Conspiracy Theories

Counting down from 5 through to 1

5. The Yakuza Caused Hurricane Katrina:

This theory stems from claims by meteorologist, William Scott-Stevens, that the Japanese mafia, better known as the Yakuza, were responsible for hurricane Katrina. While not going into great detail, he elaborates his claims at 'www.weatherwars.info'.

4. Gillette is Watching you:

An old conspiracy theory is that large retail corporations have been putting spy-chips into their product, for obscure reasons. Oddly enough this was actually true of Gillette, who openly admitted to photographing their consumers and installing a form of radio identification device in their products, to learn more about their target group.

3. Blow up the Moon:

The Citizens Association to Blow Up the Moon (CABUM) is an organisation dedicated to the destruction of our greatest enemy, the moon, which is responsible for werewolves, insanity and floods.

2. Roswell:

One of the most famous conspiracy theories. The facts state that 2nd July, 1947 a silver something flew across the desert and crashed there in Roswell, New Mexico, followed by and immediate interest by the FBI. You decide what happened.

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1. Killer Dolphins in the Gulf of Mexico:

While one of the least convincing theories, this is certainly among the most amusing of conspiracies. The story goes that during hurricane Katrina, a nearby naval base flooded, letting out a group of dolphins, which supposedly had been trained to fire poison-dart guns and kill enemy agents. These dolphins are now supposed to be roving around in the Gulf of Mexico. This story was first published in The Observer, who claimed that their information came from 'a reliable source'. This source was named Leo Sheridan, a reporter who had made a name for himself by producing a number of 'crackpot' conspiracy theories and selling them to the tabloids. Ironically, he had taken most of his information from an actual story, in which eight dolphins had been washed out of a marina in the hurricane. Suspiciously enough, a US naval officer felt it was necessary to point out that they had indeed been training dolphins, but only to track suspicious objects or people, but could this have a more sinister undertone?