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**Claire Klingenberg
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**Shelley Stocken
looks at
Naturopaths**

**A win against
Homeopathy**

**Alternative Health
Clinics face
closure**

**TROVE
Ghosts in Canada**



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00:00:13,940 --> 00:00:09,049
welcome to the skeptic Zone the podcast

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:13,950
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,689 --> 00:00:16,850
[Applause]

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00:00:27,730 --> 00:00:25,550
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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00:00:34,010 --> 00:00:31,399
730 for the 2nd of October

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:34,020
2022 Richard Saunders coming to you from

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:36,480
Sydney Australia October

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00:00:42,290 --> 00:00:39,360
another month another month

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00:00:44,869 --> 00:00:42,300
to enjoy if you've downloaded the main

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00:00:47,869 --> 00:00:44,879
art calendar at maynard.com you can

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00:00:50,270 --> 00:00:47,879
enjoy October with Maynard now there's a

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00:00:51,889 --> 00:00:50,280

thought there's a thought what's coming

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up on this week's show we're going to

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kick off with an interview with an old

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friend of mine Claire klingenberg Claire

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klingenberg is the president of the

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00:01:02,689 --> 00:01:00,960

European Council of skeptical

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organizations

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and she is a guest speaker this year at

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skepticon 2022 in Canberra the first

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weekend of December

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00:01:16,850 --> 00:01:14,100

find out what Claire's going to be

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talking about and a bit of a catch up as

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00:01:22,249 --> 00:01:19,560

I interview Claire klingenberg

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00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:22,259

following that it's a classic

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bit of the skeptic Zone from six years

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00:01:33,170 --> 00:01:28,500

ago take stock with Shelly Stockton a

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wonderful uh reporter who died sadly not

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so long ago but she left us a wealth of

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00:01:42,910 --> 00:01:38,939

wonderful reports and they're always

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00:01:47,690 --> 00:01:42,920

worth hearing again from 2016 does

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00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:47,700

naturopathy work the truth about natural

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00:01:53,749 --> 00:01:51,360

medicine then we have an update from our

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00:01:55,730 --> 00:01:53,759

friends at the center for inquiry in the

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00:01:58,630 --> 00:01:55,740

United States about their continuing

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00:02:01,929 --> 00:01:58,640

battle with homeopathy

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specifically the battle against Walmart

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00:02:07,609 --> 00:02:05,219
and CVS Pharmacies for selling

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00:02:10,010 --> 00:02:07,619
Homeopathy on their shelves

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00:02:13,490 --> 00:02:10,020
then closer to home news from New South

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Wales about the uh New South Wales

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Health Watchdog being given powers to

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shut down alternative health clinics

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including naturopaths and chiropractors

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for not complying with its code of

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conduct

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00:02:28,550 --> 00:02:27,180
then to round off the show back into the

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00:02:30,050 --> 00:02:28,560
Trove archives

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00:02:32,570 --> 00:02:30,060
in a way

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00:02:35,210 --> 00:02:32,580
and we hand it over to Adrian hill our

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00:02:39,530 --> 00:02:35,220
reporter from Canada who this week looks

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00:02:42,890 --> 00:02:39,540
at ghosts or her favorite topic oh yes

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00:02:47,150 --> 00:02:42,900
her favorite topic ghost stories from

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00:02:49,070 --> 00:02:47,160
Canada in the digital News archives and

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00:02:50,509 --> 00:02:49,080
a big shout out to all those people out

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00:02:51,650 --> 00:02:50,519
there who have just finished their

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00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:51,660
holidays

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00:02:58,490 --> 00:02:54,480
some people had a holiday over the last

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00:03:00,110 --> 00:02:58,500
week or so here in Australia and uh well

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00:03:02,990 --> 00:03:00,120
after the long weekend it's a long

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00:03:05,390 --> 00:03:03,000
weekend here in Australia uh Monday is a

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00:03:07,190 --> 00:03:05,400

holiday for Labor Day some people will

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00:03:09,710 --> 00:03:07,200

be heading back to work so certainly

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00:03:13,009 --> 00:03:09,720

thinking about you and I really hope I

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00:03:14,869 --> 00:03:13,019

really hope you had a good break but now

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00:03:16,309 --> 00:03:14,879

it's time for me to run downstairs and

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00:03:18,890 --> 00:03:16,319

break a few eggs

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00:03:21,649 --> 00:03:18,900

yes fried eggs on toast scrambled eggs

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00:03:24,649 --> 00:03:21,659

maybe Poached Eggs how do you like your

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eggs put a salt bit of pepper while I do

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00:03:34,750 --> 00:03:27,180

that I hope you enjoy the skeptic Zone

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[Music]

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00:03:50,690 --> 00:03:48,840

and joining me now just near Prague what

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00:03:52,009 --> 00:03:50,700

a beautiful city Prague is I've been

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00:03:54,589 --> 00:03:52,019

there a couple of times over the year

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over the years it's Claire klingenberg

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hello Claire hi nice to see you and talk

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like we are through the magic of the

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internet we're looking at each other I

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suppose it's not such a big deal these

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days but I'm old enough to remember when

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00:04:11,690 --> 00:04:09,840

video conferencing just wasn't a thing I

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00:04:13,910 --> 00:04:11,700

I think I don't know if it's a question

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of age I've been traveling between

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Europe and the US my whole life but I'm

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00:04:23,570 --> 00:04:21,180

still shocked or just weirded out when I

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00:04:26,950 --> 00:04:23,580

wake up in Prague and I go to sleep in

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00:04:29,510 --> 00:04:26,960

the U.S like it's just so bizarre

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or you know you get on the plane in the

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US and you and then you like wake up in

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00:04:35,330 --> 00:04:33,419

Prague the next morning it's it's

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strange well I mean I've been doing that

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between the United States and Australia

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for many many years yeah every time I

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agree and the jet lag is horrible and

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it's still very strange now Claire we

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had talking about the United States the

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last time we saw each other I'm sure was

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00:04:56,510 --> 00:04:51,960

in New York

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00:04:58,730 --> 00:04:56,520
I'm sure true yeah yes a Nexus at Nexus

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00:05:01,010 --> 00:04:58,740
and I think I'm I mean that was the last

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time I had the pleasure of seeing James

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00:05:09,170 --> 00:05:04,020
Randy I don't know about you well we saw

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00:05:10,969 --> 00:05:09,180
each other at the Nexus in 2017. so then

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00:05:14,870 --> 00:05:10,979
I saw him

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00:05:17,749 --> 00:05:14,880
uh I had Nexus in 2018 I think right

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00:05:20,030 --> 00:05:17,759
right and so I think that that was the

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00:05:21,469 --> 00:05:20,040
last time I've seen him in person yeah

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00:05:23,629 --> 00:05:21,479
still hard to believe he's he's not

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00:05:25,790 --> 00:05:23,639
there if we go to a skeptical convention

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00:05:27,469 --> 00:05:25,800
somewhere it's almost like we expect to

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00:05:29,150 --> 00:05:27,479

see Randy walking around the corner and

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00:05:31,270 --> 00:05:29,160

bending spoons and making things

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00:05:34,249 --> 00:05:31,280

disappear

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00:05:36,409 --> 00:05:34,259

yeah I remember when we invited him to

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00:05:38,029 --> 00:05:36,419

Prague and to come and speak at the

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00:05:40,730 --> 00:05:38,039

Europeans with this Congress and That

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00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:40,740

Was Then in Poland uh I had the pleasure

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00:05:45,529 --> 00:05:42,720

of just like spending an evening with

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00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:45,539

him just the two of us and

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00:05:49,129 --> 00:05:47,520

um I was aware that like the next day

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00:05:50,689 --> 00:05:49,139

he's gonna have all these interviews and

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00:05:53,350 --> 00:05:50,699

all these people there so I didn't want

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:53,360

to like Badger him with all my questions

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uh so I was just kind of talking about

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00:06:00,290 --> 00:05:58,320

all kinds of things and we just we had

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like goulash in a chick restaurant and

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00:06:04,550 --> 00:06:02,460

everything and then he started like

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doing magic tricks I did not ask him to

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00:06:10,010 --> 00:06:07,380

do that but it was so nice and I still I

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00:06:13,070 --> 00:06:10,020

still had the napkin on which he wrote

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00:06:15,650 --> 00:06:13,080

uh the word from a random check book I

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00:06:17,930 --> 00:06:15,660

picked up from a bookshelf behind me and

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so I still have that in some really nice

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unique souvenir to have that's wonderful

