Here is a rundown of the top stories in scams, shams and outrageous claims from the past week courtesy of Doubtful News .

Skeptics were causing trouble this week. Well-informed and well-qualified science bloggers poked holes in a questionable acupuncture study. The main author didn't take too kindly to criticism .

A few people associated with the word "skeptic" caused a row over at TED, an organization that stages and promotes talks on new ideas, when they featured some less than rational talks , lately.

The Nigerian scam is still around because it works, even on law firms **.**

A new Pope was ensconsed this week. People in Florida saw a sign in a strange looking cloud . Personally, I agree it looks like Tinkerbell.

The big news debunked this week was a story that military trained dolphins were armed and at large in the Black Sea
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A mystery continues in New York state as people continue to hear booming noises but the cause can not be pinpointed.

This case brings up questions of religious liberty in conflict with ethical questions and local laws. Where does American society draw the line? Did the law officials cross it?

Another ethical dilemma has arisen the case of the Aurora shooting suspect. Should officials be

allowed to administer mind-altering drugs to help determine if he is sane?

The connection between rhino poaching and cancer treatment is growing, fueled by money and demand that isn't abating.

An Australia study of a new technology shows that the associated health complaints from windmills are affected by people telling you that you SHOULD be affected.

Three horrible stories connected with strong belief that overcomes reason. A young woman commits suicide and her family blames Sherry Shiner, who preaches that the New World Order and an alien invasion will soon be upon us.

A rap artist looking for a boost in his career tries to sacrifice his friend to appease the Illuminati that he thinks controls the hip-hop industry.

And, a traditional healer in Malawi goes to prison for severely injuring babies in an exorcism ritual. His defense? The local people ASK for these rituals.

Finally, the Marks psychic family circus continues. Rose Marks complains that being a life coach giving psychic advice to her client all the time was taxing.
But the IRS wonders why they didn't get part of the rewards.

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