:46:26,550 --> 00:46:23,119

although everyone realized the danger of

1181

00:46:28,790 --> 00:46:26,560

influenza there were many complaints

1182

00:46:31,589 --> 00:46:28,800

some amusing a

1183

00:46:34,390 --> 00:46:31,599

commercial traveler complained bitterly

1184

00:46:36,390 --> 00:46:34,400

that his country clients would not speak

1185

00:46:39,270 --> 00:46:36,400

to him because they were scared of

1186

00:46:41,030 --> 00:46:39,280

infection although he exclaimed he had

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00:46:44,790 --> 00:46:41,040

not returned to the city since the

1188

00:46:46,150 --> 00:46:44,800

epidemic stormen continued to keep him

1189

00:46:50,150 --> 00:46:46,160

at bay

1190

00:46:53,030 --> 00:46:50,160

a spaniard was exceedingly annoyed and

1191

00:46:56,069 --> 00:46:53,040

said his home country had been slighted

1192

00:46:58,870 --> 00:46:56,079

when the influenza was wrongly called

1193

00:47:02,069 --> 00:46:58,880

spanish flu he claimed it had been taken

1194

00:47:04,550 --> 00:47:02,079

to spain by russians writers condemned

1195

00:47:07,109 --> 00:47:04,560

the position of north head quarantine

1196

00:47:09,430 --> 00:47:07,119

station and said it should be moved to a

1197

00:47:11,670 --> 00:47:09,440

more isolated position

1198

00:47:13,190 --> 00:47:11,680

many businesses had their own

1199

00:47:16,230 --> 00:47:13,200

inhalation

1200

00:47:18,950 --> 00:47:16,240

rooms where staff stood in the foggy

1201
00:47:21,030 --> 00:47:18,960
interior before leaving work

1202
00:47:24,790 --> 00:47:21,040
on the railway station passengers walked

1203
00:47:28,069 --> 00:47:24,800
through a canvas-like maize attempting

1204
00:47:30,790 --> 00:47:28,079
to seek immunity before donning their

1205
00:47:33,829 --> 00:47:30,800
masks for the train trip home about

1206
00:47:35,589 --> 00:47:33,839
october 1918 newcastle residents

1207
00:47:38,470 --> 00:47:35,599
evidently

1208
00:47:40,790 --> 00:47:38,480
realized they would be fortunate if the

1209
00:47:43,030 --> 00:47:40,800
epidemic did not reach the city

1210
00:47:46,230 --> 00:47:43,040
a start was made to clean up the

1211
00:47:49,109 --> 00:47:46,240
municipality a house to house inspection

1212
00:47:50,150 --> 00:47:49,119
was made so a record could be kept of

1213
00:47:51,510 --> 00:47:50,160

general

1214

00:47:54,069 --> 00:47:51,520

cleanliness

1215

00:47:57,589 --> 00:47:54,079

respirators were stocked in newcastle

1216

00:47:59,510 --> 00:47:57,599

shops and continuous warfare was being

1217

00:48:01,190 --> 00:47:59,520

waged against

1218

00:48:03,510 --> 00:48:01,200

rats

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00:48:05,510 --> 00:48:03,520

health department inoculation centers

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00:48:08,549 --> 00:48:05,520

similar to those operating in sydney

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00:48:12,430 --> 00:48:08,559

were set up in the municipality in the

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00:48:15,750 --> 00:48:12,440

first two months of 1919

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00:48:19,270 --> 00:48:15,760

725 000 people were inoculated in new

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00:48:21,510 --> 00:48:19,280

south wales including 225 from the

1225

00:48:24,150 --> 00:48:21,520

country and that of course meaning the

1226

00:48:25,750 --> 00:48:24,160

uh the regional areas outside of the

1227

00:48:27,829 --> 00:48:25,760

city of sydney

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00:48:29,589 --> 00:48:27,839

thousands had died in sydney and

1229

00:48:32,829 --> 00:48:29,599

melbourne before there was notification

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00:48:36,390 --> 00:48:32,839

of a case in newcastle early in february

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00:48:40,069 --> 00:48:36,400