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00:06:23,870 --> 00:06:22,199

certainly one of my strongest memories

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of James Randy and this has got nothing

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to do with why I called you but who

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cares was um any time I'd have dinner

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00:06:33,469 --> 00:06:30,660

with Randy or where to start social

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event all he needed was a table and an

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audience and boom he was gone he was

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card tricks and making things disappear

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00:06:43,430 --> 00:06:40,620

in the book trick and he would do it for

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00:06:45,950 --> 00:06:43,440

hours and yeah

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it's yeah we we really do miss uh James

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00:06:49,670 --> 00:06:47,460

the amazing Randy but talking about

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00:06:51,469 --> 00:06:49,680

seeing people at conventions and being

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00:06:54,590 --> 00:06:51,479

at conventions of course I'm chatting to

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00:06:57,170 --> 00:06:54,600
you because you're going to be appearing

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00:06:58,670 --> 00:06:57,180
here in Australia in December at the

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00:07:00,830 --> 00:06:58,680
Australian Skeptics National Convention

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00:07:04,010 --> 00:07:00,840
what can you tell us about what you'll

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00:07:05,150 --> 00:07:04,020
be talking about I am so excited I can't

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00:07:07,430 --> 00:07:05,160
wait

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00:07:09,890 --> 00:07:07,440
um I'm going to be talking about the

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00:07:12,830 --> 00:07:09,900
role of skepticism in the changed World

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00:07:16,189 --> 00:07:12,840
about how the skeptic movement has

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00:07:18,830 --> 00:07:16,199
changed and developed uh how it's kind

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00:07:23,270 --> 00:07:18,840
of changed its topics and hit its areas

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00:07:25,909 --> 00:07:23,280
of interests uh and widen them and also

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00:07:28,909 --> 00:07:25,919

how our approach as Skeptics has changed

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to how we deal with the public or how we

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deal amongst ourselves uh and also type

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of people that are in the skeptic

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movement how that has changed throughout

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the times and I'm also very excited to

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learn about the Australian skeptic

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movement because I've never been to

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Australia before or and I know only a

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few Australian Skeptics to yourself of

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course Iran and now uh Kevin Davies and

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that's pretty much it oh wow so I look

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forward to meeting a lot lots and lots

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00:07:59,629 --> 00:07:57,840
of more Australian Skeptics and finding

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00:08:02,930 --> 00:07:59,639
out what it is that makes Australian

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skepticism different and unique ooh I

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00:08:07,909 --> 00:08:04,020
think that's something you'll just have

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to discover for yourself I'm not sure

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good question sometimes I wonder that

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myself but what a good topic it is

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because yes of course it's changed it's

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change a great deal even in the 20 years

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I've been involved there are different

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topics come up more important topics

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maybe we could say they're more

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important topics when I first joined it

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was still

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um you know lots of classic topics which

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are still important but but not so

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common anymore uh common anymore like

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the UFOs and the monsters and things

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like that and over the years I've

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noticed it certainly

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our our Focus has been more and more

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drawn to Consumer Affairs and dangerous

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alternative medicines and things like

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that but it's a very very wide topic

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sure and not just that also for example

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in Europe the question uh of nuclear

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energy that's a very important topic for

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the skeptic movement as well because

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there's so much misinformation and so

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much emotional base decisions regarding

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that

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um and of course then the question of uh

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Agriculture and for example just like

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glyphosate and the conspiracies around

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00:09:22,970 --> 00:09:20,339
that not just you know GMOs so

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um yeah we really had to broaden our

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Horizons and broaden our expertise and

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bring in new people from areas that we

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never really kind of thought of as

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um areas we would be interested as

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before but on the other hand I think it

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kind of has taught us that skepticism is

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universally applicable to any topic you

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can imagine yeah absolutely and and I

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like the fact that there are new topics

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and things we can tackle because we

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can't be forever Chasing UFOs as as fun

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as that is we can't do that forever sure

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now Claire you of course you're the uh

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the president of the European Council of

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skeptical organizations that's a very

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Grand title what does that mean

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oh

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um the skeptical bureaucrat

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um meaning that I I try

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um with various uh degrees of excess of

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success

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um to facilitate communication amongst

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Skeptics uh all across Europe and to

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kind of pay attention to various Trends

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in various countries and see how

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um we can kind of help each other out

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because we

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are divided by language and geography

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but we are uh United in what interests

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us in our values uh and it's sometimes

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almost a waste of time and money if

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there's a group working on something

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that some other group has already worked

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on but and there's an unfortunate amount

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of miscommunication or just no

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communication because we don't know that

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other groups are working at that same

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thing so

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um I try to kind of uh pay attention to

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interesting projects going on

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interesting personalities interests who

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are working on certain topics and themes

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and bring everyone together wow that

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sounds like a good job it sounds like

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something which is really really

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interesting because the people you would

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meet the people you would talk to

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including our good friends at the the

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ESP the podcast and who will also be

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here in Australia folks if you haven't

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got your tickets for skepticon 2022 in

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Canberra the the beginning of December

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just follow the link in this week's show

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notes you'll have the opportunity to

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meet all sorts of fascinating people

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including Claire klingenberg and Claire

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if people wanted to uh check out what

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you do what's a good website they can

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visit they can check out my social media

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I because I am building 1A mainly invest

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um I generally use Twitter for my

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half and then uh Instagram is mainly in

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as well and you can also go to my

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website clear k.com where there's a mix

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of Czech in English content excellent

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folks I'll add a link to that in this

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week's show notes

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Claire klingenberg thank you very much

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the Australian Skeptics annual National

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Convention skepticon 2022 will be held

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on December 3rd through 4th the first

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weekend of December go to the ticket

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sales page at skepticon.org dot a u to

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the event will be held at the National

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Library of Australia the theme is

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skepticism in a changed world and the

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lineup of speakers includes Claire

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klingsberg president of the European

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Council of skeptical organizations the

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hosts of European Skeptics podcast and

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live stream Talks by skeptic's Guide to

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the universe host Dr Steven Novella and

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skiptoid host Brian Dunning

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there is also a wide variety of domestic

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speakers including Major General Mike

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Ryan retired who will be speaking on

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science fiction and Security

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Professionals author David duft on

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radio girl act Academy of sports

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psychologist Christine Dunn on

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superstitions in sport controversial

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author Clive Hamilton on being censored

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and many more scientific and skeptical

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topics for full details visit

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now over the past year or so we've been

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bringing you the story of the center for

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inquiry and their legal action against

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U.S department store Walmart and the

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pharmacy CVS over those institutions

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those Outlets selling homeopathy

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few months ago we had an update and now

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here's another update and this was via

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email from the center for inquiry

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Homeopathy on trial Center for inquiry

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suits against Walmart and CVS on

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Consumer Fraud allowed to proceed and it

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says great news we are going to get our

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day in court on Thursday a three-judge

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panel in the DC court of appeals reverse

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the dismissal of Suits the center for

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inquiry brought against will mutton CVS

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over claims that they deceived customers

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by marketing fake medicine as if it were

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real Walmart and Sevilla shelve

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homeopathic products alongside real

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medicine this placement is deceptive to

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Consumers who can easily confuse it for

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scientifically tested products that

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provably work

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which they are not the center for

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inquiry suits have been dismissed by two

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lower DC courts but yesterday in a

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unanimous opinion written by senior

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judge Phyllis d Thompson the appeals

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court ruled that the placement of

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products on a store shelf does in fact

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communicate information to the consumers

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that they can rely upon and be deceived

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by and if we scoot over to the Center

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for inquiries website there's more on

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this

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score one for the good guys a major

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battle won in the continuing war on

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Homeopathy fraud and this is by Nick

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little I'll read some of this and we've

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interviewed Nick a little on the show

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before under the title reality versus

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Bloody nonsense

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opposing pseudoscience is consumer

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protection we at the center for inquiry

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know that you know that and finally the

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DC court of appeals has recognized that

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as well

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it has been a long time since I argued

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the center for inquiries case in front

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of the DC court of appeals in January

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and an even longer time since we first

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briefed the appeals in both CFI versus

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CVS and see if I versus Walmart even by

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the glacial speed standards of a legal

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system it has been a long delay but this

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morning finally we got what we've been

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waiting for the appeals court reversed

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and remanded the dismissal by the trial

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courts of our claims and we can now go

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forward

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you can read the decision here and they

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provide a link there are two key points

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to the decision the first is on standing

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the trial courts decided that CFI Center

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for inquiry wasn't a Consumer Protection

