

This Week In Doubtful News

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

What's wrong with having a little fun hoaxing? Well, it can turn out really tragic as did the case with the [prank phone call made to a hospital](#) treating the Duchess of Cambridge made by two Australian DJs.

In an update to the story about magician Wayne Houchin being accused of voodoo and burned in a TV show "blessing", an [arrest has been ordered](#) for the host who set him on fire.

An embarrassing situation arose in a U.S. Congressional hearing. A forum about autism turned into an [anti-science circus of misinformation](#) .

The big pseudoscience story this week was Bigfoot. As we announced last week, [Bigfoot DNA has supposedly been documented](#) by Dr. Melba Ketchum. The media picked up the story. There is still no paper but hints that the results were not up to snuff but will be [published in Russia instead](#)

Also, DNA experts [aren't too warm to the idea of Bigfoot as a hybrid](#) between unknown primate and human. And, the lead of the study, Dr. Ketchum claims there will be high definition video to [accompany the release of her DNA results](#) . Stay tuned.

One of the "world's more accurate psychics", [Irene Hughes has died](#) .

[Psychic Sophie feels discriminated against.](#) She appeals a zoning ruling that disallows her business.

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Taking a stand against pseudoscience, the directors of the popular TED conferences and website [advise their local directors to be wary](#) .

For the ultimate in nonsense for 2012, we continue marching towards the "Apocalypse" on December 21. It appears that there are [hints of concern globally](#) but it's more nonsense than anything.

And, [the booms begin](#) - reports of unexplained sounds are scaring people across the U.S.

Doubtful News will begin a countdown to the Doomsdate with coverage of the stories relating to the perceived end of the world.

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