1919. the patient came from islington

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00:48:42,069 --> 00:48:40,079

and appeared to be an isolated case a

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00:48:44,150 --> 00:48:42,079

month later when there was a lull in

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00:48:46,790 --> 00:48:44,160

sydney and the medical

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00:48:49,030 --> 00:48:46,800

conservative council recommended that

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00:48:52,790 --> 00:48:49,040

mosques were no longer needed

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00:48:55,510 --> 00:48:52,800

the epidemic started in newcastle

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00:48:58,790 --> 00:48:55,520

on march 3 an influenza patient died in

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00:49:01,190 --> 00:48:58,800

newcastle hospital two days later five

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00:49:03,670 --> 00:49:01,200

nurses awards men and a patient who had

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00:49:04,870 --> 00:49:03,680

been in the same ward had caught

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00:49:06,790 --> 00:49:04,880

influenza

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00:49:09,349 --> 00:49:06,800

in the following months emergency

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00:49:11,349 --> 00:49:09,359

hospitals at walls end and

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00:49:13,270 --> 00:49:11,359

were at 10 i think it says it's hard to

1246

00:49:16,790 --> 00:49:13,280

say because it's faded

1247

00:49:19,910 --> 00:49:16,800

received hundreds of patients each day

1248

00:49:22,710 --> 00:49:19,920

lists of the dangerously ill seriously

1249

00:49:25,750 --> 00:49:22,720

ill ill and convalescent patients were

1250

00:49:26,950 --> 00:49:25,760

published with the epidemic there came

1251
00:49:28,790 --> 00:49:26,960
distress

1252
00:49:30,390 --> 00:49:28,800
kitchens were opened in newcastle

1253
00:49:32,710 --> 00:49:30,400
district to feed

1254
00:49:34,710 --> 00:49:32,720
those unable to

1255
00:49:36,870 --> 00:49:34,720
fend for themselves

1256
00:49:39,190 --> 00:49:36,880
there was a shortage of staff at

1257
00:49:42,470 --> 00:49:39,200
particularly all shops and offices the

1258
00:49:45,030 --> 00:49:42,480
post office staff was so depleted that

1259
00:49:48,150 --> 00:49:45,040
telephone services were delayed and no

1260
00:49:49,589 --> 00:49:48,160
telegrams were delivered for a period

1261
00:49:51,549 --> 00:49:49,599
in two years

1262
00:49:55,030 --> 00:49:51,559
11

1263
00:49:57,510 --> 00:49:55,040

552 people died in australia as a result

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00:49:58,549 --> 00:49:57,520

of influenza other countries suffered

1265

00:50:01,190 --> 00:49:58,559

far more

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00:50:03,670 --> 00:50:01,200

it is now estimated that about 20

1267

00:50:06,710 --> 00:50:03,680

million people died in the world in the

1268

00:50:12,150 --> 00:50:09,460

epidemic

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00:50:14,549 --> 00:50:12,160

[Music]

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00:50:15,910 --> 00:50:14,559

and there we have it some

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00:50:19,120 --> 00:50:15,920

eerie

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00:50:20,230 --> 00:50:19,130

spooky uncanny

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00:50:23,030 --> 00:50:20,240

[Music]

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00:50:24,870 --> 00:50:23,040

twilight zone reports from the past

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00:50:28,230 --> 00:50:24,880

especially when we look at the

1276

00:50:31,990 --> 00:50:28,240

similarities to today's situation

1277

00:50:34,390 --> 00:50:32,000

a real case of history repeating itself

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00:50:35,829 --> 00:50:34,400

and you too can find examples of history

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00:50:39,990 --> 00:50:35,839

repeating itself by looking at the

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00:50:42,870 --> 00:50:40,000

archives at trovatrov.nla.gov

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00:50:48,690 --> 00:50:42,880

a u and as i like to say

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00:50:48,700 --> 00:51:08,069

[Music]

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00:51:13,190 --> 00:51:09,589