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Organization because although we have

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Decades of history of work against

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pseudoscience that work was theoretical

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not consumer protection according to the

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lower courts we just wanted to show that

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Homeopathy and Reiki healing and

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acupuncture and so on is bunk when

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that's that the appeals court though

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rejected this it recognized that quote

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Center for inquiries Mission driven

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opposition to Homeopathy as a

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pseudoscience and Center for inquiries

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efforts to remove homeopathic drugs from

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the market show that at least in part

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Center for inquiry both is organized and

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operates to promote the interests of

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those who would be consumers of

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ineffective homeopathic products end

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quote answers here this is a really big

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deal had it gone the other way a whole

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litigation campaign against Homeopathy

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would have been hobbled

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CFI use of this DC law to challenge

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retailers and manufacturers depends

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unsurprisingly on the courts allowing us

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to do so I will link to this page in

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this week's show notes it goes on a bit

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longer and towards the end it says the

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war still has a long way to go but this

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battle has ended in a major victory it's

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likely I think that both defendants will

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want to talk more seriously about a

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settlement and how they can avoid having

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to defend how they sell products they

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know are worthless in front of a jury if

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they don't provide a real impactful

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change to their behavior then the case

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will continue you can follow all our

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work in this area on the website for the

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office of consumer protection from

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pseudoscience and there's a link and

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there's a lot happening boy Ron and

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we've covered boyron before on the

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skeptical Zone that's a homeopathic

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manufacturer in the United States boyron

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the world's largest manufacturer of

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Homeopathy has officially answered our

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complaint and there's another link

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spoiler alert they disagree with our

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claims

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what a shock and the trial court has

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established a schedule for Discovery and

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motions in the case we've also sent

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letters to both amazon.com and Chewie

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c-h-e-w-y I'm not sure what that is it's

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something new to me what is that chewy

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and that appears to be an online pet

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store

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for dog food cat food and pet

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accessories okay and we pick it up and

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chewy uh challenging the ways in which

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they recommend and promote homeopathic

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remedies for humans and animals

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we're waiting on their responses there's

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much more work to be done but for today

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we're enjoying being able to celebrate a

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win cheers Nicholas little

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a good news story coming out of the

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center for inquiry on the the ongoing as

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they say the war against Homeopathy and

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it's a good win there for Consumer

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Protection

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again you can read more about this

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update

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by following the links in this week's

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show notes

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around 10 percent of Australians have

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seen a naturopath for one reason or

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another

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chances are you someone you know or that

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person over there have visited a

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naturopath in the last year but

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popularity isn't everything

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recent reports of a Sydney naturopath

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allegedly endangering the life of the

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baby the son of a naturopath shunning

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radiotherapy for alternative therapies

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and a disgraced Gold Coast doctor

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turning to naturopathy rather than

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maintaining her registration raise the

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question what's the deal with

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naturopathy

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so what is naturopathy anyway trying to

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explain naturopathy is like trying to

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draw a sound

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there's no definitive method technique

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or remedy that you can point to and say

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that's naturopathy it comprises an

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around the idea that Health can be

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maintained without surgery or drugs by

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enabling your body to heal itself

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naturopathy can include herbal vitamin

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and mineral supplements dietary advice

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massage therapy Homeopathy reflexology

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Kinesiology and many other approaches to

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Optimum Wellness

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rather than struggling with what

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naturopathy is it might be easier to

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Define what naturopathy isn't

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naturopathy isn't medicine

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one of the major draw cards of

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naturopathy to those who are wary

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disillusioned or downright terrified of

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doctors is that it provides a natural

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alternative to modern medicine

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But It's tricky to ditch medicine

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without also discarding important things

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like standardized ethics and scientific

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medicine represents the culmination of

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scientific knowledge over many lifetimes

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constantly strengthening and correcting

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even naturopathy isn't naturopathy

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when you see a registered Health

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practitioner you can assume you'll have

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more or less the same experience as you

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would with a different registered Health

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practitioner of the same persuasion

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there might be some variation in quality

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manner price and waiting room decor but

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you'll generally get the same bang for

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psychologist that you would with another

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the thing is unlike GPS physios

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orthopedic surgeons dentists Pharmacists

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and nurses naturopathy isn't

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standardized or independently regulated

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there has been a gradual push for the

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regulation of naturopaths in Australia

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for several years but little agreement

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between the industry's professional

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associations about what standards

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naturopathy should adhere to as a result

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your naturopath could be a University

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graduate giving out solid nutritional

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advice or a bored housewife with a

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massage table giving out sugar pills and

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liver failure

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in Australia both can legally call

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themselves naturopath and charge you

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is naturopathy natural

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naturopathy is all about keeping

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Healthcare As Natural as possible

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but is that always a good thing Mother

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best of times anyone who's ever had a

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broken rib or a face-eating virus can

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tell you that or mime it in the absence

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of a face of course nature gives us

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lovely things too like fresh fruit and

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vegetables we just have to know which

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ones won't kill us navigating The Perils

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of nature is difficult

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luckily one group of people has done the

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00:24:56,149 --> 00:24:53,580

hard work for us testing nature to

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determine what can heal us and kill us

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in what amount and when

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that group of people is known as

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scientists

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does naturopathy work

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an Australian government review of

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00:25:13,010 --> 00:25:11,220

alternative Therapies in 2015 found no

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clear evidence of Effectiveness for

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naturopathy

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however with so many different

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practitioners treatments and approaches

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huddled under one umbrella it doesn't

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seem fair to say that naturopathy as a

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whole is effective or ineffective some

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naturopathic recommendations like eating

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00:25:32,810 --> 00:25:30,600
fresh vegetables and getting enough

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00:25:34,430 --> 00:25:32,820
sleep a scientifically proven

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00:25:37,390 --> 00:25:34,440
no-brainers

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00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:37,400
others like Homeopathy and coffee enemas

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00:25:42,409 --> 00:25:40,320
rely on outdated concepts of human

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00:25:43,690 --> 00:25:42,419
health and have woefully inadequate

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00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:43,700
evidence to back them up

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00:25:48,169 --> 00:25:46,080
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584
00:25:50,210 --> 00:25:48,179
is naturopathy safe

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00:25:52,010 --> 00:25:50,220
yes and no

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00:25:54,470 --> 00:25:52,020
no treatment with a measurable effect

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00:25:57,230 --> 00:25:54,480
can be a hundred percent safe

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00:25:59,390 --> 00:25:57,240

in medicine naturopathy or any other

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health modality a worthwhile

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practitioner will consider the relative

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risk and benefit of a therapy before

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offering it a common danger of

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naturopathic remedies and

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recommendations whether they work or not

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is that they are commonly undertaken in

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place of proven Medical Treatments

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some naturopaths advise customers to

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forego other treatments stop taking

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medications or avoid vaccination

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00:26:28,669 --> 00:26:26,779
when naturopathy turns bad

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00:26:31,970 --> 00:26:28,679
naturopaths put themselves in a position

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00:26:33,590 --> 00:26:31,980
that says I can look after you a lot of

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00:26:35,570 --> 00:26:33,600
them take that position very seriously

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00:26:38,210 --> 00:26:35,580
care deeply about the quality of their

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00:26:40,549 --> 00:26:38,220
work and practice within their skill set

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00:26:43,250 --> 00:26:40,559
then there are the irresponsible dodgy

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Cowboys who abuse the trust and respect

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00:26:47,870 --> 00:26:45,779
of their customers abandon their duty of

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care and cause harm with their lack of

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00:26:53,029 --> 00:26:49,919
scientific knowledge

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00:26:55,970 --> 00:26:53,039
in an unregulated industry it's hard to

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00:26:57,710 --> 00:26:55,980

choose a good naturopath over a bad one

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indeed some customers have only

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00:27:01,669 --> 00:26:59,580

discovered the consequences of their

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choice after their cancer has become

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untreatable so here's my free

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unqualified advice

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better work less see a doctor

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this skeptic the journal from Australian

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00:27:25,970 --> 00:27:23,640

Skeptics subscribe online to the world's

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00:27:27,850 --> 00:27:25,980

second oldest skeptical magazine

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00:27:29,470 --> 00:27:27,860

just visit

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www.skeptics.com

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00:27:35,450 --> 00:27:33,120
and click the Magazine Link there you

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00:27:39,230 --> 00:27:35,460
will also find free to download almost

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00:27:40,909 --> 00:27:39,240
40 Years of back issues the skeptic the

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00:27:43,730 --> 00:27:40,919
journal from Australian Skeptics

