

## This Week In Doubtful News

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

Plenty of GOOD news this week that I'm happy to share.

First, [a skeptical hero](#) helps two elderly people who come into his store avoid internet scams.

Another story shows that when you prime your community to [watch for scams](#) , they recognize and avoid them. Remember the story of the magical chocolate in Norway? Well the makers of Xocai got the message, [now they are gone](#) thanks to skeptical activism.

Scientology [has been called out](#) for potential misdeeds surrounding the death of a church member.

[Happy 20th anniversary](#) to the Skeptics Society and Skeptic Magazine. Onwards and upwards and now electronic!

Another skeptic publication celebrates their 14th birthday. [The Bolingbrook Babblers](#) has a history of riling up it's readers and even fooling a few.

Sanal Edamaruku continues to speak out: [when the truth is labeled blasphemy](#) , something is not right in society.

The [Denver UFO case](#) hit wide circulation this week and continues to generate some strange discussions. You know what? It's still BUGS. But, here is another UFO that turned out to have [a very down to earth explanation](#)

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Television programs continue to insult our sense of reason. [Ghost Hunters, that tired "What WAS that?" show](#) goes on for a 9th season of getting us nowhere closer to understanding the paranormal.

And [Doomsday Preppers has a season two](#) where we can watch people misunderstand risk.

Two stories this week about questionable hauntings and their consequences. First, [a child from the Amityville Horror events speaks](#)

In a clear case of paranormal tourism, [a mansion in Toledo is suddenly "haunted"](#) . Both cases are example of the famous skeptical ghost hunter quip: "There are no haunted houses, just haunted people."

What will you do for the 2012 December apocalypse date? Well, I wouldn't advise heading to the magic upside-down mountain in France said to be the "safe" zone. [It's now closed](#) .

Here is a very questionable story that appeared regarding communication with comatose patients. [Can they communicate via MRI](#) ? The story leaves me scratching my head.

Leaving me banging my head in disgust, take a look at [this ridiculousness circulated among Republicans](#) . It seems a bit too easy to control their minds with baseless fear and paranoia.

Are humans becoming dumber? No. [This was a piece of speculation](#) that disregards the complexity of problems in today's society.

Finally, the humorous story of the week. This guy, just walking through the museum, [finds his spitting image in a 16th century painting](#) . Pretty neat.

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