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:51:16,309 --> 00:51:13,200

zone as i walk around the park and

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00:51:18,069 --> 00:51:16,319

uh see families enjoying

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00:51:20,630 --> 00:51:18,079

a nice day out and an insects just

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00:51:22,470 --> 00:51:20,640

landed in my glasses

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00:51:24,390 --> 00:51:22,480

that's podcasting for you

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00:51:26,710 --> 00:51:24,400

thank you to those people who continue

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00:51:27,990 --> 00:51:26,720

to support the skeptic zone at patreon

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00:51:31,109 --> 00:51:28,000

or paypal

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00:51:33,589 --> 00:51:31,119

by visiting skepticzone.tv

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00:51:36,470 --> 00:51:33,599

and clicking the link

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00:51:38,870 --> 00:51:36,480

your support keeps the show going

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00:51:40,549 --> 00:51:38,880

and indeed as you know as i discussed

1296

00:51:42,710 --> 00:51:40,559

before all my other normal sources of

1297

00:51:45,030 --> 00:51:42,720

income have long since vanished

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00:51:46,069 --> 00:51:45,040

for months now because of the pandemic

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00:51:48,790 --> 00:51:46,079

so

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00:51:51,030 --> 00:51:48,800

i am very grateful indeed for those

1301
00:51:52,950 --> 00:51:51,040
people who support the show if the show

1302
00:51:54,790 --> 00:51:52,960
means something to you

1303
00:51:56,950 --> 00:51:54,800
if you enjoy it every week if you learn

1304
00:51:59,190 --> 00:51:56,960
something if it keeps you company

1305
00:52:01,030 --> 00:51:59,200
if you get

1306
00:52:03,190 --> 00:52:01,040
pleasure from the show

1307
00:52:05,190 --> 00:52:03,200
then maybe you can consider becoming a

1308
00:52:06,950 --> 00:52:05,200
supporter

1309
00:52:08,950 --> 00:52:06,960
great to see kids running around being

1310
00:52:11,430 --> 00:52:08,960
kids again

1311
00:52:13,030 --> 00:52:11,440
coming up on next week's show i think

1312
00:52:14,950 --> 00:52:13,040
i'm going to look at

1313
00:52:16,790 --> 00:52:14,960

tick tock and believe it or not

1314

00:52:18,870 --> 00:52:16,800

i've started using tick tock well i've

1315

00:52:20,630 --> 00:52:18,880

posted a few cat videos

1316

00:52:21,829 --> 00:52:20,640

if you're interested richard underscore

1317

00:52:23,750 --> 00:52:21,839

saunders

1318

00:52:26,470 --> 00:52:23,760

i noticed that people like our friend dr

1319

00:52:29,109 --> 00:52:26,480

karl krzelniski are on tick tock with

1320

00:52:31,190 --> 00:52:29,119

good advice about their vaccinations

1321

00:52:33,349 --> 00:52:31,200

and the curiosity show that wonderful

1322

00:52:35,589 --> 00:52:33,359

science show from the 1970s is on tick

1323

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tock

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00:52:39,030 --> 00:52:36,480

but

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00:52:40,150 --> 00:52:39,040

i've also noticed there are lots of

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00:52:43,030 --> 00:52:40,160

live

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00:52:45,109 --> 00:52:43,040

tarot card readers on tick tock lots of

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00:52:47,349 --> 00:52:45,119

live tarot card readers

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00:52:49,030 --> 00:52:47,359

presumably making a

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00:52:50,870 --> 00:52:49,040

a dollar or two

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00:52:53,510 --> 00:52:50,880

and people with uh

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00:52:55,910 --> 00:52:54,309

you know

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00:52:58,630 --> 00:52:55,920

thinking that they can actually use

1334

00:53:00,950 --> 00:52:58,640

those to get mystical insights

1335

00:53:04,870 --> 00:53:00,960

whereas hello another little insect on

1336

00:53:06,470 --> 00:53:04,880

me go away whereas you and i know uh

1337

00:53:07,430 --> 00:53:06,480

they've succumbed to the idiom motor

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00:53:09,109 --> 00:53:07,440

action

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00:53:12,630 --> 00:53:09,119

regardless it's all happening on tick

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00:53:15,030 --> 00:53:12,640

tock we might look at that next week

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00:53:16,790 --> 00:53:15,040

and a plane normally

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00:53:19,990 --> 00:53:16,800

i stopped recording when the planes fly

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00:53:23,190 --> 00:53:20,000

over but today i think it's okay

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00:53:25,430 --> 00:53:23,200

but for this week from yo park here

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00:53:27,670 --> 00:53:25,440

in the inner west part of sydney near

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00:53:36,710 --> 00:53:27,680

the skeptic's own studios this is

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00:53:39,910 --> 00:53:38,470

you've been listening to the skeptic

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00:53:41,349 --> 00:53:39,920

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00:53:44,470 --> 00:53:41,359

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00:53:50,150 --> 00:53:47,589

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1351
00:53:52,309 --> 00:53:50,160
the back catalog of episodes going back

1352
00:53:54,309 --> 00:53:52,319
to 2008.