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00:27:48,930 --> 00:27:43,740
available as a physical copy or as a

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00:27:56,630 --> 00:27:54,190
[Music]

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00:28:01,930 --> 00:27:56,640
thank you

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00:28:08,169 --> 00:28:04,990
that came to my attention because I was

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00:28:12,769 --> 00:28:08,179
checking out the Australian Skeptics

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00:28:15,350 --> 00:28:12,779
Facebook page Facebook posting where the

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Australian Skeptics put up news and bits

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and pieces of interest and this is a

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report in the the newspaper the Sydney

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Morning Herald

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they did the 23rd of September by Mary

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Ward

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and I'll give you an overview of what it

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says Alternative Health Clinics that

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don't comply with code of conduct face

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closure

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the state's Health Watchdog has been

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given the power to shut Alternative

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Health Clinics including naturopaths and

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chiropractors for not complying with its

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code of conduct as data shows an

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00:28:49,970 --> 00:28:48,360
increasing number of complaints being

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made by patients

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powers that came into effect this month

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00:28:57,289 --> 00:28:54,419
expand the role of the health care

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complaints commission H Triple C to

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00:29:02,810 --> 00:29:00,000
allow it to issue a Prohibition order

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00:29:05,690 --> 00:29:02,820
against an entire Clinic rather than

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00:29:08,090 --> 00:29:05,700
just an offending practitioner

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00:29:11,269 --> 00:29:08,100
New South Wales Health Minister Brad

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00:29:14,149 --> 00:29:11,279
Hazard said the new rules part of the

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public health regulation 2022 would

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00:29:18,710 --> 00:29:16,500
better protect patients in a growing

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00:29:22,310 --> 00:29:18,720

area of health services

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quote these changes enabled the H Triple

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C to use their powers to prohibit health

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organizations from operating where they

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pose a risk to the health or safety of

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the public and quote he said

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quote this is an important additional

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step that enables the hccc to take firm

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action to protect the community from

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health organizations which flout the

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rules and do not provide services in a

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safe and ethical way end quote

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now I'll just break in here to say

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00:29:54,590 --> 00:29:52,140
20 years ago

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00:29:55,310 --> 00:29:54,600
if I remember correctly and there's a

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video

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00:29:59,389 --> 00:29:57,480
on the YouTube channel of Australian

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00:30:01,250 --> 00:29:59,399
Skeptics 20 years ago

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00:30:03,289 --> 00:30:01,260
I went to a press conference at the New

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South Wales State Parliament

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00:30:08,210 --> 00:30:06,059
and I was with all the the media and I

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00:30:11,210 --> 00:30:08,220
videod the press conference

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00:30:14,389 --> 00:30:11,220
where the health minister of the day

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00:30:15,889 --> 00:30:14,399
produced a range of quack devices on the

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00:30:18,529 --> 00:30:15,899
table before him

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00:30:20,590 --> 00:30:18,539

and said how he wants to ban these

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ridiculous quack devices

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and 20 years later

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many of these crack devices are still in

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use so

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we shall see what happens with this move

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it goes on while individual

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practitioners are already required to

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abide by a state code of conduct the new

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regulation introduced a similar code

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requiring infectious control processes

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as well as duties to operate in a safe

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and ethical way for health organizations

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I'll break in again and I'll say I

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wonder if that means

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00:30:59,149 --> 00:30:56,340
that people in naturopath clinics and

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00:31:00,769 --> 00:30:59,159
chiropractic clinics and homeopaths and

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00:31:02,269 --> 00:31:00,779
Etc who deal with the public who deal

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00:31:04,730 --> 00:31:02,279
with children

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00:31:06,769 --> 00:31:04,740
are required to be vaccinated

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00:31:10,850 --> 00:31:06,779
that would be interesting vaccination

709
00:31:12,110 --> 00:31:10,860
against uh well primarily covid-19 plus

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00:31:16,310 --> 00:31:12,120
boosters

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00:31:18,409 --> 00:31:16,320
later on it says in 2020 to 2021 the

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Watchdog undertook investigations into

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00:31:24,529 --> 00:31:22,260

50 such practitioners about a tenth of

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its total workload it received more than

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300 complaints about unregistered

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00:31:31,250 --> 00:31:28,140

practitioners

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00:31:32,930 --> 00:31:31,260

the Watchdog said this rise was quote

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driven largely by an increase in

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complaints relating to the professional

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conduct of massage therapists assistance

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in nursing and counselors when compared

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00:31:45,769 --> 00:31:43,559

to previous years end quote

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CEO of the Australian patients

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Association Stephen Mason said its

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organization recognized alternative

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00:31:54,710 --> 00:31:53,039
medicine as an important offering in the

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00:31:57,289 --> 00:31:54,720
health space

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00:32:01,250 --> 00:31:57,299
quote but of course there are charlatans

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00:32:04,490 --> 00:32:01,260
and Rogues in every industry but in the

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00:32:07,190 --> 00:32:04,500
last year of two it says we have seen

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00:32:09,710 --> 00:32:07,200
that with the various issues with

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00:32:11,930 --> 00:32:09,720
cosmetic surgery and quote he said he

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00:32:14,870 --> 00:32:11,940
said Alternative Health organizations

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00:32:17,570 --> 00:32:14,880
quote shouldn't be outside the scope end

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00:32:18,830 --> 00:32:17,580
quote of the Watchdog and praised the

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00:32:22,130 --> 00:32:18,840
reform

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00:32:23,870 --> 00:32:22,140
now it's interesting to see that if we

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00:32:26,630 --> 00:32:23,880

go back to the Australian Skeptics

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Facebook posting and I'll add a link to

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00:32:30,289 --> 00:32:28,320

the Australian Skeptics Facebook page in

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00:32:33,049 --> 00:32:30,299

the show notes we have a comment

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somebody has made a comment here about

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00:32:37,970 --> 00:32:35,340

this posting

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00:32:40,370 --> 00:32:37,980

that would be par for the course for a

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00:32:43,430 --> 00:32:40,380

health spokesman does not know the

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00:32:46,330 --> 00:32:43,440

difference between his ass or his elbow

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00:32:49,850 --> 00:32:46,340

or for that matter bacteria or a virus

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00:32:53,389 --> 00:32:49,860

obviously a micron and a nanometer are

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00:32:55,970 --> 00:32:53,399

well beyond his comprehension just as is

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00:32:58,549 --> 00:32:55,980

the means of use a surgical mask

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00:33:02,750 --> 00:32:58,559

designed to stop bacteria has little

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00:33:06,470 --> 00:33:02,760

chance of arresting a virus morons total

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00:33:09,590 --> 00:33:06,480

and utter morons every one of um

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00:33:11,930 --> 00:33:09,600

well that's a very uh insightful and

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00:33:13,970 --> 00:33:11,940

deep comment made there

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00:33:17,029 --> 00:33:13,980

we might be tempted to reply to that

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00:33:20,269 --> 00:33:17,039

along the lines of please restrict

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00:33:24,769 --> 00:33:20,279

yourself to not using ad hominem attacks

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00:33:27,049 --> 00:33:24,779

but I've got a strange feeling that this

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00:33:29,990 --> 00:33:27,059

poster is a proponent of alternative

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medicine so I don't think an argument

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with them would go very far

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00:33:36,649 --> 00:33:34,559

May differ in your opinion

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well needless to say we'll keep an eye

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00:33:42,049 --> 00:33:38,600

on this situation and see if any

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practitioners or clinics or whatever are

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00:33:47,810 --> 00:33:45,360

prosecuted or at least investigated

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00:33:50,509 --> 00:33:47,820

I know my friends Ken McLeod and Ken

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00:33:52,490 --> 00:33:50,519

Harvey will be very interested in this

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00:33:54,289 --> 00:33:52,500

story indeed

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00:34:00,250 --> 00:33:54,299

for more on this story check out the

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00:34:21,950 --> 00:34:19,139

hello this is Adrian Hill from Canada

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00:34:23,950 --> 00:34:21,960

looking into historical articles not

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00:34:26,690 --> 00:34:23,960

from Trove this time but from

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00:34:30,109 --> 00:34:26,700

newspaperarchive.com and newspapers.com

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00:34:32,149 --> 00:34:30,119

about one of my favorite topics as you

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know ghosts

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00:34:37,310 --> 00:34:35,700

and more importantly Canadian ghosts now

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the first article I'm going to read is

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from page three of the Calgary albertan

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on June 22nd 1912. author unknown and

