

This Week In Doubtful News

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

Lots of big news this week. Some of these subjects were surprising to those hearing about them for the first time regarding the unexpected dangers they harbor.

Several stories came out about chiropractic and stroke.

A Canadian woman settles a suit with a chiropractor after [neck manipulation was followed by a stroke](#)

Using that case as evidence, [Manitobans ask for a ban on neck manipulation](#) .

Another man [suffered a stroke after the same procedure](#) . This topic has seen some focused attention this week. See these links for addition information on why the connection between stroke and chiropractic is not well-known, but SHOULD be.

In other surprising news, we learned that lax oversight for compounding pharmacies [may be to blame for several deaths from meningitis](#)

A new popular kind of fundraiser: [psychic readings and holistic fairs](#) .

When livestock attack: A farmer has an [unfortunate accident](#) around his hogs.

In NOT so surprising news, [another Republican says something anti-science](#) . After Todd Akin,

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you might have thought you'd heard the height of science misinformation from Congress. Not so. Representative Broun from Georgia announces he knows the earth is only 9000 years old and he's a "scientist". (He's really not.)

A recent report shows that many dietary supplements on the market in the U.S. [make illegal claims](#) in their labeling to cure or treat diseases even though there is no evidence to support the claims. Such a report boosts the claim for increased oversight.

Speaking of supplementnets that promise more than they can deliver, Vitamins C and D [aren't going to help you prevent or treat](#) the common cold.

In another case of mistaken medical claims, a splashy magazine in the U.K with fear-mongering stories is targeted by libel law reform activist, Simon Singh. [The "L" word gets thrown around](#). The editor later denies they said anything about it and delete the Facebook reference to libel.

Two good news stories out of California: they [toughen up their rules on vaccine waivers](#) and they [an the bogus "gay cure" treatment for teens](#). **b**

Sadly, we need reminding that [witchcraft is still a serious problem around the world](#) .

The Daily Mail and other media jumped on the news that the [Amityville Horror house is up for sale](#) except, it's not the real house, just the movie house.

And, there was a fair share of silly stories: Google street watchers spot [UFO-like pink objects in the sky](#) which flares a debate over what they are.

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A new device is coming onto the market based on the technology of the ghost communication device. This one allows you to [communicate with your pet](#) . (I'm skeptical.)

The University of Florida performs [acupuncture on injured bald eagle](#) prompting many to object.

Finally, [Iran media falls for a story from The Onion](#) . Even after they are caught, they sort of still stand by the story.

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