

This Week In Doubtful News

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

The media does a fine job of promoting an idea that has zero evidence of existence. This week, it was spontaneous human combustion. Did a [man catch on fire from an internal source](#) ? If officials can't find the obvious source of ignition right away, that option is "not ruled out". Hmm.

In psychic news, a [psychic center gets robbed](#) . They don't seem to be able to help catch the guy.

In Denver, [two psychics are arrested for fraud](#) . Police are looking for the hat trick.

And in the U.K., some [TV psychics go a bit too far](#) for media regulators who are investigating the show Psychic Today.

Step right up, the famous sideshow gaff, the [Minnesota Iceman, went up for sale](#) this week. It will make a great conversation piece.

One of the most famous hoax videos from last year, the baby-stealing eagle, is revealed in **this piece**

that highlights why it was done and why it was SO successful.

<http://doubtfulnews.com/2013/02/hoax-video-with-42-million-views-what-have-we-learned/>

Three stories from around the world served as examples of how [mass psychogenic illness](#) , previously known as mass hysteria, can make people overreact.

The meteor over Russia was the best documented ever. But that [didn't stop Russians from buying into the conspiracy angle](#)

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And even though it sheds light on a past event, Tunguska, science is still no match for rampant speculation.

No, [this was not star jelly](#) , rumored to come from shooting stars, but the discovery of some green gooey stuff was linked to the meteor events. What it was is revealed upon further examination.

A [dowsing test](#) will take place in Australia.

Did you know about Scotland's [SECOND most famous lake monster](#) ?

Finally, [if you have proof](#) that UFOs are aliens that will withstand some unidentified criteria of scrutiny by some unnamed panel, you could win \$100,000. Kind of cheap, eh?

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