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00:34:52,010 --> 00:34:48,179

the article is called City Hall is

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City Hall is haunted in it there is some

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00:35:05,030 --> 00:35:02,580

unseen monster a ghost or spook A

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00:35:07,130 --> 00:35:05,040

specter ogre or something dire and

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00:35:08,990 --> 00:35:07,140

Dreadful which fights against the

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00:35:11,089 --> 00:35:09,000

Commissioners whom we have elected and

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00:35:14,329 --> 00:35:11,099

forces them to do stranger and Terrible

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00:35:16,970 --> 00:35:14,339

Things quite against their own wishes

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00:35:19,609 --> 00:35:16,980

if the albertan ever insinuated by word

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00:35:21,650 --> 00:35:19,619

written or spoken by thought even or

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00:35:23,990 --> 00:35:21,660

printed picture that commissioner Clark

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00:35:25,910 --> 00:35:24,000

was the man in command who was ruling

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00:35:28,730 --> 00:35:25,920

things with a high hand at the city hall

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00:35:31,010 --> 00:35:28,740

it desires to get down upon its these in

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00:35:34,970 --> 00:35:31,020

Humble fashion and apologize to its

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00:35:36,950 --> 00:35:34,980

readers for it all seems to be a mistake

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00:35:39,050 --> 00:35:36,960

commissioner Clark appeared before the

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00:35:41,390 --> 00:35:39,060
commission on Wednesday and we find that

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00:35:44,510 --> 00:35:41,400
he is the mildest mannered man that ever

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00:35:47,930 --> 00:35:44,520
scuttled ship or sat in City Commission

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00:35:50,390 --> 00:35:47,940
he does not run the city hall he does

805
00:35:53,329 --> 00:35:50,400
not desire to run the city hall he does

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00:35:55,490 --> 00:35:53,339
not even have a faint Ray of ambition in

807
00:35:57,410 --> 00:35:55,500
his Noble breast to make an impression

808
00:36:00,109 --> 00:35:57,420
upon City Hall affairs

809
00:36:02,810 --> 00:36:00,119
not only does he have no desire or

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00:36:05,210 --> 00:36:02,820
remote wish to control but it seems upon

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00:36:08,329 --> 00:36:05,220
his own statement that he is the victim

812
00:36:11,990 --> 00:36:08,339
of some cruel domination from some Force

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00:36:14,150 --> 00:36:12,000

name and description unknown within the

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00:36:16,250 --> 00:36:14,160

city walls

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00:36:18,589 --> 00:36:16,260

mistakes have been made in Municipal

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00:36:21,710 --> 00:36:18,599

matters mistakes both in policy and

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00:36:24,770 --> 00:36:21,720

performance and all because this unseen

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00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:24,780

Force this sort of ghost existence that

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no person can place his hands upon

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the market building grew to full stature

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in ugliness and uselessness with

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00:36:36,650 --> 00:36:34,680

commissioner Clark perpetually and

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00:36:38,390 --> 00:36:36,660

persistently remonstrating

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who is responsible

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00:36:44,270 --> 00:36:41,339

commissioner Clark does not know

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no person knows

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it was the same with the gross and

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criminal neglect of the isolation

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hospital it was the same with any other

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00:36:56,390 --> 00:36:54,359

subject which has led to criticism

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the Commissioners were battling with the

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00:37:01,849 --> 00:36:59,160

Unseen Force this sort of demon unknown

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and unperceived

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00:37:07,310 --> 00:37:04,260