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00:53:57,030 --> 00:53:54,319
you can follow the skeptic zone podcast

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00:53:59,190 --> 00:53:57,040
on twitter at skepticzone

1355
00:54:01,430 --> 00:53:59,200
visit our facebook page or leave a

1356
00:54:03,589 --> 00:54:01,440
review on itunes

1357
00:54:06,790 --> 00:54:03,599
you can also support the skeptic zone

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00:54:10,150 --> 00:54:06,800
via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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00:54:11,750 --> 00:54:10,160
podcast is an independent production the

1360
00:54:13,990 --> 00:54:11,760
views and opinions expressed on the

1361
00:54:16,549 --> 00:54:14,000
skeptic zone are not necessarily those

1362
00:54:18,200 --> 00:54:16,559
of australian skeptics or any other

1363
00:54:29,990 --> 00:54:18,210

skeptical organization

1364

00:54:34,390 --> 00:54:31,670

the moment i got my shots it was like

1365

00:54:36,710 --> 00:54:34,400

wow what a sense of relief so folks

1366

00:54:50,549 --> 00:54:36,720

i am talking with some of the people on

1367

00:54:56,309 --> 00:54:54,470

this is rob palmer susan goebeck and our

1368

00:54:57,670 --> 00:54:56,319

very own michelle bickersma hello

1369

00:55:01,430 --> 00:54:57,680

everybody

1370

00:55:02,789 --> 00:55:01,440

hello it's the skeptical fairy oh you

1371

00:55:04,549 --> 00:55:02,799

know the skeptical fairy don't you

1372

00:55:07,270 --> 00:55:04,559

michelle

1373

00:55:09,190 --> 00:55:07,280

a little she's a friend of yours

1374

00:55:10,630 --> 00:55:09,200

and i never see you in the same place

1375

00:55:12,789 --> 00:55:10,640

same place

1376

00:55:14,069 --> 00:55:12,799

yeah never happens that's what i should

1377

00:55:15,829 --> 00:55:14,079

do i should write a sketch where

1378

00:55:18,630 --> 00:55:15,839

michelle goes to visit the skeptical

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00:55:21,990 --> 00:55:18,640

fairy i think that would be great

1380

00:55:23,589 --> 00:55:22,000

because we're just merely acquainted

1381

00:55:25,990 --> 00:55:23,599

so we haven't done this for a few weeks

1382

00:55:27,670 --> 00:55:26,000

we're going to play the dice game now uh

1383

00:55:29,510 --> 00:55:27,680

i'm on zoom with these people because

1384

00:55:32,309 --> 00:55:29,520

we've just finished another session on

1385

00:55:35,190 --> 00:55:32,319

the great these people these people on

1386

00:55:36,950 --> 00:55:35,200

the great australian prediction project

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00:55:38,150 --> 00:55:36,960

let's do the dice game i'll let you

1388

00:55:42,990 --> 00:55:38,160

choose

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00:55:45,670 --> 00:55:43,000

i've got a d60 a d20 a d30

1390

00:55:47,270 --> 00:55:45,680

d64 what number what

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00:55:49,349 --> 00:55:47,280

all of them

1392

00:55:50,710 --> 00:55:49,359

all them all right first roll one for

1393

00:55:52,710 --> 00:55:50,720

each round one

1394

00:55:56,230 --> 00:55:52,720

all right the first one i'm holding that

1395

00:55:58,510 --> 00:55:56,240

up it's a d60 it's a 60-sided die

1396

00:56:01,750 --> 00:55:58,520

so 160 it's going to be a

1397

00:56:03,270 --> 00:56:01,760

160 it'll be a

1398

00:56:05,750 --> 00:56:03,280

of course

1399

00:56:07,910 --> 00:56:05,760

rob what do you say this is likely

1400

00:56:11,109 --> 00:56:07,920

anybody else's number to come up so yeah

1401

00:56:14,710 --> 00:56:11,119

yeah you know right now i know my math i

1402

00:56:19,750 --> 00:56:14,720

know my collets conjecture health stream

1403

00:56:22,950 --> 00:56:21,750

um all right so you said it's a 60 i

1404

00:56:26,549 --> 00:56:22,960

will take

1405

00:56:29,109 --> 00:56:26,559

random number that means nothing 42. 42.

