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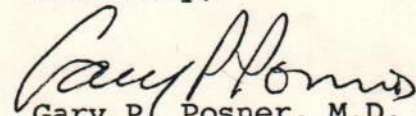
**Editor:**

"After 3 years, no answers for Tiffany Sessions' family" (Feb. 9) was touching, and I certainly understand why her mother "has made the search for missing children a personal crusade." But while your article discussed in some detail the rationally formulated strategy of Tiffany's father to locate his daughter, there was no mention of the irrational and emotionally devastating methods of Mrs. Sessions' "crusade."

An oft-tearful Hilary Sessions appeared on WTVT-TV's *Eye on Tampa Bay* on January 27 to discuss her use of so-called "psychics" in her search for Tiffany. She had also briefly appeared on November 4 with "psychic" John Monti, who had indicated that he would find Tiffany later that week. On the Jan. 27 show, Mrs. Sessions told of Monti's uselessness, but expressed her continuing belief in "psychics" despite acknowledging that Monti had been the *twenty-fifth consecutive one* to disappoint her! Particularly distressing was her description of how some "psychics" have actually taken her to where her daughter's body supposedly lay buried and how, shovel in hand, she has frantically dug holes in search of decomposed remains.

The loss of a daughter is devastating, but Mrs. Sessions only compounds her already tragic circumstances by continuing to invest her emotional well-being in a supernatural realm which, as best as can be determined by rigorous investigation and testing, does not exist.

Sincerely,

  
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