this leads us to believe that without

835

00:37:09,890 --> 00:37:07,320

doubt the city hall is haunted there is

836

00:37:12,410 --> 00:37:09,900

something uncanny about it for instance

837

00:37:14,270 --> 00:37:12,420

it seems that every one of the

838

00:37:16,970 --> 00:37:14,280

Commissioners objected to certain

839

00:37:19,490 --> 00:37:16,980

increases in salaries and yet this ghost

840

00:37:21,410 --> 00:37:19,500

or spook or something like that wrestled

841

00:37:23,870 --> 00:37:21,420

with the three of them for three months

842

00:37:26,150 --> 00:37:23,880

and forced them to compromise

843

00:37:29,569 --> 00:37:26,160

to live in a city which has a city hall

844

00:37:31,069 --> 00:37:29,579

that is haunted though fearsome is

845

00:37:33,230 --> 00:37:31,079

rather interesting

846

00:37:35,810 --> 00:37:33,240

it gives lots of scope for the ambitious

847

00:37:38,750 --> 00:37:35,820

young man we are looking for a mayor who

848

00:37:41,510 --> 00:37:38,760

can and will do things if some strong

849

00:37:44,210 --> 00:37:41,520

person should go into the city hall run

850

00:37:46,370 --> 00:37:44,220

the Unseen influence to Earth stab it

851

00:37:48,470 --> 00:37:46,380

fiercely under the fifth rib and drag it

852

00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:48,480

out by its hind legs like Saint George

853

00:37:53,390 --> 00:37:51,119

he would make a hero of himself and

854

00:37:55,550 --> 00:37:53,400

stand a good chance for any preferment

855

00:37:58,370 --> 00:37:55,560

in sight

856

00:37:59,870 --> 00:37:58,380

but until that time comes we shall just

857

00:38:02,630 --> 00:37:59,880

keep on holding the Commissioners

858

00:38:04,670 --> 00:38:02,640

responsible for all these shortcomings

859

00:38:07,069 --> 00:38:04,680

it is hard to make some people believe

860

00:38:09,470 --> 00:38:07,079

that ghosts do exist and exert an

861

00:38:11,329 --> 00:38:09,480

influence upon human beings

862

00:38:13,310 --> 00:38:11,339

commissioner Clark's evidence rather

863

00:38:14,990 --> 00:38:13,320

shakes the materialist and makes one

864

00:38:18,290 --> 00:38:15,000

believe that there are strange things

865

00:38:20,030 --> 00:38:18,300

which men has not thought of Horatio

866

00:38:22,910 --> 00:38:20,040

the citizens hold the Commissioners

867

00:38:24,410 --> 00:38:22,920

responsible when three men battle for

868

00:38:26,690 --> 00:38:24,420

three months to hold down certain

869

00:38:28,849 --> 00:38:26,700

salaries against some Force they knew

870

00:38:31,210 --> 00:38:28,859

not of and that hidden Force puts them

871

00:38:34,250 --> 00:38:31,220

to Earth stamps its feet upon them

872

00:38:36,530 --> 00:38:34,260

bruises their facts and forces them to

873

00:38:38,390 --> 00:38:36,540

compromise that unseen force is

874

00:38:40,069 --> 00:38:38,400

something to reckon with

875

00:38:42,349 --> 00:38:40,079

but that is a matter for the

876

00:38:44,390 --> 00:38:42,359

Commissioners and not for the public if

877

00:38:45,950 --> 00:38:44,400

there are ghosts in the city hall the

878

00:38:48,349 --> 00:38:45,960

officials should have known about it

879

00:38:50,510 --> 00:38:48,359

before this encounters with the

880

00:38:52,550 --> 00:38:50,520

supernatural may be unpleasant but if

881

00:38:54,710 --> 00:38:52,560

that goes with the job and is included

882

00:38:56,990 --> 00:38:54,720

with the paycheck the officials have no

883

00:38:59,150 --> 00:38:57,000

ground for complaint

884

00:39:00,770 --> 00:38:59,160

the public holds these men responsible

885

00:39:03,589 --> 00:39:00,780

for the neglect of the isolation

886

00:39:06,170 --> 00:39:03,599

hospital it makes no difference what the

887

00:39:08,870 --> 00:39:06,180

medical health officer said or did he is

888

00:39:10,790 --> 00:39:08,880

not an elected official the public holds

889

00:39:13,310 --> 00:39:10,800

these men guilty for the pavement model

890

00:39:16,010 --> 00:39:13,320

it holds them responsible for the market

891

00:39:18,230 --> 00:39:16,020

mix-up it holds them responsible for

892

00:39:20,390 --> 00:39:18,240

every mistake in the city council

893

00:39:23,150 --> 00:39:20,400

the idea of a commission is to

894

00:39:25,490 --> 00:39:23,160

centralize responsibility if we are not

895

00:39:28,190 --> 00:39:25,500

to hold the commissioner responsible why

896

00:39:30,829 --> 00:39:28,200

have them it is up to them to deal with

897

00:39:32,569 --> 00:39:30,839

their subordinates the public is not

898

00:39:35,510 --> 00:39:32,579

concerned with them

899

00:39:38,089 --> 00:39:35,520

well I guess that's one way to justify

900

00:39:40,730 --> 00:39:38,099

unpopular decisions to say a ghost made

901
00:39:43,190 --> 00:39:40,740
me do it and an interesting note if you

902
00:39:44,750 --> 00:39:43,200
go to the City of Calgary website they

903
00:39:47,030 --> 00:39:44,760
talk about the lore of the city hall

904
00:39:50,150 --> 00:39:47,040
being haunted check out the show notes

905
00:39:53,329 --> 00:39:50,160
if you would like to see for yourself

906
00:39:56,810 --> 00:39:53,339
next we move forward in time to November

907
00:40:00,490 --> 00:39:56,820
24th 1996 with the Vancouver Province

908
00:40:04,670 --> 00:40:00,500
Laura shudiak wrote an article titled

909
00:40:05,870 --> 00:40:04,680
haunted hostilries BC Alberta have a

910
00:40:08,210 --> 00:40:05,880
couple

911
00:40:09,890 --> 00:40:08,220
this is a long article so I chose only

912
00:40:12,530 --> 00:40:09,900
the part that talked about the Banff

913
00:40:15,170 --> 00:40:12,540

Springs Hotel which is a beautiful hotel

914

00:40:18,109 --> 00:40:15,180

in the Canadian Rockies that was built

915

00:40:21,829 --> 00:40:18,119

by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1888

916

00:40:25,069 --> 00:40:21,839

and is quite close to where I live

917

00:40:27,650 --> 00:40:25,079

there's a story that haunts visitors to

918

00:40:29,990 --> 00:40:27,660

the historic Banff Springs Hotel

919

00:40:33,230 --> 00:40:30,000

it was just after the turn of a century

920

00:40:35,450 --> 00:40:33,240

a Young Bride a raid in an elaborate

921

00:40:37,790 --> 00:40:35,460

wedding gown walk down a spiral

922

00:40:39,230 --> 00:40:37,800

staircase to meet well-wishers in a

923

00:40:42,050 --> 00:40:39,240

nearby dining room

924

00:40:44,510 --> 00:40:42,060

but on the staircase she came too close

925

00:40:47,089 --> 00:40:44,520

to the burning candelabras her gown

926

00:40:49,130 --> 00:40:47,099

caught on fire as she struggled to put

927

00:40:51,050 --> 00:40:49,140

out the Flames she fell to her death and

928

00:40:52,849 --> 00:40:51,060

her spirit became a ghost that still

929

00:40:55,670 --> 00:40:52,859

wanders the hotel

930

00:40:58,490 --> 00:40:55,680

and just as an aside according to the

931

00:41:00,410 --> 00:40:58,500

Royal Albert Museum in Edmonton it is

932

00:41:03,109 --> 00:41:00,420

true that there was an awful fire in

933

00:41:04,990 --> 00:41:03,119

1926 in the hotel and it's true that

934

00:41:08,089 --> 00:41:05,000

many couples do get married at the hotel

935

00:41:11,390 --> 00:41:08,099

however there is no evidence that any

936

00:41:13,010 --> 00:41:11,400

Brides have ever died at the hotel

937

00:41:14,750 --> 00:41:13,020

it's a good story

938

00:41:17,270 --> 00:41:14,760

admits Hollywood

939

00:41:18,349 --> 00:41:17,280

the director of public relations for the

940

00:41:21,589 --> 00:41:18,359

hotel

941

00:41:23,630 --> 00:41:21,599

but I don't put a lot of stock in it you

942

00:41:26,089 --> 00:41:23,640

see the ghost of the poor bride hasn't

943

00:41:27,890 --> 00:41:26,099

appeared to many staff or guests Woods

944

00:41:30,109 --> 00:41:27,900

calls it a legend

945

00:41:32,690 --> 00:41:30,119

but until this year the stairway she

946

00:41:35,270 --> 00:41:32,700

tumbled down has been boarded up that's

947

00:41:37,790 --> 00:41:35,280

because noise from upstairs Disturbed

948

00:41:39,770 --> 00:41:37,800

diners in the Rob Roy room so a floor

949

00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:39,780

was put over the staircase

950

00:41:44,569 --> 00:41:41,760

it could be seen from the dining room

951
00:41:46,670 --> 00:41:44,579
but the steps LED nowhere

952
00:41:49,790 --> 00:41:46,680
hmm sounds a bit like the Winchester

953
00:41:54,290 --> 00:41:52,190
now that the cast iron railing is back

954
00:41:56,150 --> 00:41:54,300
in place and the foyer restored to its

955
00:41:59,270 --> 00:41:56,160
original Splendor perhaps she will

956
00:42:01,670 --> 00:41:59,280
return to lament her early demise

957
00:42:02,990 --> 00:42:01,680
and if she does she'll join other ghosts

958
00:42:05,030 --> 00:42:03,000
that are said to inhabit the

959
00:42:08,089 --> 00:42:05,040
hundred-year-old Hotel the most famous

960
00:42:11,510 --> 00:42:08,099
ghost is that of Sam McCauley a long

961
00:42:14,150 --> 00:42:11,520
time Bellman who died in 1969.

962
00:42:15,950 --> 00:42:14,160
he was a great old guy he always said to

963
00:42:17,450 --> 00:42:15,960

the staff that he would come back to

964

00:42:20,089 --> 00:42:17,460

make sure that they were doing their

965

00:42:21,890 --> 00:42:20,099

jobs said wood

966

00:42:23,510 --> 00:42:21,900

there are many stories of luggage

967

00:42:26,450 --> 00:42:23,520

appearing when it was supposed to be

968

00:42:28,370 --> 00:42:26,460

lost or on busy nights luggage has

969

00:42:30,770 --> 00:42:28,380

miraculously arrived at the Bell desk

970

00:42:33,109 --> 00:42:30,780

when guests are asked who picked it up

971

00:42:34,609 --> 00:42:33,119

they describe an older gentleman that

972

00:42:37,130 --> 00:42:34,619

matches Macaulay

973

00:42:39,410 --> 00:42:37,140

Sam's Widow is still alive and lives in

974

00:42:41,630 --> 00:42:39,420

Banff said wood

975

00:42:43,430 --> 00:42:41,640

she was once asked if she thought that

976

00:42:45,650 --> 00:42:43,440

her husband was Haunting the bamf

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00:42:48,530 --> 00:42:45,660