1406

00:56:34,710 --> 00:56:32,950

i'm going for 23 i was going to go with

1407

00:56:38,390 --> 00:56:34,720

three but i thought that's kind of been

1408

00:56:41,030 --> 00:56:38,400

a missed opportunity on a 60 side

1409

00:56:43,670 --> 00:56:41,040

a little bit to a 23. all right here he

1410

00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:43,680

comes here it comes

1411

00:56:49,589 --> 00:56:47,040

it rolls onto a 52

1412

00:56:50,630 --> 00:56:49,599

oh almost 42. well that's a five

1413

00:56:52,630 --> 00:56:50,640

it's two

1414

00:56:56,230 --> 00:56:52,640
52.

1415

00:56:56,240 --> 00:57:09,990
your equation

1416

00:57:15,109 --> 00:57:12,470
psychics making um you know making uh

1417

00:57:17,430 --> 00:57:15,119
postings okay here we go a fourth

1418

00:57:20,309 --> 00:57:17,440
four-sided four-sided oh

1419

00:57:22,150 --> 00:57:20,319
we're switching we're switching four

1420

00:57:24,309 --> 00:57:22,160
four i go for four four there'll be a

1421

00:57:31,030 --> 00:57:24,319
five little knock up on to the floor and

1422

00:57:35,910 --> 00:57:34,309
i will still go for three i'll scale it

1423

00:57:39,109 --> 00:57:35,920
back down

1424

00:57:40,390 --> 00:57:39,119
the size of the dice and it is

1425

00:57:41,990 --> 00:57:40,400
a four

1426

00:57:43,190 --> 00:57:42,000

yes

1427

00:57:46,870 --> 00:57:43,200

that's the first time i've been writing

1428

00:57:50,630 --> 00:57:48,150

all right and we'll end with the

1429

00:57:52,069 --> 00:57:50,640

traditional six sided here we go and

1430

00:57:54,630 --> 00:57:52,079

i'll get my

1431

00:57:56,630 --> 00:57:54,640

nice rolling get your greg durray yep

1432

00:57:59,109 --> 00:57:56,640

there it is

1433

00:58:01,270 --> 00:57:59,119

so six sided what do we have

1434

00:58:03,030 --> 00:58:01,280

it's a five

1435

00:58:05,430 --> 00:58:03,040

five

1436

00:58:07,349 --> 00:58:05,440

i'm gonna stick with three and since i

1437

00:58:09,349 --> 00:58:07,359

got the maximum on the other die four

1438

00:58:10,870 --> 00:58:09,359

i'll go for six and i'll hold this one

1439

00:58:13,109 --> 00:58:10,880

up i'm going to use this one it's a

1440

00:58:15,829 --> 00:58:13,119

south point casino diet

1441

00:58:17,349 --> 00:58:15,839

from the days of tam look at that

1442

00:58:20,829 --> 00:58:17,359

amazing

1443

00:58:27,530 --> 00:58:24,549

two michelle you should have picked it

1444

00:58:29,430 --> 00:58:27,540

i'm the 23. so today's winning numbers

1445

00:58:33,990 --> 00:58:29,440

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1446

00:58:37,349 --> 00:58:34,000

54 4 and 2 and thank you everybody

1447

00:58:40,069 --> 00:58:37,359

that's not fair i i'm gonna

1448

00:58:42,309 --> 00:58:40,079

there's this this game is really what is

1449

00:58:44,710 --> 00:58:42,319

it the first number 52 all right first

1450

00:58:46,870 --> 00:58:44,720

number four 52. you should look on the

1451

00:58:50,470 --> 00:58:46,880

other side since you're in opposite land

1452

00:58:53,349 --> 00:58:50,480

for one for one more chance for you

1453

00:58:55,270 --> 00:58:53,359

susan i'm gonna use a d6

1454

00:58:56,710 --> 00:58:55,280

ready wait wait let me see let me see

1455

00:58:58,789 --> 00:58:56,720

the die

1456

00:58:59,990 --> 00:58:58,799

the standard one i see a five move it

1457

00:59:01,829 --> 00:59:00,000

around let me make sure it doesn't have

1458

00:59:12,630 --> 00:59:01,839

five in every side okay all right just

1459

00:59:12,640 --> 00:59:16,549

stupid game