

## This Week In Doubtful News

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Here is a rundown of the top stories in pseudoscience and paranormal news from the past week courtesy of [Doubtful News](#) .

Often, we can't help but notice strands of commonality that run through the doubtful news of the week. Sometimes it's monsters, or terrible harm due to ignorance or superstition. This week, it was conspiracies. EVERY other thing is a conspiracy, it seems.

Let's start out by tying up a loose end from last week. Author David Barton had his strange view of history, *The Jefferson Lies*, pulled by the publisher. But [guess whose publishing company](#) made a bid to put it back out there. Hint: someone who buys into conspiracy thinking and LOVES America.

With the conspiracy mongering about the Aurora and Sikh temple shootings running high, paranoid people are just LOOKING for anything odd to pounce on. They found it in [government purchasing bids](#) . Frighteningly, we have politicians who get their information from conspiracy hive minds.

And, similar to celebrities who like to give out health advice, rock guitarists like to [claim they know](#) that the President is conspiring against his own people.

Speaking of celebrities giving out health advice, Simon Singh presents information that says psychic Sally Morgan is making some rather [specific and potentially harmful diagnoses](#) for her clients.

Such claims can be tested, but I doubt Sally will submit to that now since she refused all times prior. But the JREF is [calling out Priceline for their new spokesperson](#) , The Long Island Medium, Theresa Caputo, to take the Million Dollar Challenge.

At least eBay is no longer allowing the [sale of occult notions, potions and lotions](#) .

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Parents who invest wholeheartedly into end of the world ideas may also have very warped ideas about their children and how to protect them. This couple assumes [demons can be kept out with duct tape](#)

A very testable claim is that of wifi sensitivity. Instead of testing, some people just [sued their town for \\$1.7 billion in health damages](#) that have not been proven to have resulted from wifi.

Meanwhile [the debate](#) over this potentially psychosomatic illness grows.

This piece started some debate: A U.K. man dies after years of foregoing conventional heart medication and apparently choosing homeopathy instead. [Is homeopathy to blame? Or was it his choice alone?](#)

The dilution of evolution continued in Missouri last week as a bill passed that [allows students to opt out](#) of lessons that conflict with their beliefs. It's not going to be just about evolution, though.

The pollution of evolution was occurring in Kentucky where some lawmakers have [taken a quite incredible "head in the sand"](#) stance on the foundation of biological sciences and previous court cases regarding teaching a religious belief as science.

Finally, in what looks like desperation to drum up excitement for an upcoming TV special, an underwater research team released some [less than impressive claims](#) that they may have found debris that might be from Amelia Earhart's plane. But we're not sure.

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