Springs she said it was a good thing he

978

00:42:51,710 --> 00:42:48,540

was up there instead of at home bugging

979

00:42:53,630 --> 00:42:51,720

her wood hasn't seen or heard Macaulay

980

00:42:56,030 --> 00:42:53,640

personally but that doesn't mean she

981

00:42:57,589 --> 00:42:56,040

doesn't think the place is haunted just

982

00:43:00,349 --> 00:42:57,599

after she started working at the hotel

983

00:43:02,089 --> 00:43:00,359

she was delivering a guest basket to a

984

00:43:04,250 --> 00:43:02,099

room on the eighth floor

985

00:43:05,450 --> 00:43:04,260

I went to put the key in the door and it

986

00:43:08,030 --> 00:43:05,460

pushed forward

987

00:43:10,490 --> 00:43:08,040

said wood I thought there had to be a

988

00:43:12,829 --> 00:43:10,500

window open but there wasn't nothing

989

00:43:16,309 --> 00:43:12,839

happened in the room but I had a very

990

00:43:19,670 --> 00:43:16,319

odd sensation what did happen was when I

991

00:43:21,349 --> 00:43:19,680

went to leave the cart was gone I don't

992

00:43:24,770 --> 00:43:21,359

usually put people on the eighth floor

993

00:43:27,050 --> 00:43:24,780

that's my own little superstition

994

00:43:30,230 --> 00:43:27,060

so now lastly I will read from the

995

00:43:34,010 --> 00:43:30,240

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996

00:43:36,410 --> 00:43:34,020

where Rosanna Schick wrote our spooky

997

00:43:40,550 --> 00:43:36,420

City when ghost children started dancing

998

00:43:42,829 --> 00:43:40,560

by skepticism flew out the window

999

00:43:45,290 --> 00:43:42,839

when I was a kid I had an infinite

1000

00:43:47,210 --> 00:43:45,300

curiosity for ghost stories I remember

1001
00:43:49,849 --> 00:43:47,220
staying up way past bedtime to watch

1002
00:43:51,770 --> 00:43:49,859
scary movies on TV or read Grimm's ghost

1003
00:43:54,470 --> 00:43:51,780
stories by flashlight under the covers

1004
00:43:57,710 --> 00:43:54,480
they gave me goosebumps yet I never felt

1005
00:44:00,170 --> 00:43:57,720
afraid then I became an adult

1006
00:44:02,870 --> 00:44:00,180
these days for whatever reason I tend to

1007
00:44:05,870 --> 00:44:02,880
avoid all things spooky horror films in

1008
00:44:08,089 --> 00:44:05,880
the theater no way paranormal shows on

1009
00:44:10,910 --> 00:44:08,099
television forget about it

1010
00:44:13,609 --> 00:44:10,920
frightening fiction not a chance

1011
00:44:16,130 --> 00:44:13,619
so I surprised myself recently by going

1012
00:44:18,050 --> 00:44:16,140
to a haunted Excursion Muddy Waters

1013
00:44:20,450 --> 00:44:18,060

tours offers year-round outings that

1014

00:44:22,250 --> 00:44:20,460

include three different dark tourism

1015

00:44:24,470 --> 00:44:22,260

trips

1016

00:44:26,750 --> 00:44:24,480

deciding it would be fun to be a tourist

1017

00:44:29,510 --> 00:44:26,760

in my own City I chose the haunted

1018

00:44:32,030 --> 00:44:29,520

Winnipeg investigates bus tour a

1019

00:44:33,950 --> 00:44:32,040

three-hour adventure for the spirited

1020

00:44:37,550 --> 00:44:33,960

personality

1021

00:44:40,190 --> 00:44:37,560

time to get my Ghostbuster on

1022

00:44:42,530 --> 00:44:40,200

part of me was definitely skeptical that

1023

00:44:45,410 --> 00:44:42,540

we'd actually encounter ghosts

1024

00:44:47,569 --> 00:44:45,420

as I gathered with 18 strangers at Union

1025

00:44:49,730 --> 00:44:47,579

Station listening to host Kristen

1026
00:44:52,849 --> 00:44:49,740
varentrusch explained what we'd be doing

1027
00:44:55,250 --> 00:44:52,859
my skepticism held strong

1028
00:44:57,710 --> 00:44:55,260
our mission was to visit four Winnipeg

1029
00:44:59,569 --> 00:44:57,720
locations suspected of being haunted and

1030
00:45:01,910 --> 00:44:59,579
investigate using basic tools and

1031
00:45:04,309 --> 00:45:01,920
techniques it sounded like an exciting

1032
00:45:06,050 --> 00:45:04,319
way to spend an evening since I have a

1033
00:45:08,870 --> 00:45:06,060
secret yearning to be a crime scene

1034
00:45:12,230 --> 00:45:08,880
investigator kind of like Dexter but

1035
00:45:14,569 --> 00:45:12,240
minus the serial killer on the side part

1036
00:45:16,609 --> 00:45:14,579
here was my chance to play detective and

1037
00:45:18,109 --> 00:45:16,619
I found myself thrilled by the chance to

1038
00:45:20,870 --> 00:45:18,119

piece together some of our haunted

1039

00:45:22,309 --> 00:45:20,880

history I just hope the ghosts would be

1040

00:45:24,829 --> 00:45:22,319

friendly

1041

00:45:27,109 --> 00:45:24,839

as Faron truce talked about Sensations

1042

00:45:29,329 --> 00:45:27,119

we might feel during the evening like

1043

00:45:32,150 --> 00:45:29,339

dizziness changes in temperature or even

1044

00:45:35,210 --> 00:45:32,160

being touched I also hoped they wouldn't

1045

00:45:38,870 --> 00:45:35,220

be too friendly as an aside talk about

1046

00:45:42,230 --> 00:45:38,880

priming don't worry we've never had a

1047

00:45:44,450 --> 00:45:42,240

ghost follow someone home she joked

1048

00:45:46,130 --> 00:45:44,460

it's good to know because I once had a

1049

00:45:48,650 --> 00:45:46,140

dog follow me home and it ended up

1050

00:45:50,809 --> 00:45:48,660

staying for 16 years I really didn't

1051
00:45:52,990 --> 00:45:50,819
want another pet especially one I

1052
00:45:55,250 --> 00:45:53,000
couldn't see

1053
00:45:58,970 --> 00:45:55,260
showed us the tools we'd be using

1054
00:46:01,550 --> 00:45:58,980
dowsing rods pendulums and K2 meters

1055
00:46:04,010 --> 00:46:01,560
machines that measure electromagnetic

1056
00:46:06,370 --> 00:46:04,020
field activity she also had an array of

1057
00:46:09,890 --> 00:46:06,380
simple kids toys and music on her phone

1058
00:46:12,130 --> 00:46:09,900
my skepticism was still strong but I was

1059
00:46:15,230 --> 00:46:12,140
willing to keep an open mind

1060
00:46:17,990 --> 00:46:15,240
hope our brain doesn't fall out be sure

1061
00:46:20,930 --> 00:46:18,000
to take lots and lots of pictures very

1062
00:46:22,910 --> 00:46:20,940
truce advised because that's often how

1063
00:46:25,190 --> 00:46:22,920

we see Spirit activity

1064

00:46:27,290 --> 00:46:25,200

our first stop was the Manitoba

1065

00:46:29,150 --> 00:46:27,300

legislature reputed to have a number of

1066

00:46:30,710 --> 00:46:29,160

spirits roaming its hallowed marble

1067

00:46:32,870 --> 00:46:30,720

halls

1068

00:46:34,790 --> 00:46:32,880

we gathered in a circle in the brightly

1069

00:46:37,609 --> 00:46:34,800

lit hallway of the building formally

1070

00:46:40,210 --> 00:46:37,619

opened in 1920 and armed ourselves with

1071

00:46:42,470 --> 00:46:40,220

ghost-hunting weapons ER tools

1072

00:46:45,230 --> 00:46:42,480

verintouche handed me the dowsing rods

1073

00:46:47,089 --> 00:46:45,240

gave out the K2 meters and pendulum and

1074

00:46:49,250 --> 00:46:47,099

placed some toys on the floor then she

1075

00:46:51,589 --> 00:46:49,260

started asking questions inquiring which

1076

00:46:53,630 --> 00:46:51,599

Spirits were present when she asked if

1077

00:46:56,630 --> 00:46:53,640

the spirit was a woman the lights on the

1078

00:46:59,690 --> 00:46:56,640

K2 meter flickered to orange and red

1079

00:47:02,870 --> 00:46:59,700

weird but not enough to convince me yet

1080

00:47:04,430 --> 00:47:02,880

the dowsing rods also started moving but

1081

00:47:07,490 --> 00:47:04,440

I really couldn't tell if it was the

1082

00:47:10,309 --> 00:47:07,500

lady ghost or my lady nerves

1083

00:47:13,010 --> 00:47:10,319

the next stop was Saint Boniface Museum

1084

00:47:16,130 --> 00:47:13,020

built for the gray nuns who arrived in

1085

00:47:18,890 --> 00:47:16,140

the Red River colony in 1844 this is

1086

00:47:20,690 --> 00:47:18,900

Winnipeg's oldest building it's also

1087

00:47:23,089 --> 00:47:20,700

downright eerie and with a history

1088

00:47:25,430 --> 00:47:23,099

steeped in sickness death war and

1089

00:47:28,609 --> 00:47:25,440

religion it had to be the ideal location

1090

00:47:30,890 --> 00:47:28,619

for reaching out to the other side

1091

00:47:33,349 --> 00:47:30,900

this time we gathered in the darkness

1092

00:47:36,109 --> 00:47:33,359

with only flashlights casting dim light

1093

00:47:40,069 --> 00:47:36,119

