

## This Week In Doubtful News

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

Two monkey stories. [A monkey on the loose](#) was reported running down the road in Meadowood, British Columbia. That's ridiculous. Everyone knows it was a baby Sasquatch!

Iran gets the hairy eyeball for their [space monkey mess up](#) .

Indigo Mom and anti-vaxxer celeb, Jenny McCarthy, [thought she had a gig](#) lined up to speak at a health event in Ottawa. Alas, pro science folks didn't take to kindly to that.  
[She's out](#)

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Who else get bad press this week? MSNBC for [creatively editing a video](#) at a hearing on Sandy Hook shootings.

Bad press should be heaped on this event: The USS Hornet museum [promotes a science fundraiser with... a ghost hunt](#)

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Psychic silliness that is all about money: The Van Praag family [battles over their "good" name](#) .

Speaking of ego, don't miss this damning [expose of Dr. Oz](#) . His true colors are revealed in his own words.

Want to get up to speed on the [latest sports and athletic gimmicks](#) ? The pseudoscience spin is good for a laugh.

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Doubtful News busts open two stories you should be completely doubtful about. First, the [miracle of the closet tortoise](#)

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And, this [lake monster story is so concocted](#) , but it's from Siberia. No one can really check the details.

Here's a mystery. A pile of [purple gel spheres appear](#) in the Arizona desert. Fungus? Alien eggs? The media and paranormal sites would like you to think so. If you would rather have the best answer, check out the link.

Ingo Swann, popularizer of remote viewing, [has died](#) .

Canada's [Bad Science Watch releases a report](#) on what's wrong with anti-wifi activism.

Things are still shaky in Pakistan regarding polio vaccinations. A [police guard is killed](#) protecting the workers.

The most interesting story last week was UNDOUBTEDLY about the [beheading of a goblin in Zimbabwe](#) . Yep. That's right. They are booby trapped, it appears. This one exploded.

Thinking about attending the [Northeast Conference on Science and Skepticism](#) ? It's in New York City in April. Get a discount on registration here.

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