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## Reality check

I would like to respond to Dr Siniva Sinclair. Your comments, I feel, are misleading also.

Like, "risks associated with vaccinations are minuscule compared to the disease".

Sir, I have a "vaccine damaged child" from the DPT vaccination as a baby.

How dare you use the words minuscule, tragic and compare figures associated over this.

Can I ask: "Is life to you minuscule?" I really hope not.

We have and still all suffer as a family because of what the vaccine reaction caused to our son.

As a concerned parent I do not scaremonger people, or give them misleading information.

I give them the facts, show them where to look for pro and anti information, and let them have an informed choice.

What happened to our son is factual, not misleading, but real, and how I wish I could go back and change things.

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## Pagan parade

Auckland City Council should decline the application for the Easter parade.

Easter is a pagan perversion having nothing to do with the Passover which Christ advised Christians to observe.

The Sunday morning resurrection is an illogical myth and hot cross buns are a modern version of the pagan cakes referred to in the Old Testament.

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(Abridged)