on our tools as varent truche asked her

1094

00:47:42,530 --> 00:47:40,079

questions the K2 started flickering this

1095

00:47:44,990 --> 00:47:42,540

time we had connected with a child or

1096

00:47:47,030 --> 00:47:45,000

possibly children since little ghosts

1097

00:47:49,430 --> 00:47:47,040

apparently Like Music Together We sang

1098

00:47:52,309 --> 00:47:49,440

Frere Jacques they seemed to like it

1099

00:47:54,530 --> 00:47:52,319

somewhat as both the pendulum and K2

1100

00:47:57,770 --> 00:47:54,540

slightly indicated

1101
00:48:00,069 --> 00:47:57,780
then something chilling happened Kirsten

1102
00:48:03,410 --> 00:48:00,079
put a children's song called Promenade

1103
00:48:04,849 --> 00:48:03,420
Bois on her speakerphone put it on a

1104
00:48:07,370 --> 00:48:04,859
small table in the middle of our Circle

1105
00:48:10,190 --> 00:48:07,380
and inform the kids that if they like

1106
00:48:13,970 --> 00:48:10,200
the song they could dance at that moment

1107
00:48:15,770 --> 00:48:13,980
the K2 lights went wild I felt a chill

1108
00:48:18,349 --> 00:48:15,780
down my spine

1109
00:48:21,109 --> 00:48:18,359
at that moment all my doubt flew out the

1110
00:48:22,790 --> 00:48:21,119
window I truly believed my heart went

1111
00:48:24,770 --> 00:48:22,800
out to the Little Ghost children who

1112
00:48:26,329 --> 00:48:24,780
came to dance at our music in the middle

1113
00:48:28,550 --> 00:48:26,339

of the dark Museum

1114

00:48:31,130 --> 00:48:28,560

whoever they were and wherever they came

1115

00:48:34,309 --> 00:48:31,140

from I hope they found some fun and

1116

00:48:37,430 --> 00:48:34,319

maybe even some peace in our Circle and

1117

00:48:38,740 --> 00:48:37,440

as much as I love kids I also hoped they

1118

00:48:40,010 --> 00:48:38,750

wouldn't follow me home

1119

00:48:42,710 --> 00:48:40,020

[Music]

1120

00:48:45,690 --> 00:48:42,720

I'm guessing Kenny Biddle might have an

1121

00:48:49,910 --> 00:48:45,700

explanation for how that K2 worked

1122

00:48:52,250 --> 00:48:49,920

[Music]

1123

00:48:53,930 --> 00:48:52,260

well that's all for today and if you

1124

00:48:56,650 --> 00:48:53,940

want to spend some time going through

1125

00:48:58,450 --> 00:48:56,660

spooky rabbit holes then check out

1126

00:49:02,109 --> 00:48:58,460

newspaperarchive.com

1127

00:49:05,450 --> 00:49:02,119

newspapers.com and of course

1128

00:49:09,990 --> 00:49:05,460

trove.nla.gov dot a u until next time

1129

00:49:10,000 --> 00:49:25,370

[Music]

1130

00:49:29,510 --> 00:49:27,410

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1131

00:49:32,450 --> 00:49:29,520

Zone podcast this week and thank you

1132

00:49:34,670 --> 00:49:32,460

again as I like to thank people as often

1133

00:49:37,430 --> 00:49:34,680

as I can those people who contribute to

1134

00:49:39,650 --> 00:49:37,440

the skeptic Zone at patreon or PayPal in

1135

00:49:41,809 --> 00:49:39,660

fact I just got a new uh patreon

1136

00:49:43,670 --> 00:49:41,819

subscriber from Canada

1137

00:49:46,550 --> 00:49:43,680

just the other day a big shout out to

1138

00:49:49,550 --> 00:49:46,560

you thank you for coming on board

1139

00:49:51,349 --> 00:49:49,560

it's nice to uh it's nice to think that

1140

00:49:53,270 --> 00:49:51,359

people all around the world are hearing

1141

00:49:56,750 --> 00:49:53,280

the skeptic Zone and enjoying the

1142

00:49:59,870 --> 00:49:56,760

skeptic Zone even if you are in the

1143

00:50:02,210 --> 00:49:59,880

Wilds of Canada thank you no matter

1144

00:50:04,910 --> 00:50:02,220

where you are around the world thank you

1145

00:50:07,730 --> 00:50:04,920

very much for contributing to the

1146

00:50:11,270 --> 00:50:07,740

skeptic Zone via patreon or PayPal and

1147

00:50:14,630 --> 00:50:11,280

you can do that at skepticzone.tv

1148

00:50:17,930 --> 00:50:14,640

coming up on next week's skeptic Zone

1149

00:50:19,130 --> 00:50:17,940

the Trove segment looks at psychic

1150

00:50:23,930 --> 00:50:19,140

surgery

1151
00:50:26,089 --> 00:50:23,940
and again as a matter of fact again this

1152
00:50:29,870 --> 00:50:26,099
is a report from Canada a Canadian

1153
00:50:33,589 --> 00:50:29,880
newspaper the Winnipeg Free Press

1154
00:50:35,990 --> 00:50:33,599
and it involves comments from James

1155
00:50:38,410 --> 00:50:36,000
Randy and just before I go don't forget

1156
00:50:43,670 --> 00:50:38,420
to check out the skepticon

1157
00:50:45,950 --> 00:50:43,680
2022 website at skepticon.org dot a uh

1158
00:50:48,290 --> 00:50:45,960
Claire klingenberg will be there and a

1159
00:50:51,049 --> 00:50:48,300
host of other International and local

1160
00:50:53,930 --> 00:50:51,059
speakers but for this week this is

1161
00:50:58,510 --> 00:50:53,940
Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

1162
00:51:05,410 --> 00:51:00,829
you've been listening to the skeptic

1163
00:51:07,690 --> 00:51:05,420

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00:51:10,790 --> 00:51:07,700

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1165

00:51:14,390 --> 00:51:10,800

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1166

00:51:16,309 --> 00:51:14,400

of episodes going back to 2008.

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00:51:19,910 --> 00:51:16,319

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00:51:22,250 --> 00:51:19,920

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00:51:23,569 --> 00:51:22,260

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00:51:25,790 --> 00:51:23,579

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00:51:29,089 --> 00:51:25,800

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00:51:32,450 --> 00:51:29,099

via [patreon](#) or [PayPal](#) the skeptic Zone

1173

00:51:34,190 --> 00:51:32,460

podcast is an independent production the

1174

00:51:36,230 --> 00:51:34,200

views and opinions expressed on the

1175

00:51:38,630 --> 00:51:36,240

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

1176
00:51:40,670 --> 00:51:38,640
of Australian Skeptics or any other

1177
00:51:55,849 --> 00:51:40,680
skeptical organization

1178
00:52:02,089 --> 00:51:59,030
hello to all those people wait is it

1179
00:52:03,470 --> 00:52:02,099
here it is getting my dice machine here

1180
00:52:06,049 --> 00:52:03,480
hello to all those people who listen to

1181
00:52:10,250 --> 00:52:06,059
the end of the show for the dice game

1182
00:52:14,030 --> 00:52:10,260
this week I have a d10 a 10-sided die

1183
00:52:15,430 --> 00:52:14,040
it's um it's a black one it's black with

1184
00:52:17,870 --> 00:52:15,440
white

1185
00:52:18,710 --> 00:52:17,880
letters letters numbers what am I

1186
00:52:21,530 --> 00:52:18,720
talking about

1187
00:52:23,930 --> 00:52:21,540
black with white letters where's my

1188
00:52:26,870 --> 00:52:23,940

skeptic Zone pen I hear it is so I'm

1189

00:52:28,910 --> 00:52:26,880

going to roll this die three times in

1190

00:52:30,170 --> 00:52:28,920

the dice rolling machine which sounds

1191

00:52:33,770 --> 00:52:30,180

like that

1192

00:52:35,770 --> 00:52:33,780

thank you Greg duray from California

1193

00:52:39,770 --> 00:52:35,780

and you have to use your psychic

1194

00:52:42,049 --> 00:52:39,780

guessing magic dumb luck powers

1195

00:52:44,569 --> 00:52:42,059

and see if you can uh

1196

00:52:45,650 --> 00:52:44,579

match the numbers that come up on the

1197

00:52:47,150 --> 00:52:45,660

die

1198

00:52:48,470 --> 00:52:47,160

here we go

1199

00:52:51,470 --> 00:52:48,480

rattle rattle

1200

00:52:53,690 --> 00:52:51,480

in the machine and

1201
00:52:59,569 --> 00:52:53,700
seven

1202
00:53:01,010 --> 00:52:59,579
do it again last week Maynard guest two

1203
00:53:03,349 --> 00:53:01,020
numbers out of

1204
00:53:06,950 --> 00:53:03,359
three you did very well hello Maynard

1205
00:53:10,790 --> 00:53:06,960
okay here we go next number coming up

1206
00:53:13,010 --> 00:53:10,800
five five for Susan go back who loves to

1207
00:53:15,890 --> 00:53:13,020
pick the number five whenever she

1208
00:53:20,750 --> 00:53:15,900
listens to the game well then Susan

1209
00:53:23,870 --> 00:53:20,760
and last last throw dry here we go

1210
00:53:27,170 --> 00:53:25,790
today's winning numbers

1211
00:53:29,210 --> 00:53:27,180
I don't know what you win today's